

Using a Phenological Model and Border Spray for Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

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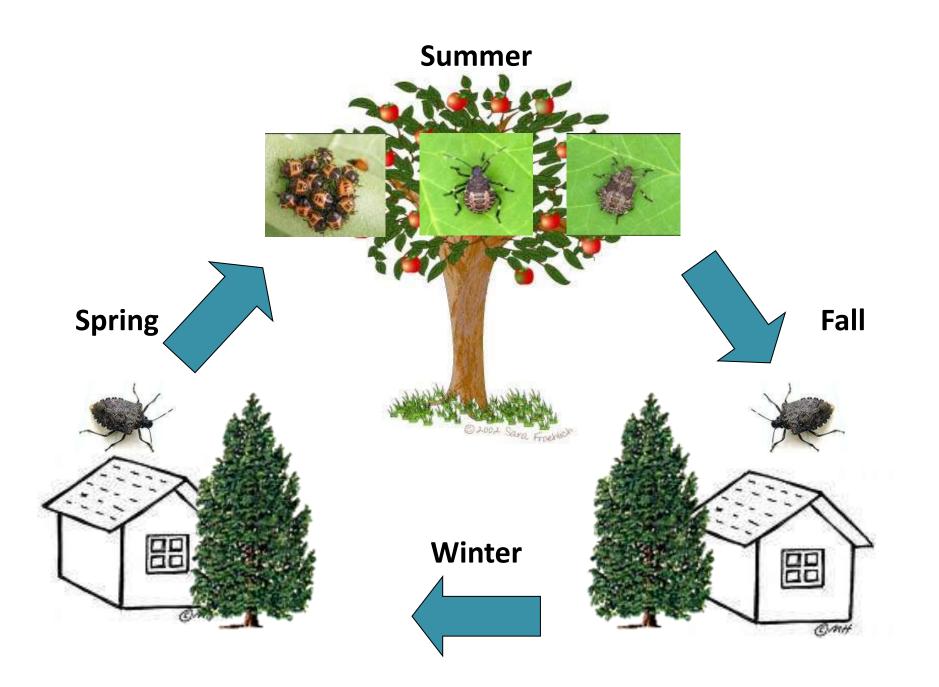
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#### BMSB Overview

- Invasive species
- Stink bug 5 nymphal instars
- Adults and nymphs feed on 100+ host plants

