



Improving management of white mold in soybeans: Fungicide Efficacy | Drop Nozzles

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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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Yield

(bushels/acre)

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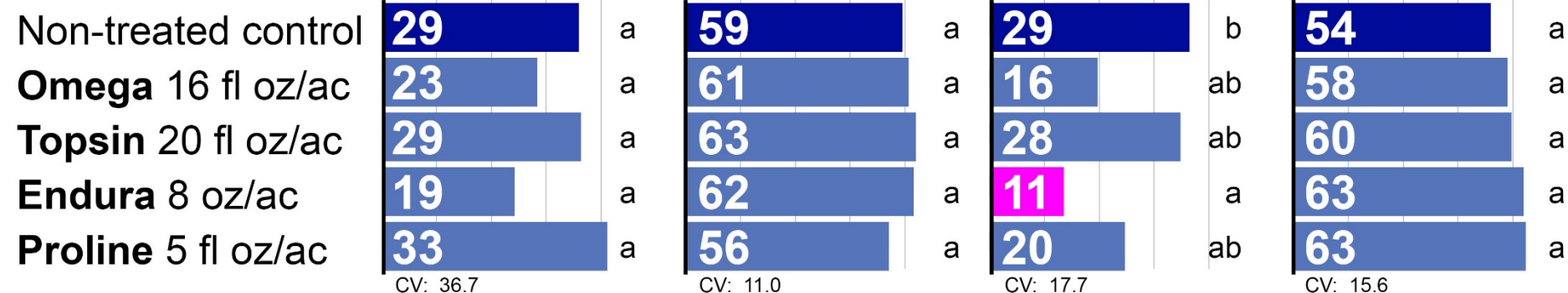
