



In researching new products, sometimes you strike big and sometimes you lose big. Vigor max is somewhere in between these two extremes. We could hang up our hats on the subject but given the year we had this 2010 growing season it may bar giving Vigor max another shot.

The whole concept of the product is just as it sounds. It is suppose to increase the vigor of the plant in cold conditions. This means jumping the seedling of to an early start by getting it germinated quickly so it can establish roots early on. We try to eliminate the variables when we do trials however it seemed this year crops were less than at a state of equilibrium from one side two the other. I suppose they never are however I think we can expect a more even stand than we saw this year. Having said that, Measuring the result from any of our trials this year proved to be difficult. Still, we do have what we observed from the field before the drought started to take its toll.



So what can we say about Vigor max? One would have to start by stating the first issue we ran into which was that it seeded less desirable than your common HRS with Raxil. Actually it was a bit of a pain in the neck. The product was applied so heavily to the seed that it was far to wet for proper seed flow which caused problems in the seed drill with plugging. It was suggested from the supplier that this was caused from the Raxil T we used instead of using Raxil MD. I however cannot see that as possible as Raxil T uses a lower rate than MD. If this issue could be solved I believe we may have a product to work with, however no one want to fight with the drill the whole way along. What we saw in the field off the start seemed good. Although there was no real visible difference above ground, there was a noticeable difference below ground as root establishment was advanced on the Vigor Max wheat as seen in the photos below. I believe we need another year on this product before we can draw any strong conclusions.



