## **2014 YWTG**

Disease and Insects







# Sugarbeet Root Aphid What we learned in 2013

- Symptoms include:
  - plant wilting and leaf chlorosis, flaccid and rubbery roots, severely injured plants collapse and die
  - yield loss both within field (in RRV mid-90's, decrease in sucrose =30%, loss recoverable sugar =55%) and losses in storage
  - whitish-gray, waxy substance or "frass" excreted by wingless aphid in the soil immediately adjacent to the roots
  - variably sized circles or elliptical patches appear in fields showing these symptoms.







## Life Cycle

- Overwinter as eggs under bud scales on poplar/cottonwood trees
- Hatches to wingless 'stem mother'
  - produces gall on the petiole of leaf and reproduces asexually, daughters continue feeding in gall and producing more daughters
  - After a few generations, a winged generation is created, which flies to beets
  - Lay live nymphs directly on exposed roots
    - Worse in dry years because of access to roots via cracks in soil - also other mortality factors (e.g predators, parasitoids, disease) which are not as effective in dry conditions

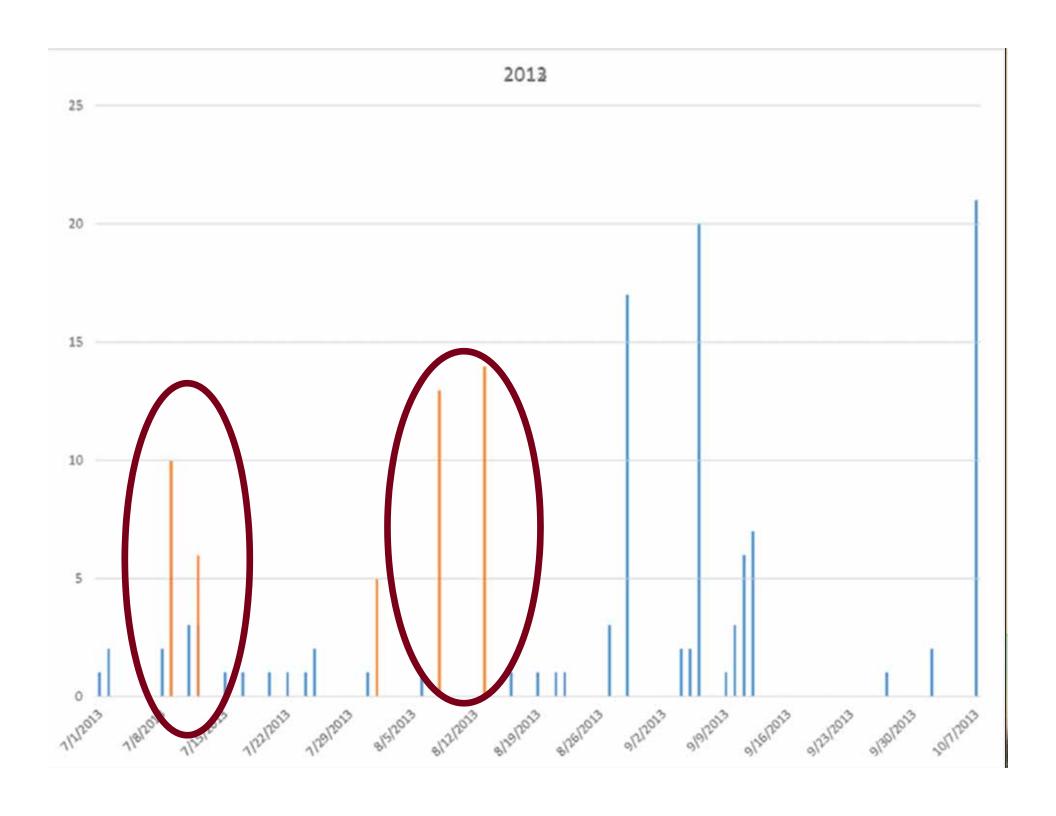












## Life Cycle Continued...

- Feed on root hairs
- Reproduce Asexually all summer (daughter clones)
- Return to poplar/cottonwood trees in the fall
- Some become males and mate and the wingless offspring lay overwintering eggs back onto the bud scales of these trees















## 2013 Oddities

Aphids on petioles!

Different color

· Brown, grey or even black



### Recommendations

- Resistant varieties definitely the best bet for now.
- We may be able to predict flights of adults to fields (July) in the future by using suction traps (potato industry) whereby we could spray insecticides in a timely manner.







