# **SWD** preparation and response



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#### Michigan fruit agriculture





- 4,000 acres of grapes and ~120 wineries
- Strawberry, raspberry, and blackberry
- 125 M kg of cherries (sour and sweet)
- 500 tonnes of apples, from 800 farms
- Second most diverse agricultural state



## Seasonal blueberry pest timing

Growth stage	pre-bloom	bloom	mid-season		pre-harvest	harvest	post-harvest	
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Leafrollers								
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Thrips								
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BB bud mite						200		

Bars show period when scouting and management of the pest is most important. Blue = key pest



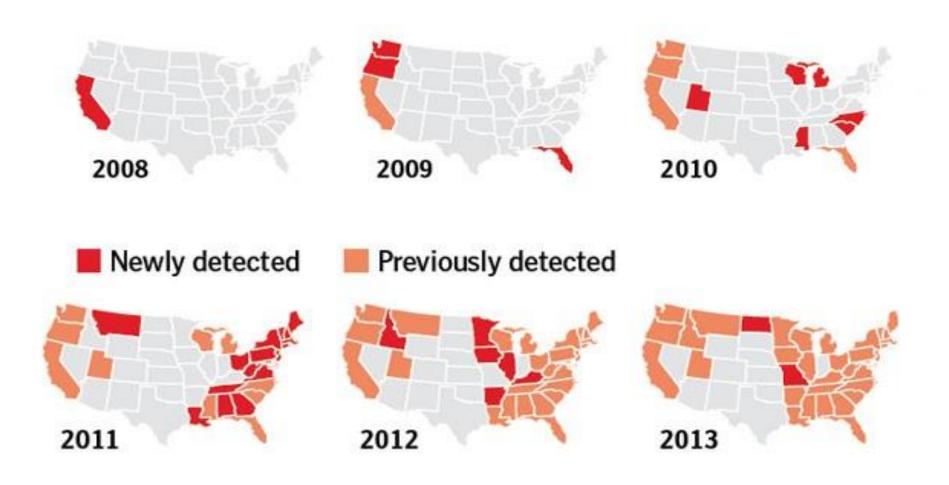
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#### **SWD** distribution - first 6 years







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#### Experts: Spotted wing drosophila not a major threat

By Lisa.Ermak @hollandsentinel.com (616) 546-4219

A recent discovery of an invasive pest in Allegan County has small fruit growers on alert, but experts say



in a fruit field.

"It was a big heads-up," Most of the flies were he said.

The insect first appeared in the U.S. in 2008 and,

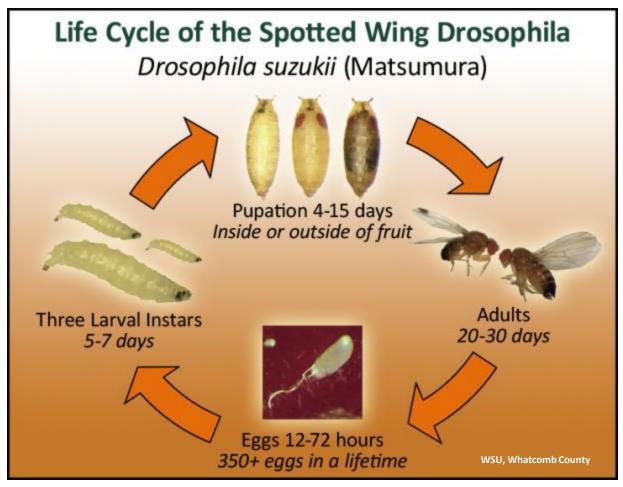
Rapid Response Program, which helped researchers find the fly in 13 counties in 2010.

Most of the flies were found in the southern part of the state in backyard gardens and outside of bluement of Agriculture, said it is important to note the pest has not yet been detected in any crop fields, but they are ready to assist fruit growers if they do find the pest.

