

Supplementary information

Yield-Maturity Relationships of Summer Maize from 2003 to 2017 in the Huanghuaihai Plain of China

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Maturity span, d	Ear number per area	Ear kernel number	1000-kernel weight
1	0.37	0.86	0.76
2	0.33	0.85	0.75
3	0.42	0.79	0.75
4	0.37	0.84	0.71
5	0.46	0.78	0.70
6	0.50	0.81	0.70
7	0.45	0.73	0.57
8	0.48	0.70	0.62
9	0.54	0.67	0.33
10	0.43	0.74	0.60
11	0.56	0.38	0.30
12	-	-	-
13	-	-	-
14	-	-	-
15	-	-	-

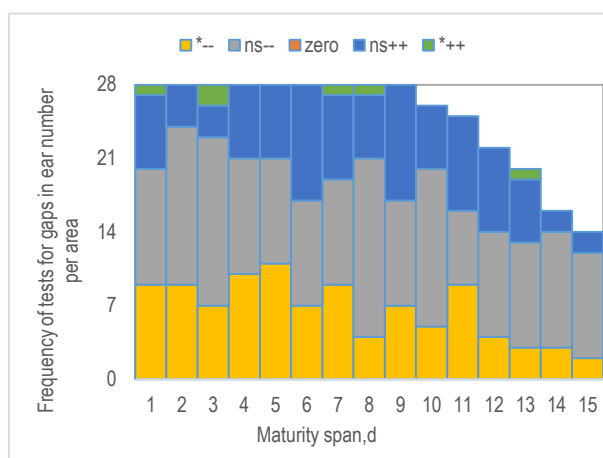


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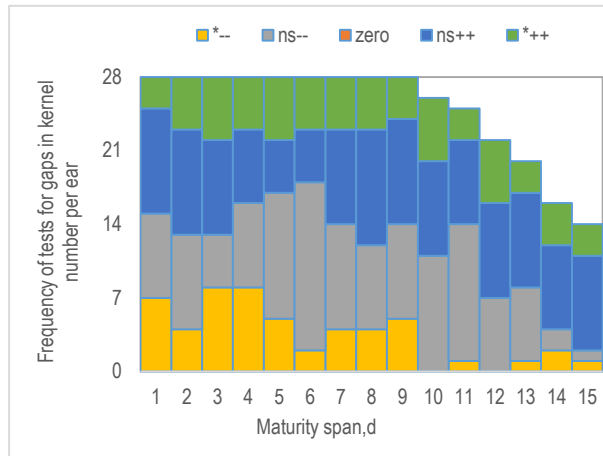


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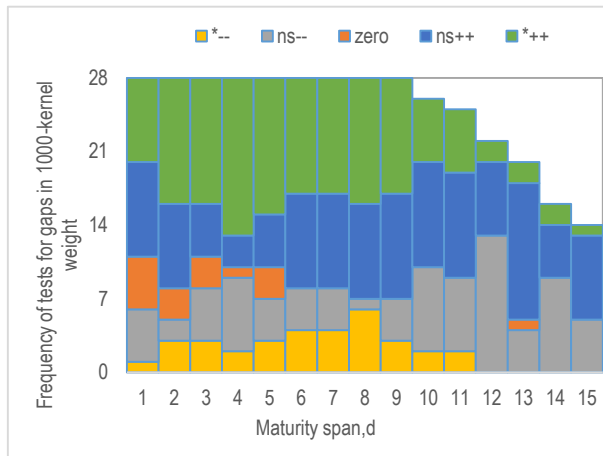


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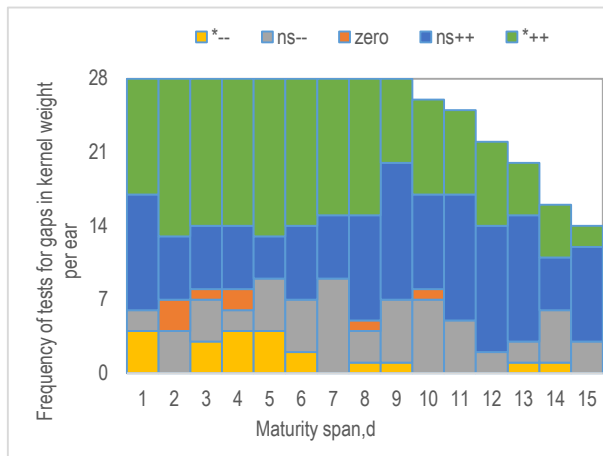


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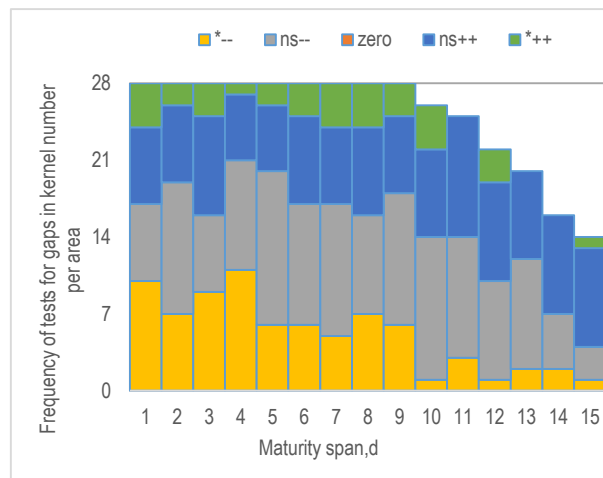


