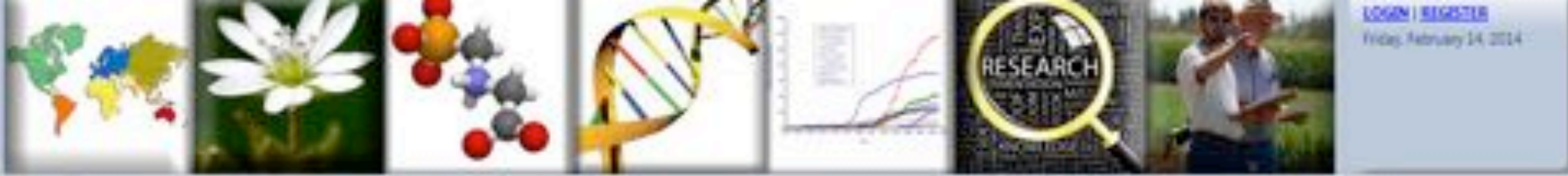




Spread of Herbicide-Resistant Weeds in Illinois

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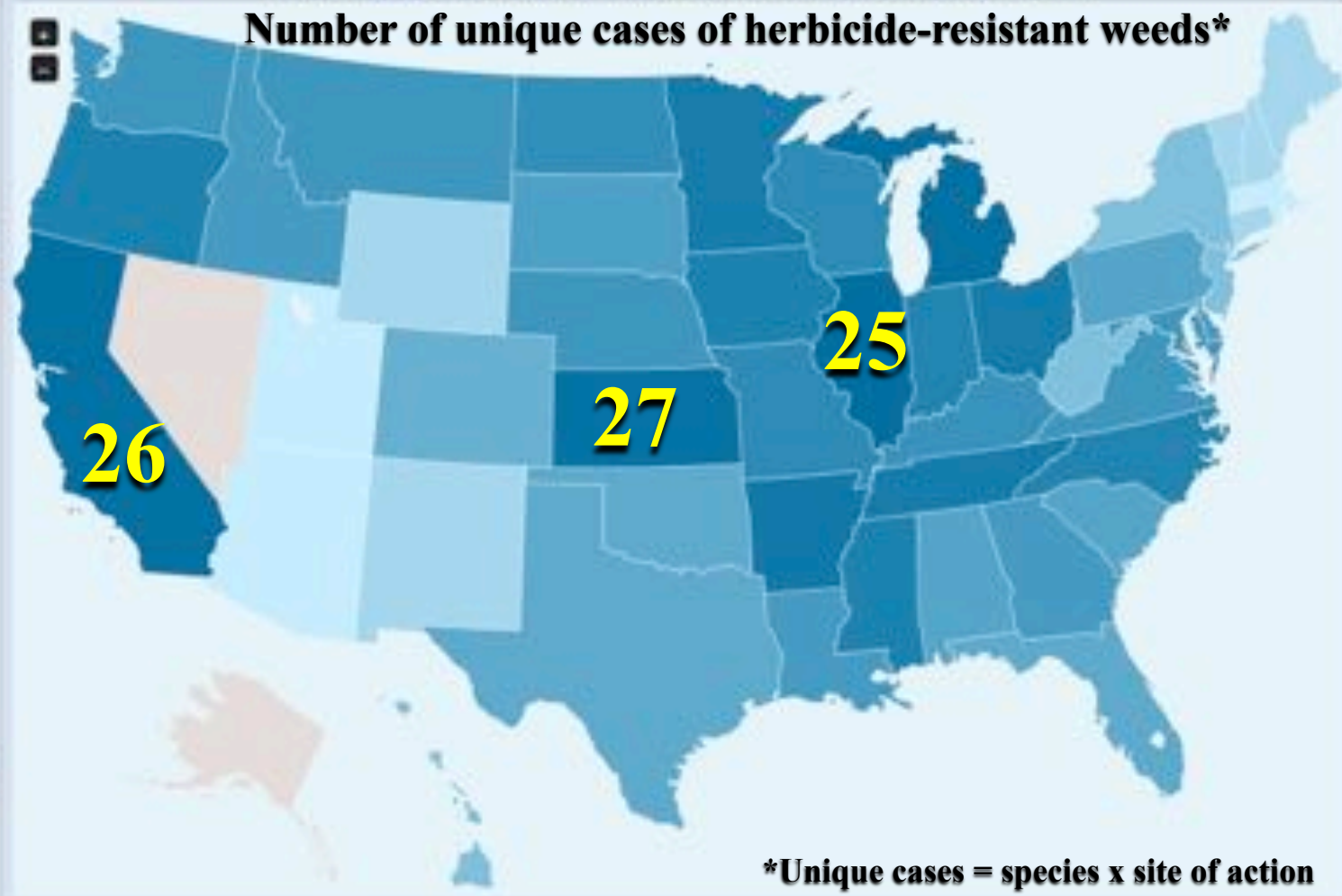
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Herbicide-Resistant Weeds by US State

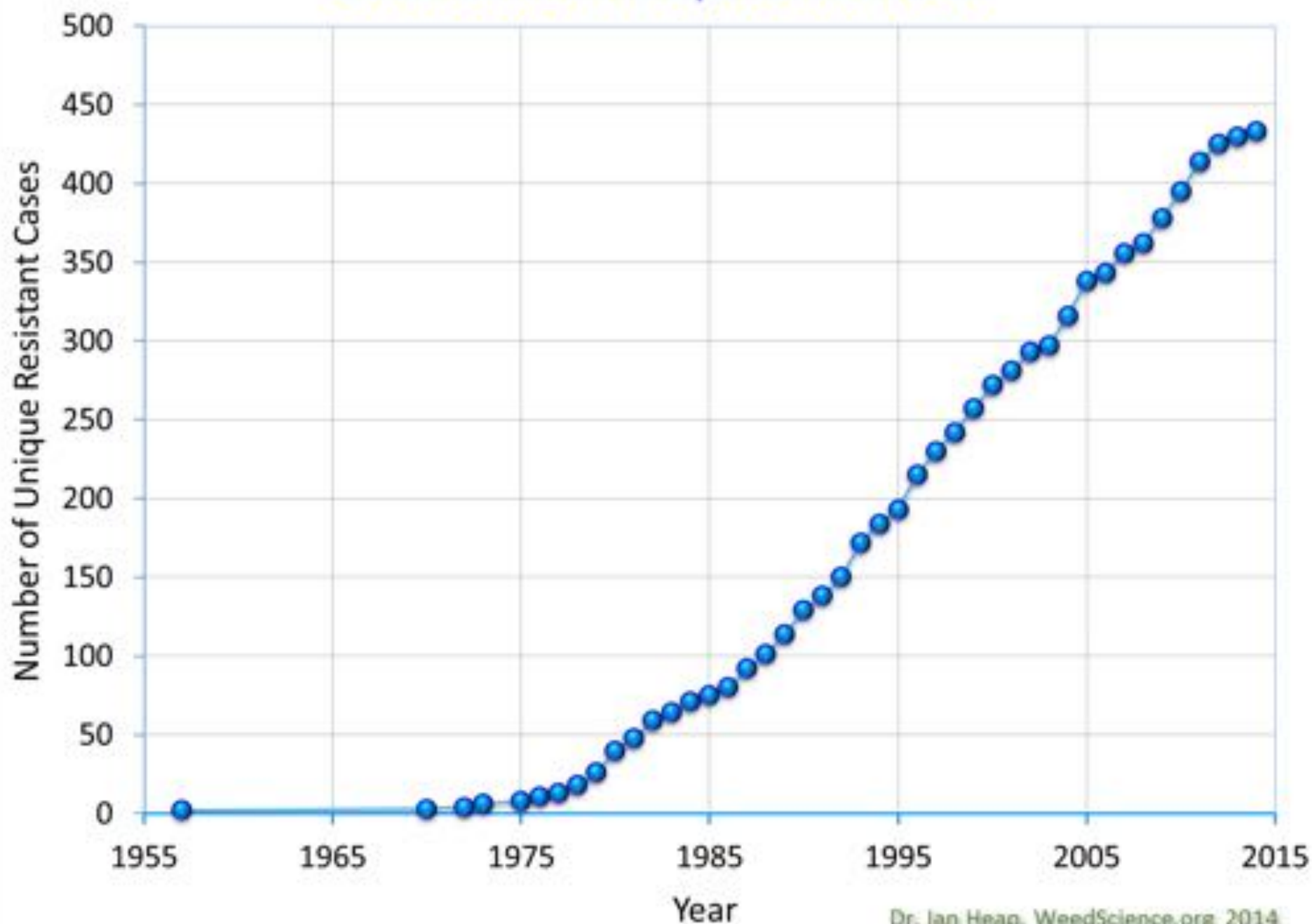
Move mouse over state for information, click on a state for details.

