# IMPACT OF FOLIAR OVERSPRAYS ON DUAL-GENE COTTONS

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## GENERAL BT TECHNOLOGY COMPARISON

Pest	Bollgard (Cry1Ac)	Bollgard II (Cry1Ac+Cry2Ab)	Widestrike (Cry1Ac+Cry1F)	TwinLink (Cry1Ac+Cry2Ae)
	1996	2003	2005	2013
Bollworm	4	2.5	3	2.5
Tobacco Bubworm	1	1	1	1
Pink Bollworm	1	1	1	1
BeetArmyworm	2	2	2	2
FallArmyworm	2.5	2	1	2
Soybean Looper	1	1	1	1
	1 = Complete control	2 = Rarely requires oversprays	3 = Sometimes requires oversprays	4 = Frequently requires oversprays

## SPRAYING DUEL GENE COTTON FOR WORMS



- Current technologies are not bullet proof
- Under what conditions
  - Bt technology in question
    - BGII vs WS
  - Threshold/pressure
- Insecticide choice
  - Efficacy/resistance
  - Other considerations
    - Other pests
    - Yield enhancement

# MID-SOUTH THRESHOLDS

	Non-Bt	Bt
Louisiana	5 worms per 100 plants plus eggs present	Treat when 2-3% live larvae in fruit or when 10% plant terminals infested
Mississippi	(small larvae) Before bloom and cutout 8 larvae/100 plants, After bloom: 4 larvae per 100 plants	(at least 1/8 inch long larvae) Before bloom: 8 larvae/100 plants or 5% damaged fruit, After bloom: 4 larvae per 100 plants or 2% damaged bolls and larvae are present
Tennessee	Before bloom and cutout 8 small larvae/100 plants or square retention of < 80%, After bloom: 4 small larvae per 100 plants or 5% damaged squares	(at least 1/8 inch long larvae) Before bloom: 8 larvae/100 plants or 5% damaged fruit, After bloom: 4 larvae per 100 plants or 2% damaged bolls and larvae are present
Arkansas	1 larvae (< 0.25 inch) per 2 row ft, or 1 per 4 row ft for larger larvae, or 1 damaged square per row ft plus eggs and small larvae, time to egg hatch	1 per 4 row ft larvae (≥ 0.25 inch)

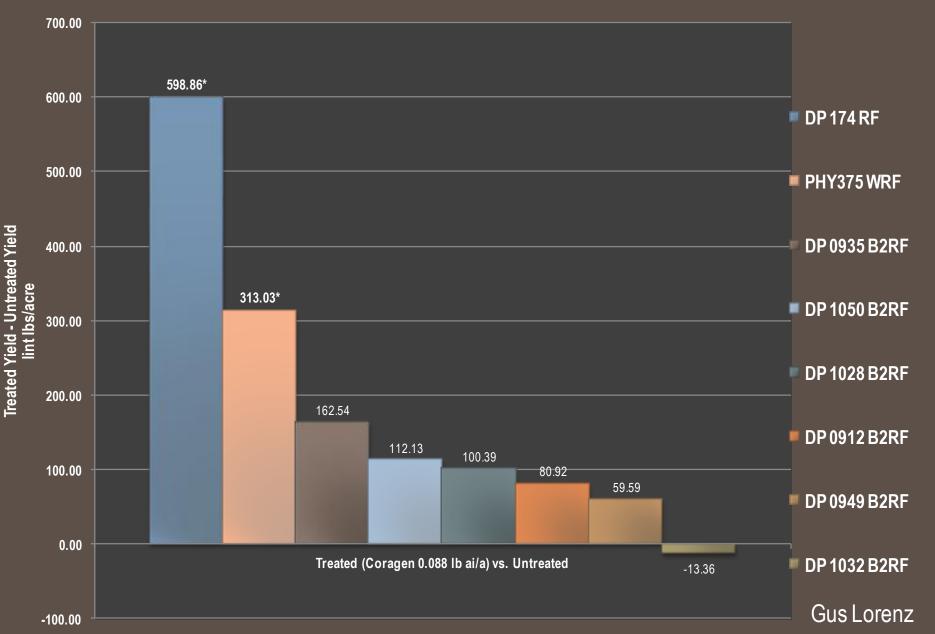
## Yield Increase Compared to UTC Conventional Cotton, 2011