## **Root Aphid Tolerant Varieties**

#### **HIGHLY TOLERANT**

Beta 89RR83 Cry 093RR
Beta 89RR10 Cry 101RR
Beta 80RR32 Cry 765RR
Beta 81RR78 Cry 768RR
Beta 82RR22 Cry 981RR
Beta 82RR33 Cry 246RR
Beta 82RR80 Cry 247RR

#### **MODERATELY TOLERANT**

Beta 80RR52 Beta 81RR17 Beta 89RR50 Cry 095RR Cry 986RR

 Highly Tolerant varieties all performed over 110% of the mean in Rev/A in the Hendrum Coded trial (Root Aphid and Drought conditions)



Beta 82RR28

# Impact on Storage

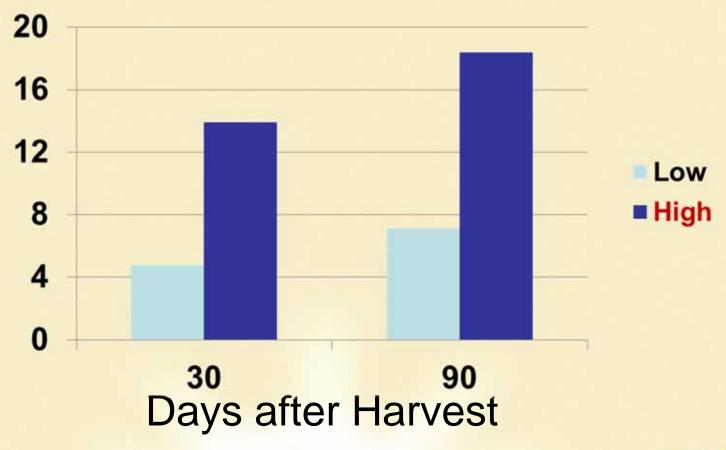








## 2012 Nielsville, MN Postharvest Respiration Rate

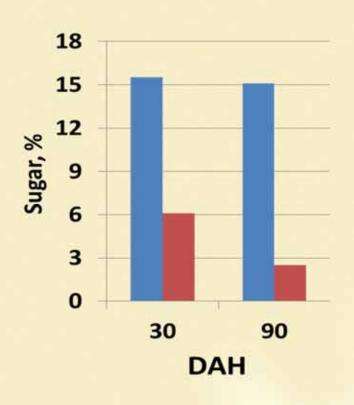


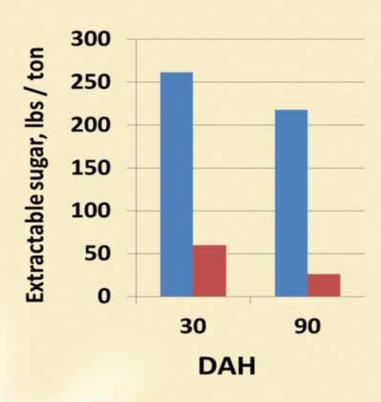






### 2012 Nielsville, MN Sugar & Extractable Sugar





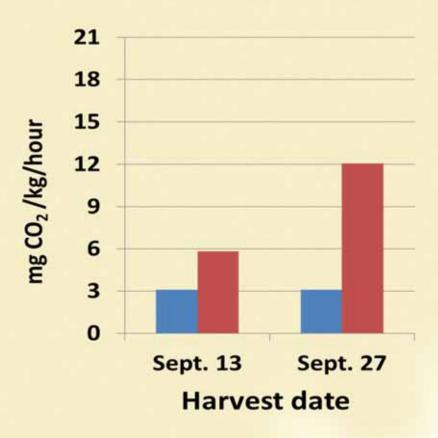
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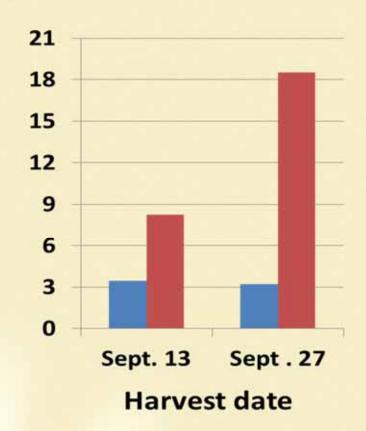






