



Management of Sugarcane Aphid in Arizona Forage Sorghum

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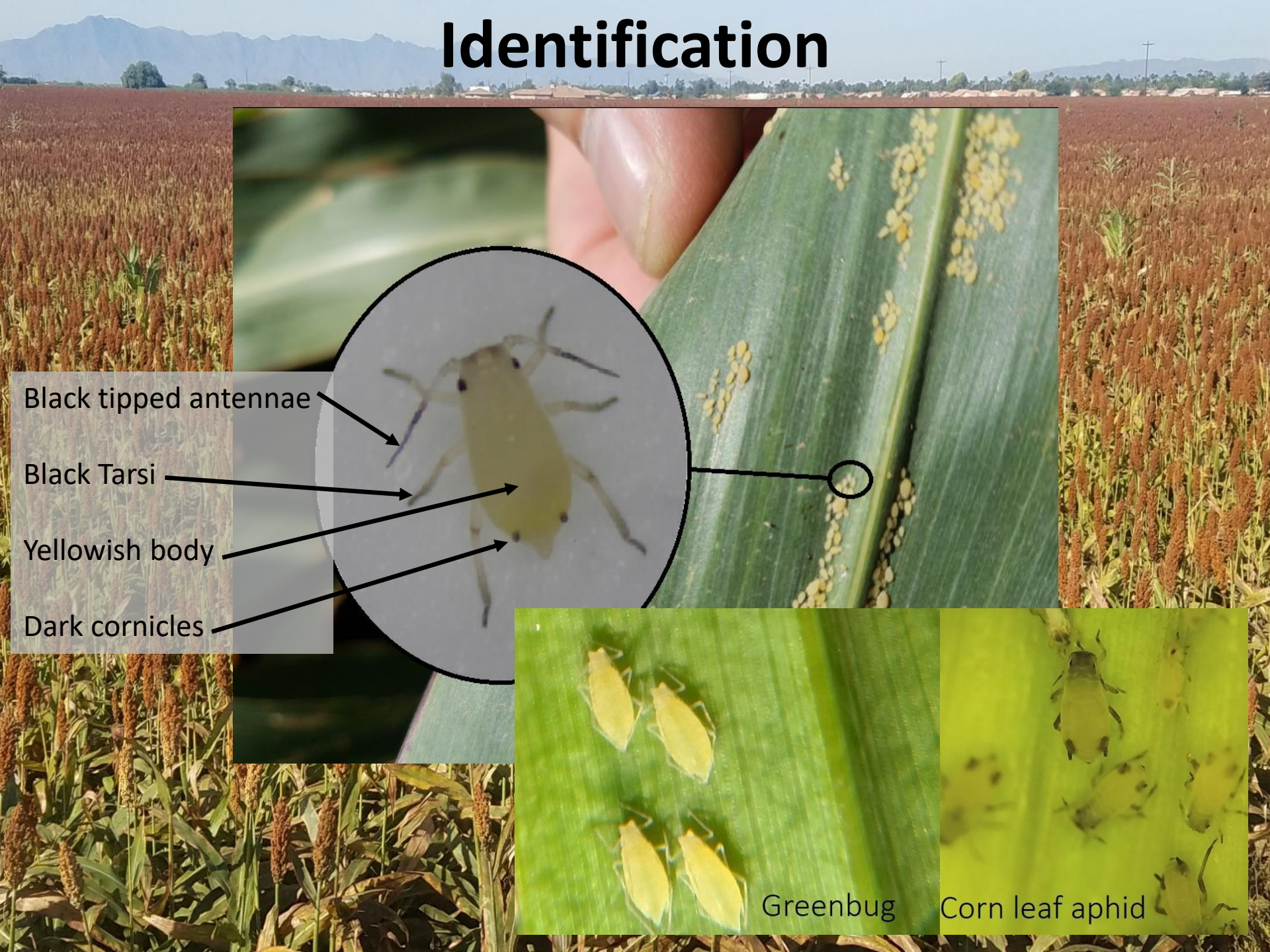


