

# *Tomato spotted wilt virus* management with resistance-breaking strains

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# Overview

- Symptom recognition
- Background
- Plant resistance-breaking strain
- Management strategies



***Tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV)***  
**Symptom Recognition**





## TSWV symptoms on tomato fruit



# Foliar symptoms of *TSWV*



Stage of crop development at  
the time of infection and stage  
of disease development  
influence symptoms



## *Beet curly top virus*



# *Alfalfa mosaic virus*



# Tomato necrotic spot virus




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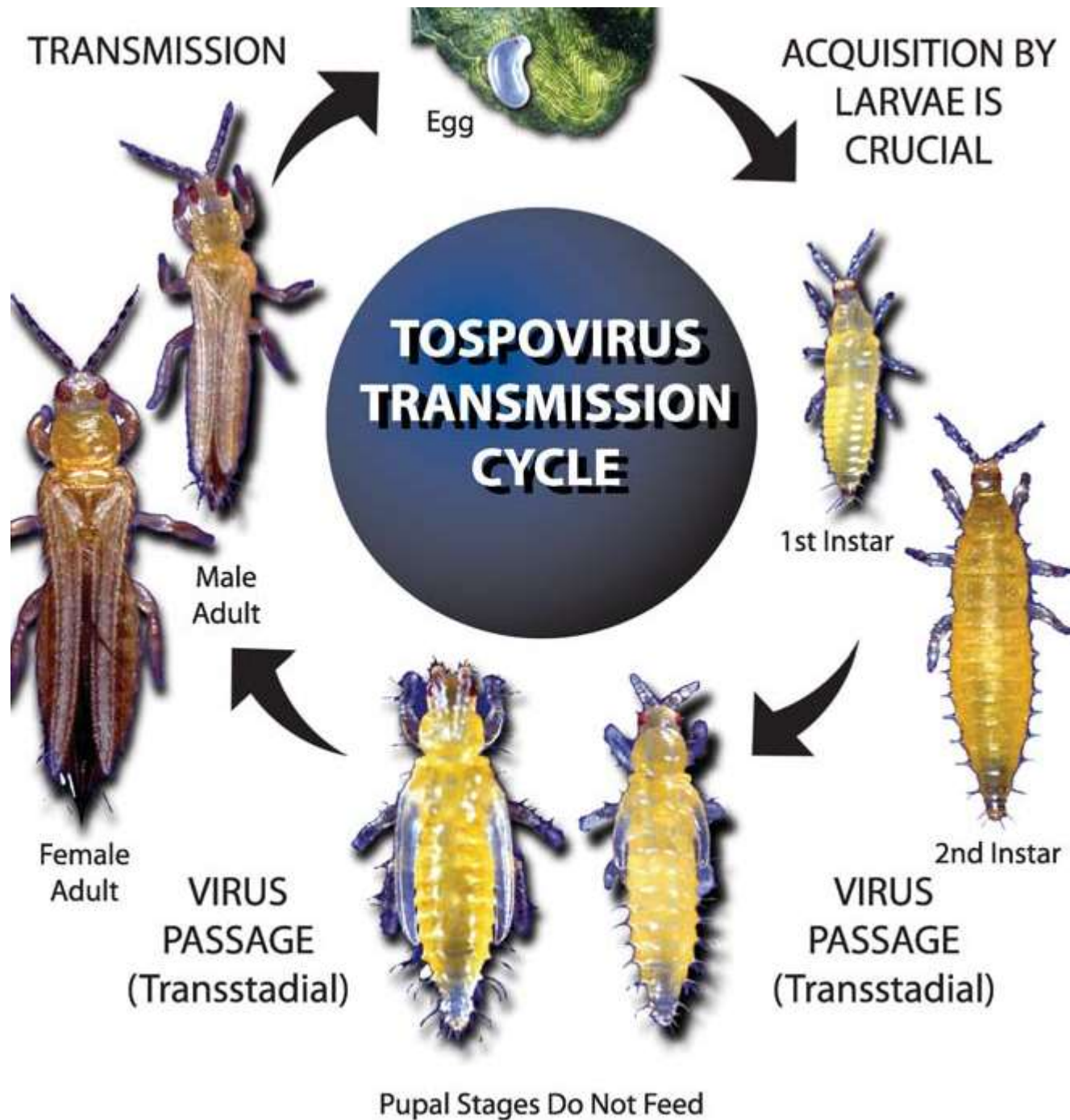
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# Thrips vectors TSWV



*Frankliniella occidentalis*  
(Western flower thrips)  
Primary vector of TSWV in  
Central California



A. E. Whitfield, D. E. Ullman, and T. L. German. 2005. **TOSPOVIRUS-THRIPS INTERACTIONS**. Annu. Rev. Phytopathol. 2005. 43:459–89

# Host Range of TSWV

## Crop Hosts

- Radicchio
- Lettuce
- Celery
- Fava bean
- Tomato
- pepper
- Eggplant
- Potato

## Weed Hosts

- Prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*)
- Sowthistle (*Sonchus spp.*)
- Little mallow (*Malva parvaflora*)
- Mustard (*Brassica spp.*)
- London rocket (*Sisymbrium irio*)
- Wild Radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*)
- Pineappleweed (*Chamomilla suaveolens*)
- Rough-seeded *buttercup* (*Ranunculus muricatus*)
- Nightshade (*Solanum spp.*)
- Jimsonweed (*Datura stramonium*)
- Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)

