Relation between Disease Incidence of Bacterial Grain Rot of Rice and Weather Conditions

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ABSTRACT

Bacterial grain rot of rice caused by *Burkholderia glumae* was examined between weather condition and disease incidence. From 1998 to 2000, average disease incidence was 3.0 % without difference in survey regions. However, it was related closely to amount of rainfall that disease incidence higher in 1998 and 2000 to 3.0 % and 3.6 % respectively than 2.3 in 1999 relatively small volum of rainfall season.

Key words: Burkholderia glumae, bacterial grain rot, weather condition, disease incidence

INTRODUCTION

Bacterial grain rot of rice has been identified the occurrence in several Asian countries especially since first repoted in Japan (Goto and Ohtta, 1956; Zeigler and Alvarez, 1988). This disease was the one of the major pathogenic agents in rice in korea scince the first reported in 1987 (茂木 and 金). The infection and occurrence field area has been increase yearly, especially from 5,435 ha in 1998 to 16,609 ha in 2000, and damage in yield and rice quality by rice grain injury (웅진청, 1998, 1999, 2000). Bacterial grain rot of rice caused by *Burkholderia glumae* related closely to weather conditions around heading stage, so this study was investigated the relation between disease incidence and climatic factors.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Disease incidence and weather condition was investigated in several rice fields of Chonbuk province to confirm the relationship both. The examination was carried out for 3 years from 1998 to 2000 in several Chonbuk regions as Jeongup, Namwon, Kimje, Kunsan and Iksan known as important rice production area in Korea. Disease incidence was examined by natural occurrence of kernel symptoms around heading stage with 2,500 plants on 25 spots totally as by 5 spots each region.

Weather conditions around heading stage related disease occurrence was examined in 5 regions where same site of disease incidence investigation and the data of weather was examined to average temperature, days of rainfall, amount of rainfall and relative humidity and those weather information from National Honam

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Agricultural Experiment Station for Iksan and other 4 regions from monthly weather report of Korea Meteorological Administration.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Disease occurrence rate of bacterial grain rot of rice

caused by *Burkholderia glumae* was examined 5 regions for 3 years from 1998 through 2000. In the results, the disease incidence rate was 3.6% in 2000 which was higher than other examinations as 2.3% and 3.0% in 1998 and 1999 respectively (Table 1). There was significant difference between investigated years but not regions by Duncan's multiple range test

Table 1. Occurrence of rice bacterial grain rot at paddy fields in Chonbuk province.

Year	Area surveyed							
	Iksan	Kimje	Jeongup	Kunsan	Namwon	Mean		
1998	3.3ª	2.8	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.0a ^b		
1999	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.3b		
2000	3.2	5.3	2.3	3.5	3.6	3.6a		
Mean	3.0a	3.46	2.66	2.76	2.96	2.96		

^a Average % of infected panicles.

^b Means with the same letter are not significantly different according to Ducan's multiple range test (p=0.01%).



Fig. 1. Burkholderia glumae symptoms on bacterial grain rot.

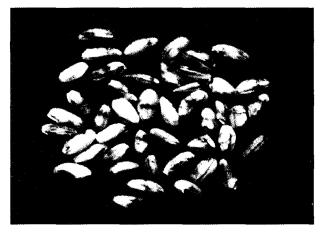


Table 2. Temperature conditions during August in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

	Area		Year		Mean
		1998	1999	2000	
	Iksan	25.6	25.7	26.4	25.9
Mean	Kimje	25.3	25.1	25.6	25.3
temperature	Jeongup	25.6	25.0	25.8	25.47
(°C)	Kunsan	25.8	25.7	25.7	25.7
	Namwon	25.1	25.2	25.5	25.3
	Mean	25.5	25.3	25.8	25.5

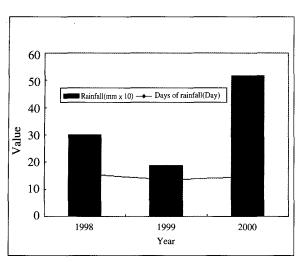


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(p=0.01%). Among the examined regions, Kimje region recorded highest disease incidence as 3.5% in 3 years average rate in compare of other 4 regions. In the yearly examination result, the disease incidence was related to amount of rainfall as the rate was higher in case of more precipitation in 2000 than examined other seasons which suggest that the bacterial infection was established around heading date, and this could lead the different disease incidences(對馬 and 內藤, 1988; Tsushima et al, 1995).

Climatic factors in October including heading time have wide variation yearly (Table 2 and Fig. 2). In 1998 and 2000, showed higher disease incidence than 1999, the average temperature was higher 1.2°C and have more 199.5mm and 540.4mm of rainfall than those of 1998 season. Number of rainfall date of comparative 2 seasons was more 2.2 and 1.2 days than 1999. In these results, the higher temperature, amount of rainfall and number of precitation date were closely related to disease occurrence, and which suggest that the climatic conditions with humid, higher temperature and long-term rainfall were major factors to disease occurrence and spread (木) 등, 1994; 木, 1995).

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