

EVALUATION OF INSECT GROWTH REGULATOR-FEEDING STIMULANT COMBINATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF FALL ARMYWORM (LEPIDOPTERA: NOCTUIDAE)

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ABSTRACT

Application of RH-5992 2F, a neural agonist insect growth regulator, to foliage of corn (*Zea mays* [L.]) and southern pea (*Vigna unguiculata* [L.]), resulted in significant levels of fall armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda* [J. E. Smith]) larval control. The addition of a cottonseed flour-based feeding stimulant, Kosume, at 10% of total spray volume to the insect growth regulator reduced the length of time needed for larval mortality to occur compared to the insect growth regulator alone. Additionally, feeding damage and percentage of corn plants infested by fall armyworm was significantly reduced using RH-5992 2F + Kosume. Residual activity of RH-5992 remained high (> 84% larval mortality at the highest evaluated rate of RH-5992) on southern pea throughout the two-week test period.

Key Words: *Spodoptera frugiperda*, insect management, insecticide additives

RESUMEN

La aplicación de RH-5992 2F, un agonista neural regulador del crecimiento de los insectos, al follaje del maíz (*Zea mays* [L.]) y del guisante sureño (*Vigna unguiculata* [L.]), produjo niveles significativos de control larval del gusano trozador (*Spodoptera frugiperda* [J.E.Smith]). La adición al regulador de crecimiento de un estimulante de la alimentación a base de harina de algodón, Kosume, al 10% del volumen total de aspersión, redujo el tiempo requerido para matar las larvas en comparación con el regulador de crecimiento solo. Adicionalmente, el daño por alimentación de las larvas y el porcentaje de plantas de maíz infestadas por el gusano trozador fueron significativamente reducidos usando RH-5992 2F + Kosume. La actividad residual del RH-5992 permaneció alta (>84% de mortalidad larval en la concentración más alta de RH-5992) en el guisante sureño durante las dos semanas de prueba.

Use of phagostimulants to enhance activity of insect growth regulators against fall armyworm (FAW), *Spodoptera frugiperda* (J. E. Smith) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae), in the laboratory has been reported (Chandler 1993). The mortality rate of FAW larvae increased significantly when they fed on leaves of southern pea, *Vigna unguiculata* (L.), that had been treated with either of two insect growth regulators (RH-5992 or diflubenzuron), in combination with Kosume[®], a cottonseed flour-based insect feeding stimulant. Larval mortality was increased 2 and 3 days after treatment when Kosume (10% of total solution) and RH-5992 were applied in combination (Chandler 1993). This increase in mortality was more notable than that observed with diflubenzuron/Kosume combinations. The increased mortality during the first three days following treatment with RH-5992 is important because it can reduce FAW related

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damage sooner following treatment, which may aid acceptance of this particular type of insect growth regulator by growers. RH-5992 interferes with the normal molting process of lepidopterous larvae by acting as an agonist of insect molting hormone (Rohm and Haas Co. 1989). It has been shown to have high (> 90%) levels of activity against FAW larvae at concentrations of 0.001 to 1.0% active ingredient [AI] (Chandler et al. 1992).

The studies reported here were designed to evaluate the use of RH-5992/Konsume combinations under simulated and actual field conditions for management of FAW. Studies were conducted to evaluate the residual effectiveness and control potential of RH-5992, with and without the addition of the feeding stimulant, and to compare the effectiveness of RH-5992 with thiodicarb, a standard chemical insecticide used for control of FAW larvae.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Spray Table Study

RH-5992 2F (Rohm and Haas Co., Philadelphia, Pa.) was formulated in water at the rates of 11.0 and 22.0 gm AI/ha. Both of these formulations were sprayed on southern peas, with and without the addition of Konsume (Fermone Inc., Phoenix, AZ) (10% of total volume) to the mixture. In addition, peas were treated with a Konsume (10% of total volume)-water mixture and with water alone. The peas were planted in 25 x 61 x 5 cm rectangular plastic trays filled with potting media, and these were held in a greenhouse (24-30° C and 50-100% relative humidity [RH]). In the greenhouse the plants were allowed to reach the 2 leaf stage (approximately 2 weeks old) prior to treatment. On 17 May, 1993, 24 trays of peas per treatment (6 total treatments) were sprayed with the above mixtures. The trays were placed on a conveyor-driven spray table calibrated to apply 38.2 liter per ha at 59 kg/cm² with a single TX-6 cone nozzle fixed 46 cm above the crop. The table was set to convey the plants at a speed of 15.2 m per min, and the spray nozzle was powered by compressed air. Following treatment, the trays of peas were returned to the greenhouse.