# Annual Cycle TSWV/Western flower thrips in Central California

- Overwintering: in a small percentage of weeds and crops & TSWV pupating thrips
- Early season: reproduction of thrips and possible virus increase of TSWV on susceptible weeds and crops
- Mid season: movement to tomatoes and rapid increase in TSWV in areas with high levels of susceptible plants
- Late season: Highest pressure of the year

# TSWV Resistance

- SW5: Single dominant gene
- In widespread use in the Central San Joaquin Valley for ~7 years
- No documentation of resistance-breaking strains in CA prior to 2016
- Expression in SW5 varieties due to Wild type TSWV
  - There may be expression on up to 3% of plants
  - Unusual fruit symptoms in the absence of foliar symptoms may occur



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# Detection of Resistance-breaking TSWV strain in Fresno Co. in 2016

- Mid-Apr 2016, severe and typical symptoms of TSWV in Sw-5 fresh market tomatoes in Cantua Creek (Fresno Co.)
- May 2016, severe TSWV in Sw5 fresh market tomatoes in Firebaugh (Fresno Co.)
- July 2016, moderate TSWV in Sw5 processing tomatoes in Huron area



**All samples were Immunostrip positive**

# Virology – O. Batuman, R. Gilbertson

- RT-PCR/sequencing tests revealed only TSWV infection
- Raised the issue of the emergence/introduction of a resistance-breaking (RB) strain
- RB strains have been reported from Europe (Spain and Italy) and have been associated with specific amino acid substitutions in the viral movement protein (NSm)

# Identification of TSWV RB strain

Typical tospovirus symptoms



Test for TSWV  
with immunostrips

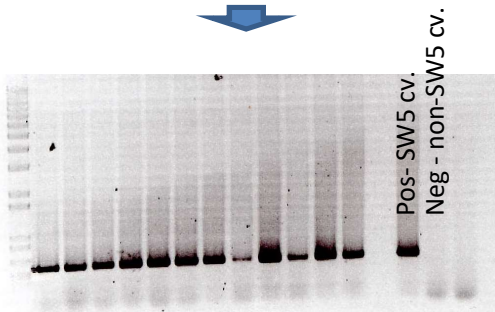


Confirm TSWV by  
RT-PCR



Confirm RB strain by  
RT-PCR of NSm gene

Confirm tomato is a  
resistant variety by PCR  
for SW-5



RB strain

WT strain

aa substitution C to  
Y in 118 position or  
T to N in 120  
position

no aa substitution in  
118 or 120 position  
(CPT)

Amino acid (aa) sequence

MDTSKGKILLNTEGTSSFGTYESDSITESEG  
YDLSARMIVDTNHHISNWKNDLFVGNGK  
QNANKVIKI**YPT**WDSRKQYMMISRIVIWV

C

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From Gilbertson presentation at UC West  
Side Research Extension Center on 14 Dec  
2017

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# Resistance Breaking *Tomato spotted wilt virus, 2017*

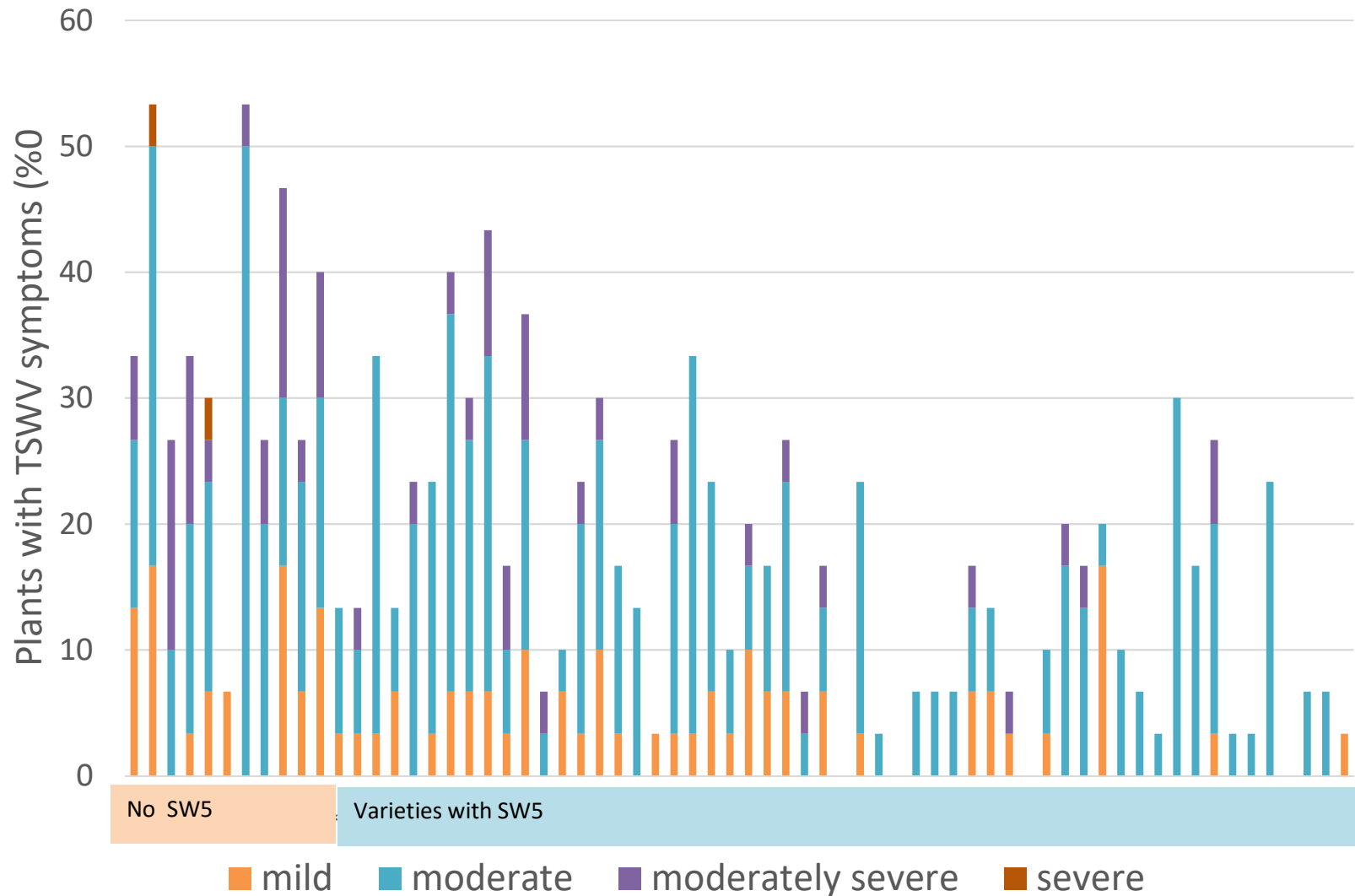
- Detected in Sowthistle in Jan and Feb 2017 in Huron and Cantua Creek
  - Resistance breaking strains associated with weedy areas early 2017 in Fresno Co.
- By Oct., 2017 over larger area in Fresno Co., detected in Merced and Brentwood.
  - By the end of 2017, the resistance breaking TSWV strain was detected in lettuce, celery and peppers.

