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# Disease Management Update

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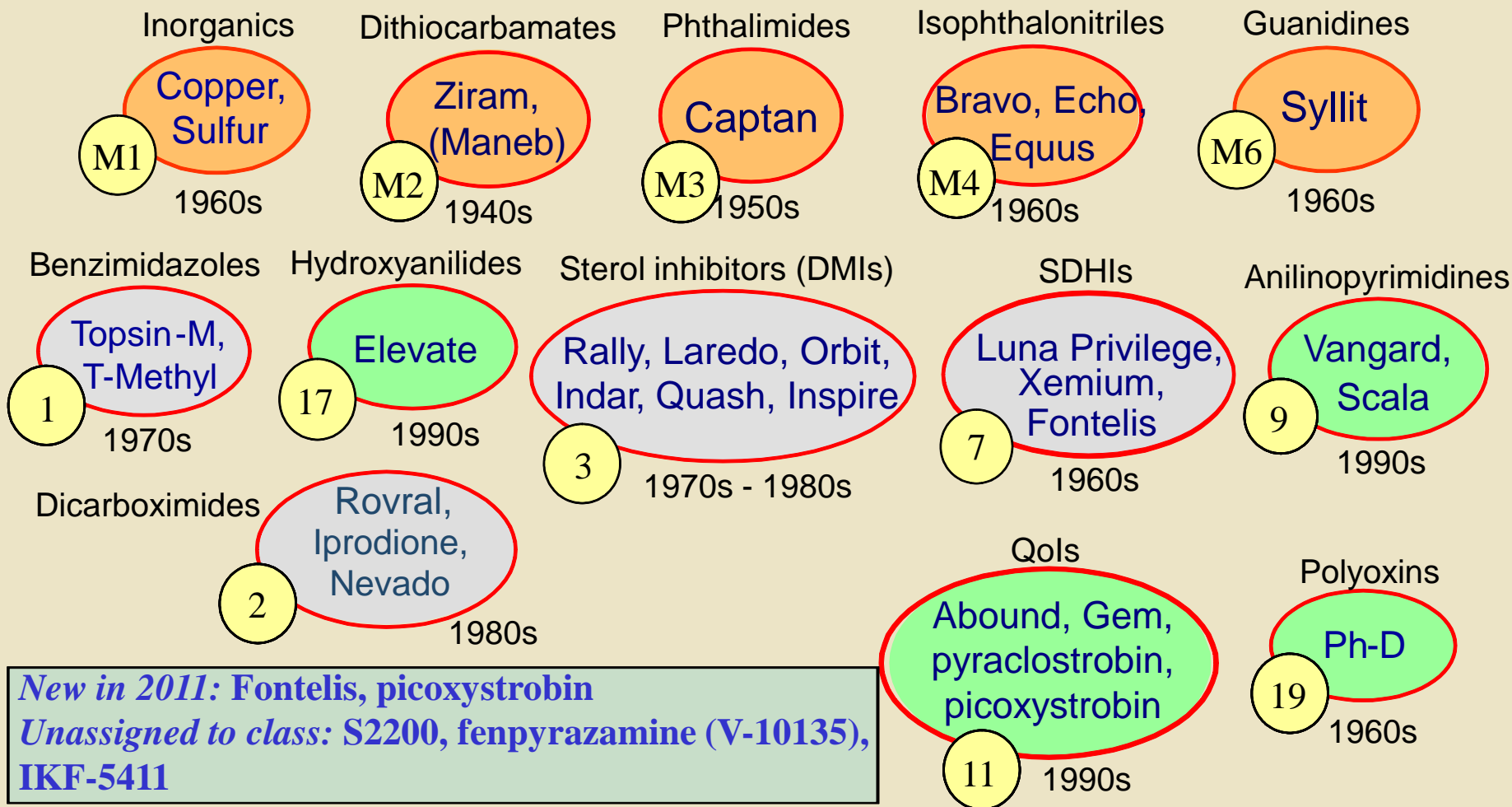




**Currently Registered  
and New Fungicides for  
Almond Production in  
California**

# Development of New Fungicides for Managing Almond Diseases

## Single-fungicides - Inorganics and Conventional Synthetics



**New in 2011: Fontelis, picoxystrobin**  
**Unassigned to class: S2200, fenpyrazamine (V-10135), IKF-5411**

  Multi-site mode of action  
   Single-site mode of action  
   Reduced risk fungicides

# Development of New Fungicides for Managing Almond Diseases

## Conventional Synthetic Fungicides – Pre-mixtures



## Natural Products and Biocontrols

Regalia,  
Cerebrocide,  
Ph-D organic,  
Actinovate

Natural products and a biocontrol that already are or potentially will be OMRI approved were evaluated for organic farming of almonds.



# Management of Springtime Foliar Diseases of Almond

## **Blossom Blight and Shot Hole**

# Efficacy of Fungicides

## Brown rot:

- Numerous excellent treatments available
- Classes: DMIs (3), SDHIs (7), APs (9)
- Pre-mixtures of groups 3+11, 7+11, and 3+9
- New highly effective pre-mixtures: Luna Sensation, Merivon, Inspire Super

## Gray mold:

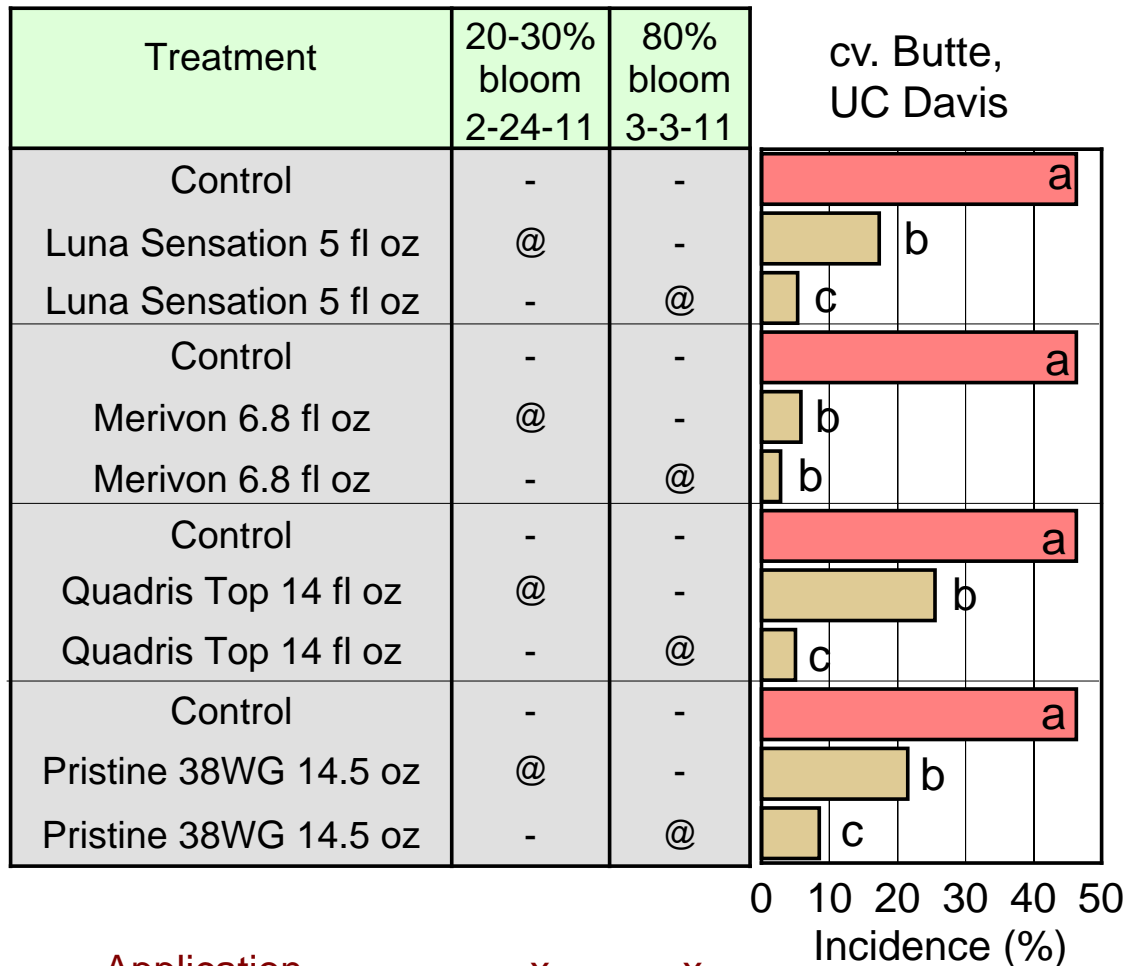
- Most effective treatments in the SDHIs (7) and APs (9)
- Effective pre-mixtures: 3+11, 7+11, and 3+9

## Shot hole:

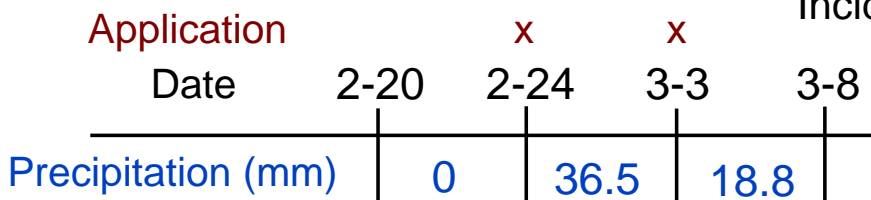
- Most effective: pre-mixtures of 7+11 and 3+11, rotation treatments with 2 and M5 also effective
- Luna Sensation, Merivon, Inspire Super, Quadris Top, Bravo, & Rovral with minimal applications and under high-rainfall were effective



# Brown Rot – Timing of Treatments



- A single application at full bloom was generally more effective than a single application at early bloom even when high rainfall occurred before full bloom.
- In another trial on cv. Drake (very high disease pressure), 2 applications (at pink bud and full bloom) were more effective than a single application (at full bloom only).

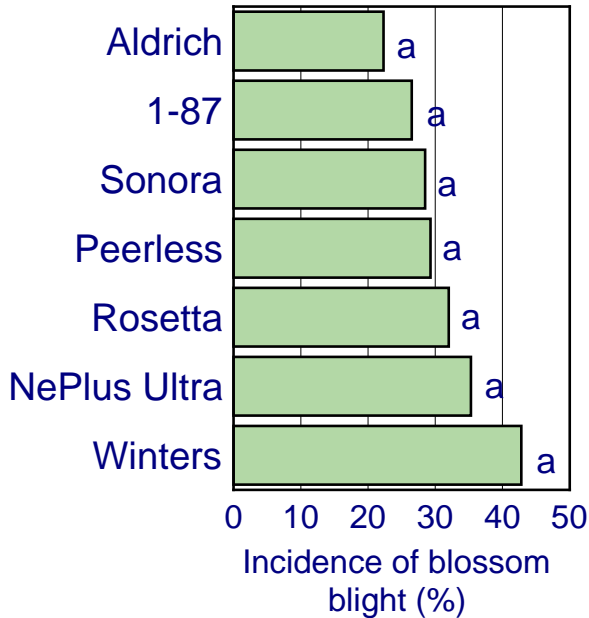




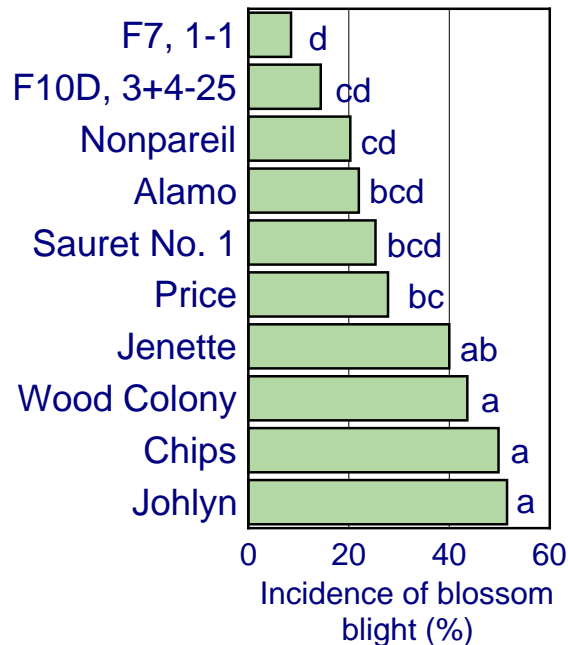
Natural Host  
Resistance Against  
Brown Rot Blossom  
Blight and Other  
Springtime Diseases

# Natural Host Susceptibility of Almond Cultivars Against Blossom Blight - 2011

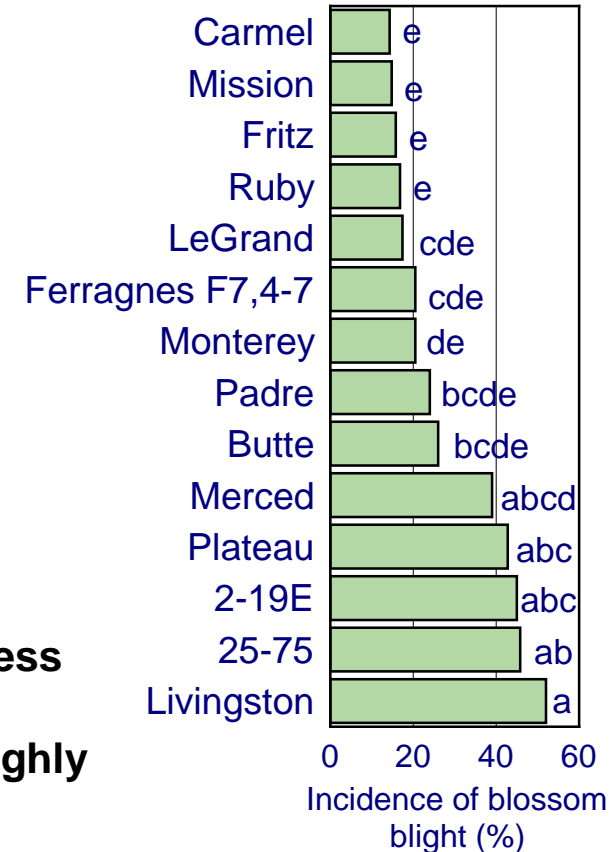
Early-blooming



Mid-blooming



Late-blooming



- **Blossom blight:** With high-rainfall in 2011, some previously less susceptible cultivars (e.g., *Chips*, *Johlyn*, *Jennette*, *Plateau*, *Livingston*) showed a high incidence of disease, similar to highly susceptible cultivars such as *Wood Colony* and *25-75*.
- **Shot hole:** Incidence was similar for most cultivars but severity was lowest for cvs. *Monterey*, *Carmel*, and *Fritz*.
- **Bacterial blast:** A range of susceptibilities
  - *Sonora* more susceptible than *Butte* in 2 studies
  - *Wood Colony*, *Merced*, *Mission*, *Ruby* were less susceptible.



