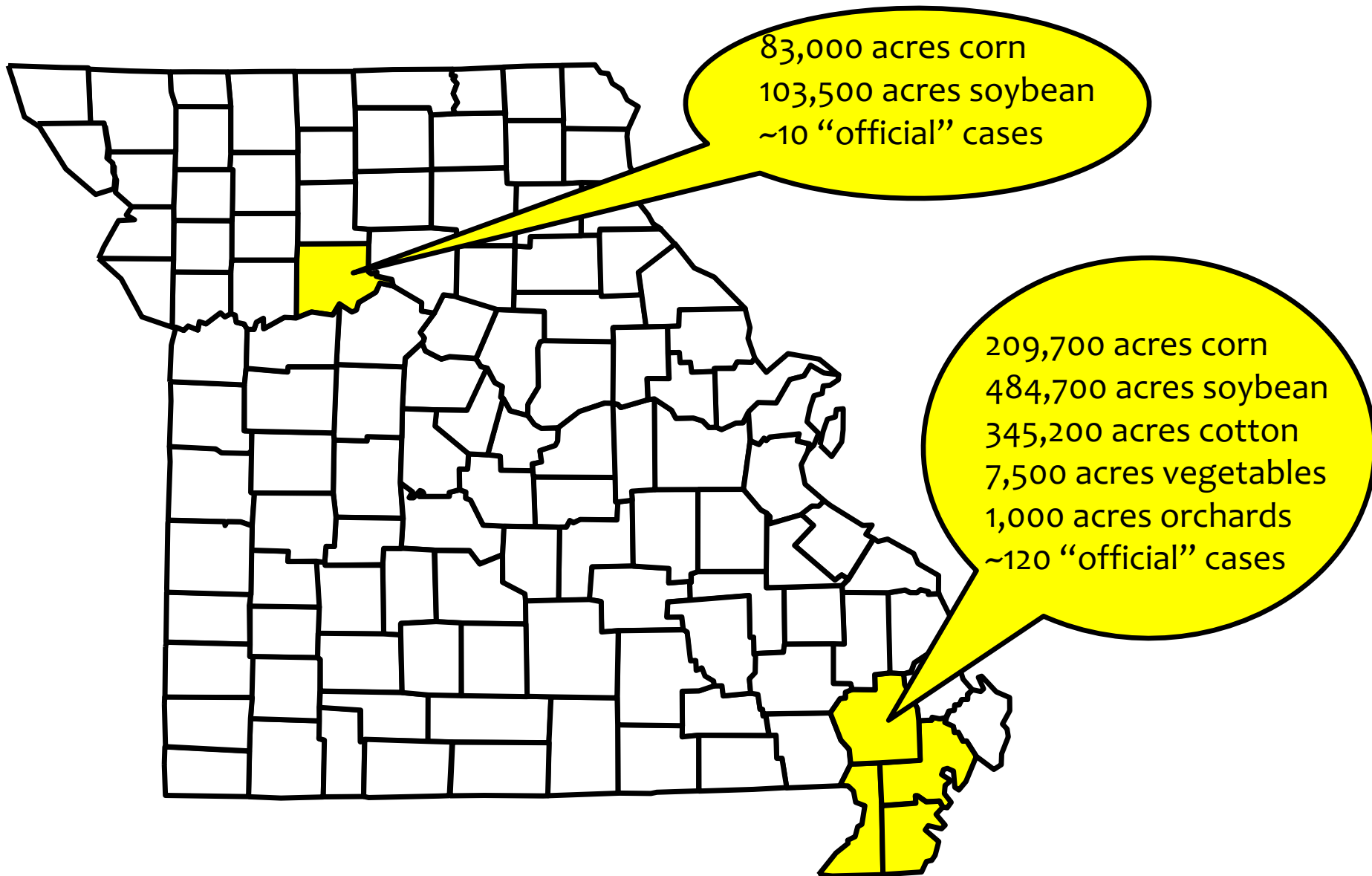




Don't Follow our Lead: Our Experiences with Off-Target Movement of Dicamba in Missouri

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2 Distinct Geographies



~45,000 acres soybean
“officially” damaged



How about “unofficial” damage?

~ 100,000 acres ???



2 acres fresh market tomatoes



9 acres cantaloupe

A photograph of a cantaloupe field. In the foreground, two large, light-colored cantaloupes are visible, one partially obscured by a plant. The plants have large, green, lobed leaves and small yellow flowers. A black plastic mulch strip runs diagonally across the middle of the image, with some holes. The ground is sandy and covered with dry plant matter.

