Ecology & Management of Vegetable Insect Pests

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Tomato hornworm Squash bug **Squash vine borer Cucumber beetles Japanese beetle Colorado potato beetle Corn earworm**



Brown marmorated stink bug

- Well-known
- Only occasionally require special control





Tobacco

Tomato





Tobacco hornworm is more common in lowa.

In spite of species differences, in Iowa both are called tomato hornworm Also feed on eggplant, pepper, potato

Life cycle: Egg, larva, pupa, adult



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Adults appear in mid to late summer 4 – 5 inch wing span Active at night (dusk)



Eggs laid individually on underside of leaves

Life cycle: Egg, larva, pupa, adult



Eggs hatch in one week into tiny, first instar caterpillar



Caterpillars are fully grown in 3 – 4 weeks

Life cycle: Egg, larva, pupa, adult



Caterpillars pupate in the soil and spend the winter



There is only 1 generation per summer.

Tobacco & Tomato Hornworms Control

- Handpicking
 - (large caterpillars after damage is done)
- Spraying
- Bt (only effective against small caterpillars)











- Biological Control
- Tiny wasp
- Interesting but not limiting

Cucurbits









- Simple Life Cycle
- Sucking Mouthparts; Sap feeding
- Leaves wilt and turn black and crisp



- 1-inch long
- gray-black or brown
- elongate oval
- pointed
- overwinter in protected locations



- Adults become active in spring
- After mating females lay eggs until midsummer
- 5 nymph instars take 4-6 weeks to develop into adults
- typically 1 generation per year



Crop rotation **Remove crop** residue **Remove eggs Treat when** eggs begin to hatch Large nymphs and adults are difficult to control





Insecticides for nymph control

- Neem
- Pyrethrum
- Azera®
 - (azadirachtin
 - +
 - pyrethrins)
- Actara® (RR)
- Assail® (RR)
- + 14 others

Squash Vine Borer



- Clearwing moth
- Day-flying moth; noisy
- Complete life cycle
- Winter as pupae in soil
- Moths appear in mid-June
- Eggs laid at base of plant

Squash Vine Borer Larvae tunnel in vines Holes & frass Wilting, collapse, death Larvae in squash





Squash Vine Borer

- Usually 1 generation per year
- Spray when moths are flying
- Need insecticide on stalks and vines when caterpillars hatch (spray not dust)
- Bt kustaki; +? Bt aizaiwi (XenTari)
- +? Spinosad (Entrust)
- Others
- Once caterpillar is in the vine it is usually too late, though excision may work in small plantings



Squash Vine Borer Floating row cover until flowering



Cucumber Beetles • Complete life cycle Spotted and Striped• Adults



overwinter

- Eggs laid in spring
- Larvae in soil (no damage)
- New adults appear in July



Cucumber Beetles



- Seedling damage
- Bacterial Wilt disease



Cucumber Beetle Management

- Crop rotation ??
- Floating row covers
- Trap crop
 - Blue Hubbard squash planted early around the perimeter of the cash crop
- Kaolin clay (Surround)
- Pyrethrum



Monitoring – Visual Inspection

- Check weekly
- Consider yellow sticky traps
- Begin immediately after transplanting
- Between 11 AM and 3 PM
- Count beetles every 2 or 3 days
- Spray when average > 1 beetle per plant



Which one is not a cucumber beetle?



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Western Corn Rootworm Sloppy stripes Black tibia Striped Cuc Beetle Perfect stripes Yellow tibia

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Japanese Beetle







Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle

Japanese Beetle

½-inch long, metallic green head and thorax, bronze wing covers,
5 tufts on white hair at edges of abdomen

Japanese Beetle Japanese Beetle Life Stages





Adults present from late June to early August

Japanese beetle

 Adults – foliage, fruit, flowers

-Over 350 plant species





Vegetables Asparagus **Beans** Eggplant **Herbs** Okra Sweet corn Other

Japanese beetle -



Japanese beetle -Fruits





Japanese Beetle eating Aronia




Japanese Beetle 1994 - 2017

REPORTED DISTRIBUTION OF JAPANESE BEETLE IN IOWA



Japanese Beetle Controls

- Tolerate the damage
- Screening / handpicking
- Spray early and spray often







Japanese Beetle Controls

- Adults appear over an extended period of time
- 2 to 4 to continuous insecticide sprays
- Repellents
 - -Kaolin clay (Surround) -Azadirachtin (Neem)





