Are Soybean Leaf Diseases Causing Economic Loss in Wisconsin?

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Discussion Items

- Economics of Foliar Disease Control; WI Data
 - Disease control
 - Plant health
- Update on Asian Soybean Rust

Common Foliar Soybean Diseases

- Fungal Diseases
 - (Septoria) Brown Spot
 - Powdery Mildew
 - Downy Mildew
- Bacterial Diseases
 - Bacterial Blight
 - Bacterial Pustule

Fungicide Use Caution

- Accurate Identification
 - Fungal vs bacterial pathogens
- Choose appropriate product
 - Section 3 (FIFRA)
 - Section 18 (emergency exemption)

Fungicide Research Projects

- Onfarm Research Project
 - Headline (2005 & 2006)
 - Quadris (2006)
- Small Plot Research (2005 & 2006)
 - Arlington ARS
 - Lancaster ARS
 - West Madison ARS

On Farm Research Project

- 2 treatments
 - Sprayed
 - UTC
- Replicated
- Multiple locations throughout state
 - Multiple environments
 - Multiple varieties/MGs
 - Multiple diseases
 - Variable disease pressure
- Farm Scale Equipment

Headline Protocol

- Headline @ 6 oz product/A + NIS
- Spray Timing
 - R2- R3, 2005
 - **R3**, 2006
- Application Criteria
 - 15-25 GPA
 - Medium (250-350 microns) droplet size
- Minimum 2 reps/field
- Foliar disease ratings (% disease foliage)

Determining Economics of Control

Estimated yield gain needed to cover the cost of a fungicide (\$270/gallon at 6 fl oz/a) at various soybean prices and application costs

	Application Costs (\$/A)		
	7.00	7.50	8.00
Soybean price/bu.	Yield bu/a		
\$5.75	3.4	3.5	3.6
\$6.00	3.3	3.4	3.5
\$6.25	3.1	3.2	3.3
\$6.75	2.9	3.0	3.1

2005 Results: Headline

- Combined yield results across locations (9)
 - Statistical yield advantage of 1.4 bu/a (P=0.05)
 - Non economic
- Individual field yield results
 - No statistical yield difference
 - 2 fields had numerical (but statistically insignificant!) economic yield advantage
 - 3.4 bu/a
 - 6.5 bu/a

2006 Headline Results

- Combined yield results across six locations
 - Statistical yield advantage of 2.8 bu/a (P=0.05)
 - Non economic
- Individual field results
 - Green County, +5.65 bu/a
 - Marshfield
 - MG 1.5, + 6.35 bu/a
 - MG 0.8, + 5.05 bu/s
 - 4 fields NSD in yield

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2006 Quadris Results

- Bill Halfman, UWEX Monroe Co.
- Steve Huntzicker, UWEX LaCrosse County

- 5 locations in Monroe, LaCrosse, Trempeleau Counties
- Protocol: similar to Headline Plots
 - Quadris @ 6 ozs product/Acre + 1% COC
 - Applied at R3

Quadris Results

- Yield; NSD across locations
- Individual Field Yield Result
 - 1 field, statistically significant, but not economic, yield advantage of 2.0 bu/a
 - 4 fields, NSD in yield

Small Plot Research 2005 & 2006

- Funding supplied by WI Soybean Marketing Board
- Lancaster, Arlington and West Madison Agricultural Research Stations
- 8 trials
- Multiple products (labeled and unlabeled)
- Section 3 and Section 18 labeled products
- Multiple fungicide classes
- Multiple Timings (R2, R3, R2+3, R5, V5 + R3, R3 + 21 da)

Small Plot Results

- 126 product comparison
 - 3-4 reps./plot
- 3 fungicides w/ significantly reduced yields
 - Chlorothalonil
 - 2 strobilurins + triazol combinations
- 1 product with significant and economic yield increase
- 122 w/ NSD in yield

