

# Factors Involved in Managing Target Spot

## LATMC '18



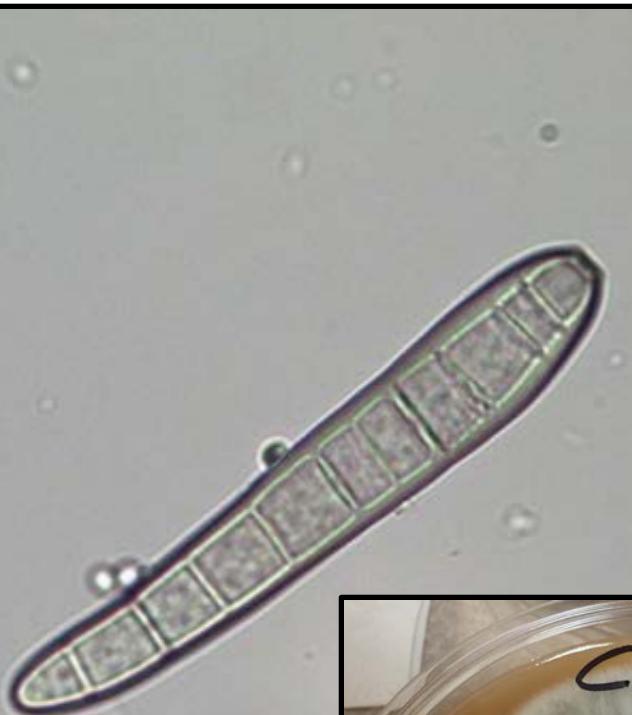
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**Target Spot**



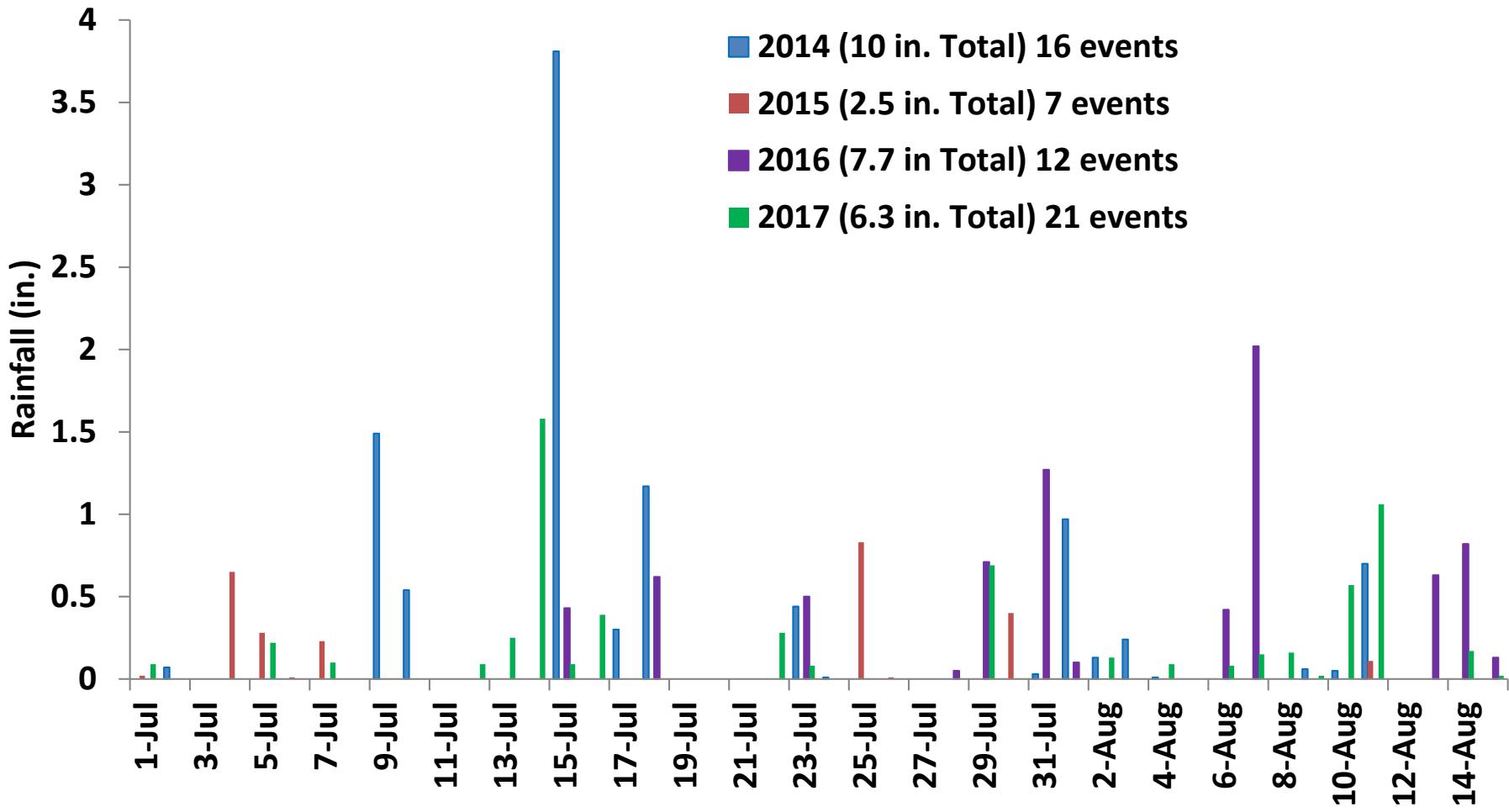
# *Corynespora cassiicola* (Berk. & M. A. Curtis) causes target spot



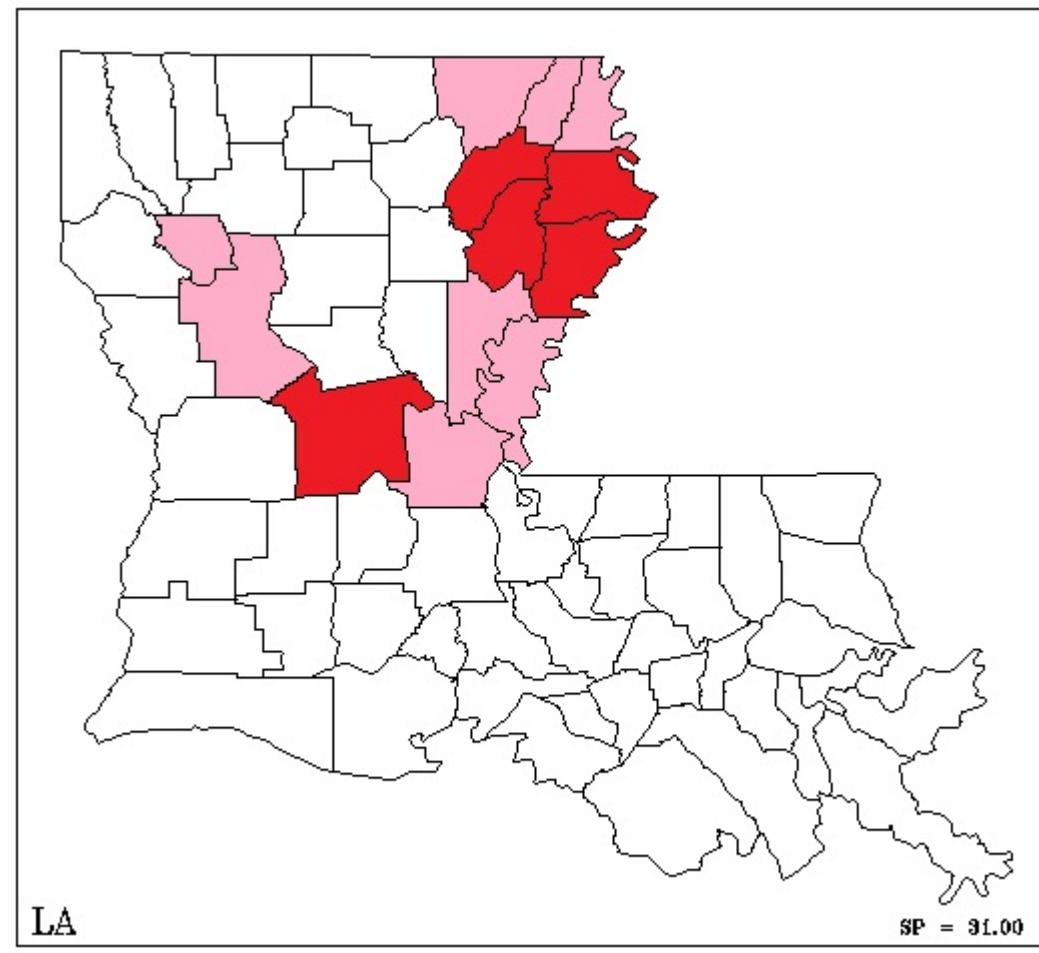
# Epidemiology

- Hosts: cucumber, sweet potato, soybean, tomato, cotton
- There may be differences among isolates.
- Fungus prefers warm conditions with high humidity.
- May be a toxin involved with defoliation? (unknown).
- The pathogen can overwinter as a saprophyte on debris.
- Spores are spread by wind, rain, overhead irrigation, etc.

