

# Canola Update and Research Priorities 2018



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# 2017 Canola Acreage

Insured Acres:

2016 29,539 ac

2017 29,248 ac



Acres down in all regions except:

Nipissing steady at 2,150 ac

Temiskaming increased by 5,300 ac

# 2017 Canola Yield

- Yield higher than 2016 in all regions except northwestern Ontario
- Eastern and Northwestern – RAIN!

**HIGHEST** Average Provincial Yield!

**2,443 lb/ac (1.11 T, 48.8 bu)**

# Canola Research Priorities

- Swede midge
- Clubroot
- Improved agronomics – rotations, N, planting
- Winter canola

# Swede Midge



# A Natural Enemy of Swede Midge

*Synopeas myles*

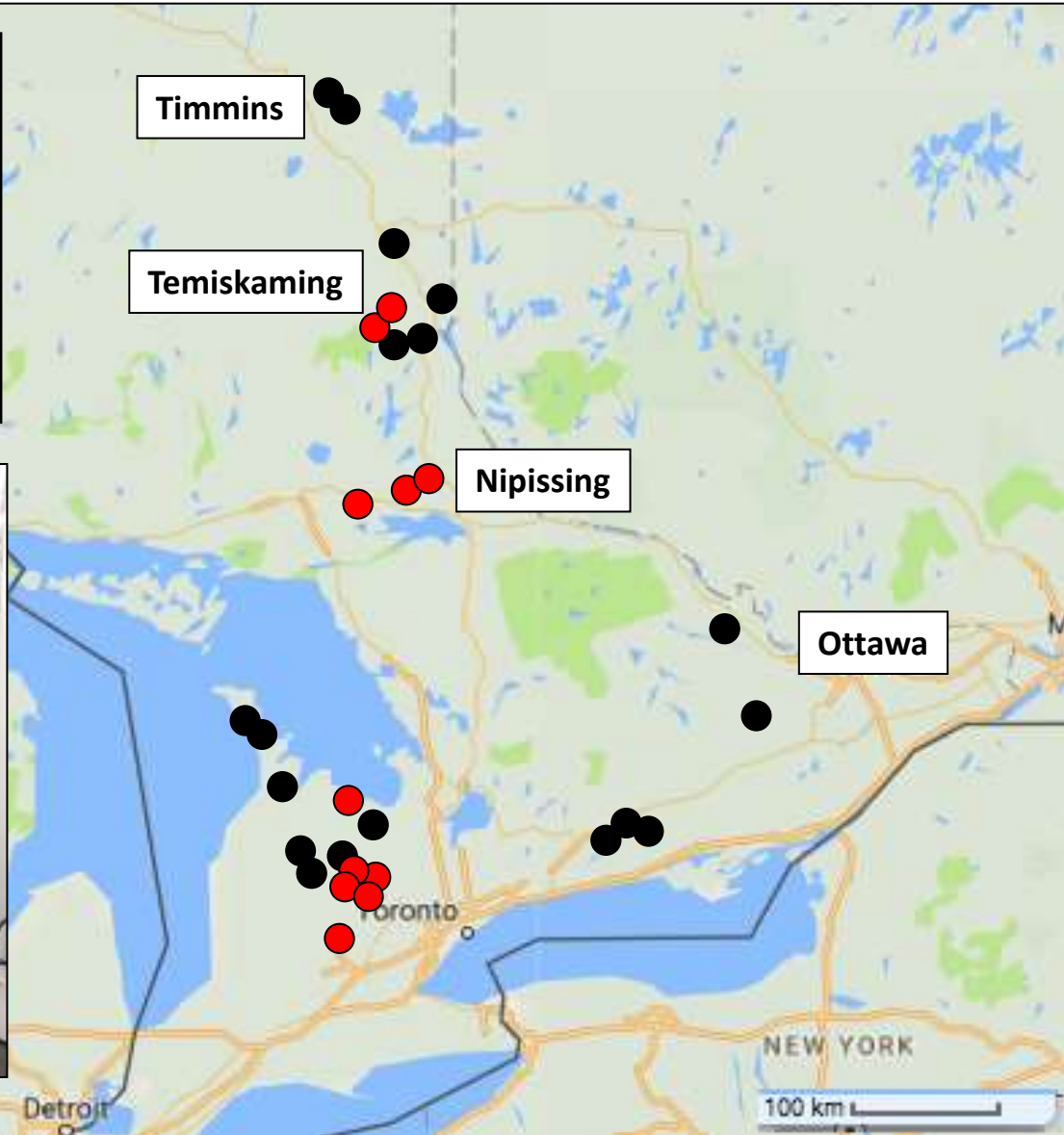
- lays eggs inside swede midge larvae



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- Identify parasitoids in Ontario canola
- Determine their activity through the season
- Determine distribution across Ontario

