



# Developing a management strategy for spotted wing drosophila in blueberries

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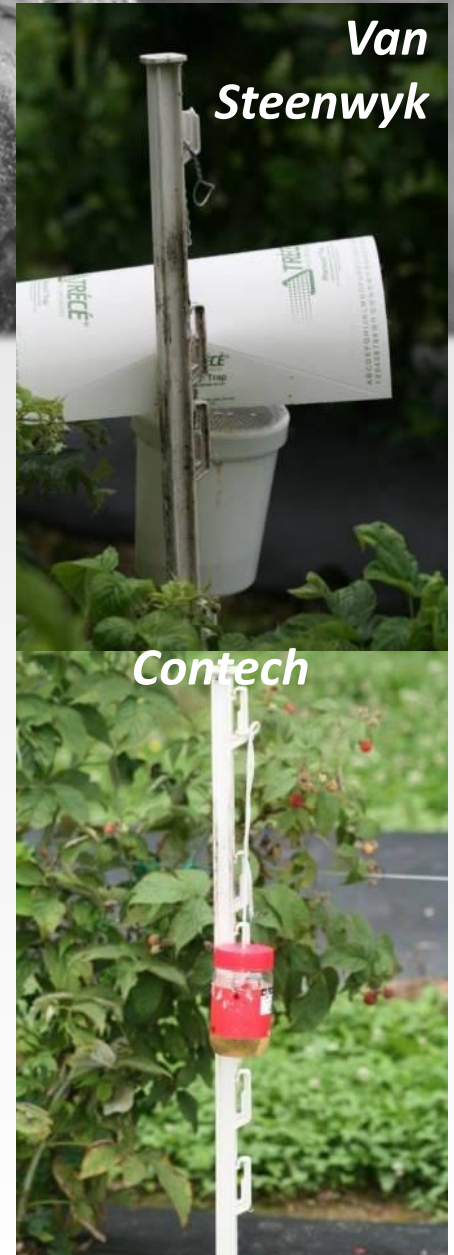
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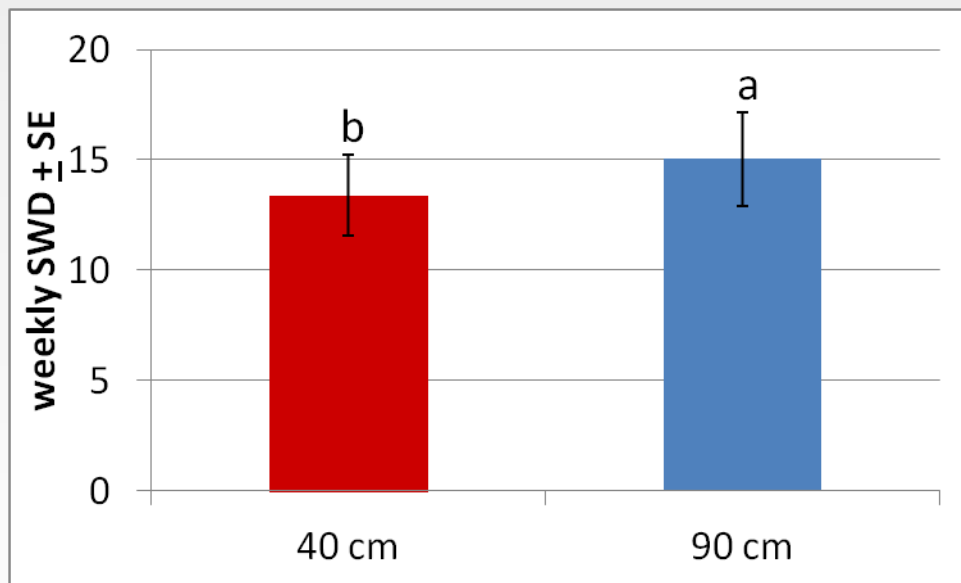


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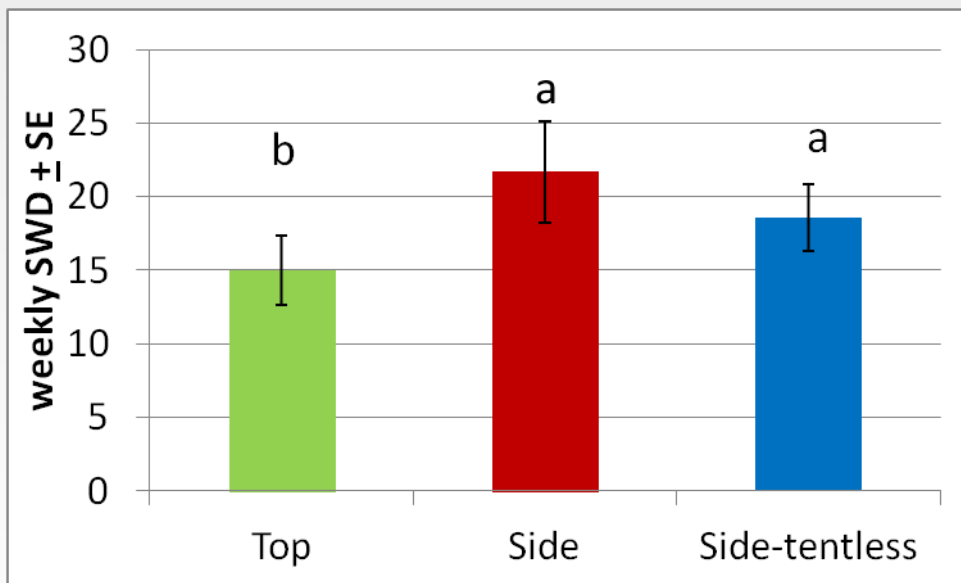
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Apple cider  
vinegar +  
soap



Treatment 2  
Yeast &  
sugar  
solution



Treatment 3  
Fermenting  
bait plus  
ACV



Treatment 4  
Droskidrink



Treatment 5  
Synthetic  
lures over  
ACV



Treatment 6  
Synthetic  
lures over  
drowning  
solution

## Methods

10 states

Sites in blueberries, caneberries, or  
grapes

*No SWD were captured in strawberry  
plots*

6 treatments

Traps check, lures changed weekly

Male and female SWD and non SWD

Drosophilids counted

## Statistical analyses

*Mixed model ANOVA via SAS Proc Mixed  
For pooled data: state, week, and crop =  
random effects*

*Trap capture data were log transformed and  
proportion data were arcsine square root  
transformed to improve normality.*

*Satterwaite estimation was used to calculate  
degrees of freedom due to heteroscedasticity.  
Pairwise comparisons of the adjusted means  
were conducted using the Games-Howell  
adjustment.*



Treatment 1  
Apple cider  
vinegar +  
soap

150 ml of ACV,  
4 ml soap/gal



Treatment 2  
Yeast &  
sugar  
solution

2 Tbsp yeast, 8  
Tbsp sugar, 24  
fl oz water,  
0.76 ml  
unscented  
soap



Treatment 3  
Fermenting  
bait in ACV

69 g whole  
wheat flour, 8  
g sugar, 1.3 g  
yeast, 4 ml  
ACV, 100 ml  
water (4 fl oz  
per trap)  
*floating in*  
150 ml of a  
solution of  
600 ml, 67 ml  
95% ethanol,  
3.3 ml soap



Treatment 4  
Droskidrink

150 ml of a  
solution of  
450 ml ACV,  
150 ml red  
wine, 12 g  
muscadado  
sugar



Treatment 5  
Synthetic  
lures over  
ACV

150 ml of ACV,  
4 ml soap/gal

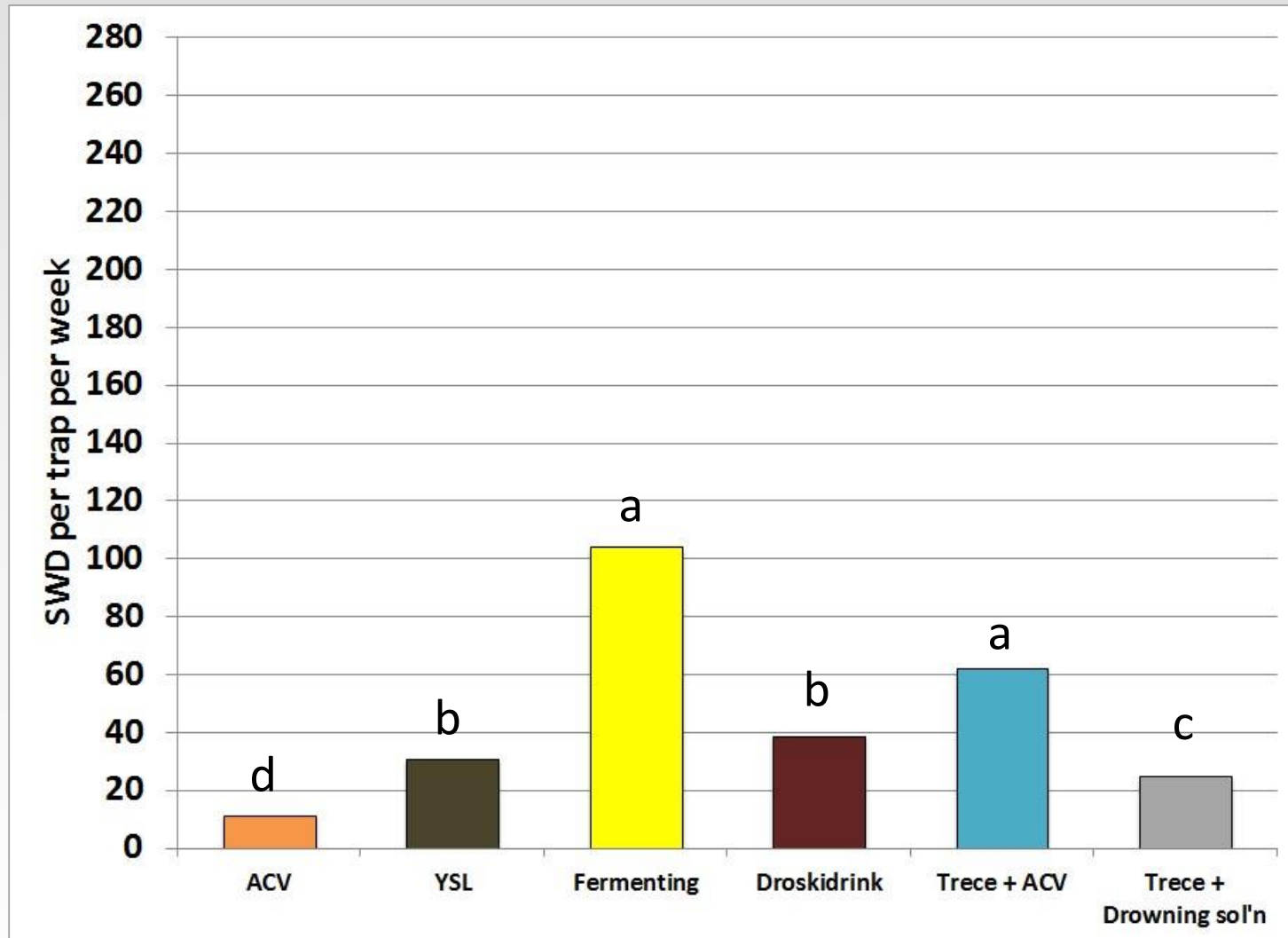


Treatment 6  
Synthetic  
lures over  
drowning  
solution

150 ml of a  
solution of  
600 ml water,  
6 g borax, and  
0.24 ml soap

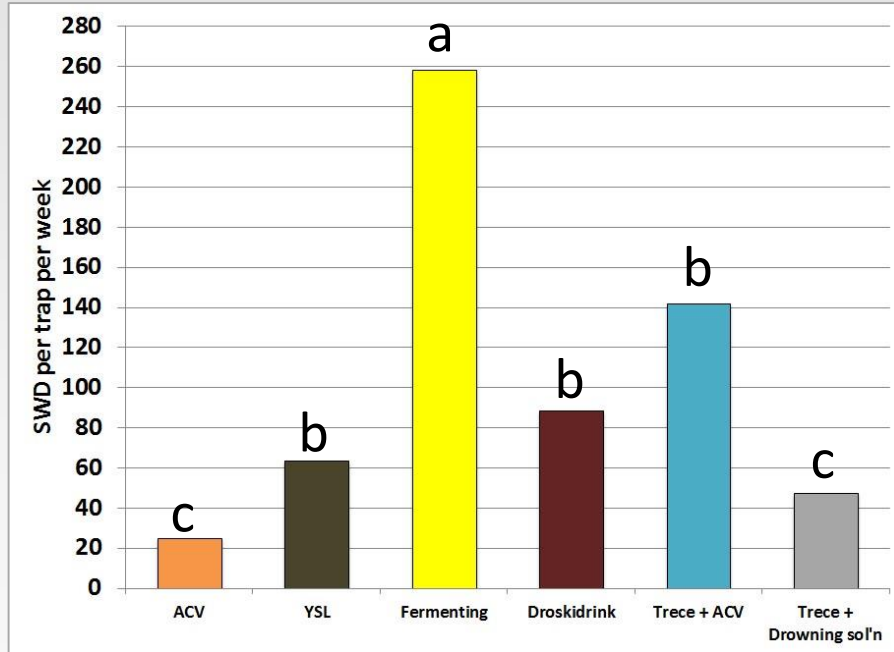


# 1. Fermenting bait and synthetic lures over ACV captured more flies when all states and crops were pooled

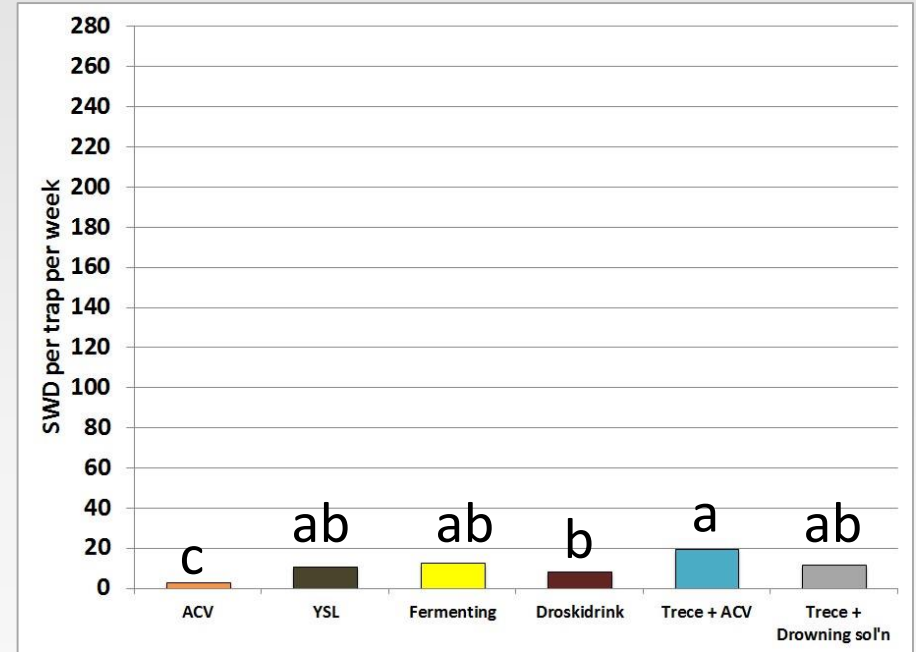


$F = 89.57; df = 5, 1937; p < 0.0001$

## 2. More flies were captured in caneberry sites, and fermenting bait was more attractive than synthetic lure over ACV in caneberries.