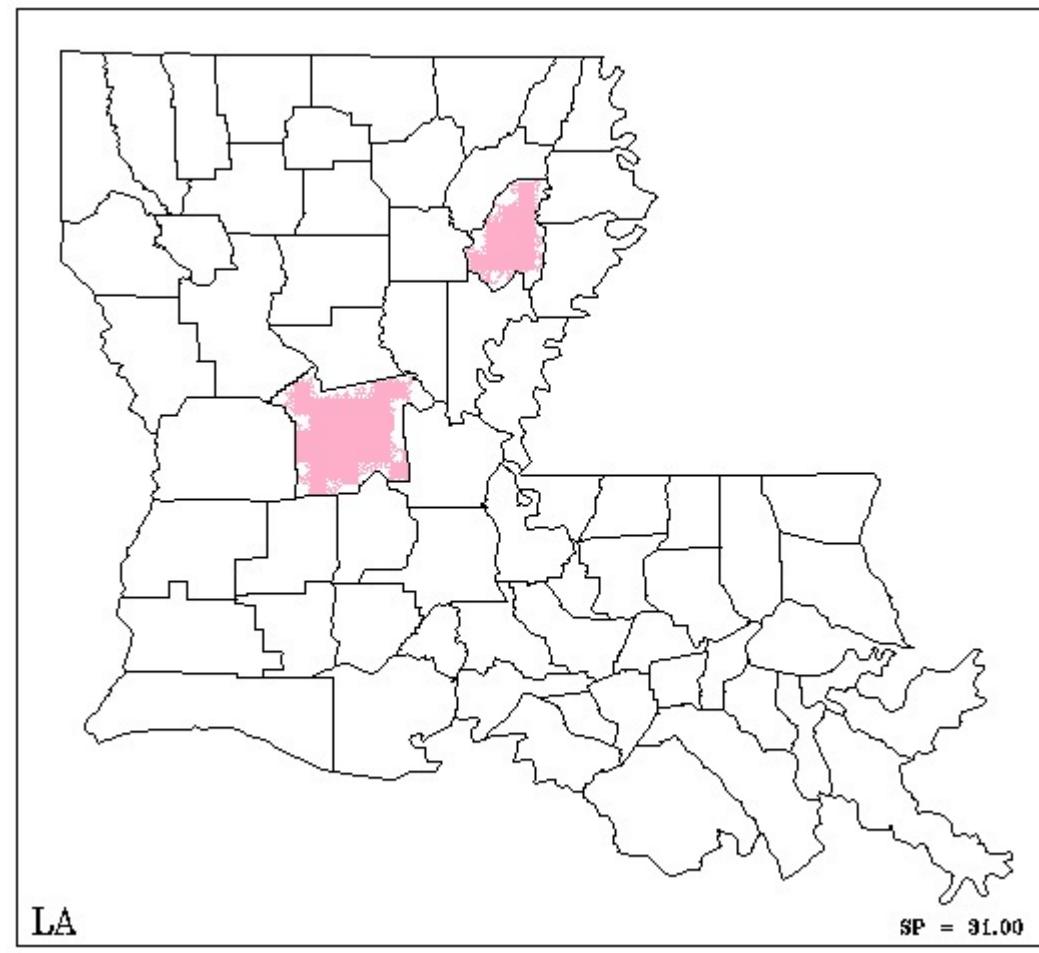
# Rainfall, 2014-2017, Chase, LA



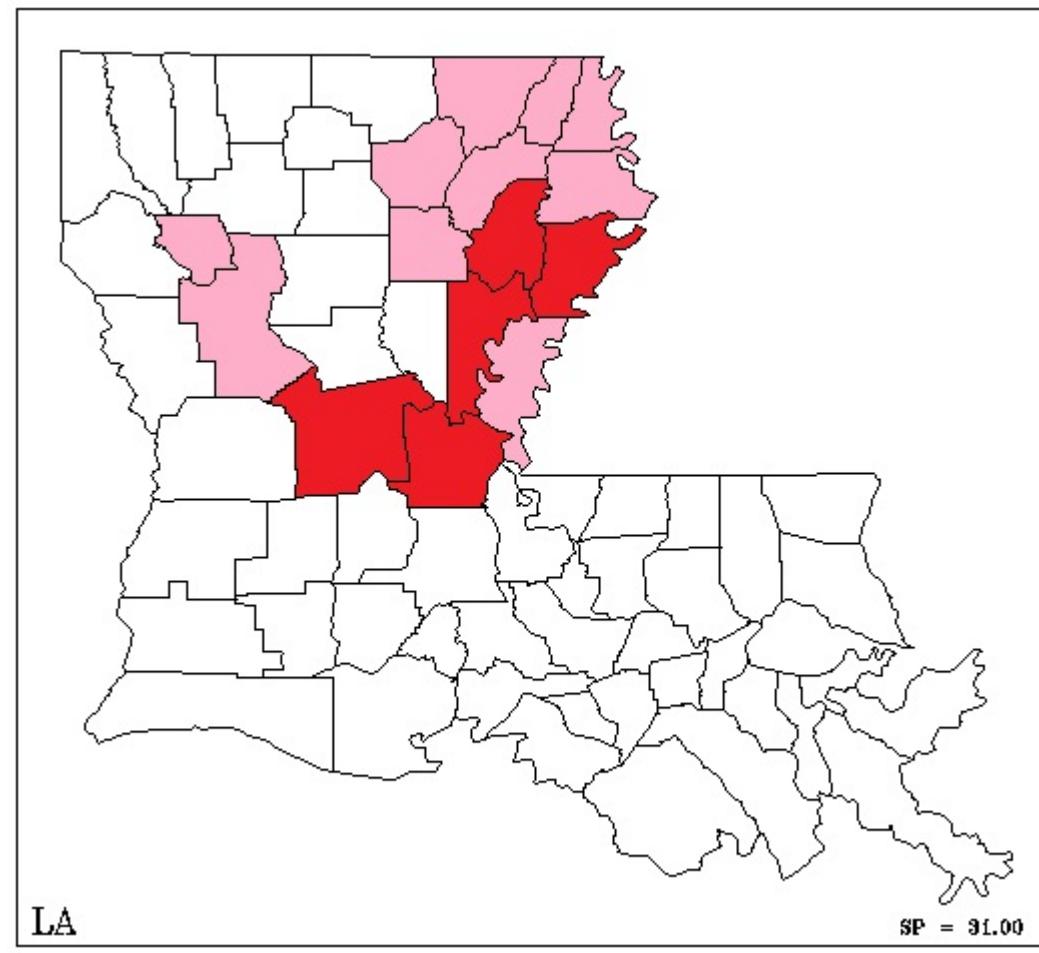
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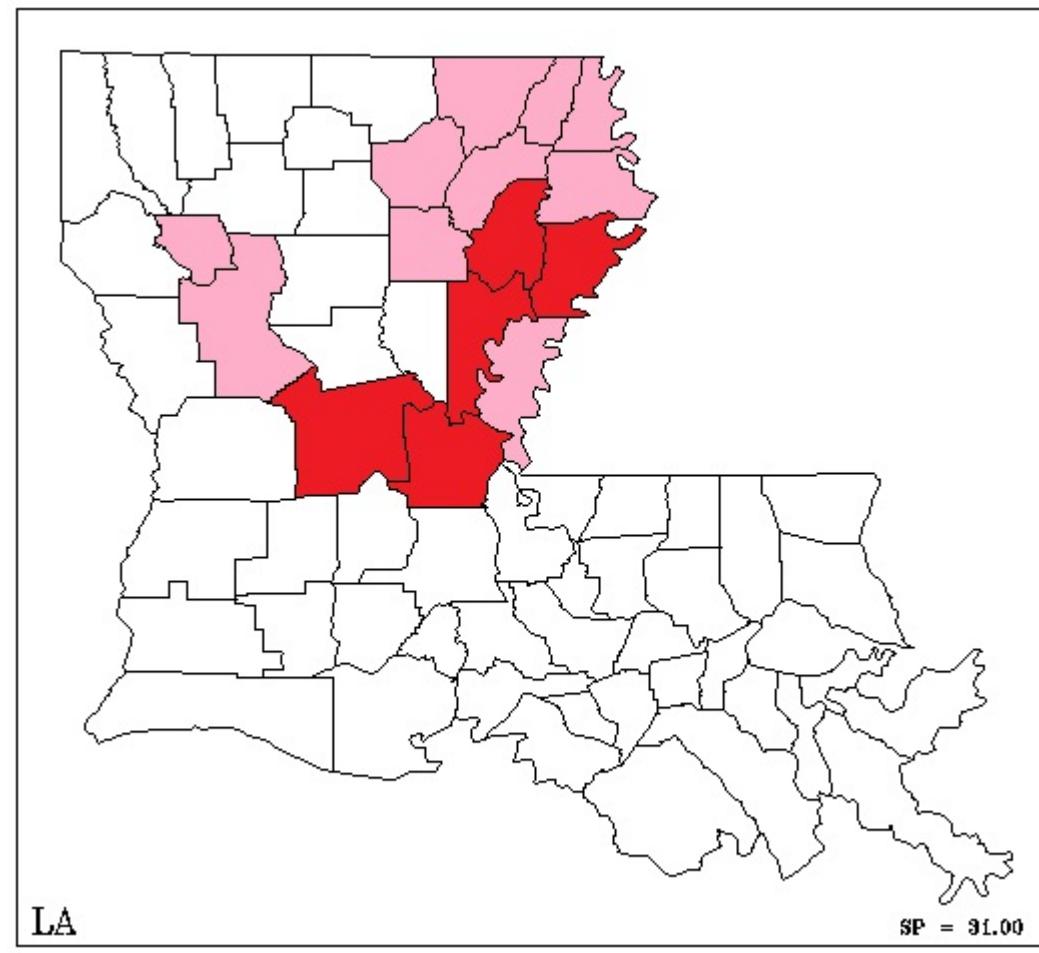
# Target Spot Distribution - 2015



