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Update on Spotted Wing Drosophila

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Spotted wing drosophila (SWD)

Drosophila suzukii



- Invasive pest, native to Southeast Asia
- First detected in US in 2008
- Widely established around North America
- Unlike other common fruit and vinegar flies, SWD targets intact fruits while they are still ripening on the plant making them unmarketable

Moving from crisis response to long-term integrated management of SWD

- SWD Biology
 - seasonality
 - crops at risk
 - wild hosts
 - overwintering biology
 - short and long-distance movement
 - host finding, chemical ecology
 - natural enemies
- Management: short-term solutions
 - monitoring
 - chemical control
 - cultural practices
 - exclusion netting
- Management: longer-term solutions
 - behavioral control
 - biological control

Research efforts to
manage Spotted wing
drosophila (SWD)

Monitoring

Chemical control

Behavioral control

Biological control

Monitoring is Key to Integrated Pest Management

- when management efforts need to be applied, increasing effectiveness

- delays in applying insecticides until they are needed, reducing environmental impacts and economic costs by saving sprays

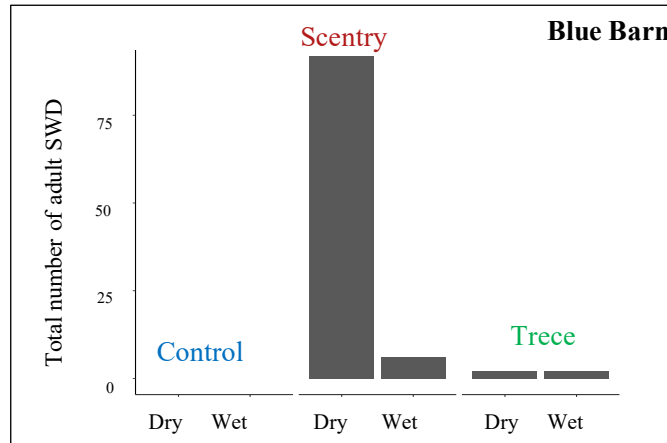
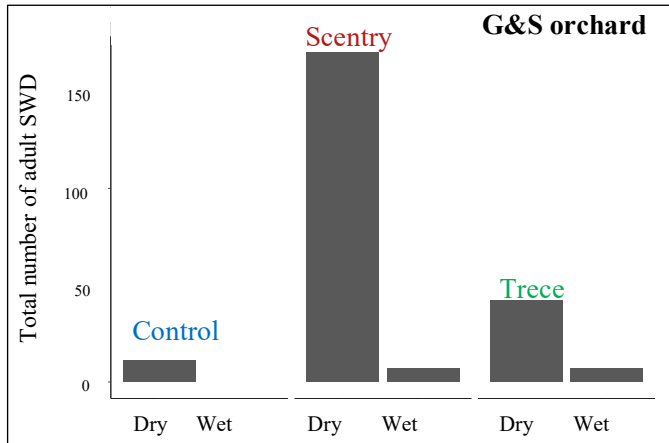
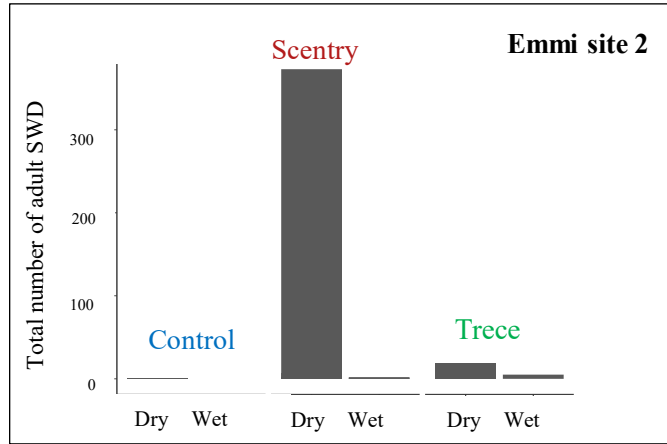
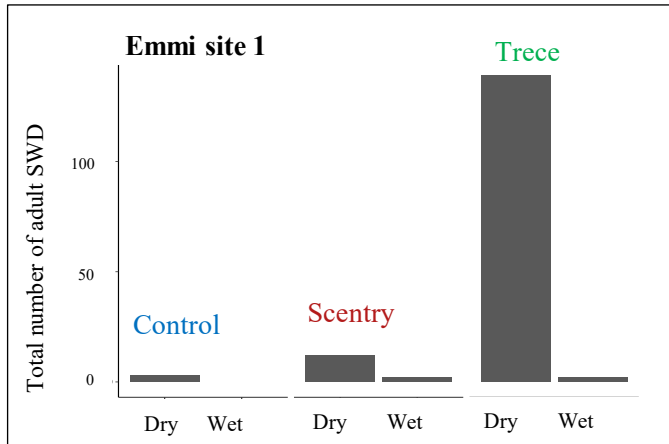
Monitoring of SWD adults

