



2021 G2F Maize GxE Project Workshop

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❖ Agenda:

8:30 – 8:50AM - Welcome and G2F maize GXE project update

8:50 – 10:00 – Presentations

9:50 – 10:00AM - Break

10:00 – 11:50AM – Presentations

11:50AM - Adjourn

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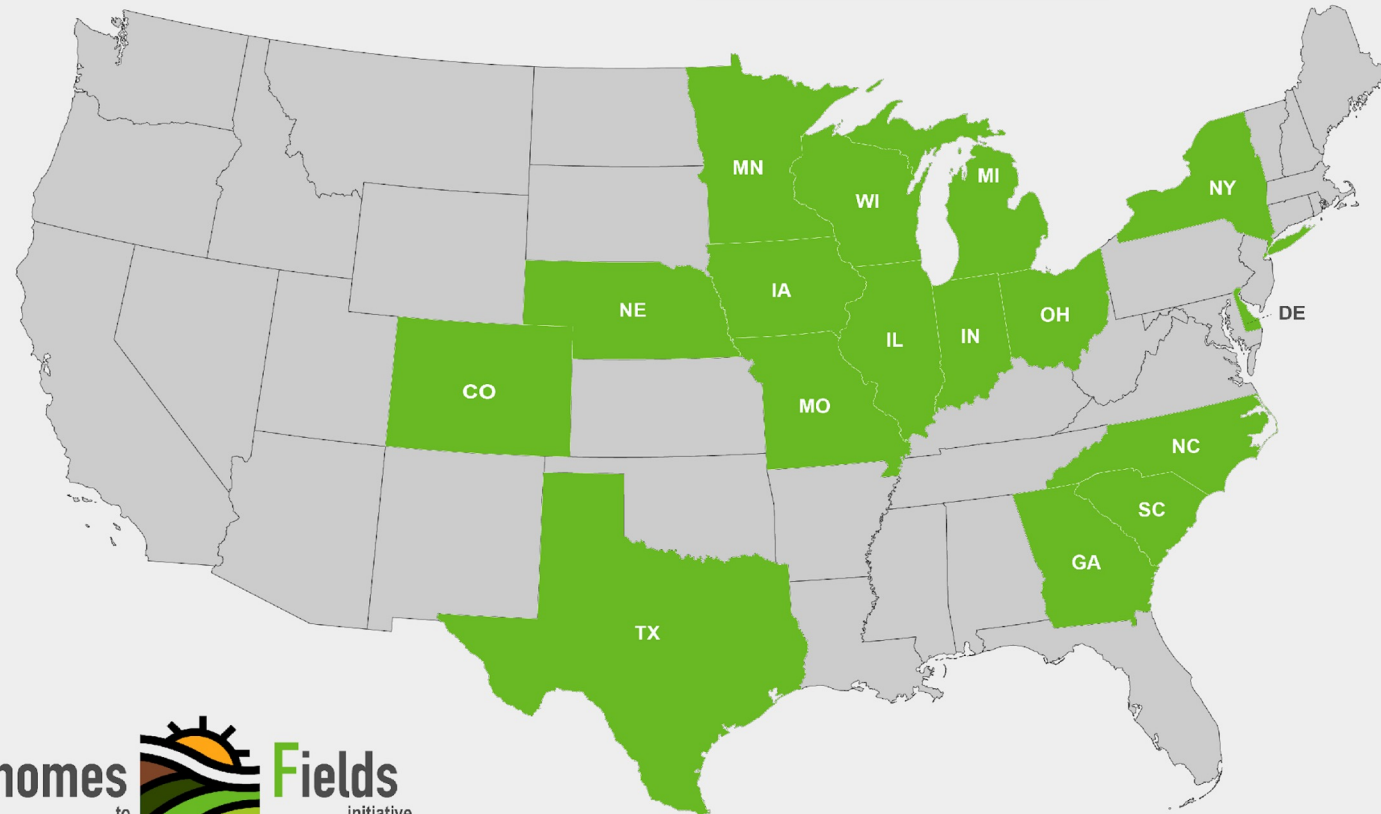
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30 Locations
21 institutions
28 PI