"Right now, our role is to facilitate getting the right



# Life cycle of SWD

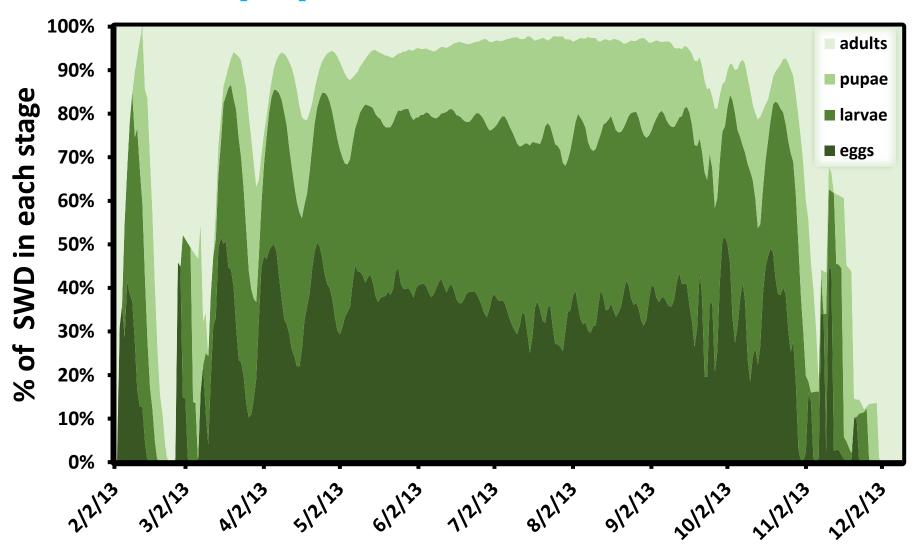


- This is NOT just another fruit fly!
- Optimal development at 65-70°F, ~12 day generation time.
- Adult flies live for 3-6 weeks, and females can lay over 300 eggs.
- Female fly lays eggs into ripening fruit.
- Limited by summer heat and winter cold.



#### **SWD** population structure





Adapted from Wiman et al. (2014). Integrating temperature-dependent life table data into a matrix projection model for *Drosophila suzukii* population estimation . PLoS ONE.

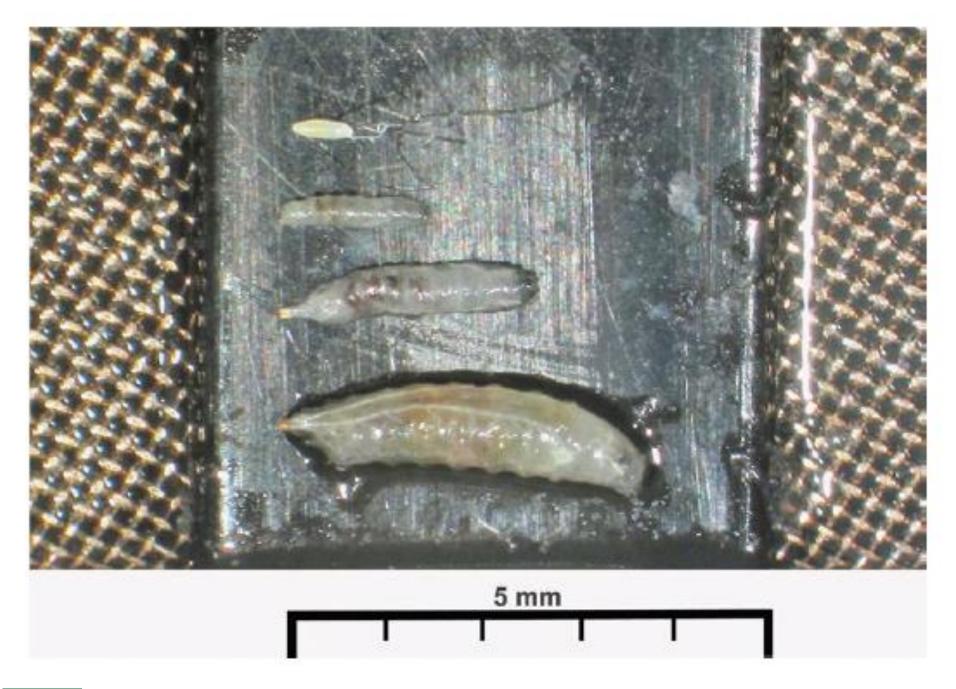


#### Identification

Wing pattern and leg combs (M)

Well-developed ovipositor (F)

http://www.canr.msu.edu/ipm/uploads/files/MSU-SWD-ID.pdf







## Non-crop plants as hosts for SWD

















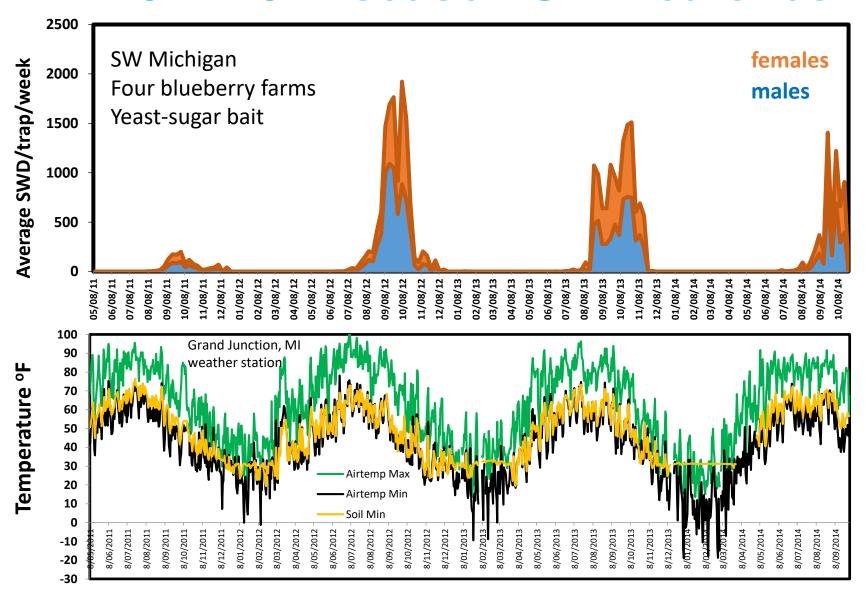
Common name	Scientific name	Ripe fruit period			
Honeysuckle	Lonicera spp.	7/1 – 10/7			
Common blackberry	Rubus sp.	7/8 – 9/16			
Bittersweet nightshade	Solanum dulcamara	7/21 – 10/3			
Stiff dogwood	Cornus foemina	8/19 — 10/6			
Elderberry	Sambucus canad.	8/15 - 9/20			
American pokeweed	Phytolacca americ.	8/26 – 10/7			
Silky dogwood	Cornus amomum	8/29 – 10/7			
Spicebush	Lindera benzoin	9/8 – 10/7			
Autumn olive	Elaeagnus umbellata	9/8 – 10/6			

