Insects 2021

Drought, temperature and some new worries

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The fungus among us

 Many insect populations in MN partly regulated by entomopathogenic fungi (infect and kill insects)

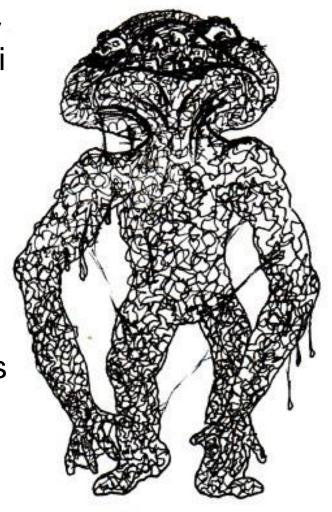
Younger insects most susceptible

 BUT fungi need right weather conditions (cool & wet)

 Hot, dry springs/summers favor development of insect populations; no fungi, less early season control, better establishment and growth of insect populations

Aphids, grasshoppers, several others

 Without early mortality (mostly from entomopathogenic fungi) these species will expand







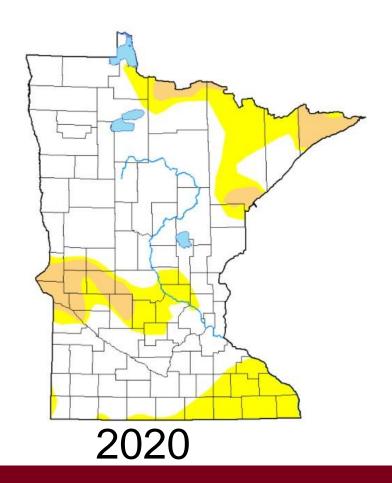


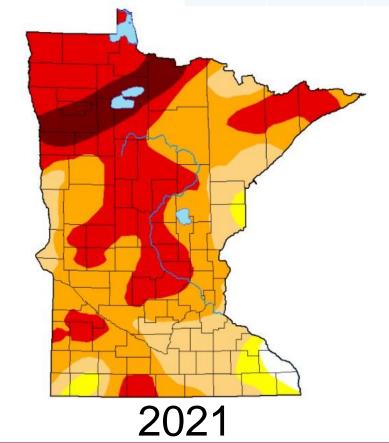
Drought Classification

None
D0 (Abnormally Dry)
D1 (Moderate Drought)
D2 (Severe Drought)



June	Avg Temp	Avg Max Temp
2020	67.9	80.1
2021	69.3	90.1





Temp is in the driver seat

- Insects are cold-blooded, so all physiological processes dependent on ambient temp, so affects generation time & population growth in insects
 - Higher temp = faster digestion = more feeding
 faster growth & maturity = earlier mating =
 more offspring through the same year

Regulation

- EPA is revoking all tolerances for chlorpyrifos
- This action stops the use of chlorpyrifos on all food and feed, taking effect Feb. 28, 2022
 - Do not use chlorpyrifos containing products for crop pests
- Non-agricultural uses are unaffected
- Disposal options: See MDA's Waste Pesticide Collection Program

Soybean aphid



Damage boundary

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Plant Health Review

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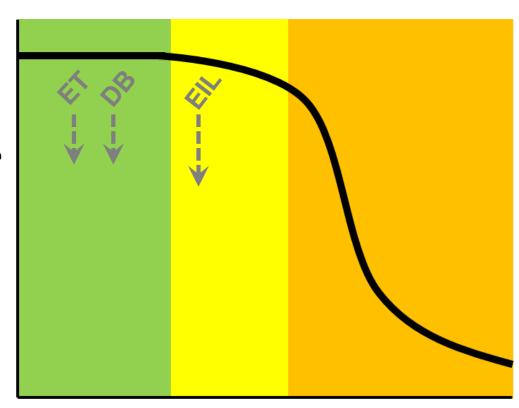
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FIGURE 1 Soybean aphic colony on soybean (photo by A. Varonhorst)

