# Evaluation of Fungicides and Timing for Rust Control in Inoculated Trials in North Dakota

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### Outline

- Sunflower Rust
- Fungicide Efficacy Trials 2008 and 2009
- Fungicide Timing Trials 2008 and 2009
- Analysis of both years
- Further topics of investigation

### Introduction - Sunflower Rust

- Puccinia helianthi
- Autoecious and macrocyclic
- Urediniospore economically important
- Earlier time of detection (ND)
  - -Aecia
- Severity
  - -Time of arrival
  - -Environmental conditions
    - 1. Free Moisture (Dew)
    - 2. Temps 55-85°F





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## Why Do We Need Fungicides?

- Sunflower hybrid performance tests at CREC 2009
- Natural infection

#### Oilseed (73 entries)

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-range = trace to 26.3%
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-mean = 5.3%

#### Confection (17 entries)

Leaf rust

-range = 8 to 86%

-mean = 57.1%

Upper plant rust

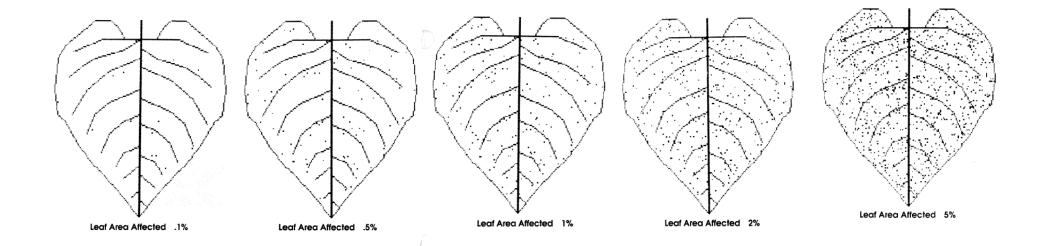
-range = 0 to 40%

-mean = 22.7%

## Introduction - Fungicides

• Action threshold = 3% pustule coverage on upper four leaves –Shtienberg 1995

Available chemicals
 QoI (Headline, Quadris)
 Triazoles (Folicur)



## Fungicide Efficacy – Treatment List

• Core Fungicides

Headline @ 9.0 fl oz

Quadris @ 9.0 fl oz

Proline @ 5.7 fl oz

Prosaro @ 6.5 fl oz

Tebuzol @ 4.0 fl oz

• Other Fungicides
Endura @ 8.0 fl oz
Quash @ 10.0 fl oz
Folicur @ 4.0 fl oz
-Grandin Only
Experimentals

- Applications at R5.2-5.5
- 9-20 gpa, backpack sprayers

## Fungicide Timing – Treatment List

- Two Fungicides

  Headline @ 9.0 fl oz

  Tebuzol @ 4.0 fl oz
- Five Treatments
  - Non-treated
  - R3.5 − R4
  - R5.2 R5.5
  - R6+
  - All three timings

# Materials and Methods: Fungicide and Timing Trials

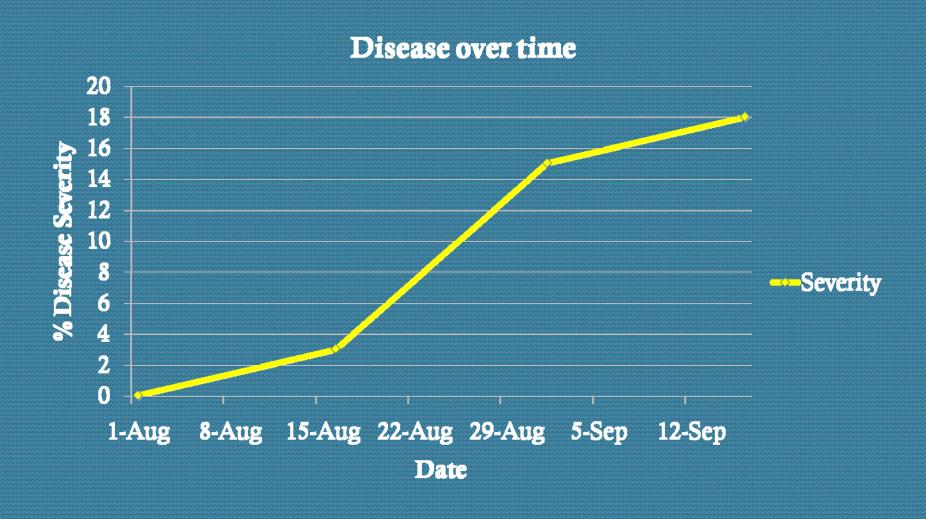
- Evaluate fungicide efficacyFungicide Trials
- Evaluate optimum application time Timing Trials
- CREC, Grandin-CHS, and LREC
   Inoculated (Race 336) spreader rows
   CREC and LREC irrigated
- CREC and Grandin-CHS
   Re-inoculated: treatment plots



