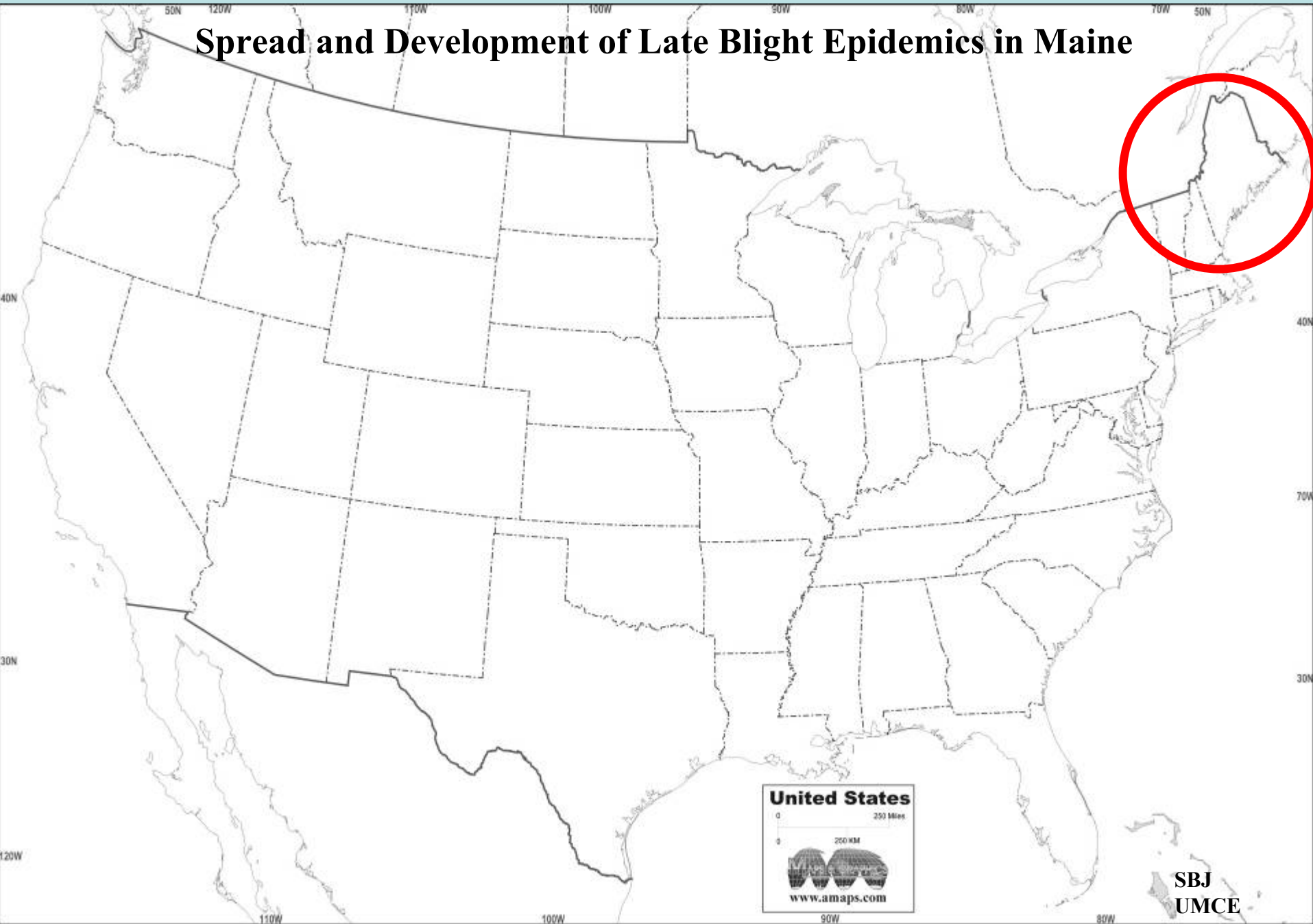


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Prevention

- Seed screening
- Volunteers
- Cull piles

Prediction

- Source size
- Infection conditions
- Wind direction

Tracking

- Recording infection observations

**Key off primary inoculum
size
distribution
Focus on risk**

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Primary source

Known -- not known

Large -- not large

First spread

Early and extensive -- not early and not extensive

Epidemic Spread

Active

Typical

Atypical