- Most common trap (Deli cup/liquid trap) with an attractive bait and a drowning solution
- Dry red sticky panels, counting males only, are easier to use



Traps integrating (red visual cue + olfactory cue) captured more SWD than the clear deli-cup traps

New York farm's dry and wet trap trials in 2021



Dry red sticky traps are more effective to capture SWD than wet traps

Monitoring of SWD in NY- 2022

Red Sticky Trap baited with lure



To simplify monitoring for SWD for risk assessment and initiating control



- Four different sites (June-August)
- Collaboration with grower influencers

Correlate male capture with fruit infestation levels to optimize SWD monitoring



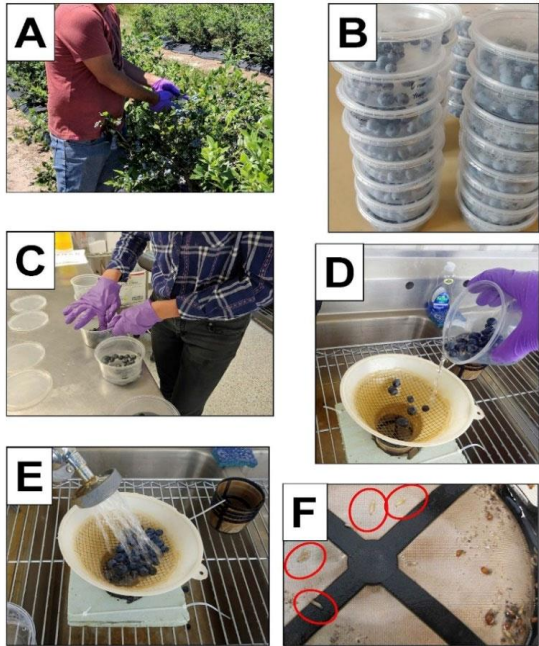
Larvae monitoring



Salt flotation

Goal: develop economic based aid tool to help growers to make optimal SWD control decisions

Monitoring of SWD larvae



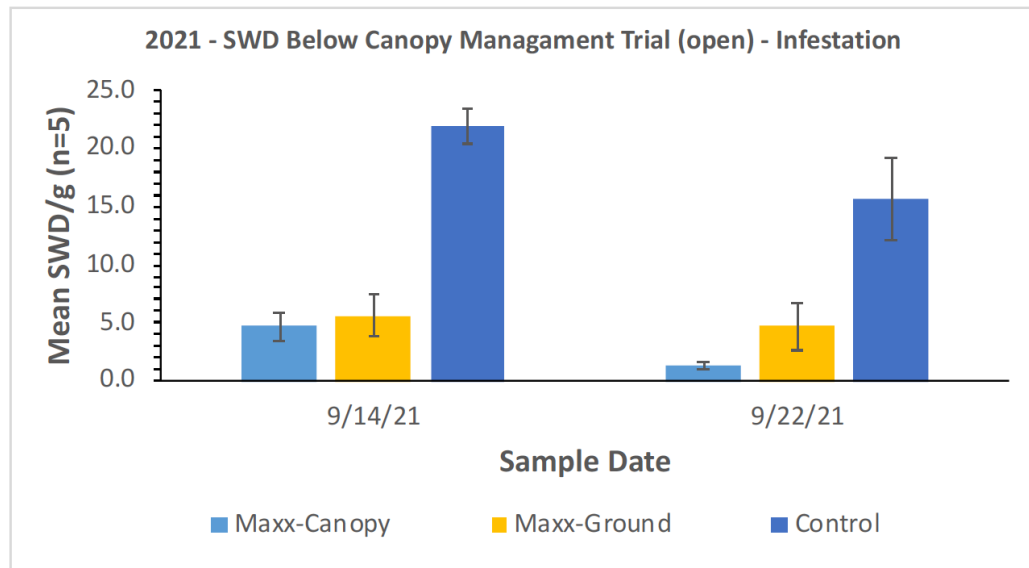
- A. Collect berries
- B. Put the berries in the cups
- C. Crush the berries
- D. Add salt solution and leave for an hour
- E. Filter the solution through mesh
- F. Count the SWD larvae

