# Soybean Aphid and virus incidence in snap beans



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# Outline

Why do we care?

Viruses and vectors involved

Extent of the problem

Approaches/Methods

Data/Observations

Future directions

### Snap Bean Industry

- In 2001,
  - ~225,000 lbs of beans were produced
  - Over 73,000 acres were harvested
  - With a crop value >\$28 million
  - Which represents >25% of total US production
- \$8 million in losses recorded from 2000 to 2001
  - Appearance of the soybean aphid
  - Associated with the occurrence of virus
    - Alfalfa Mosaic Virus (AMV)
    - Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV)

### Insect transmitters of plant viruses



**Thrips** 



Whiteflies



**Beetles** 

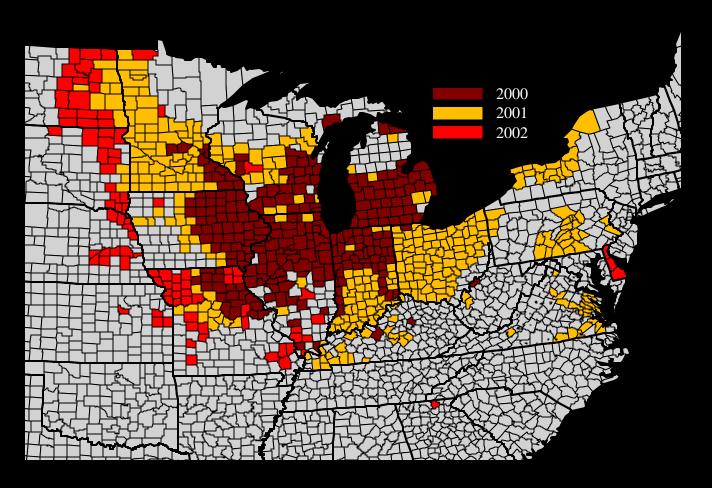


**Aphids** 



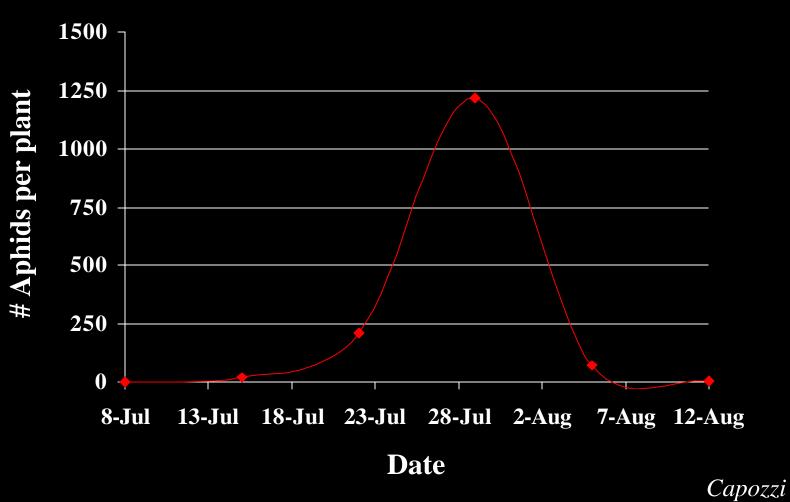
**Leafhoppers / Planthoppers** 

#### Detection of the soybean aphid



#### **Population Growth of Soybean Aphid**

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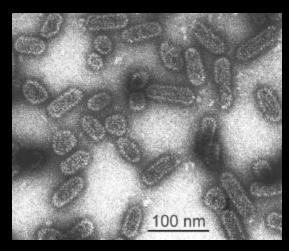


Rate of Increase = 126.25 Aphids/Day from July 22th to July 29th

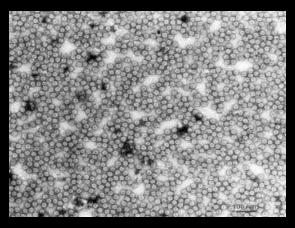
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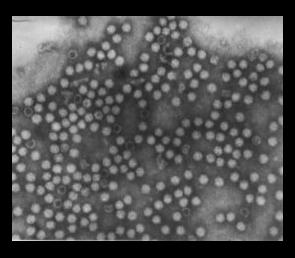
#### The Players



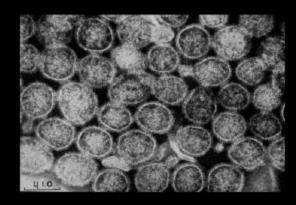
Alfalfa Mosaic Virus (AMV)



**Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV)** 

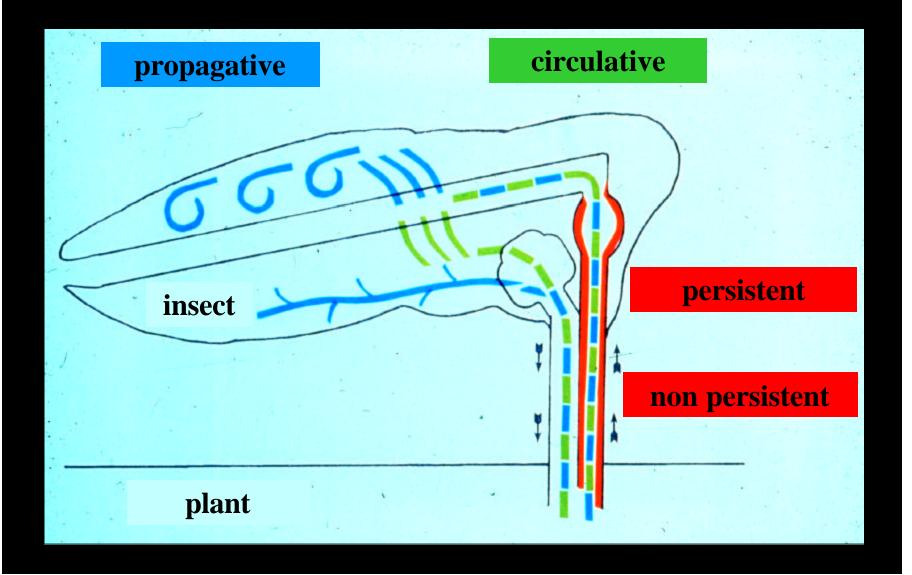


**Bean Pod Mottle Virus (BPMV)** 

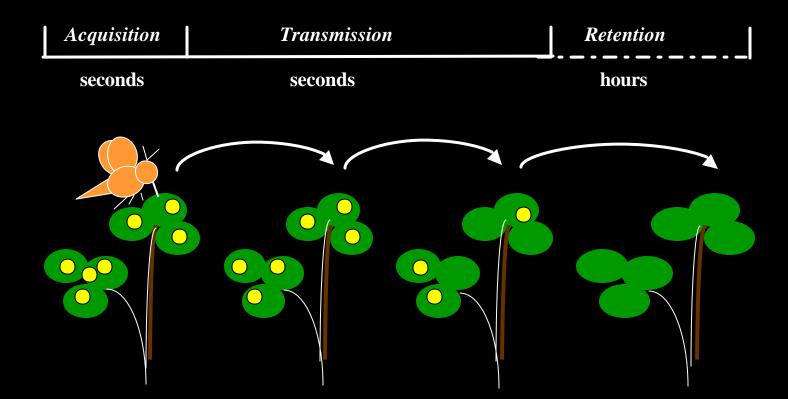


Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV)

