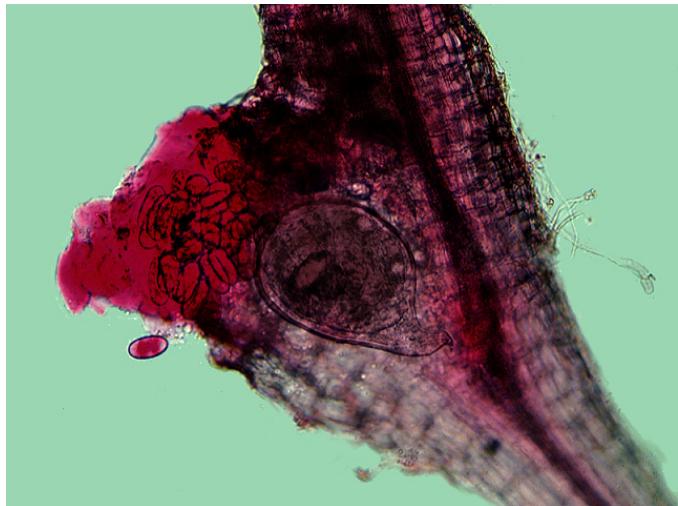


# Root-knot Nematode Resistance in Upland cotton



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# The most important nematodes of cotton in the U.S.



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(*Meloidogyne incognita*)

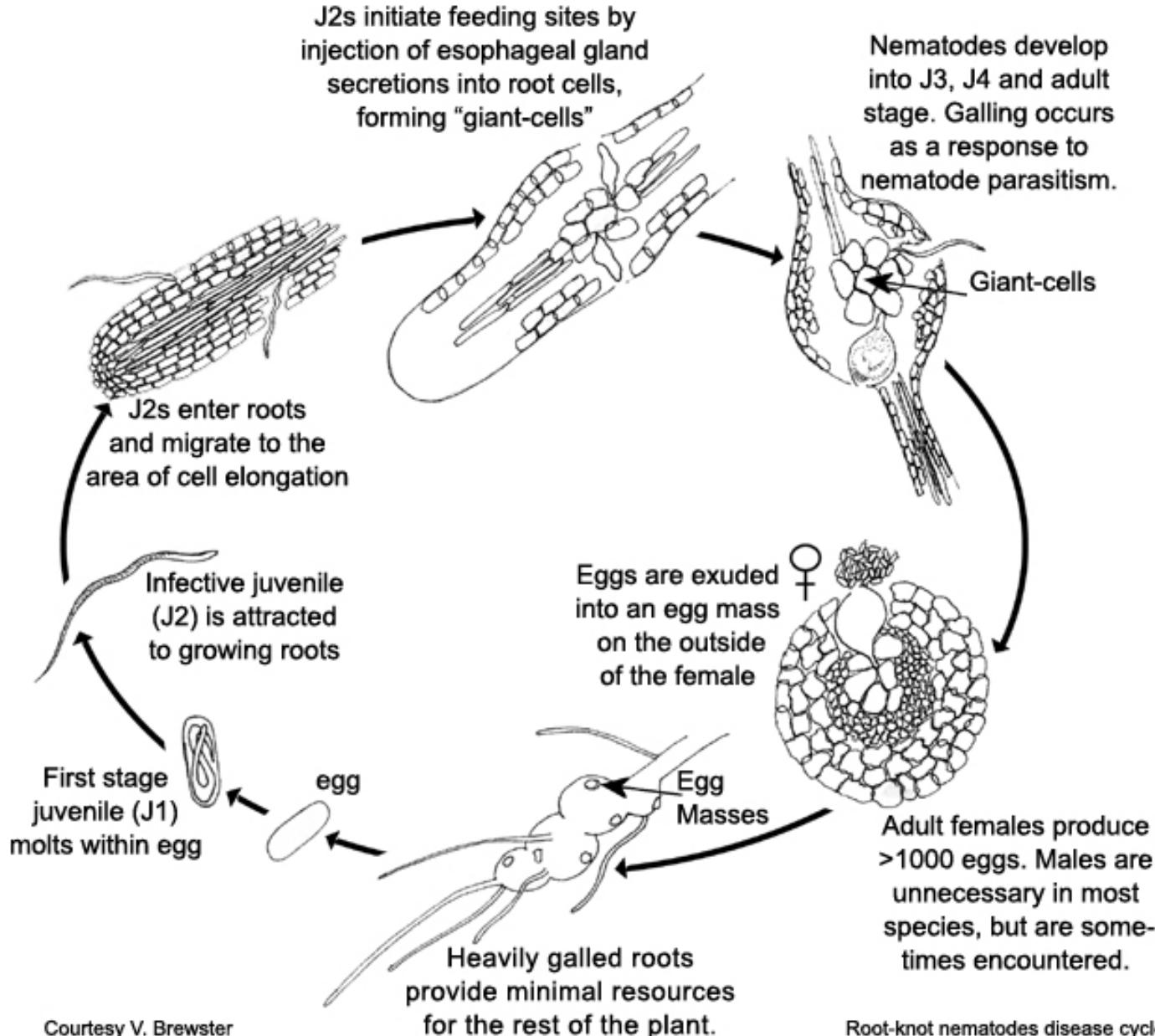


Reniform  
(*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)