Leaves were collected from the treated plants 2 h and 1, 3, 7, 10, and 14 days after treatment. Four trays of cowpeas were used on each collection date for each treatment. Each tray was designated as a separate replicate. Neonate FAW larvae were obtained from laboratory cultures at the Insect Biology and Population Management Research Laboratory in Tifton, GA. These larvae were reared as described by Perkins (1979). The larvae were held on pinto bean diet at 24 ± 1° C for 3 days before being exposed to treated leaf surfaces thus allowing all insects to reach a uniform age and size. On each leaf collection date, 30 leaves per replicate (4 replicates total per collection date) per treatment were placed in 30-ml plastic cups. Single 3-day-old larvae were placed on each leaf and the cup was capped. Cups containing larvae were held in environmental cabinets in the laboratory at 24 ± 1° C, a photoperiod of 12:12 (L:D), and 50 ± 5% RH. After 48 h, cups were opened and the number of living versus dead larvae was recorded. Surviving larvae were then placed in 30-ml cups containing 10 ml of bean diet and the number of living versus dead larvae recorded following an additional 3 days (120 h after application mortality). Larvae were then disposed of.

Field Study

Field corn (*Zea mays* [L.]) was planted in August 1993 at the USDA-ARS Belflower Farm in Tift Co., GA. Nine treatments, including an untreated control, were arranged

in a randomized block design with four replications. Plots were 3 rows (91 cm per row) wide by 7.6 m long. Treatments consisted of RH-5992 2F applied at rates of 22.0, 45.9 and 91.8 gm AI/ha with and without the addition of Konsume at 10% of the total volume. A 10% solution of Konsume alone and thiodicarb (Larvin 3.2) at 45.9 gm AI/ha were also evaluated. Three treatments were made to whorl stage corn beginning 23 August and continued every 10 days (final treatment on 13 September). Insecticide applications were made with a CO₂ backpack sprayer calibrated to apply 30.6 liter per ha at 79 kg per cm² using a TX-6 nozzle and traveling at 3.2 km/hr. Prior to and every 3-5 days after initial treatment through the test period, the number of damaged plants (15 plants examined per plot) were counted. Counts were terminated on 1 October. Damaged plants were defined as those where fresh larval feeding damage and frass were found. The number of plants damaged per plot were converted to percentages for data analysis. Additionally, damage ratings were taken beginning on the second count date following treatment. Ratings consisted of examining the entire plot for FAW feeding damage on a scale of 0-5, in which 0 = no damage, 1 = 1-20% damage, 2 = 21-40% damage, 3 = 41-60% damage, 4 = 61-80% damage, and 5 = 81-100% damage.

Data Analyses

Means and standard deviations were calculated for percent mortality, percentage of plants damaged, and damage ratings, both by date and as combined averages (after initial treatment) over the length of the experiments. Analyses of variance (PROC GLM, SAS 1985) were conducted for all data sets. For the spray table study, set least square means were used to compare all possible treatment combinations. Contrasts were made between individual rates of RH-5992 with and without Konsume, between RH-5992 treatments combined with and without Konsume, between the untreated control and Konsume only, and between the untreated control and all other treatments for 48 and 120 h mortality data. For the field study, orthogonal contrasts were made to determine whether the tested rates of RH-5992, with or without Konsume, resulted in either a linear or quadratic response in the number of damaged plants and damage ratings per treatment. Comparisons were also made between RH-5992 with and without the addition of Konsume, Konsume alone vs the untreated control, RH-5992 vs thiodicarb, and RH-5992 vs Konsume alone.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Spray Table Study

High levels of fall armyworm larval mortality were observed following application of RH-5992 2F with and without the addition of Konsume to the mix (Tables 1 and 2). Mortality ranged from 5.9 to 67.5 % and from 62.5 to 98.4 %, depending upon the date and rate of active ingredient, 48 and 120 hours after leaf collection of treated leaves, respectively. Over the entire 14-day leaf collection period, no trend in loss of RH-5992 residual activity could be discerned (Tables 1 and 2). Some mortality of fall armyworm larvae was noted following feeding on foliage treated with Konsume alone. However, the highest Konsume related mortality rates (17.5 %), compared to other-treatments, were not considered to be of great importance in inflicting death to the insect (Table 2).

TABLE 1. RESIDUAL MORTALITY OF FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF RH-5992 WITH OR WITHOUT KONSUME (10% OF TOTAL VOLUME) TO COWPEA FOLIAGE; 48 HOUR MORTALITY (%) AFTER FOLIAGE COLLECTED ON INDICATED DATE.¹