# Target Spot Distribution - 2016



# Target Spot Distribution - 2017



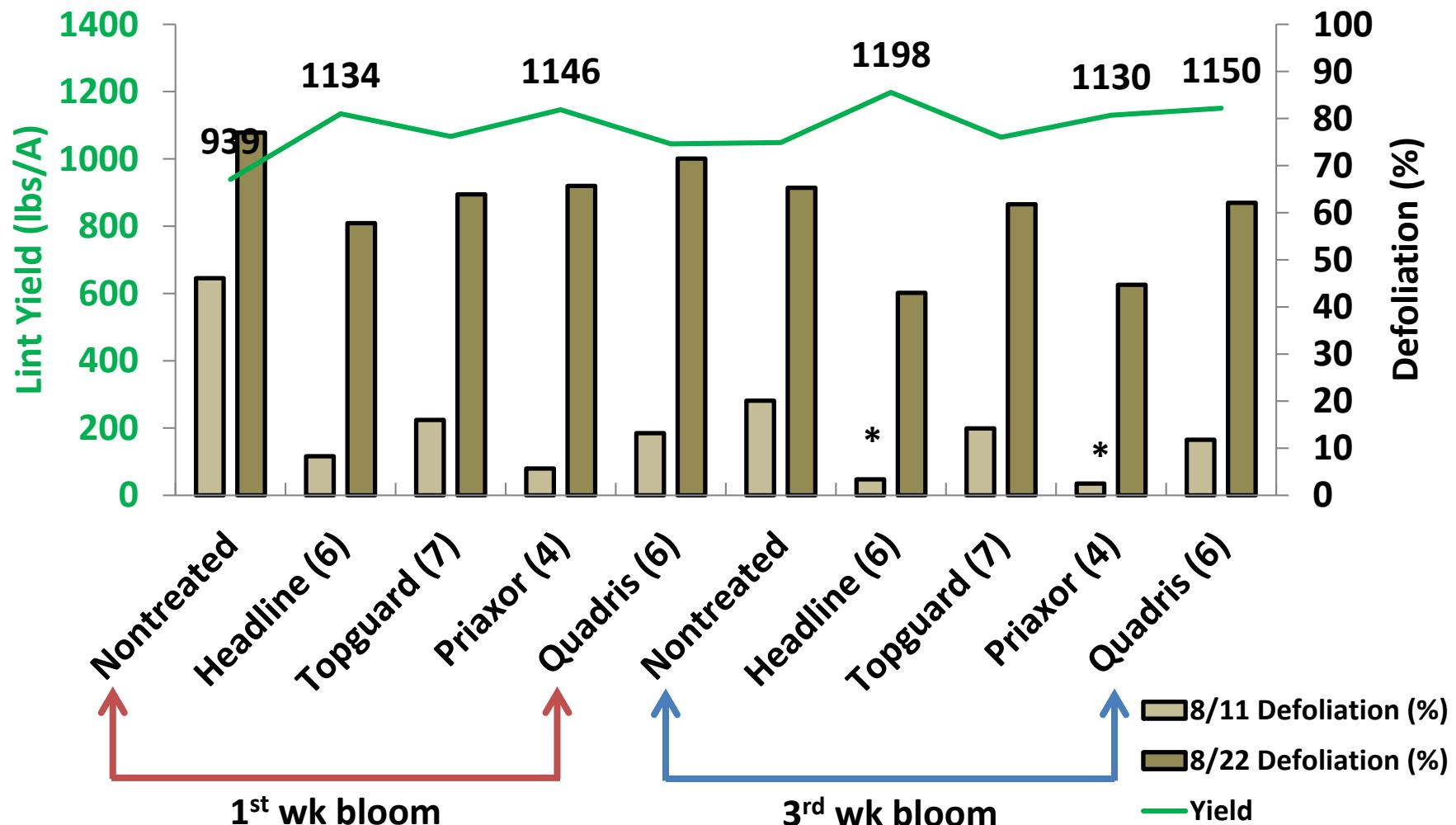
# Multi-year Regional Evaluation of One and Two Applications of Registered and Experimental Fungicides for the Management of Target Spot on Two Cotton Varieties

H. L. Mehl, N. Dufault, M. Mulvaney, A. Hagan, H. Kelly, R. Kemerait, P. Price, T. Allen, and R. L. Nichols

- **1<sup>st</sup> and or 3<sup>rd</sup> wk bloom applications**
  - 16 site-years
  - 1 of 12 locations in '14 and '15 showed significant yield increase
- 3 of 8 in '16 showed significant yield increase
- **AVERAGE YIELD RESPONSE = 5%**