Longer list in Lee et al. (2015) Annals Ent. Soc. America

See also: https://eorganic.info/sites/eorganic.info/files/u461/SWD-hostlist-by\_reference.pdf

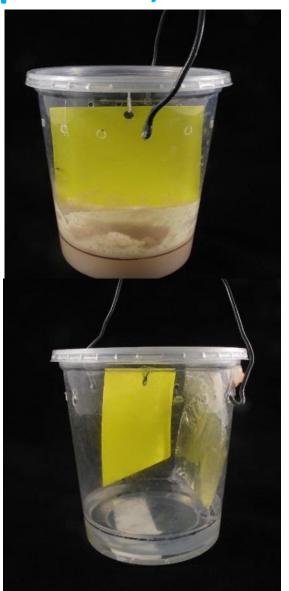


#### 2011-2014 season SWD catches





# Traps provide early warning of activity, relative pest pressure, and trends through summer



Plastic container with small holes

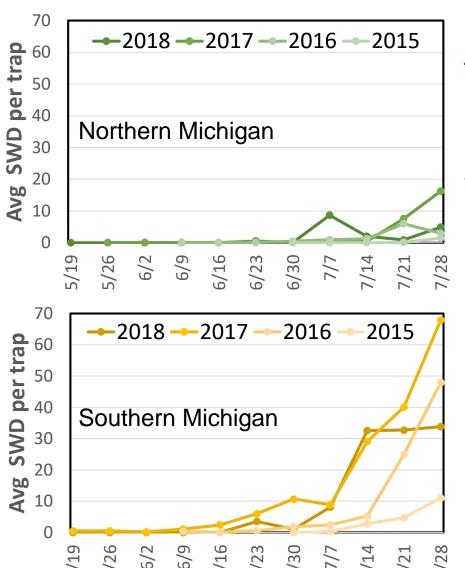
Yeast & sugar bait (top)
Cheap, more selective, but messy

Commercial lures (bottom)

More \$\$, less selective, but cleaner



### **MSU Extension SWD trap network**



Deploy traps in mid-May Traps in wild areas and crop Check weekly

Females more common in spring Weak catch-infestation correlation Risk of false negatives, early season

#### Michigan spotted wing Drosophila update -July 17, 2018

Levels of SWD in traps continue to rise in southern Michigan, are leveling off mid-state, and dipping a bit in the north.

July 17, 2018 - Author: Julianna Wilson, Rufus Isaacs, Larry Gut

This week the number of spotted wing drosophila (SWD) caught in traps doubled overall, continuing to rise at southern sites, leveling off at central sites, and dipping a bit at northern sites being monitored in Michigan's fruit production areas. Ninety-five sites across 20 counties were monitored for SWD with an average of 36 flies per trap at southern sites, 13 flies per trap at central sites, and two flies per trap at northern sites.





#### Sampling fruit with salt-and-filter method

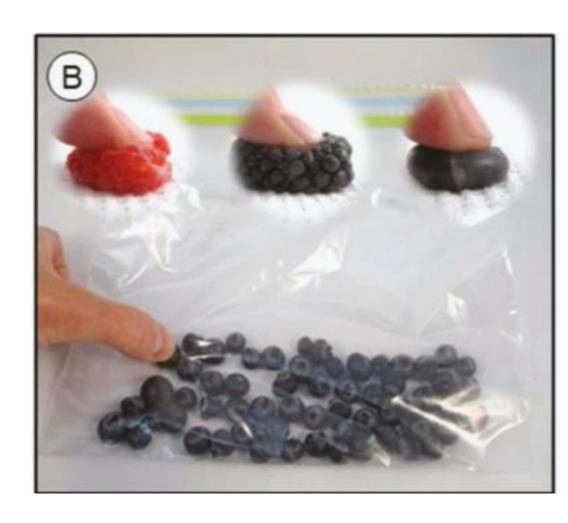
Informs harvest, spray, and marketing decisions

