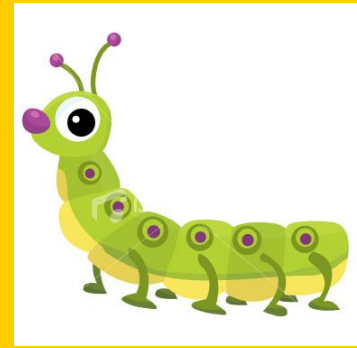




# Soybean's Pest-a-Palooza in 2023



*Janet Knodel & Patrick Beauzay, NDSU*  
*Bruce Potter, UMN*

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# The environment and crop pest populations

## ✓ Host

- Quality/Nutrients/Species mix
- Genetics  
(resistance/tolerance)
- Rotation

## ✓ Weather/Microclimate

- Temperature (DDs)
- Moisture
- Wind patterns

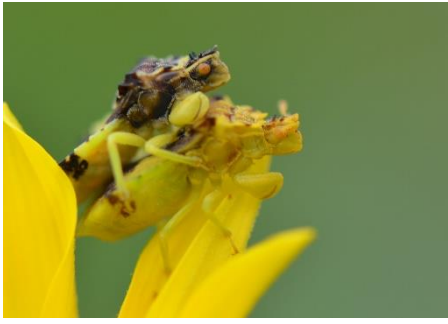
## ✓ Natural enemies

- Generalists
- Specialists

## ✓ Pesticides

- Timing
- Efficacy
- Resistance

# Beneficials (the generalists)



- Minute pirate bugs
- Ambush bugs
- Damsel bugs
- Assassin bugs
- Soldier bugs
- Syrphid larvae
- Lacewing larvae
- Ground beetles
- Lady beetles

Unless noted photos by Bruce Potter

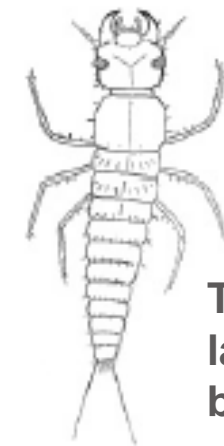
Whitney Cranshaw, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org

Photo: Ken Chamberlain, The Ohio State University, Bugwood.org

# Beneficials (the specialists)



Parasitoids  
Bee fly larvae  
Aphid midges  
Blister beetle larvae



Triungulin or  
larvae of  
blister beetle

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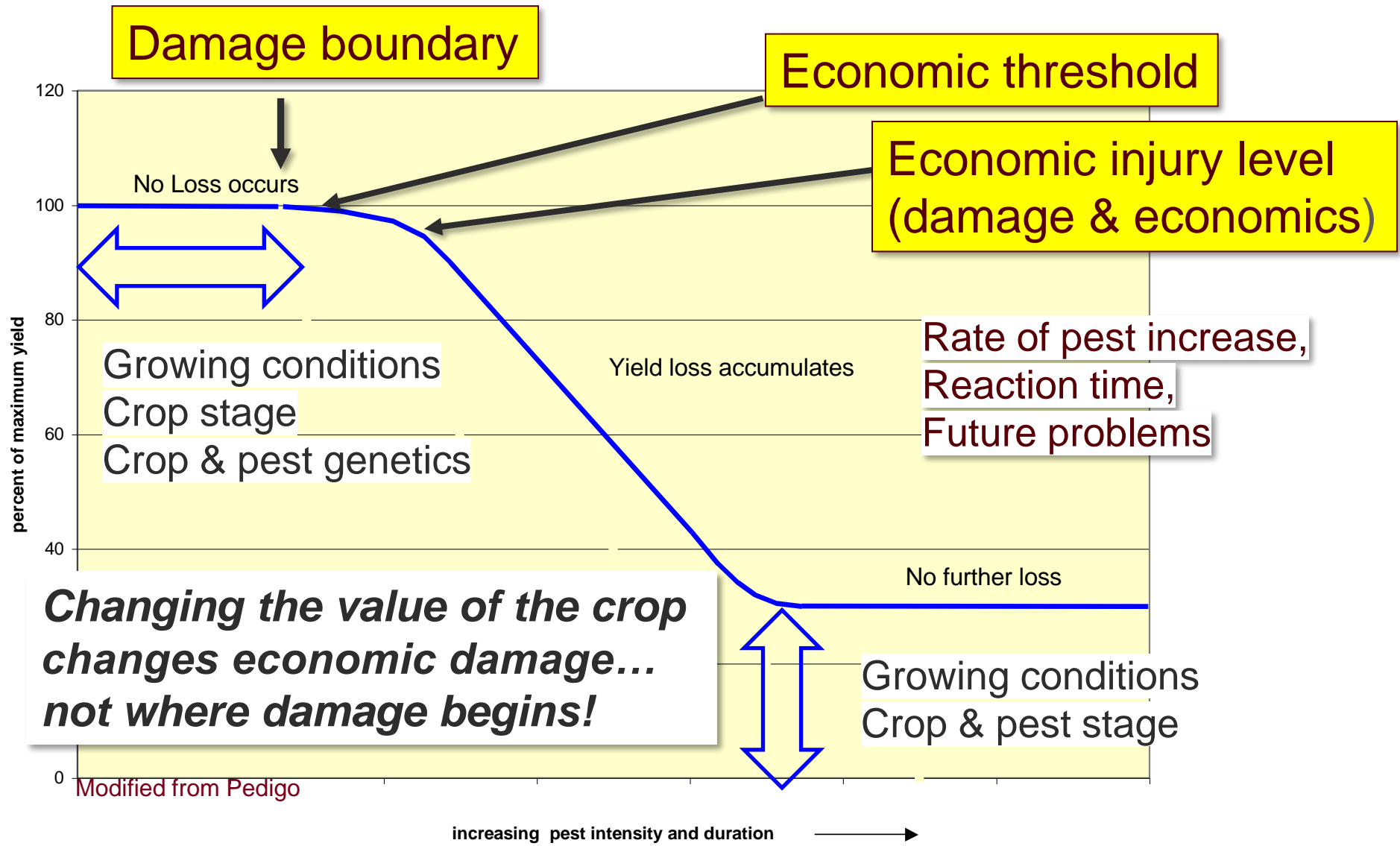
# Beneficials (the specialists)



Virus  
Bacteria  
Microsporidians  
Fungi

Nematodes  
Horsehair worms

# How pest induced yield loss happens



# Soybean Stage and Yield Components

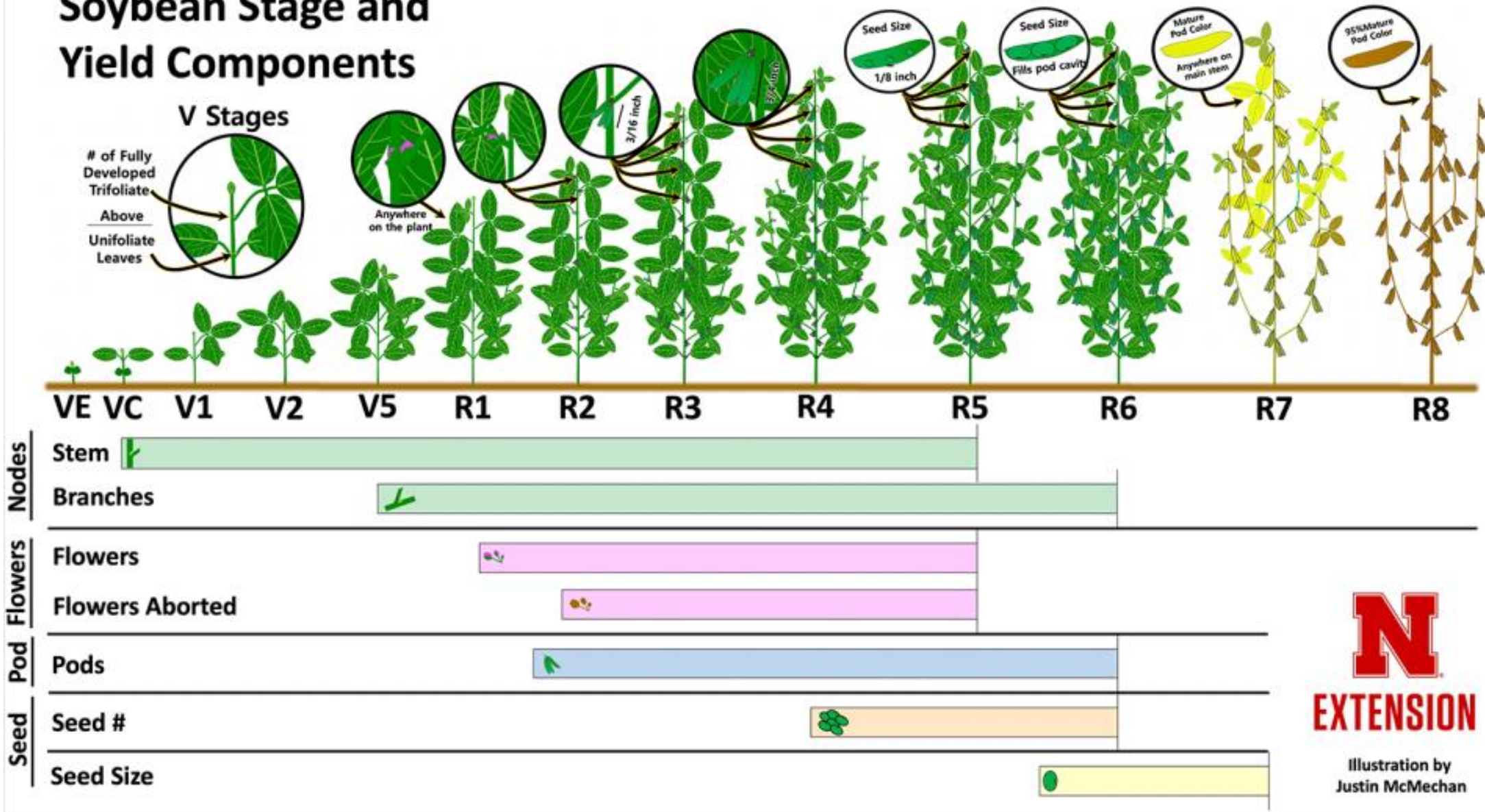
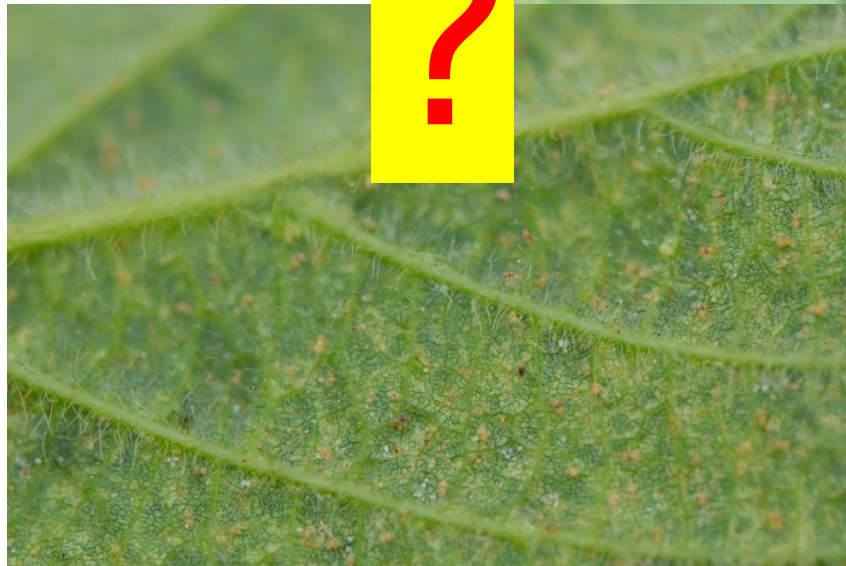


Illustration by Justin McMechan



**The effect  
of multiple  
pests on:**

**Yield?  
Weather?  
Pesticide  
selection?**





# Would you spray this field?



Photo: Ray Bisek

# Defoliators



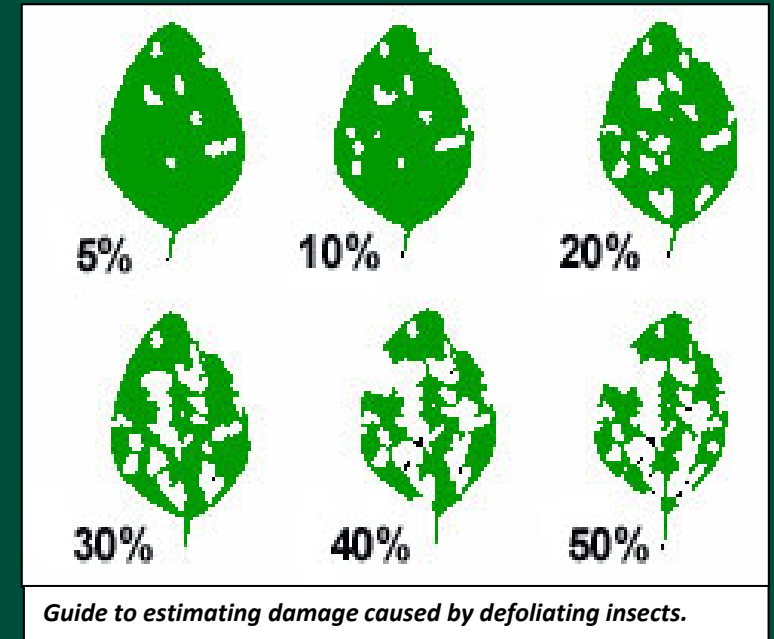
# Sampling and Estimating Damage Caused by Defoliating Insects

- **Percent Defoliation**
  - Often overestimated by field scouts
- **Number of insect per foot row**
  - Drop cloth



# Economic Thresholds for Foliage-feeding Defoliators

- Lump all defoliating insects together
  - Caterpillars, grasshoppers, bean leaf beetle
  - Adjust for conditions (weather, disease, parasitism)
- Percent Defoliation
  - Vegetative - prebloom = above 30%
  - Reproductive stage = above 20%



