

Pecan Insect Pest Management : 2024



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Pecan budmoth



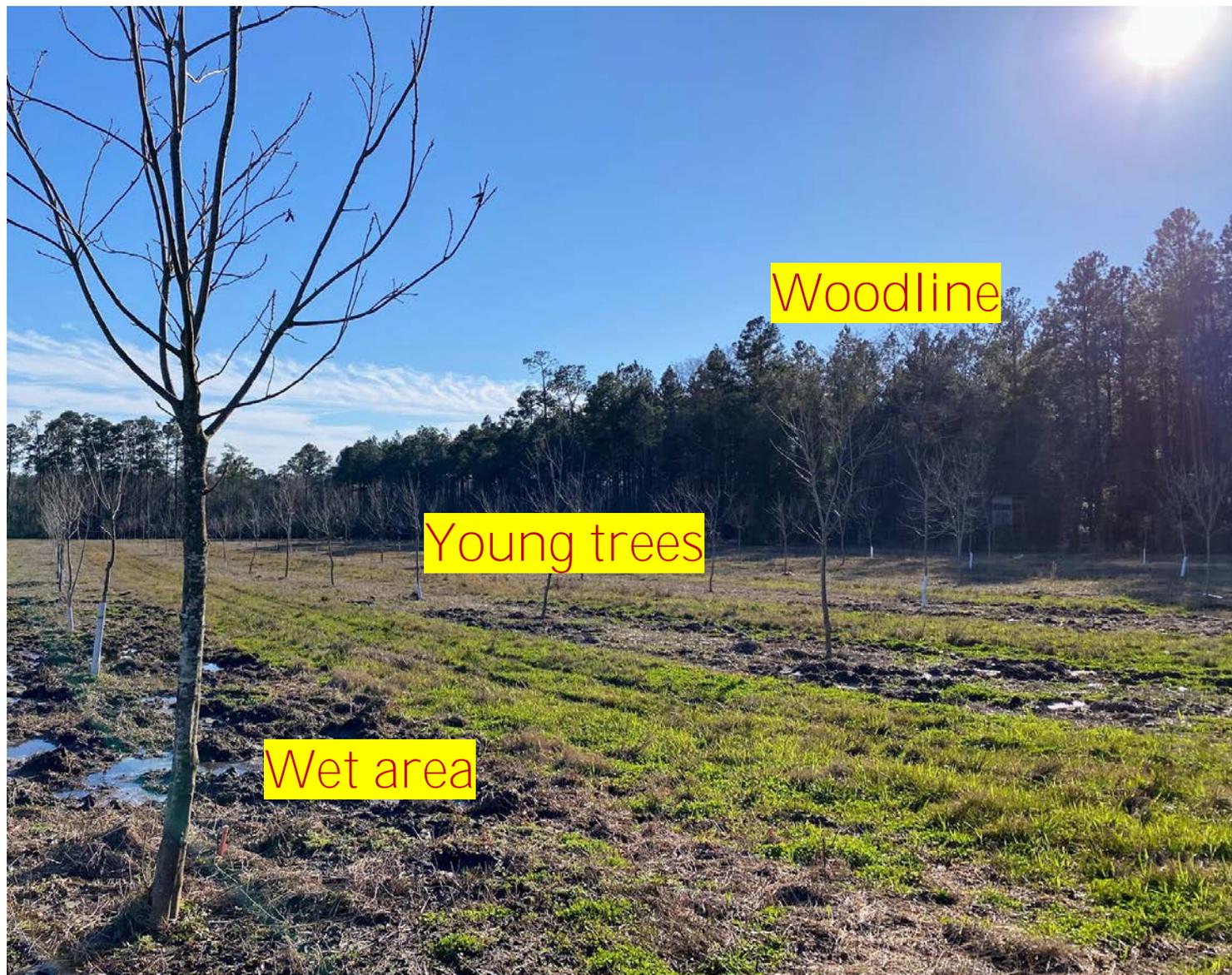
- Feed on leaves, young buds
- Can cause multiple branching
- Timing of spray is important
- Chemical control: **Intrepid Edge, Minecto Pro**