Salt flotation to check for SWD larvae

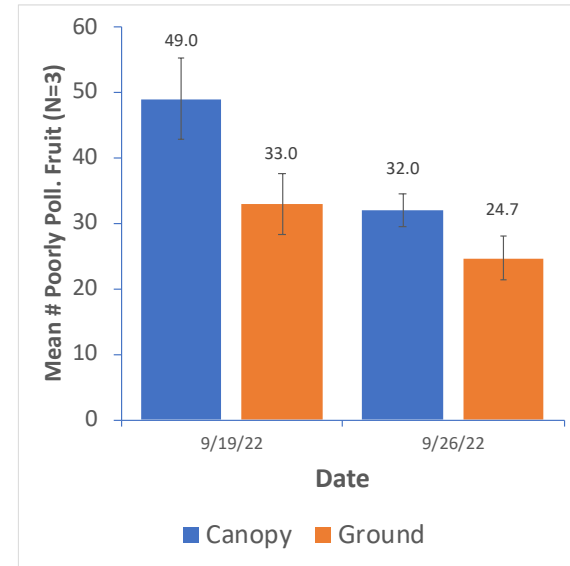
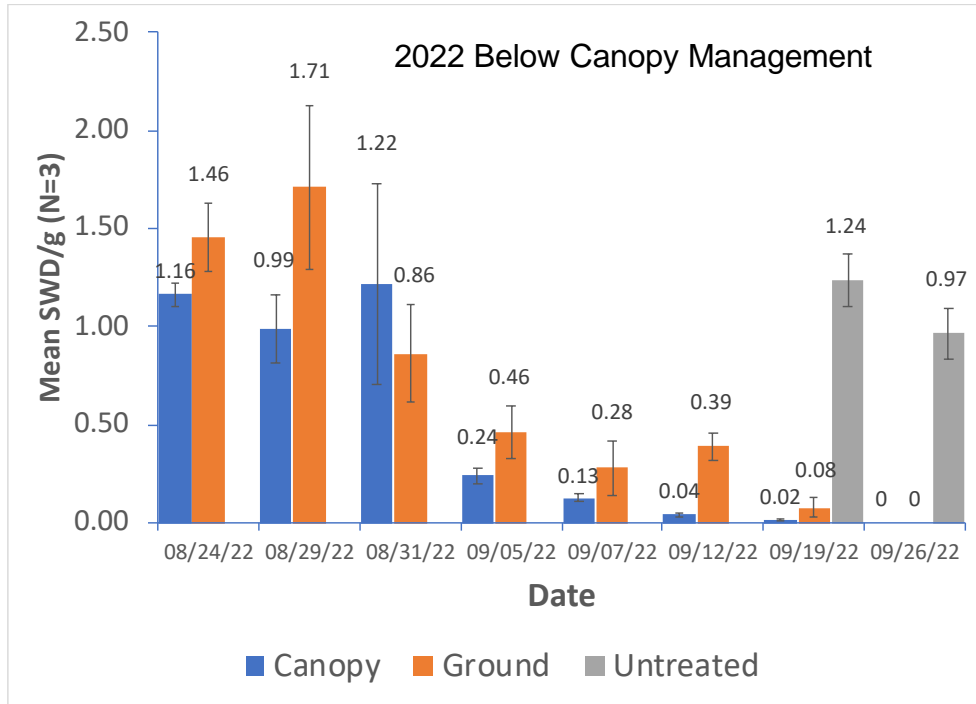
Majority of control efforts for SWD rely on chemical control

- weekly insecticide applications
- Insecticides can be very effective, but they have disadvantages:
 - non-target effects
 - health risk
 - secondary pests
 - insecticide resistance
 - costly

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Insecticide resistance trial