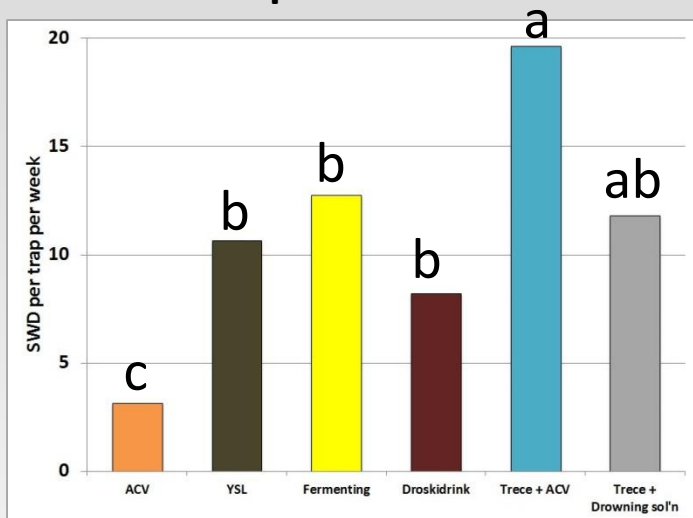
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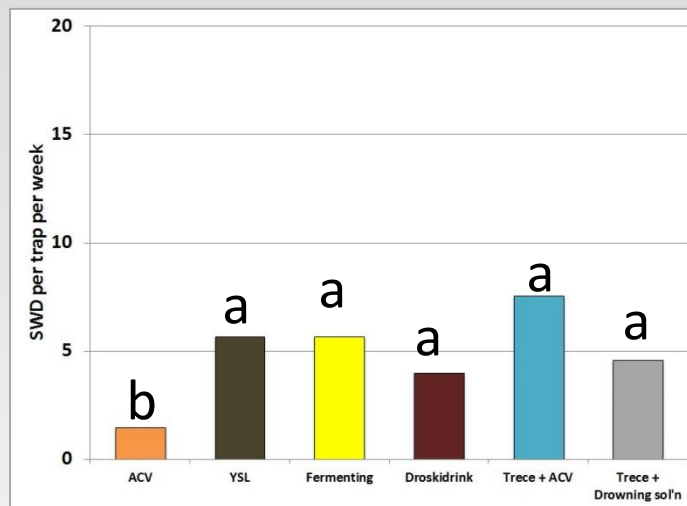
Blueberry sites

$$F_{\text{crop*treatment}} = 16.41; df = 10, 1962; p < 0.0001$$

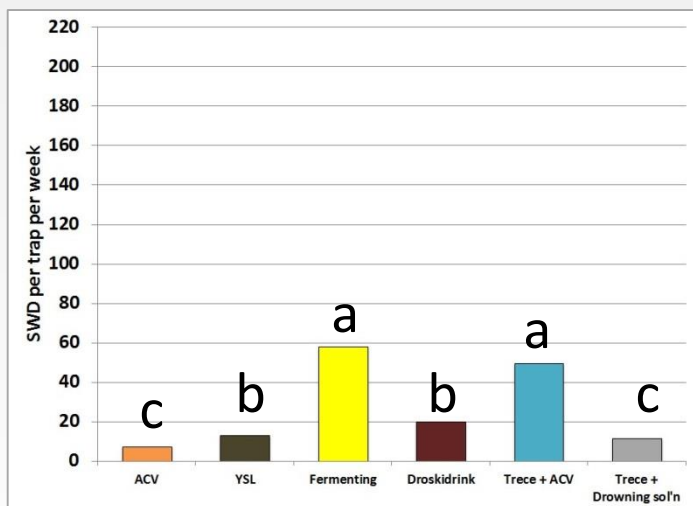
### 3. Relative captures between males and females differed between crops and baits.



Males, blueberry sites

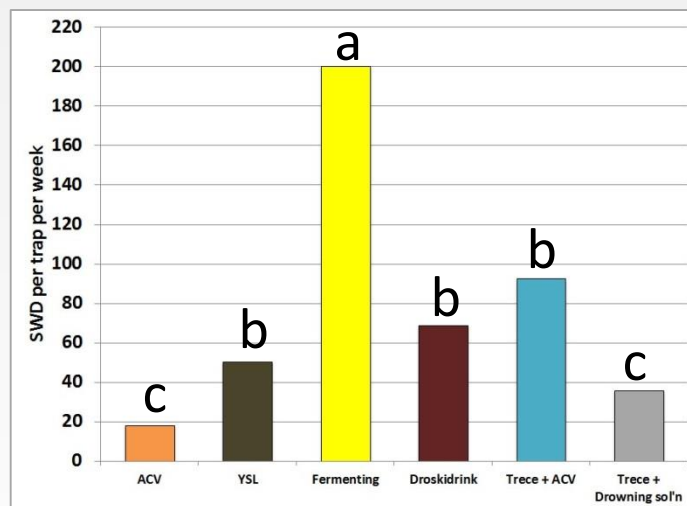


Females, blueberry sites



Males, caneberry sites

$F_{\text{crop} \times \text{treatment}} = 13.64; df = 10, 1962; p < 0.0001$

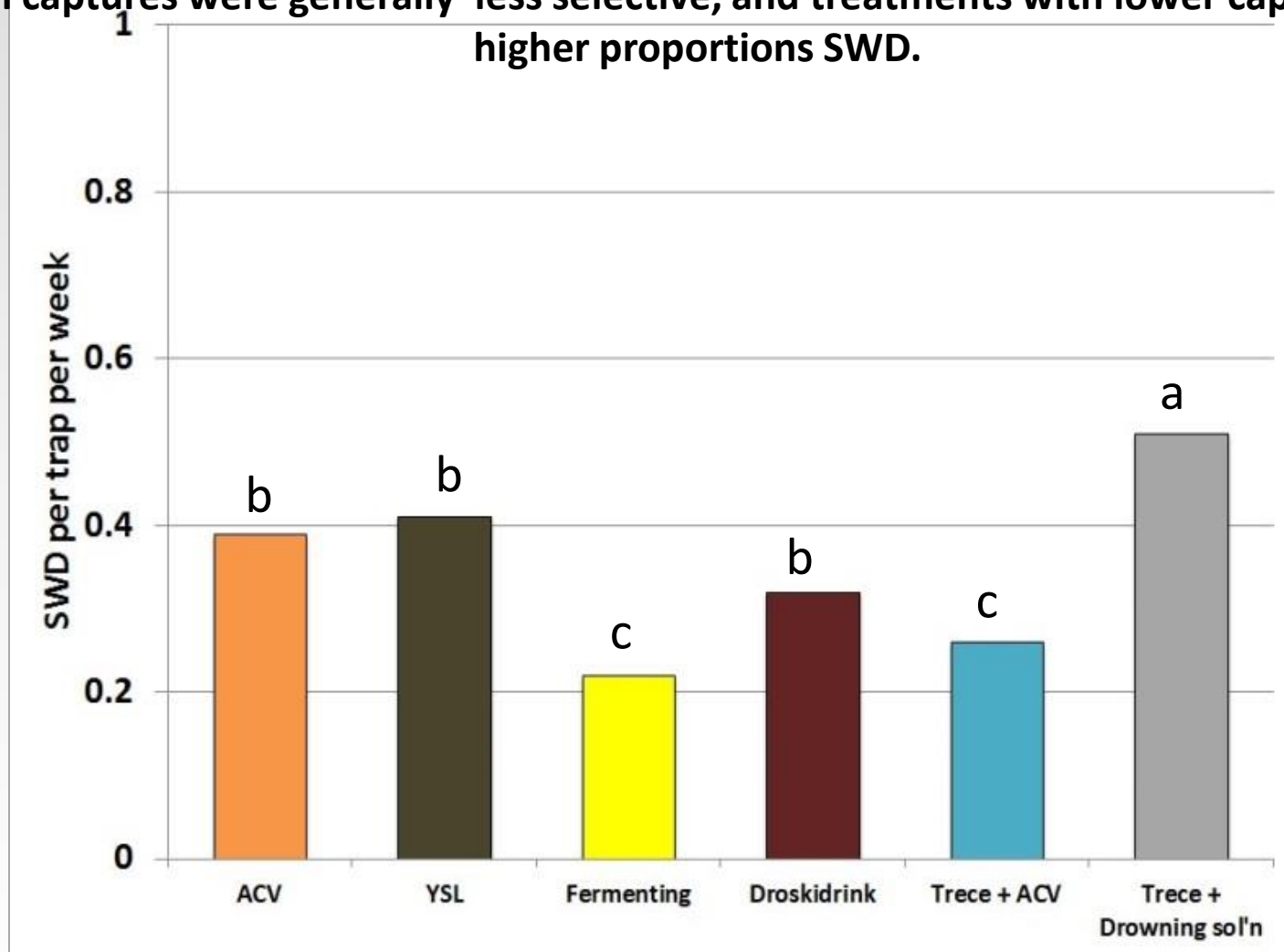


Females, caneberry sites

$F_{\text{crop} \times \text{treatment}} = 18.43; df = 10, 1962; p < 0.0001$

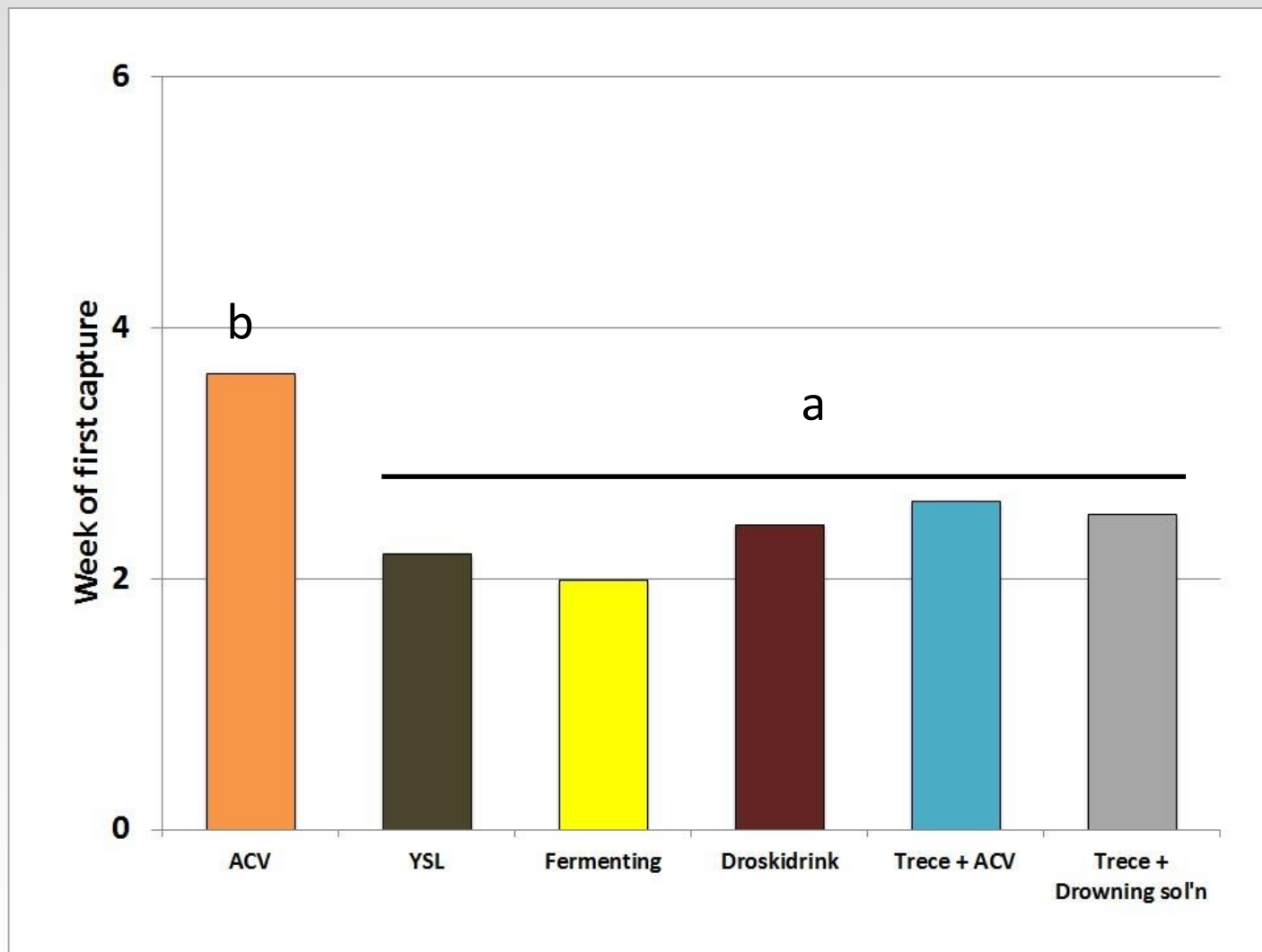


4. None of the baits were highly selective for SWD, but ACV, YSL and synthetic lure over drowning solution generally caught a larger proportion of SWD. Treatments with high captures were generally less selective, and treatments with lower captures had higher proportions SWD.