Number of unique cases of herbicide-resistant weeds*



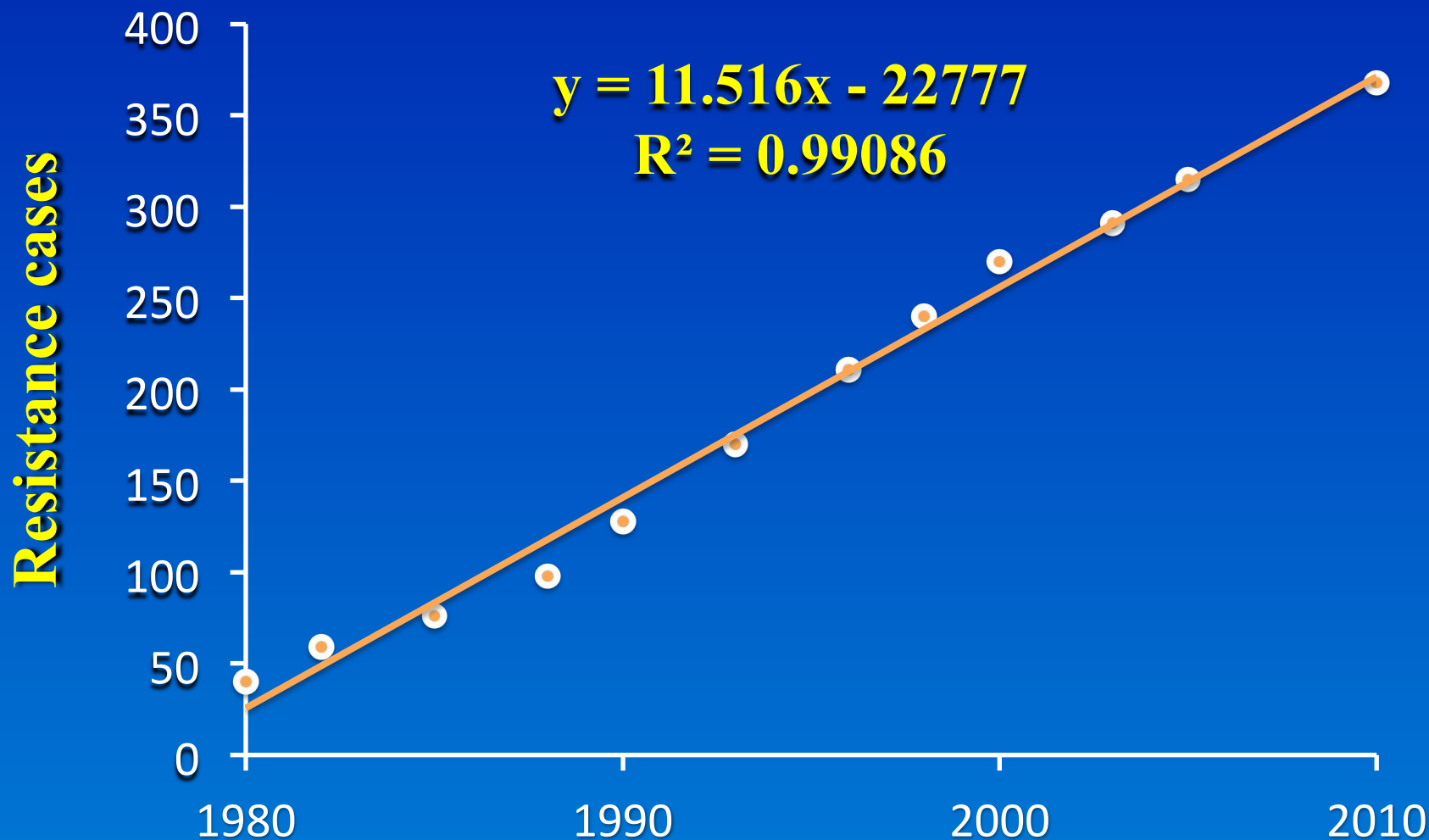
***Unique cases = species x site of action**