Collect fruit samples to understand intensity and stage of infestation





# Lightly crush fruit -DO NOT SMASH





Add salt solution

1 cup salt: 1 gal water

Sit for ~1 hour



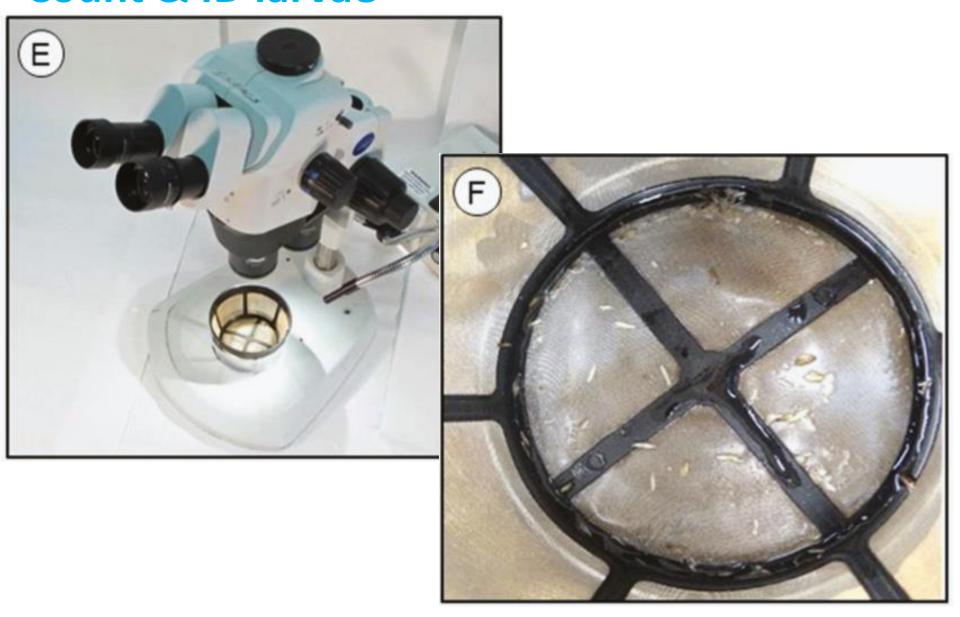


Separate the fruit, and filter the larvae course filter (fruit) fine filter (larvae)





#### **Count & ID larvae**





#### SWD pest pressure affected by...

#### Environment

Number of days below 0°C affects populations Low spring temperature delays first catch High temperatures (over 30°C) reduce activity Low humidity reduces infestation

#### Horticultural practices

Pruning
Growing system
Netting

#### Pest management

Biological control Chemical control



## Does field management affect SWD?

Wood chips

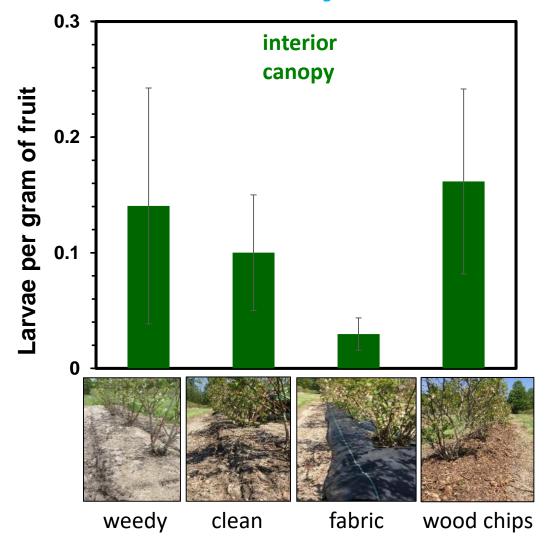


Weed fabric





#### Black weed fabric delays and reduces SWD







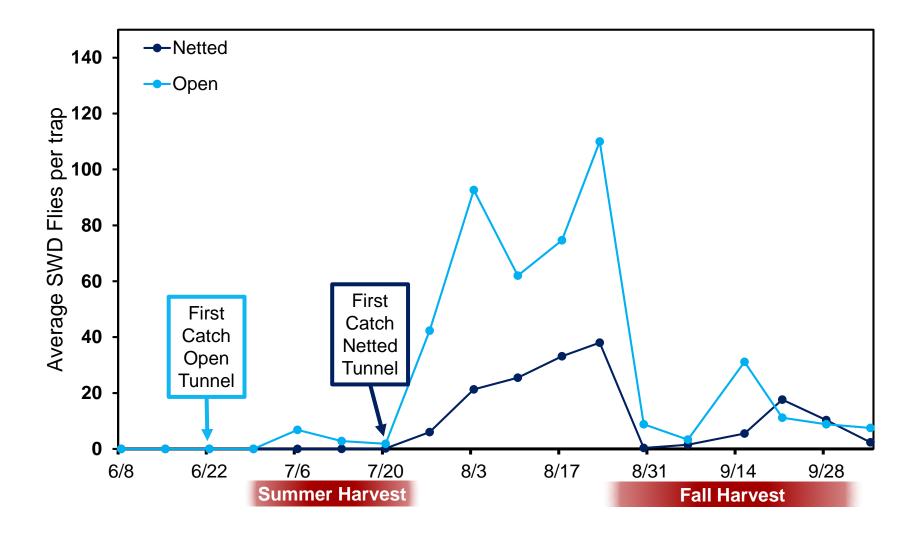
#### **Exclusion netting in commercial raspberries**





