

# Biological Control & Ideas for Insects

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# Integrated Pest Management

- Pre-1930's: insecticides created from mostly naturally occurring compounds (i.e. plants, inorganic compounds, petroleum)
- 1930's: synthesis of new compounds (i.e. DDT)
- Early 1950's and 60's: "The Green Revolution"
  - Agricultural production increased, but at a cost
  - Synthetic pesticides and fertilizers
- "Silent Spring" – Rachel Carson (1962)
- 1970's: USDA creates nationwide IPM program in Land Grant Universities

# Integrated

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- 1930's: synthetic
- Early 1950s: DDT



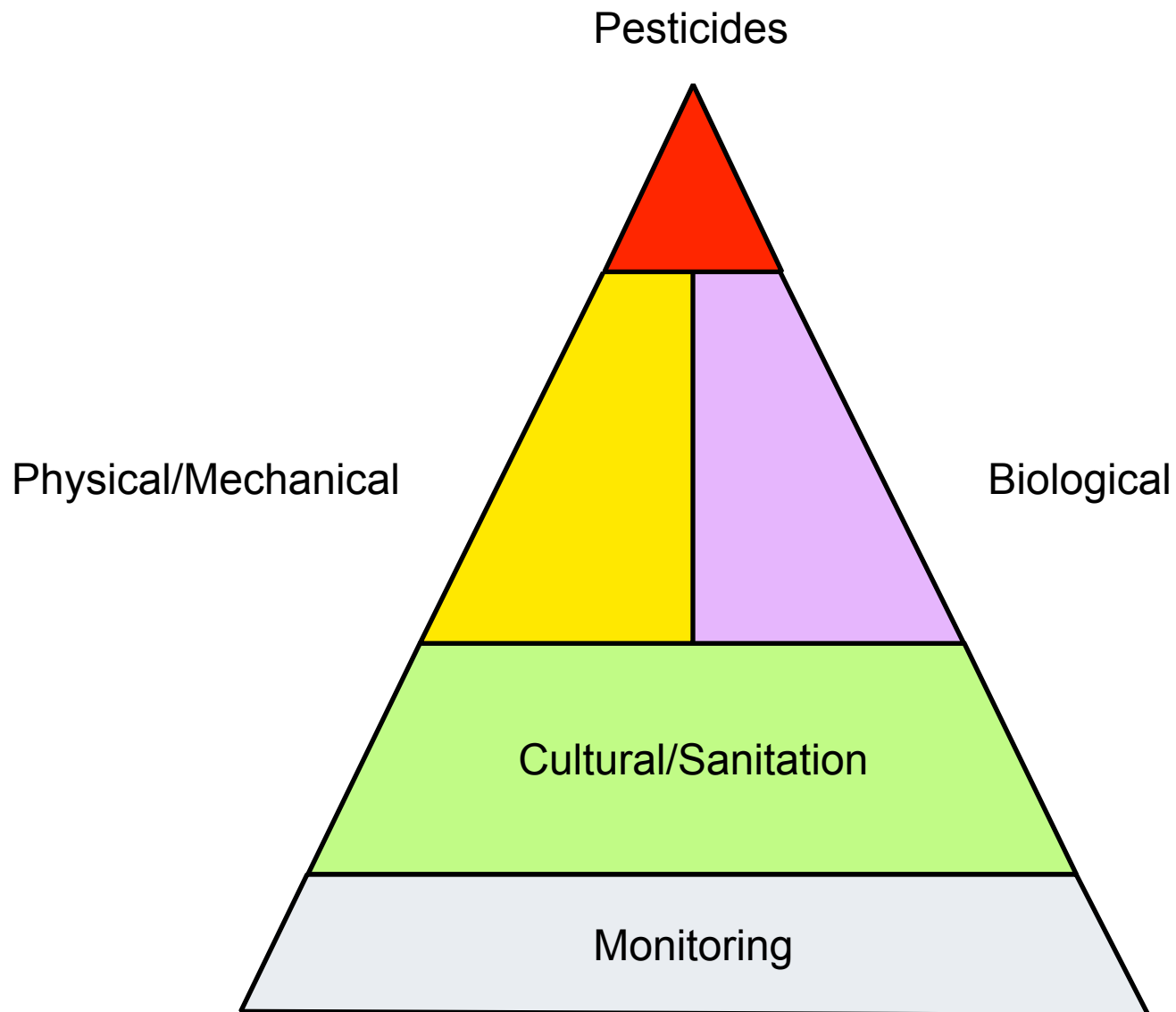
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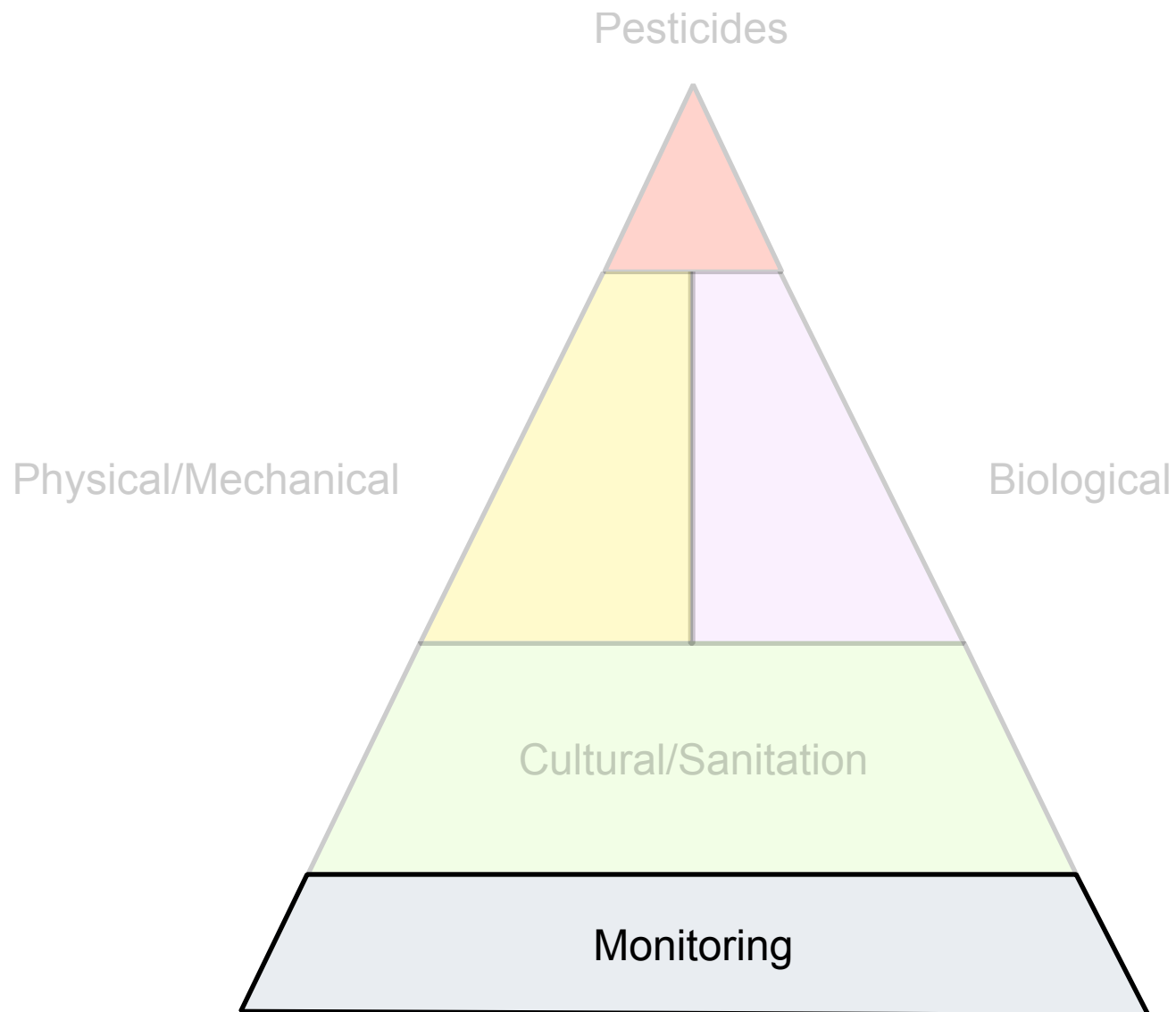


# Integrated Pest Management

- Minimize impact on the environment
- Minimize impact on human health
- Maintain or increase soil fertility
- Long-term pest management
- Prevent pesticide-resistant pests
- Strives to maximize long-term returns/savings







# Monitor

## Pest Management Units



# Monitor

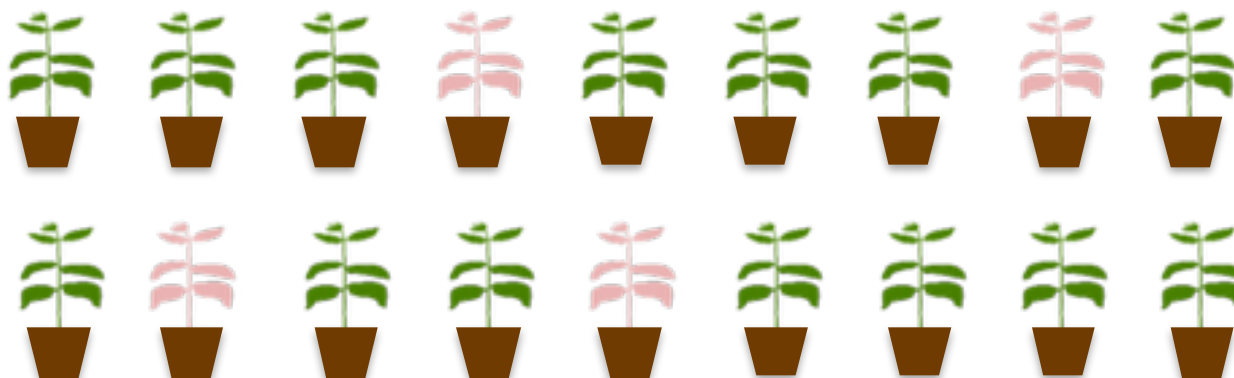
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Presence-absence sampling

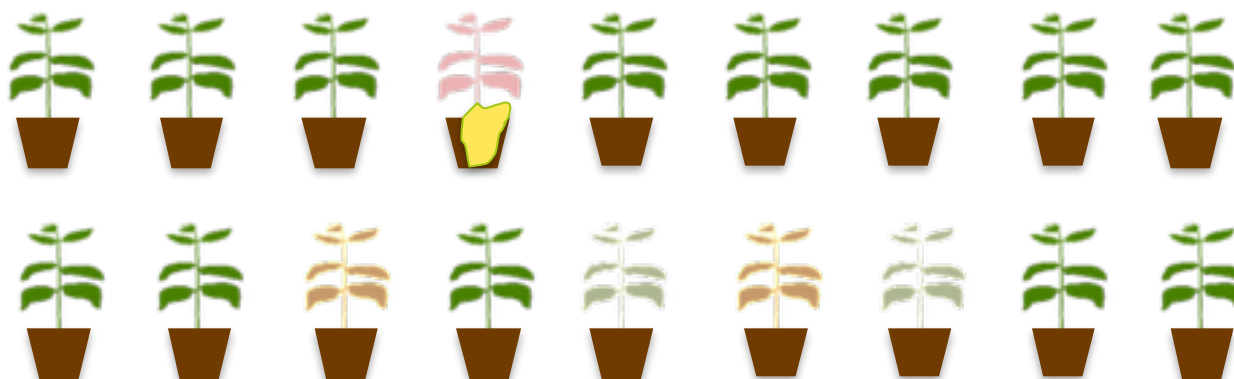


$$1/6 = 17\%$$

$$4/20 = 20\%$$

# Monitor

## Indicator Plants



Higher infestation





# Monitor

## Traps/Lures

Creds: Chelsea Eby &  
Mark Gardiner



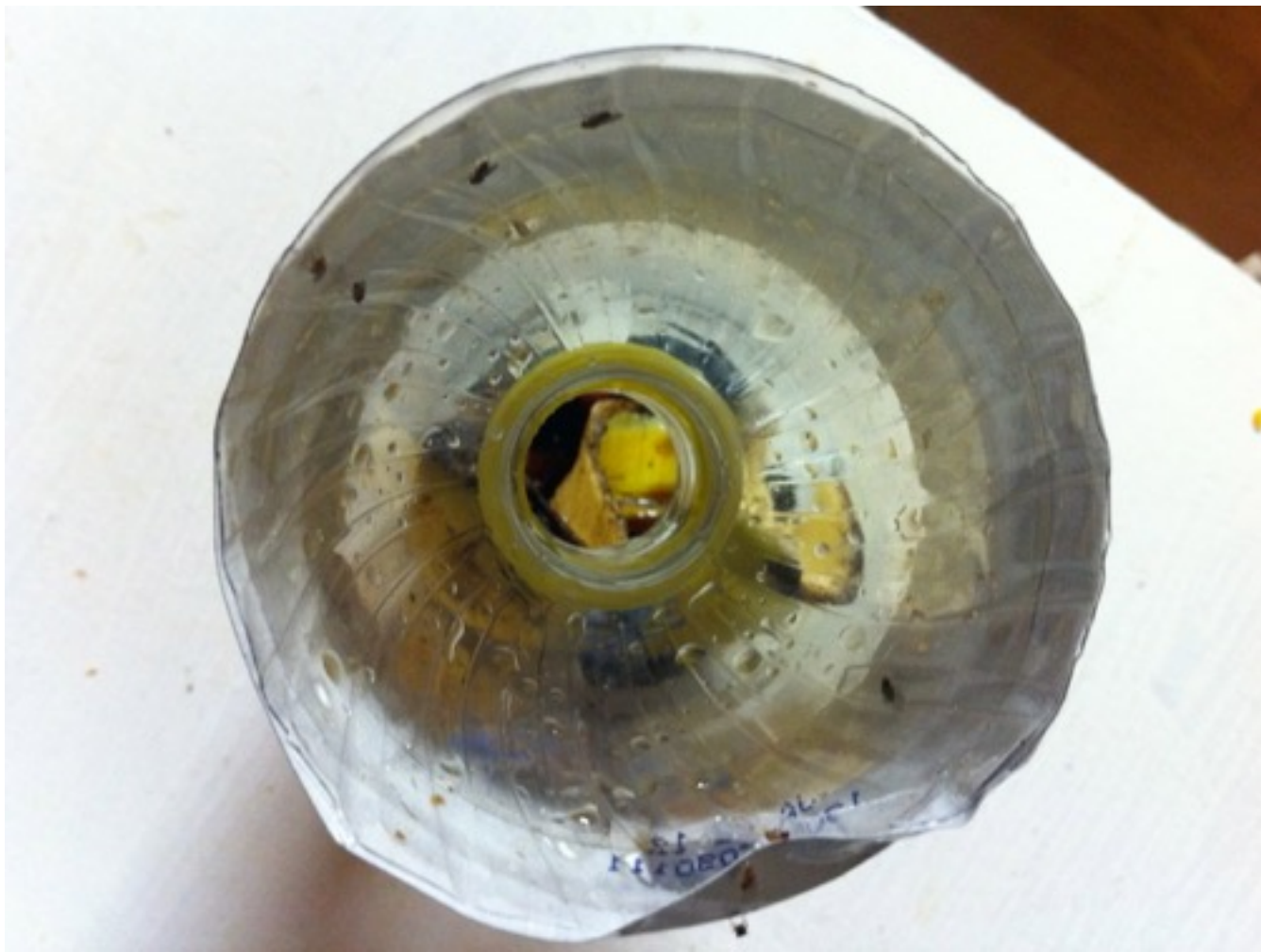
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# Monitor