Ambrosia beetles



- Tiny beetles, invasive species
- Young trees up to 3-4 year old are more vulnerable
- Trees can recover, but more attacks could kill young trees
- Keep an eye for sawdust toothpick structure
- Prefer stressed trees, especially trees on wet areas

Risk of ambrosia beetles

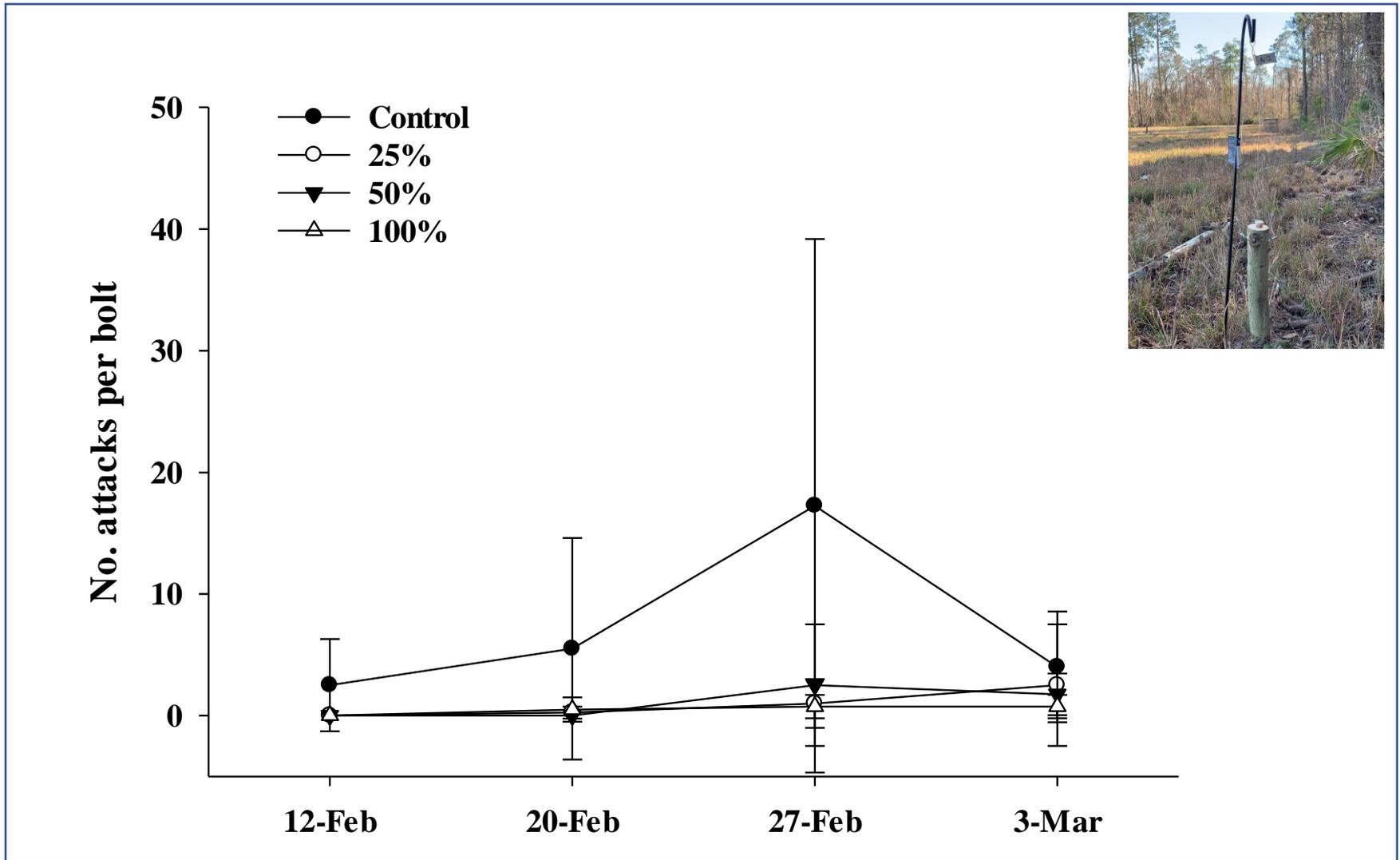


Trapping/monitoring of ambrosia beetles

- Bolt of wood, drill hole in the middle
- Pour ethanol/denatured alcohol, into the hole
- Plug hole with cork
- Deploy traps along woodlines next to orchards by early Feb
- Look for sawdust toothpicks on bolts
- Preventative treatment of pyrethroid on tree trunk upto 3-4 feet at 7-10 days interval (Feb- April)
- **Bifenthrin (Onyx Pro)** label rate: 32 fl oz/100 gallons (100%)



Evaluation of application rate of bifenthrin (Waycross, GA)



Pecan phylloxera

- Pecan phylloxera pressure was high
