DATCP 2013 INSECT SURVEYS & OUTLOOK FOR 2014

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DATCP PEST SURVEY PROGRAM

- The Wisconsin Pest Survey Program was established in 1915 to:
  - Collect data on economic pests affecting WI crops
  - Detect exotic pests of regulatory significance
  - Support export certification
- All surveyed fields are selected objectively and pest levels are measured using standard sampling methods
- Results are published in the Wisconsin Pest Bulletin

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INSECT SURVEYS 2013

- Western bean cutworm
- Corn rootworm beetle
- European corn borer
- Black cutworm
- Soybean aphid

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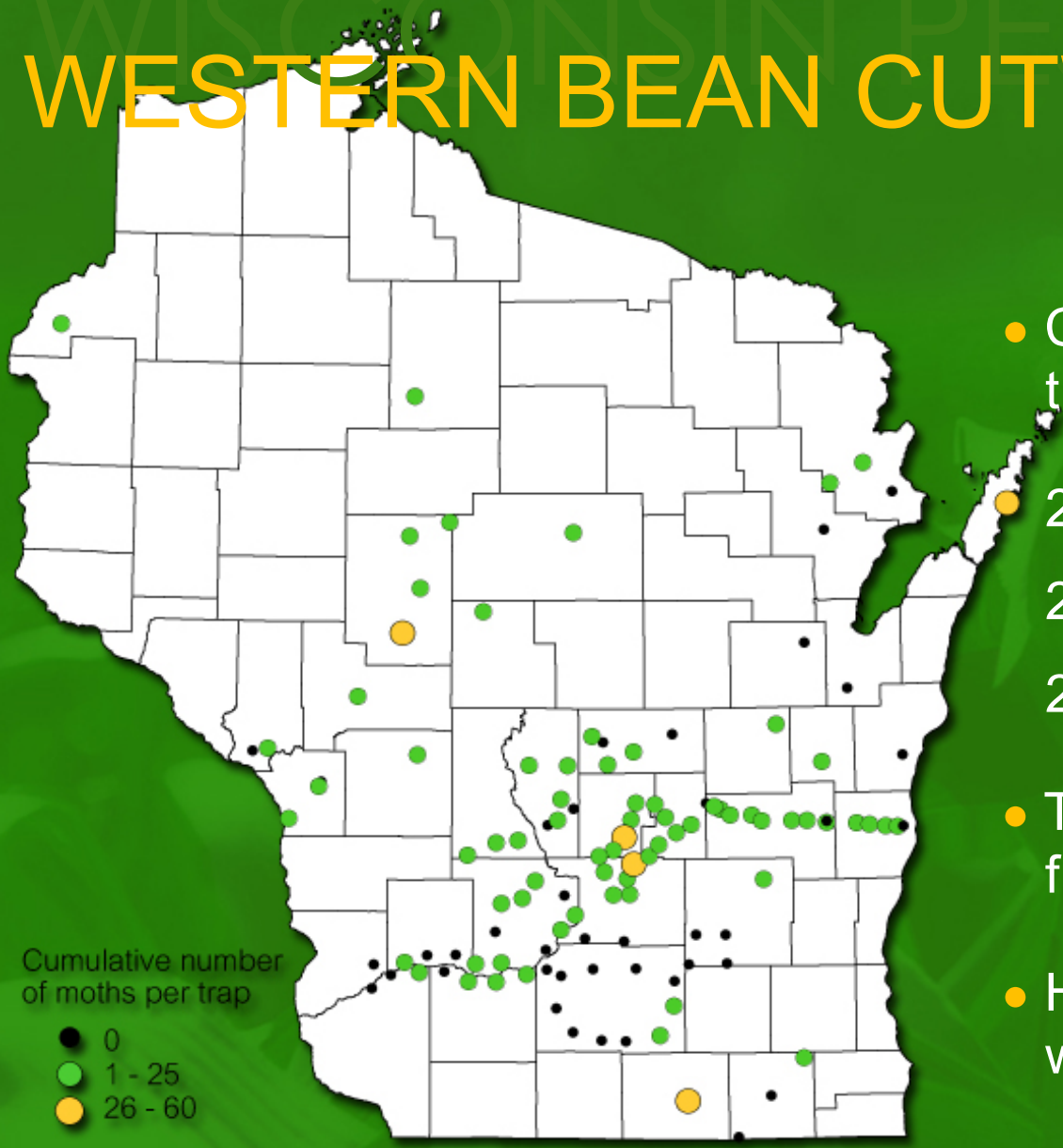


