

The Current and Future Role of Biopesticides in U.S. Agriculture

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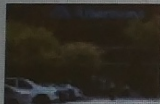
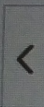
Why biopesticides?

To make a long story short, there will be more biopesticides coming available to us than conventional pesticides. We need to embrace them.

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Amazon Puts Whole Foods on Fast Track to Conventional Supermarket

Specialty grocer will no longer allow 'brand advocates' in stores, a potential blow to local sellers

By *Heather Haddon* and *Annie Gasparro*

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Whole Foods will change the way companies can sell and market their products in stores beginning next year, one of the biggest moves yet in its continuing push to operate more like a traditional market.

Under the changes planned to begin in April, Whole Foods' 470 locations will no longer allow brand representatives to promote their products or check to make sure they are

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For those of you that do not know me; some background

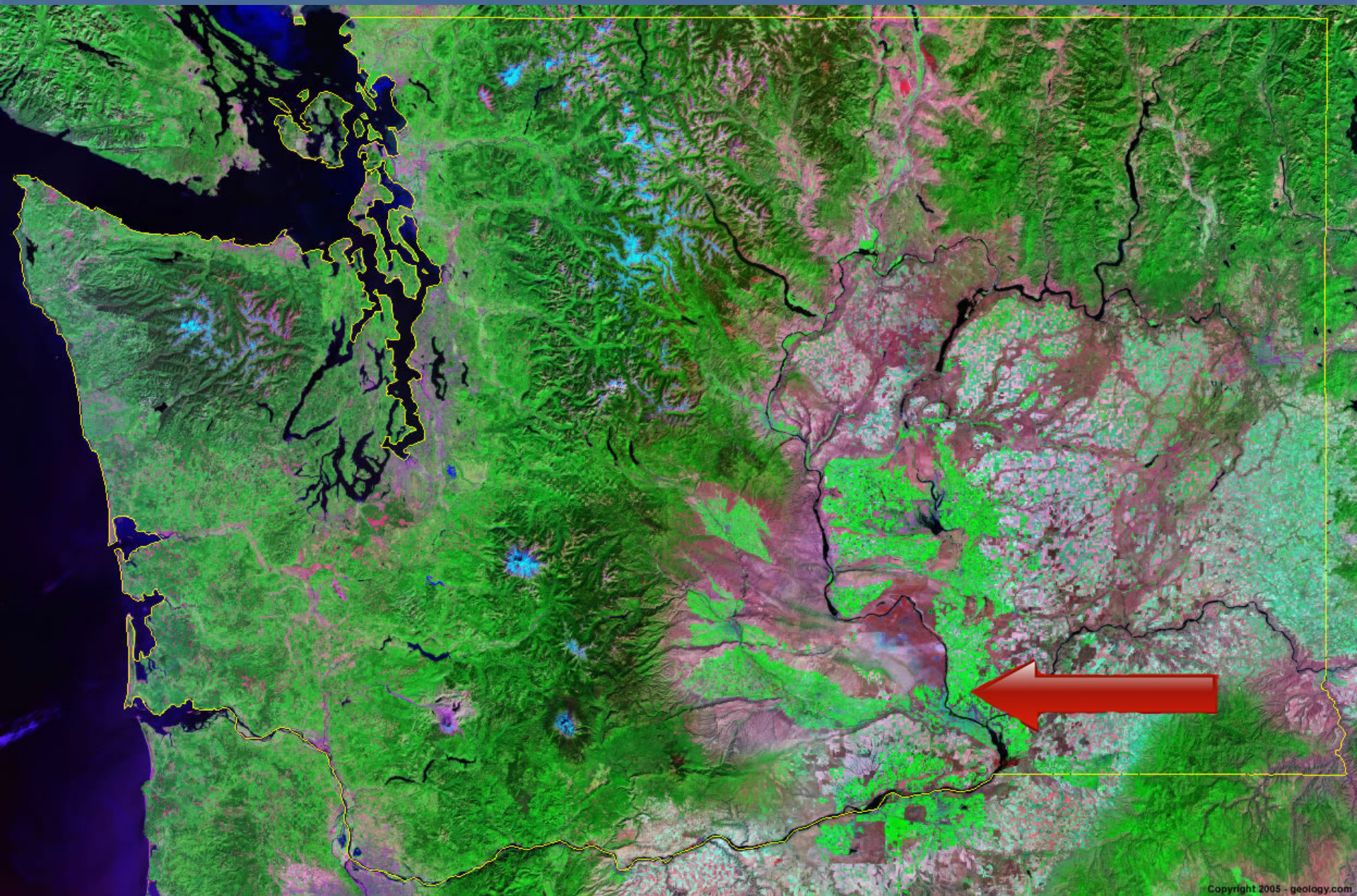
- I grew up on farm in Missouri.
- Ph.D. in entomology/pesticide toxicology. U. of Missouri
- Worked at EPA Office of Pesticide Programs in D.C.
- Department of Entomology-Washington State University.
- WSU IR-4 Coordinator through 1997, on the CLC.
- Left WSU to form my own research company in 1998.
- Started farming in 2003.
- Manage 3 state Commissions.
- Consult on ag, pest management and pesticide issues.

Schreiber & Sons Farm

Agriculture Development Group, Inc.

Paladin Agriculture Research, Inc.

- Research insect, weeds, diseases, nematodes, varietal evaluations, fertility, organic issues.
- Local markets, farmers markets, restaurants, CSA.
- Over 300 crop varieties.
- Wholesale markets focus on asparagus, kale, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, melons and watermelon.
- Certified organic.













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My involvement with biopesticides are on multiple levels.

- Administer 3 pools of research funds that involve funding pest management research.
- Personally conduct between 40 to 60 pest management trials annually.
- Write management guidelines for various pests on multiple crops such as insects on potatoes, SWD in blueberries and botrytis on small fruits.
- I have to control pests on my farm on a variety of crops.

Increasingly, I conduct research on biopesticide/organic means of pest management.

- Clients pay for this research.
- I use the results of this work to development control recommendations for growers.
- Frequently, I use the results of this research on my farm.

The Washington Asparagus Commission
wanted an organic means to control
European asparagus aphid.

This is a production ending pest.

The industry is currently in an emergency
situation for controlling the aphid, in its 8th
year of a Section 18 for lambda cyhalothrin.

European Asparagus Aphid



Seven applications, every seven days, four replications, heavy pressure, counts for 49 days.

