

# Control of Stink bugs and Other Apple IPM Issues

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LIFE HISTORY



BEHAVIOR



MONITORING



CONTROL



NEW THREATS



## STINK BUGS: WHAT'S ON YOUR PIZZA?

1983



Let's see, gnats,  
aphids, flies,  
what the . . .  
we didn't order  
**stink bugs**

## STINK BUGS: WHO ARE THE PLAYERS?

Four species commonly found in WA orchards:

1. *Euschistus conspersus* (conspersus stink bug)  
Most common, main pest of apples
2. *Chlorochroa* sp. (*C. ligata*, *C. sayi*, *C. uhleri*)  
Locally abundant, can be main pest in some areas
3. *Acrosternum hilare* (green soldier bug)  
Much larger than others, usually near riparian areas
4. *Thyanta pallidovirens* (red-shouldered stink bug)  
Infrequently found in orchards

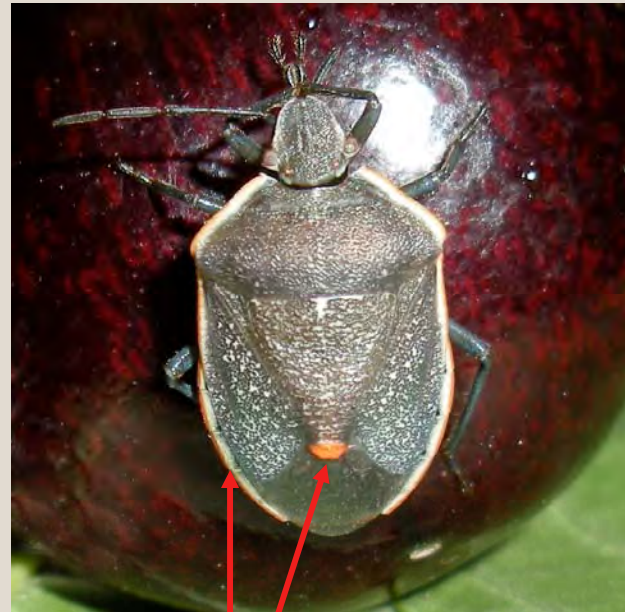
## STINK BUGS: COMMON SPECIES

*Euschistus conspersus*  
“conspere stink bug”



No spot - checkered margin

*Chlorochroa ligata*



Central spot - same color as margin

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*Acrosternum hilare*  
Green soldier bug



No red band  
Approx. 3/4" long

*Thyanta pallidovirens*  
Red-shouldered stink bug



Red 'shoulder' band  
Approx. 3/8" long

# STINK BUGS: LIFE HISTORY



**Winter**



**Spring**



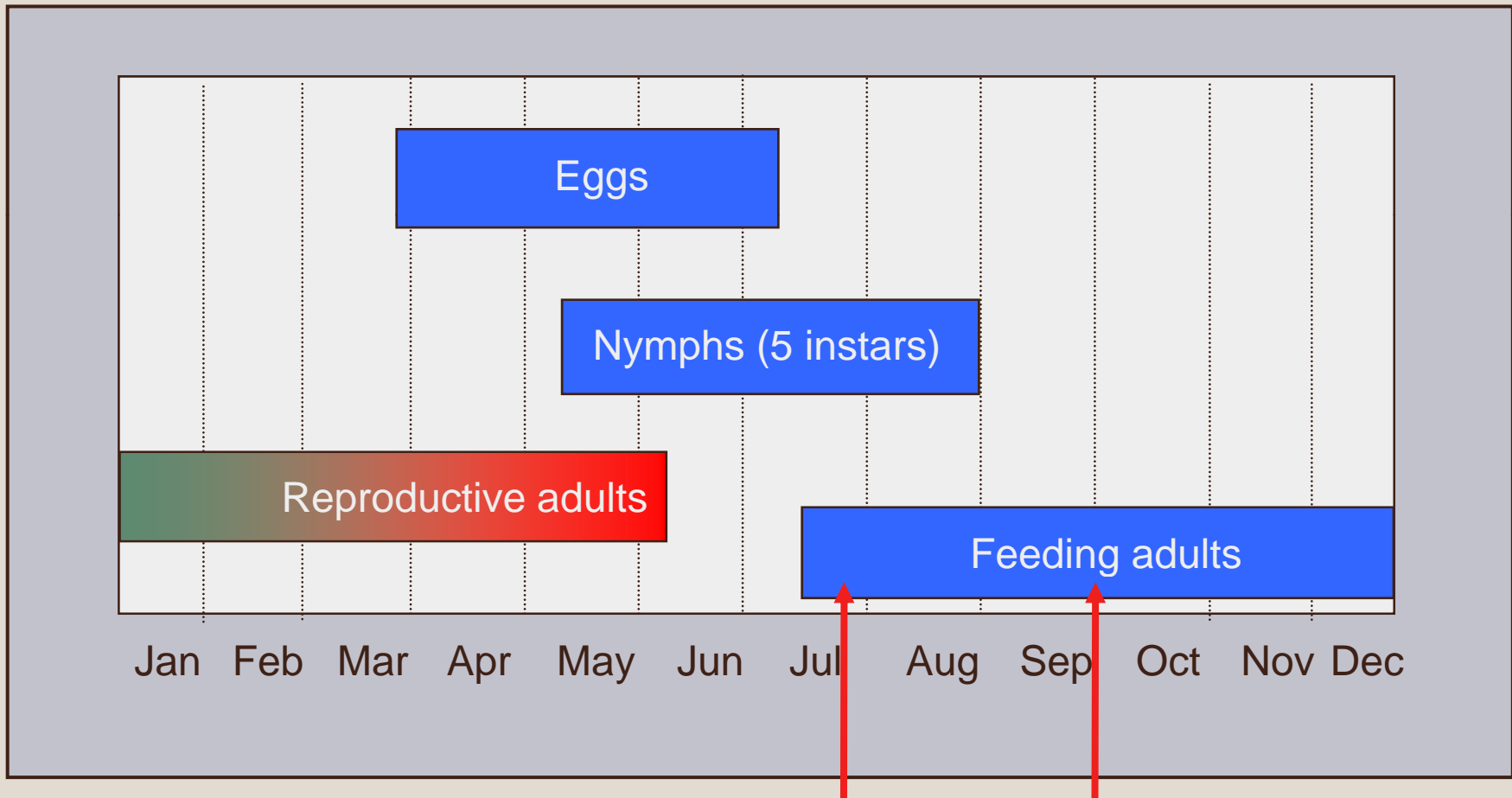
**Summer**



**Fall**



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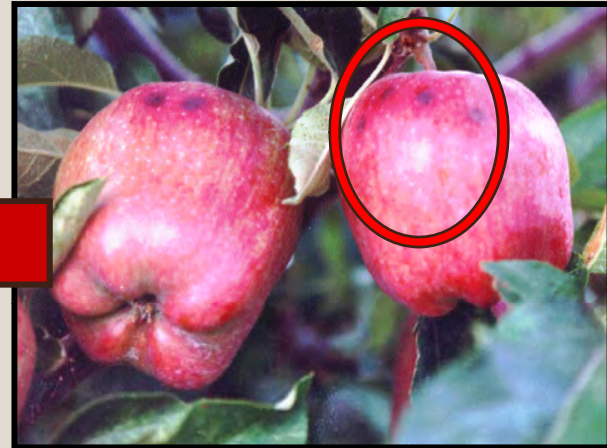