- Cumulative moth count was the lowest since 2005

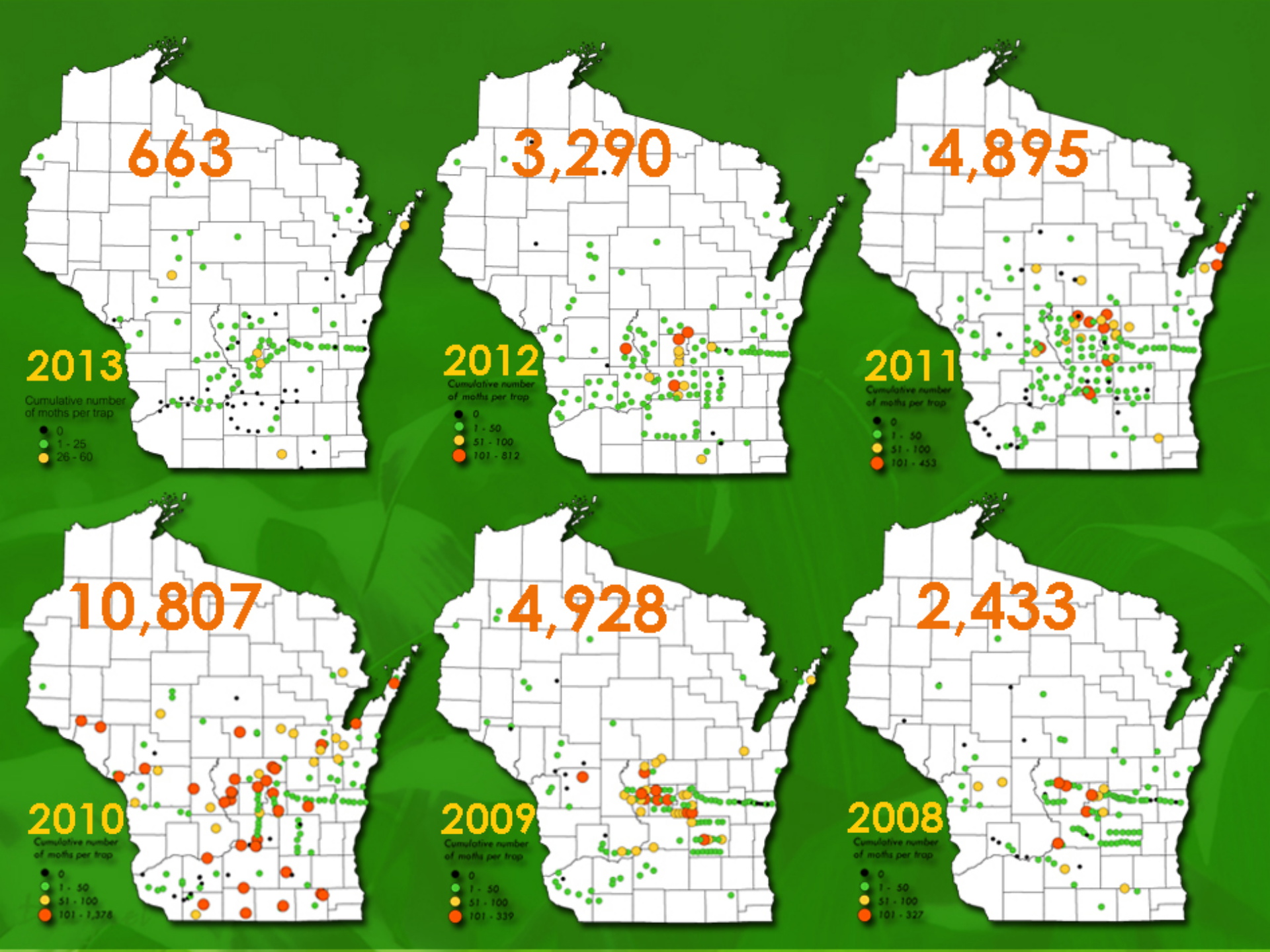
  2013: 663 moths or 6 per trap

  2012: 3,290 or 25 per trap

  2010: 10,807 or 79 per trap

- Traps monitored for 10 weeks, from mid-June to mid-Aug

- Highest individual trap count was 60 moths in Marquette Co.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2013
Cumulative number of moths per trap
0
1 - 25
26 - 60
3,290
2012
Cumulative number of moths per trap
0
1 - 50
51 - 100
101 - 812
4,895
2011
Cumulative number of moths per trap
0
1 - 50
51 - 100
101 - 453
10,807
2010
Cumulative number of moths per trap
0
1 - 50
51 - 100
101 - 1,378
4,928
2009
Cumulative number of moths per trap
0
1 - 50
51 - 100
101 - 339
2,433
2008
Cumulative number of moths per trap
0
1 - 50
51 - 100
101 - 327

WBCW OUTLOOK FOR 2014

- Late summer drought of 2012 may have affected overwintering prepupae
- Natural enemies could be regulating larval populations
- Begin scouting at 1,320 gdd
- Know your Bt hybrid. Cry1F trait performs inconsistently under heavy wbcw pressure