Global Increase in Unique Resistant Cases

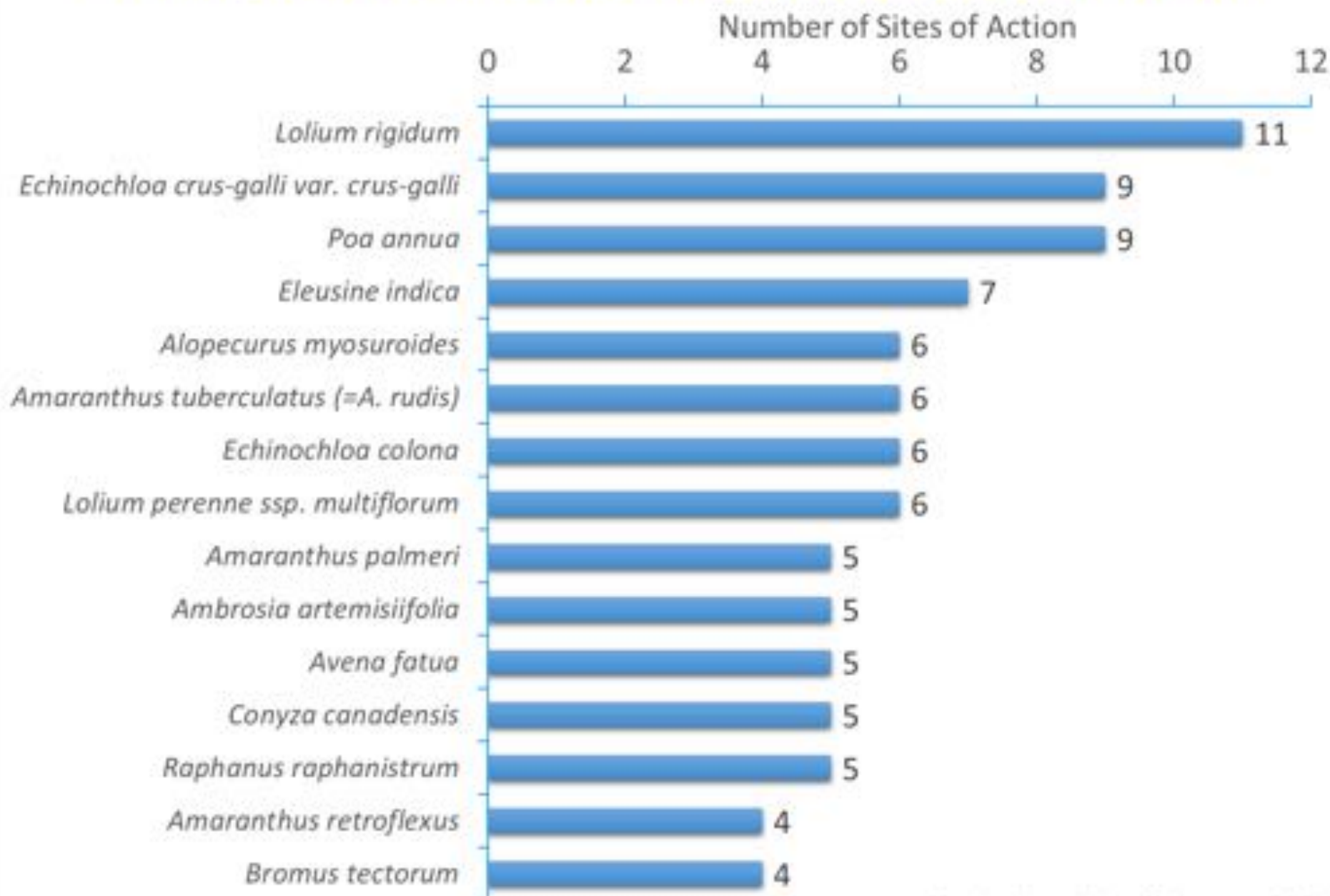


Herbicide Resistance Worldwide

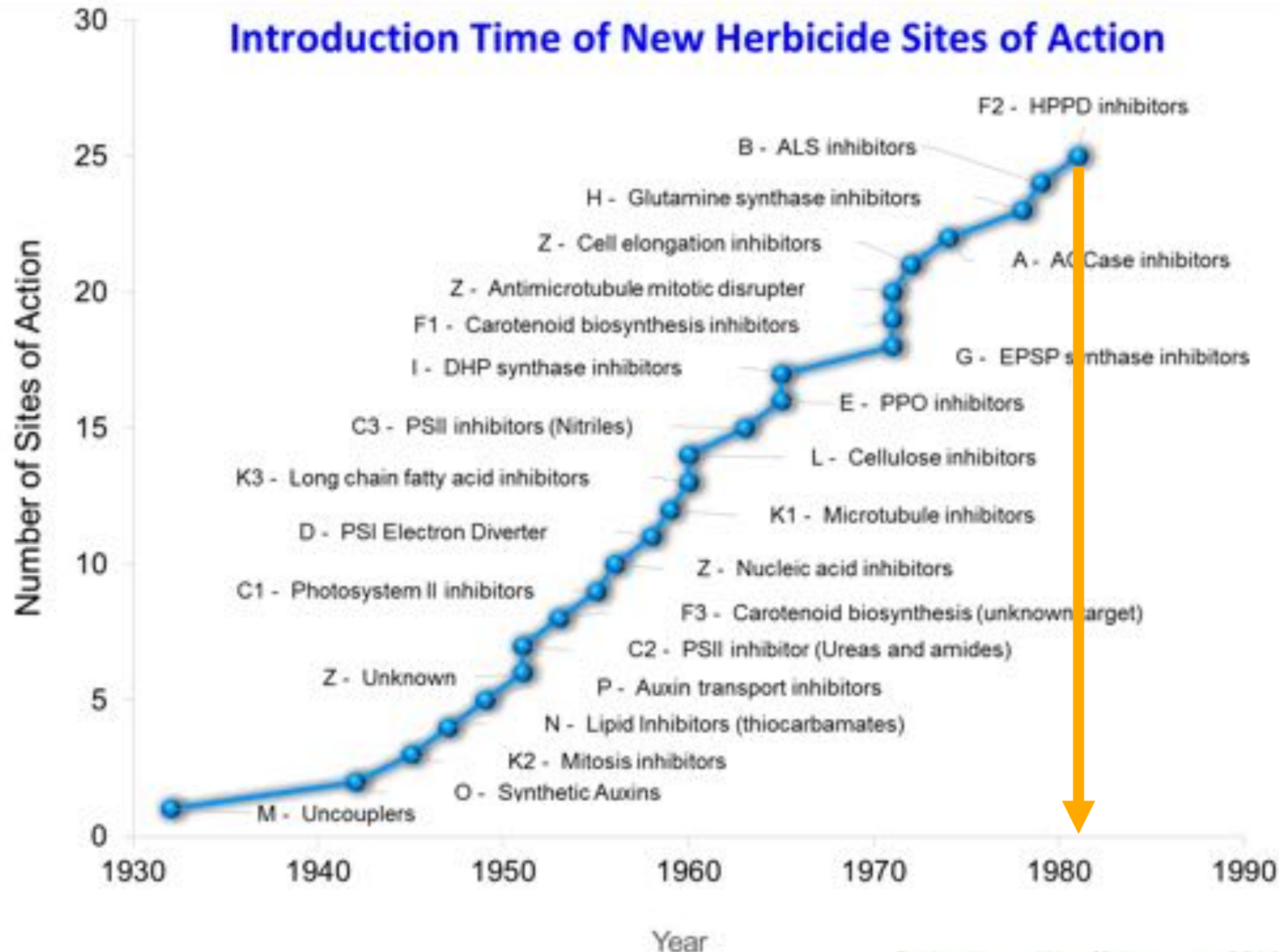
461 unique cases within 247 species



Weed Species Resistant to Multiple Herbicide Sites of Action



Introduction Time of New Herbicide Sites of Action





Common cocklebur
ALS inhibitors



Common ragweed
ALS inhibitors



Giant ragweed
ALS inhibitors



Kochia
ALS inhibitors
Triazines
ALS + Triazine



Smooth pigweed
ALS inhibitors
Triazines



Waterhemp
ALS inhibitors
Triazines
PPO
Glyphosate
HPPD inhibitors



Horseweed
Glyphosate
ALS



Common lambsquarters
Triazines



E. Black Nightshade
ALS inhibitors



Palmer amaranth
Glyphosate, ALS



Shattercane
ALS inhibitors



Foxtail
ALS inhibitors
ACCase inhibitors



A photograph of a lush green field, likely corn, with tall stalks reaching towards a cloudy sky. The text "Champaign County 2015" is overlaid in the center in a bold, yellow, serif font.

Champaign County 2015



Iroquois County 2015

The Waterhemp Conundrum:

*How do you **manage** a weed
population for which there
might not be any viable
postemergence herbicide
options for its **control**?*

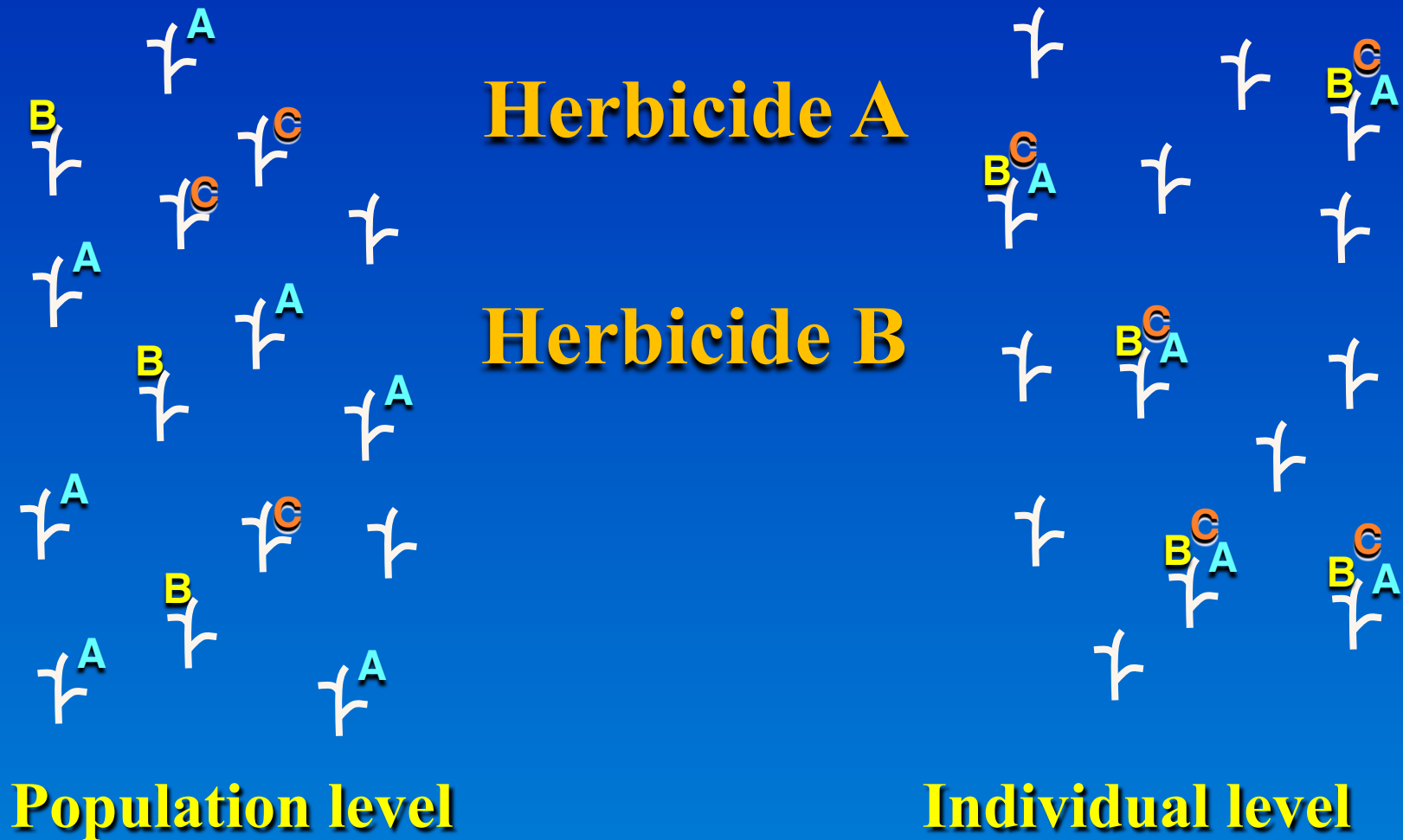
Herbicide Resistance in *A. tuberculatus*