### 2013 Ada, MN Postharvest Respiration Rate





Aphid damage: Low High







### 2013 Ada, MN Sugar, 30 Days after Harvest

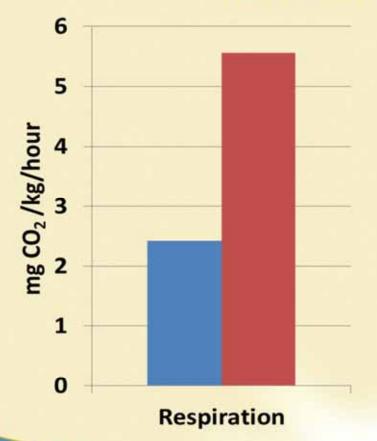


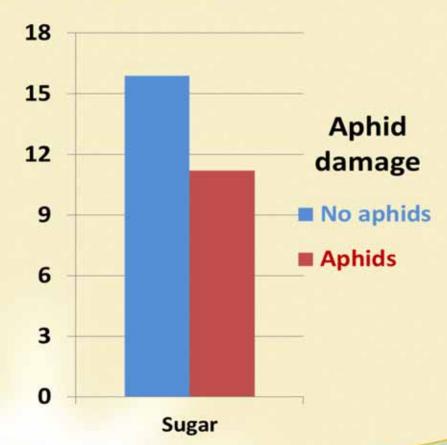




#### 2013 Scottsbluff, NE -- 30 DAH

#### Single sample observation!















## **Fusarium**

STANDARDS









## **Fusarium**



- Usually found in wet, poorly structured soils
- First appears as interveinal yellowing on older leaves.
- Optimum soil temp above 75 degrees F
- Can be confused with Verticillium Wilt







# **Fusarium Management With Disease Resistant Varieties**



- 2 yr. Disease root rating of 3.0 or less.
- Crystal 658RR
- Beta- 82RR28, 82RR33, 82RR17









# 2014 Rhizoctonia Management

 Kabina seed treatment is not meant to be a stand alone fungicide. A second post application may be needed in moderate to severe pressure disease.







#### 2014 ACSC RHIZOCTONIA MANAGEMENT

American Crystal Sugar	<b>Quadris</b> °	Headline fungicide	<b>Quadris</b> °	<b>Quadris</b> °
Company	AT-PLANT	AT-PLANT	POST	POST
METHOD	T-BAND (4")	IN-FURROW	BAND (7-11")	BROADCAST
TIMING	At-plant	At-plant	Just prior to 65° F 4″ soil temp/≥ 2 leaf	Just prior to 65° F 4″ soil temp/≥ 2 leaf
RATE	10 oz/Acre	9 oz/Acre	10 oz/Acre	15 oz/Acre
TANK-MIXES	None Recommended	Starter Fertilizer	Glyphosate w/ min. surfactant	Glyphosate w/ min. surfactant
WATER VOLUME	8 gal/acre	>1 gal/acre	10-20 gal/acre	10-20 gal/acre
(see reverse side)	<ul> <li>T-banding is the safest option for at-plant applications, Do not reduce rate</li> <li>Applying in-furrow is risky</li> <li>Less risk with in-furrow if planting late in warm soils</li> <li>More phytotoxic in cool soils</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Some stand loss may occur, adjust seeding rate accordingly</li> <li>Mix with water prior to adding to starter fertilizer</li> <li>Need good agitation</li> <li>May separate if left more than 4 hours without agitation</li> <li>Apply with minimum of 2.5gal/A of carrier</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not mix with conventional herbicides/insecticides</li> <li>Apply Quadris at midpoint between micro-rates</li> <li>Do not add deposition aids when mixing with glyphosate</li> <li>Narrower bands are most effective, do not reduce rate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not mix with conventional herbicides/insecticides</li> <li>Apply Quadris at midpoint between micro-rates</li> <li>Do not add deposition aids when mixing with glyphosate</li> <li>This is our least preferred method, but still beneficial</li> </ul>

#### RHIZOCTONIA MANAGEMENT OPTIONS





DISEASE SEVERITY	RECOMMENDATIONS
Slight	Post Quadris or other fungicide only
Moderate	Increase Crop Rotation Length, Tolerant Variety, Kabina seed treatment/T-band/ In-furrow, Post Quadris or other fungicide 1x
Severe	Increase Crop Rotation Length, Tolerant Variety, Kabina seed treatment/T-band/ In-furrow, Post Quadris or other fungicide 1x or 2x

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

- Tank-mixing Headline or Quadris with starter fertilizer can cause compatibility issues, use good agitation and apply the mixture promptly
- Headline is generally more compatible with other products compared to Quadris
- Stand losses may occur with in-furrow applications, adjust seeding rates accordingly (be sure equipment is calibrated correctly)
- At-plant applications or seed treatments may be a better option with a late May planting or if soil temperatures are close to 60°F at the 4" depth
- Tank-mixing Mustang Max with either product, for in-furrow treatments, is <u>not</u> recommended (consider using injection system)
- Consider using Kabina or other seed treatment in place of an in-furrow fungicide to prevent stand losses
- Kabina or other seed treatments <u>do not</u> provide season long control and should be coupled with post Quadris
- Seed treatments are generally less costly per acre than In-furrow or T-band fungicide applications

## QUESTIONS?