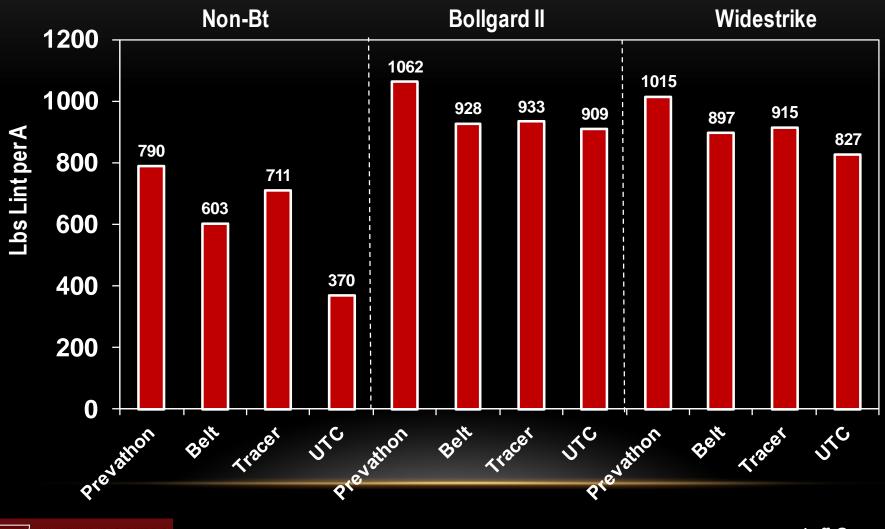
Cobalt Adv 25 fl oz/a

## DUAL-GENE COTTON OVER SPRAYS HIGH BOLLWORM PRESSURE

#### High Pressure 2010 Yield Difference Comparison Treated (Coragen 0.088lb ai/a) vs. Untreated

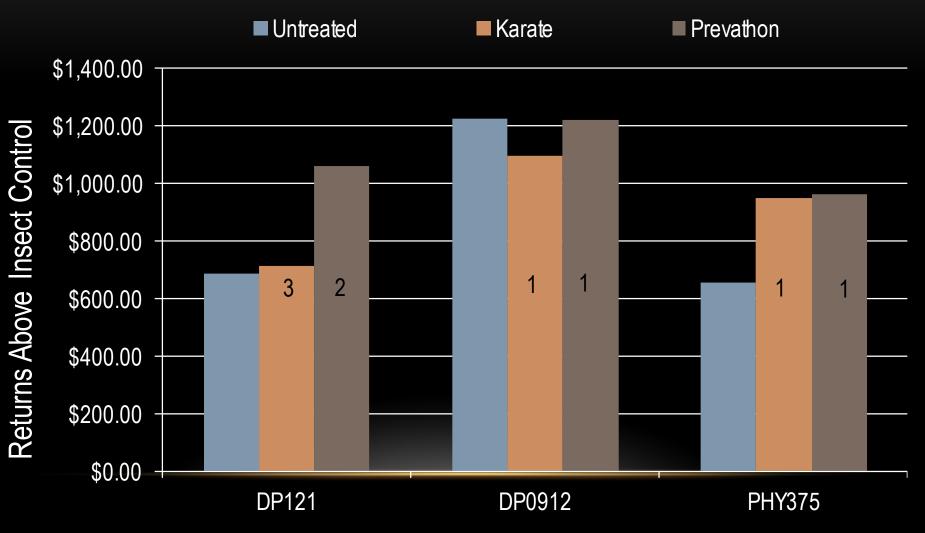


# MID-SOUTH BT OVERSPRAY – YIELD



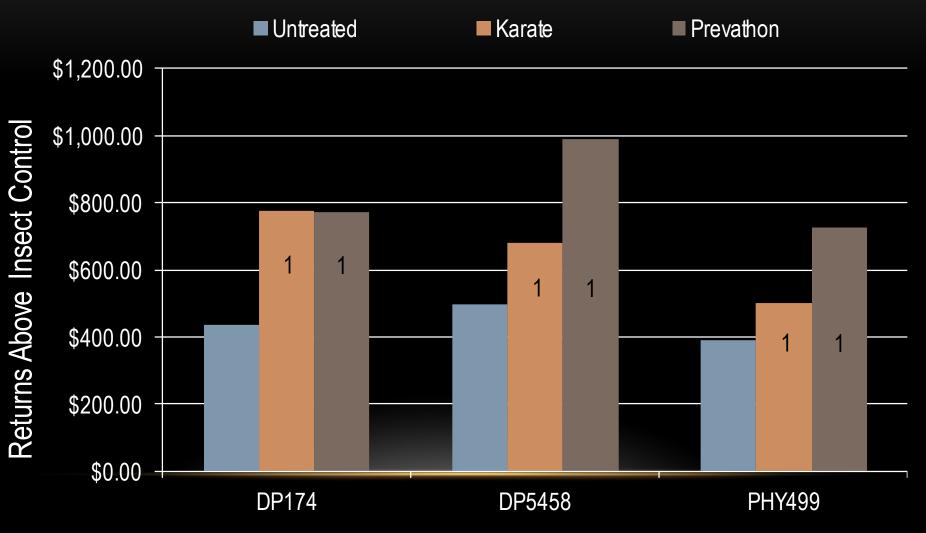


### Off-Station Value-Added Trait Study – Tchula Insecticide Applications Triggered on Larval Thresholds Individually 2012



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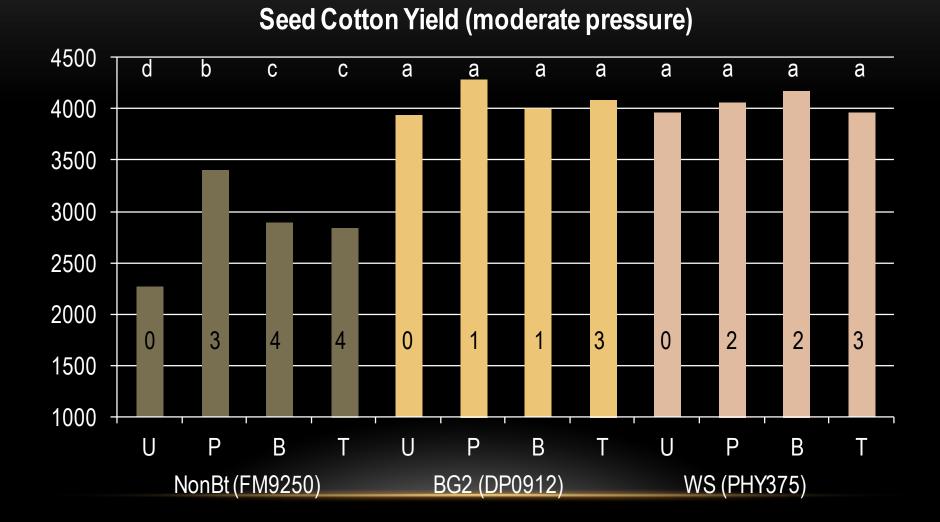