# Defoliation & thresholds

- Defoliation thresholds for soybean
  - Standard (e.g., Shanovich et al. 2019)
    - 30% - vegetative stages
    - 20% - reproductive stages
  - New (Raudenbush, et al. 2021)
    - 30% - through flowering
    - 10% - pod & seed development



# Economic Thresholds for Foliage-feeding Defoliators in Soybeans

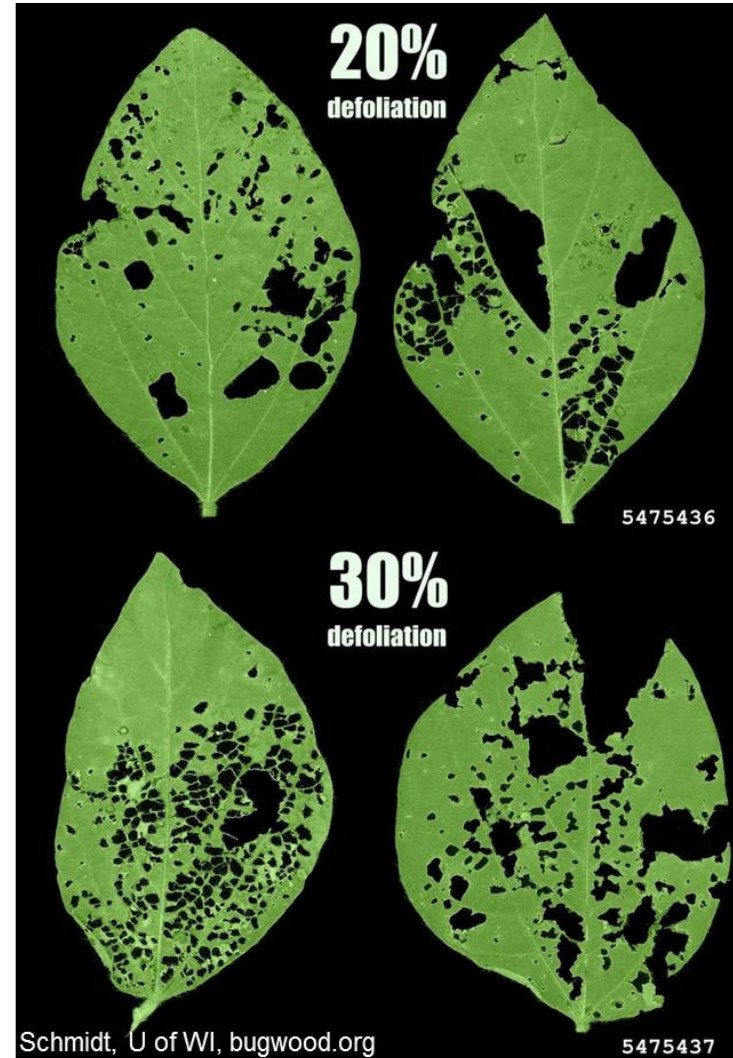
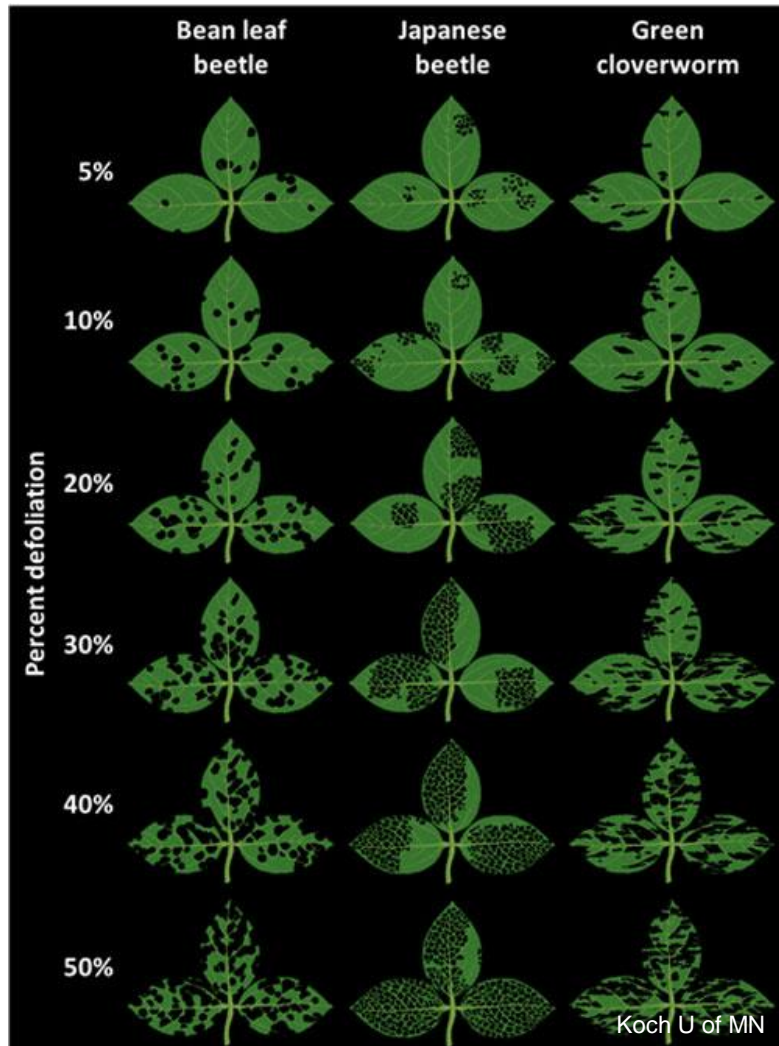
- Larvae (or caterpillars) per row foot
  - An average infestation of 4 to 8 larvae per row foot
  - Or 13-27 larvae per row meter
- As plants reach **flowering and pod filling**, defoliation poses a **greater risk for yield loss.**



# Assumptions for assessing soybean defoliation

- Don't panic
  - **Soybeans have spare leaves**
    - Lower leaves can compensate
  - Make sure pests are still present
  - Most defoliators have distinct generations and feed for a limited time
- After R6.5 defoliation less critical

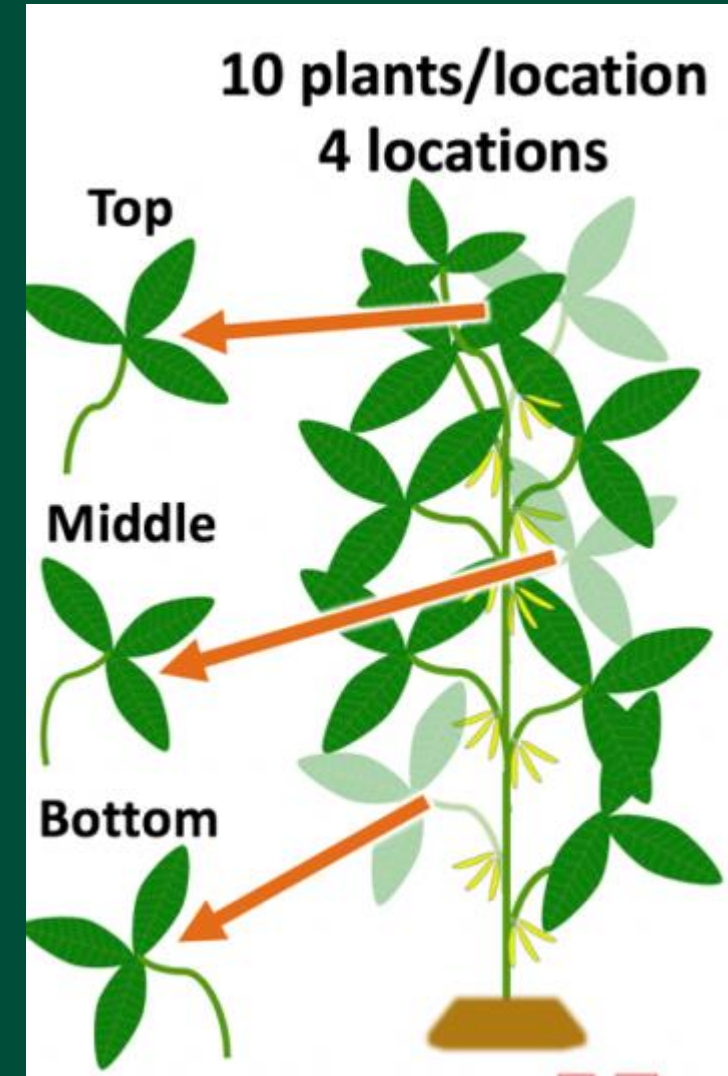
# Defoliation Guides





# Estimating Insect Defoliation in Soybeans

1. Scout from late vegetative to R6 crop stage
2. Walk at least 10 rows into field
3. W pattern in fields and sample 10 plants per location and 4 locations.
4. Remove leaves from top, middle and bottom of a randomly-selected plant.



Source - McMechan UNE

# Estimating Insect Defoliation in Soybeans

3. Remove highest and lowest defoliated trifoliate. Keep other leaflet.
4. Repeat 1-3 on remaining plants
5. Repeat at remaining locations and record defoliation of all 40 leaves.
6. Calculate the average defoliation per field



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McMechan UNE

# Defoliation Guides



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## Soybean Insect Defoliation Training

Soybeans

Back



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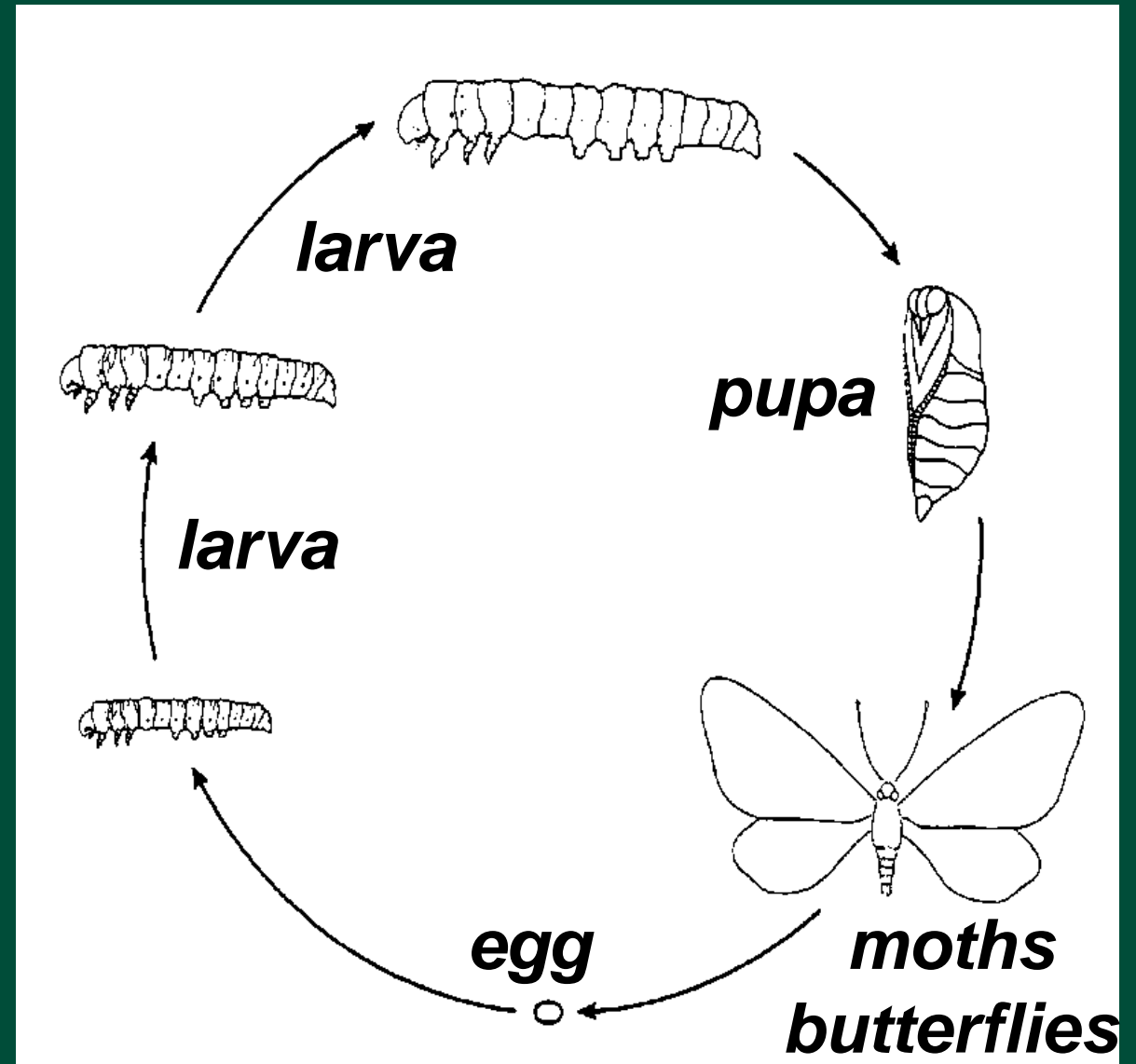
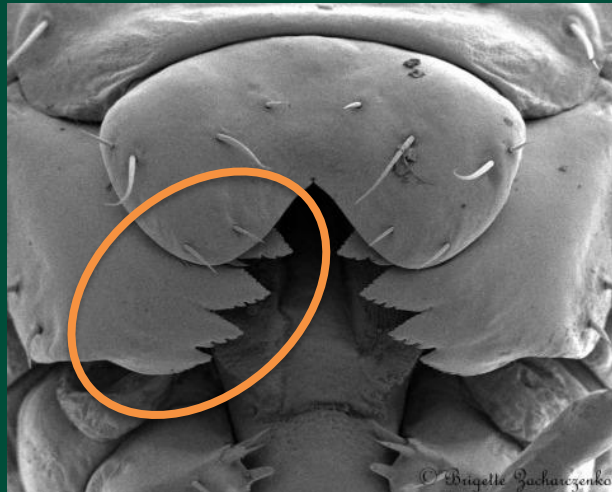
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<https://severity.cropprotectionnetwork.org/crop/soybeans/soybean-insect-defoliation-training>