2020 Academic & Federal Institutions



Overview of Maize GXE Project:

- G2F has been able to successfully evaluate a diverse set of hybrids across multiple locations and years to maximize interaction between representative set of material and multiple environments
- Living infrastructure of researchers across disciplines and a network of field phenotyping sites

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
No. of trials	23	28	40	43	42	47	42
No. of unique locations	19	24	34	38	31	35	30
No. of states/provinces	13	16	19	23	22	18	17
No. of principal investigators	19	25	29	32	28	29	28
No. of plots	12,678	13,650	19,360	21,186	27,298	22,572	21,108
No of unique inbreds:	380	553	313	295	295	375	364

Since 2014:

- 212 unique environments

2020 Field Design

- Plots per location
 - Each location grows between 500 – 1,500 of various hybrids
 - Incomplete blocks per location, overall balanced
 - 2 row plots
- Populations and testers change every two years
 - PHZ51 (Lancaster - late tester for south)
 - PHK76 (Lancaster - intermediate tester)
 - PHP02 (Iodent - early tester for north)
- Yellow Stripe (YS) Hybrids
 - Common set of 25 hybrids replicated in each location
 - Serve as checks across multiple locations and years
 - Used for specific research projects

Yellow Stripes

2369/LH123HT

B14A/H95

B14A/MO17

B14A/OH43

B37/H95

B37/MO17

B37/OH43

B73/MO17

B73/PHM49

B73/PHN82

CG119/CG108

CG44/CGR01

F42/H95

F42/MO17

F42/OH43

LH74/PHN82

PHG39/PHN82

PHW52/PHM49

PHW52/PHN82

PHB47/PHN82

TX714/TX779

TX777/LH195

TX779/LH195

B73/TX779

Red Ear/LH195

Data Collection

○ Phenotypic

- Plot-level notes of stand count, lodging, flowering, yield, etc. ($n=15$)

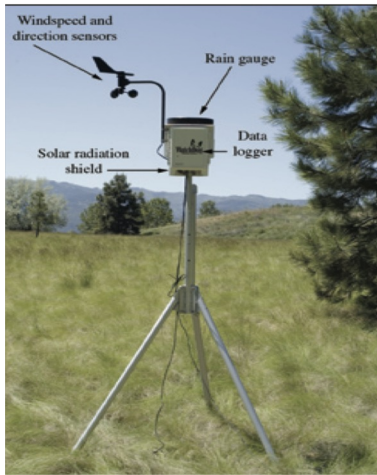


Data Collection

Weather Data:

- Field-level from weather stations temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, wind, PAR, soil temp, photoperiod, etc. ($n=14$)

Main Weather Station



MicroStation



Soil Data:

- Soil Texture
- Soil Composition: %Sand, Silt, and Clay
- N, K, Zn, Fe, Mn, Cu, Ca, Na levels
- Soil pH



MetaData:

- Field applications
- field GPS coordinates,
- specific machinery,
- field layout
- Any issues throughout the season ($n= 30+$)

Experiment Code -->	WIH1	
When all values have been recorded, choose "done" --> (Data will not be collected until then)		
Experiment	Done	Response
Treatment	Standard	-
City	Madison	
Farm	West Madison Agricultural Research Station	
Field	M1400 N	
Trial ID (Assigned by collaborator for internal reference)		
Soil taxonomic ID and horizon description, if known		
Weather station information		
WatchDog 2700 weather station		
Weather station serial number (Last four digits, e.g. m2700a####)	8648	
Location	Not Sure?	
Weather station location latitude (in decimal numbers NOT DMS)	43.057176	Check id
Weather station location longitude (in decimal numbers NOT DMS)	-89.531052	
Date weather station placed in service	5/2/2017	
Date weather station removed from service	10/19/2017	
In-field pup weather station (if applicable)		
In-field station serial number	14820	
Location	Not Sure?	
In-field station latitude (in decimal numbers NOT DMS)	43.055986	Check id
In-field station longitude (in decimal numbers NOT DMS)	-89.530831	
In-field pup weather station (if applicable)		
In-field station serial number		
Location	Not Sure?	
In-field station latitude (in decimal numbers NOT DMS)	43.07471	Check id
In-field station longitude (in decimal numbers NOT DMS)	-89.384397	
Additional weather data source (if necessary)		
Link to additional weather source available online		
Plot layout and planter information		
Previous Crop	soybeans	
Pre-plant tillage method(s)	field cultivate	
In-season tillage method(s)	hand weed	Centimeter to Inch converter
Plot length (center-ally to center-ally in feet)	18	Centimeters =
Alley length (in inches)	30	0
Row spacing (in inches)	30	
Type of planter (fluted cone, bell cone, air planter)	fluted cone	Inches =
Number kernels planted per plot (>200 seed/acre for cone planters)	80	0