### Off-Station Value-Added Trait Study – Twin Bayou Insecticide Applications Triggered on Larval Thresholds Individually 2012



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# **DUAL-GENE COTTON OVER SPRAYS** MODERATE BOLLWORM PRESSURE

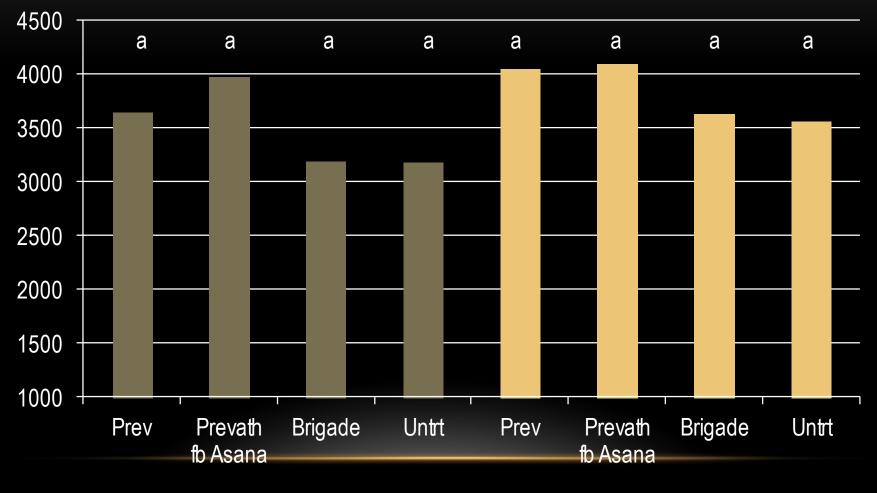
### TECHNOLOGY X FOLIAR INSECTICIDE TRIAL 1 (2012)



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### TECHNOLOGY X FOLIAR INSECTICIDE TRIAL 2 (2012)

#### Seed Cotton Yield (moderate pressure)



WS (PHY375)

