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# **Bean Leaf Beetles And** **Bean Pod Mottle Virus** **In Wisconsin**

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The Soybean Aphid  
*Aphis glycines* Matsumura



Courtesy: D. Hogg



# The Bean Leaf Beetle

*Cerotoma trifurcata*



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# **BLB Distribution**

## **National:**

**Southeast**

**Upper and Lower**

**Midwest**

**West to Kansas and**

**Nebraska**

## **Wisconsin:**

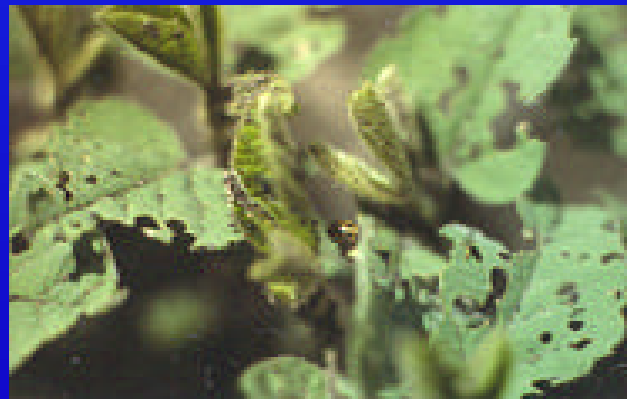
**No Comprehensive  
Survey**

**Common Only In  
Southern Third**

# BLB INJURY

**Early-Season Defoliation**

**Late-Season Defoliation**





# Pod Feeding



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# **BLB Management Options**

**Late Planting**

**Foliar Insecticides**

**Economic Injury Levels and  
Economic Thresholds (mostly from  
Iowa and Nebraska)**

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# Bean Pod Mottle Virus

## Foliar Symptoms





# Bean Pod Mottle Virus

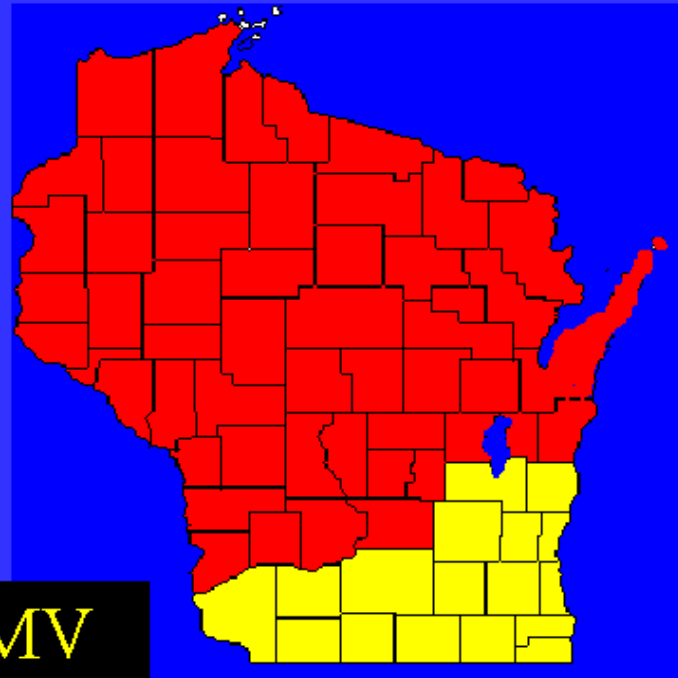
## Seed Mottling



# Relative Importance of Specific Soybean Viruses

AMV + SMV

SMV + BPMV



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# **BPMV ELISA ASSAYS**

**Rock County Farm, Janesville (2001)**

**Leaf Samples (n = 720)**

**V5: 42% of Plants Infected**

**R2: 31% of Plants Infected**

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# **BPMV ELISA ASSAYS**

**Rock County Farm, Janesville (2001)**

**25 June – 3 August**

**63 Samples, 1-5 Beetles/Sample, 210 beetles**

**BLB Ground Whole in Buffer**

**59/63 Samples Were BPMV+**

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# **What Do We Need To Know About The Bean Leaf Beetle?**

