

NATIONAL PEANUT BOARD/SOUTHEAST PEANUT  
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Quarter ending  
December 31, 2005

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FINAL  
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INSTITUTION: USDA-ARS, National Peanut Research Laboratory

**PROJECT TITLE:** Physiological and Genetic Responses Associated with Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus in Insecticide Treated and Un-treated Soils

RES. AGR. NO.: Not available

PROJECT LEADER: Dr. Diane Rowland

EXPIRATION DATE: December 31, 2005

SPRI CONTACT: Emory Murphy

NPB CONTACT: Stephen O'Brien

REPORT OF PROGRESS:

The specific objectives for this research were: **1) quantify the physiological responses to TSWV infection, especially related to gas exchange, in different peanut varieties through the growing season at different stages of TSWV infection, 2) examine the effect of pre-plant insecticide treatments on these physiological responses, and 3) correlate the expression of peanut defense response genes involved with increased resistance to TSWV with the above physiological responses.** During May – September of 2005, plots were established and planted, and permanent identification of 6 plants each from every replication of a fully factorial, design was completed. The design includes the measurement of physiological and genetic variation in six peanut varieties under three insecticide treatments: aldicarb, phorate, and control. Plants were tagged and tested for TSWV using the ELISA test during three separate physiological and genetic sampling periods. To date, we have collected data on the presence of TSWV and the correlation with TSWV infection and physiological function, as well as analyzed samples for differences in genetic expression among treatments. The final harvest and testing of tagged plant roots was completed by September 2005, and tissue analyses/grades have now been completed. Genetic analysis is ongoing and extractions are being completed for genetic response testing. We have identified differences in varieties in fluorescence stress response (a physiological response) that appears to be correlated with TSWV resistance. Additional data analysis is now ongoing. At the end of this experiment, we expect to provide information to growers about the physiological tolerance to TSWV that different varieties provide. In addition, we will be able to identify genetic response profiles corresponding with these physiological characteristics. Funding from the NPB for this research was for a single year running Jan 2005 through Jan 2006.

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**PHYSIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC RESPONSES ASSOCIATED WITH TOMATO SPOTTED  
WILT VIRUS IN PHORATE TREATED AND UN-TREATED SOILS  
Final Report**

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**Objective: Correlate the expression of peanut defense response genes involved with increased resistance to TSWV with physiological responses.**

Leaf samples from all six varieties and treatments (control, temik and thimet) were collected over the course of the growing season. Total RNA from all the samples was extracted, and quantitated. Northern blot analysis was used to look at the levels of gene expression among the treatments. Photosynthetic levels indicated that the more TSWV resistant varieties such as ANorden and AP3 were better at maintaining photosynthetic capacity than susceptible varieties such as SunOleic97R. Expression analysis over the course of the season revealed that early sampling dates were more reliable in predicting end-of season response than later season samples. Expression of PR-4a and glutathione reductase was high in the TSWV resistant varieties particularly in response to thimet treatment, whereas susceptible varieties appeared to express these genes at low levels or at undetectable levels using Northern blot analysis. RT-PCR analysis was developed to quickly screen more samples and increase the sensitivity of the assay. All data indicate that defense and stress-response genes in more TSWV resistant varieties appear to be highly expressed, particularly following treatment with thimet. We hypothesize that such gene expression leads to a reduction in the impact of TSWV by delaying adverse physiological responses and thereby increasing yields.