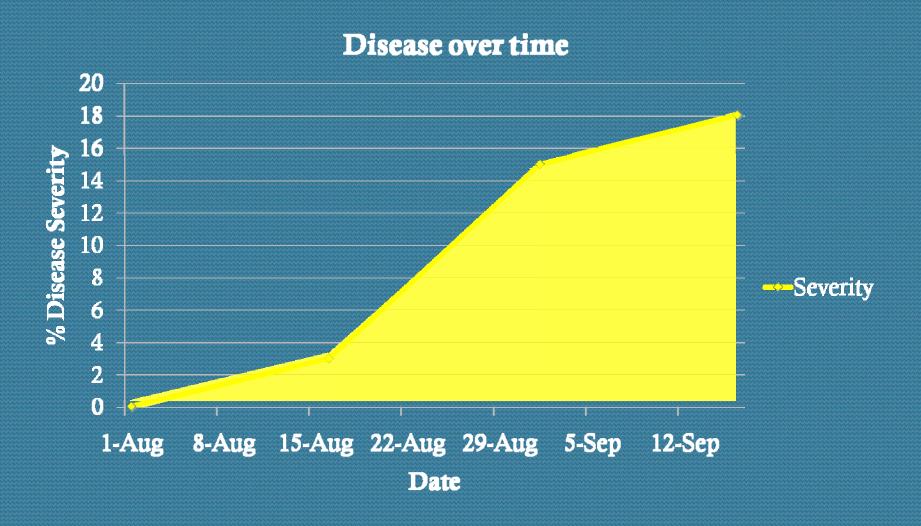
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- Multiple disease evaluations Rust severity diagrams
- AUDPC
- Yield