**Grasshoppers**



**Defoliation**

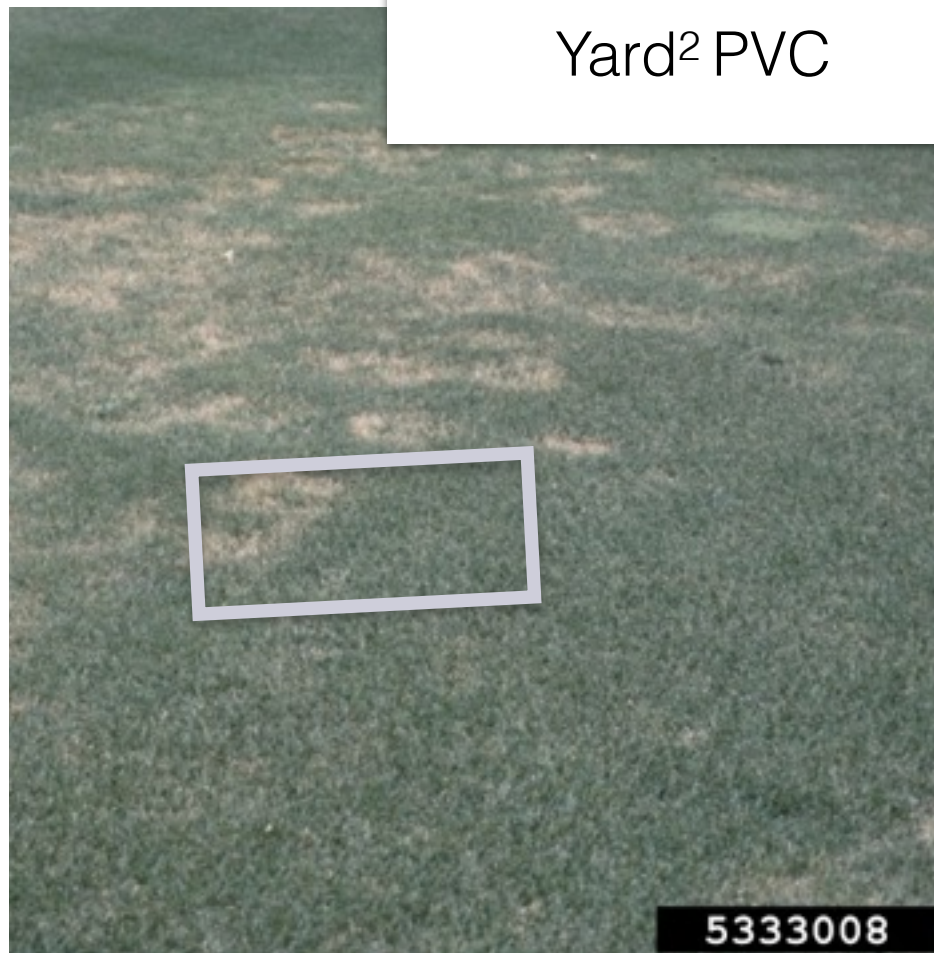
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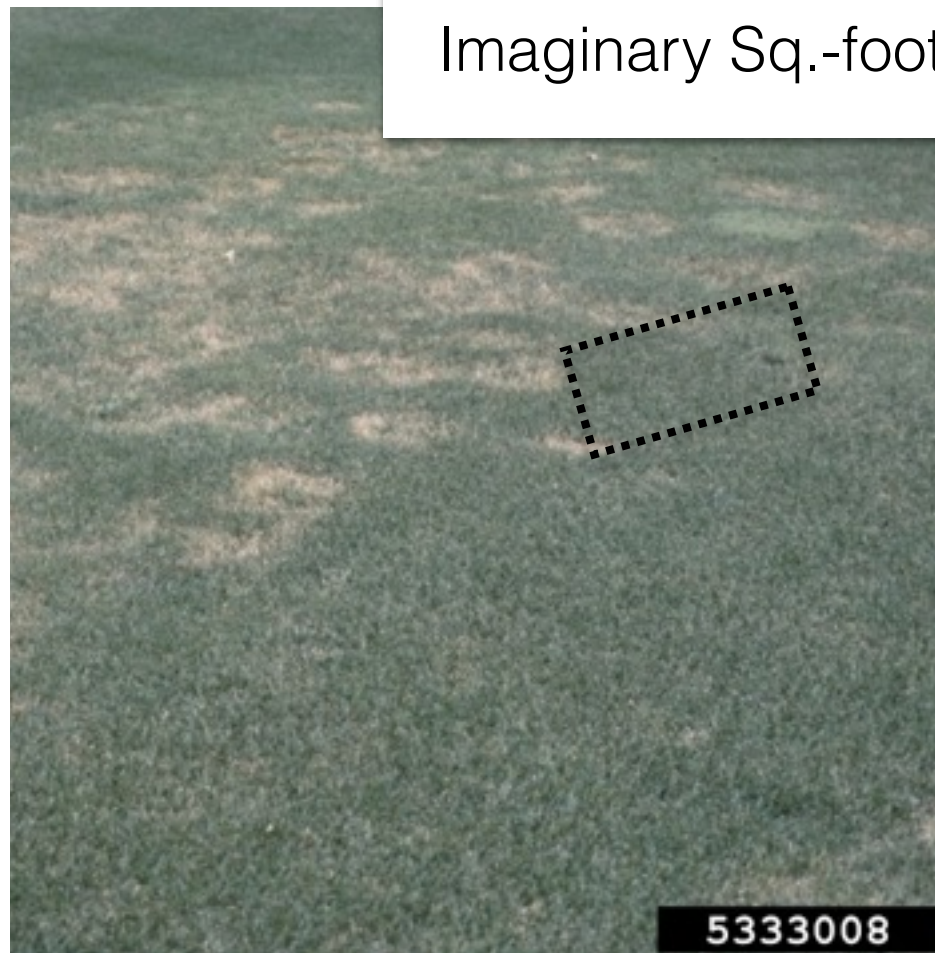
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Sweep nets



Figure 15. Proper use of a sweep net.

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# Monitor



Grasshoppers

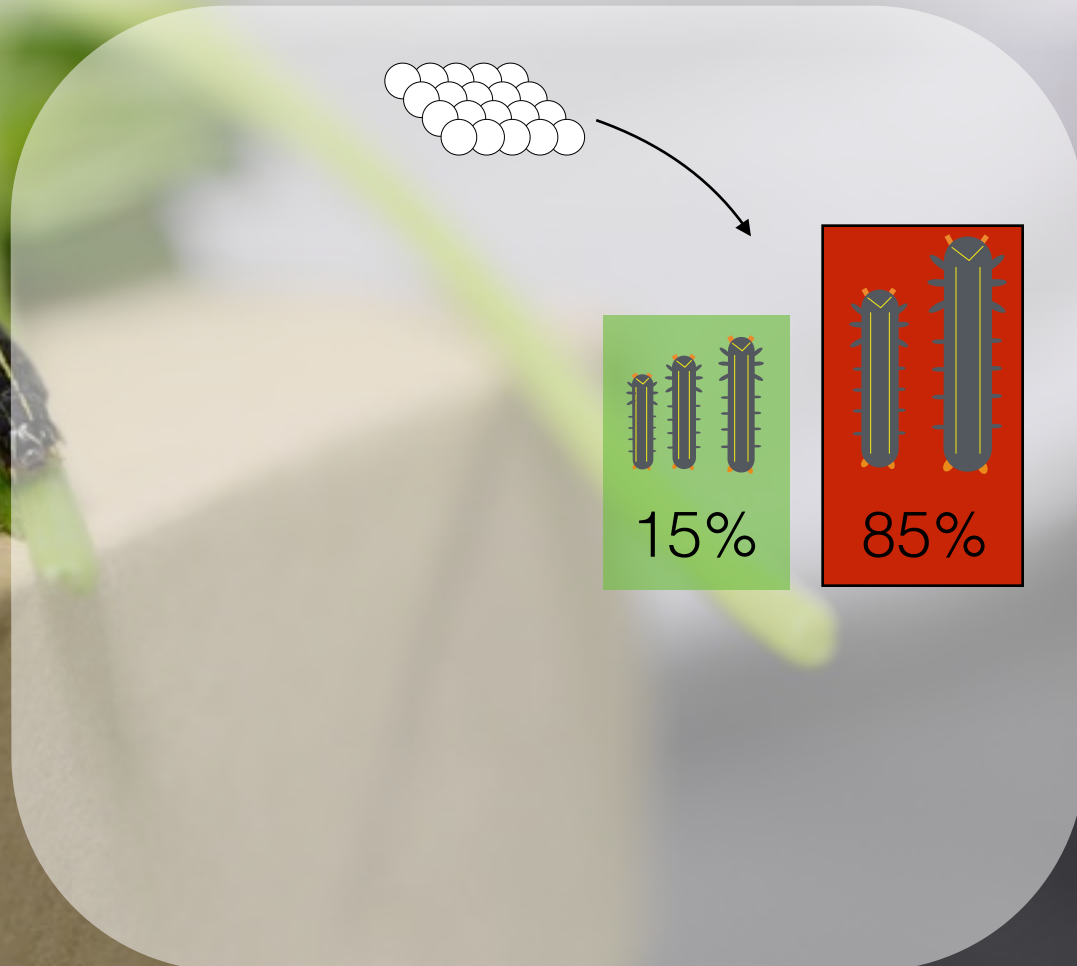


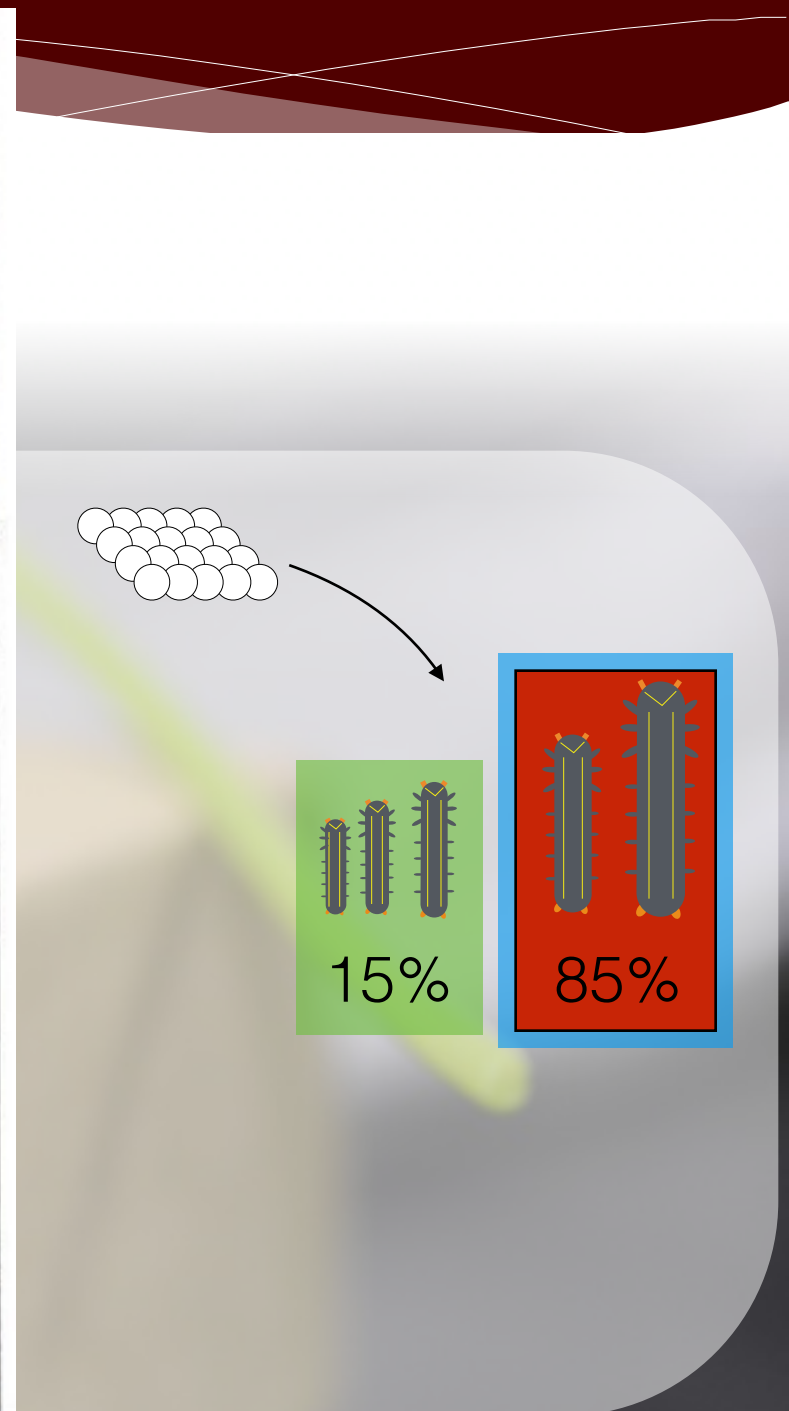
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Larva