# Collaboration with Ag Seeds and TS&L, 2017

- Evaluation of variety trial in area affected by resistance-breaking TSWV on 17 Jul 2017
- Tomato spotted wilt virus incidence observed among entries at **one site** were from undetectable levels to 52% of plants expressing TSWV

# 2017 Preliminary Observations (NO REPLICATION)

Percentage TSWV in 80 Treatment Trial  
(No resistance and resistance grouped)



# Variety Trial: Strain Determination

| Variety                                                 | SW5 in variety | Strain detected |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| H1015 -no SW5                                           | -              | CPT             |
| BQ273 -SW5                                              | +              | YPT             |
| N6402 -SW5                                              | +              | YPT             |
| HM3887 -SW5                                             | +              | YPT             |
| DRI319 -SW5                                             | +              | YPT             |
| H1292 -SW5                                              | +              | YPT             |
| BP13 -SW5                                               | +              | YPT             |
| CPT=wild type strain<br>YPT= resistance-breaking strain |                |                 |

# TSWV Field Research, 2018

- Monitoring of weeds & crops for resistance breaking strain
- Evaluation of commercial trials for varietal response in Central Valley
- Evaluation of lines with alternative mechanisms of resistance at the West Side Research and Extension Center

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# Successful TSWV Management Program Depends Upon Multiple Approaches

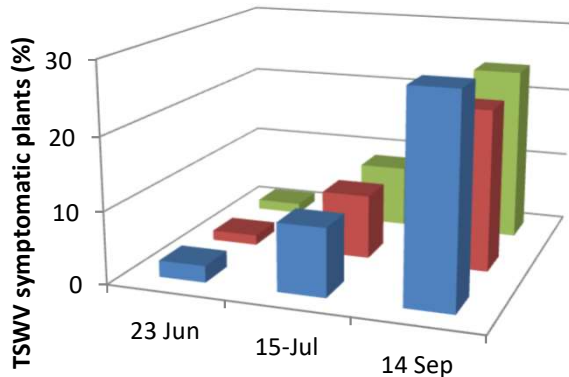
- Minimize host densities during winter
- Site selection
- Planting time: early season = lower risk
- Clean transplants
- Use of TSWV-resistant varieties
- Management of thrips

# Management of Thrips

- Thrips degree day model is available online
- Radiant, Lanate and dimethoate deliver relatively consistent control
- Drip or transplant water-applied neonicotinoids have not reduced TSWV incidence in most trials
- Verimark transplant treatment reduced TSWV incidence 3/6 trials

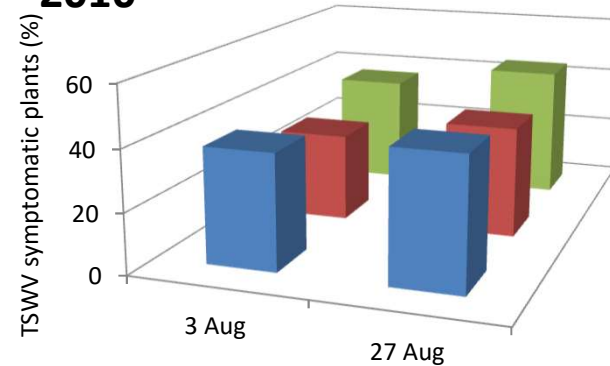
# Influence of Drip-Applied Insecticides