CORN ROOTWORM BEETLE

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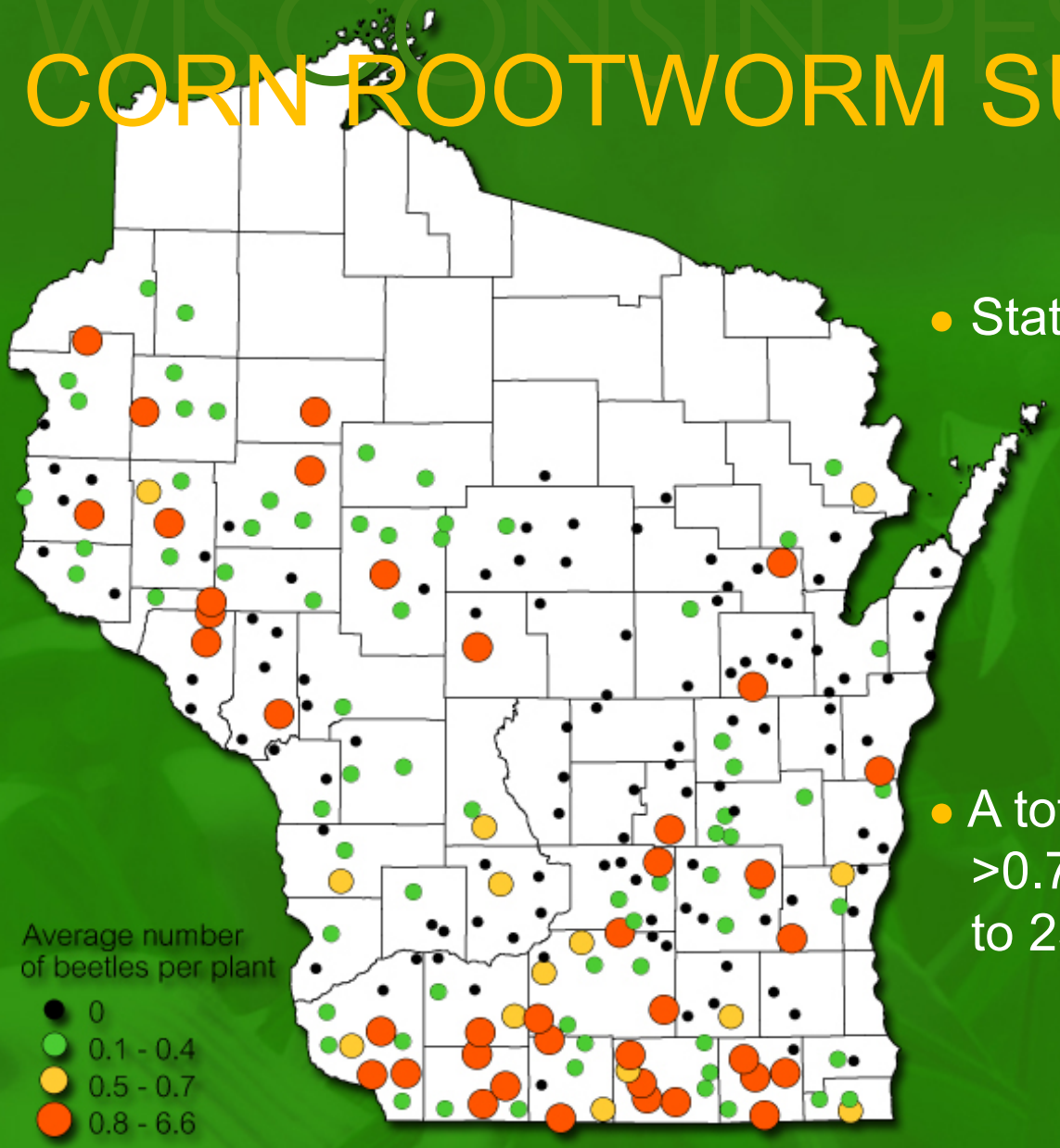

- State Ave. No. Beetles per Plant:

2013	0.50
2012	0.60
10-year	0.80
Threshold	0.75

- A total of 17% of 229 sites had >0.75 beetle per plant compared to 25% in 2012

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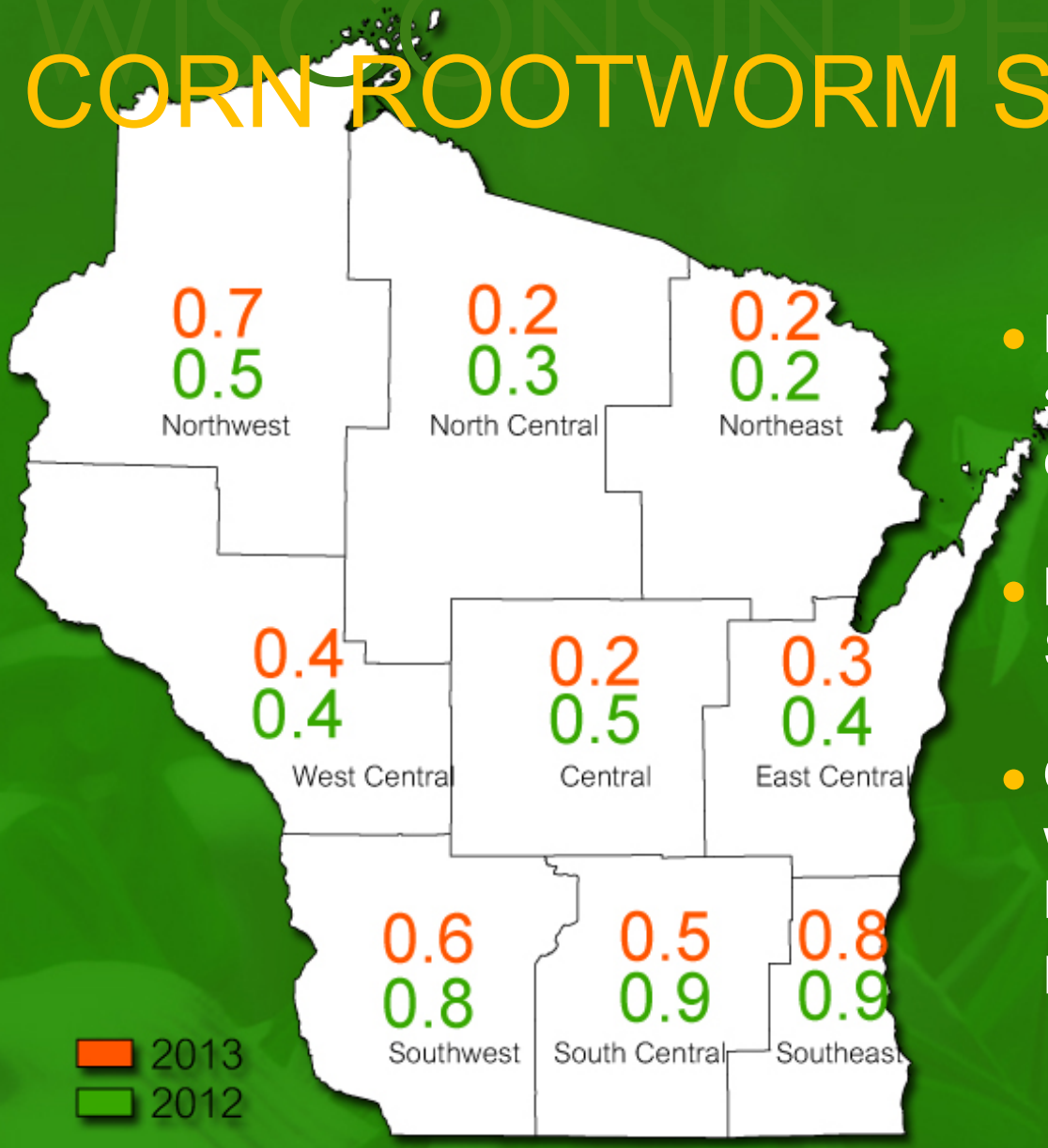

