Biology and Control of Major Diseases of Soybean

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## Rust in 2006



#### Weather Patterns in 2004 and 2006







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### Hemp sesbania





#### Fungicide Evaluations For Control of Rust and Other Late Season Diseases



### **Chemical Evaluations**

Unanticipated effects:
Need for desiccant (Gramoxone) (Jim Griffin and Joey Boudreaux)
Improved grain quality

### Photos Taken October 10, 2006



### Photos Taken October 20, 2006



#### **Surprising Disease Control with Single R3 Applications**



R3 application – August 31<sup>st</sup> First ASR detected – September 19<sup>th</sup> Disease evaluations – October 3<sup>rd</sup> Explosive development in upper canopy – October 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Yield Response to Selected Fungicides**



Chemical	Manufacturer	Rate of Application (oz/A)	Control of Rust <sup>1</sup>	Control of Cercospora Leaf Blight <sup>2</sup>
Domark	Valent	4, 5 or 6	++++	++
Folicur	Bayer	4	++++	
Headline SBR	BASF	7.8	++++	+
Headline/Caramba	BASF	11.9	++++	+++
Echo 720	Sipcam	20	++++	NT
Topguard	Cheminova	7	++++	+
Alto	Syngenta	4	++++	++
Laredo	Dow	8	++++	
KFD-09-01	CerexAgri	4	++++	NT
KFD-21-01	CerexAgri	20	++++	NT
Punch	DuPont	4	+++	
Headline	BASF	6	++	+
Quilt	Syngenta	14	++	+
Uppercut	DuPont	4	++	NT
Charisma	DuPont	10	++	-
Quadris	Syngenta	6.2	-	
Topsin	CerexAgri	8 or 16		++
Stratego	Bayer	7		
Laredo	Dow	7		
Untreated control		-	(	$\Pi \square \square \subseteq$

#### Relationship Between Severity of Asian Soybean Rust and Yield



#### Relationship Between Disease Severity in Upper Canopy and Yield



# Key Points with Fungicides

- Rust exploded from very low severity and incidence in the lower canopy to extremely severe within 7-10 days at early R6. This is very different from other foliar diseases.
- Fungicides lost effectiveness when disease began to move. Window of opportunity is very small.
- > First symptoms appeared after R6.
- There are many chemical options for controlling rust and Cercospora leaf blight, however -

>Attentive and frequent scouting within canopy is critical.

### Time of Fungicide Applications and Latent Infection



### **Objectives for Yield Loss Prediction**

- Devise methods to quantify yield loss for individual diseases.
- Develop yield loss forecasting models based on semi quantitative, reproducible traits.
- Integrate models into financial decision making schemes with Kurt Guidry.

# Cercospora Leaf Blight





# Frogeye Leaf Spot









## **Differential Fungicides**

- Quadris applied at R3 at different rates (1-8 oz/A) differentially controls pod and stem diseases but not Cercospora diseases.
- Topsin M (0.25 1.0 lb/A) differentially controls Cercospora diseases.
- Stratego was variable from year to year and in different locations.



#### Examples of Disease Progress Curves for Cercospora Leaf Blight





Probably accounts for yield boost with Quadris and Headline.

### Frogeye Yield Loss Models



#### Cercospora Leaf Blight Disease Loss Models



## Conclusions

- Elimination of extraneous variables was critical to development of models.
- Reproductive stages may last several weeks.
- > Historical yields must be known.
- Web-based decision assistance will incorporate:
  - Yield loss models
  - Cost of disease control
  - Price of beans

Pre-infection application of fungicides may be beneficial

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