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Soybean Aphid: Starting to Show Up in Northern Indiana Soybean (but do not panic yet) - (Christian Krupke and John Obermeyer)

- Aphids, though mostly low levels, are beginning to be found in many fields.
- Recent rains, moderate temperatures, and soybean growth spurt may favor aphids.
- Concentrate scouting effort on the new growth in the upper soybean canopy.

Reports have just come in of soybean aphids beginning to establish in the new growth of soybean foliage. Although there have been rumored fields over threshold and being treated, those contacting us (thanks to Troy Jenkins and Dan Childs) have only seen low numbers, but aphids are being found on the majority of the plants. This certainly indicates that scouting soybean fields should begin in earnest immediately. We are able to find aphids in many fields around Tippecanoe County, but again numbers are very low and have a lot of building to do to reach threshold before the R6 stage.



New soybean growth being colonized by aphids, note the adult female giving live birth

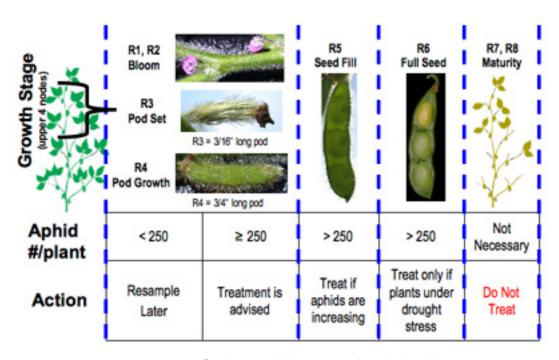
As we stated in earlier Pest&Crop issues, aphids have been relatively scarce this year. Since numbers in the upper Midwest haven't flared, we don't suspect that winged aphids have migrated from those areas and descended on Indiana. To support that, those finding aphids are not seeing many with wings. The extreme heat last week and in the latter part of this week is not helpful for aphid survival and reproduction. They don't die as a result of the heat, but they do not reproduce very quickly at temperatures in excess of 90 degrees. It is likely that recent rains and more tolerable temperatures have spurred on the few aphids that lurked in the canopy unnoticed.

The rains have certainly encouraged new growth in soybean. That new growth is rich in nutrients that favor aphid fecundity and development. Soybean fields that are in the early R growth stages, especially in the northern counties, should be scouted soon. Concentrate on the backsides of new growth in the upper canopy and on the newly developing pods. Again, the vast majority of Indiana soybean fields have virtually no aphids in them. However, they are out there and some populations will be increasing and marching toward the magic number of 250 aphids/plant. Don't let your fields be among those that are not scouted until they are over threshold – take the time for a quick survey of 20 plants throughout the field.

Use the following treatment threshold guide determined by soybean growth stage:



Be certain to look for aphids on the backside of soybean's newest growth



Soybean aphid treatment threshold guide

Western Bean Cutworm Adult Pheromone Trap Report Week 1 = 6/20/11 - 6/22/11 Week 2 = 6/22/11 - 6/29/11 Week 3 = 6/30/11 - 7/6/11 Week 4 = 7/7/11 - 7/13/11 Week 5 = 7/14/11 - 7/20/11 Week 6 = 7/21/11 - 7/27/11