32 acres watermelon



400 acres purple hull peas



~900 acres of peaches





**And many, many homeowner
gardens, trees, ornamental
bushes, etc.**











Some common themes in the off-site movement of dicamba in Missouri.

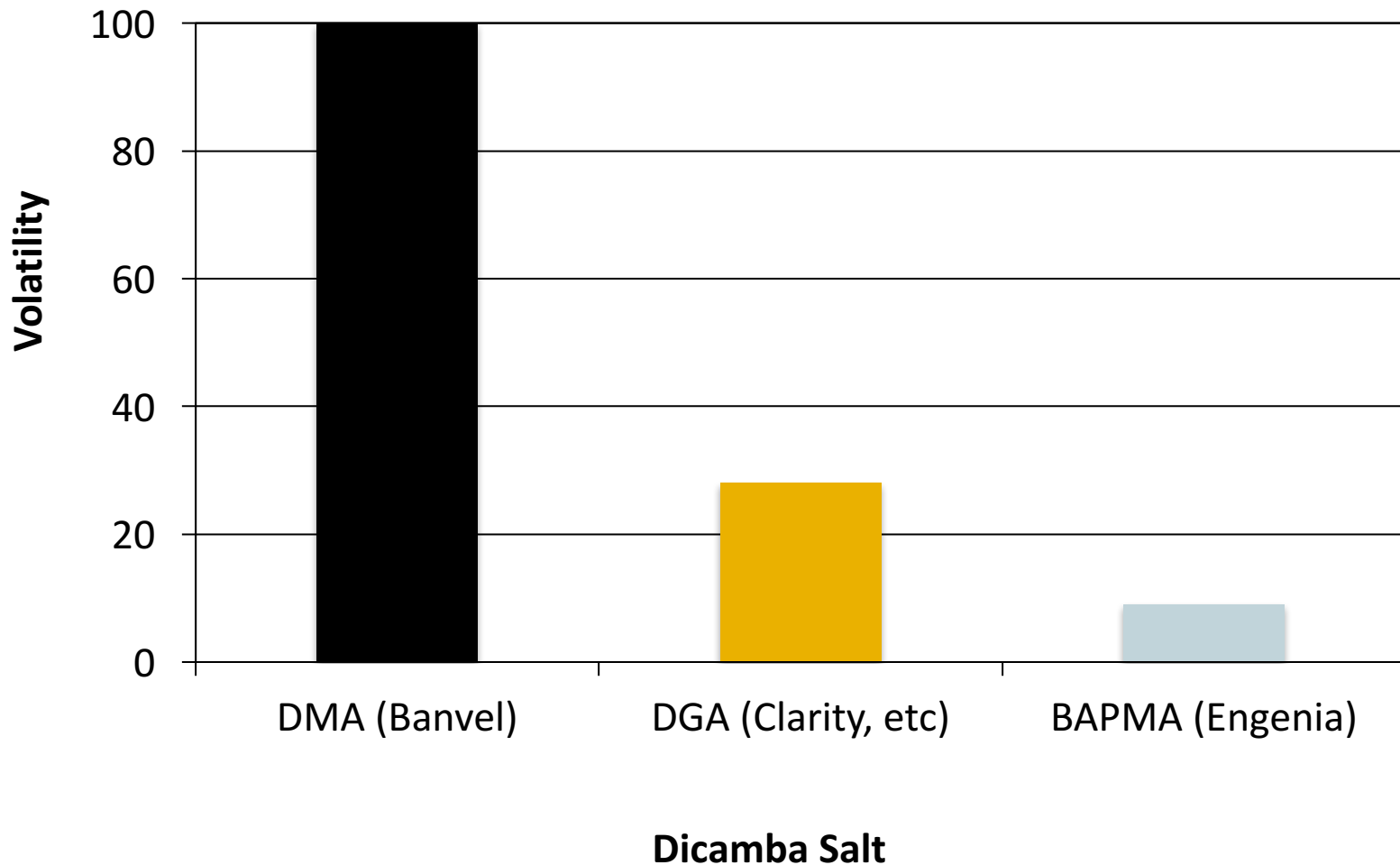


**Both the DMA (Banvel, Rifle, etc.)
and DGA (Clarity, Sterling Blue, etc.)
salts of dicamba were sprayed.**



The Dicamba Salt Matters...