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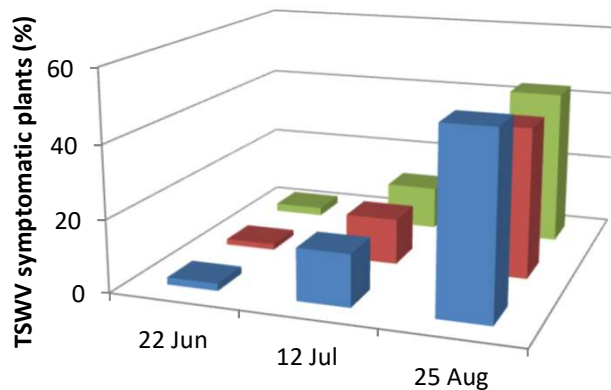
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- Untreated

**2010**



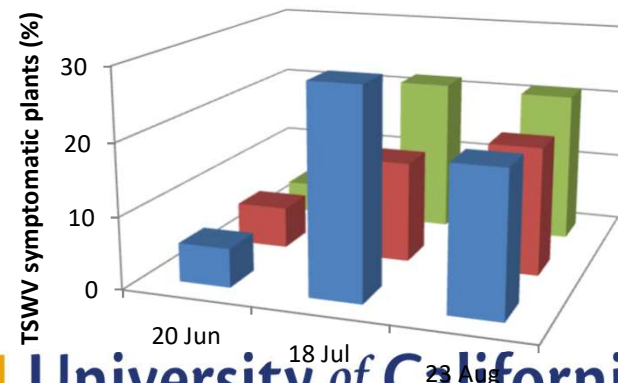
- thiamethoxam 193 g (25 May), dinotefuron 294 g (30 Jun)\*
  - thiamethoxam 193 g (25 May), dinotefuron 294 g (30 Jun)
  - Untreated
- \* Weekly injections of acibenzolar-s-methyl 35g/ha

**2011**



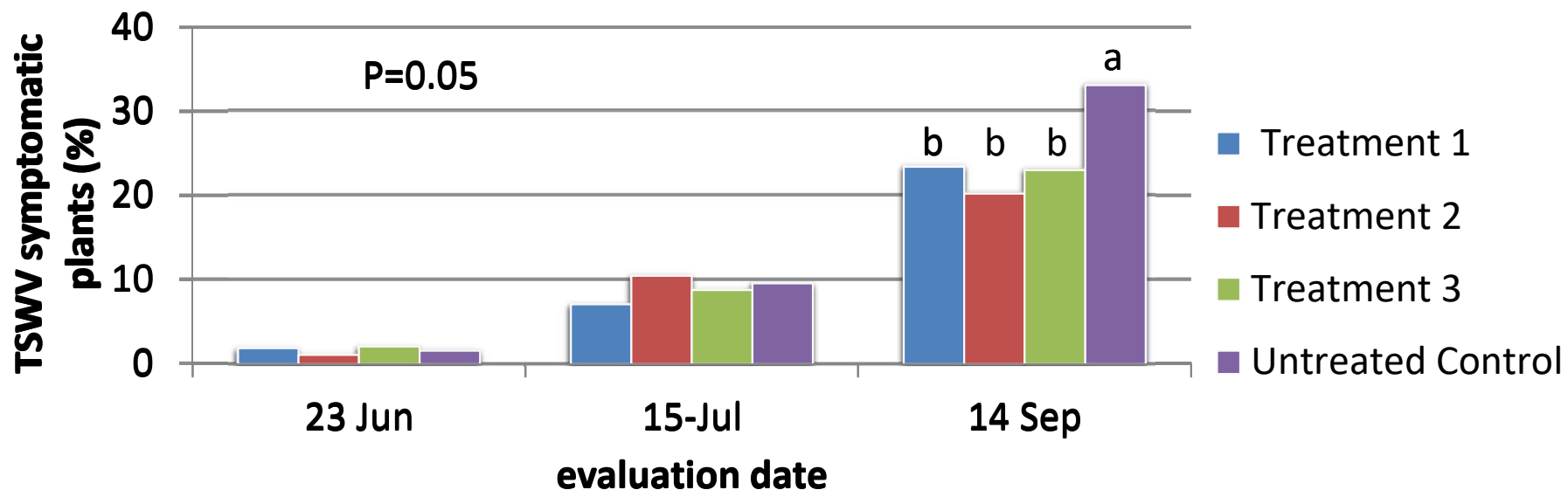
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- thiamethoxam 193 g (22 Jun), dinotefuron 294 g (22 Jul)
- Untreated

