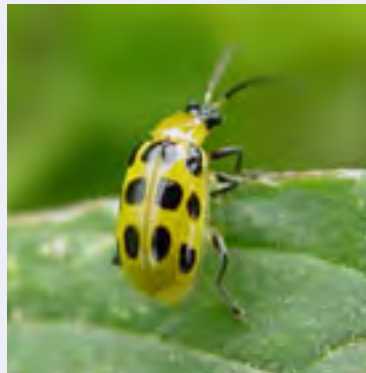


Insect Pests of Vegetables & Fruit in Home Gardens



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Common pests: i.d. & management

- **Veg specialist pests (12)**
- **Generalist pests on veg & fruit (6)**
- **Fruit specialist pests (9)**

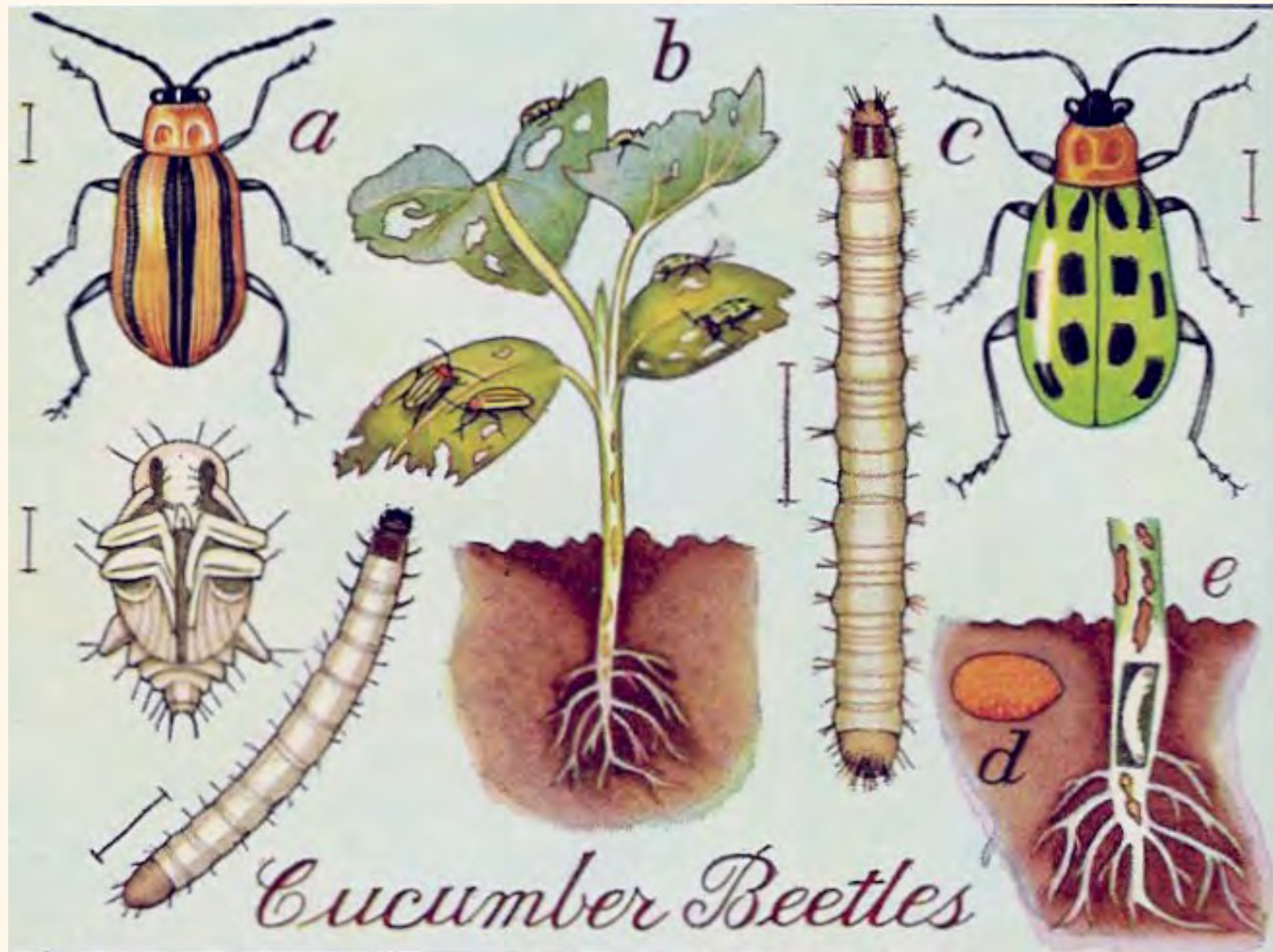
Vegetable specialist pests

- Cucurbits (4 pests)
- Cole crops (2+ pests)
- Tomato etc. (2 pests)
- Beans (2 pests)
- Spinach (1 pest)
- Asparagus (2 pests)
- Corn (2 pests)

Cucumber beetles

Striped cucumber beetle

Spotted cucumber beetle





Cucumber beetles

Important damage by adults:

- Chew seedlings
- Transmit bacterial wilt
- Chew on fruit surface

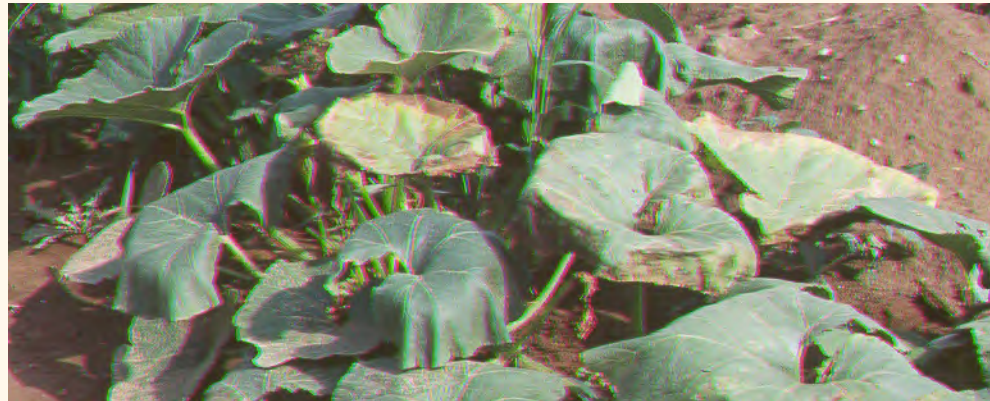
Less critical damage:

- Larvae chew on roots
- Adults chew on flowers



Bacterial wilt of cucurbits

- **Vectored by cucumber beetles**
 - Transmitted in feces
 - Enters via wound in plant (such as feeding wound)



- **Hosts:**
 - Well-known killer of cukes & melons
 - Recently adapted to kill squash & pumpkins (but slower)

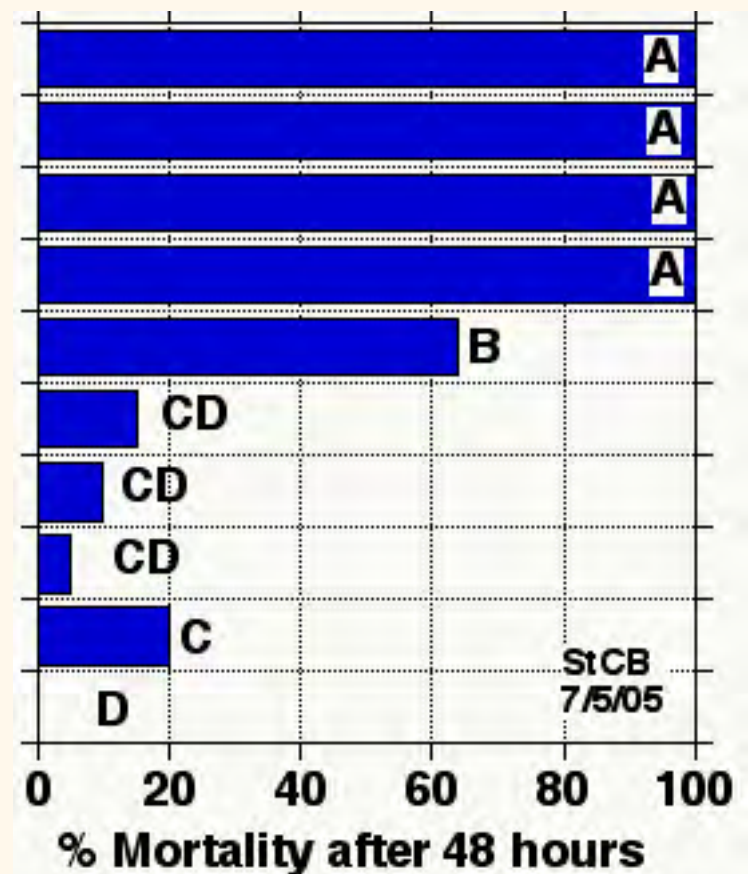
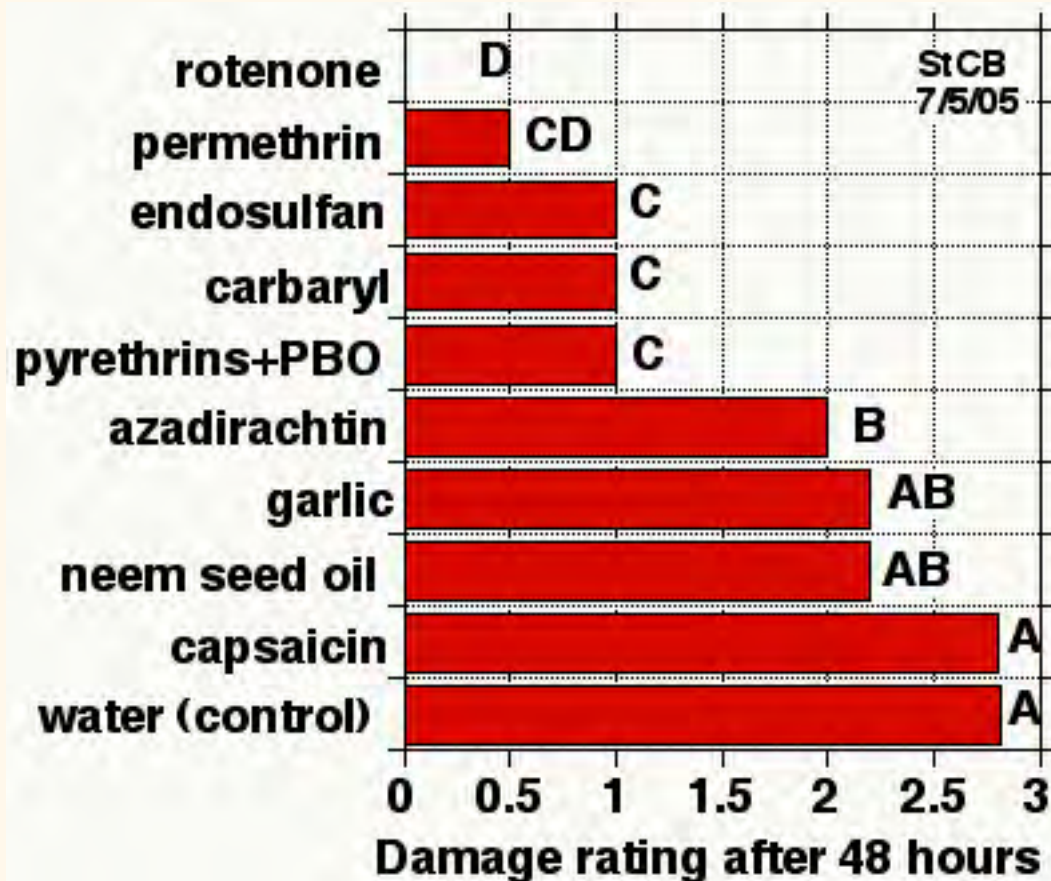
Cucumber beetle management

- **For beginners**
 - **Mechanical control**
 - Screen or row cover (seedlings)
 - **Chemical control**
 - Spray with carbaryl, permethrin, or pyrethrins+PBO,
- **For advanced gardeners**
 - **Cultural control**
 - Early trap crop (Turks Turban or Blue Hubbard squash)
 - **Biological control**
 - Conserve parasitoids (by no spray)
 - **Behavioral control**
 - Kairomone trap



Striped cucumber beetle

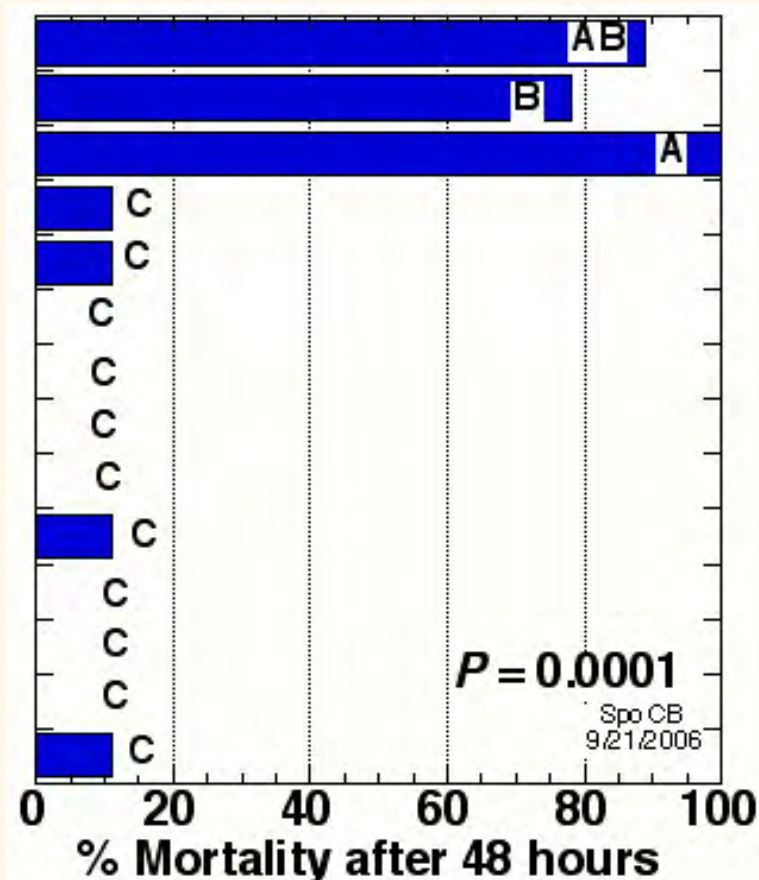
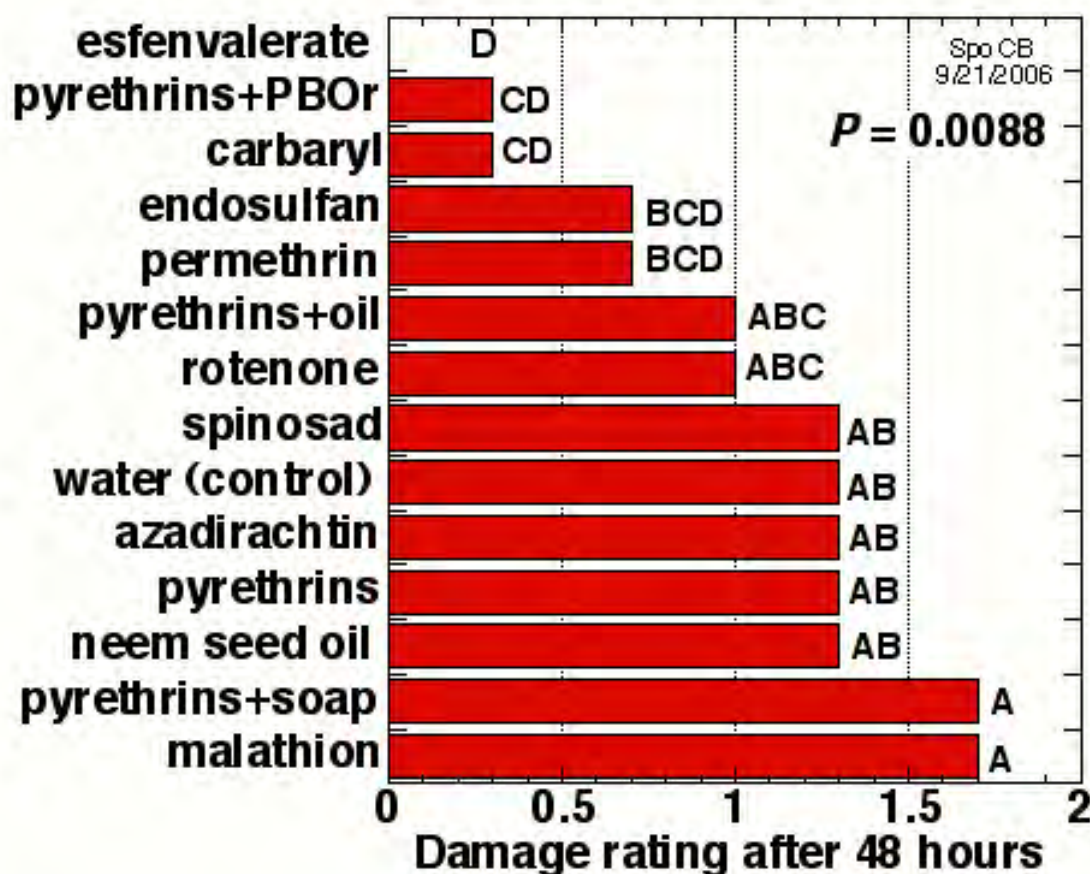
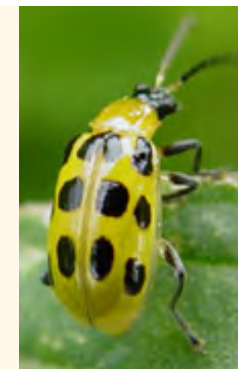
tested on pumpkin leaves, 7/5/05;
4 replicates/treatment, 5 beetles/replicate