Check leaves

# Armyworms

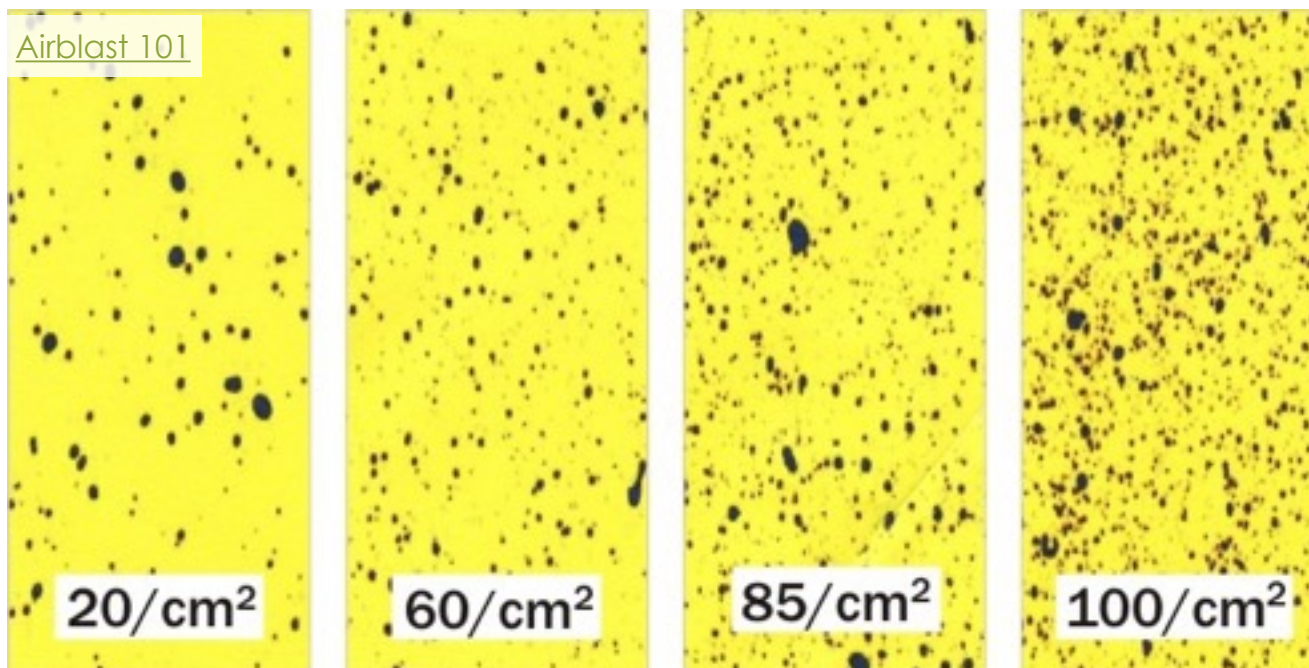






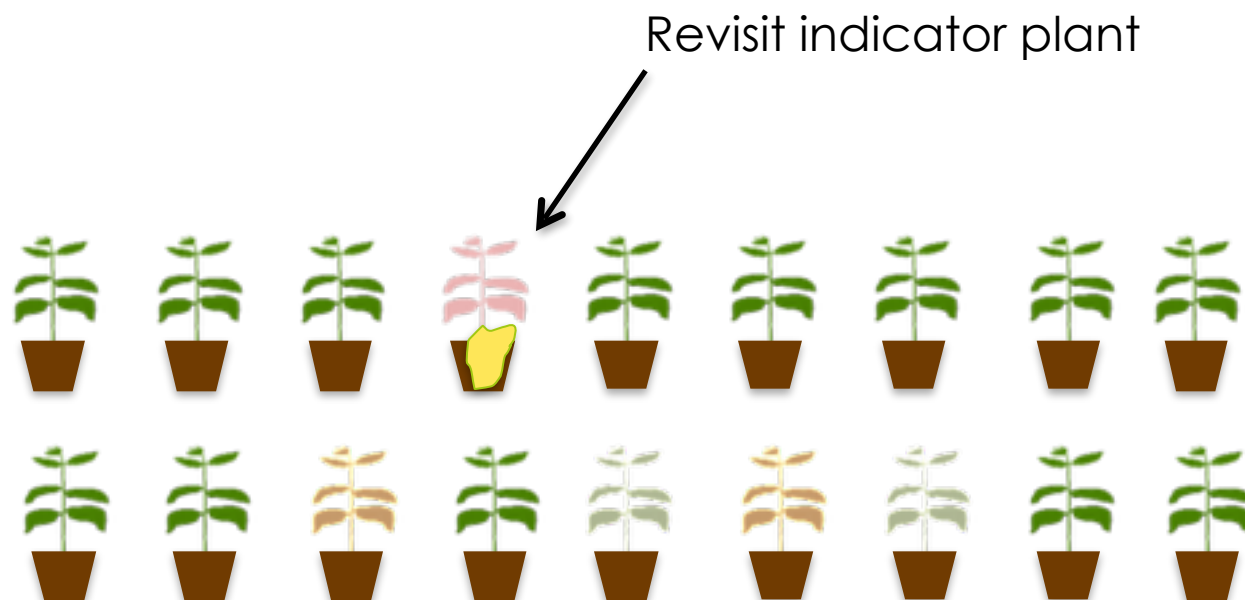
# Monitor

## Control Efficacy



# Monitoring/Scouting

Control Efficacy





# Monitoring Data Sheet

## Mr. Awesome's Nursery

### Awesome Monitoring Program

Date: 08/15/2014

Crop: Zinnias

Scout Name: Mr. Awesome Himself

Crop Stage: Vegetative | Budding | Flowering | Post-Flowering

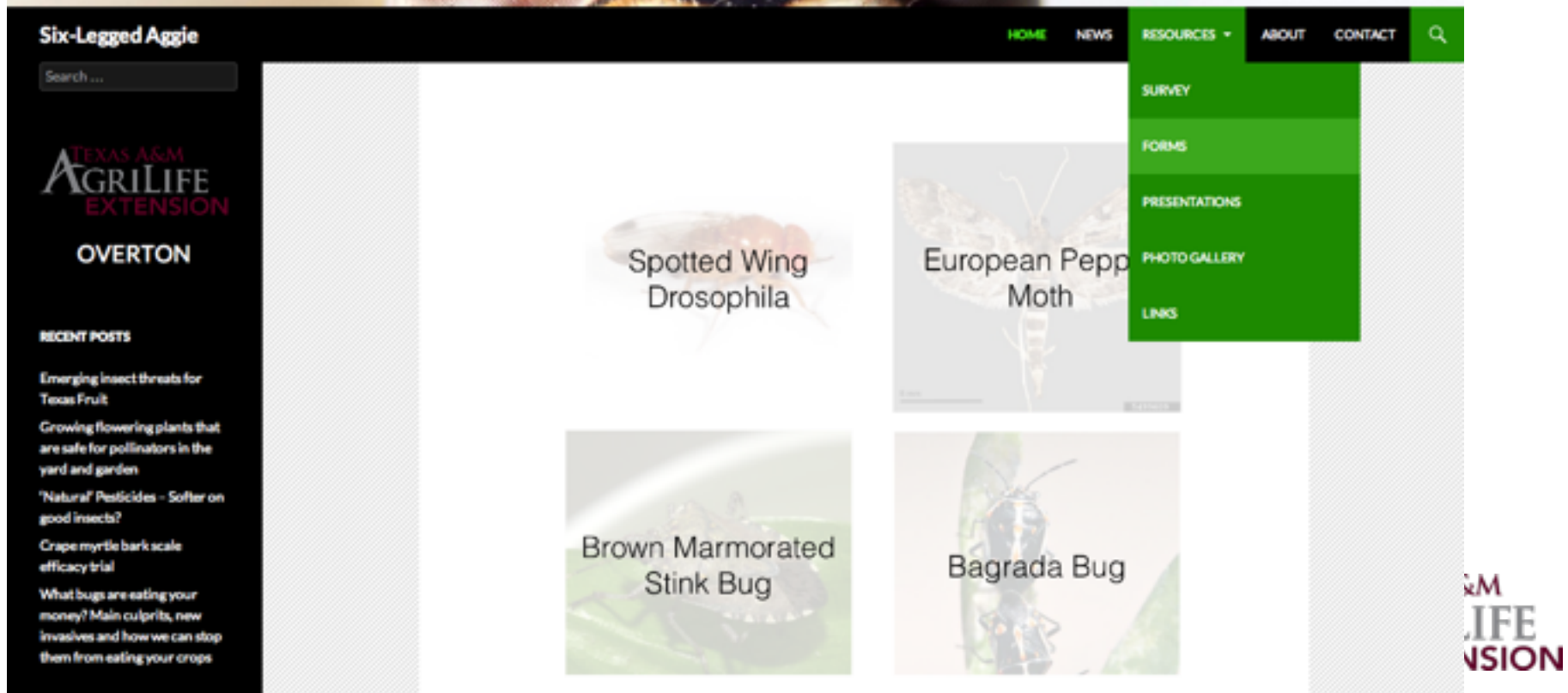
Plot: Greenhouse 3

Sampling Method: Transect

	Damage Rating (1 - 5)		Infestation Rating (1-5)				Beating (count)	
Sample	Rasping /Sucking	Defol	Aphid	Thrips	Armyworm	2SS Mite	Thrips	Notes:
1	1	1	1	2	1	2	4	Predatory mites?
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
3	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	
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# Monitoring Data Sheet

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**Spotted Wing Drosophila**

**European Pepp Moth**

**Brown Marmorated Stink Bug**

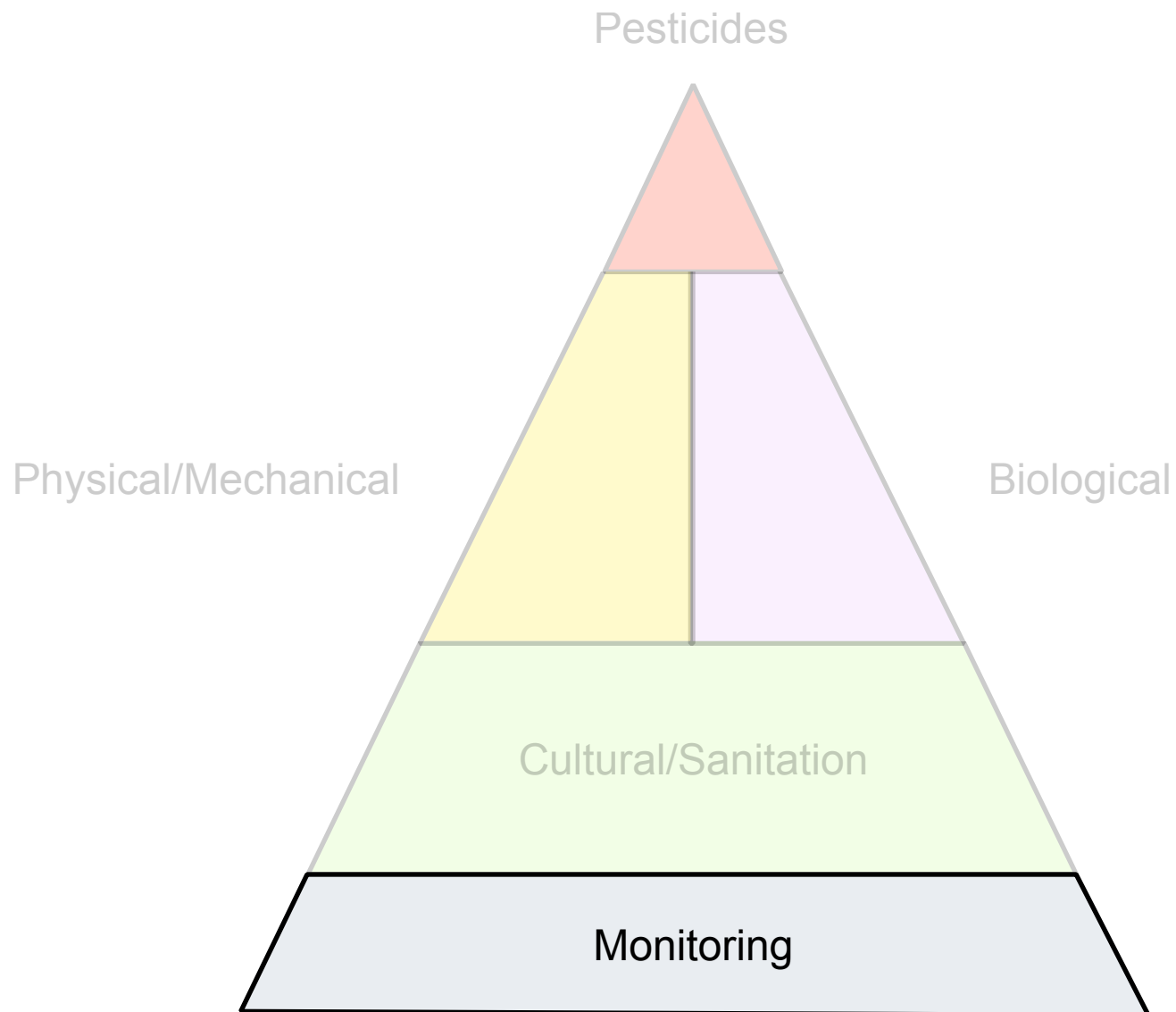
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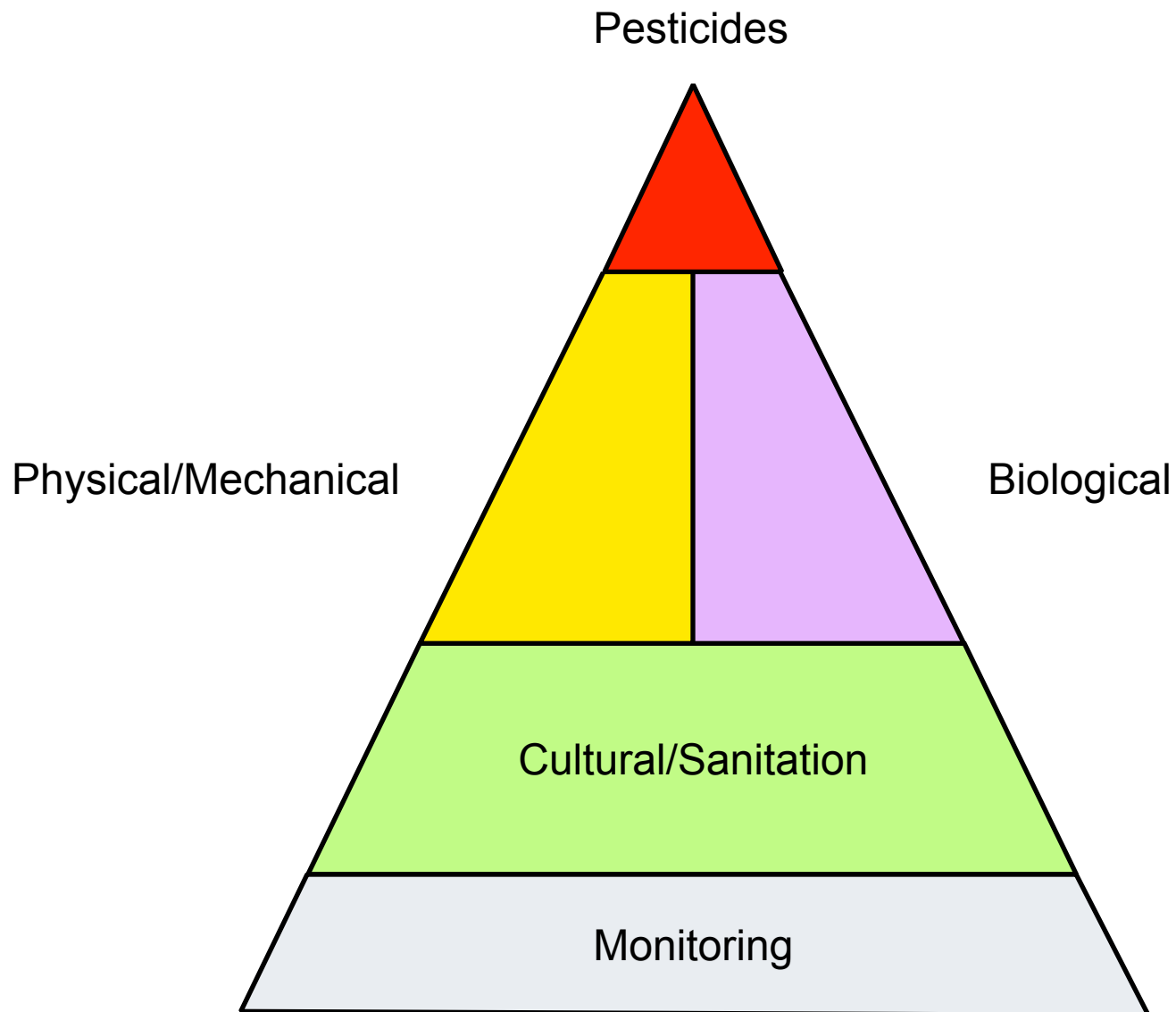
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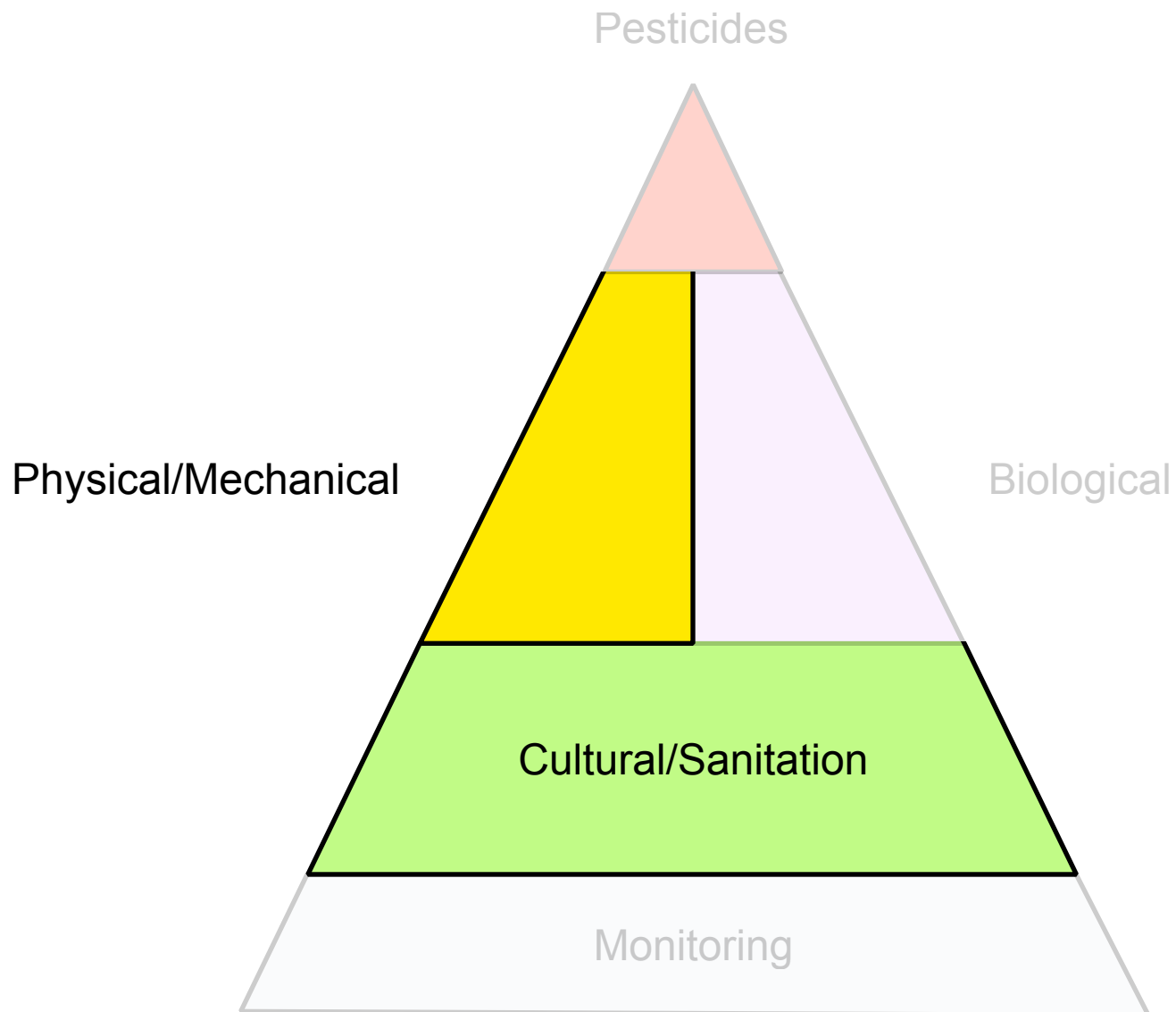
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# Cultural/Mechanical

Sanitation





# Cultural/Mechanical

Companion planting

Efficacy of three natural substances against apple aphid (*Aphis pomi*) De

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**Marigold (*Tagetes erecta* L.) as an attractive crop to natural enemies in onion fields**

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**Cravo-de-defunto (*Tagetes erecta* L.) como cultura atrativa para inimigos naturais em cultivo de cebola**

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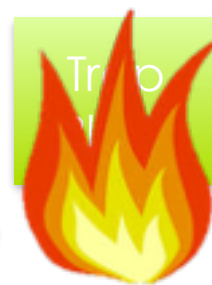
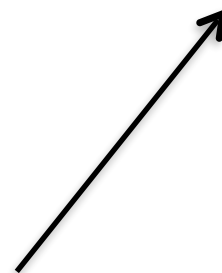
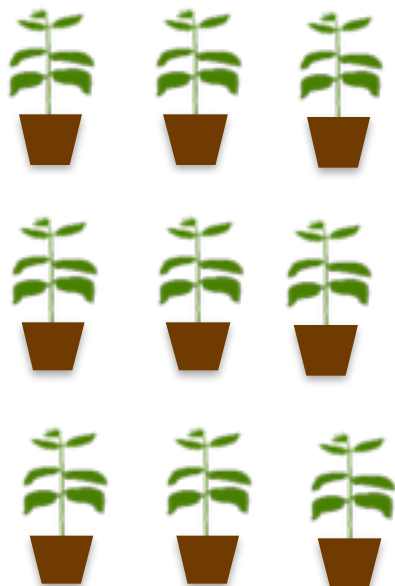
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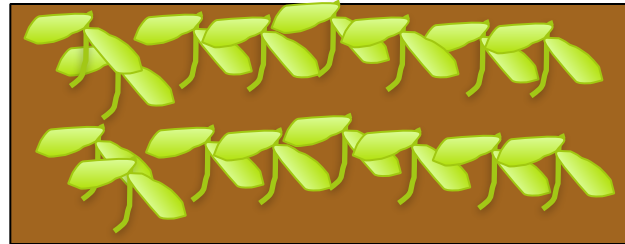
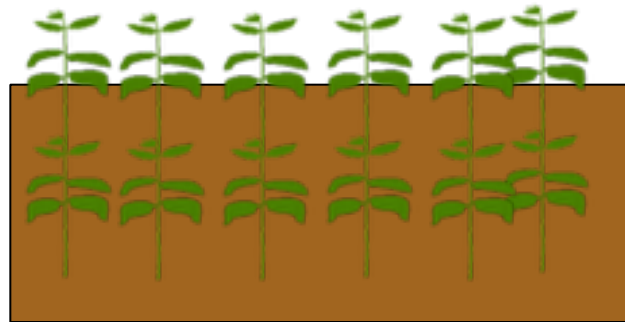
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## Trap Plants