**2012**



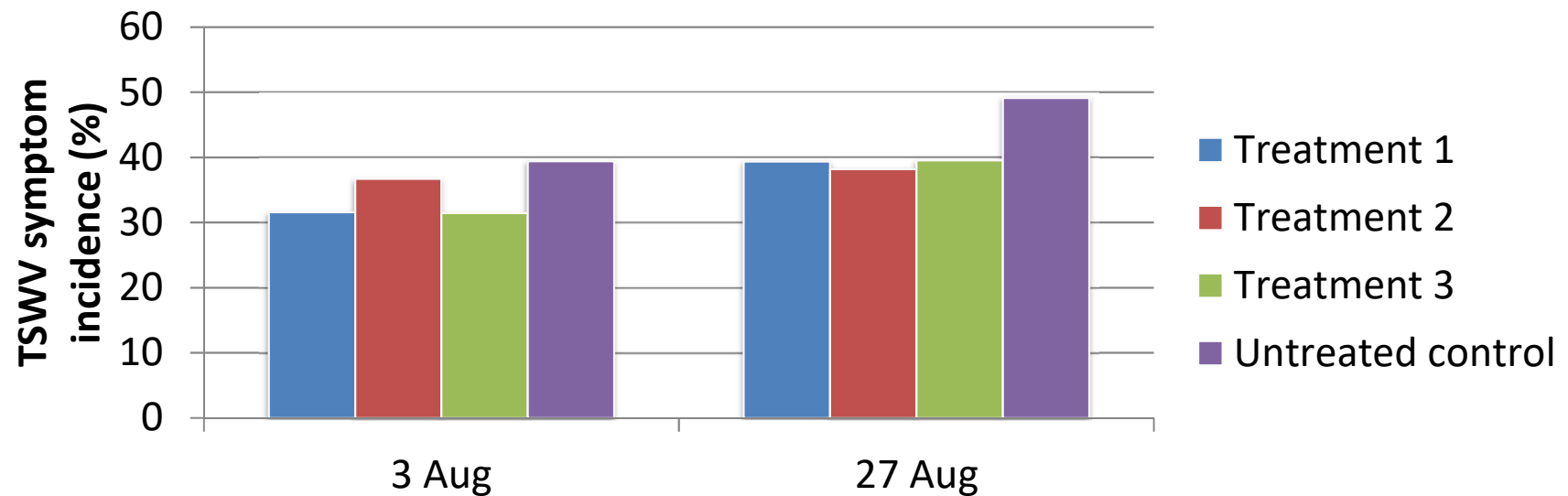
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- Untreated

## Foliar Treatment Impact on TSWV Symptomatic Plant Incidence 2009



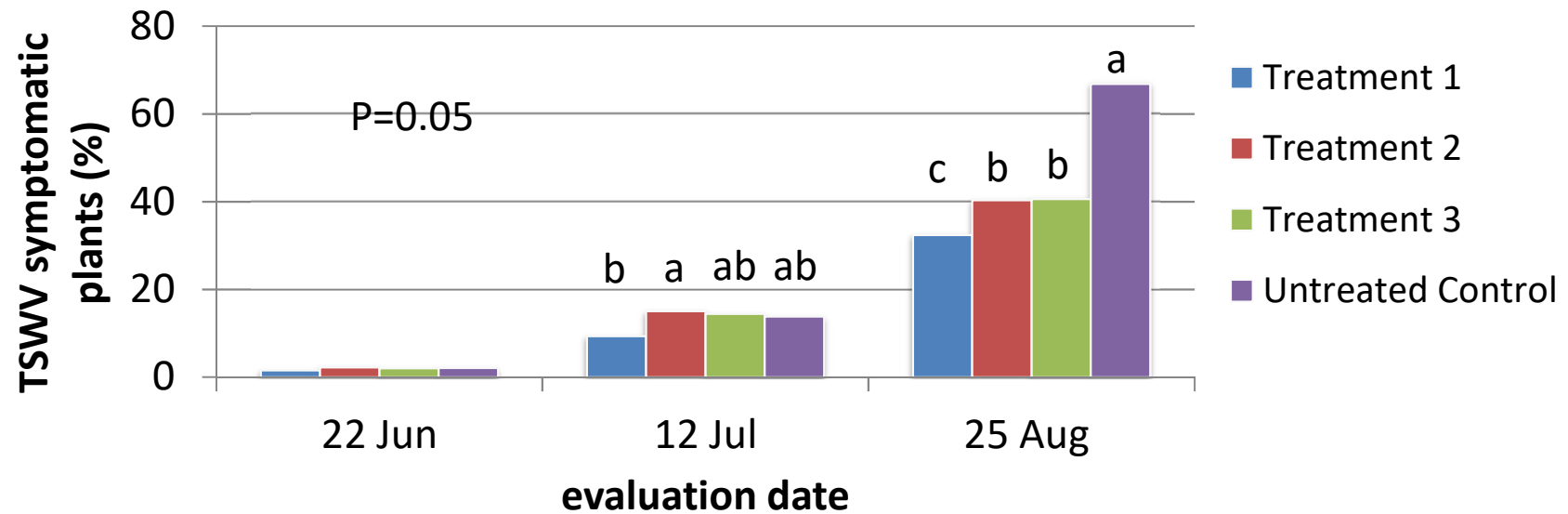
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|                     | 17 Jun                    | 1 Jul               | 15-Jul           |
| ● Treatment 1       | Radiant 10 fl oz          | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz |
| ● Treatment 2       | Radiant 10 fl oz          | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |                  |
| ● Treatment 3       |                           | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz |
| ● Untreated control |                           |                     |                  |