# Transmission pathways



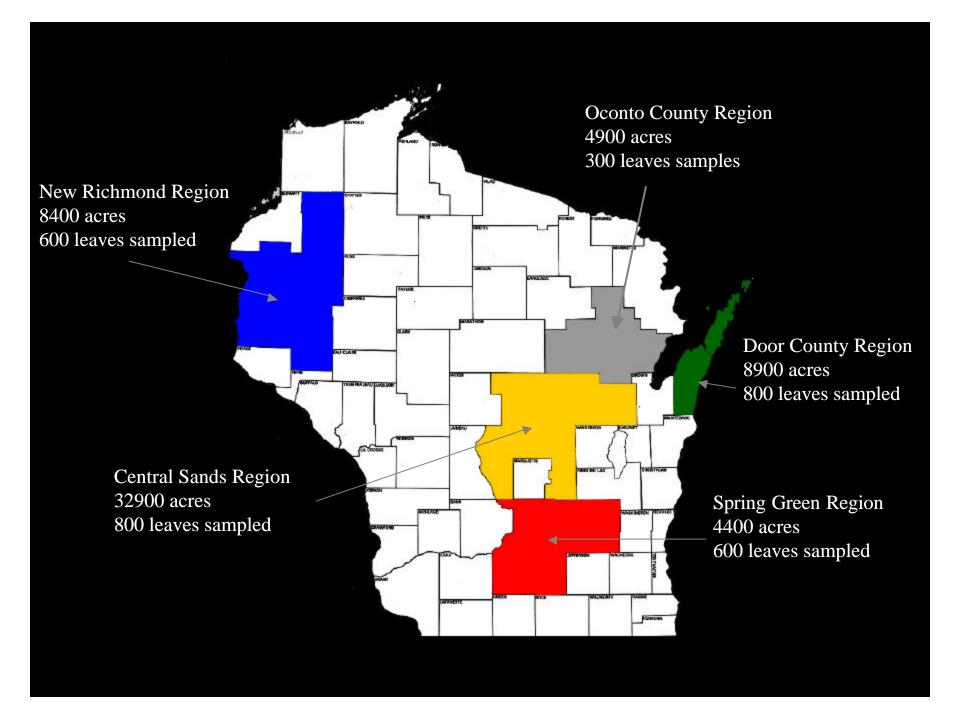
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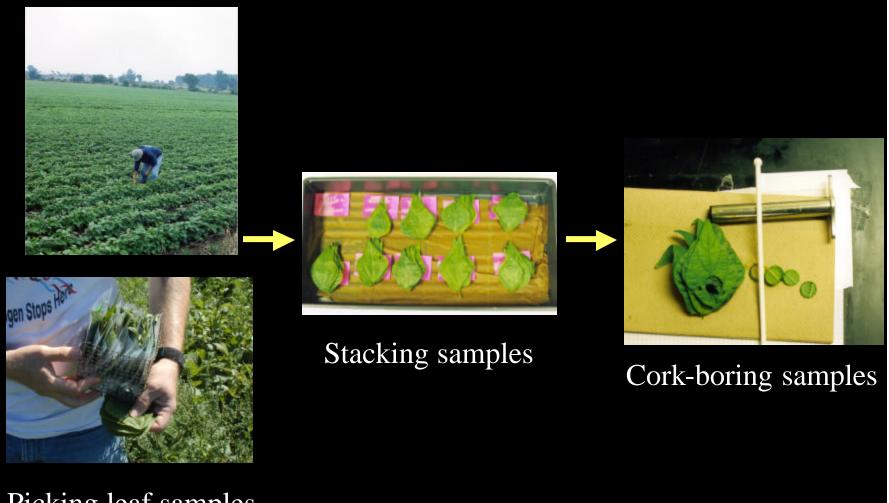
### Snap Bean Survey Data



- 42,386 total leaves tested
- 4,172 composites of 10 leaves
  - 4,949 single leaves tested
    - 15,105 total wells used



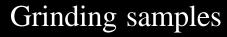
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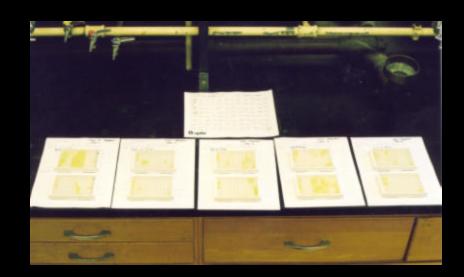


Picking leaf samples

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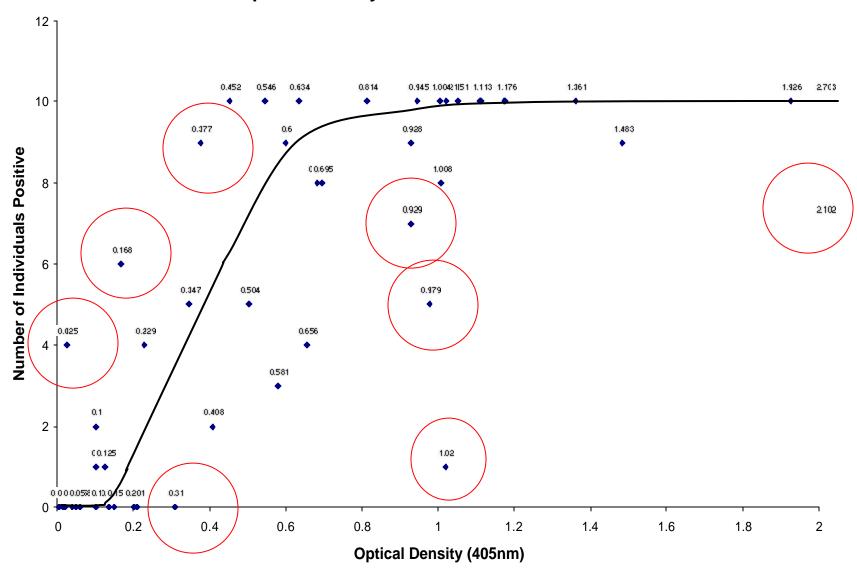