Spotted Cucumber Beetle

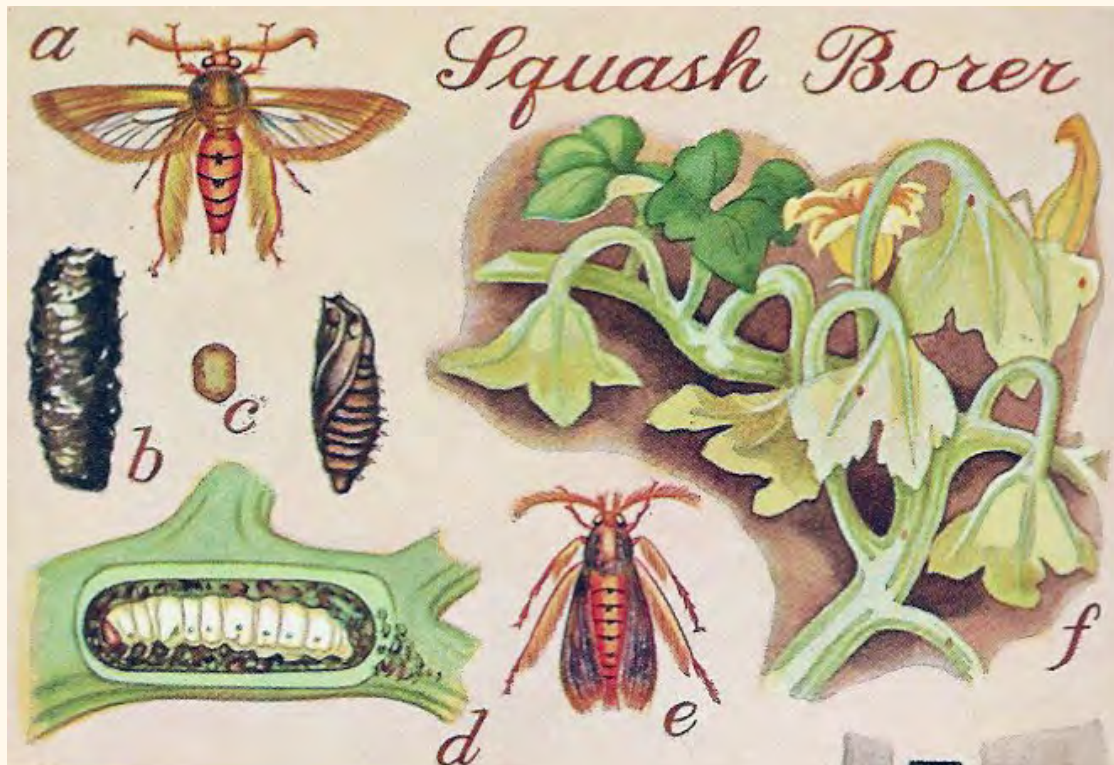
tested on pumpkin leaves, 9/21/2006

3 replicates/treatment, 3 beetles/replicate



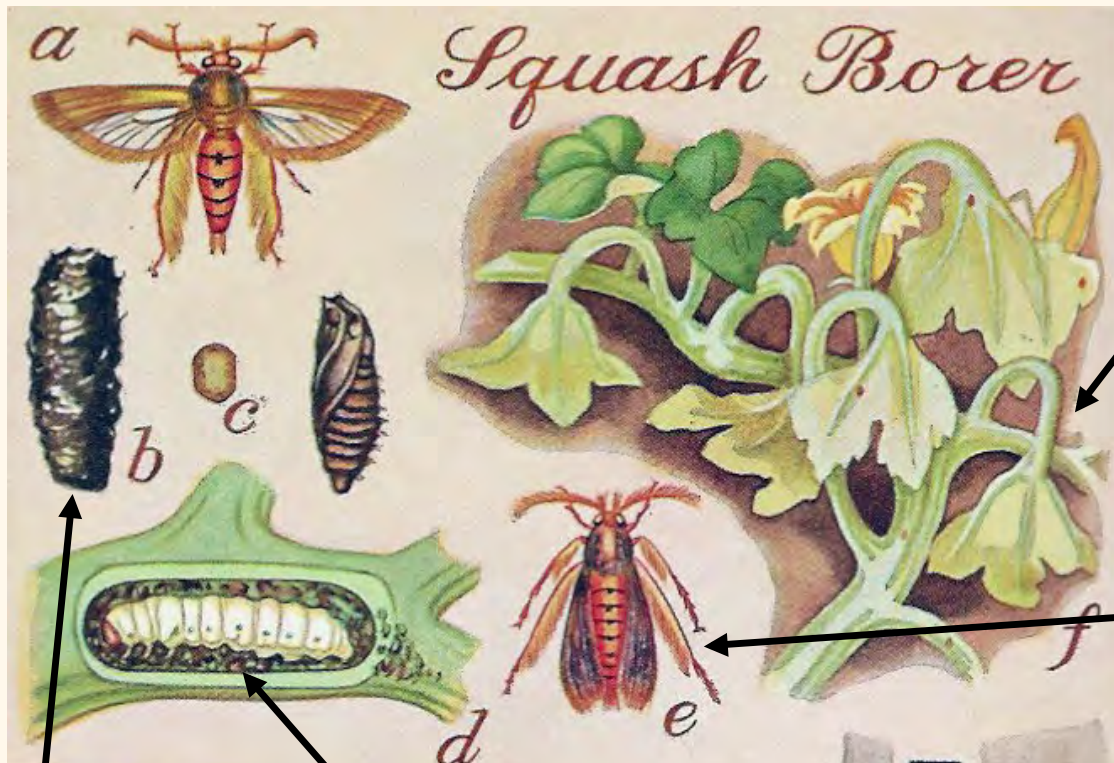
Squash vine borer

- Infests squash, gourd, pumpkins
- Plants often die by July



Squash vine borer

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- Plants often die by July



wilting leaves
are symptom of
infestation

adult is a day-flying
moth, lays eggs in
late June to mid-
July

larva is a caterpillar that bores into stem

cocoon in soil overwinter

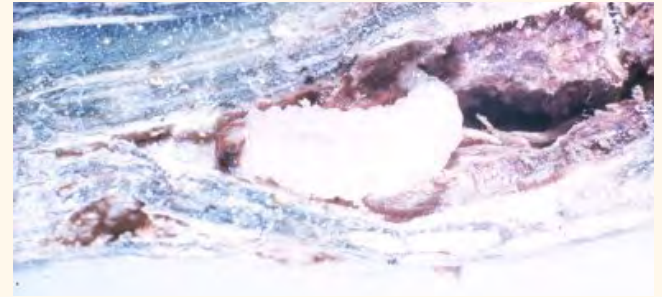
Squash Vine Borer:

Management

- **Cultural**
 - Till soil to destroy pupae
 - Plant late for main crop
 - Small planting early as trap crop
- **Mechanical**
 - Row covers (until flowering)
- **Chemical**
 - Insecticide



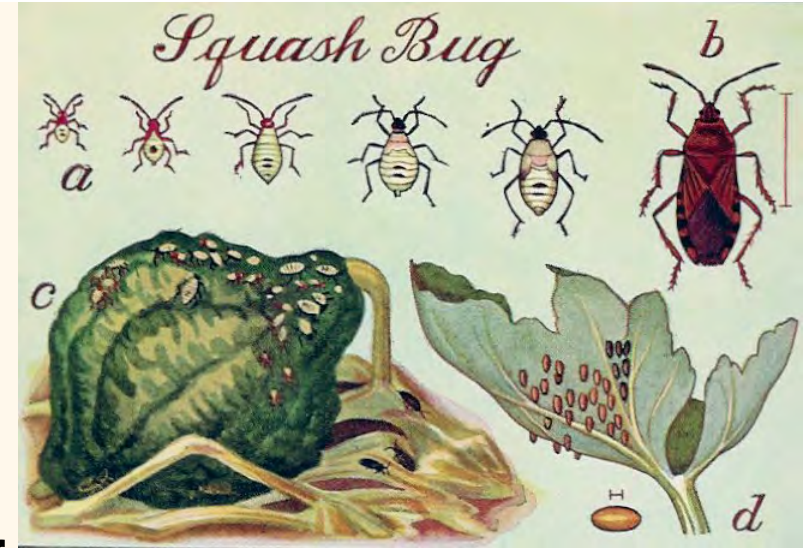
Squash vine borer



- **Chemical control:**
 - During egg hatch period, early July
 - Direct at base of stems
 - Minimum 2 sprays 1 week apart
 - maximum 4 sprays 1 week apart, late June to late July
 - permethrin or esfenvalerate or pyrethrins+PBO



Squash bug



- **Damage:**
 - Suck sap from stems, leaves, fruit
 - Can kill plants
 - Nymphs can feed in large groups
- **Natural enemies:**
 - 1 fly species attacks adult
 - 2 wasp species attack eggs



Squash Bug: Management

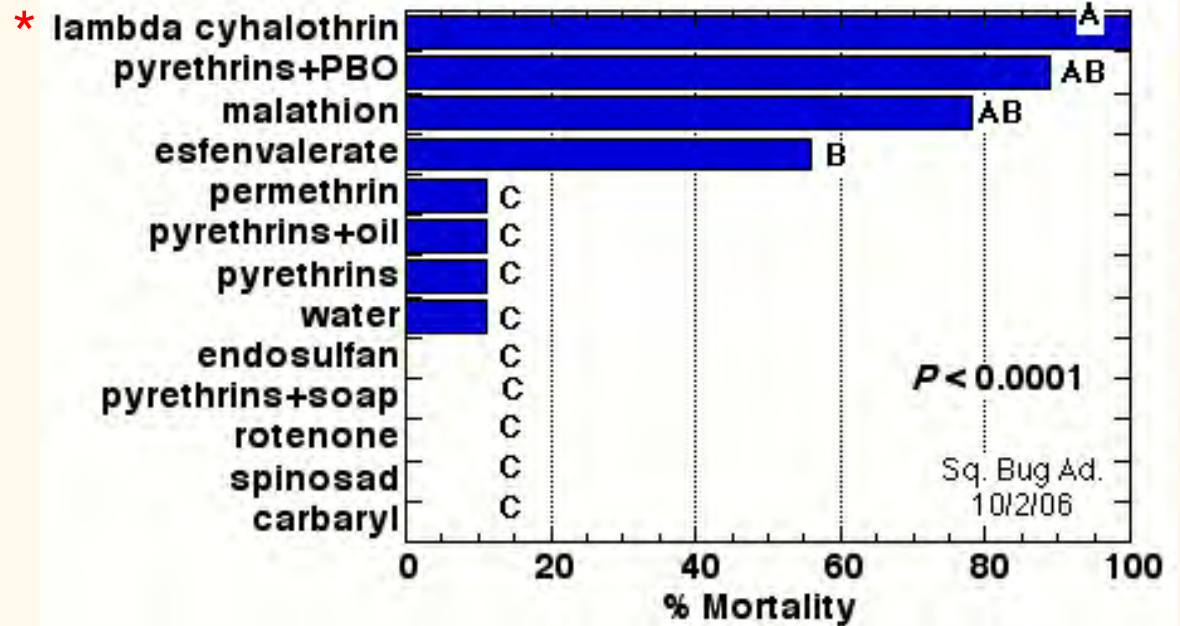
- **Cultural control**
 - Rotate with non-cucurbit crops
 - Promote early growth of crop
 - * Destroy crop remains
- **Mechanical control**
 - Row covers (until flowering)
 - Hand picking, especially eggs
 - Shelter traps: board or shingle



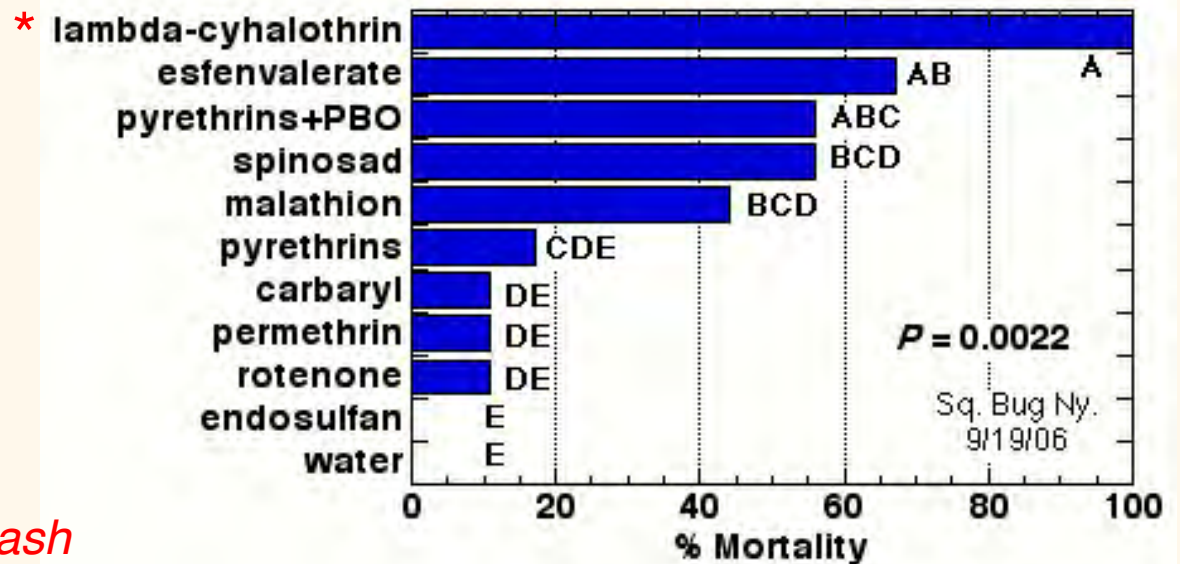
Squash bug



adult



nymph

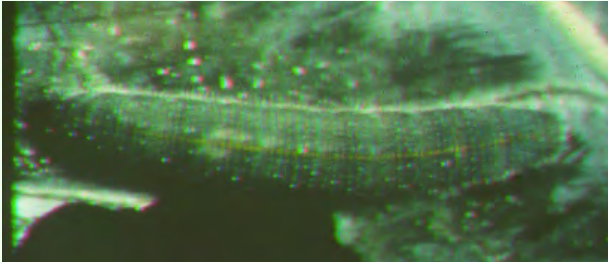


* *Not registered for use on squash*

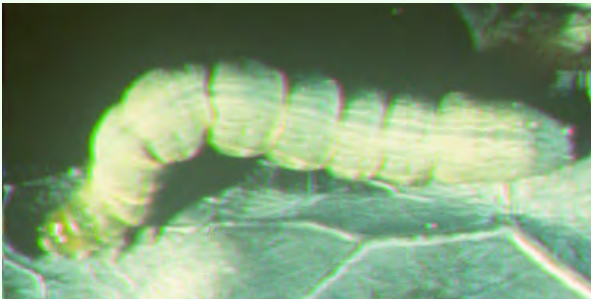
Test question

- It's late July and my **cucumber** plant is dying
 - What caused it?
 - What can I do about it?
- It's late July and my **squash** plant is dying
 - What caused it?
 - What can I do about it?