- Populations decreased or stayed the same in all districts, except the NORTHWEST
- Largest decreases recorded in SC and C areas
- Only increase occurred in NW where several fields had very high counts of 1.3-3.2 beetles per plant

CORN ROOTWORM OUTLOOK 2014

- Lower beetle counts in 2013 may indicate lower root damage potential for 2014
- Continuous corn in parts of southern and northwestern Wisconsin is still at risk of crw injury next season
- Approx 17% of survey sites at HIGH risk of root injury

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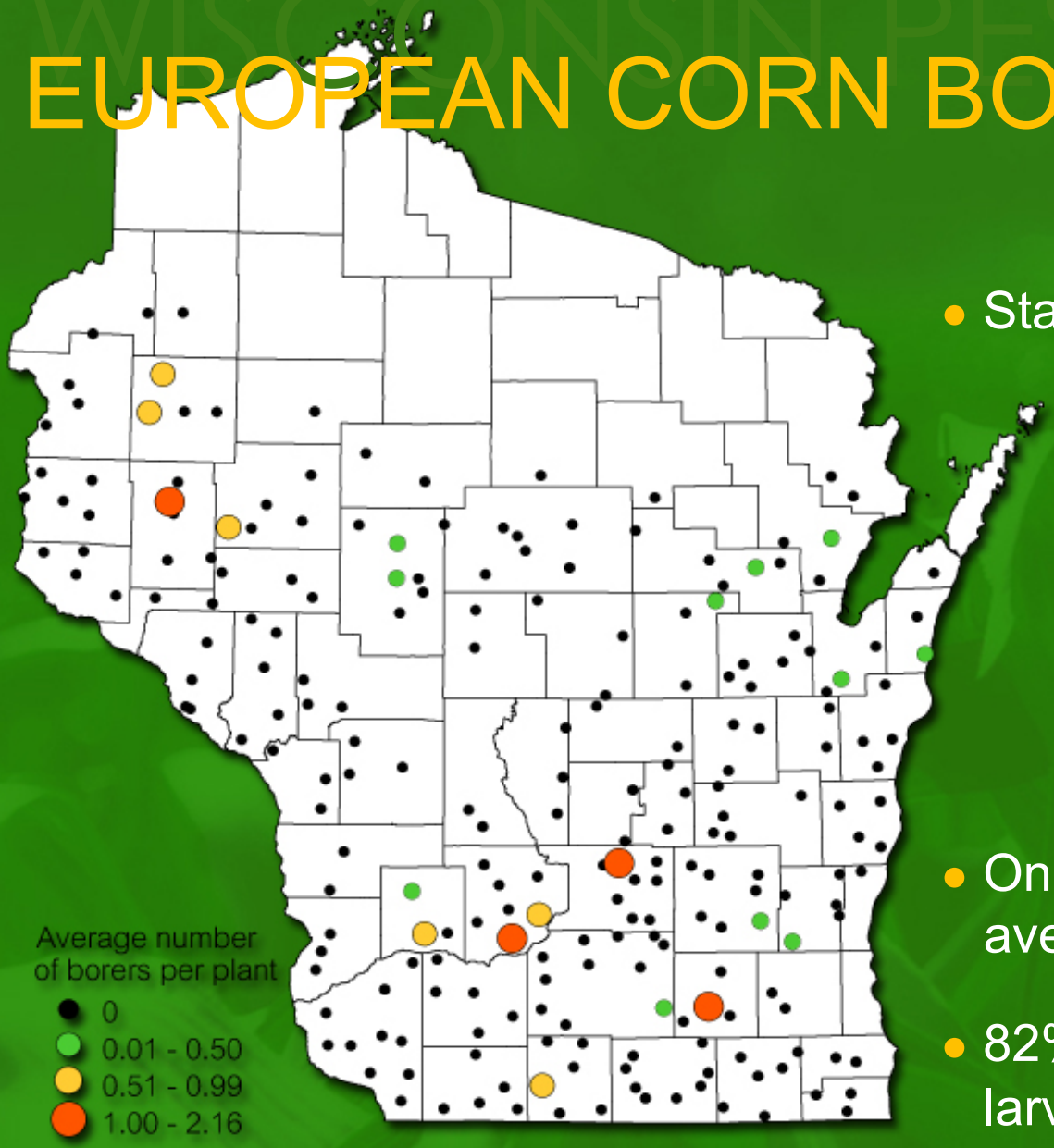

- State Ave. No. Borers per Plant:

2013	0.04
2012	0.03
10-year	0.14
50-year	0.43
Threshold	1.00

- Only 2% of 229 fields had HIGH averages of > 1.0 borer per plant
- 82% of surveyed fields had no larvae or signs of infestation