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maximum yield



Pest pressure

Deciding when to spray

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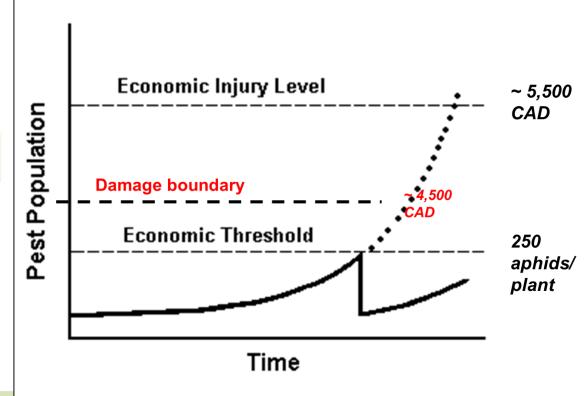
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Foliar insecticides for soybean aphid

Group 1 AChE inhibitors Group 3 Na channel modulators		Group 4 nAChR modulator			
1A methomyl	3A alpha-cypermethrin	4A acetamiprid			
	beta-cyflufthrin	chlothianadin			
1B acephate	bifenthrin	imidacloprid			
chlorpyrifos	cyfluthrin	thiamethoxa Transform			
dimethoate	deltamethrin	4C sulfoxaflor			
	esfenvalerate	4D flupyradifurone			
	gamma-cyhalothrin	Sivanto			
	lambda-cyhalothrin	Group 9			
	permethrin	Chordotonal organ modulator			
	zeta-cypermethrin	9D afidopyropen			
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Caterpillars

- Defoliators
 - Thistle Caterpillar
 - -Green Cloverworm
 - Soybean looper





Management of defoliators

- Consider all defoliators
- Estimate % defoliation over entire canopy
 - Multiple locations in field
 - Top, middle & bottom leaves
- Threshold
 - 30% pre-bloom
 - 20% bloom to pod fill
 - Pest/s still present



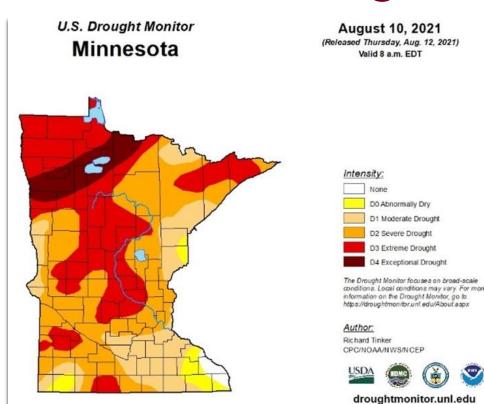
Twospotted spider mites





Outbreaks associated with drought

- Accelerates
 movement to soybean
 from perennial
 vegetation
- Improves food quality of soybean (for mites)
- Increases mite reproduction
- Suppresses a fungus that attacks mites



Miticides for soybean

Group	Active	Product	Stages
-1B	Chlorpyrifos	Lorsban, etc.	Adults & Immatures
1B	Dimethoate	Dimethoate, etc.	Adults & Immatures
3A	Bifenthrin	Bifenture, Brigade, Tundra, etc.	Adults & Immatures
6	Abamectin	Agri-Mek	Eggs
10B	Etoxazol	Zeal	Eggs & Immatures

Aphids in small grains

- Generally, aphid thresholds in wheat are ~12-15 aphids/head until after heading (prior to heading, yield loss occurs ~300 CAD)
- As the grain matures, the plant becomes less suitable as a host and less susceptible to damage, nutrients are shuttled from stems and leaves to the heads, and the number of CAD required to cause yield los increases significantly

Aphids in small grains

- High temperatures have been shown to impact yield in small grains
 - Increase in maturation rate, decrease grain size
 - Can decrease natural enemies but increase pest numbers
- In 2021 late season English grain aphid
 - EGA reproduction increases on ear with grain stage until late milk when reproduction drops and mortality increases



Aphid thresholds in small grains

Greatest risk of loss is from vegetative through heading, economic loss can occur up to early dough, but after this, loss is unlikely. Yield loss in small grains occurs @ 300 CAD.