| Treatment | gms AI/ha | $\bar{x} \pm$ SD Mortality (%) at Indicated Leaf Collection Time after Treatment | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| | | 2 Hour | 1 Day | 3 Days | 7 Days | 10 Days | 14 Days | Study Average | | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 22.0 | 18.2 ± 9.9 | 44.2 ± 9.2 | 21.7 ± 4.3 | 41.7 ± 12.6 | 22.6 ± 10.2 | 17.5 ± 6.9 | 27.6 ± 13.9 | | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 11.0 | 5.9 ± 1.7 | 25.0 ± 6.4 | 13.7 ± 6.4 | 44.2 ± 5.1 | 15.8 ± 5.7 | 21.7 ± 8.0 | 21.0 ± 13.3 | | | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 22.0 | 36.1 ± 9.9 | 64.2 ± 5.0 | 24.2 ± 8.3 | 67.5 ± 5.7 | 25.0 ± 7.9 | 20.0 ± 2.7 | 39.5 ± 20.7 | | | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 11.0 | 21.0 ± 5.2 | 48.0 ± 9.6 | 14.2 ± 8.3 | 40.0 ± 10.5 | 20.9 ± 9.6 | 15.9 ± 12.6 | 26.6 ± 15.5 | | | |
| Konsume | -- | 0.8 ± 1.7 | 3.3 ± 2.7 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 5.0 ± 5.8 | 1.5 ± 3.1 | | | |
| Untreated | -- | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 5.0 ± 8.0 | 0.8 ± 3.5 | | | |

¹Application made on 17 May.

TABLE 2. RESIDUAL MORTALITY OF FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF RH-5992 WITH OR WITHOUT KONSUME (10% OF TOTAL VOLUME) TO COWPEA FOLIAGE; 120 HOUR MORTALITY (%) AFTER FOLIAGE COLLECTED ON INDICATED DATE.¹

| Treatment | gms AI/ha | $\bar{x} \pm SD$ Mortality (%) at Indicated Leaf Collection Time after Treatment | | | | | | | | Study Average |
|----------------------|-----------|--|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|---------------|
| | | 2 Hour | 1 Day | 3 Days | 7 Days | 10 Days | 14 Days | | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 22.0 | 86.5 ± 7.0 | 91.7 ± 4.3 | 86.7 ± 6.1 | 90.0 ± 2.7 | 89.1 ± 3.1 | 86.7 ± 6.1 | 88.4 ± 5.0 | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 11.0 | 65.0 ± 2.0 | 85.0 ± 8.0 | 74.7 ± 12.3 | 83.4 ± 6.1 | 80.8 ± 19.7 | 84.2 ± 1.7 | 78.8 ± 11.7 | | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 22.0 | 93.3 ± 4.7 | 98.4 ± 1.9 | 87.5 ± 9.6 | 95.0 ± 3.4 | 95.8 ± 3.2 | 84.2 ± 6.9 | 92.4 ± 7.1 | | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 11.0 | 84.1 ± 4.9 | 93.4 ± 6.7 | 79.2 ± 11.0 | 88.3 ± 5.8 | 92.5 ± 3.2 | 62.5 ± 14.2 | 83.3 ± 13.1 | | |
| Konsume | -- | 0.8 ± 1.7 | 17.5 ± 10.0 | 9.2 ± 8.8 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 2.5 ± 3.2 | 10.0 ± 7.2 | 6.7 ± 8.5 | | |
| Untreated | -- | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 1.7 ± 3.4 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 5.0 ± 4.3 | 8.3 ± 6.4 | 2.5 ± 4.4 | | |

¹Application made on 17 May.

Analysis of variance for 48 h after leaf collection mortality indicated a significant interaction between date and treatment ($F = 7.74$, $df = 25$, $P = 0.0001$). Similar results were obtained following analysis of variance for 120 hour after leaf collection mortality ($F = 3.56$, $df = 25$, $P = 0.0001$). These interactions indicated that treatments responded differently on each leaf collection date. Therefore, comparisons among treatments (least square means) were made on individual leaf collection dates. Contrasts were then conducted on seasonal average data to determine overall effects of the insect growth regulator/feeding stimulant mixture on fall armyworm mortality.

Least square means resulted in significant differences in treatment comparisons based on time of mortality observations and length of time after treatment (Tables 3 and 4). In most instances mortality from the untreated control and 10% Konsume alone treatments was significantly less than all other treatments for both 48 and 120 h mortality on each leaf collection date (Tables 3 and 4). Significant increases in mortality caused by RH-5992 + Konsume and RH-5992 alone treatments were most often noted within 7 days of treatment and primarily with 48 h mortality data. Data indicated that 48 h readings showed an increase in mortality within the first 7 days following treatment when Konsume was added to the insect growth regulator. Mortality observed after 120 h was similar among most insect growth regulator treatments. After 7 days, no increase in mortality could be attributed to Konsume in the formulations, but mortality rates remained high (Tables 3 and 4). RH-5992 (11.0 gms AI/ha) + Konsume resulted in significantly less mortality 14 days after application (120 h mortality) than was noted with other RH-5992 treatments.

Contrasts conducted for 48 and 120 h after leaf collection summary data indicated that increasing rates of RH-5992, with and without Konsume, significantly affected fall armyworm larval mortality. RH-5992 resulted in higher mortality at the 22.0 gm AI/ha rate than at the 11.0 gm AI/ha rate on both leaf mortality observation dates (Tables 5 and 6). Also, the addition of Konsume to RH-5992 resulted in higher levels of fall armyworm larval mortality, both 48 and 120 h after leaf collection, than that achieved with RH-5992 alone, regardless of insect growth regulator active ingredient rate (Tables 5 and 6). Konsume alone resulted in significantly higher levels of mortality than the untreated control, and the untreated control had significantly less larval mortality than all of the other treatments combined 48 and 120 h after leaf collection.