Proportion SWD, pooled sites:  $F = 71.96$ ;  $df = 5, 1115$ ;  $p < 0.0001$

## 5. All baits/lures captured flies earlier than ACV.



$F = 12.47; df = 5, 138; p < 0.0001$

# General conclusions

Fermenting baits and synthetic lures over ACV were similar in total trap captures

Differences in attraction between sexes may impact bait efficiency between crops

*Synthetic lures had higher trap captures in blueberries and generally had lower trap captures than caneberries*

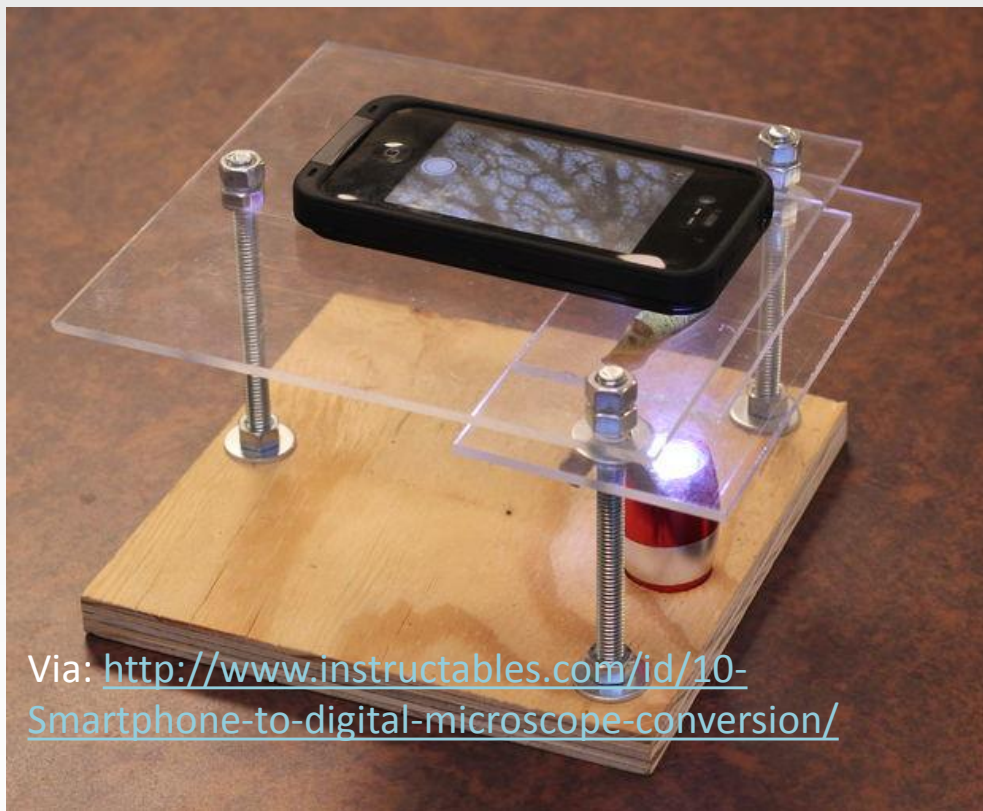
Baits or lures which captured large numbers of SWD may also capture larger numbers of non target insects

All baits captured flies 1 to 2 weeks earlier than ACV



# Adult monitoring

## Identification tools



Via: <http://www.instructables.com/id/10-Smartphone-to-digital-microscope-conversion/>

Because no trap/bait/lure combination is selective for SWD:

*Be prepared to ID flies if you plan to trap!*



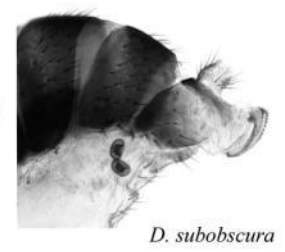
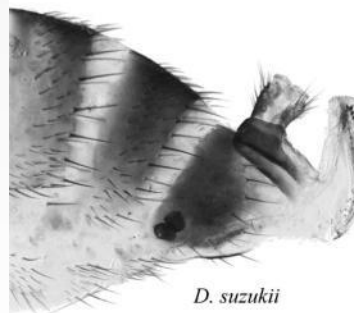
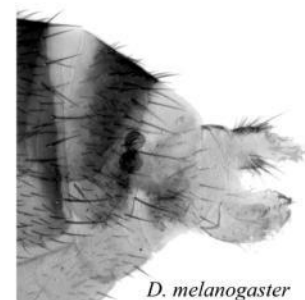
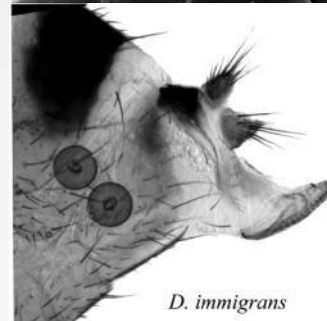
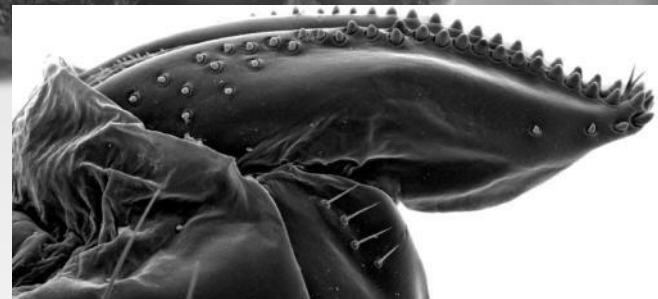
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# Monitoring tools – Traps and baits

## *Summary*

**No trap & bait combination has been demonstrated to consistently capture flies before infestation occurs or has been tested for tracking treatment efficacy**


*But some new baits/lures are promising*

*Trap captures indicate presence or absence*

*When SWD is active, preventative treatments should be applied if susceptible fruit is present*

**What are other ways growers can monitor SWD?**





# Monitoring tools – Fruit sampling

**Fruit samples should be collected from each field/variety block at each harvest**

A “salt test” is a quick way to assess larval presence

¼ cup salt dissolved 1 gal water

Poured over a thin layer of fruit

Larvae should be visible within 15 minutes

***Salt tests may miss small larvae***

***Drosophila larvae cannot be distinguished by species – do not sample rotting fruit!***



# Monitoring tools – Fruit sampling

**Insert video**

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## Distinguishing SWD from other larvae present in strawberries

SWD



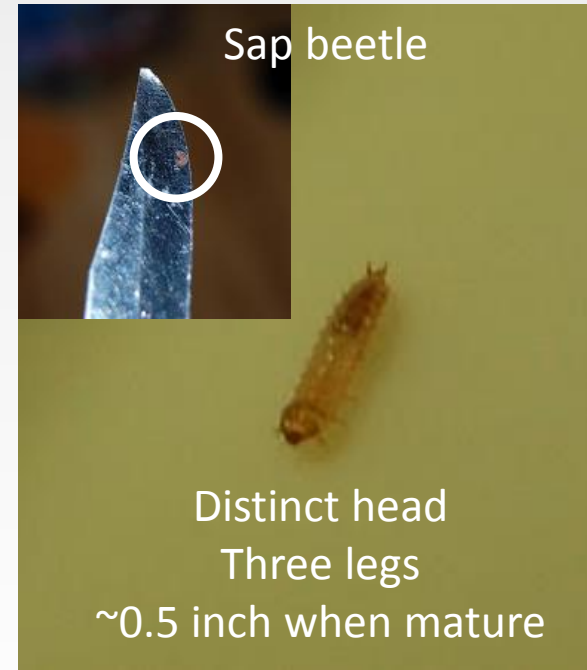
Pointed on both ends  
Black mouth hooks visible  
on front  
No legs

Corn earworm



Distinct head  
Three legs, many prolegs  
Large when mature

Sap beetle



Distinct head  
Three legs  
~0.5 inch when mature



# Monitoring tools – Fruit sampling

## Distinguishing SWD from other larvae present in raspberries

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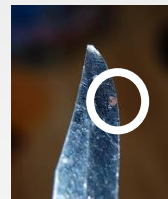
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Raspberry fruitworm beetle



Distinct head  
Three legs  
Varying sizes

Fruitworm images via: <http://www.berriesnw.com/>  
And <http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/>



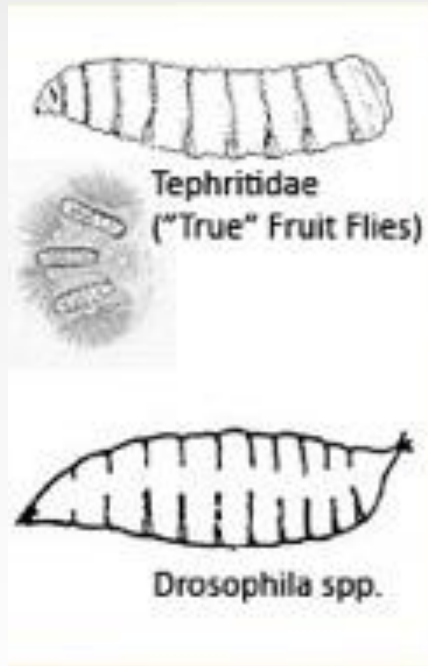
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## Distinguishing SWD from other larvae present in blueberries

SWD



Pointed on both ends  
Black mouth hooks visible  
on front  
No legs



Blueberry maggot



Pointed on one end  
Larger when mature  
No legs



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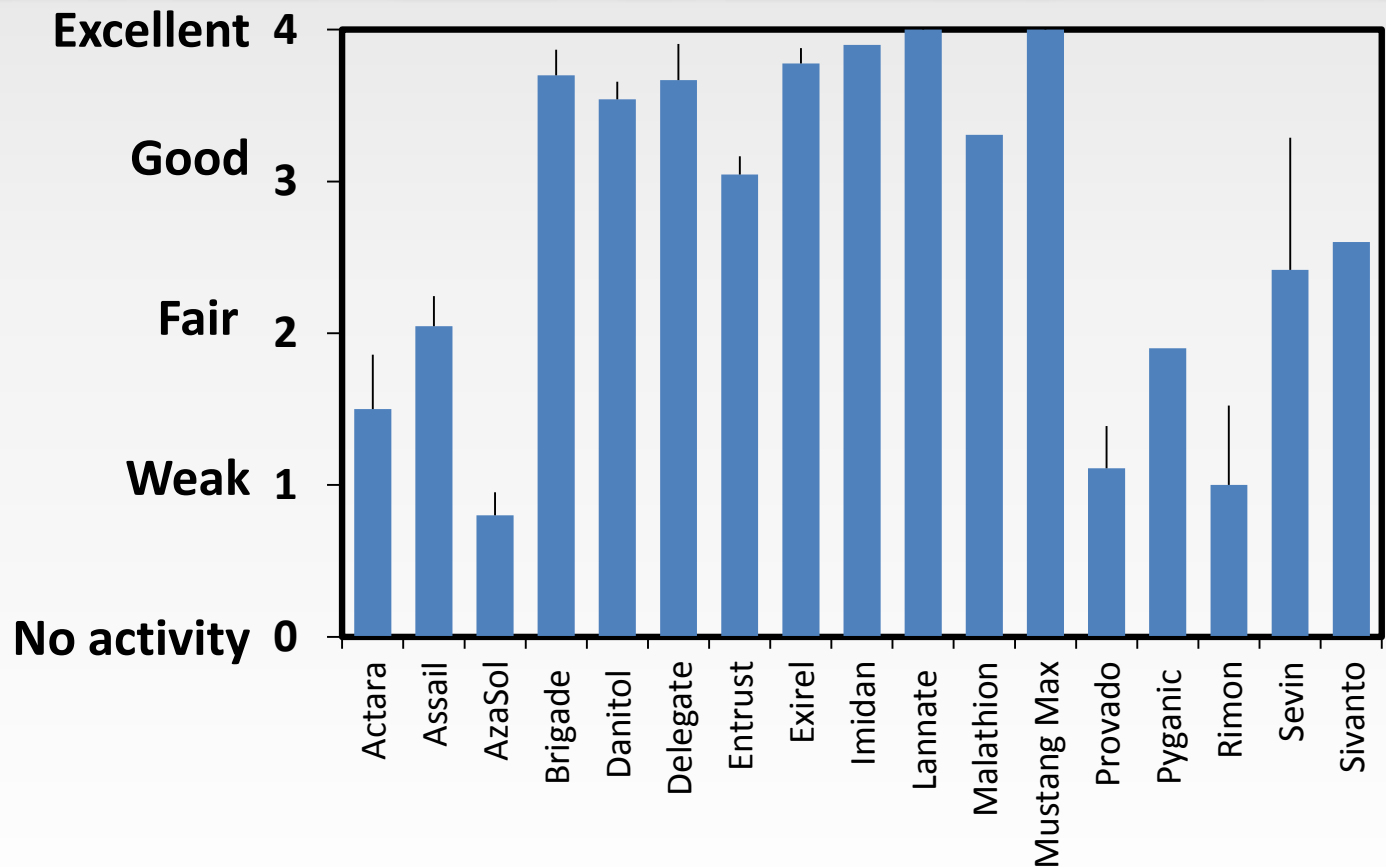
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# Management tools – Chemical controls