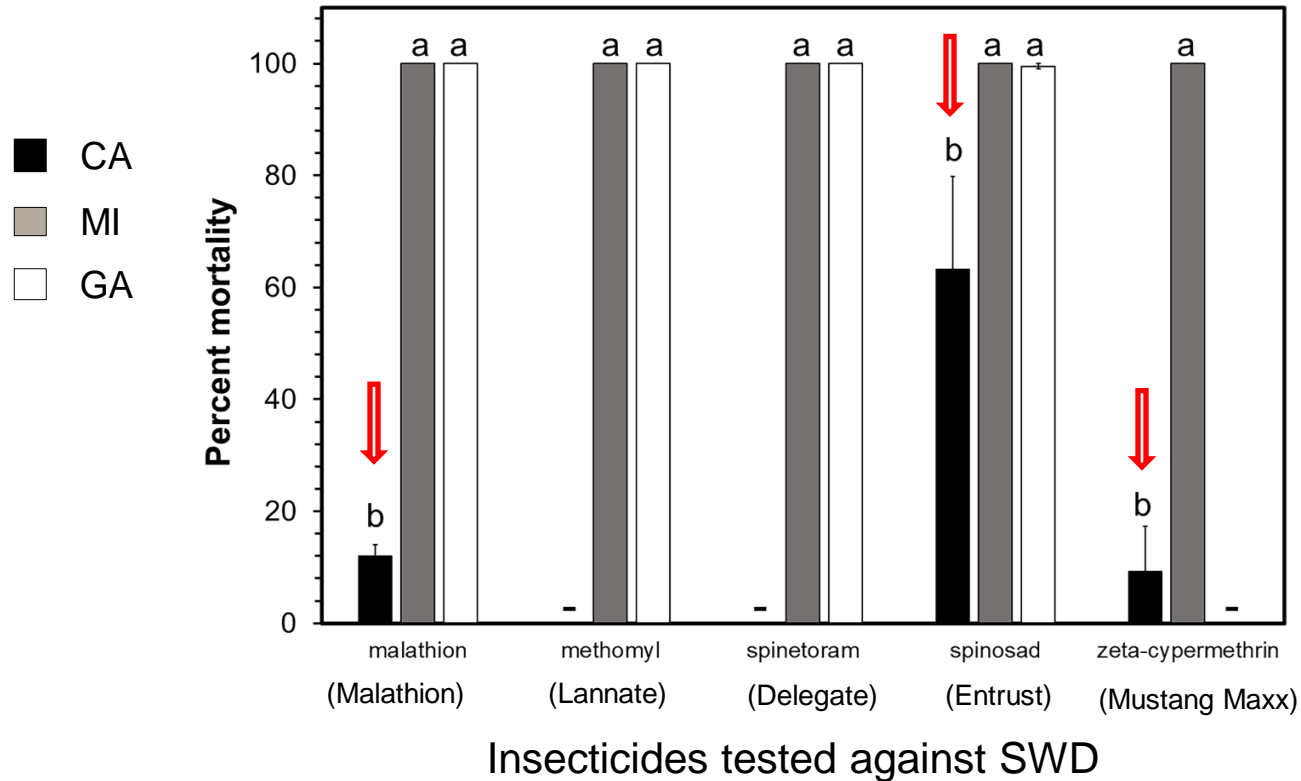


RAPID = Rapid Assessment Protocol for Identification
of resistant SWD populations

Dose-Response Panel:

- malathion
- methomyl
- spinetoram
- spinosad
- zeta-cypermethrin
- bifenthrin
- fenpropathrin
- acetamiprid
- cyantraniliprole