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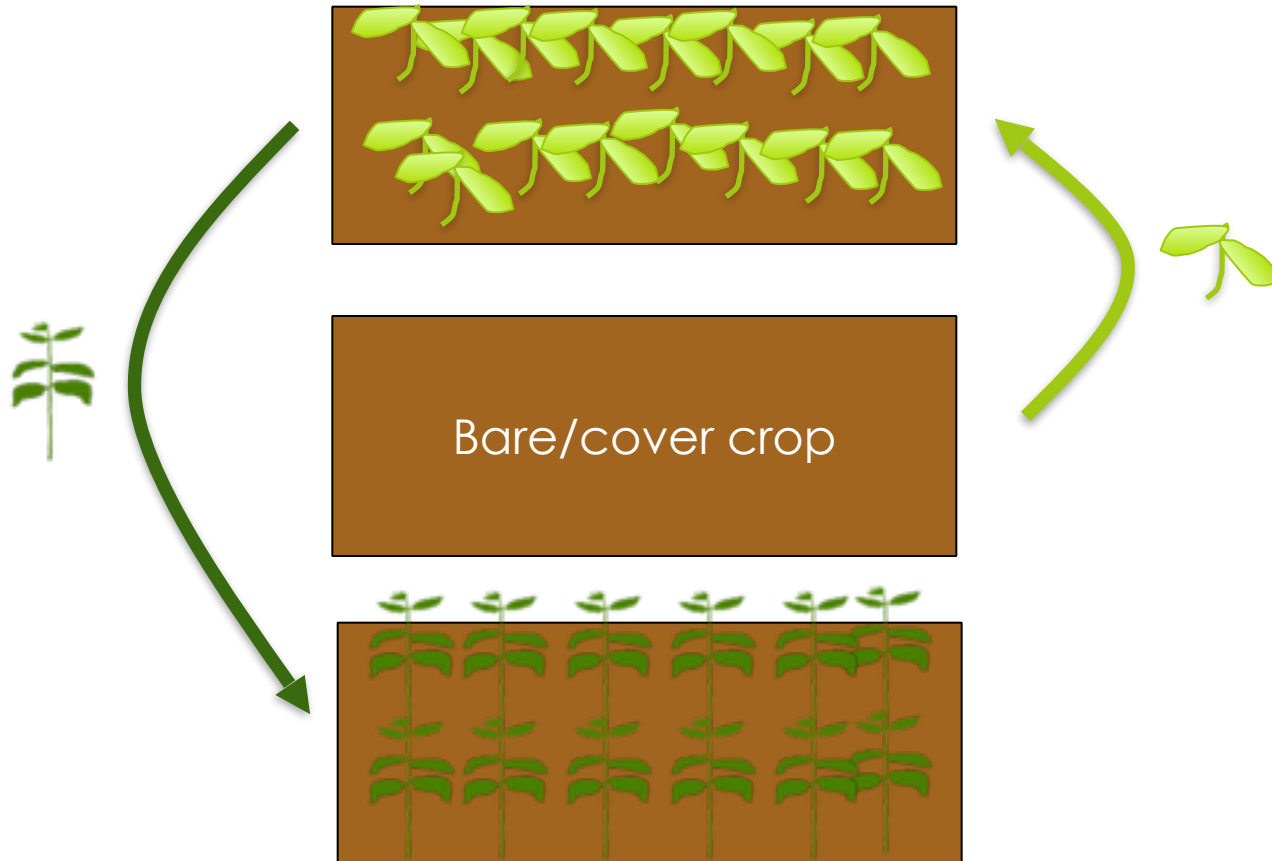
Crop rotation



Bare/cover crop

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Mechanical removal



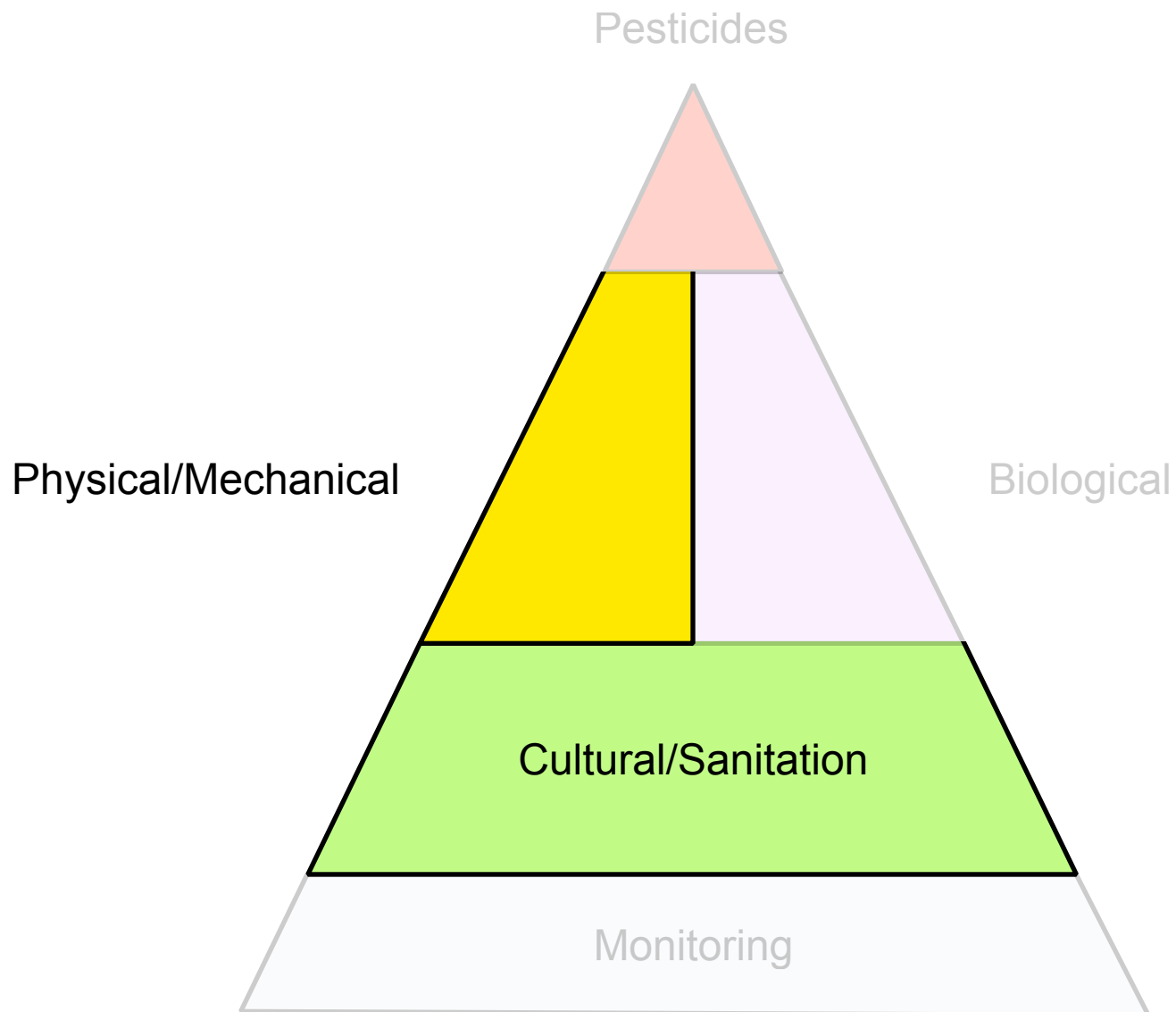


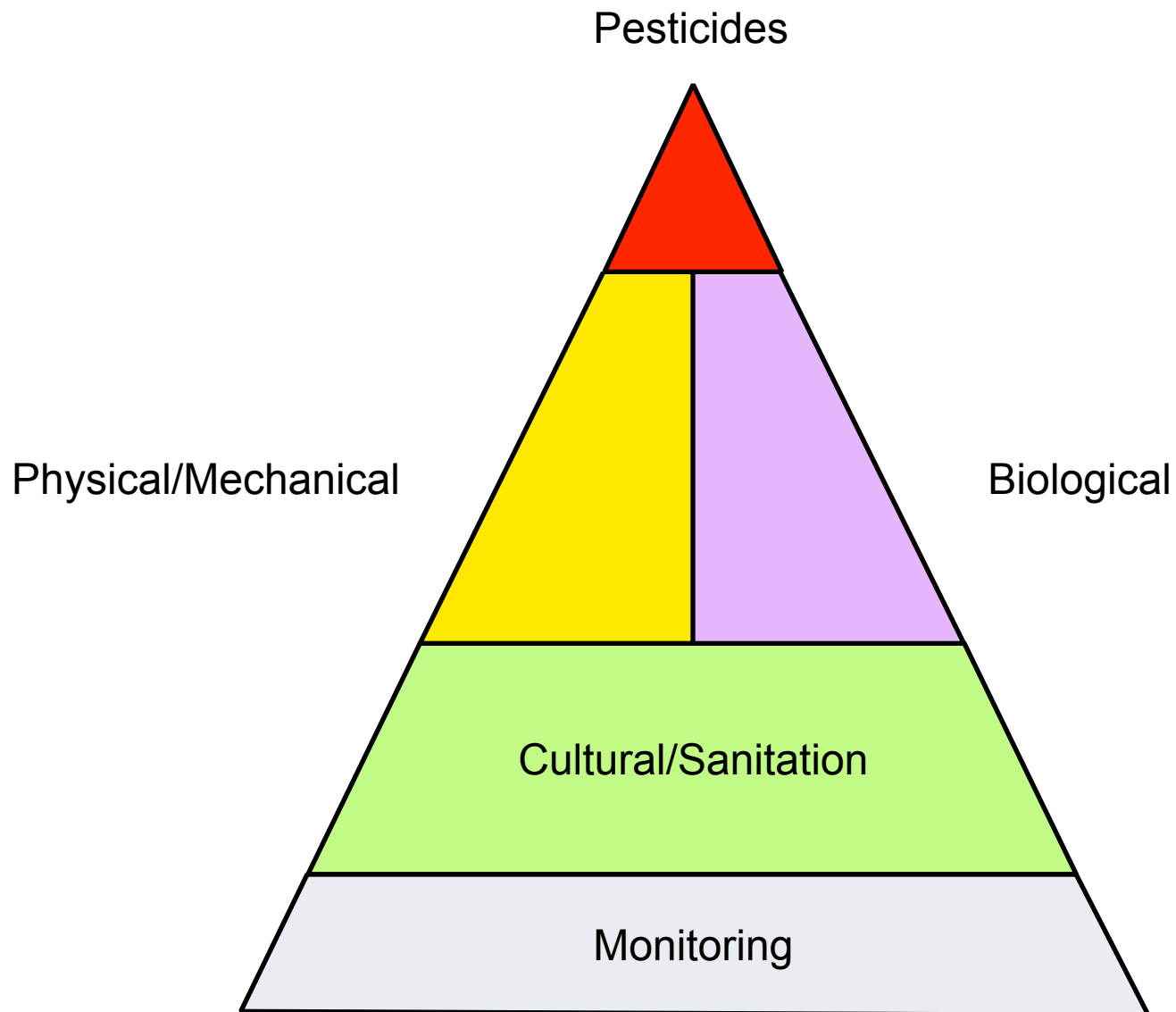
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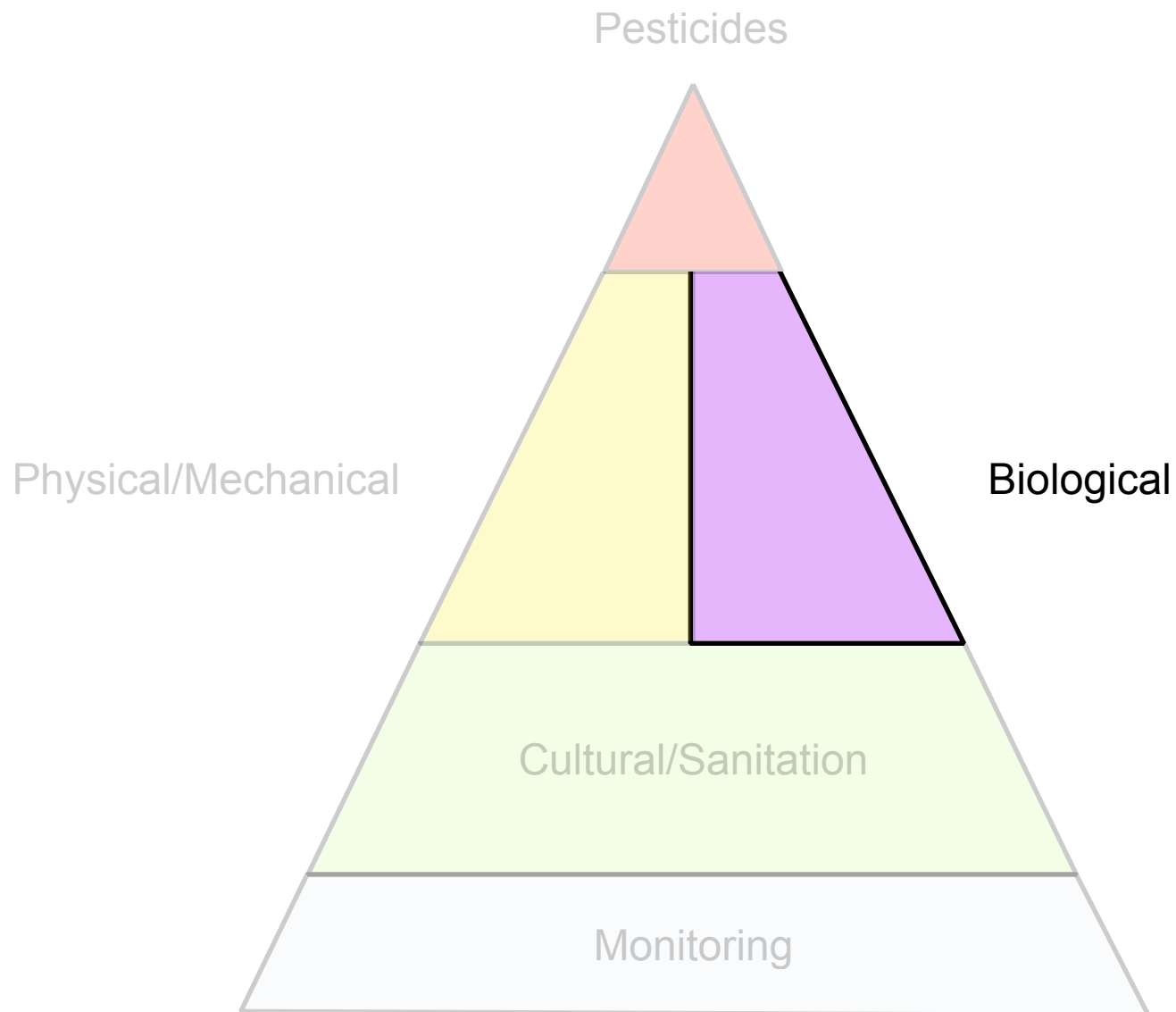
Exclusion



Allen Knutson and Mike Merchant







# Biological Control

## Biopesticides

US EPA - “naturally occurring substances that control pests (**biochemical pesticides**), microorganisms that control pests (**microbial pesticides**), and pesticidal substances produced by plants containing added genetic material (**plant-incorporated protectants**) or PIPs”



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**Biochemical pesticides** | Horticultural Oils

**Microbial pesticides** | *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) spray

**Plant-incorporated protectants** | Bt corn

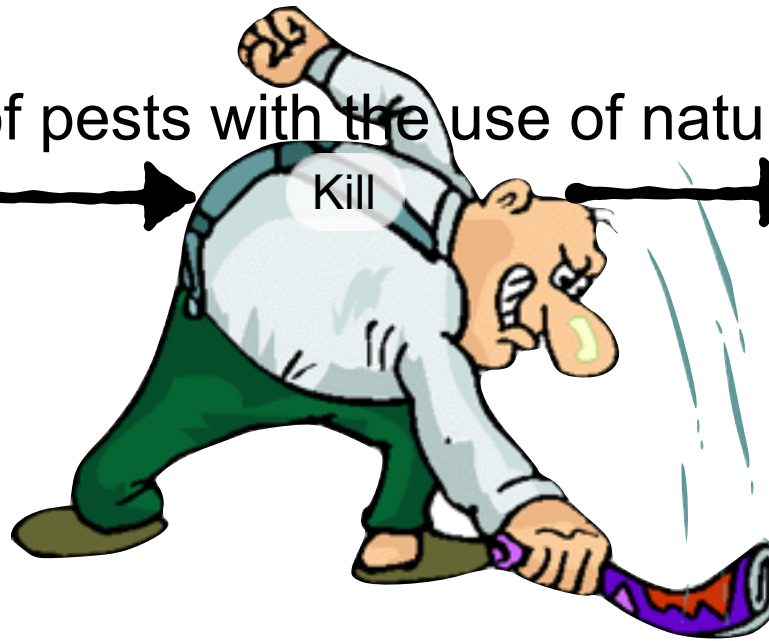
# Biological Control

Reduction of pests with the use of natural enemies

Good Bug



Kill



Bad Bug



# Why Biological Control?

## Advantages

- Reproduce
- Target & find the pest
- Evolve with the pest
- Can be economic
- No environmental toxicity
- Don't harm other beneficials
- No pesticide residue
- No phytotoxicity
- Insects are super cool!