Trt No.	Treatment Name	Total aphids per plant
8	Ecozin	261.0 a
5	OXIDATE	215.5 ab
7	NEEMIX	211.3 ab
4	Saf-T-Side	203.4 abc
1	UNTREATED CHECK	186.0 abc
3	SUCRASHIELD	176.0 abc
2	PESTOUT	128.3 bcd
6	AZA-DIRECT	121.5 bcd
11	Pyganic/Ecozin	92.5 cd
9	Pyganic/Aza-Direct	64.3 d
10	Pyganic/Neemix	59.5 d

Control of European Asparagus Aphid in Organic Aspar

Days After First/Last Application: 48-10				Total # EAA
2012 Trials	Trt. No. Treatment	Rate Applied	Applic. Code	TOTAL
14 treatments Focus on rates and comparing singular treatments with combinations.	2 Pyganic	16 fl oz/a	ABCDE	370.0 a
	2 Neemix	8 fl oz/a	ABCDE	
	5 Oxidate (H202)	25 % v/v	ABCDE	273.3 ab
	1 Untreated			189.5 ab
	13 Trilogy	2 % v/v	ABCDE	163.5 ab
	14 Pyganic	64 fl oz/a	ABCDE	165.5 ab
	4 Saf-T-Side	2.5 fl oz/gal	ABCDE	83.5 ab
	8 Neemix	8 fl oz/a	ABCDE	122.8 ab
	7 Neemix	16 fl oz/a	ABCDE	77.8 ab
	3 Pyganic	16 fl oz/a	ABCDE	71.8 ab
	3 Neemix	16 fl oz/a	ABCDE	
	6 Aza-Direct	3.5 pt/a	ABCDE	46.8 b
	9 Pyganic	64 fl oz/a	ABCDE	35.5 b
	9 Aza-Direct	2 pt/a	ABCDE	
	11 Pyganic	128 fl oz/a	ABCDE	20.0 b
	11 Neemix	16 fl oz/a	ABCDE	
	10 Pyganic	64 fl oz/a	ABCDE	17.0 b
	10 Neemix	16 fl oz/a	ABCDE	
	12 Trilogy	2 % v/v	ABCDE	10.3 b
	12 Pyganic	64 fl oz/a	ABCDE	

All treatments included Surfact 50

Partially as a result of the ability to control EAA organically, Washington is the primary supplier of organic asparagus in the U.S.

Production of organic asparagus in Washington is increasing by 25% a year.



Application of Pyganic + AzaDirect
Eggplant – August 24, 2015

A more critical pest has been spotted wing Drosophila in small fruit.

This has been a devastating pest for berry growers, particularly for those growing organically.



Trt No.	Treatment Name	Appl Code	Total Larvae /20 fruit six samplings
14	CimeXa Silica tm/d Veratran	ABCDEF	453.3a
1	Untreated Check		446.5ab
4	Venerate XC	ABCDEF	434.0abc
6	Entrust r w Grandevo	ABEF	431.5abc
5	Veratran D (40 gal/ac)	ABCDEF	425.8abcd
9	CimeXa Silica Gel Dust	ABCDEF	421.3abcd
3	Grandevo	ABCDEF	416.8abcde
13	CimeXa Silica tm'd Venerate	ABCDEF	416.5abcde
23	Grandevo w corn syrup	ABCDEF	407.5abcdef
27	Light Corn Syrup	ABCDEF	396.8abcdef
25	MBI- 203 DF8 w corn syrup	ABCDEF	391.5abcdef
7	Entrust r w Venerate	ABEF	388.0abcdef
11	CimeXa Silica r w Entrust	ABEF	379.5bcdefg
12	CimeXa Silica tm'd Grandevo	ABCDEF	378.8bcdefg
22	MBI - 203 w corn syrup	ABCDEF	373.0cdefg
24	Venerate XC w corn syrup	ABCDEF	366.0cdefg
10	CimeXa Silica Gel Dust	ABCDEF	357.8defg
21	Cyclaniliprole	ABCDEF	346.3efgh
8	Entrust r w Veratran	ABEF	345.8efgh
2	Entrust	AB	344.8fgh
15	Experimental 1	ABCDEF	312.0gh
20	Cyclaniliprole	ABCDEF	279.8hi
26	Entrust SC w corn syrup	ABCDEF	215.3ij
16	Experimental 1	ABCDEF	192.0jk
19	Mustang Maxx	ABCDEF	148.8jk
17	Experimental 1	ABCDEF	127.0k
18	Experimental 1	ABCDEF	121.5k

