

MOTH TRAP CATCH UPDATE 4TH WEEK OF AUGUST 2016 COMMENTARY

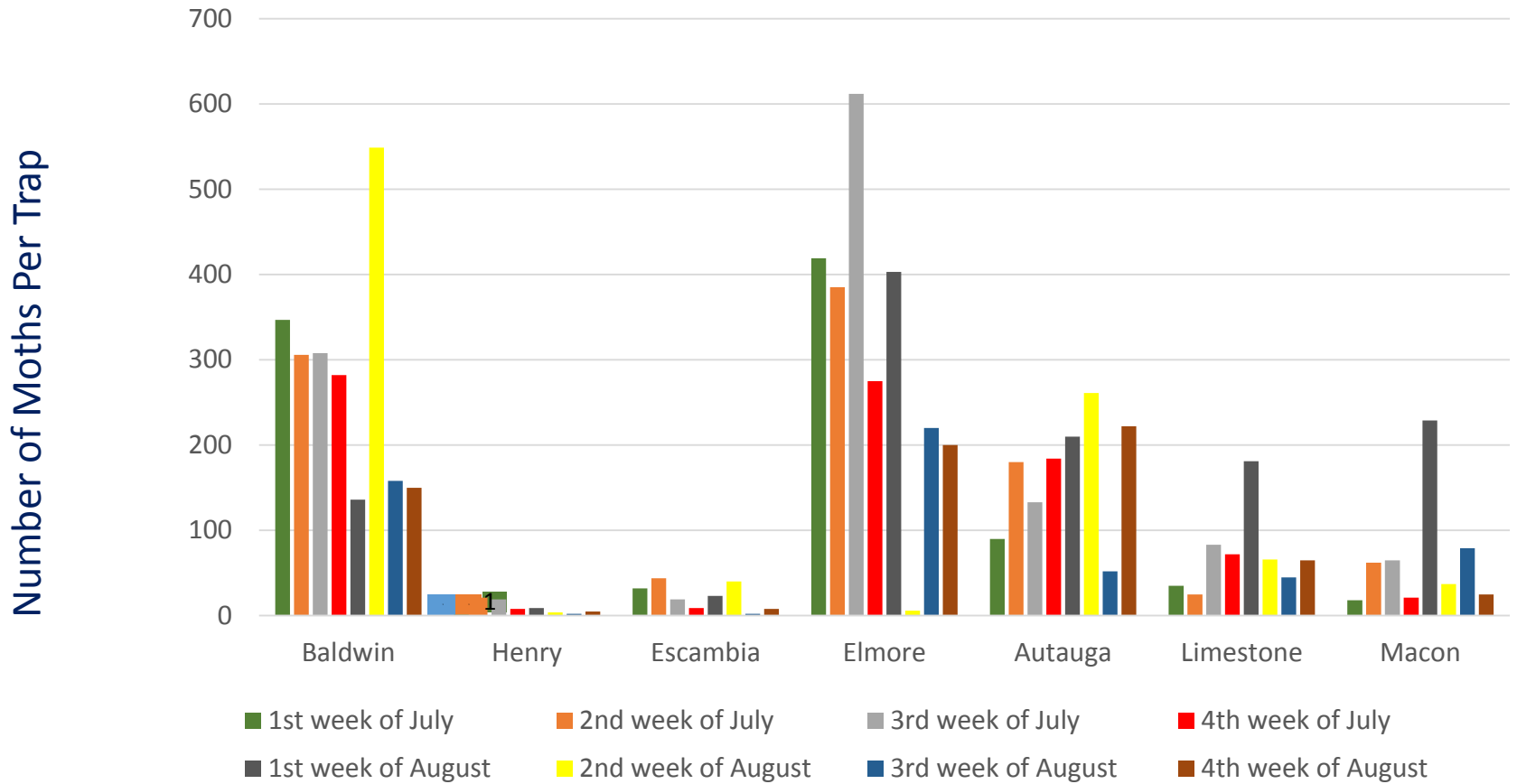
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Numbers of Cotton Bollworm (CBW) moths trapped at the Baldwin, Elmore and Autauga county sites remained significant. There have not been many reports of CBW-infested fields requiring treatment but trap catch numbers in central and SW AL indicate the possibility of infestations in double-cropped soybeans. The Tobacco Budworm (TBW) moth trap catch saw a moderate decline in Baldwin and Henry counties, but numbers were similar to the 3rd week of August at the other 4 TBW trapping sites. The only sites to capture more than 50 TBW moths during the 4th week of August were Baldwin and Limestone counties.