 Cause corking on interior of fruit and sunken or cat-faced fruit

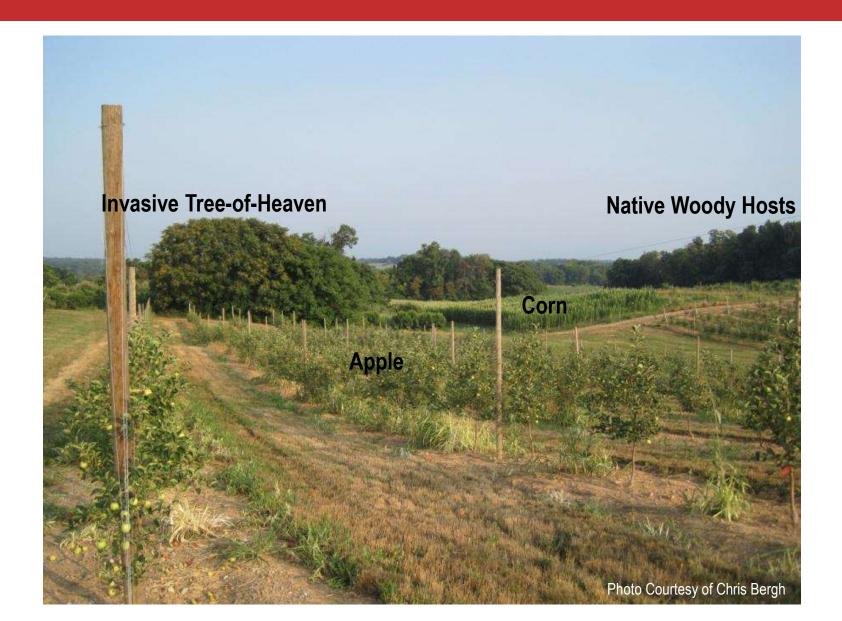




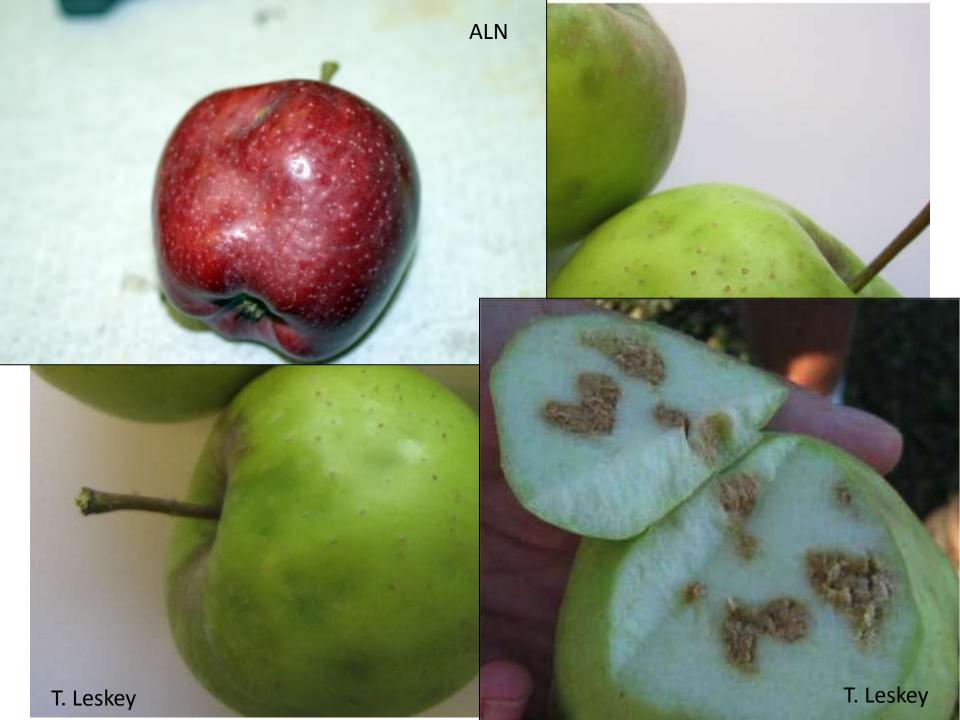
### Why is BMSB a Severe Pest?

- Lack of natural enemies
- Different susceptibility to insecticides than native species
- Short residual of many insecticides
- Season-long pest in peach
- Population peaks when apples and pears are beginning to ripen
- Perimeter driven pest
- Highly mobile

### Landscape Level Threat to Crops



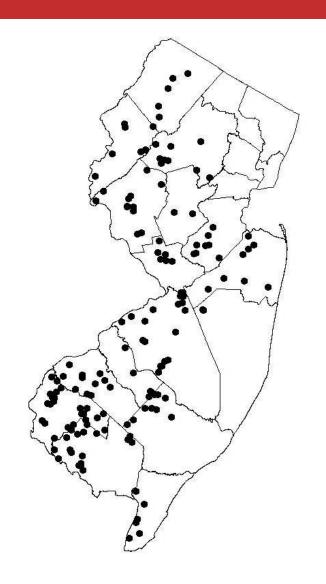




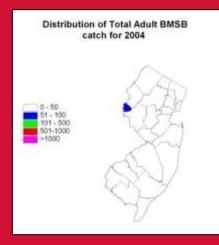
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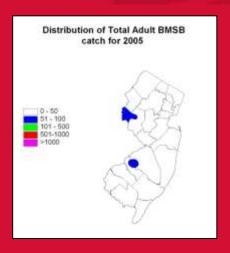
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  - Black light traps
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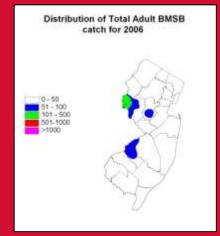
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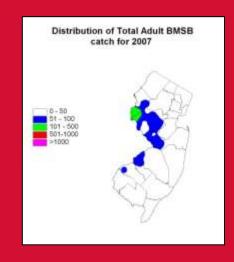