Relative Volatility of Three Salts of Dicamba



Factors that Contributed to the Problem

- Various crops/traits/herbicides that are in very close proximity and don't necessarily play well together



#1 Factor that Contributed to the Herbicide Injury Problems Observed in 2016

A lack of appreciation for the inherent sensitivity of soybean to *extremely* low concentrations of dicamba.



Non-treated Control – 14 days after V3 application



1/20,000th of the 1x Use Rate (0.000025 lb ae/A dicamba) – 14 days after V3 application

But no yield loss by the end of the season!



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Non-treated Control - 14 days after R2 Application



1/200th of the 1x Use Rate (0.0025 lb ae/A dicamba) – 14 days after R2 application

14% yield loss



1/20th of the 1x Use Rate (0.025 lb ae/A dicamba) – 14 days after R2 application

68% yield loss



**So was it physical drift,
volatility, temperature
inversions, or what?**



Some fields with no discernable patterns and consistent injury across the entire acreage.

My ESTIMATE: 40%



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Other fields with clear patterns of injury more consistent with physical drift .

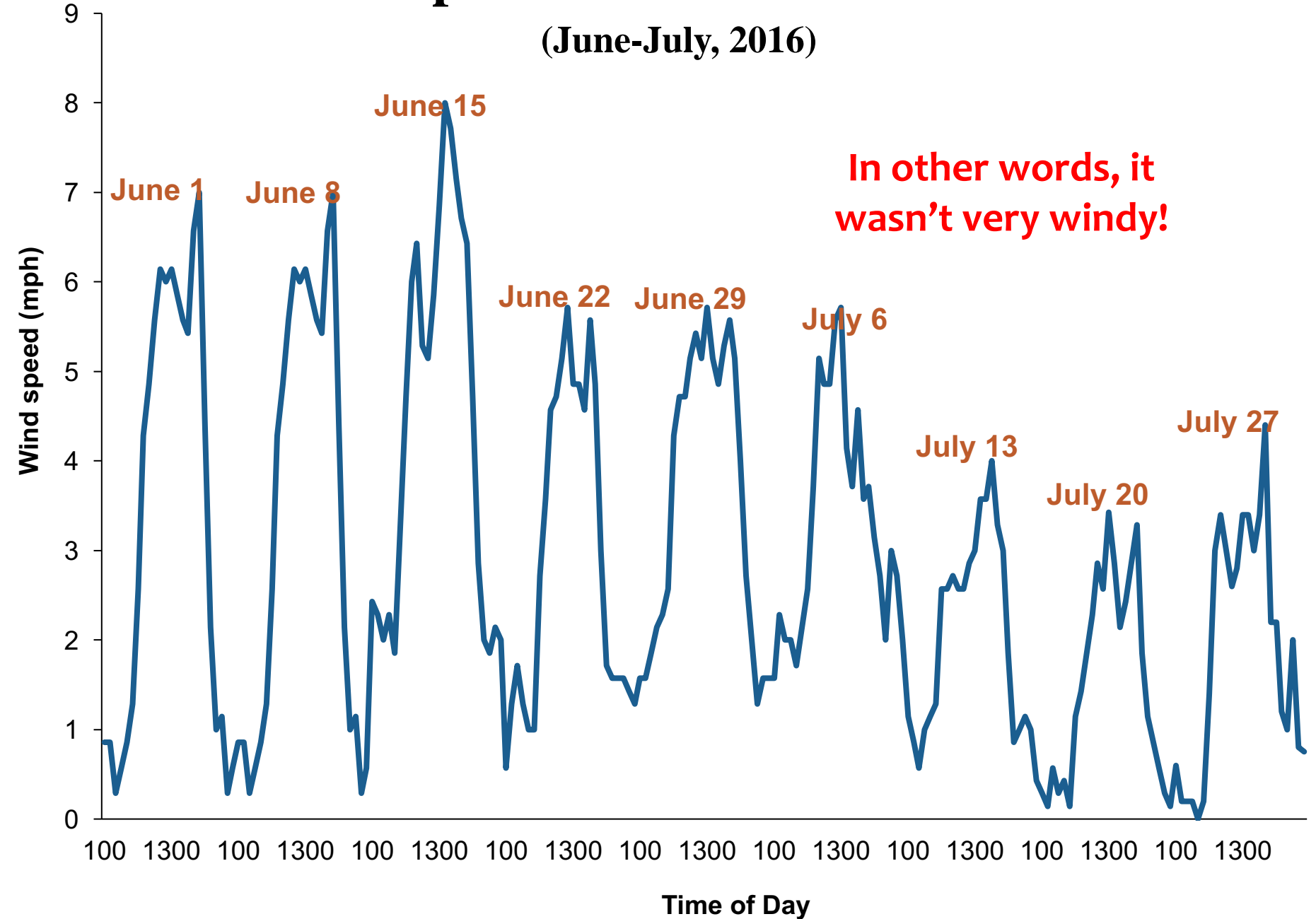
My ESTIMATE: 60%



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Wind Speeds in Southeast Missouri

