

AHDB Aphid News

Suction-trap period: 16 September – 22 September 2019

General

- The autumn migration continues and the total number of aphids has risen by about 334% of that of the previous period.
- Bird cherry–oat aphid numbers increased to 335% of the previous period from across Britain, apart from Broom’s Barn and Starcross. During the period 20/09 – 26/09, 64% (37 of 58) of these aphids were of the cereal colonising form (the 10-year mean for this period is 9%).
- Grain aphids were recorded from seven sites, increasing at six.
- The latest BYDV tests results are included in this edition. Only a small proportion of aphids entering cereals are likely carry BYDV. Initially, aphids colonise relatively few crop plants. However, the second generation tends to move away from the plant originally colonised. Controlling this generation is a key part of a BYDV management strategy. Use our [BYDV management tool](#) to predict the timing of this generation.
- Peach–potato aphids were recorded from all sites, except Preston, reaching double figures at York. This is the main vector of TuYV but seldom reaches numbers high enough to cause direct feeding damage.
- Cabbage aphids were found at four sites, reaching double figures at Kirton. This species can cause direct feeding damage to isolated plants but is a poor vector of TuYV and is more of a problem in spring than in autumn.
- Willow–carrot aphids were found from six sites with a hotspot, once again, at Dundee. No male individuals were recorded.
- For more information on trap counts visit: insectsurvey.com/aphid-bulletin
- Aphids that have located unprotected crops will continue to do well at temperatures above 3°C.
- Monitoring is recommended.



Suction-trap locations

AHDB Aphid News is based on information on aphid species and numbers from the Rothamsted Research/SASA suction-trap (ST) network. The traps are located at: Inverness (Iv), Dundee (D), Gogarbank (G), Ayr (Ay), Newcastle (N), Preston (P), York (Y), Kirton (K), Broom’s Barn (BB), Wellesbourne (We), Hereford (H), Rothamsted Tower (RT), Writtle (Wr), Silwood Park (SP), East Malling* (EM) and Starcross (SX). * The East Malling (EM) trap will start operating during 2019.

BYDV test results

Number of aphids* with BYDV positive test results. Total number selected for testing indicated in brackets.

Bird cherry–oat aphid	Grain aphid
Newcastle: 5 (18)	Newcastle: 0 (0)
Kirton: 3 (18)	Kirton: 1 (1)
Broom’s Barn: 3 (18)	Broom’s Barn: 0 (0)
Writtle: 7 (18)	Writtle: 0 (0)
Starcross: 6 (18)	Starcross: 0 (0)
Total: 24 (90)	Total: 1 (1)

*Samples collected during suction-trap period 9 September – 15 September 2019

Suction-trap data

'*' indicates where totals have been corrected proportionally to seven days, fewer days' samples having been processed, '#' indicates the first occurrence of this aphid species this year and **0 = none so far this year**.

Red text indicates an increase (↑) and blue text indicates a decrease (↓) in aphid numbers compared to last week. "/" indicates that we have no data from this trap.

Rose-grain aphid (<i>Metopolophium dirhodum</i>)	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018		10-year average 2009-18
Dundee	0	0		0
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	2	0		0
Newcastle	0	0		0
York	0	0		
Preston	0	0		0
Kirton	0	0		0
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	0	0		0
Wellesbourne	0	0		0
Hereford	0	1		0
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	0	0		0
Writtle	*0	0		0
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	0	0		0
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	0	0		0

Bird cherry-oat aphid – females only (<i>Rhopalosiphum padi</i>)	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018		10-year average 2009-18
Dundee	282	57		441
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	848	218		630
Newcastle	433	125		300
York	950	675		
Preston	1573	3785		1668
Kirton	364	146		176
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	62	178		158
Wellesbourne	470	238		229
Hereford	273	181		330
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	93	29		93
Writtle	*109	147		127
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	73	55		106
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	51	71		200

Grain aphid <i>(Sitobion avenae)</i>	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018	10-year average 2009-18	
Dundee	2	0	1	
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	1	0	1	
Newcastle	0	0	0	
York	0	0		
Preston	1	0	0	
Kirton	2	0	0	
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	0	0	2	
Wellesbourne	0	0	0	
Hereford	3	0	1	
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	2	0	0	
Writtle	*0	0	0	
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	1	0	0	
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	0	0	1	

Peach-potato aphid <i>(Myzus persicae)</i>	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018	10-year average 2009-18	
Dundee	1	1	3	
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	2	0	0	
Newcastle	1	0	0	
York	14	2		
Preston	0	0	0	
Kirton	6	1	5	
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	2	0	4	
Wellesbourne	3	0	5	
Hereford	1	5	3	
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	1	0	2	
Writtle	*1	0	2	
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	1	1	1	
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	4	3	2	

Potato aphid <i>(Macrosiphum euphorbiae)</i>	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018	10-year average 2009-18	
Dundee	0	0	0	
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	0	0	0	
Newcastle	0	0	1	
York	0	0		
Preston	0	0	7	
Kirton	0	0	1	
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	0	0	0	
Wellesbourne	0	0	1	
Hereford	0	1	0	
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	0	0	0	
Writtle	*0	0	0	
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	0	0	1	
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	0	0	0	

Cabbage aphid <i>(Brevicoryne brassicae)</i>	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018	10-year average 2009-18	
Dundee	0	0	0	
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	0	1	0	
Newcastle	0	1	0	
York	0	0		
Preston	1	0	0	
Kirton	11	0	1	
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	1	0	0	
Wellesbourne	0	0	1	
Hereford	0	0	2	
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	1	0	0	
Writtle	*0	0	1	
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	0	0	0	
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	0	0	1	

Willow-carrot aphid <i>(Cavariella aegopodii)</i>	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018	10-year average 2009-18	
Dundee	30	14	34	
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	5	0	1	
Newcastle	0	0	1	
York	6	0		
Preston	2	0	6	
Kirton	1	0	4	
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	0	0	84	
Wellesbourne	0	0	0	
Hereford	0	0	3	
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	0	0	1	
Writtle	*1	0	0	
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	0	0	0	
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	0	0	1	

Pea aphid <i>(Acyrtosiphon pisum)</i>	Bulletin Week Totals			16/09-22/09
	2019	2018	10-year average 2009-18	
Dundee	1	0	0	
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	0	0	0	
Newcastle	0	0	0	
York	0	0		
Preston	0	0	1	
Kirton	6	0	1	
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	0	0	1	
Wellesbourne	2	0	3	
Hereford	4	0	0	
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	2	0	2	
Writtle	*3	0	0	
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	2	0	0	
East Malling	/			
Starcross (nr Exeter)	0	1	1	

Black bean aphid (<i>Aphis fabae</i>)	Bulletin Week Totals		
	16/09-22/09		
	2019	2018	10-year average 2009-18
Dundee	4	0	1
Gogarbank (Edinburgh)	13	2	2
Newcastle	9	0	1
York	4	1	
Preston	1	0	1
Kirton	3	1	2
Broom's Barn (Bury St Edmunds)	2	1	4
Wellesbourne	3	0	1
Hereford	0	0	1
Rothamsted (Harpenden)	0	0	0
Writtle	*0	0	1
Silwood Park (nr Ascot)	1	0	0
East Malling	/		
Starcross (nr Exeter)	0	1	1

Further information

Please send information on crop aphids to: alex.greenslade@rothamsted.ac.uk

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