Stage	Threshold
Vegetative thru head emergence	4 / stem
Complete heading thru end of anthesis	4-7 aphids / stem
End of anthesis thru medium milk	8-12 aphids / stem
Medium milk thru early dough	>12 aphids / stem

From recent work from Dr. Jan Knodel's work @ NDSU – expands on original threshold and provides more detail through the plant's developmental cycle

Foliar insecticides for wheat

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Group	Active	Product (examples)*	Insects				
1B - Organochlorines	Dimethoate	Dimethoate, etc.	Aphids, grasshoppers				
Group 2A – Organophosphates	Malathion	Malathion5, Chminova 57EC, Fyfanon ULV AG	Aphids, armyworms, cereal leaf beetle, grasshoppers, Hessian fly, wheat midge				
3A – Synthetic Pyrethroids	Alpha (& Zeta)- Cypermethrin, Beta- Cyfluthrin, Bifenthrin,	Fastac, Mustamg Maxx, Baythjroid, Brigade,	Aphids, armyworms, cereal leaf beetles, cutworms, grasshoppers, Hessian fly, wheat midge, wheat stem maggot				
Group 4C - Sulfoxamines	Sulfoxaflor	Transform	Aphids				
Group 4D - Butenolides	flupyradifurone	Sivanto	Aphids				
Group 5 - Spinosyns	Spinetoram, Spinosad	Radiant, Blackhawk, Entrust					
Group 28 – Anthranilic Diamides	Chloantraniliprole	Prevathon	Armyworms, grasshoppers				

^{*} Examples only, not a specific recommendation over other products with the same active ingredient









Twostriped grasshopper Melanoplus bivitattus (Say)

- Adults large size (1 1/4 to 2-inch-long)
- Tall and lush grasses and forbs
- Mixed diet with grasses and cereals but forbs improve nymph nutrition
- Eggs concentrated in roadsides and crop borders
- Can migrate
- Early hatching species (warm rains)



Migratory grasshopper Melanoplus sanguinipes (Fabricus)

- Adults medium sized (~ 1 inch long)
- · Grasslands, small grains, alfalfa
- Mixed diet with preference or forbs
- Capable of very rapid population increases
- · Adults (sometimes nymphs) can migrate
- Can be one of the first species to increase during outbreak



Clearwinged grasshopper Camnula pellucida (Scudder)

- Adults are medium sized (~ ¾ inch long)
- Grasslands
- Diet is mainly grasses
- Can migrate
- Adults aggregate on egg beds



Redlegged grasshopper Melanoplus femurrubrum (DeGeer)

- Adults are medium sized (3/4 to 1 inch long)
- Tall vegetation, moist weedy areas
- Forbs and some grasses
- Strong fliers ~40 feet but short distance dispersal
- Very widely distributed
- Will lay eggs in alfalfa



Differential grasshopper Melanoplus differentialis (Thomas)

- Adults are large sized (1 ½ to 2 inch long)
- Tall herbaceous vegetation in wet areas -> roadsides and crop borders
- Mixed diet of mainly forbs for nymphs
- Short distance dispersal toward food
- Adults often found in corn
- Eggs laid beneath sod or dense vegetation (often in soybean)
- A late hatching species



Scouting and thresholds

Action thresholds for grasshoppers

	Nympł	ns/yd²	Adults/yd ²			
Rating	Margin Field		Margin	Field		
Light	25-35	15-25	10-20	3-7		
Threatening	50-75	30-45	21-40	8-14		
Severe	100-150	60-90	41-80	15-28		
Very Severe	200+	120+	80+	29+		

- Grasshopper populations and thresholds based on numbers per square yard
- Estimate numbers emerging in 20 x 1 sq. ft. areas
- Calculate average and multiply by 9 to obtain number/square yard
- Alternative: Four 180-degree sweeps with a 15-inch sweep net ~ 1 yd²
- Treat at threatening level