Rare

Halted

Host growth

Active

Senescent

Distribution

Accurately known -- not accurately known

Prevention

Prevention

Prediction

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Primary source

Known and not large

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Primary source

Not known and large

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First spread

**Not early
and not extensive**

Prevention



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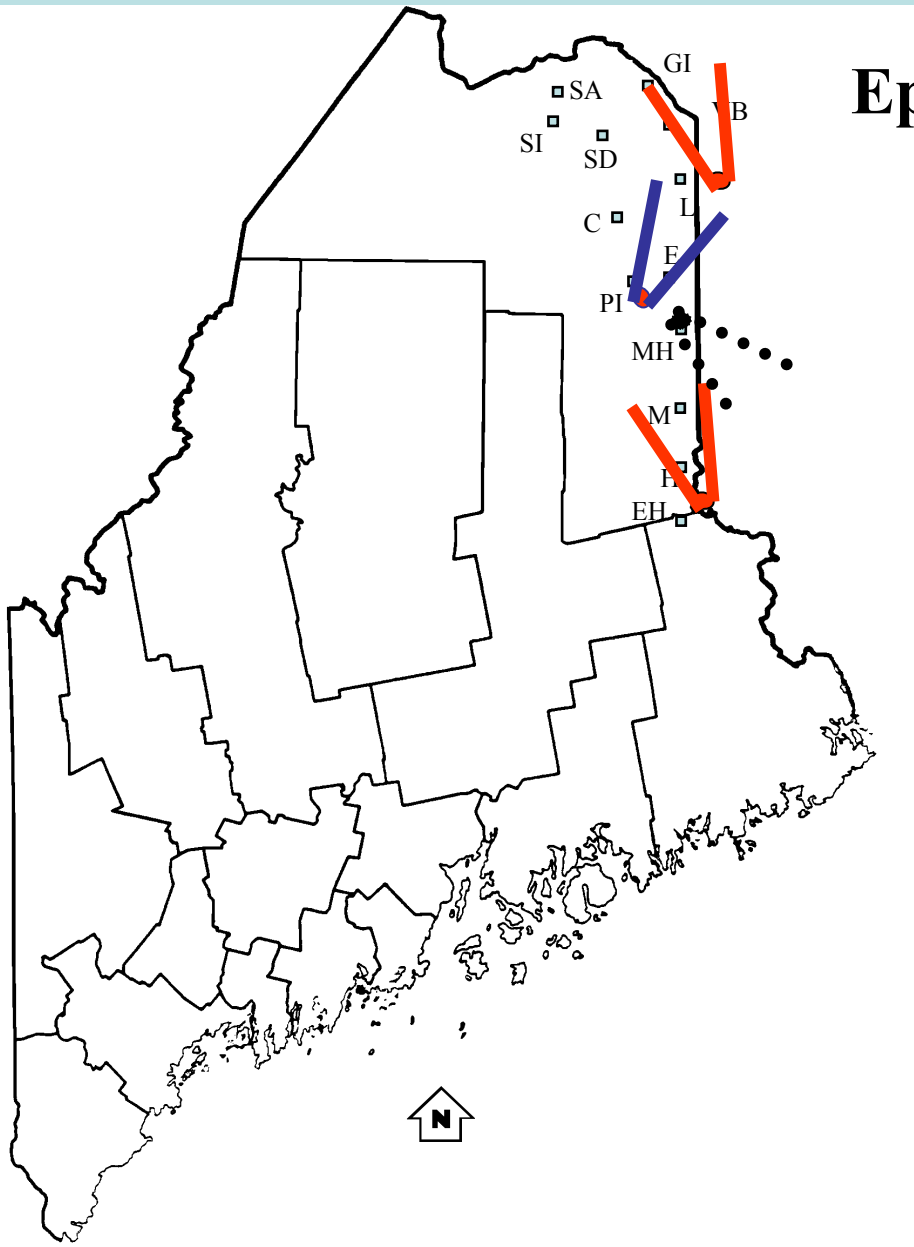
First spread