		WBC Trapped							
County	Cooperator	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
Adams	Kaminsky/New Era Ag		0	0	0	3	0		
Adams	Roe/Mercer Landmark - Pleasant Mills	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Allen	Anderson/Syngenta Seeds	0	0	5	1	0			
Allen	Gynn/Southwind Farms - Ft. Wayne	0	0	0	0		0		
Benton	Babcock/Ceres Solutions - Boswell	0	0	0	0	0			
Boone	Dennis Carrell - Lebanon		0	0	2	0	1		
Clay	Bower/Ceres Solutions - Brazil	0	0	0	0				
Clay	Bower/Ceres Solutions - Clay City	0	0	0	0				
Clinton	Rick Foster/Purdue Entomology - Rossville	0	0	5	6	0	0		
DeKalb	Hoffman/ATA Solutions	0	0	0	1	11	26		
Dubois	Eck/Purdue CES - Jasper	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Fayette	Schelle/Falmouth Farm Supply	0	0	0	0	0			
Fountain	Mroczkiewicz/Syngenta - Rob Roy		0	0	0	0	0		
Fulton	Jenkins/North Central Coop - Kewanna	1	7	4	84	92	51		
Fulton	Jenkins/North Central Coop - Rochester	5	2	20	89	99	36		
Hamilton	Beamer/Beck's Hybrids - Atlanta	0	2	2	0	1	3		
Hamilton	Beamer/Beck's Hybrids - Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hamilton	Lawson/Syngenta - Sheridan			0	0				
Hendricks	Lawson/Syngenta - Danville		0	0	2	0			
Hendricks	Lawson/Syngenta - Brownsburg		0	2	0	4			
Hendricks	Nicholson/Nicholson Consulting		0	0	0	0	0		
Henry	Lawson/Syngenta - New Castle			0	0	0			
Henry	Schelle/Falmouth Farm Supply	0	0	0	0	0			
Jasper	Childs/Speciality Seed - Fair Oaks		5	35	187	281	185		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Pleasant Ridge 1		13	56	194	338	71		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Hanging Grove 1		6	15	161	423	166		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Medaryville 1		9	5	76	284	101		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Medaryville 2		11	9	136	532	287		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Newland 1		10	3	188	286	197		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Tefft 2		1	9	55	411	235		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Tefft 1		5	17	116	499	228		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Wheatfield 1		3	9	180	207	174		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Kniman 1		9	11	92	458	194		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Fishers		6	23	128	433	132		
Jasper	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Rensselaer NE		3	8	138	528	370		
Jasper	Overstreet/CES			0	3	122	30		
Jay	Shrack/RanDel AgriServices - Dunkirk	0	0	0	0	2	1		
Jennings	Bauerle/SEPAC - North Vernon	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Knox	Bower - Ceres Solutions - Frichton	0	0	2	0	0			
Knox	Bower - Ceres Solutions - Oaktown	0	0	0	0				
Knox	Bower - Ceres Solutions - Vincennes	0	0	0	0				
Knox	Hoke/SWPAC	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Lake	Kleine/Kleine Farms - Cedar Lake	0	1	3	6	8	12		
Lake	Moyer- Shelby	0	3	6	71	98	87		

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		WBC Trapped							
County	Cooperator	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
Lake	Moyer- Schneider	0	0	5	22	30	75		
LaPorte	Barry/Kingsbury Elevator		0	0	26	25	7		
LaPorte	Rocke/Agri Mgmt Solutions - House	0	0	2	35	35	8		
LaPorte	Rocke/Agri Mgmt Solutions - LaCrosse	0	1	0	15	134	8		
Montgomery	Stine/Nicholson Consulting	0	1	0	1	0			
Newton	Moyer - Lake Village	0	0	1	7	118	35		
Newton	Ritter/Purdue CES - Morocco	0	0	1					
Porter	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Dunns Bridge		8	17	435	648	187		
Porter	Leuck/PPAC - Wanatah N	0	0	3	19	66	16		
Pulaski	Flora/Ceres Solutions - Francesville 1		4	7	93	432	365		
Pulaski	Rocke/Agri Mgmt Solutions - Francesville	0	0	2	9	62	8		
Pulaski	Rocke/Agri Mgmt Solutions - Medaryville	1	5	4	47	147	92		
Putnam	Nicholson/Nicholson Consulting - Greencastle	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Randolph	Boyer/DPAC - Farmland	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Rush	Schelle/Falmouth Farm Supply	0	0	0	0	0			
Starke	Wickart/Wickert Agron Svc N. Judson	0	0	2	3	7	6		
Sullivan	Bower/Ceres Solutions - Sullivan	0	0	2	0				
Tippecanoe	Bower/Ceres Solutions - West Point	1	6	32	18				
Tippecanoe	Nagel/Ceres Solutions - Otterbein	0	1	2	16	3	0		
Tippecanoe	Obermeyer/Purdue Entomology - Agron Farm	0	0	1	6	2	0		
Tippecanoe	Westerfeld/Monsanto	0	0	1	9	15	0		
Whitley	Walker/NEPAC - Columbia City	0	1	0	7	16	6		