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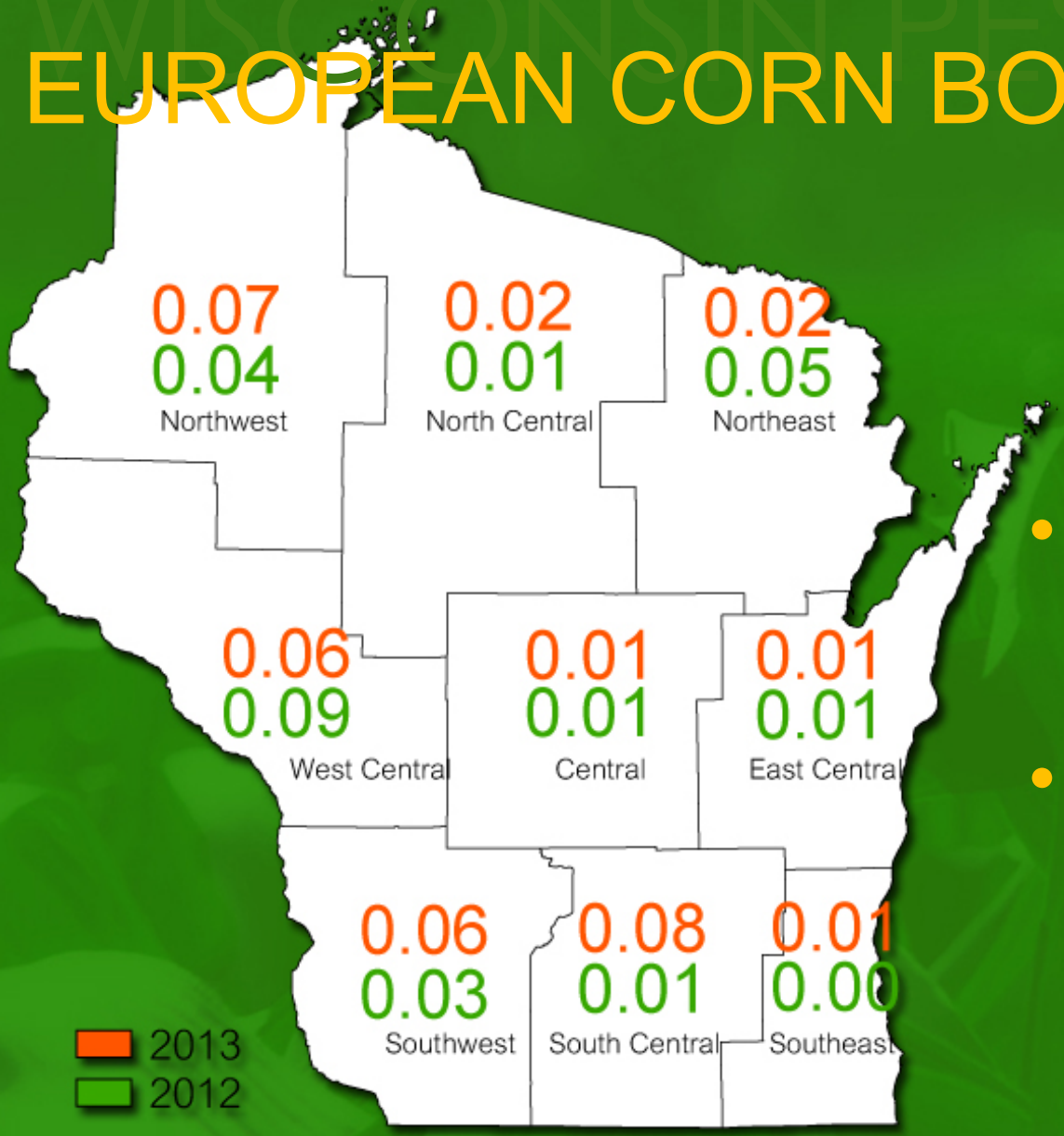

- Minor population increases in the SW, SC, SE, NW and NC crop districts
- Populations declined in the WC and NE areas

CORN BORER OUTLOOK FOR 2014

- Populations in WI and Midwest remain at historically low levels
- Spring flight of moths next May early June should be very small
- Given current low ECB levels, is it time to take a break from Bt?