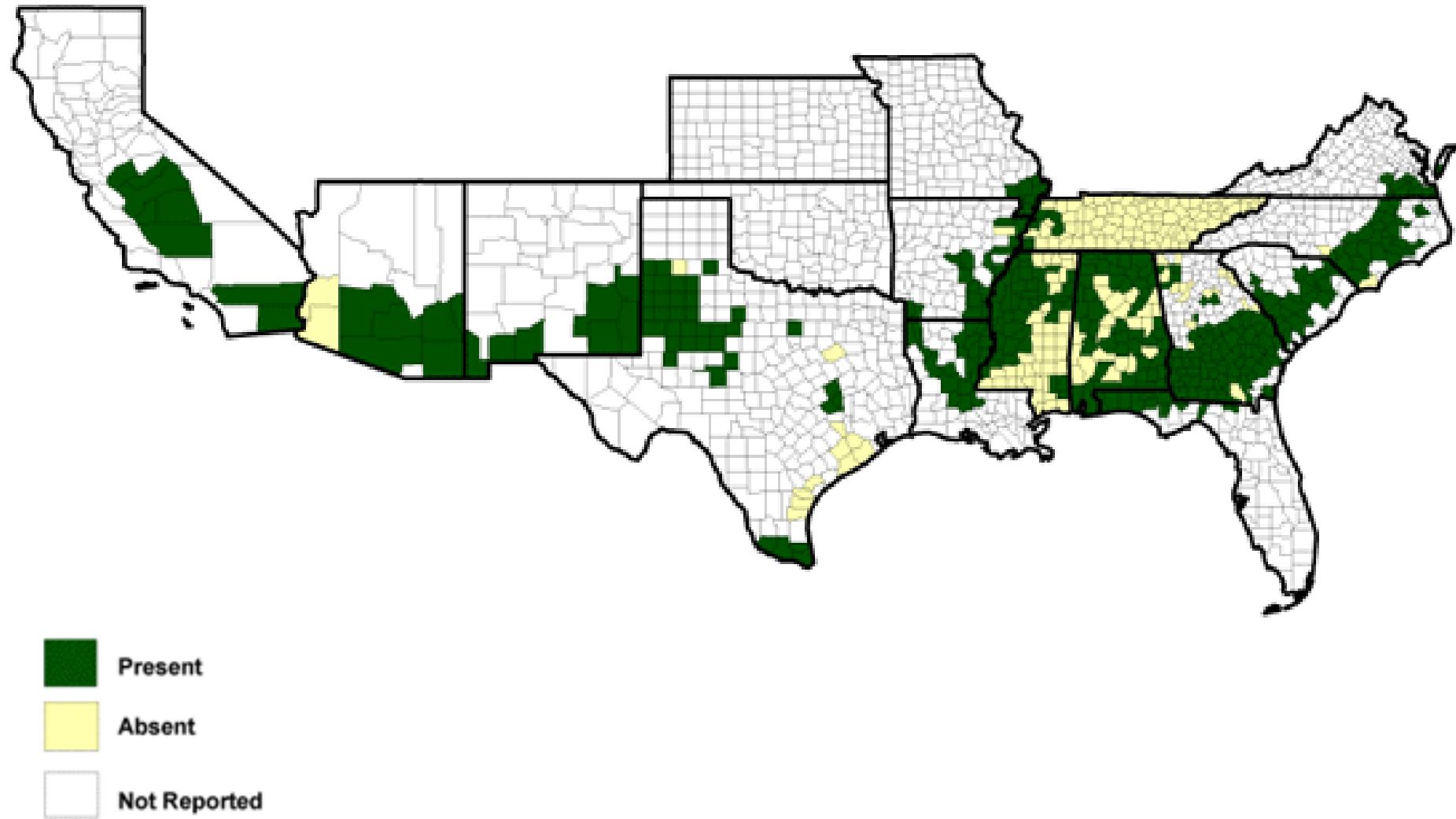


Columbia Lance  
(*Hoplolaimus columbus*)