Black Light Trap Catch Report - (John Obermeyer)														
	7/12/11 - 7/18/11					7/19/11 - 7/25/11								
County/Cooperator	County/Cooperator				ECB	WBC	CEW	FAW	AW					
Dubois/SIPAC Ag Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Jennings/SEPAC Ag Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Knox/SWPAC Ag Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
LaPorte/Pinney Ag Center	0	0	0	50	0	0	5	0	0	0	9	0	0	3
Lawrence/Feldun Ag Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randolph/Davis Ag Center	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Tippecanoe/TPAC Ag Center	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Whitley/NEPAC Ag Center	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0

VC = Variegated Cutworm, BCW = Black Cutworm, ECB = European Corn Borer, WBC = Western Bean Cutworm, CEW = Corn Earworm, FAW = Fall Armyworm, AW = Armyworm

Plant Diseases

Profitability of Fungicides and Insecticides in Soybean – (Ryan Henry, Kiersten Wise, Bill Johnson, and Christian Krupke)

 Purdue research indicates that yield increases in soybean from fungicide and insecticide applications to soybean are inconsistent.

As soybeans move from flowering into beginning pod (R3) in Indiana, questions have arisen about applying fungicides and insecticides to soybean to increase or protect yield. Currently there is low foliar disease pressure in Indiana soybeans. However, many growers are interested in applying fungicides for other benefits, including retention of green leaf area, which may lead to an extended period of seed fill and higher yields. In addition, insecticide applications have been included in this concept and are promoted as increasing yields, even in the absence of significant insect pressures. The question remains whether such a management practice will result in consistent yield increases that will offset the added cost of the chemicals.

Fields trials were established in 2009 and 2010 at three locations in Indiana: the Pinney Purdue Agriculture Center (PPAC), in LaPorte County, the Agronomy Center for Research and Education (ACRE) in Tippecanoe County, and the Southeastern Purdue Agriculture Center (SEPAC) in Jennings County. All fields received Canopy DF preemergence herbicide about one month prior to planting. Our soybean management program consisted of 22 fl oz glyphosate at growth stage V3 or R2, 6 fl oz of the strobilurin fungicide Headline® fungicide at R2 or R4, and 3 fl oz of the insecticide Warrior® at R4 (Table 1). Trials were rated for disease and insect pressure throughout the season, however, no significant pressure was found in any trial location in 2009 or 2010.

In 2009, significant yield benefits were only observed in soybean receiving Headline at growth stage R4 (Figure 1). This treatment yielded, on average, 2 bu/A higher than the control group, which was 43 bu/A. The treatment of Headline at R2 followed by Warrior at R4 also resulted in mean yield of 45 bu/A, but this treatment was not significantly greater than the control due to higher variability in the results. Warrior insecticide did not increase yield beyond a herbicide application.

Yield increases were observed when insecticide was included in the soybean management program in 2010 (Figure 2). However, the yield from a Headline treatment

Table 1. Treatments applied to soybean during the 2009 and 2010 growing seasons. Glyphosate applications were applied at 22 fl oz/A at V3 or R2 in all treatments.

Treatments	Growth Stage	Rate (fl oz)		
Glyphosate only (Control)	V3 or R2	22		
Headline	R2	6		
Headline	R4	6		
Warrior	R4	3		
Headline followed by Warrior	R2 followed by R4	6, 3		
Headline + Warrior	R4	6 + 3		

was the same as a yield from glyphosate alone. When both Headline and Warrior were used together, yields were about 10 bu/A greater than glyphosate alone. These results suggest that insect populations were greater in 2010 than in 2009 at the field locations used in this study, but were not measurably detectable.

The decision to incorporate additional pesticides, like fungicides or insecticides, into a management program is ultimately based on economics. Of the treatments included in our analysis, a single application of glyphosate gave the highest average net return of \$435/A (Table 2). While additional treatments like a tank mixture of Headline and Warrior at R4 could result in higher net returns (1128 \$/A), these treatments were not always profitable because of the added pesticide and application costs and the lack of consistent yield increases. Keep in mind that these numbers do not take into consideration other farm-related costs such as rent, taxes, labor, etc. An individual grower's net return will not always be the same as those returns presented in Table 2, but the take home message is that fungicides and insecticides were not as cost effective as the glyphosate alone due to the inconsistent yield response.