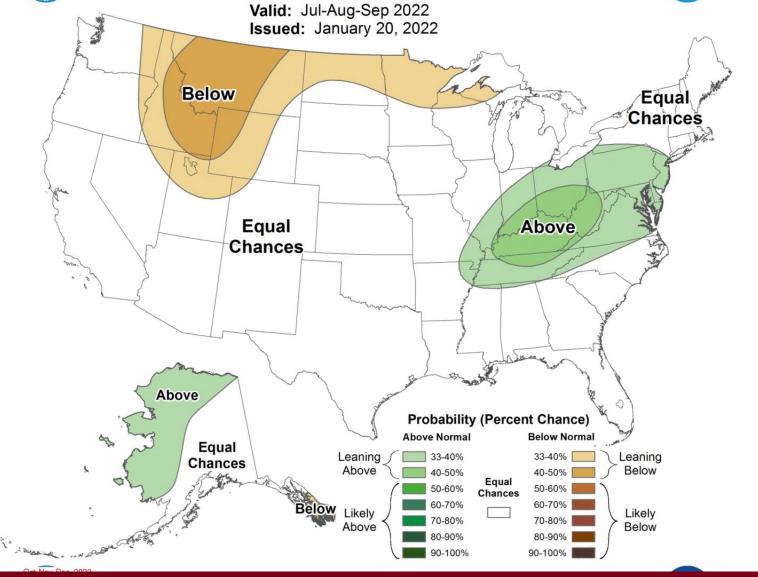
Management tips

- Treat crop borders and "grasshopper production" areas if nymph numbers high early.
- As nymphs are larger enlarge treatment areas within cropping systems
- When nymph numbers are severe treat to prevent them from entering crops.



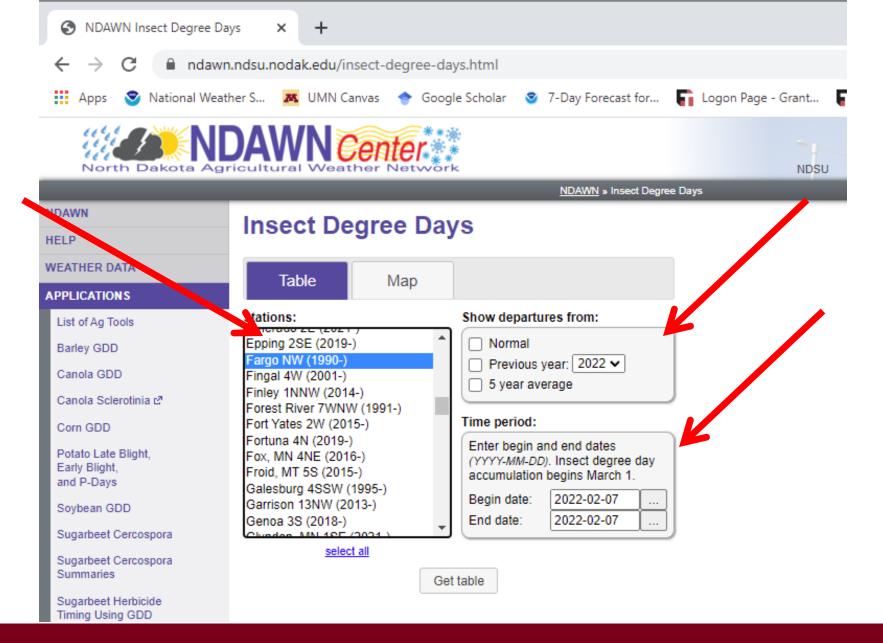
Seasonal Precipitation Outlook





Prediction tools – it's all about the heat

- DAWN Insect Degree Day Calculator
 - https://ndawn.ndsu.nodak.edu/insectdegree-days.html
- VegEdge Insect Growing Degree Day maps
 - Brown Maramorated Stink Bug, Cabbage Maggot, European CornBorer (Bivoltine & Univoltine), Japanese Beetle, Seed Corn Maggot



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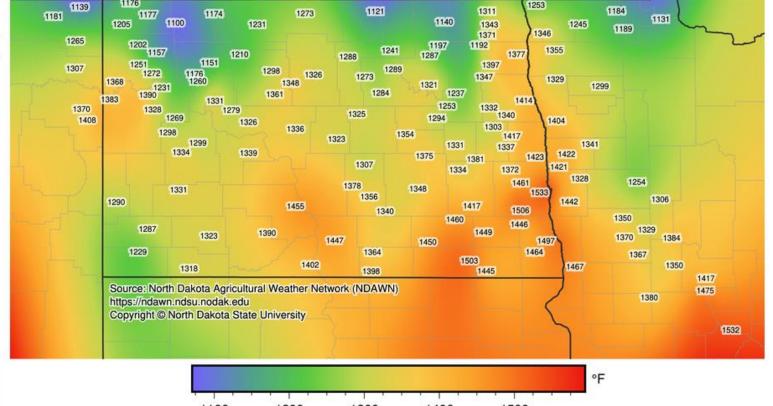
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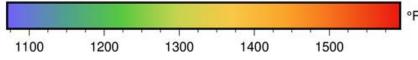
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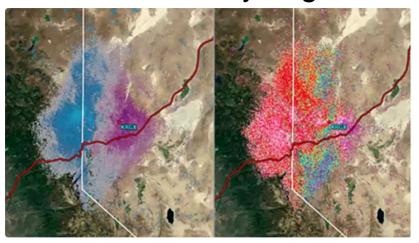
Prediction tools – this subject blows!