Entomologist's rankings from throughout the US, across crops

Materials with 4 or more responses summarized

Honorable mention (>3.5 score, fewer than 4 entries)  
Asana, Bifenture, Diazinon, Dimethoate, Endigo, Hero, Warrior



# Insecticide options in blueberries

Active ingredient	PHI	Application limits	MRL in Canada?	Aerial application volume
Malathion	1	3 applications, ULV	Yes, 8 ppm	ULV: 10 fl oz
Zeta cypermethrin	1	25.8 oz, 7 applications	No	2 gpa
Phosmet	3	7.13 lb, 6 applications	Yes, 5 ppm (US 10 ppm)	5 gpa
Spinetoram	3	19.5 oz, 3 applications	Yes, 0.5 ppm	10 gpa
Methomyl	3	12 pt, 4 applications	Yes, 6 ppm	2 gpa
Bifenthrin	1	80 oz, 4 applications	No	2 gpa
Exirel*	3	0.4 lab AI, 3-4 applications	Yes, 4 ppm	10 or 30 gpa



# Insecticide efficacy in blueberries



## Field experiments

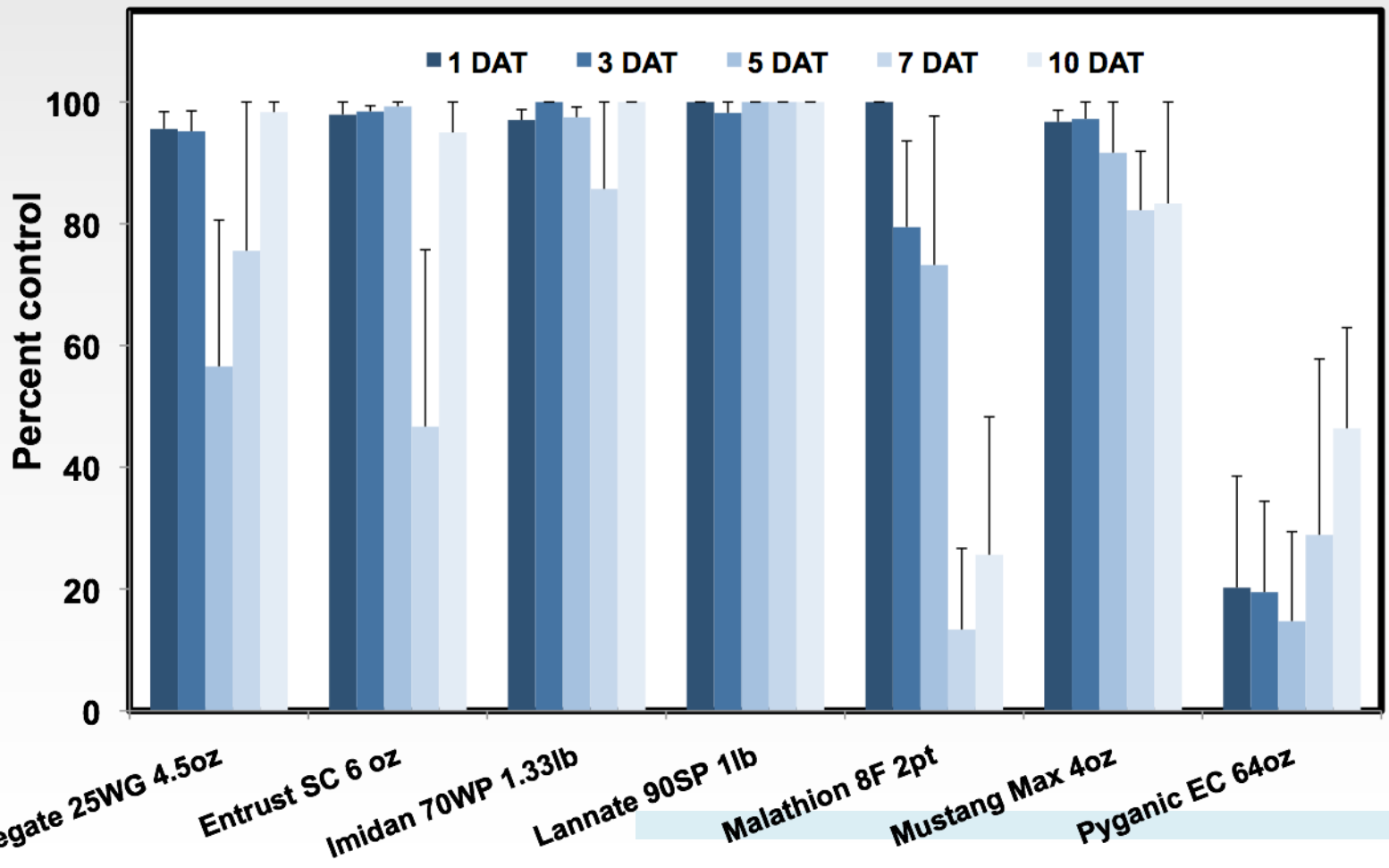
Rufus Isaacs, Michigan State University

Shoots with 20 leaves and 10 fruit picked at 1, 3, 5, 7, 10 DAT

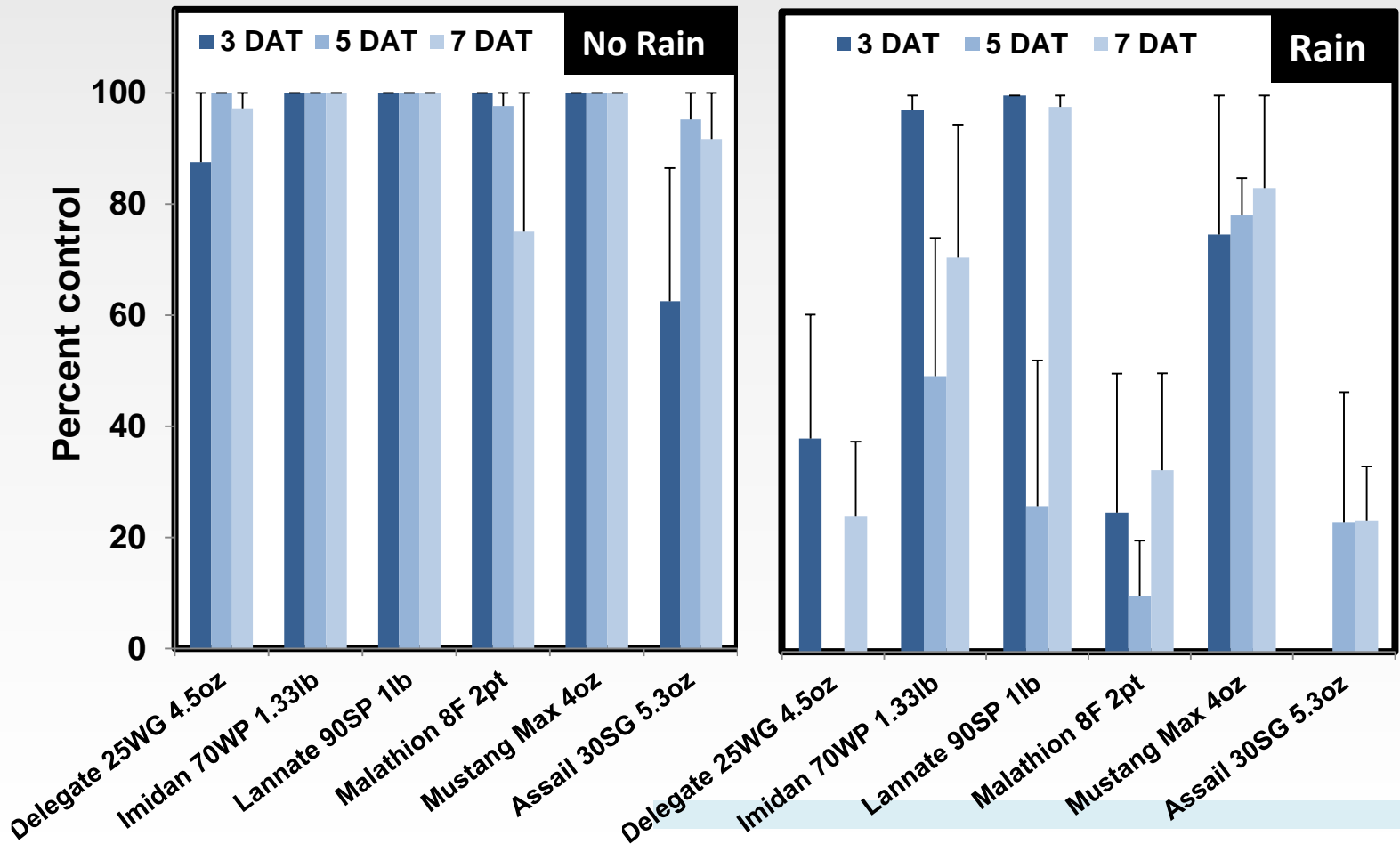
5 male, 5 female SWD for 7 d

Measured % fly mortality at 48 h, number of larvae after 9 days

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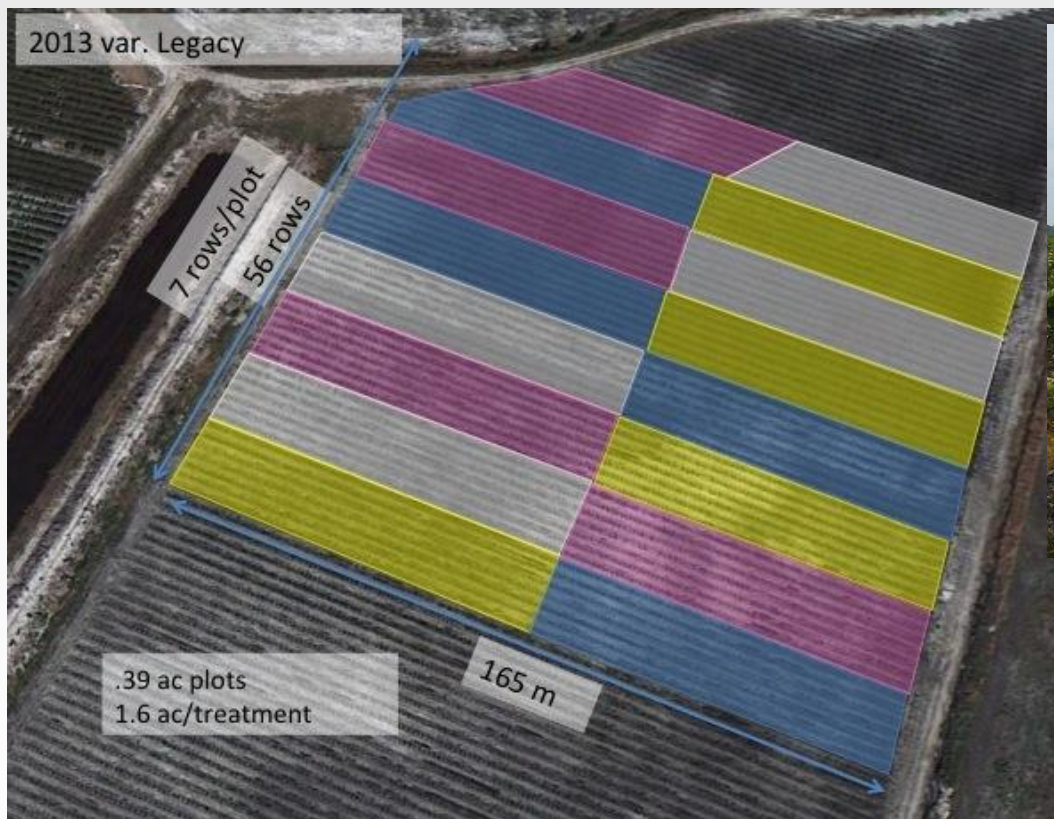


# Season-long management programs

Treatment Number	Weekly rotation of Materials		
1. Export: Export “friendly”, maximum modes of action (MOA)	Imidan	phosmet	OP (1B)
	Malathion 8F	malathion	OP (1B)
	Delegate	spinetoram	spinosyn (5)
	Danitol	fenpropathrin	pyrethroid (3A)
2. ShortPHI: Short Preharvest Interval (1d PHI)	Mustang Max	zeta-cypermethrin	pyrethroid (3A)
	Malathion 8F	malathion	OP (1B)
3. Red.Risk: EPA Reduced Risk/OP Alternatives	Delegate	spinetoram	spinosyn (5)
	GA: Exirel	cyantraniliprole	ryanodine (28)
	NC: Assail	acetamiprid	neonicotinoid (4A)
4. UTC: Untreated Control			