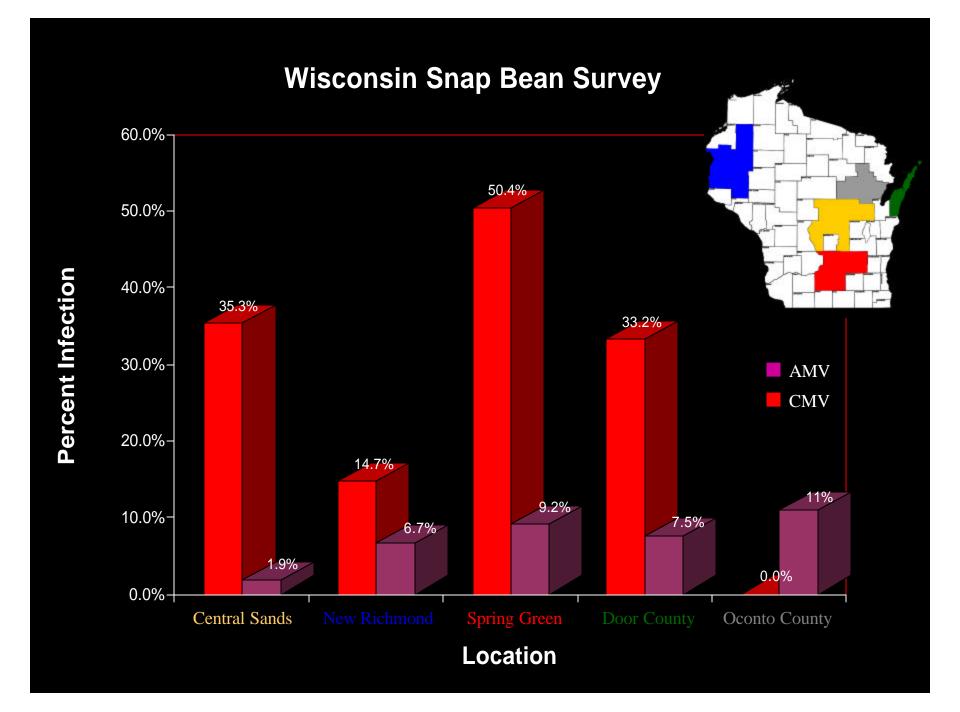




Plating samples

#### **Optical Density vs Individuals Positive**

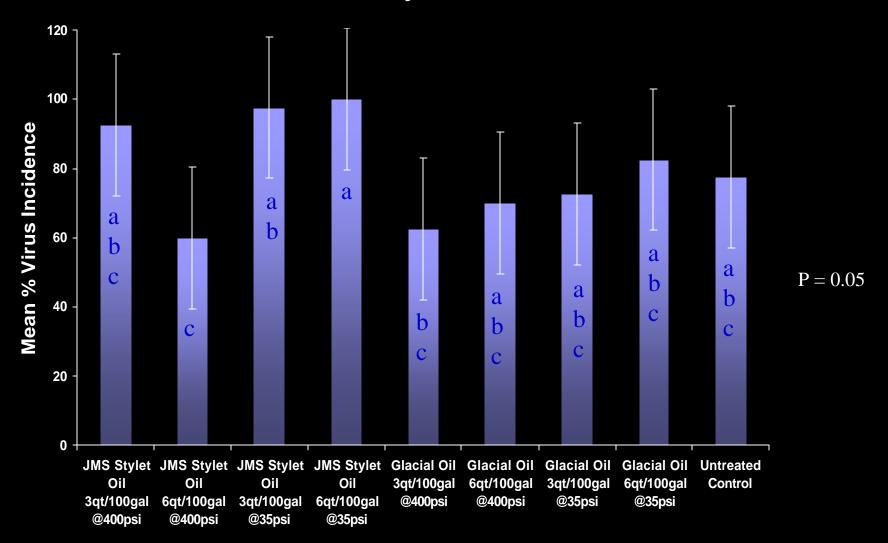




# IPM Applications

• Pesticide Application

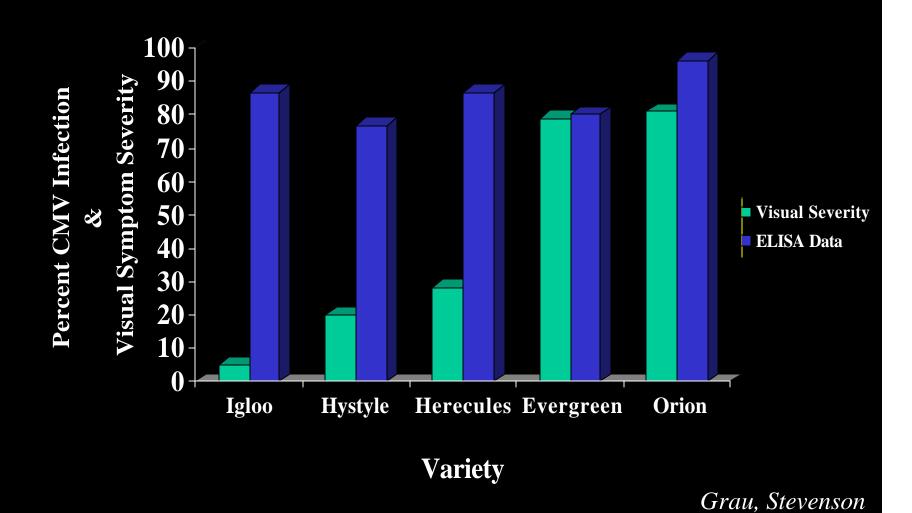
#### **Stylet Oils**



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  - Cultivar Resistance