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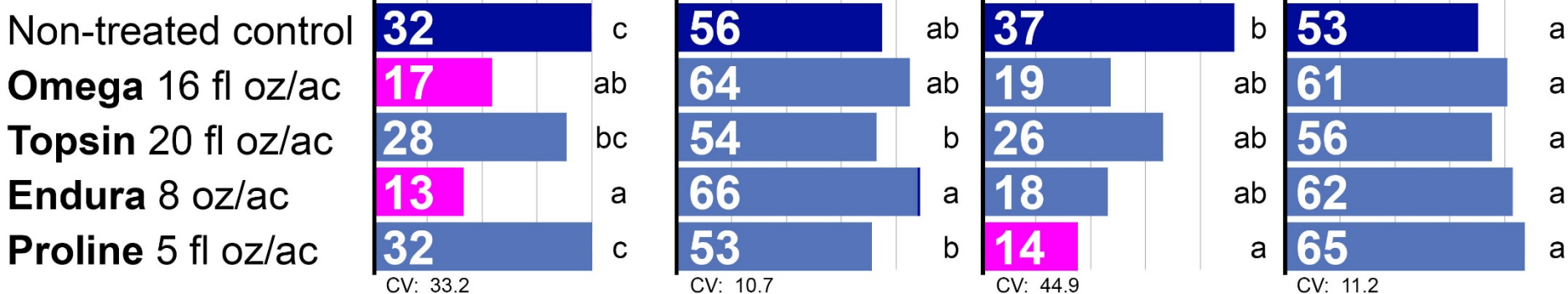
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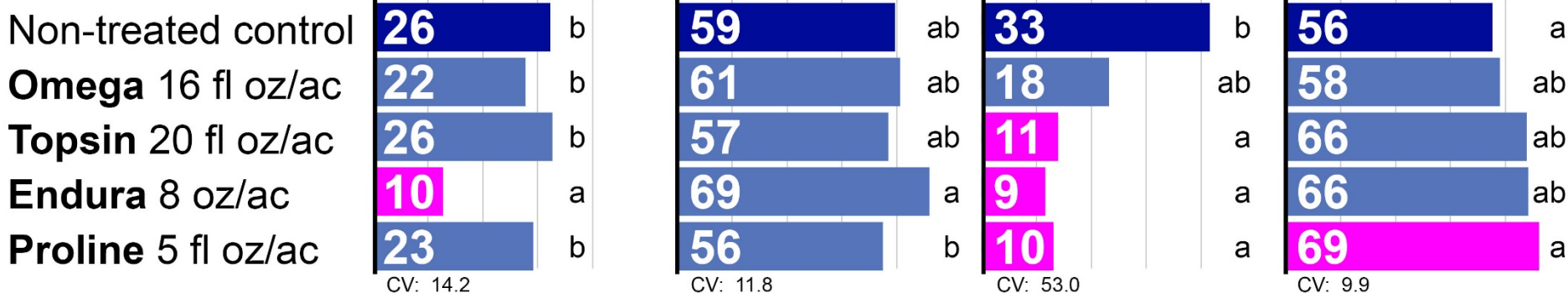
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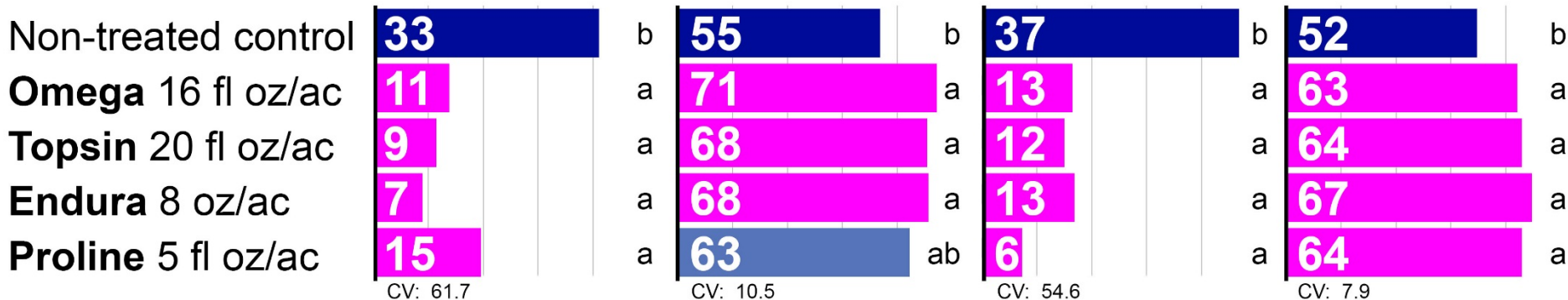
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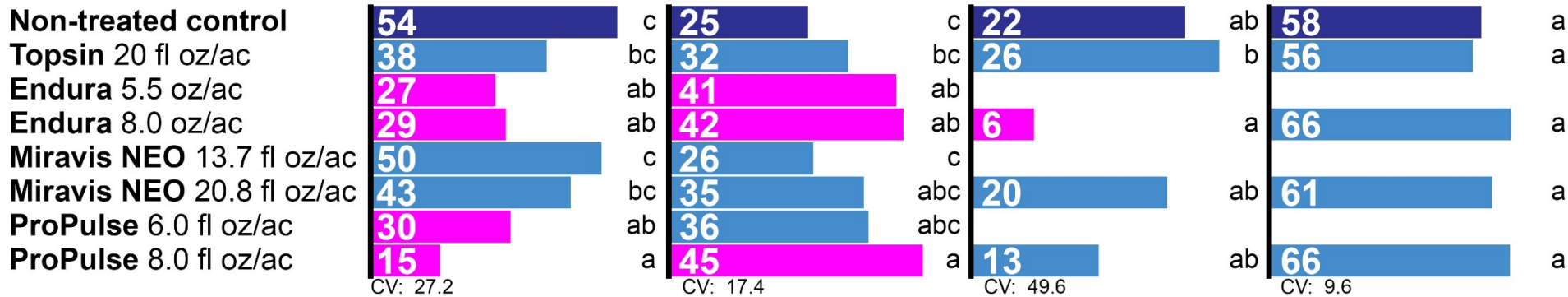
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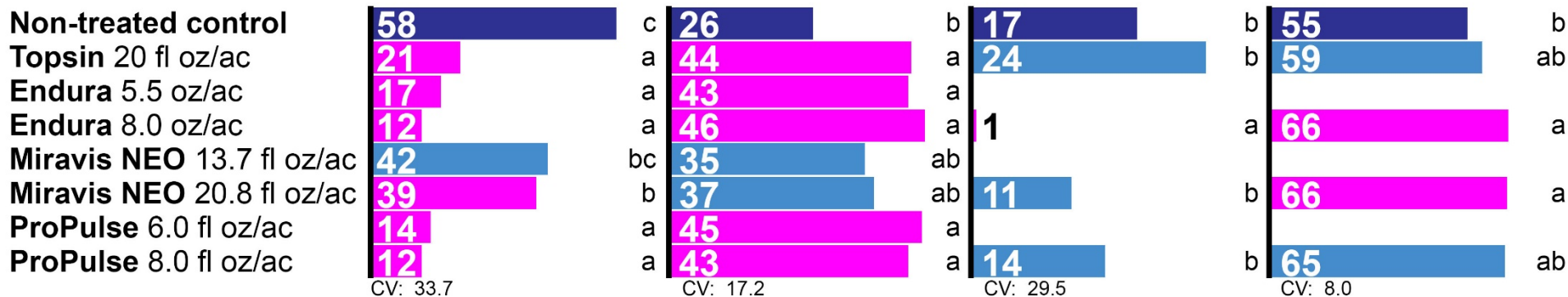