# Survey Locations



●  
Parasitoid  
absent

●  
Parasitoid  
present

# 2016 weekly survey results by week

Week	Shelburne16 A		Shelburne16 B		Corbetton16		Orangeville16		%
	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	Parasitism
9-Jun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16-Jun	167	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0
23-Jun	3369	191	14	0	120	1	920	0	4.2
30-Jun	10167	1736	365	9	7532	36	631	49	8.9
7-Jul	5490	2235	269	30	669	257	245	61	27.9
14-Jul	72	32	12	0	3	0	204	0	9.9
21-Jul	663	253	429	50	717	200	201	18	20.6
28-Jul	1390	613	1172	47	658	207	936	15	17.5



# Preliminary 2017 weekly survey results by week

Week	Meaford17		Shelburne17 A		Shelburne17 B		Shelburne17 C		Shelburne17 D		Elora17		% Parasitism
	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	SM	Paras	
5-Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12-Jun	0	0	0	0	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
19-Jun	77	0	70	0	1158	4	8	0	68	0	100	0	0.3
26-Jun	708	0	370	0	738	0	117	0	152	1	53	8	0.8
3-Jul	665	25	87	0	618	13	52	1	180	0	541	7	2.1
10-Jul	606	29	140	0	454	11	598	0	645	1	717	2	1.3
17-Jul	66	0	27	0	21	6	13	0	62	0	705	5	1.2
24-Jul	1323	95	67	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4

# Further Objectives of the Parasitoid Project

- Environmental factors affecting:
  - presence and abundance
  - parasitism rates
  - Synchrony with Swede midge: pheromone trap captures, soil characteristics, surrounding vegetation and field history
- Susceptibility of *S. myles* to insecticides used in canola

