

Susceptibility of Peaches and Nectarines, Plant Introductions, and Other *Prunus* Species to Bacterial Spot

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Abstract. During the 1984 growing season, 156 peach and 40 nectarine cultivars, 49 plant introductions, and 33 *Prunus* species or species hybrids were evaluated for susceptibility to bacterial spot [*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *pruni* (Smith 1903) Dye 1978] in North Carolina and South Carolina. Fruit and leaf infection and percentage of defoliation were evaluated in North Carolina, while only leaf infection data were evaluated in South Carolina. No cultivar was immune, but susceptibility varied greatly. Based on leaf infection in the 2 locations, it was concluded that disease pressure was greater in North Carolina. Correlation of fruit infection severity with leaf infection severity and percentage of defoliation in North Carolina was $r = 0.30$ ($P = 0.01$) and $r = 0.54$ ($P < 0.01$), respectively. Correlation between leaf infection severity and percent defoliation was $r = 0.51$ ($P < 0.01$) and $r = 0.00$ (NS) in North and South Carolina, respectively.

Bacterial spot is a serious disease where peaches and nectarines [*Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch] are grown in warm, humid environments (3). Chemical control is costly and often ineffective, and use of resistant cultivars is suggested in areas where the disease is prevalent. The pathogen primarily infects fruit and foliage, but it can cause twig cankers. Infected fruit exhibit cracks and lesions, whereas leaf infection often results in defoliation. Keil and Fogle (4) evaluated numerous cultivars and breeding lines for severity of leaf infection under field conditions and found a wide range of susceptibility between lines. A severe epiphytotic of bacterial spot occurred at the Sandhills Research Stations in Jackson Springs, N.C. and Elgin, S.C. during the 1984 growing season, affording an opportunity to evaluate numerous peach and nectarine cultivars, plant introductions (PI's) and other *Prunus* species and species hybrids under test in the North Carolina and South Carolina breeding programs. Trees were grown using standard cultural practices and

ranged in age from 2 to 9 years, although most trees were 3-5 years old and of bearing age. In most instances, a minimum of 2 trees was evaluated for each cultivar or PI.

The lines evaluated in this test represented a comprehensive collection of peach, nectarine, and other *Prunus* germplasm. Both fruit and leaf infection were evaluated on most lines in North Carolina. Fruit infection severity was determined on about 35 random fruit from each line sampled within 3 weeks of fruit maturity. Each fruit was classified using the following rating scale: 0 = no lesions; 1 = up to 1% of the fruit surface affected and lesions not more than skin deep; 2 = 1% to 10% of the surface affected and lesions not more than 3 mm deep; 3 = 11% to 30% of the surface affected and lesions not more than 3 mm deep; 4 = >30% of the surface affected with lesions not more than 3 mm deep; and 5 = >30% of the surface affected with the majority of the lesions more than 3 mm deep and 5 mm in diameter. An average fruit rating value was then calculated for each line. Each line was also evaluated for the percentage of defoliation and for leaf infection severity. Leaf infection severity was rated based on the following scale: 0 = no lesions observed on the foliage; 1 = trace (a few leaves with lesions observed); 2 = up to 5% of the foliage with lesions; 3 = 6% to 15% of the foliage with lesions; 4 = 16% to 40% of the foliage with lesions; and 5 = >40% of the foliage with lesions. Lines were evaluated for both leaf infection parameters on 14 Aug. 1984. In South Carolina, only leaf infection parameters were measured. Evaluations were conducted 21-22 Aug. 1984, using the same scale previously described for determining

leaf infection severity.

A comparison of 84 peach and nectarine lines evaluated for leaf infection parameters in August at both locations suggested that disease pressure was greater in North Carolina. Average leaf infection severity ratings of 4.3 and 3.5 (19.0% difference) and average defoliation values of 35.3% and 16.7% (106% difference) were obtained for the North Carolina and South Carolina test locations, respectively. Differences in ratings between locations, particularly in the percentage of defoliation, may have been related to environmental and cultural differences, such as moisture and fertility levels or tree age. No peach or nectarine cultivar or PI was immune to bacterial spot; however, susceptibility varied greatly (Table 1). In North Carolina, considerable range existed for fruit infection rating and percentage of defoliation; however, most lines were rated 3 or greater for leaf infection severity. The frequency of lines rated 1 or 2 for leaf infection severity was greater in South Carolina than in North Carolina. Correlation of fruit infection rating with leaf infection severity and percentage of defoliation in North Carolina was $r = 0.30$ ($P = 0.01$) and $r = 0.54$ ($P < 0.01$), respectively.