Damage occurs from mid- to late-summer

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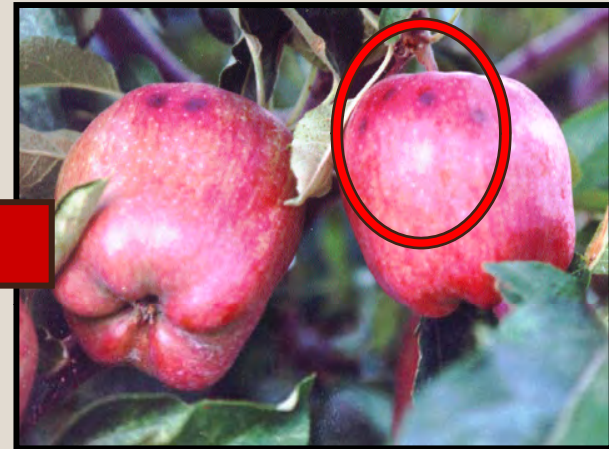


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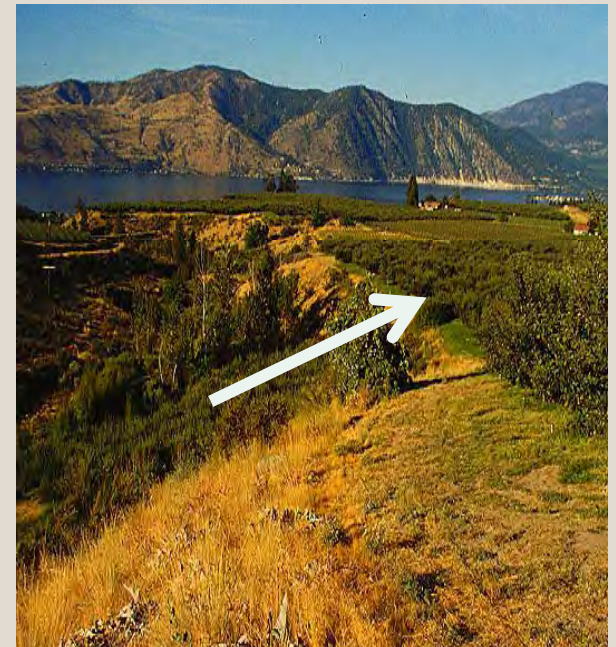


## STINK BUGS: BEHAVIOR & HABITAT

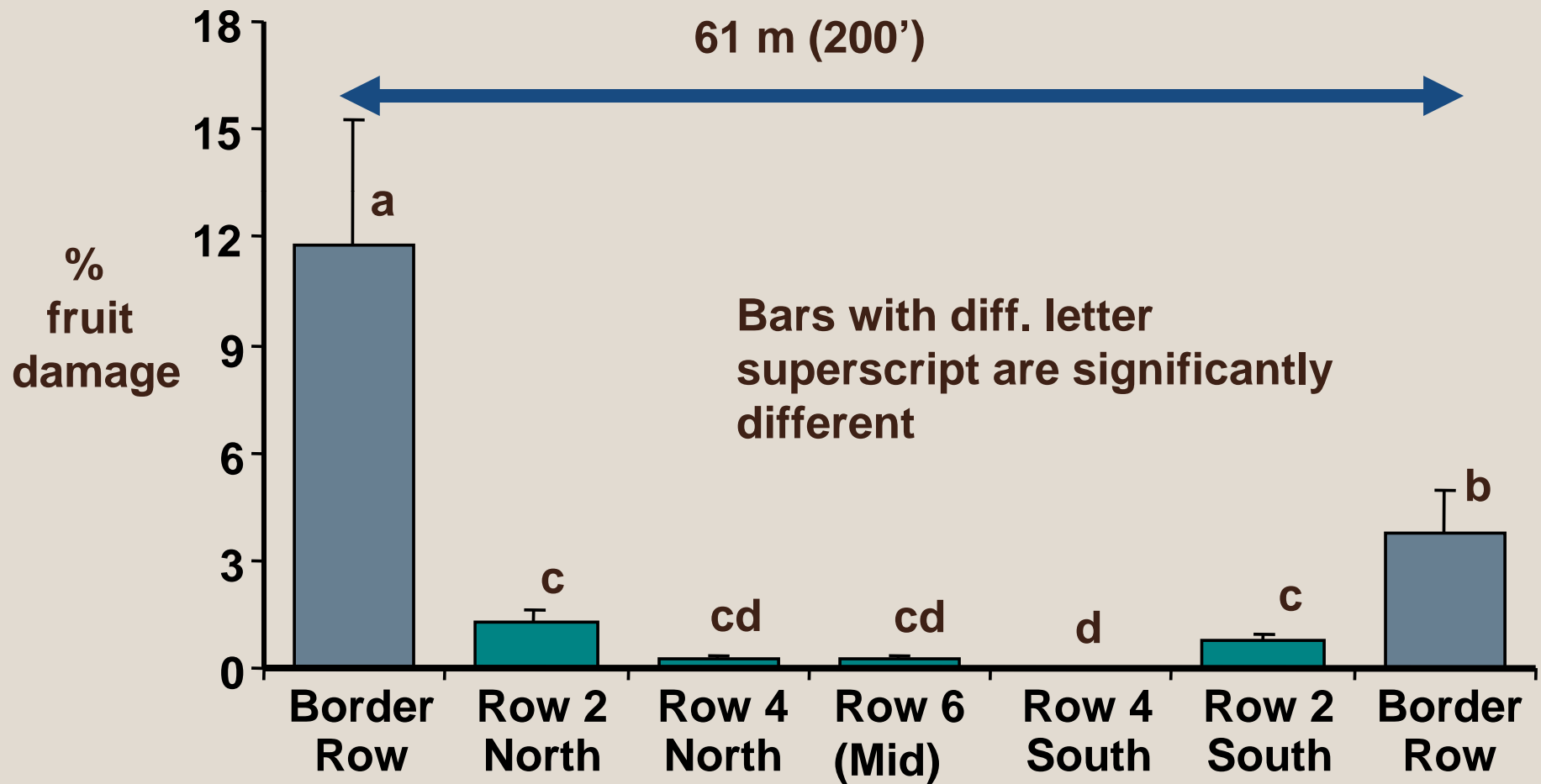
Research strongly indicates that stink bugs **do not reproduce in orchards** but reproduce outside of orchards in native plants.

Native plants known to produce stink bugs are mullein, bitter bush, wild rose, snow berry, and brambles.

