## 2021 Row Crop Short Course Importance of Tarnished Plant Bug Adult Migration

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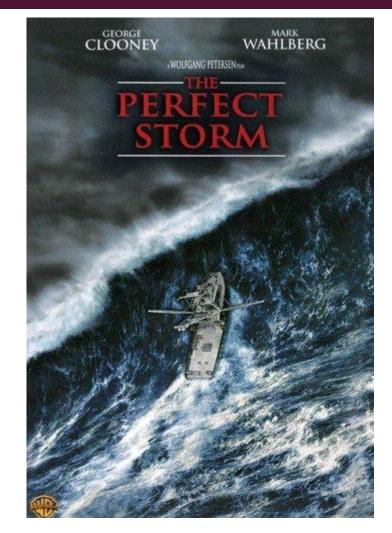
#### MIGRATION EVENTS: WHAT MAKES UP FOR EXTREME EVENTS?

- Ditch Banks with wild host plants
- Wooded tree lines
- Crops: Corn, Soybean, Grain Sorghum, etc.
- Fallow land (PP)



- Environmental conditions
- Crop planting configurations
- Crop planting dates
- Low sink to source ratio





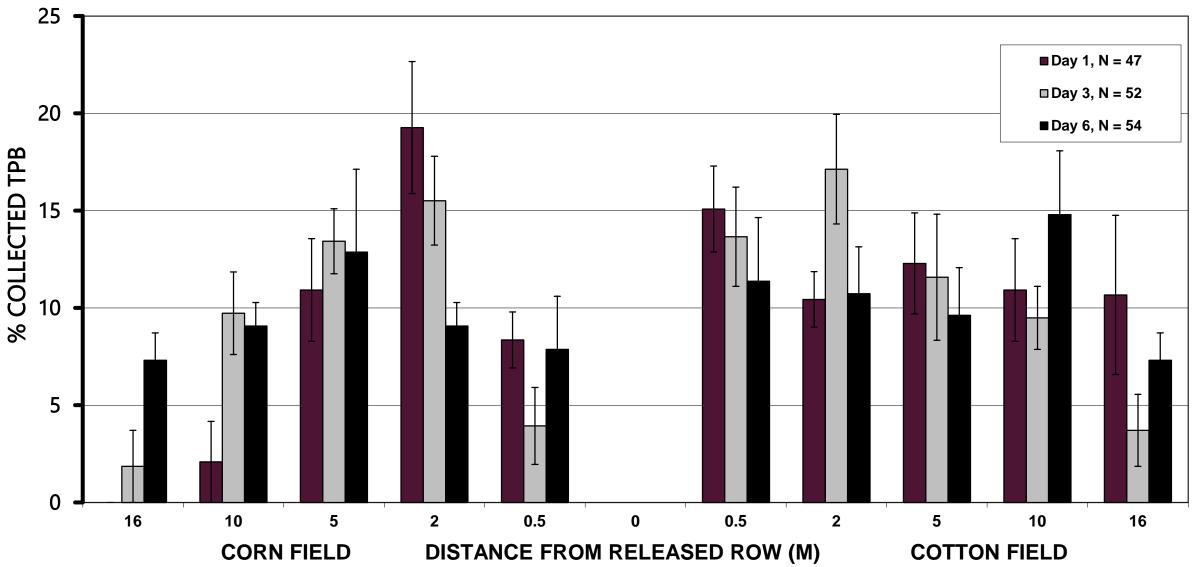


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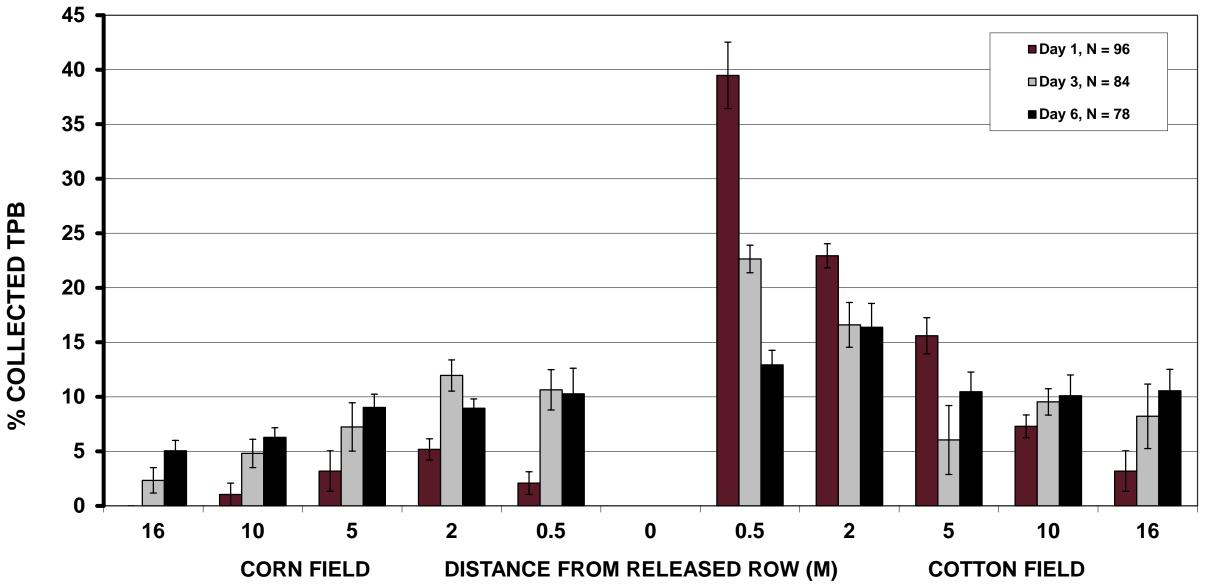


# MIGRATING ADULTS: WHAT WE KNOW

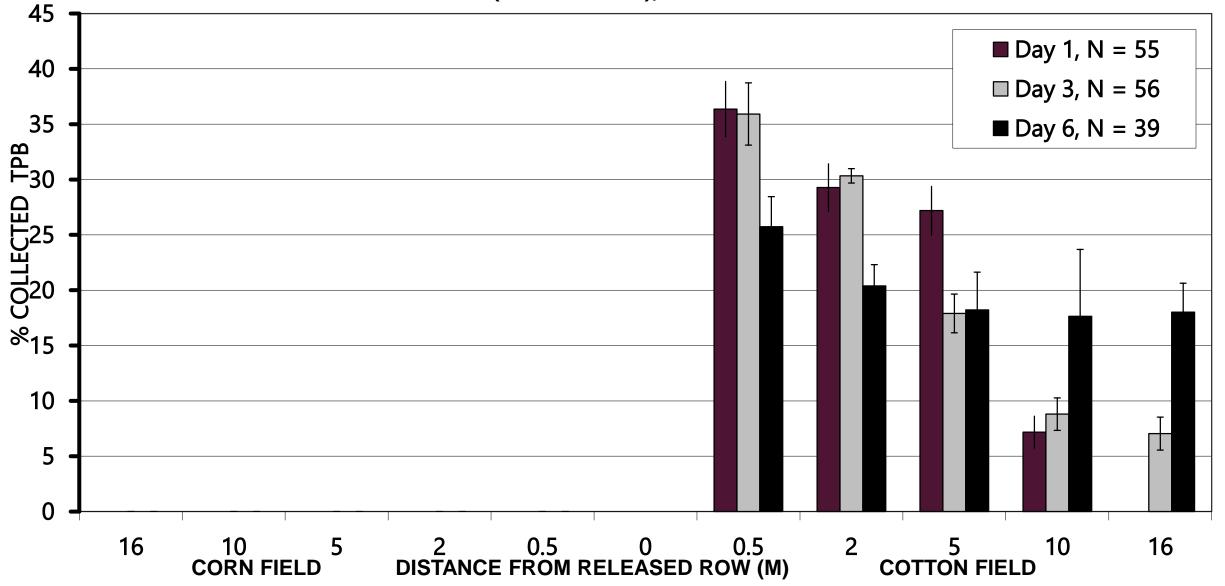
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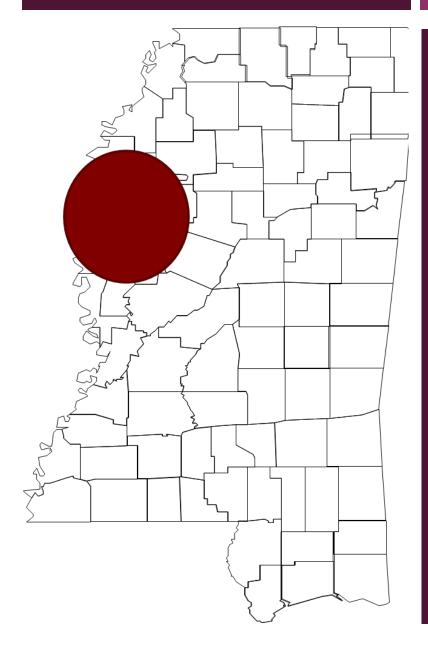