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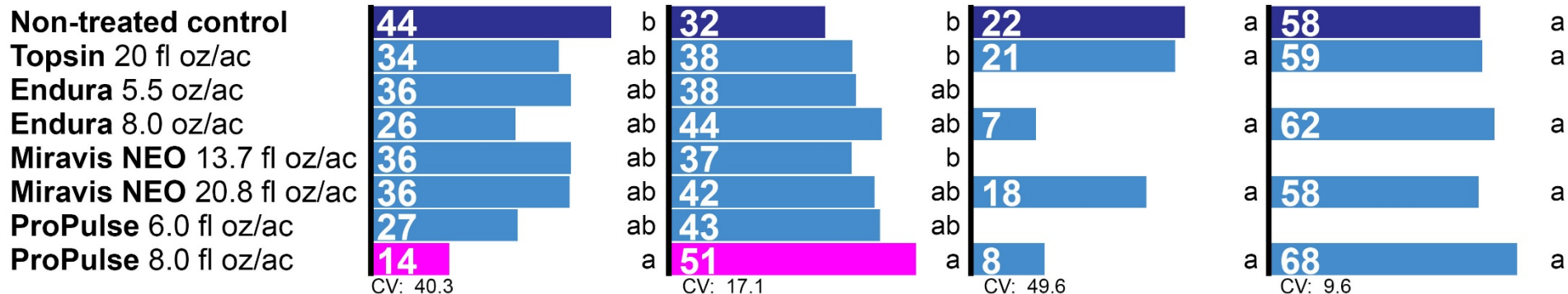
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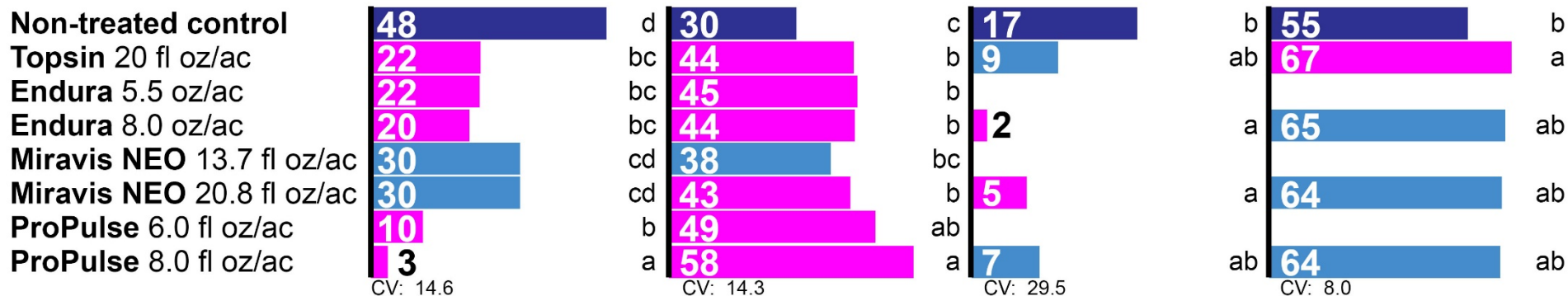
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TeeJet TJ60-1102 twin-jet nozzles on side ports of drop nozzle, 40 psi (very fine droplets) 15 gal/ac 4.0 mph