Stink bugs can be in orchards in the spring as adults coming out of overwintering but most fruit injury occurs **when adults migrate into orchards from native habitats in late summer.**



## STINK BUGS: MOVE INTO ORCHARDS



## STINK BUGS: PHEROMONES & MONITORING

Stink bugs communicate in two ways

- They produce **pheromones**
- They produce vibrations (**songs**)

Pheromones have been identified for several stink bug species

Pheromones can be produced by the male or female

Pheromones are either **aggregation** or **sex**

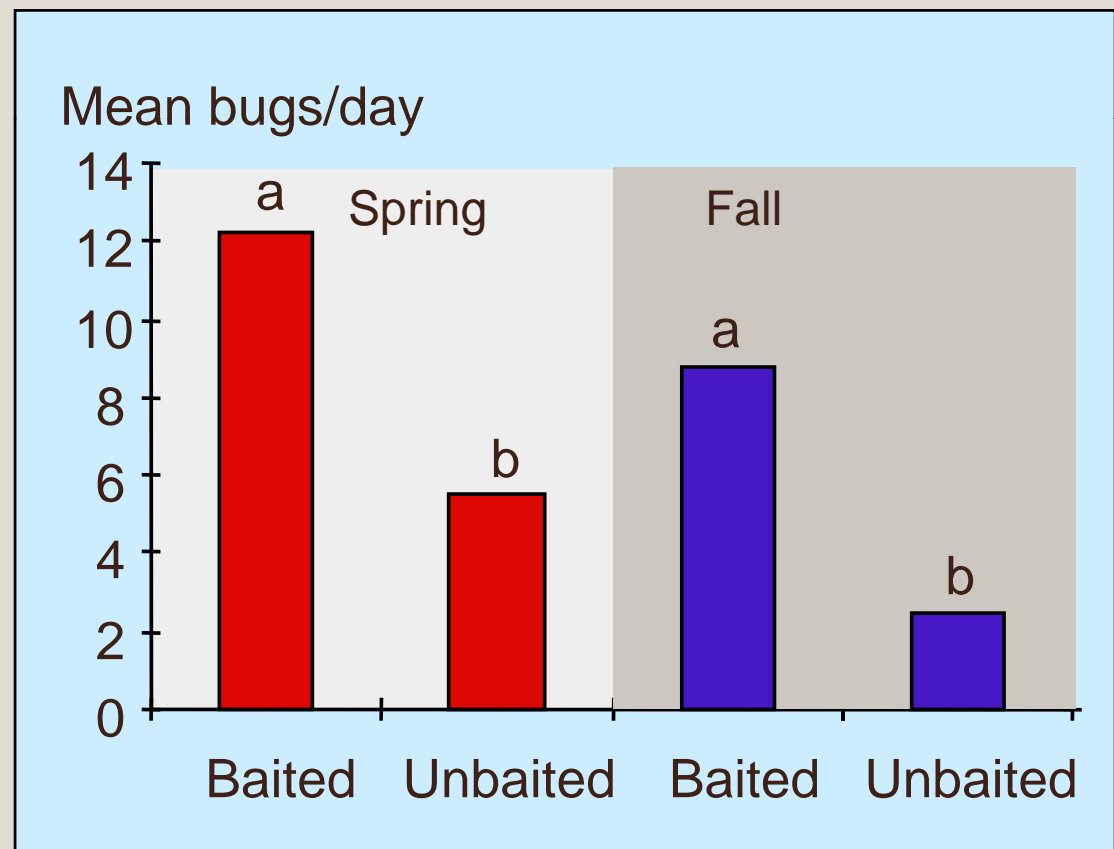
**Aggregation pheromones** attract both sexes plus immature stages (nymphs).



## STINK BUGS: BEHAVIOR & MONITORING

Significant attraction of reproductively mature (spring) and feeding adults (fall)

Equal proportions of adult males and females collected on both baited and unbaited plants (50:50 sex ratio)

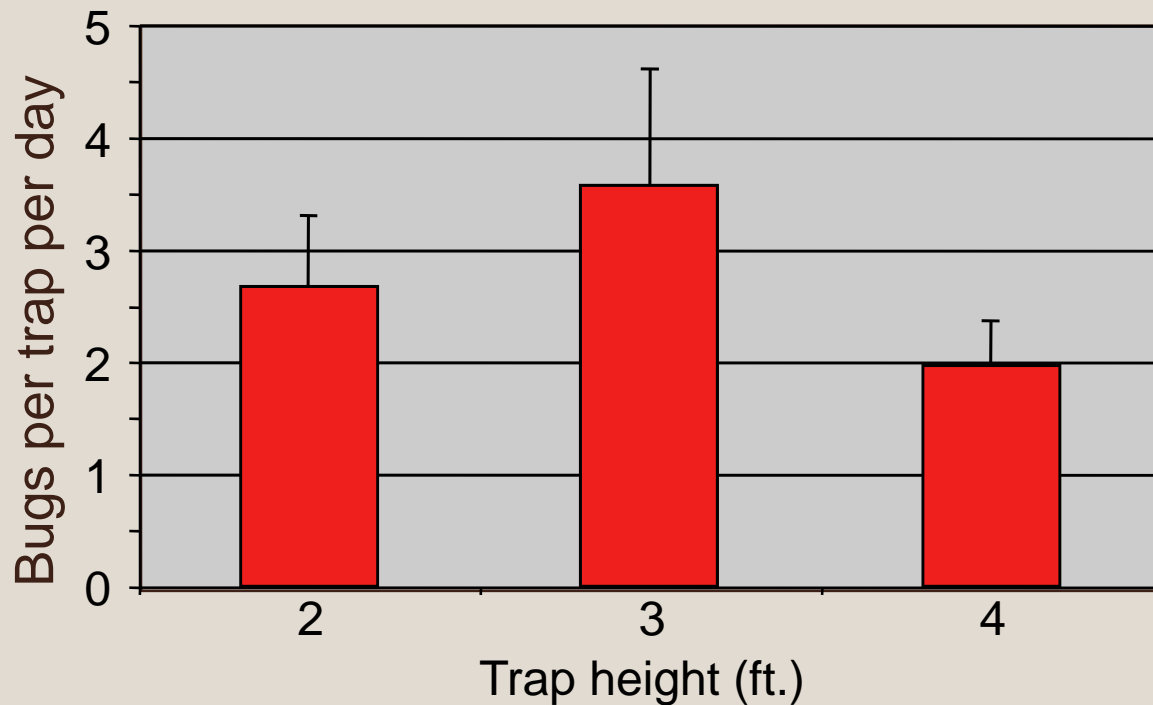


## STINK BUGS: MONITORING – TRAPS

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***2-4 bugs per day versus 2-4 bugs per week with other traps***

