

**Table S1.** P-values of maize grain starch, amylopectin, amylose, protein, total non-essential amino acids ( $\Sigma$ NEAA), total essential amino acids ( $\Sigma$ EAA), oil, total unsaturated fatty acids ( $\Sigma$ UFA) and total saturated fatty acids ( $\Sigma$ SFA) in response to treatment (irrigation, planting date, cultivar and nitrogen rate) effects in 2018 and 2019.

Effect	Starch		Amylopectin		Amylose		Protein		$\Sigma$ NEAA		$\Sigma$ EAA		Oil		$\Sigma$ USFA		$\Sigma$ SFA	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
<b>I</b>	0.056	0.937	0.043	0.565	0.035	0.133	0.206	0.337	0.042	0.137	0.012	0.334	0.068	0.022	0.065	0.022	0.083	0.005
<b>PD</b>	0.509	0.814	0.757	0.663	0.154	0.129	0.898	0.254	0.309	0.400	0.007	0.421	0.191	0.291	0.194	0.447	0.143	0.016
<b>IxC</b>	0.328	0.467	0.392	0.705	0.040	0.030	0.468	0.704	0.569	0.052	0.162	0.149	0.288	0.309	0.325	0.386	0.194	0.160
<b>IxN</b>	<.001	0.518	<.001	0.331	0.048	0.255	0.468	0.728	0.836	0.238	0.028	0.312	0.001	<.001	0.001	<.001	0.005	<.001
<b>IxCxN</b>	0.596	0.607	0.382	0.049	0.776	0.007	0.483	0.733	0.974	0.470	0.630	0.380	0.634	0.058	0.645	0.055	0.619	0.088
<b>C</b>	0.628	0.011	0.895	0.251	0.015	<.001	0.056	0.212	<.001	0.866	<.001	0.012	0.955	0.188	0.881	0.181	0.697	0.194
<b>N</b>	0.316	0.878	0.049	<.001	<.001	<.001	0.006	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001	0.009	0.669	<.001	0.743	<.001	0.214	<.001
<b>PDxC</b>	0.037	0.241	0.067	0.145	0.812	<.001	0.189	0.262	0.316	<.001	0.362	0.003	0.182	0.407	0.176	0.414	0.166	0.685
<b>PDxN</b>	0.603	<.001	0.466	0.065	0.217	<.001	0.603	0.834	0.492	0.141	0.001	0.280	0.067	0.684	0.079	0.814	0.059	0.229
<b>PDxCxN</b>	0.253	0.018	0.303	0.241	0.009	0.192	0.842	0.122	0.505	0.958	0.093	0.323	0.413	0.713	0.406	0.596	0.320	0.852
<b>CxN</b>	0.902	0.786	0.771	0.304	0.231	0.150	0.117	0.203	0.798	0.971	0.765	0.540	0.445	0.154	0.474	0.148	0.387	0.128

I, irrigation; PD, planting date; C, cultivar; N, nitrogen fertilizer