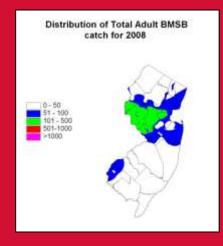
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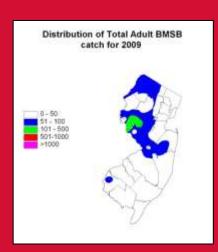


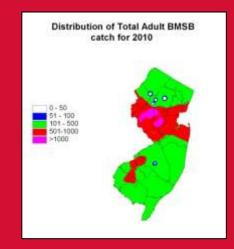


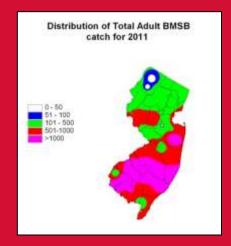












#### Monitoring BMSB

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#### 2. Farmscape

- Aggregation pheromone traps
- How do they fit into a monitoring program?
- 3. On-plant



#### **Monitoring BMSB**

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2. Farmscape

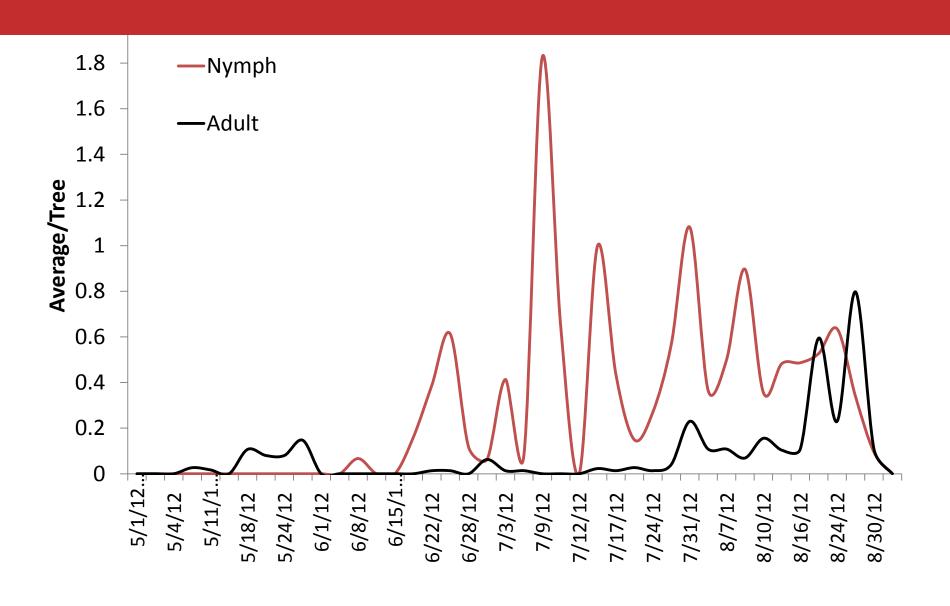


- 3. On-plant
  - Visual observations
  - Sweep net

#### How Do We Manage BMSB?

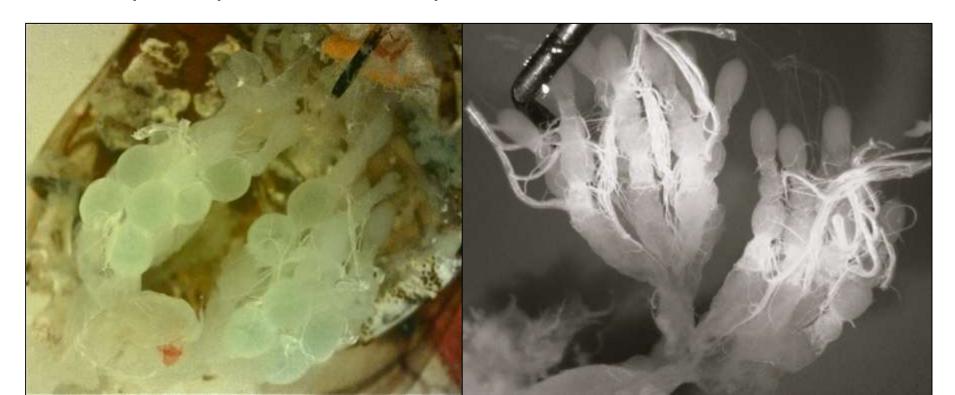
- Current management relies heavily on insecticides, with up to 15/year on a calendar basis
- Control tactics should rely on accurate forecasting and phenological predictions
- Can we develop a phenological model to base an IPM program around?
  - Seasonality
  - DD accumulations
  - Population forecasting