# Why Biological Control?

## Disadvantages

- Not immediate
- Requires more human involvement
- Initially more costly; time to establish biocontrol program
- Must tolerate some damage
- Challenging in the face of new invasive pests
- Requires effective monitoring program
- Won't magically 'fix' pest problems

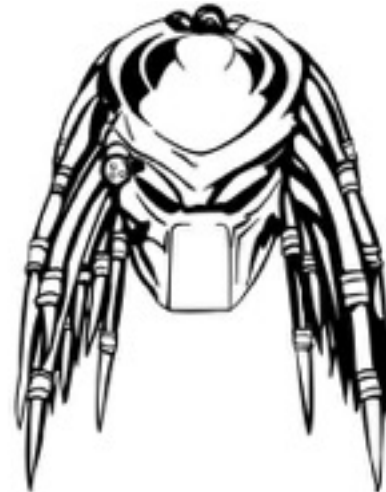


# Biological Control | Types

## Sprays



## Predators





# Biological Control | Sprays



- Bacteria, fungi, virus, or microparasites
- Easy application: use spray equipment
- Often short-term solution

# Biological Control | Sprays



Predatory nematodes| *Heterorhabditis* & *Steinernema*



- Generalist: Asparagus beetle, Colorado Potato Beetle, Cucumber Beetle, Japanese Beetle, June Bugs, Oriental Beetle, Carrot Weevil, Citrus Weevil, European Chafer, Strawberry Root Weevil, etc.
- Applied using watering can, hose end sprayer, backpack or pump sprayer, or through irrigation system
- Results in 3-7 days

Photo: Scott Johnson

# Biological Control | Sprays

*Nosema locustae* & *Beauveria bassiana*



## *Nosema*

- Kills over 90 species of grasshoppers, locusts, and some species of crickets
- Infection can build throughout a season

TABLE 3

PERCENTAGE REDUCTION OF GRASSHOPPERS AFTER APPLICATION OF SPORES OF *Nosema locustae* (BASED ON NUMBERS OF GRASSHOPPERS ON CONTROL PLOTS WHICH WERE TREATED WITH BRAN CONTAINING NO SPORES)

Week after application	Percentage reduction in				
	All species	3 pre-dominant species combined	3 predominant species separately <sup>a</sup>		
			<i>M. infantilis</i>	<i>M. sanguinipes</i>	<i>M. gladstoni</i>
4	21.6	33.5	0.0 (3.8)	3.0 (3.3)	58.3 (2.2)
5	13.1	23.0	0.0 (4.0)	0.0 (3.6)	70.3 (2.8)
6	27.5	34.5	17.1 (4.0)	12.0 (3.9)	56.7 (3.2)

<sup>a</sup> Average stage of development in parenthesis (see text).

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## *Beauveria*

- Controls termites, thrips, whiteflies, aphids, and different beetles.
- Can provide >90% control with multiple applications (~every 4-5 days)
- Can incorporate in above-canopy irrigation

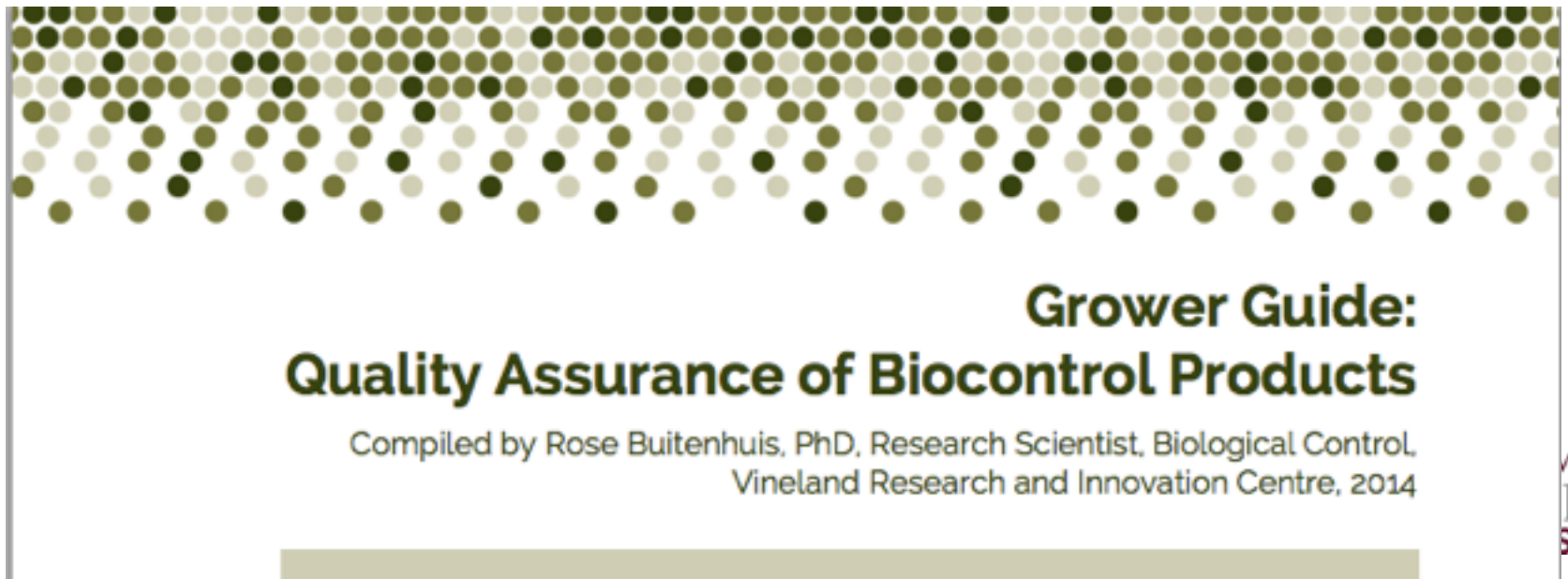


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# Biological Control | Predators



- Macroorganism
- Eat, lay eggs in, or decrease survival of pests
- Typically applied manually/by hand, in specialized release packets
- Quality control:



## Grower Guide: Quality Assurance of Biocontrol Products

Compiled by Rose Buitenhuis, PhD, Research Scientist, Biological Control,  
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Video Credit: Franz Simon

# Biological Control | Predators

## Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle



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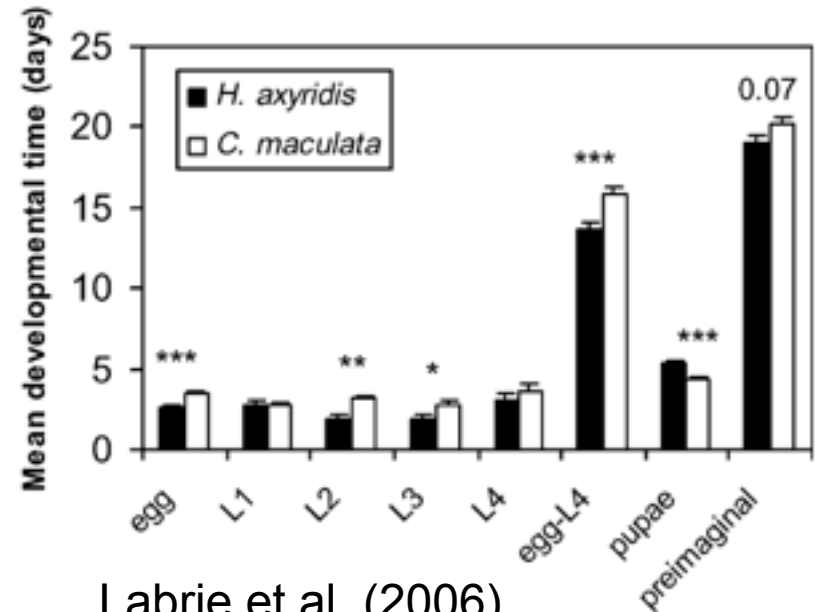
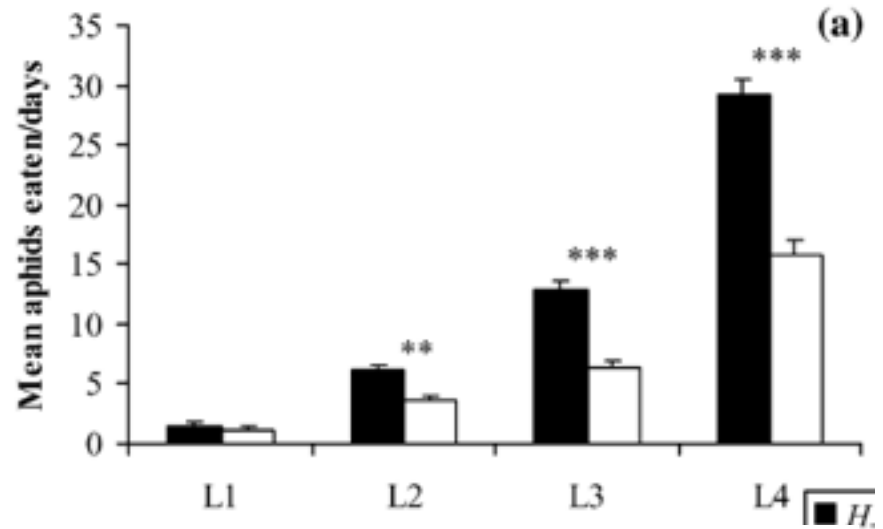
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Labrie et al. (2006)

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Larva

185 aphids over 11 days



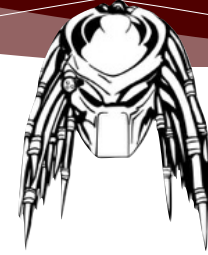
Variable	<i>M. persicae</i>	<i>A. fabae</i>
Diet		
Daily voracity ( $V_o$ )	45.8 ± 3.5a*	35.4 ± 3.3b
Daily relative consumption rate ( $RCR$ )	21.2 ± 1.6a	37.2 ± 3.4b
Relative growth rate ( $RGR$ )	3.9 ± 0.4a	4.1 ± 0.4a
Capture efficiency ( $CE$ )	0.082 ± 0.007a	0.125 ± 0.01b
Reproductive capacity		
Fecundity ( $F_c$ )	314.0 ± 42.6a	342.2 ± 32.9a
Fertility ( $Fr$ )	244.3 ± 41.3a	251.6 ± 29.1a
Percentage of hatching ( $Ph$ )	63.2 ± 7.5a	63.9 ± 7.0a

Soares et al. (2004)



# Biological Control | Predators

## Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle



### Larva

185 aphids over 11 days

### Adults

35 - 45 aphids/day

~240 viable offspring

Can live longer than a year

Generalist

Tend to disperse shortly after  
introduction







Video Credits: [YouTube User encyrtid](#)

# Biological Control | Predators

## Mealybug Destroyer



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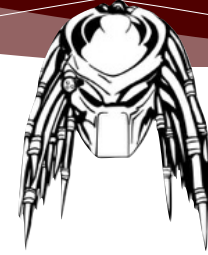
- Native to Australia
  - Introduced to California in 1891 to control citrus mealybugs
- One larva can consume up to 250 young mealybugs<sup>source?</sup>
- Sensitive to cold
- Adult female lays her eggs in the cottony egg sack of the mealybug
- Adults & young larvae prefer eggs, older larvae eat mealybugs of all stages





# Biological Control | Predators

Vedalia beetle



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# Biological Control | Predators

## Vedalia beetle



- Introduced to California Citrus groves to control cottoncushion scale in 1889
  - Established the practicality of biological control
  - Had cleared some orchards (150 acres+) of the cottony cushion scale
  - Only takes a few beetles to get a population started
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- 8 - 12 generations per year
  - Females lay ~150 - 190 eggs in their lifetime



Video Credits: YouTube User [Pests and Natural Enemies](#)



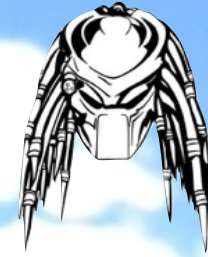
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## Green Lacewings



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- AKA Aphidlion
- Consumes ~200 aphids/week
- Female lays up to 300 eggs over 3 - 4 weeks
- Generalist: insect eggs, aphids, thrips, mealybugs, immature whiteflies, and small caterpillars.
- Released aphidlions can move 80 - 100 feet in search of prey.



# Biological Control | Predators

Predatory Mites | *P. persimilis* & *A. andersoni*



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## Predatory Mites | *P. persimilis* & *A. andersoni*



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### *P. persimilis*

- Feed on twospotted spider mite
- Average lifespan: 47 days
- Average offspring: 66 eggs
- Average max predation rate: 4.8/day



### *A. andersoni*

- Feed on red and twospotted spider mite
- Average lifespan: 99 days
- Average offspring: 46 eggs
- Average predation rate: 7.2/day

# Biological Control | Predators

Minute pirate bugs | Orius



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## Minute pirate bugs | Orius



- Feed on virtually any small soft-bodied insect: thrips, mites, aphids, whiteflies, leafhoppers, and many insect eggs.
- Adult lifespan: 3 - 4 weeks
- Consume numerous prey daily (~30 mites per day)
- Can feed on pollen when no prey available

# Biological Control | Predators

Big-eyed bug



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# Biological Control | Predators



## Big-eyed bug



- Lay 150 eggs/female
- Eat aphids, mites, insect eggs, small nymphs, caterpillars, and larvae
- Reportedly can eat as many as 1600 spider mites before reaching adulthood and 80 mites/day as adults
- Adults can survive on sunflower seeds and water (without insect food)
- Live ~30 days

# Biological Control | Predators

## Parasitic wasps







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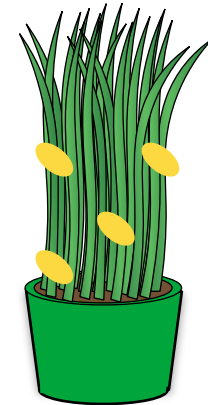
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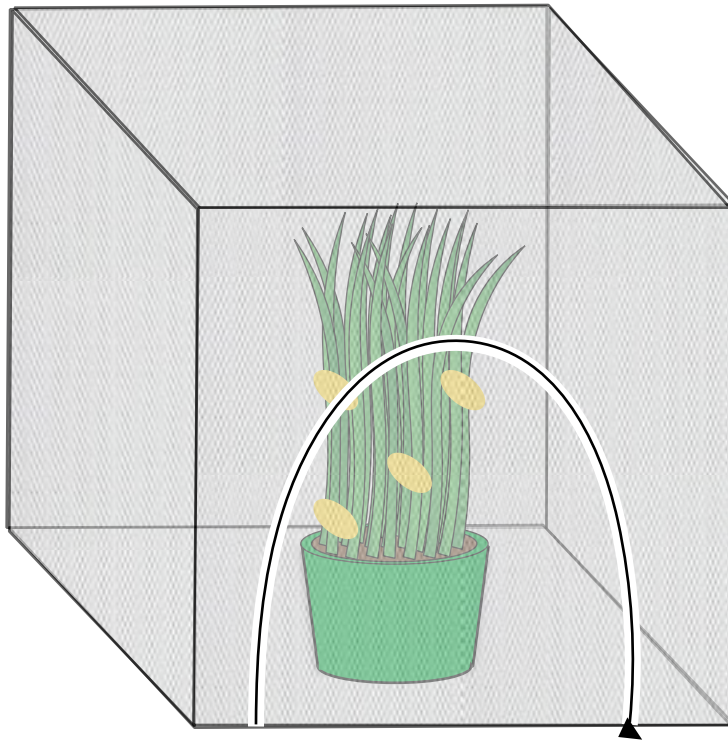
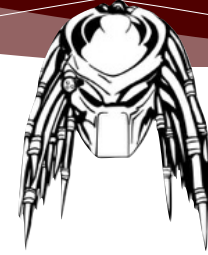
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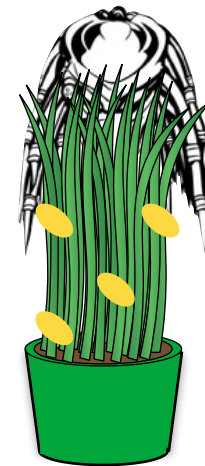
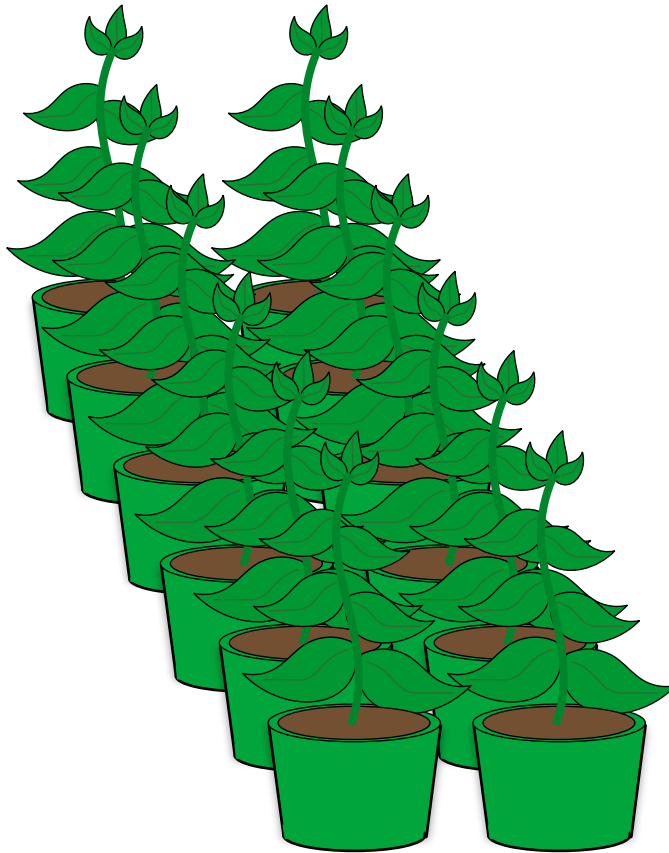
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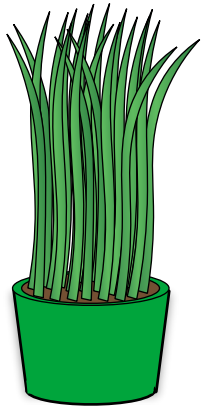