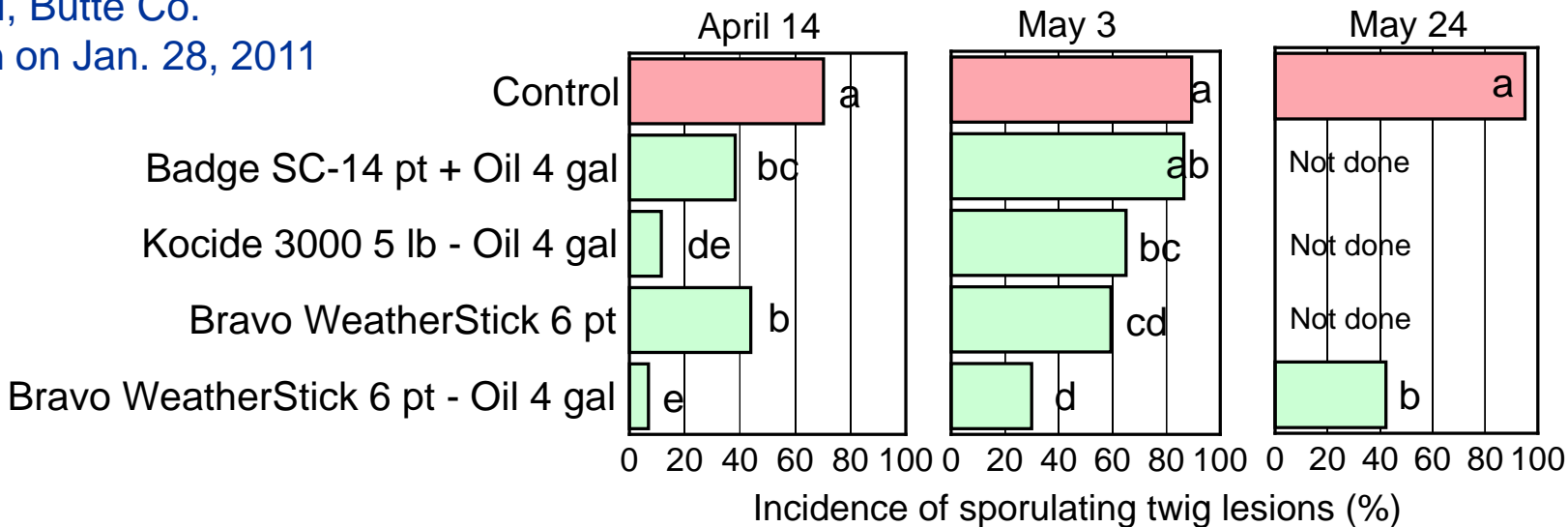
# Management of Late-Spring/Summer Foliar Diseases of Almond

**Scab, Alternaria Leaf Spot,  
Hull Rot**

# Management of Scab

## 1. Dormant Applications to Reduce Inoculum in The Spring

Cv. Carmel, Butte Co.  
Application on Jan. 28, 2011

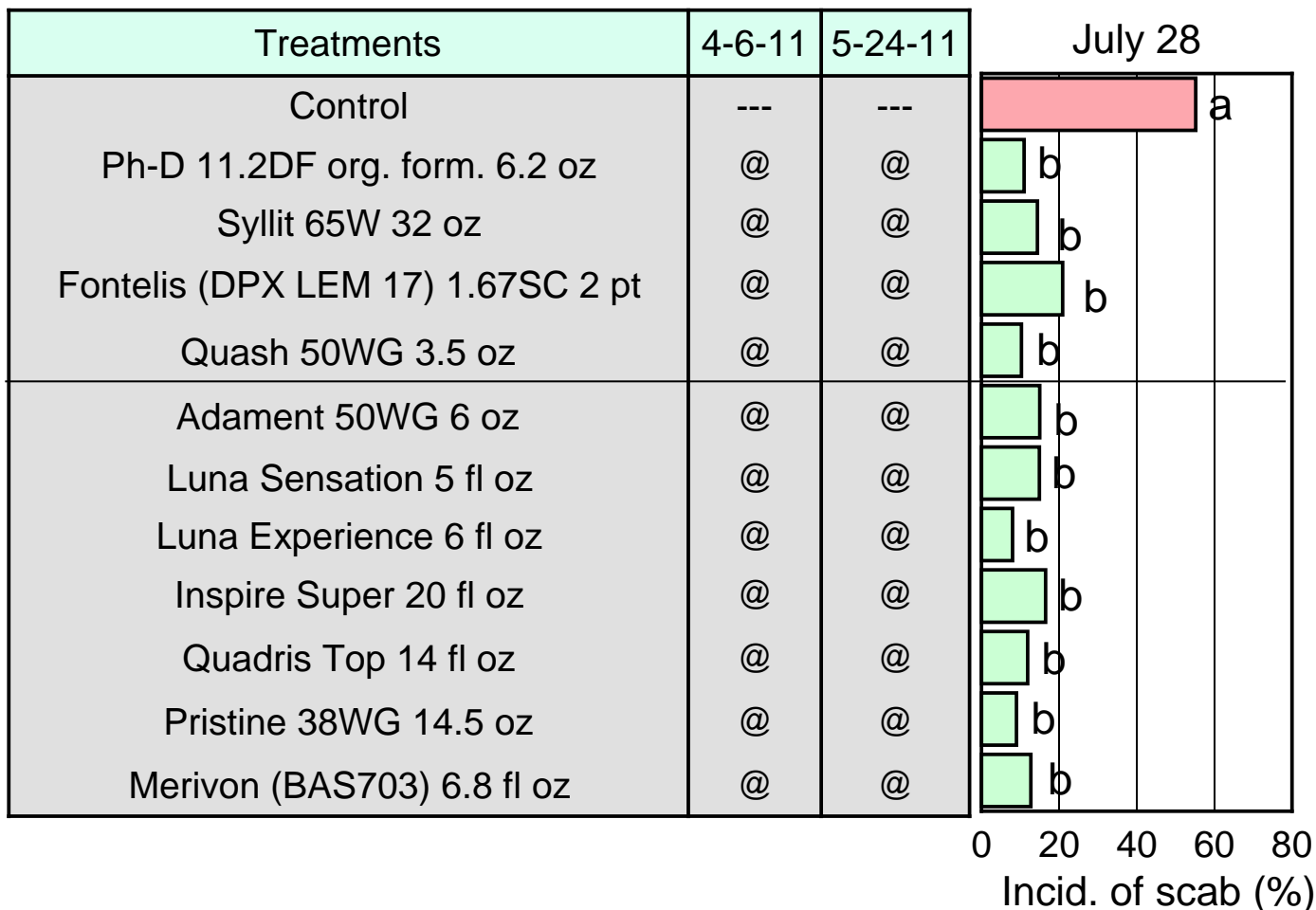


- All treatments significantly reduced the incidence of sporulation into April
- Only Bravo-Oil had an extended efficacy into late spring.
- Thus, dormant applications can be highly effective in reducing and delaying production of primary inoculum

# Management of Scab

## 2. In-Season Applications

Cv. Peerless, Butte Co.



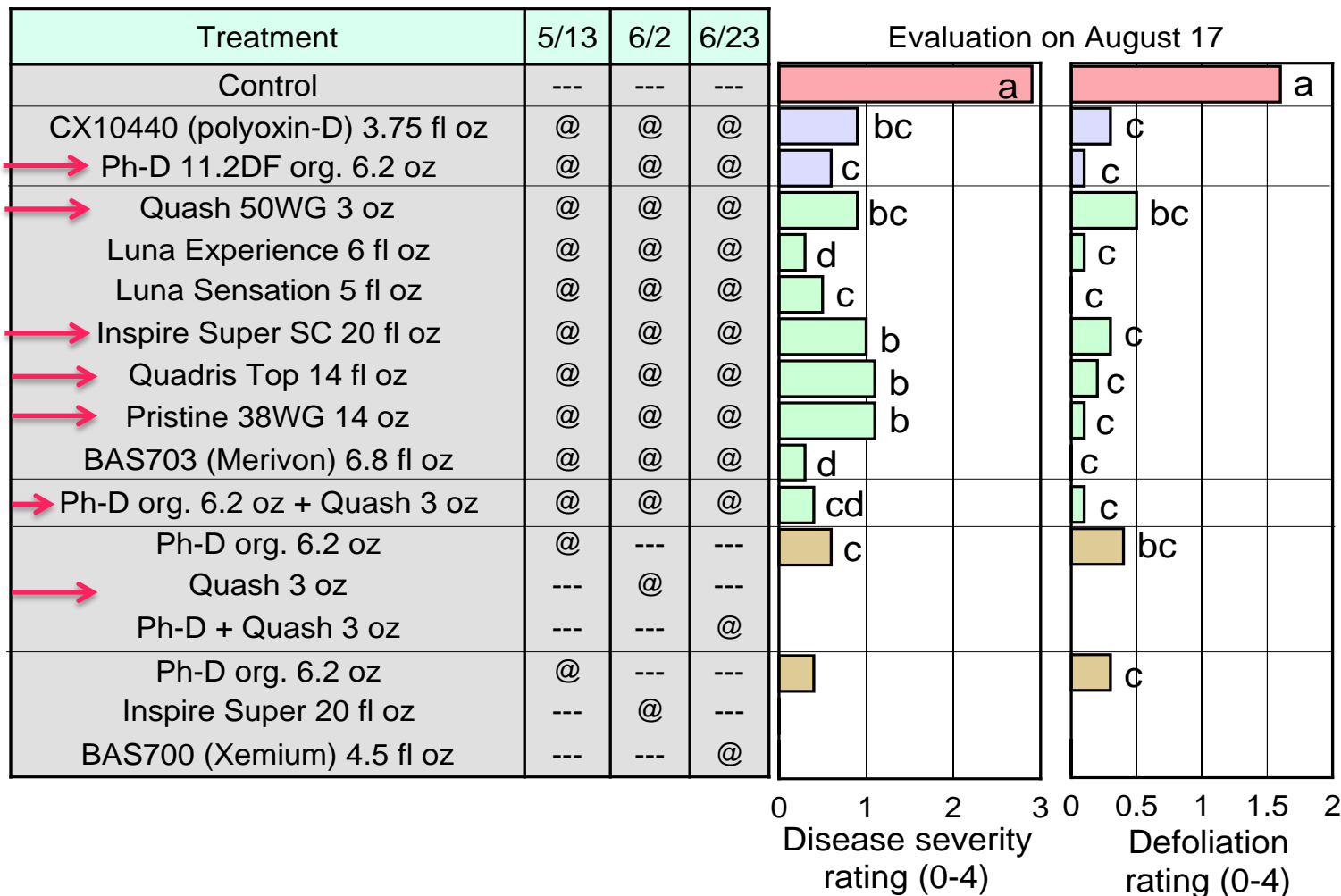
**Almond scab can be effectively managed with single-site mode of action fungicides that are currently available, but these should be rotated with multi-site mode of action compounds (Bravo, Captan, Ziram).**

# Management of Scab

- **New fungicides registered or planned for scab:**
  - Single-site MOA fungicides: Ph-D, Quash, Inspire, Syllit (*pending*)
  - Pre-mixtures: Inspire Super, Quilt Xcel, Quadris Top, as well as Luna Sensation & Merivon (*pending*)
- **Fungicide programs:**
  - A highly effective three-spray program should include dormant applications and two petal-fall (around twig infection sporulation) applications with chlorothalonil, possibly mancozeb, captan, or ziram (i.e. multi-site fungicides with low resistance potential).
  - Because maneb has been voluntarily canceled (2008/2009), mancozeb (e.g., Dithane) fungicides are being tested and are planned for future registrations.
  - **Single-site fungicides should not be applied once disease is developing.**
- **Cultural practices: IPM and the Disease Triangle**

# Management of Alternaria Leaf Spot – Field Efficacy Trials

**cv. Monterey,  
Kern Co.**



Data shown for this trial are representative for several trials conducted in 2011



# Management of Alternaria Leaf Spot – Field Efficacy Trials

## Tree defoliation evaluated in August



**Control**



**Ph-D, Luna Sensation, Quadris Top,  
Merivon**

**cv. Monterey, Kern Co.**

## Most effective treatments:

- Mixtures of the Group 19 Ph-D (polyoxin-D) and the Group 3 fungicides (i.e., Inspire, Quash).

## Other new fungicides with high activity:

- Luna Sensation, Adament, Quadris Top, Quilt Excel, Merivon. These all have a QoI component and thus, will exacerbate QoI resistance.

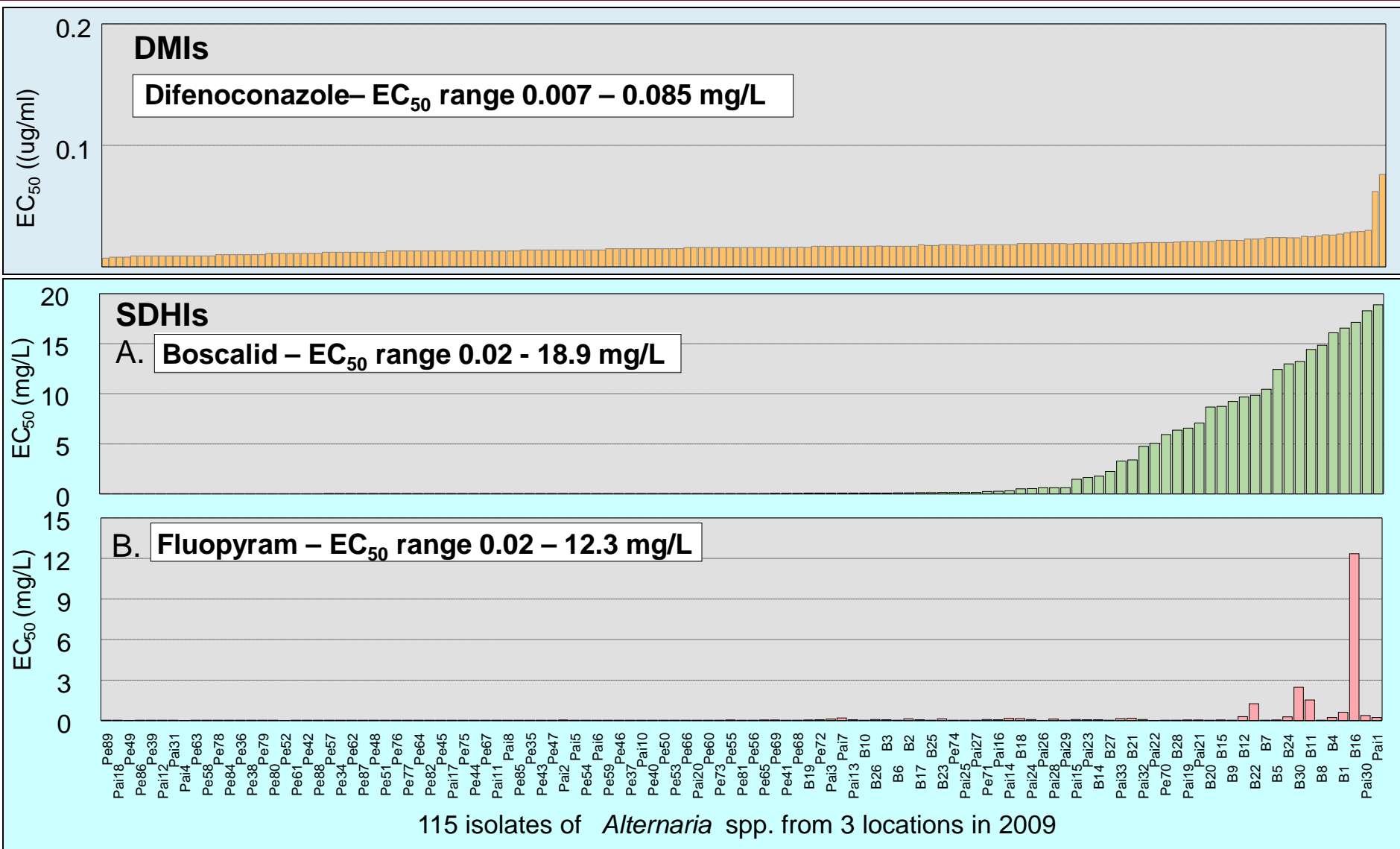
## Fungicide resistance:

- Resistance against QoIs is common, resistance against older SDHIs (i.e., boscalid) high at some locations
- Cross resistance within QoIs (Abound, Gem, etc.)
- Newer SDHIs (fluopyram, fluxapyroxad) more effective than older ones (boscalid), but some cross-resistance occurs.



