IR4 Support of Biopesticides in Tropical Agriculture

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Area-Wide Programs in the Pacific Basin



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Bactrocera: Background

- Genus of at least 500 species
- Attack a wide range of fruits in the tropical and warm temperate regions of the Old World.
- Most species are found in tropical Asia, Australia, and the South Pacific
- Spreading throughout the world at an alarming rate.







Recent Invasions



Since 1990

Slide from DeMeyer (2010) Valencia, SPN



Date	Invasive species	Area Invaded	
1895	Bactrocera cucurbitae	Hawaii	
1928	Bactrocera kirki	Tahiti	
1942	Bactrocera cucurbitae	Mauritius	
1945	Bactrocera dorsalis	Hawaii	
1969	Bactrocera tryoni	New Caledonia	
1975	Bactrocera carambolae	French Guyana, Guyana	
1970s	Bactrocera tryoni	French Polynesia	
1970s	Bactrocera xanthodes	Cook Islands	
1983	Bactrocera latifrons	Hawaii	
1987-1991	Bactrocera zonata	Mauritius, Reunion	
1993	Bactrocera carambolae	Surinam	
1995	Bactrocera papayae	northern Australia	
1996	Bactrocera dorsalis	Tahiti	
1997	Bactrocera oleae	Reunion	
1998	Bactrocera oleae	USA	
1998	Bactrocera xanthodes	French Polynesia	
1998	Bactrocera zonata	Egypt	
1999	Bactrocera cucurbitae	Seychelles	
2003	Bactrocera invadens	East Africa	
2006	Bactrocera latifrons	East Africa	

Brief History of Hawaii Area-Wide Pest Management Project

- Hawaii program initiated by ARS in 1999.
- Partnership with UH and HDOA.
- Included research, education, and assessment components
- Goal was to transfer environmentally sound sustainable technology to farmers
- Reduce the use of OP insecticides
- Funded for 10 yrs, and then carried on by cooperators and growers.











Fruit flies attack over 400 species of fruit and vegetables



Peach



Citrus



Pumpkin





Loquat

Cantaloupe



Persimmon



Area Wide Integrated Pest Management Components

Area-Wide IPM Approach



Major Technical Accomplishments

- Multi-agency collaboration
- International collaboration
- Transfer of IPM approaches to farmers.
- Transfer of New Technologies to Farmers:
- 1) New monitoring methods.
- 2) Replacement of cover sprays with spot GF-120 NF Naturalyte Fruit Fly Bait applications.
- 3) New male annihilation approaches.





http://www.fruitfly.hawaii.edu

State and Federal EPA Registrations

- Prior to this program, no chemicals were registered in the United States specifically for the suppression of fruit flies.
- The AWPM program was instrumental in obtaining the first Hawaii research permits and then assisted in the registration process with state and federal authorities.

AWPM New Product Registrations

Table 2: Registration of Agricultural Chemicals through Hawaii AWPM Fruit Fly Program for Use against Tephritid Fruit Flies in Hawaii*

Date of Reg.	EPA Reg. No.	Hawaii Licensing No.	Product	Source
Aug. 22, 2000	HI SLN Reg. HI-000003	9786.135	GF-120 Fruit Fly Bait	Dow AgroSciences LLC.
Dec 18, 2002	62719-498	9786.234	GF-120 Naturalyte Fruit Fly Bait supplemental label	Dow AgroSciences LLC
May 23, 2003	8730-50	9628.6	Vaportape П ^{тм}	Hercon Environmental Inc.
June 5, 2006	62719-498	9786.234	GF120 Naturalyte Fruit Fly Bait all crops supplemental label	Dow AgroSciences LLC
Sep. 20, 2007	7969-253	9131.131	Amulet™ C-L w/fipronil stations	BASF
Oct. 3, 2007	36638-42	9721.4	Cue-lure plug in plastic matrix w/o toxicant	Scentry Biologicals Inc.
Oct. 26, 2007	81325-3	8637.1	Methyl eugenol short lure in plastic matrix	Farma Tech International Corp
Dec. 11, 2007	36638-41	9721.3	Methyl eugenol cone in plastic matrix w/o toxicant	Scentry Biologicals Inc.
June 2008	62719-42	9786.282	Sprayable SPLAT-MAT with methyl eugenol and spinosad	Dow AgroSciences LLC/ISCA Technologies



For selective attractance and control of multiple species of tephritid fruit files infesting various tree, fruit, nut, vine and vegetable crops and ornamentals, and on non-crop vegetation which may serve as resting sites.

Active ingredients: spinosad (a mixture of spinosyn A and spinosyn D). Inert ingredients: includes water, sugars and attractants Total

Ready to use formulation.

U.S. Patent No. 5,362,634 and 5,496,931 OMRI

Listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in organic production.

Keep Out of Reach of Children CAUTION PRECAUCION

Insecticidal Bait

Notice: Read the entire label. Use only according to label directions. Before using this product, read Warranty Disclaimer, Inherent Risks fue, and Limitation of Remedies at end of label booket. If terms are unacceptable, return at once unopened. 0.02% In case of emergency endangering health or the environment involving this product, call 1-800-992-5594. If you wish to obtain additional product information, visit our web site at www.dowagro.com. <u>99.98%</u> 100.00%

AVOID FREEZING EPA Reg. No. 62719-498 (DA) (49)

Refer to back panel for additional information

QA EPA Est. 67545-AZ-001: 5905-GA-01 Supercripts correspond to places 7 & 8 of lot number. 900-009774 / 00226224

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More Benefits than Costs

- AWPM program impacted almost 700 farms on all the major islands with 2500 cooperators
- Program made major economic contributions to agriculture in Hawaii and instigated the growing of a greater diversity of crops.
- By allowing farmers to make significant cuts in pesticide use, the program helped improve Hawaii's environment and sustain open space, which contributed to maintain the islands' tourism.
- The program also led to a significant increase in the number of commercial farms.
- In addition, existing farms added crops or revived some previously phased out due to fruit fly problems.

Regional Impact

- Suppression of fruit flies in Hawaii also had benefits in other parts of the United States.
- Most of the technologies used to combat fruit flies on the U.S. mainland were developed in Hawaii. New technologies have direct application to eradication programs in California and Florida.



Current Research in California & Florida:

- STATIC-Spinosad-ME (aka Splat-Mat-ME Spinosad)
- Solid Trilure Detection Dispensers
- Reduced Risk Soil Drenches
- Foliar Insecticide Treatments

Overall Objectives

Since 1960 *B. dorsalis* has been detected in California in 44 of the last 50 years with over 90 eradication programs.

Currently, liquid lures and naled are the standard for eradication programs.

Over the last 5 years we have developed a reduced risk replacement for liquid lure/insecticide mixtures and Min-u-gel-naled-ME/C-L treatments in California and Florida.









Min-U-Gel ME MAT Treatments

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