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#### 2007 ADULT MIGRATION NEXT TO CORN 15 INSECTICIDES APPLICATIONS

# 2021 ADULT MIGRATION NEXT TO CORN, 11 INSECTICIDE APPLICATIONS



### 2007: DRASTIC DROP IN COTTON ACRES ENVIRONMENT RIGHT CROP CONFIGURATION PLANTING DATES

*"WE HAVE A PROBLEM WE CAN'T SOLVE WITH MONEY"* 

#### 2007 MS CONSULTANT SURVEY

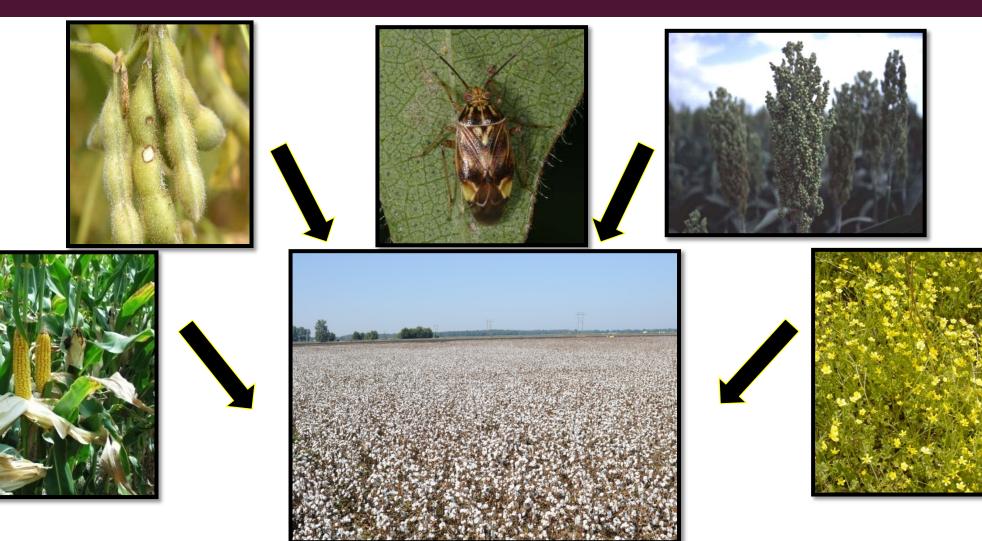
Table 1. 2007 Consultant Survey in MS Delta, Tarnished Plant Bug Applications

| Number of Acres Treated | Number of Sprays | Percent of Acres with X<br>applications |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| 600                     | 1-3              | 18%                                     |
| 75673                   | 4-6              | 22.6%                                   |
| 220710                  | 7-10             | 65.92%                                  |
| 37845                   | 14-16            | 11.31%                                  |
| Total Acres 334828      | AVG 8.12         | 100%                                    |