2016 Organic SWD Trial Results in Blackberry

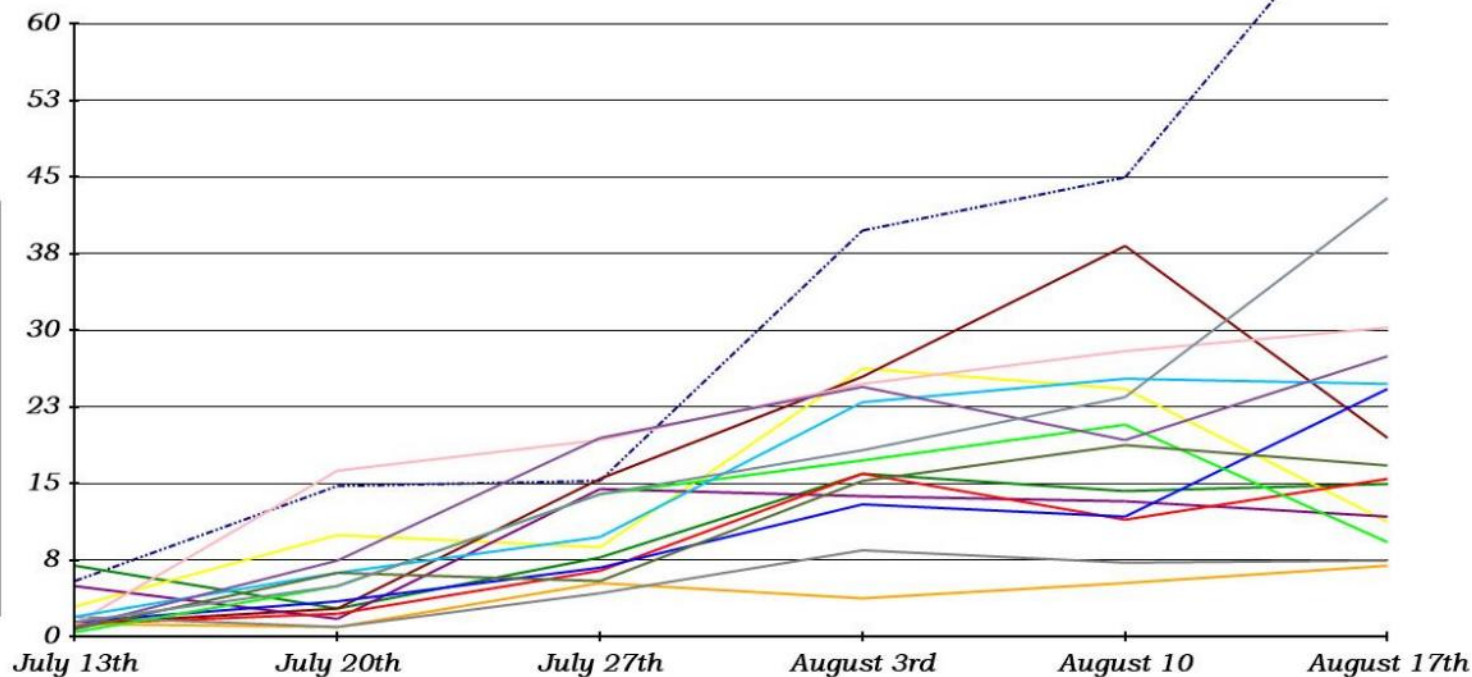
ranked by total SWD over the trial

Trt	Treatment	Rate	SWD / 20
No.	Name	Unit	Total
7	Entrust r/w Grandevo + CS	6 fl oz/a	23.5 j
8	Entrust r/w Veratran + CS	6 fl oz/a	30.5 ij
19	Delegate	4.5 oz wt/a	31.3 ij
6	Entrust r/w Veratran	6 fl oz/a	53.0 hij
5	Entrust + Grandevo	6 fl oz/a	60.0 g-j
9	Azera + corn syrup	2.5 pt/a	60.8 g-j
2	Entrust	6 fl oz/a	62.8 g-j
24	Entrust	6 fl oz/a	63.3 g-j
10	Experimental V + corn syrup	4 lb/a	66.8 f-j
18	Experimental D	11.4 fl oz/a	77.5 e-l
20	Malathion 8 Aquamul	20 fl oz/a	80.8 e-h
3	Grandevo WDG	3 lb/a	83.5 e-h
13	DeBug Turbo r/w Entrust	64 oz/a	89.3 d-h
22	Grandevo WDG r/w Entrust (2)	3 lb/a	91.0 d-h
23	Grandevo (3) r/w Ent (2) r/w Ven (1)	3 lb/a	99.3 c-h
4	Veratran D	15 lb/a	103 c-g
25	Jet-Ag	1% v/v	105.3 b-g
14	Experimental D	1.43 fl oz/a	106.5 b-g
11	DeBug Turbo	64 oz/a	112.8 b-f
21	Grandevo WDG	3 lb/a	119.8 b-e
17	Experimental D	8.5 fl oz/a	120.3 b-e
16	Experimental D	5.7 fl oz/a	137.0 bcd
15	Experimental D	2.84 fl oz/a	140.5 bc
12	DeBug Turbo	104 oz/a	152.5 ab
1	Untreated		196.0 a

Total SWD
over the trial

SWD Control in Blackberries of Eastern Washington State

of SWD LARVAE



Trial ID: IR-4 BlackB.SWD-2016

- Untreated
- Entrust 6 FL OZ/A
- Grandevo WDG 3 LB/A
- Veratran D (40 gal/A) 15 LB/A
- Entrust 6 FL OZ/A Grandevo WDG 3 LB/A
- Entrust 6 FL OZ/A Veratran D 15 LB/A
- Entrust 6 FL OZ/A Grandevo WDG 3 LB/A Co>
- Entrust 6 FL OZ/A Veratran D (40 g>
- Azera 2.5 PT/A Corn Syrup 12.5 % V/V
- VST-006330 EP 4 LB/A Corn Syrup 12.5 % V>
- Grandevo WDG 3 LB/A R-11 NIS 0.25 % V/V
- Grandevo WDG 3 LB/A Entrust 6 FL OZ/A R->
- Grandevo WDG 3 LB/A Entrust 6 FL OZ/A Ve>
- Entrust 6 FL OZ/A R-11 NIS 0.25 % V/V
- Jet-Ag 1 % V/V

The majority of organic blueberries in the U.S. now use the aforementioned program, rotating Grandevo/Venerate/Jet Ag (PAA) with Entrust.

Organic blueberry production is increasing at a rate that exceeds that of conventional blueberries. (Washington produces more organic blueberries than the rest of the U.S. combined.)

Seduce – Ant, Earwig and Cutworm Bait

- .07% spinosad bait (same active ingredient as Entrust).
- 20 to 44 lbs. per acre.
- Almost every crop on the label (around 200).
- Soil applied granule insecticidal bait that has an attractant.
- Effective up to four weeks.
- Broadcast, or in row, reapply after heavy rain or watering. Reapply as bait is consumed or every 2 to 4 weeks. Apply around the base of plants (e.g. berries).
- Vegetables – scatter the bait around the perimeter of vegetable plantings; scatter bait on soil around the plants or between rows.

I use Seduce on my farm.

- We use it at transplant for wireworm control in watermelons; allows plants to get to a size that are not bothered by wireworms.
- Down side is that it has short residual.
- I have wireworm problems near harvest in cantaloupes and the residual is not long enough to provide protection.
- This product works, but in a narrow range of situations.
- Can be used on a wider array of pests than is what is on the label (2ee of FIFRA allows this.)

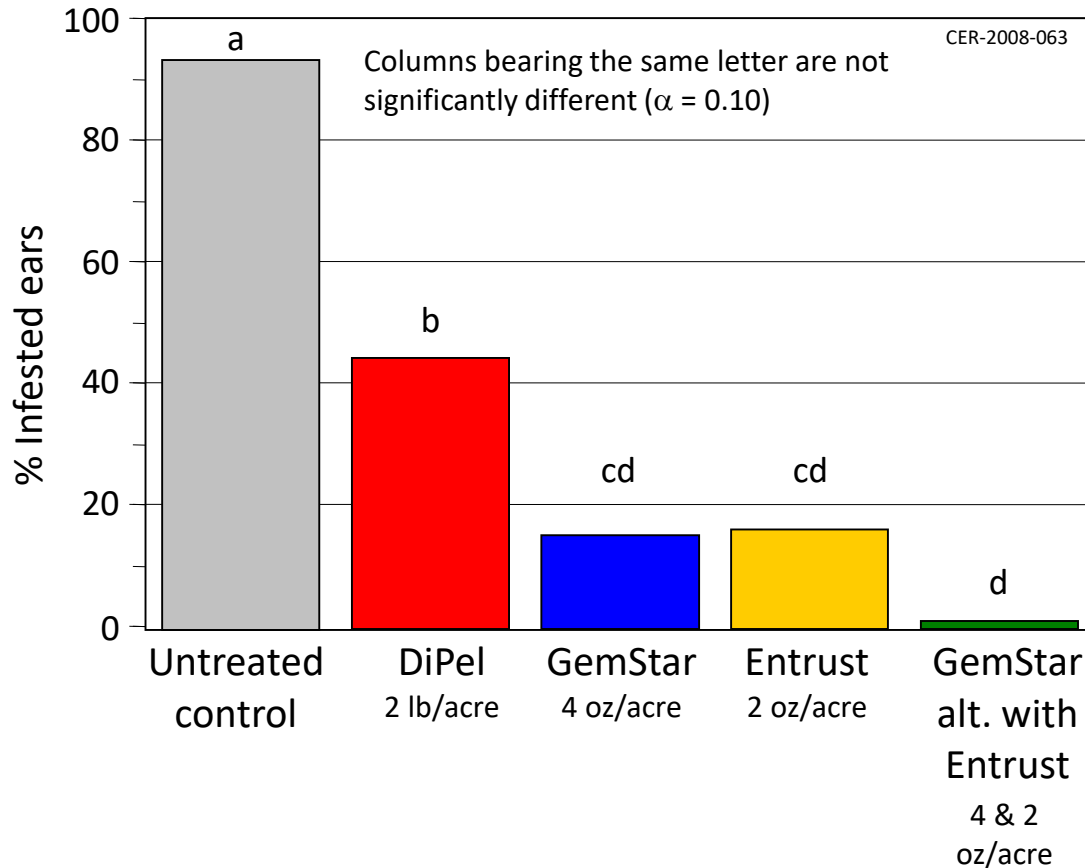
Gemstar (Certis)

- Registered on sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, leafy and other vegetables. (surprisingly cheap.)
- 4 to 10 oz/acre, air, ground and overhead sprinkler, 4 day REI, 0 day PHI.
- Microencapsulated virus that attack only three species of worm pests, most important for WA is corn earworm.
- Has to be ingested, by first and second instar larvae; no adult activity (a weak point, but also true for other organic insecticides.)
- Works better when applied with 5 lbs of sugar/molasses.
- 2 month shelf life, less if exposed to above 90 degrees F.
- The product should be used more than it is.