Early and extensive

Prevention



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Epidemic Spread

Active

Typical

Atypical

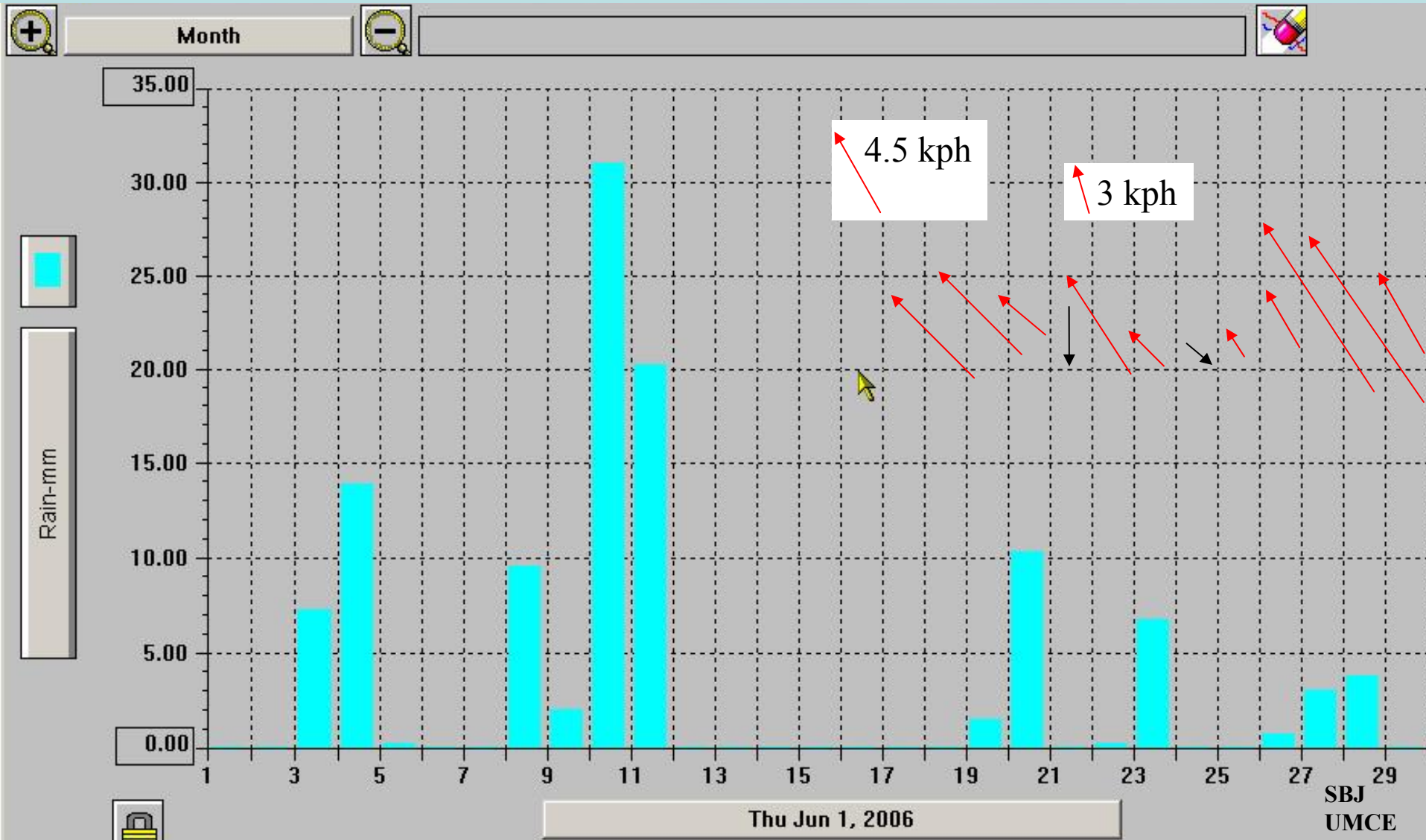
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Halted