# Life Cycle of Foliage-feeding Caterpillars

- **Complete Metamorphosis**
  - Egg to larval stages to pupae to adult
  - Larvae look different from adult
    - Chewing mouthparts
  - Pupal stage, called chrysalis for butterfly (inactive)
  - Adult moth / butterfly emerges from pupa / chrysalis



# Foliage-feeding Caterpillars - Adult stage

**Thistle caterpillar**



**Green cloverworm**



# Foliage-feeding Caterpillars - Adult stage



Velvetbean caterpillar



# Foliage-feeding Caterpillars - Adult stage

Soybean looper

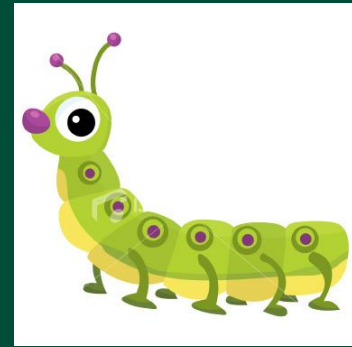


Alfalfa webworm



# Foliage-feeding Caterpillars

## Larval stage



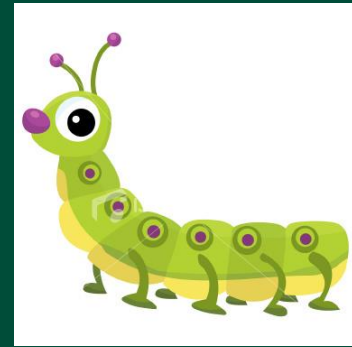
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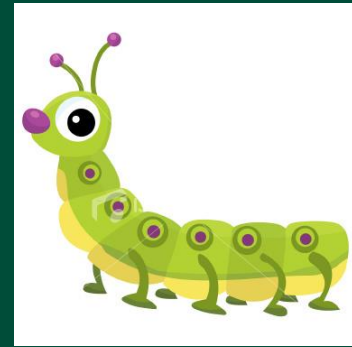


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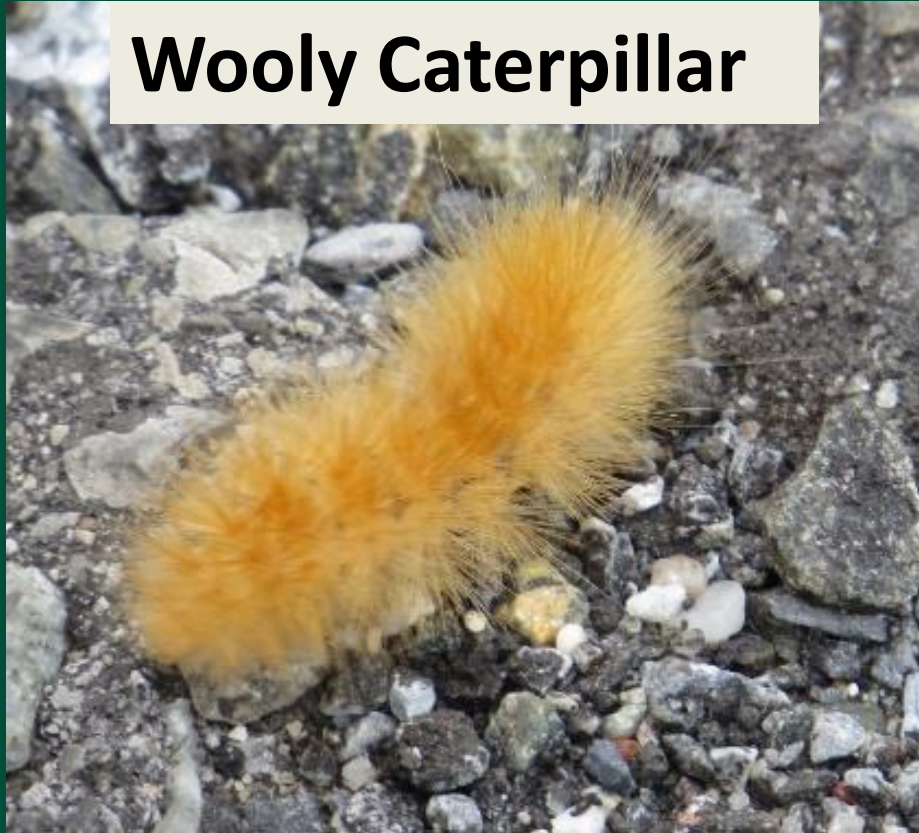


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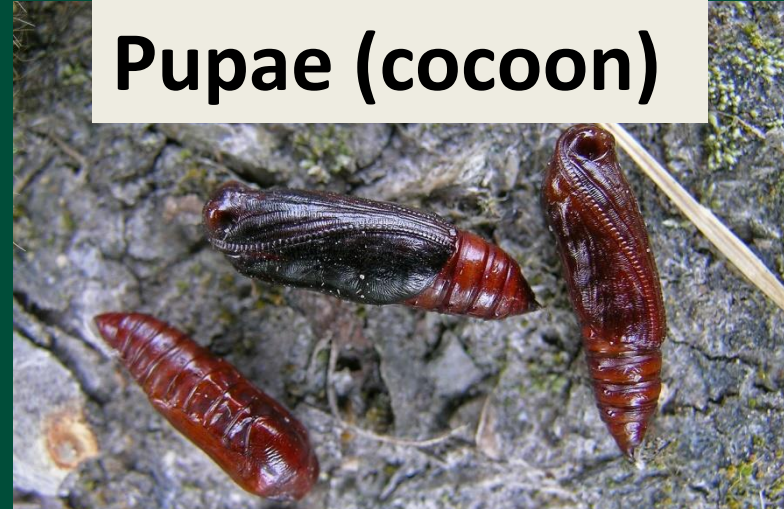
# Foliage-feeding Caterpillars

## Larval & ? stage

Woolly Caterpillar



Pupae (cocoon)



# Natural Control

- Diseases

- Fungal (*Nomuraea rileyi*)
- Viral
  - Nuclear polyhedrosis virus
- Favored by high humidity and warm temperatures

- Parasitic wasps

- Predators



# Natural Control

- **Predators**

- Ground beetles, predaceous stink bugs, birds, frogs, rodents, snakes



# Order Orthoptera - Grasshoppers

Red-legged grasshopper



Two-striped grasshopper



Differential grasshopper



Only a few grasshoppers are major importance to **cropland** Alfalfa, corn, soybean, small grains (barley, oats, winter wheat, HRSW), sunflower, flax

# Crop Damage - Grasshoppers

- **Chewing mouthparts**
  - Leaf stripping or defoliation
  - Pod or wheat head clipping
- **Often higher feeding injury on field edges**
- **Population fluctuates low to outbreak levels depending on the weather**
  - ✓ Areas with <25 inches of rain = Higher risk
  - ✓ Hot, dry weather 'Drought' = Increase risk
  - ✓ Cool, wet weather = Reduces populations and decrease risk



Pile of dead grasshoppers after wheat harvest 2022, McKenzie County, ND



Tammy Duchsherer, Scheresky Ag Services

# Crop Damage - Grasshoppers



**Sunflower defoliated by grasshoppers in SD 2020**  
Adam Varenhorst, SDSU



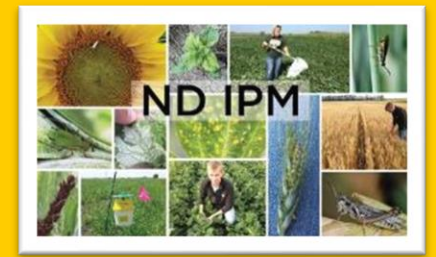
**Grasshopper feeding directly on corn ear in ND 2020**  
Veronica Calles Torrez



**Soybean field edge defoliated by grasshoppers 2021**  
Jeff Stachler, Griggs County

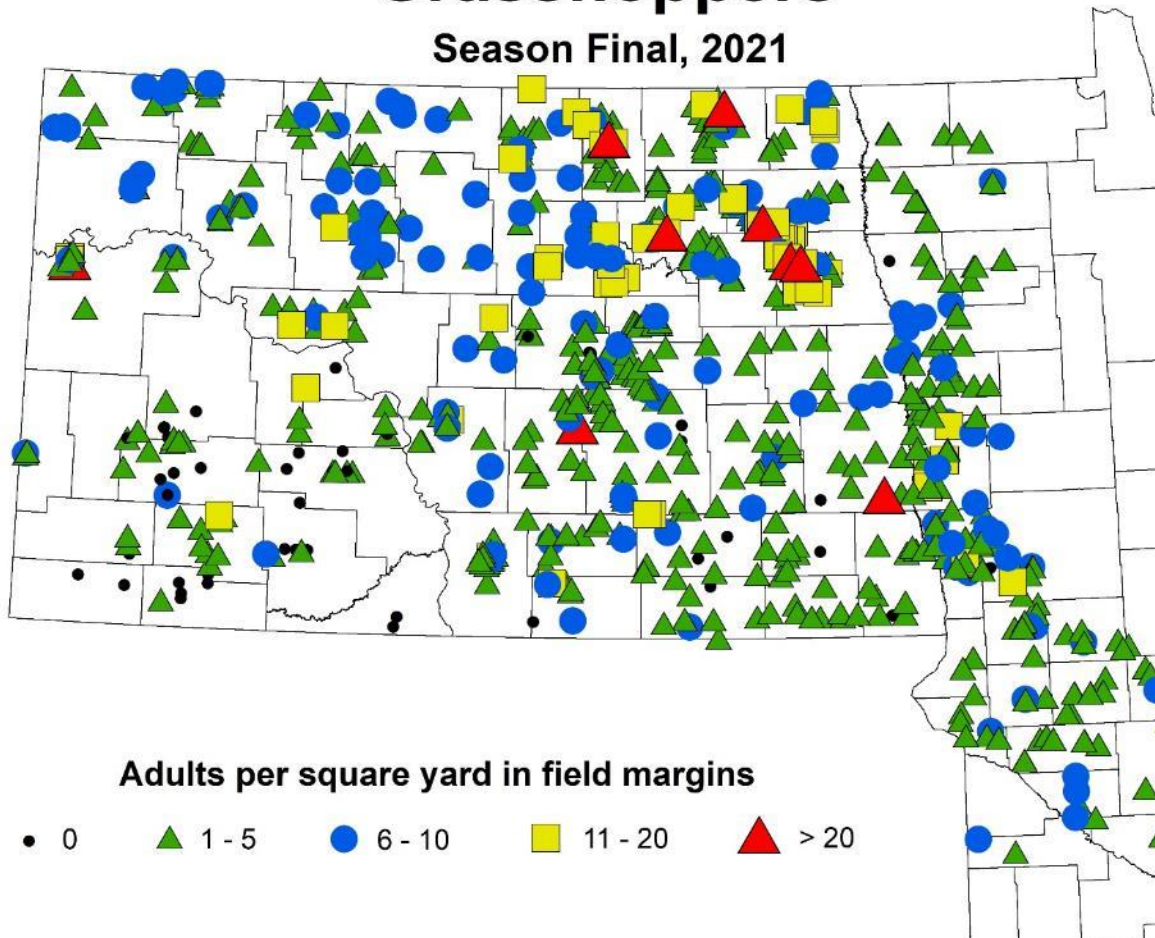


# Grasshopper Maps 2021- 2022



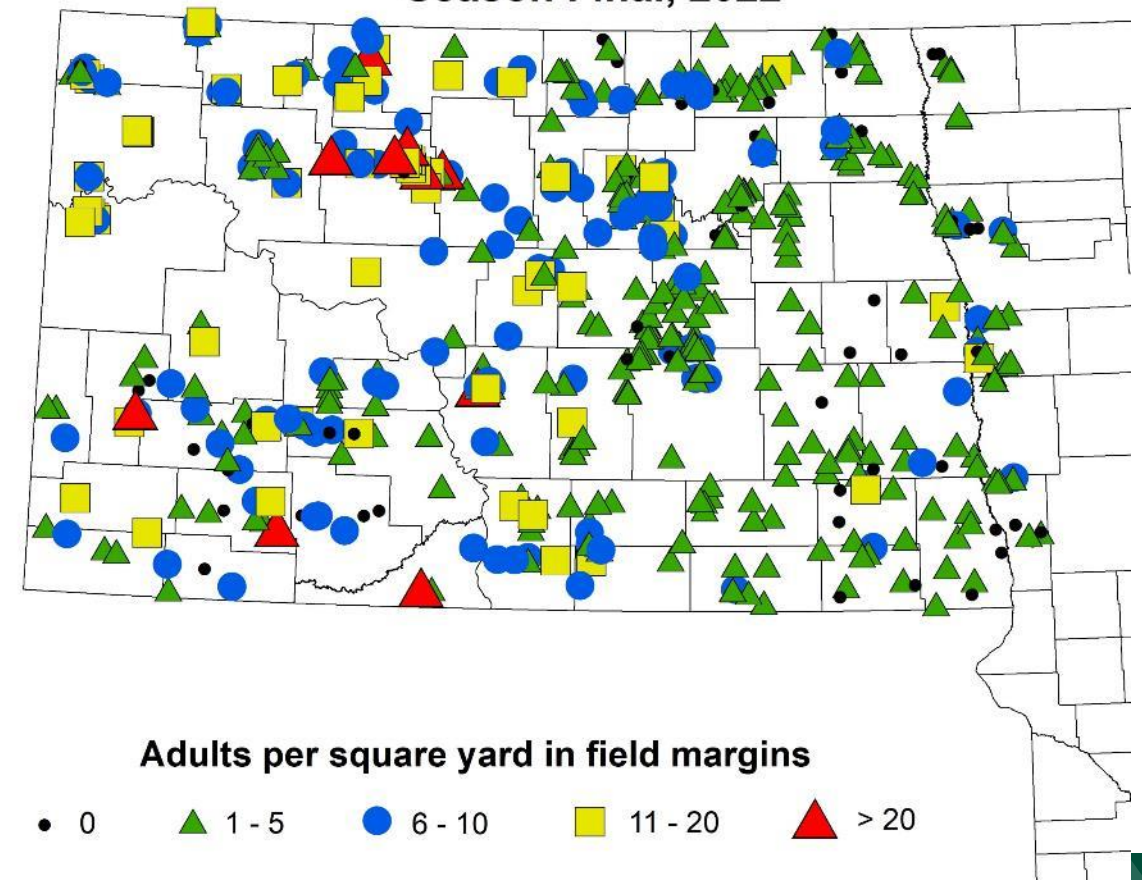
## Grasshoppers

Season Final, 2021



## Grasshoppers

Season Final, 2022



# Nymph or Adult Grasshoppers - Thresholds

Rating	Nymphs per square yard		Adults per square yard	
	Margin	Field	Margin	Field
Light	25–35	15–25	10–20	3–7
Threatening (action threshold)	50–75	30–45	21–40	8–14
Severe	100–150	60–90	41–80	15–28
Very severe	200+	120+	80+	

