

# Oilseeds Session

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### The public enemy no 1\* - Psylliodes chrysocephala



# IPM Strategies for Controlling Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle: An update on 4 years of field trials

- Adult monitoring
- In lab studies on CSFB development
- 16 field trial
  - Drilling date
  - Companion planting
  - Organic amendments (2-trials)
  - Stubble management (2-trials)
  - Cultivation (2-trials)
  - Plant growth regulator (2- trials)
  - Companion planting
  - Seed rate
  - Cultivation method, companion and autumn vigour
  - Rolling, seed rate and companion planting
  - Seed rate and companion planting
  - Companion planting/ trap crops and flower margins





# **Drilling date is king!**



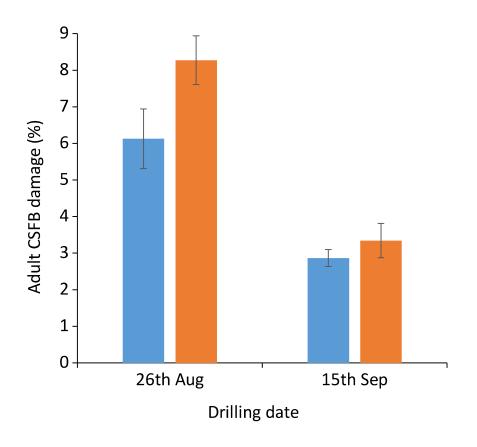
- Each drill date in separate field
- Disc/no disc
- 2 OSR varieties

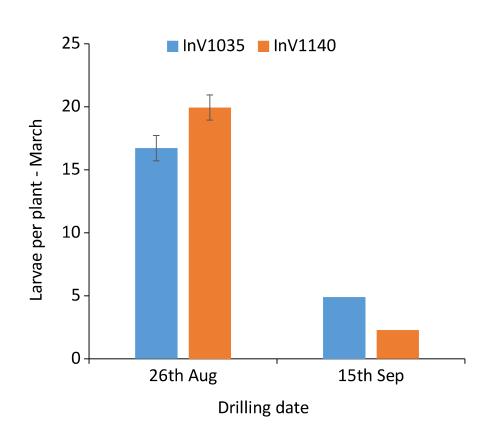
Variety	Autumn Vigour	Spring Vigour
InV1035	Strong	Good
InV1140	Good	Strong

Located: near Telford, West Midlands



#### **CSFB** and altering drilling date.

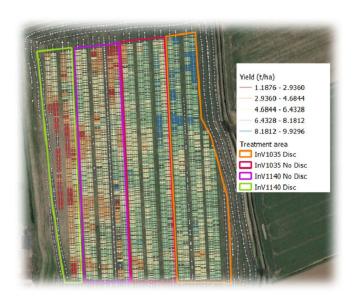






#### **Drilling data and yield**

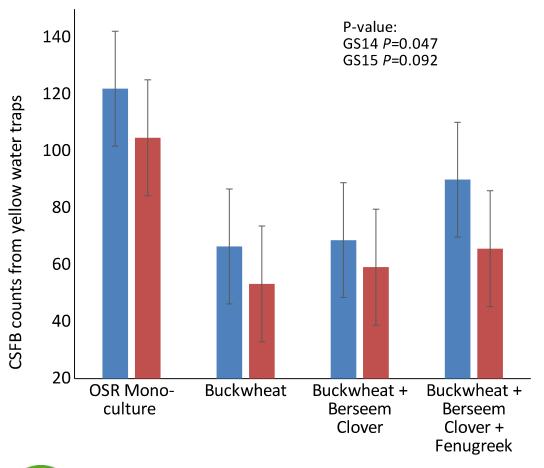


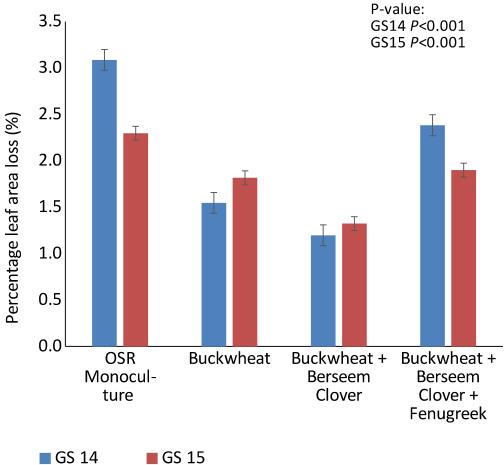


Treatment	Mean yield (t/ha)	Normalized to average 5 year	Treatment	Mean yield (t/ha)	Normalized to average 5 year
26/08/20		15/09/20			
Early Drill	3.71	3.79	Late Drill	6.09	5.53



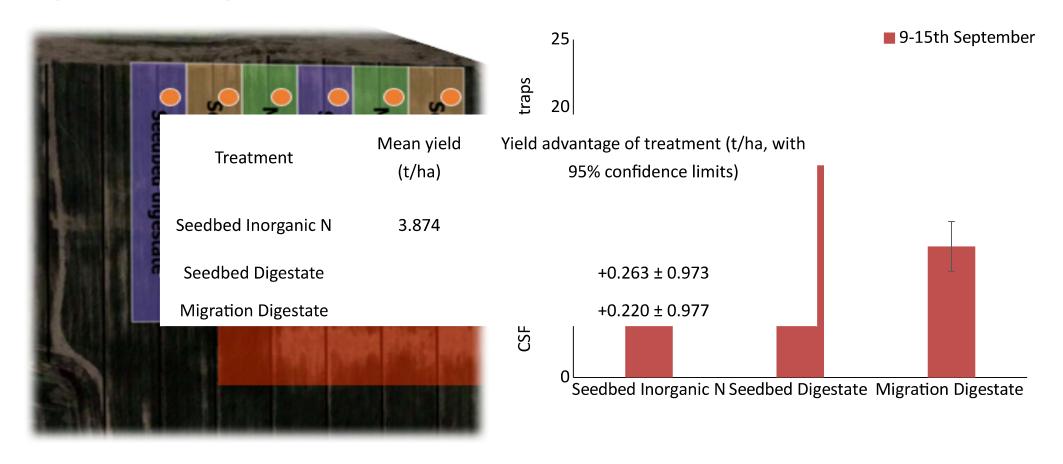
## **Companion planting**







#### Migration digestate applications?





Located near Middlesborough, Teesside OSR drilled: 23/08/2021

#### Take home messages

- A range of alternative methods show promise to reduce the risk from CSFB to WOSR companion planting showing consistent effect over years.
- CSFB migration show some consistency over the time of this project Drilling date is King!
- Control strategies should be based on the drilling date
- Likely that combining multiple cultural control strategies provides better protection.
- Alternative IPM options to be investigated.... Watch this space...
- Want to get involved in the next steps for flea beetle control?



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