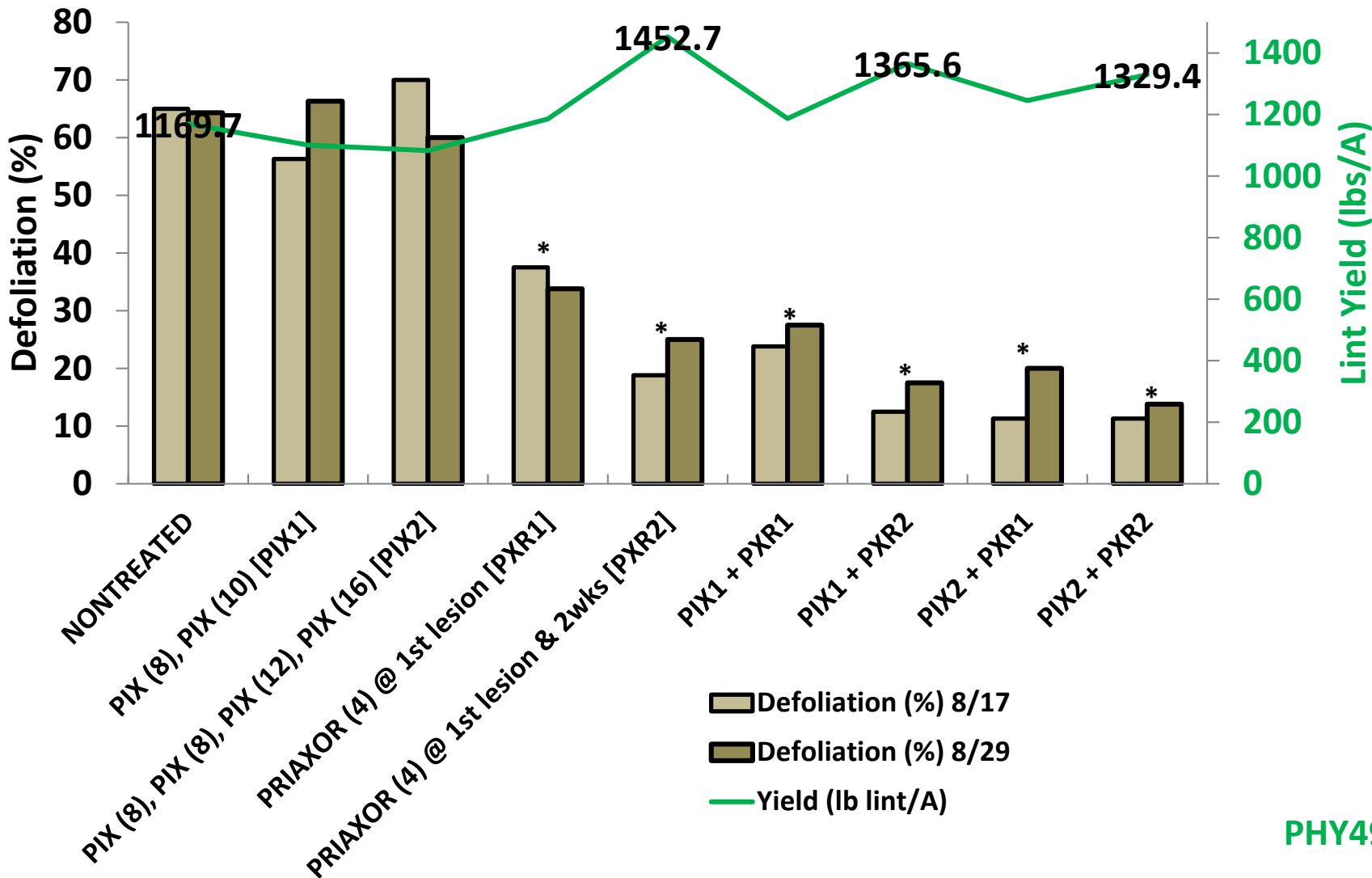


# Regional Fungicide Trial – Winnsboro, LA – 2016 (Target Spot I)



# Regional Trial (Target Spot II)

## St. Joseph, LA – 2017

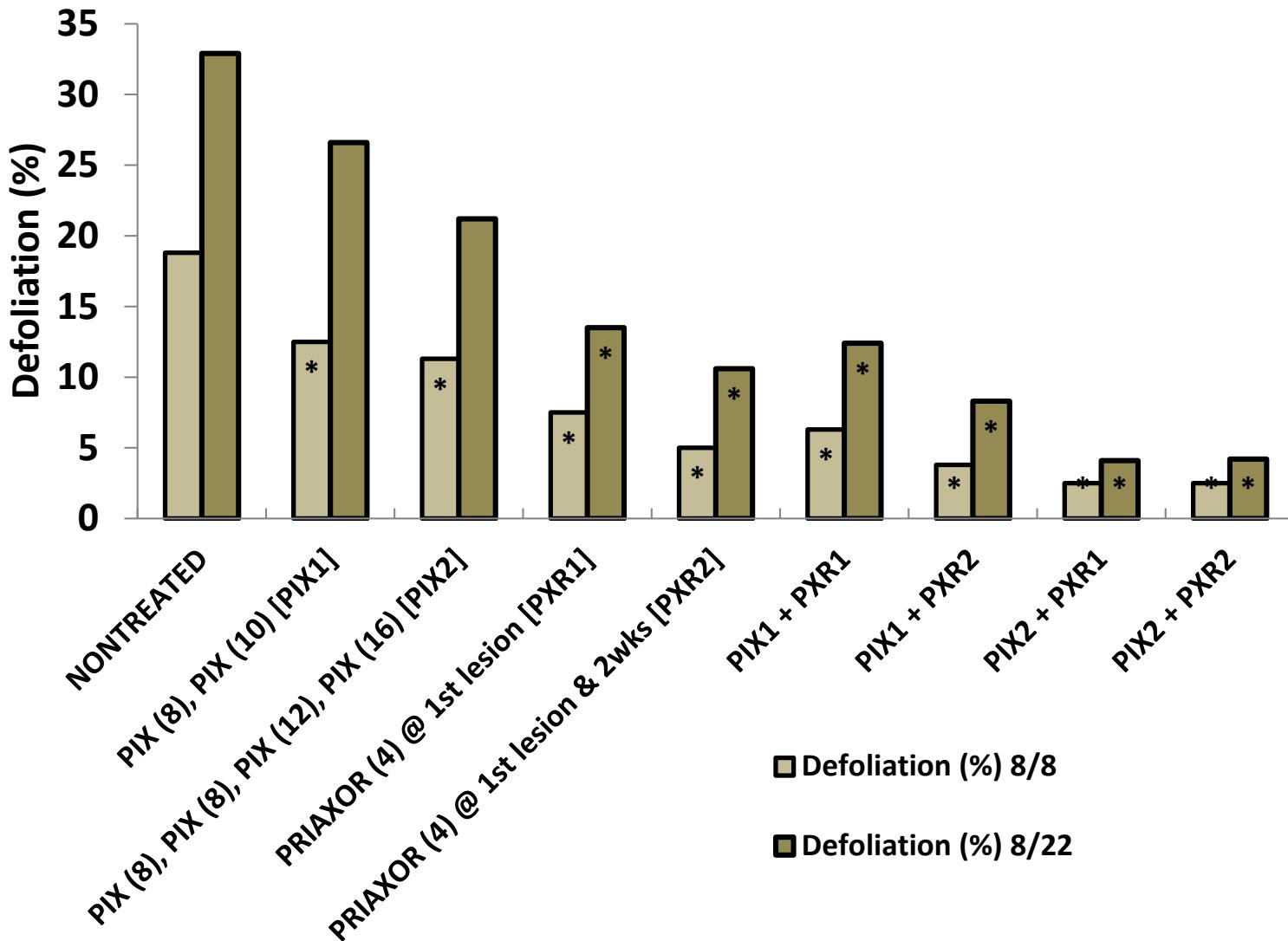


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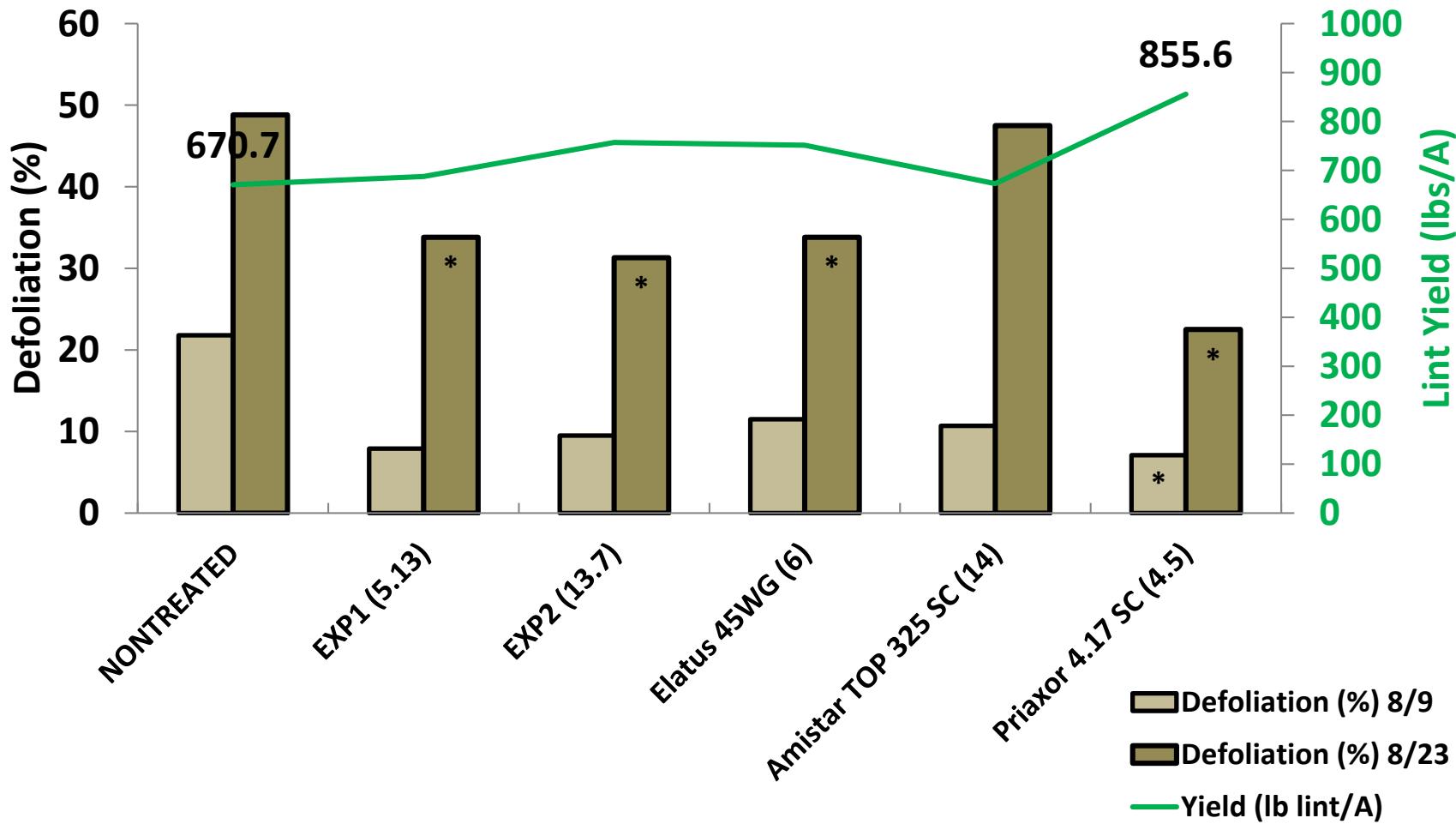
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# Regional Trial (Target Spot II)