**Phenology**

**Feeding & Foraging Behavior**

**Vector Biology**

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# Sweep Samples

## Sample Collection:

**Two Fields:**

**#1: 100 Sweeps**

**#2: 180 Sweeps**

**Sampled 1 to 2  
times per week**



## Sample Processing:

**BLB Count**

**Teneral BLB**

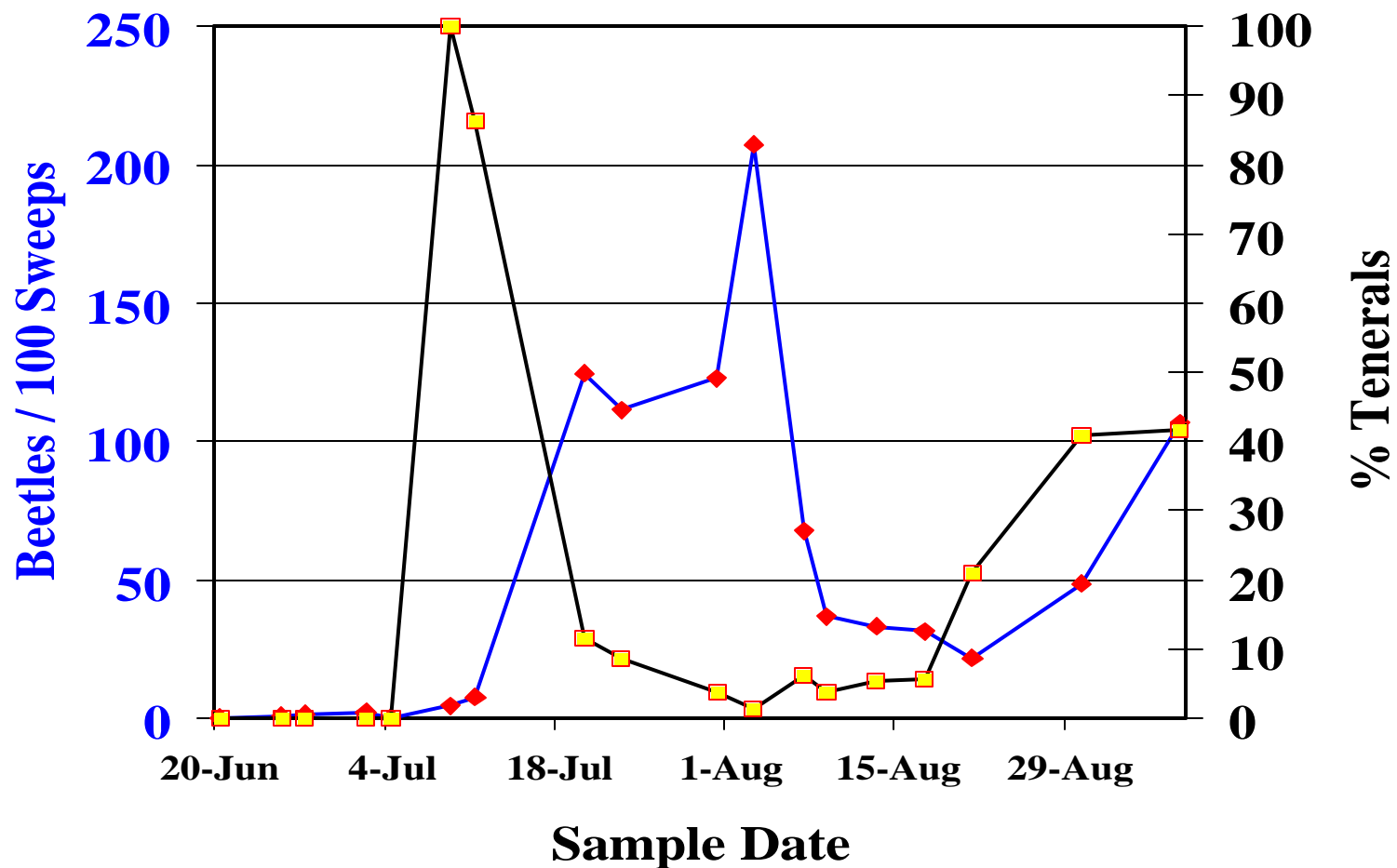
**Sex Ratio**

**Dissections**

- **Ovarian Stages**
- **Ectoparasitic Mites**
- **Parasitoids**

# BLB Phenology

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# Teneral BLB