High Intensity Phenotyping (HIPs)

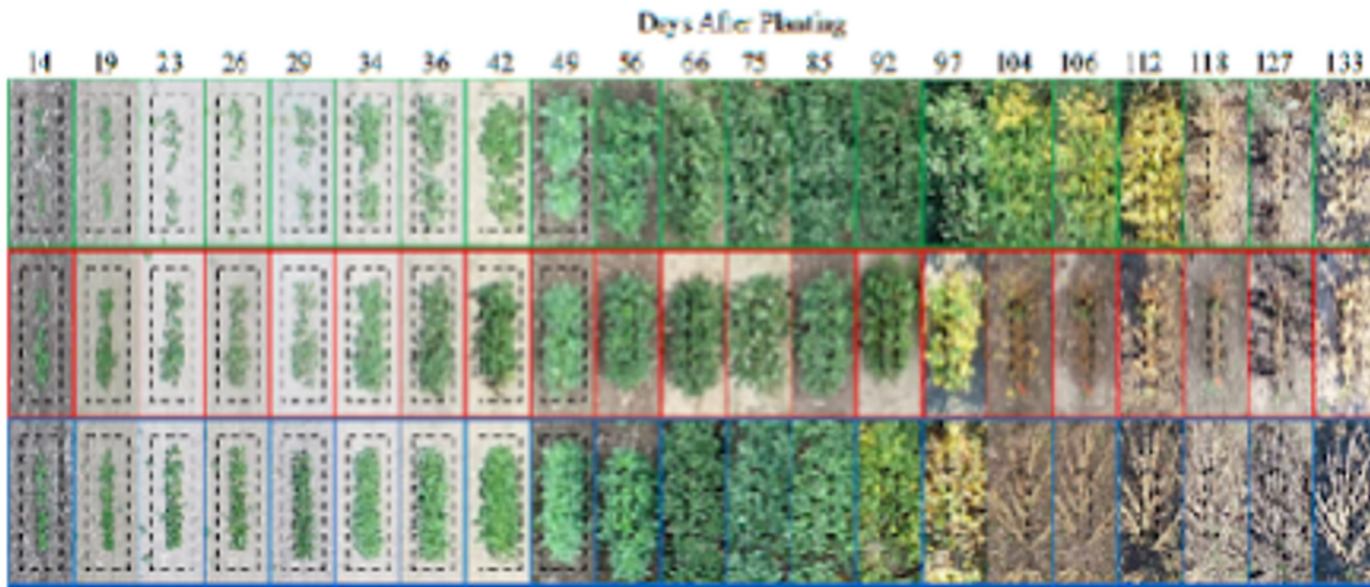
- Sites where specific tools, conditions or processes are used on a smaller (common set of materials) to assess utility
- Reduced number of sites use 22 Hybrids and 22 Inbreds
- Test new phenotyping technologies/methods