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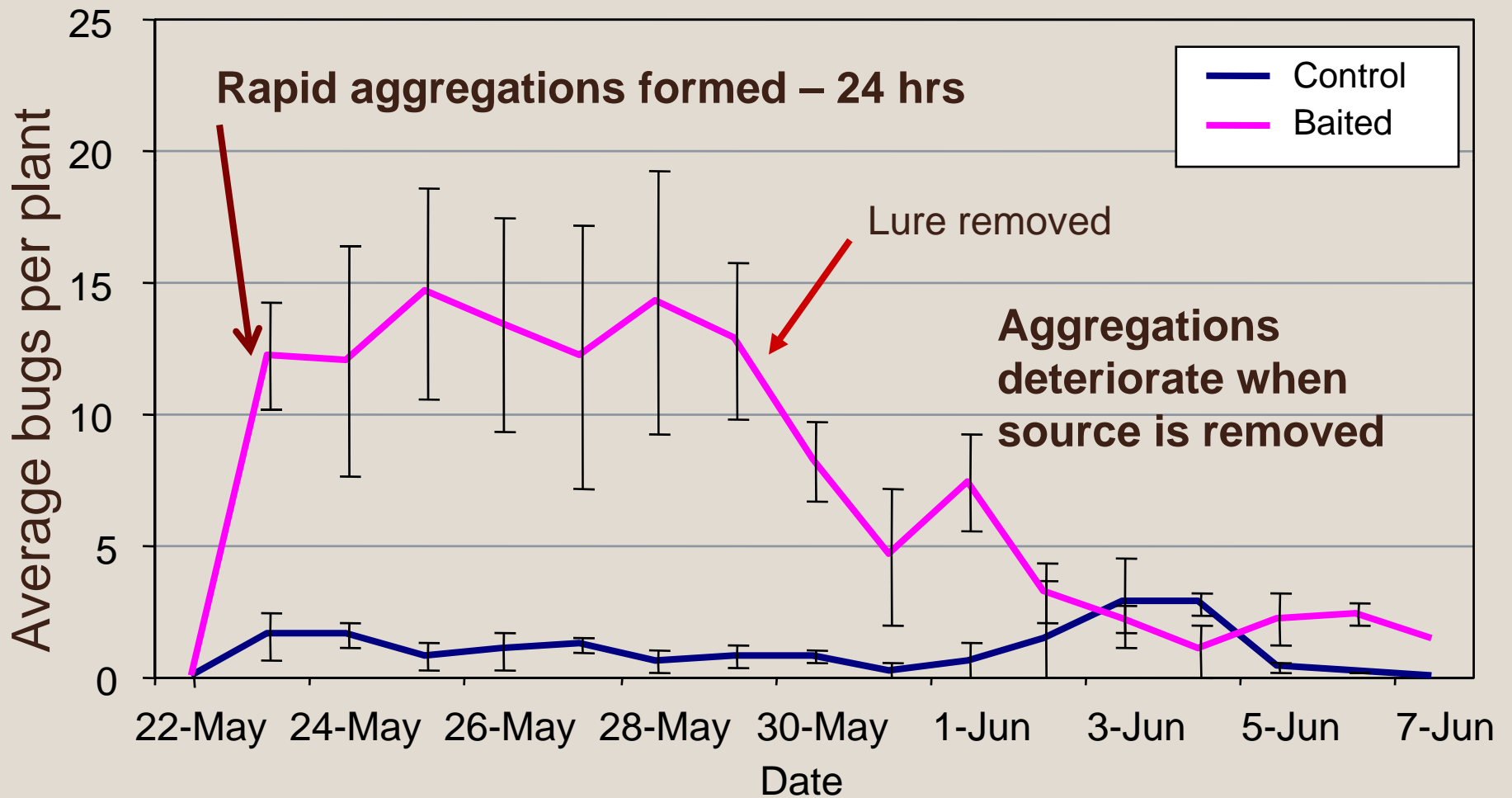
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Commercial traps are not rigid enough for many situations