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Identification



Black tipped antennae

Black Tarsi

Yellowish body

Dark cornicles

Greenbug

Corn leaf aphid

Sampling & Action Threshold

- Determining when to spray varies from state to state and sometimes even within a state.
- Grain vs forage sorghum
- Typically within any given field, any of the thresholds used will be effective and will trigger an insecticide application at about the same time.
- Examples of thresholds:
 - Spray when 25% of the plants are infested with a minimum of 50 aphids per leaf
 - Spray when a field reaches a level of 50 to 125 SCA per leaf
 - Spray when 20 – 30% (depending on growth stage) of plants are infested with localized areas of honeydew and established colonies are present



Quick Aphid Checker

Estimate the number of sugarcane aphids (SCA) per leaf to help time foliar insecticides for SCA control on sorghum. Each photo represents an estimate from the table. For example, photo A shows about 12 aphids.

Estimate the Number of Aphids per Leaf		
Photo	Range	Estimate
A	1-25	12
B	26-50	38
C	51-100	75
D	101-500	300
E	501-1000	750
F	>1000	1500

Field Average = $\frac{\text{Total of All Estimates}}{\text{Total \# of Leaves Examined}}$

Learn more about sugarcane aphids at <http://txscan.blogspot.com>

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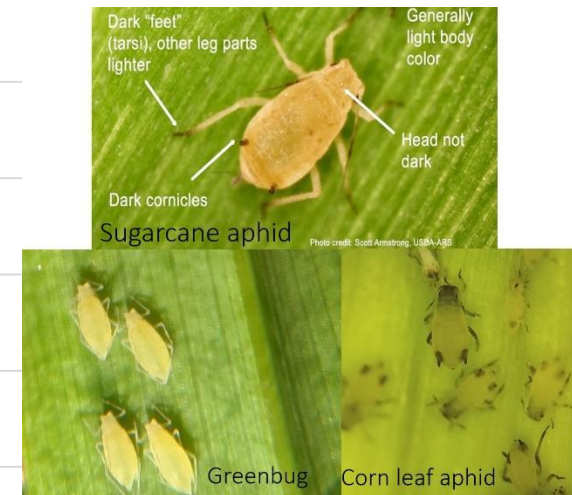
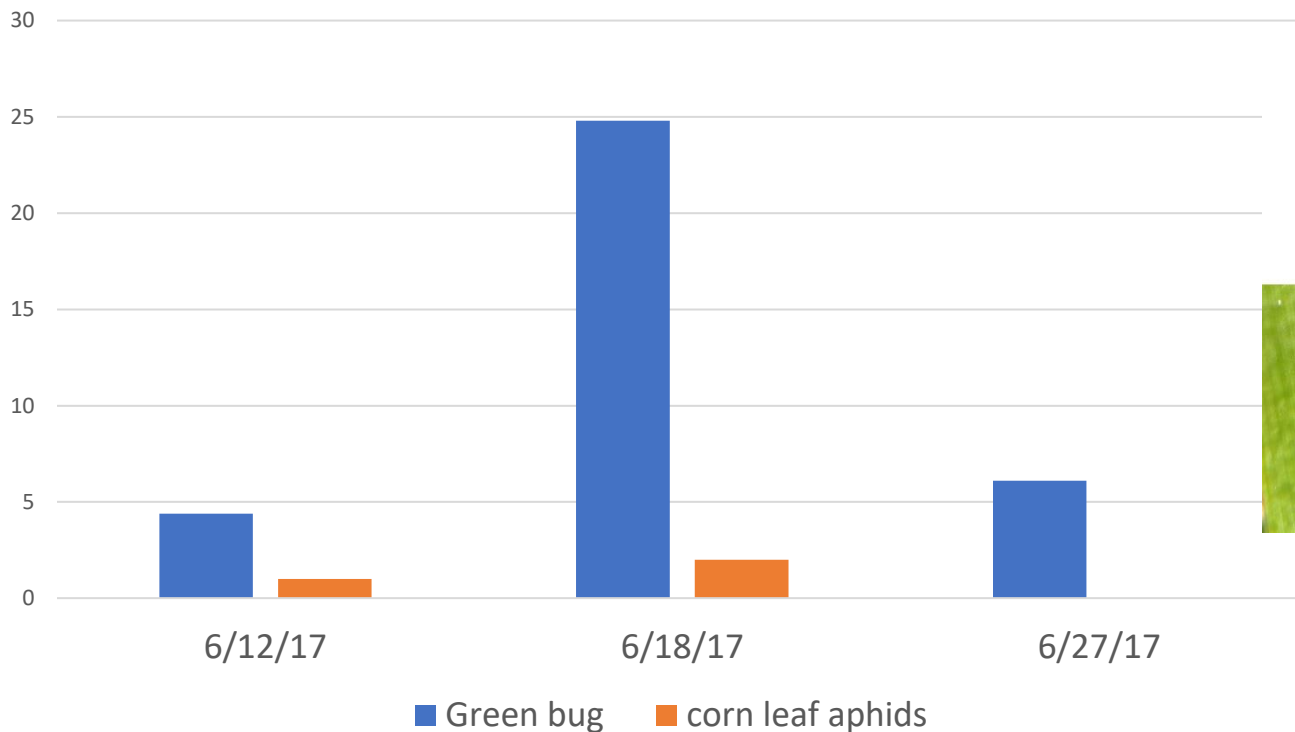
Sampling for Sugarcane Aphid using Quick Aphid Checker

