

Improving management of white mold in soybeans and dry beans: Optimizing fungicide application methods

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OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN A CROP CANOPY Spray droplet size

# Cutting droplet diameter in half

# Results in eight times as many droplets



(there is one more droplet in the rear)

Image adapted from a presentation by Bob Wolf (Kansas State Univ.); Bobby Grisso and Pat Hipkins (Virginia Tech Univ.); and Tom Reed (TeeJet)

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# 0.065 mm<sup>3</sup> spray volume =

one 500-um diameter dropleteight 250-um diameter dropletssixty-four 125-um diameter droplets





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... but larger droplets have greater velocity, drift less. Increased velocity and reduced drift improves canopy penetration.



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- Spraying Systems TeeJet extended-range flat-fan nozzles
- Tractor-mounted sprayer
- Constant driving speed (6.7 mph), spray volume (15 gal/ac)
- **Pulse-width modulation system** (Capstan AG)
- Pulse width calibrated and confirmed by quantifying spray nozzle output



Spot-On sprayer calibrator model SC-1 Innoquest, Inc.; Woodstock, IL

**Spray cards** were utilized to confirm that pulse width calibration was correct and that spray volume was consistent across treatments.



temperature: relative humidity: wind:

XR8003 50 psi FINE DROPLETS

XR8004 40 psi MEDIUM-FINE DROPLETS

XR8006 40 psi MEDIUM DROPLETS

XR8008 35 psi MEDIUM-COARSE DROPLETS

CV: 24.6

XR8010 30 psi COARSE DROPLETS



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# **Spray droplet size estimates** are based on information provided by the manufacturer.

XR TeeJet® (XR)

	PSI							
	15	20	25	30	40	50	60	
XR8001	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	
XR80015	М	F	F	F	F	F	F	
XR8002	М	М	F	F	F	F	F	
XR80025	М	М	F	F	F	F	F	
XR8003	М	М	М	F	F	F	F	
XR80035	М	М	М	М	М	F	F	
XR8004	С	М	М	М	М	F	F	
XR8005	С	С	М	М	М	М	F	
XR8006	С	С	С	М	М	М	М	
XR8008	VC	VC	С	С	М	М	М	
XR8010	XC	VC	VC	С	С	С	С	
XR8015	XC	XC	VC	VC	VC	С	С	

XR TeeJet<sup>®</sup> (XR) **PSI** 15 25 20 30 40 50 60 XR8003 50 psi XR8003 Μ Μ Μ F F F F **FINE DROPLETS** XR8004 40 psi XR8004 С Μ Μ Μ Μ F F MEDIUM-FINE DROPLETS XR8006 40 psi XR8006 C C С Μ Μ Μ Μ MEDIUM DROPLETS XR8008 35 psi XR8008 VC VC C C Μ Μ Μ MEDIUM-COARSE DROPLETS XR8010 30 psi XR8010 XC VC VC C C С С COARSE DROPLETS

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# PTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN SOYBEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – SOYBEANS (2017)

Carrington, ND (2017) Peterson '17X09N' soybean (0.9 maturity) Fungicides applied twice: R2 + R3 growth stages (11 days apart) 21-inch row spacing

Spray volume: 15 gal/ac Driving speed: 6.7 mph

Fungicide: Endura, 5.5 oz/ac

Fungicide application 1: R2 growth stage, 90-95% canopy closure

Fungicide application 2: R3 growth stage 100% canopy closure 11 days after application 1



# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN SOYBEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – SOYBEANS (2017)

Carrington, ND (2017) Dairyland 'DSR-0619' soybean (0.6 maturity)

21-inch row spacing



Canopy closure (average) = 92%

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# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size

# (1) Soybeans with an open canopy:

When canopy closure averaged <90% at fungicide application timing (R2 growth stage), white mold control and soybean yield under white mold pressure were maximized when fungicides were applied with a medium spray droplet size.

# (2) Soybeans at or near canopy closure:

When canopy closure averaged 95-100% at fungicide application timing, white mold control and soybean yield under white mold pressure were maximized when fungicides were applied with a coarse spray droplet size.



Spray cards were utilized to confirm that pulse width calibration was correct and that spray volume was consistent across treatments.



temperature: 73-80°F relative humidity:

XR8003 50 psi **FINE DROPLETS** 

XR8004 40 psi MEDIUM-FINE DROPLETS

**XR8006** 40 psi MEDIUM DROPLETS

XR8008 35 psi MEDIUM-COARSE DROPLETS

**XR8010** 30 psi COARSE DROPLETS

### August 1

pinto, navy, black navy, black and kidney beans and kidney beans

55-64% 4-7 mph wind:

July 18

60-63°F 58-70% 8-10 mph

# Percent spray coverage SPRAY CARDS placed at height of crop canopy



# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – NAVY BEANS



#### XR8004, 40 psi Medium droplets XR8006, 40 psi Medium-coarse droplets XR8008, 35 psi Coarse droplets XR8010, 30 psi

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#### Spray volume: 15 gal/ac Driving speed: 6.7 mph

# First fungicide application (July 18): Endura 70WG 8 oz/ac

Full bloom, average pod length 2 in. (max. 3.5 in.) canopy closure = 90-98%, canopy height = 19-24 in. 73-80°F, 4-7 mph wind, 55-64% relative humidity

#### Second fungicide application (Aug. 1): Topsin 4.5FL 40 fl oz/ac

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CV: 19.3

Full bloom, average 21 full-length pods/plant canopy closure = 100%, canopy height = 13-19 inches 60-63°F, 8-10 mph wind, 58-70% relative humidity

CV: 10.7

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### OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – BLACK BEANS

Carrington, ND (2018) 'Eclipse' black beans 21-inch row spacing

### TWO FUNGICIDE APPLICATIONS

#### White Mold Yield (lbs/ac) % canopy diseased 13.5% moisture Non-treated control b b Fine droplets a а XR8003, 50 psi Medium droplets a а XR8006, 40 psi **Coarse** droplets a a XR8010, 30 psi CV: 15.4 CV: 10.2

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Spray volume: 15 gal/ac Driving speed: 6.7 mph

First fungicide application (July 18): Endura 70WG 8 oz/ac

Full bloom, average pod length 2.5 in. (max. 4.0 in.) **canopy closure = 75-85%**, canopy height = 16-23 in. 73-80°F, 4-7 mph wind, 55-64% relative humidity

#### Second fungicide application (Aug. 1): Topsin 4.5FL 40 fl oz/ac

Full bloom, average 13 full-length pods/plant canopy closure = 100%, canopy height = 17-20 inches 60-63°F, 8-10 mph wind, 58-70% relative humidity

# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size

# Black beans and navy beans:

White mold control and black and navy bean yield under white mold pressure were maximized when fungicides were applied with a **medium spray droplet size**.



# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – KIDNEY BEANS



#### XR8004, 40 psi Medium droplets XR8006, 40 psi Medium-coarse droplets XR8008, 35 psi Coarse droplets XR8010, 30 psi 38

CV: 19.6

CV: 14.0

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#### Spray volume: 15 gal/ac Driving speed: 6.7 mph

# First fungicide application (July 18): Endura 70WG 8 oz/ac

Full bloom, average pod length 2.5 in. (max. 4.0 in.) canopy closure = 65-75%, canopy height = 19.5 in. 73-78°F, 4-7 mph wind, 55-64% relative humidity

#### Second fungicide application (Aug. 1): Topsin 4.5FL 40 fl oz/ac

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Full bloom, average 12 full-length pods/plant canopy closure = 100%, canopy height = 19 inches 60-63°F, 8-10 mph wind, 58-70% relative humidity

### OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – KIDNEY BEANS

Carrington, ND (2017) 'Rosie' light-red kidney 21-inch row spacing

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Fungicide application #1: <u>Topsin 4.5FL 30 fl oz/ac</u>

(July 10, 10-20% of plants with an open blossom, 30-40% canopy closure)

Fungicide application #2: Endura 70WG 8 oz/ac (July 20)

### OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size

# Kidney beans:

White mold control and kidney bean yield under white mold pressure were maximized when fungicides were applied with a **medium-coarse to coarse spray droplet size**.



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# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – PINTO BEANS



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#### Spray volume: 15 gal/ac Driving speed: 6.7 mph

First fungicide application (July 5): **Topsin 4.5FL 40 fl oz/ac** 

**100% plants with an open blossom, pin-pods canopy closure = 75-80%,** canopy height = 19 inches 69-70°F, 3-5 mph wind, 62-66% relative humidity

#### Second fungicide application (July 18): Endura 70WG 8 oz/ac

Full bloom, average pod length = 3 in. (max. = 5 in.) canopy closure = 92-98%, canopy height = 19 inches 73-80°F, 4-7 mph wind, 55-64% relative humidity

# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – PINTO BEANS



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Spray volume: 15 gal/ac Driving speed: 6.7 mph

Fungicide application (July 5): **Topsin 4.5FL 40 fl oz/ac** 

**100% plants with an open blossom, pin-pods canopy closure = 75-80%,** canopy height = 19 inches 69-70°F, 3-5 mph wind, 62-66% relative humidity

# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size – PINTO BEANS

Carrington, ND (2017) 'Palomino' pinto 21-inch row spacing

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		Sclerotinia st	em rot	Yield 13.5% moisture Pounds/acre		
		R7 growth stage Percent of canopy o	liseased			
	Non-treated control	44	b	3127	а	
EXTENDED RANGE FLAT SPRAY NOZZLES	droplet size: fine XR8004 60 psi	23	а	3643	а	
	droplet size: <b>medium</b> -fine <b>XR8004</b> 40 psi	19	а	3537	а	
	droplet size: medium XR8006 60 psi	22	а	3534	а	
	droplet size: coarse XR8010 40 psi	25	а	3407	а	
		CV: 35.3		CV: 11.4		