#### Seasonality in Peach - 2012

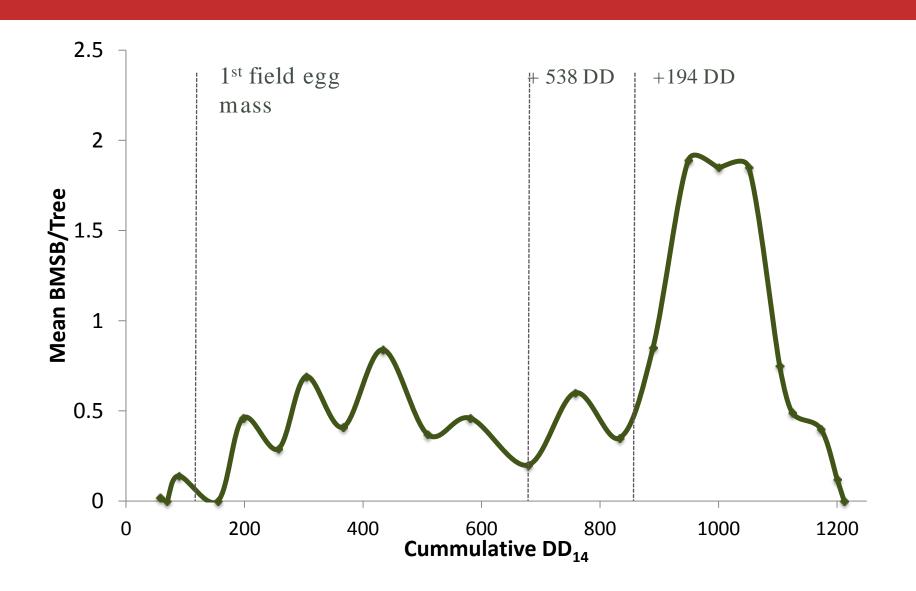


#### Can We Develop a Phenological Model?

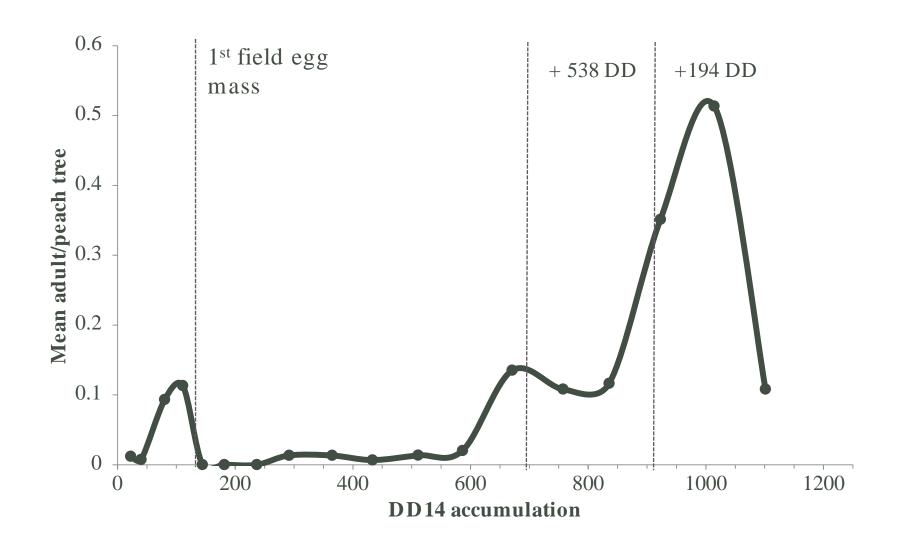
- Allow us to predict movement into the orchard
  - Gradually emerge from overwintering sites
  - Termination of diapause is a function of both photoperiod and temperature