Various factors could account for the relatively low correlation between fruit infection and leaf infection. Since fruit infection ratings were taken near fruit maturity, early maturing lines, although possibly genetically susceptible, were judged resistant because they matured prior to significant disease development and expression. Different genes may control disease reaction in fruit and leaf tissue. Previous work with apricots (5, 6) suggests that separate factors may control resistance to bacterial spot in fruit and leaves. Differential reaction in different plant parts to a bacterial pathogen has been documented in bean (1), where pod and leaf reaction to *Phaseolus phaseolicola* (Burkh.) Dows in common bean are controlled by different genes. Both fruit and leaf infection reaction are of practical importance in peach and nectarine because moderate to severely infected fruit are not marketable through normal commercial channels. Defoliation early in the growing season may influence fruit size (3), and defoliation may affect hardness through its negative influence on carbohydrate production and accumulation, as demonstrated in tart cherry (2). Peach breeders traditionally have evaluated leaf infection severity and the percentage of defoliation to characterize susceptibility to bacterial spot, but our results show that these measurements may not provide a valid estimate of fruit susceptibility.

Correlation between the percentage of defoliation and leaf severity rating was $r = 0.51$ ($P < 0.01$) and $r = 0.00$ (NS) in North Carolina and South Carolina, respectively. Severity of infection evidently is not highly related to degree of defoliation, and lines vary considerably in their leaf retention within any particular level of leaf infection severity rating. Layne (5) obtained a higher correlation between apricot fruit and leaf severity

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Table 1. Susceptibility of peach and nectarine cultivars and plant introductions to bacterial spot (*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *pruni*) in North Carolina and South Carolina in 1984.