3 Caterpillars on cole crops



Imported cabbageworm

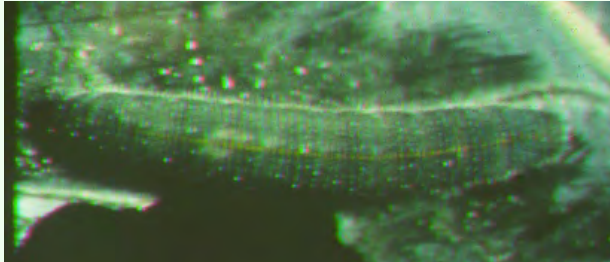


Cabbage looper



Diamondback moth

3 Caterpillars on cole crops & their parasitoids



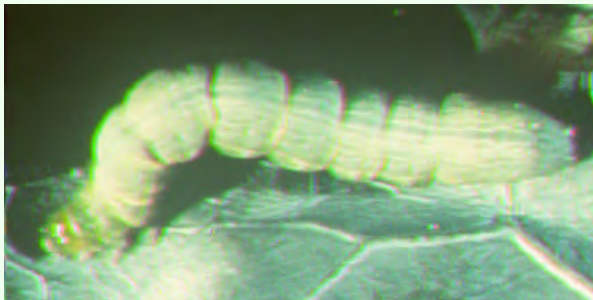
Imported cabbageworm



***Cotesia* larvae
spinning cocoons**



***Cotesia*
adult wasp**



Cabbage looper



***Copidosoma
floridanum* wasps
emerging from
one cocoon**



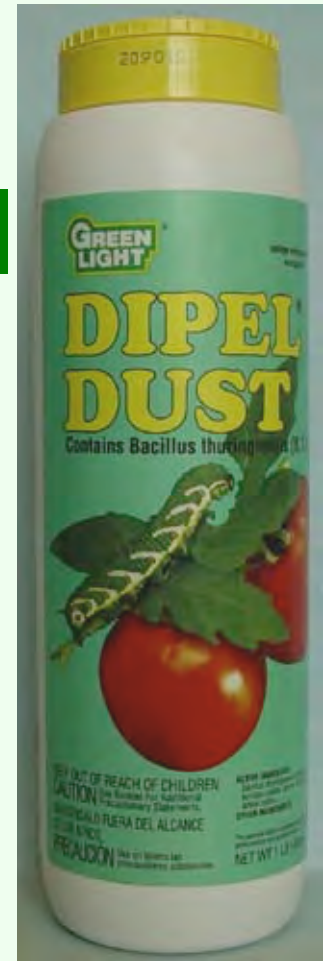
Diamondback moth



***Diadegma insulare*
oviposits on larvae**

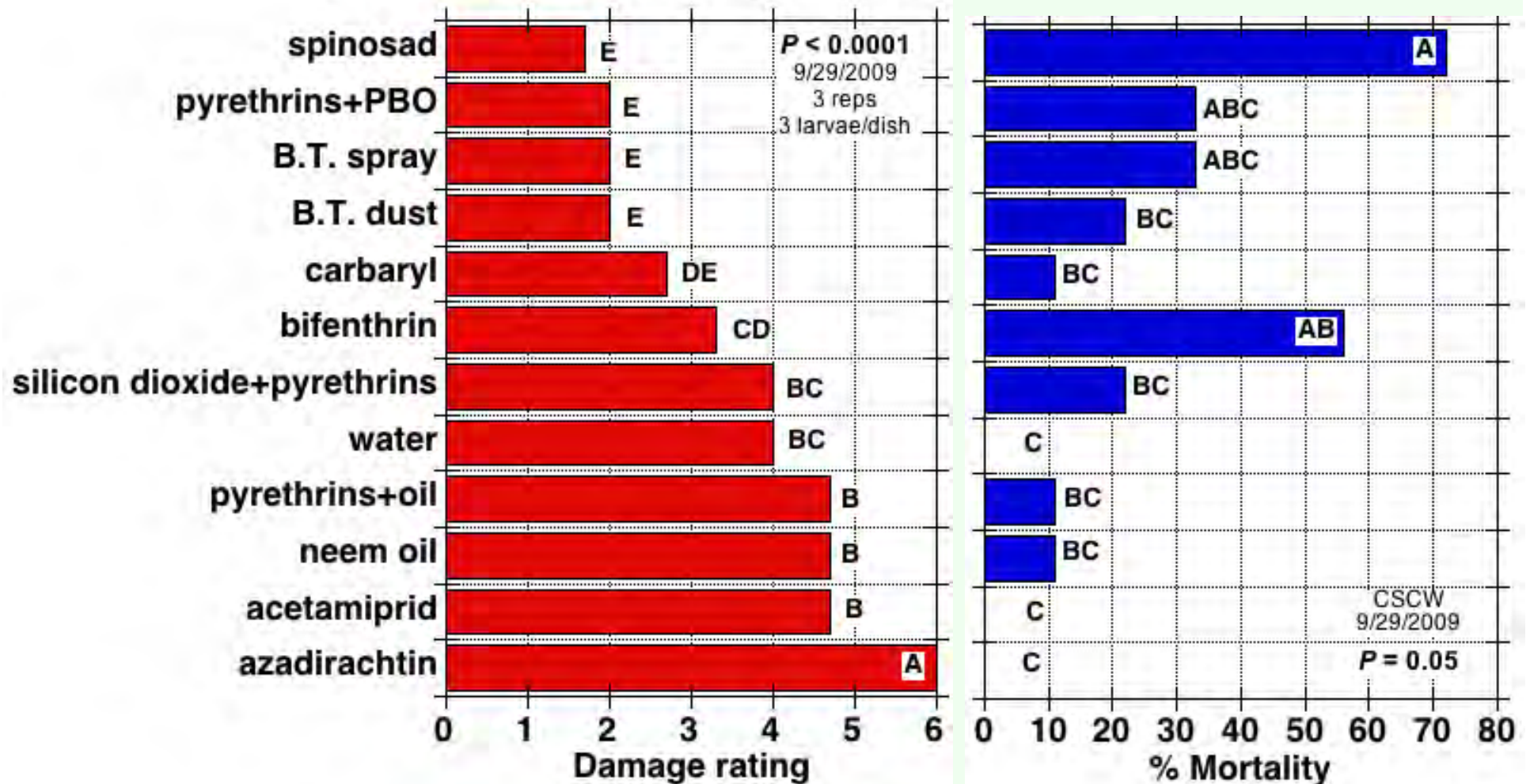
Integration of Chemical Control & Biological Control

- Depends on choosing a selective insecticide
 - Kills caterpillars
 - Does not kill parasitoids
 - Use **B.T.** microbial insecticide
 - ‘DiPel’ etc.
 - Spinosad also easy on parasitoids
- Plant border of sweet alyssum →





Cross-striped cabbageworm





Row covers



Cabbage maggot

- Turnip, radish, other cole crops
- Symptoms:
 - Seedlings wilted, stunted
 - Holes or tunnels in roots
- Life cycle:
 - Adult fly lays egg at stem base
 - Larvae feed for 3 weeks
 - 3-4 generations per year
- Control:
 - Choose planting date to avoid egg peak
 - Cardboard collars on stem



Colorado potato beetle



- **Damage:** chewed leaves
 - By adults & larvae
 - Potato, eggplant, tomato
- **2 generations/year**
- **Control:**
 - Hand pick (knock in bucket)
 - Plant potato early or late but not both
 - Spray larvae with spinosad

Eggplant flea beetle



- Chew many small holes in leaves
 - Damage critical to seedlings
 - Management:
 - Hand-picking (**aspirate**) daily
 - Insecticides or repellents
 - Similar species on:
 - Cabbage (2 species)
 - Potato
- 
- The image contains four illustrations of insect pests. At the top left is a caterpillar labeled 'a' with a red 'F' next to it. To its right is a dark beetle labeled 'b'. Below the caterpillar is a light-colored beetle with dark stripes on its back, shown on a green leaf. At the bottom is another striped beetle shown on a leaf with purple veins.



Removal by aspirator: Eggplant flea beetle



Bean beetles

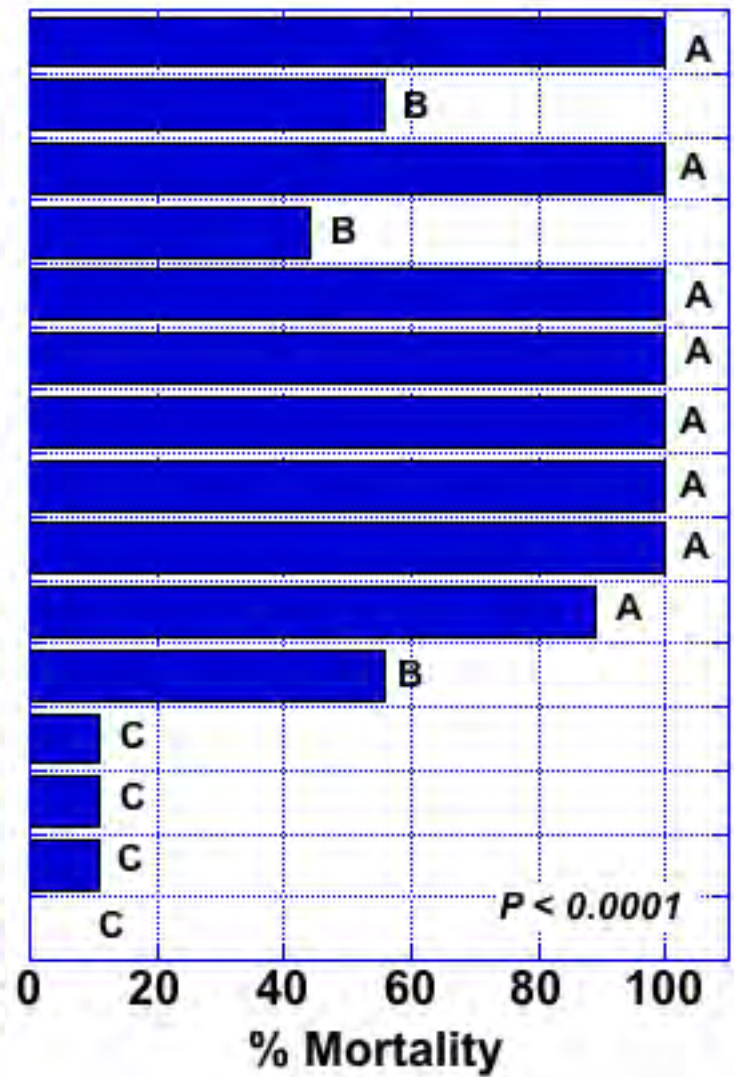
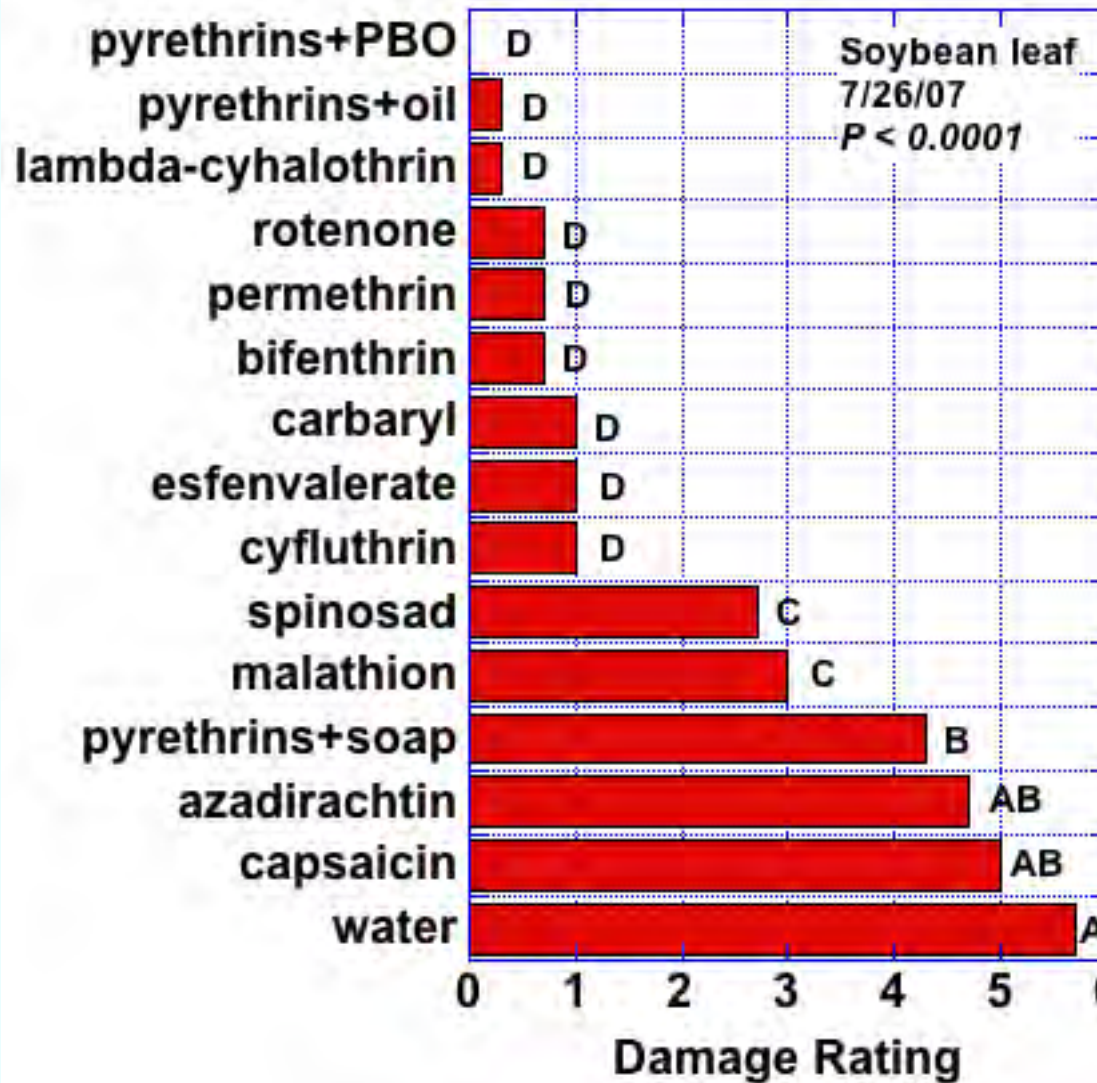
- **Bean leaf beetle:**
 - Adults chew holes through leaves, pods
- **Mexican bean beetle:**
 - A true lady beetle
 - Larvae skeletonize leaves
- **Cultural control:**
 - Exclusion (row covers)
 - Plow after harvest
- **Chemical control:**
 - Sevin or pyrethrins+PBO