Field Study

Percentage of corn plants damaged by fall armyworm prior to initial insect growth regulator treatment (23 Aug.) ranged from 3 -22% per treatment (Table 7), but no significant differences in damaged plants were observed on this date although the data are quite variable. Damage increased in the untreated plots through 13 Sept. (Tables 7 and 8). Populations of fall armyworm then decreased as indicated by the reduced percentage of plants damaged. Damage again increased from 17 Sept. until 1 Oct. (Tables 7 and 8). Fewer plants were damaged in the plots treated with RH-5992 2F at 91.8 gm AI/ha mixed with 10% Konsume; percentage of plants damaged ranged from 2 to 32%.

There were no significant interactions between date and treatment for percentage of plants damaged and damage ratings ($F=0.87$, $df=88$, $P = 0.7728$ and $F=0.52$, $df=72$, $P = 0.9994$, respectively). All dates were combined for orthogonal contrasts.

Increasing rates of RH-5992, both with and without the addition of Konsume, resulted in a linear response for both reduction of percentage of plants damaged and plant damage ratings caused by fall armyworm larval feeding (Tables 9 and 10). A quadratic relationship was not indicated. The addition of Konsume to RH-5992 re-

TABLE 3. T VALUES FOR LEAST SQUARE MEANS COMPARISONS OF ALL POSSIBLE TREATMENT PAIRS 48 HOUR AFTER LEAF COLLECTED MORTALITY.

| Treatment | gms AI/ha | Treatment Pairs | t-Values at Leaf Collection Time after Treatment ¹ | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|---|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--|
| | | | 2 Hour | 1 Day | 3 Days | 7 Days | 10 Days | 14 Days | | |
| 1. Untreated | -- | 1-2 | -0.19 | -0.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 2. Konsume | -- | 1-3 | -1.36 | -5.01* | -3.14* | -8.90* | -3.30* | -3.12* | -3.12* | |
| 3. RH-5992 | 11.0 | 1-4 | -4.23* | -8.84* | -4.99* | -8.39* | -4.71* | -2.34 | -2.34 | |
| | | 1-5 | -4.90* | -9.61* | -3.26* | -8.06* | -4.34* | -2.03 | -2.03 | |
| 4. RH-5992 | 22.0 | 1-6 | -8.43* | -12.86* | -5.56* | -13.60* | -5.21* | -2.81 | -2.81 | |
| | | 2-3 | -1.17 | -4.34* | -3.14* | -8.90* | -3.30* | -3.12* | -3.12* | |
| 5. RH-5992 + Konsume | 11.0 | 2-4 | -4.04* | -8.17* | -4.99* | -8.39* | -4.71* | -2.34 | -2.34 | |
| | | 2-5 | -4.71* | -8.94* | -3.26* | -8.06* | -4.34* | -2.03 | -2.03 | |
| 6. RH-5992 + Konsume | 22.0 | 2-6 | -8.23* | -12.19* | -5.56* | -13.60* | -5.21* | -2.81 | -2.81 | |
| | | 3-4 | -2.87 | -3.83* | -1.85 | 0.51 | -1.42 | 0.79 | 0.79 | |
| | | 3-5 | -3.53* | -4.60* | -0.12 | 0.84 | -1.05 | 1.09 | 1.09 | |
| | | 3-6 | -7.06* | -7.85* | -2.42 | -4.70* | -1.91 | 0.31 | 0.31 | |
| | | 4-5 | -0.66 | -0.77 | 1.73 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.30 | 0.30 | |
| | | 4-6 | -4.19* | -4.01* | -0.57 | -5.21* | -0.49 | -0.47 | -0.47 | |
| | | 5-6 | -3.53* | -3.25* | -2.30 | -5.53* | -0.86 | -0.78 | -0.78 | |

¹*Indicates significant difference in treatment pairs, critical point for all comparisons is $|t| > 3.01$.

TABLE 4. T VALUES FOR LEAST SQUARE MEANS COMPARISONS OF ALL POSSIBLE TREATMENT PAIRS 120 HOUR AFTER LEAF COLLECTION MORTALITY.