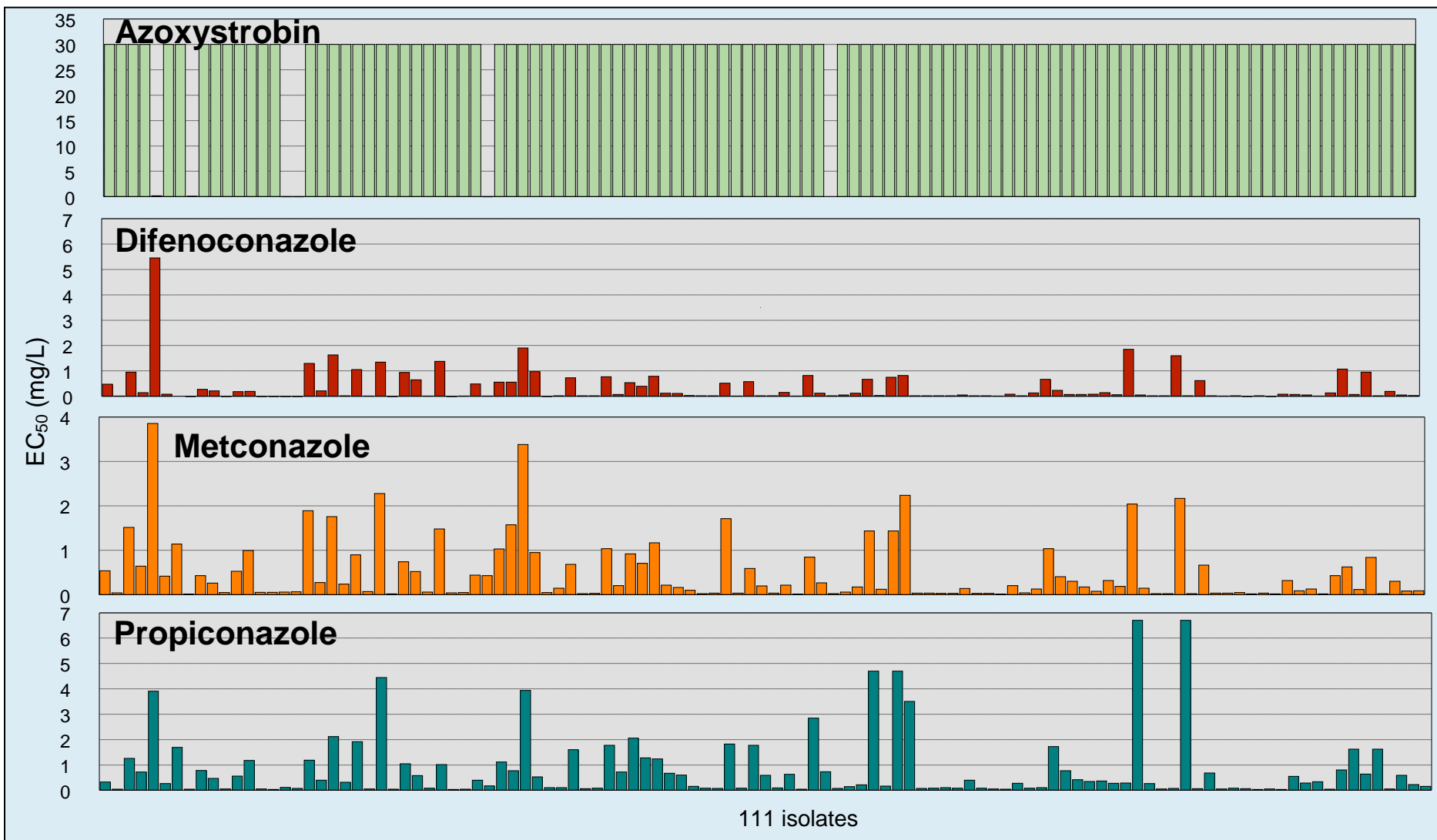
Fungicide Sensitivity  
Studies and Population  
Variability as an  
Indicator of Resistance  
Potential

# In Vitro Sensitivity of *Alternaria* spp. Against DMIs and SDHIs



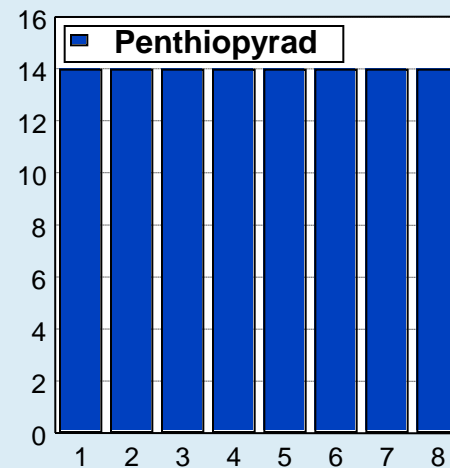
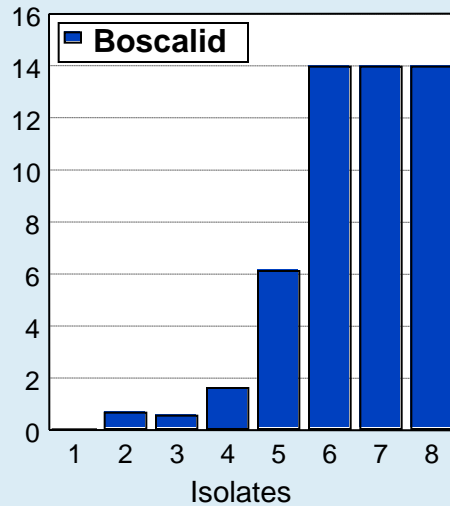
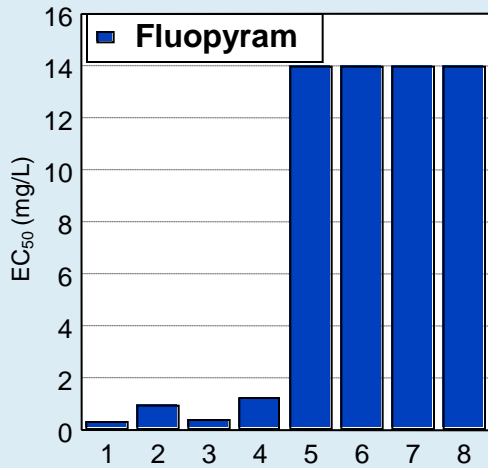
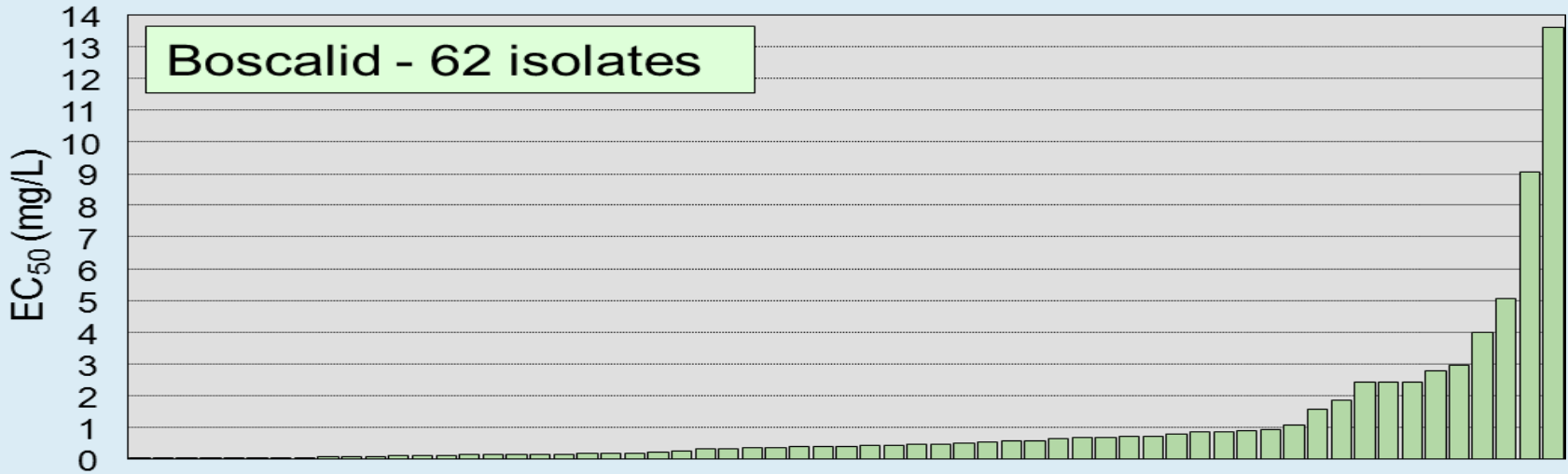
Isolate order in both graphs is the same.

# In Vitro Sensitivity of *Cladosporium carpophilum* Against Qols and DMIs



Isolate order in all graphs is the same.

# In Vitro Sensitivity of *Cladosporium carpophilum* Against SDHI Fungicides



\* - Note that isolates order is the same in the three graphs.

# In Vitro Sensitivity of *Cladosporium* and *Alternaria* spp. Against DMIs and SDHIs - Summary



## Alternaria:

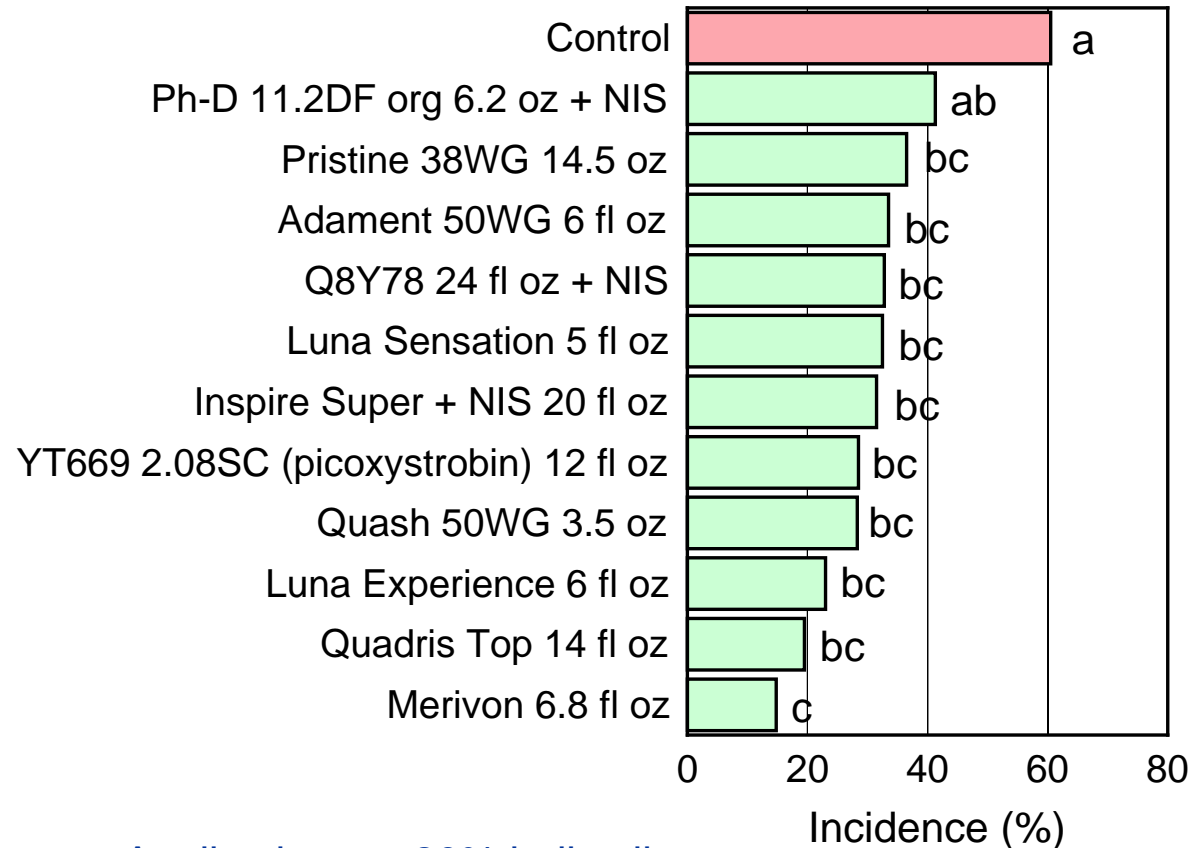
- **DMIs:** All isolates evaluated were sensitive with a narrow range
- **SDHIs:** High levels of resistance against boscalid at some locations
  - Cross resistance between the older SDHI boscalid and newer SDHIs (e.g., fluopyram) for some isolates.

## Scab:

- **DMIs and SDHIs:** A wide and continuous range of sensitivities
- Generally, isolates less sensitive to one DMI or SDHI were also less sensitive to other members of the class
- Thus, many of the isolates naturally resistant to DMIs
- High-resistance to **QoI** fungicides was determined to be based on the G143 mutation as in many other fungi.

# Management of Hull Rot

cv. Nonpareil, Colusa Co. - *R. stolonifer* and *M. fructicola*



Applications at 20% hull split

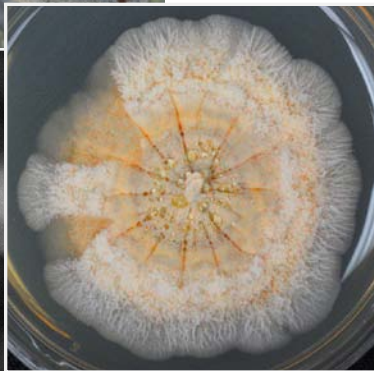
- Fungicide treatments effective against hull rot caused by *R. stolonifer*
- In a timing comparison, treatments with Luna Sensation, Quadris Top, or Quash at early split were similarly effective to treatments at 20% split or to treatments at both timings.



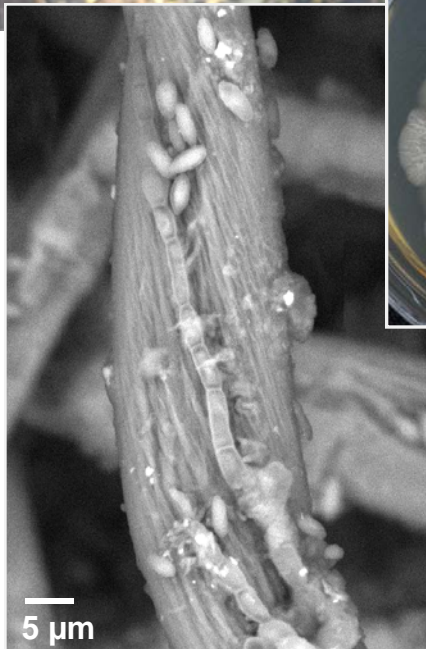
# Management of Hull Rot

- Knowledge on the management of hull rot is accumulating.
- Fungicide treatments **are effective** in reducing hull rot caused by *R. stolonifer*, but **not** by *M. fructicola*.
  - For *Rhizopus* hull rot, no differences in application timings possibly because of the long hull split duration within an orchard. Fungicides applied most effectively during the stages when susceptibility is high and with NOW applications.
  - For *Monilinia* hull rot, earlier application timings need to be tested.
- PGRs (e.g., ethephon) that were evaluated in 2010 possibly can be used to accelerate hull rot for late-maturing varieties.
- For the most effective integrated management of hull rot, hull split should be induced simultaneously with proper water management (i.e., deficit irrigation).