GemStar vs. corn earworm in organic sweet corn (2008)

Investigator: Dr. Alan Schreiber, Agric. Development Group

Location: Eltopia, WA



- Randomized complete block design with 4 reps (each 12 x 20 ft.)
- Application via overhead sprinkler chemigation in 0.1" of water.
- Single treatments were applied 5 times, every 5 days.
- Alternating treatment: Gemstar or Entrust applied every 6 days (i.e 12 days between each of 4 applications of the same product)

Control of Potato Psyllid with Organic Products, 2012, RDO Company, sponsor

Trt	Treatment	Rate	Appl	Potato psyllid	Potato psyllid	Potato psyllid	Potato psyllid	
No.	Name	Rate	Unit	Code	Total Adult	Total Nymph	Total Egg	Total Psyllid Number
16	REAPER	16	fl oz/a	A	0 b	0 c	0 c	0 b
	NIS	0.25	% v/v	A				
	Movento	5.5	fl oz/a	AD				
	MSO	0.5	% v/v	AD				
35	Entrust	1.5	oz wt/a	ABDFHJ	1 b	1.3 bc	3.8 ab	6 b
	Surfact 50	0.5	% v/v	ABDFHJ				
	Sulfur	2	lb/a	ABDFHJ				
36	Entrust	3	oz wt/a	ABDFHJ	0 b	0 c	0.3 bc	0.3 b
	Surfact 50	0.5	% v/v	ABDFHJ				
	Sulfur	2	lb/a	ABDFHJ				
	Azadirect	1	pt/a	ABDFHJ				
37	Azadirect	1.5	pt/a	ABDFHJ	0.3 b	0.8 bc	1 bc	2 b
38	Untreated				11.5 a	8 a	6.5 a	26 a

IR-4 NATIONAL PESTICIDE CLEARANCE BIOPESTICIDE EFFICACY AND PERFORMANCE
PROTOCOL 2017 PR. NO.: B00201 DATE: 3/23/2017

PROJECT TITLE:

Mitigation of residues of export concern in blueberry through the utilization of biopesticides for end of season management of Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD).

1. JUSTIFICATION AND OBJECTIVES: IR4 identified research on SWD as a priority need. The purpose of this efficacy and crop safety trial is to determine the level of SWD control by biopesticides in blueberry to replace conventional pesticides of export concern.

2. IR-4 RESEARCH COORDINATOR: Michael Braverman, Manager, Biopesticide and Organic Support Program, IR4 Project Headquarters, 500 College Road East Suite, 201W, Princeton, NJ 08540,
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braverman@aesop.rutgers.edu

Reducing Pesticide Residues in Raspberries Without Reducing SWD Efficacy.

1. Untreated check
2. Standard – Danitol, (first harvest) Malathion, Mustang Max, Danitol, Malathion Do not use Danitol post harvest.

(7 day retreatment interval moving to 5 day retreatment interval later in the season)

3. Danitol, Malathion, Mustang Max, Grandevo+Jet Ag, Venerate+Jet Ag, Grandevo + Jet Ag
4. Danitol, Malathion, Mustang Max, Venerate+Jet Ag, Grandevo+Jet Ag, Venerate + Jet Ag
5. Delegate, Malathion, Bifenthrin, Grandevo+Jet Ag, Venerate + Jet Ag, Grandevo + Jet Ag
6. Delegate, Malathion, Bifenthrin, Venerate + Jet Ag, Grandevo + Jet Ag, Venerate + Jet Ag
7. Delegate, Malathion, Bifenthrin, Success + Jet Ag, Grandevo + Jet Ag, Success + Jet Ag

Most of my examples have
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There are plenty of examples for
diseases; less so for weeds.

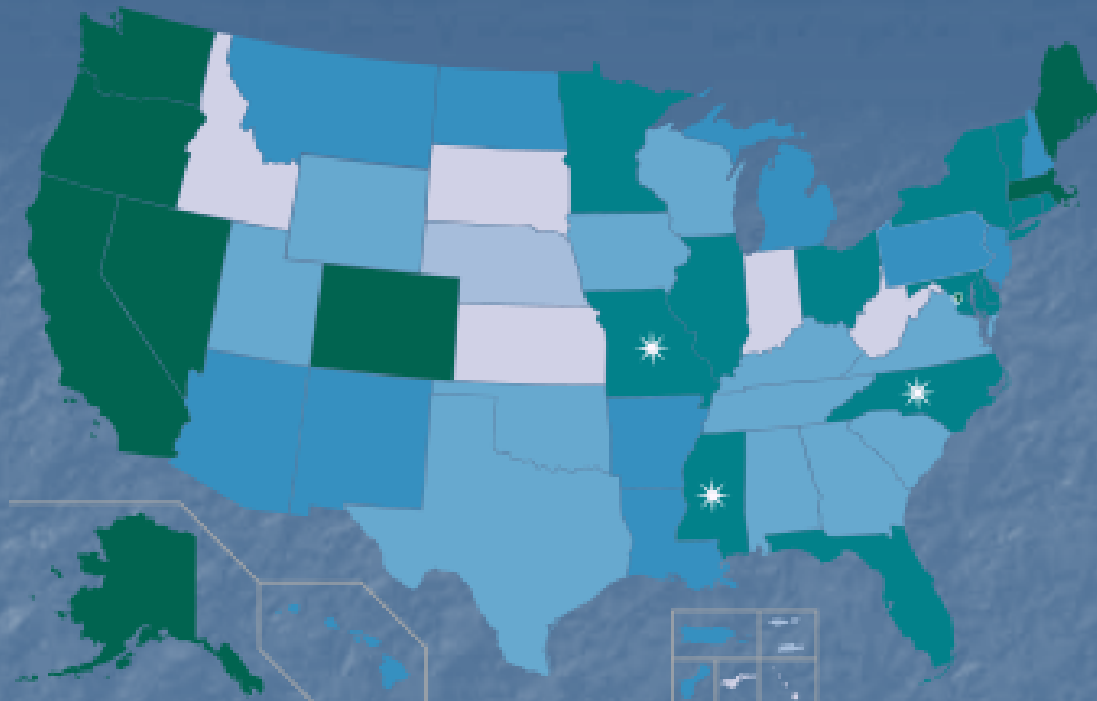
Grape Powdery Mildew Trial in Wine Grapes, 2012, Schreiber