Resistance high in California, but low in Michigan and Georgia

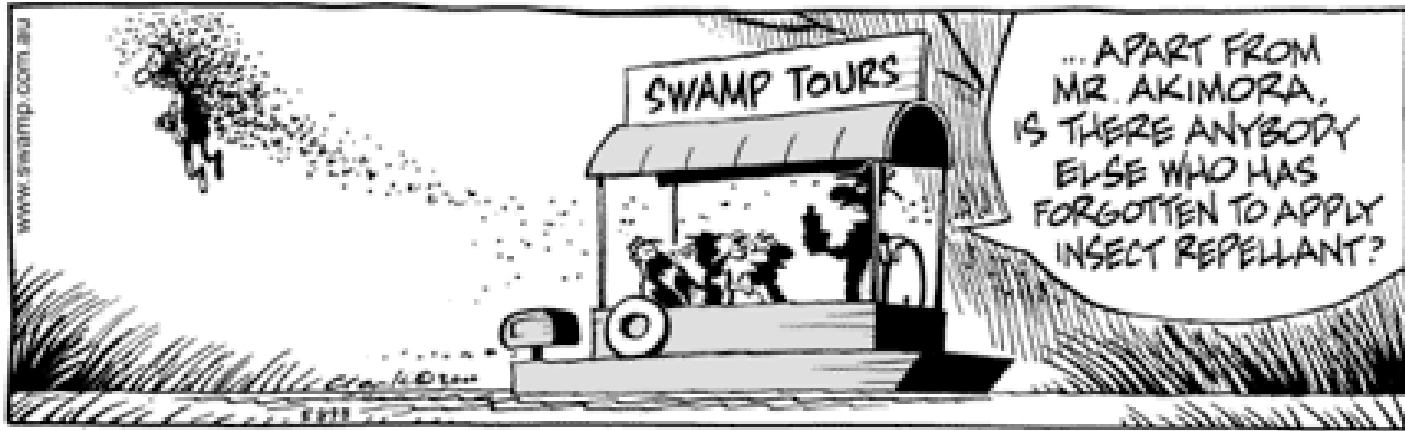


NY similar to MI in limited testing

How can we manage Insecticide Resistance?

- Maximize number of effective active ingredients used in rotation programs
- Avoid treating non crop areas
- Participate in resistance monitoring efforts
- Report concerns about control failures

Behavioral Control Focus on Repellents

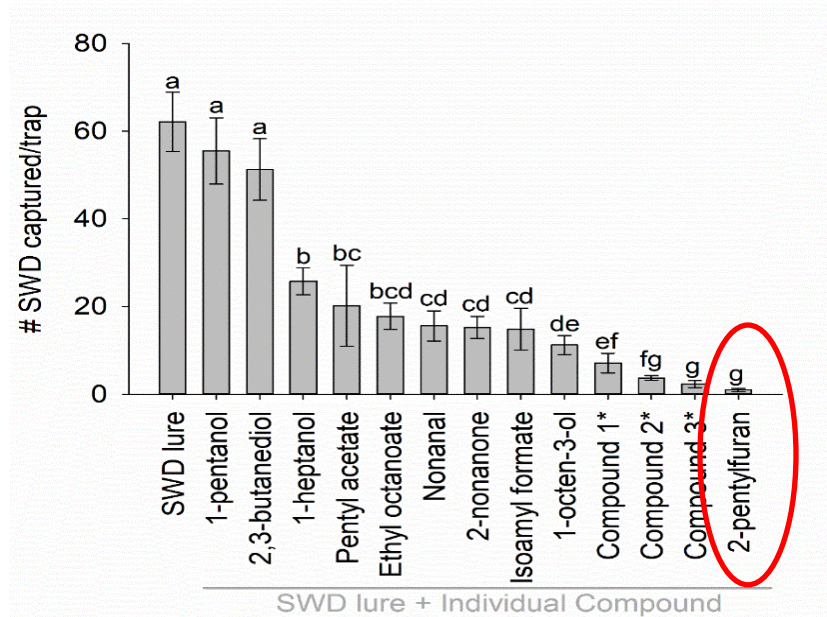


Repellents defined as any substance that elicits
an avoidance reaction in an organism