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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

Spray volume: 15 gal/ac

Fungicide: Endura, 5.5 oz/ac

Application timing:
Full R2 growth stage

Driving speed, boom mounted nozzles:
6.7 mph

Driving speed, drop nozzles:
3.8 mph

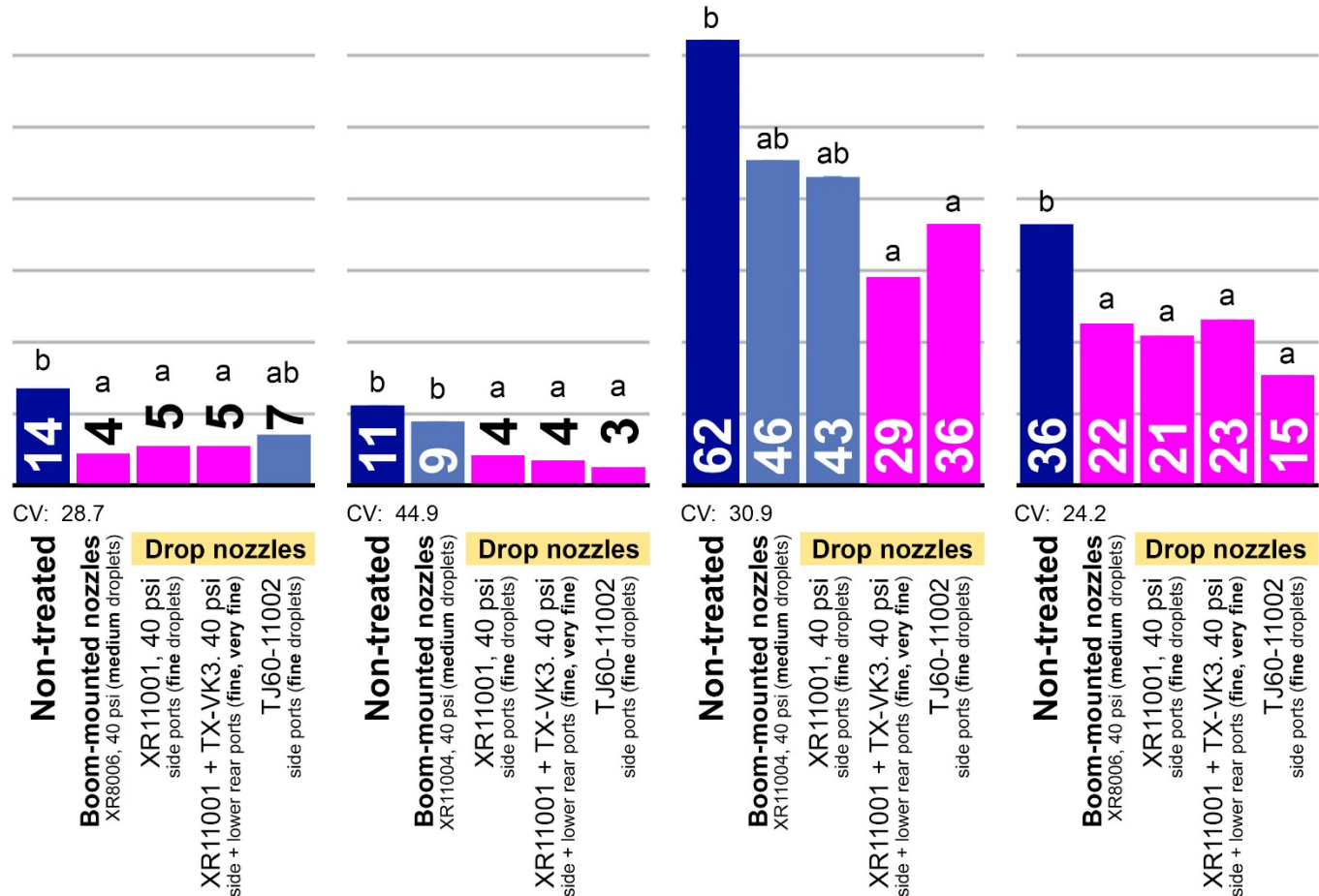
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Carrington, ND
87% canopy closure