Trt	Treatment		Rate	Appl	% Incidence		% Severity	
No.	Name	Rate	Unit	Code	94	17	94	17
1	Untreated				98	a	81	a
2	Flint	3	oz wt/a	AF	6	c	5	bc
2	Rally	5	oz wt/a	BG				
2	Quintec	5	fl oz/a	CH				
2	Pristine	10	oz wt/a	D				
2	Endura	4.5	oz wt/a	E				
3	Regalia	16	fl oz/a	ABCEFGH	62	b	19	b
3	Regalia	2	pt/a	D				
3	NIS	0.25	% v/v	ABCDEFGH				
4	Regalia	16	fl oz/a	ABCEFGH	62	b	19	b
4	Regalia	2	pt/a	D				
4	Sylgard 309	16	fl oz/100 gal	ABCDEFGH				
5	Regalia	2	qt/a	ACEG	2	c	2	c
5	Quintec	6	fl oz/a	BDFH				
6	Regalia	2	qt/a	ACEG	6	c	1.7	c
6	Vivando	12	fl oz/a	BDFH				
7	Regalia	2	qt/a	ABCDEFGH	38	b	18	b
7	NIS	0.25	% v/v	ABCDEFGH				

Trt No.	Treatment Name	Rate	Unit	July 3, 2014		July 15, 2014	
				Incidence	Severity	Incidence	Severity
1	Untreated Check			0.070a	23.3a	0.125a	83.3a
4	REGALIA	4qt/a		0.055a	13.0a	0.075ab	72.8ab
12	ELEVATE	1.5lb/a		0.015b	3.8a	0.060bc	24.5abc
21	PROLINE	5fl oz/a		0.000b	0.0a	0.033bc	36.7abc
3	TAVANO	13fl oz/a		0.005b	1.3a	0.025bc	37.5abc
16	V-10135	0.38lb ai/a		0.020b	11.7a	0.025bc	48.0abc
2	PhD	6.2oz/a		0.015b	16.3a	0.020bc	11.7bc
13	PRISTINE	23oz/a		0.000b	0.0a	0.020bc	20.5abc
14	IPRODIONE	1fl oz/a		0.015b	21.3a	0.020bc	16.5bc
15	BRAVO	4pt/a		0.005b	3.8a	0.020bc	38.8abc
17	PROTEXIO	0.38lb ai/a		0.015b	6.6a	0.020bc	43.8abc
5	OMEGA	1.25pt/a		0.020b	4.2a	0.015bc	50.0abc
10	SWITCH	14oz/a		0.005b	2.5a	0.015bc	35.0abc
11	CAPTAN	2.5lb/a		0.010b	1.3a	0.015bc	46.3abc
6	MERIVON	5.5fl oz/a		0.000b	0.0a	0.005bc	15.0bc
7	LUNA SENSATION	5.5fl oz/a		0.000b	0.0a	0.005bc	25.0abc
8	Luna Tranquility	24fl oz/a		0.000b	0.0a	0.005bc	2.5c
9	SCALA	18fl oz/a		0.000b	0.0a	0.000c	0.0c
18	PROTEXIO	0.5lb ai/a		0.015b	7.5a	0.000c	0.0c
19	PROTEXIO	0.38lb ai/a		0.005b	18.8a	0.000c	0.0c
19	SWITCH	0.43lb ai/a					
20	ELEVATE	0.75lb ai/a		0.000b	0.0a	0.000c	0.0c
20	SWITCH	0.43lb ai/a					

There is a crop that relies
exclusively on biopesticides.

Cannabis



Cannabis laws in the United States

- Jurisdiction with legalized cannabis.
- Jurisdiction with both medical and decriminalization laws.² Marked states have only legal non-psychoactive medical cannabis.
- Jurisdiction with legal psychoactive medical cannabis.
- Jurisdiction with legal non-psychoactive medical cannabis.
- Jurisdiction with decriminalized cannabis possession laws.
- Jurisdiction with cannabis prohibition.

Cannabis remains a Schedule I substance under federal law. Some cities and Indian Reservations have legalization policies separate from their surrounding states. Cannabis is illegal in all Federal enclaves.

How much is cannabis worth?

- One of the most valuable crops in Washington is blueberries. Worth about \$15,000 an acre in 2014.
- Tier 2 Operation. Outdoors. Eastern Washington.
- 600 plants. Planted in May, harvested in October.
- 2,000 pounds of dried product; \$400 a pound.
- \$800,000 for 10,000 square feet.
- Hundreds of times more valuable than blueberries.
- After processing, double to triple the value.
- The value of this crop fundamentally changes the pest management equation.
- You cannot tolerate any losses from pests.

AGRICULTURE - A Cornerstone of Washington's Economy

Why Cannabis needs consistency of agricultural designation across the state

KEY ECONOMIC FACTS ON WASHINGTON AGRICULTURE

38,353 total farms
2.9% Cannabis
(1104 licensed as of Dec 2016*)

183,000 agricultural jobs
12.6% Cannabis
(22,900 est.)

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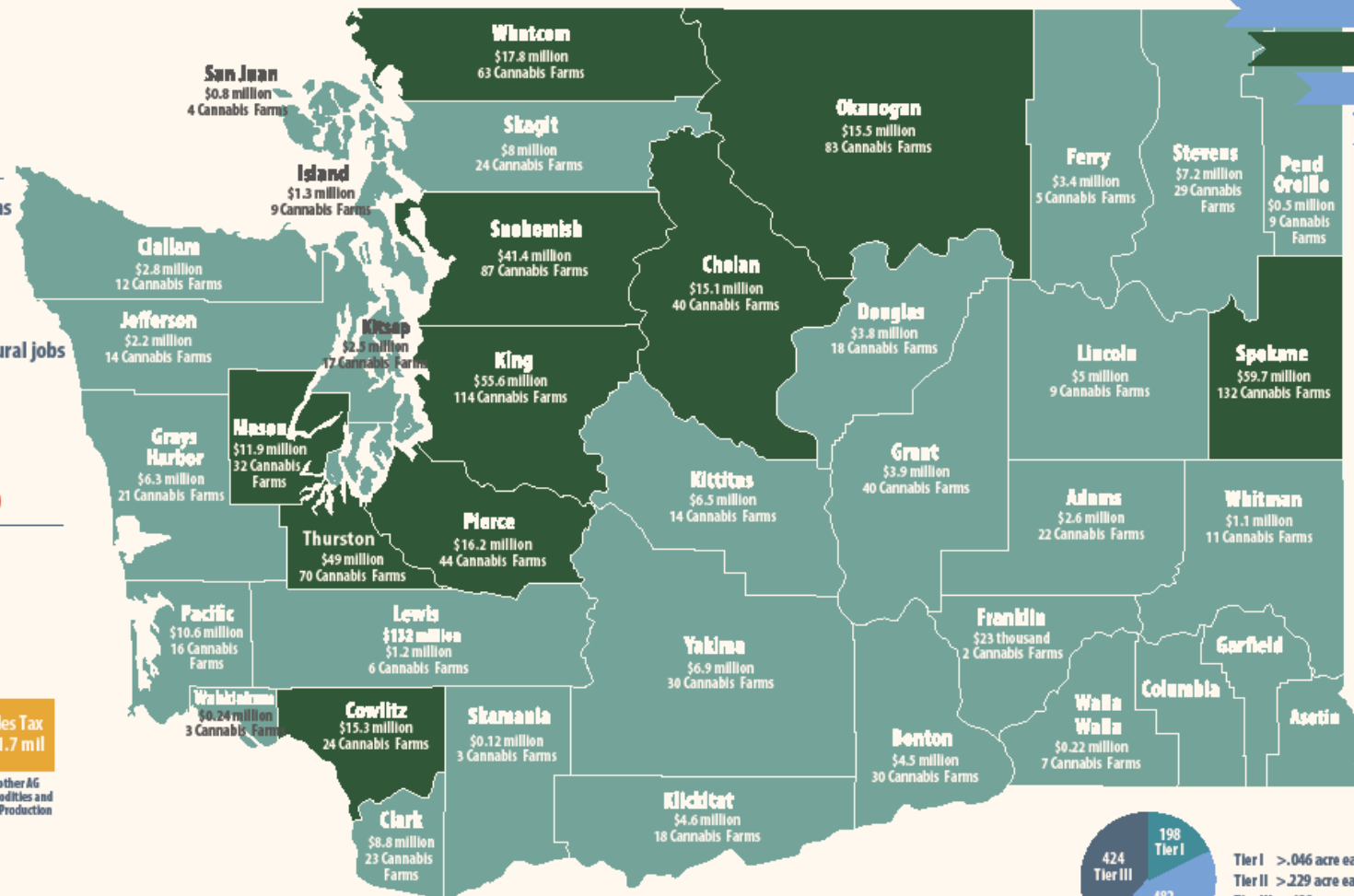
Sales Tax
\$59.1 mil