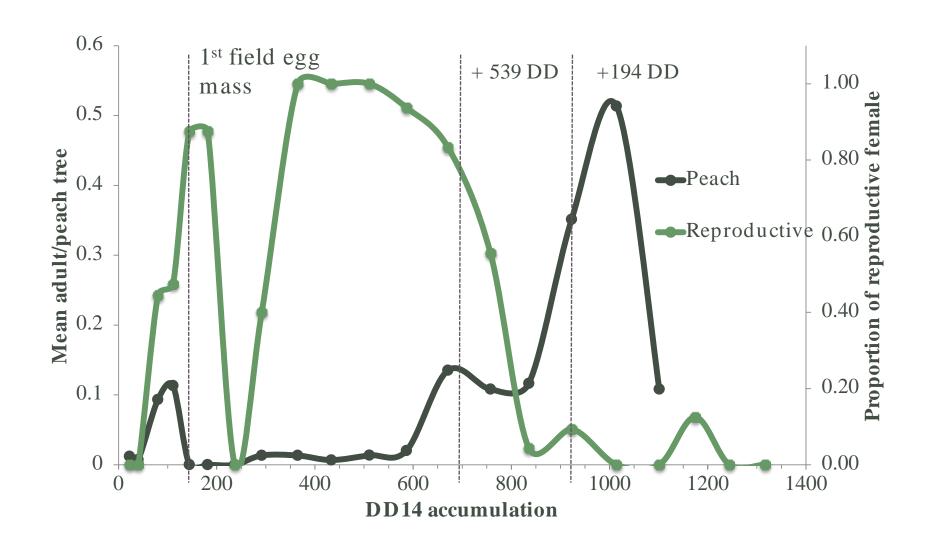
#### Phenological Model - 2011



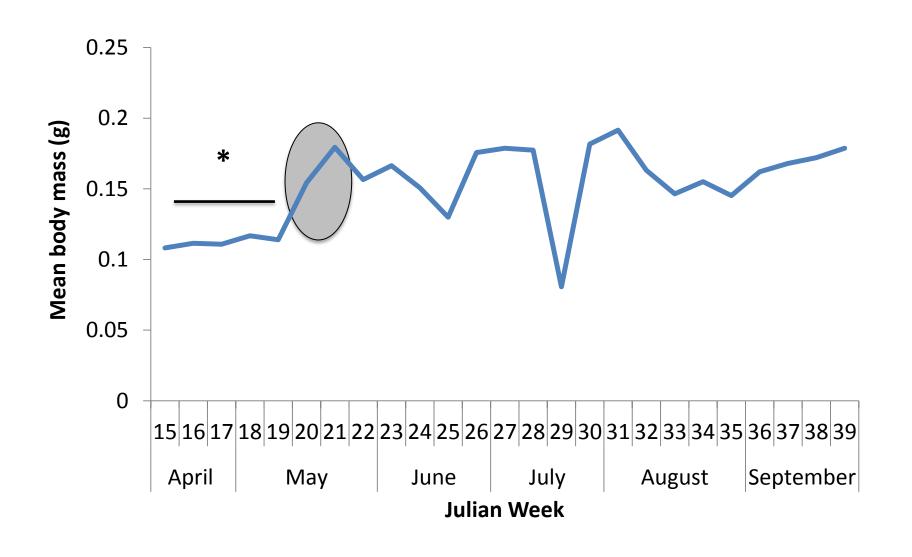
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#### Phenological model



#### Female Body Mass



# What are the Best Chemicals for Controlling BMSB?

 May be differences between efficacy against overwintering adults and summer adults