# Etiology of a New 'Powdery Mildew-like' Almond Disease



Culture of  
*Acremonium* sp.



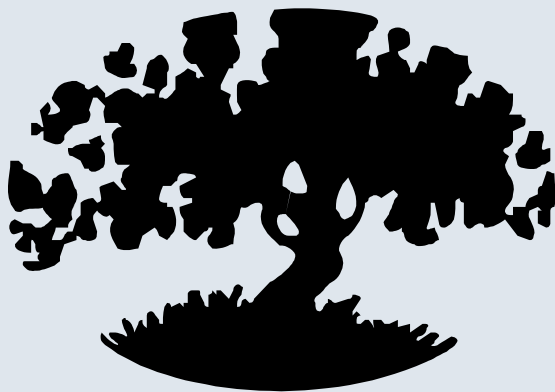
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- Powdery mildew-like symptoms on almond fruit have been observed at numerous locations in recent years.
- A high incidence at one location in 2011.
- A fungus was consistently isolated and identified by morphology and DNA sequence analysis: *Acremonium* sp.
- Inoculations are planned for 2012 to verify pathogenicity of the fungus (Koch's postulates).
- The disease is most likely not a powdery mildew but is caused by *Acremonium* sp. that produces white to orangish growth similar to mildew on fruit.
- Economic importance of this pathogen is not known currently.



## On-line Resources on Fungicide Use

**EFFICACY AND TIMING OF FUNGICIDES,  
BACTERICIDES, AND BIOLOGICALS  
FOR  
DECIDUOUS TREE FRUIT, NUT,  
STRAWBERRY, AND VINE CROPS  
2012**



**ALMOND  
APPLE AND PEAR  
APRICOT  
CHERRY  
GRAPE  
KIWIFRUIT**

**PEACH  
PISTACHIO  
PLUM  
PRUNE  
STRAWBERRY  
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# Insect and Mite Management Update

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# Key Insect and Mite Arthropod Pests

## Key pests ?

- A 'key pest' is one that requires some sort of intervention almost every year.
- What is a 'key pest' often depends on location.
- Management of pests can affect other pests.



# Navel Orangeworm



## Management

- Cultural Controls - winter sanitation, early harvest and rapid pick up of nuts
- Monitoring
- Chemicals controls
  - Conventional products
  - Less-disruptive products
  - Pheromone mating disruption

# Navel Orangeworm

## Cultural Controls

Early harvest



Rapid nut pickup



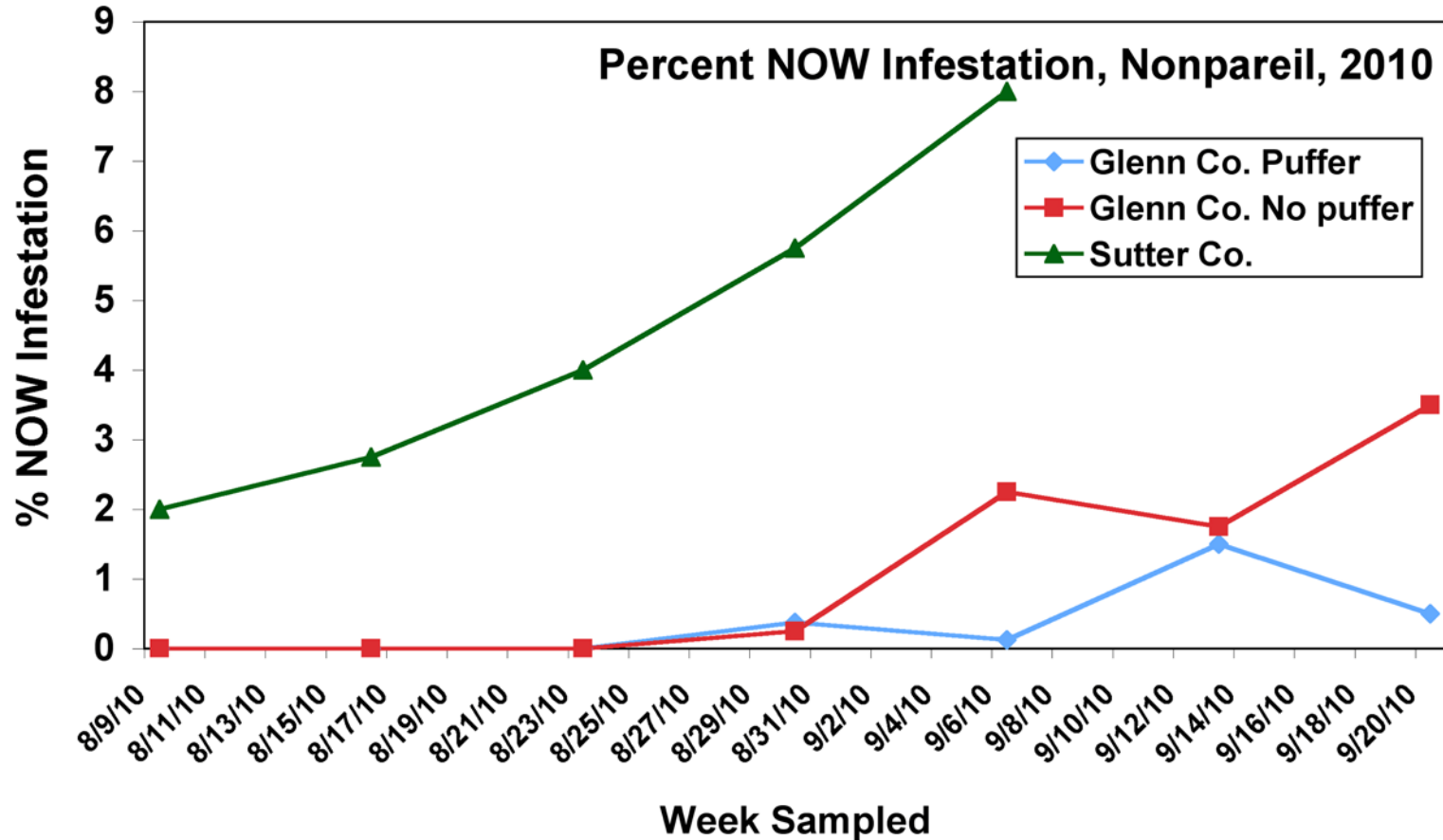
Winter sanitation





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## Early Harvest



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## Monitoring

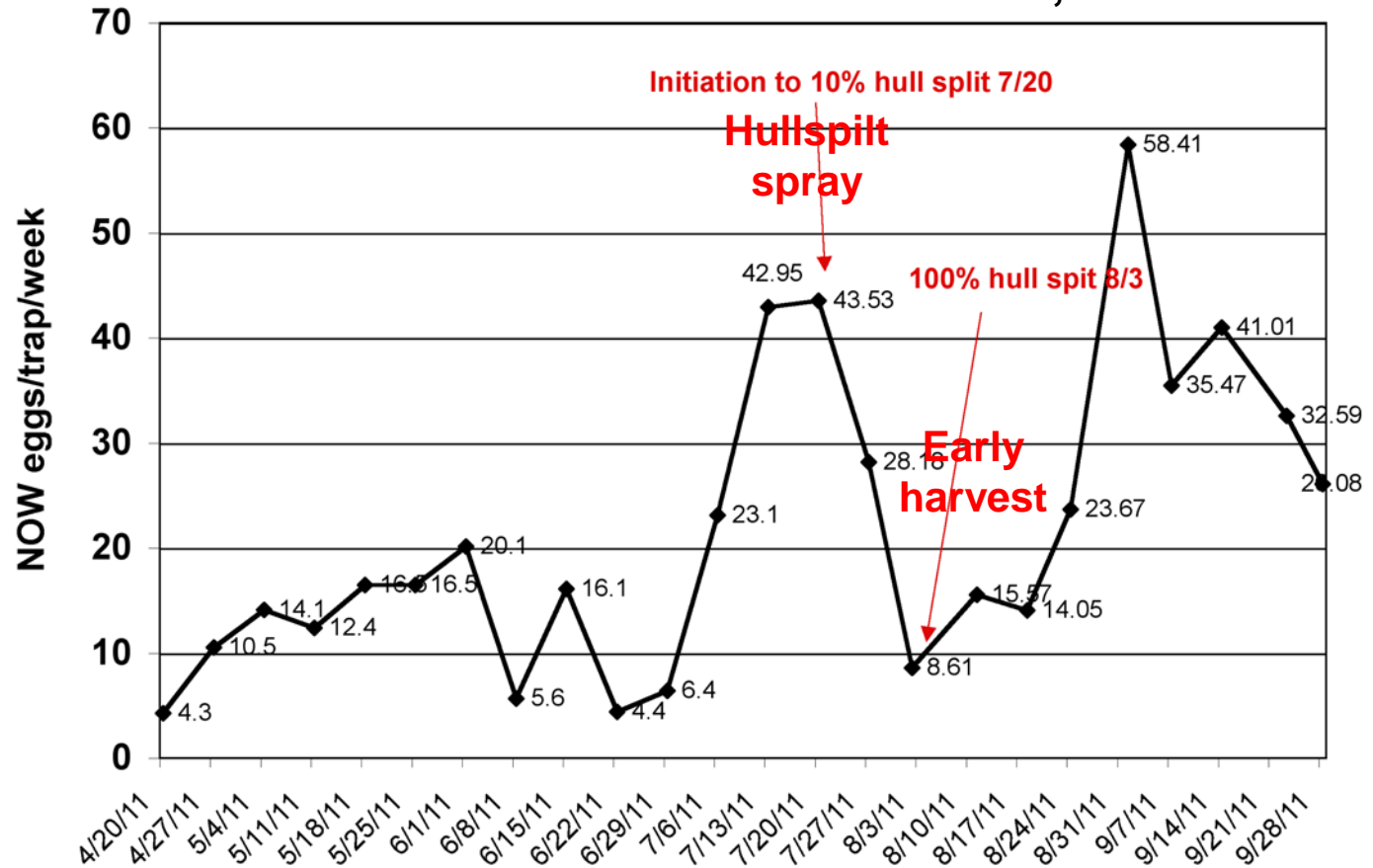


A Sustainable Farming Project field day



NOW egg trap  
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## Navel Orangeworm Traps, 13 Orchards Westside Fresno and Madera Co., 2011



Walt Bentley, UCIPM

## Chemical Controls

- Conventional products - more disruptive
  - Organophosphates (Lorsban, Dibrom, Imidan)
  - Pyrethroids -
    - Asana
    - Pounce and Ambush
    - Brigade, Bifenture, Athena, etc.
    - Warrior, Volium Express, Lambda-Cy, etc.
    - Danitol

# Navel Orangeworm

## Chemical Controls

- Conventional products - less disruptive ??

Avermectins (Proclaim)

Diacylhydrazines (Intrepid, Belt, Touris mo)

Diamides (Altacor)

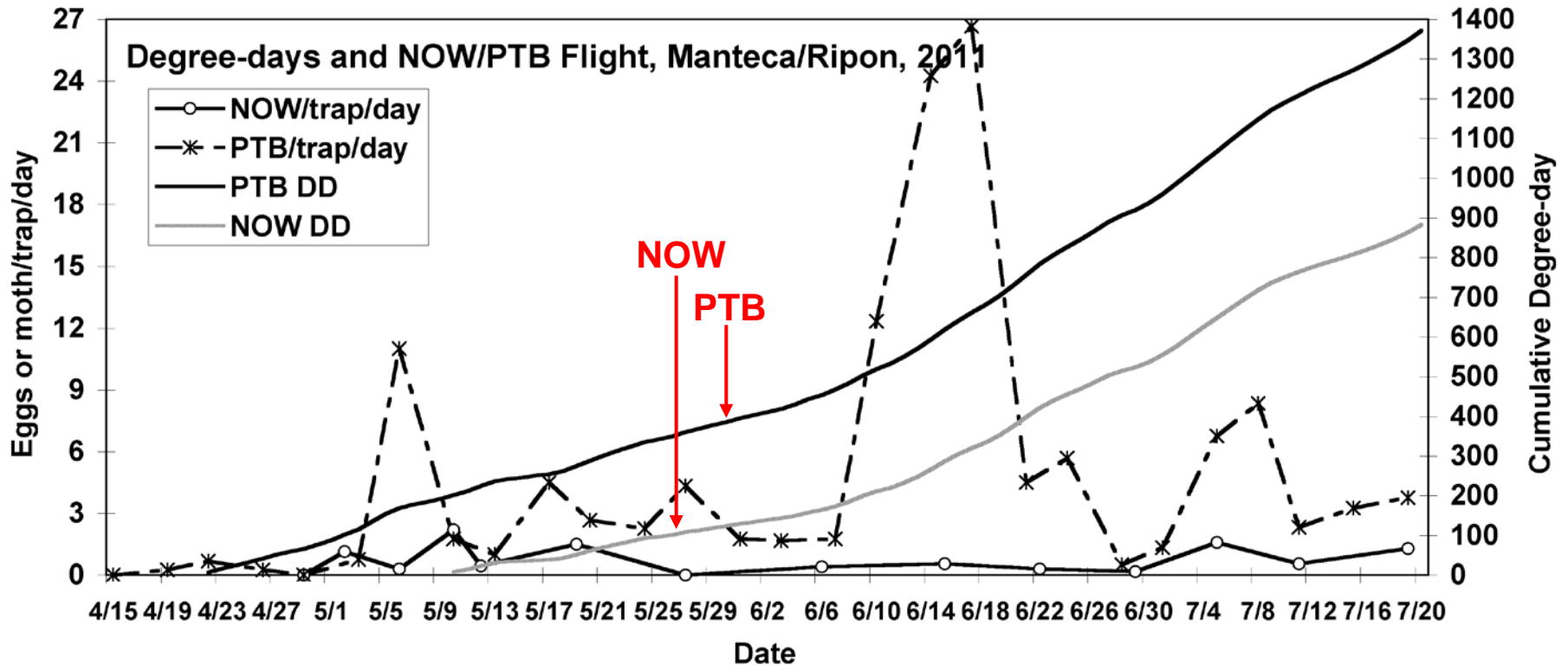
Benzoylureas (Dimilin)

Spinosyns (Delegate, Success, Entrust)

*Bacillus thuringiensis*

# Navel Orangeworm

## May Spray Timing



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### Proportion of navel orangeworm infested mummies, Ripon, 2011

Treatment	Rate (form/acre)	Application date	Mean $\pm$ SD <sup>1</sup>	
Control (water)			10.9 $\pm$ 15.7	ABCD
Dipel*	1 lb. (x 2 appls)	5/9 & 5/27	4.9 $\pm$ 9.3	DE
Dimilin 2L	12 oz	5/25	14.3 $\pm$ 11.5	A
diflubenzuron (generic)	12 oz	5/25	11.0 $\pm$ 11.8	ABC
Lorsban	4 pt	5/25	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0	E
Intrepid 2F***	16 oz	5/10	1.7 $\pm$ 3.7	E
Intrepid 2F***	16 oz	5/25	1.5 $\pm$ 3.2	E
Intrepid 2F***	16 oz	5/27	0.9 $\pm$ 2.6	E
Delegate 25WG ***	4.5 oz	5/10	2.6 $\pm$ 4.2	E
Delegate 25WG***	4.5 oz	5/25	2.2 $\pm$ 4.6	E
Delegate 25WG ***	4.5 oz	5/27	0.7 $\pm$ 2.3	E
Altacor 35WDG***	4 oz	5/10	0.8 $\pm$ 2.4	E
Altacor 35WDG***	4 oz	5/25	1.9 $\pm$ 4.2	E
Altacor 35WDG***	4 oz	5/27	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0	E
Assail 70WP + Lambda-Cy 11.4EC	4.1 oz + 2.56 oz	5/25	4.4 $\pm$ 6.1	CDE
Assail 70WP + Lambda-Cy 11.4EC	4.1 oz + 5.12 oz	5/25	3.5 $\pm$ 8.3	E
Belt 4SC**	4 oz	5/27	2.7 $\pm$ 4.6	E

<sup>1</sup> Means followed by the same letter do not differ significantly at  $P=0.05$  by Student's t-test following arcsine transformation.