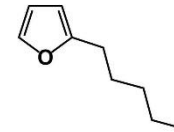
-Dethier 1947

Behavioral manipulation using repellent

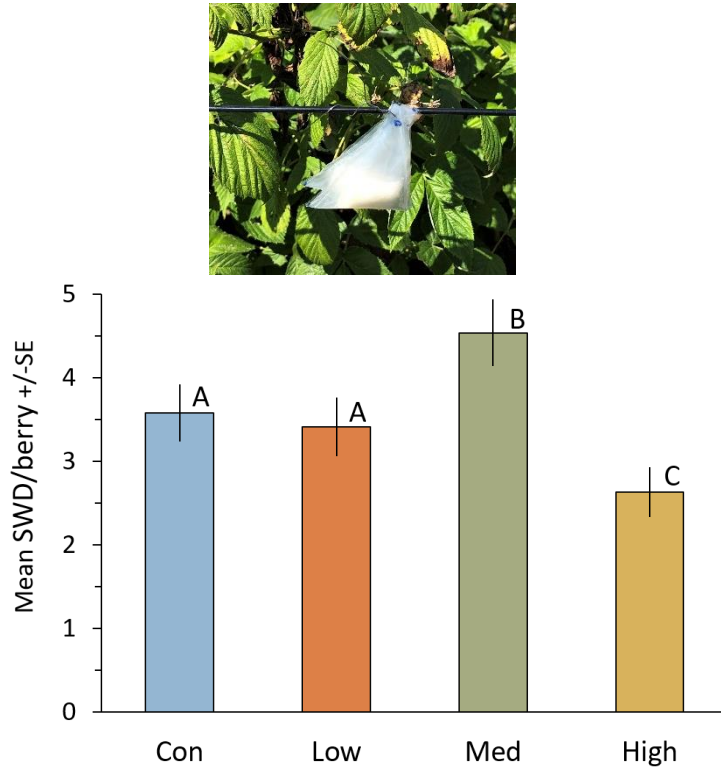
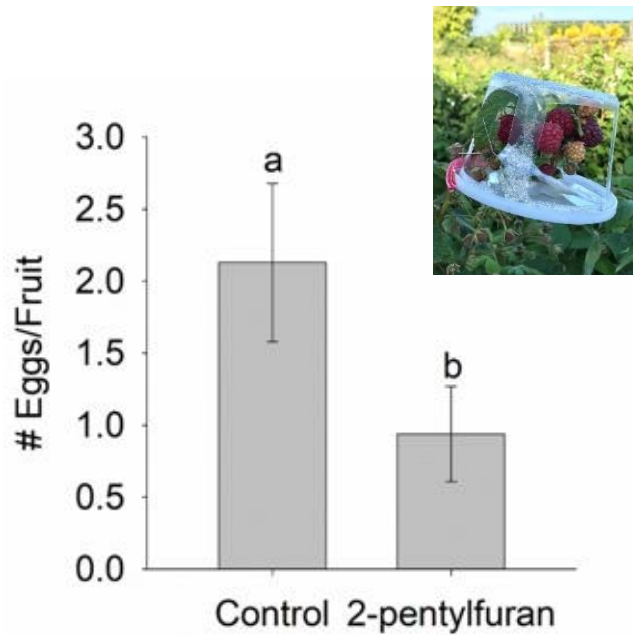
Discovery of 2-Pentylfuran



2-Pentylfuran



Field Tested 2-Pentylfuran on a small to medium scale



Puffer to deploy 2PF repellent in the field

Features of Puffer

- Automated dispenser
- Release 8 mg per puff (puff every 1 min.)
- Time set up: 6 am to 10 pm (16 hours/ day)



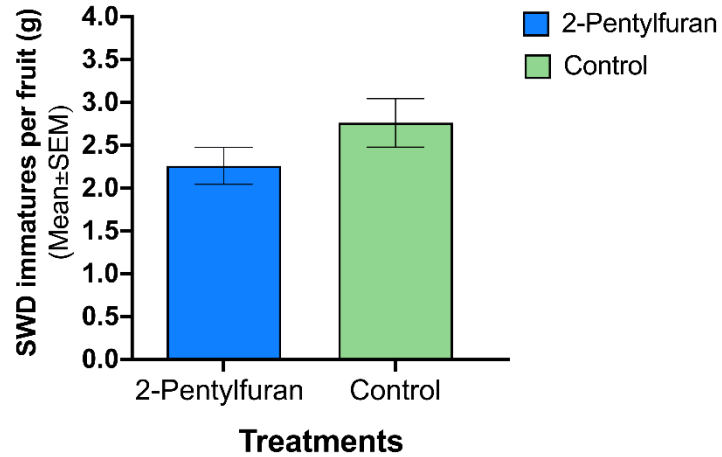
Fall bearing raspberries (Primocanes)

High SWD pressure
(August-September)

