# Alternative Stand Establish Systems Will Require Different Recommendations for Nitrogen Management:

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### **Objectives**

- To minimize fertilized N loss and sustain yield in each treatment
- To find the best N fertilization strategies in each cropping system
- To evaluation rice plant phenology and soil N content in each treatment

#### Materials and Methods

1. Sites: This experiment was conducted in California Rice Experiment Station (Biggs, California, USA).

#### 2. Rice establishment treatments

- <u>Trt. 1.</u>: Conventional water-seeded: Spring tillage, April 26; Permanent flood: May 14; Water-seeded: May 17
- Trt. 2. Drill-seeded: May 12; Flushed: May 13 and 24; Permanent flood: June 5(rice height 12cm)
- Trt. 3. Spring tillage/Stale seedbed/Water-seeded: Spring tillage, April 26; Weed emergence flush: May 14 and 26; Permanent flood: June 2; Water-seeded: June 4
- Trt. 4. No Spring tillage(No-till)/Stale seeded/Water seedbed: Weed emergence flush: May 14 26; Permanent flood: June 2; Water-seeded: June 4
- <u>Trt. 5.</u> Weed emergence flush: May 14 and 26; Drill-seeded: June 3; Permanent flood: June 23

Table. N fertilization level and timing in 5 seedling establish treatments

N level		A	В	С	D	E
Trt. & Timing						
CONV-WS	PPI	0	50	100	150	200
CONV-DS	PPI	50	0	0	50	0
	Perm Flood	100	0	50	50	100
	MT	0	0	50	50	50
WS-Stale	PPI	0	0	100	150	200
WS-Stale-NT	PPI	0	0	0	50	50
	Perm Flood	100	0	50	50	100
	MT	50	0	50	50	0
DS-Stale-NT	PPI	0	0	0	50	50
	Perm Flood	100	0	50	50	100
	MT	50	0	50	50	0

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## Results and Discussion

Table. Seedling establishment numbers affected by cropping systems

Treatment	CONV-WS	CONV-DS	WS-Stale	WS-Stale -NT	DS-Stale- NT
No. of established seedlings/m <sup>2</sup>	112±14	128±16	140±17	130±14	132±13

CONV: Conventional cropping system; WS: Wet seeding;

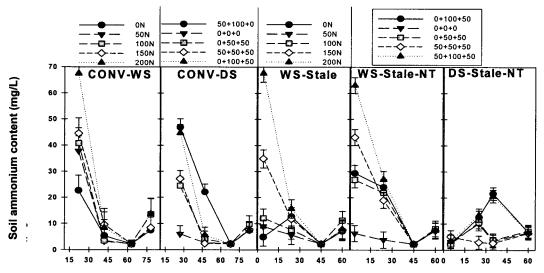


Fig. Changes of soil ammonium contents in 5 establishment treatments.

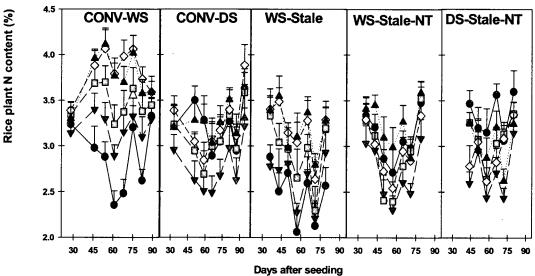


Fig. Changes of rice plant N content (%) in 5 establishment treatments.