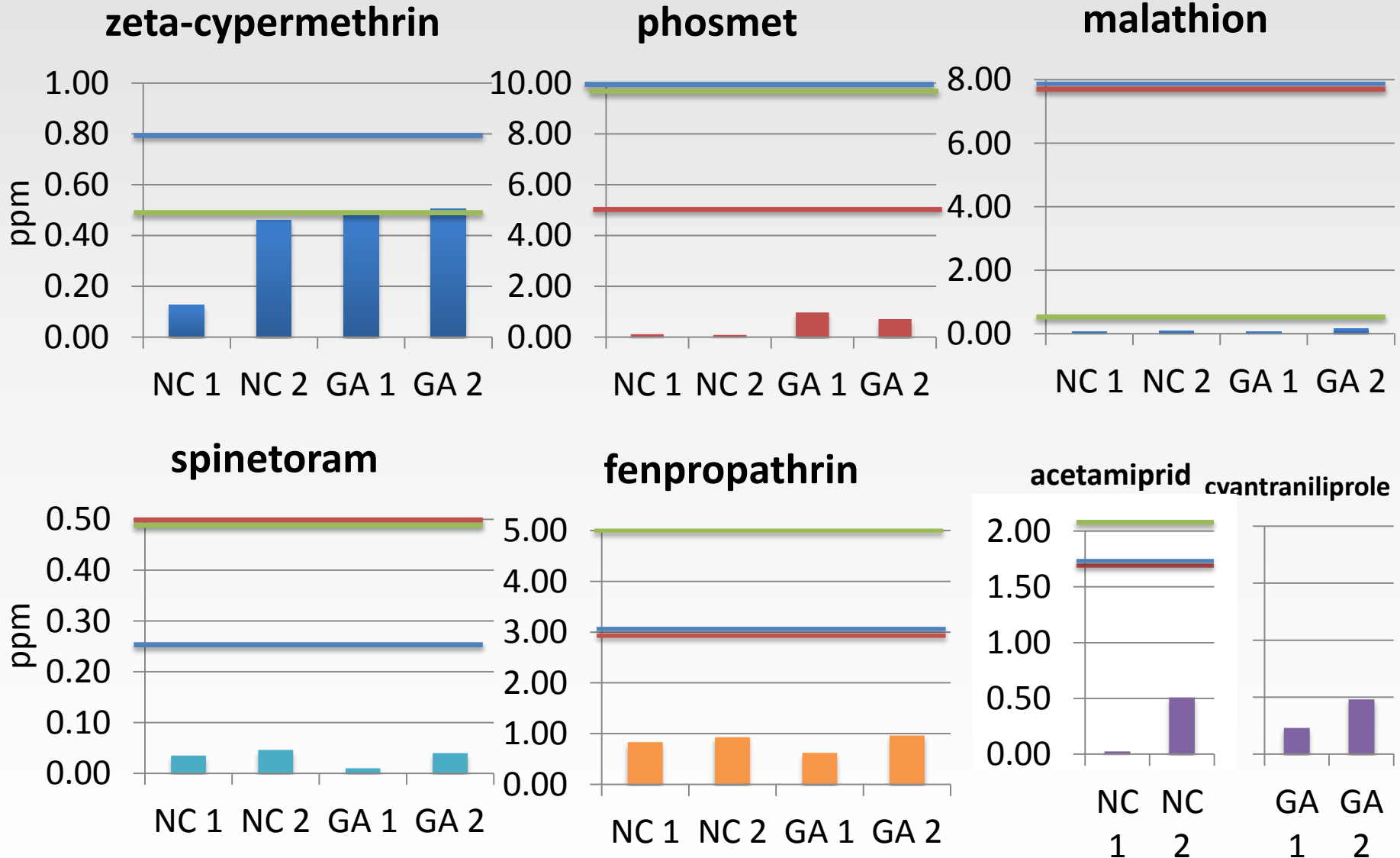
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Large scale (0.25 to 1.00 acre) plots  
Applications made with grower equipment

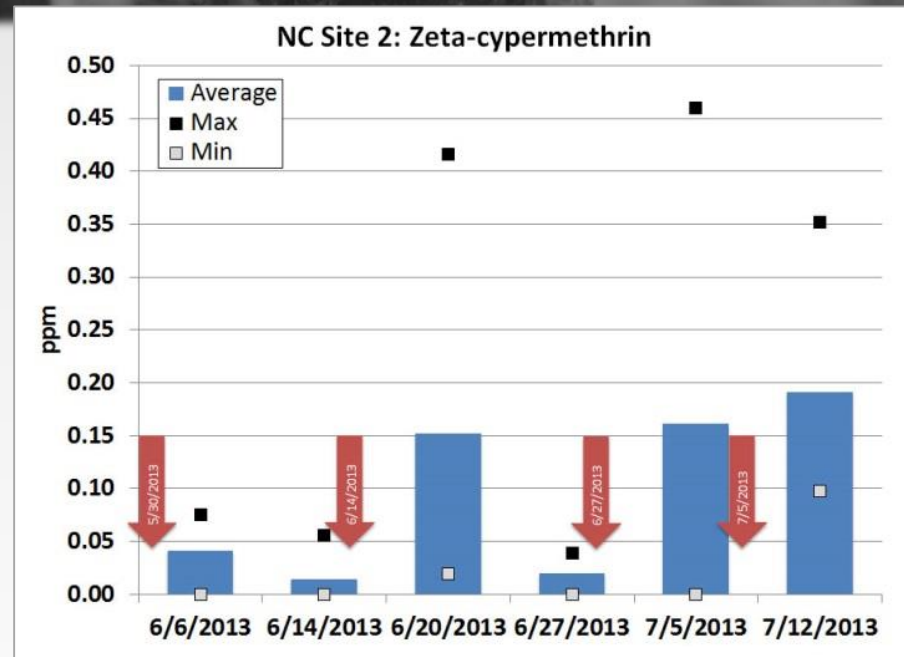
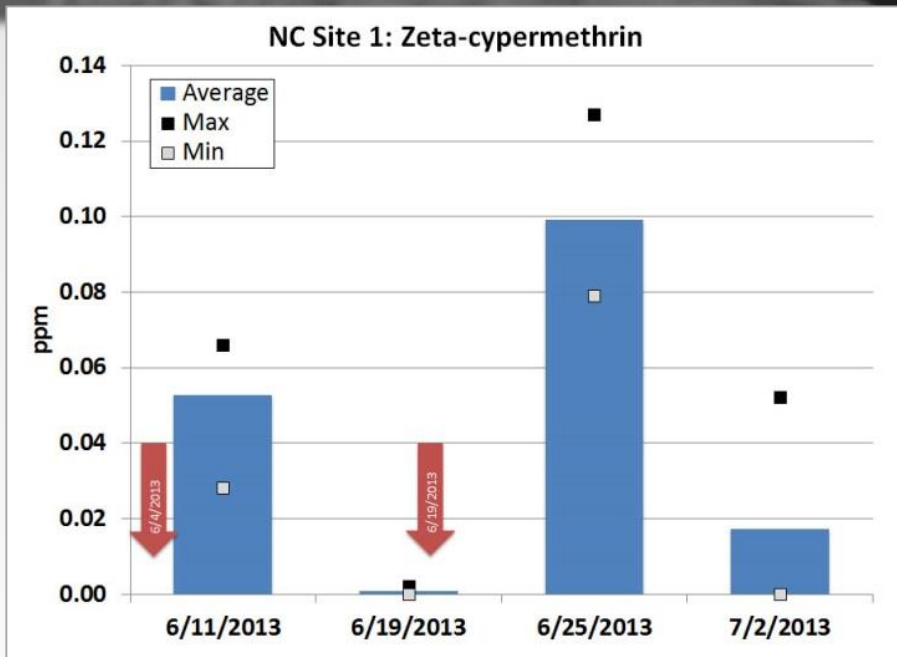
# Maximum observed pesticide residues

## *Blueberries*



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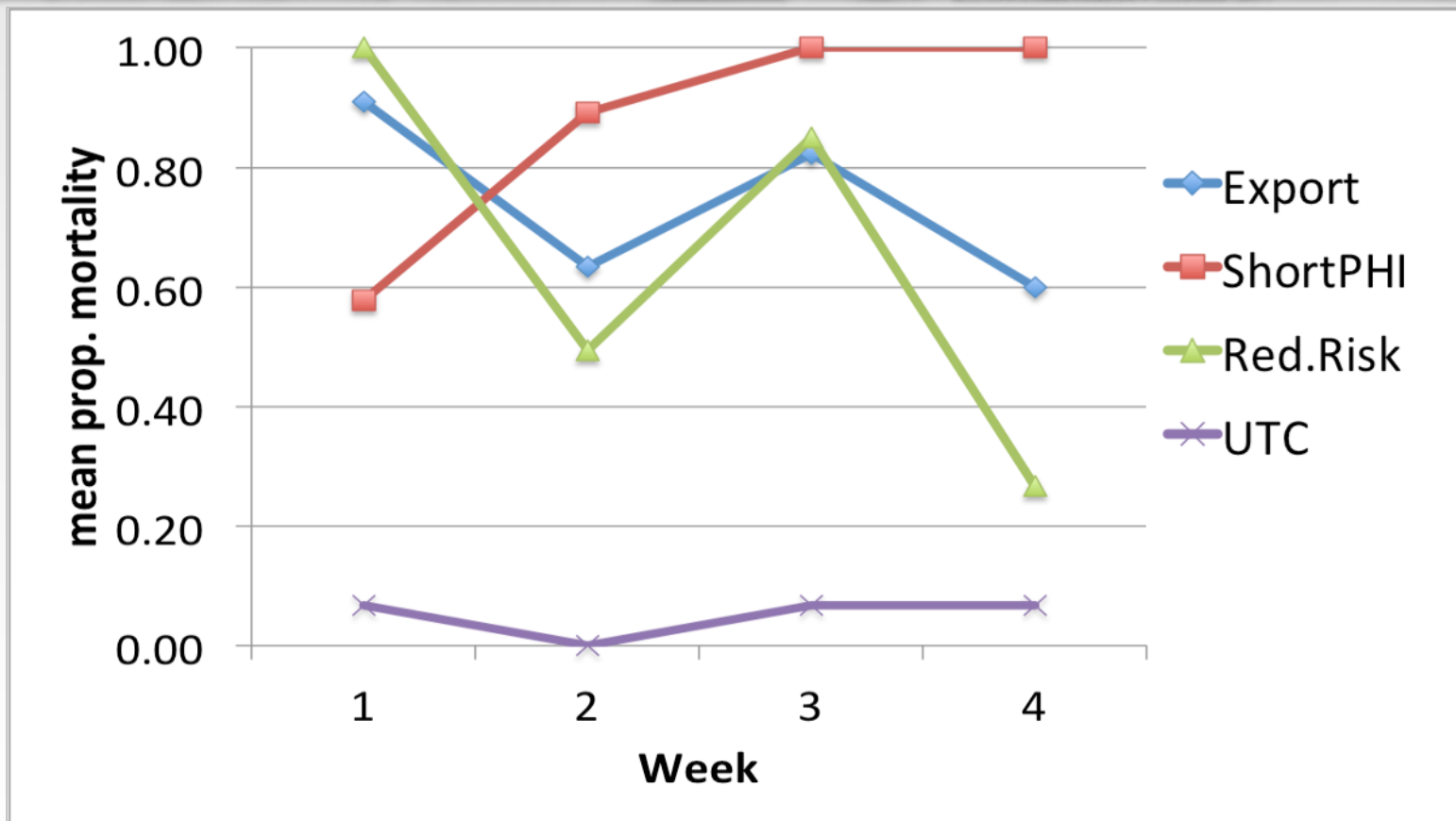
## *Zeta-cypermethrin residues over time*



- Average zeta-cypermethrin residues did not reach zero, at least 14 days following treatment
- Maximum and minimum residues may be more important to consider for caneberries than blueberries due to differences in harvest and packing

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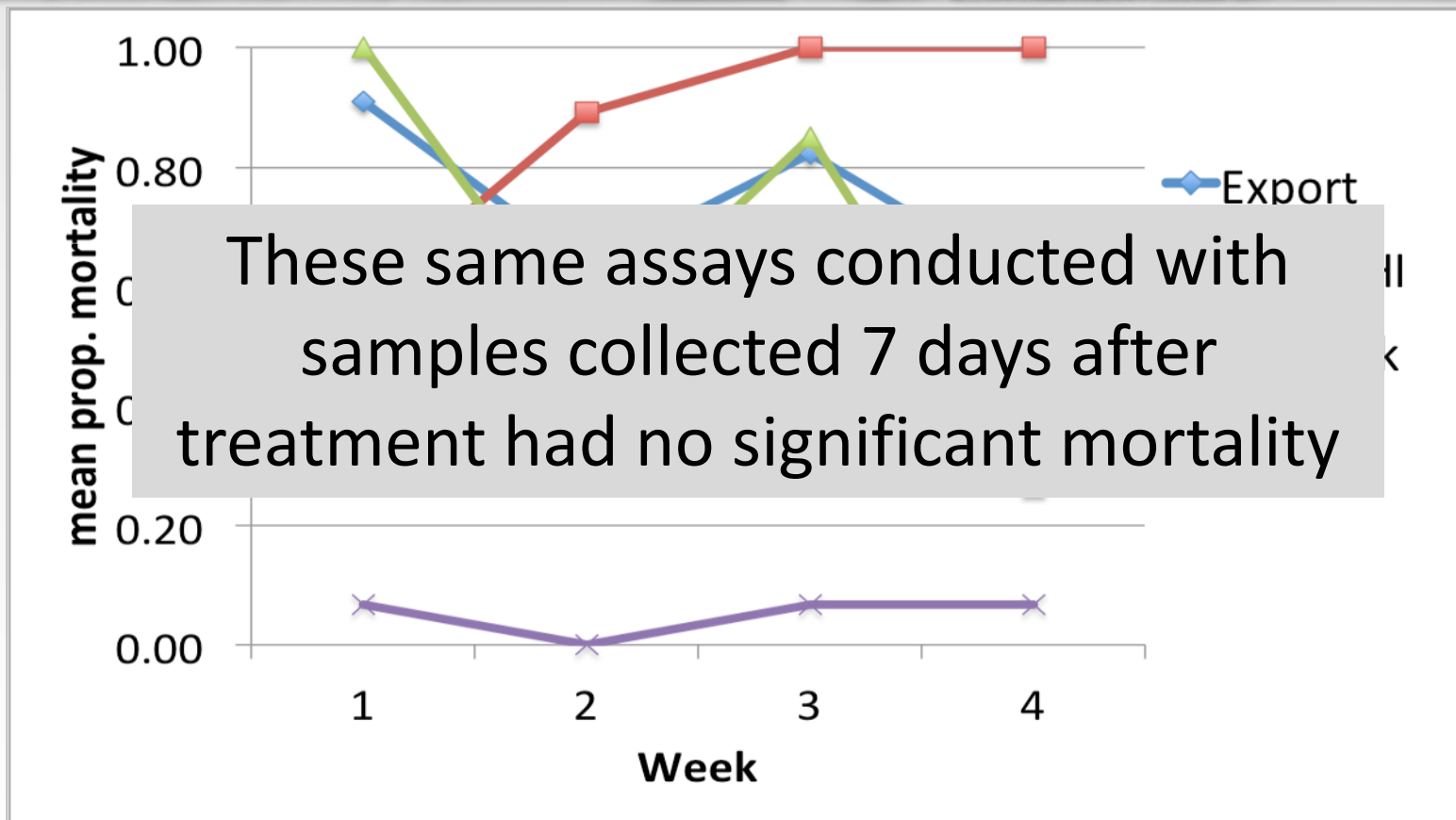
*NC Site 1 – Female bioassay mortality, samples collected immediately after treatment*