- Two types of phylloxera species: leaf and stem
- Stem phylloxera is more damaging
- Infestation is likely on the same trees as the adults lay eggs near the base



Pecan phylloxera

- Application of Imidacloprid right around the budbreak can reduce the heavy infestation
- Pecan can tolerate moderate level of early phylloxera infestation
- Galls can host first generation of hickory shuckworms as there are no nuts present that time



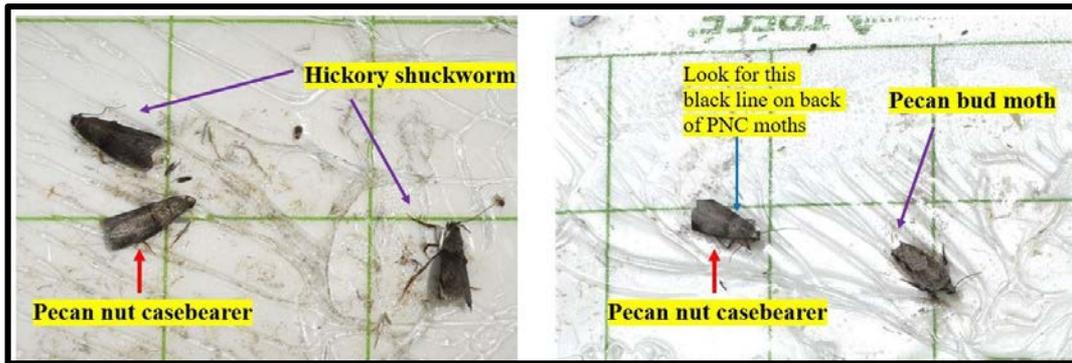
Pecan nut casebearer

- Egg laying occur in mid-May
- Monitor for adult emergence, timing is critical to target the immature
- During heavy crop load, serve as a natural thinning mechanism
- Management options:
 - Intrepid, Intrepid Edge and Dimilin



Remote monitoring of pecan nut casebearer

- Time of application is KEY for PNC control
- Frequent orchard visit is a limiting factor
- Daily, AI based counts of moths on any device