- Several biological characteristics of *A. tuberculatus* help facilitate selection of herbicide resistant biotypes
 - dioecious species, so cross pollination must occur to make seed
 - female plants capable of producing large amounts of seed
- Resistance in the Illinois *A. tuberculatus* has been documented to five (soon, six) herbicide classes
 - ALS inhibitors, triazines, PPO inhibitors, glyphosate and HPPD inhibitors
 - resistance to auxinic herbicides in Nebraska and Illinois

*Waterhemp has now evolved
resistance to 6 herbicide
families, but even more
challenging than this is.....*

Multiple herbicide resistance in waterhemp

Multi-resistance at population vs. individual level



Multiple resistant waterhemp in Illinois

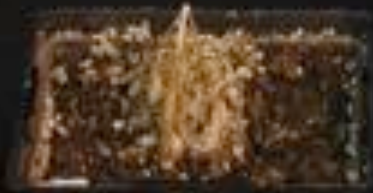
10 days after treatment

**Atrazine + Lactofen
+ Imazamox**

Atrazine

Lactofen

Imazamox



WCS

ACR



Resistance has evolved to:

Group 2 (ALS)

Group 14 (PPO)

Group 27 (HPPD)

Group 5 (PS II)

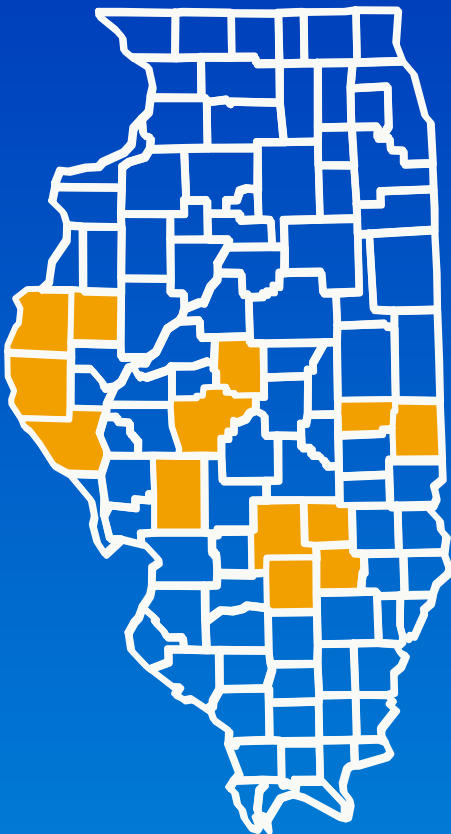
Group 4 (2,4-D)

Population or individual?

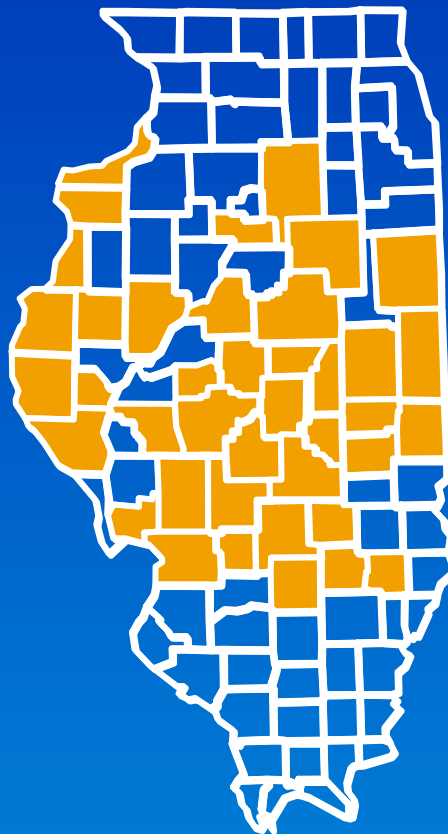
Range expansion of glyphosate-resistant waterhemp

Counties confirmed with GR waterhemp, based on grower submissions

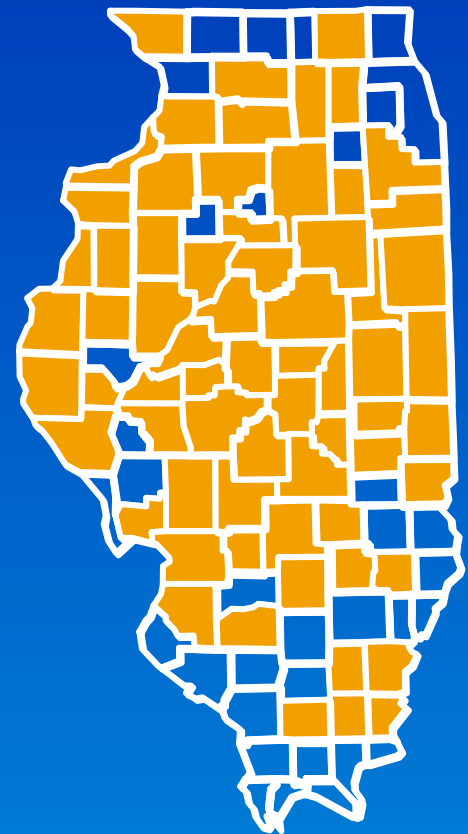
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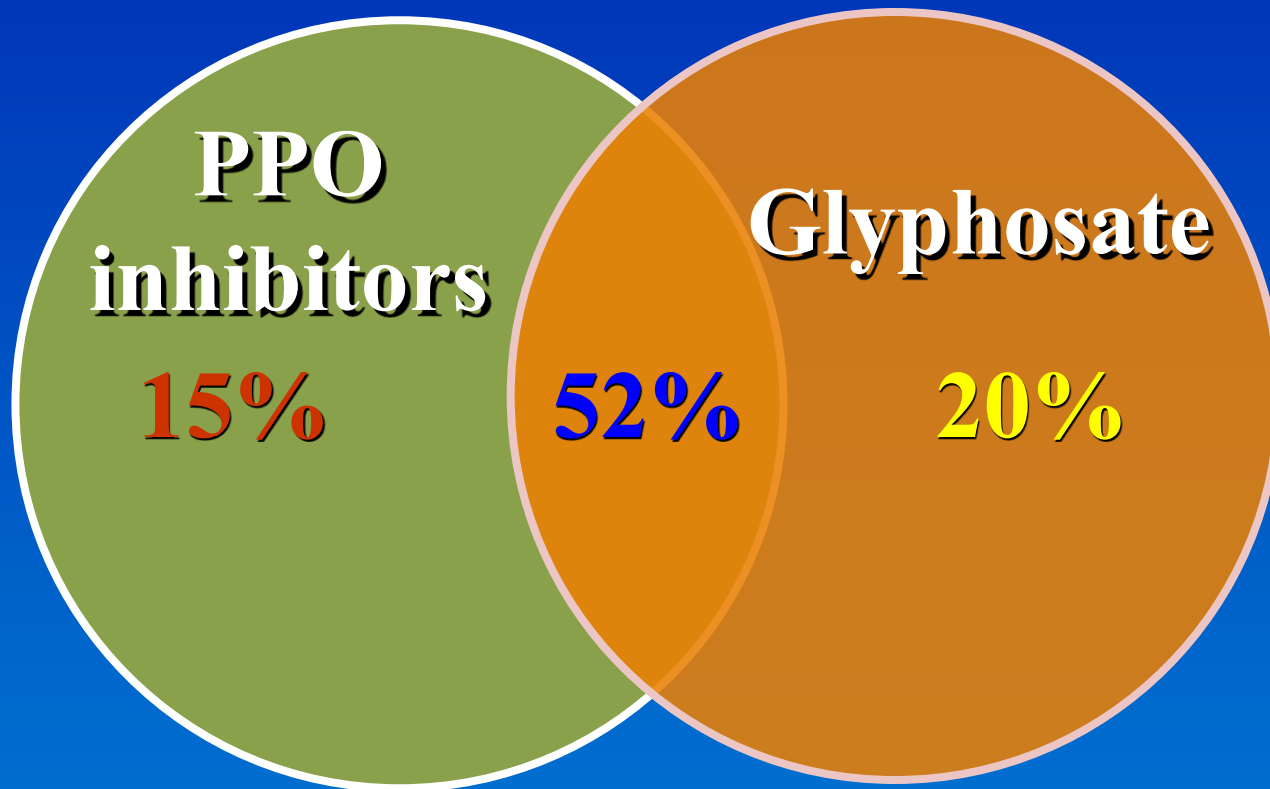