Summary

- Fungicides are not a replacement for IPM practices
 - Variety selection
 - Rotation
 - Scouting
- Have not identified a single key factor that would predict an economic return from a fungicide application
- WI results similar to other midwest data

Asian Soybean Rust Update

- Hot dry spring/summer prevented movement of ASBR
- Late September spore dispersal up the East coast and Mississippi River Valley
- December 31, 2006
 - 231 counties on soybeans
 - 15 states including
 - Illinois
 - Indiana
 - Kentucky
 - Missouri

Asian Soybean Rust Update

- Late season movement should help modelers understand movement
- Late season detection has no bearing on 2007 rust potential
- Must overwinter on green tissue
- Does serve as a good reminder of the potential for movement when conditions are favorable
- Greatest potential for movement from spores originating from TX, LA,MS

ASBR Activity in Wisconsin



Wind Vane Trap

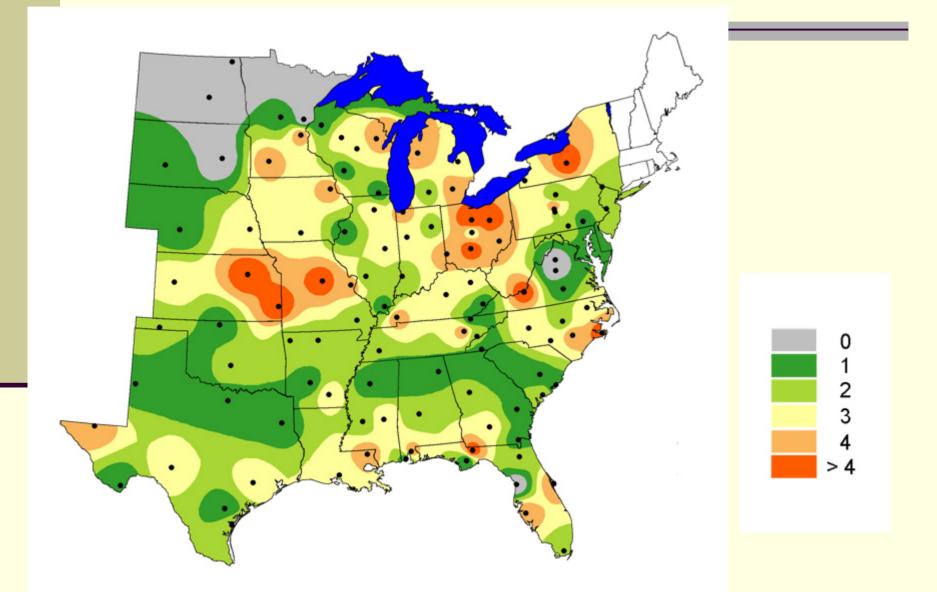
- "Soybean Rust-like spore"
- Unknown Viability
- WI detects;2006

Columbia County	Rock county	
7/26-8/3	7/31-8/7	
8/8-8/22	9/5-9/12	
Dane County	Grant County	
8/21-9/8	8/8-8/16	
9/18-9/28	8/16-23	

Rainfall Spore Trap

- Locations
 - Rock
 - Grant
 - Dane
 - Columbia
 - Buffalo
 - Chippewa
 - Monroe
- Spore Viability Unknown
- No detects

Contour maps showing numbers of NADP sites testing positive for *P. pachyrhizi* using the nest real-time PCR assay for 2006



Monitoring SBR Movement

- National Sentinel Plots Network
 - Kudzu
 - Soybean
 - Funded by USDA and NCSRP
- WI sentinel plots
 - Projected 15-20 plots in 2007
 - UW Extension Agents
 - UW Staff
 - UW ARS Staff

Tracking Movement of ASBR

PIPE Network

(Pest Information Platform for Extension and Education)

http://www.sbrusa.net/

- UW Plant Disease Clinic Soybean Rust Hotline
 - 1-866-787-8411 (RUST 411)

PIPE Website - Windows Internet Explorer