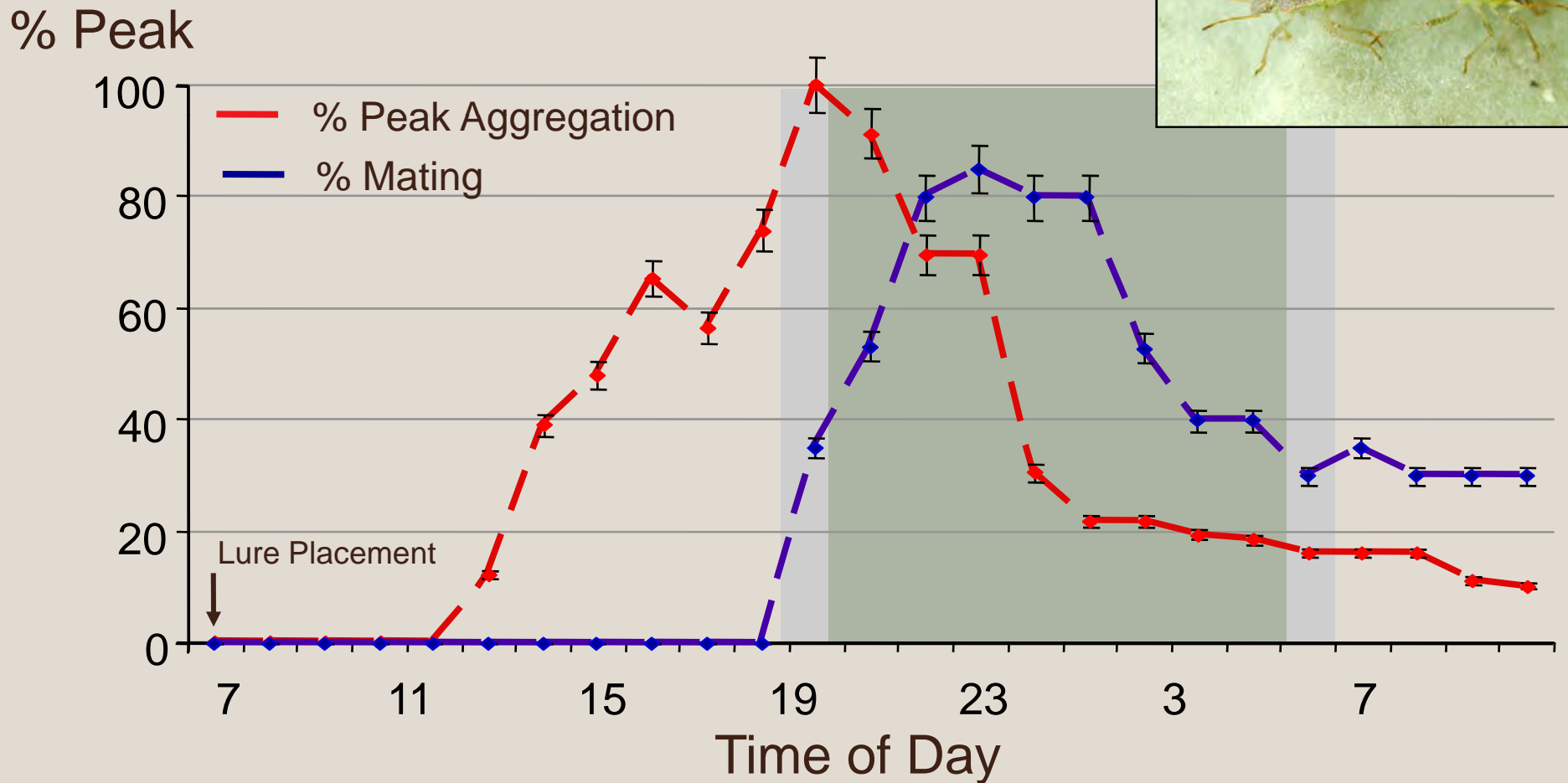




## STINK BUGS: PHEROMONES



# STINK BUGS: AGGREGATION AND MATING BEHAVIOR



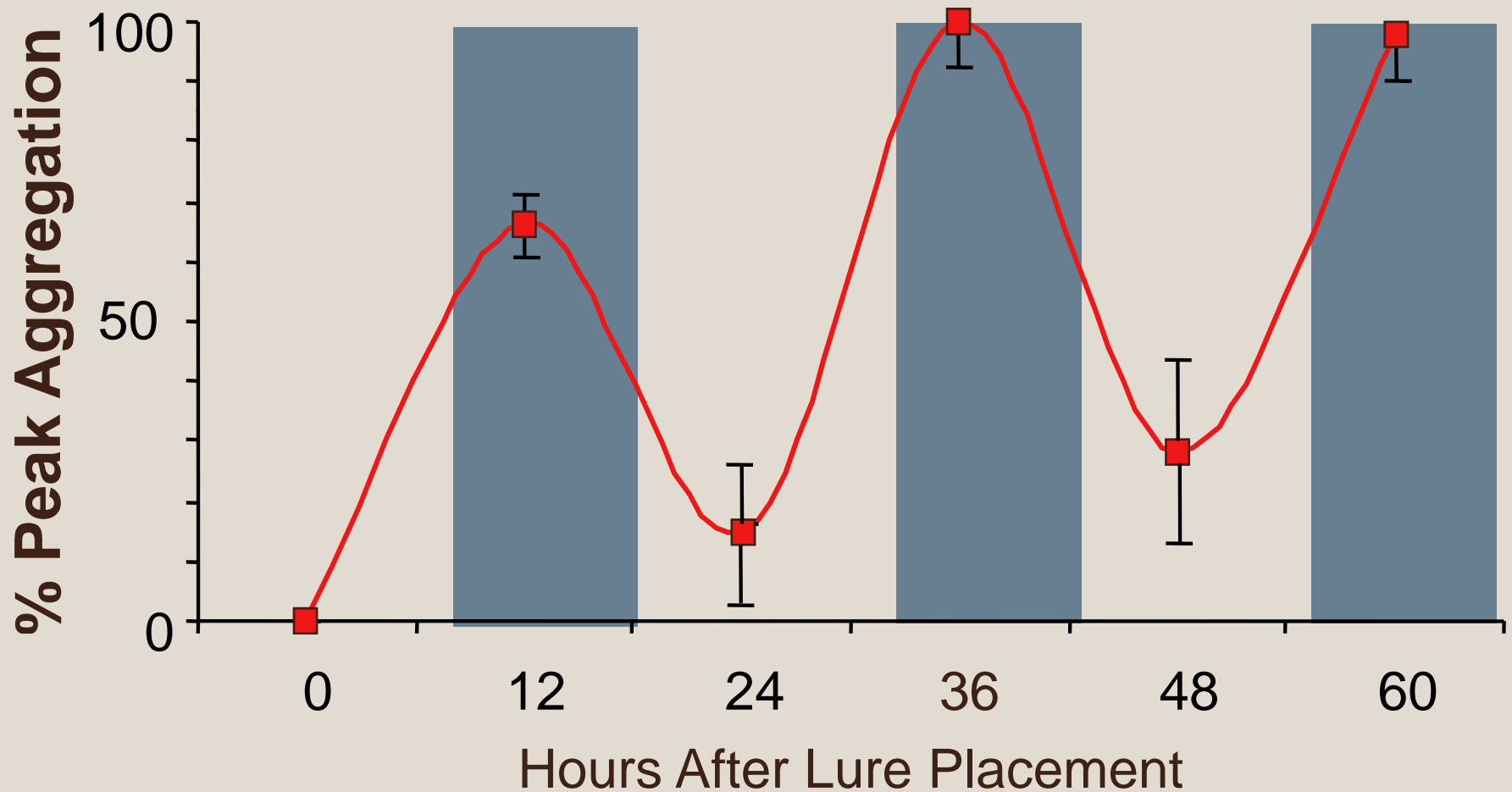
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Previous counts of aggregations made during daylight hours only...



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### Stability of Aggregations

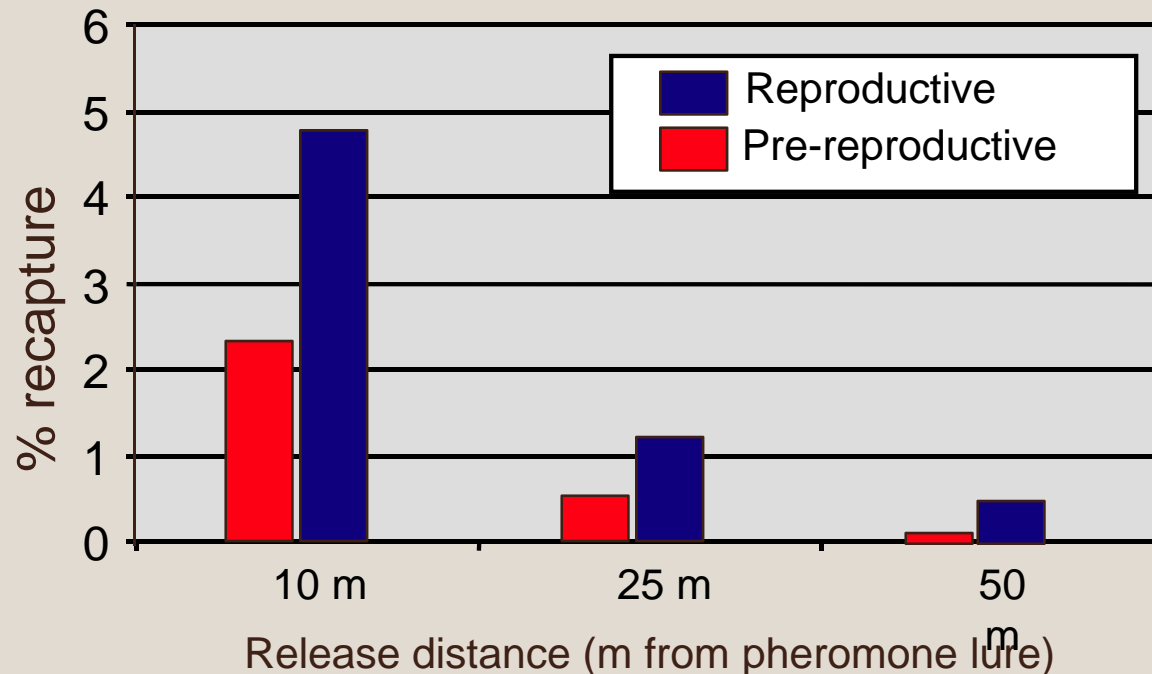


## STINK BUGS: BEHAVIOR & PHEORMONES

### Methods:

mark/recapture of adult bugs in both spring and summer generations

bugs released at 10, 25, 50 m from baited plants with 300 bugs per distance x 4 reps