Emotionally satisfying, but will attract more than are caught Not recommended

Trapping = bailing the ocean



Conclusions about JB

- Controlling JB grubs in the soil WILL NOT prevent damage to crops and ornamentals the following year. Beetles are highly mobile!
- And vice versa



White grub biological control

- Pathogens
- Nematodes
- Parasitoids





http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/housing/japanese-beetle/jbeetle



Entomopathogenic Nematodes





- Need warm, moist soil
- May need 1 to 2 billion
 per acre
- Efficacy debatable
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Steinernema feltiae 10 million nematodes sold on Amazon for \$16 will cover 200 sq ft

White grub biological control

- Pathogens
 - Paenibacillus popilliae
 - Formerly Bacillus popilliae
 - Milky Spore



Counterpoint to the dogma about milky spore that persists in the consumer literature and on the Internet

"... field studies performed by USDA from the 1940s and 1950s .. yielded less than 25% control with a few exceptions in the 50 to 100% control." Dave Shetlar, Ohio State Univ

White grub biological control



Biological Insecticide Granule Controls Annual White Grubs in Turf and Ornamentals

ACTIVE INGREDIENT: Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. galleriae, Strain SDS-SD2 fermentation solids, spores and insecticidal toxins*	
OTHER INGREDIENTS:	
TOTAL:	
	*Contains a minimum of 1 x 10° CTU per gram.
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN	

CAUTION:

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> PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Harmfel if absorbed through the skin, inhaled, or snallowed. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or dothing and breathing dust. Wash thoroughly with scop and water after handling and before easing, chinking, chewing gom, using tobacco, or using the toilet. Remove and wash contaminated dothing before rease.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Applicators and handlers must wear: • Long-sleeved shirt and long pants

om BioProducts

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pa
 Waterproof gloves
- Waterprice giove
 Shoes plus socks

A NIGH-approved particulate registator with any R or P fitter with NOSH approval number prefix TC-414, or a NIGSH-approved powered air particyling registator with an HE fitter with NOSH approval number prefix TC-21C (Repeated exposure to high concertrations of microbial proteins can cause allevgic sensitization.)

Follow the manufacture's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions are available for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from learners.

USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Users should: • Remove clothing/VPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean diothing.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Taraet the pest!

For tenestial cases to not apply directly to water, to areas where sorface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment watervaters or its area.

No manual application can be made within 300 feet of any threatened or endangered Lepidoptera or Coleoptera

- GrubGone[™]
- Bacillus thuringiensis strain galleriae
- Phyllom BioProducts
- 50 75% reduction of JB larvae compared with control
- Differences in activity among various batches of Bt-g.



Selectively Controls Japanese Beetle and other Invaders in Residential, Commercial, Public Landscapes or Farms including on Edible Plants

"Containsa minimum of 0.85 x 10º CFU per gram.



KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION: See additional documentation for First Aid, Procentionary Statements, Directions for Use, Product Information, Application Information, Warranty and Storage & Disposal instructions.

EPA Reg No.: 88347-3

TOTAL:

EPA Est. No.: 070051-CA-001, 087448-0H-01, 048498-CA-2, 0022375-WI-002, 063416-MIN-1, 0684544-MI-1, 0669431-0H-001, 084760-LA-1



- beetleGONE® tlc
- Bacillus thuringiensis strain galleriae
- Phyllom BioProducts
- "Good reduction of JB adult until the first rainfall" Stanton Gill, U MD
- "Do not apply or allow to drift to plants that are flowering"

SH Dreistadt, UC-Davis

 \$130 - \$150 for 5 pounds covers 2 acres. 100 gal water / acre

Japanese beetle



Colorado Potato Beetle

- Oval, convex. 9 to 14
 mm long
- Yellow-brown with ten longitudinal black stripes on wing





- Soft, humpbacked. Up to 10 mm.
- Red > yellowish-red > orange
- Black head and legs
- Two rows of black spots on sides

CPB – Life Cycle











CPB – Life Cycle

- Overwinter as adults in the soil
- Emerge in May and fly to fields
- Feed on emerging plants
- Lay eggs on underside of potato leaves
- Larvae feed for 2 3 weeks
- Larvae burrow into the soil to pupate
- New adults emerge in 2 3 weeks
- At least 2 full generations per year

CPB -- History

- Originated in central Mexico
- First collected in USA in 1811 (Missouri River Valley) and described in 1824
- Feeding on buffalo-bur, Solanum rostratum
- No practical significance for 4 decades





