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Heredity and Breeding of resistance to Sclerotiniose in sunflower by Huang Xu Tang Economic Crop Research Institute of Heilongjiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, P.R. China

Abstract:

This article has synthesized research results about heredity and breeding of resistance to sclerotiniose in sunflower and author's working experience in above research institute and has discussed parameters of combining ability and heritability of resistance to sclerotiniose, as well as the way and method breeding of resistance to sclerotiniose. Selection of general combining ability of resistance to sclerotiniose is effective and it plays an important role in parents selection of disease-resistant breeding. The heritability of resistance to sclerotiniose is more powerful in sunflower. The breeding work of resistance to sclerotiniose shall begin at early generation through pedigree, rotational crossing and bulk selection procedure to insist on principles of characterization and selection from generation to generation.

<u>Key-words</u>: sunflower, sclerotiniose, resistant breeding, combining ability.

<u>Introduction</u>:

Sclerotiniose is one of the major diseases on sunflower present distributively in all countries of the world. It has heavily affected growth of sunflower, and so it is in our country. It happened distributively in sunflower areas of Northeast of China, Shansi Province and the Nei Mongol Autonomous Region, especially it is heavily in Heilongjiang Province. According to statistical data that morbidity in general fields from 1985 to 1987 has come up to 30%-60%, and incidence of the disease in serious fields has come up to more than 90%. In 1987, sclerotiniose appeared in Baicheng Areas of Jilin Province, the output of sunflower has decreased by 34% - 58.2%. It is leeading way for resistance to sclerotiniose breeding to relieve harm of sclerotiniose, so it has been attached great importance to genetic regularity of resistance and work of resistance to sclerotiniose breeding in many countries and areas. At present, in the course of high-yield and high-oil breeding, breeding departments have taken resistance to sclerotiniose as important breeding goal. In 1983, our institute started to take genetic regularity of resistance to sclerotiniose and work of resistance to sclerotiniose breeding as important study projects. Now it has made a breakthrough progress.

Materials and methods:

- 1) Using sterility line of anti-3A, 74102-4A. 84102-6A and restored line of R4, R5, R6 and R7 to have incomplete double-row hybridization so as to acquire 12 hybrids (F1). Using randomized block designing experiment to repeat three times. Using natural conditions of serious illness regions in Heilongjiang Province to investigate non-morbidity after maturation, so investigative results shall be substituted with arc-sine of suqare root, to have analyses for combining ability.
- 2) From 1986 to 1988, I used 13 materials of hybrids and checked varieties tested in National Sunflower Combined Regional Test to calculate hereditary parameters in similar way, such as heritability genetics, and phenotype amoeboid factors.
- 3) According to genetic mechanism of resistance to sclerotiniose and my working experience, we have already used breeding materials to study selection of hybrids of resistance to sclerotiniose from the beginning of studying types of sclerotiniose and inoculation method of resistance to sclerotiniose.

Results and discussion:

1) Analyses of combining ability:

Variance analysis: differences among blocks are not obvious (F=1.15), differences among hybrids are extremely remarkable (F=10.05). Effect of general combining ability of P1 (sterility lines) has come up to extremely remarkable level (Model IF = 46.57; Model IIF = 34.08); effect of general combining ability of P2 (restored lines) has come up to remarkable level (Model IF = 3.08. Model IIF = 2.27). Effect of special combining ability between P1 P2 has not achieved remarkable level (F=1.37). It is seen from above that it is possible to calculate general combining ability effect and its relative effect (see Table 1). It is estimated that variance of general combining ability for population is 97%, variance of special combining ability if 3%. It is seen that it is very important for general combining ability of

resistance to sclerotiniose in experimental population, additive effect should occupy a leading position. It is effective to increase resistance to sclerotiniose for sunflower and select high general combining ability materials for hybrid parentage. However, special combining ability that is non-additive effect is secondary.

<u>Table 1. Relative effect of general combining ability and special combining ability.</u>

\$(96) P1	R⊈	R5	R6	R7	£(96)
Anti 3A	-8.88	-7.83	11.31	5.38	-23.41
74102-4A	18.34	-0.53	-4.32	-13.57	-22.45
84102-6A	-9.51	8.31	-7.01	12.24	45.88
ĝ(%)	-14.43	-1.80	14.21	2.04	

2) Hereditary ability analysis:

By calculation, see Table 2 of annual genetic factors. It is seen from Table 2 that general hereditary ability of resistance to sclerotiniose properties are higher. Its average value over three years has been 77,17%. However, it has changed greatly in different years. This shows that hereditary ability of resistance to sclerotiniose for sunflower is more powerful, may be selected in early generation and its hereditary amoeboid factors are much higher. Its average value over three years has been 34,43%. This shows that breeds of sunflower have larger gene type difference of resistance to sclerotiniose, of which selection is effective and differences of amoeboid factors among years are much larger. It shows that there are many elements of anti-property which affected. There is less changes for hereditary and phenotype amoeboid factors in similar years, and it is also thought that heredity of resistance to sclerotiniose is principal, but environmental influence is secondary.