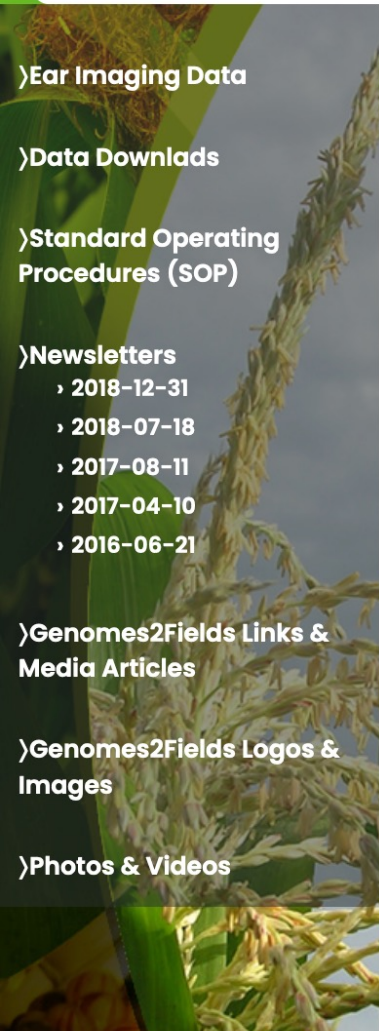
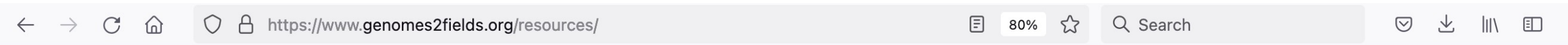
UAV Phenotyping

- 9 collaborators flying drones once per week to obtain images
- Developed SOP to follow and standardize flights
- Use Progeny Software to Stitch and analyze phenotypic traits

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Data Is Made Publicly Available:



Data Downloads

Field Season	Release to Public (DOI)
2020	https://doi.org/10.25739/hzzs-a865 (Phenotypic and environment data)
2019	https://doi.org/10.25739/t651-yy97 (Phenotypic and environment data)
2018	https://doi.org/10.25739/anqq-sg86 (Phenotypic, genotypic, and environment data)
2017	https://doi.org/10.25739/w560-2114 (Phenotypic, genotypic, and environment data)
2016	https://doi.org/10.25739/yjnh-kt21 (Phenotypic, genotypic, and environment data)
2015	https://doi.org/10.25739/erxg-yn49 (Phenotypic, genotypic, and environment data)
2014	https://doi.org/10.25739/9wjm-eq41 (Phenotypic, genotypic, and environment data)

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Utility of Climatic Information via Combining Ability Models to Improve Genomic Prediction for Yield within the Genomes to Fields Maize Project

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Genomes To Fields (G2F) Funded

'Sorted by Project's Start Date in Ascending Order

Understanding the Effect of Long-Term Selection on the Genetic Control and Mo Interaction

Funding Agency: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Award #: 2016-67013-24419

Principal Investigator(s): Natalia De Leon

Project Start Date: November 1, 2015
Project End Date: October 31, 2019

High productivity in crops has been achieved through decades of rigorous selection and breeding. Through superior varieties is expected to have diminished compared to their less improved counterparts. The ability conditions is largely determined by the extent of the genetic variability present in those individuals. The hy in crop species has therefore reduced the plasticity that allows plants to change their phenotypic expressic To test this hypothesis, this project will first aim to dissect the genetic architecture of this phenotypic plasti X E), by evaluating the phenotypic and genotypic variability of a diverse collection of maize hybrids grown a project that is part of the Genomes to Fields initiative. As part of this project, we also plan to exploit the gei of maize inbred lines derived from the Iowa Stiff Stalk (BSSS) maize population. This set of diverse material any selection was ever applied on it, also inbreds derived from earlier cycles of selection and then finally el this population that have undergone intense selection. Comparisons of genotypic and phenotypic variator initial answer to our primary research questions. In addition to that, increased planting density has been ic enhancing productivity in modern maize. Another objective of this project is to determine if insensitivity to plants to tolerate environmental influences. For that, a subset of the BSSS derived lines will be evaluated at overall project are expected to enhance our understanding of how rigorous selection and breeding could a surroundings. Deepening our understanding of how the interaction between plants and environments is n process of practical plant breeding programs.

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