4 - 180 degree sweeps  
= 1 square yard



15-inch sweep net

*Insect supplier:  
Great Lakes IPM*

Visually estimate number of grasshoppers in a square foot, repeat 18 times and then divide by 2 for # per square yard (9 square feet = 1 square yard)



# New Insecticide



- **A.I. Chlorantraniliprole (Diamides, IRAC group 28)**
  - MOA – Muscle poison - *activate muscle ryanodine receptors, leading to contraction and paralysis*
  - Registered for foliar use in sunflower, soybean, corn, wheat and other crops
  - Above ground **lepidopteran pests, and grasshoppers**
  - **Grasshoppers** - use MSO adjuvant at 1% v/v and target 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> instars

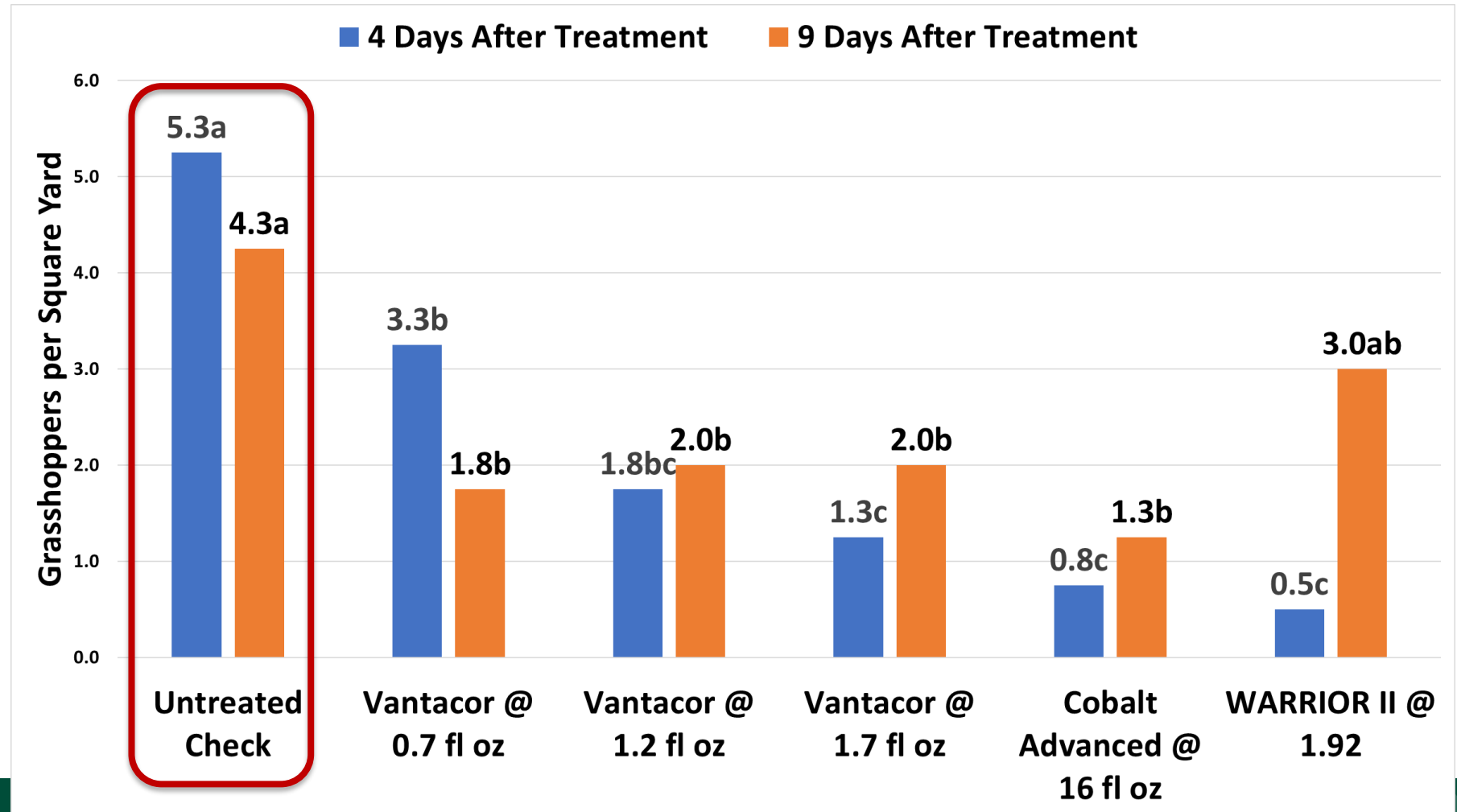


Grasshopper

# Adult Grasshopper Trial in Soybean, Casselton, 2021



B. Yarger, Dunn County, ND



# Soybean Insecticide - Grasshoppers



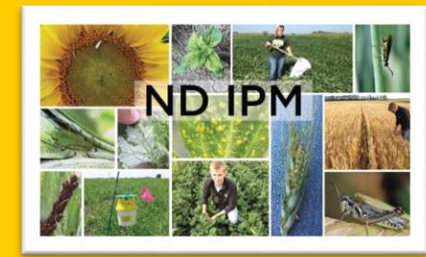
IRAC Class	Trade Name	Active Ingredient(s)	PHI	Rate Range (oz/acre)		Cost (\$/acre)	
				Low	High	Low	High
15	Dimilin 2L	diflubenzuron	21 days	2	2	\$ 4.22	\$ 4.22
1B	Acephate 97 WDG	acephate	14 days	4	8	\$ 1.72	\$ 3.44
1B	Dimate 4E	dimethoate	21 days	16	16	\$ 5.44	\$ 5.44
3A	Fastac CS	alpha-cypermethrin	21 days	3.2	3.8	\$ 4.32	\$ 5.13
3A	Baythroid XL	beta-cyfluthrin	21 days	2	2.8	\$ 5.16	\$ 7.22
3A	Brigade, generics	bifenthrin	18 days	2.1	6.4	\$ 2.27	\$ 6.91
3A	Tombstone Helios	cyfluthrin	45 days	2	2.8	\$ 4.30	\$ 6.02
3A	Delta Gold	deltamethrin	21 days	1.5	2.4	\$ 2.66	\$ 4.25
3A	Asana XL	esfenvalerate	21 days	5.8	9.6	\$ 3.07	\$ 5.09
3A	Warrior II, generics	lambda-cyhalothrin	30 days	1.6	1.92	\$ 4.24	\$ 5.09
3A	Mustang Maxx	zeta-cypermethrin	21 days	3.2	4	\$ 4.22	\$ 5.28
22A	Steward EC	indoxacarb	14 days	4.6	11.3	\$ 9.34	\$ 22.94
28	Vantacor	clorantraniliprole	1 day	0.7	2.5	\$ 10.31	\$ 36.82

# Bean Leaf Beetle – Increasing!

- **Adults**
  - Overwinter
  - Color phases
    - Red, yellow
- **Larvae**
  - Slender larvae
  - White with brown head and anal plate
- **2-3 generations per year**

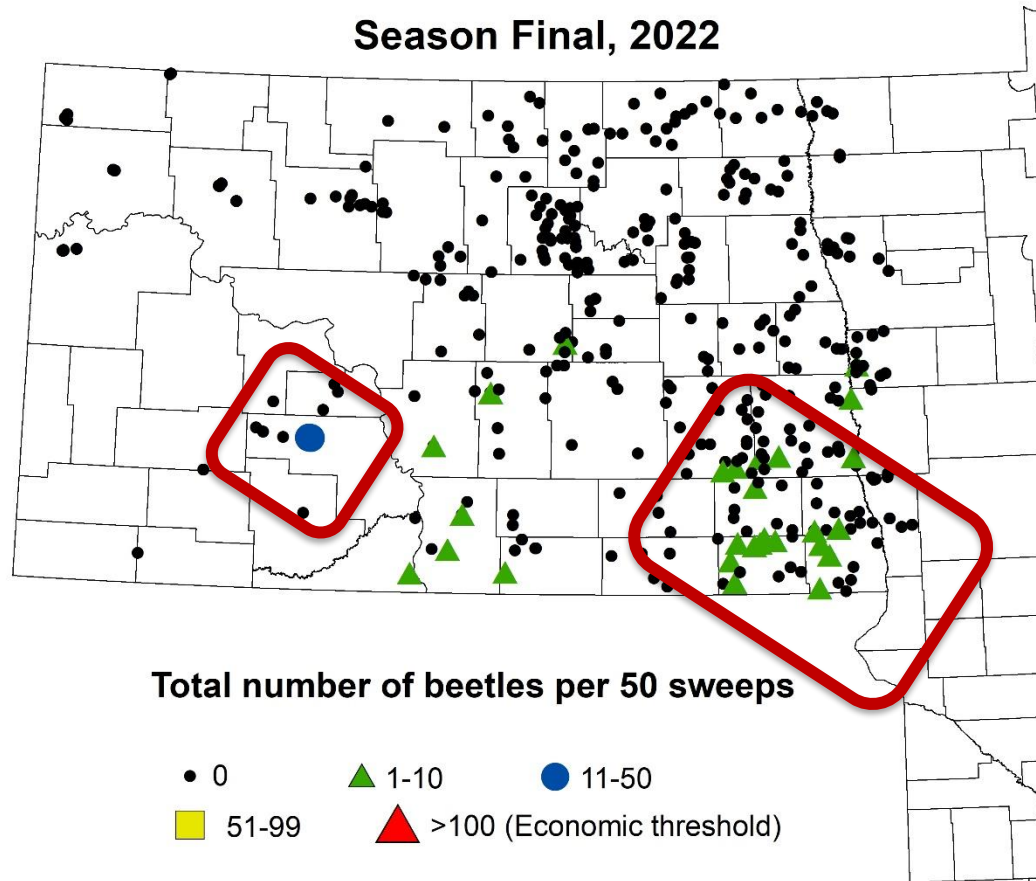


# Bean Leaf Beetle 2022-2023



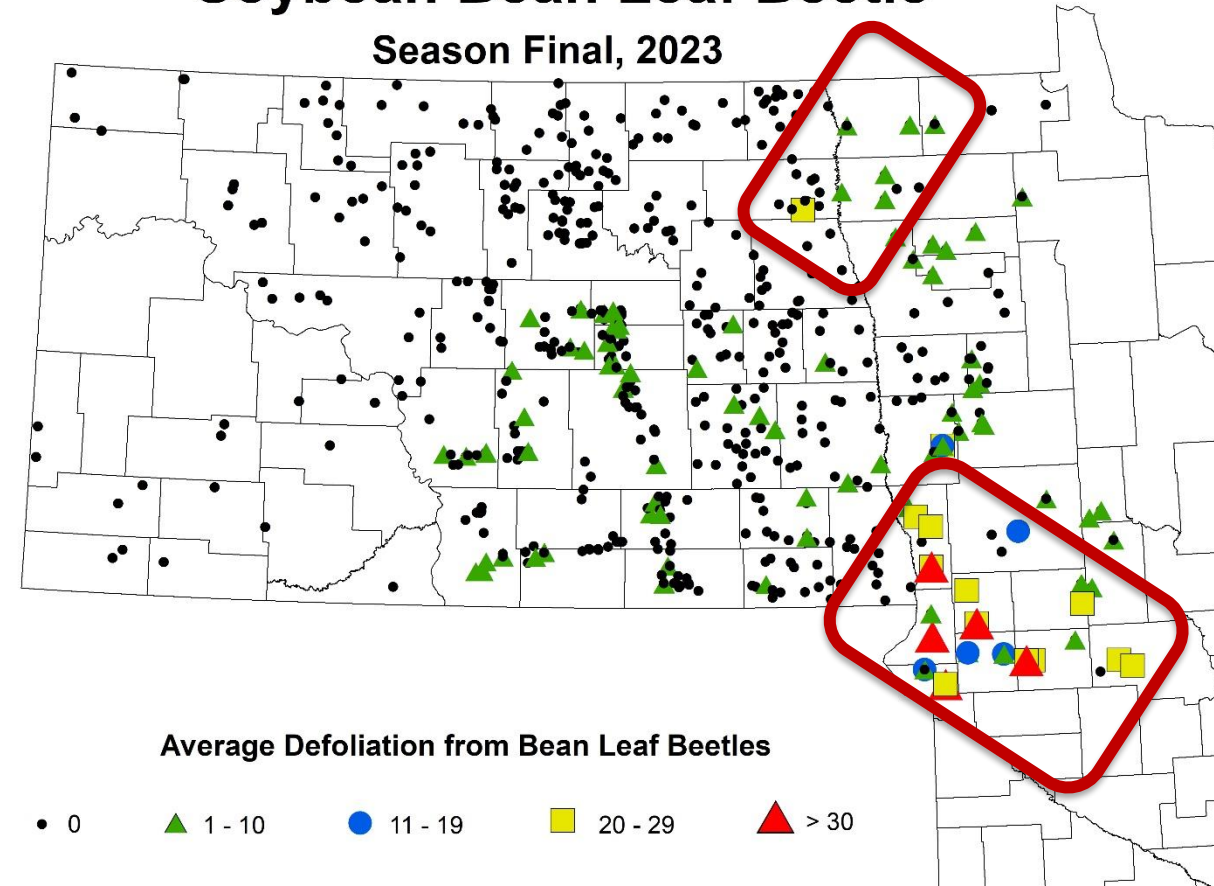
## Soybean - Bean Leaf Beetle

Season Final, 2022



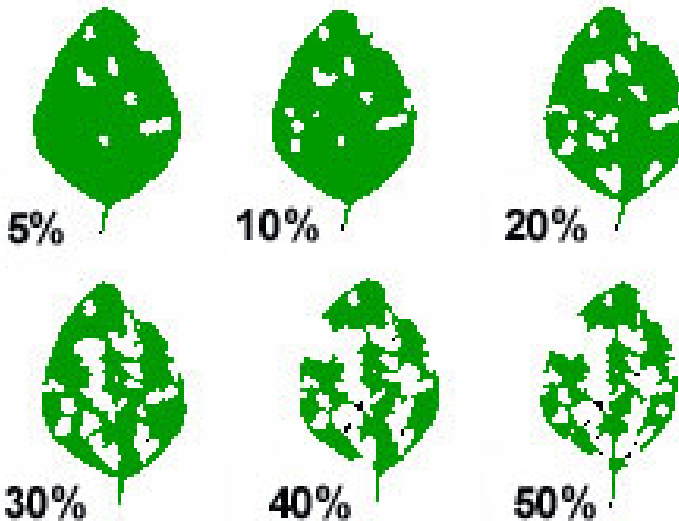
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# Bean Leaf Beetle - Damage