# Spray Quality for Swede Midge Control

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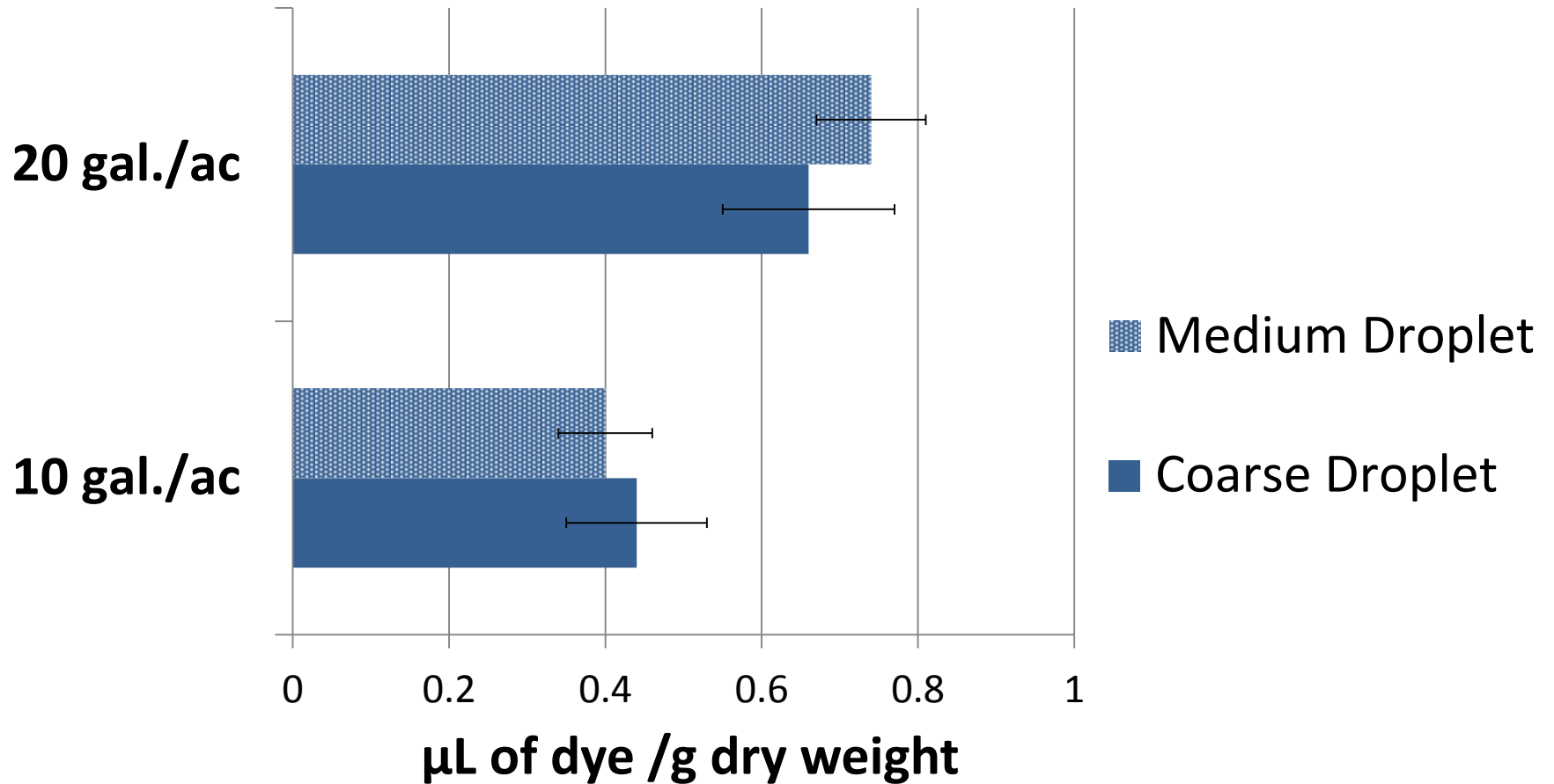
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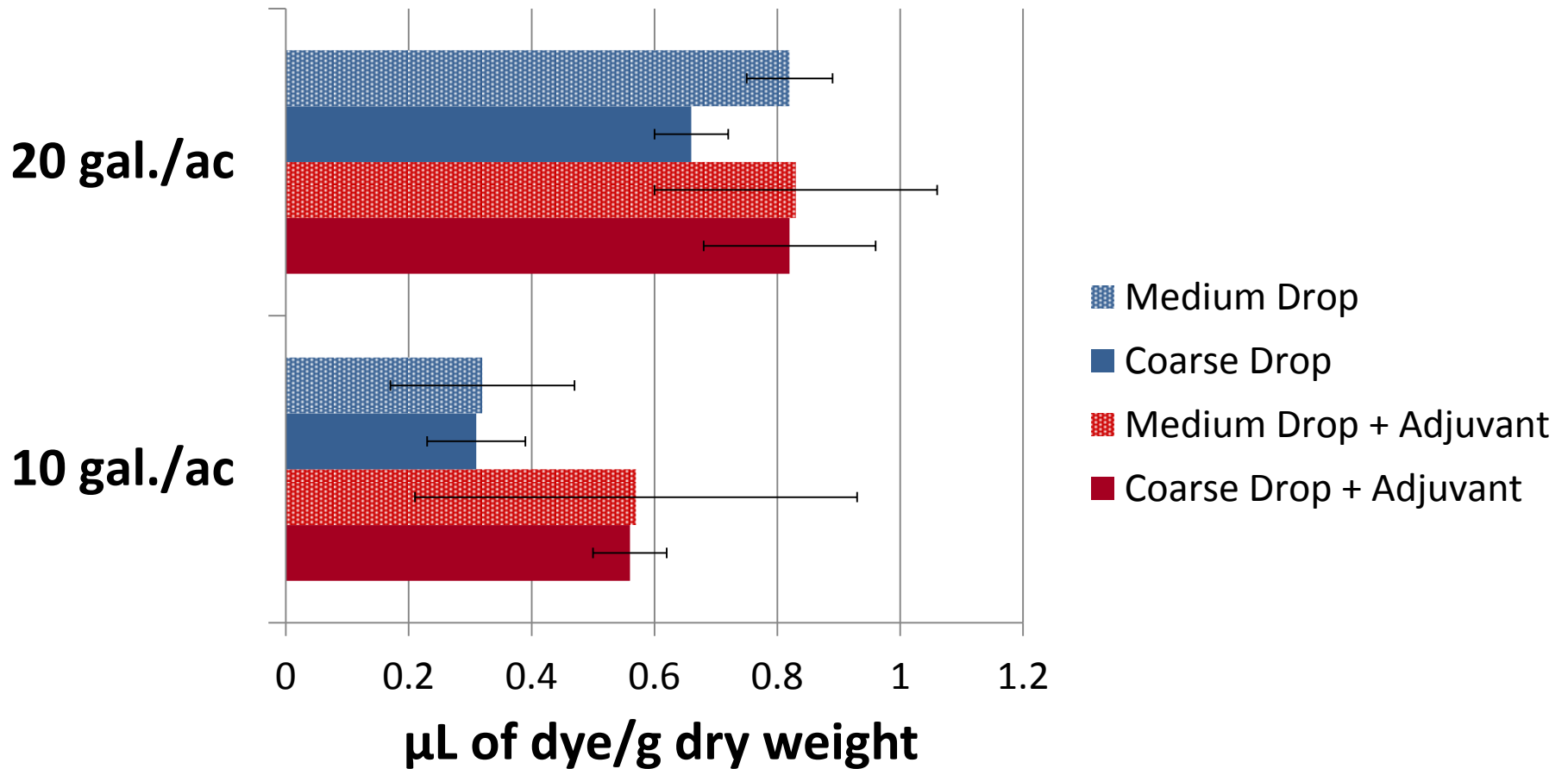
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Medium Spray Quality = XR8003