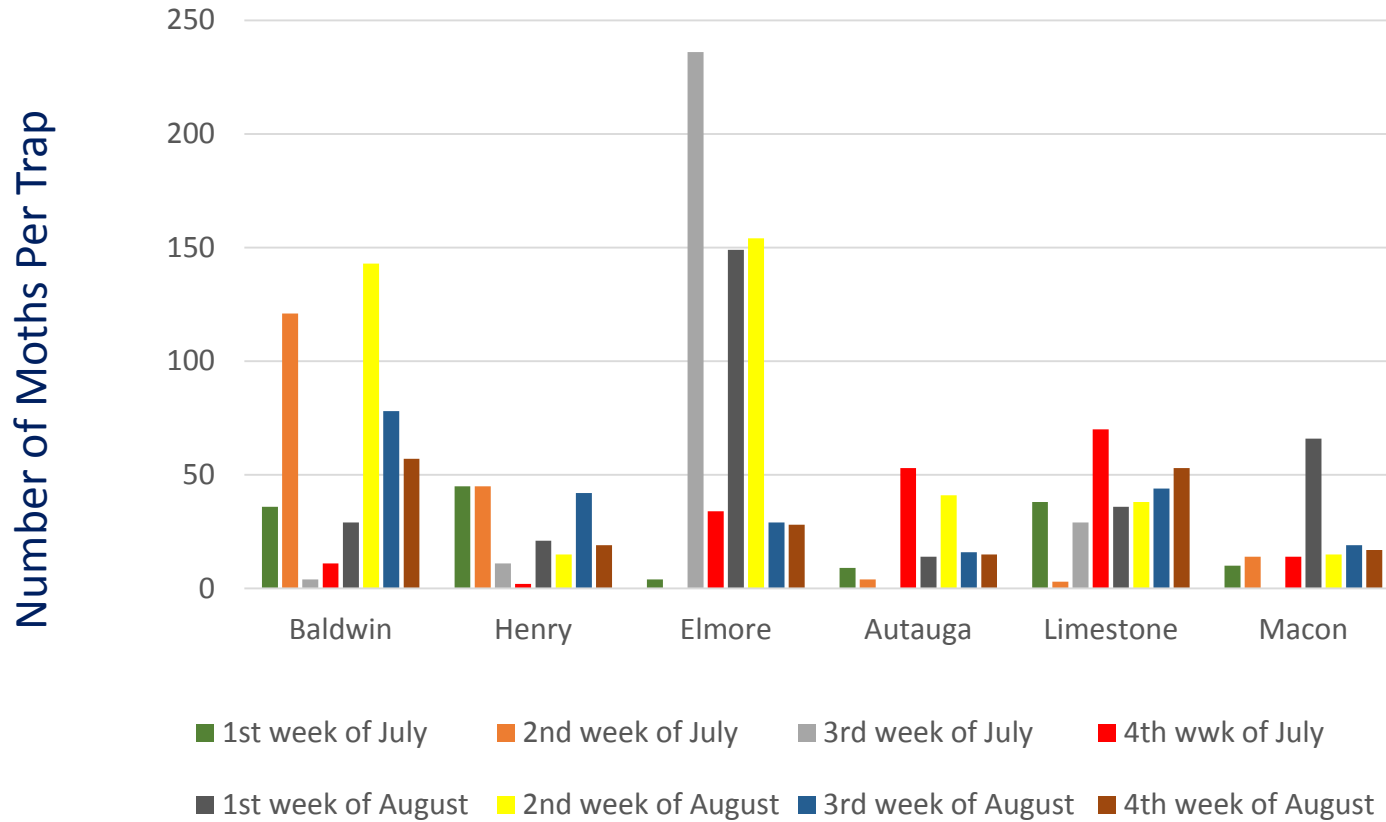
There was an increase in the number of of Soybean Looper (SBL) moths collected at all 5 trapping sites from the 3rd to the 4th week of August with the largest increases occurring in Elmore, Autauga, and Limestone counties. The number of SBL moths at the Autauga county site (Prattville Research Station) was extremely high during the 4th week of August. Numbers of SBL moths trapped at the Prattville station have exceeded 600 per week for the last 3 weeks of August but no soybean plots at the station have more than 10% defoliation and numbers of looper larvae in plots remain low. However the number of small SBL larvae in some plots at Prattville have increased during the first week of September. Looking at the trap at Prattville today (9/08/2016) the SBL trap catch will be very high again for the first week of September at the Prattville Station. The high to extremely high number of SBL moths being trapped across the state indicate that looper infestations in double-cropped soybeans are still possible. Small Velvetbean caterpillar (VBC) larvae were present in plots at the Fairhope Station in Baldwin county today in late-planted soybeans. Growers/crop advisors should continue to check double-cropped soybeans closely for leaf and pod-feeding caterpillars to insure that worms do not reduce yield.

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Cotton Bollworm Moths per Trap by Location, 2016



Tobacco Budworm Moths per Trap by Location, 2016



Soybean Looper Moths per Trap by Location, 2016