| Cultivar or line | Origin ^z | N.C. rating | | | S.C. rating | | Cultivar or line | Origin ^z | N.C. rating | | | S.C. rating | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| | | Fruit rating ^y | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x | | | Fruit rating ^y | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x |
| <i>Peach</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amerellio Tardio | SP | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | Marqueen | MD-2 | — | — | — | 15 | 4 |
| Angelus | CA | 3.1 | 60 | 5 | 70 | 5 | Marsun | MD-2 | 4.2 | 30 | 5 | — | — |
| Autumn Delight | CA | — | 20 | 4 | 20 | 3 | May Lady | CA | — | — | — | 30 | 5 |
| Autumn Lady | CA | — | 60 | 5 | 30 | 4 | Maygold | CA | — | — | — | 20 | 4 |
| Babcock | CA | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | McNeely | MD-1 | 2.7 | 40 | 5 | 20 | 4 |
| Babygold 8 | NJ | 3.3 | — | — | 10 | 3 | Merrill Gem | CA | 1.7 | — | — | — | — |
| Bailey | CN-1 | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | Monroe | VA | 4.7 | 80 | 5 | 15 | 4 |
| Belle of Georgia | US | 4.4 | 20 | 4 | 15 | 4 | Montclar | FR | — | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Bicentennial | LA | — | — | — | 15 | 3 | Nectar | CA | 3.7 | 40 | 5 | — | — |
| Biscoe | NC | 1.2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | Nemaguard | GA | — | 30 | 3 | — | — |
| Blake | NJ | — | — | — | 20 | 5 | Newhaven | MI | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| Boone County | US | — | — | — | 5 | 3 | Norman | NC | 2.5 | 30 | 4 | — | — |
| Calred | CA | 5.0 | 85 | 5 | 30 | 5 | Novelred | — | 1.4 | — | — | — | — |
| Camden | GA | 2.6 | — | — | 40 | 5 | O'Henry | CA | 4.6 | 85 | 5 | 60 | 5 |
| Candor | NC | 1.7 | 30 | 4 | 30 | 4 | Okinawa | FL | — | — | — | 30 | 5 |
| Carnival | CA | 4.5 | 85 | 5 | 70 | 5 | Ouachita Gold | LA | 1.7 | 20 | 4 | 20 | 4 |
| Carson | CA | 2.1 | — | — | — | — | Pacifica | CA | — | — | — | 50 | 5 |
| Champion | US | — | — | — | 10 | 3 | Parade | CA | 4.9 | 50 | 5 | 30 | 5 |
| Chinese Cling | CH | — | — | — | 10 | 3 | Pekin | NC | 1.6 | 10 | 2 | — | — |
| Clayton | NC | 1.9 | 25 | 3 | 5 | 2 | Polly | IA | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| Comofort | MX | — | 5 | 2 | 15 | 4 | Prairie Dawn | IL | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| Compact Elberta | US | — | 30 | 5 | — | — | Prenda | CA | — | — | — | 20 | 4 |
| Compact Redhaven | US | — | 5 | 1 | — | — | Ranger | MD-1 | — | 10 | 4 | — | — |
| Correll | NC | 1.3 | — | — | — | — | Raritan Rose | NJ | 3.0 | 20 | 5 | 10 | 4 |
| Cresthaven | MI | 3.7 | 30 | 5 | 20 | 3 | Redbrite | US | 1.1 | 20 | 5 | 10 | 4 |
| Cullinan | MD-1 | 3.0 | 40 | 5 | 20 | 5 | Redcap | GA | — | — | — | 5 | 3 |
| Derby | NC | 0.6 | — | — | 10 | 3 | Redcrest | NJ | 4.7 | 20 | 4 | — | — |
| Dew Drop | US | 2.9 | 85 | 5 | 60 | 5 | Redglobe | MD-1 | 3.9 | 35 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Dixired | GA | 1.7 | — | — | 1 | 2 | Redhaven | MI | 3.5 | 35 | 4 | 15 | 3 |
| EarliGlo | US | 2.2 | 40 | 4 | — | — | Redskin | MD-2 | 4.8 | 20 | 3 | 20 | 4 |
| EarlRio | CA | — | — | — | 40 | 5 | Reliance | NH | 3.5 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Early Loring | US | — | 20 | 4 | 5 | 3 | Richaven | MI | 3.3 | 30 | 5 | — | — |
| Early White Giant | US | — | — | — | 30 | 5 | Rio Oso Gem | CA | 2.4 | — | — | 30 | 4 |
| Eden | NY | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | Royal May | CA | 3.3 | 80 | 5 | 10 | 4 |
| Elberta | US | 3.4 | 50 | 5 | — | — | Rubira | FR | — | — | — | 5 | 4 |
| Elegant Lady | CA | 3.4 | 60 | 5 | 30 | 5 | Rubired | NC | 0.5 | 20 | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| Ellerbe | NC | 2.4 | — | — | — | — | Ruston Red | LA | 1.0 | 30 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Emery | NC | 1.6 | — | — | — | — | Rutgers Red Leaf | NJ | — | — | — | 5 | 3 |