# Disease Cycle and Epidemiology

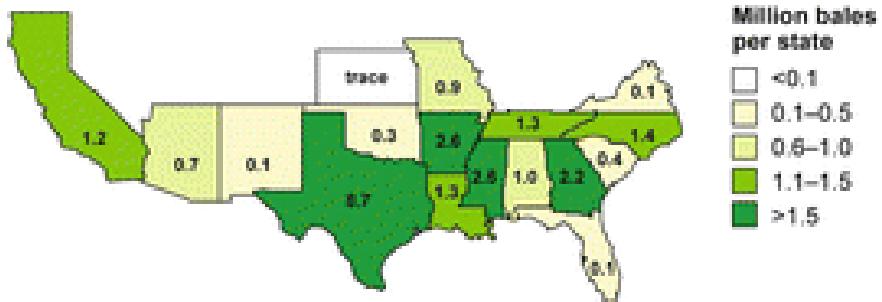


# Population distributions and densities of root-knot nematodes in the cotton belt (2009)

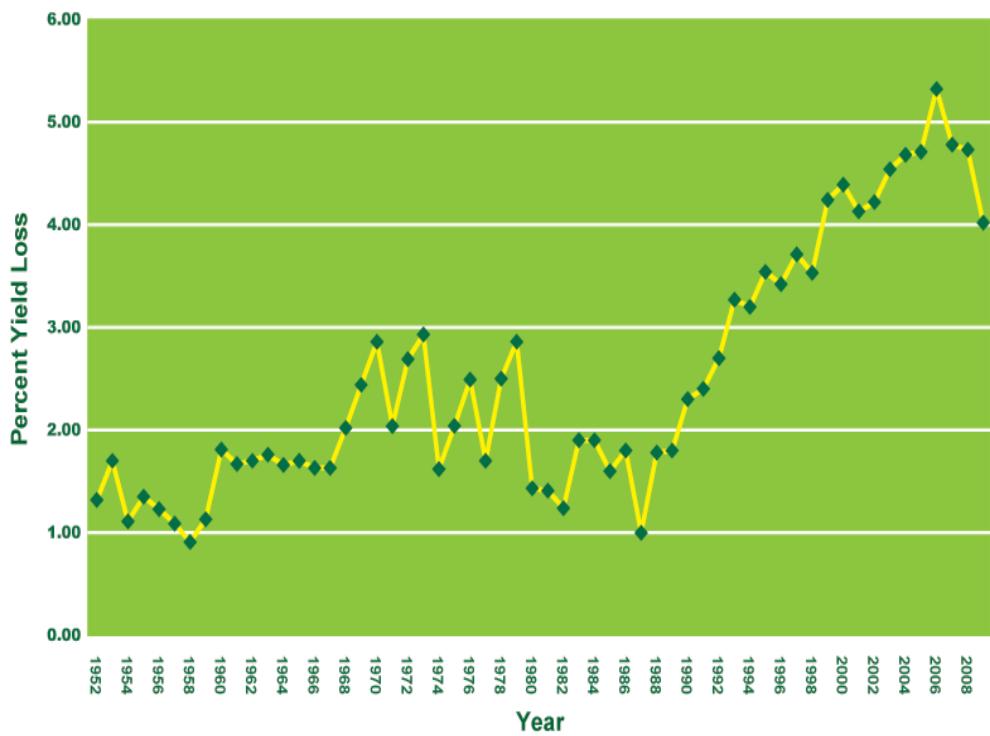


Source: National Cotton Council

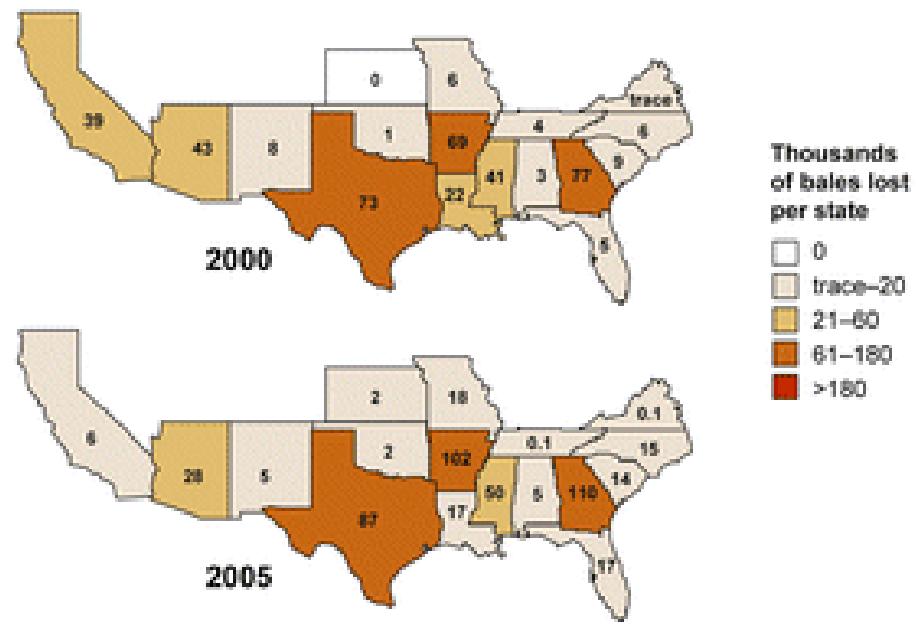
### Cotton production, 2005



### Nematode Yield Losses



### Cotton losses due to *Meloidogyne incognita*





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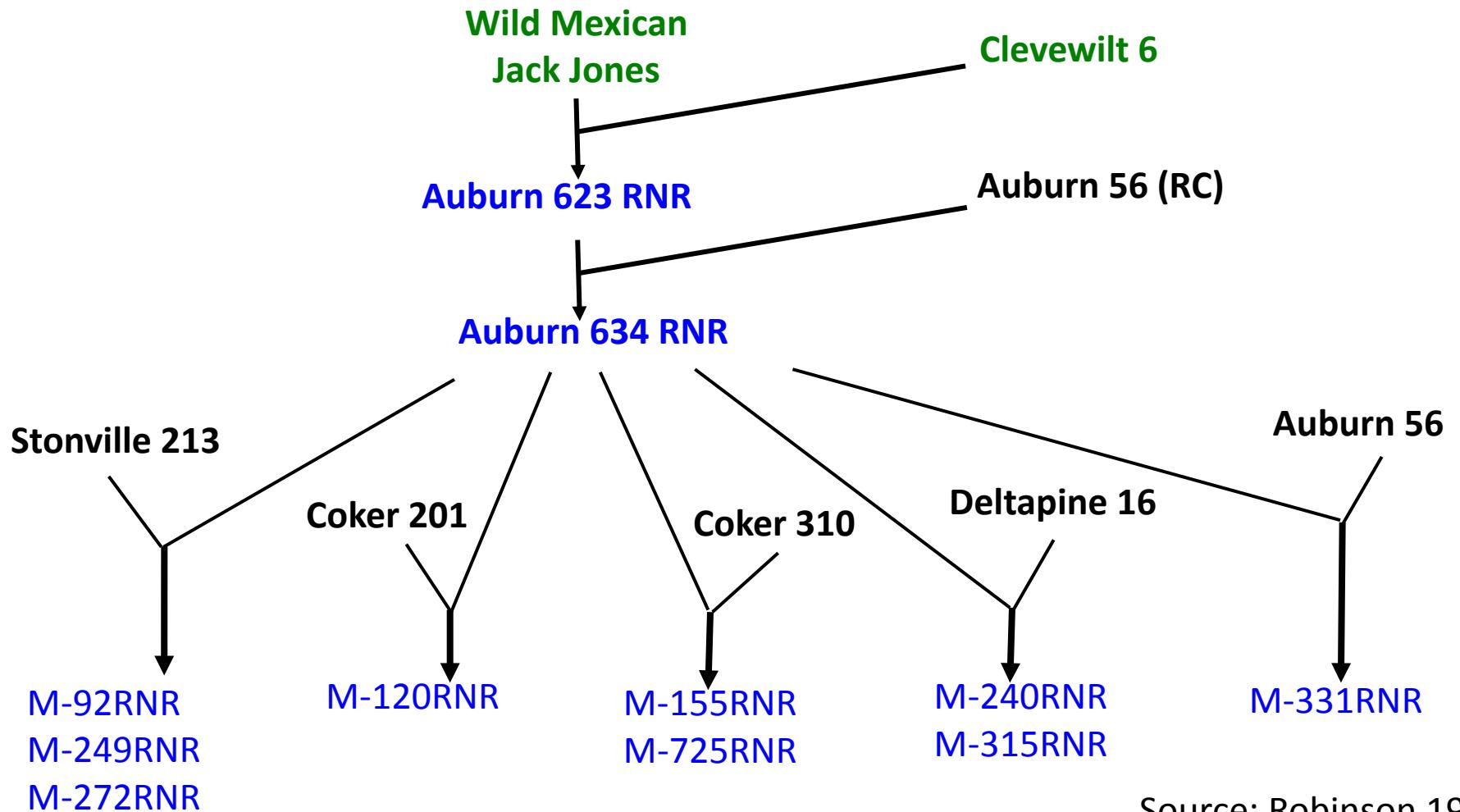
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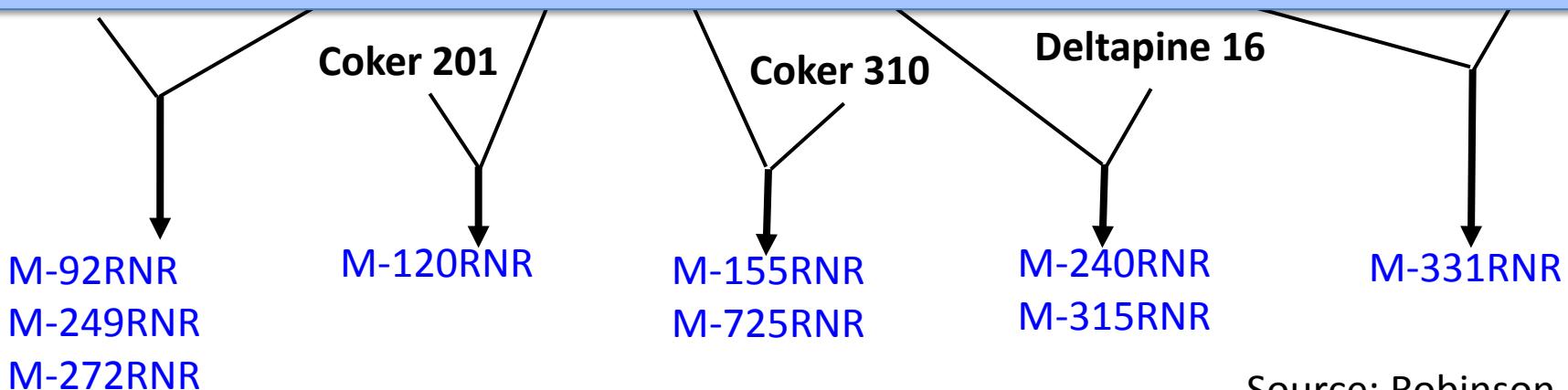
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Jack Jones