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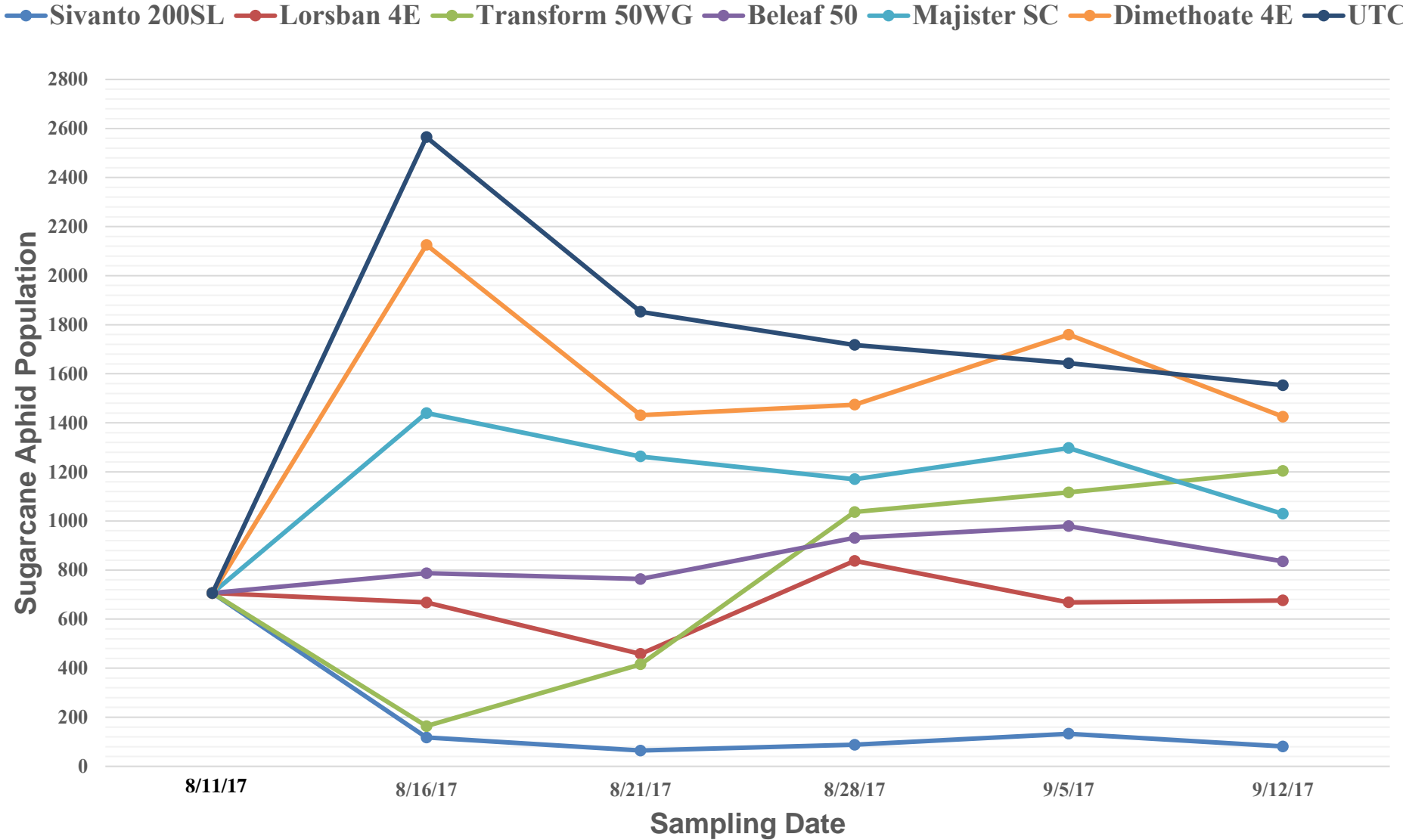