| Encore | NJ | 1.3 | 30 | 4 | 30 | 5 | Salcaja | MX | — | 15 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Fairtime | CA | 4.5 | 30 | 5 | 60 | 5 | Salwey | US | — | — | — | 20 | 2 |
| Fayette | CA | — | — | — | 30 | 4 | Sentinel | GA | 0.9 | 20 | 4 | — | — |
| Firered | CA | 4.3 | 75 | 5 | 70 | 5 | Sentry | MD-1 | 1.6 | 40 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Flamecrest | CA | 3.9 | — | — | 30 | 4 | Shiron Donak | IN | — | 60 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Flavorcrest | CA | — | — | — | 30 | 5 | Siberian C | CN-1 | 2.5 | 50 | 5 | 20 | 4 |
| Frank | US | — | — | — | 5 | 1 | Slappy | US | — | 30 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Gabriella | IT | — | — | — | 15 | 5 | Somerset | MD-1 | 4.2 | 50 | 5 | — | — |
| Gaucho | MX | — | — | — | 15 | 2 | South Hero | NH | — | 10 | 4 | 20 | 3 |
| Gemfree | CA | — | — | — | 20 | 5 | Southland | GA | 3.2 | — | — | — | — |
| Golden Monarch | US | 2.5 | 30 | 4 | — | — | Springbrite | GA | — | — | — | 70 | 3 |
| Greensboro | US | — | — | — | 15 | 3 | Springcrest | GA | 2.5 | — | — | 20 | 3 |
| Hagan Sweet | US | 2.7 | 30 | 5 | 15 | 3 | Starking Delicious | US | 3.1 | — | — | — | — |
| Hal-Berta Giant | US | 4.8 | — | — | — | — | Starlite | GA | 1.5 | 60 | 5 | 30 | 5 |
| Hamlet | NC | 1.5 | — | — | — | — | Summerglo | NJ | — | — | — | 20 | 5 |
| Hangchow | CH | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | Summergold | GA | — | — | — | 10 | 3 |
| Harbinger | CN-1 | — | — | — | 30 | 2 | Summer Pearl | NJ | 4.8 | 80 | 5 | 15 | 4 |
| Harrow Blood | CN-1 | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | Summerqueen | NY | — | — | — | 5 | 4 |
| Harvester | LA | 2.4 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 3 | Sunbrite | GA | 2.7 | 50 | 5 | — | — |
| Havis | MD-1 | 3.5 | 30 | 5 | — | — | Suncrest | CA | 2.5 | — | — | 60 | 5 |
| Heath Cling | US | — | 60 | 5 | 15 | 4 | Sundar | CA | — | — | — | 20 | 5 |
| Higama | FR | — | — | — | 15 | 3 | Sunhigh | NJ | 4.6 | 40 | 5 | — | — |
| Idlewild | LA | — | — | — | 15 | 3 | Sunland | GA | 2.5 | — | — | 10 | 4 |
| Indian Blood | US | — | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | Suprince | GA | 0.9 | — | — | 20 | 5 |
| Jayhaven | MI | — | — | — | 5 | 4 | Sunray | SA | 2.9 | 60 | 5 | — | — |
| Jefferson | VA | 3.2 | — | — | 15 | 3 | Surecrop | LA | 2.1 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Jerseyglo | NJ | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | Sweethaven | MI | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| Jerseyqueen | NJ | 4.2 | 30 | 4 | — | — | Sweet Sue | US | 3.7 | 35 | 5 | — | — |
| Jim-Dan-Dee | US | 4.3 | 40 | 5 | 10 | 3 | Tennessee Natural | US | — | — | — | 25 | 5 |
| Jim Wilson | US | 2.2 | 30 | 3 | 20 | 5 | Topaz | MO | 2.3 | 50 | 5 | 10 | 3 |
| Kakamas | SA | — | — | — | 20 | 4 | Troy | NC | 2.6 | 30 | 5 | — | — |
| La Feliciana | LA | 2.8 | 30 | 4 | 10 | 4 | Tyler | VA | 2.8 | 40 | 5 | — | — |
| LaGold | LA | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | Tzim Pee Tao | CN | — | 60 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Loring | MO | 2.2 | 20 | 4 | 10 | 4 | Velvet | CN-2 | 3.3 | 40 | 4 | — | — |
| Lovell | CA | 4.3 | 75 | 5 | — | — | White English | US | 2.3 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Majestic | LA | 2.8 | 20 | 5 | — | — | White Hale | US | — | — | — | 20 | 5 |
| Marglo | MD-2 | — | 80 | 5 | — | — | Whynot | NC | 0.0 | — | — | 10 | 2 |
| Marhigh | MD-2 | 3.5 | 20 | 4 | — | — | Winblo | NC | 2.4 | 25 | 5 | — | — |
| Marland | MD-2 | 4.4 | 40 | 5 | — | — | Yellow Indian | US | — | 15 | 4 | — | — |
| Marpride | MD-2 | 3.3 | 40 | 5 | — | — | <i>Nectarine</i> | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Armking | CA | — | — | — | 30 | 4 |