- HYSPLIT (HYbrid Single Particle Langrangian Integrated Trajectory model)
 - Wind model from NOAA & Australian Atmospheric Association
 - Developed to track particle being moved by wind
 - At any wind > flight speed of an insect, the insect stops being a pilot and becomes a passenger (basically, an airborne particle)
- https://www.ready.noaa.gov/HYSPLIT.php

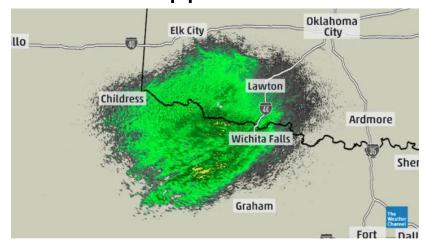
NWS radar detects insect flight

NWS weather radar (any color Doppler radar) picks up insect flight. Technique has been used to monitor flights of cutworms, etc..

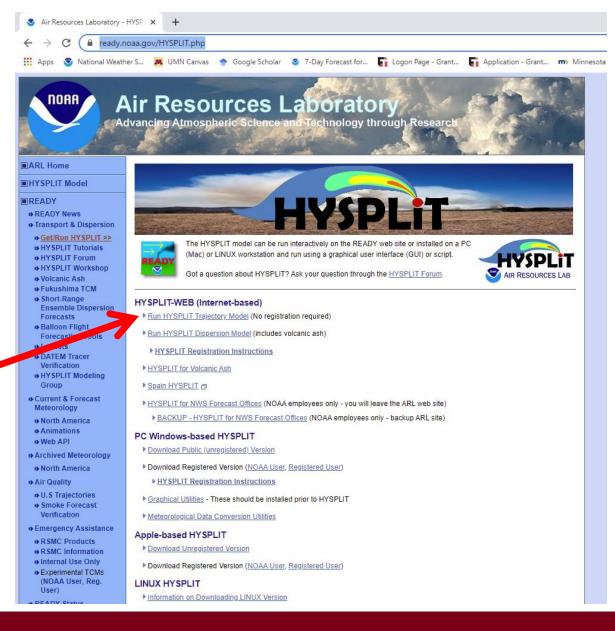
Monarch butterfly migration



Grasshoppers & beetles



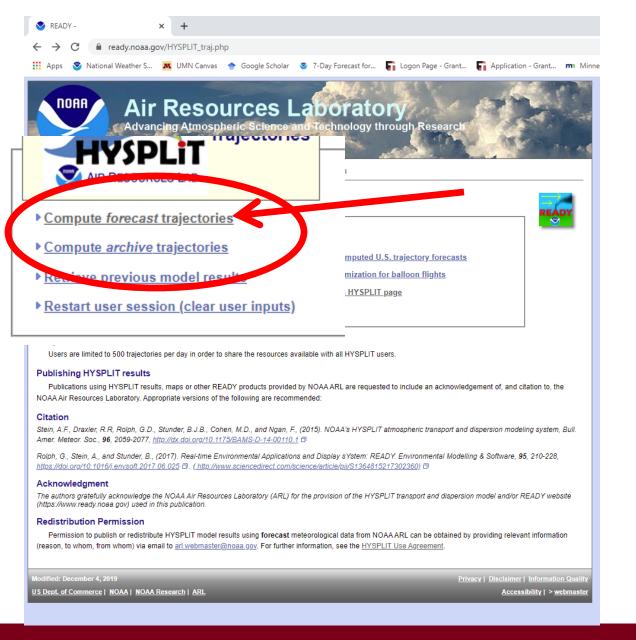
