# Dark Tobacco Response to Potassium 2014 – MSU West Farm, Murray KY

- Soil sample taken March 2014
- Soil test K = 212 (medium-low)
- 190 lbs K<sub>2</sub>O/A recommended
- PD7309LC set June 19
  - 40" x 32" = 4900 plants/A
- Plots 4-rows, 40 ft. long
- 4 replications
- Broadcast applications made prior to transplanting on June 18
- Band applications made after transplanting on June 27
  - 2 bands per row, 6-8" from row
- Tobacco harvested late September
- Fire-cured

Trt	K <sub>2</sub> O timing	K <sub>2</sub> O rate (Ibs/A)
1 untreated (no K <sub>2</sub> O)	0	0
2	Broadcast	95
3	Broadcast	190
4	Broadcast	285
5	Band	95
6	Band	190
7	Band	285

N and  $P_2O_5$  applied to all plots according to soil test: 275 lbs N/A (150 urea pretransplant, 125 UAN sidedress) 100 lbs  $P_2O_5$  pretransplant

# Dark Tobacco Response to Potassium 2014 – MSU West Farm, Murray KY - Yield



## Dark Tobacco Response to Potassium 2014 – MSU West Farm, Murray KY Main Effect of K application timing on total yield (averaged over K rate)



## Dark Tobacco Response to Potassium 2014 – MSU West Farm, Murray KY Main Effect of K application rate on total yield (averaged over K timing)



# Dark Tobacco Response to Potassium 2014 – MSU West Farm, Murray KY – Quality Grade Index

LSD (0.10) = 4.6 **Quality Grade Index** 



## Dark Tobacco Response to Potassium 2014 – MSU West Farm, Murray KY Main Effect of K application timing on quality (averaged over K rate)



## Dark Tobacco Response to Potassium 2014 – MSU West Farm, Murray KY Main Effect of K application rate on quality (averaged over K timing)