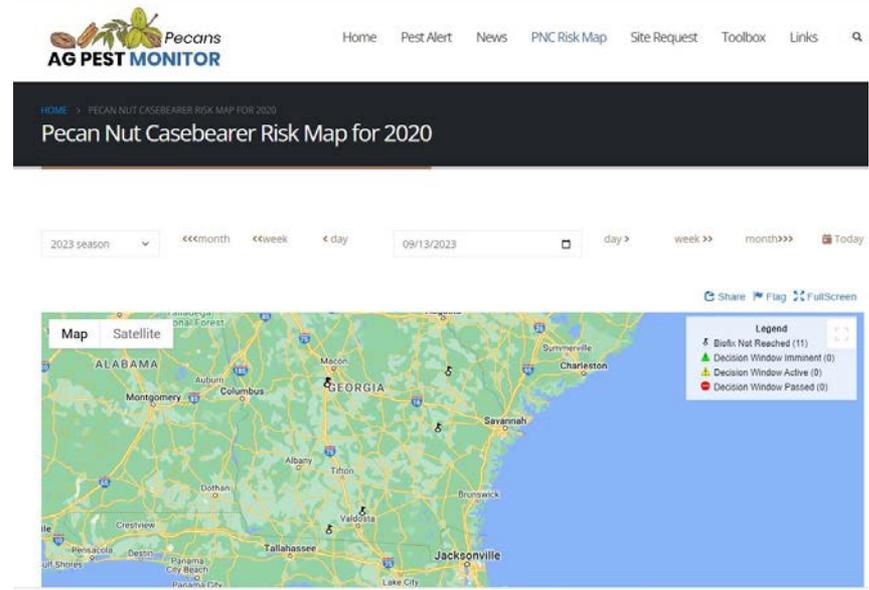


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- PNC infestation was light
- Multi-county PNC monitoring for BioFix program will resume for the next year and data will be available through