Clevewilt 6

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CULTIVARS!**



Source: Robinson 1999

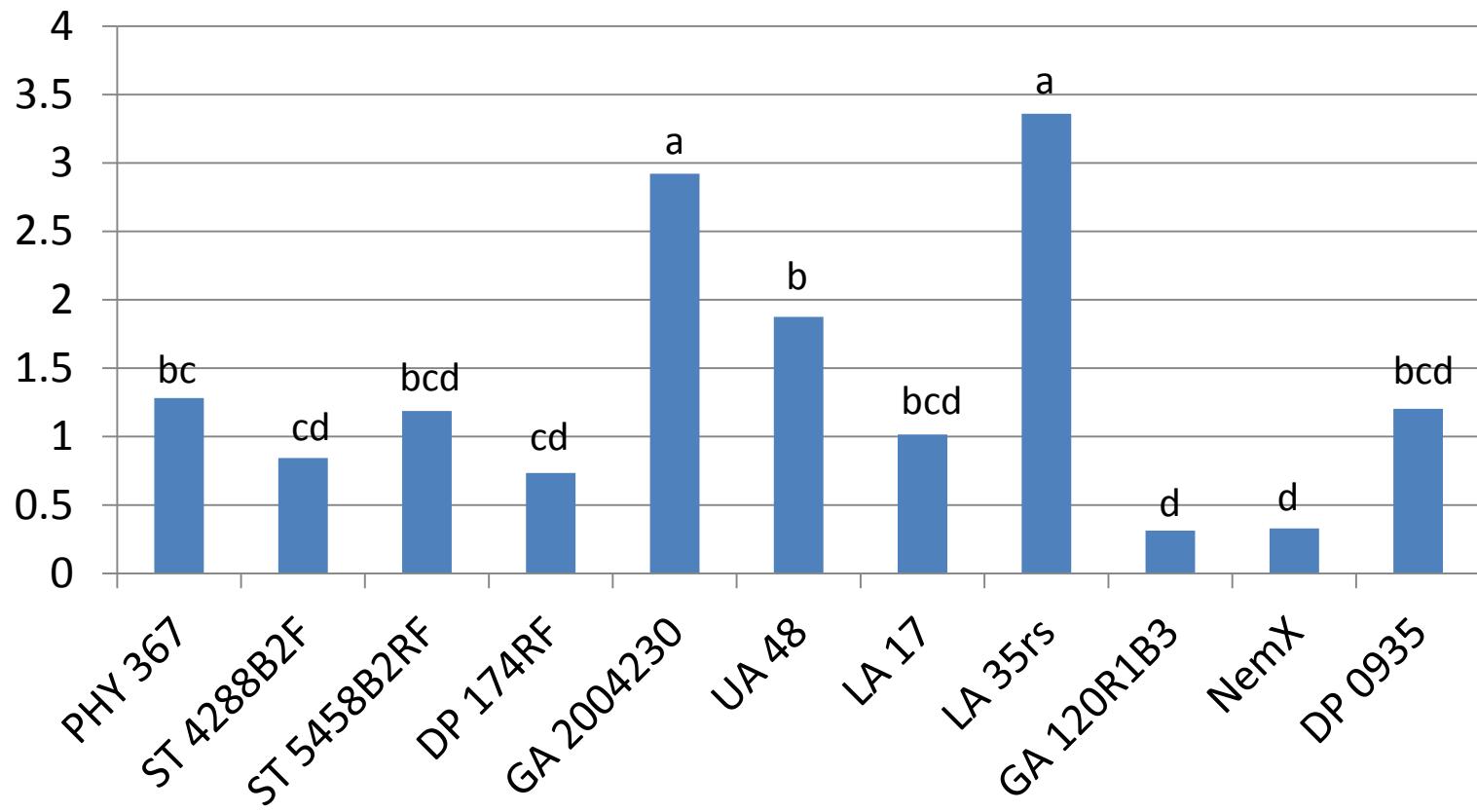
# Development of GA 120R1B3 cotton germplasm line with a high level of resistance to *M. incognita*

Davis et al. 2011

- 2001 – crossed M120 RNR (resistant) with PD94042 (susceptible)
- Three generations of backcrossing into PD94042
- A single-seed descent – lowest galling and eggs count
- Eight generations of self-pollinations and individual plant selection

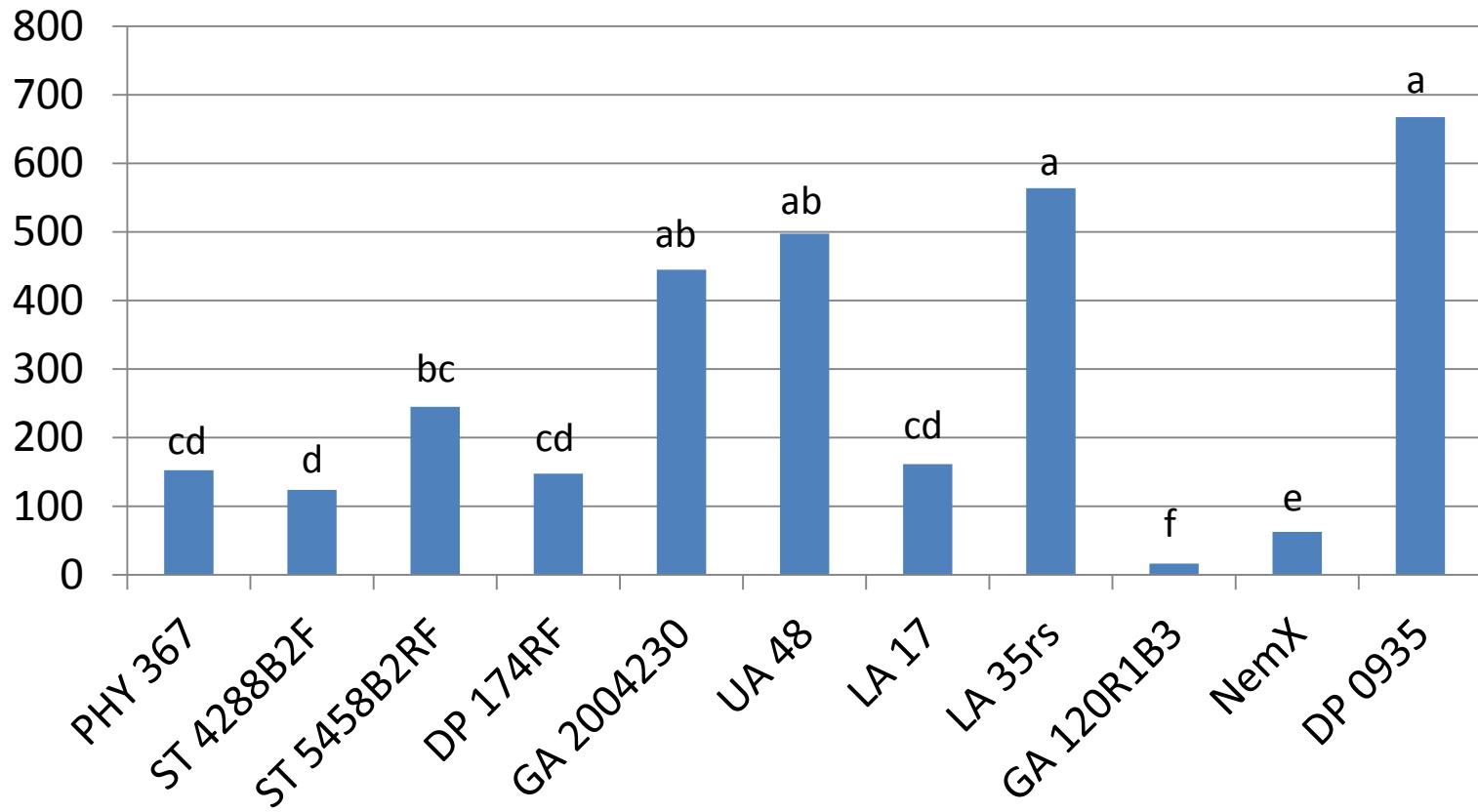


### Root Galling (0 to 10 scale)



PHY 367, ST 4288, ST 5458, and DP 174 are moderately resistant and suppressed *M. incognita* levels by 63% to 82% vs. DP 0935 (or 45% to 74% vs. GA 2004230)