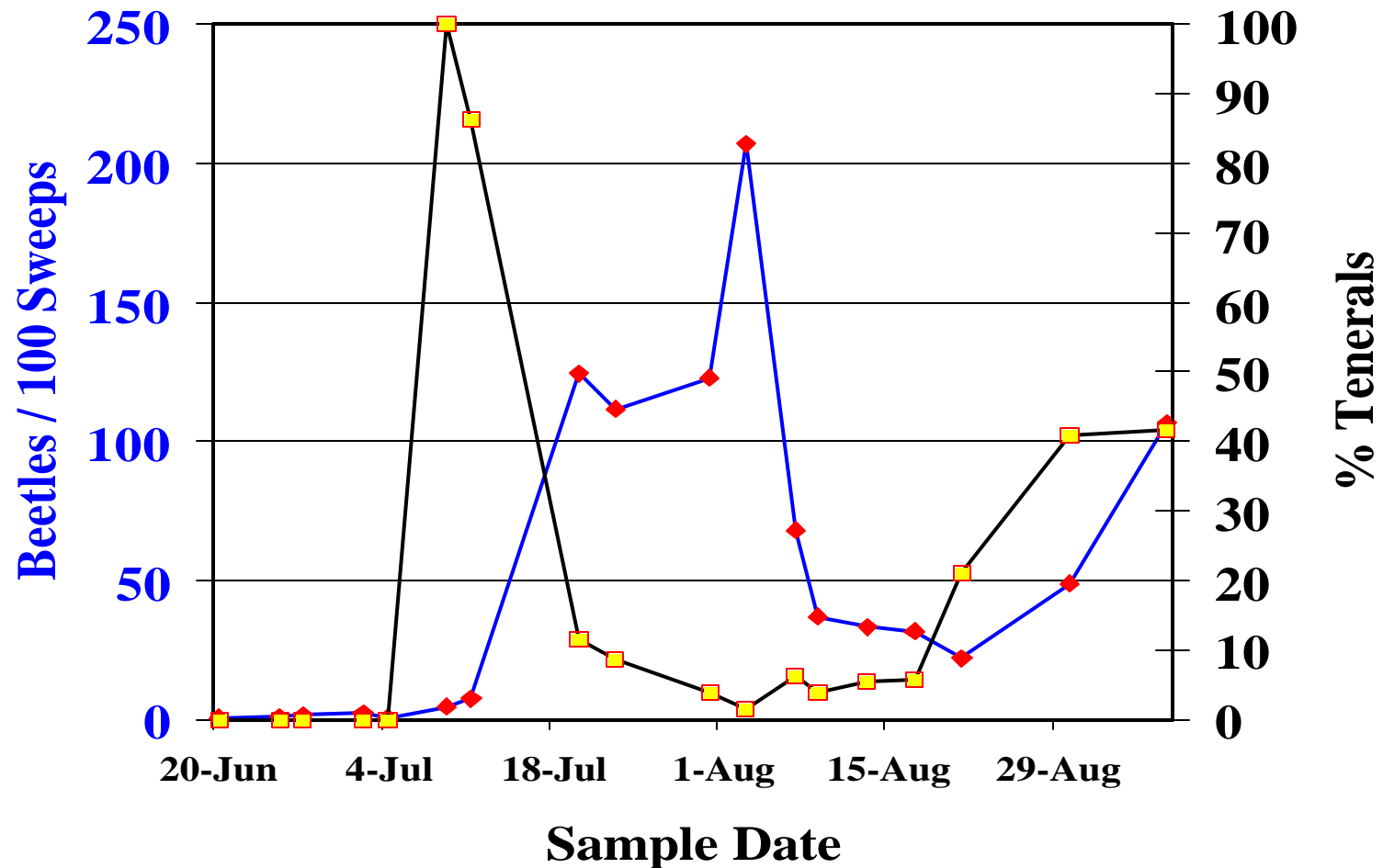
Soft Cuticle  
Pale Coloration

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# BLB Phenology

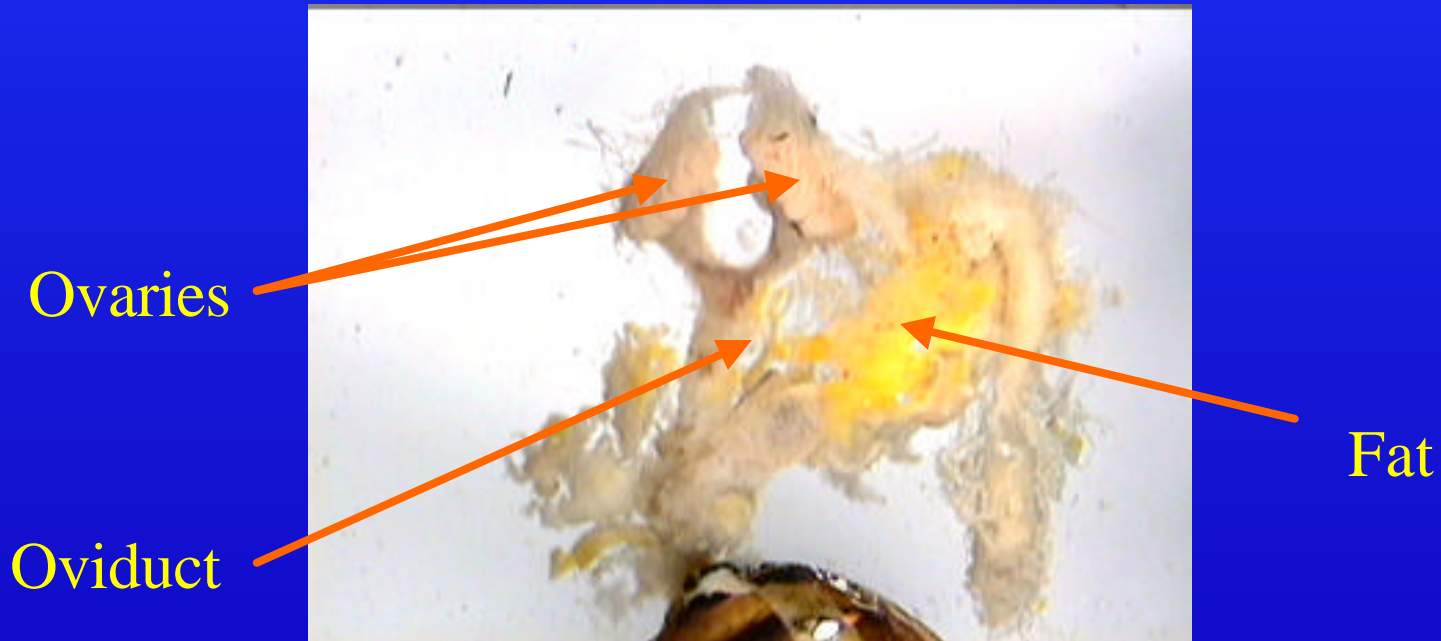
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# Ovarian Stage 1