Excise Tax
\$229 mil

Legal Cannabis

Sales Tax
\$91.7 mil

all other AG
commodities and
Food Production



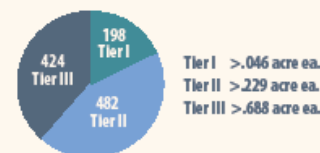
TOP 10 CROPS (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS / 12 MONTHS SALES)

APPLES	\$2,189
MILK	\$1,299
CANNABIS	\$1,270*
WHEAT	\$1,014
POTATOES	\$792
HAY	\$675
CHERRIES	\$385
GRAPES	\$279
PEARS	\$225
HOPS	\$202

*Sales Dec. 2015 - Nov. 2016
Cannabis data as of Nov. 2016 -
other AG most current available

ACREAGE UTILIZED FOR TOP 10 PRODUCTS

Apples	148,000 acres
Cannabis	411 acres
Wheat	2,215 million acres
Potatoes	170,000 acres
Hay	840,000 acres
Cherries	37,100 acres
Grapes	70,000 acres
Pears	20,800 acres
Hops	32,158 acres
Blueberries	11,000 acres

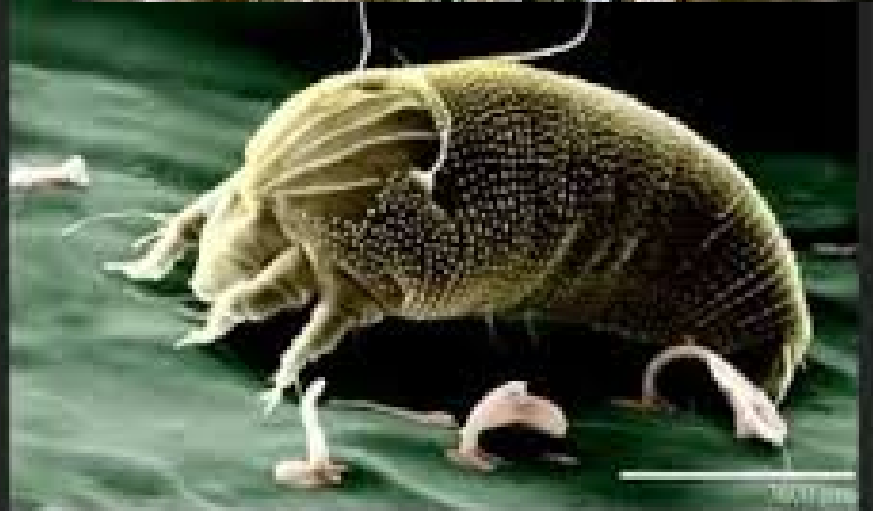


Top 10 Cannabis producing counties in GREEN

Washington Cannabis Pests

- Two-spotted spider mite
- Hemp russet mite and a broad mite
- Aphids, root and foliar
- Fungus gnats
- Thrips
- Whitefly
- Leafminer
- Other pests, such as worms
- Powdery mildew
- Botrytis (bud rot)
- Pythium (marijuana root rot)
- More pest species will come
- Abiotic problems that confound figuring out what pest problem you might have.

Hemp russet mite – a new pest to me





Tri-Cities
HRM
Infestation







First time medical grower. Seemed to do everything right but got HRM.



The grower tried removing infected leaves; removed Severely infected plants, nothing worked, probably came with seed or from the grower next door.

All Washington ag commodities (except one) are supported by research and extension activities

- Interpretation of federal law precludes all of the traditional sources of research and extension.
- Land Grant institutions, USDA, IR-4, etc.
- Cannabis suffers from a wide variety of insect, diseases and other pests, as does every other crop.
- Like every other grower, cannabis growers desire to control pests on their crops.
- Due to the potential high value of cannabis, growers have extraordinary motivation to control pests.
- Unlike every other crop, it is illegal to federally register a pesticide on cannabis.

Cannabis Pest Management Challenges

- It is illegal to register a pesticide on cannabis at least at the Federal level. We are pursuing 24c registrations.
- It is not possible to certify cannabis as organic; you cannot claim your cannabis is organic-certainly not certified organic. If it is not certified organic, then saying it is “organic” means nothing.
- No pesticide applicator or worker protection training is permitted by the usual mechanisms.
- None of the traditional sources of ag research and extension is allowed.
- As a result, growers are left to figure out how best to control pests... many of which may be new to cannabis or growing cannabis by new methods or on larger scale than they have traditionally.

As a result the cannabis industry faces some tremendous problems.

- Illegal pesticide residues.
- High pesticide residues.
- Several pesticides concentrate in concentrated cannabis to stunningly high levels.
- Consumer risk issues
- Worker protection issues.
- Applicator exposure issues
- Growers are left to each other, the internet and sometimes unscrupulous companies for information.
- Cannabis pest management is a mess and growers need help.

In the past year, Washington started testing for pesticide residues.

- A large number of lots tested positive.
- Scandal.
- Some of the biggest, best known growers and brands were testing positive.
- “Organic” and “all natural” brands tested positive.
- There was a temporary shortage of product because no one could get “clean” product.