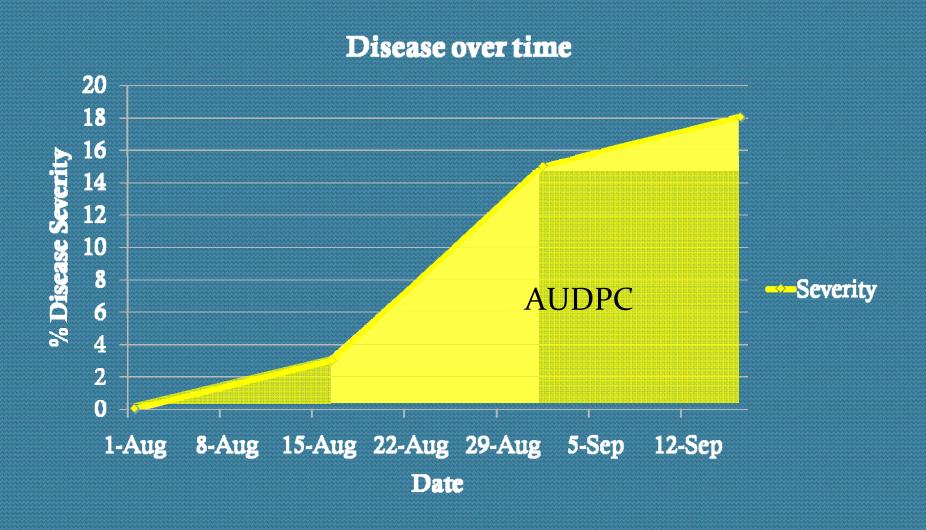
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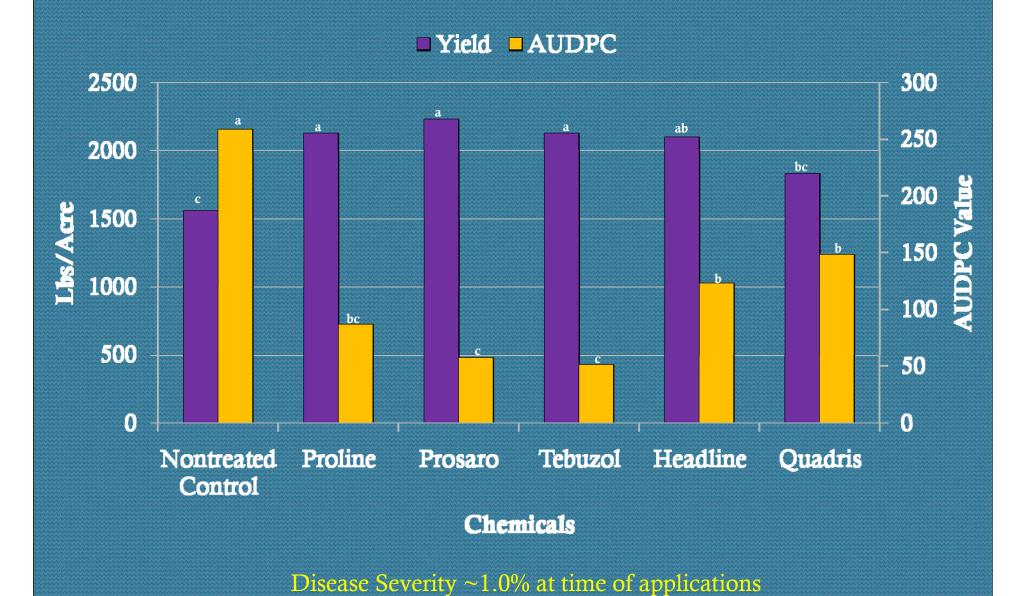
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## 2008 - Efficacy

- All fungicides reduced disease
- Efficacy Trials
  - -Triazoles (Prosaro, Proline, Tebuzol, and Quash)
    - Lower AUDPC values at 1-2% severity??

## 2009 - CREC - Efficacy



## 2009 Efficacy

Fungicides had lower AUDPC values than non-treated control

- Triazoles (FRAC 3) tended to have lower AUDPC values than strobilurins (FRAC 11) and boscalid (FRAC
  - 7) Disease Severity 0-1.0% at time of applications

## **2008 - Timing**

- Timing Trials
  - Timing 2 (R5.2 R5.5) reduces disease as much as three applications
  - Headline most effective at early stages of rust onset
  - Tebuzol most effective in later stages of rust epidemic