## Winnsboro, LA – 2017



# Experimental and Commercial Programs for Target Spot – Alexandria, LA – 2017

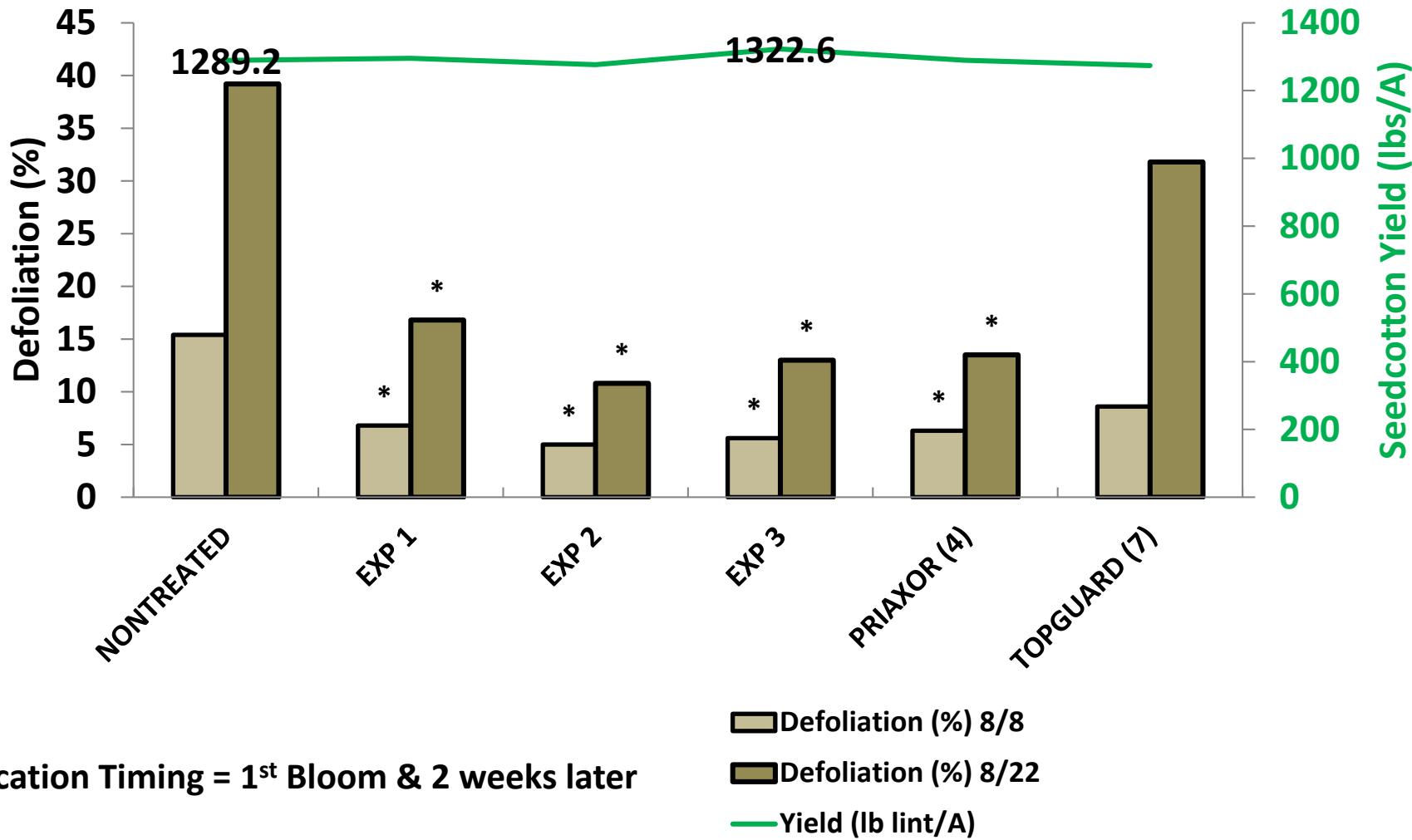


Application Timing = 1 treatment at disease onset

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# Experimental and Commercial Programs for Target Spot – Winnsboro, LA – 2017



Application Timing = 1<sup>st</sup> Bloom & 2 weeks later

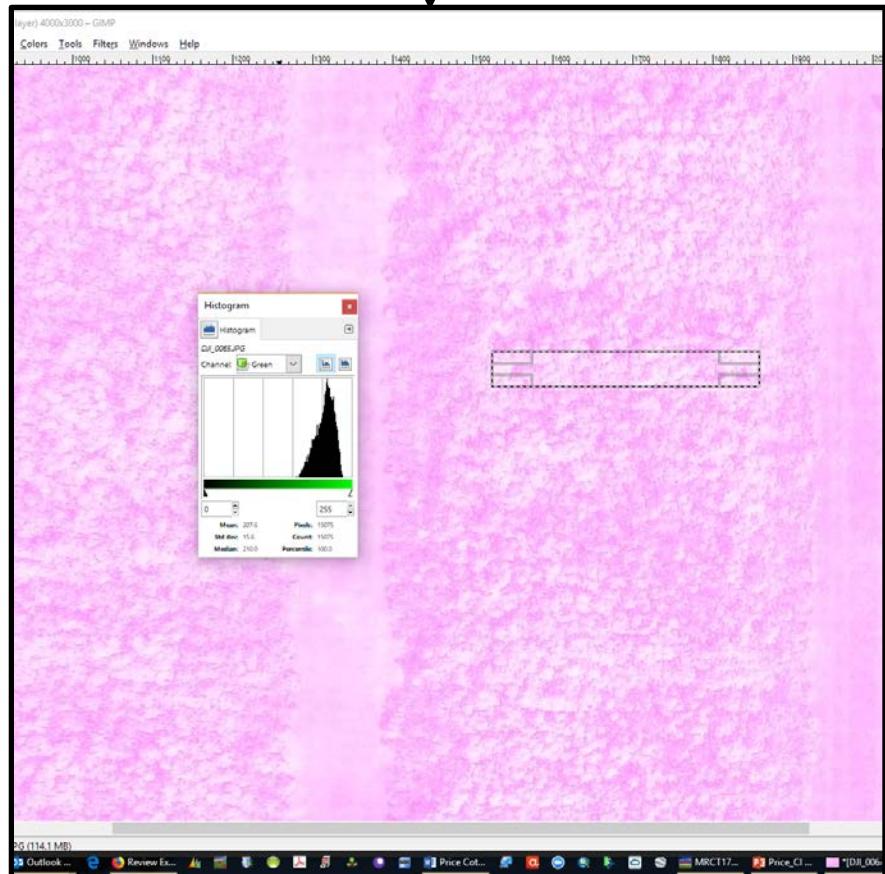
Defoliation (8/8)

Defoliation (8/22)

Yield (lb lint/A)