Poor residual activity is a concern

Starting to see secondary pest issues

BMSB	Product Name	AI	Class
++++	Endigo ZC	lambda-cyhalothrin + thiomethoxam	N+P
++++	Belay	clothianidin	N
++++	Voliam Flexi	thiomethoxam + chlorantraniliprole	N+D
++++	Voliam Xpress	lambda-cyhalothrin + chlorantraniliprole	P+D
++++	Brigade/Bifenture**	bifenthrin	Р
+++	Actara	thiomethoxam	N
+++	Ambush/Pounce/Perm-Up	permethrin	Р
+++	Baythroid	beta-cyfluthrin	Р
+++	Leverage	imidacloprid + cyfluthrin	P+N
+++	Warrior/Warrior II	lambda cyhalothrin	Р
+++	Admire Pro	imidacloprid	N
+++	Scorpion/Venom**	dinotefuran	N
++	Lannate	methomyl	С

#### Early Season Reduced-risk Trial

- Evaluated biopesticide or organic compounds against nymphs
- Azera, MBI-206, M-Pede showed laboratory efficacy and reduction in feeding injury against early season fruit



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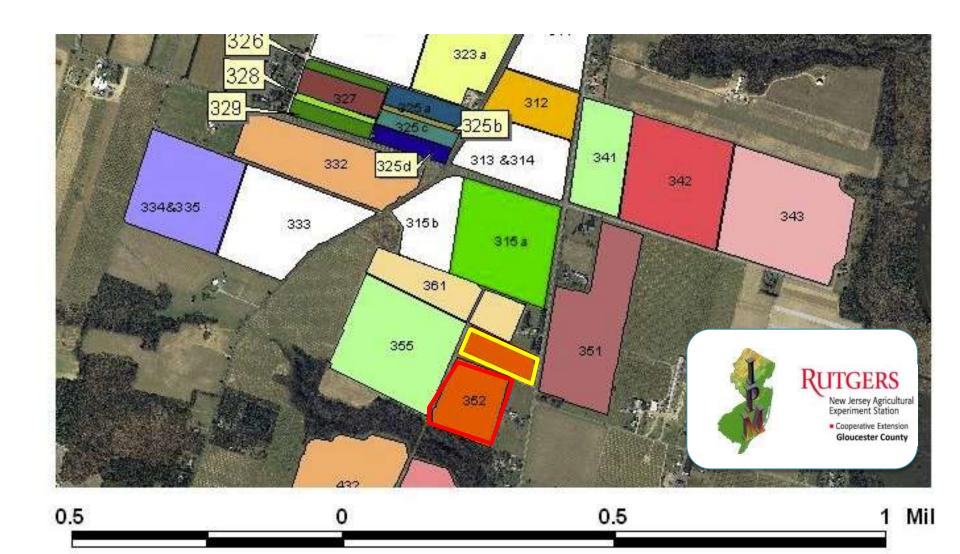
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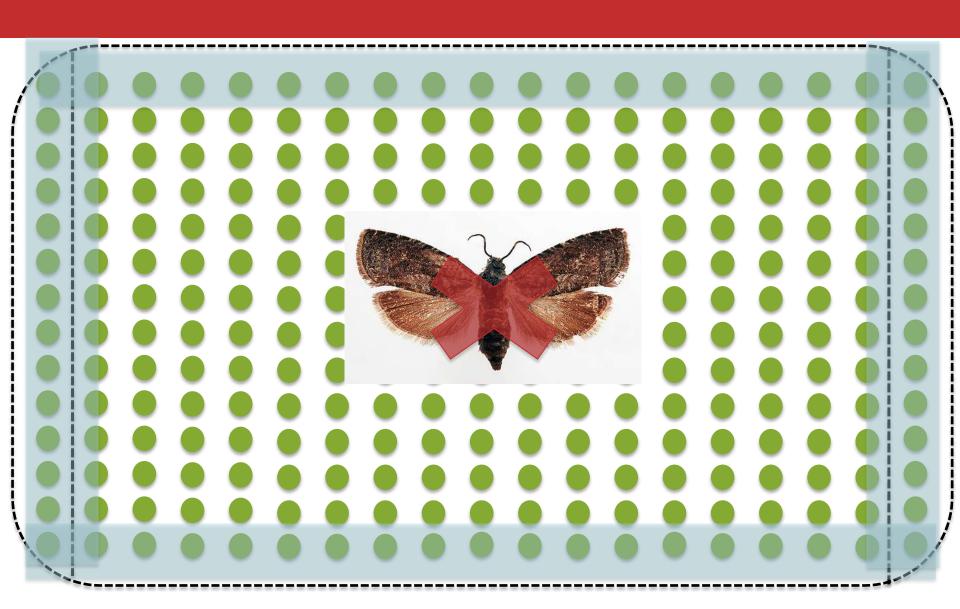
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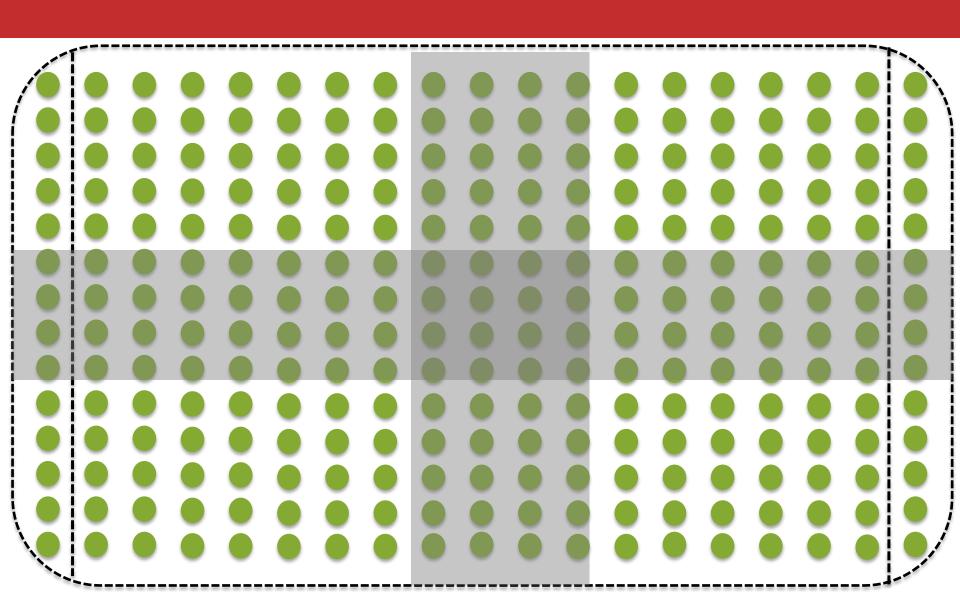
- Compared to grower standard spray, every 14 day or 10d ARM sprays
  - Jersey Queen or Harcrest varieties
- Apply insecticides for BMSB to perimeter of orchard only
  - Ground cover management, builds on previous IPM programs
  - Mating disruption for OFM (Isomate M-100; 100/acre)
  - Cover Sprays every 7-10 days
  - Beginning late-May
- Sampled weekly for stink bugs, TPB, catfacing injury, OFM stings and flagging, brown rot
  - Transect samples of perimeter of orchard, interior and middle
- At harvest, evaluated 800-900 fruit per block for insect injury