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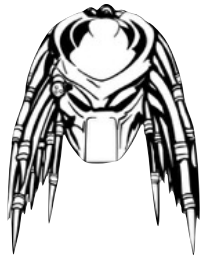


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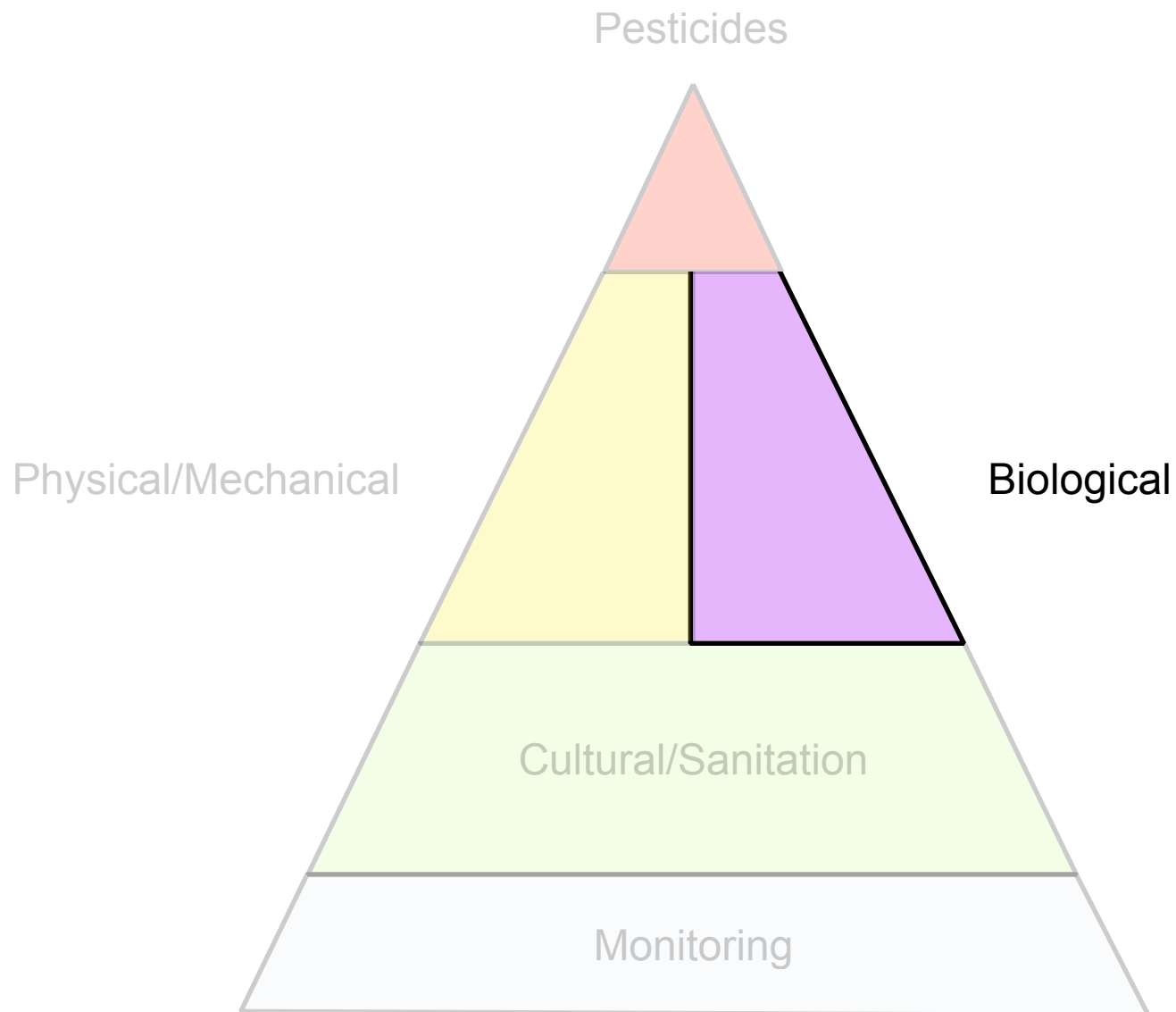
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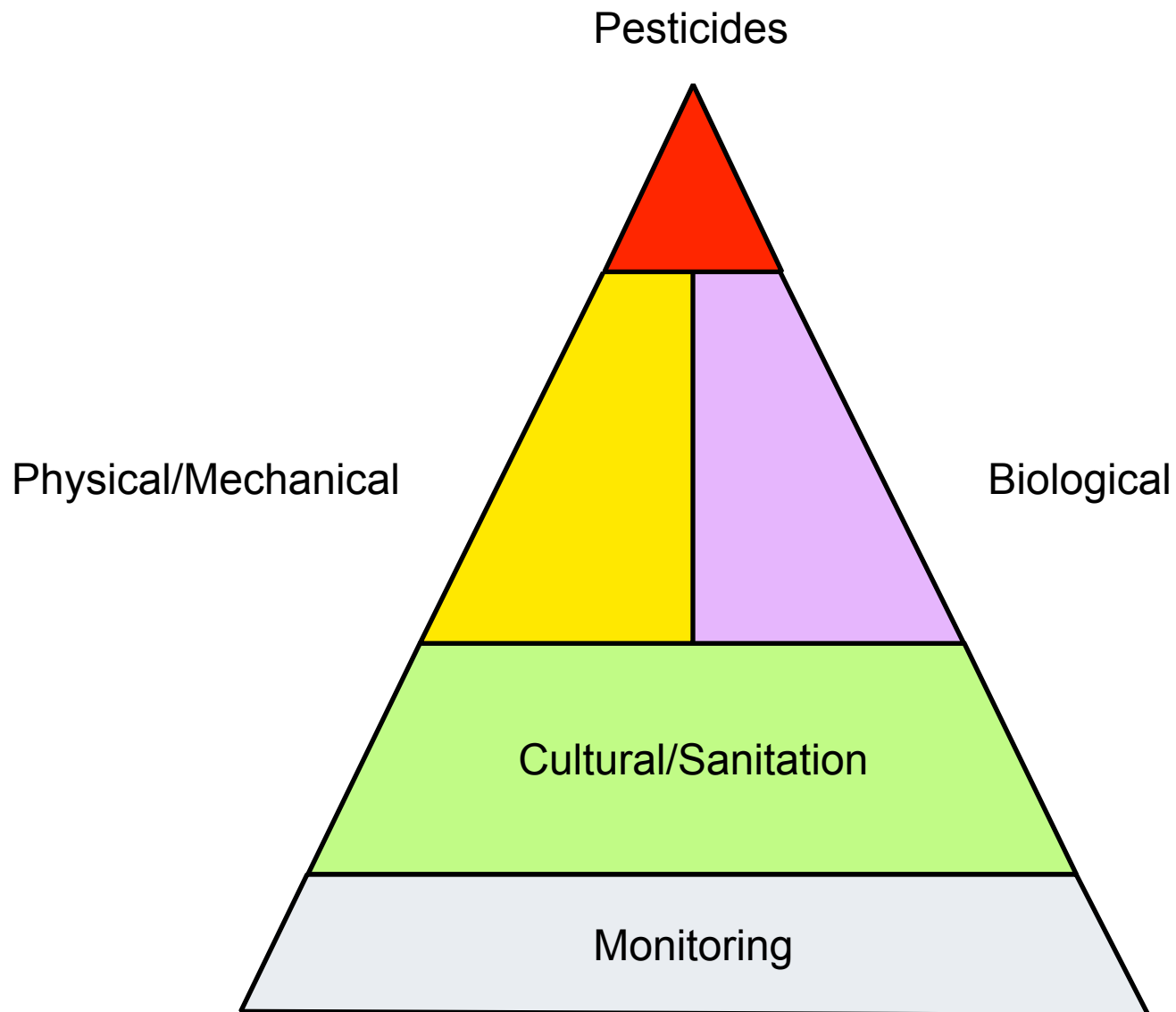
Cereal plants: barley<sup>2</sup>, rye<sup>4</sup>, wheat<sup>5</sup>, barley<sup>5</sup>, maize<sup>5</sup>, sorghum<sup>5</sup>

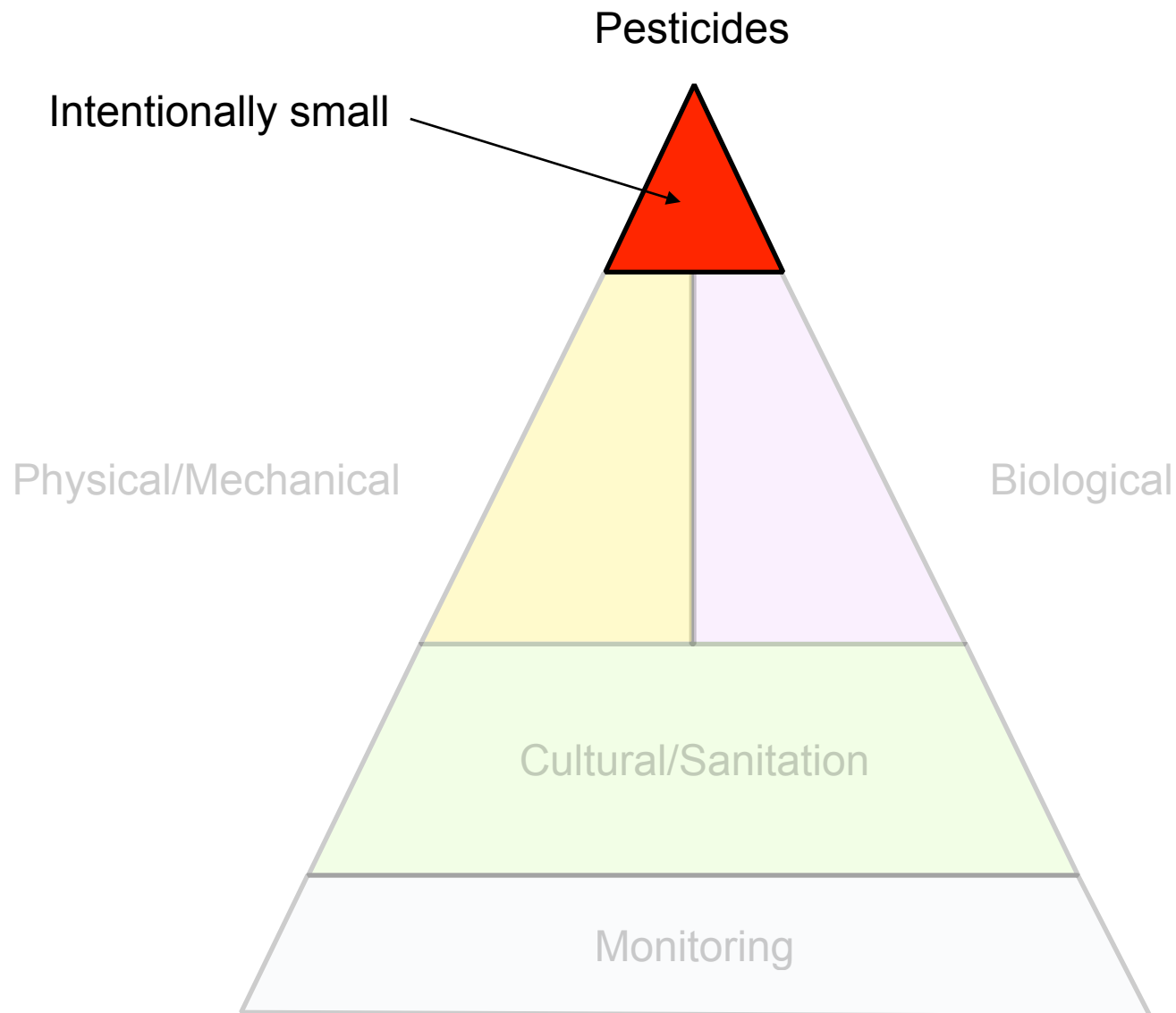


Parasitic wasps: *Aphidius ervi*<sup>1,4</sup>, *A. matricariae*<sup>2</sup>, *A. colemani*<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>









# Pesticides

## COMPATIBILITY CHART FOR SYNGENTA BIOLINE™ BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENTS AND PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS

Product	Active Ingredient	Amblyline™ cal Amblyseius californicus	Amblyline™ eu Amblyseius cucumeris	Amblyline™ as Amblyseius andersoni	Swirskline™ is Amblyseius swirskii	Apheline™ c Aphidius colemani	Apheline™ e Aphidius ervi	Apheline™ ace mix Aphidius abdiculus + Aphidius colemani + Aphidius ervi	Apheline™ ce mix Aphidius colemani + Aphidius ervi	Apheline™ ab Aphidius abdiculus	Apheline™ a Aphidius aphidivorus	Scapheline™ c Atractodes	Chrysoline™ c Chrysopa carnea	Digline™ i Colletaria dactyla	Encarsine™ f Encarsia formosa	Eretline™ e Eretmocerus eremicus	Hypoline™ m Hypoaspis miles	Oxiline™ i Oxypoda	Phytoline™ p Phytoseius persimilis	Exhibitline™ al Sternema albidus	Comments
<b>Insecticides</b>																					
Avid®	Abamectin																				Best used at the beginning or end of the crop. If used at the beginning, release beneficial insects 7-10 days after application.
Citation®	Cyromazine																				
Endeavor®	Pyrethrin																				
Flagship®	Thiamethoxam																				Residual effect on Encarsine™ f and Eretline™ e for 12 weeks; beneficials will have difficulty establishing during that period.
Scimitar® GC	Lambda-cyhalothrin																				Can have up to a 12 week residual effect; beneficials will have difficulty establishing during that period.
<b>Fungicides</b>																					
Banner Maxx®	Propiconazole																				
Daconil®	Chlorothalonil																				
Heritage®	Azoxystrobin																				
Hurricane® WDG	Fludioxonil + Mefenoxam																				
Medallion® WDG	Fludioxonil																				
Micora®	Mandipropamid																				
Palladium®	Cyprodinil + Fludioxonil																				
Subdue Maxx®	Mefenoxam																				

Class	Population Effect
1	0-25% reduction
2	26-50% reduction
3	51-75% reduction
4	>75% reduction

**Note:** Unclassified products have not been fully tested. Test unclassified products on a small scale basis and evaluate for effect prior to widespread use.

For more information about Bioline, please visit [www.syngentabiolineus.com](http://www.syngentabiolineus.com) or contact your local Syngenta representative.

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# Pesticide labels

<b>DIRECTIONS FOR USE</b>		
It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.		
For best results, read and follow all label directions.		
<b>BEFORE YOU USE</b> Read and follow these	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not apply near lakes, streams, rivers, or ponds.</li><li>• Do not apply to soils which are water-logged or saturated.</li><li>• Bucket or measuring utensils should not be used for any food or drinking water purposes after use with this</li></ul>	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This pesticide is toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water.</li><li>• Do not dump rinse water into sewers or other bodies of water.</li><li>• Apply this product only as specified on this label.</li></ul>		
<b>FOR USE ON</b>	Outdoor trees and shrubs including listed fruit and nut trees:	
	Apple Crabapple Loquat	Mayhaw Oriental Pear Pear
	Pecan Quince	
<b>CONTROLS</b>		



Resealable Label  
for Directions &  
Precautions



# Pesticide labels



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## ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters. Apply this product only as specified on this label. Extreme care must be taken to avoid runoff. Apply only to soil or other fill substrate that will accept the solutions at the specified rate. Do not treat soil that is water-saturated or frozen, or in any conditions where run-off or movement from the treated area (site) is likely to occur.

This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds. Do not apply this product or allow it to drift to blooming crops or weeds if bees are visiting the treatment area. This chemical demonstrates the properties and characteristics associated with chemicals detected in groundwater. The use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.

**Do not formulate this product into other end-use products.**

# THE NEW EPA BEE ADVISORY BOX

On EPA's new and strengthened pesticide label to protect pollinators

**PROTECTION OF POLLINATORS**



**APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS** EXIST FOR THIS PRODUCT BECAUSE OF RISK TO BEES AND OTHER INSECT POLLINATORS. FOLLOW APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS FOUND IN THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE TO PROTECT POLLINATORS.



Look for the bee hazard icon in the Directions for Use for each application site for specific use restrictions and instructions to protect bees and other insect pollinators.

**This product can kill bees and other insect pollinators.**

Bees and other insect pollinators will forage on plants when they flower, shed pollen, or produce nectar.

Bees and other insect pollinators can be exposed to this pesticide from:

- Direct contact during foliar applications, or contact with residues on plant surfaces after foliar applications
- Ingestion of residues in nectar and pollen when the pesticide is applied as a seed treatment, soil, tree injection, as well as foliar applications.