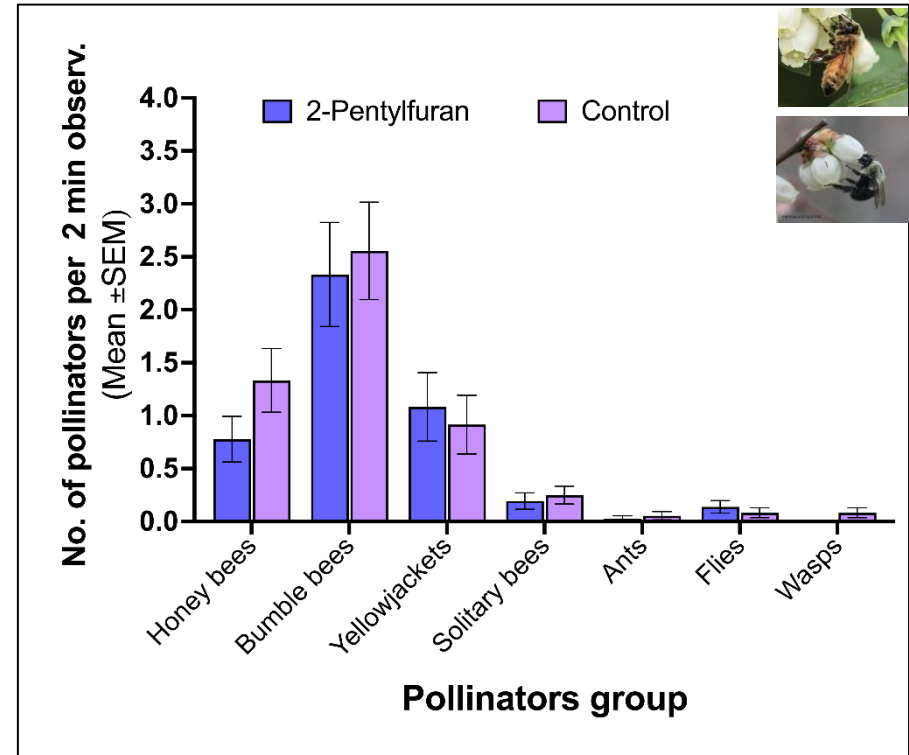
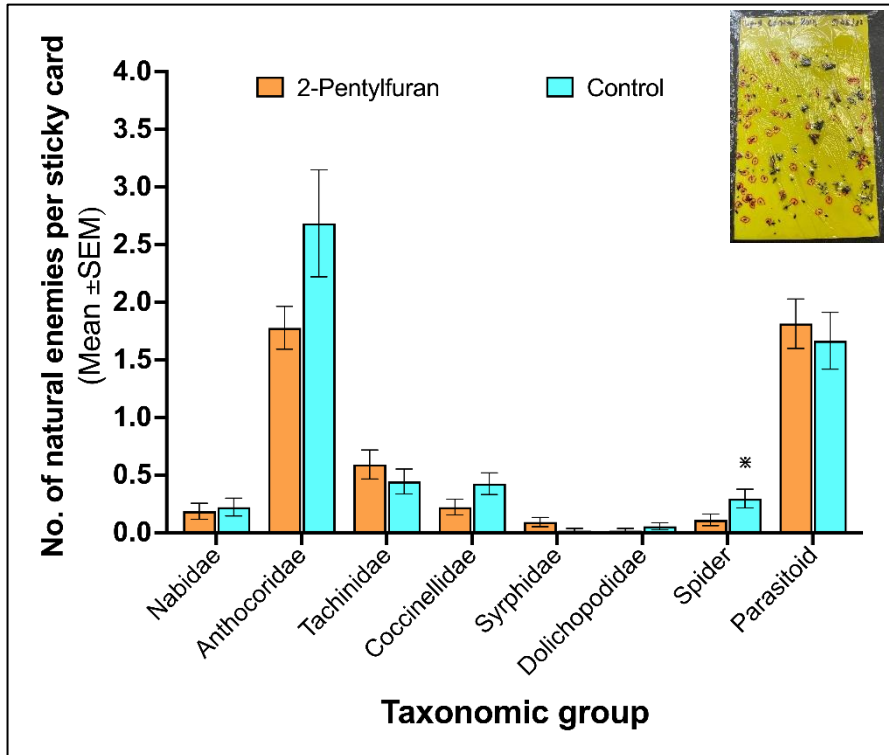


16 hours/d at 1 puff/ min
(8mg/puff)