### Sample Orchard

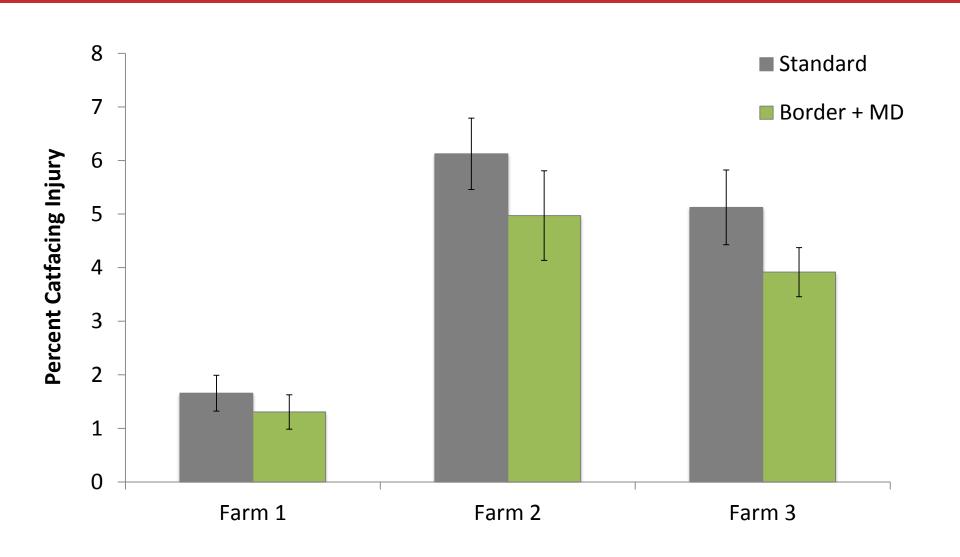


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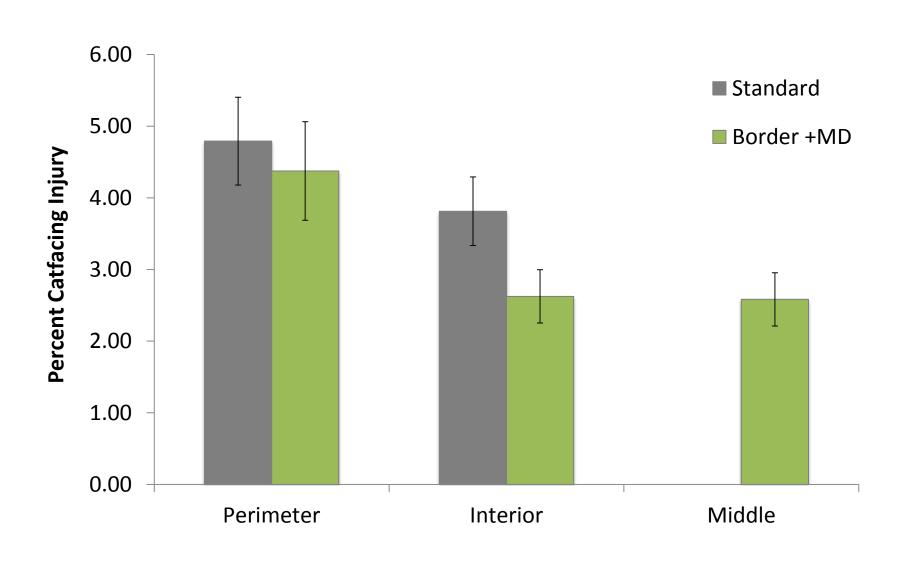


#### Did it Work?

### Injury at Harvest



#### Injury by Location Within Orchard



#### **Border Spray Trial Results**

- No difference in OFM or PC fruit injury
- Cost of application/acre of cover sprays:

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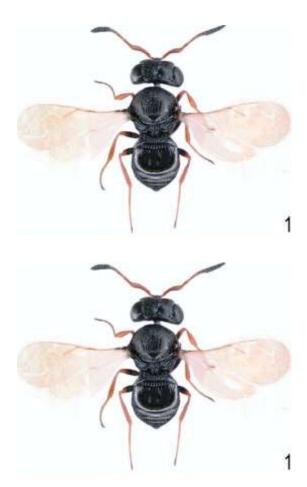
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#### Additional Expected Benefits

- Reduced impact on natural enemies
  - Biological control
  - 2° pests

- Flexibility
  - 7 day interval
- Reduced AI in environment
  - Worker safety



### Putting it all together

- Biofix of January 1
- Movement into orchards at ~80-120 DD
- Early Spring temperatures will not speed up activity
- Phenological model predicts activity and key reproductive periods



#### Putting it all together

- Target early season population during movement into crops
- Perimeter sprays effective in 2012
  - Save highly efficacious materials for late-season applications
- Border sprays save \$\$







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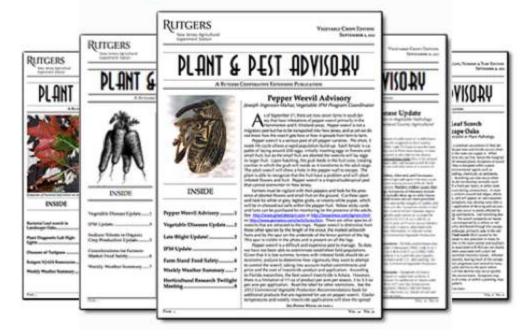
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