(June-July, 2016)

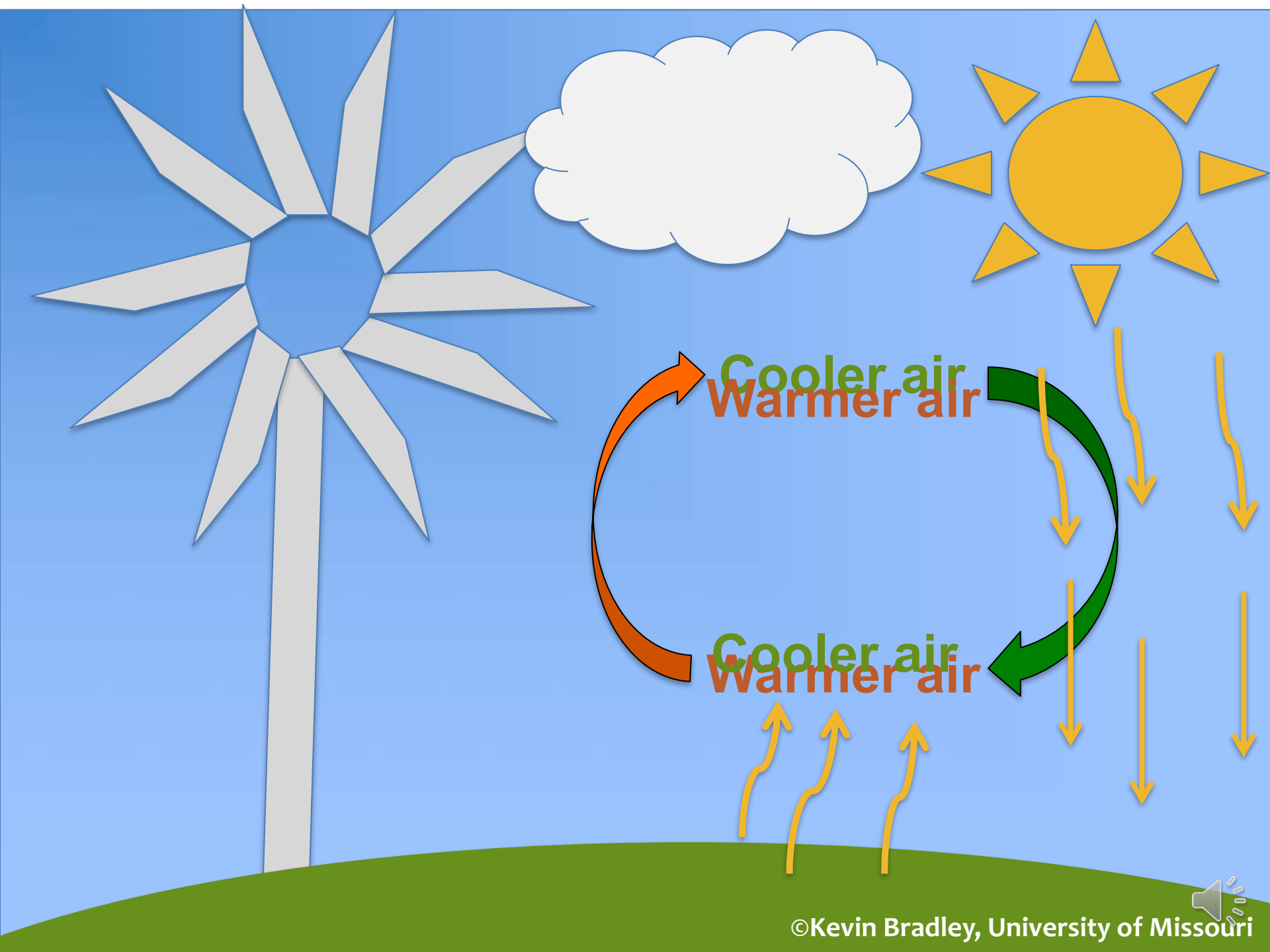


**New dicamba formulations
will not minimize physical
drift!**



What about temperature inversions?