<sup>2</sup> Mixed with Dyne-Amic at 0.25% v/v

<sup>3</sup> Mixed with Induce at 1.0% v/v

# Navel Orangeworm

## Proportion of navel orangeworm infested mummies, Ripon, 2010

Treatment	Chemical	Rate (form/ac)	Date	DD	Proportion infested nuts Mean $\pm$ SD <sup>1</sup>	
Control (water)			5/13	99 NOW	0.14 $\pm$ 0.1	A
Belt <sup>2</sup>	flubendiamide	4.0 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.01 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Tourismo <sup>2</sup>	flubendiamide, buprofezin	14.0 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.01 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	methoxyfenozide	16 oz	4/30	0 NOW	0.00 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	methoxyfenozide	16 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.03 $\pm$ 0.1	B
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	methoxyfenozide	16 oz	5/31	441 PTB	0.02 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Delegate <sup>3</sup>	spinetoram	6.4 oz	4/30	0 NOW	0.01 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Delegate <sup>3</sup>	spinetoram	6.4 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.01 $\pm$ 0.0	B
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Altacor 35WG <sup>3</sup>	chlornitraniliprole	4.0 oz	4/30	0 NOW	0.00 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Altacor 35WG <sup>3</sup>	chlornitraniliprole	4.0 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.02 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Altacor 35WG <sup>3</sup>	chlornitraniliprole	4.0 oz	5/31	441 PTB	0.02 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Proclaim	emamectin benzoate	4.0 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.01 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Assail 30SG <sup>2</sup>	acetamiprid	6.4 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.10 $\pm$ 0.1	A
Voliam Xpress	lamda-cyhalothrin, chlorantraniliprole	7.0 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.01 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Brigade 10WP	bifenthrin	0.5 lb	5/13	99 NOW	0.01 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Bifenture 10DF <sup>2</sup>	bifenthrin	16 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.00 $\pm$ 0.0	B
Lambda-Cy 1EC	lambda-cyhalothrin	5.0 oz	5/13	99 NOW	0.00 $\pm$ 0.0	B

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<sup>1</sup> LI-700 added @ 0.5% v/v

<sup>2</sup> Dyne-Amic added @ 0.25%% v/v

<sup>3</sup> Induce added @ 0.25% v/v

# Navel Orangeworm



Hulls plit Spray

## Almonds Ovicidal and Neonate Activity

Treatment	Total Eggs	Living	% Survival	Reduction*
Control	2,300	1,133	49.26 A	
Delegate 6.4 oz	3,000	401	13.37 B	72.86%
Delegate 3.2 oz.+ Intrepid 9 oz	2,050	70	3.41 C	93.08%
Intrepid 18 oz	1,800	33	1.83 D	96.29%
Altacor 4 oz.	1,550	55	3.54 C	92.81%

Treatment	Total Eggs	Living	% Survival	Reduction*
Control	1,400	1,226	87.57 A	
Intrepid	3,800	29	0.76 B	99.132%

Eggs pinned on nuts and larval survival assessed

**J. Siegel, USDA-ARS**



# Navel Orangeworm

## Hulls plit Spray - Residual Activity

Insecticide	Day after spray	Percent Mortality	Percent Reduction	Eggs
Belt (4 oz) Carbomin Zinc 7.5% (20 oz), First Choice Narrow Range 415 Spray Oil (20 oz)	6	98.60	84.01	1,000
Belt (4 oz) Carbomin Zinc 7.5% (20 oz), First Choice Narrow Range 415 Spray Oil (20 oz)	9	97.47	71.58	950
Belt (4 oz) Carbomin Zinc 7.5% (20 oz), First Choice Narrow Range 415 Spray Oil (20 oz)	14	99.28	91.78	1,800
Altacor (4.5 oz) Tucked Carbomin Zinc 7.5% (20 oz), First Choice Narrow Range 415 Spray Oil (20 oz)	14	97.33a	69.51	3,300

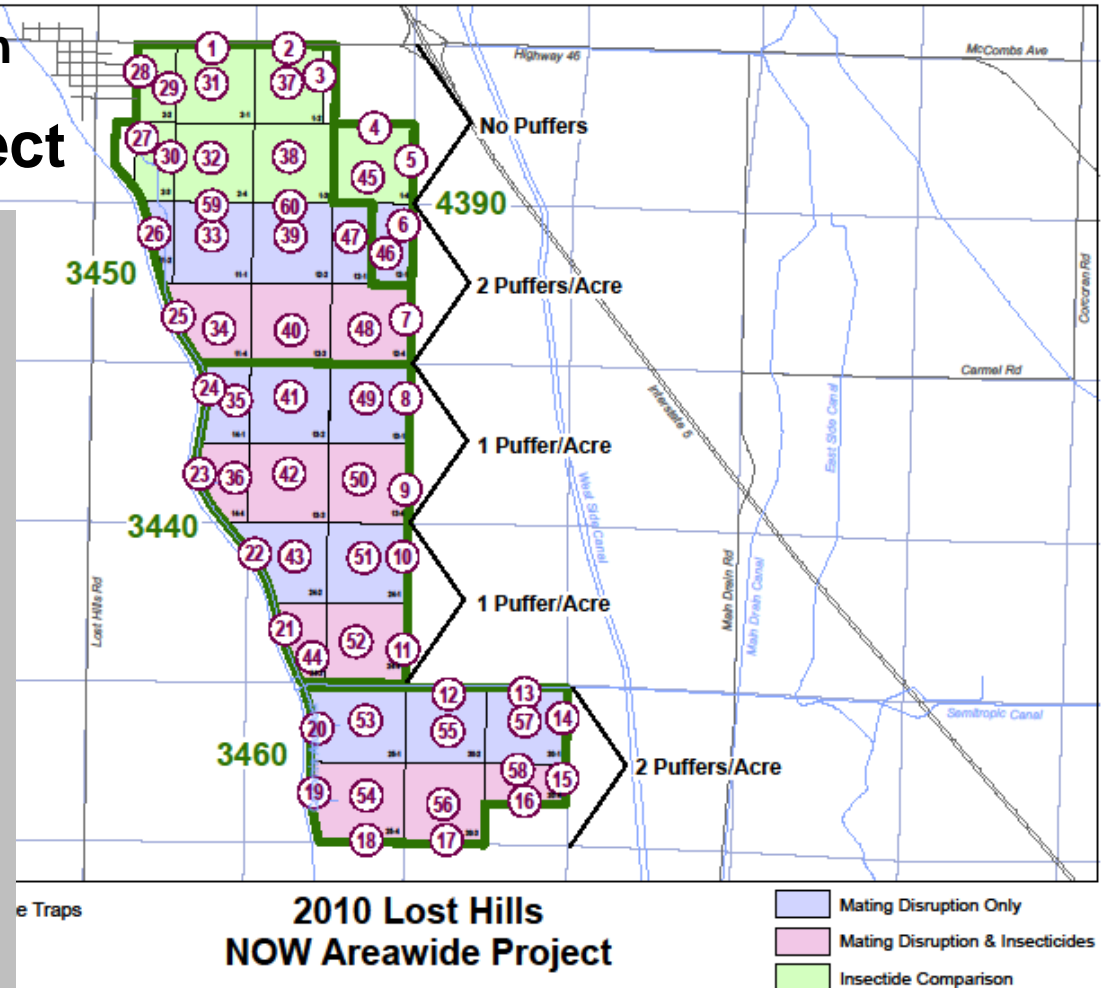
Split nuts collected and eggs introduced in the lab; measured survival to adult

# Navel Orangeworm

## Pheromone Mating Disruption

## Lost Hills Areawide Project

- Started in 2006
  - 1800 ac MD
  - 800 ac conv
- Expanded in 2008
  - 2800 ac MD
  - Added 1 vs 2 puffer comparison
- Low to mod pressure
- Conv insecticide prog = 2 appls of Intrepid, May spray and HS spray
- 1 or 2 puffers/ac with and without Conv



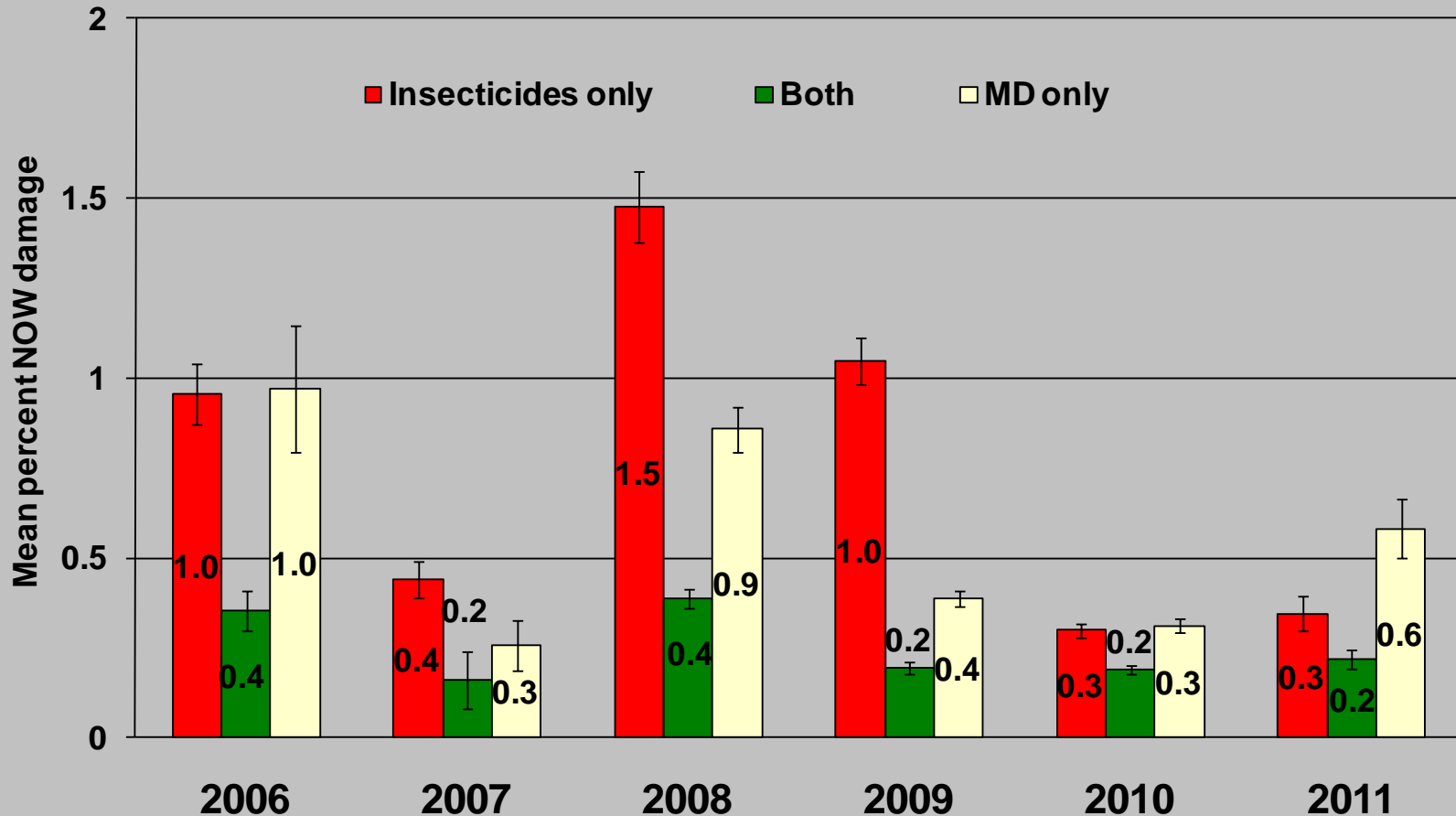
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60 Trap sites

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# Lost Hills Areawide NOW MD Project