No Egg-sized Oocytes

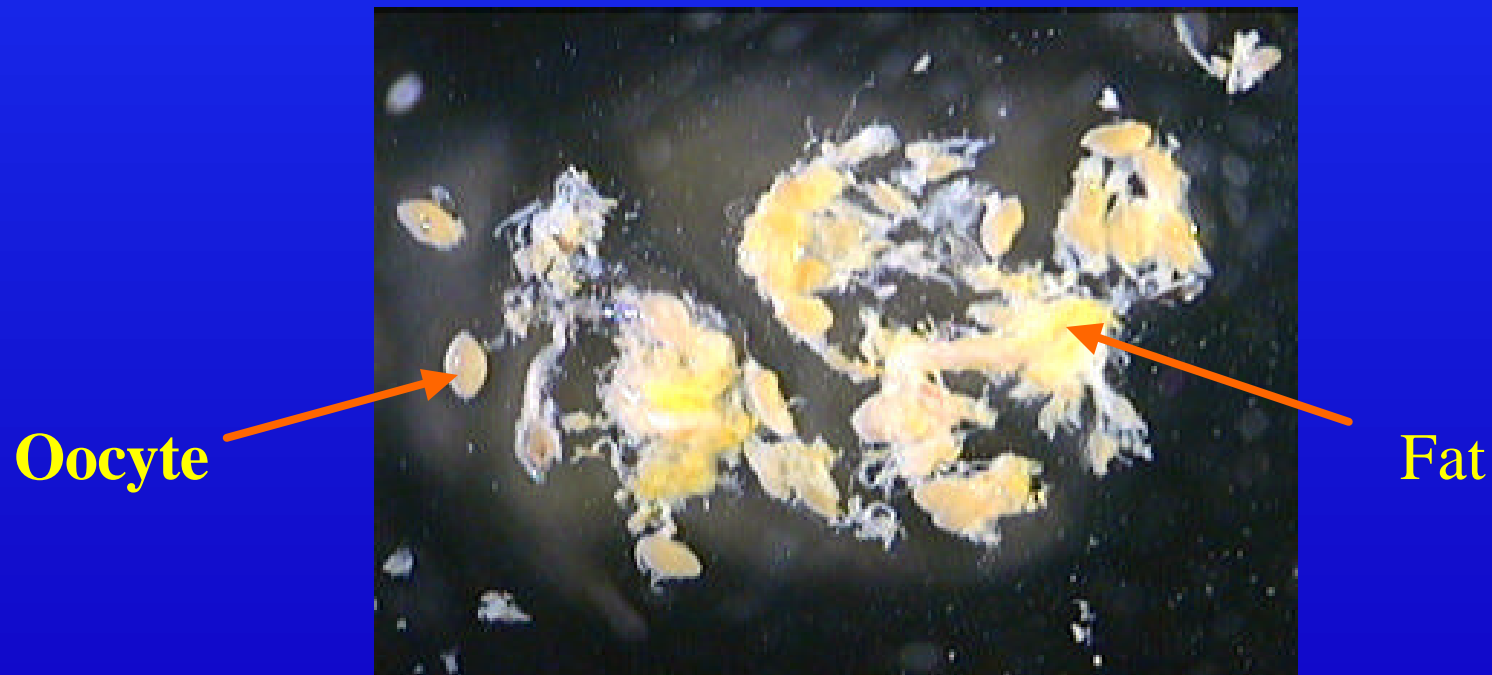
Body Filled With Fat



## Ovarian Stage 2

**White or Yellow Egg-sized Oocytes**

**Moderate Fat Content**





# Ovarian Stage 3

**Fully-developed Eggs Present**

**Little Fat**



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## **Ovarian Stage 4**

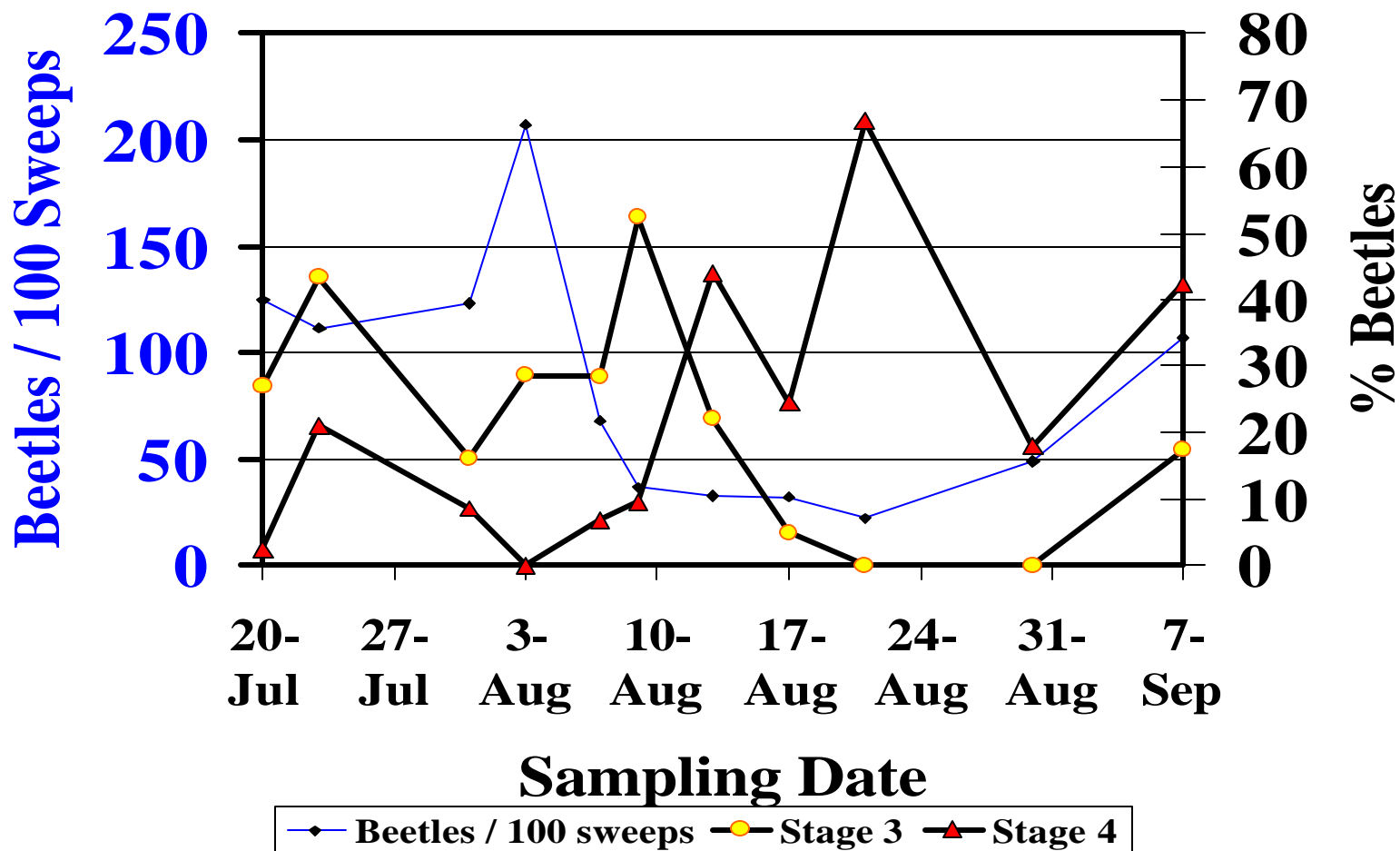
**Few or No Eggs Remaining**

**Almost No Fat**

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# Phenology and Ovarian Development

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# **Population Dynamics of the**

## **Bean Leaf Beetle**

**Winter Conditions**

**Ectoparasitic Mites**

**Parasitoids**

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# Ectoparasitic Mites of BLB