daily survey and **removal** of bugs on baited plant

**Shows that bugs do not move great distances to find an aggregation pheromone source – a close range cue.**

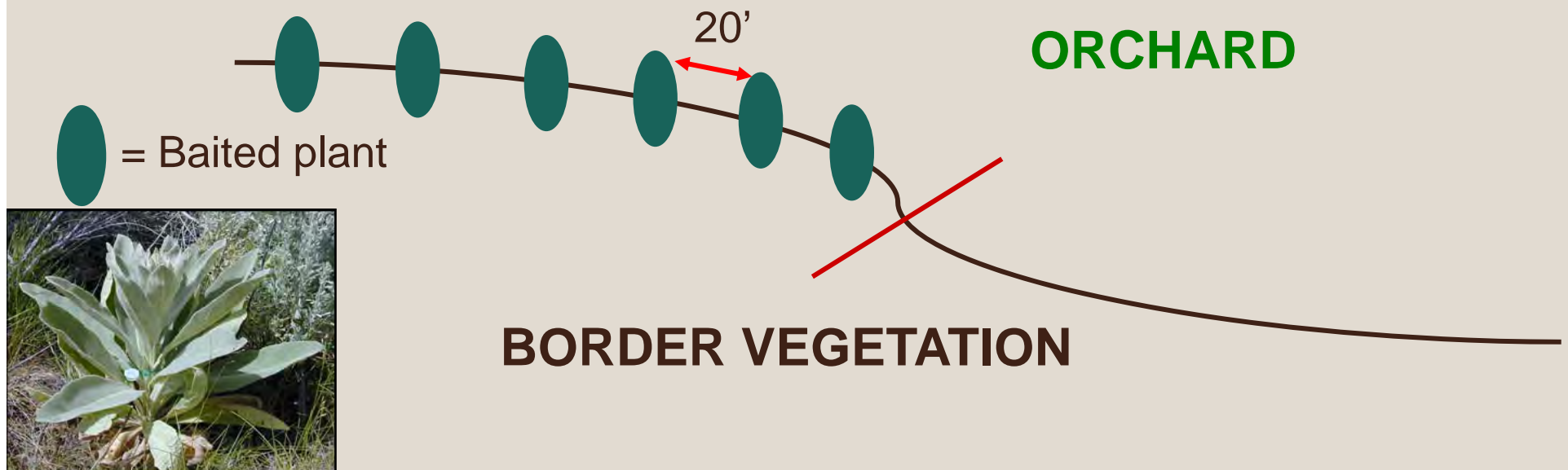
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Lures placed on mullein plants at 20' intervals along orchard borders

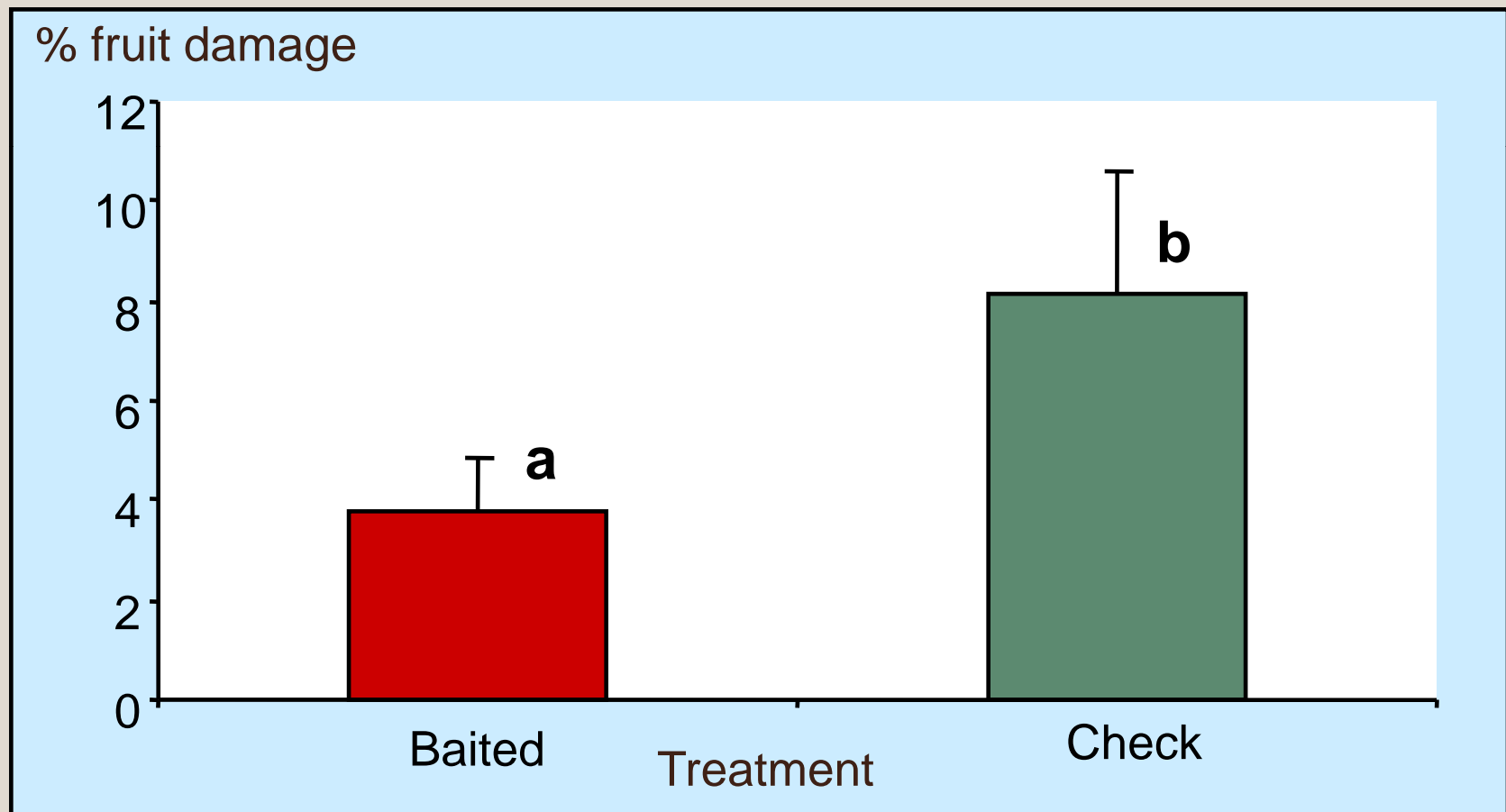
Alternate baited/sprayed (Carzol with handgun) blocks with unbaited/unsprayed blocks (400' sections)