<https://pecan.agpestmonitor.org/>

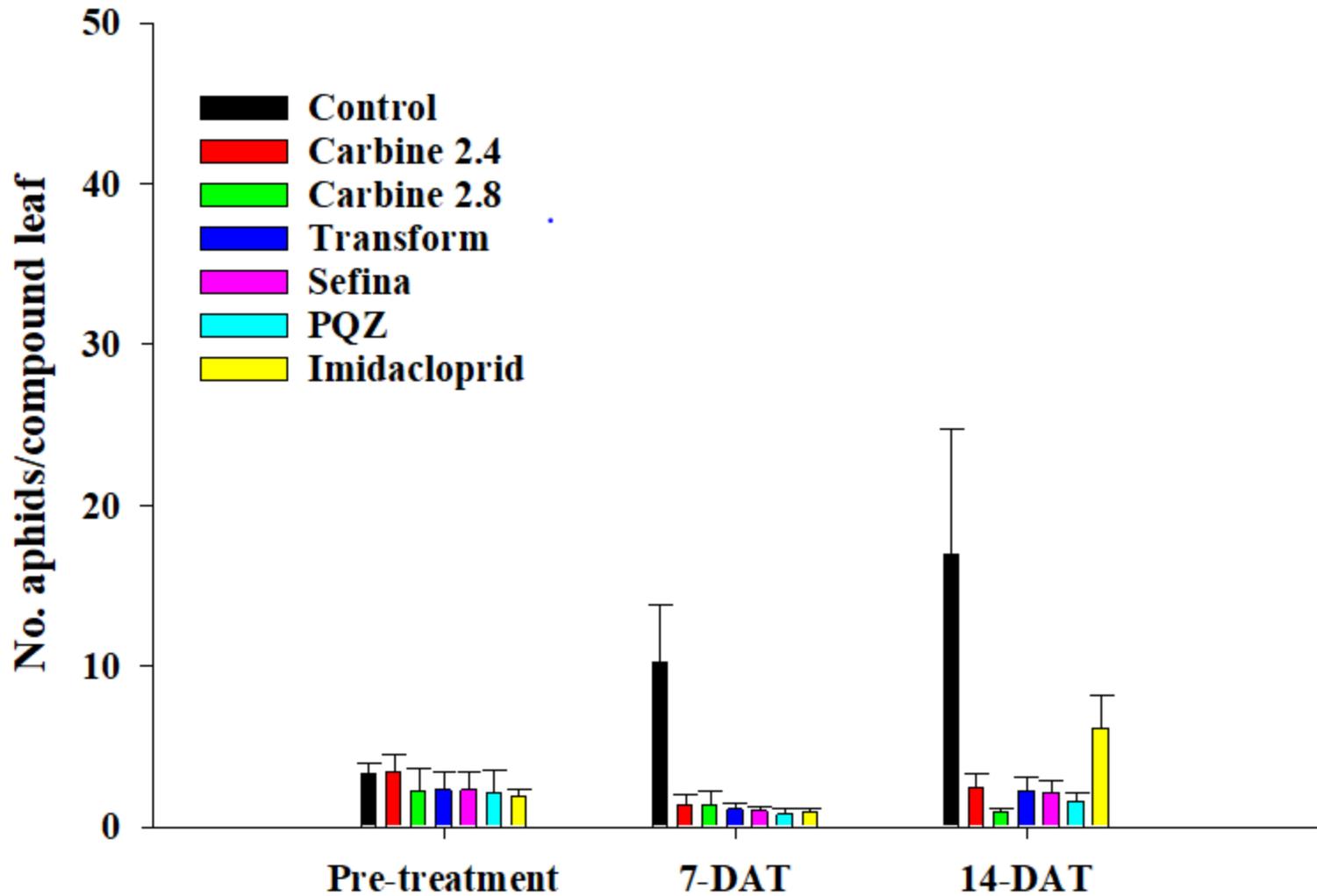


Aphid management

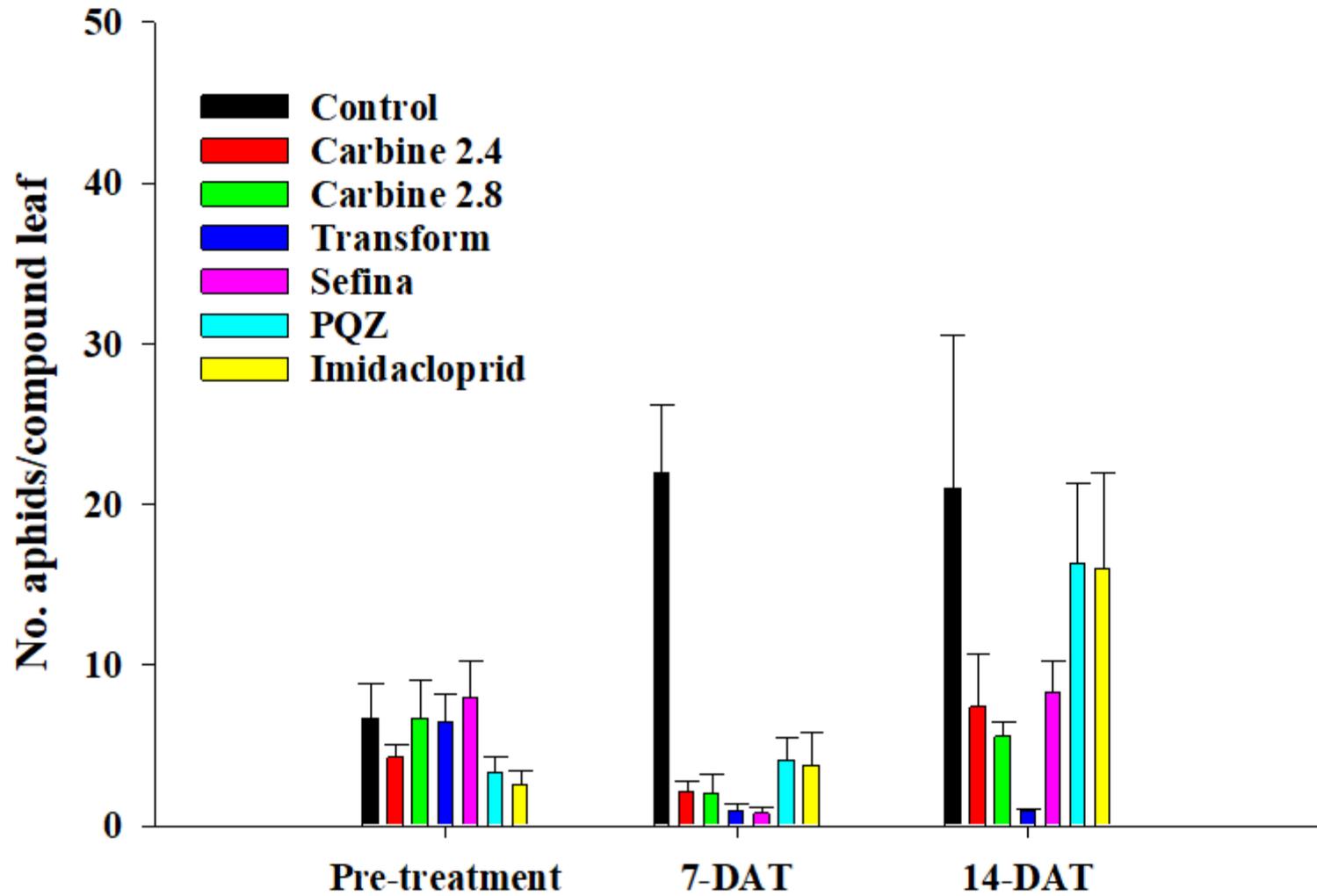


- Yellow aphids are not a serious problem in most cases
- Moderate level of yellow aphids help beneficial establishment
- Back aphid feeding cause leaf yellowing (chlorosis), leading premature fall, therefore needs attention