CPB -- History

- European settlers brought potato to Great Plains
- First found destroying potato crops Solanum tuberosum about 100 miles west of Omaha, Nebraska in 1859
- Named "Colorado potato beetle" in 1867 by C.V. Riley
- Spread rapidly eastward, reaching the Atlantic coast by 1874





- Tolerate Defoliation
- Resistant varieties
- Biological control
- Crop rotation
- Trap Crop
- Flaming



Vacuum suction / hand picking

- Systemic insecticides
- Biological insecticides
- Foliar chemical insecticides

Allowable Defoliation From Colorado Potato

- Preflowering: 20-30%
- Flowering: 5-10%
- Tuber Formation: 30%



Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers

2018

Illinois University of Illinois Extension C1373-18

Indiana Purdue Extension ID-56

> lowa Iowa State University Extension and Outreach FG 0600

Kansas Kansas State University Research and Extension MF3279

Michigan Michigan State University Extension E0312

Minnesota University of Minnesota Extension BU-07094-S

M is souri University of Missouri Extension MX384 Lincoln University of Missouri Cooperative Extension and Research LUCER 01-2017

Ohio Ohio State University Extension Bulletin 948



- Crop rotation Plant fields as far as possible* from last year's potato fields to reduce potato beetle damage.
 - "As far as possible" > ¼ mile
 - Adult dispersal in spring is random
 - Delays infestation in the spring by 2 3 weeks
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- Plant early potatoes on field border
- Between current and previous year field
- Destroy by spraying, flaming or disking before larvae mature



- Insecticides
 - Systemic insecticides
 - Biological insecticides
 - Foliar chemical insecticides
- Scout at least weekly from emergence to determine necessity for treatment and to improve treatment timing





CPB – Chemical Management

- Foliar Applied Insecticides
 - Eggs are not susceptible to insecticides
 - Timing is a tough issue to solve
 - Target 3rd instar larvae
 - Staggered adult arrival
 - Extended egg hatch
 - Scouting !!
 - Control 1st generation larvae for best result



CPB – Reduced Risk Insecticides

- Spinosad
 - SpinTor 2SC®
 - Entrust®
- Rimon 0.83EC®
 - Novaluron
 - IGR
- Novodor®
 - Bacillus thuringiensis tenebrionis (Btt)
- Prokil Cryolite 96® or Prokil Cryolite
 50D®
 - Sodium aluminofluoride





AKA Tomato Fruitworm & **Cotton Bollworm**



- CEW does not survive the winter this far north
- New moths blow in from southern USA every spring
- Arrival time varies
- Moths are attracted to and lay eggs on green corn silks (7 – 10 day period of vulnerability)





- Eggs hatch in 2 6 days
- Tiny larvae follow silks down to tip of ear
- Larvae feed on ear tip
- Grow in 21 to 30 days





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Corn Earworm Management

- Plant early
- Use short season varieties
- Apply insecticide to silks while they are green and moths are present
- Organic treatments into the silk channel are time consuming.
- "Zea-Later" manual applicator to deliver a Bt and oil mixture (or other treatment) directly into the silk channel





- Insecticides must be sprayed when moths are flying and silks are green to prevent caterpillar entry into the silk channel at tip of ear
- To protect new silk, spray the day after the tassels appear
- Repeat in 2 3 days and again 5 days later





- "Some level" of pyrethroid resistance in upper Midwest
- Corn Earworm = Cotton Bollworm
- Keep very accurate records of insecticide applications
- If one pyrethroid fails to give control because of resistance, other pyrethroids are very likely to fail as well.
- Pyrethroids: Ambush, Pounce, Warrior, Capture, Baythroid, Mustang-Max, Decis, Proaxis, and Discipline
- Non-Pyrethroids: Sevin and SpinTor

Corn Earworm Monitoring

- To limit applications, spray only if silks are fresh and green and if moths are present.
- Monitor moths with pheromone traps
- Adjust sprays according to moth presence



Bt Sweet Corn

- -Genetically modified sweet corn
- -Contain genes of the Bt bacterium
- -Several varieties are available
- -Corn plant produces Bt toxin
- Effectively controls all the major caterpillar pests, including corn earworm
- -Consumer concerns may limit market
- -Higher seed price
- -Not "bullet proof"

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

- Pennsylvania, 1998
- Plant feeding stink bug
- Native range China, Japan, Korea
 - An agricultural pest



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

Light and dark bands

- 17 mm long
- Brown
- Shieldshape
- Bands on antennae and dorsal abdomen

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug



1998 – First found in Pennsylvania 2010 – Reported in 22 eastern states

Population explosion Damage to plants severe 2017 – Reported in 44 states

The future – BMSB will continue to spread Population cycles and plant damage unknown





Not BMSB!