- **Adult**
  - Chewing mouthparts
  - Foliage and pod
- **Early feeding of 1<sup>st</sup> generation**
  - Controlled by insecticidal seed treatments
- **E.T.**
  - Defoliation
    - 30% vegetative stages
    - 20% bloom R1 to early seed R6

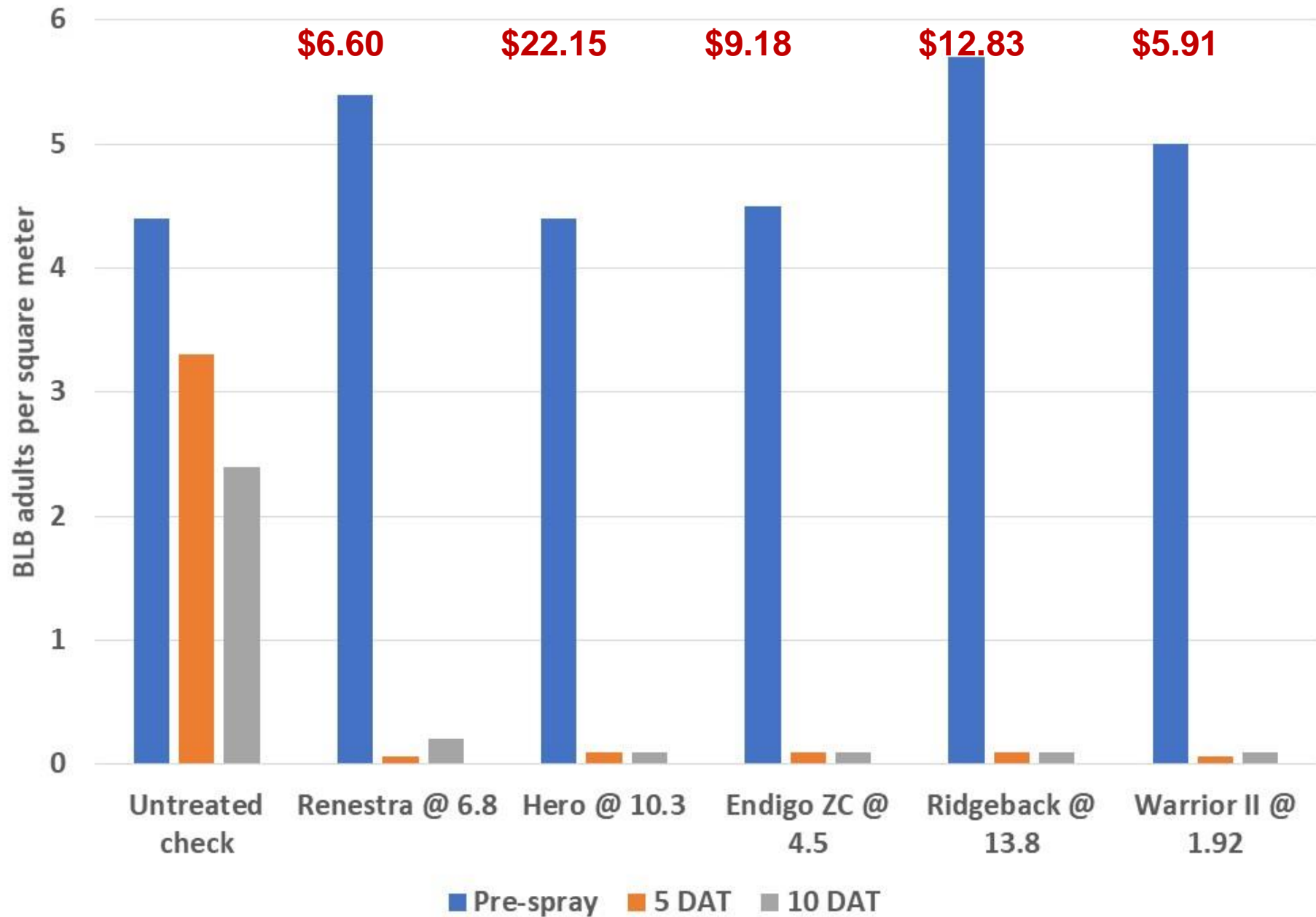




# 2022 Insecticide Trial for Bean Leaf Beetles in Soybeans

Treatment Name	Active Ingredient(s)	IRAC Group	Rate(s)	Cost
Untreated Check	---		---	---
Renestra (BASF)	afidopyropen alpha-cypermethrin	9D + 3A	6.8 fl oz/acre	\$6.60
Hero (FMC)	bifenthrin zeta-cypermethrin	3A + 3A	10.3 fl oz/acre	\$22.15
Endigo ZC (Syngenta)	lambda-cyhalothrin thiamethoxam	3A + 4A	4.5 fl oz/acre	\$9.18
Ridgeback (Corteva)	bifenthrin sulfoxaflor	3A + 4C	13.8 fl oz/acre	\$12.83
Warrior II (Syngenta)	lambda-cyhalothrin	3A	1.92 fl oz/acre	\$5.91

## Insecticide Efficacy Against Bean Leaf Beetle in Soybean, 2022

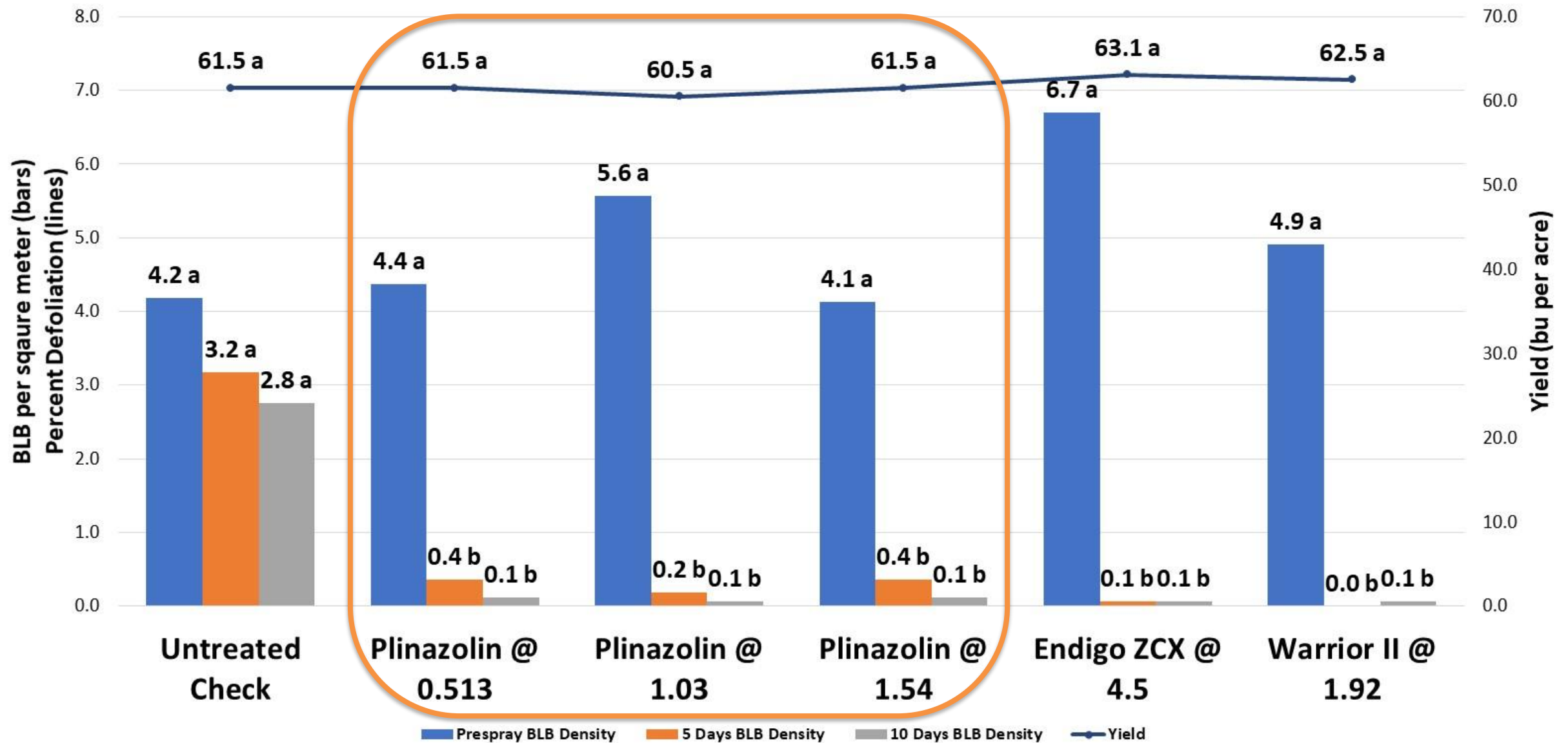


# New Insecticide



- Syngenta Crop Protection
  - Plinazolin - active ingredient isocycloseram, Group 30
  - GABA receptor antagonists, neurotransmitter
  - Proposed trade name - VIRANTRA™
  - Corn, soybean, cotton in U.S.
  - RSSW in ND and SD; flea beetles in canola; **bean leaf beetle in soybean; grasshopper in soybean/wheat, ST for wireworm in wheat/sunflower**

## Treatment Means for Bean Leaf Beetles per Square Meter and Yield in Soybean at Casselton, 2022



# Phloem Feeders



# Soybean aphid

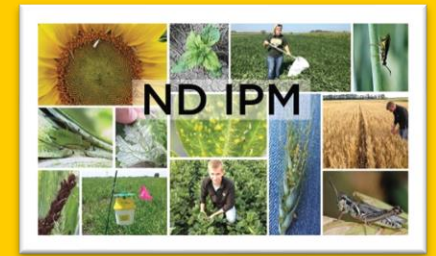


- Overwinter as eggs on buckthorn buds (sexual reproduction)
- Alates move to soybean in spring (asexual reproduction)
- Alates move between fields
  - *Moderate temps, moisture*
  - low K, High N
  - Arriving alates key on edge contrast