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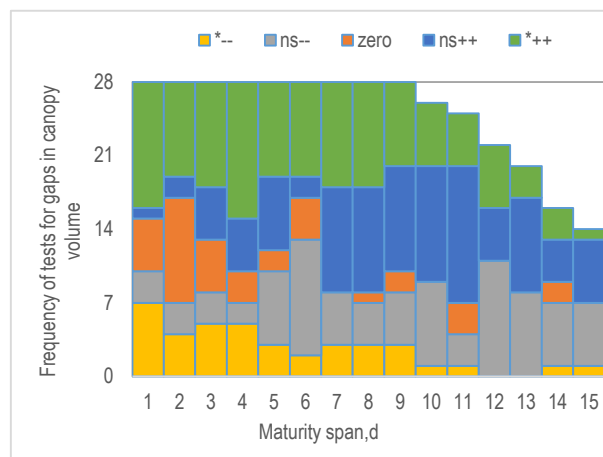


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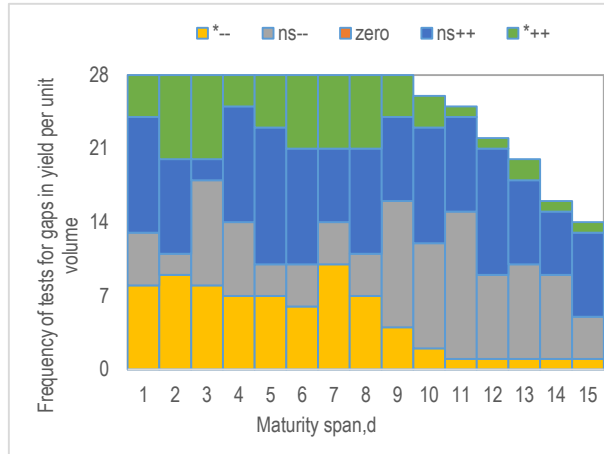


Figure S7. Accumulated frequency distribution of tests for gaps in space production efficiency, i.e., yield per unit volume, against maturity days span (For each band, upward colour blocks denote the gaps that are, in order, statistically significant minuses, or not significant minuses, or zeros, or not significant pluses, or statistically significant pluses)

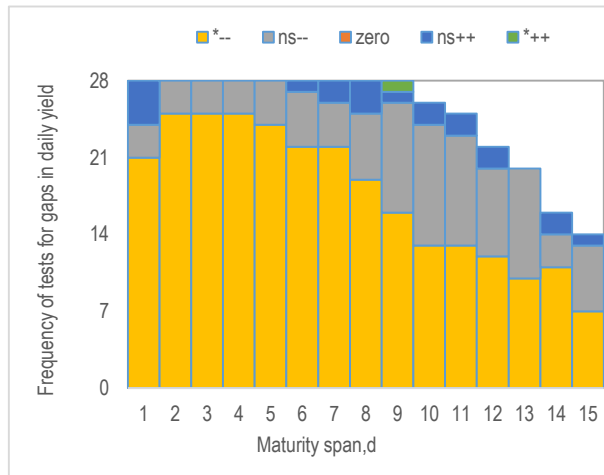


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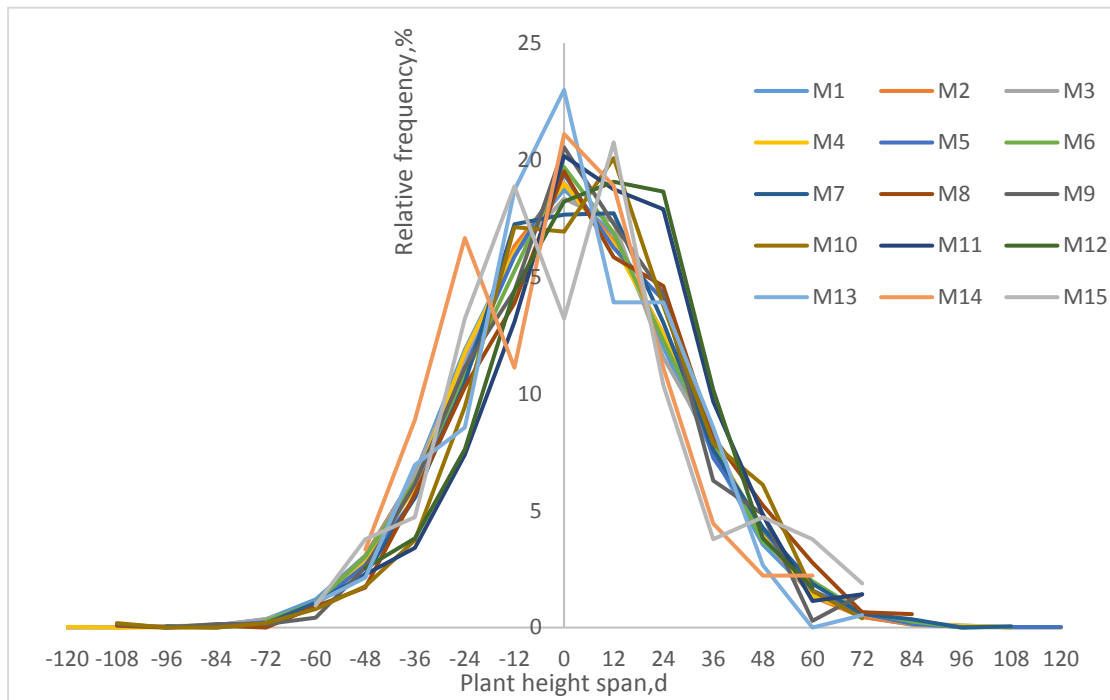


Figure S9. Histograms of differences in plant height in summer maize for individual spans of growth duration length (M15 denotes that late maturity cultivars ripen 15 days later than early ones. M14,...,and M1 follow the same logic)