Early Planting Date Trial

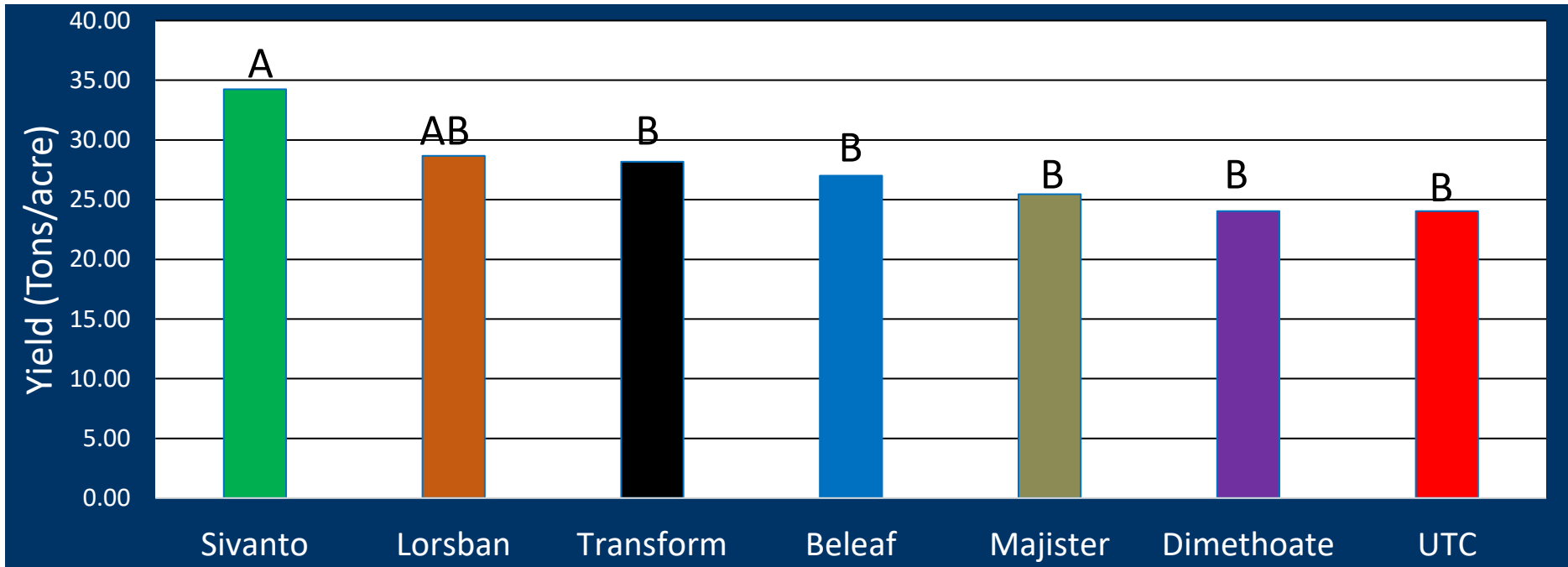
Greenbug and corn leaf aphids on early planted forage sorghum