*Bean
leaf
beetle*

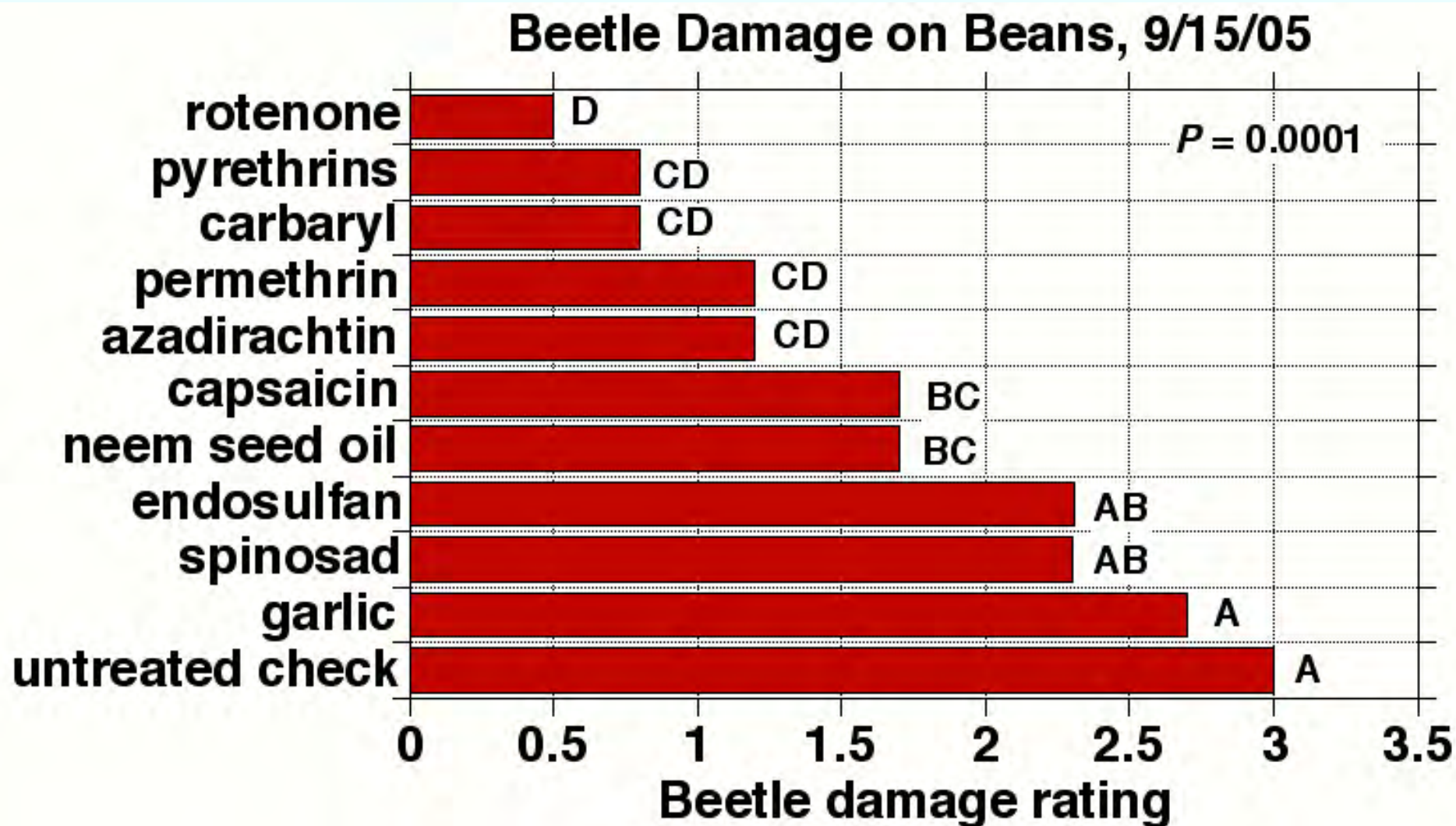


Bean Leaf Beetle



Field trial on snap beans

(bean leaf beetle + spotted cucumber beetle)



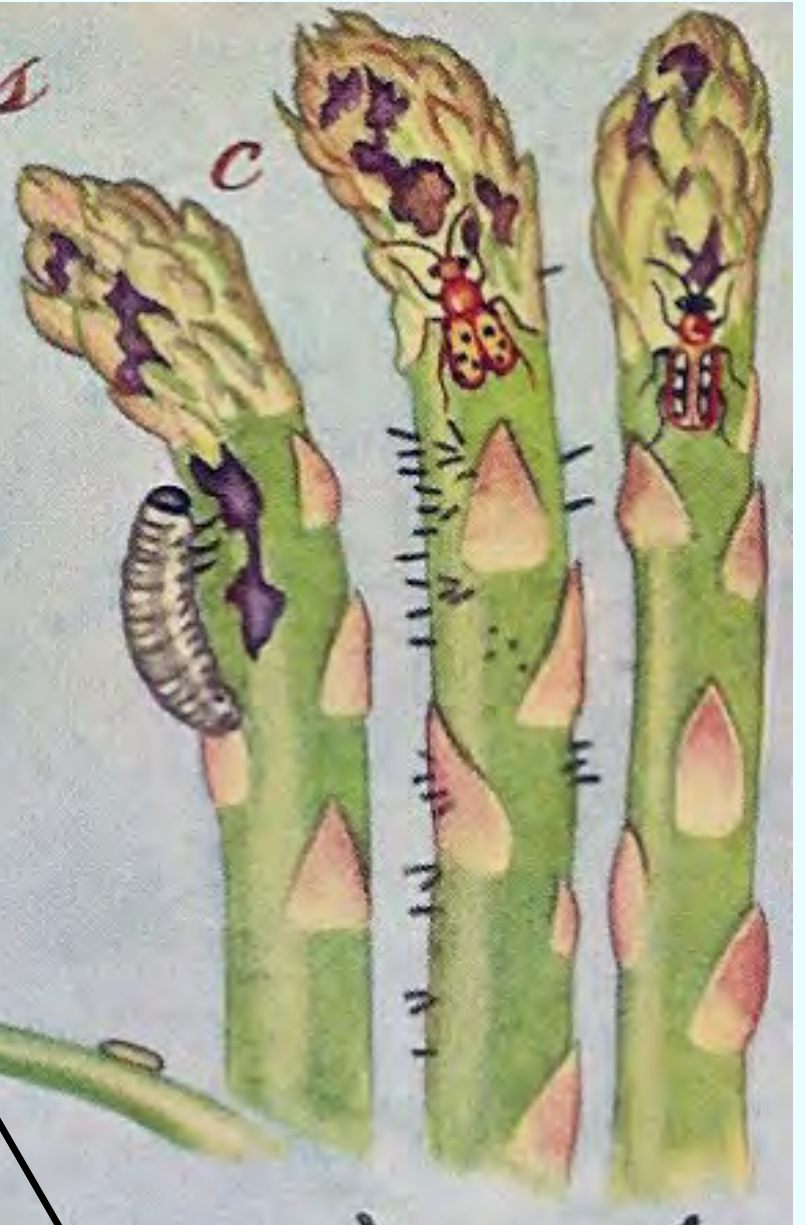
Spinach leafminer & beet leafminer



- **Adult fly lays eggs**
 - On leaf underside
 - in early spring
- **Maggots feed inside leaf, 1-2 weeks**
 - Narrow mine when young
 - Large blister-like mines when older
- **Pupate in soil**
- **Several generations per year**
- **Hand pick** infested leaves, early



Asparagus Beetles

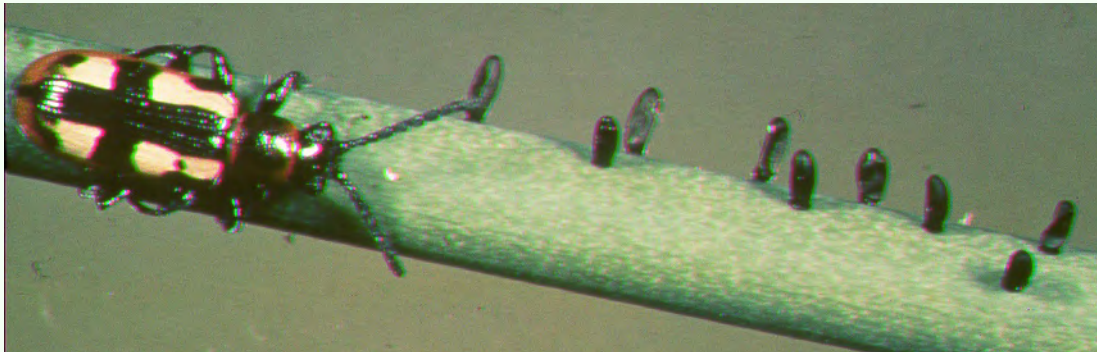


Common asparagus beetle

Spotted asparagus beetle

Asparagus beetles

- **Common asparagus beetle**
 - Adults feed on spears
 - Adults lay eggs on spears
 - Larvae feed on leaves
- **Spotted asparagus beetle**
 - Adults feed on spears
 - Larvae feed in berries



Asparagus beetles

- **Management**
 - **Hand picking**
 - **Insecticides or repellents**

Corn worms



1. European corn borer

- Damage at tip or shank or side
- Two generations per year
- Damage in June & August
- Worm appearance:
 - dark brown head
 - body with rows of flat spots
 - body without microspines

Corn worms

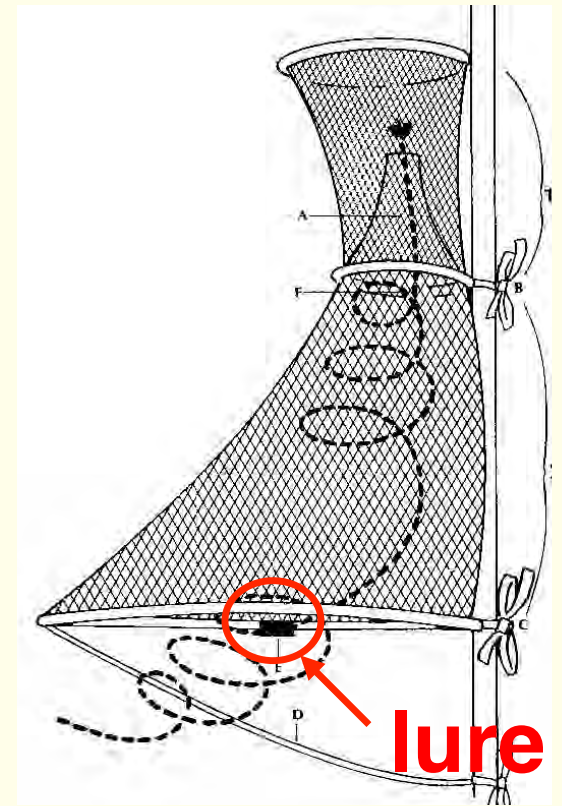


2. Corn earworm

- Damage at ear tip only
- Damage usually mid-August & later
- Worm appearance:
 - light brown head
 - body with long stripes
 - body covered with short microspines

Trap to Monitor Corn Earworm

- Pheromone lure
- Attracts male moths
- Highly effective
- Reports posted on web



Corn Worm Management

- **Planting date:**
 - Early & late plantings difficult
 - Middle plantings easiest
- **Traps for monitoring**
 - Excellent for corn earworm
 - Good for European corn borer
- **Chemical control:**
 - BT for 1st generation borer
 - Oil + BT in ear tip for earworm
 - Spinosad for both pests
- **Biocontrol:**
 - Encourage generalist predators
 - *Trichogramma* egg parasitoid

Veg & fruit generalist pests

- Aphids**
- Mites**
- Whiteflies**
- Slugs**
- Japanese beetle**
- Brown marmorated stink bug**