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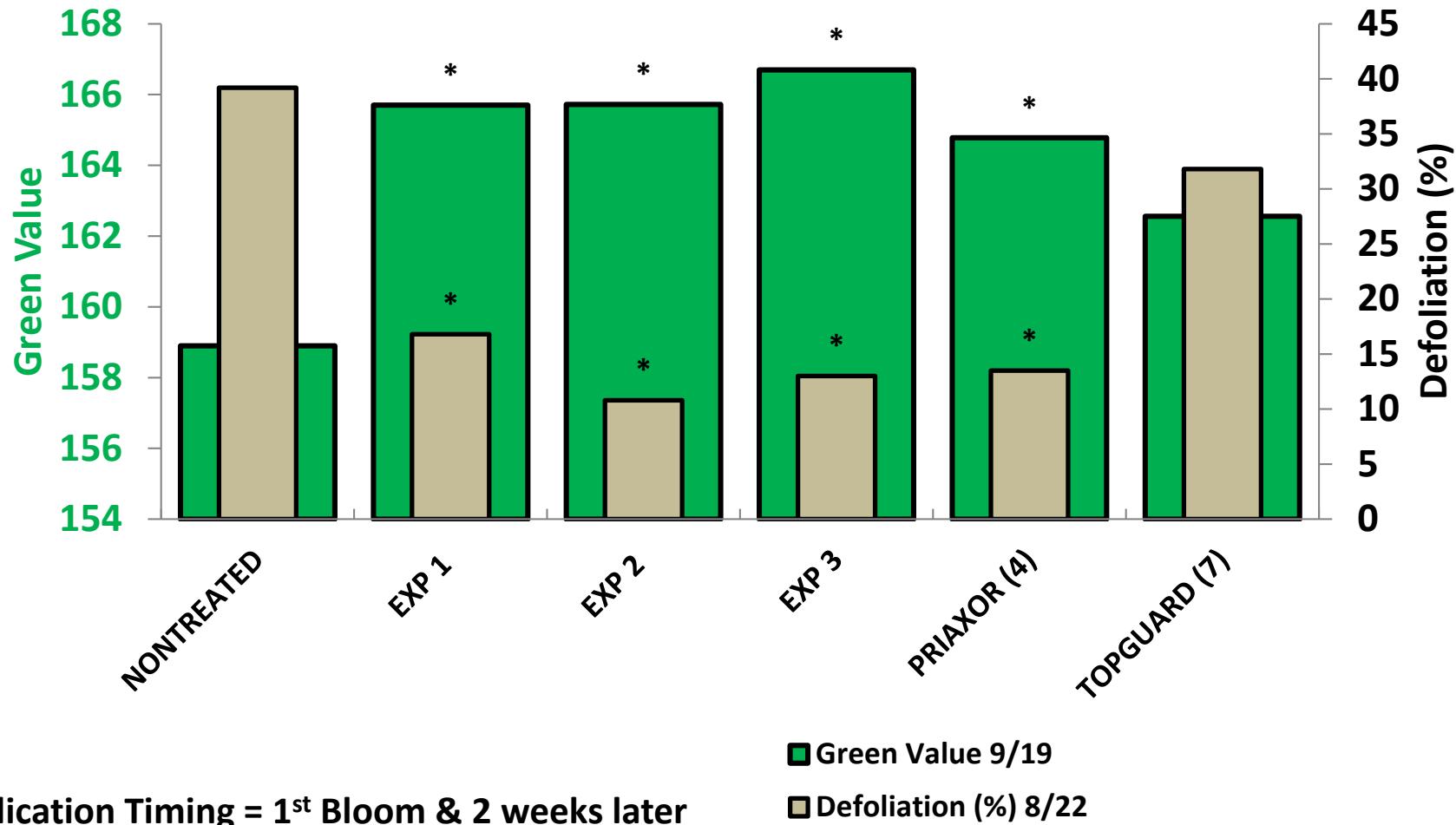
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Plot	Green Value
101	173.1
102	166.9
103	166.2
104	168.2
105	166.1
106	163.9
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# BASF Programs for Target Spot

## Winnsboro, LA – 2017



Application Timing = 1<sup>st</sup> Bloom & 2 weeks later

■ Green Value 9/19  
■ Defoliation (%) 8/22

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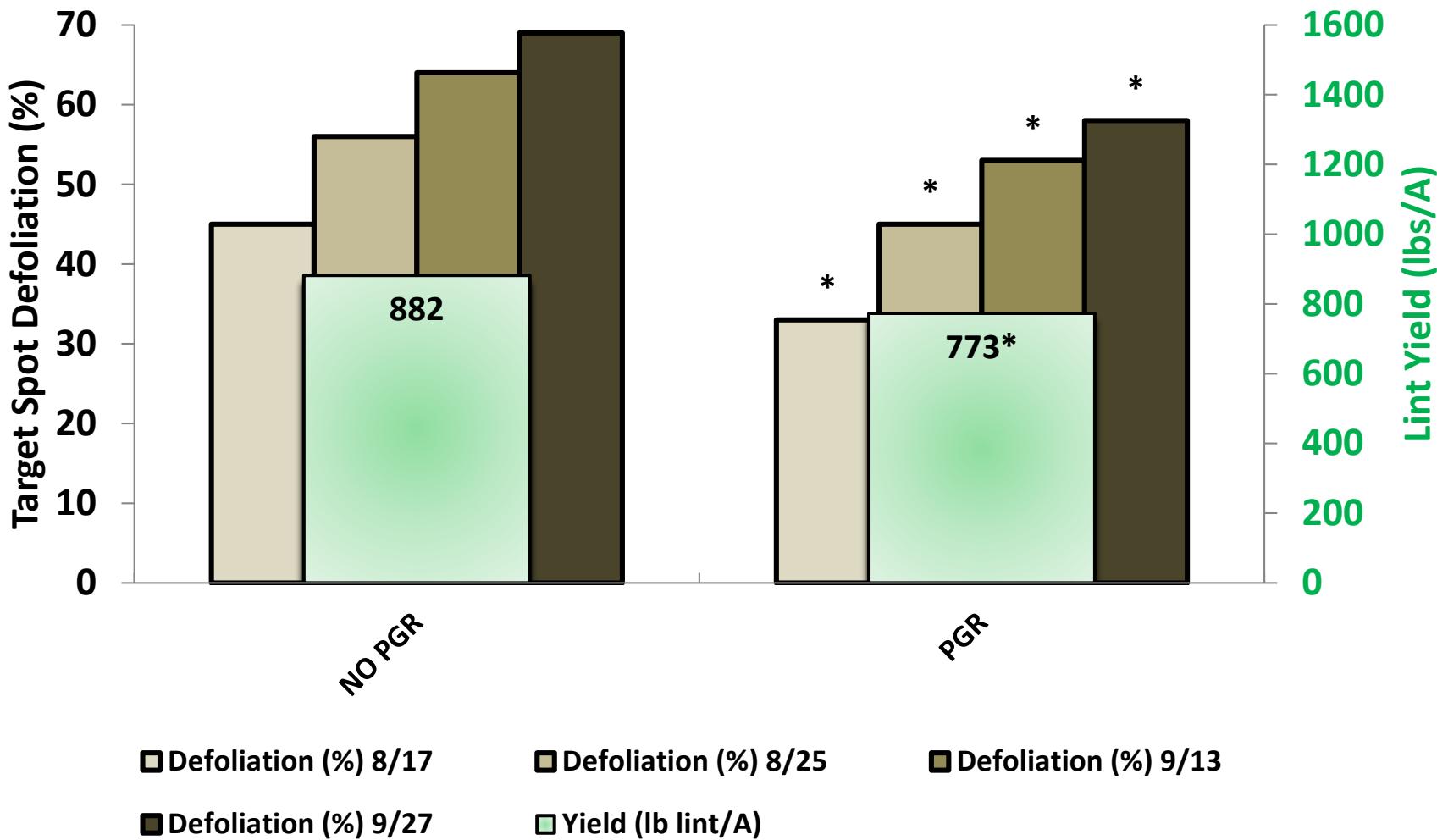
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# PGR x N x Fungicide Trials

- Collaboration with Dr. Fromme & Dr. Padgett
- RCBD, Factorial arrangement
- No PGR or PGR
- 0, 80, or 160 N
- No fungicide or Priaxor (4 oz at 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week of bloom)

