

# The great sprayer nozzle debate of 2006

## PART DEUX

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# Droplet size categories

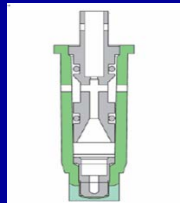
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Extremely coarse	XC		>500

Turbo TeeJet

Extended Range

Air Induction

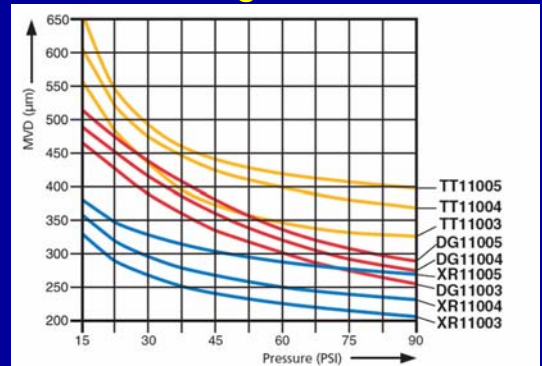


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# Pressure and Droplet Size

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Effect of spray droplet size on drift potential and foliar coverage. Data reprinted from Iowa State University Extension publication, B.A. Pringnist and M. Hanna, 2000.

Droplet diameter (microns*)	Seconds to evaporate	Drift distance**	Coverage (droplets/in <sup>2</sup> )
20	0.3	37 ft	
50	1.8	6 ft	197,000
100	7.0	1.6 ft	24,000
150	16.0	10 in	
200	29.0	7 in	3,000