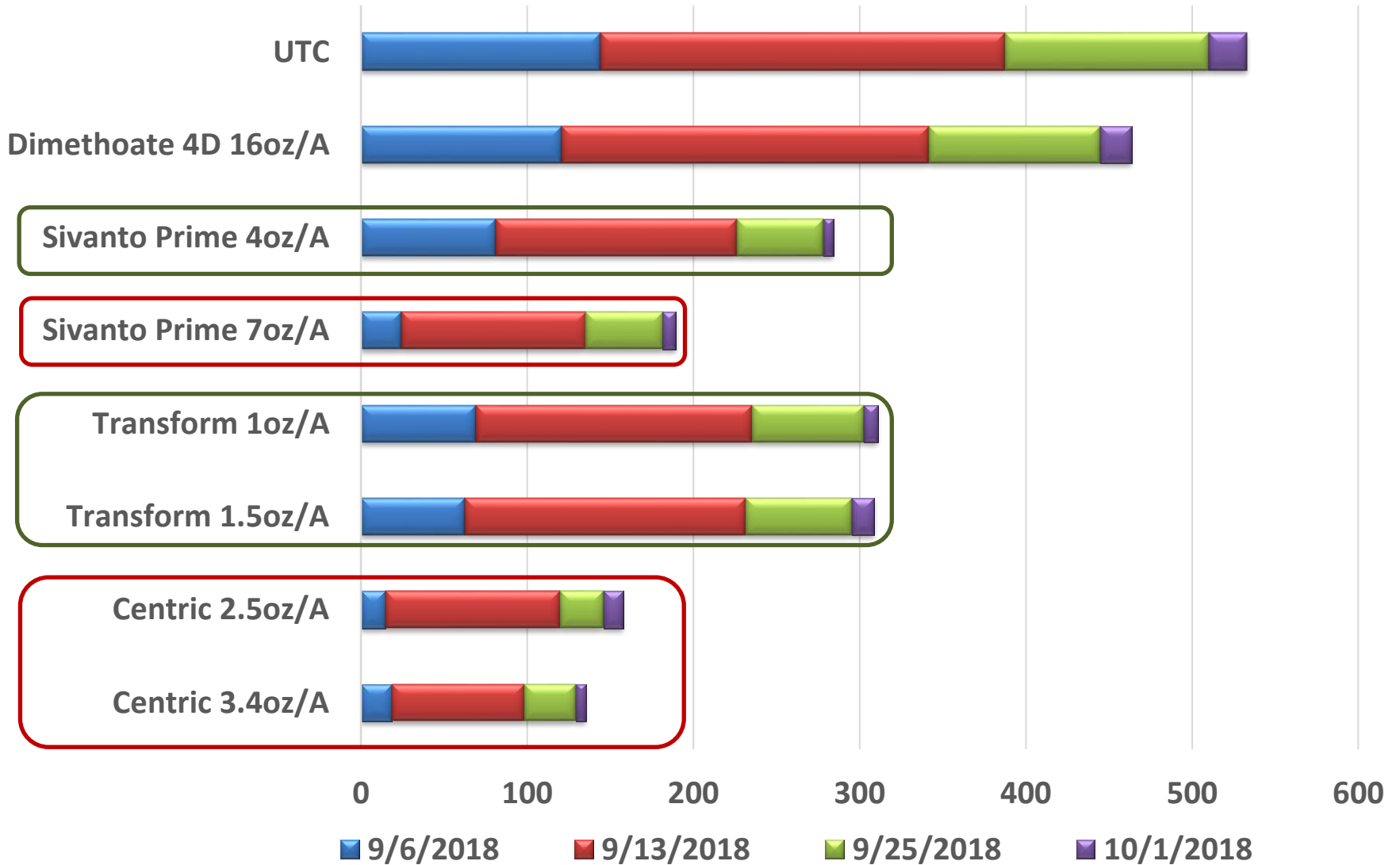
2017 foliar trial, Sugarcane Aphid in Forage Sorghum