Our results indicate that yield increases due to fungicides and insecticides are possible under conditions of below pest thresholds but **consistent yield increases were not observed**. Likewise, the additional cost of these pesticides and the variability of soybean market prices can influence the profitability of their use. According to our analysis, soybean growers will rarely economically benefit from their application. Therefore, we recommend that growers base their decision to apply a fungicide or insecticide on the presence or absence of significant fungal or insect pressures in their fields.

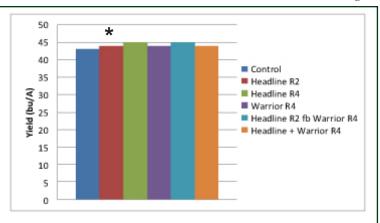


Figure 1. Yield of soybean in 2009 averaged over all treatments and locations. All treatments including glyphosate at either growth stage V3 or R2. The control treatment is glyphosate at V3 or \$2. Yield increases deemed significantly different than the control treatment at the P=0.05 level are marked with an astrisk.

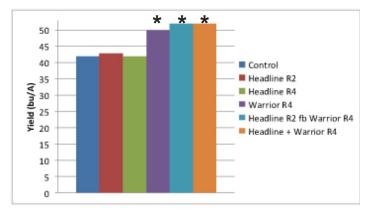


Figure 2. Yield of soybean in 2009 averages all over treatments and locations. All treatments included glyphosate at either growth stage V3 or R2. The control treatment is glyphosate at V3 or R2. Yield increases deemed significantly different than the control treatment at the P=0.05 level are marked with an astrisk.

Table 2. Average net returns for 2009 and 2010 treatments applied to soybean. Values are based on the five-year historical soybean prices, yield data from the present study, and expected pesticide costs for 2011. Prices for input costs are based on estimates from the 2011 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide (ID-166-W). The net returns do not include factors such as rent, taxes, labor, premiums, etc. The economic analysis software SIMETAR was used to generate this data.

Treatment	Timina	Mean	Min.	Max.		
reaument	Timing	\$ acre ⁻¹				
Glyphosate	V3	435	40	999		
Headline	R2	406	35	862		
Headline	R4	420	33	1003		
Warrior	R4	385	-65	1043		
Headline followed by Warrior	R2 followed by R4	381	-38	988		
Headline + Warrior	R4	384	-16	1128		



VIDEO: Goss's Bacterial Wilt on Corn - (Kiersten Wise and John Obermeyer)

Goss's bacterial wilt was first confirmed in Indiana on popcorn in 2008 (*Pest&Crop* #20, August 18, 2008). The fol-

lowing video was shot in northern Indiana on July 27, 2011. It is intended to assist in field identification, understand circumstances that favor its development, and presents possible management strategies. Click on the video:



Agronomy Tips

Prospects of Recovery for Root-Lodged Corn – (Bob Nielsen)

Scattered storms across Indiana in the past week or so flattened hundreds, if not thousands, of acres of corn. In contrast to stalk breakage, these flattened fields are the result of corn stalks being partially uprooted by strong winds and literally laid flat to the ground. Thus, the technical term for such flattening is "root lodging", not "stalk lodging".

The severity of the root lodging varies among and within fields, depending on the severity of the winds and the amount of soil saturation that accompanied the winds. The severity of root lodging was also influenced by the relative rooting depth of a field or area within a field. This growing season has not been conducive for deep rooting primarily because of shallow soil compaction created by pre-planting tillage operations and during the planting process itself. Soggy soils in the weeks after planting were not conducive for deep rooting. Excessively dry surface soils in recent weeks, coupled with shallow soil compaction layers, have not been conducive for further root development. Hybrids themselves vary naturally for root development and, thus, for susceptibility to root lodging.

Even though the natural response after walking a flattened field of corn is to assume catastrophic yield loss, there is an opportunity for such damaged fields to partially recover depending on the growth stage at which the damage occurred and the degree of root damage.