Prediction

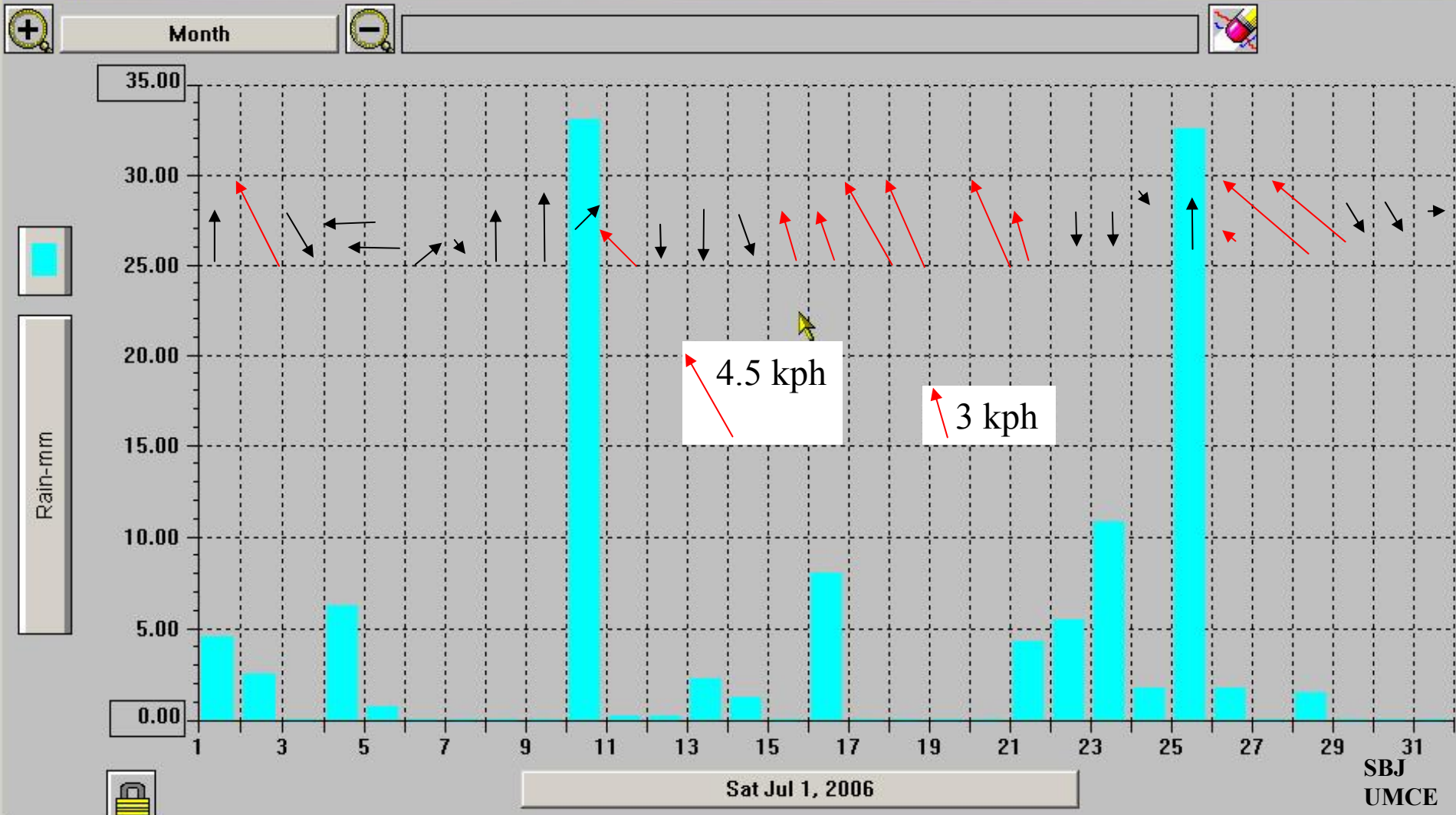
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Epidemic Spread Prediction



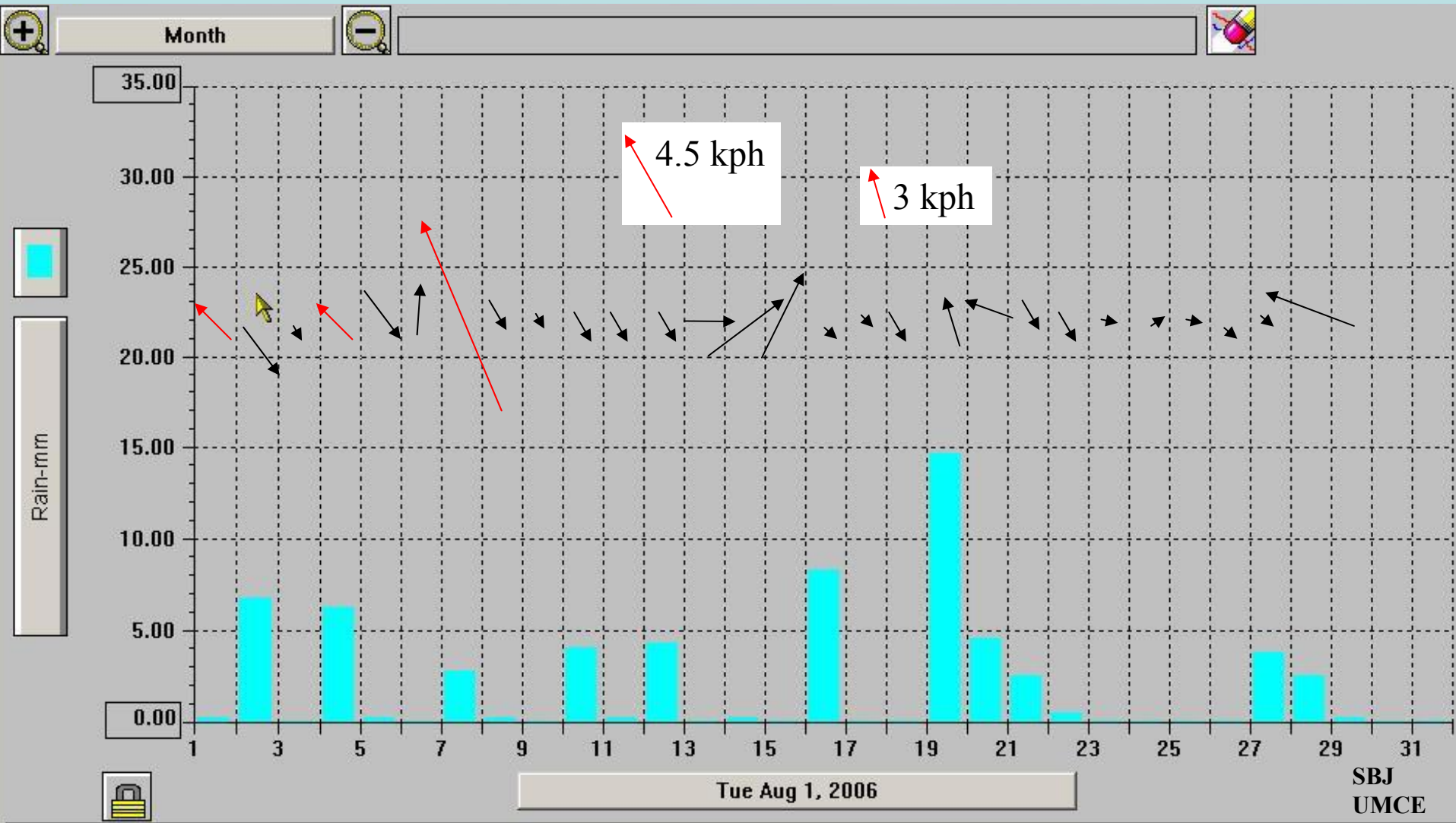
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Epidemic Spread Prediction