### DITCH BANK EFFECT



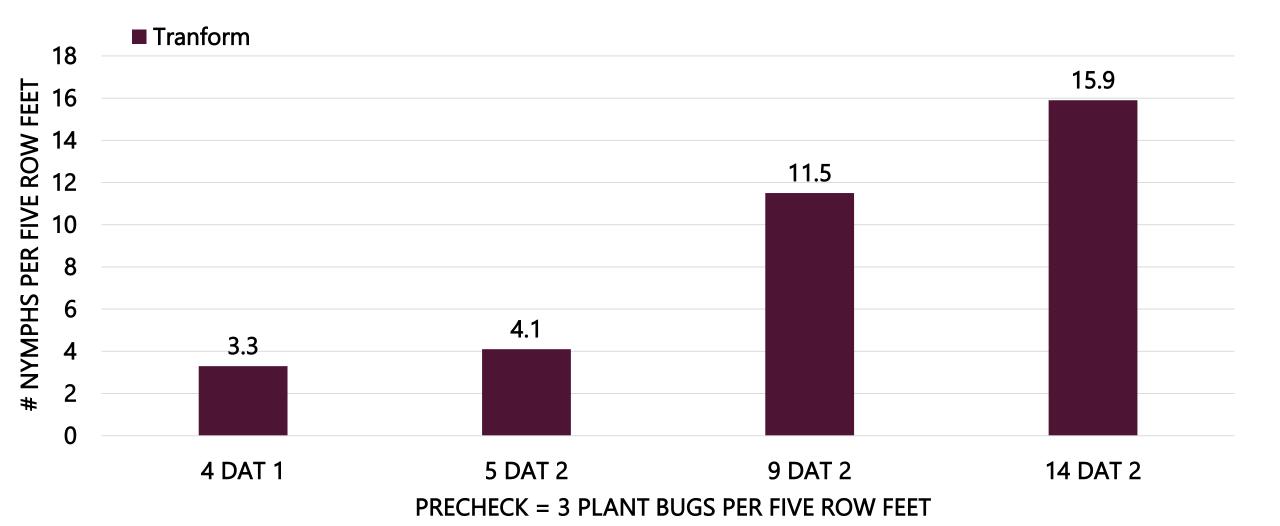
#### COTTON IS A SINK NOT A SOURCE FOR TPB



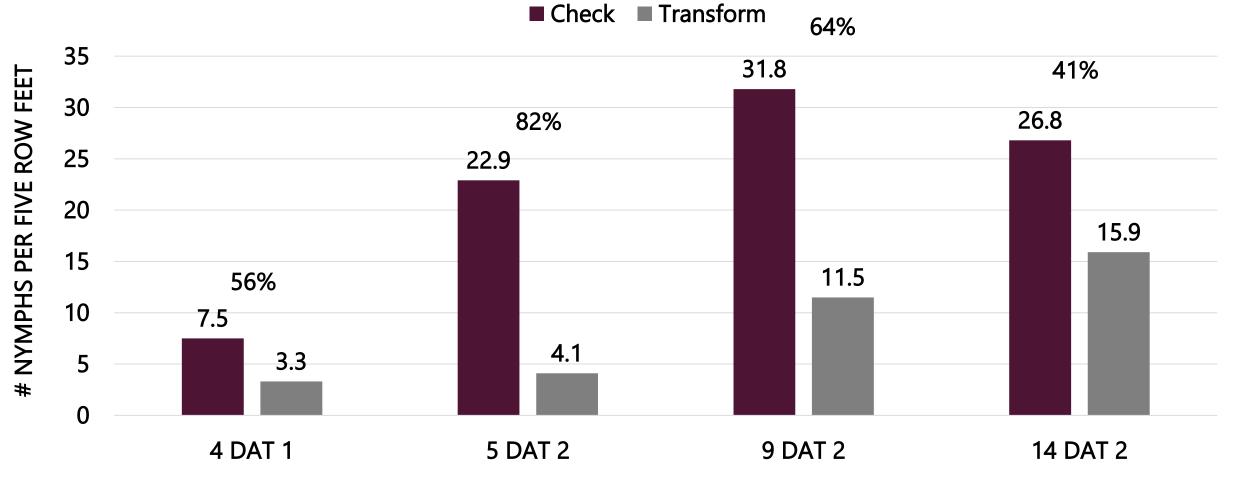
#### ASSESSING INSECTICIDE PERFORMANCE AGAINST MIGRATING ADULTS TARNISHED PLANT BUGS