\*1 micron = 1/25,000 inch

\*\*from 12 inch fall, with 1 mph wind

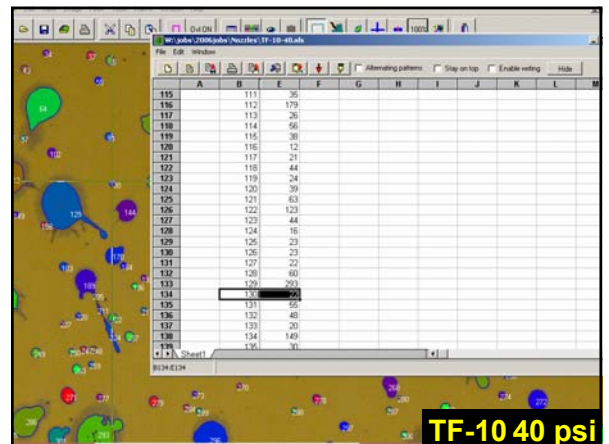
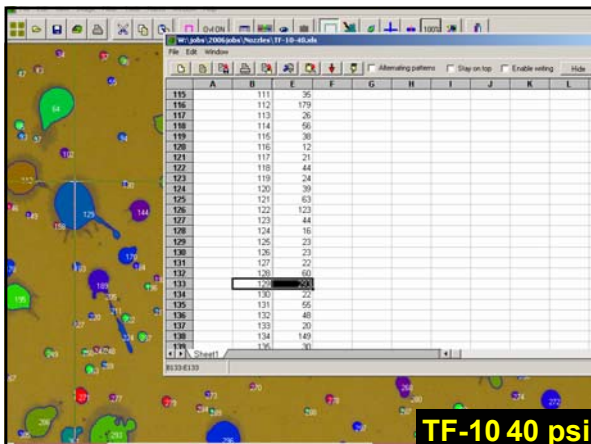
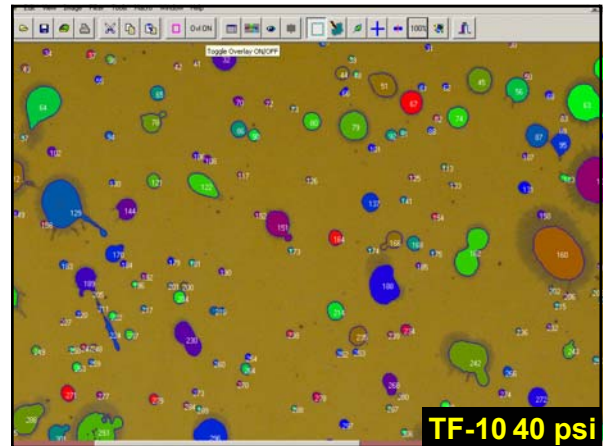
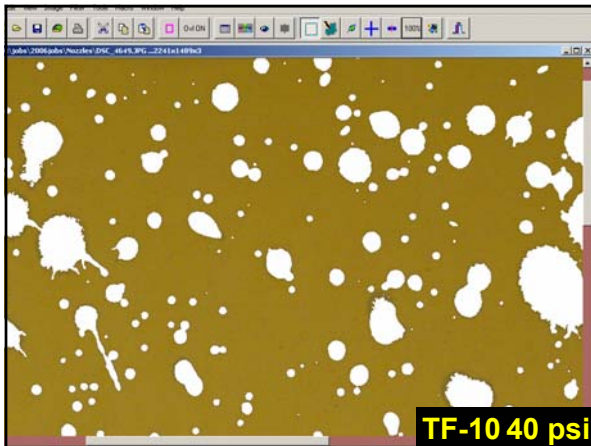
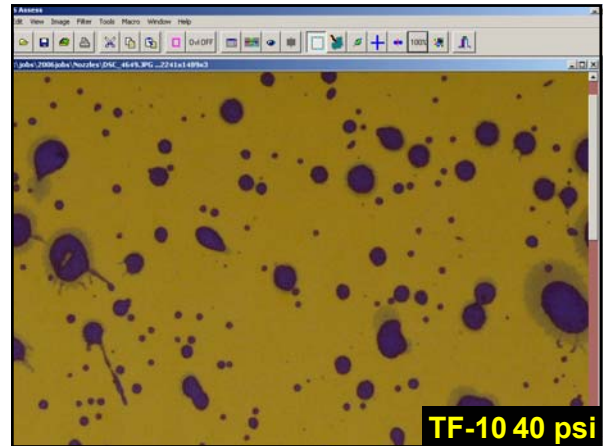
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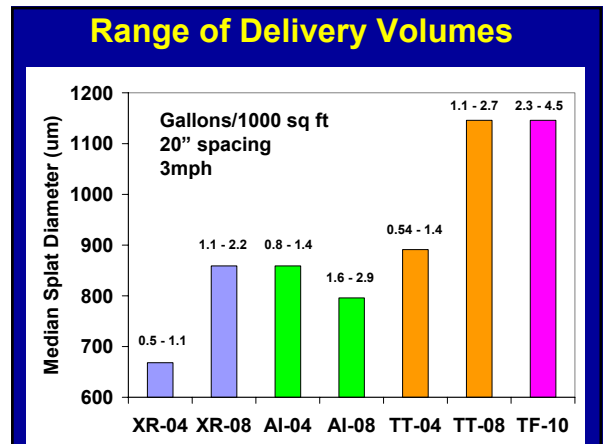
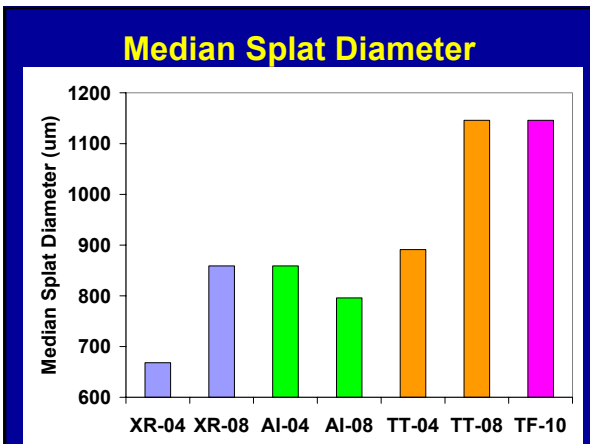
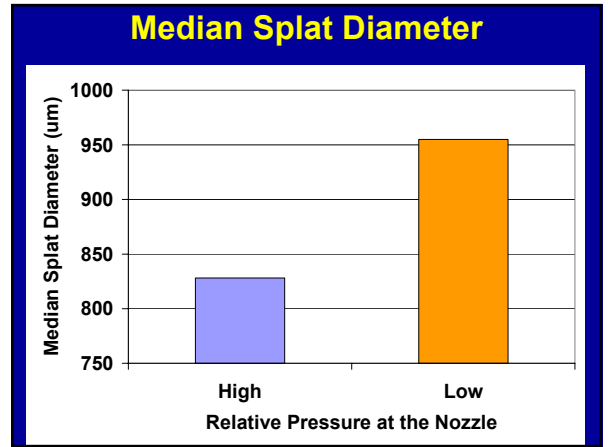
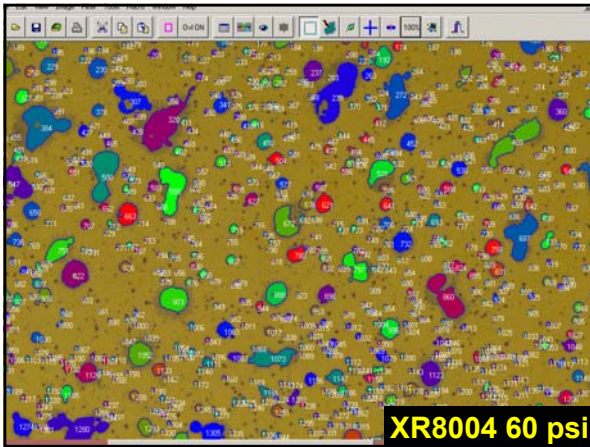
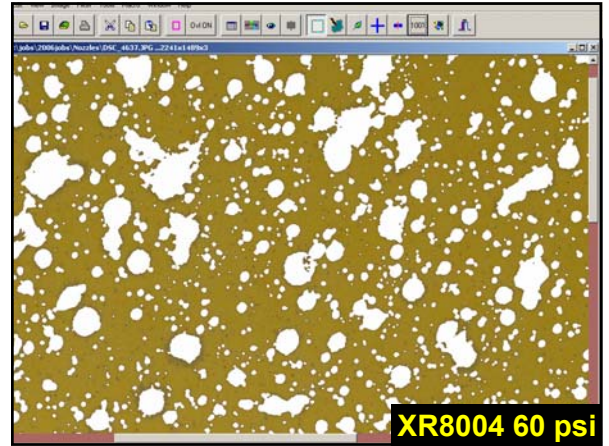
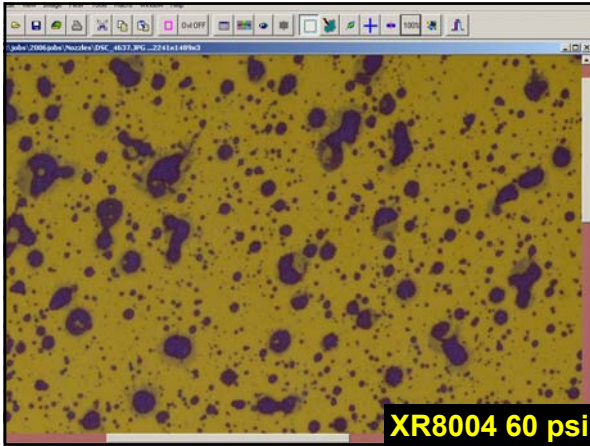
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## Splat Testing