HYSPLIT on the web





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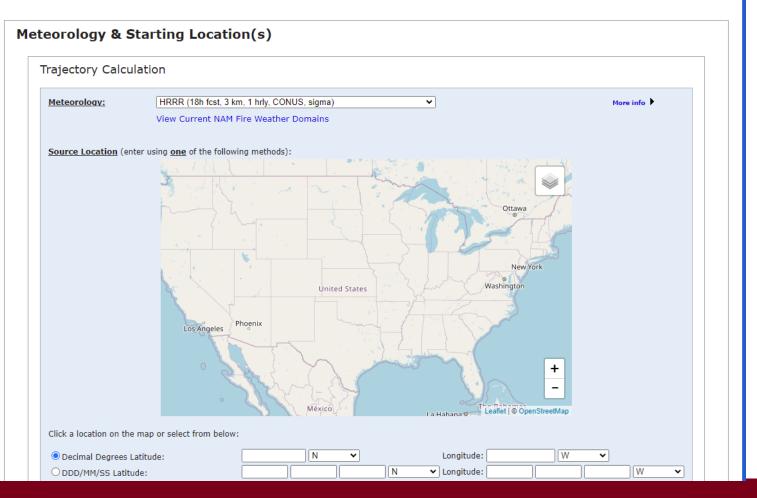


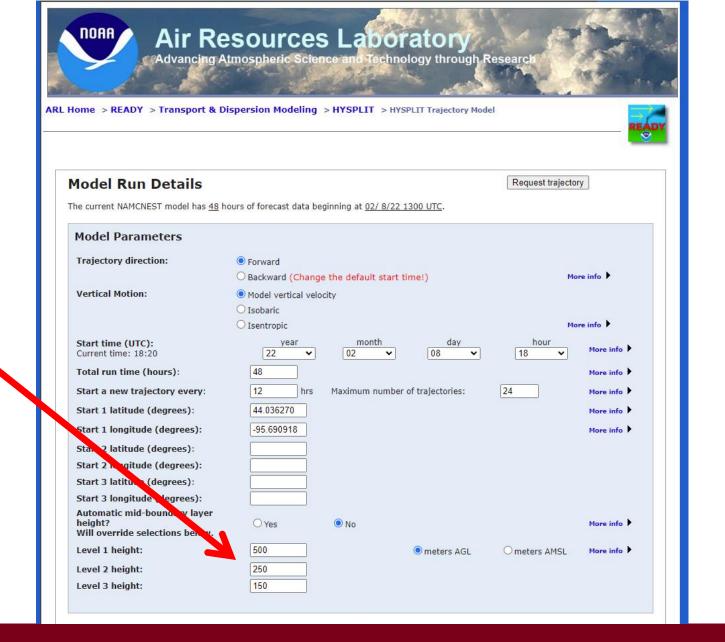
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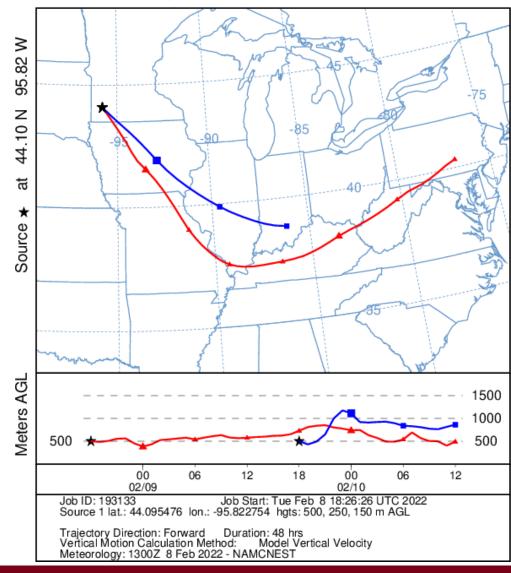




Winds from the west – obviously not bringing anything here.

Note lower level winds stop early (ground termination). Those winds, or anything terminating in a rain storm, can bring insects into an area.

NOAA HYSPLIT MODEL Forward trajectories starting at 1800 UTC 08 Feb 22 12 UTC 08 Feb NAMS Forecast Initialization





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Questions??

He's got a question!