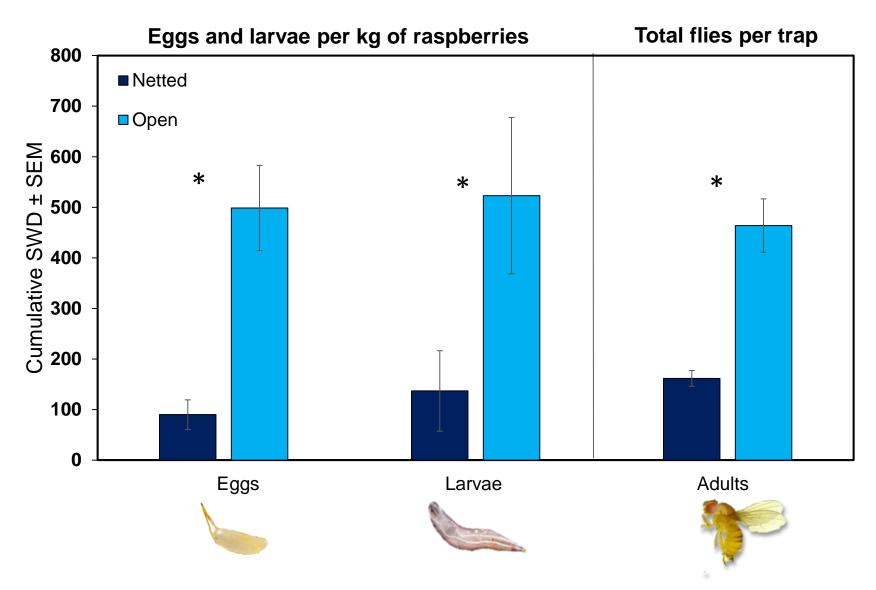


#### **Exclusion netting reduced and delayed SWD**





#### **Exclusion netting reduced SWD infestation**

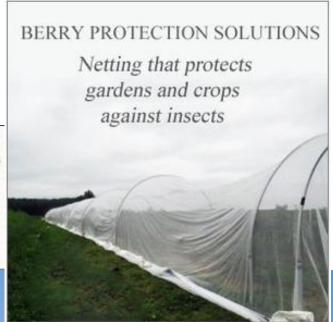






#### Dale Ila-Riggs, New York berry grower







# **Harvest frequency**



Harvesting is a powerful tool for disrupting the SWD life cycle

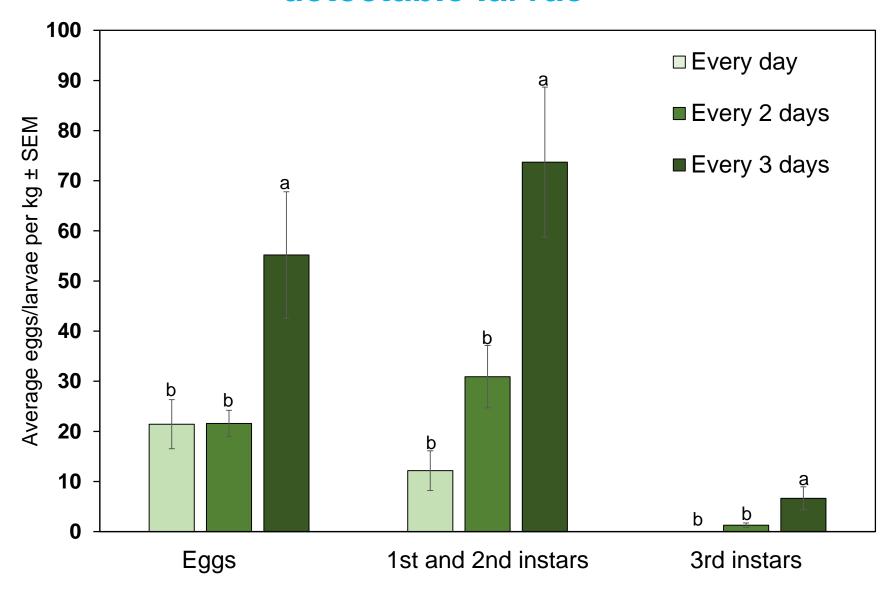
High tunnel organic raspberries

Harvested ripe berries every 1, 2, or 3 days

Compared SWD infestation



# Increasing harvest frequency reduces detectable larvae





# Two main native parasitic wasp species known to attack SWD in US

Pachycrepoideus vindemiae (Pteromalidae)

Successful parasitism, very low levels in field (<2%)

Trichopria drosophilae (Diapriidae)

Successful parasitism, very low levels in field (<2%)