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# Non chemical tactics

## *Exclusion*



Larval counts of *D. suzukii* emerged from overripe blueberries from Kisarazu City submerged in water for one hour (Kawase, et al. 2005; Masanori Seto, Cornell University)



Treatment	Sampling date	# of fruits tested	# of larvae	# of larvae / 100 fruit	
0.98 mm Insect net	2003 7/6	100	0	0	
	2004	6/16	127	0	0
		6/22	238	0	0
		7/14	84	0	0
		Total	449	0	0
	2005	6/27	211	0	0
		7/4	176	0	0
		Total	387	0	0
	3 yr Total		936	0	0
	30 mm Bird net	2003 7/6	100	191	191
2004		6/16	150	0	0
		6/22	340	3	0.9
		7/14	96	23	24.0
		Total	586	26	4.4
2005		6/27	219	13	5.9
		7/4	171	120	70.2
		Total	389	133	34.2
3 yr Total		1076	350	32.5	



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# Post harvest storage temperature

## *Eggs in artificial diet*

### ***Methods for cold temperature experiments***

#### ***Artificial diet***

Each life state, temperature, and duration was replicated at least 8 times

10ml of standard diet in 60mm petri dishes; 5-10 eggs per dish

Controls for each temp held at 68F

Orange arrows indicate values significantly different from control for that temperature

#### ***Fruit***

Fruit infested over the course of 7 days and held at 68F until desired life stage reached

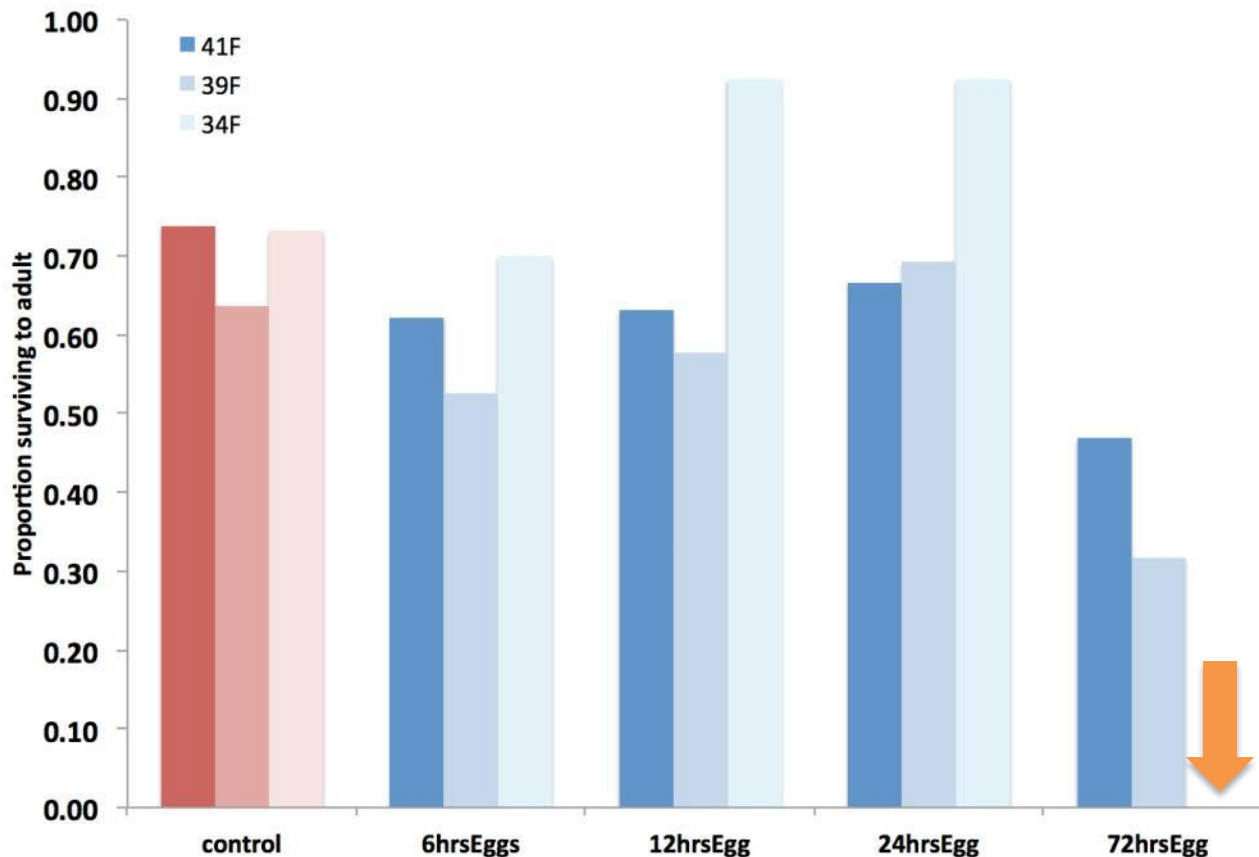
At least 24 treatment replicated and 8 control replicates were conducted for each life stage

Exposed in commercial scale cold room at 35F for 72 hrs



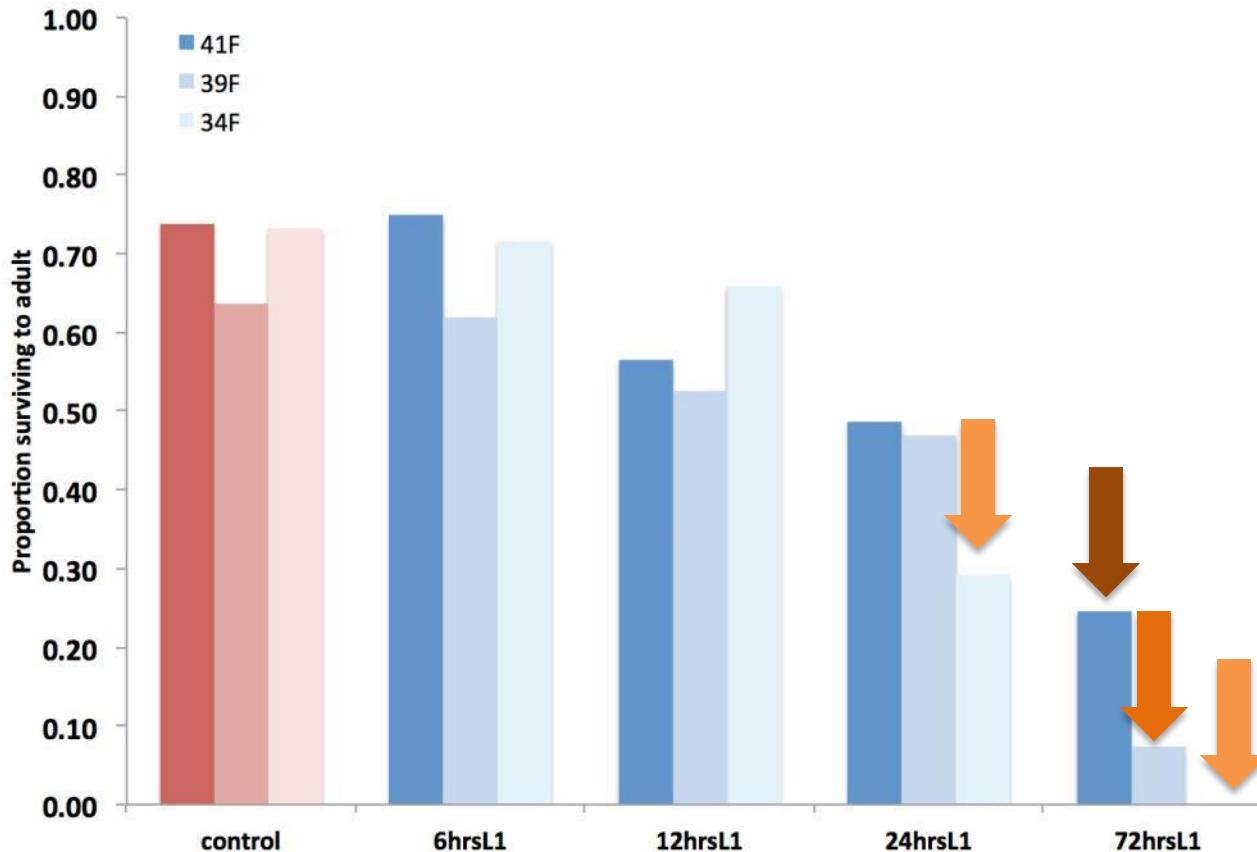
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## *Eggs in artificial diet*



*No eggs held at 34F for 72 hrs survived to adults **in artificial diet***

# Post harvest storage temperature *1<sup>st</sup> instars in artificial diet*

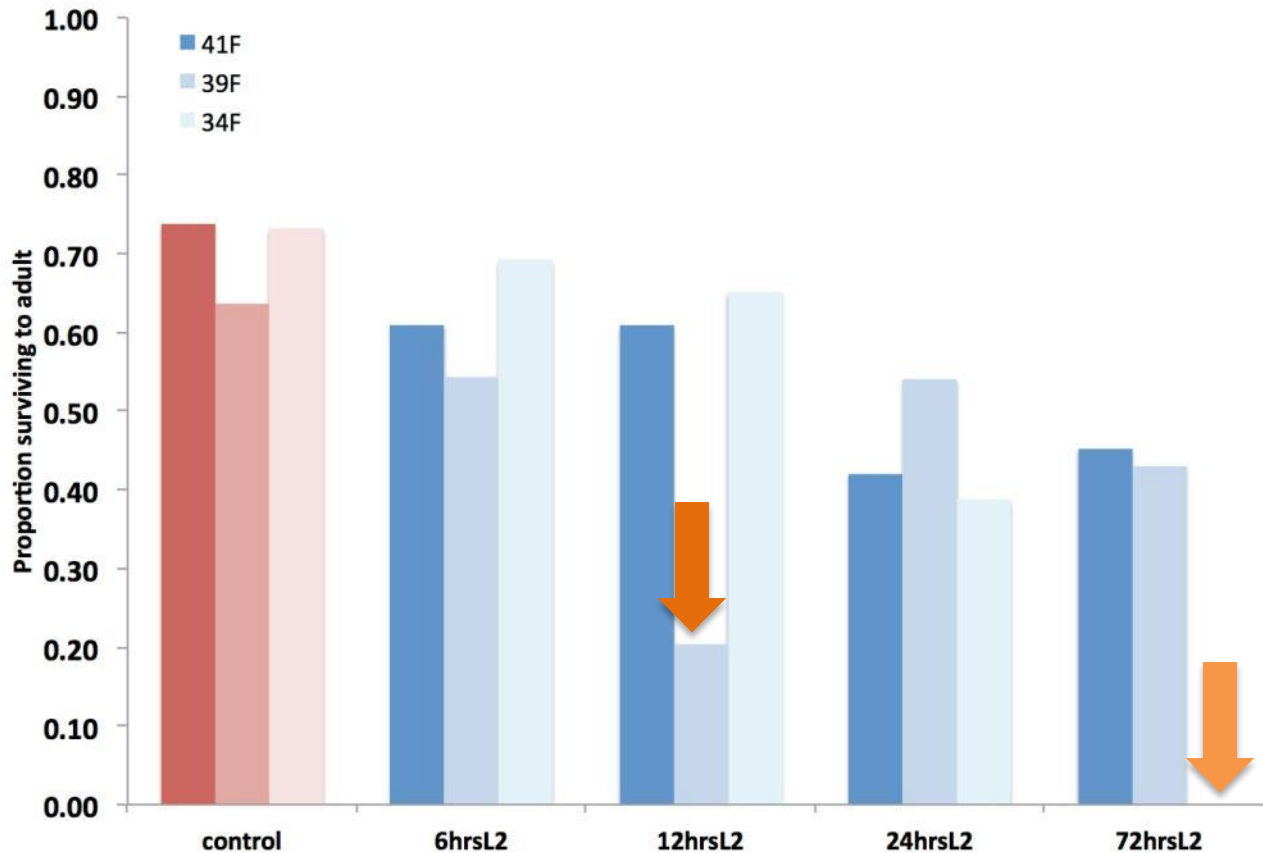


*No first instar larvae held at 34F for 72 hrs survived to adults in artificial diet*

*Significantly fewer first instar larvae survived after 72 hrs at 39F and 41F than in untreated controls*

*Significantly fewer first instar larvae survived after 24 hrs at 34F than in untreated controls*