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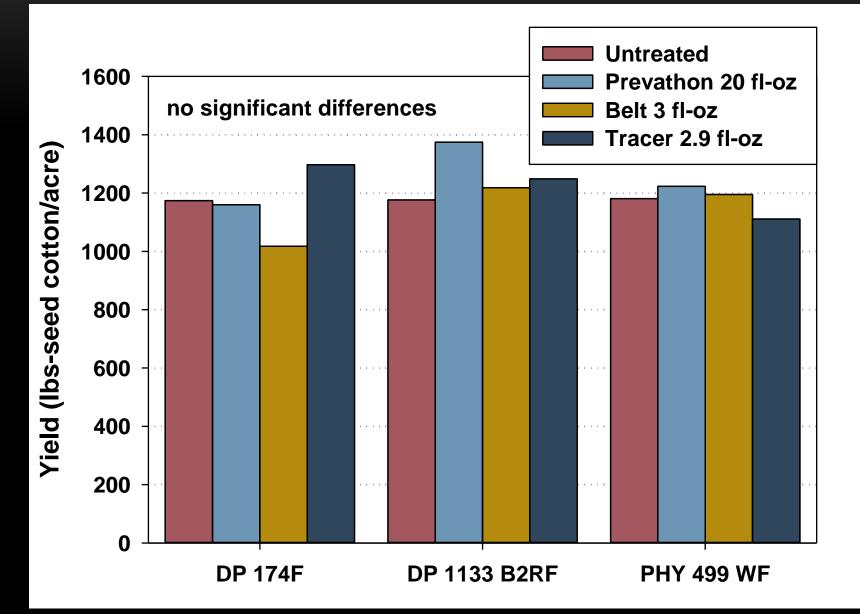
BG2 (DP0912)