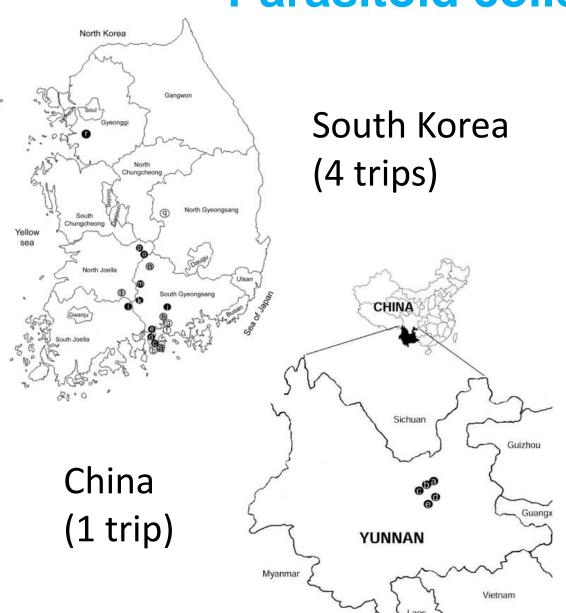
Alexander Wild

UC Berkeley & USDA-ARS petitioned to release SWD parasitoids wasps from China. In revision.





#### **Parasitoid collections**



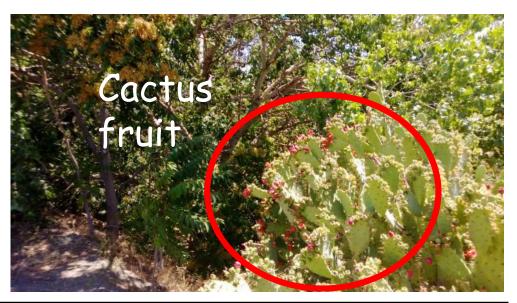




Kent Daane (UC Berkeley) and Kim Hoelmer (USDA-ARS)



In California, the highest parasitism was found in non-crop plants that are refuges for SWD







# **Chemical control**

#### **Insecticides for SWD control in blueberry**

						Days				
		Active		Season	Max.	btn	PHI*	REI**	Resid.	
Trade name	Class	ingredient	Rate	max.	apps	spray	(d)	(h)	(d)	RANK
Imidan	Org. phos.	phosmet	1.33 lb	7.13 lb	5	0	3	24	7-10	****
Malathion 8F <sup>a</sup>		malathion	2.5 pt	5 pt	2	5	1	12	5	***
Mustang Max	Pyrethroid	z-cypermeth.	4 oz	24 oz	6	7	1	12	5-7	****
Danitol		fenpropathrin	10.6-16 oz	32 oz	2	14	3	12	5-7	***
Brigade/Bifenture <sup>b</sup>		bifenthrin	5.3-16 oz	80 oz	-	7	1	12	5-7	***
Hero		z-cyp + bifenth.	4-10.3 oz	46.35 oz	-	7	1	12	5-7	***
Lannate SP	Carbamate	methomyl	0.5-1 lb	4 lb	4	3	3	48	7	***
Exirel	Diamide	cyazypyr	13-20.5 oz	60 oz	-	5	3	12	7	***
Delegate	Spin.	spinetoram	3-6 oz	19.5 oz	6	3	3	4	7	***
Entrust WP <sup>c</sup>		spinosad	1.25-2 oz	9 oz	6	6	3	4	3-5	**
Entrust 2SC <sup>c</sup>		spinosad	4-6 oz	29 oz	6	6	3	4	3-5	**
Cormoran	Neonic + IGR	acetamiprid + novaluron	20 oz	35 oz	-	7	8	12	7	***
Assail	Neonic.	acetamiprid	5.3 oz	26.6 oz	5	7	1	12	5-7	**
Pyganic <sup>c</sup>	Pyrethrum	pyrethrum	32-64 oz	59 oz	-	3	0.5	0	2	*
Grandevo WDG <sup>c</sup>	Biological	Chromobacterium	3 lb	-	-	-	0	4	3-5	**
Azera <sup>c</sup>	Biological	Neem+pyrethrum	32-56 pts	58 oz	10	3	0	12	2-5	*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Malathion 8F (Gowan) has a 24c label for Michigan blueberries





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Bifenthrin pyrethroids may be more effective in hot temperature (90s) than other pyrethroids

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Use in organic production

## Example blueberry SWD spray program

Traps used to determine SWD activity.

Protect ripening/ripe berries from first catch to last pick.

Tight spray intervals (~7 days).

