Tree Fruit Insect Update

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Optimizing Insecticide Use

- Choosing the correct pesticide at the correct time.
- Using pesticides in a manner to delay or avoid insecticide resistance development.
- Avoid uses that trigger pest outbreaks
 - Harmful to key beneficial arthropods
 - Hormesis or hormoligosis effects
- Avoid harmful environmental impacts
 - Water resources
 - Non-target organisms

Major Direct Pests of Pome & Stone Fruit

Apple

- San Jose scale
- Plant bugs
- Plum Curculio
- Oriental Fruit Moth
- Stink bugs
- Codling Moth
- Leafrollers
- Apple Maggot

Peaches

- San Jose, White Peach Scale
- Plant bugs
- Plum Curculio
- Oriental fruit moth
- Stink bugs
- Japanese & June beetles
- Peachtree borer

San Jose Scale





Overwinter as immatures on twigs and bark (male oblong).



Winged males emerge and mate with females in early to mid April. Females give birth to live "crawlers." Females never leave their waxy covering.



When scales feed on fruit, a reddish spot surrounds the feeding site



First generation crawlers appear in May. They quickly settle, begin to feed and secrete a waxy scale covering.

Phenology of San Jose Scale in the Henderson County



Phenology of San Jose Scale in Monroe County



San Jose Scale Management Options

- Pre-bloom (target = overwintering scales on twigs)
 - Oil 2% solution
 - +/- Esteem 35WP (4-5 oz)
 - +/- Diazinon 50WP (1 lb/acre)
 - Centaur 50WP (1 lb/acre do not apply with oil)
- Post-bloom (target crawlers)
 - Esteem 35WP (4 to 5 oz/acre)
 - Centaur WDG (34.5 oz/acre)
 - Diazinon 50WP (2 lb/acre)
 - Assail 30SG (5.3-8 oz/acre) Reserve for rescue sprays

Petal Fall through Shuck-Split and First Cover

- Catfacing Insects
- Plum Curculio
- Oriental Fruit Moth



Plant bugs enter orchards in the early spring shortly before bloom. They are attracted to flowers of broadleaf weeds.

Maintaining a clean ground cover is the most effective control strategy.



Catfacing Insects









Catfacing Insects Management

- Movement into Orchard
 - Attracted to flowering weeds
 - Vetch, clover, henbit, chickweed, pepperweed
- Ground cover management
 - Maintain clean ground cover
 - Nimblewill
- Insecticides
 - Petal fall + 1st cover often target plant bugs, but need is debatable

Plum Curculio



Plum curculio adults overwinter in wooded areas on the periphery of orchards. Emergence into orchards occurs in the early spring (bloom – 1st cover)



An insecticide applied at petal fall is usually necessary to minimize damae. Most larvae do not survive in apples.

Plum Curculio









Petal Fall on Apple

Plum Curculio

Oriental Fruit Moth













Petal Fall – 1st Cover on Peach



Plant bugs

Plum Curculio











Internal-Feeding Lepidopterous Pests

Codling Moth

Oriental Fruit Moth



OFM Flagging







Oriental Fruit Moth Pheromone Trap Captures



Petal Fall to 1st Cover

Insecticide	Plant bug	Plum Curculio	Oriental Fruit Moth	Rosy Aphid	San Jose Scale
Actara	E	Е	—	Е	—
Assail	G	G	G	Е	Е
Avaunt		G	G	—	—
*Imidan	G	Е	Е	—	—
Verdepryn	—	G	Е	—	F
Pyrethroids	Е	Е	Е	G	—
Voliam Flexi*	Е	Е	Е	Е	—
Esteem	—	—	F	—	Е
Centaur	—	—	—	—	Е
Movento		—	—	Е	Е
Diazinon		—	F	Е	Е

*Voliam Flexi: premix of thiamethoxam (Actara) and chlorantraniliprole (Altacor).