# Post harvest storage temperature *2<sup>nd</sup> instars in artificial diet*

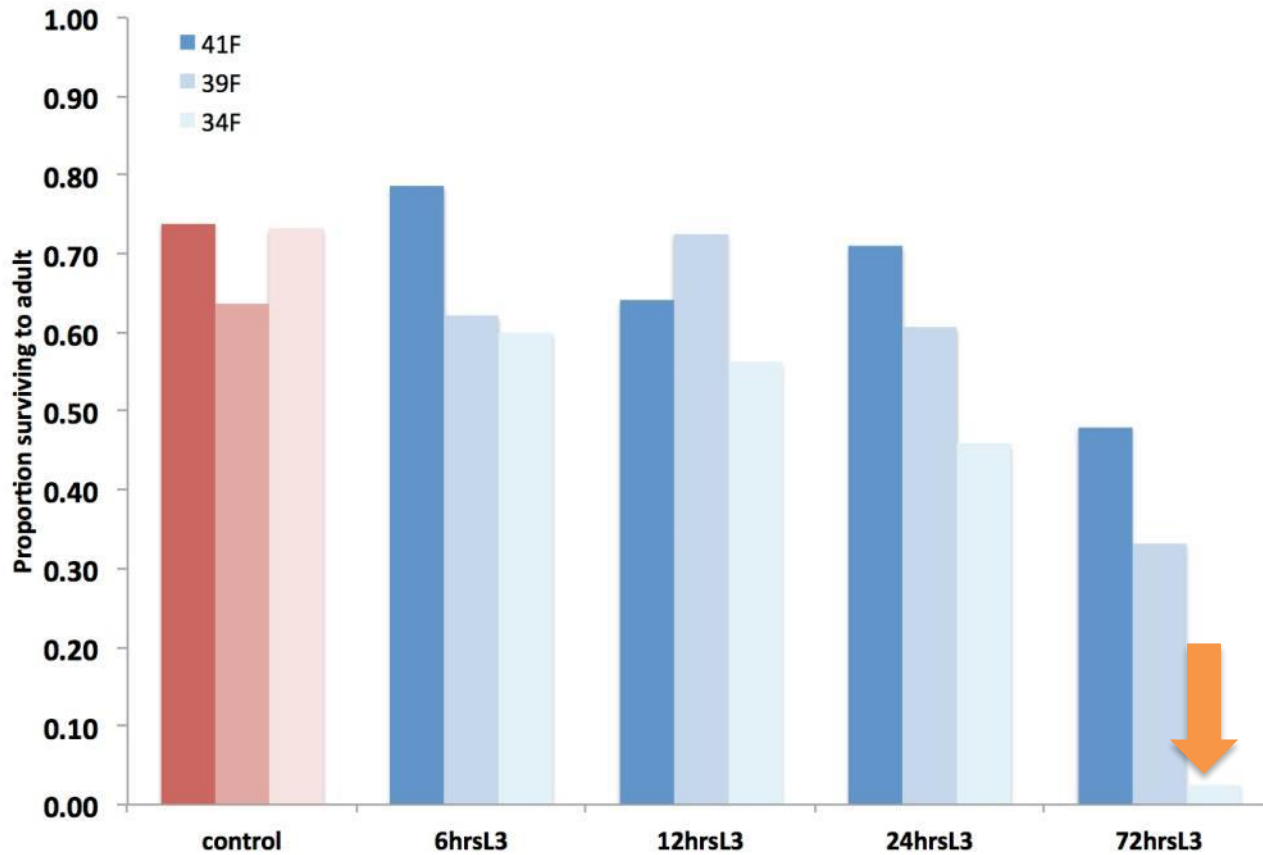


*No first second instar larvae held at 34F for 72 hrs survived to adults **in artificial diet***

*Increased mortality of second instar larvae held at 39F for 12 hrs likely experimental issue*

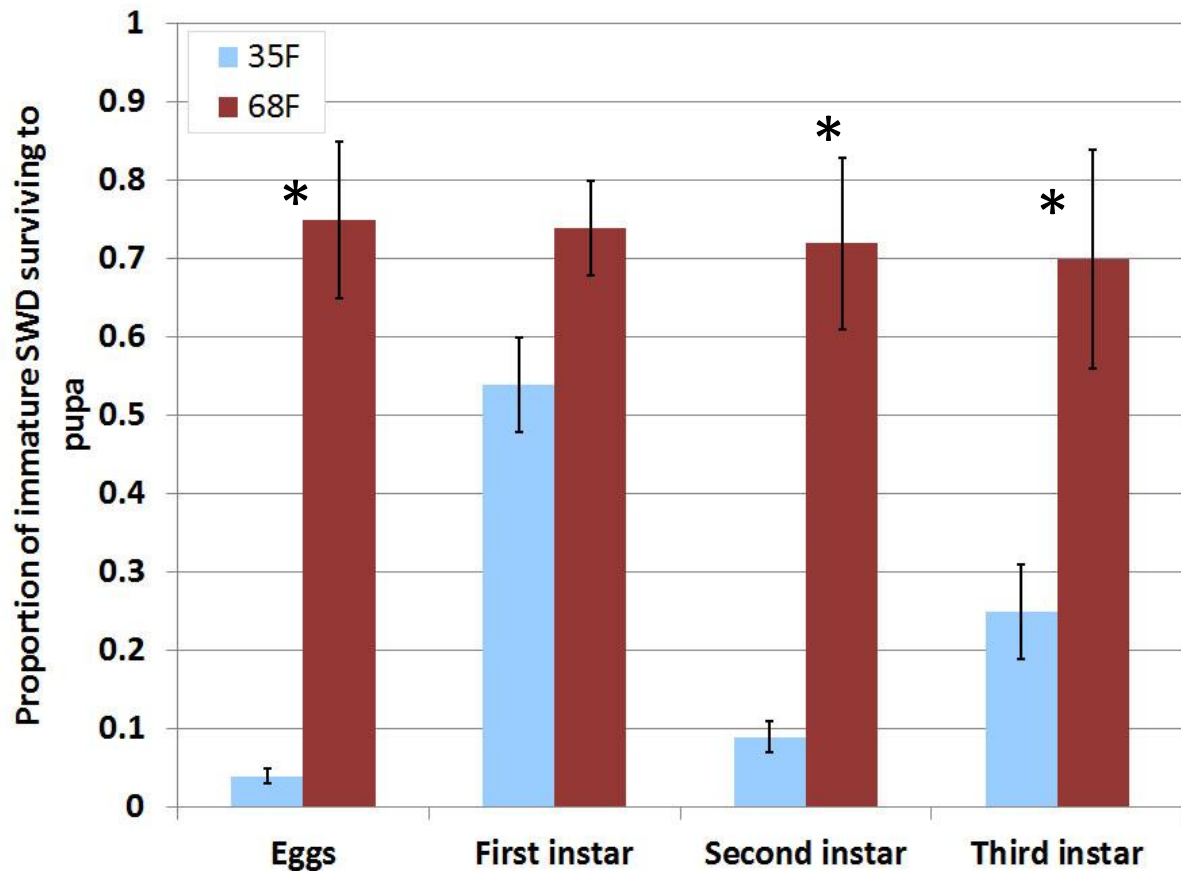


# Post harvest storage temperature *3<sup>rd</sup> instars in artificial diet*



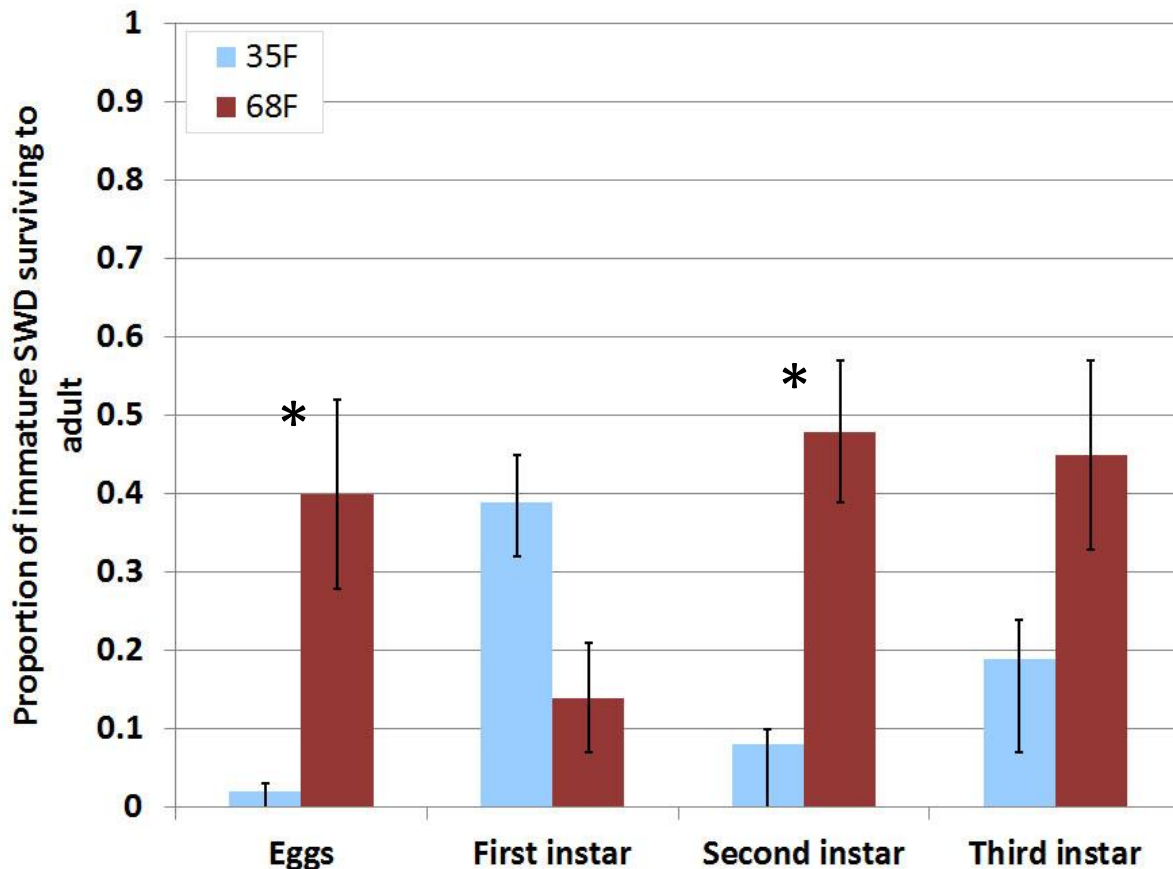
*Significantly fewer third larvae held at 34F for 72 hrs survived to adults than untreated controls in artificial diet*

# Post harvest storage temperature *Survival to pupa in raspberries*



*First instar larvae in raspberries were not impacted by storage at 35F for 72 hrs, but other life stages were impacted*

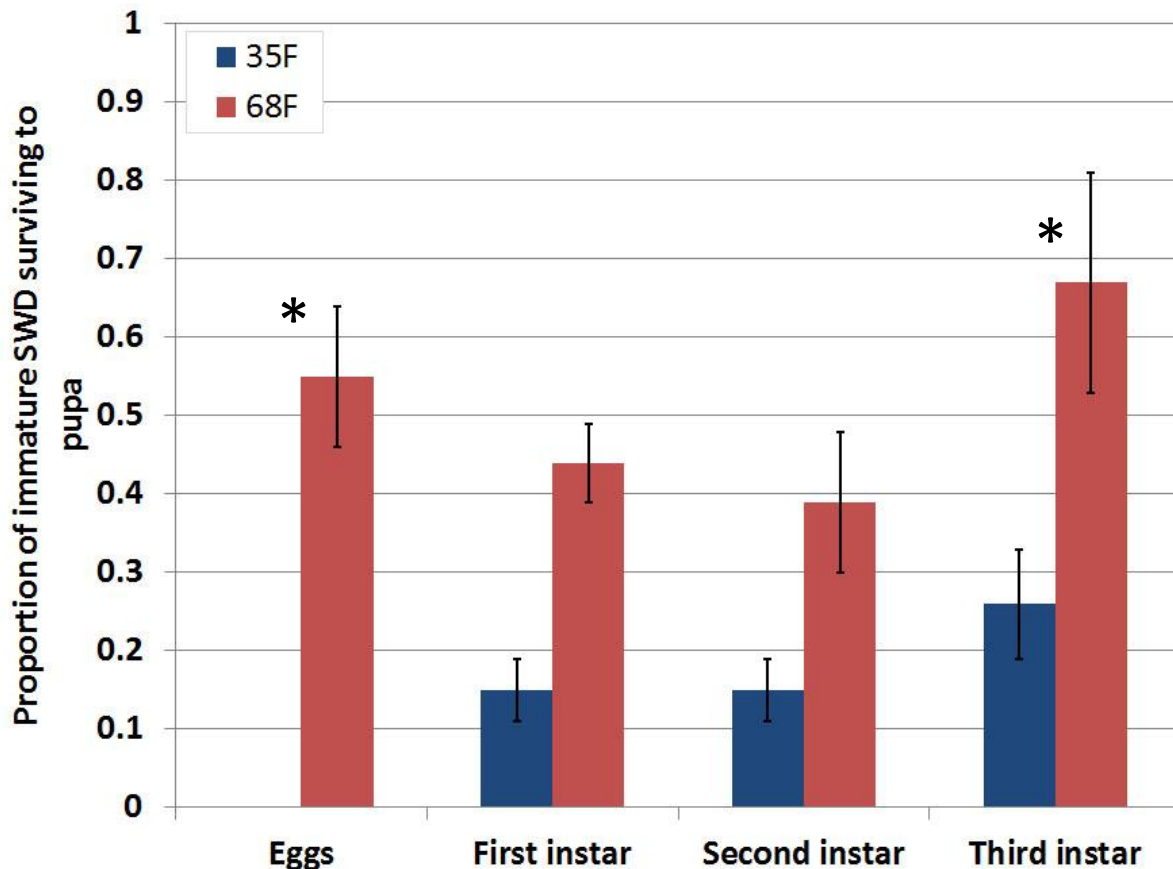
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*First instar and third instar larvae in raspberries were not impacted by storage at 35F for 72 hrs, but other life stages were impacted*

