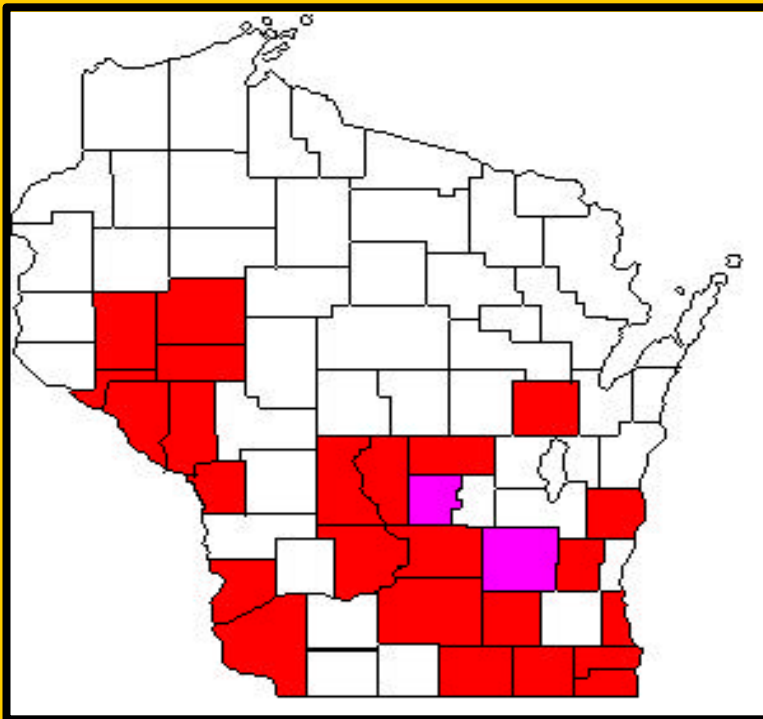




- **Distribution**
- **Thresholds for Planting a Resistant Variety**
- **Impact of host resistance on SCN**

**Approximately 20% of the soybean acreage in Wisconsin is infested with Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN). The SCN has been detected from 26 counties to date.**



### **Counties infested:**

Adams  
Buffalo  
Chippewa  
Columbia  
Crawford  
Dane  
Dodge  
Dunn  
Eau Claire  
Grant  
Jefferson  
Juneau  
Kenosha  
La Crosse  
Marquette  
Milwaukee  
Outagamie  
Pepin  
Racine  
Rock  
Sauk  
Sheboygan  
Trempealeau  
Walworth  
Washington  
Waushara