#### Visual Symptom Analysis vs. ELISA Data



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- Alternative Cultivar Resistance

### Alternative Source of Resistance

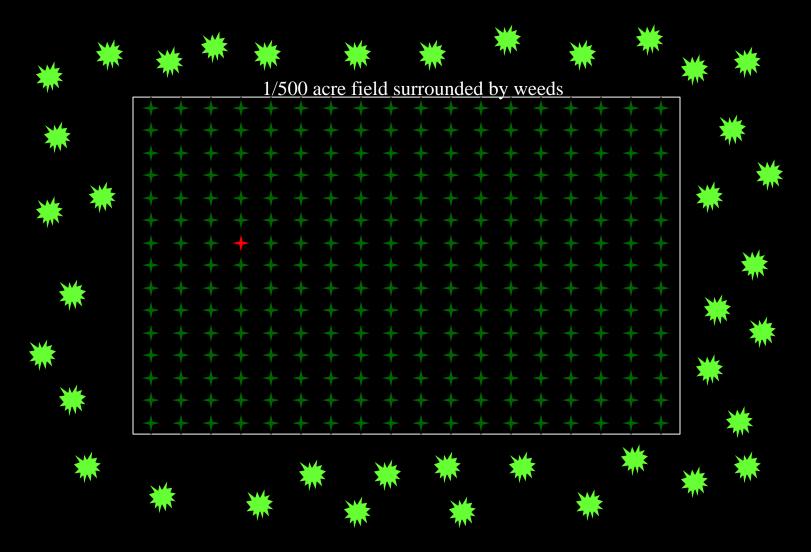
- Most of the lines were 100 percent infected with virus
- Some escapes were found
  - 22 PI lines
  - 2 cultivars
  - 7 crosses
- Seven PI lines showed some escapes in both replications
- One PI line showed 100% escape in both replications