Codling Moth on Apple











1^{ST –} 3rd Cover for Codling Moth on Apple

Insecticide	MOA Group	San Jose Scale	Codling Moth
Assail	3A	E	G
Delegate	5	—	E
Altacor, Exirel	28	_	Е
Verdepryn	28	F	E
Imidan	1B	_	G
Intrepid	18	_	G
Esteem	7C	E	F
Centaur	16	Е	—
Movento	23	E	—
Diazinon	1B	E	—

Pheromone-Based Monitoring

- Species specific and pheromones inexpensive
- Sex and aggregation pheromones most commonly used for monitoring pest populations.
- Improve pesticide use strategies
 - Time treatments
 - Action thresholds
- Use in modeling
 - Establish biofix, validate model outputs
- Surveillance programs (invasive species)

Trap in Upper Canopy







A clean Trap is an Effective Trap



Mating Disruption

 Release of large amounts of sex pheromone into an orchard to disrupt the normal inflight process of mate location.



Mating Disruption of Codling Moth &/or OFM

Hand applied dispensers





Puffers or Misters









Benefits of Mating Disruption

- Resistance Management Tool
 - Once codling moth populations are reduced to low densities, mating disruption can maintain populations at low levels without insecticides.
 - If insecticides targeting codling moth are not reduced, the value of MD as a resistance management tool is negated
- Enhances potential for biological control of secondary pests

Approximate Targeting of Insecticide Sprays on Apples



Apple Maggot



Overwinter as pupae in soil



Adults emerge from mid July thru early August



Characteristic wing pattern

Apple maggot trap







Flies oviposit into fruit



Apple Maggot Trapping









Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (Halymorpha haly)

2015 – Beginning of Key Pest Status of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug











BMSB Phenology in WNC (Captures in Pheromone Traps)



Not all Orchards or Apple Cultivars are Susceptible to BMSB Damage

- High temperatures limit distribution and pest status severity
 - Average daily temps >82°F during June and July reduce survival and reproduction.
- Orchards adjacent to wooded areas, especially with a diverse edge habitat, are most conducive to BMSB populations.
- Early maturing cultivars are less susceptible than later-maturing culitivars.

BMSB Damage by Cultivar and Harvest Date



Fruit Damage by Variety



BMSB Insecticide Options on Tree Fruits

	Insecticide	Re-entry Interval (hours)	Pre-harvest Interval (days)	
Neoic	Belay	12	7	
	Actara	12	35	
Pyrethroids	Danitol	24	14	
	Mustang Max	12	14	
	Brigade	12	14	-
	Warrior	24	21	
	Proaxis	24	21	
Mixtures	Besiege	24	21	
	Endigo	24	35	
	Voliam Flexi	24	35	

Bifenthrin (Brigade, Fanfare)

• Formulations

- 2EC (2.6 to 12.8 fl oz/A) = 0.04 0.2 lb Al
- WSB (6.4 to 32 oz) = 0.04 to 0.2 lb Al
- Recommendation
 - 2EC at 6 oz/A, WSB at 16 oz/A
- Limitations
 - Do not exceed 0.45 lb AI/A per season
 - Do not exceed 3 applications per season
 - Do not make applications Less than 30 days apart
 - Do not apply within 14 days of harvest

Japanese Beetle and June Bug









Japanese Beetle and June Bug Insecticide Options

Insecticide	Approximate Residual Activity (days)	Pre-harvest Interval
Sevin	7	3
Imidan	7 to 10	14 (3-day REI)
Admire	3-5	0
Assail	3-5	7
Prethroids -Danitol -Baythroid	7-10	3 7

Peachtree Borer

- Overwinters as larvae under bark a few inches above to below soil level.
- Can girdle young trees, debilitate older trees.
- 1 generation/year.
- Pheromone traps to montior adult males







Peachtree Borer Flight Activity



Alternatives to Lorsban for PTB

- Pyrethroid with peachtree borer on label
 - Lambda-cyhalothrin (Warrior)
 - Permethrin (Permethrin, Ambush etc.)
 - Esvenvalerate (Asana)
 - Endigo (lambada-cy + thiamethoxam)
- Shorter residual activity requires multiple applications

Peachtree Borer Flight Activity



Mating Disruption Products

Both Products Control Peachtree and Lesser Peachtree Borer



Shorter release rate – <100 days



Longer release rate – 177 days