# Nozzle, Volume and Adjuvant



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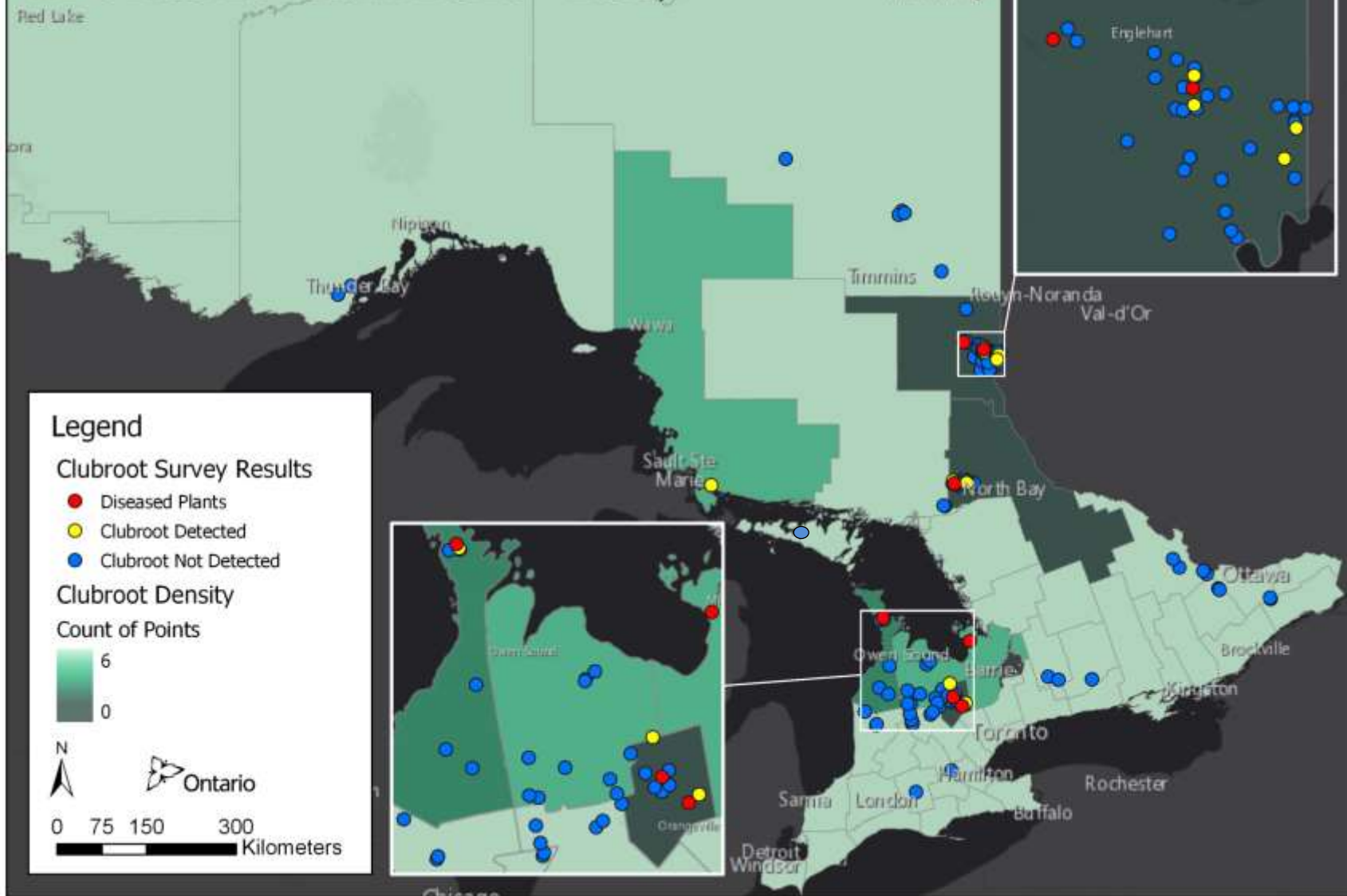
# Spray Quality for Swede Midge Control

2017: Test spray quality parameters in controlled environment.

2018-19: Compare optimal spray quality protocols to farmer's current practice in the field.



# Clubroot Survey Results in Ontario from 2016 - 2017



# Clubroot Pathotypes

Dufferin: P2 and 8

Temiskaming: P2

Nipissing: P2

4 samples yet to be analyzed





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