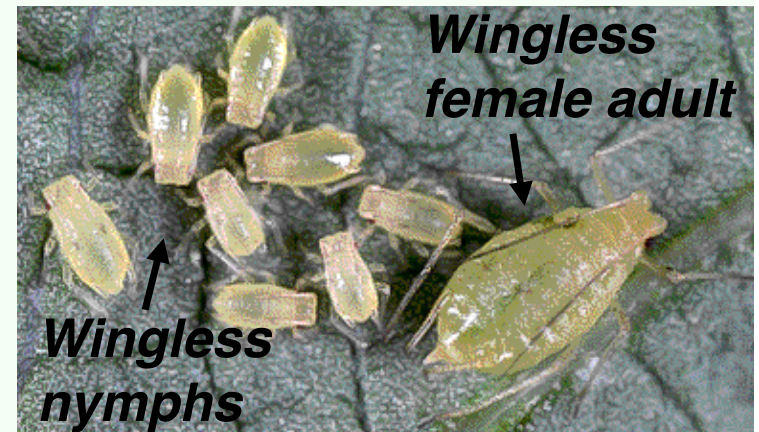
Aphids

- **Appearance:**

- Small, soft, 2 ‘tailpipes’
- Every species with winged & wingless forms

- **Damage:**

- Suck sap
- Cause leaf puckers
- Deposit honeydew
- Transmit viruses



Winged female adult



Aphids



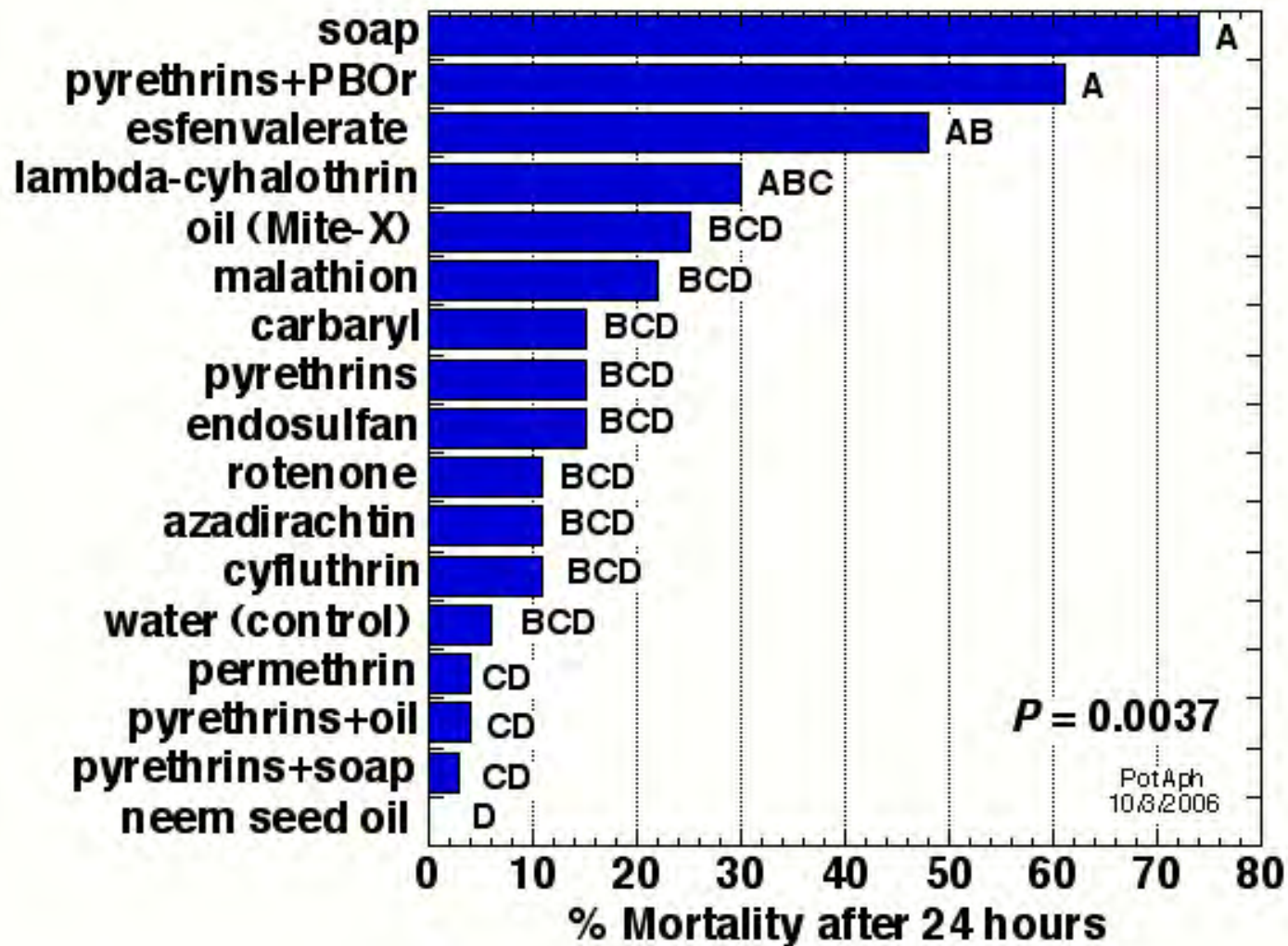
- **Common species:**
 - Potato aphid (tomato)
 - Green peach aphid (lettuce, pepper)
 - Melon aphid (cucurbits)
 - Rosy apple aphid (apple)
 - Green apple aphid (apple)

Aphid control

- **Encourage natural enemies by avoiding use of broad-spectrum insecticides**
- **Suffocate with spray of insecticidal soap**
- **Reflective mulch to prevent colonization by winged aphids**

Potato Aphid

tested on tomato leaves, 10/3/2006
3 replicates/treatment, 10 aphids/replicate



Two-spotted spider mite

- Often overlooked
- Often mistaken for disease
- Build up in hot dry weather



Two-spotted spider mite: identification



- **Tiny (1/60 inch)**
- **White with 2 black spots**
- **8 legs**

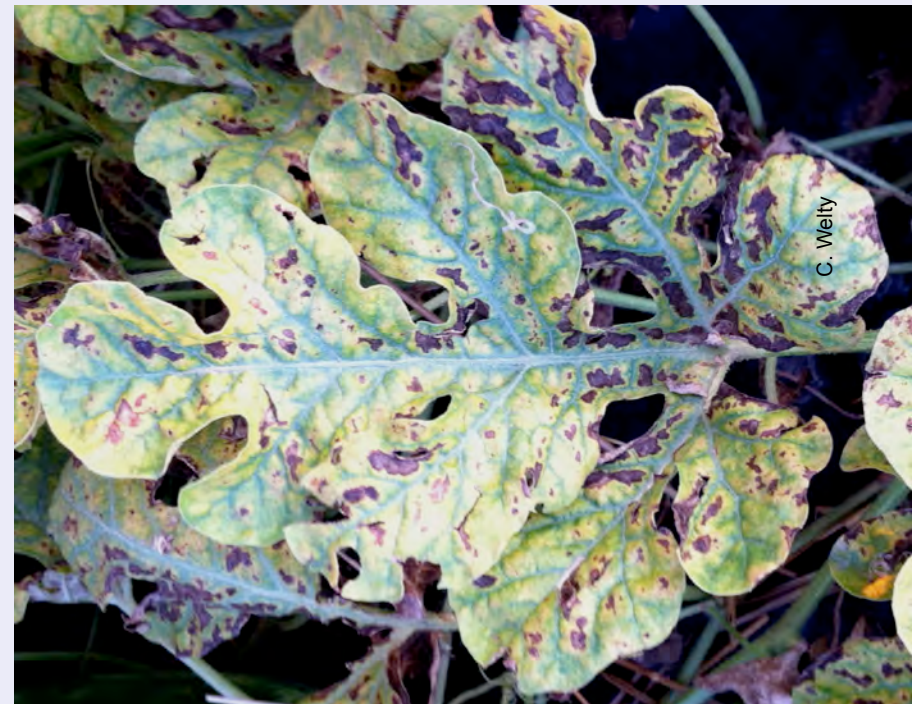
Two-spotted spider mite: hosts

- **Tomato**
 - Yellow blotches
- **Bean**
 - White stippling



Two-spotted spider mite: hosts

- **Watermelon**
 - Yellow blotches
 - Brown lesions



Two-spotted spider mite: diagnosis

- Fine webbing on leaf underside
- Scout by tapping leaf over paper, look for moving specks
- Early diagnosis for good control



webbing





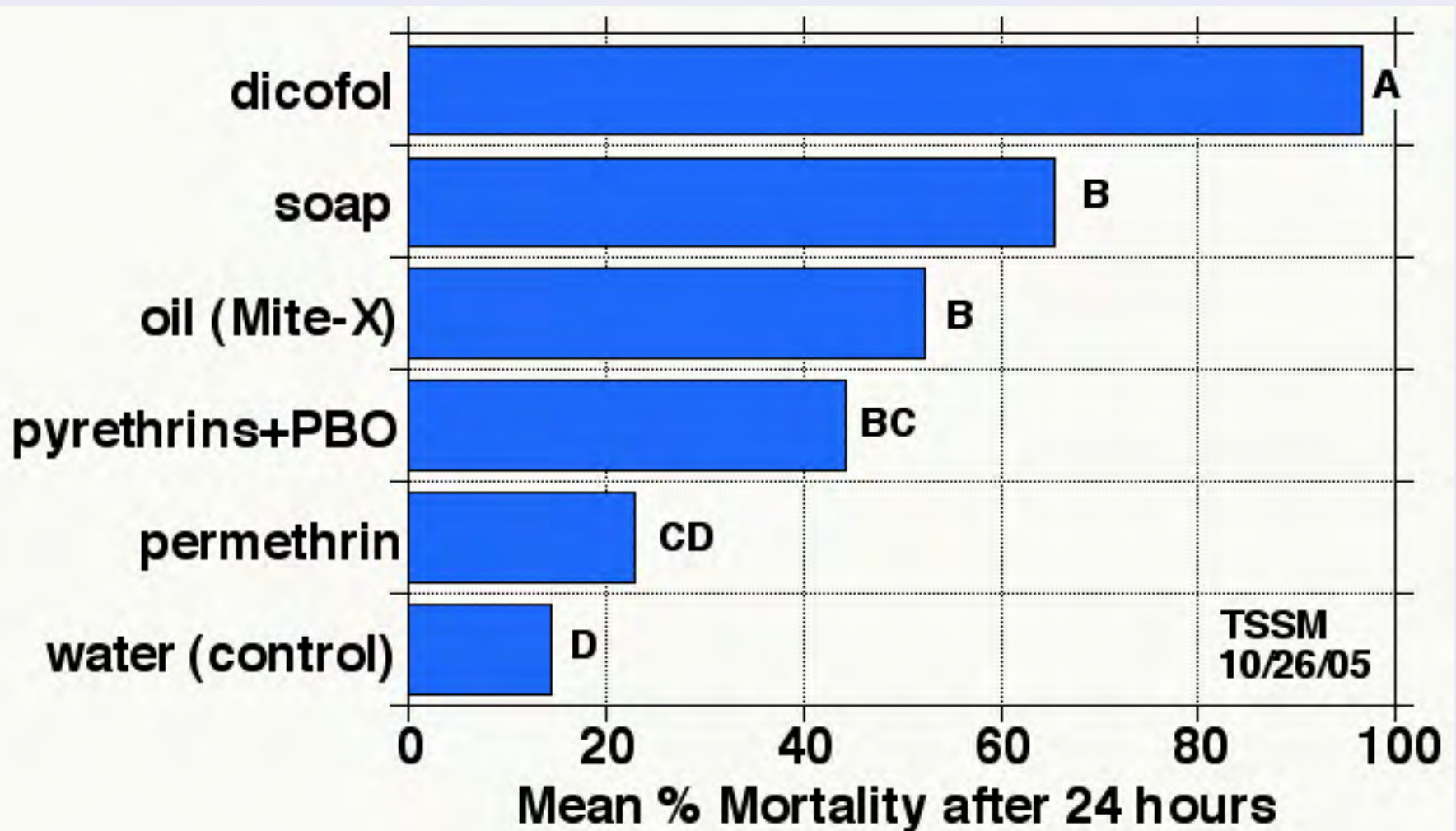
Spider mite management

- Tolerable at low density
- Conserve natural predators
- Overhead irrigation can help
- Soft control:
 - Insecticidal soap
 - Hort. Oil



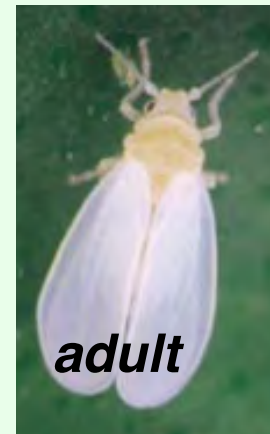
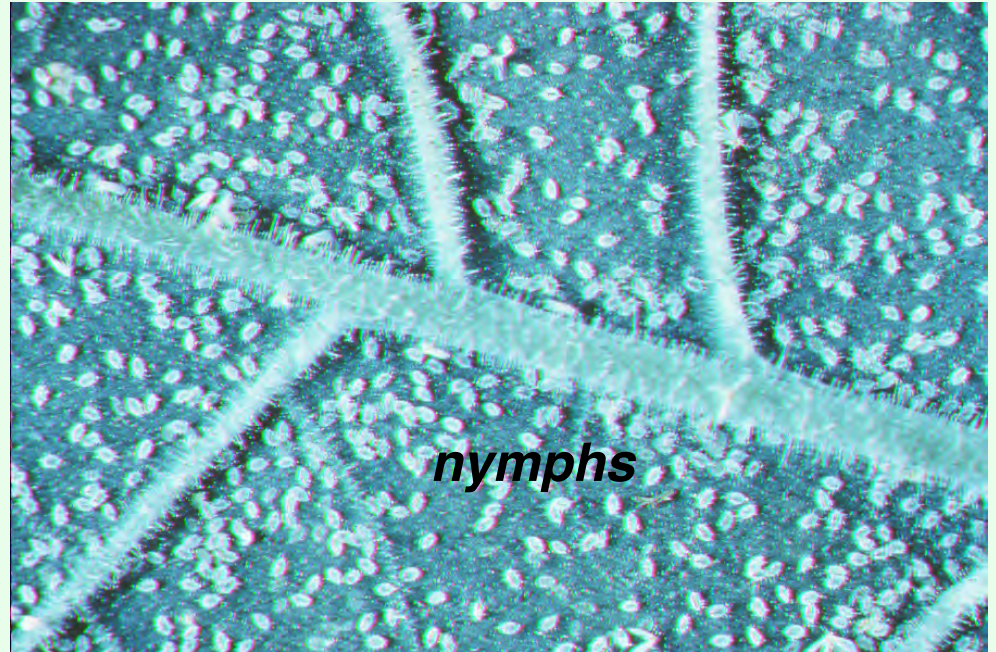
Two-spotted spider mite

tested on snap bean leaves, 10/26/05;
3 replicates/treatment, 30 mites/replicate



Whiteflies

- Suck sap
- Life stages:
 - Adult
 - Egg
 - Crawler (1st instar)
 - Sessile nymphs
 - Pupa
- Damage done by nymphs from leaf undersides
- Control by soap sprays



Whiteflies: size

- Need magnifier to see immatures on underside of leaves



Whiteflies: hosts

tomato



squash



beans



lettuce



Whiteflies: injury symptoms



leaf scorch



sooty mold

Whiteflies: insecticides

- **Best controlled by neonicotinoids**
 - acetamiprid
 - imidacloprid
 - Be sure to know pre-harvest interval

Slugs

- **Not insects!**
- **Evidence:**
 - Chew leaves, stems
 - Ragged holes & tunnels
 - Leave slime trails
- **Behavior:**
 - Feed mostly at night
 - Hide during daytime
 - Eggs laid in fall
 - Favored by moisture, thick mulch



Slug Control

- **Cultural**
 - Lower plant density
 - Delay fall mulching
 - Remove debris around field
- **Mechanical**
 - Board traps
- **Control by border of abrasive material**
 - Diatomaceous earth (not rainfast)
- **Chemical**
 - Baits on soil around plants



Slug control by baits



- **Metalddehyde (Bug-Geta, etc.)**
 - Kill slugs by over stimulating mucous
 - Prevents damage
 - Toxic to dogs
 - Works best when temp. warm

Slug control by baits



- **Iron phosphate (Sluggo, Slug Magic, etc.)**
 - Light brown; less visible to pickers
 - Safe to humans, animals, natural enemies
 - Less rapid toxic effect
 - Stop the slugs from feeding
 - Eventually leads to their death



Japanese beetle

- **Attacks many crops:**
 - Grape
 - Raspberry
 - Blueberry
 - Plum
 - Peach
 - Sweet corn
 - Beans
- **Expect start in early July**