**Spray volume:** 15 gal/ac **Driving speed:** 4.0 mph

**Fungicide application #1:** <u>Topsin 4.5FL 30 fl oz/ac</u> (July 10, 10-15% of plants with an open blossom, 70-82% canopy closure)

Fungicide application #2: Endura 70WG 8 oz/ac (July 20)

# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Impact of spray droplet size

# **Pinto beans:**

Studies evaluating the impact of spray droplet size on white mold control and pinto bean yield under white mold pressure have been inconclusive.



# OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES Drop nozzles - methods

- '360' Undercover drop nozzles (360 Yield Center)
- Constant driving speed (3.8 mph), spray volume (15 gal/ac)
- Drop nozzles centered between 21-inch rows

Applications were made with a tractor-mounted boom equipped with a pulse-width modulation system (Capstan AG). Pulse width was calibrated and confirmed by measuring nozzle output. Spraying Systems TeeJet spray nozzles were used.





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# Drop nozzles – kidney beans

Carrington, ND (2018) 'Rosie' light-red kidney 21-inch row spacing





**DROP NOZZLES** 

Spray volume: 15 gal/ac

Driving speed: 3.8 mph

First fungicide application (July 18): Endura 70WG 8 oz/ac

Full bloom, average pod length 1.5 in. (max. 4.0 in.) canopy closure = 75-90%, canopy height = 19.5 in. 78-80°F, 6-8 mph wind, 69-73% relative humidity

#### Second fungicide application (Aug. 1): Topsin 4.5FL 40 fl oz/ac

Full bloom, average 12 full-length pods/plant canopy closure = 100%, canopy height = 19 inches 65°F, 3-6 mph wind, 54-55% relative humidity

#### **OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN DRY BEAN CANOPIES**

# Drop nozzles – kidney beans



Spray volume: 15 gal/ac

Driving speed: 4 mph except AIXR nozzles (3.2 mph)

#### First fungicide application (July 10) Topsin 4.5FL 30 fl oz/ac

10-20% of plants with an open blossom, no pods **canopy closure = 30-40%,** canopy height = 6-12 in. 78-83°F, 6-9 mph wind, 41-49% relative humidity

#### Second fungicide application (July 20) Endura 70WG 8.0 oz/ac

75-86°F, 7-9 mph wind, 53-65% relative humidity

Sclerotinia management in soybeans – Carrington and Oakes, ND (2017, 2018) Applying fungicides with drop nozzles improved white mold control when fungicides were applied to soybean canopies at or near closure 21-inch row spacing



Sclerotinia management in soybeans – field trials conducted in Carrington and Oakes, ND (2017, 2018) Applying fungicides with drop nozzles improved soybean yield under white mold pressure when applied to soybean canopies at or near closure 21-inch row spacing



Sclerotinia management in soybeans – field trials conducted in Carrington and Oakes, ND (2018) Impact of application method and application frequency on fungicide efficacy



BOOM-MOUNTED NOZZLES: **Two fungicide applications** (R2 + R3 growth stages)

XR8006 flat-fan nozzles, 40 psi (medium droplets) spray vol. = 15 gal/ac driving speed = 6.7 mph applications 11 days apart

Non-treated control Omega 16 fl oz/ac Topsin 20 fl oz/ac Endura 8 oz/ac Proline 5 fl oz/ac

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CV: 33.2



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XR11001 flat fan (side ports) + TX-VK3 hollow cone (lower rear), 40 psi (fine, v. fine) 15 gal/ac 3.8 mph applic. 11 days apart

Non-treated control 33 **Omega** 16 fl oz/ac **Topsin** 20 fl oz/ac Endura 8 oz/ac **Proline** 5 fl oz/ac

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CV: 61.7

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OPTIMIZING FUNGICIDE DEPOSITION WITHIN SOYBEAN CANOPIES '360 Undercover' drop nozzles (360 Yield Center; Morton, IL)

# (1) When to use the '360 Undercover' drop nozzle:

Drop nozzles are most likely to improve fungicide performance when the **soybean canopy is at or near closure** 

Drop nozzles may facilitate **more consistent fungicide performance**, providing opportunities to use a cheaper product

# (2) Drop nozzle setup:

Use wide-angle (110-degree) nozzles on side ports Multi-directional sprays within the canopy are likely optimal

110° twin-jet nozzles on side ports <u>or</u> 110° twin-jet or flat-fan nozzles on side ports + 80° hollow-cone on lower rear port



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