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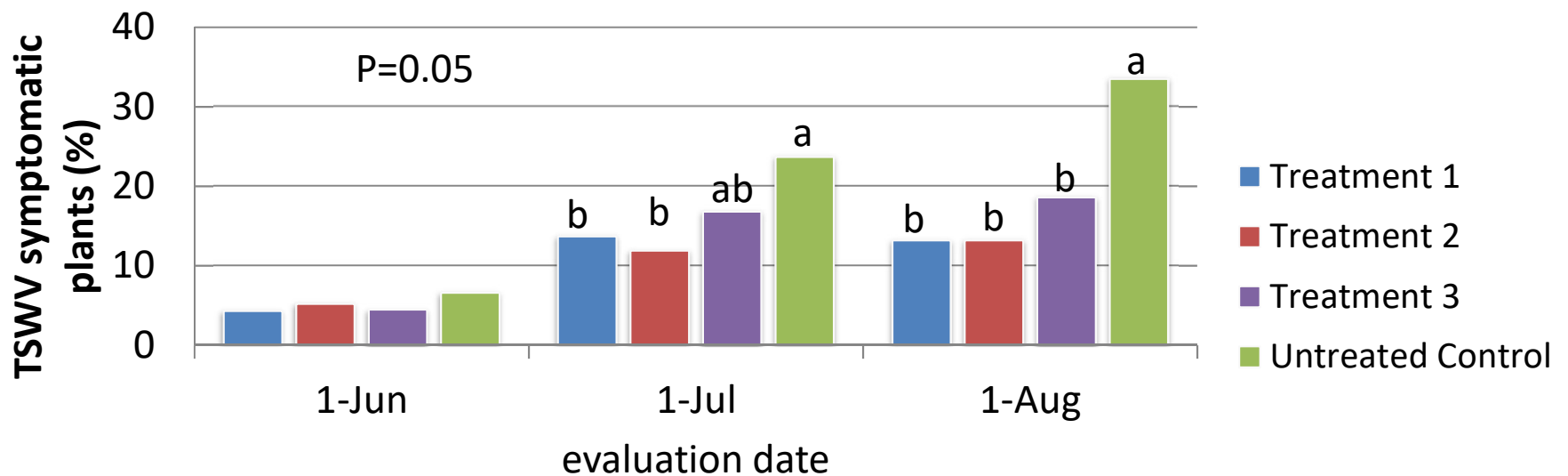
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|                     | drench                              | 9 Jun            | 23 Jun              | 7 Jul            | 16 Jul              |
| ● Treatment 1       | Verimark 13.5 fl oz                 | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |
| ● Treatment 2       |                                     | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |
| ● Treatment 3       |                                     | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |                  |                     |
| ● Untreated control |                                     |                  |                     |                  |                     |

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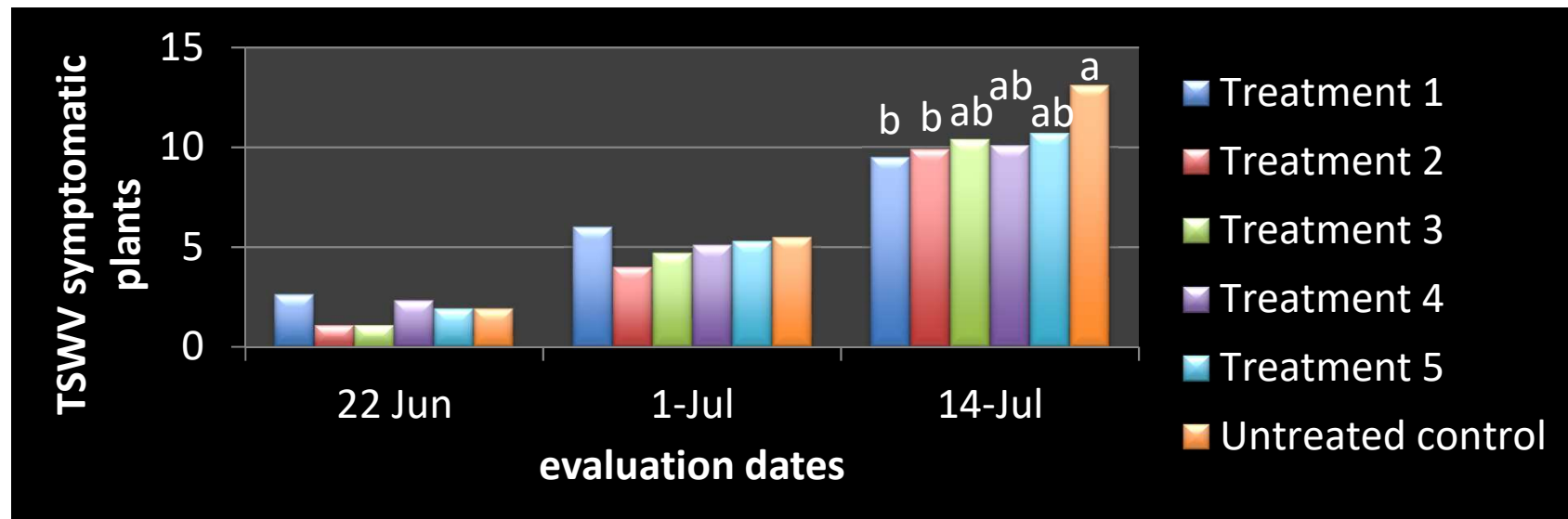
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|                                     | Trans. drench       | 24-Jun           | 6-Jul               | 14-Jul           | 21-Jul              |
| ● Treatment 1                       | Verimark 13.5 fl oz | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |
| ● Treatment 2                       |                     | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |
| ● Treatment 3                       |                     | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |                  |                     |
| ● Untreated Control                 |                     |                  |                     |                  |                     |