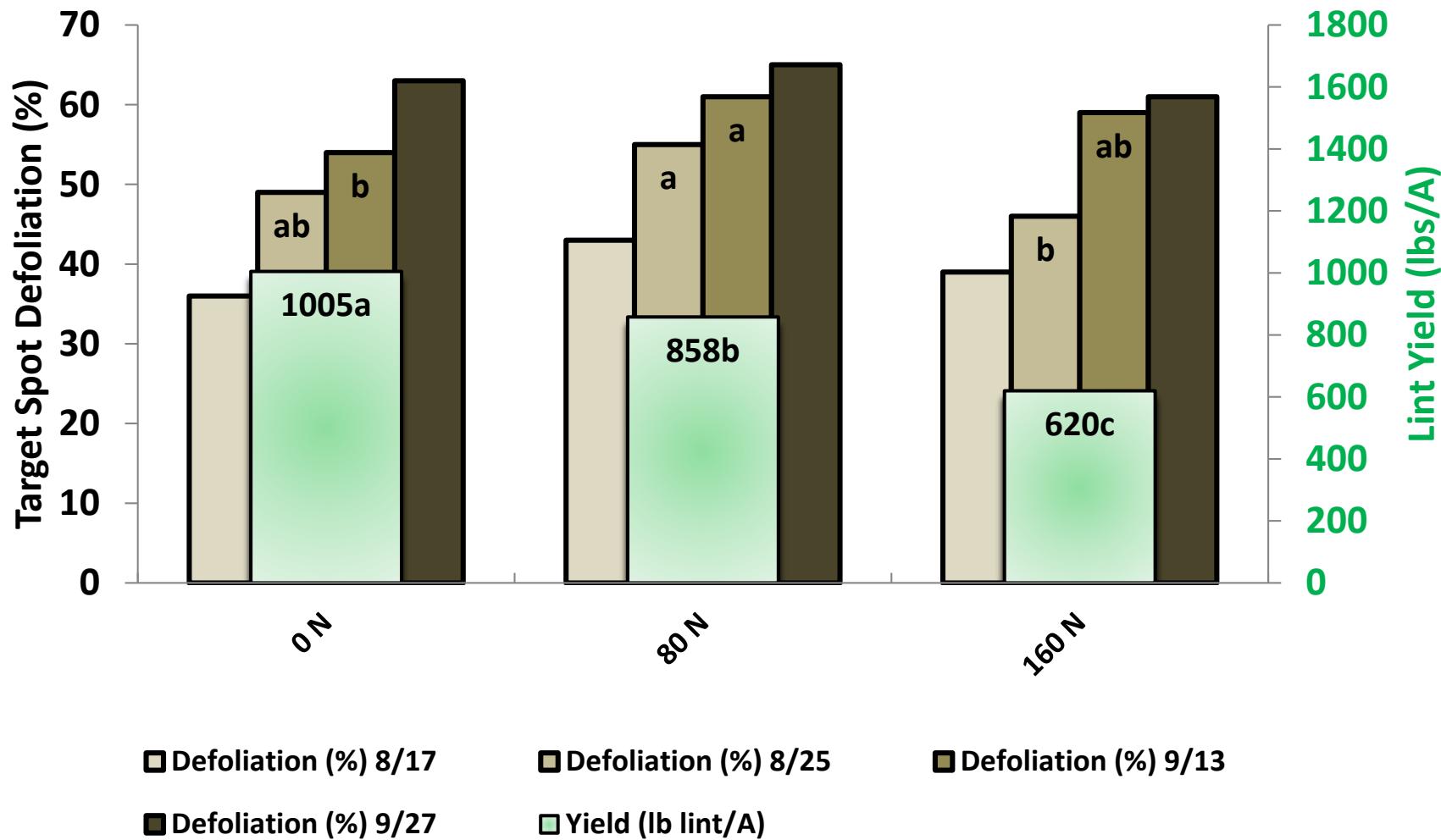
# PGR x N x PXR – Alexandria, LA – 2017

## Effect of PGR on Defoliation and Yield



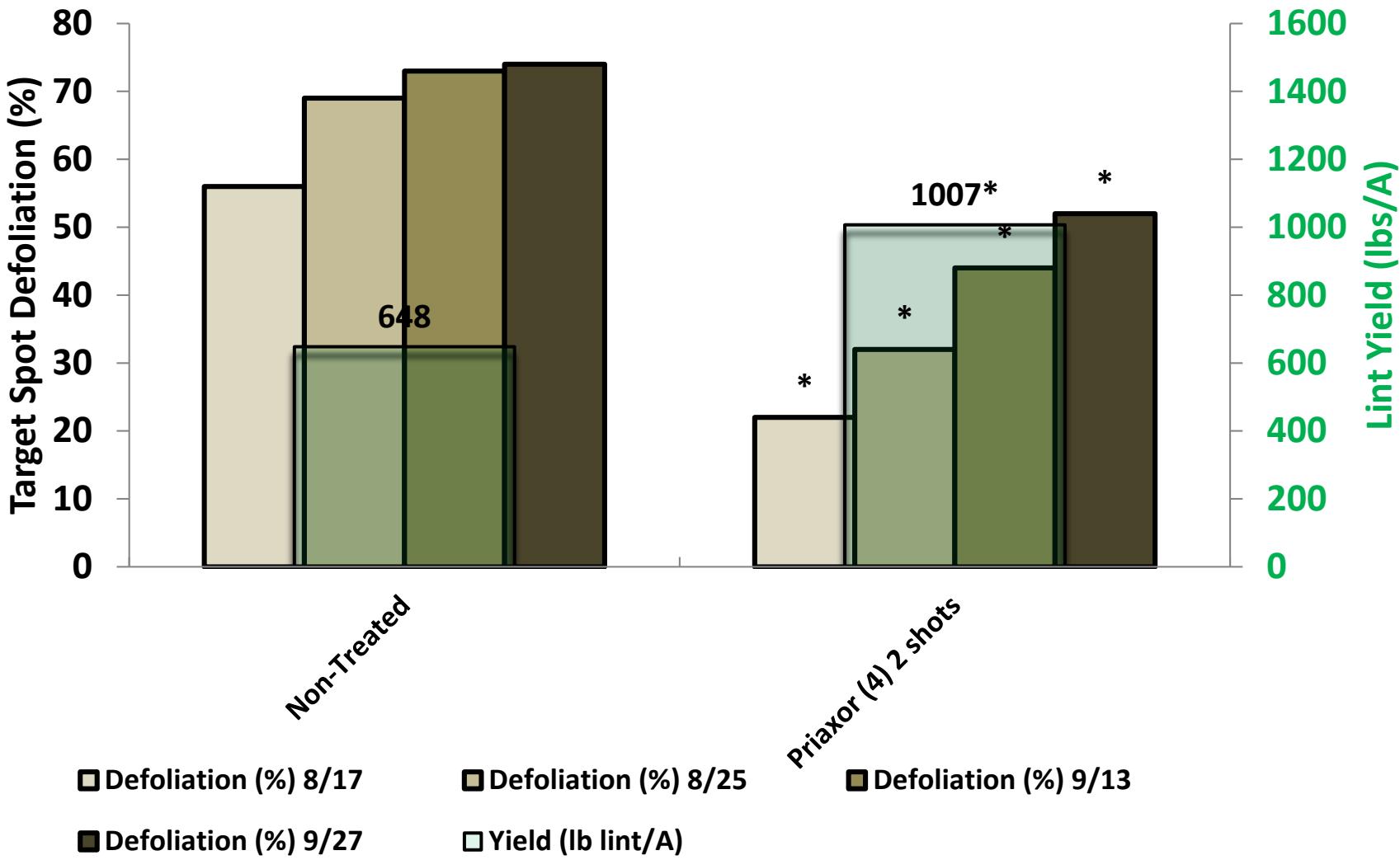
# PGR x N x PXR – Alexandria, LA – 2017

## Effect of N rate on Defoliation and Yield



# PGR x N x PXR – Alexandria, LA – 2017

## Effect of Fungicide on Defoliation and Yield



Variety (MRRS)	% Defol (mean)
PHY330W3FE	45
ST4946GLB2	42.5
PHY490W3FE	40
PX3A99W3FE	38.75
PHY450W3FE	37.5
PX4A57W3FE	37.5
ST5020GLT	37.5
PHY340W3FE	36.25
16R338B3XF	33.75
FM1953GLTP	32.5
16R341B3XF	31.25
16R346B3XF	30
NG5007B2XF	30
ST4949GLT	30
PHY312WRF	28.75
PHY444WRF	28.75
PX3A96W3FE	28.75
PX4A62W3FE	28.75
UA222	27.5
AMX1714B2XF	27.5
DP1555B2XF	27.5
CPS16214B2XF	26.25
DG3526B2XF	26.25
DP1518B2XF	26.25
PHY300W3FE	26.25
ST4848GLT	26.25
AMX1710B2XF	25
PX5B76W3FE	25
ST6182GLT	25
CPS1725INR-B2XF	23.75
NG3522B2XF	23.75
PX5B73W3FE	23.75
DP1522B2XF	23.75
PX2A28W3FE	22.5
PX4A54W3FE	22.5
CPS1702GLT	22.5
NG4601B2XF	22.5
PX3A82W3FE	22.5
PX5A57W3FE	21.25
5517GLTP	18.75
DP1646B2XF	18.75
PX4A52W3FE	18.75
CPS17330B3XF	17.5
17XC8	16.25
DG3605B2XF	15
ST6448GLB2	15
HQ210CT	12.5
AT585	12.5
DG3757B2XF	11.25