| Treatment | gms AI/ha | Treatment Pairs | t-Values at Leaf Collection Time after Treatment ¹ | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | | | 2 Hour | 1 Day | 3 Days | 7 Days | 10 Days | 14 Days | |
| 1. Untreated | -- | 1-2 | -0.29 | -4.09* | -1.13 | 0.00 | 0.41 | -0.32 | |
| 2. Konsume | -- | 1-3 | -22.50* | -19.88* | -10.96* | -34.64* | -12.55* | -14.60* | |
| 3. RH-5992 | 11.0 | 1-4 | -29.93* | -21.44* | -12.76* | -37.40* | -13.92* | -15.08* | |
| 4. RH-5992 | 22.0 | 1-5 | -29.11* | -21.83* | -11.63* | -36.71* | -14.48* | -10.42* | |
| 5. RH-5992 + Konsume | 11.0 | 1-6 | -32.31* | -23.00* | -12.88* | -39.49* | -15.03* | -14.60* | |
| | | 2-3 | -22.22* | -15.79* | -9.84* | -34.64* | -12.96* | -14.27* | |
| 6. RH-5992 + Konsume | 22.0 | 2-4 | -29.64* | -17.35* | -11.63* | -37.40* | -14.33* | -14.76* | |
| | | 2-5 | -28.83* | -17.74* | -10.51* | -36.71* | -14.89* | -10.10* | |
| | | 2-6 | -32.02* | -18.91* | -11.75* | -39.49* | -15.44* | -14.27* | |
| | | 3-4 | -7.43* | -1.56 | -1.79 | -2.76 | -1.37 | 0.48 | |
| | | 3-5 | -6.61* | -1.95 | -0.67 | -2.07 | -1.93 | 4.17* | |
| | | 3-6 | -9.81* | -3.12* | -1.92 | -4.85* | -2.48 | 0.00 | |
| | | 4-5 | 0.81 | -0.39 | 1.12 | 0.70 | -0.56 | 4.65* | |
| | | 4-6 | -2.38 | -1.56 | -0.12 | -2.09 | -1.11 | -0.48 | |
| | | 5-6 | -3.19* | -1.17 | -1.25 | -2.78 | -0.55 | -4.17* | |

¹*Indicates significant difference in treatment pairs, critical point for all comparisons is $|t| > 3.01$.

TABLE 5. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE FOR 48 HOUR AFTER LEAF COLLECTION FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE MORTALITY.

| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|---|-----|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Model | 53 | 48757.842 | 919.959 | 19.94 | 0.0001 |
| Error | 90 | 4151.283 | 46.125 | | |
| Corrected Total | 143 | 52909.125 | | | |
| Type II | | | | | |
| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Date | 5 | 156.732 | 31.346 | 0.68 | 0.6400 |
| Rep (Date) | 18 | 845.290 | 46.961 | 1.02 | 0.4481 |
| 1) RH-5992 22.0 vs. 11.0 Gm Ai/Ha | 1 | 521.401 | 521.401 | 11.30 | 0.0011 |
| 2) RH-5992 + Konsume 22.0 vs. 11.0 Gm Ai/Ha | 1 | 1982.755 | 1982.755 | 42.99 | 0.0001 |
| 3) RH-5992 + Konsume vs. RH-5992 | 1 | 1834.876 | 1834.876 | 39.78 | 0.0001 |
| 4) Konsume vs. Untreated | 1 | 14175.567 | 14175.567 | 307.33 | 0.0001 |
| 5) All Treatments vs. Untreated | 1 | 24231.177 | 24231.177 | 525.33 | 0.0001 |
| 1) Interacted with Date | 5 | 783.937 | 156.787 | 3.40 | 0.0074 |
| 2) Interacted with Date | 5 | 779.919 | 155.984 | 3.38 | 0.0076 |
| 3) Interacted with Date | 5 | 1658.931 | 331.786 | 7.19 | 0.0001 |
| 4) Interacted with Date | 5 | 3269.530 | 693.906 | 14.18 | 0.0001 |
| 5) Interacted with Date | 5 | 5690.151 | 1138.030 | 24.67 | 0.0001 |

sulted in significantly less feeding damage than when RH-5992 was used alone (Tables 9 and 10). No differences in percentages of plants damaged or damage ratings were observed comparing RH-5992 with thiodicarb (Larvin 3.2) (Tables 9 and 10). Differences were observed when comparing plants treated with all rates of RH-5992 and those treated with Konsume alone or with untreated plants. RH-5992 treated plants had significantly less damage than did plants treated with Konsume alone. Plants treated with Konsume resulted in a significant reduction in damage compared to the untreated control. However, plants treated with Konsume alone did not provide needed levels of economic fall armyworm control. These findings are similar to those observed with the spray table test.