- Brown Stink Bug (left)
- Spined Soldier Bug (center)
- Green stink bug (right)
Squash Bug is Not a Stink Bug

- 1-inch long
- Gray-black or brown,
- Elongate oval
- Pointed at the head end
- Common on foliage and fruit of pumpkins and squash in late summer
- Hide in winter under old vines, and other debris
- Rarely found indoors



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug



- Adults emerge from protected overwinter sites in May & June
- Mate >> Lay eggs
- Nymph feeding damage in early summer
- Adult feeding damage in fall







BMSB Feeds on:

- Fruit crops
- Vegetables
- Corn and soybeans
- Trees and shrubs





...then it comes indoors

http://graphics8.nytimes.com/images/2010/09/27/us/STINKBUG-2/STINKBUG-2-articleLarge.jpg

and it stinks.



- Do NOT cause
 harm
- But, annoying as heck!





- Household accidental invader
- September -October



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Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Reports in Iowa

Status in Iowa

- Reports of damage to fruit or vegetables?
- Keep looking
- Keep in touch





Brown Marmorated Stink Bug



Discussion

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Spotted wing drosophila





Spotted Winged Drosophila

- Drosophila suzukii
- Native to Japan, China, India, Thailand, Korea
- Primary pest of thinskinned fruit
 - Fruit does not need to be damaged or rotting
 - Attacks healthy fruit

on the plant





2 – 3 mm (1/8th inch) Striped abdomen; Red eyes

Host Range

UC Statewide IPM Program

- Raspberry a blackberry
- Blueberry
- Strawberry
- Cherry
- Apple
- Peach
- Plum



Host Range

- Wild hosts
 - -Crabapple
 - -Pokeweed
 - -Autumn oliv
 - -Nightshade
 - Amur
 honeysuckle
 Wild grape







SWD Ovipositor

Serrated ovipositor allows it to attack pre-harvest healthy fruit



Egg left on surface of berry

Photo by Martin Hauser, CDFA

Bev Gerdema

Egg laid below surface of berry

Spotted Wing Drosophila

 Raspberries are susceptible to injury when they start to turn color



Larvae in Fruit

3rd Instar Larva Relative to Blueberry Size

Bev Gerdeman





Bev Gerdema

SWD Management Monitor -For adults -Check fruit for larvae



Sanitation
Insecticic

Efficacy rating	Active ingredient ¹	ve ingredient ¹ Residual Pre-harvest interval (PHI) ²							
1.2 F. M.	12.2.7	activity	raspberry,	blueberry	straw-	grape	cherry	peach	plum
		(days)	blackberry		berry				
Very effective	bifenthrin	7-10	3 days	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	cyfluthrin	7-10	Х	Х	Х	3 days	Х	Х	Х
	permethrin	7-10	14 days	14 days	14 days	Х	Х	7 days	Х
	esfenvalerate	7-10	21 days	14 days	Х	Х	14 days	14 days	14 days
	gamma-cyhalothrin	7-10	Х	Х	Х	Х	14 days	14 days	14 days
Effective	malathion	5-7	1 day	1 day	Х	Х	3 days	7 days	Х
	spinosad	3-5	3 days	3 days	1 day	7 days	14 days	7 days	7 days
Moderately effective	carbaryl	10	7 days	7 days	7 days	7 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
	acetamiprid	1-3	1 day	1 day	1 day	7 days	7 days	7 days	7 days
Unrated but likely to be effective	pyrethrins + PBO	1-3	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days

Anticulture HomePest News

Spotted Wing Drosophila Update 11/1/2013 www.ent.iastate.edu



Garden Insect Controls

- 1. Bt-k: early instar caterpillars only
- 2. Spinosad; effective on larvae, not effective on adults
- **3. Neem** (azadirachtin): feeding deterrent or insect growth regulator
- 4. Insecticidal soap: soft and slow insects, direct contact only
- **5. pyrethrins (pyrethrum)**: very short residual; pyrethrin + piperonyl butoxide (PBO) or canola oil (e.g., Pyola®)
- 6. pyrethroids: esfenvalerate, cyfluthrin, permethrin, bifenthrin
- 7. carbamate: carbaryl (Sevin)