Can't rely on numbers alone Multiple applications at close intervals

#### WHAT YOU SEE

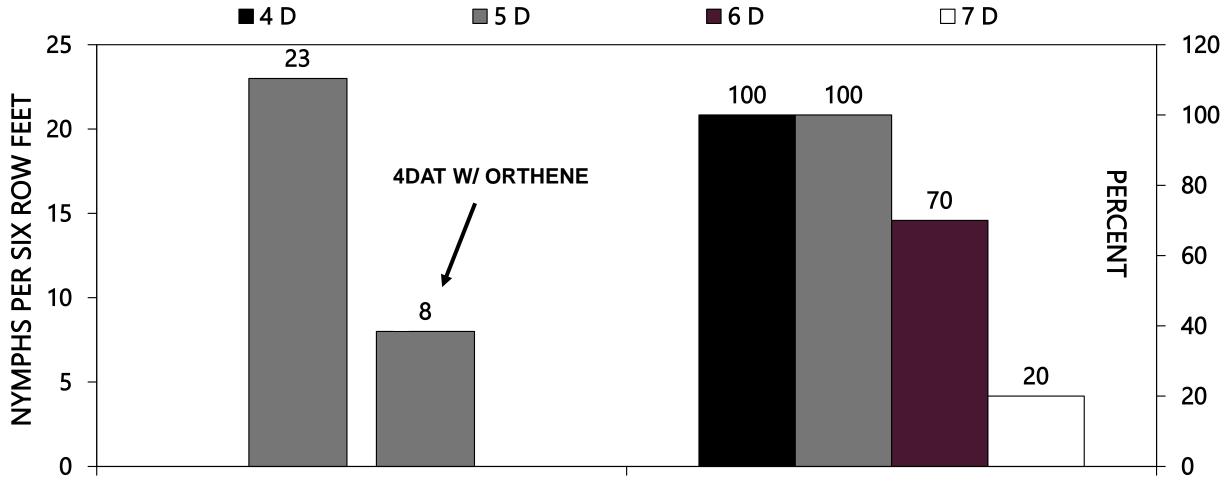


#### WHAT'S HAPPENING



PRECHECK = 3 PLANT BUGS PER FIVE ROW FEET

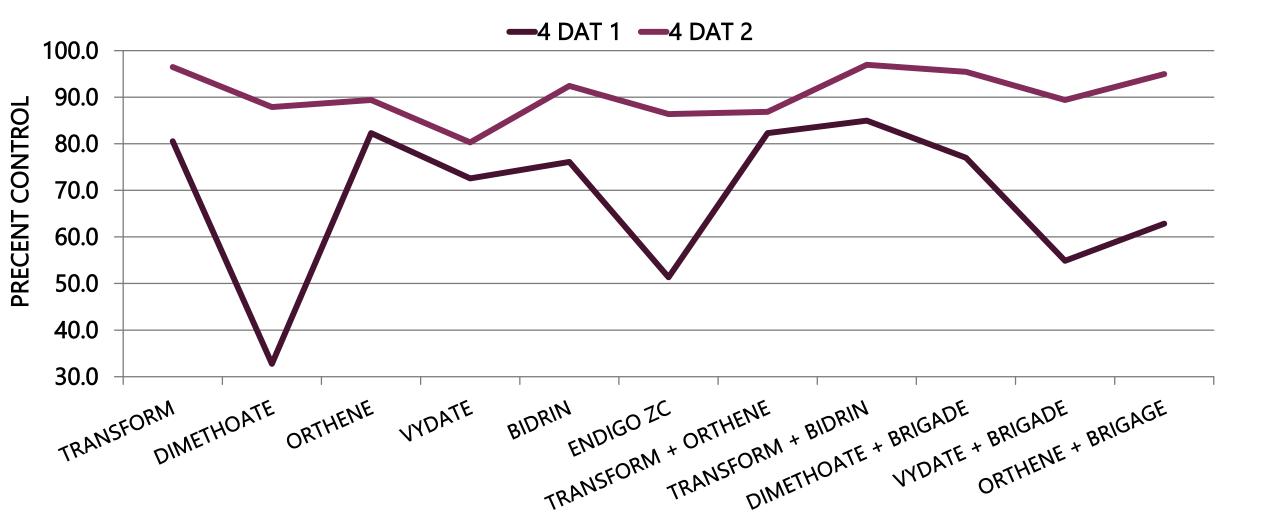
#### **INSECTICIDE APPLICATION INTERVALS**



**PRETEST COUNTS** 

**PRECENT CONTROL** 

#### EFFICACY OF COMMONLY USED INSECTICIDES ON TARNISHED PLANT BUGS







MONITORING SQUARE RETENTION

### SUMMARY

- Extreme adult migration events are not common across large geographies
- Monitor square retention closely
- Expensive is not always best when making multiple applications on close intervals
- Generally, these situations correct shortly into bloom
- Although difficult, you must stay the course if you find yourself in this situation