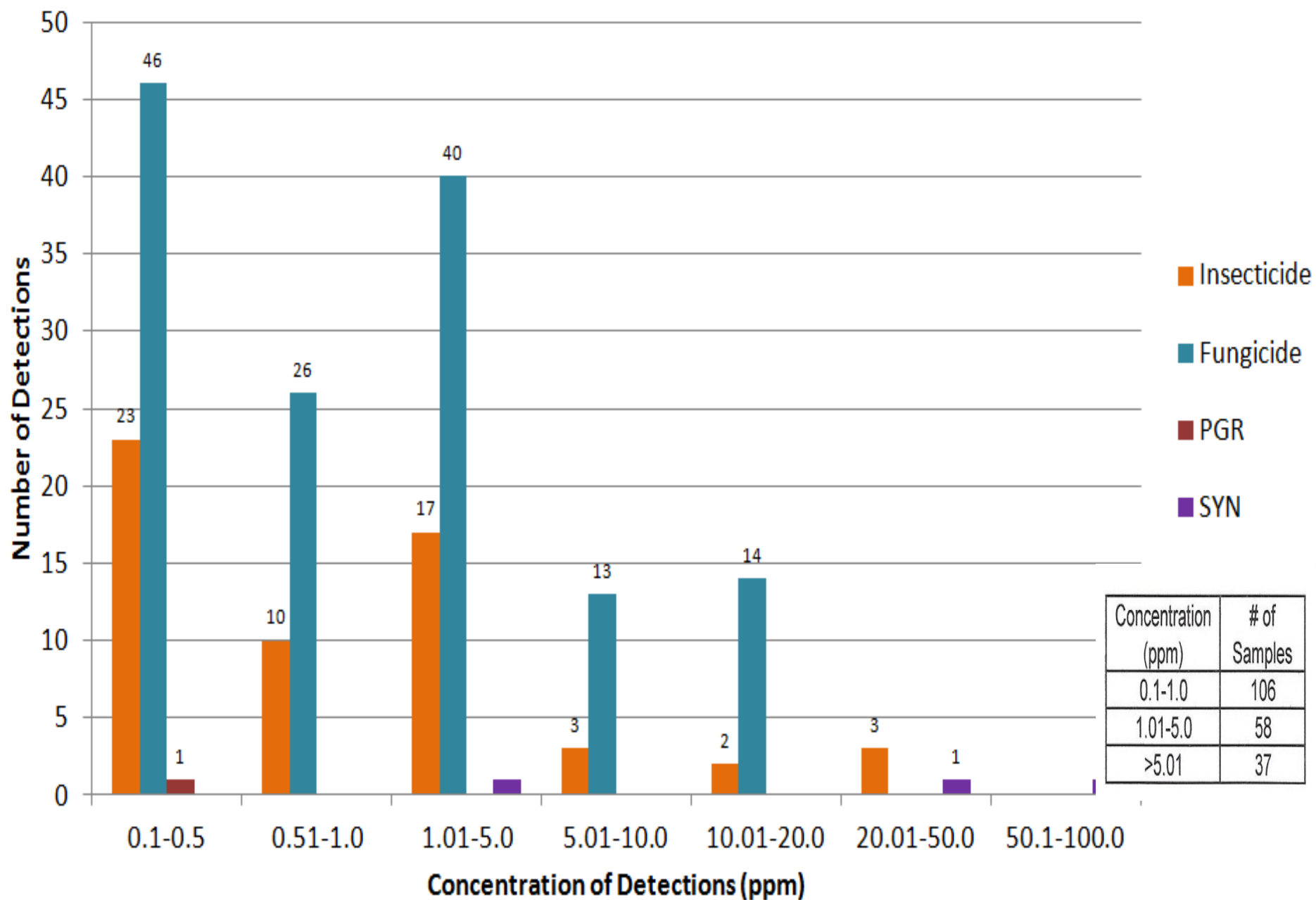
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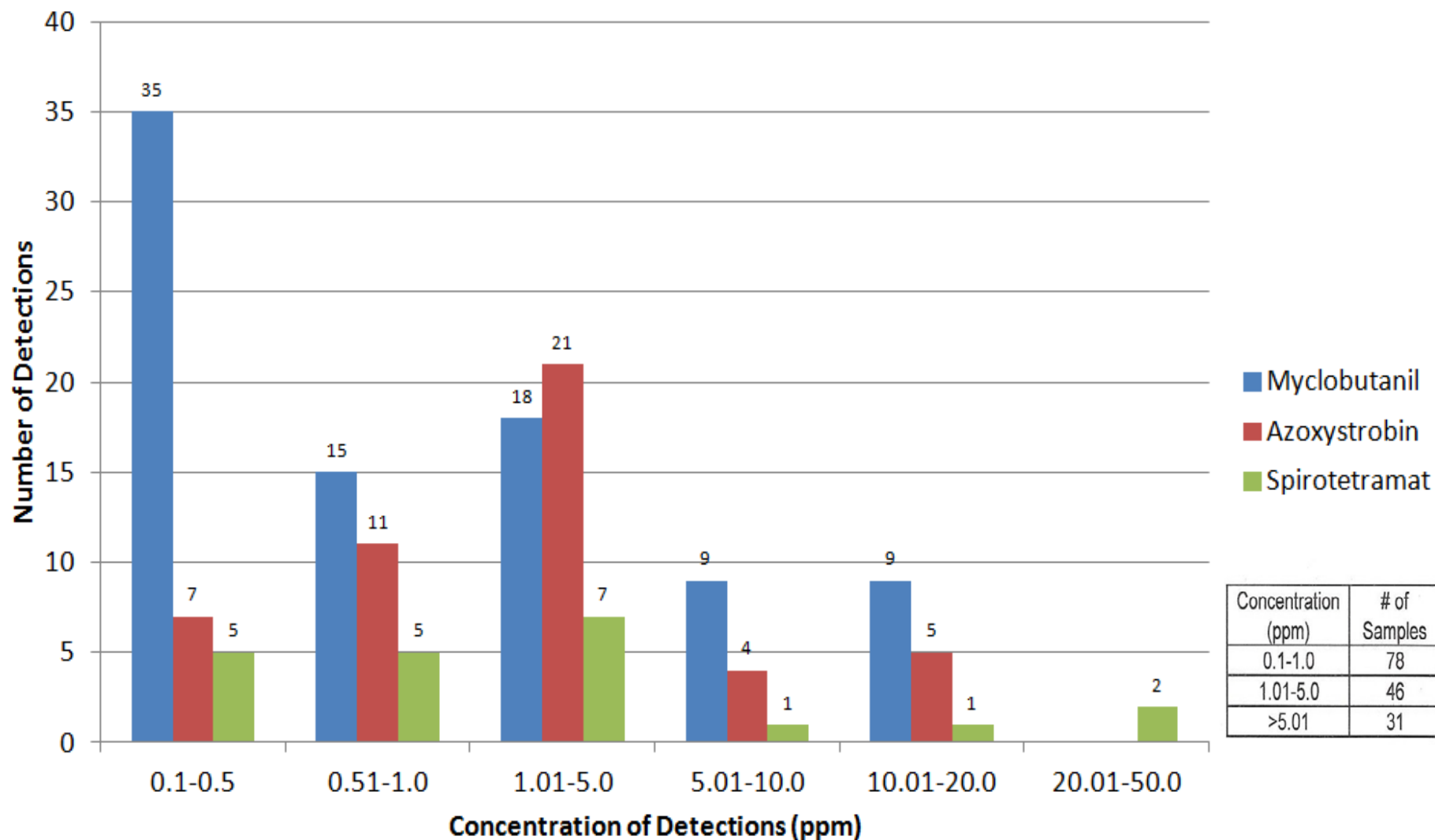