Small

Under 9 square meters

Medium

Between 9 and 37
square meters

Large

Between 37 and 900
square meters

Too Big

Over 900 square meters

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Epidemic Spread Prediction

Source Size Factor

Small

-1

Medium

0

Large

area
900

Too Big

+1

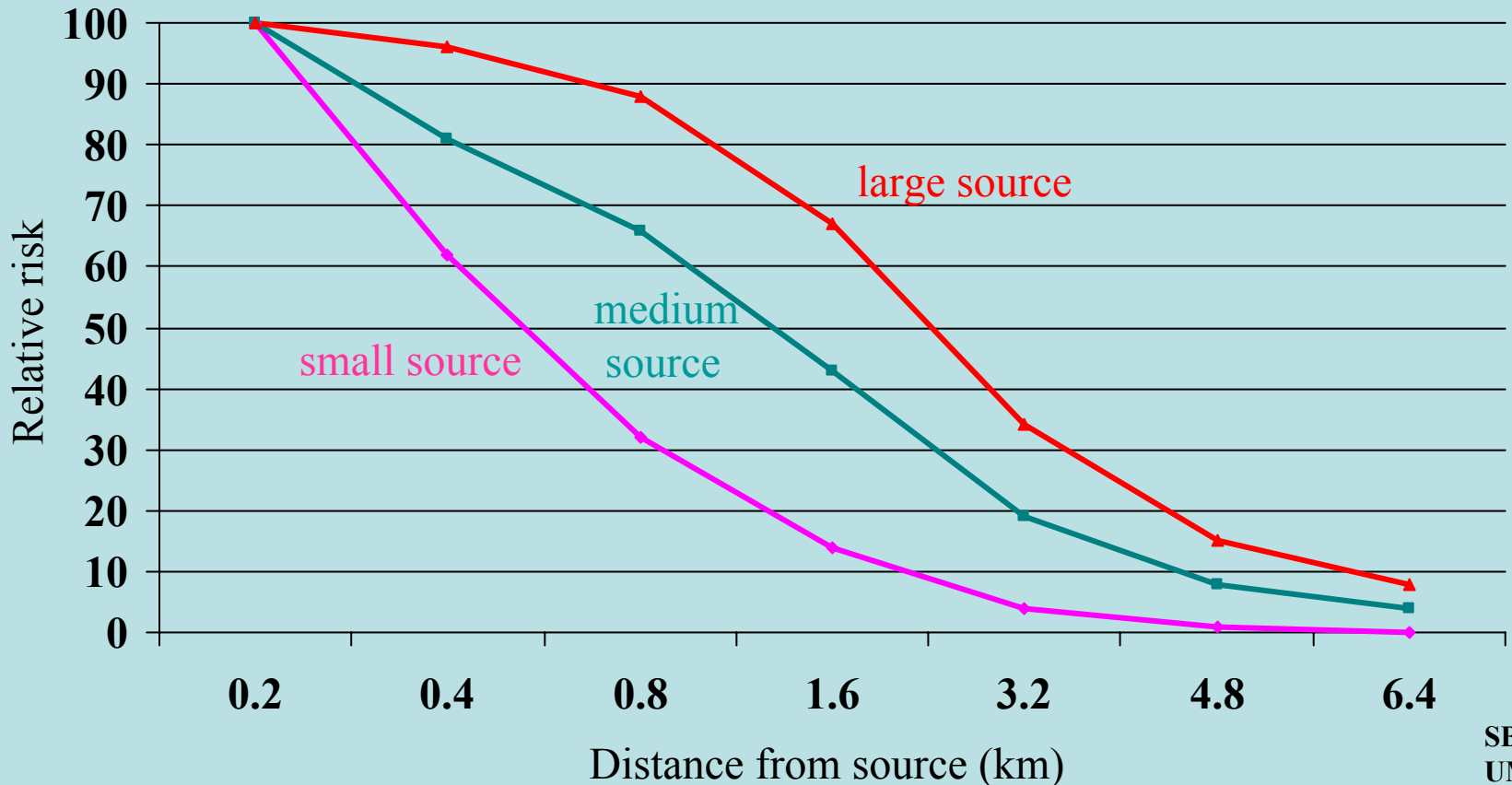
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Epidemic Spread Prediction