How Common were Surface Temperature Inversions?



Southeast Missouri

	Number of Inversions ^a		Typical Start Time	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
March	21	22	4:00-5:00 p.m.	5:00-6:00 p.m.
April	23	27	4:00-5:00 p.m.	5:00-6:00 p.m.
May	17	25	4:00-6:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.
June	16	24	5:00-6:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.
July	22	20	6:00-7:00 p.m.	7:00-8:00 p.m.

^aInversions were classified as air temp at 46 cm above surface < air temp at 168 cm < air temp at 305 cm; temperature differences had to occur for > 1 hour in duration and intensity had to be > 1.0°C between 305 and 46 cm air temperatures.

**So how can we use the Xtend technology
successfully in 2017?**





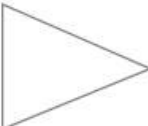



There are only 2 dicamba products labeled for use in Xtend Soybean and Cotton

- XtendiMax with VaporGrip (DGA salt of dicamba, Monsanto)
- Engenia (BAPMA salt of dicamba, BASF)



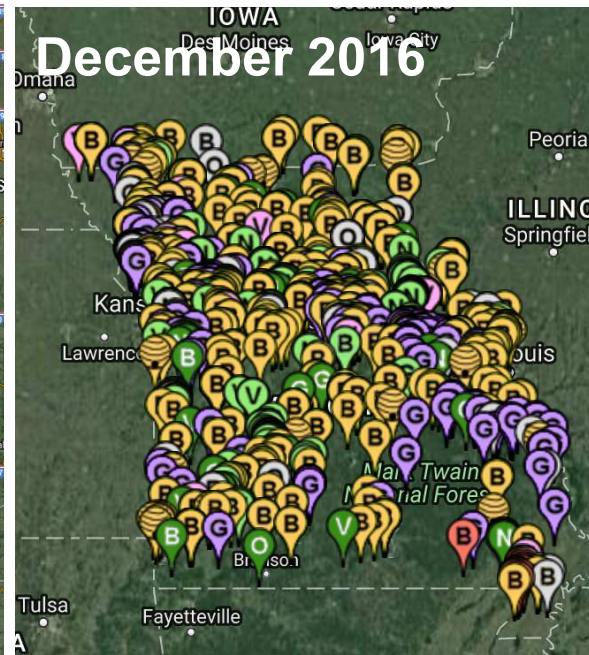
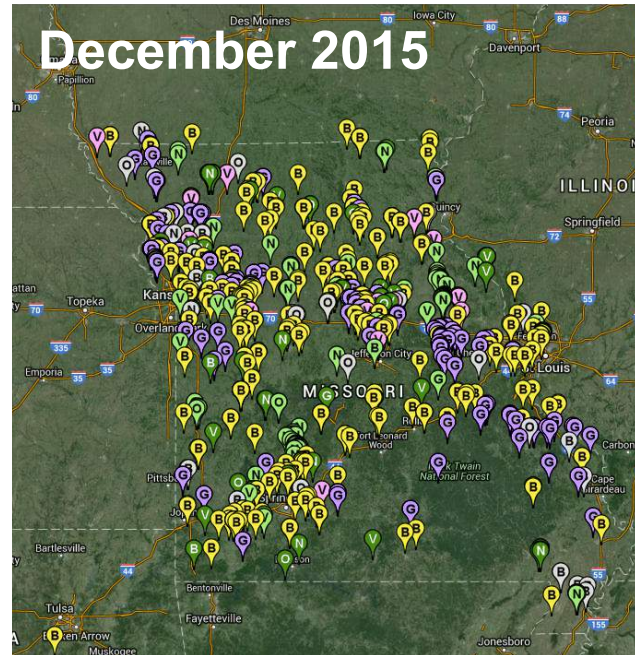
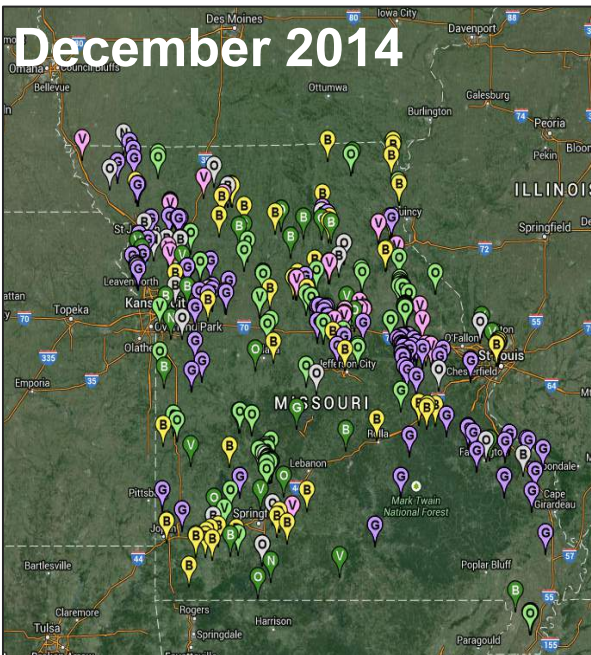
Our farmers have to communicate with one another! Who's planting what and where?