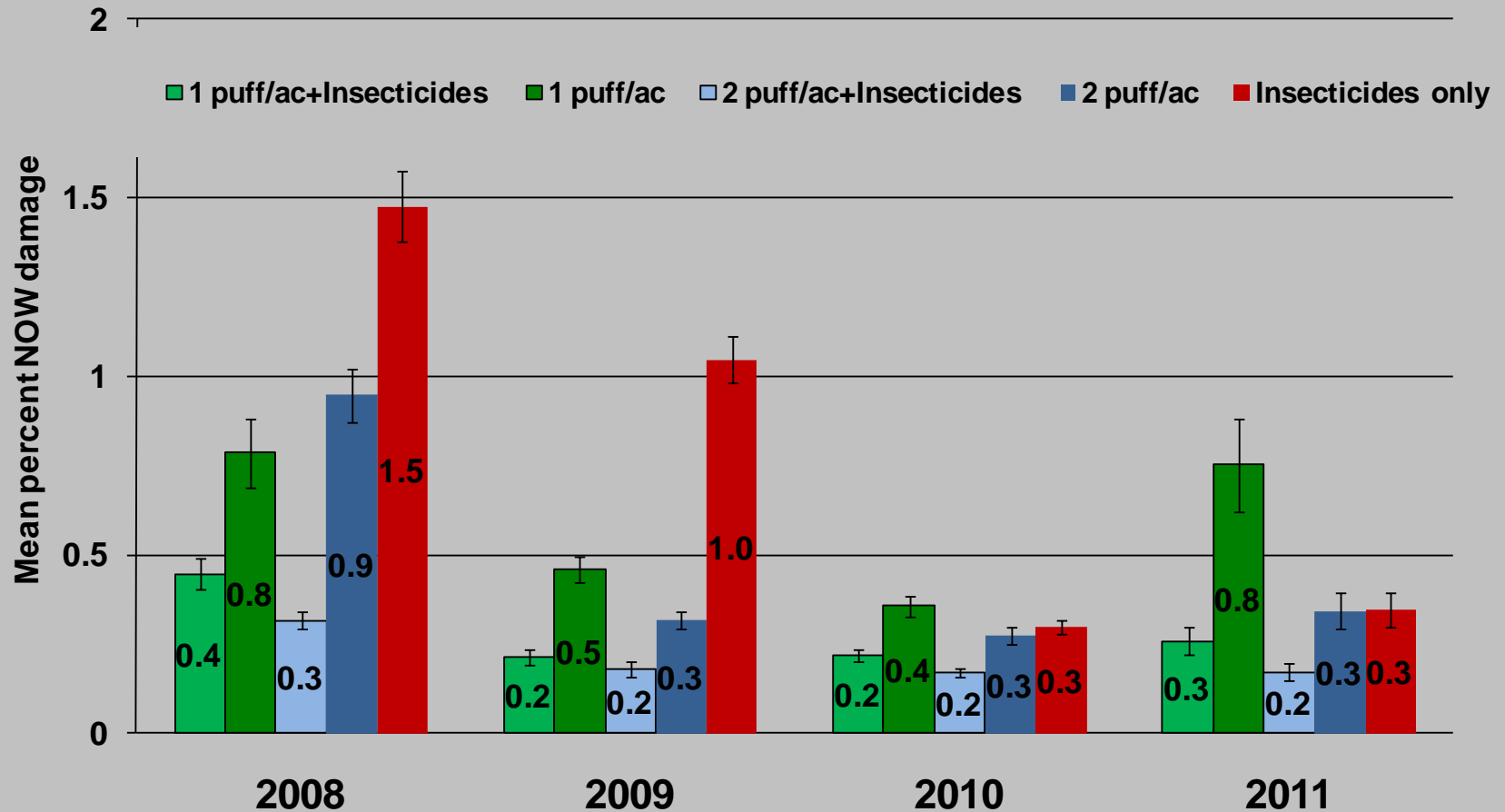
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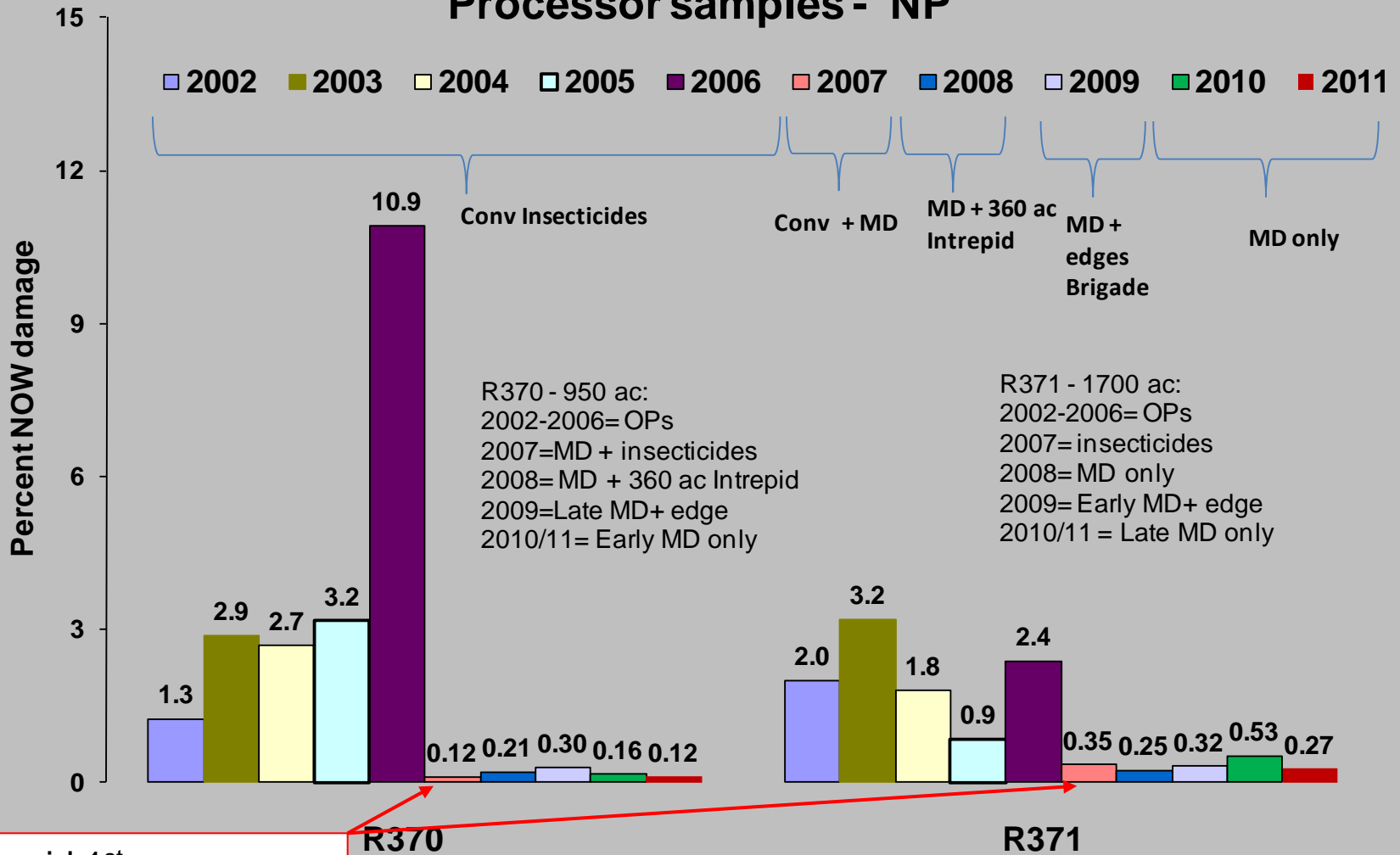
The combination of MD + insecticides is better than either alone

# Lost Hills Areawide NOW MD Project

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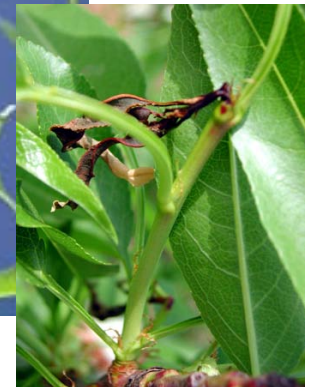


# Santa Fe NOW MD Areawide Site Processor samples - NP



Intrepid 1<sup>st</sup> gen  
Intrepid + Lorsban HS  
Brigade post-HS

# Peach Twig Borer

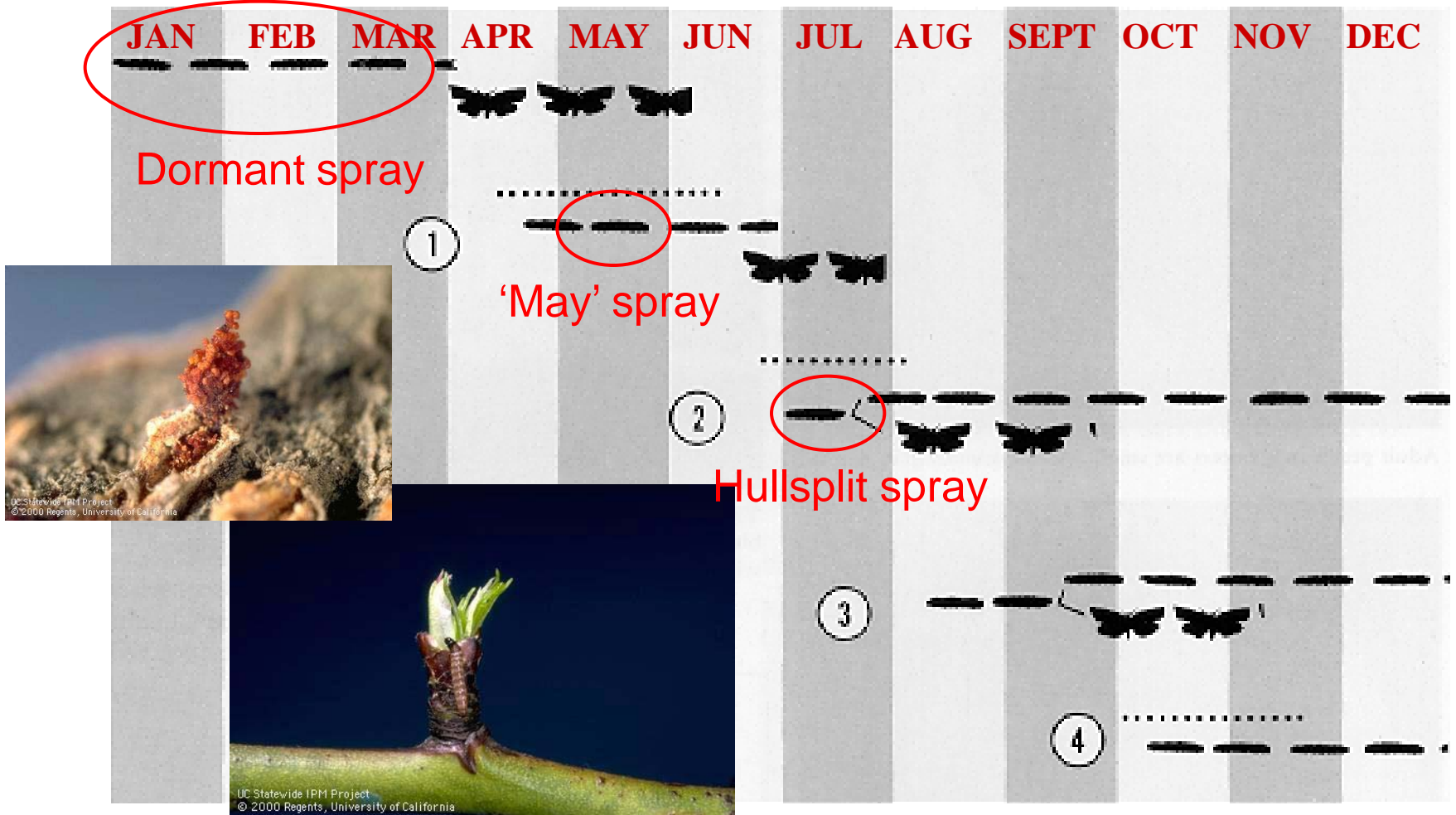


Peach twig borer  
*Anarsia lineatella*



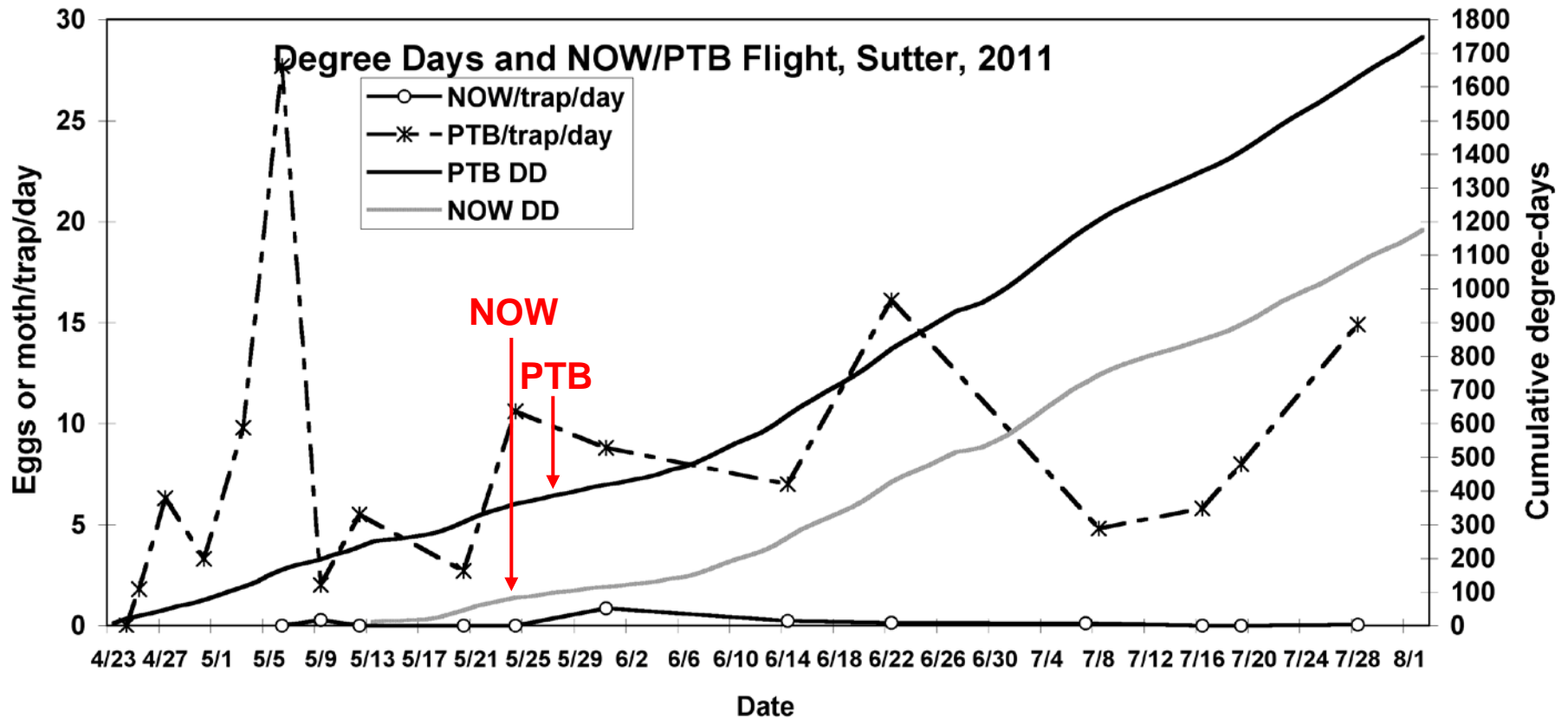
# Peach Twig Borer

## Monitoring



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## Monitoring





# Peach Twig Borer

Mean ( $\pm$ SD) peach twig borer shoot strikes per tree, Sutter, 2011

Treatment	Rate	Application date	PTB strikes/tree*		
			Mean $\pm$ SD		
untreated	na	na	5.4	$\pm$ 4.8	A
Dipel <sup>1</sup>	1 lb	5/9 & 5/24/11	2.3	$\pm$ 2.9	CDE
Dimilin 2L	12 oz	5/24/11	3.5	$\pm$ 3.0	ABCD
diflubenzuron 2L (generic)	12 oz	5/24/11	5.2	$\pm$ 3.3	AB
Lorsban	4 pt	5/24/11	2.0	$\pm$ 1.7	CDE
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	16 oz	5/13/11	2.5	$\pm$ 2.0	BCDE
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	16 oz	5/24/11	2.0	$\pm$ 1.5	CDE
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	16 oz	5/26/11	2.3	$\pm$ 1.8	CDE
Delegate WG <sup>3</sup>	4.5 oz	5/24/11	0.5	$\pm$ 0.5	E
Delegate WG <sup>3</sup>	7.0 oz	5/24/11	0.3	$\pm$ 0.5	E
Altacor <sup>2</sup>	4.0 oz	5/13/11	0.2	$\pm$ 0.4	E
Altacor <sup>2</sup>	4.0 oz	5/24/11	0.2	$\pm$ 0.4	E
Altacor <sup>2</sup>	4.0 oz	5/26/11	0.3	$\pm$ 0.5*	E
Assail 70WP + Lamda-Cy EC	4.1 oz + 2.56 oz	5/24/11	0.8	$\pm$ 0.8	DE
Assail 70WP + Lamda-Cy EC	2.3 oz + 5.12 oz	5/24/11	0.5	$\pm$ 0.5	E
Belt SC <sup>2</sup>	4 oz	5/24/11	0.3	$\pm$ 0.8	E