**Good spray coverage** 

Reapplication after rain

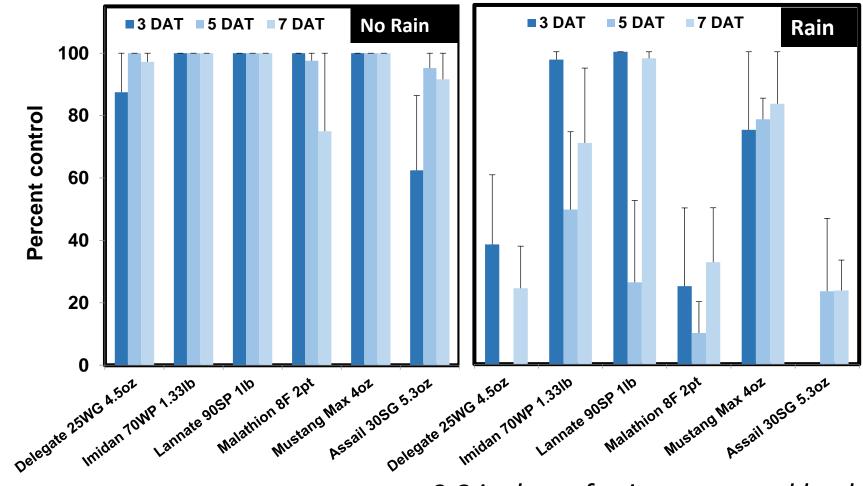
Rotate chemical classes

Timing	Product	
First SWD, if ripe fruit	Lannate	methomyl
week 2	Danitol	fenpropathrin
week 3	Delegate	spinetoram
week 4	Mustang Maxx	zeta-cypermethrin
week 5	Imidan	phosmet
week 6	Danitol	fenpropathrin
week 7	Imidan	phosmet
week 8	Mustang Maxx	zeta-cypermethrin

Organic growers depend on Entrust (spinosad), rotated with Grandevo/Pyganic



## Rainfall compromises efficacy



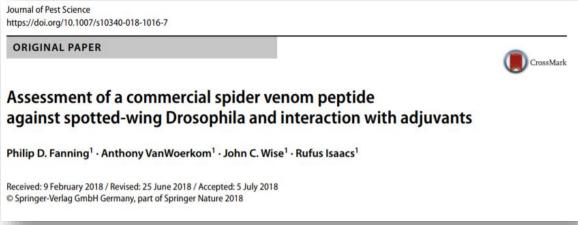
0.8 inches of rain on treated bushes 1 day after application



### New insecticide registrations

- Cormoran DC (novaluron + acetamiprid). Active on aphids, fruitworms, blueberry maggot, SWD, etc. 8 day PHI
- Verdepryn 100SL (formerly Harvanta) (cyclaniliprole)
   expected in 2019. This is a diamide insecticide, active on
   CBFW, SWD, Japanese beetle, and probably many more.

 Also expecting Spear-T (based on spider venom) from Vestaron Corp.





## **Current SWD management approaches**

### 1. Make fields less favorable for SWD

- Cultivar selection
- Weed fabric
- Pruning
- Netting

### 2. Monitor SWD flies in spring to detect first activity

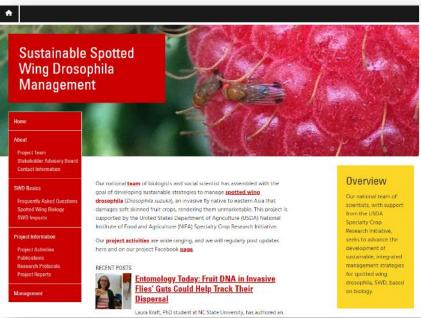
- 3. As fruit being to ripen, sample larvae
- 4. Protect ripening and ripe susceptible fruit
  - Weekly application
  - Good coverage
  - Reapplication after rain
  - Rotate chemical classes
  - Consider adult and larval control
- 5. Post-harvest methods



#### https://eorganic.info/spottedwingorganic



https://swdmanagement.org/



Led by Dr. Ash Sial, University of Georgia

Led by Dr. Hannah Burrack, NCSU

Spotted Wing Drosophila

organic Berry Crops

www.ipm.msu.edu/invasive\_species/spotted\_wing\_drosophila/factsheets



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## **Sanitation**

Flies can emerge from unbagged infested fruit.

Need an effective disposal method.



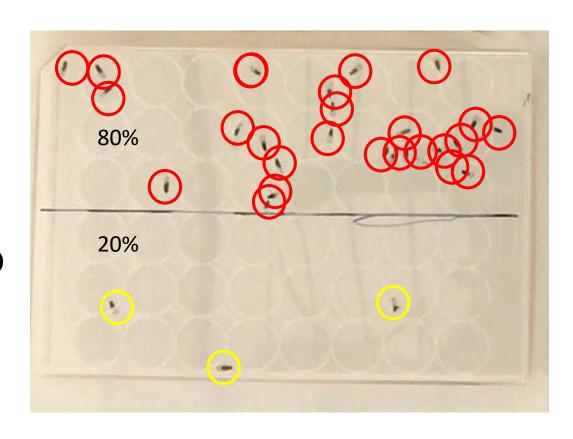
- Clear bags have the highest internal temperature and can surpass the lethal temperature of SWD larvae (30° C)
- Some emergence still occurred after 32h. To kill all larvae, bags should be sealed tightly for more than 32 h.