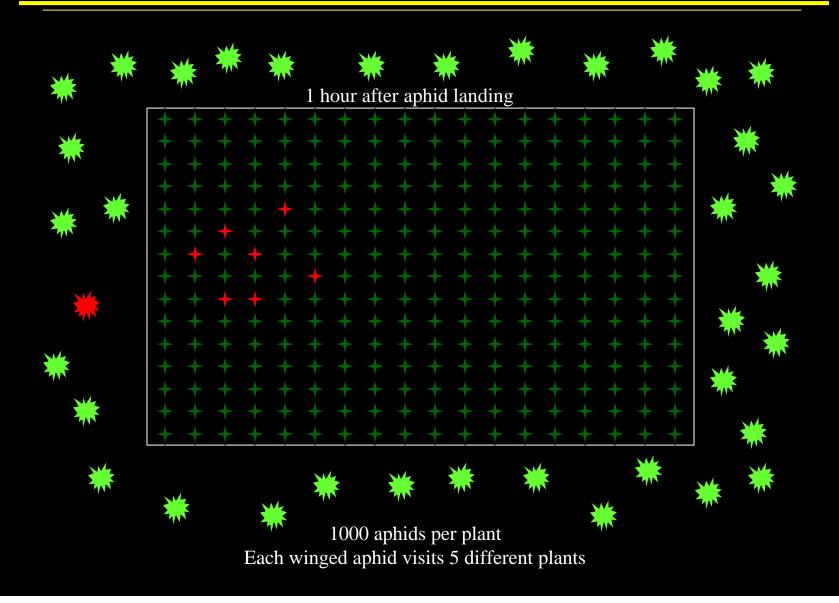
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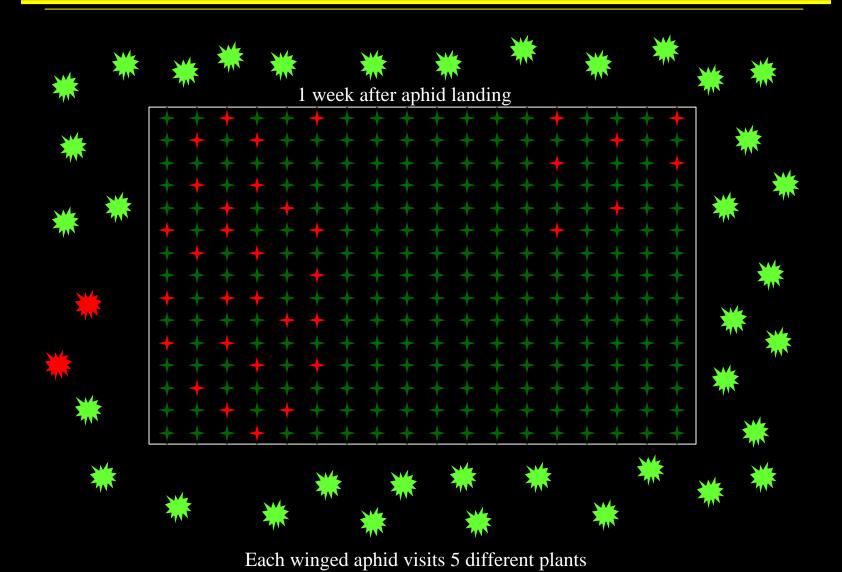
- Pesticide Application
  - Cultivar Resistance
- Alternative Cultivar Resistance
  - Seed Transmission

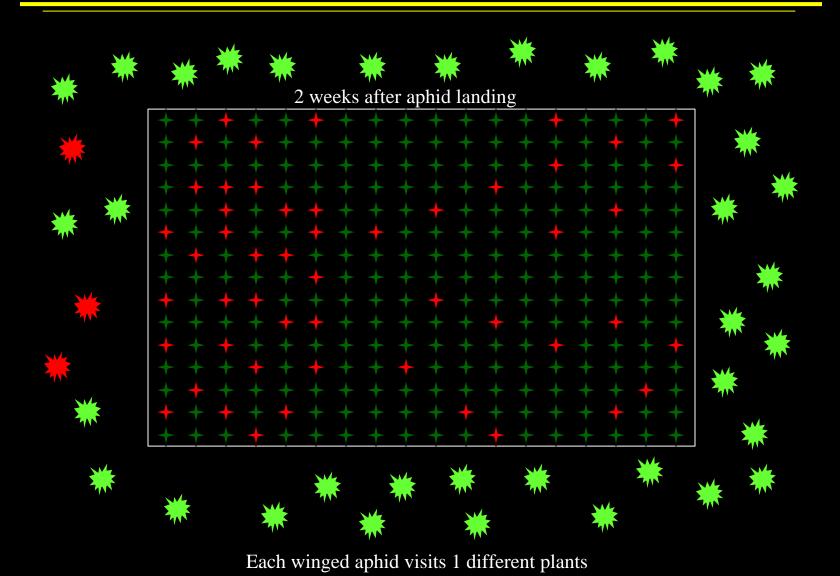
# Seed Testing

• In progress









### **Future Directions**

- Determine the effects of virus on the yield and quality of beans
- Identify useful resistance to virus
- Identify inoculum sources

# The Source of Virus Inoculum



- Do weeds that surround fields contain virus?
- Do aphids arrive with or without virus?
- Do seed borne viruses spread at a high rate?



Sow thistle infected with AMV

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### Additional Virus Players







- What other viruses are present?
  - Bean common mosaic
  - Tomato spotted wilt virus

#### **Future Directions**

- Determine the effects of virus on the yield and quality of beans
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- Identify inoculum sources
- Characterize other viruses affecting snap beans
- Develop IPM procedures
  - Planting date
  - Variety resistance
  - Weed management
  - Pesticide application

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