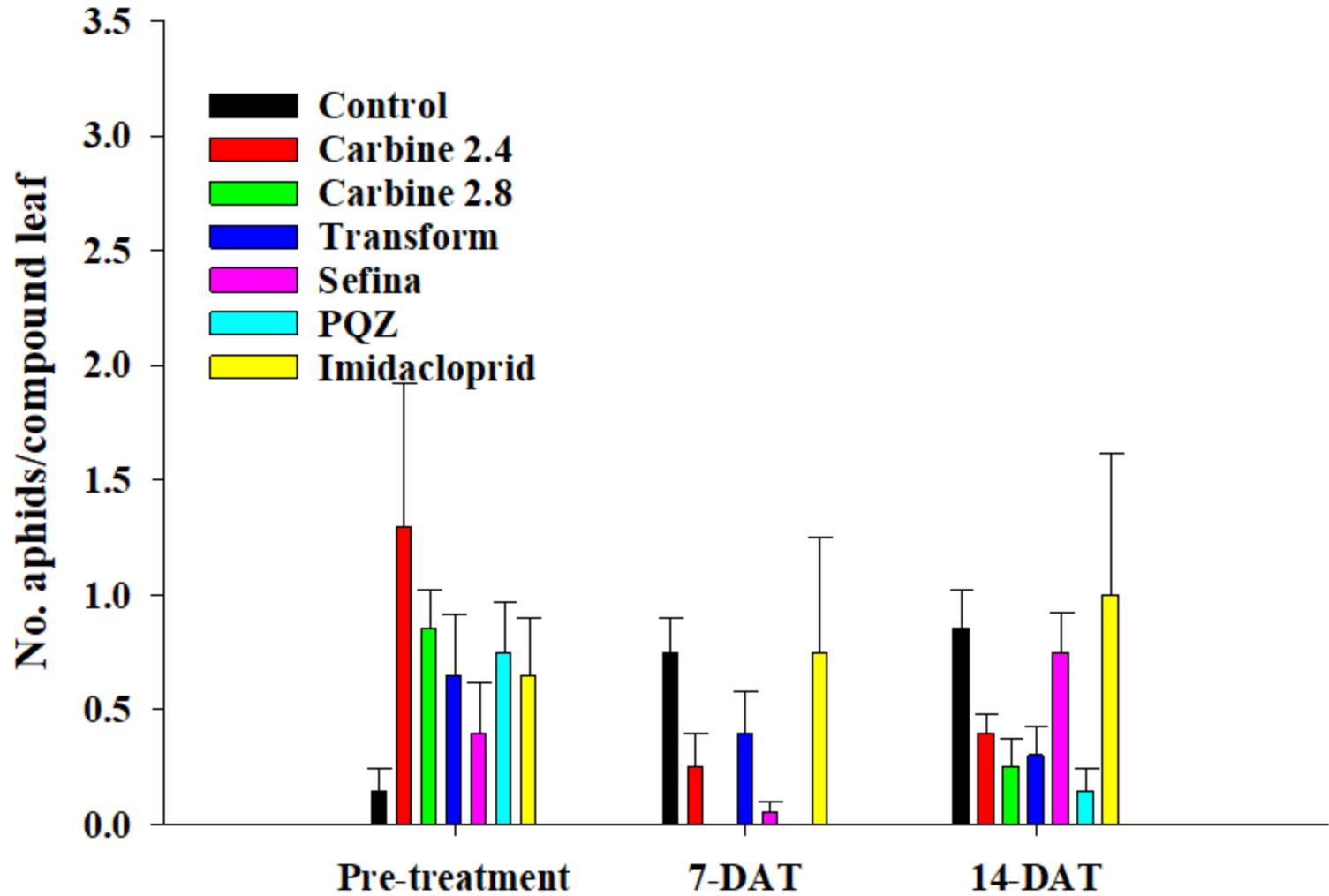
Yellow aphids



BPA-Nymph



BPA-Adult



Aphid Summary

1. Ignore yellow aphids if you can
2. **Don't use** any broad spectrum insecticides, such as pyrethroids
3. Ignore black aphids before June

If you have susceptible varieties:
Sumner/Gloria Grande/Schley

1. Apply imidacloprid via drip in early/mid June OR Pro Gibb 3x, every 10 days, starting July
2. If black aphids flare up in 3-4 wks, apply Closer, Carbine, PQZ, Safina -- **ROTATE**
3. Use **Nexter** late season if needed for black aphids when mites build



Pecan Leaf Scorch Mite

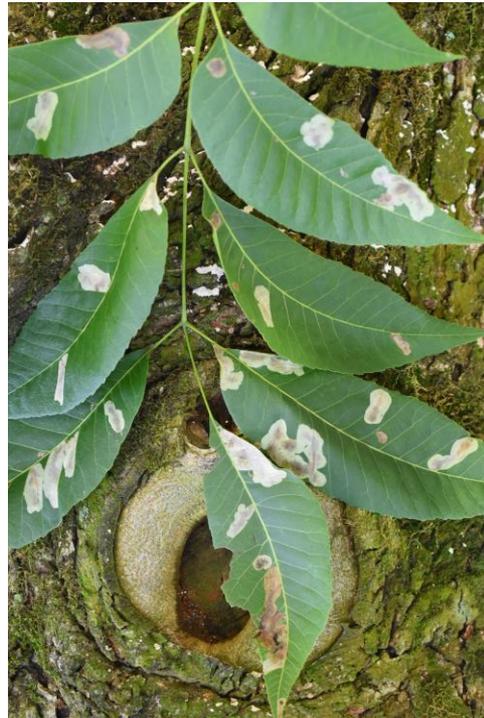


- Make sure if this is mite or something else
- Mostly seen around August/September
- Favorable condition: dry and dust
- Found more in lower and inner canopy
- THRESHOLD: **start** to see damage and there are 40-50 mites per leaflet, spray.
- CONTROL
 - **Abamectin (label)**
 - **Acramite (24 oz)**
 - **Envidor (18 oz)**
 - **Nexter (7.5 – 17 oz)**
 - **Magister (36 oz)**
 - **Portal (2 pt)**

Pecan leafminer



Serpentine leafminer



Surface blotch leafminer

- Blotch leafminers seem to be most common in GA pecan
- High infestation could reduce the productivity of leaves
- Undamaged leaf areas are still productive
- Unlike black pecan aphids, leaves are likely to retain on trees after the infestation

Blotch leafminer

- Sticky traps could provide early indication
- Larvae feed under the epidermis of leaf
- Parasitoids species acts upon reducing the population
- Two layer of protection and non-feeding habit at the later life stage
- Intrepid, imidacloprid seem to suppress populations



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