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Studies on the Soybean Cyst Nematode (Heterodera glycines) in China

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ABSTRACT Soybean has been cultivated in China for 5,000 years. The soybean cyst neamtode (SCN), Heterodera glycines, was recognized in Northeastern China in 1899 Currently, it is known to occur in 12 provinces. The biology of SCN was investigated in several provinces. Six races of SCN were identified (race 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7). About 10,000 soybean gemplasm lines were evaluated for their resistance to race 1, 3, 4, and 5 of SCN. At least two black-seeded cultivars are resistant to all four races. Several tolerant soybean cultivars with yellow seed coat were released and are in production. Additional resistant cultivars are being developed Nematicides were not applied in production. Potential biocontrol agents and related aspects are being investigated.

KEY WORDS Soybean, cyst nematode, Heterodera glycines

About 5,000 years ago, it was said, soybean had been domesticated and planted by farmers in China. The word "Soy" could be originally from the Chinese word pronounced "SOU", but now pronounced "SHU". Subsequently, soybean was introduced into other Asian countries and continents. No one knows, however, when soybean cyst nematode (SCN) was first discovered in China. According to some notes and reports, this nematode was investigated for the first time by A. L. Jaczevski et al., Russian workers in Northeastern China in 1899 (Tai et al. 1958). There is the possibility that evolution could be parallel in the soybean cyst nematode with soybean. In the 1930's the nematode only occurred in a few places; but in the 1940's, it was spread over Northeast China (Liu et al. 1987), now it is present in Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Neimenggu, Beijing, Hebei, Henan, Shandong, Shanxi, Anhui, Jiangshu and Shaanxi provinces (Chen & Li 1981, Wang 1981, Li et al. 1986, Zhang 1986, Gu 1988, Liu 1990, Liu et al. 1987, Liu & Li 1989, Liu & Liu 1989). In other provinces, there were no reports of its occurrence likely because of the lack of extensive sampling.

Many years ago, Chinese farmers know that the rotation of soybean with grain crops could control the soybean cyst nematode. In the 1940's, a local sovbean cultivar "Pinodinoxiano" was selected to be resistant to the nematode (Liu et al. 1987). At present, breeders are developing new resistant soubean cultivars.

INVESTIGATION OF THE RACES OF SOY-BEAN CYST NEMATODE

The biology of SCN was investigated in detail in various conditions of several provinces (Liu & Shang 1981, Wang 1984, Yang 1984, Liu et al. 1985, Yang et al. 1987, Liu 1990. Liu & Zhou 1990, Liu et al. 1993). The nematode can reproduces at 3~4 generations in a growing season in Northeastem China and 5 or 6 generations in Beijing in the (spring) soybean area, and 4 generations in the (summer) soybean area (Chen & Li 1981, Zhou et al. 1984, Liu et al. 1985, Zhang 1986).

Investigation of the races of SCN in China was begun in Shenyang Agricultural University, by using the methods and the host differentials described by

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Table 1. Distribution of the races of soybean cyst

Races Provinces of distribution

- 1 Liaoning, Jılın, Shandong
- 2 Shandong
- 3 Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Neimenggu
- 4 Shandong, Shanxi, Hebei, Henan, Beijing, Anhui, Jiangsu
- 5 Anhui
- 7 Shandong

A.M. Golden et al., W.Z. Liu et al. (Liu et al. 1984) reported that two races of SCN were identified for the first time in Northeast China in 1984. They are race 1 and 3, race 1 occurred in Liaoning Province and Jilin Province, and race 3 in east Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, and Neimenggu Provinces. Since then, race 2 was found in Shandong Province, race 4 in the Yellow River Valley (Li et al. 1987, Liu & Liu 1989, Shang & Liu 1989, Xing 1989), race 5 in Anhui (Zhang 1986), and race 7 in Shandong Province (Chen et al. 1987) (Table 1). Identification of the races of SCN has promoted the scrrening of resistant sources and breeding new soybean cultivars (Liu 1986, Li et al. 1987, Liu et al. 1987, Ma et al. 1989, Liu et al. 1991. Chang et al. 1993).

SELECTION AND VARIATION OF THE RACES OF SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE ON RESIS-TANT SOYBEAN VARIETIES

Liu et al. (1993, 1994a,b) reported that populations of race 1 and 3 of SCN were selected on 9 soybean lines: Peking, Xiao Li black soybean, Xiao Li Hei, Harbin, Chang Li Hei, Tie Feng 18, Franklin, Fayette and Lee. The first 6 soybean varieties are recognized as Chinese resistant gemplasm. The seedlings were transplanted into the noninfected soil after the nematode penetrated into the soybean roots. In the noninfested soil, surviving nematodes were then inbred $10\sim12$ generations on the original host liness. The variations of the races were identified with the standard differentials of SCN for each population. The results showed that after the selection, the original population of race 1 became the

race 4, 5, 6 and 9 on the Peking, Franklin, Xiao Li, Tie Feng 18 and Fayette, respectively, and that the population of race 3 became race 2, 4, 13 and 14 on Harbin, Tie Feng 18, Chang Li Hei, Franklin and Peking, respectively. The populations reproduced on Lee was still race 3. According to these experiments, the race status of SCN populations should change in response to selection presure for $10\sim12$ generations on the single resistant variety.