BLACK CUTWORM

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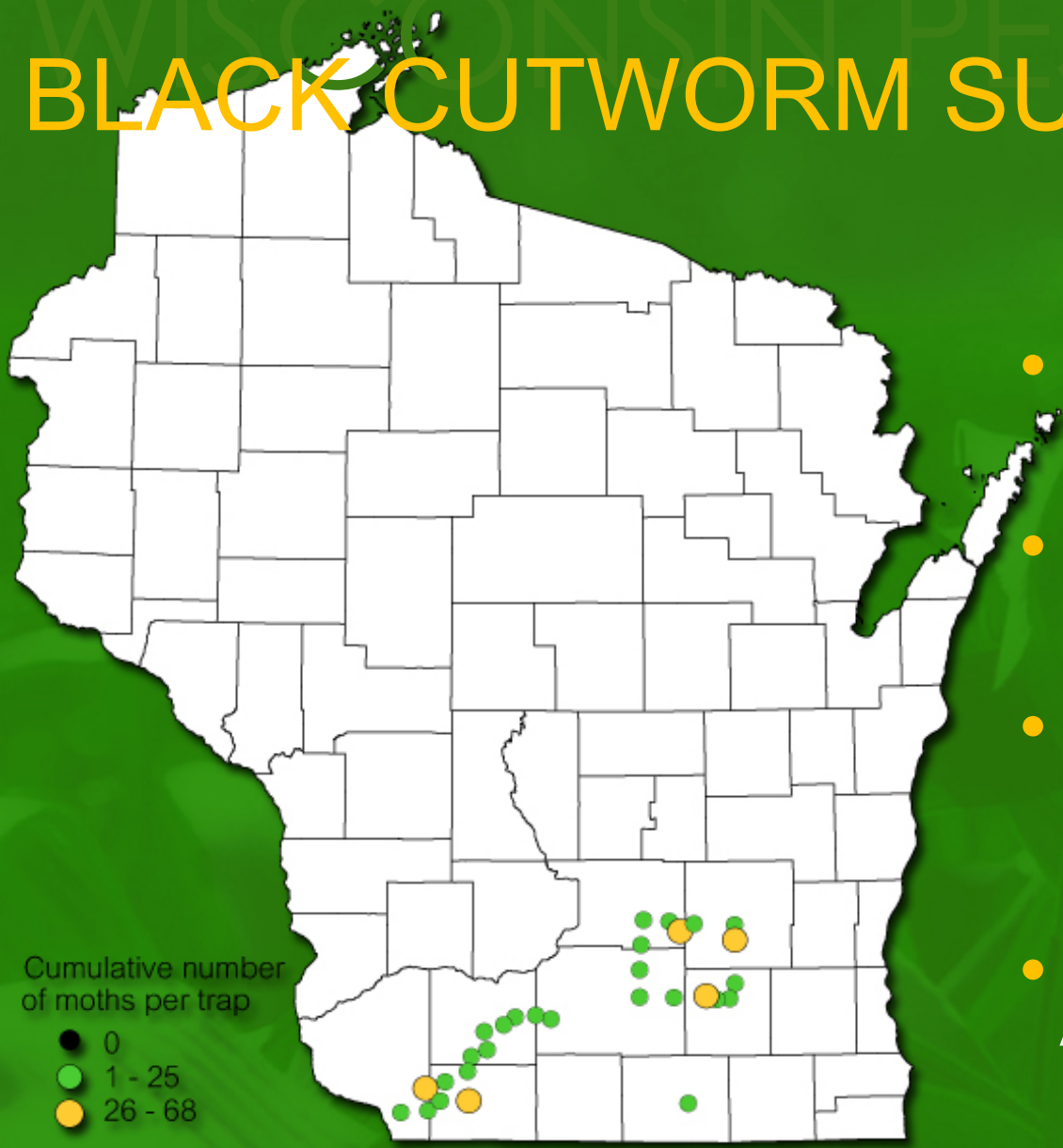
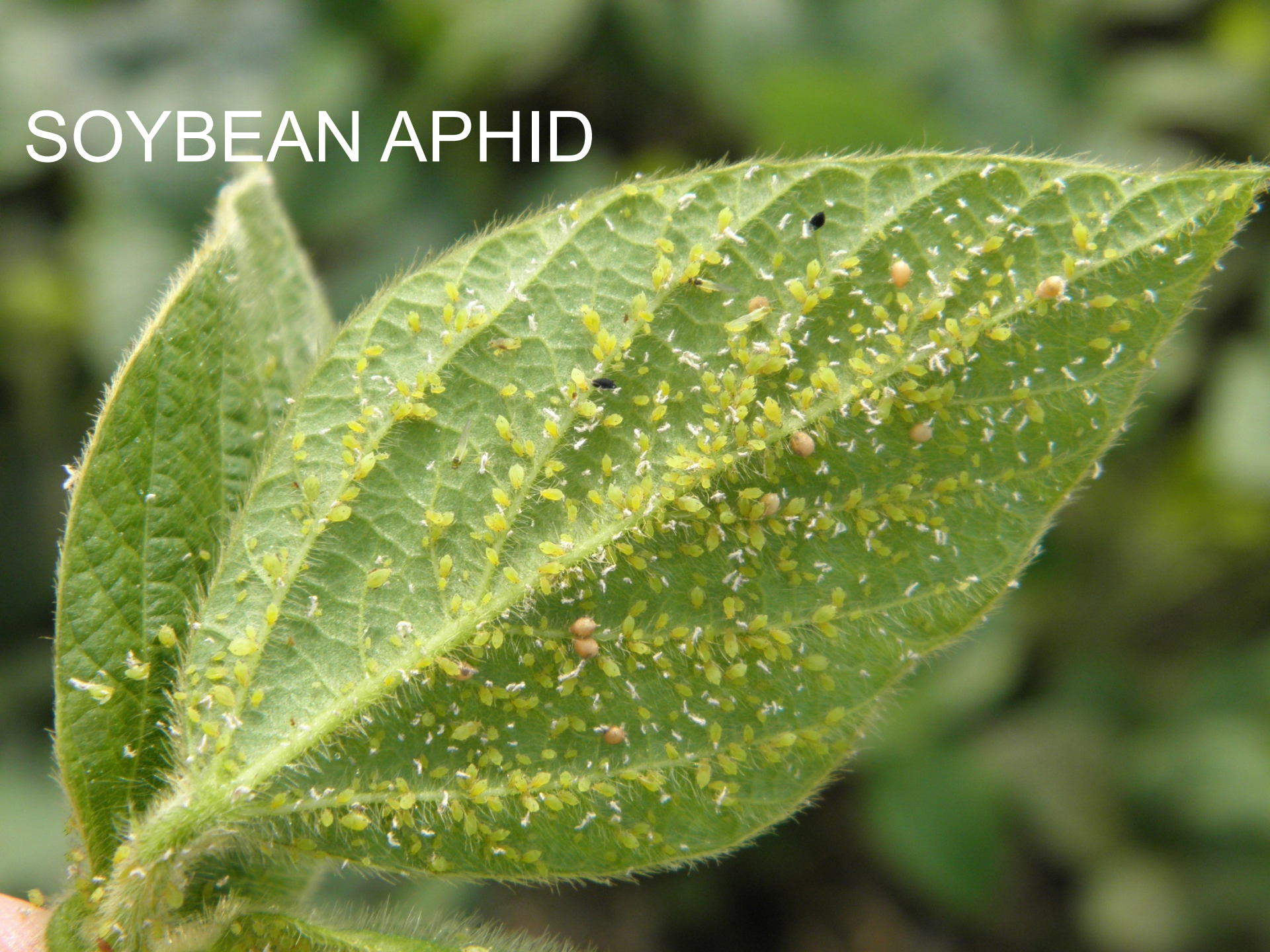