**Only a soil test will reveal the  
SCN-disease potential of a site**



# **Manage SCN using**

## **Rotation**

**SCN does not infect all plants. Without a host to feed on, the nematode population will decline.**

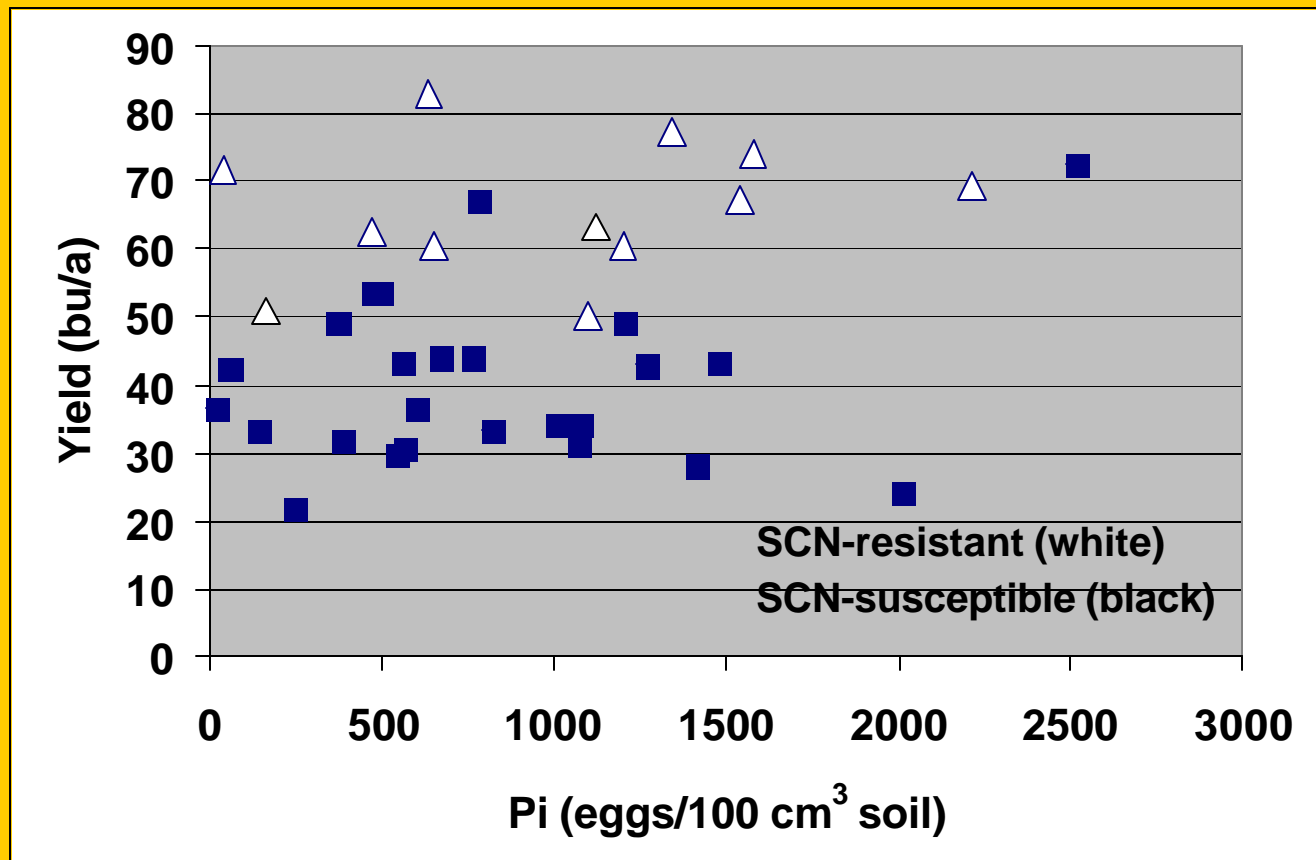
## **Resistant Varieties**

**Nematodes infect resistant varieties but relatively few nematodes mature and reproduce.