2014



2014 Multiple-Resistant Waterhemp Summary

295 Fields



Illinois waterhemp has evolved resistance to herbicides from five (six) sites of action:

- 1) ALS: target site and non-target site**
- 2) PSII: target site and non-target site**
- 3) PPO: target site (unique codon deletion)**
- 4) EPSPS: target site and non-target site**
- 5) HPPD: non-target site (metabolism)**

Our greatest challenge will be populations/plants with resistance to herbicides from multiple site-of-action groups

Questions?



Slowing the Evolution of Herbicide-Resistant Weeds

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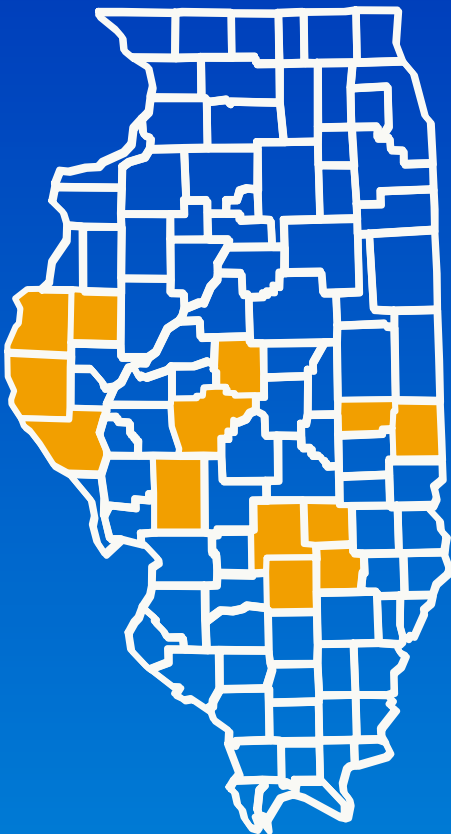




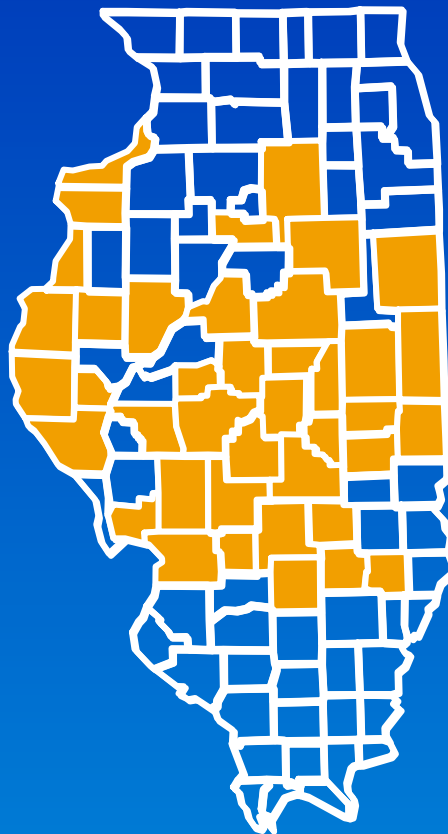
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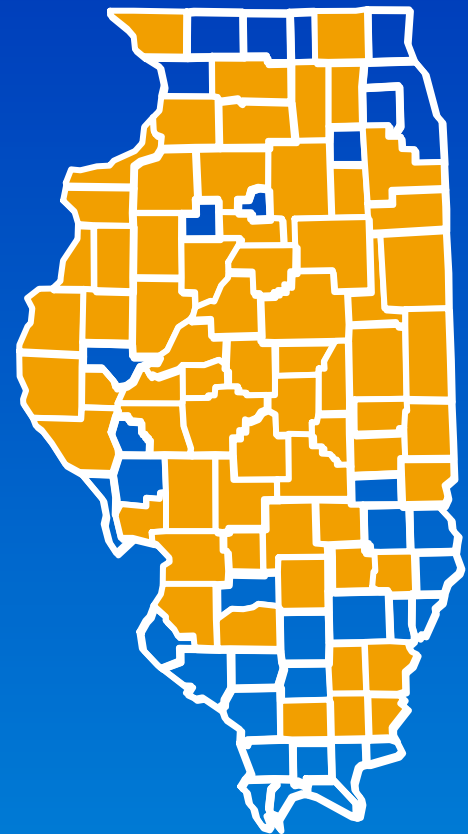
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Characterization of a novel five-way resistant population of waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*)

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Population and Field History

- In 2012 a grower reported poor control of waterhemp following a foliar application of topramezone (Laudis, and HPPD inhibitor) in corn
- Annual rotation of conventional corn and soybean
- Herbicide use history included HPPD, PPO, ALS, and synthetic auxins
- Initial screenings of seedlings grown from field-collected seed suggested resistance to herbicides from five SOA might be present within population



Research Objective

Characterize the response of the waterhemp population (designated M6) to herbicides from five site-of-action groups

- 1. Quantify response of population to foliar applications of mesotrione, atrazine, and 2,4-D in greenhouse dose-response experiments**

confirmation of target-site based resistance to PPO and ALS inhibitors via molecular assays

- 2. Characterize population's response to foliar-applied treatments under field conditions**

experiments included herbicides from 7 SOA



Investigating Herbicide Resistance

- **Dose-response experiments**
 - Apply multiple rates (8–10) of candidate herbicide(s) to putative resistant population (10 or more replicates of each rate) and compare response to that of a known sensitive population(s)
 - confirms resistance
 - determines the magnitude of resistance
 - provides insight into the mechanism of resistance
 - high magnitude often related to modified site of action
 - low magnitude often related to enhanced metabolism

Investigating Herbicide Resistance

- **Dose-response experiments**
 - Generate response curves from which you can calculate the dose required to produce the same level of response in each population
 - often the dose required to reduce plant biomass by 50%
 - other parameters often reported include differences in plant emergence, enzyme activity
 - apply statistical tests to determine if differences are significant
 - resistance ratio describes the degree of resistance
 - $GR_{50} \text{ resistant} / GR_{50} \text{ susceptible} = \text{resistance ratio}$