- Evaluation of droplet size distribution using water sensitive paper
- Splat refers to the water spread pattern when a droplet impacts a surface
- Digital photographs are analyzed using image analysis software

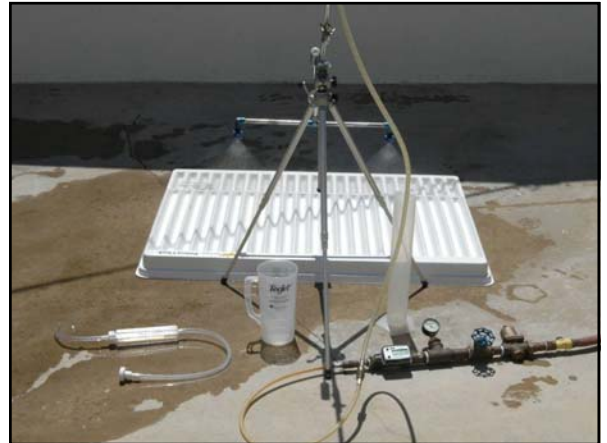




## Drift Testing

## Drift Testing Setup

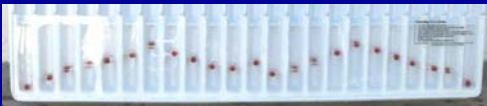
- Flow controlled by throttling valve
- Output set to approximately 1 liter per test application
- Low wind speed was between 4 and 6 mph
- High wind speed was between 7 – 9 mph
- 20" nozzle spacing, 17 inch nozzle height