- Moths began arriving from southern U.S. on April 15
- First significant flight was registered from May 6-7
- Primary cutting period was projected to begin by May 28 in the far south
- 577 moths in 30 traps from April 15-June 5 compared to 2,090 moths in 2012

BLACK CUTWORM OUTLOOK 2014

- Risk of outbreaks depends on size and timing of spring moth migration
- Reduced and no-till systems with winter annual weed cover, during peak BCW egg laying, have highest potential for infestation
- Follow WPB migration reports and scout fields from VE-V5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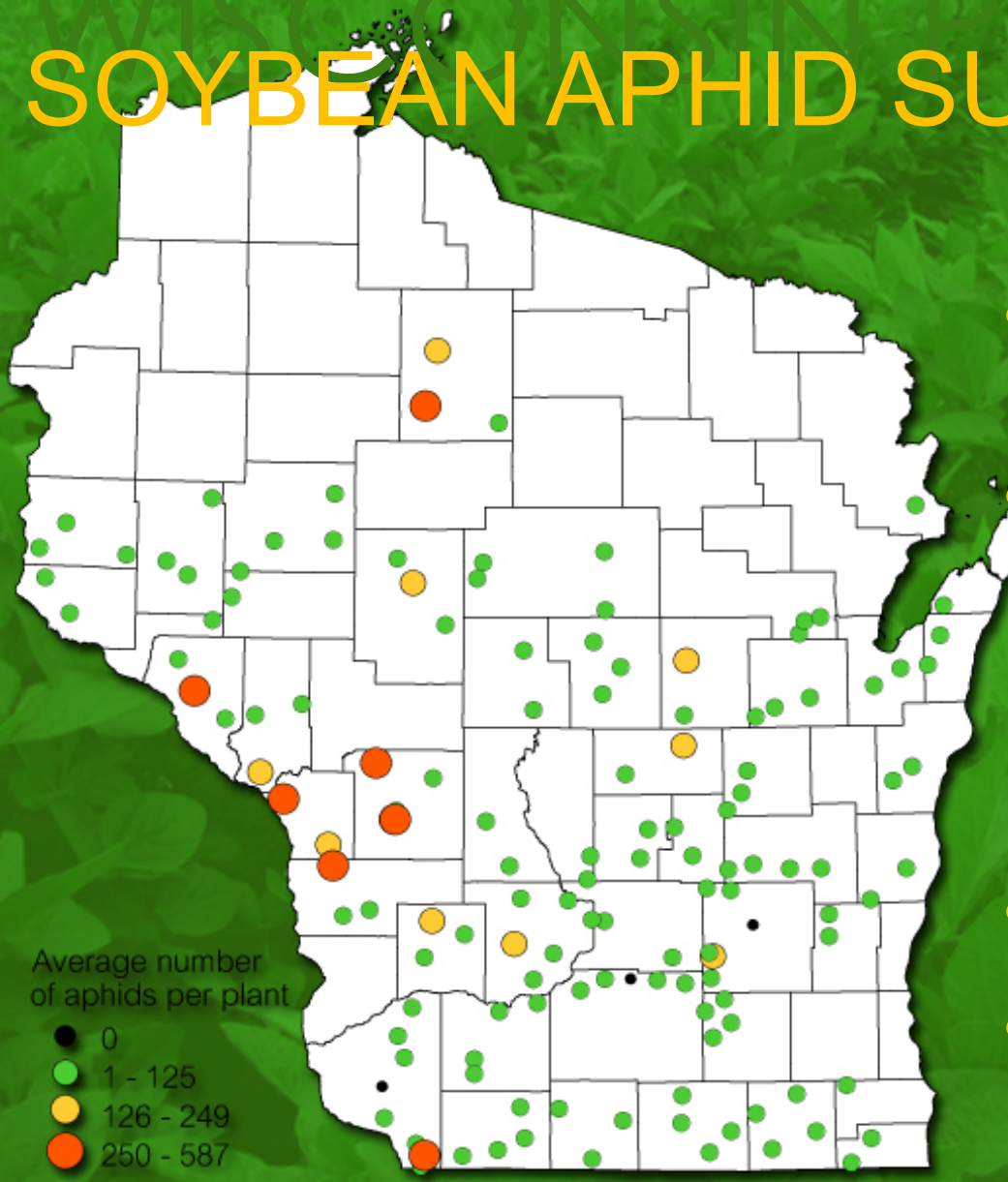

- Densities in 2013 were the highest in five years
- State Ave. No. Aphids per Plant:

2013	55
2012	7
2008	72
2003	758

- 139 soybean fields surveyed
- Only 6% of fields had >250 aphids per plant

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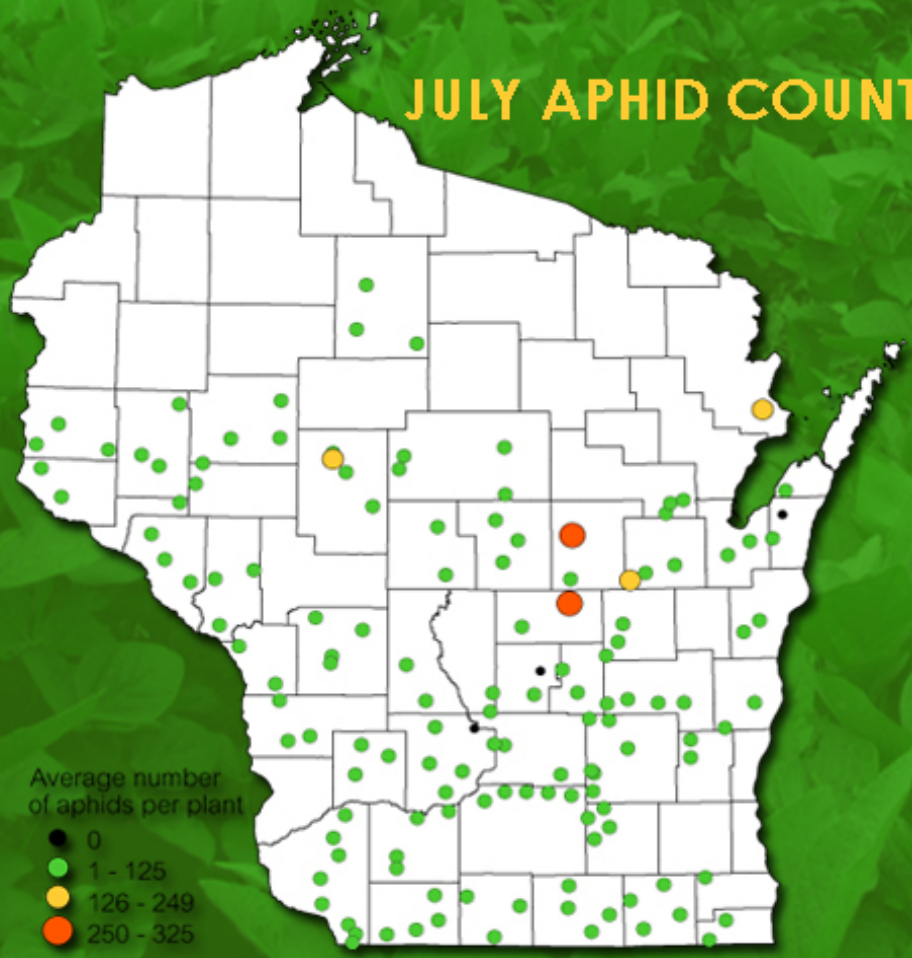

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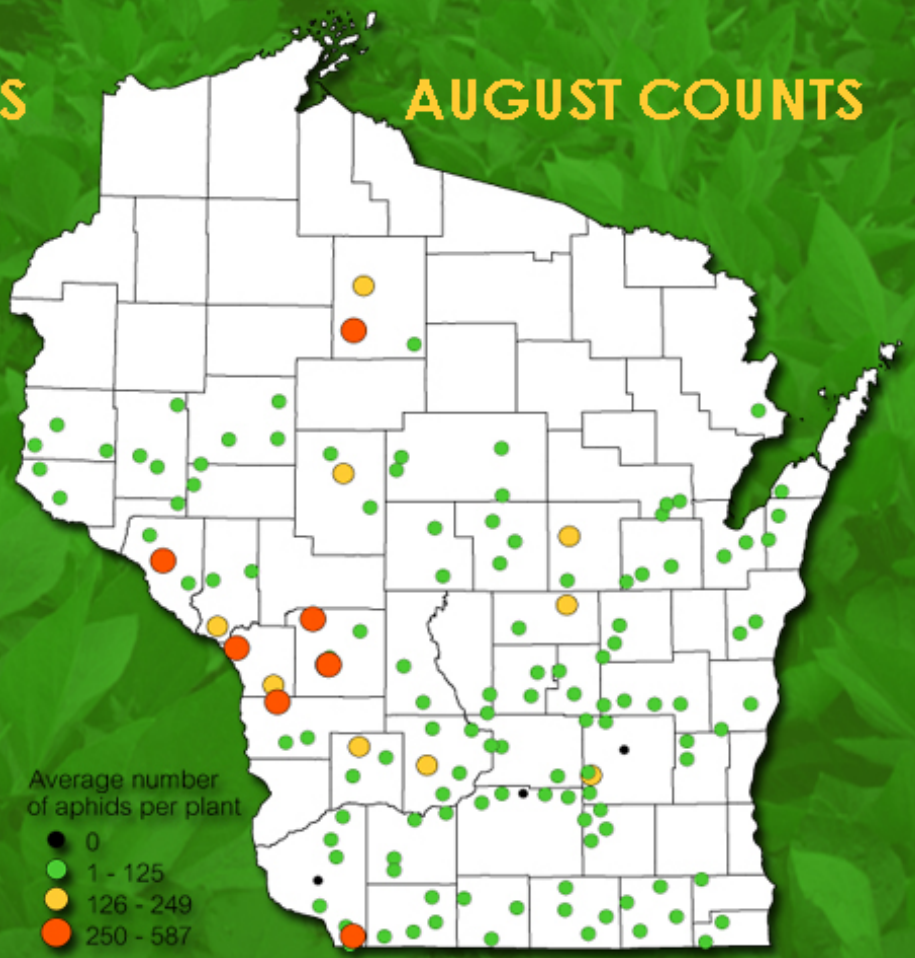

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SOYBEAN APHID OUTLOOK 2014

- Early indications are for lower densities in 2014, if aphids follow typical two-year cycle
- Suction trap counts during fall aphid migration to buckthorn were extremely low

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