Source Size Factor

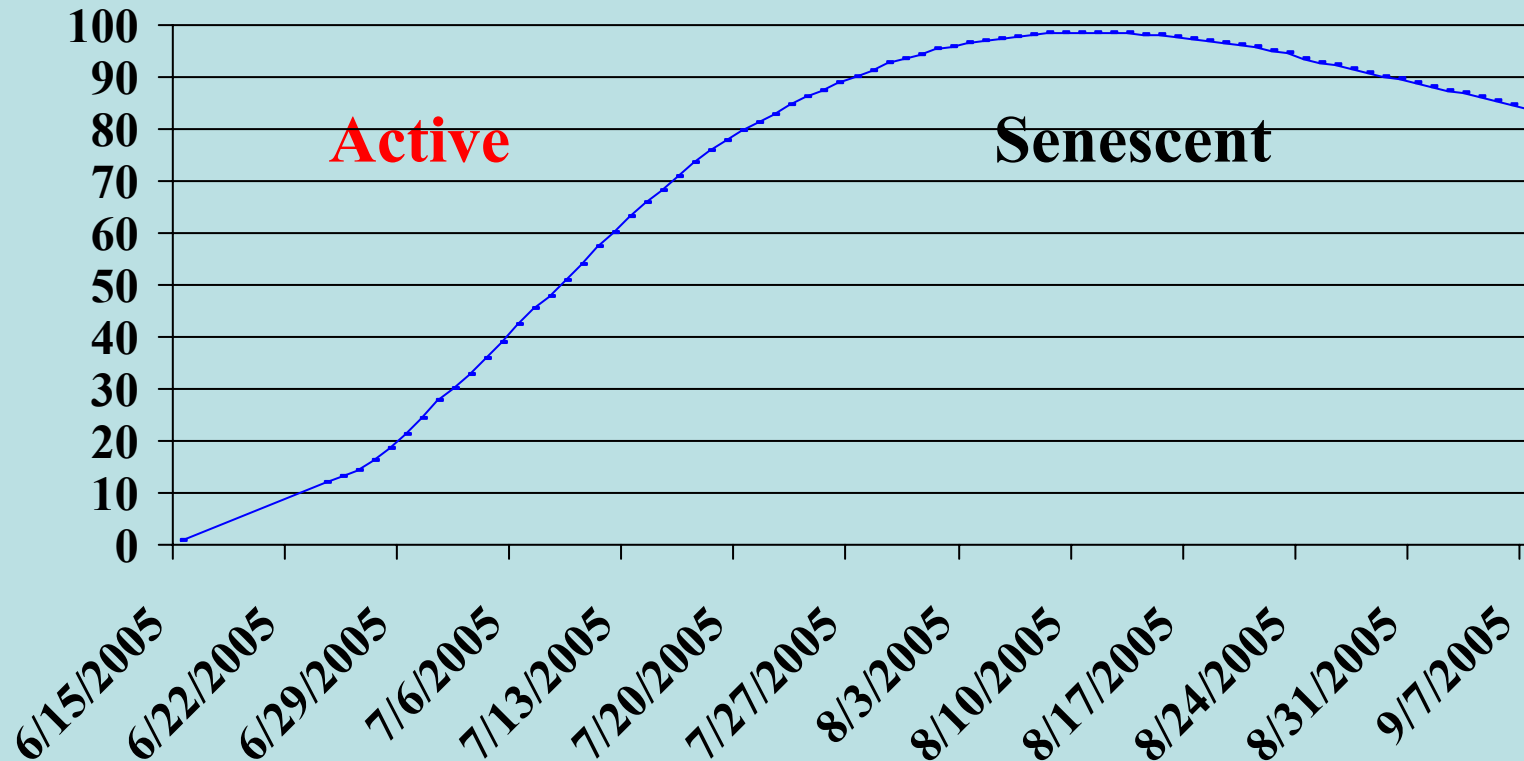
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Host growth