*M. incognita*/150cm<sup>3</sup> soil (18 August 2011)



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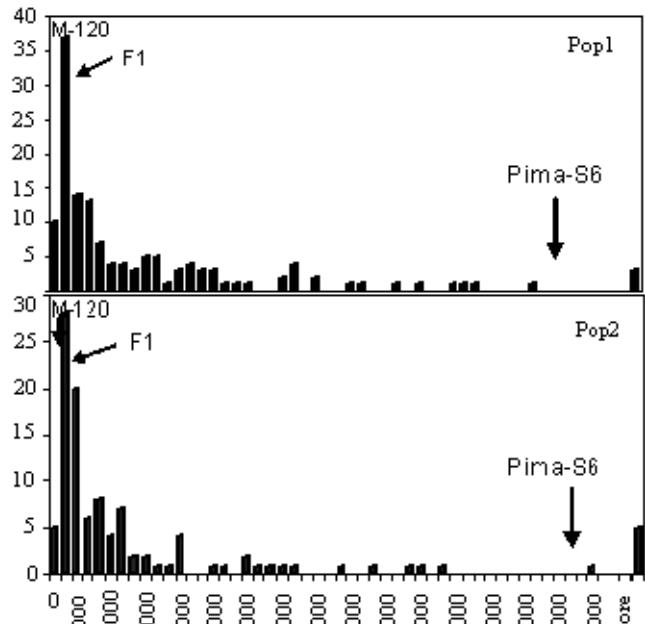
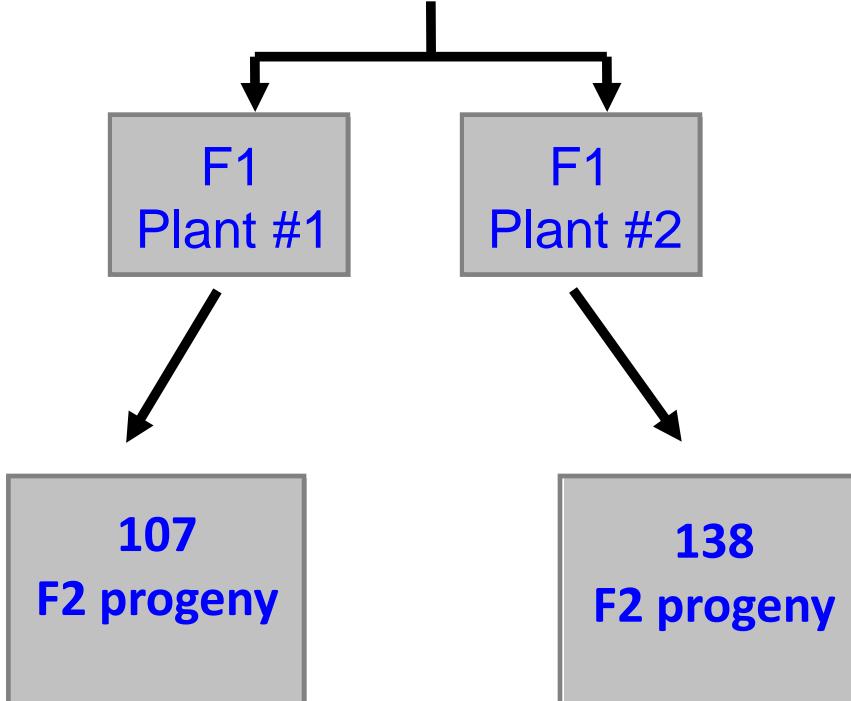
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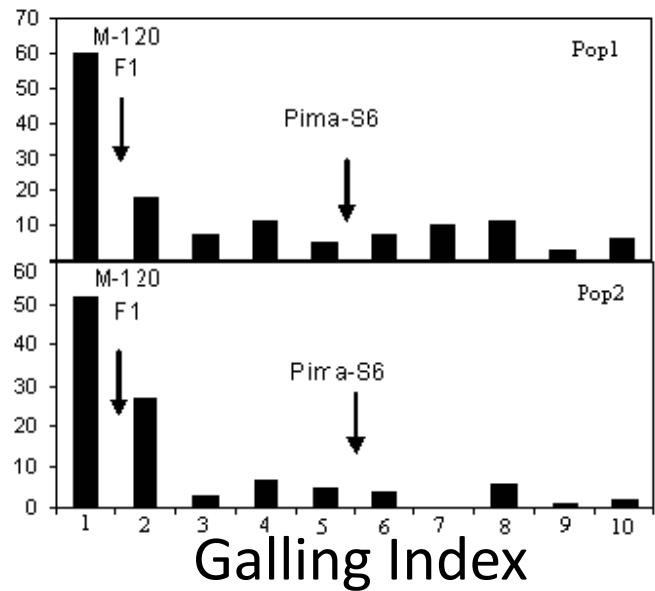
# Genetic mapping populations