\*Means followed by the same letter do not differ significantly at  $P=0.05$  by Student's t-test

<sup>1</sup> LI-700 added @ 0.5% v/v

<sup>2</sup> Dyne-Amic added @ 0.25%% v/v

<sup>3</sup> Induce added @ 0.25% v/v

# Peach Twig Borer

## Mean ( $\pm$ SD) peach twig borer shoot strikes per tree, Sutter, 2010

Treatment	Chemical	Rate	Date	DD	Shoot strikes/tree Mean $\pm$ SD <sup>1</sup>		
untreated					10.4	$\pm$ 2.6	A
Belt <sup>2</sup>	flubendiamide	4.0 oz	5/28	376	3.0	$\pm$ 2.4	EFG
Tourismo <sup>2</sup>	flubendiamide, buprofezine	10 oz	5/28	376	3.8	$\pm$ 1.5	DEFG
Tourismo <sup>2</sup>	flubendiamide, buprofezine	14 oz	5/28	376	2.5	$\pm$ 1.6	EFG
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	methoxyfenozide	16 oz	5/12	211	8.1	$\pm$ 3.8	B
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	methoxyfenozide	16 oz	5/28	376	8.7	$\pm$ 5.1	AB
Intrepid 2F <sup>3</sup>	methoxyfenozide	16 oz	6/4	507	6.8	$\pm$ 4.3	BCD
Delegate <sup>3</sup>	spinetoram	6.4 oz	5/12	211	1.5	$\pm$ 1.4	G
Delegate <sup>3</sup>	spinetoram	6.4 oz	5/28	376	1.7	$\pm$ 2.3	FG
Delegate <sup>3</sup>	spinetoram	7 oz	6/4	507	1.2	$\pm$ 1.0	G
Altacor 35WG <sup>3</sup>	chlornitraniliprole	4.0 oz	5/12	211	2.0	$\pm$ 1.1	FG
Altacor 35WG <sup>3</sup>	chlornitraniliprole	4.0 oz	5/28	376	1.7	$\pm$ 1.9	FG
Altacor 35WG <sup>3</sup>	chlornitraniliprole	4.0 oz	6/4	507	1.3	$\pm$ 1.4	G
Proclaim	emamectin benzoate	4.0 oz	5/28	376	3.7	$\pm$ 2.6	EFG
Assail 30SG <sup>2</sup>	acetamiprid	6.4 oz	5/28	376	2.7	$\pm$ 2.8	EFG
Lambda-Cy 1EC <sup>2</sup>	lamda-cyhalothrin	5.0 oz	5/28	376	4.7	$\pm$ 3.1	CDEF
Brigade 10 WP	bifenthrin	0.5 lb	5/28	376	1.0	$\pm$ 1.3	G
Bifenture 10DF <sup>2</sup>	bifenthrin, abamectin	16 oz	5/28	376	1.7	$\pm$ 1.5	FG

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<sup>2</sup> Dyne-Amic added @ 0.25%% v/v

<sup>3</sup> Induce added @ 1.0% v/v

# Spider Mites

Pacific Spider Mite  
*Tetranychus pacificus*



Twospotted Spider Mite  
*Tetranychus urticae*



# Spider Mites

## Monitoring

Web-spinning mites can be sampled by counting number of mites per leaf or by a presence/absence sample

If counting - select 10 leaves from five trees and determine number per leaf; sample leaves randomly from all 4 sides and the tree interior

Calculate average number of mites per leaf

Rule of thumb treatment threshold is 4 mites per leaf



# Spider Mites

## Monitoring

If using presence/absence - select 15 leaves from five trees and determine number per leaf; sample leaves randomly from all 4 compass points and the tree interior

Record number of leaves with mites (not number of mites per leaf)

Rule of thumb treatment threshold is 40% infested leaves



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**Almonds—Web-spinning Spider Mites Monitoring**  
Supplement to UC IPM Pest Management Guidelines: Almond

**Directions:**

- Before July 1, monitor hot spots areas where mites develop first. After July 1, monitor the whole orchard by dividing it into sampling areas that can be treated separately.
- Within each sampling area, sample a minimum of 5 trees. Select 15 leaves from each tree, randomly picking leaves from both the inside and outside of the canopy as you walk around it.
- Using a leaf tweez, examine both sides of each leaf carefully. Look for spider mites and eggs, western predatory mites and eggs, unspunited thrips, and other predators. Look closely since there may be only 1 to 2 mites or predators on a leaf.
- Count the number of leaves on each tree with spider mites or their eggs, and the number of leaves with predators, and record below. Do not count individual mites or predators.
- As you move from tree to tree, keep a running total of leaves with mites on the form. Once you have sampled 5 trees, compare your total to the numbers in the "Don't Treat" and "Treat" columns below.
- If your numbers are the SAME OR LESS than the "Don't Treat" column, you can stop sampling. If your numbers are AS MUCH OR MORE than in the "Treat" column, stop sampling and treat. If your numbers are IN BETWEEN, continue sampling until a decision can be reached.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grower/Orchard \_\_\_\_\_

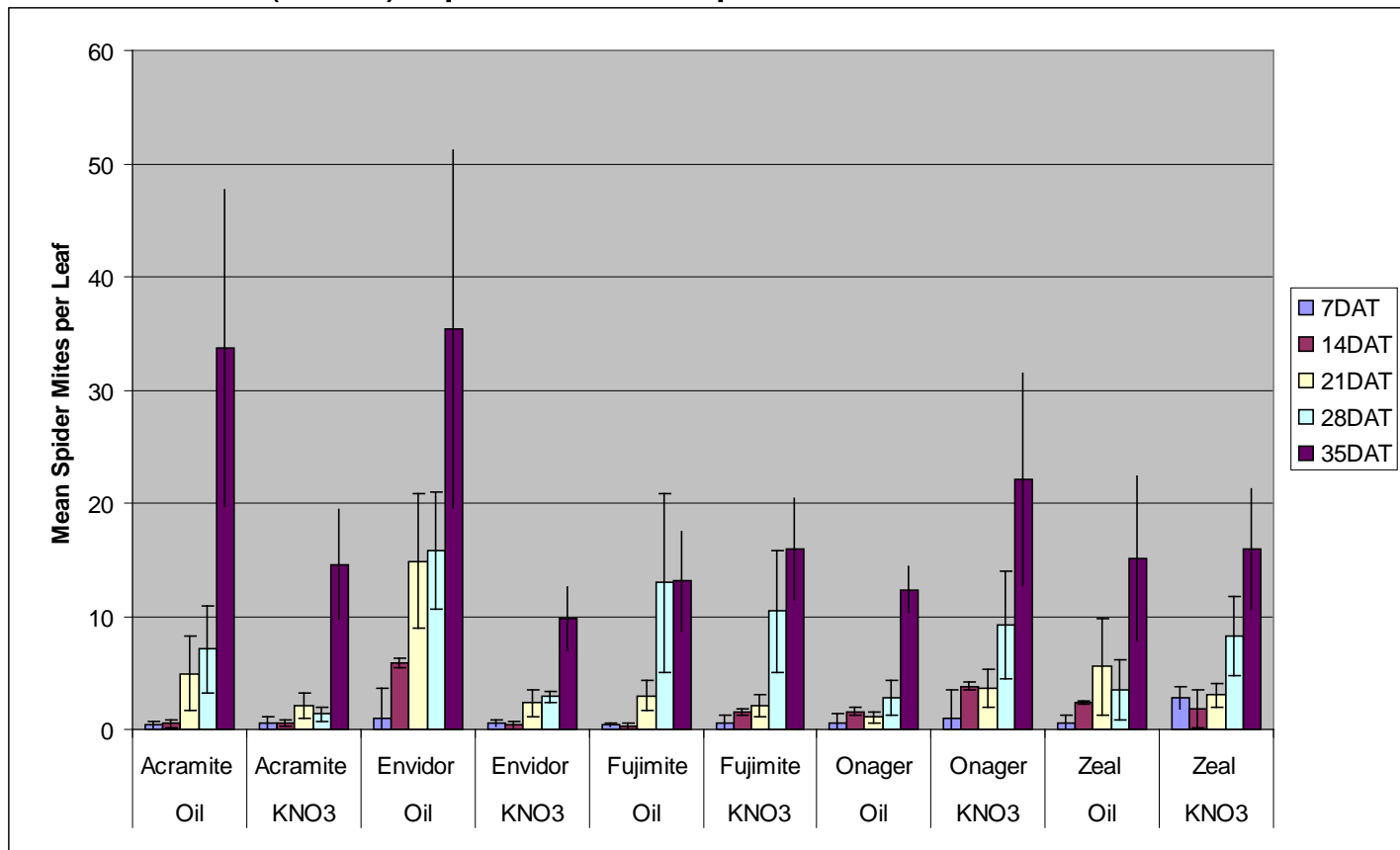
Tree number	Total number of leaves sampled	Number of leaves with mites (on each tree)	Total number of leaves with mites (on all trees)	If predators are present		If predators are absent		
				Number of leaves with western predatory mite and/or unspunited thrips	Don't treat if total leaves with mites is	Treat if total leaves with mites is	Don't treat if total leaves with mites is	Treat if total leaves with mites is
1	15							
2	30							
3	45							
4	60							
5	75							
6	90				≥ 27	≥ 40	≥ 12	≥ 24
7	105				≥ 30	≥ 55	≥ 10	≥ 31
8	120				≥ 40	≥ 62	≥ 21	≥ 36
9	135				≥ 51	≥ 68	≥ 25	≥ 38
10	150				≥ 57	≥ 76	≥ 26	≥ 43
11	165				≥ 63	≥ 83	≥ 26	≥ 46
12	180				≥ 76	≥ 90	≥ 32	≥ 50
13	195				≥ 76	≥ 97	≥ 35	≥ 54
14	210				≥ 82	≥ 104	≥ 38	≥ 57
15	225				≥ 96	≥ 111	≥ 41	≥ 61
16	240				≥ 94	≥ 118	≥ 45	≥ 65
17	255				≥ 101	≥ 125	≥ 48	≥ 68
18	270				≥ 107	≥ 132	≥ 51	≥ 72
19	285				≥ 113	≥ 139	≥ 54	≥ 76
20	300				≥ 119	≥ 146	≥ 57	≥ 79