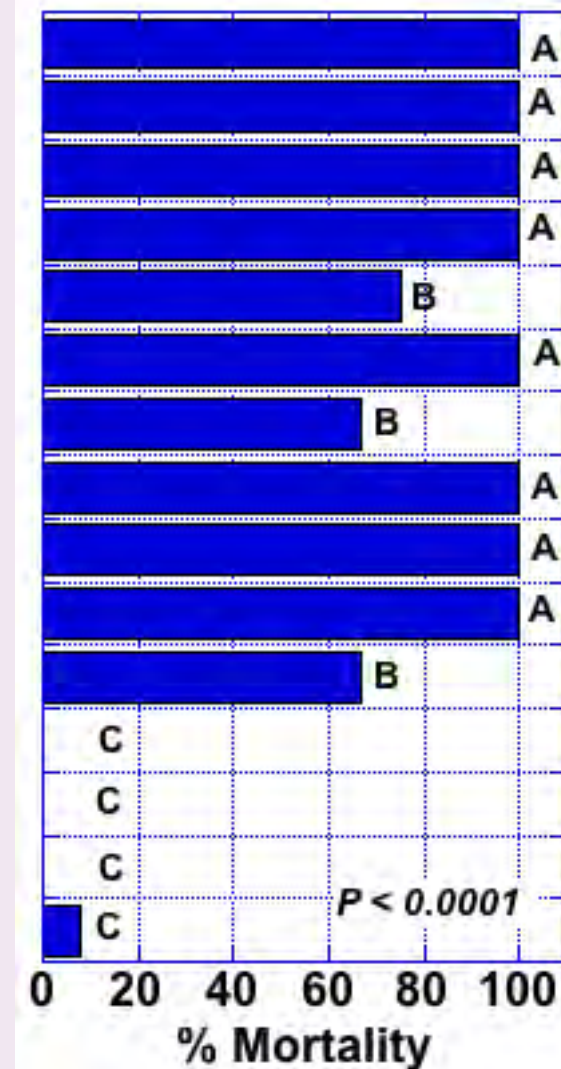
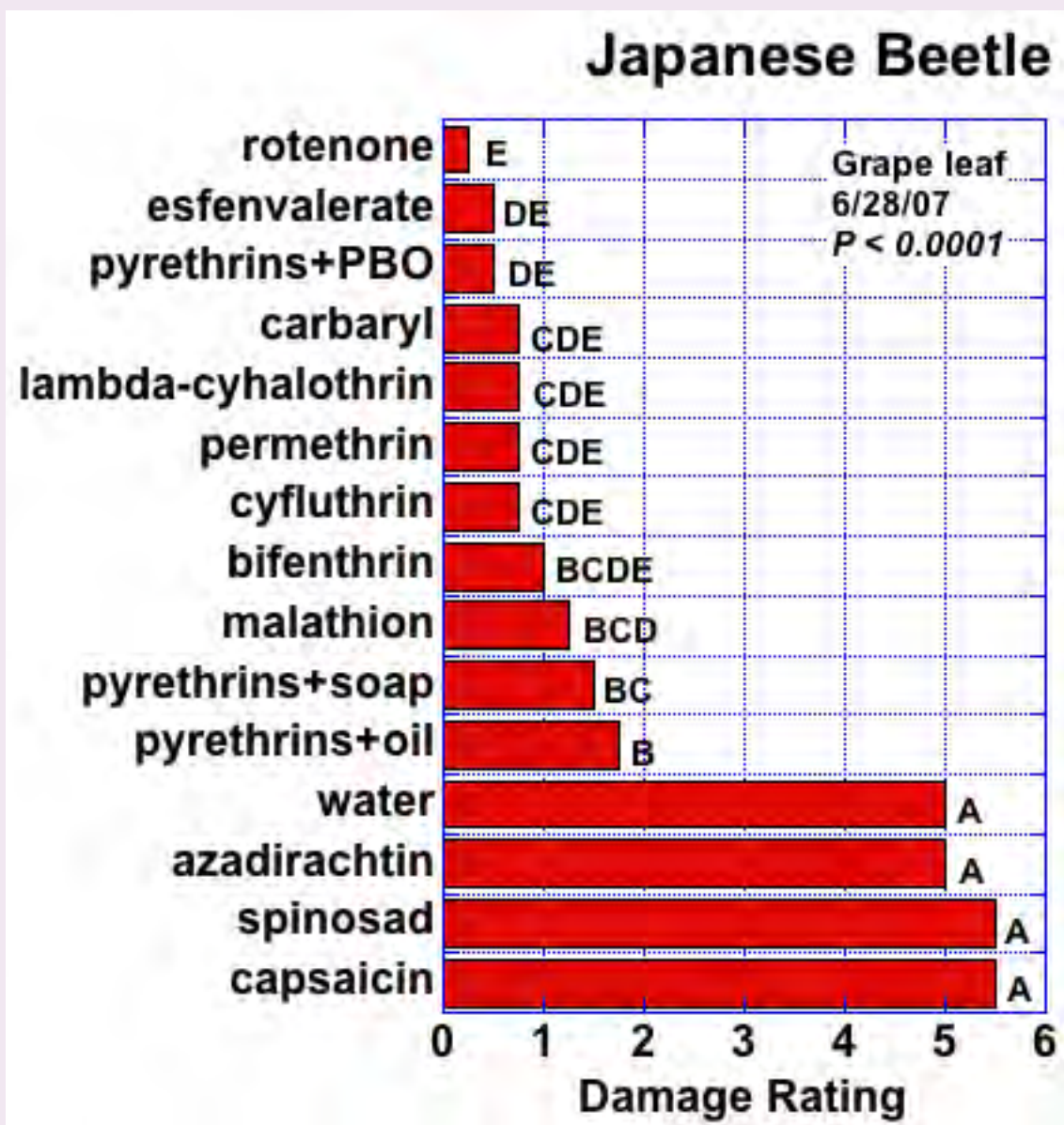


Japanese beetle

- Insecticides
 - Sevin (carbaryl)
 - pyrethrins + PBO
- Traps
 - can bring in MORE beetles
 - Do not place close to crop



Results of insecticide tests in laboratory bioassays

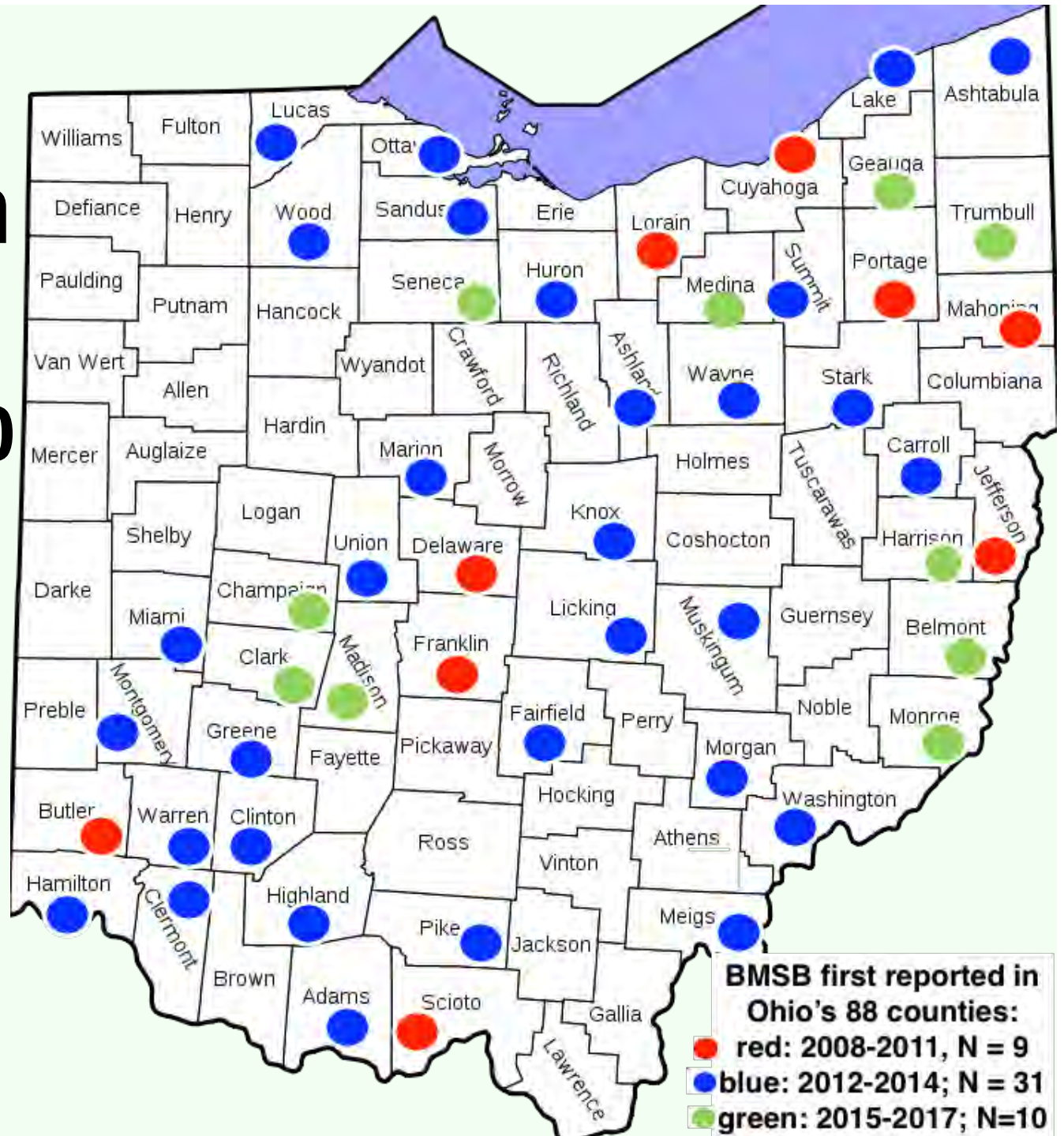


Brown marmorated stink bug



- **Invading Ohio since 2007**

BMSB detection in Ohio: in at least 50 of 88 counties as of 2017



Brown marmorated stink bug



- **Attacks fruits & seed pods**
- **Also nuisance pest:
invades homes in autumn**

Hosts of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

- **Fruit crop hosts:**
 - Peach, apple, pear, cherry, Asian pear
 - Raspberries, blackberries, grapes
- **Vegetable crops**
 - Sweet corn
 - Peppers
 - Tomatoes
- **Agronomic crops**
 - Soybean
 - Corn



Brown marmorated stink bug: **injury**



corn



pepper



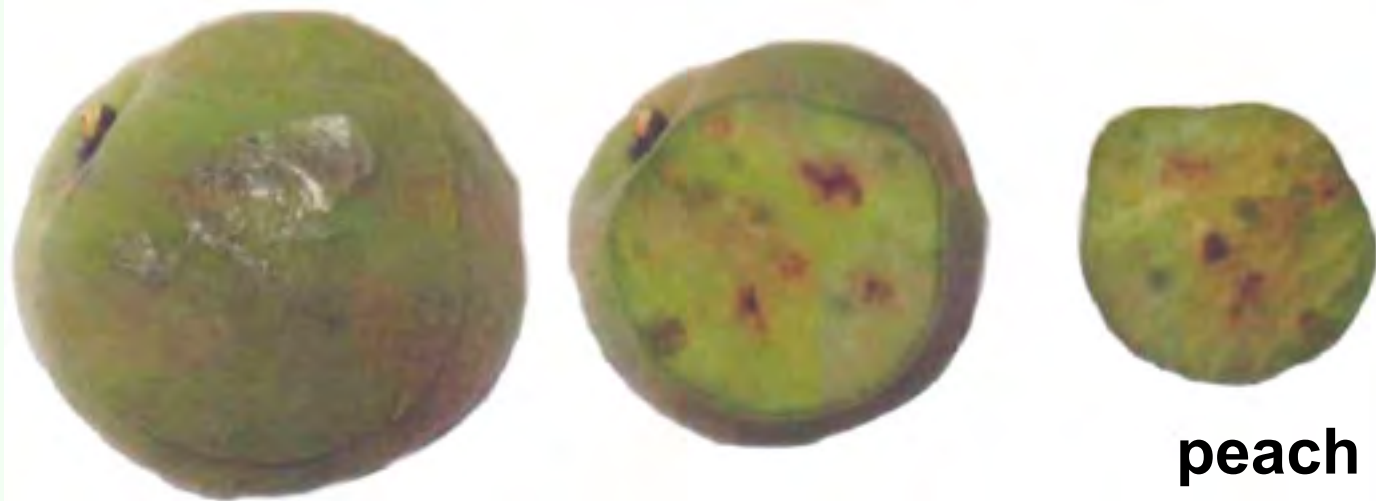
tomato



beans



Brown marmorated stink bug: injury on tree fruit

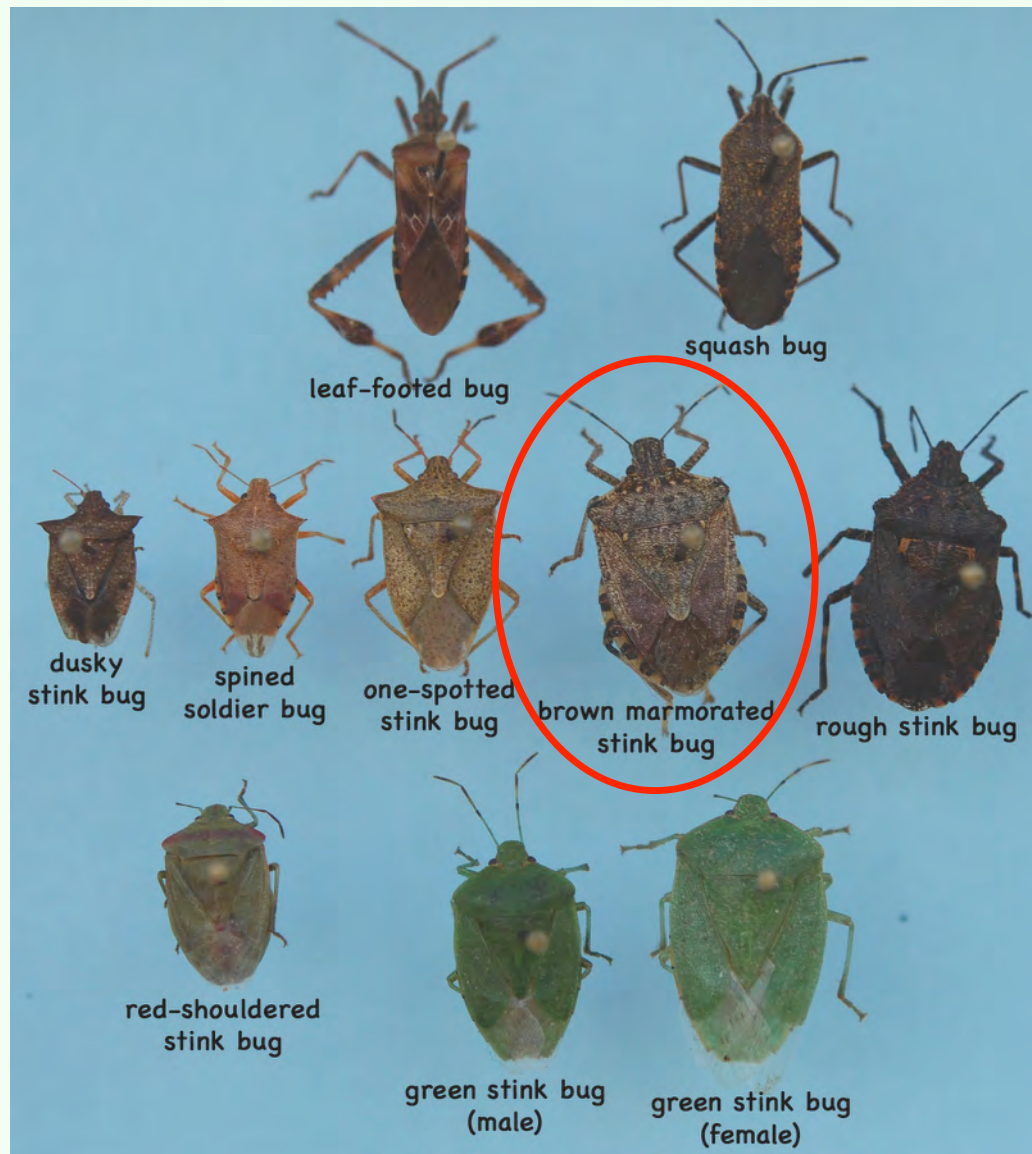


peach



apple

Tracy Leskey, USDA, 2010



**Note differences in size & shape
in pinned specimens side-by-side**

Mechanical control of stink bugs



- **Lightweight row covers**
- **The preferred tactic in small plantings**

Stink bug control in gardens

<i>Category</i>	<i>Ingredient</i>	<i>Common brand</i>
pyrethroids	bifenthrin	Ortho Max Bug-G-Gon Lawn & Garden Insect Killer
	permethrin	Bonide Eight Insect Control Veg Fruit & Flower
	cyfluthrin	Bayer Advanced Garden, Triple Action Insect Killer for Lawns & Gardens
	gamma-cyhalothrin	Spectricide Triazicide Insect Killer Once & Done!
neonicotinoid	acetamiprid	Ortho Max Flower Fruit & Vegetable Insect Killer
deterrent	kaolin	Surround At Home
for nymphs, not adults	spinosad	Bonide Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew

Fruit specialist pests

- Raspberry (1 pest)**
- Apple (2 pests)**
- Peach (2 pests)**
- Apple + peach (2 pests)**
- Cherry (1 pest)**
- Strawberry (1 pest)**



Spotted wing Drosophila

- Looks like common vinegar flies on overripe, fallen, decaying fruit
- But the new species attacks healthy ripening fruit
- Invading mainland USA since 2008



Fruit injury by Spotted wing Drosophila



Photo by Hannah Burrack, NCSU



Photo by R. DeJong, OMAFRA



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Photo by E.C. Burkness,
University of Minnesota



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Hosts of Spotted wing Drosophila



Photo by Martin Hauser

- **Early:** cherries
- **Mid:** raspberries, blueberries, blackberries
- **Late:** grapes
- strawberry, peach, plum
- cherry tomato



Photo by
Hannah Burrack, NCSU

Management of spotted wing *Drosophila*

- **Sanitation**
 - Strongly recommended!
 - Destroy leftover fruit
 - Easier said than done
 - Do every 2 days
 - Culls in clear plastic bags in sun, 1 week
 - Or bury culls 2 ft deep

Insecticides for SWD in garden raspberries & blackberries

Allowed, and PHI manageable:

- Very effective
 - **spinosad**, 3-day pre-harvest
 - **bifenthrin**, 3-day pre-harvest
 - **bifenthrin + zeta-cypermethrin**, 3-day PHI
- Effective
 - **malathion**, 1-day pre-harvest
- Moderately effective
 - **acetamiprid**, 1-day pre-harvest
- Efficacy uncertain but likely good
 - **pyrethrins + PBO**, 0-day pre-harvest

Representative brand names

- **spinosad:**
 - Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew (Bonide) →
 - Entrust (Dow) **OMRI**
Listed
- **bifenthrin:**
 - Ortho Bug B Gon Max Lawn & Garden Insect Killer
- **bifenthrin + zeta-cypermethrin:**
 - Ortho Bug B Gon Insect Killer for Lawns & Gardens →
- **acetamiprid**
 - Ortho Flower Fruit & Veg. Insect Killer Concentrate →
- **pyrethrins + PBO**
 - Garden Safe: Fruit & Vegetable Insect Killer →



Codling moth

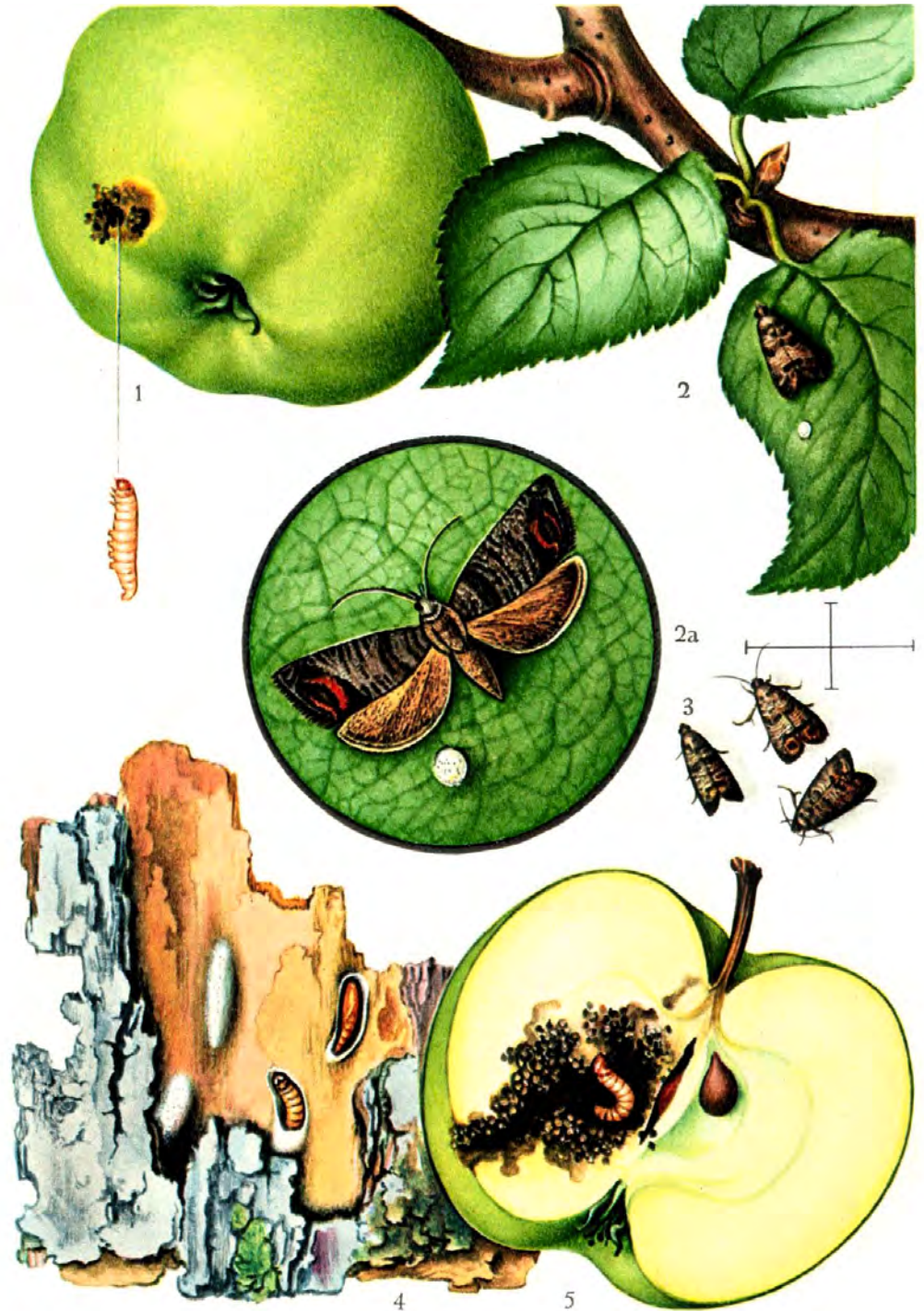


- The key pest in apple fruit (& pears)
- Young larva enters fruit, tunnels to seeds at core

Codling Moth Life cycle

1st generation
in May/June

2nd generation
in July/August



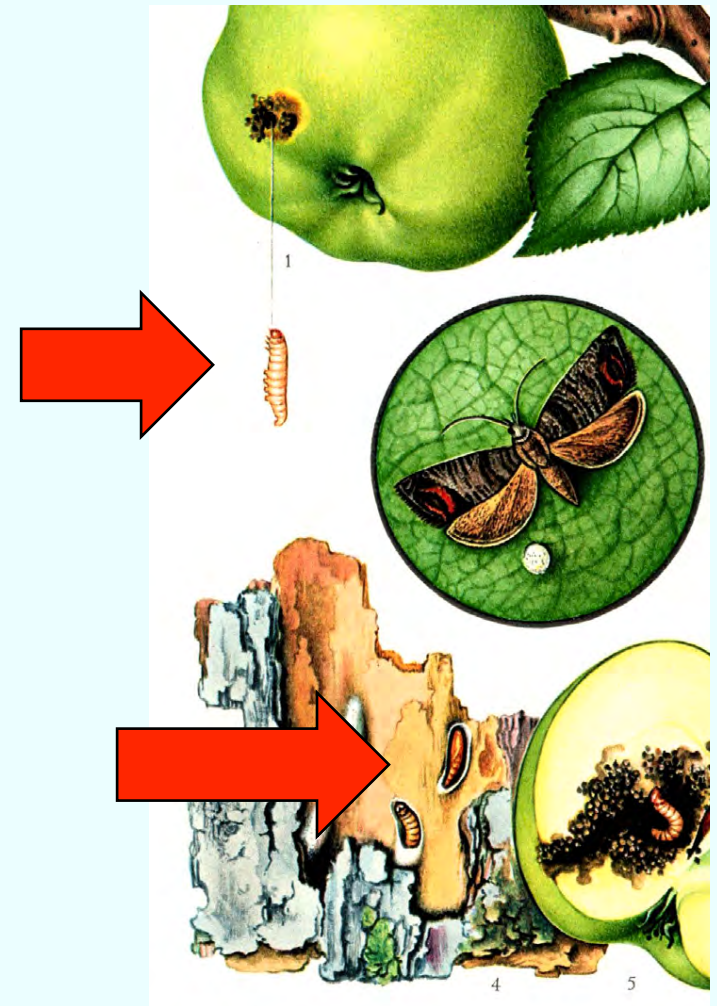
Mechanical **controls of** **codling moth**

- **Trunk bands**
- **Fruit bagging**



Trunk bands: the idea

- Larva exits fruit
- Crawls under bark scale to pupate
- Bands offer **shelter**
- Destroy the shelter!



Trunk bands:

**4 - 6" corrugated cardboard
on trunk & main branches**



Trunk bands:

4 - 6" corrugated cardboard
on trunk & main branches



<i>Target</i>	<i>Install</i>	<i>Remove & destroy</i>
1st generation	mid-May	Late June
2nd generation	mid-July	November

Fruit bagging

- **Supplies:**
 - **2-layer Japanese bags**
 - **Or brown paper bags + twist ties**



Fruit bagging



- Install on fruit $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter (~2 – 3 weeks after petal-fall)
- Remove 2 weeks before harvest
- Labor intensive!

Cultural controls of codling moth

- **Sanitation:**
 - Scrape cocoons from picking crates, fences
- **Host reservoir elimination:**
 - Cut down abandoned trees

Insecticide for codling moth?



- **Calendar approach:**
 - Spray every 2 weeks from petal-fall until harvest (= 9 sprays)
- **IPM approach:**
 - **Use 2 sprays @ 2 generations**
 - 1st spray at 1st egg hatch
 - 2nd spray 14 days later

When do codling moth eggs hatch?



- Hatch begins:
 - 2 to 3 weeks after moths begin to fly
 - Memorial Day +/- 1 week
 - 250 degree-days (base 50°F) after moths begin sustained flight
- Use pheromone trap for moth flight
- 'Biofix' is date sustained flight begins

Insecticides for codling moth

- **Organic**

- spinosad
- B.t.
- kaolin
- azadirachtin + pyrethrins

} shorter lived &
more selective
(narrow
spectrum)

- **Conventional**

- carbaryl
- malathion
- acetamiprid
- esfenvalerate
- gamma-cyhalothrin

} longer lived &
less selective
(broad
spectrum)

- **Natural but not OMRI**

- pyrethrins + PBO

‘Multi-purpose fruit spray’? (for insect + disease control)

- **malathion + carbaryl + captan**
 - Bonide Fruit Tree Spray Concentrate
 - Gordon’s Liquid Fruit Tree Spray
- **pyrethrins + sulfur**
 - Bonide Citrus, Fruit & Nut Orchard Spray
- **pyrethrins + PBO + extract of neem oil**
 - GreenLight Fruit Tree Spray Concentrate
 - Ferti-lome Fruit Tree Spray
- **lambda-cyhalothrin + pyraclostrobin + boscalid**
 - Bonide Fruit Tree & Plant Guard Concentrate

‘Multi-purpose fruit spray’? (for insect + disease control)

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 - Gordon’s Liquid Fruit Tree Spray

} beware fruit thinning for 30 days after bloom
- **pyrethrins + sulfur**
 - Bonide Citrus, Fruit & Nut Orchard Spray

} only organic option
- **pyrethrins + PBO + extract of neem oil**
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kaolin: 'Surround At Home'



Apple maggot: damage



- **A key pest in northern USA**
- **Not a pest in southern USA**
- **Variable in latitude of Ohio**

Apple maggot: life stages



- **Adult fly lays egg on fruit**
- **Larva tunnels through fruit**
- **Pupate in soil**

Apple maggot: mechanical control

- Adult female fly attracted to round red object
- **Sticky ball trap**: 1 trap per 100 real fruit
- **‘Tanglefoot’**
- Clean with **mineral spirits**
- Optional: fruit volatile lure



Apple maggot: chemical control

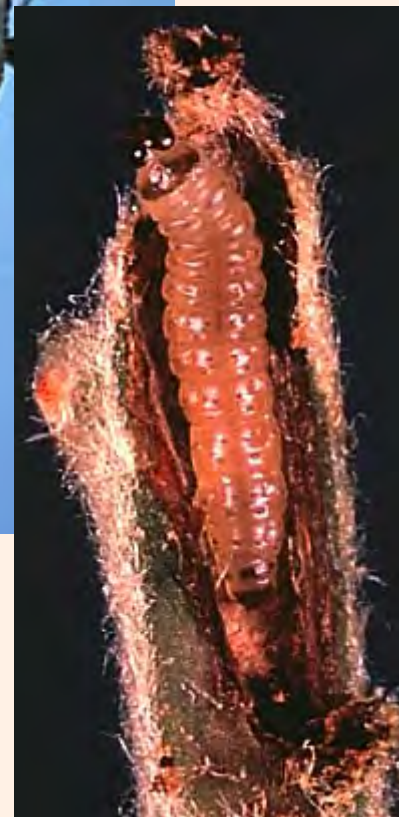
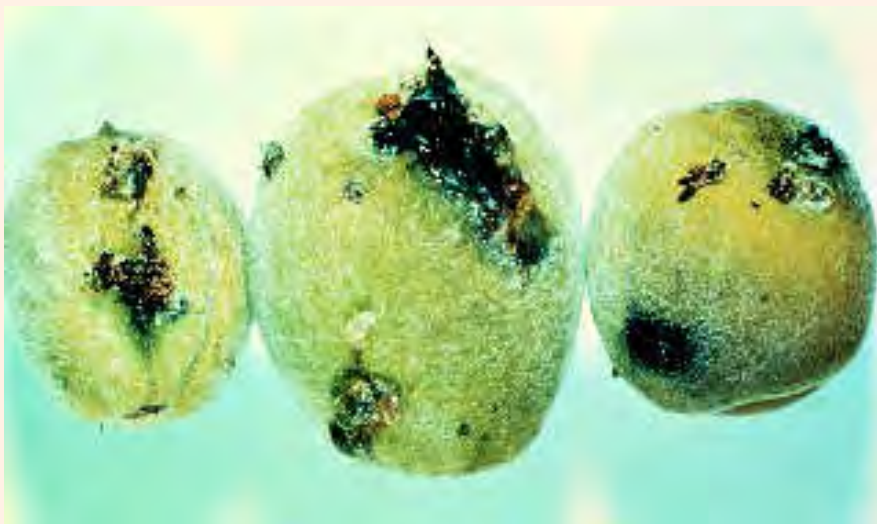
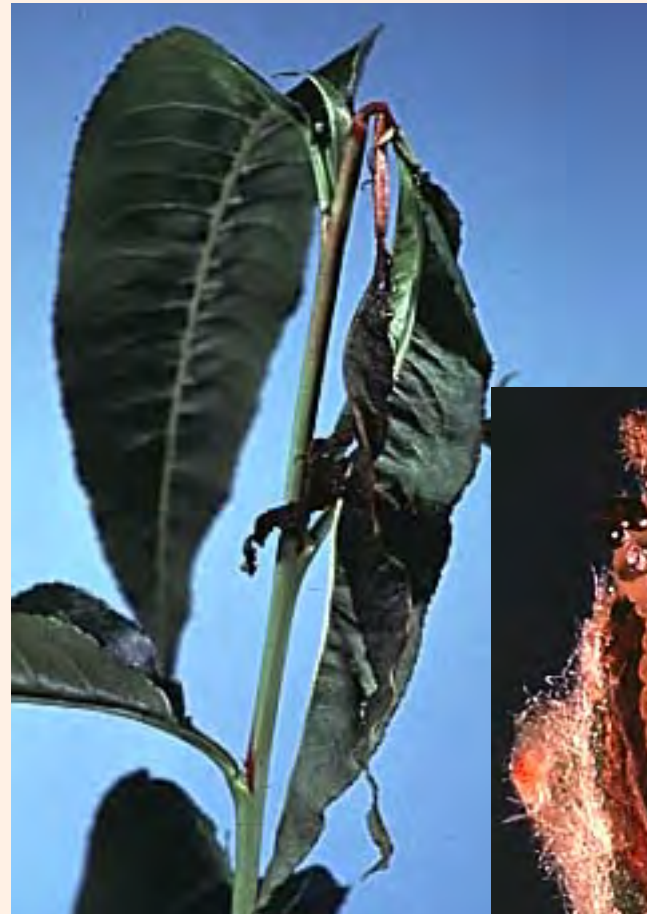