In conclusion, use of RH-5992 2F resulted in significant levels of fall armyworm larval control on both southern pea and field corn. Addition of Konsume (at 10% of total volume) to the insect growth regulator provided significantly greater fall armyworm mortality in a shorter period of time and significantly reduced fall armyworm feeding damage compared to use of the insect growth regulator alone. These results further confirmed the laboratory findings of Chandler (1993) which indicated that the use of a cottonseed flour-based insect feeding stimulant enhanced the activity of RH-

TABLE 6. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE FOR 120 HOUR AFTER LEAF COLLECTION FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE MORTALITY.

| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|---|-----|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Model | 53 | 220142.655 | 4153.635 | 88.81 | 0.0001 |
| Error | 90 | 4209.078 | 46.768 | | |
| Corrected Total | 143 | 224351.733 | | | |
| Type II | | | | | |
| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Date | 5 | 625.084 | 125.017 | 2.67 | 0.0267 |
| Rep (Date) | 18 | 1000.820 | 55.601 | 1.19 | 0.2873 |
| 1) RH-5992 22.0 vs. 11.0 Gm Ai/Ha | 1 | 1102.083 | 1102.083 | 23.57 | 0.0001 |
| 2) RH-5992 + Konsume 22.0 vs. 11.0 Gm Ai/Ha | 1 | 980.117 | 980.117 | 20.96 | 0.0001 |
| 3) RH-5992 + Konsume vs. RH-5992 | 1 | 425.463 | 425.463 | 9.10 | 0.0033 |
| 4) Konsume vs. Untreated | 1 | 120032.688 | 120032.688 | 2566.58 | 0.0001 |
| 5) All Treatments vs. Untreated | 1 | 210735.730 | 210735.730 | 4506.03 | 0.0001 |
| 1) Interacted with Date | 5 | 430.734 | 86.147 | 1.84 | 0.1126 |
| 2) Interacted with Date | 5 | 429.367 | 85.873 | 1.84 | 0.1137 |
| 3) Interacted with Date | 5 | 1526.069 | 305.214 | 6.53 | 0.0001 |
| 4) Interacted with Date | 5 | 1039.311 | 207.862 | 5.30 | 0.0012 |
| 5) Interacted with Date | 5 | 1239.215 | 247.843 | 5.30 | 0.0003 |

5992 and decreased time of larval mortality. Furthermore, spray table tests indicated that the residual activity of RH-5992 in a controlled environment remained relatively high throughout a two-week period. These positive results demonstrated the usefulness of insect growth regulator/feeding stimulant combinations for use in field settings. Further study is needed to refine insect growth regulator rates and to determine the economic feasibility of adding feeding stimulants to insect growth regulator mixtures.

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TABLE 7. PLANTS DAMAGED (%) BY FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF RH-5992 2F WITH OR WITHOUT KONSUME (10% OF TOTAL VOLUME) TO WHORL STAGE CORN.¹

| Treatment | gm Al/ha | $\bar{x} \pm$ SD Damaged Plants (%)/Treatment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Seasonal Average |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|--|---------------------|
| | | 23 Aug Pre- treatment | 26 Aug | 30 Aug | 2 Sept | 6 Sept | 9 Sept | 13 Sept | 17 Sept | 21 Sept | 23 Sept | 28 Sept | 1 Oct | 1 Oct | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 91.8 | 15 ± 11 | 38 ± 8 | 28 ± 6 | 53 ± 22 | 42 ± 16 | 31 ± 14 | 43 ± 20 | 23 ± 22 | 15 ± 13 | 13 ± 5 | 5 ± 6 | 30 ± 18 | 28 ± 19 | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 45.9 | 12 ± 16 | 22 ± 11 | 22 ± 11 | 52 ± 18 | 50 ± 7 | 42 ± 11 | 50 ± 13 | 32 ± 11 | 27 ± 5 | 15 ± 8 | 12 ± 15 | 32 ± 11 | 30 ± 18 | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 22.0 | 22 ± 13 | 58 ± 11 | 48 ± 18 | 55 ± 22 | 50 ± 28 | 40 ± 33 | 48 ± 29 | 32 ± 29 | 20 ± 8 | 22 ± 6 | 18 ± 6 | 47 ± 30 | 38 ± 24 | | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 91.8 | 3 ± 4 | 32 ± 11 | 27 ± 9 | 18 ± 6 | 25 ± 3 | 18 ± 16 | 17 ± 4 | 10 ± 7 | 12 ± 15 | 7 ± 5 | 2 ± 3 | 10 ± 13 | 15 ± 12 | | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 45.9 | 22 ± 17 | 28 ± 22 | 53 ± 20 | 45 ± 30 | 45 ± 22 | 25 ± 26 | 22 ± 21 | 23 ± 16 | 18 ± 15 | 17 ± 21 | 10 ± 9 | 27 ± 36 | 28 ± 23 | | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 22.0 | 20 ± 9 | 52 ± 6 | 48 ± 13 | 52 ± 19 | 48 ± 20 | 40 ± 9 | 35 ± 18 | 28 ± 14 | 22 ± 18 | 22 ± 18 | 15 ± 18 | 28 ± 13 | 34 ± 19 | | |
| Konsume | -- | 10 ± 7 | 48 ± 40 | 48 ± 26 | 43 ± 21 | 45 ± 26 | 58 ± 15 | 55 ± 26 | 53 ± 32 | 27 ± 17 | 20 ± 12 | 15 ± 15 | 32 ± 46 | 38 ± 28 | | |
| Larvin 3.2 | 45.9 | 22 ± 17 | 28 ± 14 | 30 ± 14 | 55 ± 20 | 45 ± 26 | 38 ± 30 | 47 ± 36 | 28 ± 20 | 30 ± 25 | 10 ± 9 | 13 ± 9 | 45 ± 30 | 33 ± 24 | | |
| Untreated | -- | 15 ± 11 | 60 ± 31 | 47 ± 24 | 63 ± 18 | 63 ± 14 | 65 ± 31 | 65 ± 27 | 43 ± 21 | 28 ± 20 | 15 ± 6 | 13 ± 9 | 35 ± 35 | 43 ± 28 | | |

¹Applications made 23 Aug, 3 and 13 Sept.