## DOES PREVATHON PROMOTE YIELD VIA SUPERIOR WORM CONTROL, OR THROUGH SOME OTHER FACTOR?



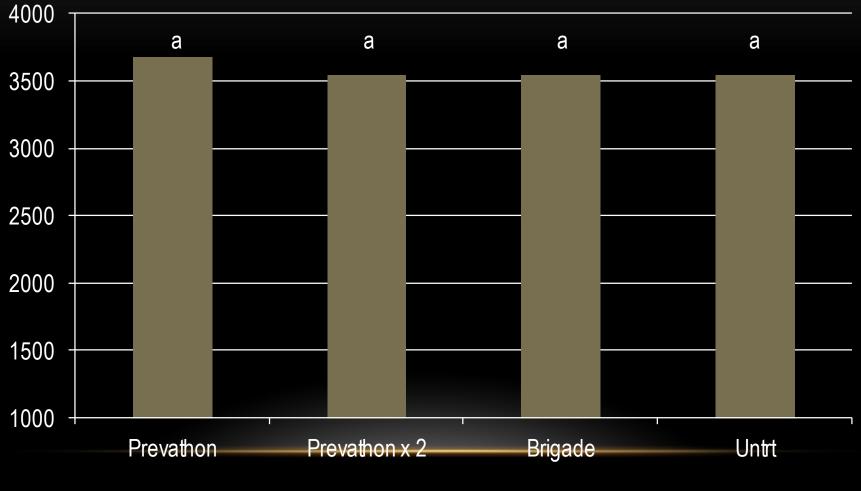
# DUAL-GENE COTTON OVER SPRAYS LOW BOLLWORM PRESSURE

### TECHNOLOGY X INSECTICIDE OVERSPRAY LOW BOLLWORM PRESSURE – WINNSBORO, LA



### TECHNOLOGY X FOLIAR INSECTICIDE TRIAL 3 (2012)

### Seed Cotton Yield (light pressure and oversprayed leps)

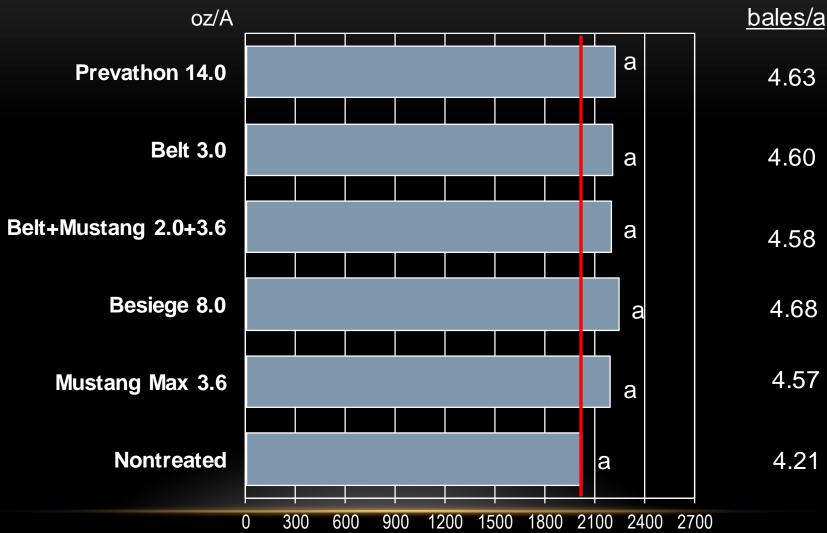


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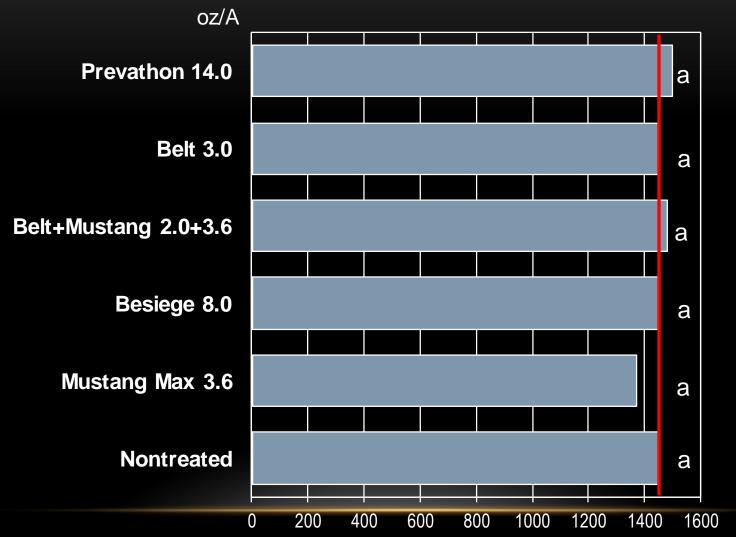
### Bt Cotton Overspray Test 4.545 bales/acre avg. 2012

### Insecticide Overspray of PHY367 WRF Yield Ib lint/acre 480 lb



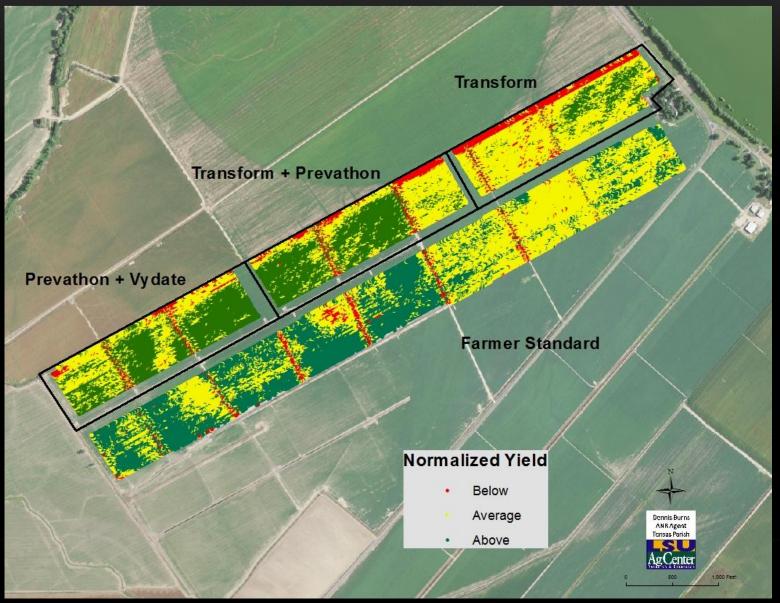
**Roy Parker - TX** 

### Insecticide Overspray of DP 1044 B2RF Yield lb lint/acre



Stephen Biles - TX

### PERCEPTIONS OF INCREASED YIELD



#### Sebe Brown – LSU AgCenter

## SUMMARY

- The benefit of overspraying duel-gene Bt cotton for bollworms is dependent on the technology in question and the level of bollworm pressure
  - Bollgard II is more efficacious towards bollworms than Widestrike
    - Varietal differences also occur
  - Both Bollgard II and Widestrike can benefit from insecticide oversprays targeting bollworms when bollworm pressure in high
- Need research into adjusting action thresholds on duel gene cotton
  - Should we be basing worm sprays in Bt cotton on egg lays?
- Does Prevathon enhance cotton yield in the absence of bollworm pressure?
  - The current body of data suggests that it does not; that increases in yield appear to be due to insect control