SCREENING OF RESISTANT SOURCES

Several province had been screening resistant sources to SCN before the recongnition of the races of SCN, and found some resistant germplasm with black seed coat collected from farmers (Wu et al. 1982, Wu et al. 1984, Zhang et al. 1985), In 1985. Liu & Liu (1985) reported nine soybean cultivars with black seed coat to be resistant to race 3 of SCN In 1987, Liu et al. (1988) present four sovbean cultivars resistant to race 1 and 3 in Liaoning. In 1987, Li et al. (1987) reported 11 soybeans resistant to race 4 in Shanxi Province, From 1986~ 1990, about 10,000 soybean germplasm lines were evaluated for their resistance to race 1, 3, 4 and 5 of SCN by a national cooperative group in six locations. Finally, two black-seeded soybean cultivars (Wuzhai black soubean and Huipizhi black soubean) were found to be resistant to all four races of SCN. More than 100 cultivars are resistant to race 1, 3, 4 or 5 of SCN, respectively (Liu 1986, Li et al. 1987, Liu et al. 1987, Liu & Liu 1989, Chang et al. 1993). Up to now, all the resistant germplasm lines are black seeded.

BREEDING FOR RESISTANCE

Chinese farmers were always selecting soybeans they liked. In the 1940's agronomists invested extensive efforts in looking for resistant soybeans with yellow seed coats from 1,000 cultivars collected from farmers in Northeast China One of them, the cultivar "Pingdingxiang" was considered to be the best (Liu et al. 1987). By the 1970's, nematologists began to select tolerant yellow soybeans from local cultivars and lines. Amoing them, Bainong No. 2

was found to be tolerant by the Baicheng Agricultural Institute in Jilin Province (Zhou & Xu 1984), and Nenfung No. 52 was also selected by Nenjiang Agricultural Institute in Heilongjiang Province (Gu 1986. Li et al. 1986). These two cultivars were released in production. In 1970's, Wu et al. (1989) began to breed new resistant cultivars by crossing the yellow-seeded ones with the black-seeded "Harbin" in Heilongliang Province. They selected 3 lines called "resistant materials". By 1980's, after introduction of resistant soybeans from the USA, the breeding for resistance was intended to use resistant soybeans from abroad as resistant sources on the Fuyu Seed Farm (Hielonhjiang Province) and Shenyang Agricultural University. New resistant lines were forthcoming (Liu 1986). Recently, a new yellow line resistant to race 5 was selected in Anhui Province (Zhang 1986).

NATURE AND INHERITANCE OF RESISTANCE

The nature for resistance to SCN in soybeans was investigated only recently. Development of cyst nematode in roots of soybean cultivars was observed histologically after roots were infested with the race 1 of SCN by Liu et al. (1988) in Shenyang Agricultural University in 1988. They found that development of the nematode was very fast in roots on the susceptible soybeans, and syncytia were observed. With the resistant cultivars Peking and Moushi black soybean, however, the development of the nematode was very slow, and host cells surrounding the lip of the nematode were necrotic They suggested that this (hypersensitive reaction) may be a resistant mechanesm. In 1994, Hong et al., reported that there were no relation in SCN juveniles quantitative trends with resistance of soybeans. Syncytia were initiated whether in resistant or susceptible cultivars when SCN 2- stage juvineles penetrated in soubean roots, but development was terminated early and necrosis associated with syncytia disintegrate in resistant cultuvars. 4- stage juvenile numbers in the roots were closely related to the response of resistance in soybeans (Hong et al. 1994).