## 2009 Data - Timing - CREC

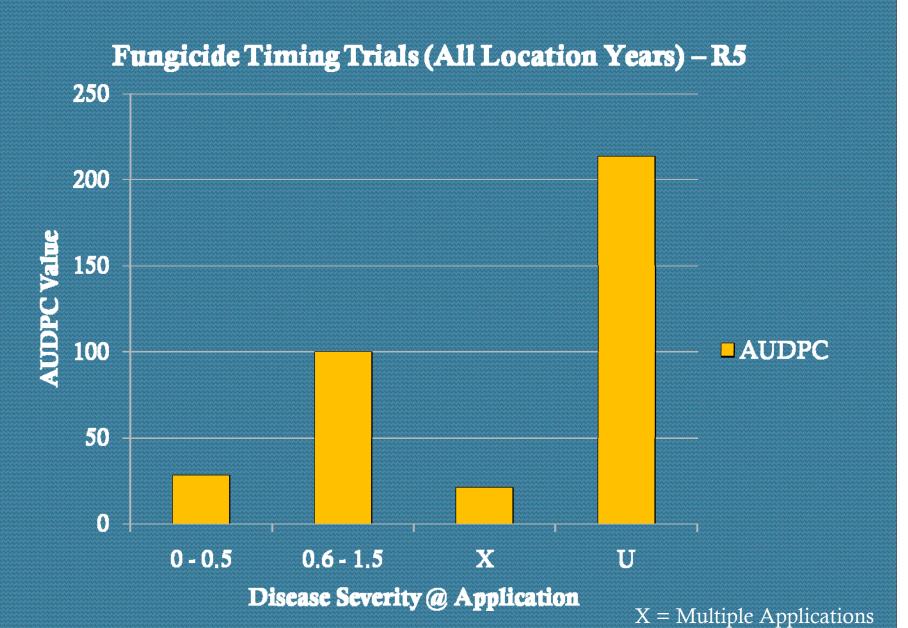
	Disease severity (according to upper 4 leaves using severity diagrams)							Yield
Treatment	% Sev.	R3-4	1 R5.5-5.9 <sub>2</sub>	3R6	R6-7	R7-8	AUDPC	(lb/A)
Non-treated Control		0 a	1.1625 a	3.95 a	12.0 a	38.5 a	453.25 a	1577.3 f
Headline (9oz)	T1 = 0.5%	0 a	0.4075 b	1.4125 c	4.95 bc	25.625 b	251.89 b	2029.9 cd
Tebuzol (4oz)	T1 = 0.5%	0 a	0.71 ab	2.5 b	6.875 b	24.875 bc	282.5 b	1722.0 ef
Headline (9oz)	T2 = 1.0%	0 a	0.8525 ab	0.825 c	1.05 d	14.75 d	134.87 cd	2345.1 ab
Tebuzol (4oz)	T2 = 1.0%	0 a	0.8625 ab	1.4625 c	2.15 cd	8.55 de	109.86 d	2177.3 bc
Headline (9oz)	T3 = 4%	0 a	0.8625 ab	2.925 b	5.85 b	16.125 cd	217.09 bc	1830.5 de
Tebuzol (4 oz)	T3 = 4%	0 a	0.95 a	2.825 b	7.175 b	14.625 d	220.68 bc	1611.6 ef
Tebuzol / Headline / Tebuzol	T1, T2, T3	0 a	0.8975 a	0.875 c	1.025 d	4.375 e	63.14 d	2456.4 a
Tebuzol / Headline	T1, T2	0 a	1.0 a	0.8875 c	1.063 d	14.5 d	135.98 cd	2472.2 a
Headline / Tebuzol	T2, T3	0 a	0.7925 ab	0.875 c	1.088 d	4.6 e	63.9 d	2347.0 ab
LSD		0	0.4681	0.8312	3.0085	8.9589	92.782	229.7

## 2009 Timing

- Most locations had all treatments with statistically lower AUDPC values than the non-treated control
- Most of the time, single application at R5.2-R5.5 (T2) had lower AUDPC values than the single applications of T1 and T3
- Application of fungicide after R6+ may be too late
- Multiple applications had lowest AUDPC values

## 2008 and 2009 - Timing Summary

- Headline and Tebuzol same with some exceptions
- R4 More trials (Data suggests too early)
- R6+ Too late
- R5 Severity threshold?



U = Non-treated Control

## What needs to be done next?

- We know triazoles and strobilurins reduce disease
- Timing is KEY!
- Simulate an early disease onset
  - -Higher rust severity at early growth stages
  - -Application at early reproductive and R5 stage
  - -Multiple combination treatments (triazoles and strobilurins)







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