**

**Racine Field No. 2 – 2000**

**Pi = 905**

**Average yield gain of resistant  
variety = 25 bu/A (P = 0.01)**

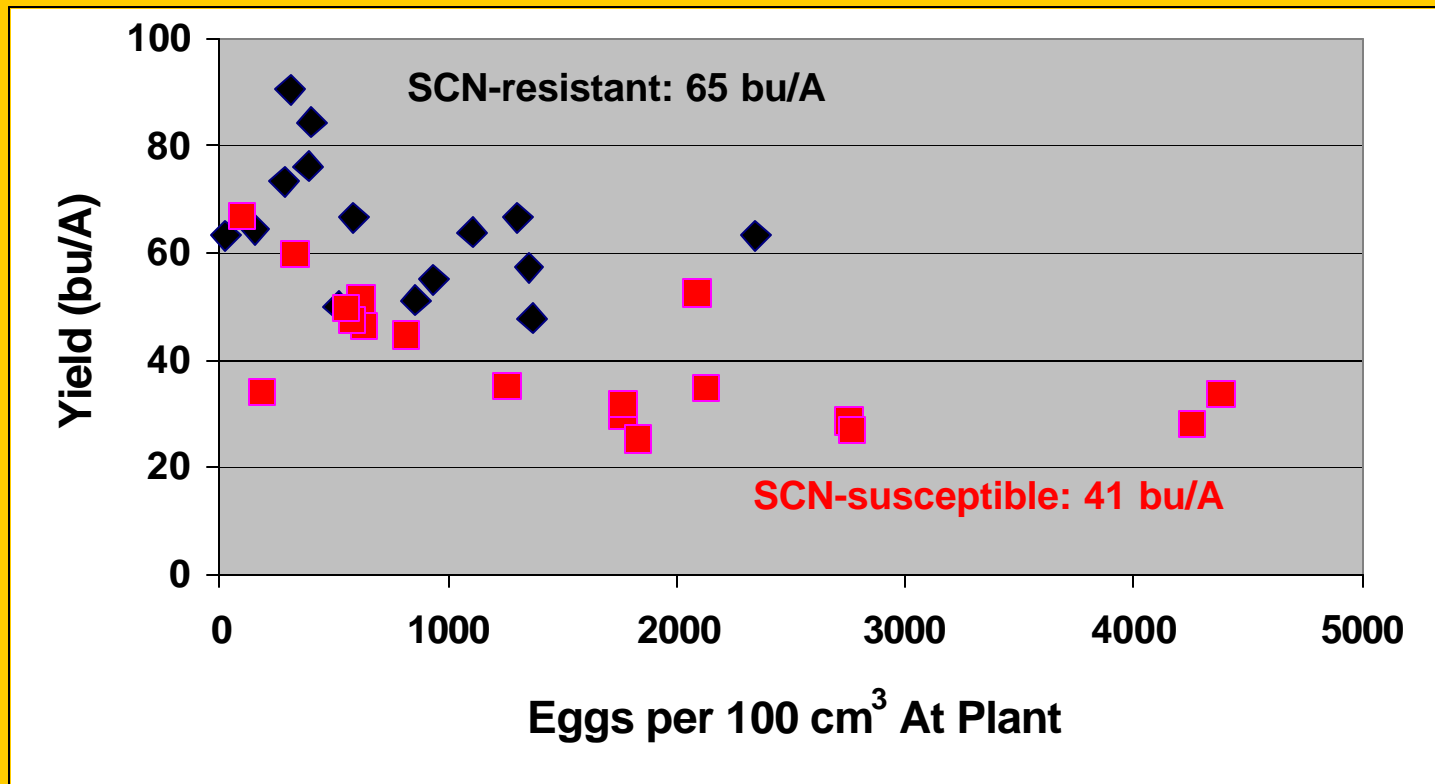


**SCN Pi**

**Racine No. 3 - 2001**

**Pi = 1179**

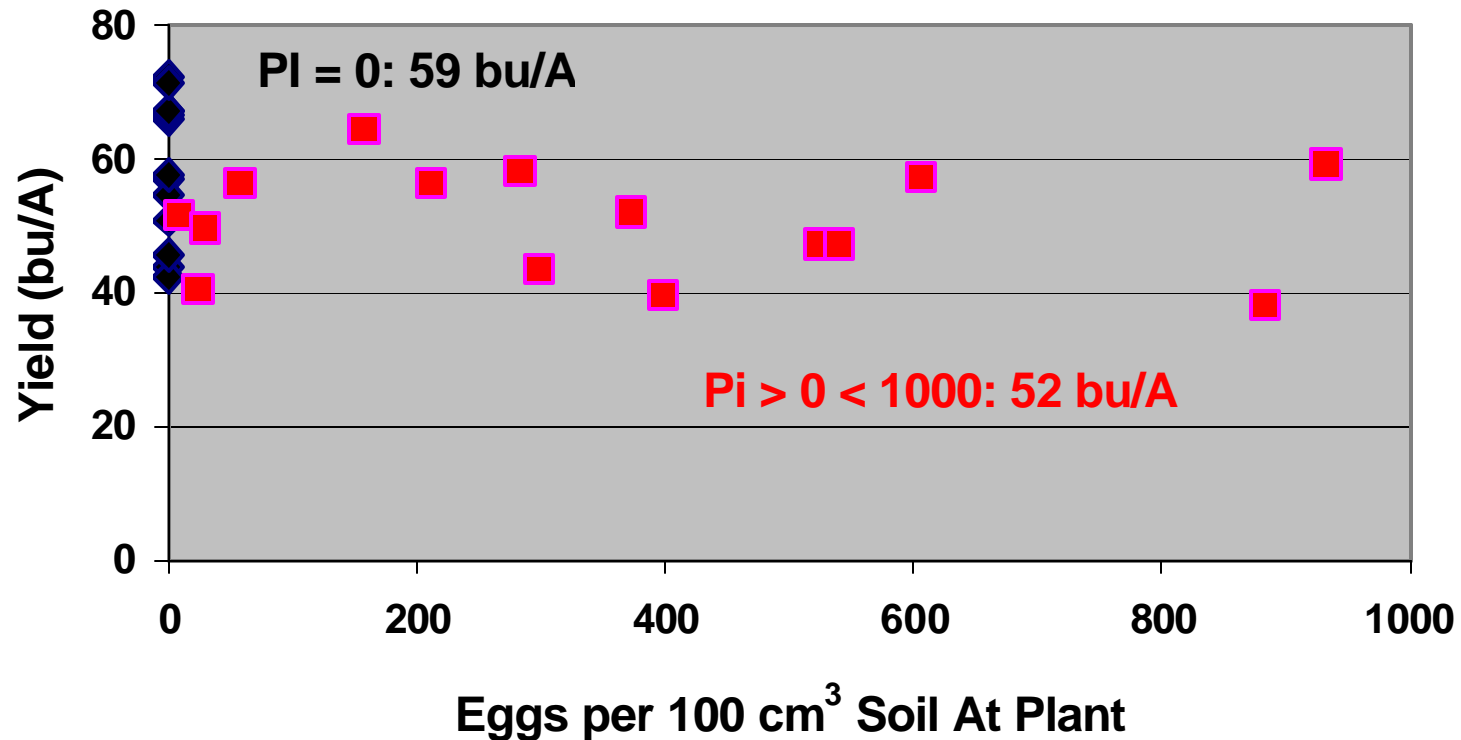
**Average yield gain of resistant variety  
= 24 bu/A ( P = 0.10)**