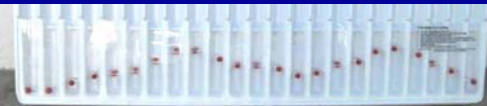
## XR8004VS Coarse

15 psi 0.19 gpm 0.32 gal/M @ 4 mph

No  
wind



Low  
wind



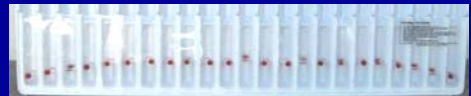
High  
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## XR8004VS Medium

60 psi 0.48 gpm 0.81 gal/M @ 4mph

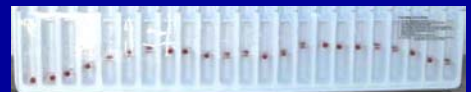
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Low  
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High  
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## TT11004 Very Coarse

20 psi 0.27 gpm 0.46 gal/M @ 4mph

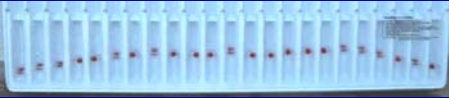
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Low  
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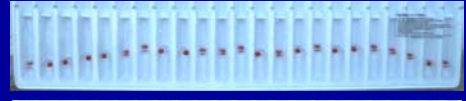
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## TT11004 Medium

70 psi 0.54 gpm 0.91 gal/M @ 4mph

No  
wind



Low  
wind



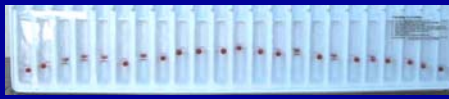
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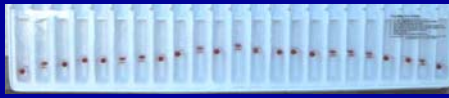
## AI11004 Extremely Coarse

40 psi 0.42 gpm 0.71 gal/M @ 4mph

No  
wind



Low  
wind



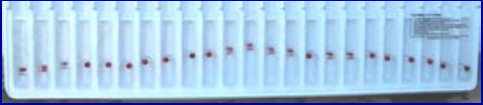
High  
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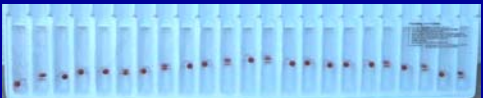
## AI11004 Very Coarse

60 psi 0.51 gpm 0.87 gal/M @ 4mph

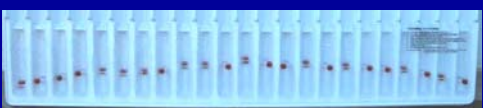
No  
wind



Low  
wind



High  
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## Selecting Nozzles

Sprayer must be able to sense and maintain pressure at the boom or flow rate in addition to maintaining constant speed

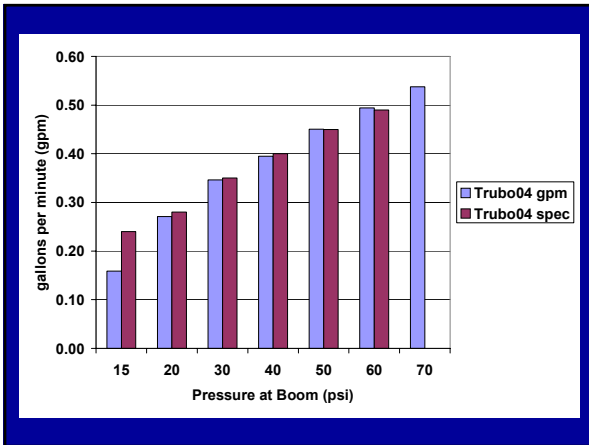
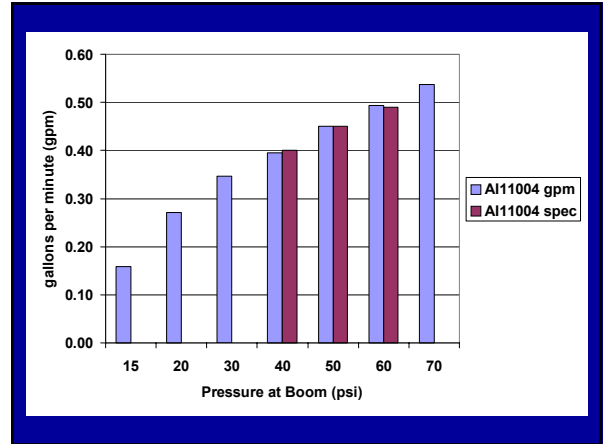
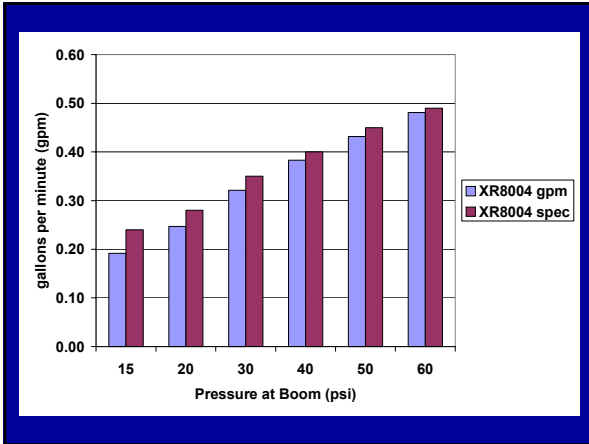
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$$\text{gpm} = \frac{\text{mph} \times \text{nozzle spacing inches} \times \text{gal/1000 sq ft}}{136}$$