# 2017 Variety Trials – Winnsboro & Alexandria

Plant Disease Management  
Reports ([www.apsnet.org](http://www.apsnet.org))



Variety (DLRS)	% Defol (mean)
PHY450W3FE	50
PX3A99W3FE	50
PX4A57W3FE	50
ST4946GLB2	46.25
PHY312WRF	45
PX4A52W3FE	45
ST5020GLT	45
DG3605B2XF	42.5
PHY300W3FE	42.5
ST4949GLT	42.5
PHY330W3FE	41.66666667
NG4601B2XF	41.25
CPS16214B2XF	40
ST4848GLT	40
16R338B3XF	38.75
PHY340W3FE	38.75
PHY490W3FE	38.75
AMX1710B2XF	37.5
CPS17330B3XF	37.5
FM1953GLTP	37.5
PHY444WRF	37.5
16R346B3XF	35
CPS1725INR-B2XF	35
PX3A96W3FE	35
ST6182GLT	33.33333333
DG3526B2XF	32.5
PX4A54W3FE	32.5
AMX1714B2XF	31.25
CPS1702GLT	31.25
DP1518B2XF	31.25
PX5B73W3FE	31.25
ST6448GLB2	31.25
DG3757B2XF	30
UA222	30
NG5007B2XF	28.75
PX3A82W3FE	28.75
PX4A62W3FE	28.75
17XC8	28.33333333
16R341B3XF	28.33333333
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5517GLTP	25
DP1555B2XF	25
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# Target Spot Management

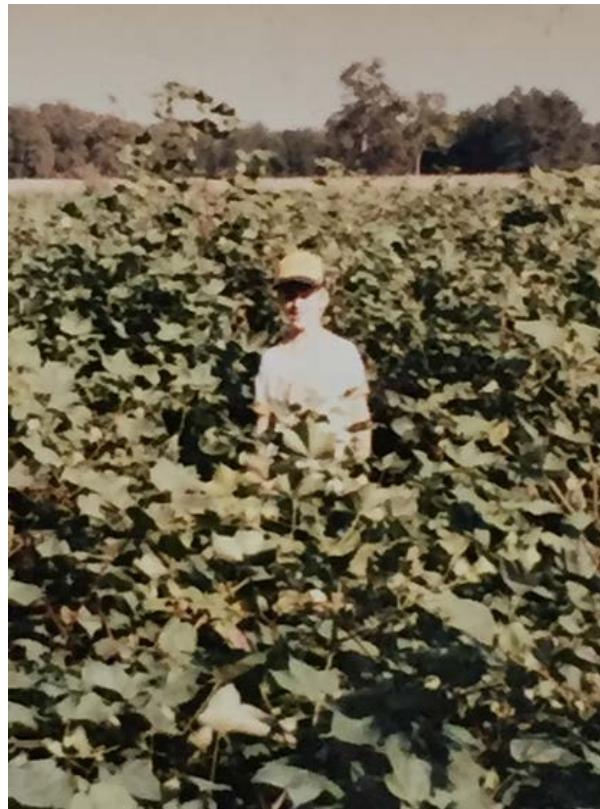
- **Scout!** If disease starts during the 1<sup>st</sup> month of blooming, and progresses to high defoliation levels, yield loss may occur.
- **Watch the weather.** Frequent rain favors target spot.
- **Watch neighboring soybeans.** Disease is usually spotted in early beans before cotton.
- **Manage excessive canopy growth.** Any rank cotton variety can get target spot. PGRs less effective with high disease pressure.
- **Timely application of fungicides.** Fungicides are effective on target spot. The likelihood of a return on the investment increases with disease pressure.
- **Use maximum total water volume.** High volume and pressure are needed to deliver product low in the canopy. Ideal timing is just prior to canopy closure or at 1<sup>st</sup> lesion.
- **Don't panic!** If target spot develops late, yield loss due to disease is less likely.
- **Don't seek revenge!** Rescue applications usually will not provide economic returns.

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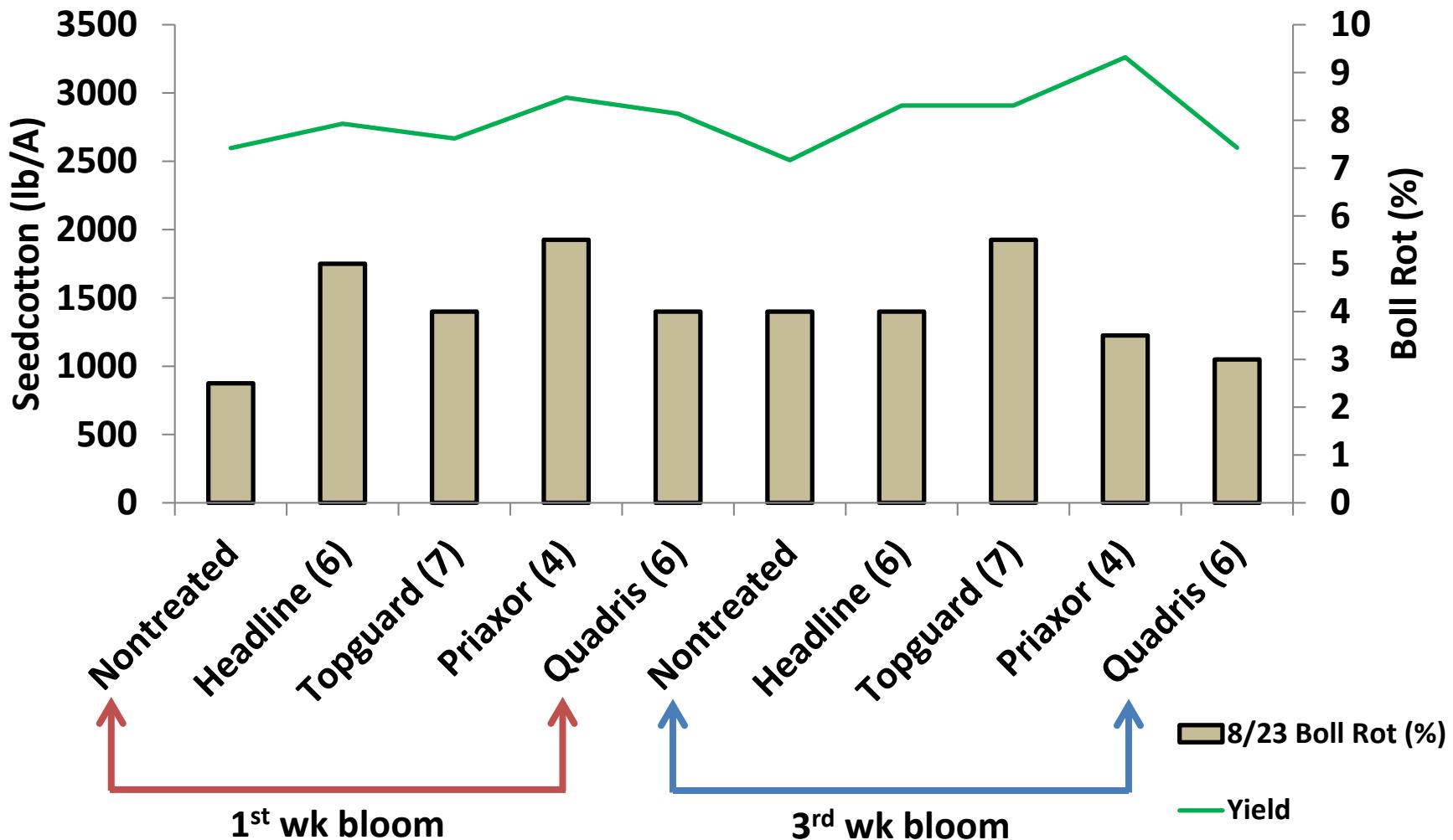


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