Four orchards were treated then sampled at harvest for injury



## STINK BUGS: PHEROMONES AND CONTROL – RESULTS

Harvest Damage: 50% reduction in fruit injury



## STINK BUGS: Insecticide efficacy – *E. conspersus*

Topical application to adult bugs

insecticide	Rate/100 gal	Corrected percent mortality			
		24h	48h	72h	120h
Assail 70WP	1 oz	4	4	4	46
Avaunt 30WDG	1.5 oz	0	0	0	0
Carzol 92SP	6 oz	12	35	64	74
<b>Danitol 2.4EC</b>	<b>4.8 fl.oz</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>
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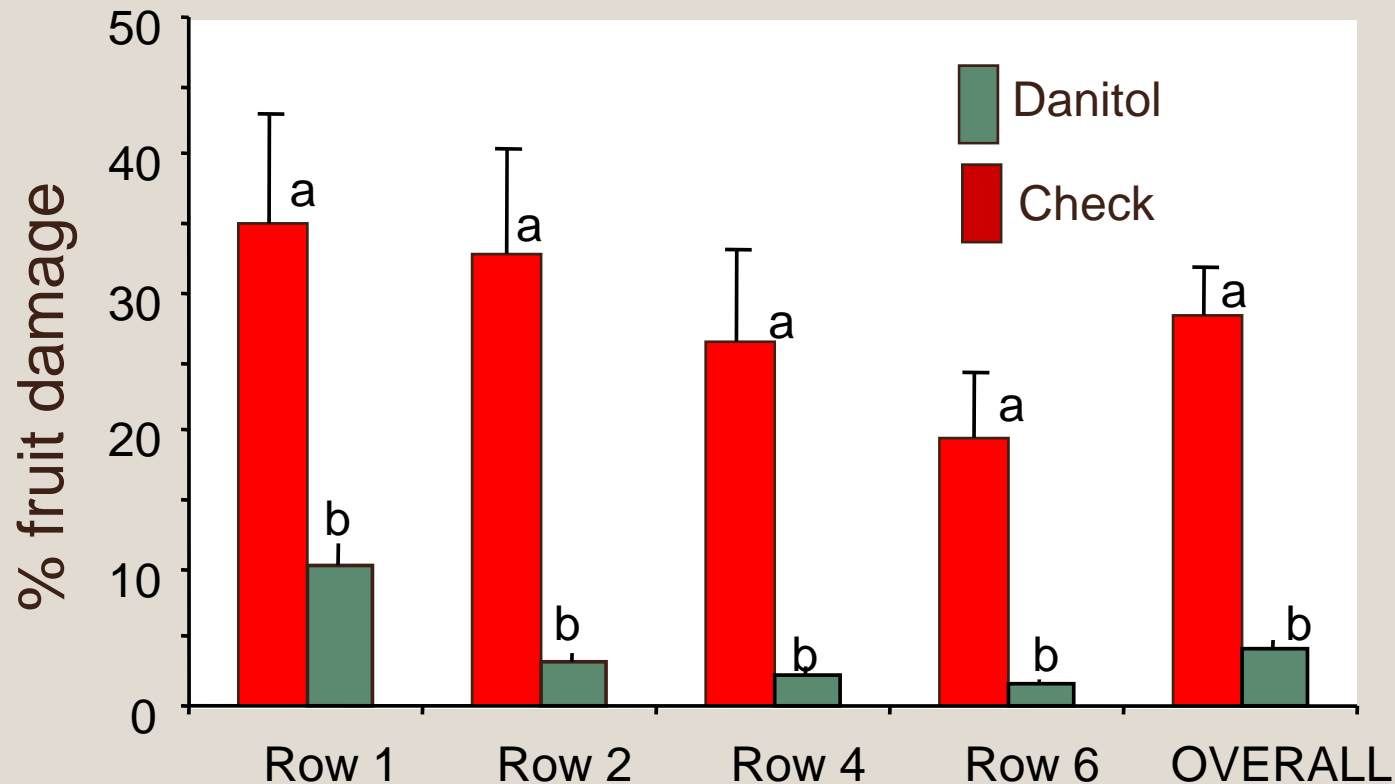
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Mortality from exposure to bugs on leaves

insecticide	Rate/100 gal	Corrected percent mortality			
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Carzol 92SP	6 oz	12	13	16	16
<b>Danitol 2.4EC</b>	<b>4.8 fl.oz</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>92</b>
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## STINK BUGS: CHEMICAL CONTROL

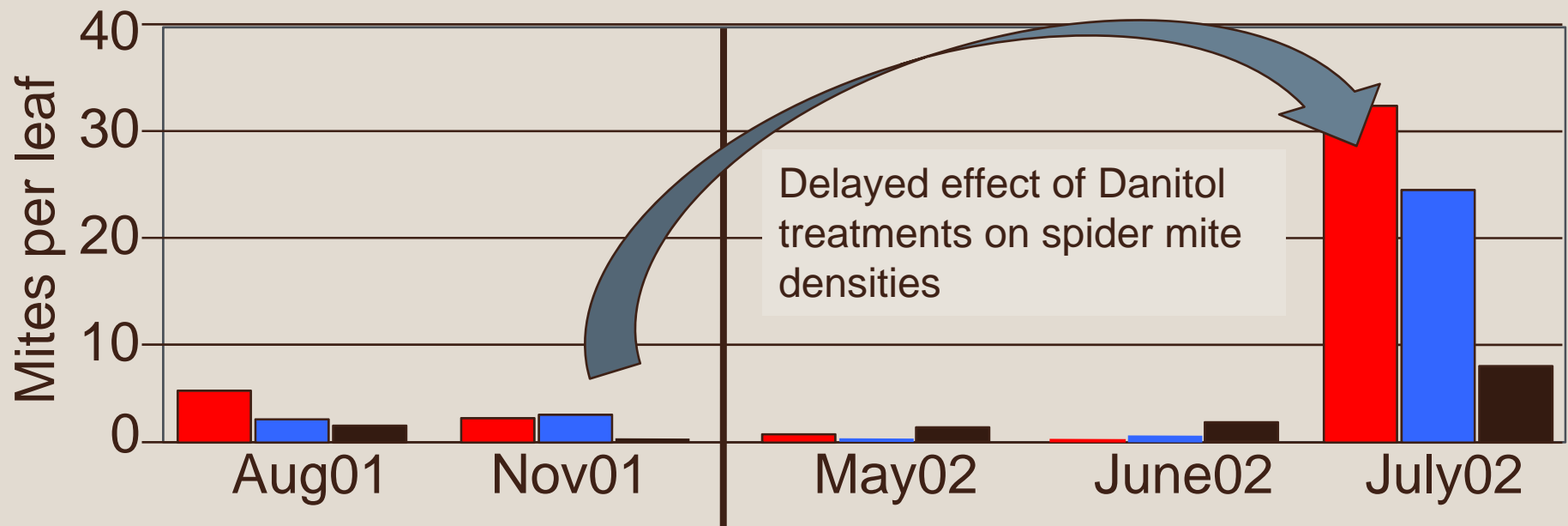
Two applications of Danitol at label rates to orchard rows 1-6  
Paired with untreated check in same orchard  
Fruit damage assessed at harvest



## STINK BUGS: NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF PYRETHROID USE

Danitol treatments applied in July 2001 for stink bug control

Mite samples taken in Aug, Nov 2001 and May, June and July 2002.



## STINK BUGS: *C. LIGATA* ON CHERRY IN 2008

In 2008 a serious problem was identified in late cherries at high elevations near Chelan.



High levels of direct fruit injury was reported.

All of the stink bugs found in bins were *C. ligata*, not *E. conspersus* that had been typical of this area previously.