When Using This Product Take Steps To:

- Minimize exposure of this product to bees and other insect pollinators when they are foraging on pollinator attractive plants around the application site.
- Minimize drift of this product on to beehives or to off-site pollinator attractive habitat.

Drift of this product onto beehives can result in bee kills.

Information on protecting bees and other insect pollinators may be found at the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship website at:  
<http://pesticidestewardship.org/pollinatorprotection/Pages/default.aspx>

Pesticide incidents (for example, bee kills) should immediately be reported to the state/tribal lead agency. For contact information for your state/tribe, go to: [www.aapco.org](http://www.aapco.org). Pesticide incidents can also be reported to the National Pesticide Information Center at: [www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu) or directly to EPA at: [beekill@epa.gov](mailto:beekill@epa.gov)

Alerts users to separate restrictions on the label. These prohibit certain pesticide use when bees are present.



The new bee icon helps signal the pesticide's potential hazard to bees.

Makes clear that pesticide products can kill bees and pollinators.

Bees are often present and foraging when plants and trees flower. EPA's new label makes it clear that pesticides cannot be applied until all petals have fallen.

Warns users that direct contact and ingestion could harm pollinators. EPA is working with beekeepers, growers, pesticide companies, and others to advance pesticide management practices.

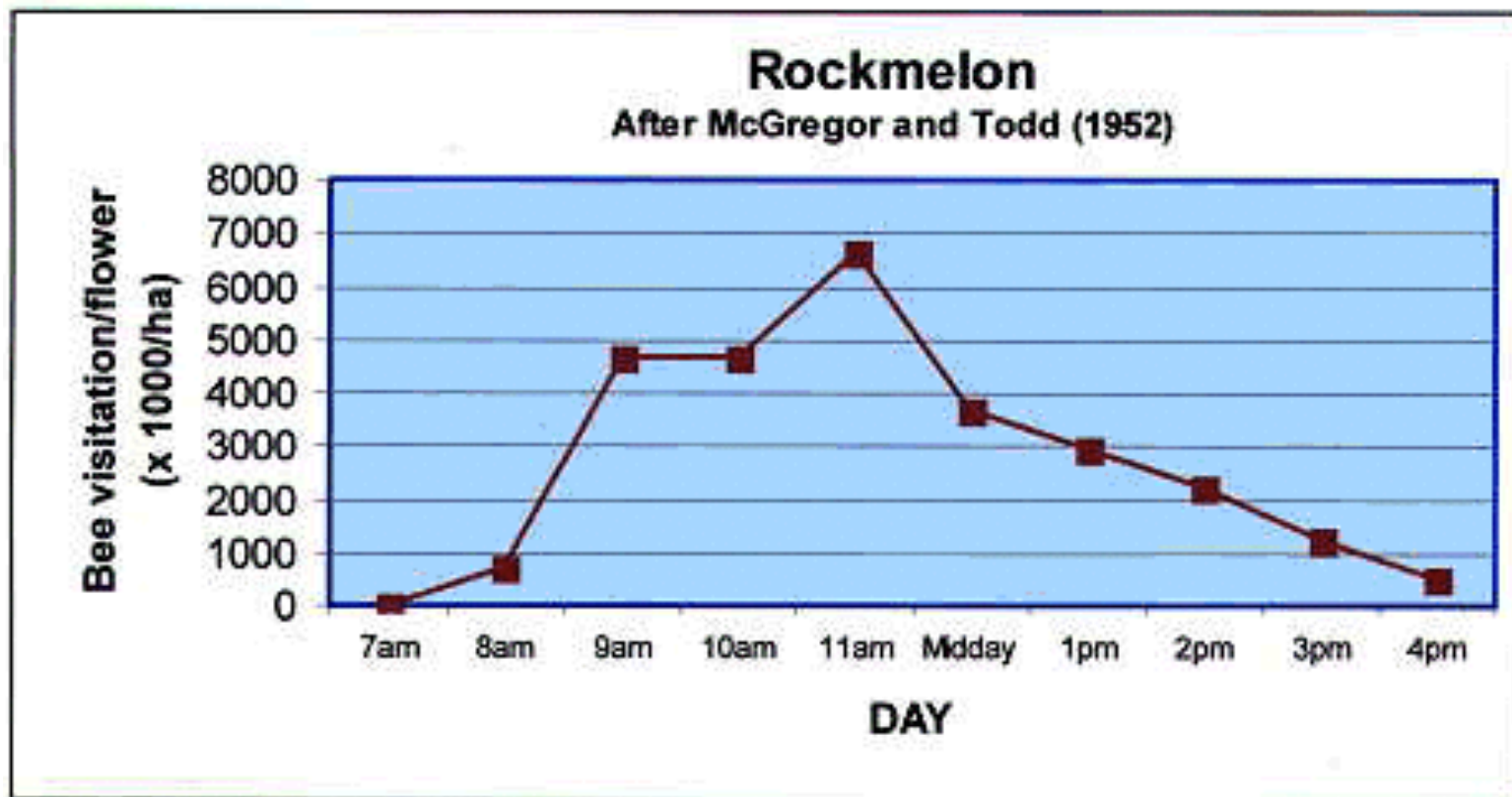
Highlights the importance of avoiding drift. Sometimes, wind can cause pesticides to drift to new areas and can cause bee kills.

The science says that there are many causes for a decline in pollinator health, including pesticide exposure. EPA's new label will help protect pollinators.



Read EPA's new and strengthened label requirements: <http://go.usa.gov/jHH4>

# Timing



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Nicodemo et al. (2009) Honey Bee as an effective pollinating agent of pumpkin. *Sci Agric.*, 66: 476 - 480.

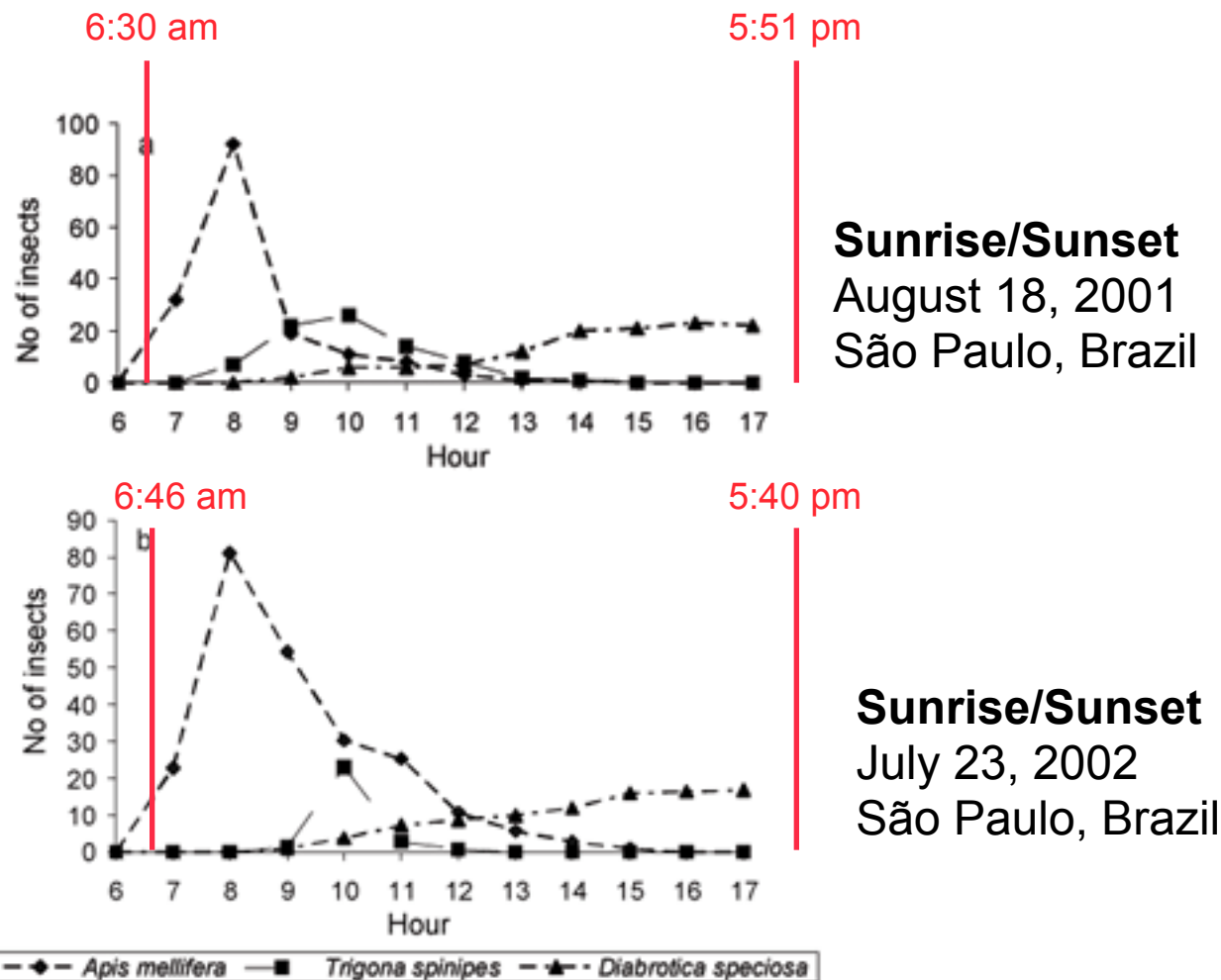
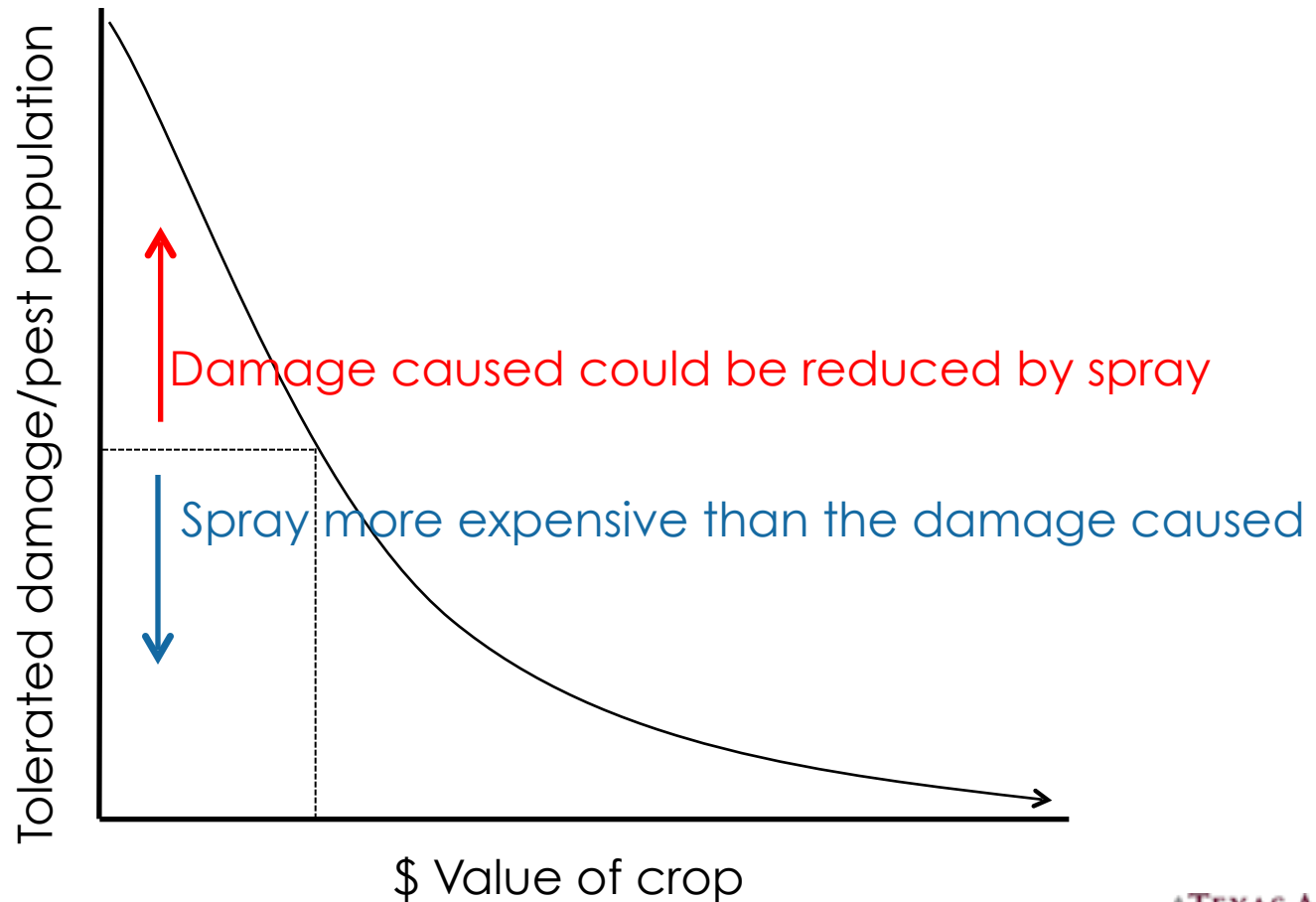


Figure 1 - Most frequent insects found on flowers of pumpkin (*Cucurbita maxima*), at different hours in 2001 (A) and 2002 (B).

# Economic Threshold & Monitoring





# Thank you

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# Case | California Cut Roses

IPM program successful in California greenhouse cut roses



Casey et al. 2007

# Case | California Cut Roses



# Case | California Cut Roses

## Scouting:

- Sampled a leaf on 38 randomly selected plants per 10,000 sq. ft.
- Directed sampling as walking up and down rows
- Five mobile mites or more considered infested
- Record co-occurrence with natural predators

## Thresholds:

TABLE 1. Control actions for twospotted spider mite based on percentage of infested plants

Mite density	Action
% samples infested	
0–10	Do nothing
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> 25	Chemical controls

\* 25% infested = 4.5 *T. urticae*/leaf.



Twospotted spider mite

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Chemical controls:

- Azadirachtin
- Bifenazate
- Insecticidal soap



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# Case | California Cut Roses

## Scouting:

- One sticky trap (4"x6") per 10,000 sq. ft., collected weekly

## Thresholds:

- 25 – 50 thrips per trap per week

## Control

- Routine flower harvest
- Lower-volume directed applications of spinosad and azadirachtin

Western flower thrips



# Case | California Cut Roses

## Scouting:

- Grapevine mildew model (GMM)
- Temperature, humidity and leaf wetness model to predict favorable conditions for powdery mildew
- Walk-through to determine disease incidence.

## Thresholds:

- 0 tolerance.

## Control

- Myclobutanil
- Chlorothalonil
- Benzeneacetic acid
- Azoxystrobin
- Insecticidal soap
- Potassium bicarbonate



# Case | California Cut Roses

## Successes

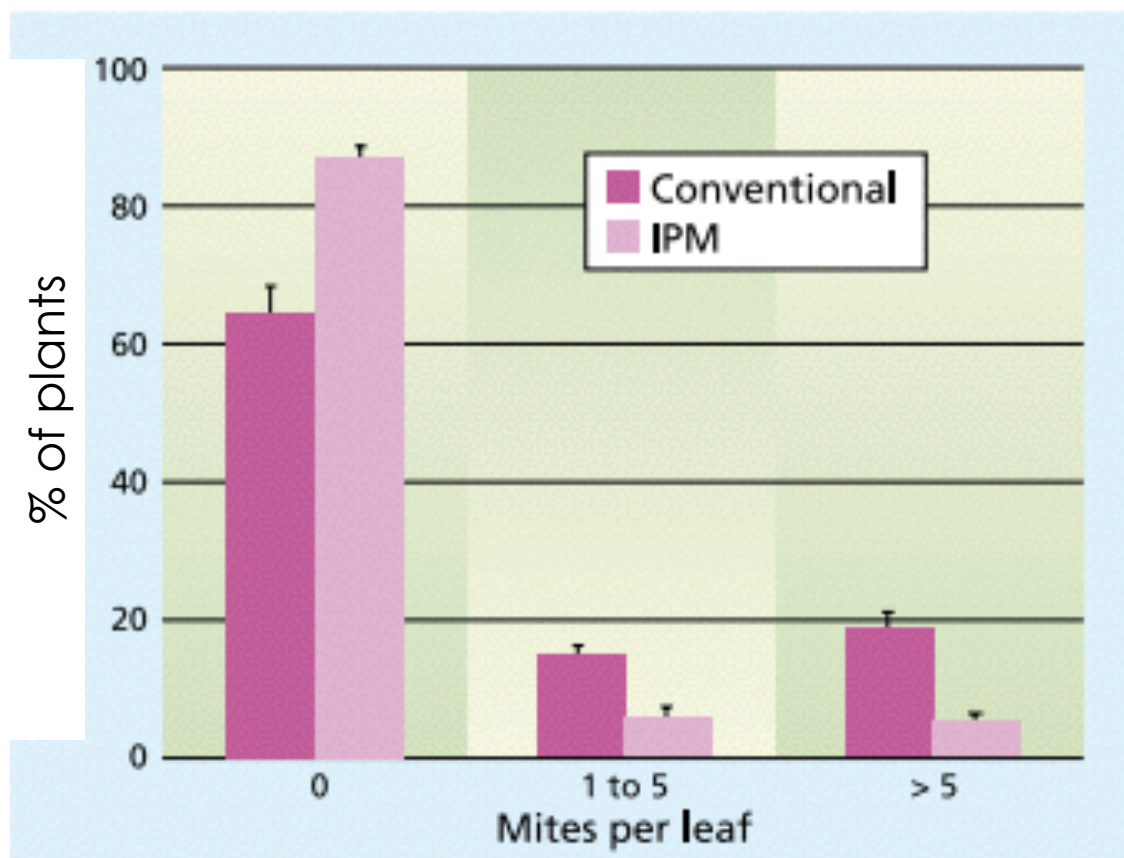
**TABLE 2. Miticide costs under conventional control, IPM startup (first 4 to 8 weeks) and IPM maintenance**

Treatment	Cost/ft <sup>2</sup> /application	Amount used per application*
Conventional	\$0.006 to \$0.01	100 to 150 gallons
IPM startup	\$0.02 to \$0.03	1 to 50 vials
IPM maintenance	\$0.005 to \$0.008	2 to 5 vials

\* Per 10,000 square feet; one vial contains 2,000 *Phytoseiulus persimilis*.

