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I expect the last week of July to be a critical week for the soybean aphid situation. I dislike making predictions because there are so many factors that can influence insect growth and reproduction. However, I think that if populations have not reached the economic threshold by August 1, then there is a high probability that they won't. We'll know at the end of August if I was right.

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