2017
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95% canopy closure

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White mold severity (% of canopy; R7 or R9 growth stage)



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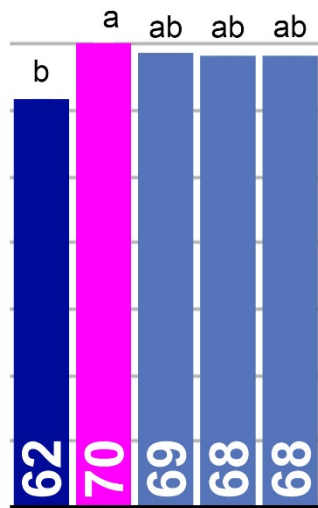
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Soybean yield (bushels/acre; 13% moisture)



CV: 6.9

Non-treated

Boom-mounted nozzles

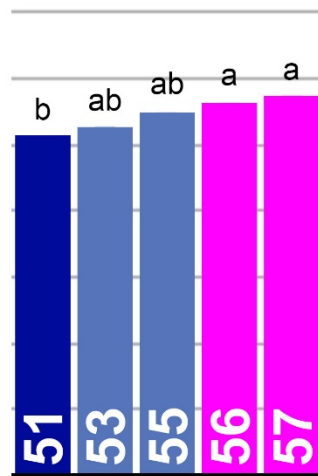
XR8006, 40 psi (medium droplets)

Drop nozzles

XR11001, 40 psi
side ports (fine droplets)

XR11001 + TX-VK3, 40 psi
side + lower rear ports (fine, very fine)

TJ60-11002
side ports (fine droplets)



CV: 4.6

Non-treated

Boom-mounted nozzles

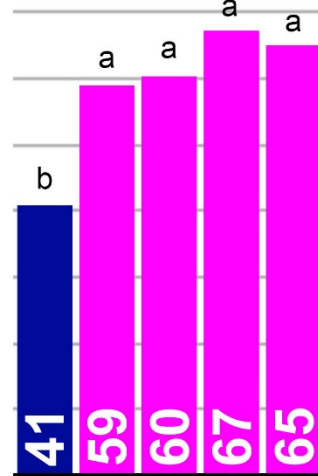
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CV: 14.0

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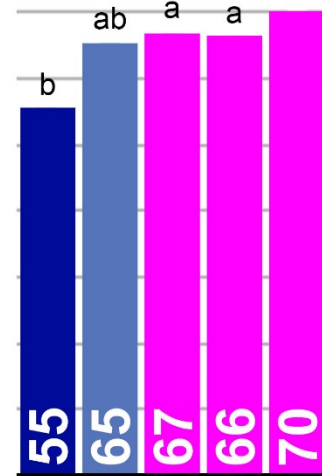
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'360 Undercover' drop nozzles (360 Yield Center; Morton, IL)

(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 or
110° twin-jet or flat-fan nozzles on side ports + 80° hollow-cone on lower rear port





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