Recently, inheritance of resistance in soybeans to

SCN was studied. H. Xing (Xing 1989) investigated inheritance of several resistant soybeans against race 1 of SCN in Shandong Province. There were three recessive genes in three soybean lines and two recessive genes with one dominant genes in a resistant soybean cultuvar controlling resistance to race 1 of SCN (Xing 1989), Wang et al. (1990) researched inheritance of sovbeans resistant to race 4 of SCN in Shanxi Province. They found that there were two recessive genes in their resistant soybeans controlling their resistance to race 4 of SCN on the background of their susceptible cultuvars. Liu et al. (1994) studied inheritance of resistance of Chinese black-seeded soybeans to SCN race 3 in Shenyang. They found that resistance of Xiao Li black souhean was conditioned by one dominant and one ressesive gene to Tie Feng 24 cultivar, four dominant genes to Kai Yu 10 cultivar. Resistance of Moshi black soybean was controlled by two ressesive genes to Tie Feng 24. In moderately resistant parent cross combination, Lian Mao Hui black soybean X Tie Feng 18, indicated that there were complementary effect of three loci. Liu et al. (1994) reported that applying procedures of Interorganismal Genetics, resistant genes of Chinese black- seeded soubeans were postulated and grouped with Peking, PI88788 and PI90763 that had known resistant genes, Chang Li black soybean carried the same genes with Peking, Harbin soybean carried the same genes with P190763, Xiao Li black soubean had more genes for resistance to race 14 than PI90763, and Moshi black soybean had less genes for resistance to race 14 than PI88788. Lian Mao Hui black sovbean should only carry genes for resistance to race 3

RELATIONSHIP TO NON-HOST PLANTS

The ranges of host plants of SCN were studeid in some regions during the past decade (Chen & Li 1981, Liu et al. 1987, Liu 1990). Most host plants were in the Leguminoseae C.T. Chen et al. (Chen & Li 1981) found that SCN can parasize the roots of Rehmannia, a medical plant. They observed that juveniles of SCN can penetrate the roots of some non-host plants, but cannot develop into adults Yang et al. (1984) reported that the secre-

tions of roots in some non-host plants, such as corn, sorghum, and cotton, appear likely to inhibit hatching of egg of SCN. Liu & Liu (1990) reported that castor been (Ricinus communis) is not a host of SCN, but its root secretions can stimulate hatching of eggs of SCN. The juveniles also died without a host, and the density of SCN had decreased by the next year. Several nematologists had investigated the population dynamics of SCN in a field under retation systems. Rotation with non-host plants is always a good measure of control (Liu et al. 1983, Zhou 1984, Liu et al. 1985, Liu et al. 1987, Liu & Zhou 1990).

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Many workers have evaluated applications of nematicides to control these nematodes, and suggested several chemicals for practical use (Wang & Liu 1981, Liu et al. 1985, Li et al. 1986, Zhang 1986, Zhou & Xu 1984, Liu et al. 1987, Gu 1988, Liu & Li 1989). Still, farmers were never interested in using them because of the great expense. Recently, some fungi were isolated from diseased cysts of SCN in a few locations. Liu (1990) collected more than 100 isolates of fungi from the eggs of SCN from Shandong and Jiangsu provinces, Fusarium spp. were the predominant species, and others were Culindrocarpon destructans, Currularia sp. and Neocosmospora vasinfecta var. vasinfecta. Liu et al. (1987, 1994) isolated the fungi Cylindrocarpon spp., Glomus spp., Fusarium solani, Paecilomyces lilacinus, Phoma spp., Stagnospora heteroderae and Verticillium chlamydosporium from the cysts of SCN in Heilongjiang, Jilin, Henan and Shanxi provinces. Liu, W.Z. et al., isolated 25 species of fungi from the cysts of eggs of SCN collected from Northern China (Liu, W.Z. et al., unpublished). They are: Ackiliense. Botrvotrichum piluliferum. Chaetomium perlucidum, C. elatum, Cladosporium cladosporiodes, Cunnighamella elegans Lendner, C. echinulata (Thaxt.) Thaxt, Cylindrocarpon destructans, Fusarium aquaeductum, F. equiseti, F. oxysporum, F. solani, Humicola fuscoatra. Mariannaea elegans, Mucor petrisularis, Paecilomyces lilacinus (Thom.) Samaon, P. variotii Bainer, Paraphoma radicina, Scytalydium indonesiacum, Trichoderma sp., Verticillium coccosporum, V. nigrescens. V. lecanii, V. chlamydosporium Goddard var. chlamydosporium Gams, Volutella ciliata, and are being reinoculated onto the cysts in Shenyang Agricultural University to determine their effeciency in controlling the nematode in the field. This endeavor should be exciting during the next few years.

PROSPECTS

Soybean has been planted in various agro-ecological systems of China for 5,000 years. Soybean germplasm is rich in China. However, the races of SCN are complex and variable and the parasites of the nematode are very diverse. The main land of China may be a large pool of soybean germplasm, parasitic genes of the nematode and parasites of the nematode.

Chinese farmers can control the nematode for prolonged periods by rotating soybean cultuvars and rotating soybean with non-host plants, and by spreaing manure favorable to the growth of soybean plants and microorganisms which can parasitize the nematodes in the soil. Scientists are studying all the experiences and practices and are helping farmers to integrate management tactics into a balanced system. The breeders are screening more resistant sources and developing new resistant ultivars. The nematologists will continue to identify new races of SCN, to detect more parasites of the nematode, and to implement more effective control measure to meet the challenge of the future.

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