Prediction



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Distribution

Accurately known

-- not accurately known

Tracking



Pulling it together

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01/7 – 15/7

+ 1 each

LB present in Region last season

LB present in Area last season

LB present on Farm last season

18 Severity Values met

Cull piles in area

LB present in Region

LB present in Area

+ 2

LB present in Field

+1 per day per event

Weather forced longer spray interval than recommended

Situation:

DIRE >6

RISKY 4-6

OK ≤ 3

Damage Potential for LB:

Foliage: High

Tuber: Low

Control Target: Rate of Spread

Control Tactic: Coverage of new growth

Control Key: Timing/Rate

**Risk is a function
of primary inoculum,
disease distribution,
secondary spread,
and the effect of
host growth**

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Risk is a function of primary inoculum, disease distribution, secondary spread, and the affect of current host growth

≤ 15/6 – 31/6

01/7– 15/7

16/7 – 15/8

16/8 – 31/8

01/9 – ≥ 15/9

Damage Potential for LB:

Foliage: Extreme

High

Medium

Medium

Low

Tuber: Low

Low

Low

Medium

High

Control Target:

Initial Inoculum

Rate of Spread

Rate of Spread

Rate of Spread/
Maximum Disease

Maximum Disease

Control Tactic:

Coverage of new growth

Coverage of new growth
Replacing Eroded Material

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Protection of Tubers

Protection of Tubers

Control Key:

Timing

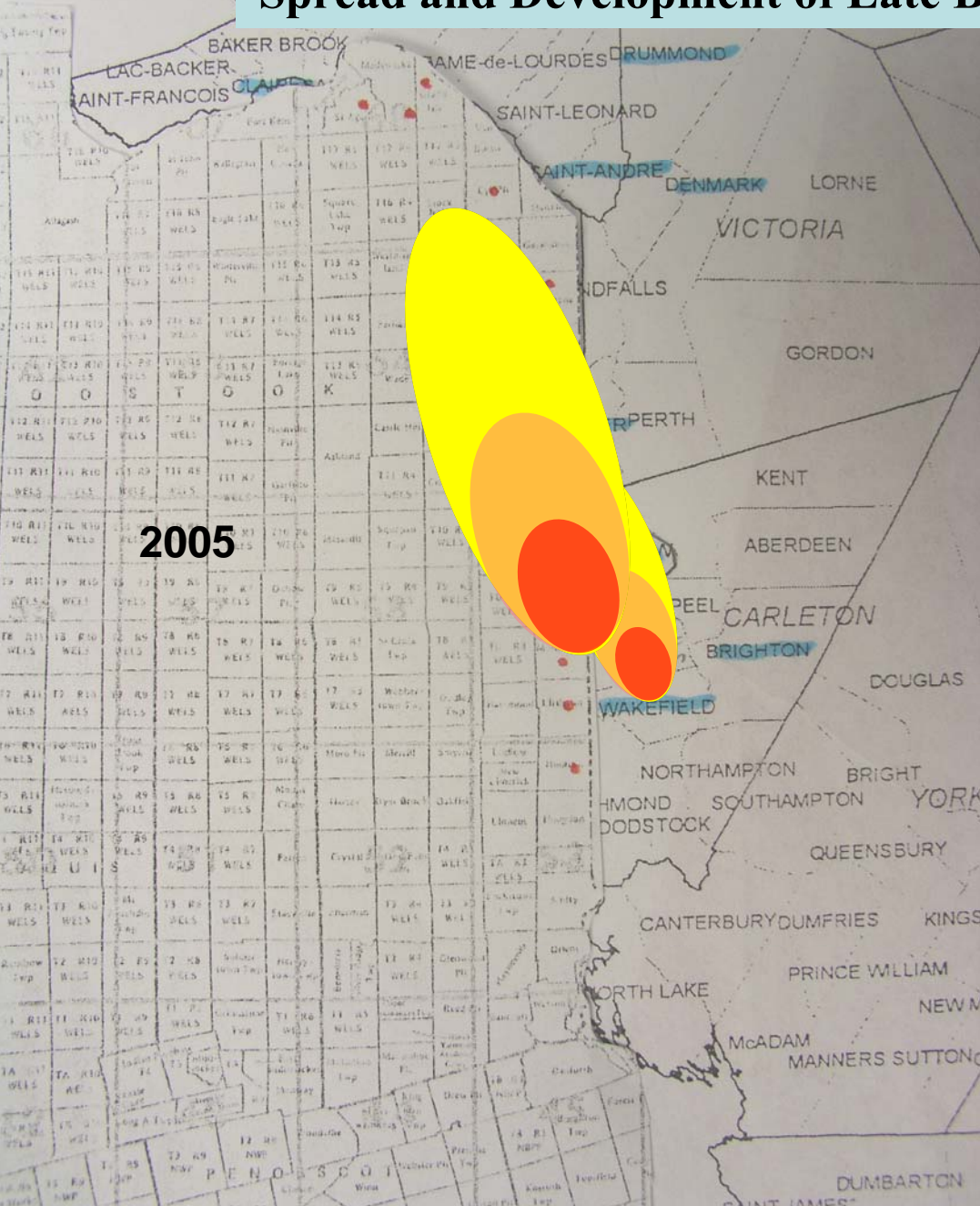
Timing/Rate

Rate

Rate/Material

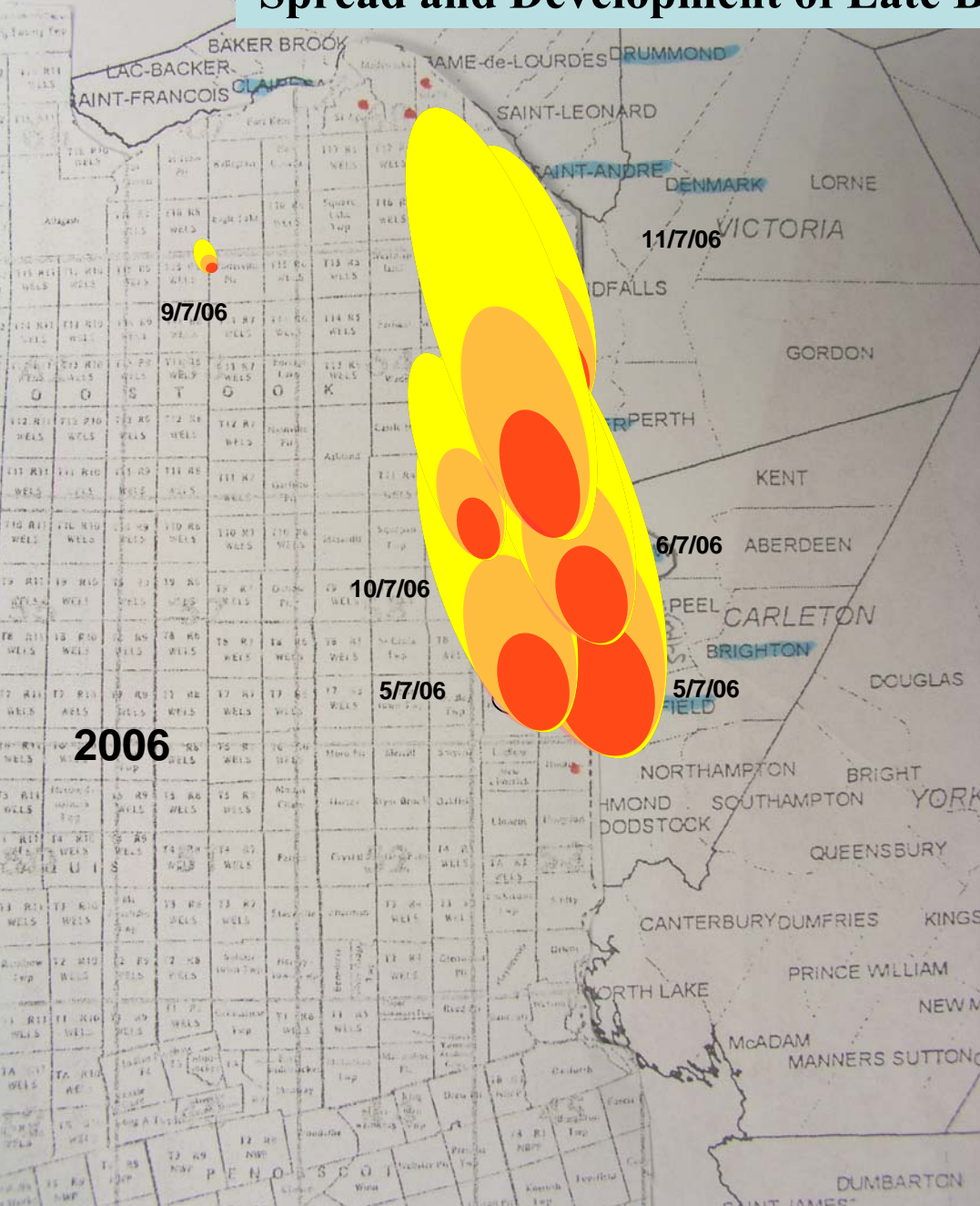
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We focus on prevention

We predict spread

We track progress

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