# Phloem Feeders

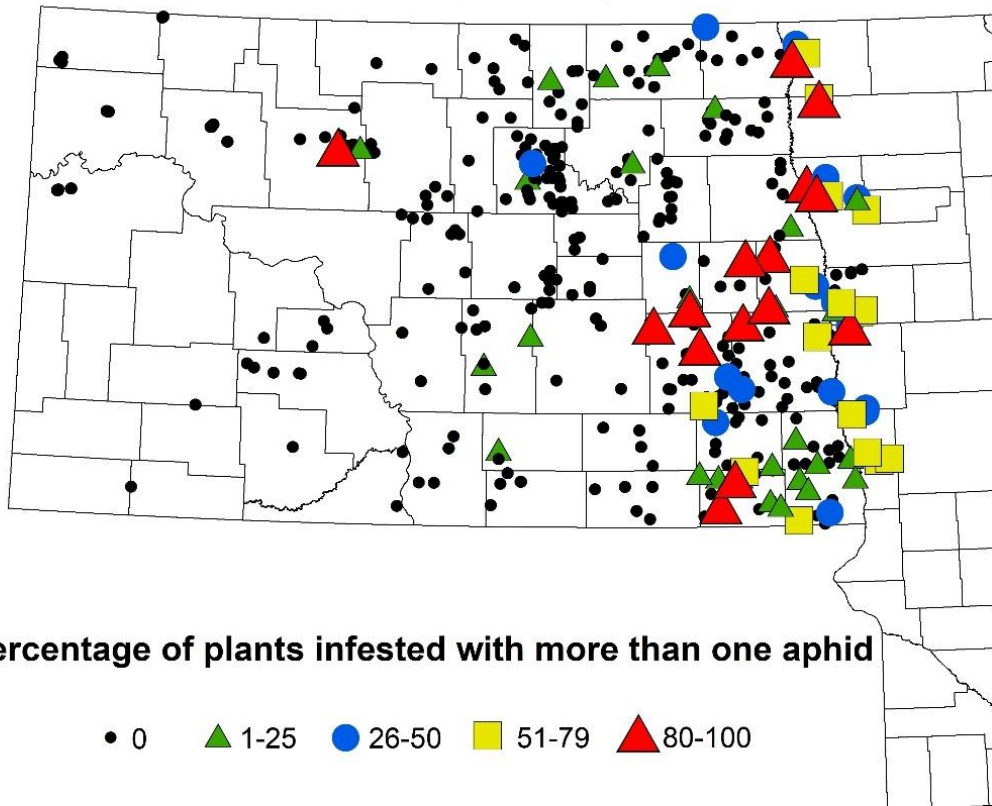


# Soybean Aphid Maps 2022-2023



## Soybean Aphids Incidence

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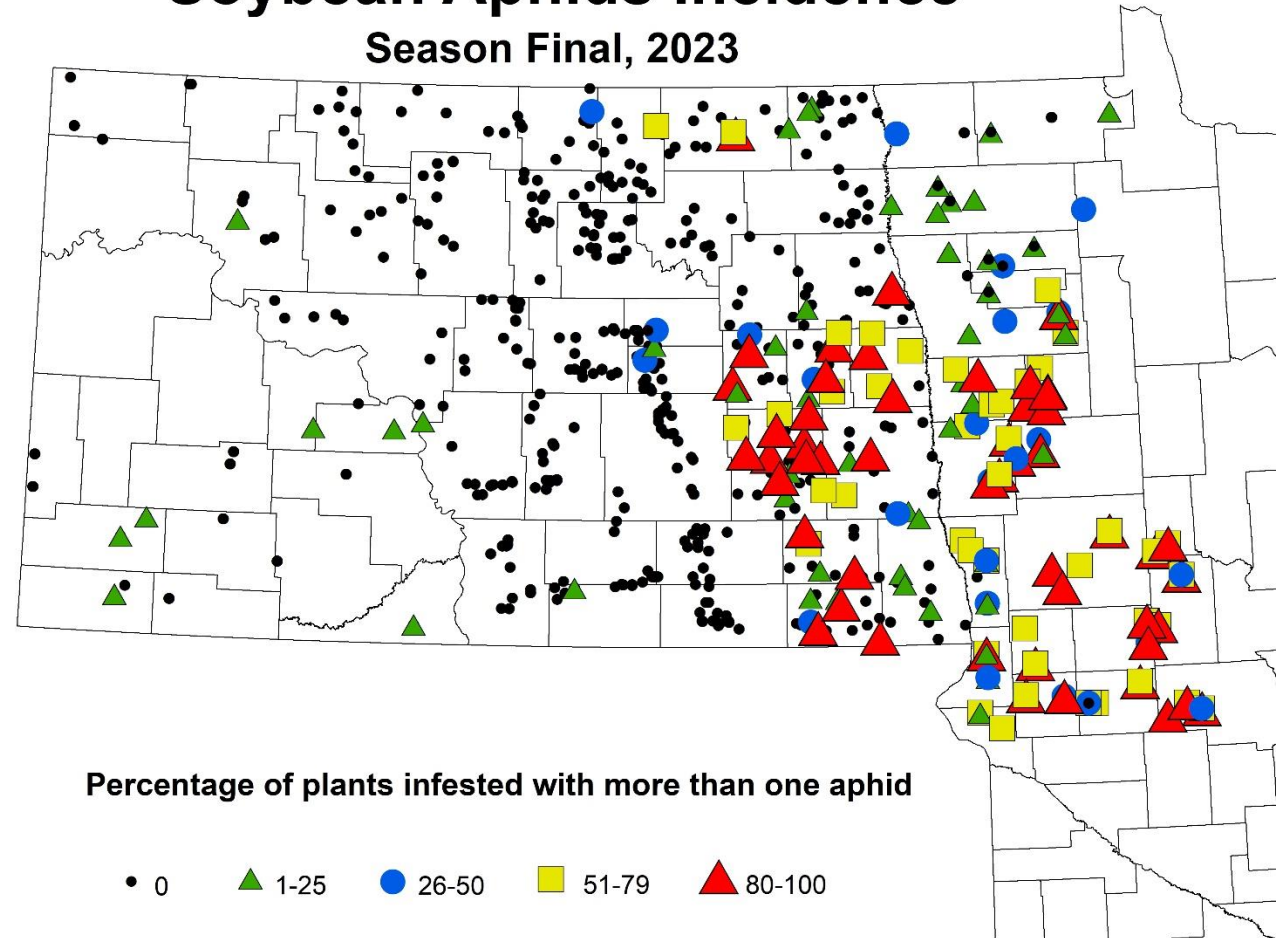


Percentage of plants infested with more than one aphid

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- 51-79
- ▲ 80-100

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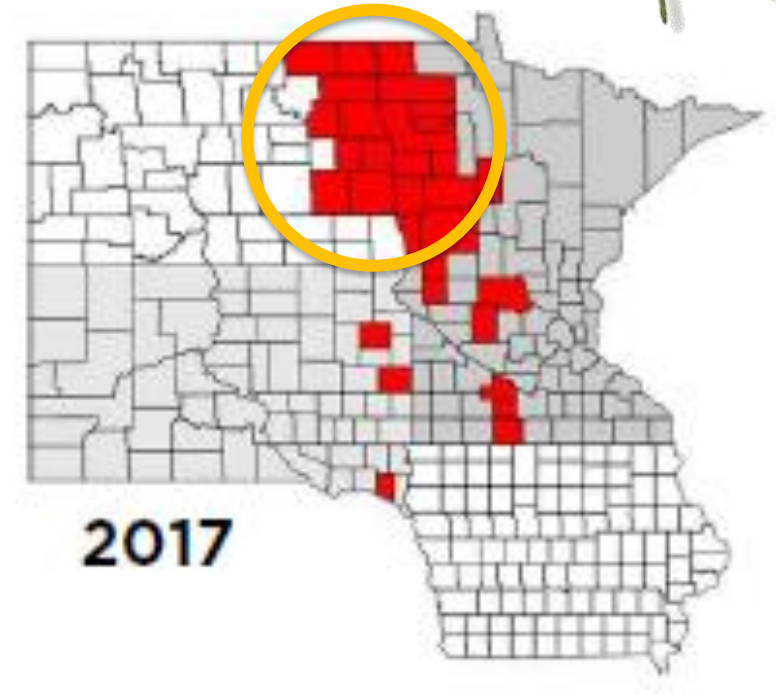
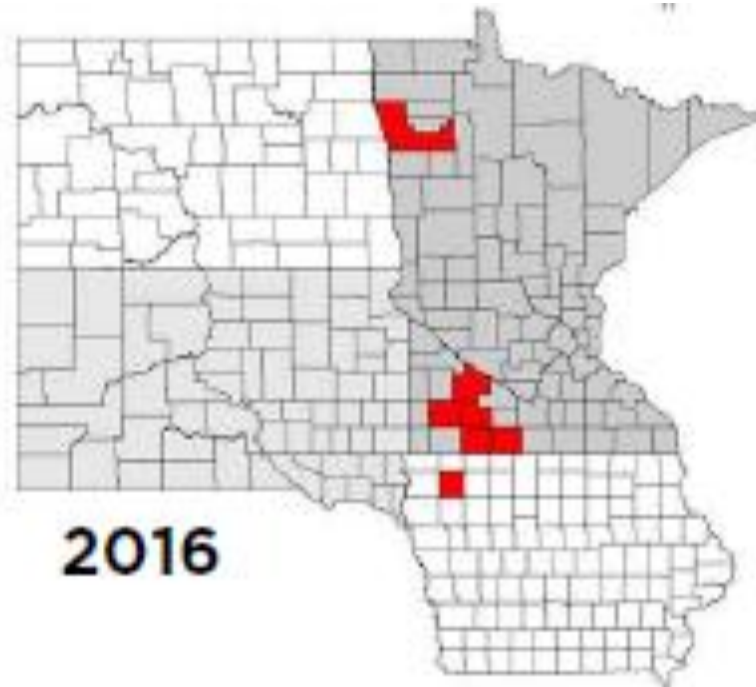
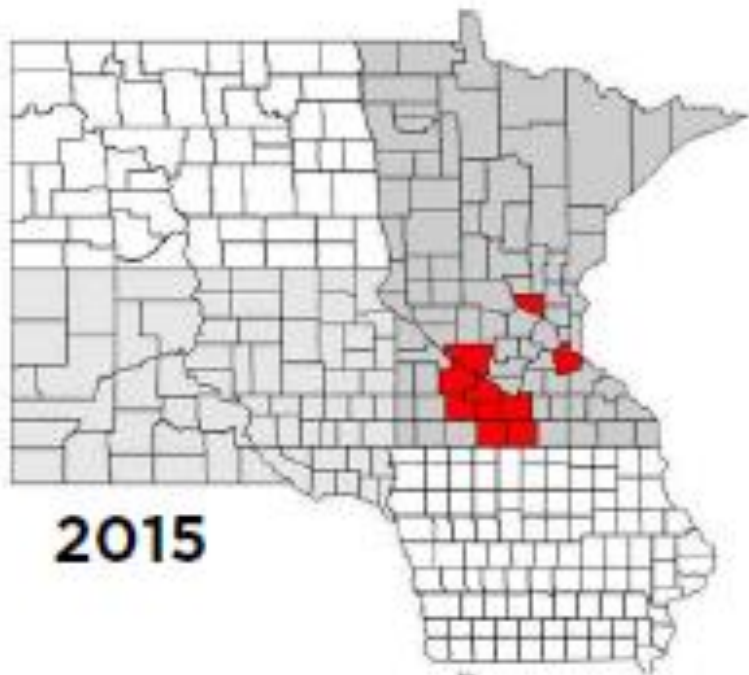
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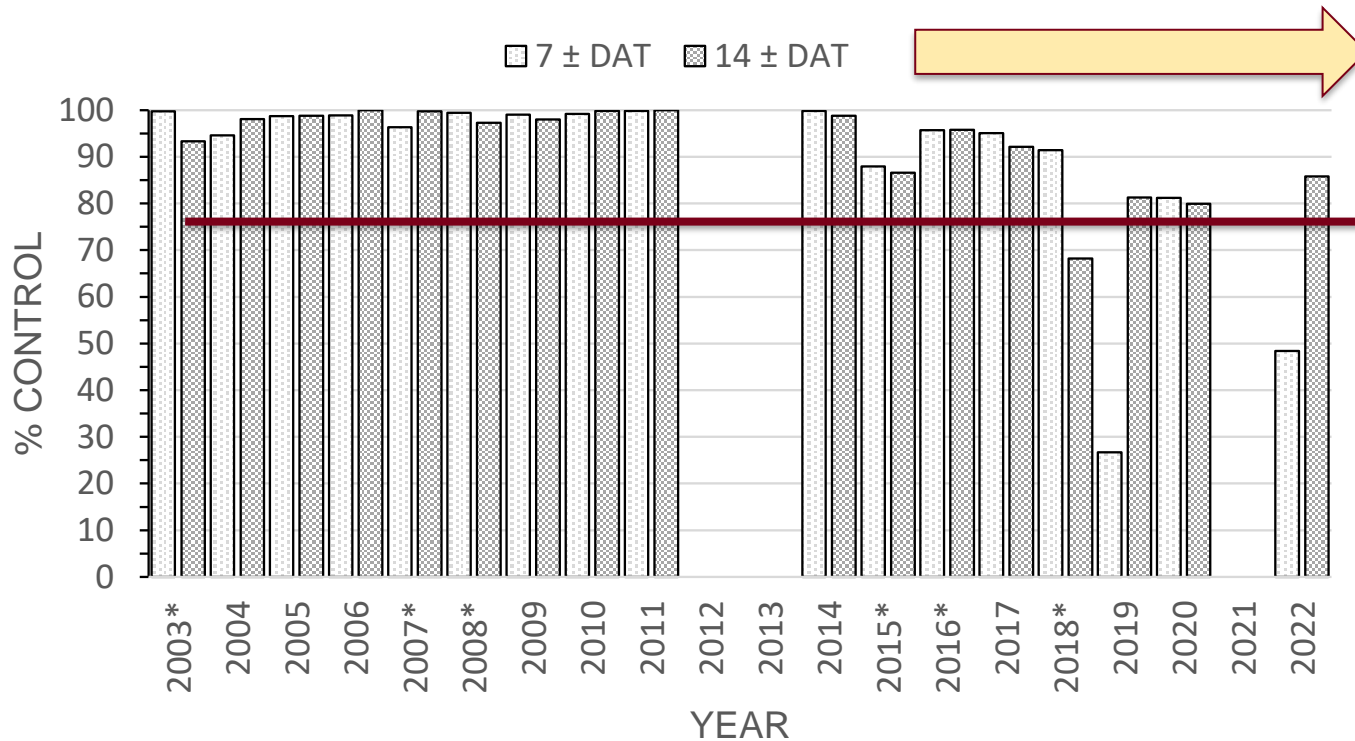
# Insecticide Resistance Issues in ND, SD, MN & IA

- **Counties with Pyrethroid Performance Issues for Soybean Aphid in 2015 - 2017**



# Pyrethroid (3A) resistant soybean aphids

Temporal change in the efficacy of lambda cyhalothrin against some SW MN soybean aphid populations



- Detected in 2015
- Cross-resistance
- Persists
- Effective insecticide options are:

***(4C) sulfoxaflor***

***(4D) flupyradifurone***

***(9D) afidopyropen***

***1B and 4A mixes***

\* Site-year where soybean aphid populations caused yield loss

# Foliar Insecticides



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Group #	Group	Active Ingredient	Product Examples (Trade Names)
1A	Carbamates	methomyl	Lannate LV, Nudrin LV, others
1B	Organophosphates	acephate	Acephate 97, Orthene 97, others
		dimethoate	Dimethoate 4E, Dimate 4E, others
3A	Pyrethroids and Pyrethrins	alpha-cypermethrin	Fastac CS
		beta-cyfluthrin	Baythroid XL
		bifenthrin	Bifender FC, Bifenture EC, Brigade 2EC, Discipline 2EC, Sniper, Tundra EC, others
		cyfluthrin	Tombstone Helios
		deltamethrin	Delta Gold
		esfenvalerate	Asana XL
		lambda-cyhalothrin	Grizzly Too, Lambda-Cy AG, LambdaStar, Province, Silencer, Warrior II, others
		permethrin	Permethrin, Perm-UP 3.2 EC, Arctic 3.2 EC, others
		zeta-cypermethrin	Mustang Maxx
4A	Neonicotinoids	clothianidin	Belay
		imidacloprid	Admire Pro, Nuprid 4F Max, others
4C	Sulfoxamides	sulfoxaflor	Transform WG
4D	Butenolides	flupyradifurone	Sivanto Prime
9D	Pyropenes	afidopyropen	Sefina

# Foliar insecticides labeled for soybean aphid (2022)

	Group	Common name	Individual A.I. (examples)	Formulated mixtures (examples)	
<i>Individual A.I.s Broad spectrum</i>	<b>1A</b> Carbamate	methomyl	Lannate, Nudrin,		
		acephate	Acephate, Bracket 97 , Orthene 97,		
	<b>1B</b> Organophosphate	chlorpyrifos	Chlorpyrifos, Govern, Hatchet, Lorsban Advanced, Nufos, Vulcan, etc. Warhawk, Whirlwind, Yuma	Cobalt, Cobalt Advanced, Stallion, Match-Up, Tundra Supreme	
dimethoate		Dimethoate, Dimate			
<i>Individual A.I.s Broad spectrum</i>		alpha-cypermethrin	Fastac	Renestra	
	beta-cyfluthrin	Baythroid	Leverage		
	bifenthrin	Bifenture, Brigade 2EC, Discipline, Ethos XB, Fanfare, Tundra EC, Sniper,	Elevest, Hero, Justice, Match-Up, Ridgeback, Skyraider, Triple Crown, Tundra Supreme		
	cyfluthrin	Tombstone			
<i>Individual A.I.s Limited spectrum</i>	<b>4A</b> Neonicotinoid		Silencer VC, Taiga Z, Warrior II		
		zeta-cypermethrin	Mustang Maxx, Respect	Hero, Stallion Brand, Steed, Triple Crown	
		acetamiprid		Justice	
		chlothianadin	Belay		
		imidacloprid	Advise4, Alias, Nuprid, Prey, Sherpa	Brigadier, Leverage, Skyraider, Triple Crown	
<i>Individual A.I. Narrow spectrum</i>	<b>4C</b> Sulfoximine	thiamethoxam		Endigo	
		4C Sulfoximine	sulfoxaflor	Transform	Ridgeback
		4D Butenolide	flupyradifurone	Sivanto	
	<b>9D</b> Pyropene	afidopyropen	Inscalis(Sefina)	Renestra	

Keep in mind: pyrethroids and neonicotinoids, alone and in mixes, can flare spider mites

Not a complete list of product trade names.