Marquette West - 2001

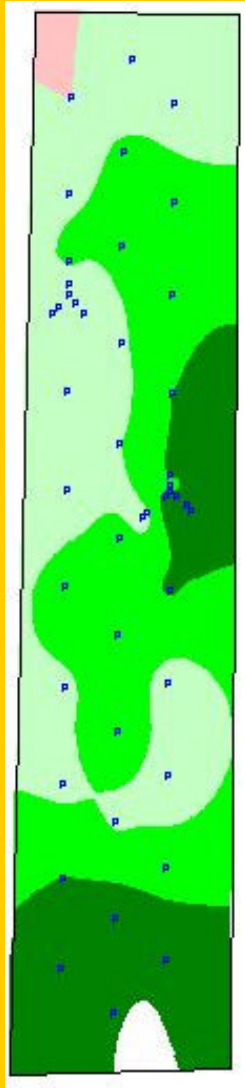
SCN-susceptible variety planted

Average yield difference between infested  
versus “noninfested” areas = 7 bu/A ( $P = 0.10$ )



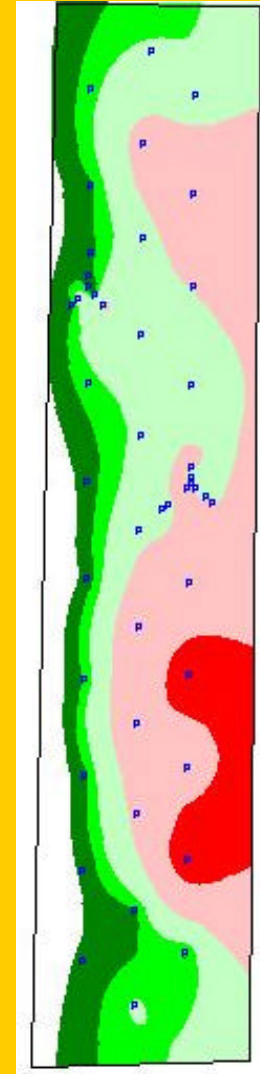
# Racine No 2 - 2000

**Spring  
At-Plant**



*SCN eggs*  
*Per 100 cm<sup>3</sup> soil*  
*Green = 1 – 1000*  
*Red = > 1000*

**Fall  
After Harvest  
Res./Sus.**





# **The response of SCN populations to management varies among fields**

**Fate of SCN population during the soybean year (based on 22 data sets from 1999-2000)**

## **Susceptible variety (n=10)**

**2 fields remained same**

**8 fields increased**

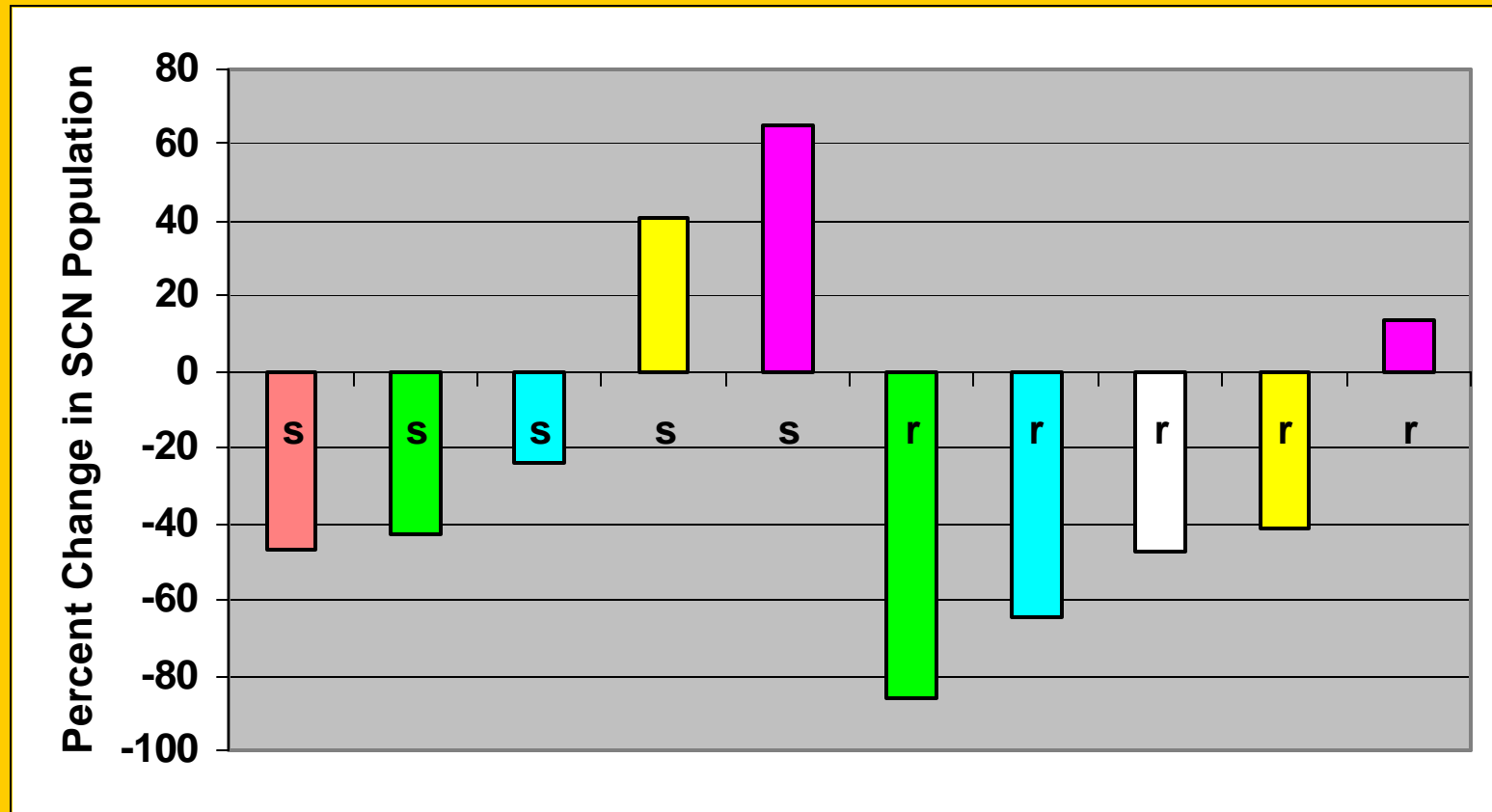
## **Resistant variety (n=12)**

**7 fields decreased**

**2 fields remained same**

**3 fields increased**

# Rotating with a nonhost crop helps lower SCN population densities (change from May 1999 to May 2001 including one year of a nonhost crop)



***Warning..Warning..Warning..Warning..***

**Nematode populations change in response  
to resistant varieties.....**

**Data from a 5-year experiment at the Hancock Research Station**

<b>Rotation</b>	<b>Pi (eggs/100 cm<sup>3</sup> soil)</b>	<b>Yield (bu/A)</b>
<b>PI 88788</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>31.8</b>
<b>PI 88788 / susceptible</b>	<b>6930</b>	<b>31.2</b>
<b>PI 88788 / PI 209.332</b>	<b>1813</b>	<b>36.1</b>

**Rotating sources of SCN resistance  
and including  
a susceptible variety when population  
densities fall below 500 eggs per 100  
cm<sup>3</sup> soil will help prolong the lifespan  
of resistant varieties.**

**BUT don't forget about other diseases.....**

# Summary

- **SCN-infested acreage increasing in WI**
- **Soil testing identifies disease potential**
- **Substantial ( $> 20$  bu/A) yield advantage in planting an SCN-resistant variety when  $P_i > 1000$**
- **Some yield advantage when  $P_i > 500$**



# Summary

- **SCN populations usually decline when a resistant variety is planted, but**
- **SCN does infect resistant varieties and some live to reproduce and to pass this ability on to their offspring**
- **Choose varieties and rotations appropriate to the disease potential of each field**

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