## Cereal Aphid & BYDV Control

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## Outline



Kdr resistance

Control Options

Looking forward



## **Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus (BYDV)**

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- Rose-grain aphid (*Metopolophium dirhodum*)
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Mild strain





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## **Grain Aphid & BYDV**

- Sitobion avenae (Grain Aphid)
- Reduces grain yield & quality
- Transmits BYDV
- *Kdr* confers partial pyrethroid resistance



Yield loss due to BYDV			
Crop	Yield Reduction		
Winter barley (early Sept)	3.7 t/ha		
Spring barley (Late April)	1.99 t/ha		
Winter wheat	1.2 t/ha		

Kennedy, 2014



## 'Knock Down Resistance' or 'kdr' was first identified in the UK in 2012 and in Ireland 2013

- Aphids with '*kdr*' gene are less susceptible to pyrethroids
- To date, 'kdr' has only been identified in Sitobion avenae (Grain Aphid), an important vector of Barley Yellow Dwarfing Virus (BYDV)
- In UK & Ireland a single clone (SA3) is most often associated with the kdr mutation that confers partial pyrethroid resistance
- Research indicates aphids carrying the resistance gene occur in all major grain growing regions



### **Field Collection sites**



Field collections have been focused in major barley growing counties based on Teagasc acreage data





*kdr* widely present in *S. avenae* populations across arable counties in Ireland *kdr* occurs in aphid populations on both barley crops and adjacent grass hosts



## **BYDV Infection and sowing date**

**General representation** 



Kennedy, 2014



#### Aphid No/m<sup>2</sup> in barley sown on three dates Sampled 30 November



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# **Autumn BYDV Control**

Crop	BYDV Risk	Control Action
Early sown (Sept) cereals	High	Seed treatment & pyrethroid in Nov <u>Or</u> Spray at 2/3 leaf stage & 1 <sup>st</sup> week Nov
Oct sown	Medium to high	Seed Treatment <u>Or</u> Pyrethroid spray 1st week Nov
Emerging after Nov	Low	Control needed in mild winters where aphids are plentiful or in risk areas

Monitor for control failure – do not reapply the same treatment. Late spraying of previously unsprayed crops – beneficial when virus is widespread



## **BYDV Control – 2017 Cork Trial**



Untreated Pvrethroid Seed Treatment

Winter Barley, Cassia, Sown 12th October, Cork



# **Insecticide trial Cork 2017**

Redigo deter Seed Treatment	Pyrethroid foliar application	% BYDV	Yield	No. live aphids/m2 @GS31
No	No	39	4.6	30.9
No	Nov (2/3 leaf stage)	11.4	6.1	7.7
No	Jan	4.5	7	3.9
Yes	No	3	7	4.4
Yes	Nov (6 weeks from planting)	2.6	7	3.3
Yes	Jan	2	7	1.65

**One year data only** kdr Grain Aphids identified in plots



### **BYDV Control – 2017 Carlow Trial**



Winter Barley, Cassia, Sown 3rd October, Carlow



# **Insecticide trial Carlow 2017**

Redigo deter Seed Treatment	Pyrethroid foliar application	% BYDV	Yield	No. live aphids/m2 @GS31
No	No	3.7	7.2	12.7
No	Nov (2/3 leaf stage)	2.3	8.8	0
No	Jan	2.6	8.6	1.65
Yes	No	2	8.8	0
Yes	Nov (6 weeks from planting)	1.9	9	0
Yes	Jan	0.9	9.2	0

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# **Spring Barley BYDV Control**



Mean of 8 seasons Kennedy, 2014

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# **Spring BYDV Control**

Crop	BYDV Risk*	<b>Control Action</b>
	*Based on 8 years Teagasc trials	
March sown spring cereals	V. low	Aphicide spray may not be neccesary
April sown spring cereals	Medium to high	Single pyrethroid spray at G.S.14
		Seed treatments <u>not</u> permitted in spring



# **Looking Forward**

#### **Risk Factors**

- Early sown autumn crops / late sown spring crops
- Mild winters (Aphids overwintering)
- Mild Autumns (Aphid migration period lengthened)

#### Challenges

- No Redigo deter?
- Further resistance development
- Climate change

#### **Future Avenues**

- Importance of cultural control
- Alternative insecticides?
- Variety selection
- Biocontrol: Encouraging natural enemies
- Improved monitoring





# Establishment & management of Ecological Focus Areas to enhance IPM

- Evaluate impact of EFAs within arable systems on
  - beneficial invertebrates & parasitoids
  - yield & crop health
- Test current GLAS arable margin treatments & potential variations
- Looking for planted arable margins to monitor for aphids and natural enemies
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