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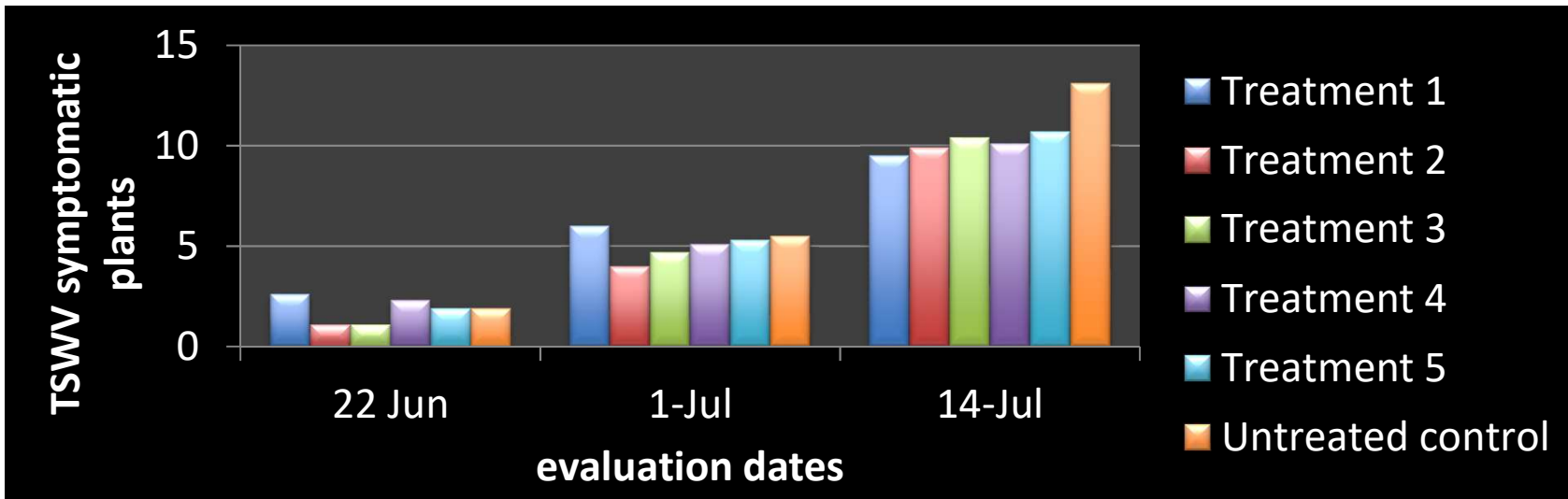
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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                     | drench                              | 12-Jun           | 22-Jun              | 29-Jun           | 9-Jul               | 18-Jul           |
| ● Treatment 1       | Verimark 13.5 fl oz                 | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz |
| ● Treatment 2       |                                     | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt | Radiant 10 fl oz |
| ● Treatment 3       |                                     | Radiant 10 fl oz | Dimethoate 4EL 1 pt |                  |                     |                  |
| ● Untreated Control |                                     |                  |                     |                  |                     |                  |

# Impact of Insecticides on TSWV Symptomatic Plant Incidence, 2015



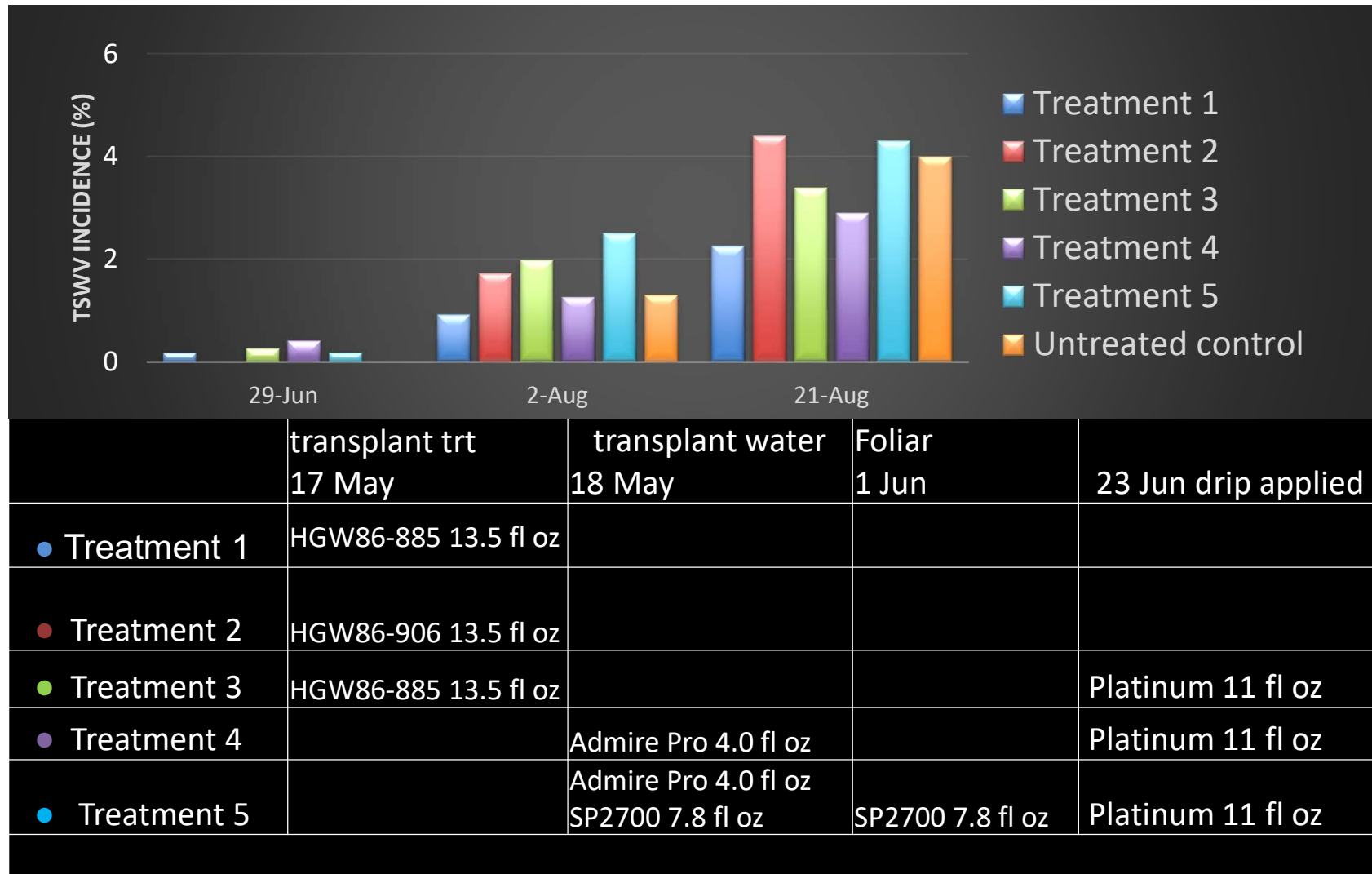
|               | Transplants 21 May  | 22 May transplant water | 22 May foliar     | 22 June          |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ● Treatment 1 | Verimark 13.5 fl oz |                         |                   |                  |
| ● Treatment 2 |                     | Admire 4.0 fl oz        | Sivanto 2.0 fl oz | Admire 6.5 fl oz |
| ● Treatment 3 |                     | Admire 10.0 fl oz       |                   |                  |
| ● Treatment 4 |                     |                         | Sivanto 2.0 fl oz | Admire 6.5 fl oz |
| ● Treatment 5 |                     |                         |                   | Admire 6.5 fl oz |