Pima S6 X M120 RNR

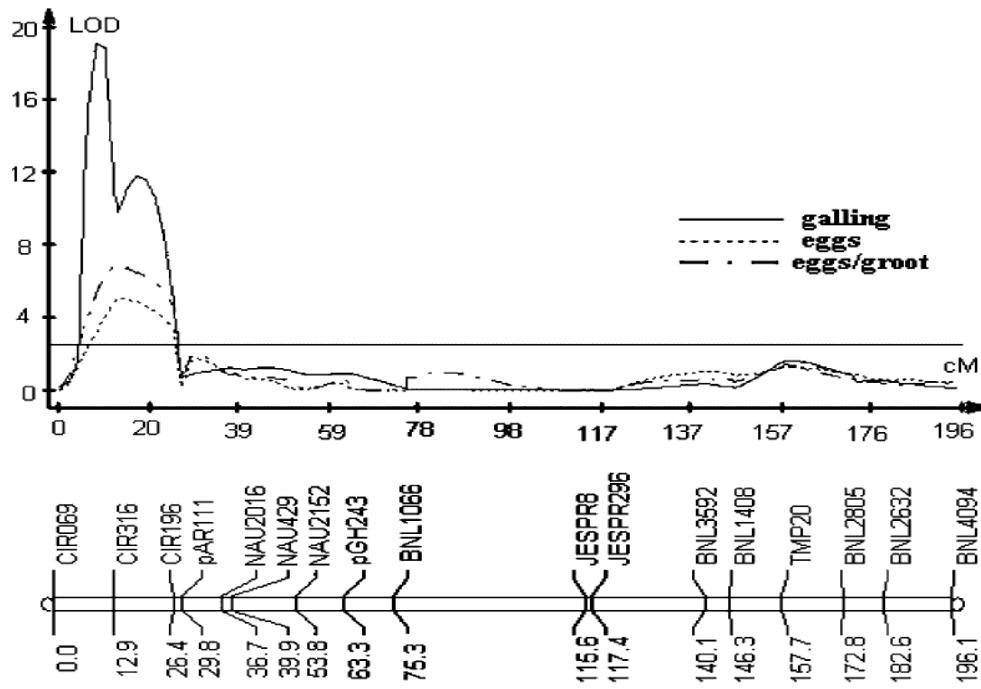


Egg counts



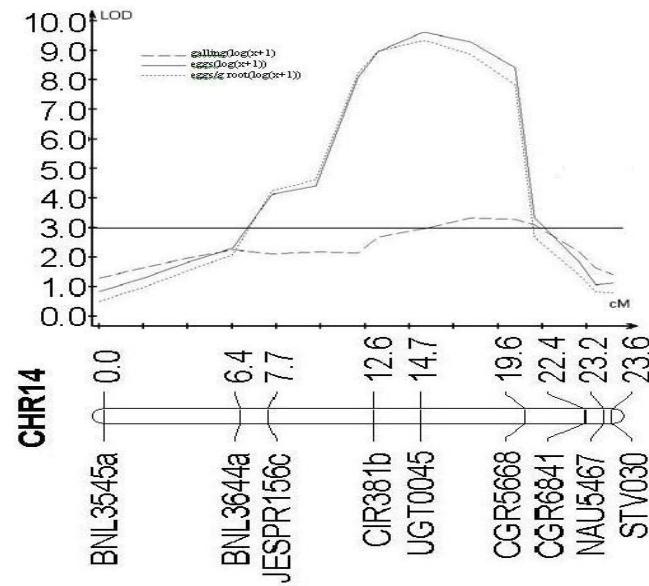
Galling Index

# QTLs associated with galling - Chr. 11 and 14



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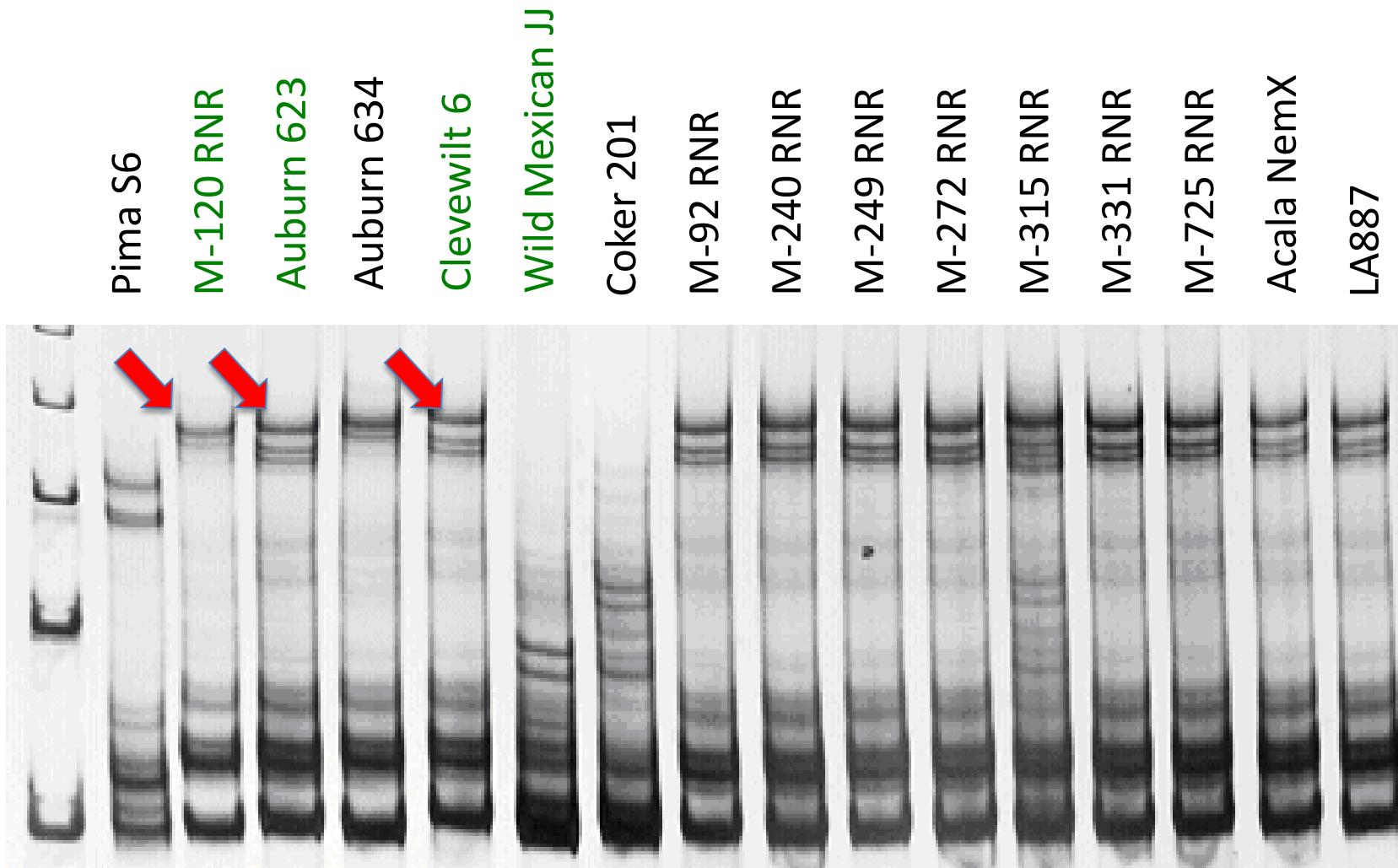
Add = -2.7