2017 Foliar Trial at MAC



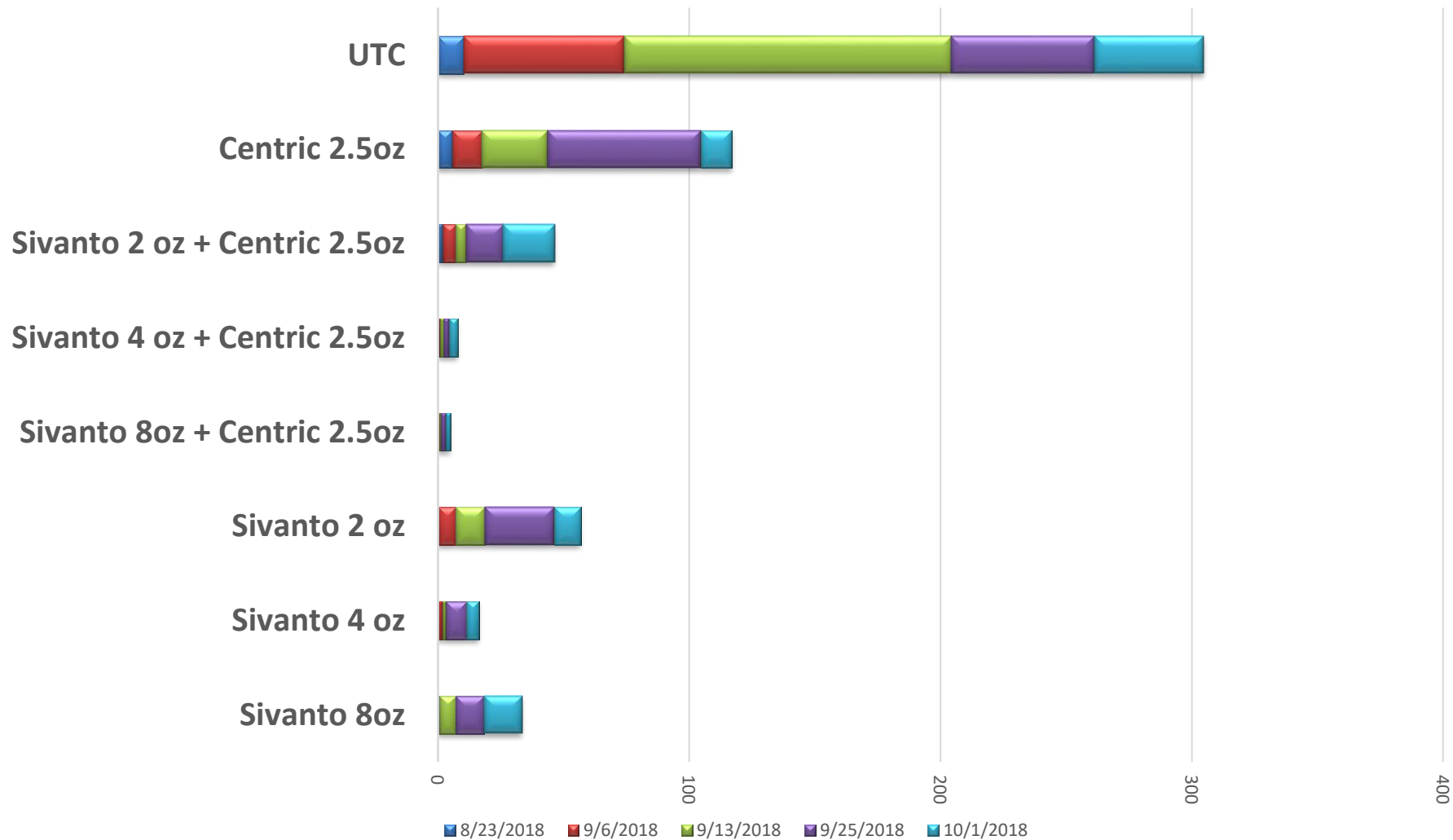
Accumulative Number of SCA per leaf in foliar application efficacy trial in 2018 sorghum season at MAC