# Impact of Insecticides on TSWV Symptomatic Plant Incidence, 2016



|               | transplant trt 16<br>May | transplant water<br>17 May | 10 Jun                                        | 28 Jun                 |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| ● Treatment 1 | Verimark 13.5 fl oz      |                            |                                               |                        |
| ● Treatment 2 |                          | Admire Pro 4.0 fl oz       | Verimark 10 fl oz drip                        | Verimark 10 fl oz drip |
| ● Treatment 3 |                          |                            | Sivanto 10.5 fl oz<br>Platinum 3.67 oz (drip) | Venom 6.0 oz drip      |
| ● Treatment 4 |                          | Admire Pro 4.0 fl oz       | Platinum 3.67 oz (drip)                       | Venom 6.0 oz drip      |
| ● Treatment 5 | Verimark 13.5 fl oz      |                            | Platinum 3.67 oz (drip)                       | Venom 6.0 oz drip      |

# Impact of Insecticides on TSWV Symptomatic Plant Incidence, 2017



# Influence of Insecticides on TSWV, 2017

| Treatment, application (date applied) <sup>w</sup>                   | yield <sup>z</sup> | fruit quality (%) <sup>y</sup> |       |          |       |       | laboratory analysis <sup>x</sup> |        |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
|                                                                      | (tons/acre)        | red                            | grn   | sun burn | rot   | TSW   | color                            | solids | pH    |
| HGW86-885 13.5 fl oz tray drench (17 May) <sup>v</sup>               | 61.08              | 74.43                          | 1.28  | 4.09     | 1.28  | 4.98  | 25.0                             | 4.78   | 4.503 |
| HGW86-906 13.5 fl oz tray drench (17 May)                            | 52.23              | 71.56                          | 2.35  | 5.35     | 2.35  | 1.21  | 24.3                             | 4.83   | 4.508 |
| HGW86-885 13.5 fl oz tray drench (17 May)                            | 57.49              | 72.21                          | 1.51  | 5.05     | 1.51  | 3.53  | 24.5                             | 4.85   | 4.523 |
| Platinum 11 fl oz buried drip application (23 Jun) <sup>u</sup>      |                    |                                |       |          |       |       |                                  |        |       |
| Admire Pro 8.7 fl oz in transplant water (18 May) <sup>t</sup>       | 56.78              | 74.18                          | 2.05  | 3.20     | 2.05  | 4.28  | 24.5                             | 5.03   | 4.525 |
| Platinum 11 fl oz buried drip application (23 Jun)                   |                    |                                |       |          |       |       |                                  |        |       |
| Admire Pro 8.7 fl oz + SP2700 7.8 fl oz in transplant water (18 May) | 60.75              | 70.92                          | 2.74  | 5.11     | 2.74  | 3.39  | 25.0                             | 4.90   | 4.523 |
| SP2700 7.8 fl oz (1 Jun) <sup>s</sup>                                |                    |                                |       |          |       |       |                                  |        |       |
| Platinum 11 fl oz buried drip application (23 Jun)                   |                    |                                |       |          |       |       |                                  |        |       |
| Untreated control                                                    | 65.71              | 67.72                          | 2.75  | 6.34     | 2.75  | 6.47  | 25.0                             | 4.63   | 4.518 |
| LSD <sub>0.05</sub> <sup>r</sup>                                     | 8.898              | NS <sup>q</sup>                | NS    | NS       | NS    | 3.059 | NS                               | 0.329  | NS    |
| CV (%)                                                               | 10.01              | 6.47                           | 49.82 | 49.82    | 65.85 | 51.02 | 4.55                             | 4.52   | 0.95  |

# Main Points

- Plant-resistance breaking TSWV is present in the Central San Joaquin Valley production area.
- Any TSWV foliar symptoms present in more than 3% of the plants should be checked for the resistance breaking strain
- Current management depends upon IPM, heavily reliant upon sanitation and site selection.
- Insecticides may reduce incidence but should not be relied upon without other approaches.

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