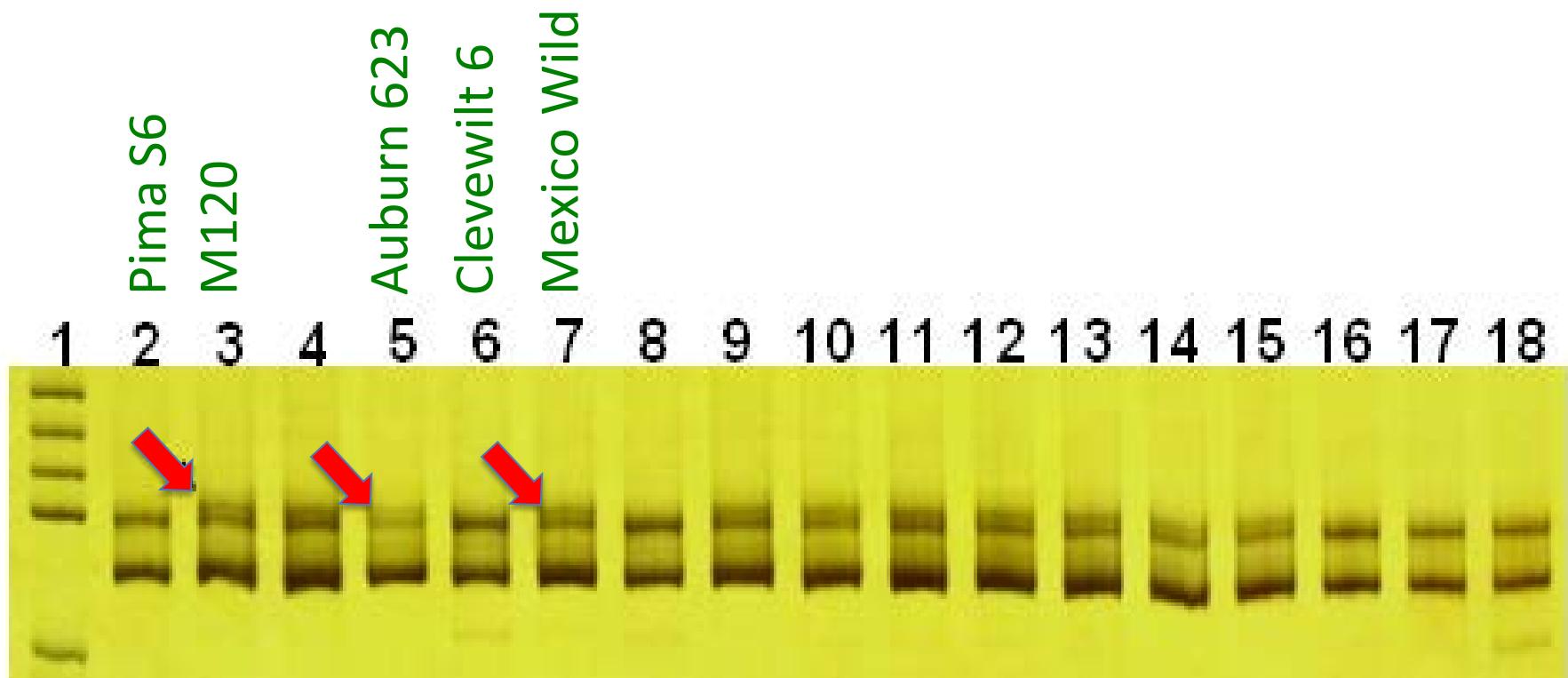
PVA = 32%

Add = -0.48

# Origin of root-knot nematode resistance locus on Chromosome 11

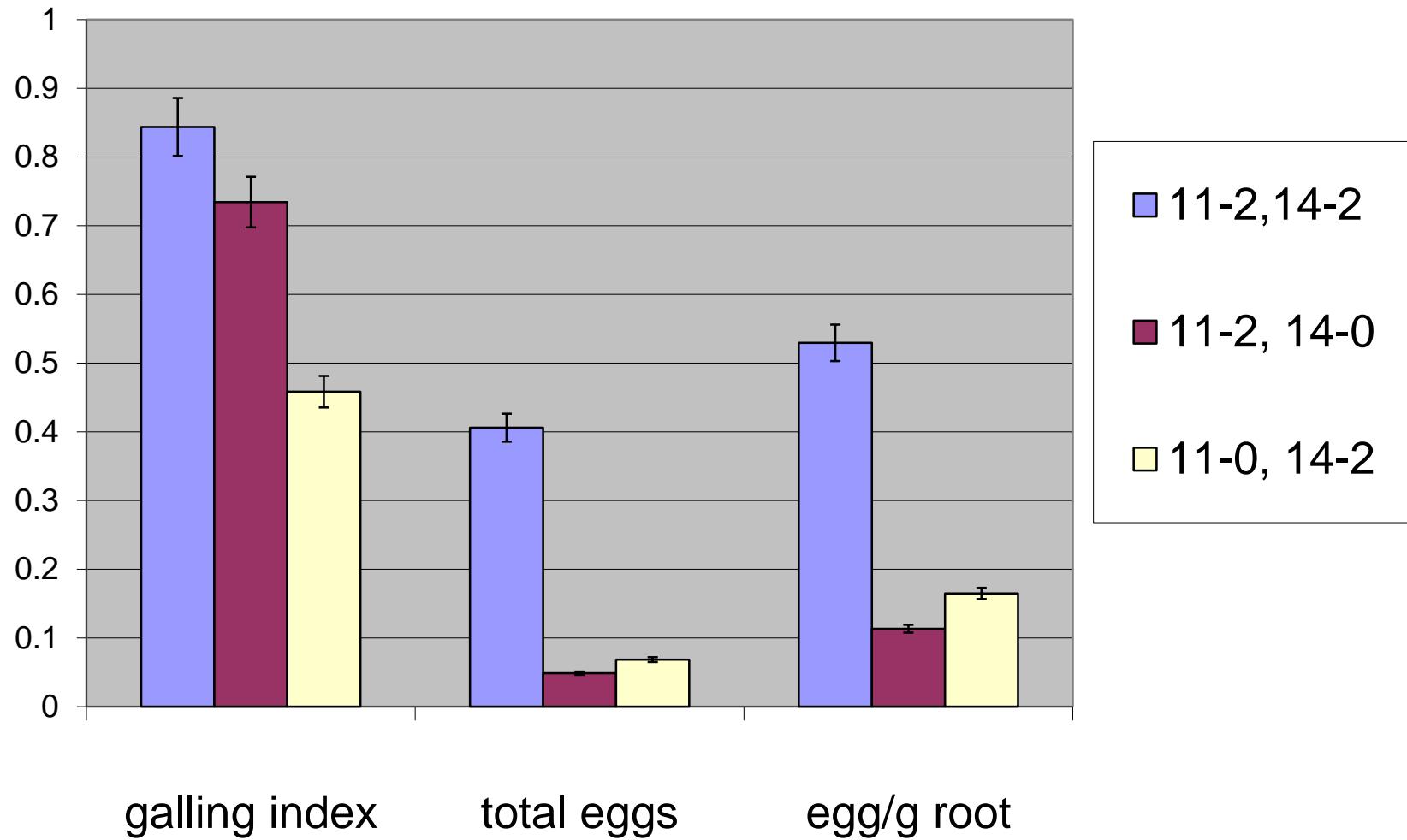


# Origin of root-knot nematode resistance locus on Chromosome 14



1 Marker, 2 Pima S-6, 3 M-120 RNR, 4 Auburn 634 RNR, 5 Auburn 623 RNR, 6 Clevewilt 6, 7 Wild Mexican Jack Jones, 8 Coker 201, 9 M-92 RNR, 10 M-240 RNR, 11 M-249 RNR, 12 M-272 RNR, 13 M-315 RNR, 14 M-331 RNR, 15 M-725 RNR, 16 Auburn 56, 17 Acala NemX, 18 LA887.