Idealized Dose-Response Curves

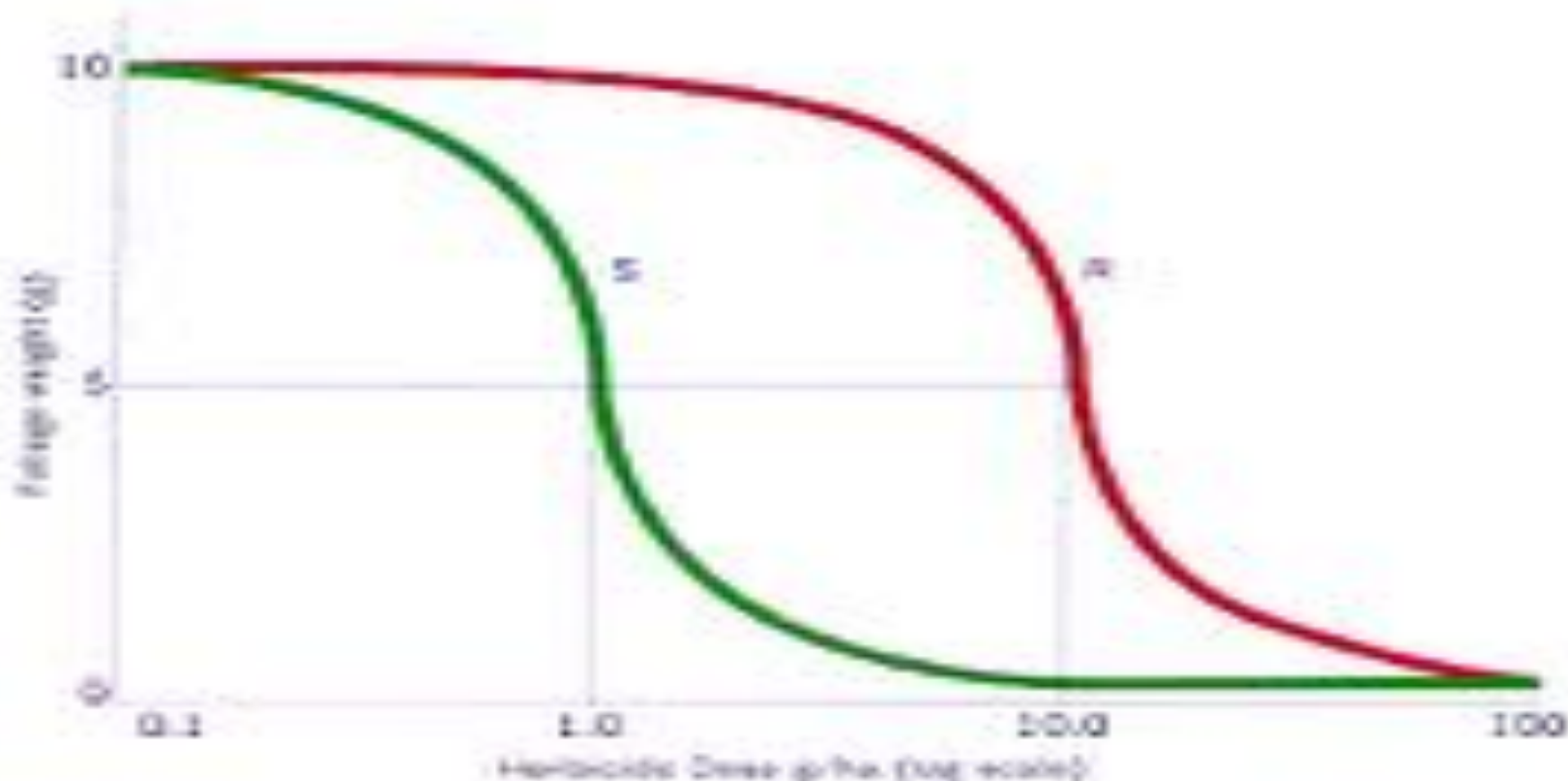


Figure 2:
Dose response curves for a Susceptible (S) and a Resistant (R) population

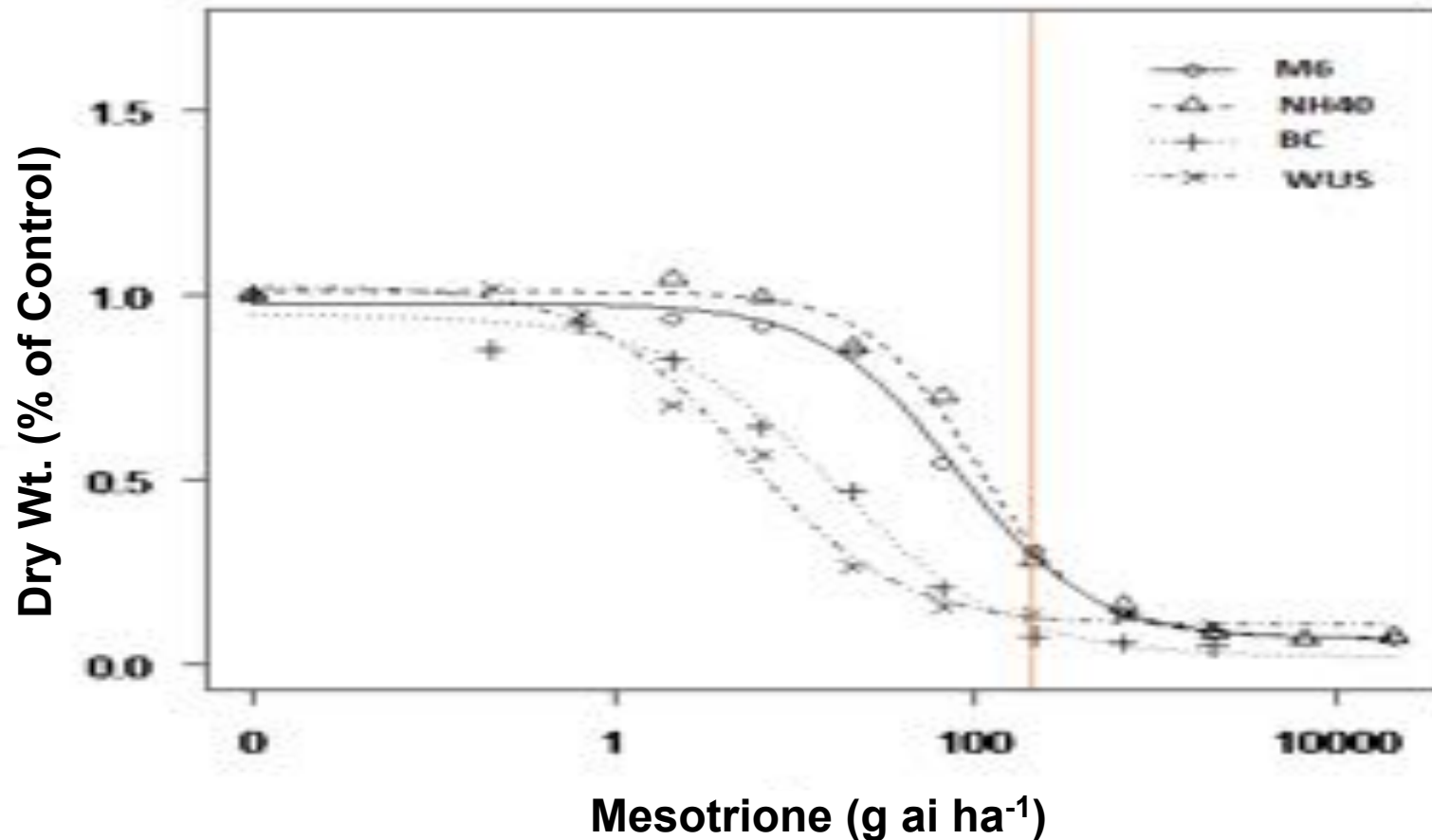
$$ED_{50} (\text{susceptible}) = 1.0$$

$$ED_{50} (\text{resistant}) = 10.0$$

$$\text{Resistance Index} = \frac{ED_{50} (\text{resistant})}{ED_{50} (\text{susceptible})} = \frac{10}{1} = 10$$