Table 1. Continued.

| Cultivar or line | Origin ^z | N.C. rating | | | S.C. rating | | Cultivar or line | Origin ^z | N.C. rating | | | S.C. rating | |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| | | Fruit rating ^y | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x | | | Fruit rating ^y | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^x |
| Carolina Red | NC | 1.6 | — | — | 10 | 3 | PI 65821 | CH | — | 25 | 2 | 20 | 4 |
| Cherokee | VA | 4.2 | 40 | 4 | — | — | PI 77876 | CH | — | 30 | 5 | 15 | 4 |
| Columbia | VA | — | — | — | 15 | 4 | PI 78513 | USSR | — | — | — | 10 | 4 |
| Crimson Gold | CA | 2.3 | 50 | 4 | 10 | 3 | PI 78544 | IT | — | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Durbin | GA | 4.0 | — | — | 20 | 3 | PI 82413 | PL | — | 25 | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| Dwarf Mandarin | CH | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | PI 93826 | SA | — | — | — | 30 | 4 |
| Earlibird | CA | 2.2 | 45 | 4 | 10 | 2 | PI 95501 | CH | — | — | — | 20 | 2 |
| EarliBlaze | CA | 4.0 | 40 | 5 | — | — | PI 101663 | CH | — | 30 | 5 | 10 | 4 |
| Early Sungrand | CA | 4.3 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 3 | PI 101664 | CH | — | — | — | 1 | 4 |
| Fairlane | CA | — | — | — | 5 | 3 | PI 101667 | CH | — | 50 | 5 | 20 | 5 |
| Fantasia | CA | 3.4 | — | — | 10 | 4 | PI 101668 | CH | — | — | — | 20 | 5 |
| Firebrite | CA | 2.9 | 30 | 5 | 30 | 5 | PI 101686 | CH | — | — | — | 10 | 5 |
| Flamekist | CA | — | 30 | 5 | 10 | 3 | PI 101823 | MR | — | — | — | 30 | 4 |
| Flavortop | CA | 3.1 | — | — | 15 | 4 | PI 101835 | MR | — | 30 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Hardired | CN-1 | 1.8 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 2 | PI 102521 | IT | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| Harko | CN-1 | — | — | — | 10 | 2 | PI 104287 | MR | — | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Honey Gold | CA | — | — | — | 10 | 2 | PI 104488 | IT | — | — | — | 15 | 5 |
| Independence | CA | — | — | — | 10 | 3 | PI 105362 | IT | — | 25 | 5 | 20 | 5 |
| Lafayette | VA | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | PI 106062 | SA | — | — | — | 10 | 2 |
| Late Le Grand | CA | — | — | — | 15 | 4 | PI 112032 | IN | — | — | — | 5 | 4 |
| LateGold | CA | 5.0 | 75 | 5 | 10 | 4 | PI 113452 | USSR | — | — | — | 30 | 4 |
| Le Grand | CA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3 | PI 113650 | IT | — | — | — | 30 | 3 |
| Mericrest | NH | 0.8 | 20 | 4 | 20 | 4 | PI 117679 | USSR | — | — | — | 30 | 3 |
| Nectared 3 | NJ | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | PI 119840 | USSR | — | — | — | 5 | 4 |
| Nectared 4 | NJ | 2.9 | — | — | 20 | 2 | PI 119844 | USSR | — | 50 | 5 | 30 | 5 |
| Nectared 5 | NJ | — | — | — | 20 | 2 | PI 119846 | USSR | — | 20 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Nectared 6 | NJ | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | PI 125017 | USSR | — | 50 | 5 | 10 | 4 |
| Nectared 7 | NJ | 4.5 | — | — | 30 | 5 | PI 125025 | IN | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| Pocahontas | VA | 1.7 | 30 | 5 | — | — | PI 129675 | SA | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| RedGold | CA | 4.8 | — | — | 20 | 5 | PI 129678 | SA | — | — | — | 20 | 5 |
| Royal Kist | CA | — | — | — | 20 | 3 | PI 130980 | GR | — | — | — | 15 | 1 |
| Royal Giant | CA | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | PI 131034 | PO | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| Snow Queen | CA | 5.0 | 75 | 5 | 30 | 5 | PI 131075 | EN | — | 20 | 3 | 10 | 3 |
| Stark Delicious | CA | — | — | — | 5 | 3 | PI 131209 | EN | — | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Summer Beaut | CA | 3.0 | — | — | 5 | 4 | PI 131430 | EN | — | — | — | 5 | 3 |
| Sun Grand | CA | — | — | — | 60 | 5 | PI 132007 | GR | — | — | — | 30 | 3 |
| Sunfre | CA | — | — | — | 10 | 4 | PI 132739 | GR | — | — | — | 5 | 3 |
| SunGlo | CA | — | — | — | 15 | 4 | PI 133551 | AS | — | — | — | 30 | 4 |
| Sweet Melody | CA | — | 10 | 3 | 1 | 3 | PI 133741 | AS | — | — | — | 20 | 5 |
| | | | | | | | PI 133982 | SA | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | PI 133984 | SA | — | — | — | 10 | 3 |
| PI 34601 | CH | — | — | — | 70 | 4 | PI 133987 | SA | — | 15 | 4 | 20 | 2 |
| PI 36126 | BL | — | — | — | 15 | 4 | PI 134150 | SP | — | 15 | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| PI 43289 | CH | — | 20 | 5 | 15 | 4 | PI 134151 | SA | — | 30 | 5 | — | — |
| PI 43685 | IN | — | — | — | 20 | 4 | PI 146137 | USSR | — | — | — | 10 | 4 |
| PI 55776 | CH | — | 20 | 5 | 15 | 5 | PI 151158 | AR | — | 20 | 5 | 40 | 5 |
| PI 62602 | CH | — | 40 | 5 | 15 | 3 | PI 240928 | CH | — | — | — | 5 | 4 |
| PI 63850 | IT | — | 40 | 5 | 20 | 5 | PI 442378 | MX | — | — | — | 5 | 2 |
| PI 65974 | IT | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | PI 442380 | MX | — | — | — | 10 | 2 |
| PI 65977 | IT | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | |

^zOrigin code: AR = Argentina; AS = Australia; BL = Bolivia; CA = cultivar developed or originating in California; CH = China; CN-1 = Harrow Research Station, Ontario, Canada; CN-2 = Vineland Research Station, Ontario, Canada; EN = England; FL = Univ. of Florida, Gainesville; FR = France; GA = USDA, Bryon, GA; GR = Germany; IA = Iowa State Univ., Ames; IL = Univ. of Illinois, Urbana; IN = India; IT = Italy; LA = Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge; MD-1 = USDA, Beltsville, MD; MD-2 = Univ. of Maryland, College Park; MI = Michigan State Univ., E. Lansing; MO = Univ. of Missouri, Columbia; MR = Morocco; MX = Mexico; NC = North Carolina State Univ., Raleigh; NH = Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham; NJ = Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N.J.; NY = Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y.; PL = Palestine; PO = Poland; SA = South Africa; SP = Spain; US = United States cultivar of unknown origin or cultivar not released from a specific breeding program; USSR = Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; VA = Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univ., Blacksburg.

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ratings than shown in these peach data.

Cultivars developed in California, where bacterial spot is not prevalent, generally were extremely susceptible, particularly in North Carolina. California cultivars 'O'Henry', 'Fairtime', 'Calred', 'Carnival', and 'Firered' were rated extremely susceptible in both North and South Carolina. California nectarines 'LateGold', 'RedGold', and 'Snow Queen' were also extremely susceptible. Peach and nectarine cultivars developed in the eastern United States, where bacterial spot is a problem, generally showed more resistance than other cultivars in different regions; however, there were many exceptions.

'Monroe' peach was particularly noteworthy in this regard, exhibiting severe leaf and fruit lesions and 80% defoliation in North Carolina. On severely infected lines, fruit gumming was observed relatively early in the growing season, and some fruit dropped prior to maturation.

A major objective of eastern U.S. peach breeding programs is development of peach and nectarine cultivars with bacterial spot resistance. Screening of lines under field conditions is often used to identify resistant types. The significant number of susceptible cultivars released from eastern U.S. breeding programs underscores the need for a routine

and reliable screening technique for bacterial spot, as previously proposed by Kail and Fogle (4).

Although resistance among PI's varied, none exceeded the level of resistance currently available in commercial cultivars. Thus, it does not appear necessary to use these PI's specifically as a source of bacterial spot resistance. Plant Introductions 78544 and 104287 showed high resistance in both test locations. Plant Introductions 131209 and 65974 were judged highly resistant in South Carolina, but were not evaluated in North Carolina.

Other *Prunus* species and species hybrids

Table 2. Susceptibility of various *Prunus* species and species hybrids to bacterial spot (*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *pruni*) in South Carolina in 1984.