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# 2023 Insecticide Trial for Soybean Aphids Casselton Agronomy Farm

Group	Insecticide Treatment and Rate	Chemical Class (IRAC #)	Active Ingredient(s)
Pyrethroids	Baythroid XL 2.8 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A)	Beta-cyfluthrin
Pyrethroids	Brigade 3.2 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A)	Bifenthrin
Pyrethroids	Warrior II 1.6 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A)	Lambda-cyhalothrin
Pyrethroids	Mustang Maxx 4 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A)	Zeta-cypermethrin
Pyrethroids	Hero 10.3 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A)	Bifenthrin Zeta-cypermethrin
Pyrethroids	Asana XL 9.6 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A)	Esfenvalerate

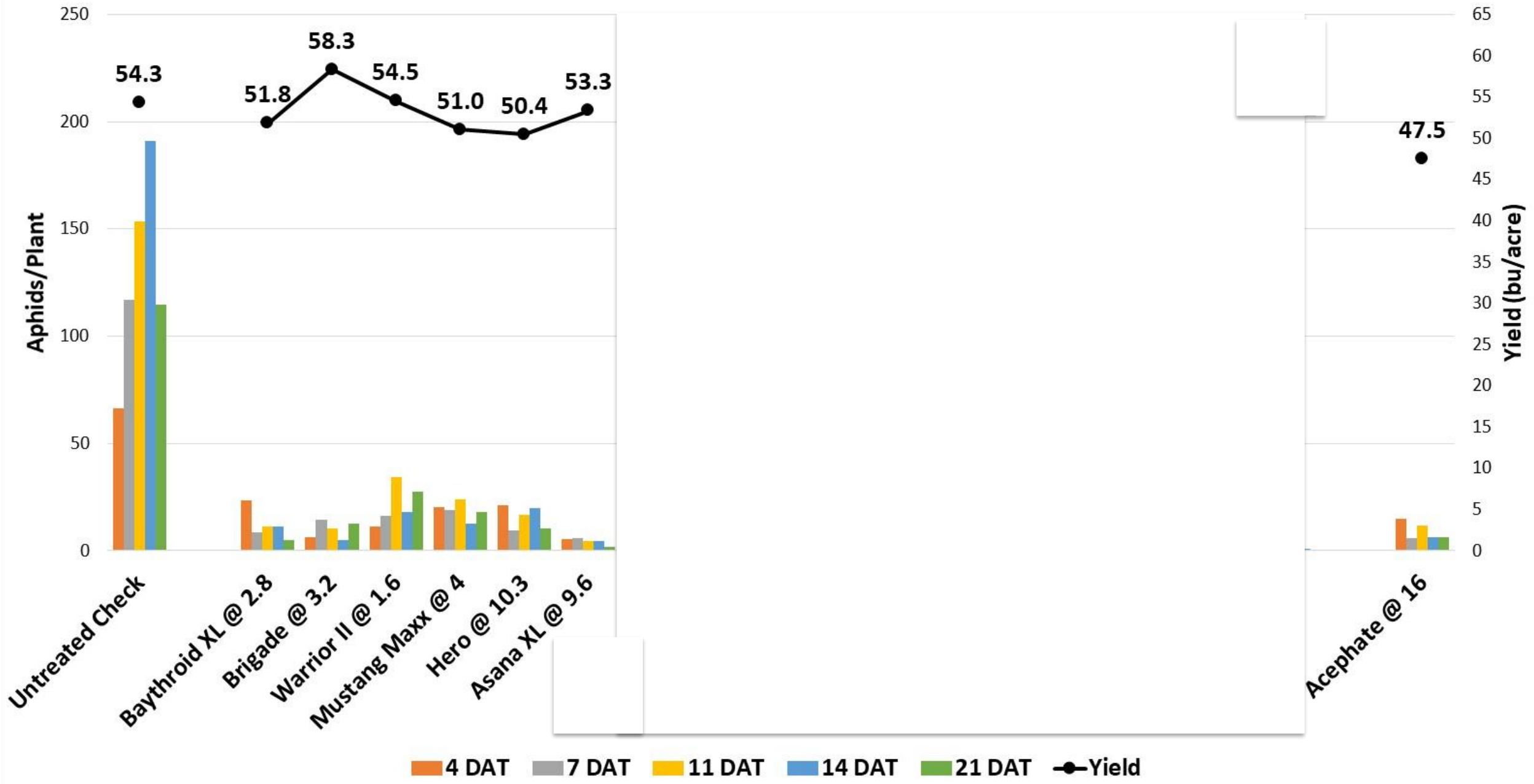
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Premix	Leverage 360 2.8 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A) Neonicotinoids (4A)	Beta-cyfluthrin Imidacloprid
Premix	Skyraider 3.2 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A) Neonicotinoids (4A)	Bifenthrin Imidacloprid
Premix	Endigo ZC 4 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A) Neonicotinoids (4A)	Lambda-cyhalothrin Thiamethoxam
Premix	Ridgeback 10.3 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A) Sulfoxamines (4C)	Bifenthrin Sulfoxaflor
Premix	Renestra 6.8 fl oz/acre	Pyrethroids (3A) Pyropenes (9D)	Alpha-cypermethrin Afidopyropen

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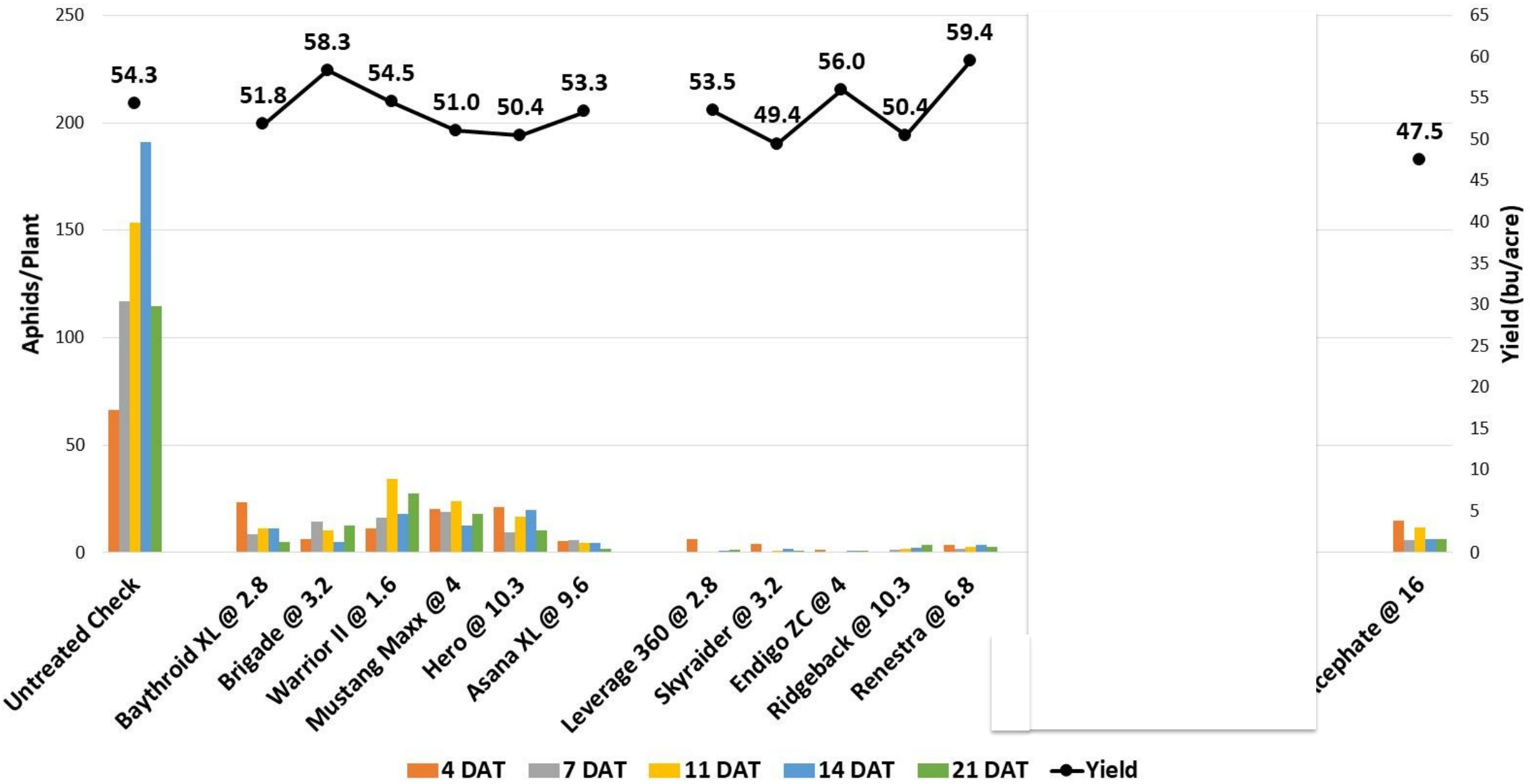
Group	Insecticide Treatment and Rate	Chemical Class (IRAC #)	Active Ingredient(s)
Aphid-specific insecticides	Belay 6 fl oz/acre	Neonicotinoid s(4A)	Clothianidin
Aphid-specific insecticides	Transform WG 1 oz/acre	Sulfoxamines (4C)	Sulfoxaflor
Aphid-specific insecticides	Sivanto Prime 5 fl oz/acre	Butenolides (4D)	Flupyradifurone
Aphid-specific insecticides	Sefina 3 fl oz/acre	Pyropenes (9D)	Afidopyropen
Acephate	Acephate 16 fl oz/acre	Organophosphates (1B)	Acephate