Source: HRAC 2014

Results: HPPD Dose-Response

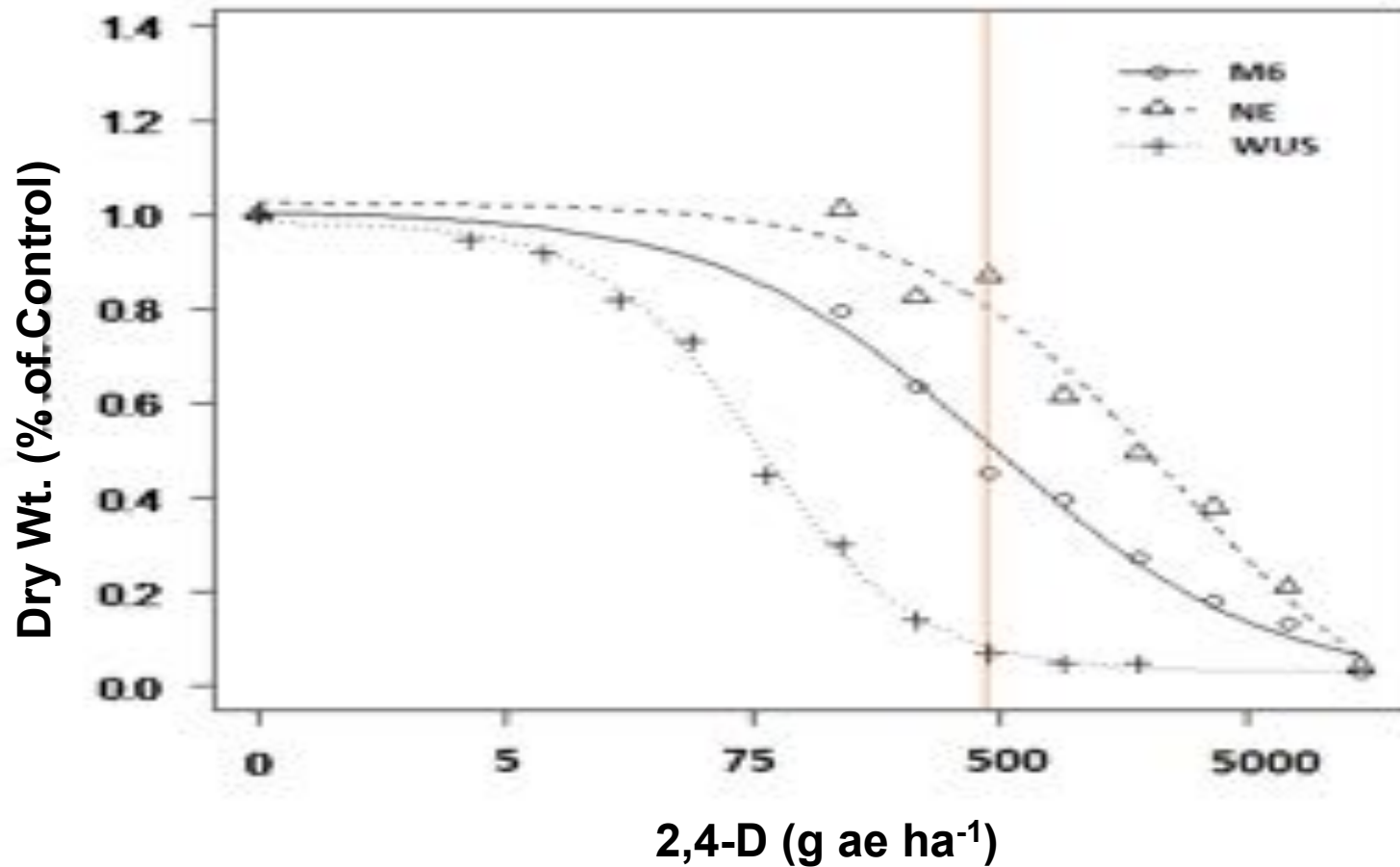


Conclusions: HPPD

- M6: **16-fold** more resistant to mesotrione than the sensitive WUS
- M6: **5-fold** more resistant to mesotrione than BC
- NH40: displays a slightly higher resistance to mesotrione (**1.25-fold**) than M6



Results: PGR Dose-Response

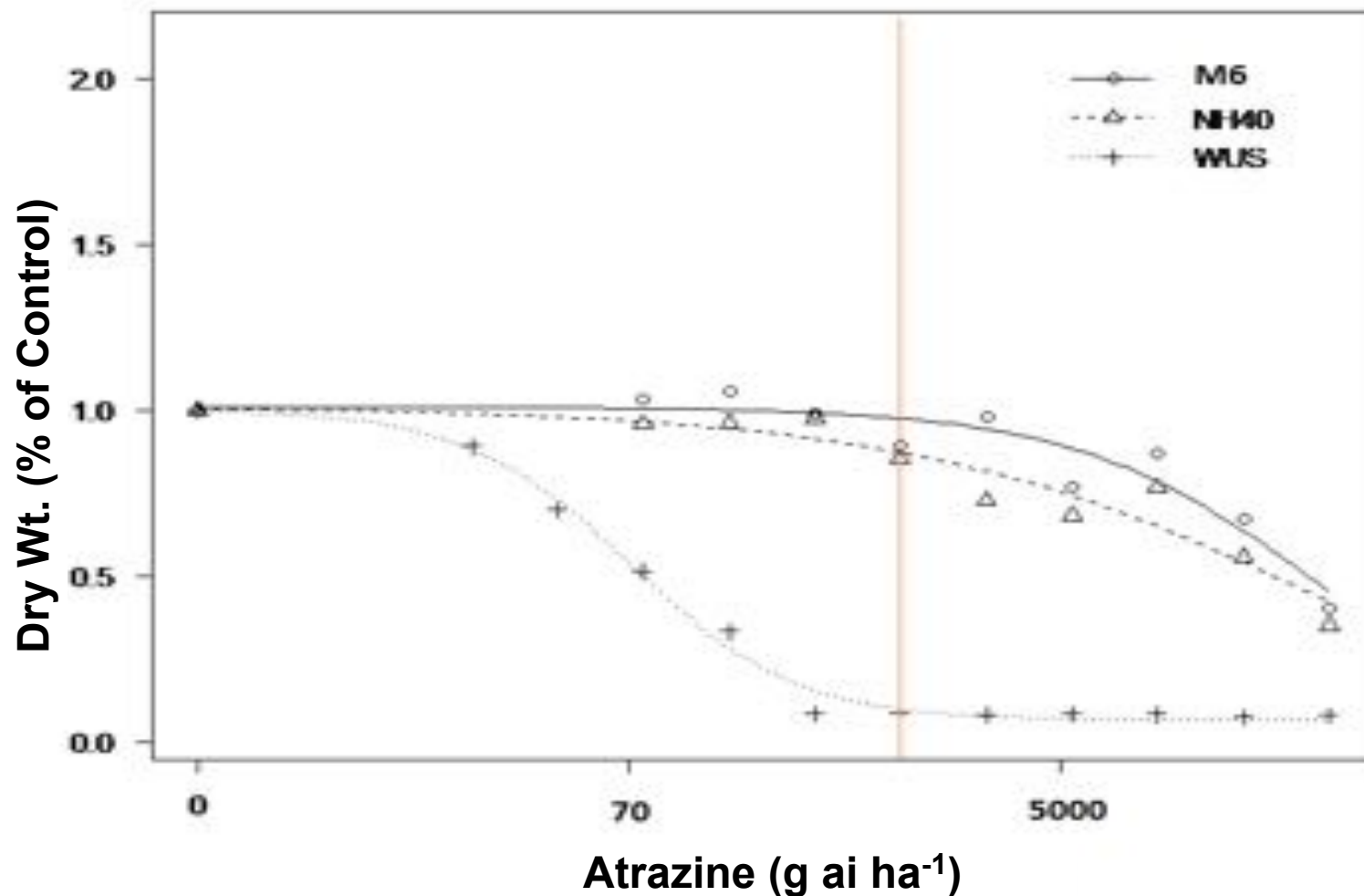


Conclusions: PGR (2,4-D)

- M6: **30-fold** more resistant to 2,4-D than the sensitive WUS
- NE: **4-fold** more resistant than M6
- NE: longer history of exposure to PGR herbicides than M6?