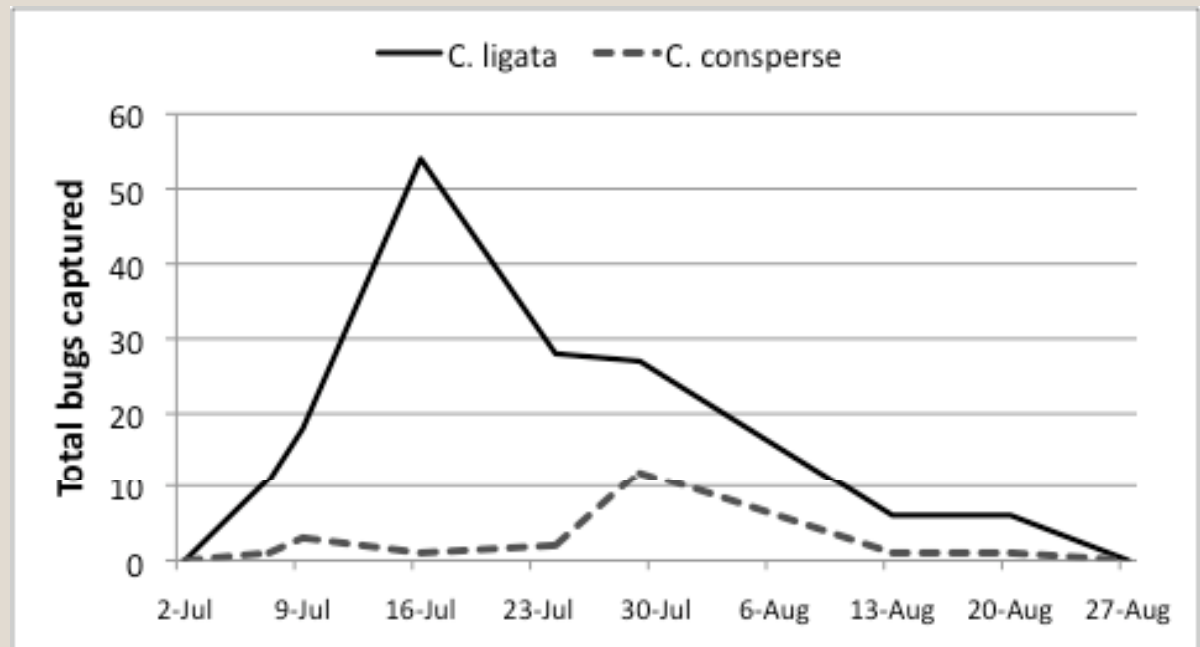


## STINK BUGS: *C. LIGATA* PHEROMONE RESULTS

Collaboration with Dr. Jocelyn Millar, UC Riverside, *C. ligata* pheromone was provided for monitoring in 2009.

Captured *C. ligata* in traps baited with its pheromone.

Low levels of *E. conspersus* were captured in *C. ligata* baited pheromone traps.



## STINK BUGS: NEW PEST?

### Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

- Native to Asia
- Recent finds in OR
  - Is a nuisance pest, especially in Portland area
  - Congregates on houses like boxelder bug
  - No reports of fruit damage in OR
- Reasons for Concern
  - Pennsylvania reports worst pest ever on peach
  - Virginia and West Virginia increasing problem
  - Potential pest of all tree fruit



## STINK BUGS: WHO IS WINNING?

We know a lot about stink bug biology and behavior

Stink bugs represent a real challenge to soft IPM programs

Monitoring stink bugs needs more research

No proven soft options for control of stink bugs at this time.

Proposed research can provide some new answers





**Any Questions!**

## Guthion (Azinphos-methyl) Phase-out Schedule

<b>2007</b>	<b>limit of 4 lb ai/a</b>
<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>limit of 3 lb ai/a</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>limit of 2 lb ai/a</b>
<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>limit of 1.5 lb ai/a</b>

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The Codling moth, *Cydia pomonella*, is one of the most important economic pests in Washington apple orchards.

## Mission & Goals Statement

### The Mission

To change practices, attitudes and perceptions of apple Integrated Pest Management (IPM) activities while sustaining grower profitability through acceptable crop protection, reducing pesticide exposure risks of farm labor, and enhancing environmental quality.

### Our Goals

The mission of the Pest Management Transition Project (PMTIP) will be accomplished through three objectives in the areas of education/communication, implementation, and assessment/documentation.

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## Codling Moth Management with New Insecticides

- Lots of “good” products, but none “Excellent”
- Can get excellent CM control –
- Must use with **mating disruption** and **multi-tactic approach**

**Keys are**

- Good Timing & Good Coverage!

Product	Efficacy	Residual
Assail (L)	Good	14-17d
Calypso (L)	Good	14-17d
Delegate (L)	Very Good	14d
Intrepid (O/L)	Fair	14d
Altacor (O/L)	Very Good	14-17d
Rimon (O)	Good	14d
Esteem (O)	Good	10-14d
Virus (L)	Fair	7-10d
Oil (O)	Fair	Topical Only
Belt (L)	Fair	14d



## Leafroller Management with New Insecticides

- Lots of good products
- Know what to expect when using
- Fast? or Slow?
- CM eggs?

Product	Efficacy	Speed
Proclaim	Excellent	Very Fast
Success	Excellent*	Fast
Delegate	Excellent	Fast
Intrepid	Good*	Moderate
Altacor	Excellent	Moderate
Belt	Excellent	Moderate
Rimon	Good	Slow
Esteem	Good	Slow/Del'd
Bt	Good	Slow

\* Some populations of leafroller are resistant to this product.

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## Targets & Treatments

SJS, LR

LR (larva)

Mite eggs

LR&CM (egg)

CM (egg)

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Delayed dormant	Petal fall 225-275 DD	375 DD	1st cover 425 DD	Delayed 1st cover 525 DD	2nd cover 625-675 DD
Oil Lorsban	<div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">                     Proclaim Success Delegate Belt Bt                 </div> OR  Altacor Intrepid Rimon Esteem		Delegate (Entrust) Altacor Assail Calypso Intrepid virus		Delegate (Entrust) Altacor Assail Calypso Intrepid virus  <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                         Will likely need a 3<sup>rd</sup> cover                     </div>

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Insecticide	Chemical name	Group No.	Codling Moth		leafroller
			ovicidal	larvicidal	larvicidal
Intrepid	methoxyfenozide	18A	X	X	X
Esteem	pyriproxyfen	7C	X		X
Rimon	novaluron	15	X		X
Altacor	rynaxypyr	28	X	X	X
Belt	flubendiamide	28			X
Assail	acetamiprid	4	X	X	
Calypso	thiacloprid	4	X	X	
Success	spinosad	5		X	X
Delegate	spinetoram	5		X	X
Proclaim	emamectin benzoate	6		X	X
HMO	oil	---	X		
CM virus	virus	---		X	
Bt	Bacillus thuringiensis	11A			X

## Principles of a sound apple IPM program

Core of an apple IPM program is use of *mating disruption* for management of codling moth

- Reduces number of supplemental insecticides
- Reduces long term costs
- Provides for more stable IPM system

Utilize ovicidal activity of new products when controlling LR

Take advantage of delayed first cover to stretch residues, if needed

New information in being developed on the risk of new insecticides to natural enemies – use as part of an IPM program to conserve biological control agents

Avoid overuse of new insecticides to delay resistance

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### Resistance Management Principles

- Do not use (or expose) the same class of insecticide against consecutive generations of a pest.
- Class 28 product concerns
  - **Altacor** (chlorantraniliprole)
  - **Belt** (flubendiamide)
  - **Volium Xpress** (chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin)
  - **Volium Flexi** (chlorantraniliprole + thimethoxam)
- **All contain a class 28 insecticide so care must be taken to recognize the risk of overusing these products**