In-furrow (injection) Application

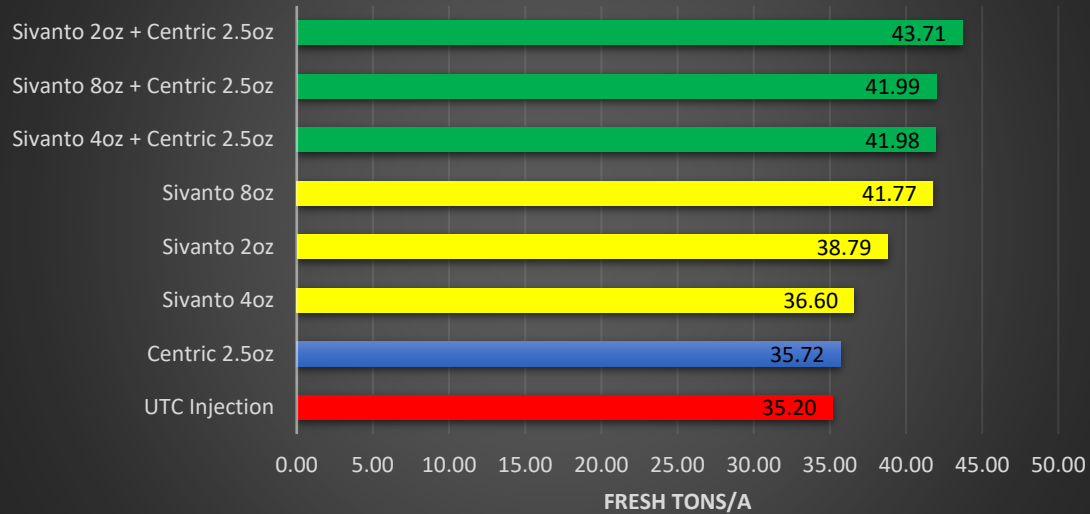


Accumulative Number of SCA per leaf in efficacy trial in sorghum at MAC



Yield in efficacy trial in 2018 sorghum season at MAC

Ton/A (Injection; Injection + Foliar)



Sivanto 2oz + Centric 2.5oz	A			200.8
Sivanto 8oz + Centric 2.5oz	A	B		192.9
Sivanto 4oz + Centric 2.5oz	A	B		192.85
Sivanto 8oz	A	B		191.9
Sivanto 2oz		B	C	178.2
Sivanto 4oz			C	168.15
Centric 2.5oz			C	164.1
UTC Injection			C	161.7

2020 Sugarcane Aphid Trials in Sorghum - MAC

Foliar Treatments

- **Sivanto Prime**
(4 & 7 oz/A)
- **Centric**
(2.5 & 3.4 oz/A)
- **Transform**
(1.5 oz/A)
- **Sefina**
(6 oz/A)
- **Lorsban**
(32 oz/A)
- **Dimethoate**
(16 oz/A)
- **UTC**



Sivanto HL Injection at Planting + Foliar Treatments

Treatment	Sivanto HL at planting	Centric 2.5 oz/A foliar spray	Transform 1.5 oz/A foliar spray
4 oz/A	X		
2 oz/A	X		
1 oz/A	X		
4 oz/A	X	X	
2 oz/A	X	X	
1 oz/A	X	X	
4 oz/A	X		X
2 oz/A	X		X
1 oz/A	X		X
UTC1		X	
UTC2			X
UTC UTC			

Best Management Practices for SCA

- Control Johnson grass and other sorghum species around field
- Plant early to avoid infestations early in the season
- Scout early and often
- Do not let SCA populations develop to large numbers
 - Treat when 20% of leaves checked have 50 or more SCAs
 - Use common sense concerning pending weather, number of fields needing to cover, etc.
- Use an efficacious insecticide; preferably one that is soft on beneficials
 - Avoid pyrethroids for other pests if possible
- Good spray coverage is key for SCA control

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