

# ENDURABreak™

## Nutrient Releasers

EnduraBreak™ adds an assortment of microorganisms, enzymes and a variety of bio-stimulant food sources tailored to break down stalks and stubble into usable nutrients for your soil.

### Add EnduraBreak to revive your soil.

- Microbes and fungi to revive the soil ecosystem
- Break down organic crop residue
- Release nitrogen and phosphorous back into soil
- Suppress disease organisms



EnduraBreak, 60 days post-harvest



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### SOYBEANS

#### Step 1. Residue per acre

Bushel (yield) per acre X lbs. per bushel seed weight = lbs. of seed

Assumes dry weight = 29% seed, 17% stems

#### Step 2. Total dry matter produced

Value from Step 1 ÷ 0.29 = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Step 4. Final calculations

Create a calculation for the total nutrient value of the remaining residue

#### Step 3. Total stem dry matter produced

Value from Step 2 X 0.17 = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Step 4. Estimate nutrient value removed via stems

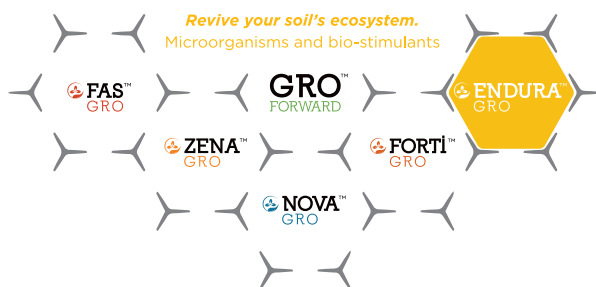
Value from Step 3 x stem nutrient concentrations = \_\_\_\_\_

Assumes 0.60% N, 0.09% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 0.36% K<sub>2</sub>O

Multiply by fertilizer value (see Table 3 on reverse side)

Table 1. Example calculations for soybean residue

50 bu. / acre X 60 lbs.	=	÷ 0.29	X	X 0.17	X	X 0.60 X 0.09 X 0.36	X	X 0.17 X 0.25 X 0.13	=	Value of stover (\$ / acre)
Grain yield x lbs. / bushel seed weight		Seed % by dry weight		Total dry weight (stems) removed		Stem nutrient concentrations removed		Fertilizer value		\$ / acre
3,000		10,345		1,759		10.55 N 1.58 P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 6.33 K <sub>2</sub> O				1.80 N 0.40 P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 0.80 K <sub>2</sub> O 3.00



# NUTRA-CROP™

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### CORN

#### Step 1. Residue per acre

Bushels (yield) per acre X 56 = Residue dry matter per acre [commonly used estimate: 8,000 lbs. / acre]

#### Step 2. Stubble residue removed per acre

Value from Step 1 X appropriate number in table = \_\_\_\_\_

**Table 2.** Harvest method, amount of residue removed

Harvest method	Approx. amount harvested
Shredding and raking	80%
Raking only	65%
Combine windrow only	50%
Cattle grazing	25%

#### Step 3. Estimate nutrient value

Assess dry matter and account for soil fertility, hybrid and growing conditions.

**Table 3.** Example, estimated corn residue from 100% dry matter, 140 bu. / acre

Fertilizer	Estimated fertilizer value (\$ / lb.)	Average amount of nutrients in stover (lb. / ton)	Estimated residue value (\$ / ton)
Nitrogen (N)*	0.17	15.0	2.50
Phosphate (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	0.22	5.9	1.30
Potash (K <sub>2</sub> O)	0.13	25.0	3.25
Other Nutrients <sup>†</sup>			0.50
Organic Matter <sup>†</sup>			0.30

#### Step 4. Final calculations

Create a calculation for the total nutrient value of the remaining residue.

**Table 4.** Example calculations for corn residue

Grain yield (bu. / acre) x 56 ÷ 2,000	=	Estimated stover (tons / acre)	X	Harvest method from Table 2 (%)	X	Nutrient value from Table 3 (\$ / ton)	=	Value of stover (\$ / acre)
140		3.9		0.80		5.35		16.69

#### Nitrogen Release in Corn

- Approximately 50% of nitrogen will be tied up in the residue, eventually available through decomposition.
- Nitrogen release rate increases with tillage and above normal rainfall.

#### Nutrients Remaining After Grazing

- Cattle only consume approximately 25% of the available residue; 98% of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium will be excreted.

#### Consider Conservation Requirements

- Most conservation plans request at least 30% crop residue after planting to qualify as conservation tillage.

**Rate\*\*** (Depending on plant types and soil conditions)

**Row Crops:** 1.7 oz. / acre broadcast

**Turf & Field Grasses:** 1.7 to 3.4 oz. / acre

**Mixing instructions:\*\***

17 oz. per 2.5 gal. of water

\* Nitrogen value should be omitted if field will be rotated to soybeans next year.

\*\* Always read and follow label directions. Use in accordance with recommendations of a qualified individual or institution or an approved nutrient management plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Estimating the Nutrient Value in Corn and Soybean Stover. Iowa State University, University Extension. Fact Sheet BL-112. December 2002.