RED signifies conventional varieties with no herbicide technology traits. <i>Extreme caution.</i>		BRIGHT YELLOW is the color chosen for Clearfield® rice technology and STS® soybeans. ¹	
WHITE represents the Roundup Ready® technology that is tolerant to glyphosate herbicide.		TEAL indicates tolerance to both 2,4-D and FOP (Accase) herbicides or the Enlist® technology. The white stripes indicate tolerance to glyphosate. For Enlist cotton and soybean fields, a green flag should be added to denote tolerance to glufosinate (Liberty).	
BRIGHT GREEN indicates the Liberty Link® technology. This technology is tolerant to glufosinate (Liberty®) herbicide.		BLACK indicates tolerance to dicamba herbicide or Xtend®. The black and white checks indicate tolerance to both dicamba and glyphosate (Roundup). A green flag should be added for cotton to denote glufosinate (Liberty) tolerance.	

DriftWatch: Identifying Sensitive Areas

- What sensitive crops are near by?
- Which direction is the wind blowing?



**Constantly re-emphasize yield
impacts and the extremely
sensitive nature of soybean...**



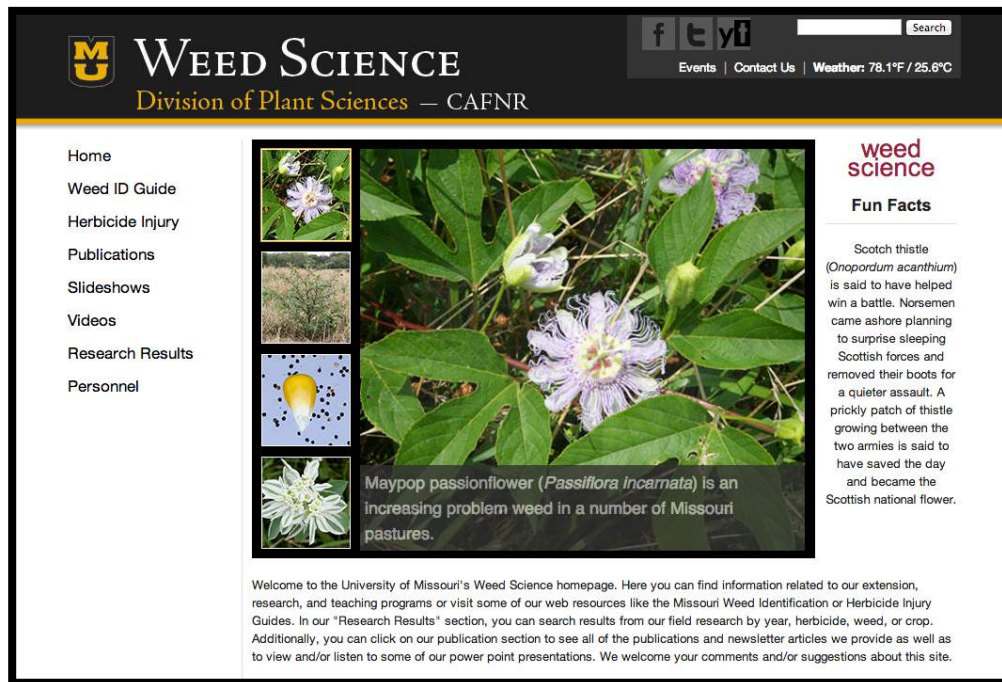
The societal impacts of off-target injury cannot be underestimated.



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