| <i>Prunus</i> species or hybrid | Clone ^z | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^y | <i>Prunus</i> species or hybrid | Clone ^z | Defoliation (%) | Severity of leaf infection ^y |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| americana | Wolf | 1 | 5 | dulcis | Mission | 50 | 5 |
| americana x simonii | Hanska | 15 | 4 | dulcis | Ruby | 40 | 5 |
| americana x simonii | Kaga | 5 | 3 | dulcis | P 114-8 | 40 | 4 |
| americana x simonii | Kahinta | 10 | 5 | dulcis x (armeniaca x dulcis) | 1R8.5 | 70 | 5 |
| americana x simonii | Toka | 5 | 5 | dulcis x (armeniaca x dulcis) | 5R8.5 | 40 | 4 |
| armeniaca | Harcot | 30 | 5 | dulcis x (armeniaca x dulcis) | 6R8.5 | 60 | 4 |
| armeniaca | Hargrand | 80 | 5 | dulcis x (armeniaca x dulcis) | R9.5 | 50 | 5 |
| armeniaca | Harogem | 20 | 5 | angustifolia | Florida 1-2 | 5 | 2 |
| armeniaca | Stepynak | 5 | 2 | ferganensis | PI 113455 | 5 | 4 |
| armeniaca | Sundrop | 20 | 5 | ferganensis | USSR | 30 | 2 |
| armeniaca x dulcis | (Fresno, Calif.) | 10 | 2 | fenzliana | (Fresno, Calif.) | 70 | 5 |
| besseyi | IR2 2-1 | 5 | 4 | hortulana | P4-13 | 5 | 2 |
| besseyi | IR2 3-24 | 5 | 4 | hortulana | P4-16 | 5 | 3 |
| besseyi | Sioux | 10 | 5 | hortulana | IR330-3 | 5 | 0 |
| besseyi x salicina | Dura | 40 | 5 | kansuensis | 01370 | 30 | 3 |
| besseyi x salicina | Oka | 15 | 5 | maritima | Cornell Clone 1 | 40 | 5 |
| besseyi x salicina | Opata | 30 | 5 | minutiflora (5 seedlings) | (Texas) | 0 | 0 |
| besseyi x salicina | Sapa | 10 | 5 | mume | (Ga.) | 5 | 4 |
| besseyi x salicina | Temptation | 30 | 5 | persica x dulcis | NCA10254 | 20 | 4 |
| cerasifera | Myrabi | 5 | 3 | persica x dulcis | (SXR.185)6 | 20 | 4 |
| cerasifera x armeniaca | Tlor Ciran | 30 | 5 | pumila | Mando | 20 | 4 |
| cerasifera x persica | Myran | 5 | 4 | pumila | IR2 333-2 | 15 | 5 |
| cerasifera x persica | S.2729 | 15 | 5 | pumila x cerasifera | Cistena | 30 | 4 |
| cerasifera x (cerasifera x persica) | Isthara | 30 | 5 | persica x davidiana | Arkansas PR-11 | 10 | 3 |
| davidiana | (Bryon, Ga.) | 20 | 5 | persica x davidiana | (N.J.) | 60 | 5 |
| davidiana | IR343-3 | 10 | 3 | salicina x americana | Monitor | 5 | 4 |
| davidiana | J68-59 | 5 | 2 | salicina x (americana x simoni) | Pipestone | 60 | 5 |
| domestica | French Goose | 5 | 5 | tenella (nana) | Superior | 5 | 4 |
| domestica | St. Julian | 20 | 4 | texana | R.H. (N.Y.) | 80 | 5 |
| domestica | Verity | 80 | 5 | texana | seedling (Texas) | 80 | 5 |
| domestica | Vision | 90 | 5 | texana | seedling (Texas) | 10 | 1 |
| domestica x spinosa | Damas 1869 | 10 | 5 | texana x angustifolia | (FL) | 10 | 1 |
| dulcis | Carmel | 50 | 5 | triloba | IR2 74-1A | 50 | 5 |
| dulcis | Harvey | 60 | 5 | | | | |

^zAbbreviations in parentheses indicate state source of unnamed clone.

^yRated on a 0 to 5 scale: 0 = no lesions; 1 = up to 1% of the fruit surface affected and lesions not more than skin deep; 2 = 1% to 10% of the surface affected and lesions not more than 3 mm deep; 3 = 11% to 30% of the surface affected and lesions not more than 3 mm deep; 4 = > 30% of the surface affected with lesions not more than 3 mm deep; and 5 = > 30% of the surface affected with the majority of the lesions more than 3 mm deep and 5 mm in diameter.

were also rated in South Carolina (Table 2). Most species were as susceptible or more susceptible than most peach cultivars, and do not appear promising as a source of resistance. *Prunus hortulana* (Bailey) exhibited a high level of resistance. One seedling of *P. texana* (Dietr.) and an interspecific *P. texana* hybrid exhibited a high level of resistance, while a 2nd *P. texana* seedling was highly susceptible. Five seedlings of *P. minutiflora* (Engelm.) were examined closely and no lesions could be found. This species should be examined closely to determine if it may

possess immunity to the disease.

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