Results: PSII Dose-Response



Conclusions: PSII (atrazine)

- M6: **253-fold** more resistant to atrazine than the sensitive WUS
- M6: very high level of resistance to atrazine
 - **suggests target site-based resistance?**



Molecular Confirmation of Resistance: ALS and PPO inhibitors

Marker analysis revealed resistance to ALS- and PPO- inhibiting herbicides via well-characterized target site mutations (Riggins 2015)

Changes in amino acid position 574 of ALS
(Bell et al. 2013)

Codon deletion (Δ G210) of PPX2L for PPO
(Patzoldt et al. 2006)

High-level resistance to atrazine:

- Target site or non-target site based resistance?

Sequence of gene encoding PSII target protein indicated atrazine resistance is not via a target site mutation



Summary

- In greenhouse dose-response experiments compared with sensitive populations, M6 (CHR x CHR) displayed:
 - 16-fold resistance to mesotrione (HPPD)
 - 30-fold resistance to 2,4-D (PGR)
 - 253-fold resistance to atrazine (PSII)
- Resistance to ALS- and PPO-inhibiting herbicides confirmed by molecular markers
 - target-site resistance







Resistance has evolved to:

Group 2 (ALS)

Group 14 (PPO)

Group 27 (HPPD)

Group 5 (PS II)

Group 4 (2,4-D)

What are the best recommendations?

Best Management Practices for Herbicide Resistance

(Abridged from Norsworthy et al. 2012)

- 1) Understand biology of weeds present**
- 2) Use diversified approach**
- 3) Start/stay weed free**
- 4) Plant weed free seed**
- 5) Scout fields**
- 6) Use multiple, effective MOAs**
- 7) Apply label rate at recommended weed sizes**
- 8) Use cultural practices to keep crop competitive**
- 9) Use mechanical and biological practices**
- 10) Prevent seed/propagule movement**
- 11) Manage weed seed at/after harvest**
- 12) Manage field borders**

A landscape-scale approach to understand glyphosate-resistant waterhemp

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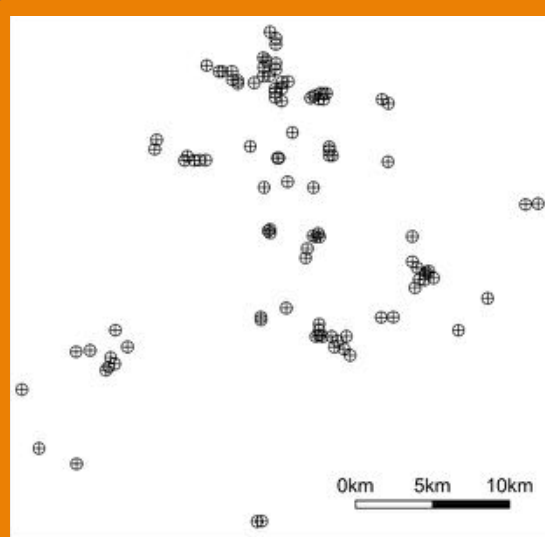


Managing the Evolution of Herbicide Resistance

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What factors contribute to the occurrence of herbicide-resistant weeds?

Address using an epidemiological approach.



» Management

- Mean(MOA/yr)
- Max(MOA/yr)
- % years PRE used
- % years Gly used
- Mean(Gly apps./yr)
- Herbicide turnover index
- % corn years
- Manure

» Soil

- Concentrations of each of 12 nutrients
- pH
- C:N ratio
- OM
- Inorganic N

- Bulk density
- Sand %
- Silt %
- Clay %
- Texture
- Water holding capacity

» Weeds

- Waterhemp seed bank density
- 3 descriptions of waterhemp density/distribution in field
- Presence of other *Amaranthus* weeds
- Presence of grass weeds and each of 8 other broadleaf weeds

» Landscape

- Elevation
- Max slope
- Dist. to forest
- Dist. to stream
- No. and area of bare patches
- Presence and length of grass waterways
- Field area
- Presence of watercourse on margin
- Perimeter length
- Edge:interior ratio
- Dist. to resistant pop.
- % field border with trees



Test association of factors with occurrence of glyphosate-resistant *A. tuberculatus*.

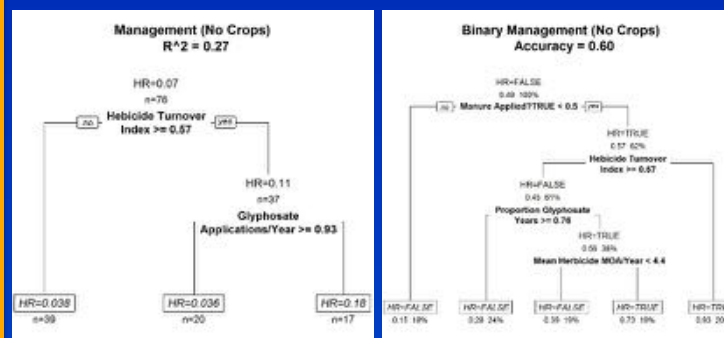
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Major Findings

1) Management factors are most important.

Dependent var.	Model	R ²
% Resistance	Management	0.27
	Soil	0.18
	Landscape	0.18
	Weeds	0.09
	M + S + L + W	0.26
	S + L + W	0.18
Presence/absence of resistance	Management	0.53
	Soil	0.29
	Landscape	0.44
	Weeds	0.38
	M + S + L + W	0.41
	S + L + W	0.29

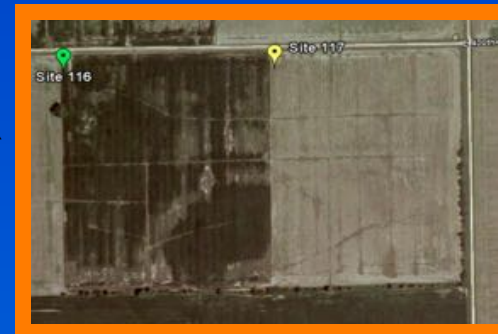
CART analysis implicated herbicide-use factors.



But... did management influence resistance, or did resistance influence management?

2) Herbicide mixing, and not herbicide rotation, mitigates resistance.

3) Proximity to neighbor's GR waterhemp was not a good predictor.



Tillage, Cropping System, and Soil Depth Effects on Common Waterhemp (*Amaranthus rudis*) Seed-Bank Persistence

**Lawrence E. Steckel, Christy L. Sprague, Edward W. Stoller, Loyd M. Wax,
and F. William Simmons**

Weed Science 55(3):235-239. 2007

A field experiment was conducted in Urbana, IL, from 1997 to 2000 to evaluate the effect that crop tillage, and soil depth have on common waterhemp seed-bank persistence. A heavy field infestation of common waterhemp (approximately 410 plants m⁻²) was allowed to set seed in 1996 and was not allowed to go to seed after 1996. In 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000, the percentage of the original common waterhemp seed bank that remained was 39, 28, 10, and 0.004%, respectively, averaged over tillage treatments. Initially, germination and emergence of common waterhemp was greater in no-till systems. Consequently, the number of remaining seeds was greater in the till treatments compared with no-till in the top 0 to 6 cm of the soil profile. This reduction was in part explained by the higher germination and emergence of common waterhemp in the no-tillage treatments. Tillage increased the seed-bank persistence of common waterhemp in the top 0 to 2 cm of the soil profile in 1997 and the top 0 to 6 cm in 1998. Crop had no effect on common waterhemp emergence or seed-bank persistence

Summary

- Herbicide resistance is a very real challenge that will continue to expand across Illinois
 - multiple resistance will become the norm
- The days of “simplified” weed control are over
 - change from weed control to weed management
- Those who understand weed biology, herbicide physiology, etc. will be increasingly valuable to their customers
 - SOA, MOA, soil factors, environmental factors, etc.

*Best wishes for a safe and
prosperous 2016*