TABLE 8. DAMAGE RATINGS RESULTING FROM FEEDING BY FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF RH-5992 2F WITH OR WITHOUT KONSUME (10% OF TOTAL VOLUME) TO WHORL STAGE CORN.¹

| Treatment | gm Al/ha | $\bar{x} \pm$ SD Damage Rating/Treatment | | | | | | | | | | | Seasonal Average |
|----------------------|-------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | 30 Aug | 2 Sept | 6 Sept | 9 Sept | 13 Sept | 17 Sept | 21 Sept | 23 Sept | 28 Sept | 1 Oct | | |
| RH-5992 2F | 91.8 | 2.0 ± 0.0 | 3.3 ± 0.5 | 2.0 ± 0.8 | 2.3 ± 1.0 | 2.8 ± 1.0 | 2.0 ± 0.8 | 2.0 ± 0.8 | 2.3 ± 1.0 | 1.8 ± 1.0 | 1.3 ± 0.5 | 2.2 ± 0.9 | |
| RH-5992 2F | 45.9 | 2.3 ± 0.5 | 3.0 ± 0.8 | 2.0 ± 0.0 | 2.3 ± 0.5 | 3.3 ± 0.5 | 2.8 ± 1.0 | 2.3 ± 0.5 | 1.5 ± 0.6 | 2.3 ± 1.3 | 1.8 ± 1.0 | 2.3 ± 0.8 | |
| RH-5992 2F | 22.0 | 2.5 ± 0.6 | 3.3 ± 1.3 | 2.5 ± 1.3 | 2.3 ± 1.7 | 3.0 ± 1.4 | 3.0 ± 1.4 | 2.5 ± 1.0 | 2.5 ± 1.3 | 2.5 ± 0.6 | 2.3 ± 0.5 | 2.6 ± 1.1 | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 91.8 | 2.0 ± 0.0 | 2.0 ± 0.0 | 1.5 ± 0.6 | 1.3 ± 0.5 | 1.5 ± 0.6 | 1.8 ± 1.0 | 2.0 ± 1.8 | 1.8 ± 1.5 | 1.3 ± 1.0 | 1.3 ± 1.0 | 1.6 ± 0.9 | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 45.9 | 2.0 ± 0.0 | 2.8 ± 0.5 | 2.0 ± 1.2 | 1.5 ± 1.7 | 2.3 ± 1.3 | 2.8 ± 1.5 | 2.5 ± 1.3 | 2.5 ± 1.7 | 1.8 ± 1.0 | 1.8 ± 0.5 | 2.2 ± 1.1 | |
| RH-5992 2F + Konsume | 22.0 | 2.3 ± 0.5 | 3.3 ± 0.5 | 2.3 ± 0.5 | 2.3 ± 0.5 | 2.8 ± 1.0 | 2.5 ± 1.0 | 2.5 ± 1.3 | 2.5 ± 1.3 | 1.8 ± 1.7 | 2.0 ± 0.8 | 2.4 ± 1.0 | |
| Konsume | -- | 2.5 ± 0.6 | 2.8 ± 1.0 | 2.3 ± 1.0 | 3.3 ± 1.0 | 3.0 ± 1.4 | 3.3 ± 1.5 | 2.8 ± 1.3 | 2.8 ± 1.3 | 2.5 ± 1.7 | 2.3 ± 1.0 | 2.7 ± 1.1 | |
| Larvin 3.2 | 45.9 | 2.0 ± 0.0 | 3.3 ± 1.0 | 2.0 ± 0.8 | 2.3 ± 1.0 | 3.0 ± 1.2 | 3.0 ± 0.8 | 2.3 ± 1.5 | 1.5 ± 1.0 | 2.5 ± 1.0 | 1.5 ± 0.6 | 2.4 ± 1.0 | |
| Untreated | -- | 2.5 ± 0.6 | 3.5 ± 0.6 | 2.5 ± 0.6 | 3.3 ± 1.1 | 3.8 ± 0.5 | 3.5 ± 0.6 | 3.3 ± 1.5 | 2.8 ± 0.5 | 2.5 ± 1.3 | 2.0 ± 0.0 | 3.0 ± 0.9 | |

¹Applications made 23 Aug, 3 and 13 Sept.