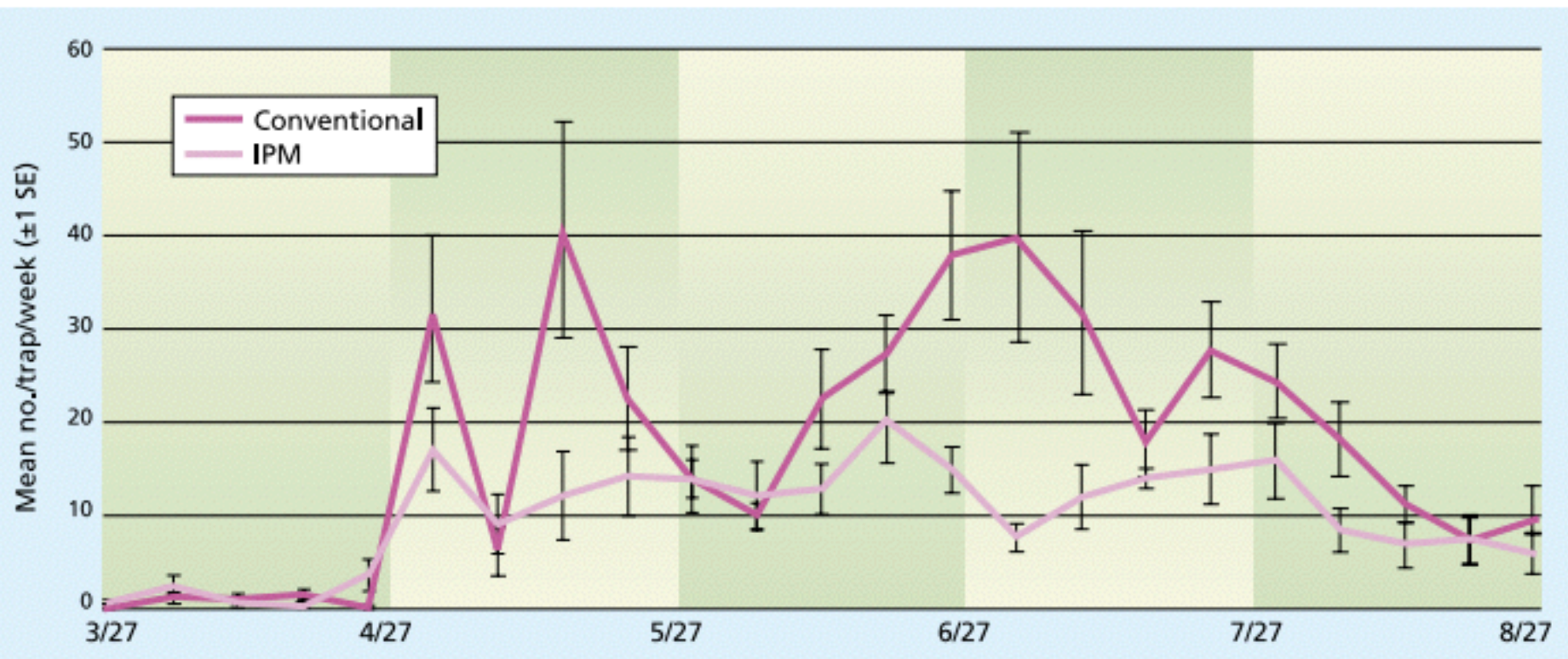
# Case | California Cut Roses

Successes



# Case | California Cut Roses

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Western Flower Thrips



# Case | California Cut Roses

Challenges

Secondary pests (Citrus mealybug)

Transition period

Powdery mildew



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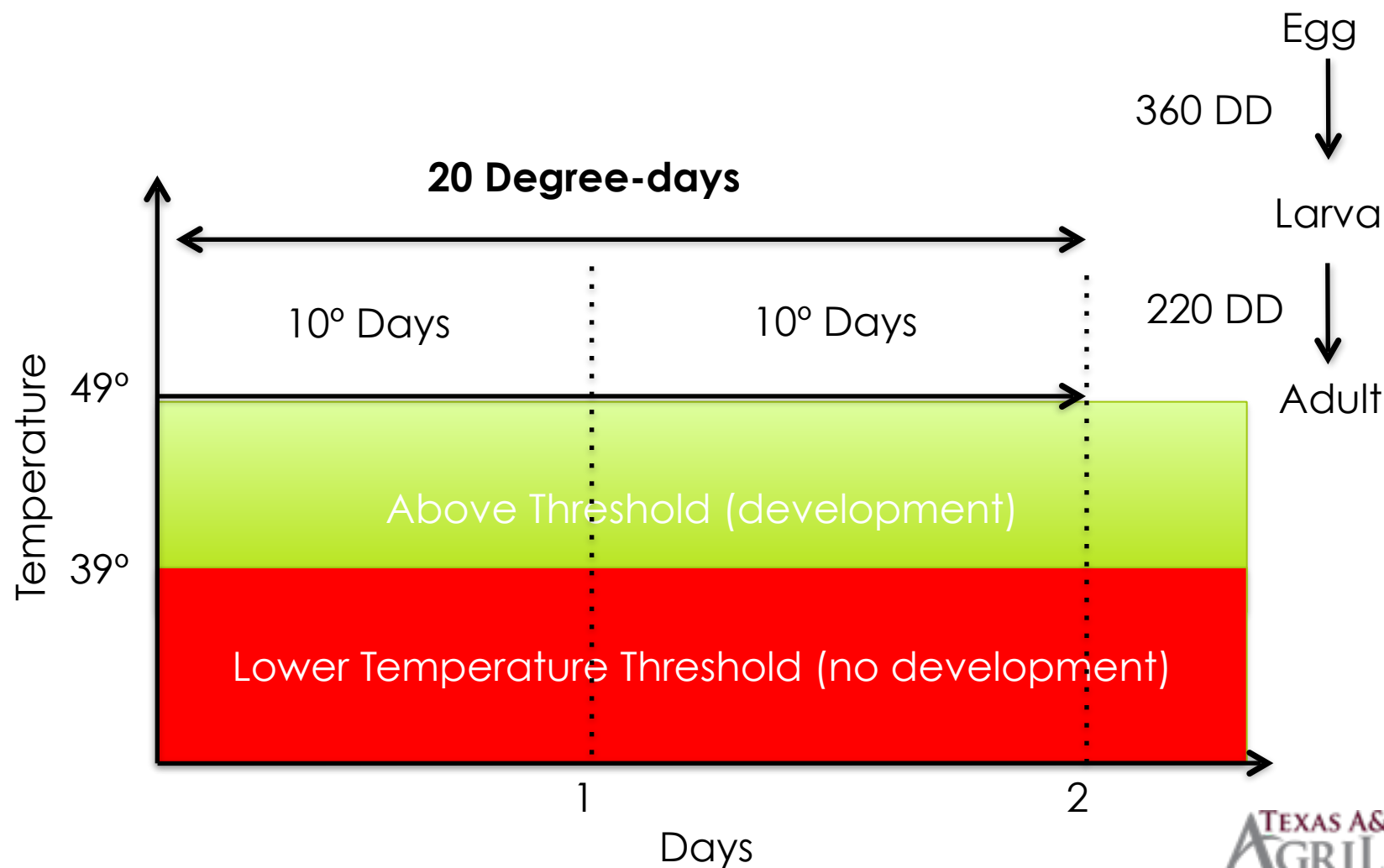
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# Monitoring

Forecasting: Degree-day models



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Forecasting: Degree-day models

## spotted wing Drosophila model - OSU vers. 2.0

Location: 2014 APLT2 PALESTINE TX

DD accumulation on 2-9-14: **127**. QA 100% ok - [show details](#)

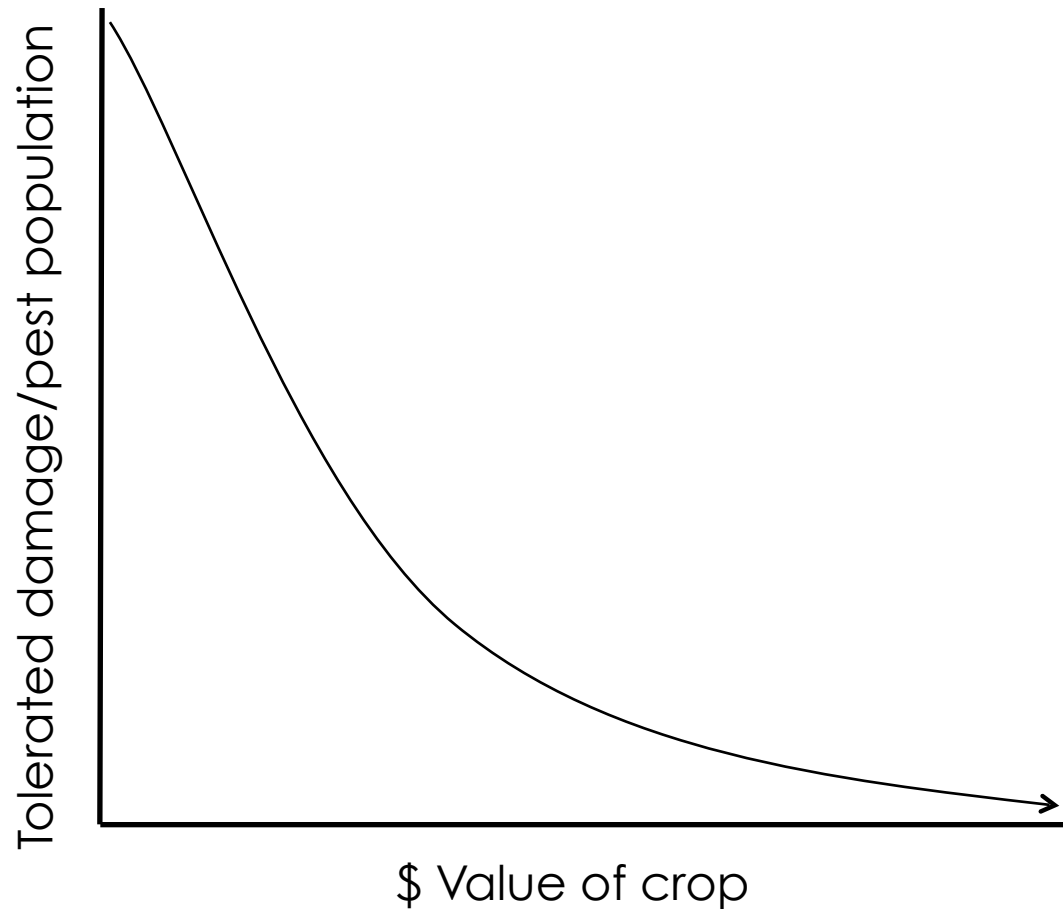
This year is about	versus	QA
13 days behind	2013	ok
19 days behind	2012	ok
13 days ahead	30-yr normal	ok

1. 261 DDs afte  
2. 510 DDs afte  
3. 565 DDs afte  
4. 755 DDs afte  
5. 995 DDs afte  
6. 1249 DDs afte  
7. 1489 DDs afte  
8. 1743 DDs afte  
9. 1983 DDs afte  
0. 2237 DDs afte  
1. 2477 DDs afte  
2. 2731 DDs afte  
3. 2971 DDs afte

Date	DDs	Event
3-10-14	265	1st EGG LAYING BY OW FEMALES
4-7-14	522	PEAK (ca. 50%) EGG LAYING BY OW FEMALES; 1st ADULT EMERGE 1st GEN
4-11-14	571	1st EGG LAYING BY 1st GEN FEMALES
4-24-14	763	PEAK ADULT EMERGE 1st GEN
5-7-14	1002	PEAK EGG LAYING BY 1st GEN FEMALES; MAX 2+ GENS.
5-19-14	1264	PEAK ADULT EMERGE 2nd GEN; MAX 3+ GENS.
5-29-14	1510	PEAK EGG LAYING BY 2nd GEN FEMALES; MAX 4+ GENS.
6-7-14	1749	PEAK ADULT EMERGE 3rd GEN; MAX 5 GENS.
6-16-14	2003	PEAK EGG LAYING BY 3rd GEN FEMALES; MAX 6+ GENS.
6-24-14	2237	PEAK ADULT EMERGE 4th GEN; MAX 6+ GENS.
7-2-14	2479	PEAK EGG LAYING BY 4th GEN FEMALES; MAX 7+ GENS.
7-11-14	2757	PEAK ADULT EMERGE 5th GEN; MAX 8+ GENS.
7-18-14	2977	PEAK EGG LAYING BY 5th GEN FEMALES; MAX 9+ GENS.

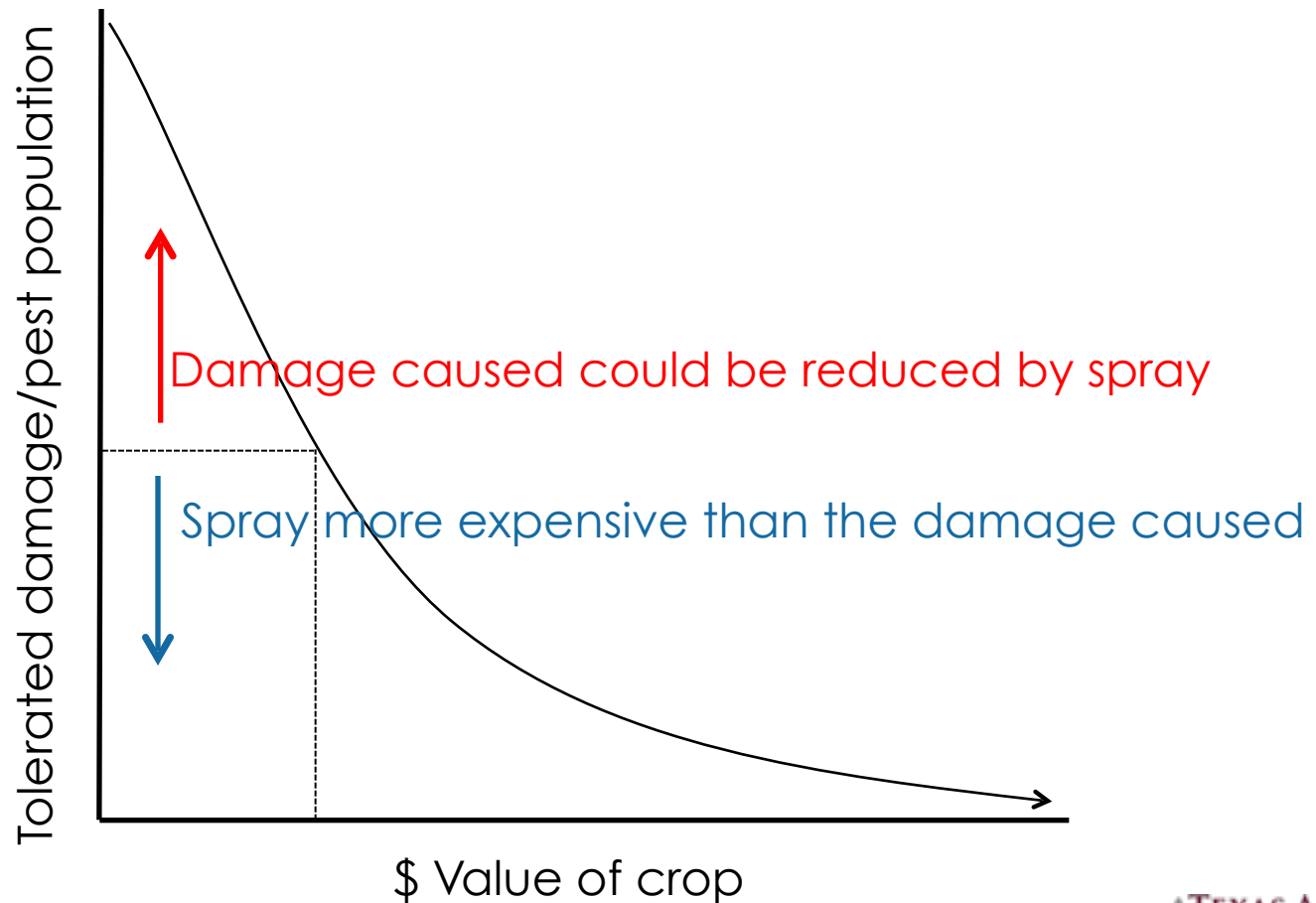
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