- Spray **every 2 weeks** in July & August
- Products:
 - acetamiprid
 - carbaryl
 - esfenvalerate
 - spinosad



Oriental Fruit Moth

- **1st & 2nd broods:**
tunnel in terminal shoots
- **2nd & 3rd broods:**
tunnel in fruit



Oriental Fruit Moth in Peaches



Control Options:

- **Prune flagged terminal shoots in spring**
- **Insecticide**
 - permethrin, malathion, or Sevin
 - Most important to apply at petal-fall
 - Additional applications in all remaining cover sprays

Borers in peach trees



- **Peachtree borer**
 - Attack healthy tree at soil line
 - One generation per year



- **Lesser peachtree borer**
 - Attack injured scaffold branches
 - Two generations per year

Cultural control of borers

- Train trees to form wide angles
- Promote healthy trees
- Avoid practices that injure bark
 - Over load of fruit
 - Improper pruning
 - Mowing injury
 - Fertilizing
 - Damage during harvest

Mechanical control of borers

- **‘Worming’**
- **Effective**
- **Insert knife or wire into entry hole**
- **Smash the larvae!**
- **Do in early spring or late fall**
- **Practical in small plantings**



Chemical control of borers

- Dip bare roots before planting new trees
- Insecticide drench (start year 2)
 - Preventive via residual action
 - Curative via fumigant action
- Target on tree:
 - Soil line for peachtree borer
 - Trunk & scaffolds for lesser PTB

Chemical control of borers

- **Recent cancellation of bark drench by chlorpyrifos or endosulfan**
- **Foliar spray to control adult borer:**
 - **spinosad**
 - **Bonide's Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew**
 - **permethrin**
 - **Bonide's Eight**
 - **lambda-cyhalothrin**
 - **Bonide's Fruit Tree and Plant Guard Concentrate**



Plum curculio

- **External damage from egg-laying**
 - On apples
 - On plum, peach, cherry, blueberry
- **Internal damage from larvae tunneling**
 - In plum, peach, cherry, blueberry
 - Not in apple



Plum curculio: adult



- Hides during day
- Active at night
- Active when $>65^{\circ}\text{F}$, humid, calm
- Falls when disturbed

Plum curculio: external damage

- Egg-laying scar: crescent
- Late-season feeding damage: ragged hole



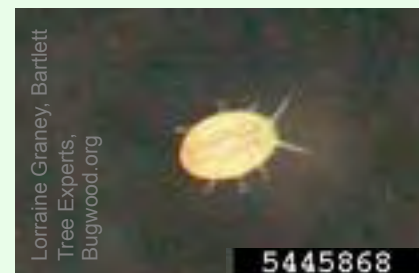
Plum curculio: control



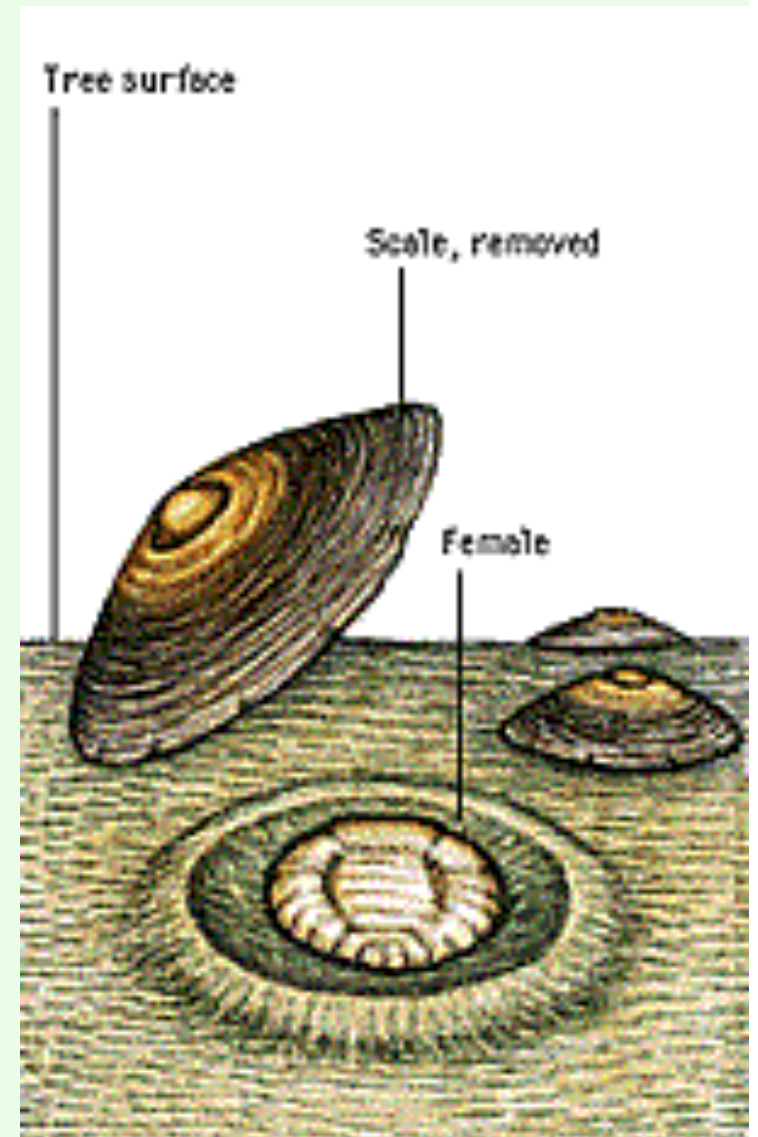
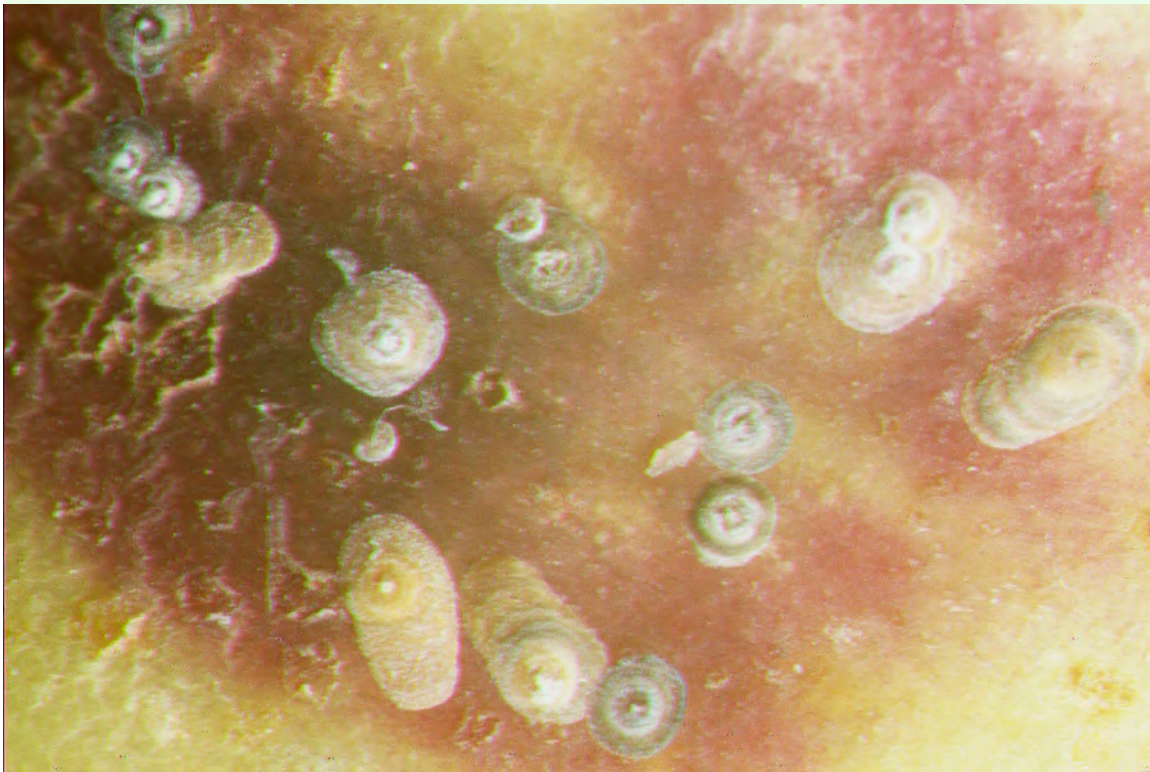
- **Not many effective tactics**
- **Mechanical :**
 - Limb jarring ('beating') on first warm humid nights near petal-fall
- **Chemical :**
 - permethrin at petal-fall
 - kaolin ('Surround') at petal-fall & weekly for 2 more weeks

San Jose scale

- Sucking pest
- Injures fruit & bark
- Overwinters on **bark**
- Disperses to **fruit** in crawler stage



San Jose Scale



San Jose scale: control at dormant stage



In late winter or early spring:

- Use **oil** to smother the overwintering population on bark
- Or use **lime sulfur**

San Jose scale: details about **oil** spray



- Best **before buds swell**
- When temperature **above freezing** within a day of application
- Horticultural spray oil
- Apply **dilute** (2 oz oil in 100 oz water); spray to run-off, cover all bark

San Jose scale:

post-bloom control by insecticide



- Target crawler stage
- Choices:
 - malathion
 - carbaryl (Sevin)
 - insecticidal soap

San Jose scale:

When are crawlers crawling?



- **Start about 4-6 weeks after bloom**
(early June in mid-Ohio)
- **Emergence lasts several weeks**

San Jose scale:

How to know when crawlers are crawling?

- Use black sticky **tape** (electrical tape)
- Wrap sticky-side out around branch
- Look for **tiny bright yellow** crawlers



Cherry Fruit Fly



- **Similar to apple maggot**
- **Female fly lays eggs on fruit for 3-4 weeks in June and July**

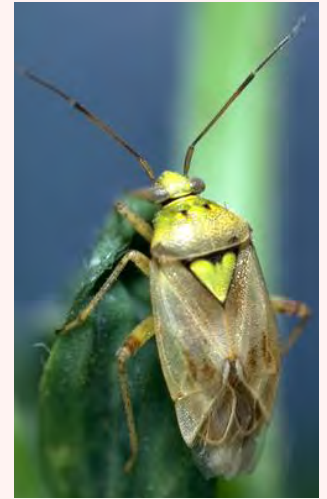
Cherry Fruit Fly



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- **Mechanical control by traps**
 - Yellow sticky traps baited with ammonium
- **Chemical control**
 - Insecticide targets adult flies
 - carbaryl or spinosad or permethrin
 - Apply within 1 week of first fly emergence
 - Every 10 days from June to harvest

Tarnished plant bug



- **Causes fruit deformities:**

- **Strawberry:**

- Apical seediness
 - Hollow seeds

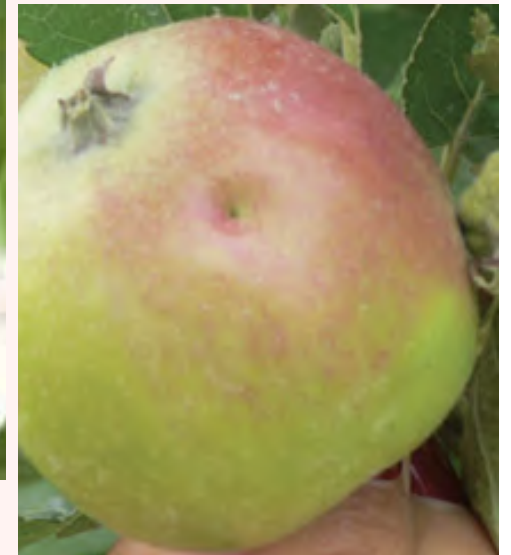


- **Peaches:**

- ‘Catfacing’

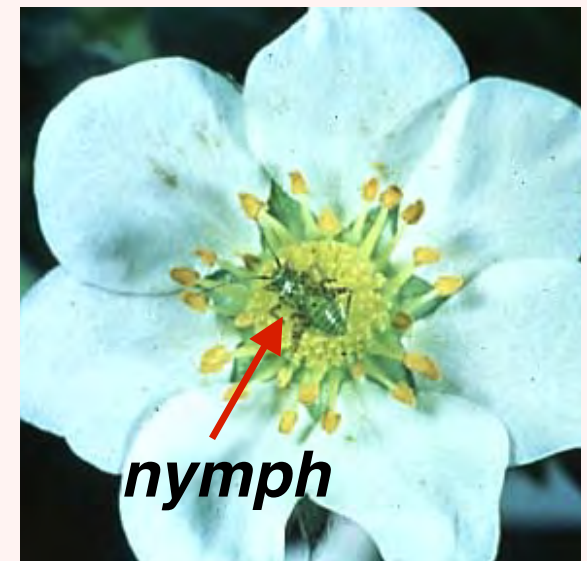
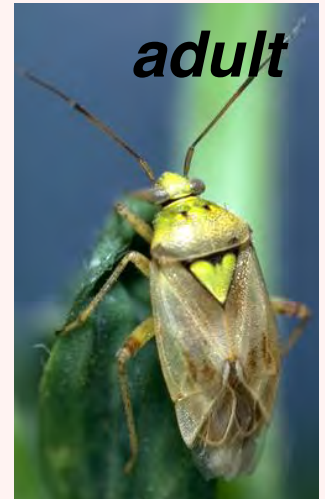
- **Apples**

- ‘Dimples’



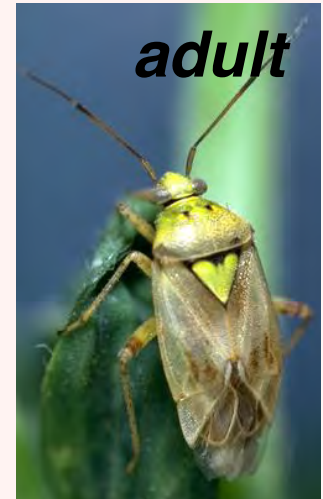
Tarnished plant bug

- Adults feed in flower
- Nymphs feed on flower & fruit of strawberry



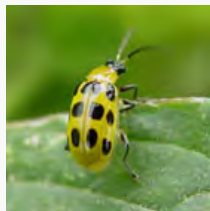
Tarnished plant bug

- Cultural control by weed management
 - Weeds are also host plants
 - Especially weeds that flower early (before strawberries bloom)
- Chemical control before & after bloom
 - permethrin
 - pyrethrins + PBO



Which fruit crops have fewest pests?

- ~~Blueberries~~
- ~~Blackberries~~
- ~~Red raspberries~~
- ~~Ever-bearing strawberries~~
- **Black raspberries**
- **Strawberries (June-bearing)**
- **Grapes**



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