TABLE 9. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE FOR PERCENTAGE OF PLANTS DAMAGED BY FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE, ORTHOGONAL CONTRASTS.

| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Model | 143 | 148613.169 | 1039.253 | 3.58 | 0.0001 |
| Error | 288 | 83671.605 | 290.526 | | |
| Corrected Total | 431 | 232284.774 | | | |
| Type II | | | | | |
| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Date | 11 | 65647.737 | 5967.976 | 20.54 | 0.0001 |
| Rep (Date) | 36 | 35683.951 | 991.221 | 3.41 | 0.0001 |
| 1) RH-5992-Linear | 1 | 2467.130 | 2467.130 | 8.49 | 0.0038 |
| 2) RH-5992-Quad. | 1 | 259.414 | 259.414 | 0.89 | 0.3455 |
| 3) RH-5992 + Konsume-Linear | 1 | 8816.667 | 8816.667 | 30.35 | 0.0001 |
| 4) RH-5992 + Konsume-Quad. | 1 | 326.543 | 326.543 | 1.12 | 0.2900 |
| 5) RH-5992 vs. RH-5992 + Konsume | 1 | 3200.000 | 3200.000 | 11.01 | 0.0010 |
| 6) Konsume vs. Untreated | 1 | 6373.663 | 6373.663 | 21.94 | 0.0001 |
| 7) RH-5992 vs. Larvin | 1 | 28.408 | 28.408 | 0.10 | 0.7547 |
| 8) RH-5992 vs. Konsume | 1 | 8779.020 | 8779.020 | 30.22 | 0.0001 |
| 1) Interacted with Date | 11 | 793.981 | 72.180 | 0.25 | 0.9935 |
| 2) Interacted with Date | 11 | 3101.698 | 281.973 | 0.97 | 0.4734 |
| 3) Interacted with Date | 11 | 750.000 | 68.182 | 0.23 | 0.9949 |
| 4) Interacted with Date | 11 | 1899.383 | 172.671 | 0.59 | 0.8331 |
| 5) Interacted with Date | 11 | 4729.630 | 429.966 | 1.48 | 0.1381 |
| 6) Interacted with Date | 11 | 4102.263 | 372.933 | 1.28 | 0.2331 |
| 7) Interacted with Date | 11 | 2743.351 | 249.396 | 0.86 | 0.5818 |
| 8) Interacted with Date | 11 | 6784.208 | 616.746 | 2.12 | 0.0189 |

TABLE 10. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE FOR DAMAGE RATINGS RESULTING FROM FEEDING BY FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE, ORTHOGONAL CONTRASTS.

| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Model | 119 | 214.822 | 1.805 | 2.54 | 0.0001 |
| Error | 240 | 170.778 | 0.712 | | |
| Corrected Total | 359 | 385.600 | | | |

TABLE 10. (CONTINUED) ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE FOR DAMAGE RATINGS RESULTING FROM FEEDING BY FALL ARMYWORM LARVAE, ORTHOGONAL CONTRASTS.

| | Type II | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Date | 9 | 45.656 | 5.073 | 7.13 | 0.0001 |
| Rep (Date) | 30 | 95.722 | 3.191 | 4.48 | 0.0001 |
| 1) RH-5992-Linear | 1 | 4.513 | 4.513 | 6.34 | 0.0124 |
| 2) RH-5992-Quad. | 1 | 0.104 | 0.104 | 0.15 | 0.7023 |
| 3) RH-5992 + Konsume-Linear | 1 | 12.013 | 12.013 | 16.88 | 0.0001 |
| 4) RH-5992 + Konsume-Quad. | 1 | 0.704 | 0.704 | 0.99 | 0.3208 |
| 5) RH-5992 vs. RH-5992 + Konsume | 1 | 5.400 | 5.400 | 7.59 | 0.0063 |
| 6) Konsume vs. Untreated | 1 | 15.313 | 15.313 | 21.52 | 0.0001 |
| 7) RH-5992 vs. Larvin | 1 | 0.078 | 0.078 | 0.11 | 0.7407 |
| 8) RH-5992 vs. Konsume | 1 | 22.802 | 22.802 | 32.04 | 0.0001 |
| 1) Interacted with Date | 9 | 2.363 | 0.263 | 0.37 | 0.9490 |
| 2) Interacted with Date | 9 | 2.854 | 0.317 | 0.45 | 0.9091 |
| 3) Interacted with Date | 9 | 1.863 | 0.207 | 0.29 | 0.9768 |
| 4) Interacted with Date | 9 | 1.421 | 0.158 | 0.22 | 0.9912 |
| 5) Interacted with Date | 9 | 5.517 | 0.613 | 0.86 | 0.5605 |
| 6) Interacted with Date | 9 | 3.007 | 0.334 | 0.47 | 0.8942 |
| 7) Interacted with Date | 9 | 4.648 | 0.516 | 0.73 | 0.6851 |
| 8) Interacted with Date | 9 | 5.375 | 0.597 | 0.84 | 0.5806 |

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