Distribution of Detections by Concentration & Type of Pesticide



Distributions of Frequently Detected Analytes

Distribution of Concentrations for Frequently Detected Pesticides in Cannabis



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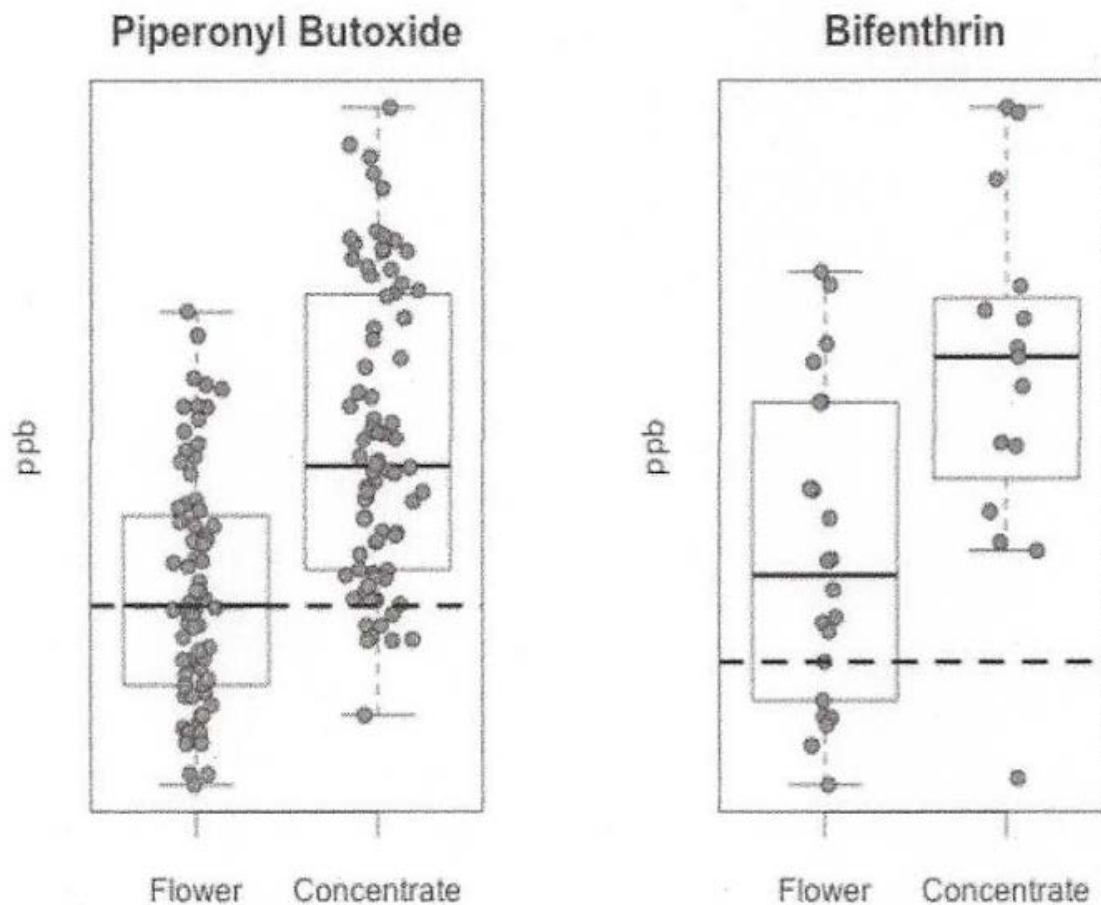
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- OG Analytical in Eugene, OR
- Tested samples from Oct - Dec 2014
- 389 flowers
- 154 concentrates
- Tested for 65 compounds
- Detected 24 different residues
- 29% of flowers and 55% of concentrates had detectable residues

Some of the highest residues detected in study period:

FLOWERS		CONCENTRATES	
Analyte	Amount Detected (ppm)	Analyte	Amount Detected (ppm)
Imidacloprid	64.0	Carbaryl	415
Piperonyl Butoxide	22.7	Piperonyl Butoxide	407
Dichlorvos	8.06	Myclobutanil	392
Myclobutanil	8.04		
Bifenthrin	5.62		

Residues will concentrate in concentrates!



Flowers

Concentrates

Matrix	Pesticide	Conc (ppb)	Matrix	Pesticide	Conc (ppb)
Flower	Imidacloprid	64,000	Concentrate	Carbaryl	415,000
Flower	Azadirachtin	36,000	Concentrate	PBO	407,000
Flower	PBO	2,700			
			Concentrate	Myclobutanil	392,000
Flower	Azadirachtin	16,700	Concentrate	PBO	220,000
Flower	Imidacloprid	15,300	Concentrate	PBO	180,000
Flower	Azadirachtin	14,274	Concentrate	Myclobutanil	160,000
Flower	PBO	13,500	Concentrate	PBO	137,000
Flower	Azadirachtin	13,200	Concentrate	Azadirachtin	123,000
Flower	Azadirachtin	11,450	Concentrate	Myclobutanil	110,000
Flower	Azadirachtin	11,300	Concentrate	PBO	106,700
Flower	PBO	9,040	Concentrate	Chlorfenapyr	100,000
Flower	Dichlorvos	8,058	Concentrate	Myclobutanil	64,310
Flower	Myclobutanil	8,039	Concentrate	PBO	52,000
Flower	Azadirachtin	7,200	Concentrate	PBO	48,160
Flower	Bifenthrin	5,621	Concentrate	PBO	46,440
Flower	Bifenthrin	4,925	Concentrate	PBO	44,500
Flower	PBO	4,450	Concentrate	Myclobutanil	43,600

The legal cannabis industry has had to very quickly shift from using whatever it wanted to regardless of the label to using only a subset of biopesticides.

- Products considered “not illegal” to use on cannabis must be exempt from tolerances and labels must contain label language that does not preclude use on cannabis.
- In Washington, the WSDA “approved” list contains almost 300 products over about 80 active ingredients.
- For example, spinosad is not allowed, but pyrethrin, azadirachtin, Regalia are allowed.
- There is something to be learned from the cannabis experience.
- There is tremendous pressure to achieve a high level of control of a wide array of pests without the use of conventional pesticides.

The techniques being widely adopted by the cannabis industry might be familiar to some you.

- Scouting, scouting, scouting. Early detection.
- Proper identification of the pest species.
- Prophylactic releases of beneficial organisms.
- Innudative releases of beneficial organisms in rescue situations.
- Hygienic practices to disrupt pest life cycles such as reducing humidity, keeping growing areas clean, sanitation, preventing contamination, etc.
- Early application of products before thresholds are high.
- Tank mixes, correct rates, good coverage, surfactants.

For lack of access to better products, biopesticides have become the backbone of cannabis pest management programs.

I foresee cannabis as having some of the most advanced integrated pest management programs in the U.S. based on heavily reliance on biopesticides. There is something for us to learn from this cannabis growers.

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