# **SWD** avoids dry conditions

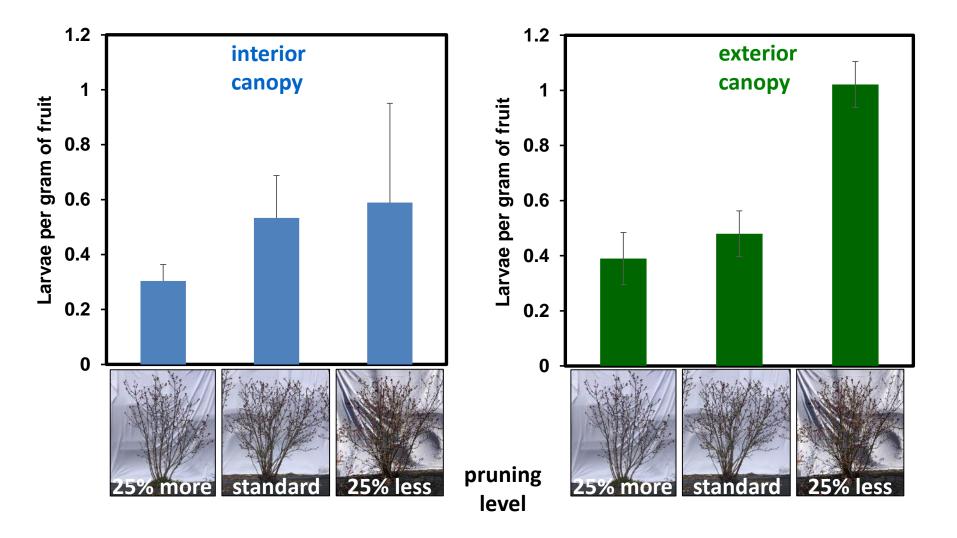
• SWD need humidity for survival.

 Can horticultural practices reduce SWD pressure?



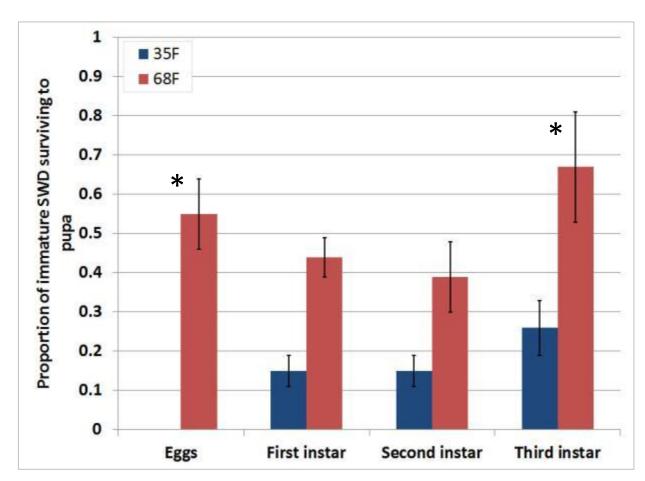


### Opening crop canopies improves SWD control





## **Post-harvest chilling**

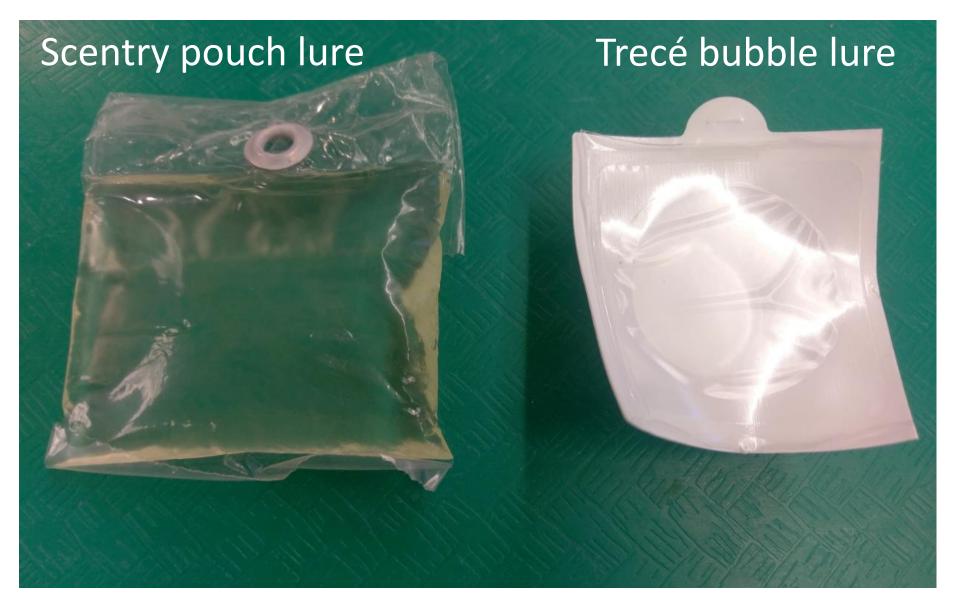


No eggs (of 434) survived to pupation in blueberries held at 35°F for 72 hrs, but some of all other life stages did

No sig. difference in survival for first and second instars



# **SWD** bait development





# Many other trap designs





## 2015-2018 IPM Training on SWD

- Knowledge and skills gained to retool IPM programs
- SWD control costs reduction from \$372 in 2013 to \$191/acre in 2017.