Others have speculated on the range of yield losses that may occur from flattened corn (see **Related Reading** below). Generally speaking, the younger the growth stage, the greater the opportunity for partial or perhaps even full recovery from such root lodging. The severity of root damage also influences the degree of recovery from root lodging.

Stage of Growth

Late-planted fields that are 1 to 2 weeks away from tasseling have the capacity to respond to the flattening because their stalks are still elongating. The upper stalks of these nearly horizontal plants will bend or "goose-neck" as stalk elongation continues. With time, damaged fields may appear to have fully straightened up when in fact the lower stalks are still leaning severely. However, the good news with this type of "recovery" is that later-occurring pollination may be fairly successful if both tassels and silked ears are "lifted up" by the "goose-necking" of the elongating stalks.

Earlier-planted fields already pollinating or beyond when flattened simply do not have as much capacity to straighten up or "goose-neck" because stalk elongation is essentially complete by tasseling. Fields that were beginning or within







days of beginning to pollinate are particularly susceptible to yield loss when the field is flattened by wind because both tassels and silks are not only near to the ground but also partially covered by the leaves of neighboring plants also laying flat. Pollen is not shed properly, silks are not exposed properly to pollen, and kernel set will subsequently range from zero to poor.

Fields that were already beyond pollination and into early stages of grain filling when the wind damage occurred suffer the same inability to straighten up significantly after a flattening event. Photosynthesis will be severely curtailed within the flattened canopy because of the significant shading of plants by other plants. Kernel abortion in such flattened fields could be significant.

Extent of Root Damage

The other factor that influences the degree of recovery from such flattening events is the extent of root damage suffered by the individual plants. Less root damage means more opportunity to recover and vice versa. The ability for compensatory root development is also influenced by whether soil moisture is adequate or not. Thankfully, many of the damaging storms also dropped 2+ inches of muchneeded rain. Nevertheless, the root regeneration ability of damaged plants will play a role in determining the impact of the flattening event.

Other Complications

There is some concern that flattened corn will be more susceptible to **foliar disease** because of the proximity to the soil surface and possible higher humidity levels within the flattened canopy. Alison Robertson, Iowa State University, addresses the question of whether flattened fields should be sprayed with foliar fungicides in her recent article. My take on her comments is that benefits to such fungicide applications are NOT assured.

Let's say you are lucky and your flattened fields straighten up enough to successfully pollinate. Then let's say that grain filling occurs without a hitch and ear size is acceptable. Now





think about those "goose-necked" lower portions of the stalk and how they relate to the center of gravity created by those acceptable ear sizes situated higher up the stalk. If stalk rots or simply stalk cannibalization develop late in the grain filling process, those "goose-necked" plants will likely be at greater risk of **stalk breakage prior to harvest**.

A final consequence of "goose-necked" fields will be the increased challenges of grain harvest. First of all, it may be difficult to harvest "on the rows" because the "rows" you will see from the combine cab will be the tops of "goose-necked" plants. That headache plus the possible greater risk of stalk breakage noted earlier will easily translate into a frustratingly slow harvest. Growers may want to consider arranging for combine reels or similar header attachments to aid in gathering downed corn into the header.

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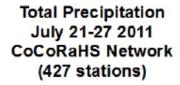
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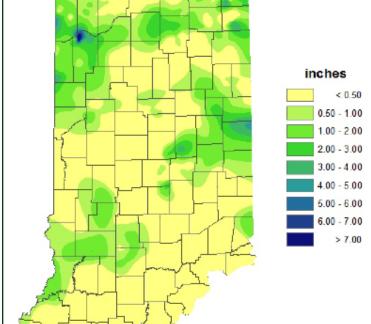
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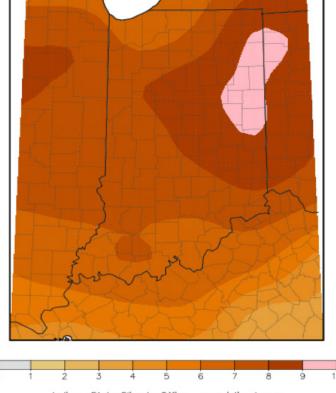
Weather Update





Analysis by Indiana State Climate Office Web: http://www.iclimate.org

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean July 20, 2011 to July 26, 2011



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