Table 2. Hereditary factors value % in different years

Parameter	2 h B	х	бв	CVg	бр	СУр
Particular years						
1986	85.43	59.59	20.10	33.72	20.63	34.62
1987	66.51	29.96	15.47	51.64	16.54	55.22
1988	79.56	71.30	12.78	13.28	13.28	18.62
Average Value	77.17	53.62	16.12	16.82	16.82	36.15

3) Breeding of resistance to sclerotiniose.

(1) Types and breeding of sunflower sclerotiniose

On the shape of intrusion and infection of causative agent, sclerotiniose may be divided into hyphae and ascospore type. According to genetic position and symptoms, sclerotiniose may be divided into root rot, stem rot, leaf blight and disk rot, of which root rot is sclerotia and hypha in soils and seeds intrusion and infection: stem rot, leaf blight and disk rot are ascospores in their early intrusion and infection. In different ecological conditions, intrusion and infection shape of causative agent has obvious difference. Most seriously contaminated sclerotiniose areas of sunflower in our country took ascospore intrusion and infection as key-link due to much rain in later stage (from July to August) of growth for sunflower partly of resistance of sunflower on the ground that leaves are stronger than stem and stem is stronger than flower, so disk rot sclerotiniose is the most important. and next are root rot type and stem rot type. Leaf blight type is seldom encountered, only on the partly leaves. In China, breeding of resistance to sclerotiniose has taken breeding and selection of disk rot of resistance as key-link, part-time root rot.

(2) Inoculation method of resistance to disk-rot type sclerotiniose.

As appearance of sclerotiniose on sunflower has a close relation with climatic conditions, so exact and effective characterization is the keylink of raising selective efficiency. From 1989 to 1990, I compared five inoculation methods and analysed whether the result of inoculation could reflect natural practice. It showed that fresh inoculation method of fresh hypha toothpick (see'Oil Crops in China', No 1, 'Inoculation Method of Sclerotiniose in Sunflower') can reflect resistant property of materials itself, it is a kind of simple and effective inoculation method of sclerotiniose for sunflower. In the same time. we have used this method to have inoculation for 198 materials. morbidity of mostly materials were reached over 90%. Resistant difference among varieties displayed expanded speed of disease's spots to create difference of index of disease state and loss rate. According to expertise that it was determined 84102-6B and 86103-B were B-lines of resistance to sclerotiniose and 84102-6AXR5 (LongKuiZa no.1) was hybrid of medium resistance to sclerotiniose. Anti-3B, 74102-4B, which most of materials were high susceptible or susceptible materials.

(3) Way and methods of sunflower breeding resistance to sclerotiniose:

At present, through identification for resistance germplasm, (especially for wild resources), resistance germplasm shall be led to resistant gene as hybrid. In early generation, methods were used through pedigree, rotational crossing and bulk selection procedure to select excellent and stable strain or B-line and R-line of resistance to diseases and select varieties of resistance to diseases or hybrid of resistance to disease.

As sclerotiniose belongs to quantity property, most of which are controlled by gene, and additive effect occupies dominant position, so we must begin at early generation through pedigree, rotational crossing and bulk selection procedure and insist on principles of characterization and selection generation and generation. For example, breeding and selection of 84102-6A of sterility line of

resistance to sclerotiniose developed in our institute is selfing, back-cross and characterization of course. Crossing 74102-4B with a material with resistant gene, of which whole breeding and selection has been completed in disease garden at the beginning of F1, which combined intrusion and infection with inoculation to identify 84102-6 of sterility line sclerotiniose between 1.25 and 25 to achieve resistant disease level. 84102-A6 of resistance to sclerotiniose examined by combining ability has higher general combining ability, that 84102-6AXR5 of hybrid of R5 in restored line is hybrid of medium resistance to sclerotiniose. In similar breeding method, we have also completed LongKuiZa No.2 of hybrid of medium-resistance to sclerotiniose that resistance to sclerotiniose is stronger than above LongKuiZa No.1 of hybrid.