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$$\text{gal/1000 sq ft} = \frac{136 \times \text{gpm}}{\text{mph} \times \text{nozzle spacing inches}}$$

$$\text{gpa} = \frac{5950 \times \text{gpm per nozzle}}{\text{mph} \times \text{nozzle spacing inches}}$$



## Nozzle Specifications Pages 9 - 12

$$\text{gpm} = \frac{2 \text{ gal}/1000 \text{ sq ft} \times 4 \text{ mph} \times 20 \text{ inches}}{136}$$

gpm = 1.18

- Turbo Teejet TT11008 @ 90 psi (page 9)
- AI Teejet AI11008 @ 90 psi (page 12)
- XR8010 @ 60 psi or XR8015 @ about 28 psi (page 10)
- Need pump with at least 15 gpm capacity  
12 nozzles 20" spacing
- Luckily, fairways are not treated at 2 gpa in the West

$$\text{gpm} = \frac{1 \text{ gal}/1000 \text{ sq ft} \times 4 \text{ mph} \times 20 \text{ inches}}{136}$$

gpm = 0.59

- XR8008 @ 20 psi (page 10)
- Turbo Teejet TT11006 @ 40 psi (page 9)
- AI Teejet AI11006 @ 40 psi (page 12)
- Need pump with at least 8 gpm capacity  
12 nozzles 20" spacing

$$\text{gpm} = \frac{1.0 \text{ gal}/1000 \text{ sq ft} \times 3 \text{ mph} \times 20 \text{ inches}}{136}$$

$$\text{gpm} = 0.44$$

- XR8004 @ 50 psi (page 10)
- XR8005 @ 30 psi
- XR8006 @ 20 psi
- Turbo Teejet TT11004 @ 50 psi (page 9)
- AI Teejet AI11004 @ 50 psi (page 12)
- Need pump with 9 gpm capacity  
24 nozzles on 10" spacing

$$\text{gpm} = \frac{2 \text{ gal}/1000 \text{ sq ft} \times 3 \text{ mph} \times 20 \text{ inches}}{136}$$

$$\text{gpm} = 0.88$$

- XR8008 @ 50 psi (page 10)
- Turbo Teejet TT11006 @ 90 psi or 08 @ 50 psi (page 9)
- AI Teejet AI11006 @ 90 psi or 08 @ 50 psi (page 12)
- Need pump with at least 11 gpm capacity  
12 nozzles 20" spacing

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$$\text{gpm} = 0.44$$

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- XR8005 @ 30 psi
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- Turbo Teejet TT11004 @ 50 psi (page 9)
- AI Teejet AI11004 @ 50 psi (page 12)
- Tight nozzle spacing, more flexibility
- Need pump with 11 gpm capacity  
24 nozzles on 10" spacing

$$\text{gpm} = \frac{4 \text{ gal}/1000 \text{ sq ft} \times 3 \text{ mph} \times 10 \text{ inches}}{136}$$

$$\text{gpm} = 0.88$$

- XR8008 @ 50 psi (page 10)
- Turbo Teejet TT11006 @ 90 psi or 08 @ 50 psi (page 9)
- AI Teejet AI11006 @ 90 psi or 08 @ 50 psi (page 12)
- More options with 10" spacing
- Need pump with at least 21 gpm capacity  
24 nozzles 10" spacing

**Any Questions?**