# Treatment Means for Soybean Aphids per Plant and Yield at Casselton, 2023

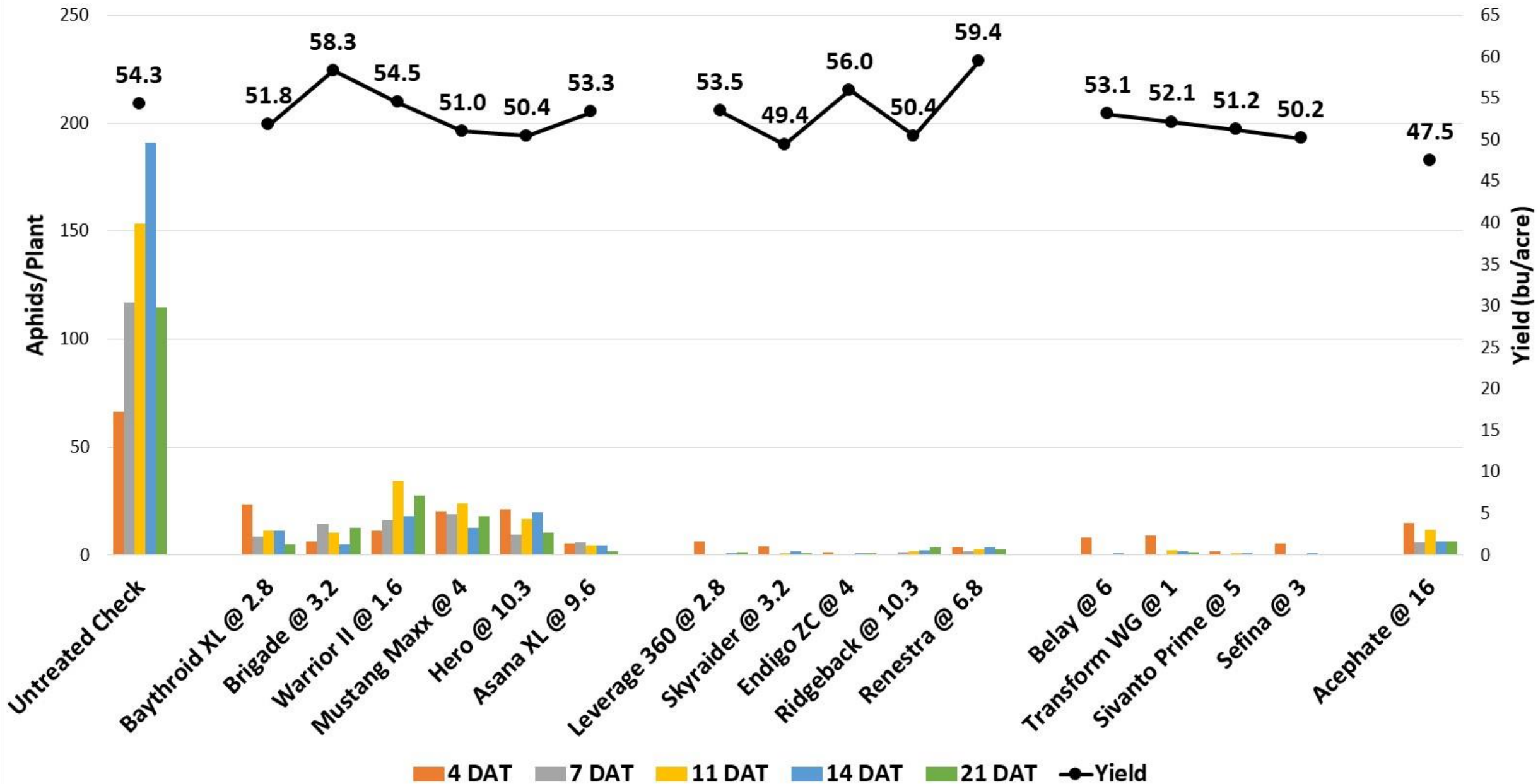




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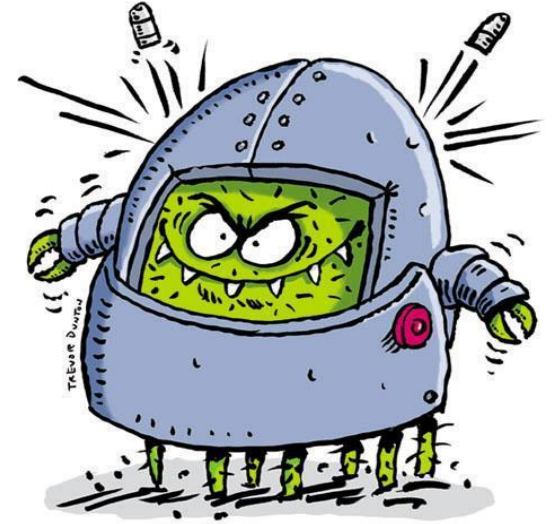


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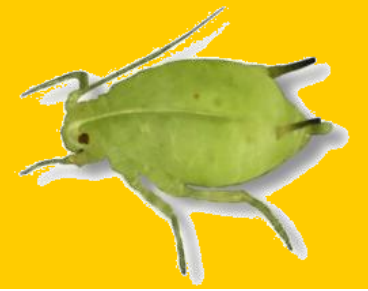
# Fitness Cost of Pyrethroid Resistant Soybean Aphids

- Resistant phenotypes
  - **Higher fitness values**
  - **HIGHER** Rates of population increase
  - Larger aphid size
- Lack of reproductive fitness costs associated with pyrethroid-resistant soybean aphids **increases concerns for longevity of pyrethroid use for aphid management**



# Insecticide Resistance Management

## An IPM Approach



- Know your pest(s)
- **Scout fields regularly**
- Use **Economic Threshold** to prevent unnecessary insecticide applications and conserve natural enemies
- **Rotate mode of action** (or insecticide class) if more than one application is necessary in a season



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### Management of Insecticide-resistant Soybean Aphids

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Soybean aphids, *Aphis glycines*, (Figure 1) are the most significant insect pest of soybean in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota. Development of insecticide resistance in this pest creates new challenges for effective soybean pest management and profitable soybean production.

Resistance is defined as a decrease in susceptibility of a pest population to an insecticide that may result in failures when the product is used according to label recommendations for that pest.

Failures of certain pyrethroid insecticides for management of some soybean aphid populations have been observed in commercial fields (Figure 2), and resistance to bifenthrin and lambda-cyhalothrin has been documented through small-plot research and laboratory bioassays. Because of the mobility of winged soybean aphids, the challenges posed by insecticide-resistant populations of the pest could spread to soybean fields in other parts of the region.

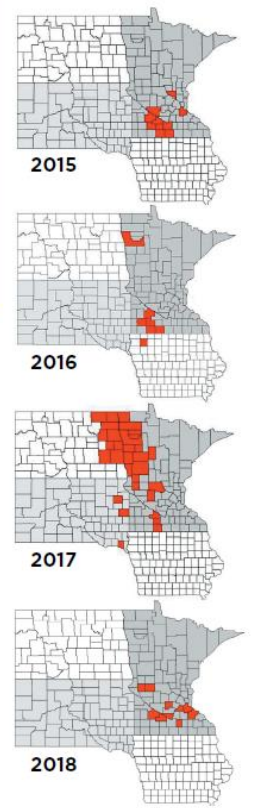


Figure 1. Soybean aphids infesting a soybean leaf. (Photo courtesy of R. Koch, University of Minnesota)

Figure 2. Counties with reported failures of pyrethroids for control of soybean aphid. Red-shaded counties indicate those from which Extension entomologists received reports of failures. (Maps courtesy of B. Potter, University of Minnesota)

# Twospotted spider mites



- Overwinter in perennial vegetation (typically outside the field)
- *Hot, dry and R-stage soybeans.*
- *Neozygotes* fungi control with wet weather

# TSSM Infestation Scale (0-5)

*Potter and Ostlie 1988*

- 0) No spider mites or injury observed.
- 1) Minor stippling on lower leaves, no premature yellowing observed
- 2) Stippling common on lower leaves, small areas or scattered plants with yellowing
- 3) Heavy stippling on lower leaves with some stippling progressing into middle canopy. Mites present in middle canopy with scattered colonies in upper canopy. Lower leaf yellowing common and some lower leaf loss. **(Spray Threshold)**
- 4) Lower leaf yellowing readily apparent. Leaf drop common. Stippling, webbing and mites common in middle canopy. Mites and minor stippling present in the upper canopy. **(Economic Loss)**
- 5) Lower leaf loss common, yellowing or browning moving up the plant into the middle canopy, stippling and distortion of upper leaves common. Mites present in high levels in middle and lower canopy

***Treat before mites and damage are present above the middle of the soybean canopy!***

# Soybean pesticides for twospotted spider mite and multi-pest management

Insecticide group	Common name	Trade name	TS Spider mite	Soybean aphid	Grasshoppers	BLB/Caterpillars	Resistance	Comments
<b>1B</b> organophosphate	dimethoate	Several * (e.g. Dimethoate 4E)	X	X	X		TSSM	Chlorpyrifos R Short residual
<b>3A</b> pyrethroid	bifenthrin	Several * (e.g. Brigade 2E, Sniper 2E)	X	?	X	X	SBA	
<b>6</b> chlorine channel	abamectin	Agri-Mek SC*	X					Avoid pyrethroid mixes
<b>10B</b> mite growth inhibitor	etoxazole	Zeal SC	X					Egg and immatures Mixes affect biocontrol
<b>3A + 3A</b>	bifenthrin + zeta-cypermethrin	Hero*	X	?	X	X	SBA	
<b>3A+ 4A</b>	bifenthrin+ imidacloprid	Swagger*, Skyraider*	X	X	X	X		Neonicitinoid mite flare
<b>3A +</b>	bifenthrin + chlorantraniprole	Elevest*	X	?	X	X	SBA	Tank mix a miticide
<b>3A + 4C</b>	bifenthrin + sulfoxaflor	Ridgeback*	X	X	X	X		

\* Restricted use pesticide

**1** Always read and follow label directions.

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# Crop Protection Chemicals: Issues in insect pest control

- Timing of application
- Pesticide concentration (effective rate)
- Effective location
- Pesticide persistence
- Right pesticide to match pest(s) in field
- Population of the target pest
- Weather





# Managing multiple pests



- ✓ Combine similar sources of injury (e.g. defoliators).
- ✓ Address the most pressing *economic* pest threat.
- ✓ Be aware of the relationships of pests to the crop, environment, and each other.
- ✓ Select chemical(s) to minimize impacts on beneficials and potential increase of other pests



# Effects of multiple sources of defoliation



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Photo: John Obermeyer

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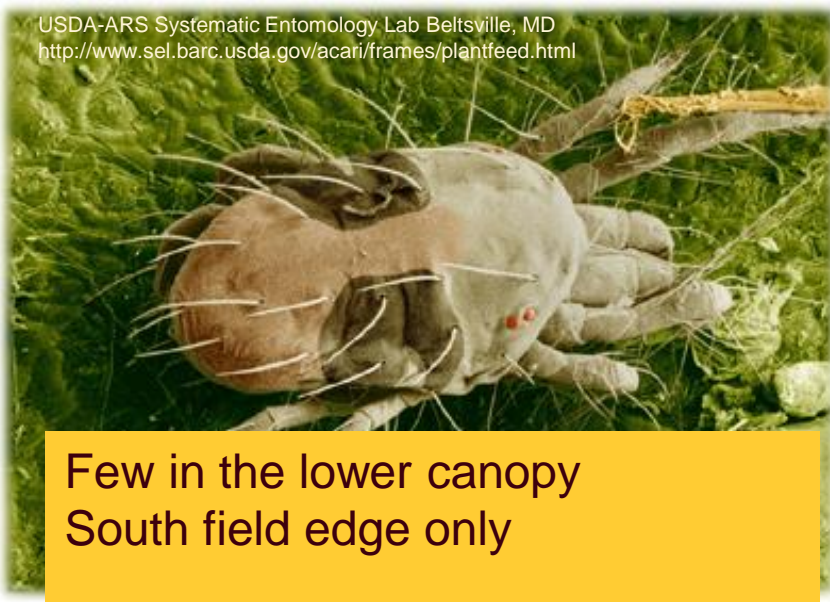


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Few in the lower canopy  
South field edge only

## What would you do?

R4 Soybeans

Alfalfa on south

Next week's forecast:

Low 80s No rain

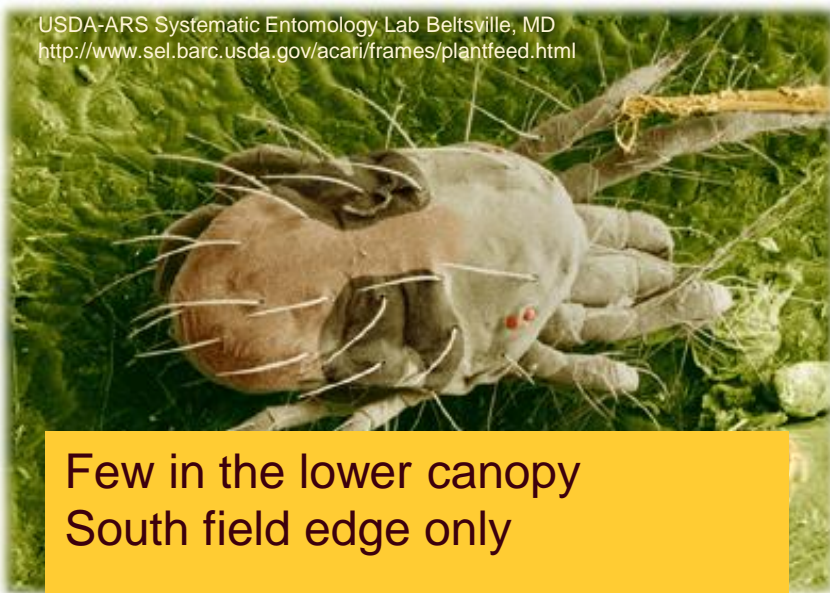


10% defoliation in the upper canopy.  
No insect cause found.



~100/plant





Few in the lower canopy  
South field edge only

## What would you do?

R5 soybeans  
Next week's forecast:  
Mid and upper 80s.  
No rain

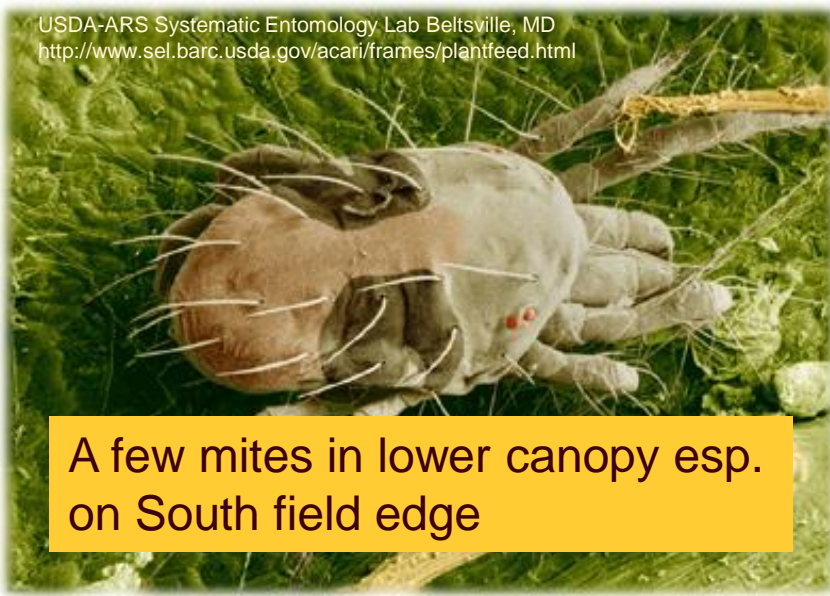


~30% upper canopy defoliation, with some mid-canopy with many small caterpillars and g-hopper nymphs on south field edge.



~20/plant less in field interior





A few mites in lower canopy esp. on South field edge

## What would you do?

Droughty R5 soybeans  
Next week's forecast:  
Windy and upper 80s.  
No rain



~5% upper canopy with some mid-canopy defoliation with large and small caterpillars.



~100-500/plant



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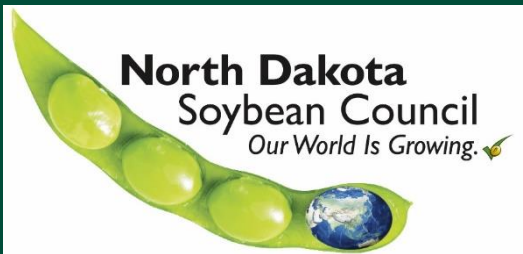


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