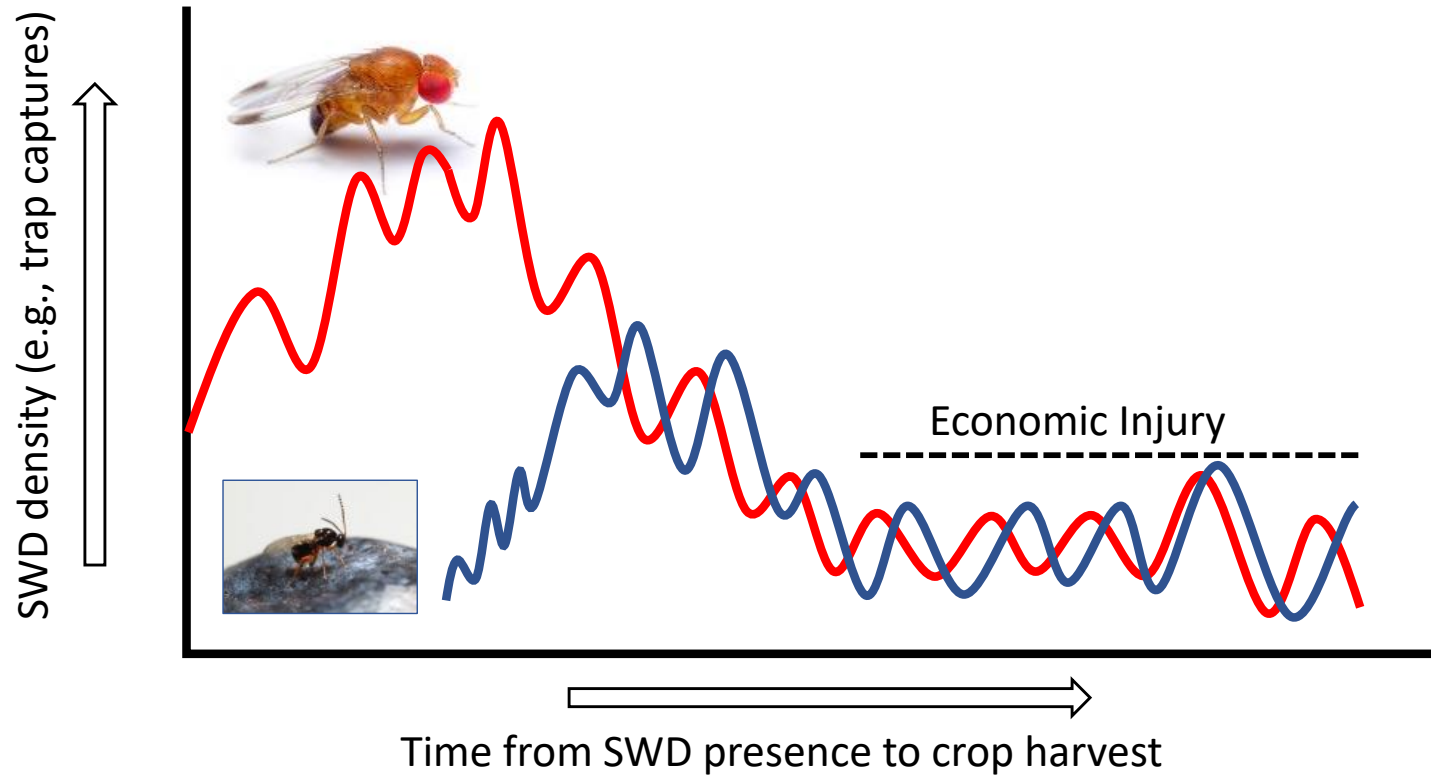
Fruit infestation



Are there any effects on natural enemy and pollinator activity?



Classical BioControl – Introduction of Exotic Natural Enemy



Importation Bio-Control



Larval parasitoids



G1 - *Ganaspis brasiliensis* (Figitidae)

- 3 different species tested
- This species selected for safety and efficacy

Federal approval to release in US

Leptopilina japonica (Figitidae)

Not approved for release because it has a slightly wider host range

- Accidentally made it to many areas in the Northeast and down to at least NC
- Found in several sites before releasing *Ganaspis*

New USDA CPPM Grant Award

Classical Biological Control For Spotted-Wing *Drosophila* In The Northeastern United States



Phil Fanning, U. Maine



Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Rutgers



Greg Loeb, Cornell

Ganaspis releases in NY - 2022

- Released in **wild habitat**
- At four sites: 600 parasitoids released

Surveys of parasitoids establishment

- ✓ sampling of fruits from wild hosts
- ✓ sentinel traps baited with infested fruit



Future directions

- Improve monitoring methods to develop economic-based tools for SWD control
- Continue assessing benefits and potential of below canopy insecticide applications
- Optimize the deployment method of 2PF in combination with other control measures
- Evaluation and optimization of *G. brasiliensis* releases and establishment

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