*Trombidium sp.*



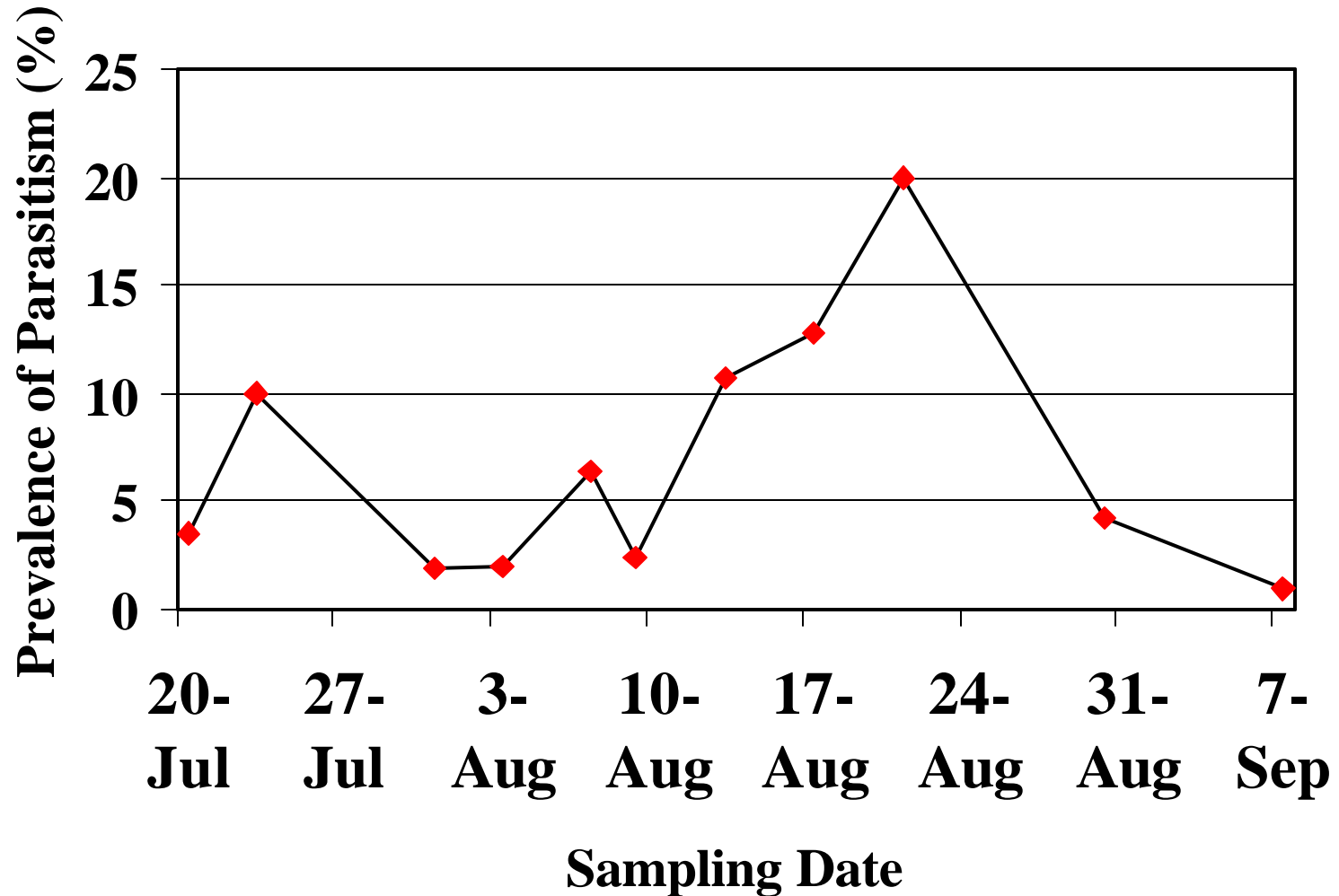
# Tachinid Parasitoid





# *Tachinid* Parasitism of BLB

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# **Management of BPMV and BLB in Soybean**

**Planting Date?**

**Seed Treatments and Post-Emergence  
Insecticides?**

**Host Plant Resistance?**

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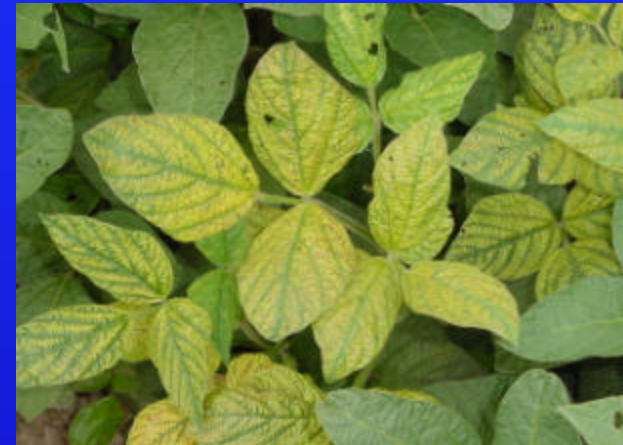
# Potential Challenge For Wisconsin

$$2 + 2 = 5$$

**Synergism Between SMV and  
BPMV Complicates Management  
Options**

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# Diversity of Soybean Viruses in Wisconsin



**SMV**



**TSV**

**BPMV**

**AMV**

**CYMV**

**CMV**



**A Complicated System!**

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# **Will Bean Leaf Beetle Populations Continue to Increase?**

**Increased Soybean Acreage**

**Weather Patterns**

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