# Post harvest storage temperature

## *Survival to pupa in blueberries*



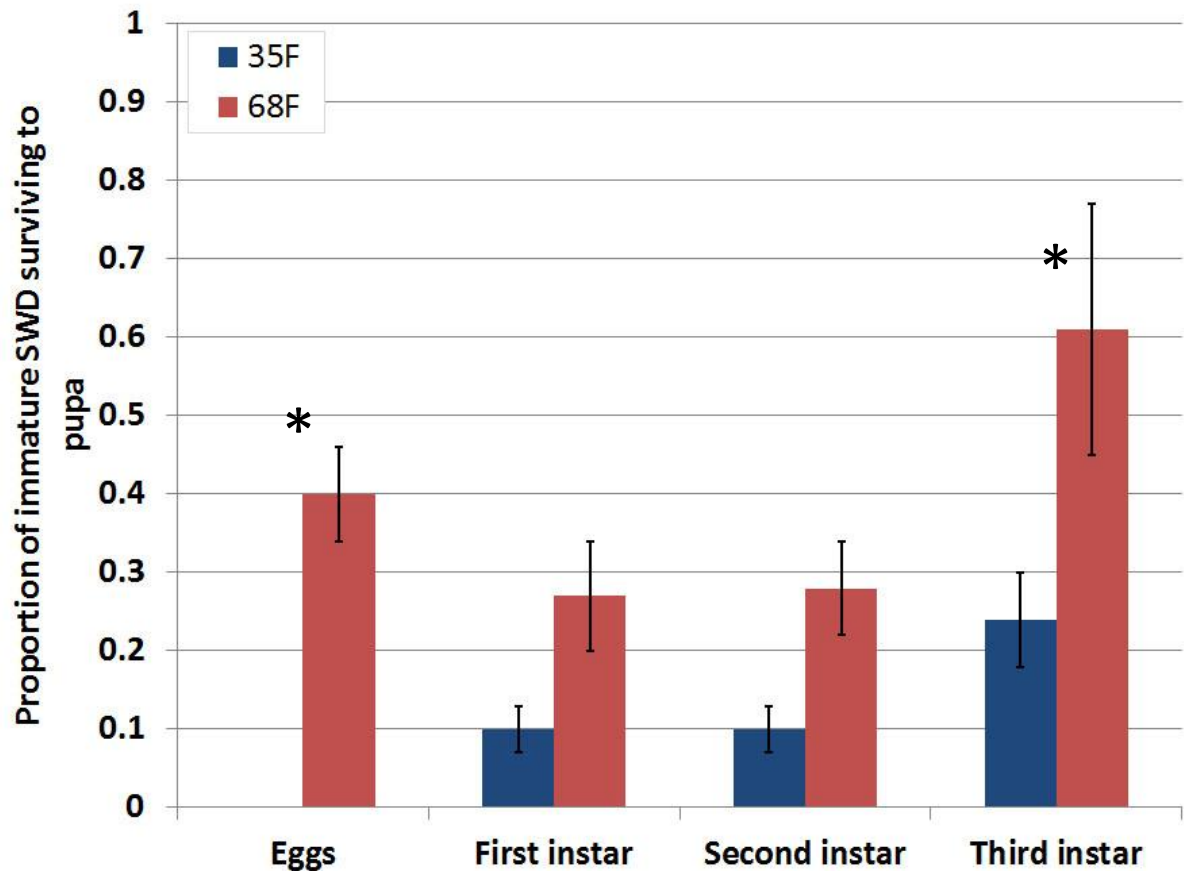
*No eggs survived to pupation in blueberries held at **35F for 72 hrs**, but some of all other life stages did*

*No significant difference in survival for first and second instar*



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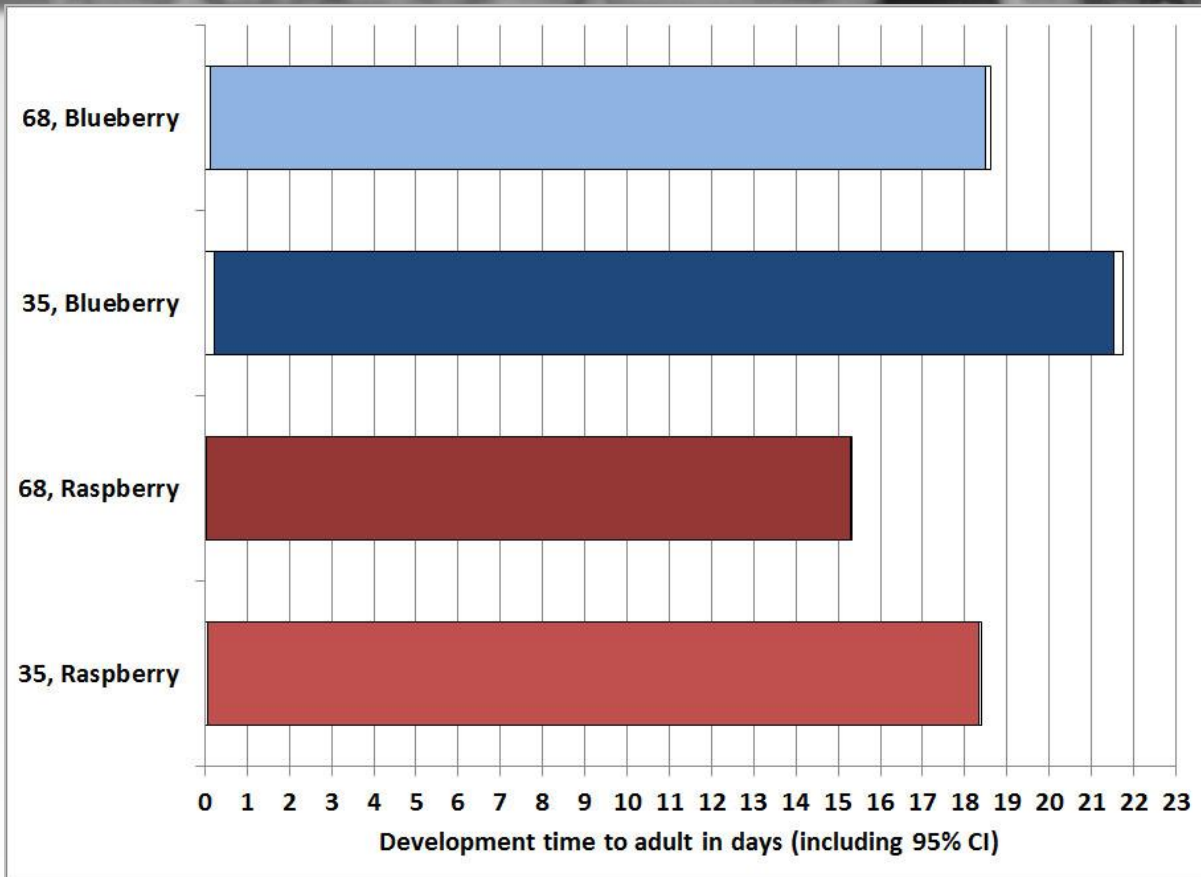
## *Survival to adult in blueberries*



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*No significant difference in survival for first and second instar*

# Post harvest storage temperature *Development time*



*Development took 3 days longer in cold treated fruit, meaning larvae did not develop at 35F*

*Similar development time increases for temps in artificial diet*

*Development was faster in raspberries than in blueberries*



# Post harvest storage temperature *Summary*

**First instar larvae were the most sensitive to cold temperatures in artificial diet and much less sensitive in fruit**

**Eggs were the most significantly impacted in fruit**

*Of the 434 eggs exposed to 35F for 3 days in blueberries, none survived*

*For a treatment to be quarantine acceptable, 93,613 individuals must be tested with no survivors*

**Larval development was essentially stopped at potential post harvest temperatures, at least for 3 days**

# General recommendations 2014

## **Plan to preventatively manage SWD**

*What insecticides will be applied under what conditions?*

## **Plan to monitor fruit along with adults**

*Consider when fruit will be monitored (e.g. before harvest, after harvest, after sorting, after packing, after storage)*

## **Implement post harvest management strategies**

*Consider cold storage temperature and duration*

*Quality control and sanitation practices may also impact SWD presence*



# Management recommendations

## *Blueberries*

### Conventional, fresh market blueberries

- *Practice good sanitation: thorough harvest & removal of culls*
- *Begin management when susceptible fruit is present*
- *Sample fruit at each harvest, consider adult monitoring*
- *Rotate between effective materials*

Active ingredient (MOA)	Trade name	Preharvest interval
Phosmet (1)	Imidan	3 days
Malathion (1)	Malathion (and others)	1 day
Spinetoram (5)	Delegate	3 days
Fenpropathrin (3)	Danitol	3 days
Zeta cypermethrin* (3)	Mustang/Mustang Max	1 day



# Management recommendations *Strawberries*

## Spring fruiting strawberries

- *Monitor adult flies and sample fruit*
- *Practice good sanitation: thorough harvest & removal of culls*
- *Begin management program if flies are detected*

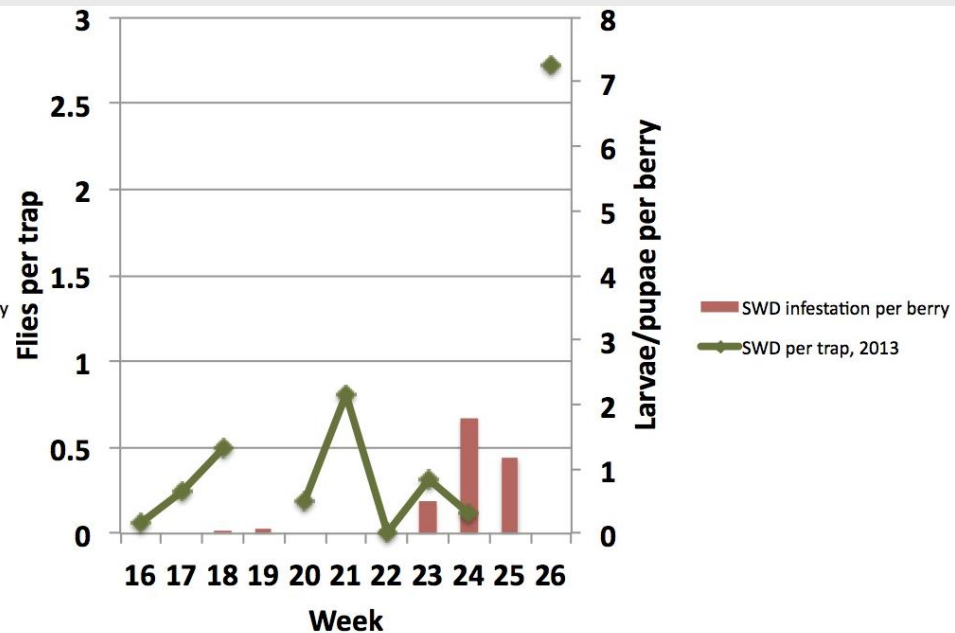
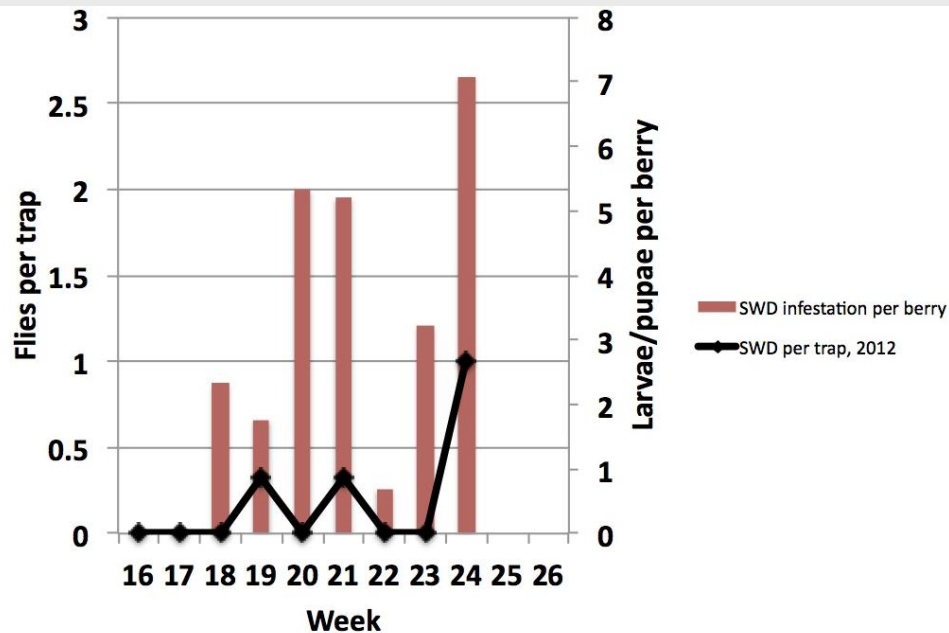
## Day neutral/fall fruiting strawberries

- *Monitor fruit, consider monitoring adult flies*
- *Practice good sanitation: thorough harvest & removal of culls*
- *Implement management program*

Active ingredient (MOA)	Trade name	Preharvest interval
Bifenthrin (3)	Brigade (and others)	0 days
Malathion (1)	Malathion (and others)	3 days
Spinetoram (5)	Radiant	1 day

# Management recommendations

## Strawberries



# Management recommendations

## *Blackberries and raspberries*

### Conventional, fresh market blackberries and raspberries

- *Practice good sanitation: thorough harvest & removal of culls*
- *Begin management when susceptible fruit is present*
- *Sample fruit at each harvest, consider adult monitoring*
- *Rotate between effective materials*

Active ingredient (MOA)	Trade name	Preharvest interval
Malathion (1)	Malathion (and others)	1 day
Spinetoram (5)	Delegate	1 day
Zeta cypermethrin* (3)	Mustang/Mustang Max	1 day
Fenpropathrin (3)	Danitol	3 days
Bifenthrin (3)	Brigade (and others)	3 days



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