# Reduction in galling and eggs production among F2s carrying Chr 11 and Chr14 QTLs



# Epistasis between Chr 11 and Chr14 QTLs (QTL Network)

Trait	QTLi	Interval-i	QTLj	Interval-j	AA	p-value	H^2(aa)
logeggs	1-6	UGT0045-CGR5668	2-1	CIR069-CIR316	-0.3007	0.001509	0.0494
logeggroot	1-5	CIR381-UGT0045	2-1	CIR069-CIR316	-0.3586	0.000016	0.0596

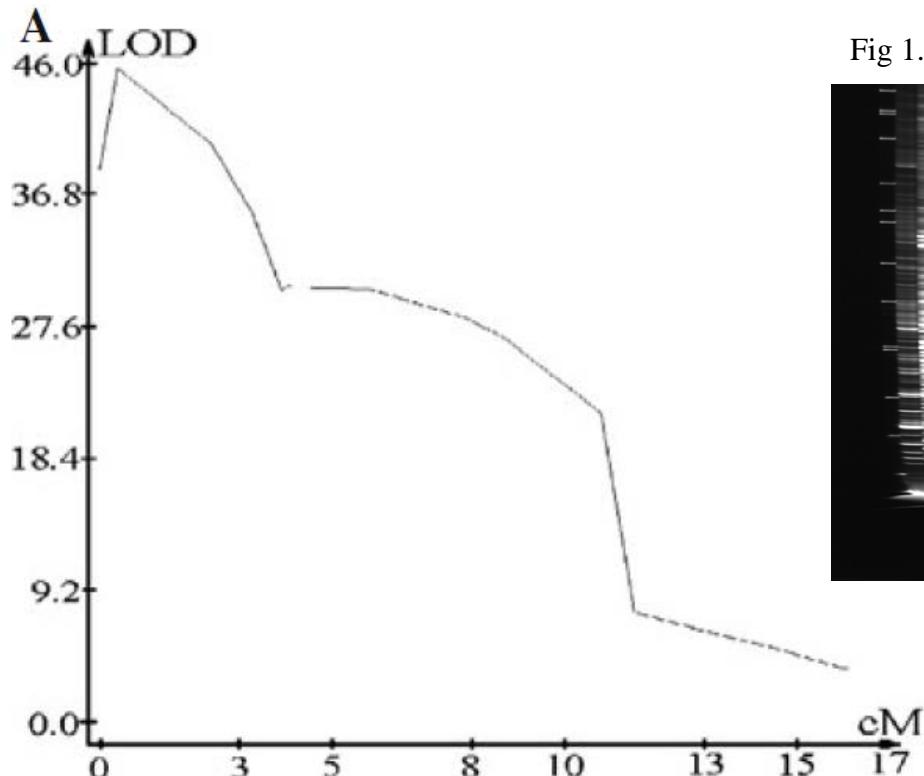


Fig 1. Polymorphisms analysis using AFLP markers

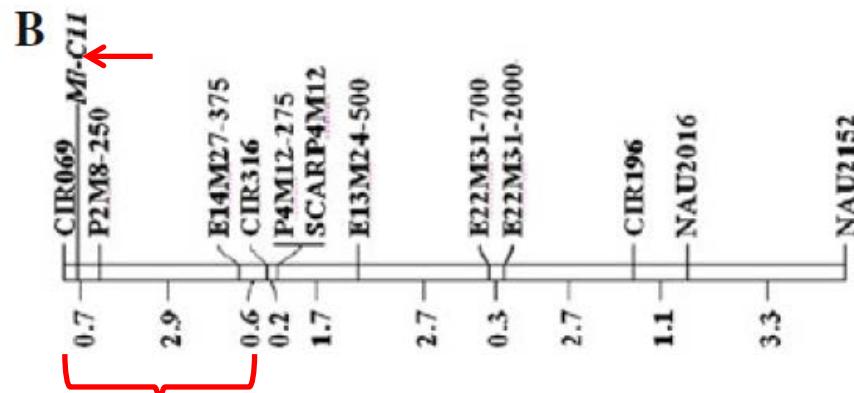
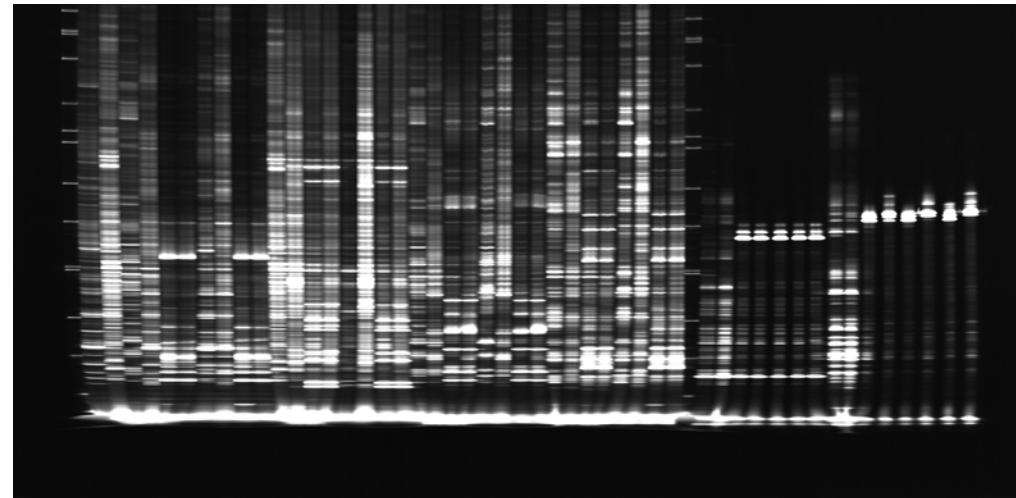
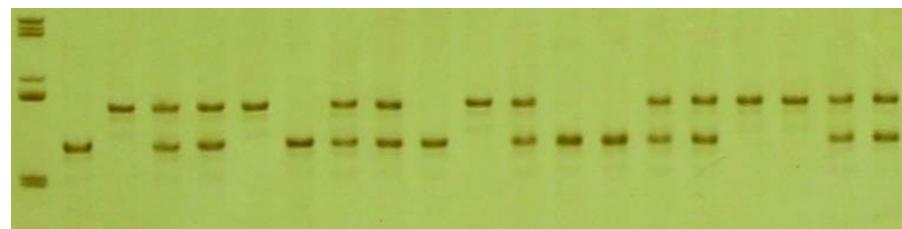


Fig 3. Polymorphisms analysis of SCAR marker P4M12 in mapping parents and individuals.



Shen et al 2010 TAG

# Summary

- The root-knot nematode resistance in the Auburn 623RNR source is conferred by two major genes.
- The resistant allele on Chr. 11 is derived from Clevewilt-6, and the resistance allele on Chr. 14 is originated from Wild Mexican.
- The gene on Chr. 11 appears to mostly affect gall suppression while that on Chr.14 appears to reduce eggs production but has little effects on root galling.
- the transgressive segregation in Auburn 623RNR source could be due to the stacking of genes from two moderately resistant parents with different mechanisms for resistance.

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