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# Spider Mites

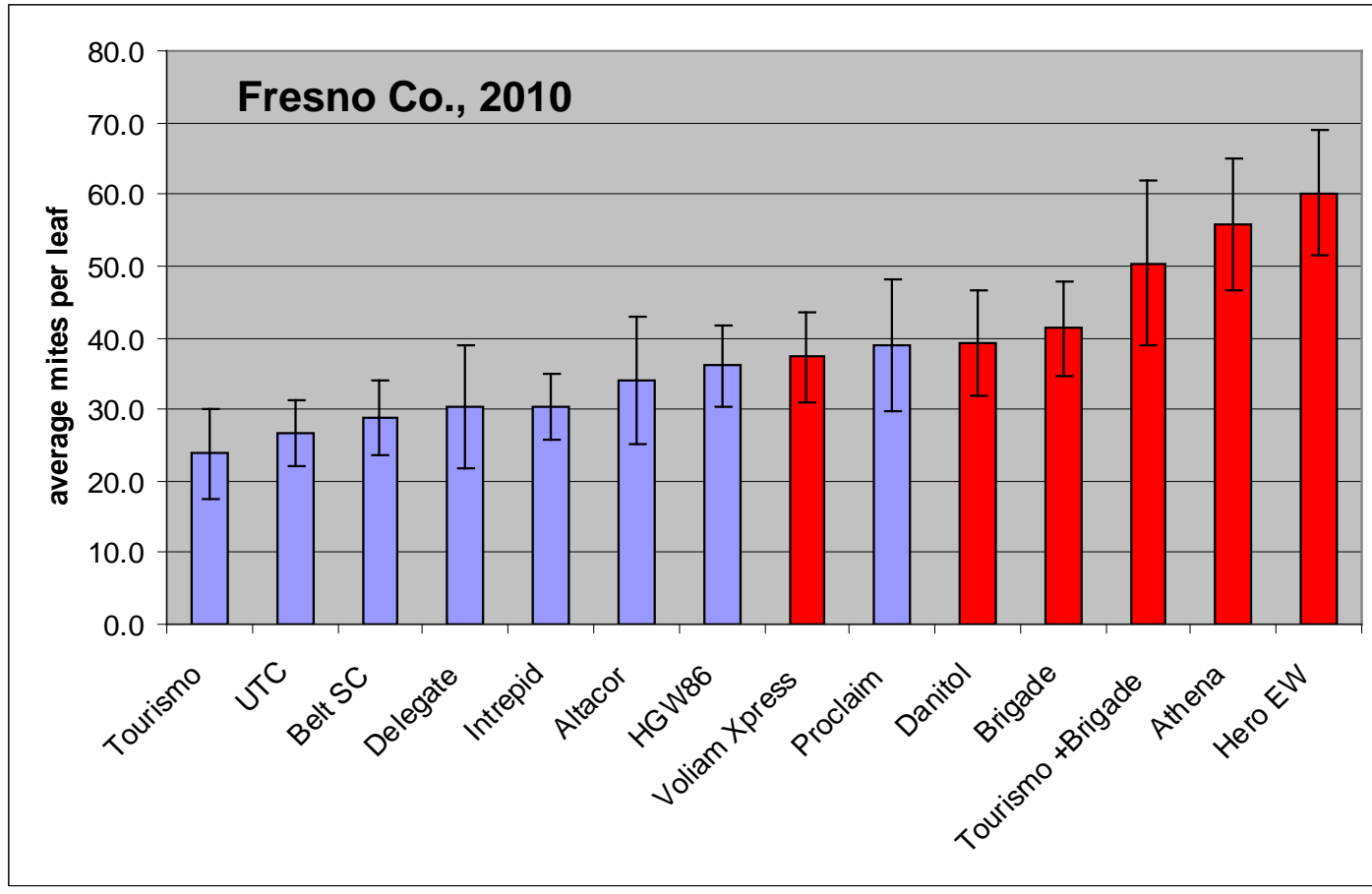
## Miticides

Mean ( $\pm$ SD) spider mites per leaf, Kern Co., 2011



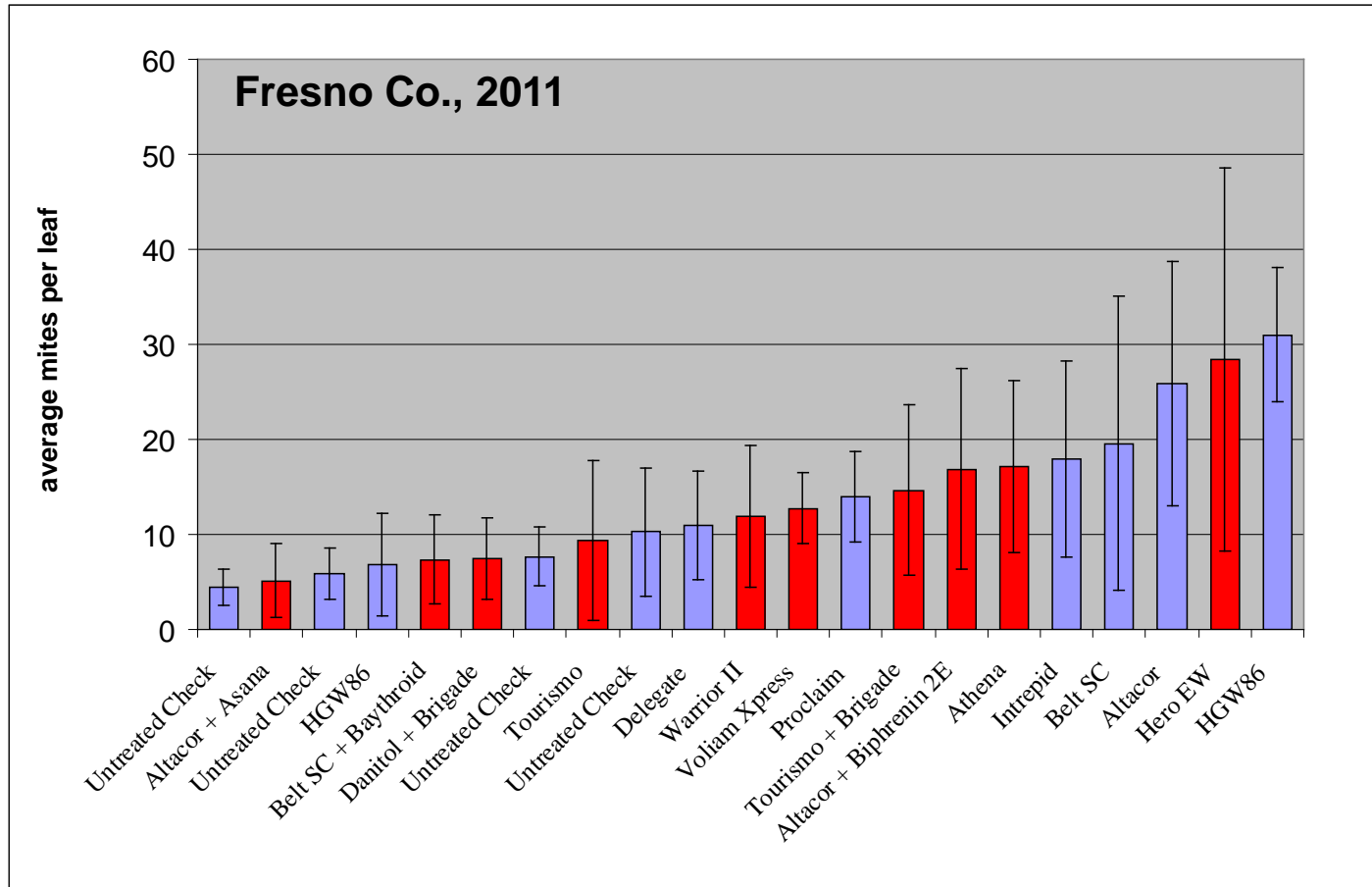
# Nontarget effects

Effects of NOW treatments on spider mites ~ 4 weeks after application



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Effects of NOW treatments on spider mites ~ 4 weeks after application





## Summary:

- Use cultural controls for NOW
- Target 'key' pests with less disruptive products that have lower environmental and nontarget concerns
- New products can be used with NOW mating disruption to further reduce damage
- Consider applying 'May' sprays with less disruptive products as a replacement for dormant sprays for PTB
- Pyrethroids are 'cheap', but consider the additional costs of miticides and environmental mitigation



# **Insect and Mite Management Update**



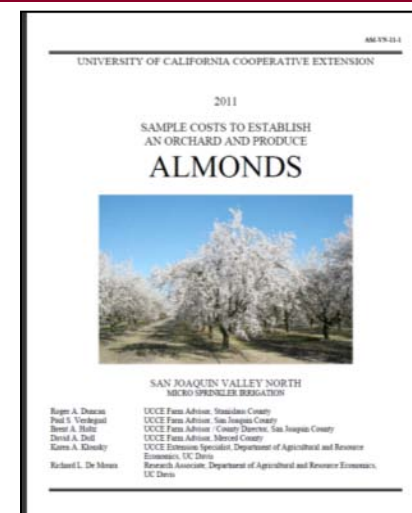
# What's New in Almond Weed Management?

Brad Hanson, Cooperative Extension Weed Specialist



# What Do We Spend on Weed Control?

- **2011 cost studies – Duncan et al.**
  - Annual costs for weed mgt
    - \$41 – Mowing middles 6x
    - \$19 – spring strip spray (Rely)
    - \$27 – preharvest (Goal / Roundup)
    - \$101 – Winter dormant applic. (Roundup / Matrix)
    - ~\$188 per acre / per year
- **Is that typical?**
  - Not a bad estimate but probably a bit low for some common programs



# Effective Weed Control in Almonds

- **Correctly identify the weed problem(s)**
- **Select registered herbicide(s) with activity on your weed spectrum**
- **Properly apply the material**
  - Calibrated equipment, good timing & growth stage

Weed Research and Information Center  
<http://wric.ucdavis.edu>

Online weed ID tool  
and other good weed info



# Factors in Herbicide Choice



- **Availability (registration)**
- **Weed spectrum**
- **PRE vs POST activity**
- **Incorporation by rainfall or irrigation**
- **Resistance management**
  - Mode of action, tank mix partners, rotation
- **Reentry and harvest intervals**
- **Toxicity and safety**
- **Cost / benefit**

# Tree and Vine Crops Herbicide Registration Chart



Herbicide Registration on Horticultural Tree and Vine Crops—Oct. 2010

Herbicide-Common Name (example trade name)	Almond	Peach	Plum/Prune	Walnut	Apple	Pear	Apricot	Cherry	Nectarine	Peach	Plum / Prune	Avocado	Citrus	Dale	Fig	Grape	Kiwi	Olive	Postemergence
	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut	Tree nut
<b>Preemergence*</b>																			
bromoxynil (Hyvar)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	N	N	N	N	N	N
dichlobenil (Casoron)	N	N	N	N	R	R	N	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	R	N	N
diuron (Karmex, Diuron)	N	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	N	R	N	N	N	N	N	R	R	N	N
EPTC (Eptam)	R	N	N	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	N	N	N	N	N	N
flumioxazin (Chateau)	R	NB	R	NB	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NB	NB	N	NB	R	N	NB	NB
isoxaben (Gallery)	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	N	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB
napropamide (Devrind)	R	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	R	N	N
norflurazon (Solican)	R	R	N	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	R	R	N	N
oryzalin (Surflan, Farm Saver)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R	R	R
oxyfluorfen (Goal, GoalTender)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NB	R	R	R	R	R	R
pendimethalin (Prowl H2O)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	N	N	R	R	R	R
pendimethalin (Prowl GT)	R	R	R	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
pronamide (Kerb)	N	N	N	N	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	N	N	R	N	N	N
rimsulfuron (Matrix, Matrix)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	N	N	R	N	N	N
simazine (Princep, Caliber 90)	R	R	N	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	R	R	N	N
thiazopyr (Voad)	NB	N	NB	NB	N	N	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	N	R	N	N	NB	N	N	N
trifluralin (Treflan)	R	R	R	R	N	N	R	N	R	R	R	N	R	N	N	R	N	N	N
<b>Postemergence</b>																			
carfentrazone (Shark, Rager)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
dehdifen (Phost)	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	N	R	N	N	NB	N	NB	N
dieldrin (Methrac)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
2,4-D (Clean-crop, Orchard Master)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	N	N	R	N	N	N
diquat (Diquat)	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB
glifosinate (GreenMatch)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	N	R	R	R	N	N
fluzifop-p-butyl (Fluicidal)	NB	R	NB	NB	NB	R	R	R	R	R	R	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	N	NB	NB
glyphosate (Roundup, Touchdown)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
glufosinate (Rely 280)	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	N	N	N
haloofurofen (Zandax)	N	R	R	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
paraquat (Gramoxone Inteon)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R	R	R
pelargonic acid (Stryker)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
pyraflufen (Venus)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	R	R	R	R	R	R
sulfentrazone (Trievik, Kivar)	R	N	R	R	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
sethoxydim (Poast)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NB	NB	R	NB	NB	R	N	NB	NB

Note: This is a general guide to perennial crop herbicide registrations in California. Labels change frequently and often contain special restrictions; therefore you should always consult a current label before applying any herbicide.

N = Not registered, NB = nonbearing, R = Registered

\* Several herbicides listed under preemergence also have some postemergence activity

\*\* Simazine is registered on only sour cherry in CA. Thiazopyr is registered on orange and grapefruit only.

Weed susceptibility information can be found at the Weed Research and Information Center (<http://wric.ucdavis.edu>)

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# Herbicides Registered in Almond - PRE



Devrinol

EPTC

Solicam

Treflan

Visor\*

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Princep

Surflan

Prowl H2O

Chateau

Goal / GoalTender

*Gallery\** / Trellis

Matrix

Pindar GT

Alion

*\* Registered for non-bearing only*



# Herbicides Registered in Almond - POST



Chateau  
Goal  
Matrix  
Pindar GT

*Prism\**  
*Fusilade\**  
Select  
Poast  
Diquat\*  
Scythe  
2,4-D  
Shark

Glyphosate  
Gramoxone  
Rely 280  
Venue  
Treevix

*\* Registered for non-bearing only*

# CA Almond Herbicide Use



	Top 10 active ingredients	2009 treated acreage
1	glyphosate	1,300,394
2	oxyfluorfen (Goal, Goaltender)	723,524
3	glufosinate (Rely)	271,135
4	paraquat (Gramoxone Inteon)	250,156
5	pendimethalin (Prowl)	167,689
6	2,4-D	152,455
7	oryzalin (Surflan, etc)	99,220
8	simazine (Princep, etc)	92,220
9	flumioxazin (Chateau)	90,718
10	carfentrazone (Shark)	68,360
11	rimsulfuron (Matrix)	52,577

\* strip treatments!

740,000 A bearing almond (2010)

- **Glyphosate-resistant weeds**

- Horseweed
- Hairy fleabane
  - Glyphosate and paraquat
- Ryegrass (2 species)
- Junglerice



- **Weed shifts in some areas**

- Cutleaf evening primrose
- Tall willowherb
- Sharp-point fluvellin
- Johnsongrasses
- Bristly mallow
- Witchgrasses
- Others?



- **Properly identify the problem(s)**
- **Develop a management program specific to your orchard**
  - Manage YOUR weeds
- **Consider:**
  - Efficacy, short- and longer-term economics, environmental quality and regs
  - Fit into other weed management operations

# Resistance Management



# Residual vs Contact Programs



- **Many residual herbicides cost more than burndown herbicides - but do they?**
- **Consider the full cost of repeated burndown applications?**
  - active + adjuvants + machine costs + time
  - More mowing or tillage?
  - Timely weed control (wet winter/spring)
- **Consider weed costs over several years**

Each trip (mow or spray) costs about \$7/A for labor and machine costs



# Increasing Herbicide Efficacy



- **Use the right herbicide(s) for the job**
- **Read and follow the label**
- **Treat the weeds at the right time**
- **Calibrate your sprayer and properly train the applicators**
- **Scout fields and follow up on escapes or other problems**

# Put the Herbicide On-target

- **Residual herbicides:**
  - Blow berms before application
  - Treat ahead of rain or irrigations
- **POST materials:**
  - Large weeds are hard to control
  - Stressed weeds are hard to control
  - Use appropriate surfactants for penetration, retention, or water conditioning





Think about your OC nozzles!

Middles and edges can allow weed problems to continue and grow!



# Not all Orchard Problems Are From Herbicides, But Some Are!



# Request: Resistant Weed Survey



- **We are conducting a survey (questionnaire) about grower and PCA experiences with herbicide resistant weeds**
- **Please take the survey online at:**  
**<http://ucanr.org/hrwsurvey>**
  - Handouts with the URL available
  - Should only take about 10 minutes
- **Enter a drawing for Weed Books and Production Guides (in February)**

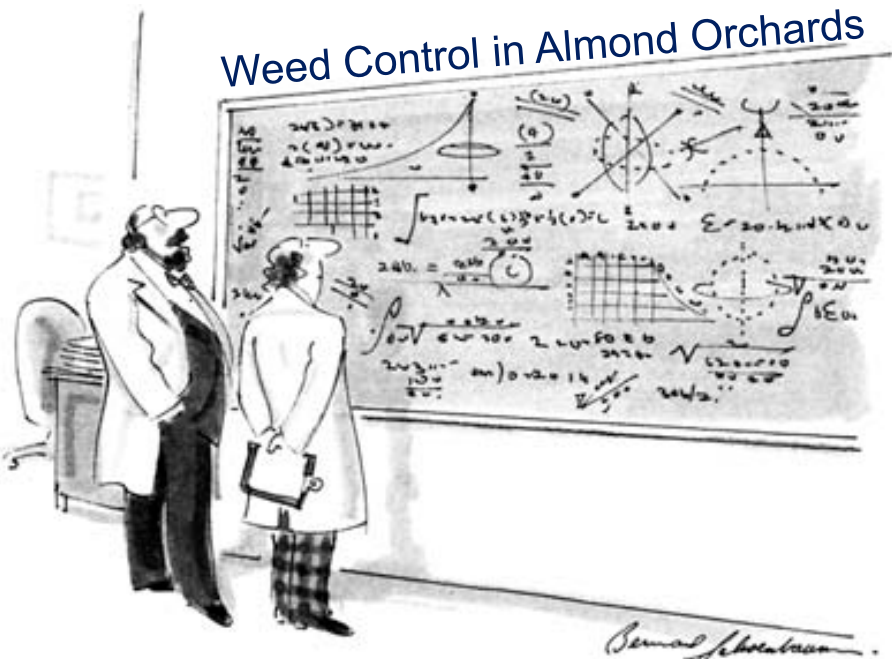
# Burndown Herbicide Comparison



Chemical name	<u>Glyphosate</u>	<u>Glufosinate</u>	<u>Paraquat</u>
<b>Trade name(s)</b>	Roundup, Durango, Honcho, etc	Rely, Rely 200, Rely 280	Gramoxone, Gramoxone Inteon
<b>Mode of action</b>	Inhibits EPSP synthase (EPSPS) enzyme	Inhibits glutamine synthetase enzyme	Photosystem I inhibitor
<b>Selectivity</b>	Non-selective	Non-selective	Non-selective
<b>Soil activity</b>	Essentially none	Essentially none	None
<b>Translocation</b>	Very good	Limited	Very limited
<b>Coverage needed</b>	Less critical	Critical – especially on larger weeds	Critical – especially on larger weeds
<b>Broadleaf weed control</b>	Broad spectrum. Good control of small to medium plants but can vary with large weeds.	Broad spectrum. Good control of small weeds, less effective on large weeds or dense stands due to coverage.	Broad spectrum. Good control of small weeds, less effective on large weeds or dense stands due to coverage.
<b>Grass weed control</b>	Broad spectrum. Usually good control of vigorously growing grasses	Broad spectrum. Control can vary by size - seedling grasses often controlled, small established grasses may be burned down but regrow, some success with medium-sized grasses nearing maturity	Broad spectrum activity but control varies. Seedling grasses often controlled, but established grasses usually burned down but regrow
<b>Perennial weed control</b>	Good – can vary depending on plant size and time of year	Poor – burns tops; however plants often regrow from roots/rhizomes	Poor – burns tops; however plants often regrow from roots/rhizomes
<b>Resistance reported</b>	Yes, in California – ryegrass, horseweed, hairy fleabane, others suspected. 19 species worldwide.	Not in California. Ryegrass in Oregon, goosegrass in Malaysia.	Yes, in California – hairy fleabane, horseweed, 3 other in USA, 25 species worldwide

# Questions?

## Weed Control in Almond Orchards



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