Interaction of chemigation timings with efficacy of reduced-risk insecticides and An update on West Coast cranberry variety trials and other pest management

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Interaction of Chemigation Timings with Efficacy of Reduced-Risk Insecticides

How does variation in chemigation timing effect efficacy?
• Charge time – time of run prior to injection
• Injection time – duration of time chemical is injected
• Washoff time – duration of run after chemical is injected

How does efficacy vary within a non-uniform system?
• Variation in sprinkler locations/coverage and pressure effect chemigation efficacy

How does efficacy with chemigation vary with the insecticide?
• Difference in type of chemistries
• Field data
Both Delegate and Intrepid respond well to chemigation with no variation in efficacy under different conditions.

How does variation in sprinkler locations/coverage and pressure effect chemigation efficacy?
- Pressure/delivery rates of sprinklers can vary depending on their locations within beds or across farms.
- Some beds are designed so that some sections of the beds are without 100% overlap with another sprinkler.
Fireworm infestation and crop lost to fireworm as function of sprinkler coverage and pressure within a bed - Intrepid 7/4/12

Survey of crop loss to fireworm on a cranberry bed with variation in sprinkler coverage and pressure.

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Fireworm infestation as function of sprinkler coverage within a bed Intrepid 7/4/12

Irrigation uniformity vs BFW control with chemigation spot damage vs 1 hour cup testing

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**Modes of action of cranberry insecticides**

- **RESIDUAL OVICIDE** kills eggs that are laid on top of residues left behind by an earlier insecticide application.
- **TOPICAL OVICIDE** kills eggs that are already in the orchard at the time of the application.
- **CONTACT LARVICIDE** kills larvae on contact
- **INGESTED LARVICIDE** must be consumed to kill larvae
- **CONTACT ADULTICIDE** kills adult moths on contact
- **ADULT BEHAVIOR DISRUPTION** affects successful mating

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**Summary of new insecticides**

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| Delegate | • Reasonable efficacy  
• Not too toxic to non-target species  
• Works on a range of FW larva instars | • Potential to harm beneficial insects  
• Reports of mixed success  
• Cost  
• Decent, but not great residual |
| Intrepid | • Good efficacy  
• Very safe to all "non-lep" insects  
• Not too expensive  
• Good grower experience with  
• Good ovicidal and larvicidal activity  
• Good residual activity | • Narrow target window (small to medium instars)  
• Must be ingested for larva activity  
• Resistance management needed |
| Altacor  | • Good efficacy  
• Extremely safe to beneficial insects  
• Ovicidal and larvicidal activity  
• Affects adult behavior  
• Systemic activity (translaminar & root uptake)  
• Good residual activity  
• Potential activity on other pests | • Cost  
• Limited grower experience  
• Resistance management needed |
How does efficacy with chemigation vary with the insecticide?

New chemistries work great with chemigation, but time frame for activity will vary.

Applied 280 gpa, washoff 730 gpa
6 reps 10' x 10'

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  - Two sprays (1st one at first larvae hatch ~ May 7th, the 2nd in 10 to 14 days)
- Second generation larvae
  - One spray @ peak of second hatch (bees removed, ~14 days after peak flight)
  - Two sprays (1st at mid to late bloom w/ RR, 2nd after bees removed w/ OP)

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Altacor provided control of fireworm larvae 6 to 7 weeks after application via ovicidal activity. That is, application during first egg laying prevented viable larval hatch.

Treatments applied 6/11/12 at first significant moth flight recorded in pheromone trap.
What is the relationship between populations?

2nd generation previous year          First generation                                      Second generation

Trap count > 5  77% of farms w/ larvae
< 5      5% of farms

Trap count <5
6-25      28% of farms
26 – 55    50% of farms
>55      74% of farms

0% of farms        Trap count 0-25
25% of farms      26 – 55
70% of farm       >55

0% of farms        Trap count <5
2% of farms w/ larvae      5% of farms
25% of farms       6-25
50% of farms       26-55
100% of farm        >55

Historical IPM data Wisconsin
1st generation trap counts good predictor of 2nd generation larvae
2nd generation trap counts good predictors of 1st generation larvae next year

Season long fireworm trap counts on 3 beds within a farm with different reduced risk insecticides

Goal is to keep late summer adult population as low as possible.
Pros and Cons of different insecticide timing for fireworm management

Advantage of traditional timing
1. Tradition
2. Cost ($30 to 60/ac)
3. Effective

Problems with traditional timing
1. Difficult to find small larvae
2. No peak larvae hatch
3. Bees removed too late or earlier
4. Asynchronous hatch
5. Works better with OPs than with biorational insecticides
6. Tough on beneficial insects (affects other pest outbreaks)
7. OPs won’t be around too much longer

Advantage of alternative timing
1. Monitoring very easy (trap counts)
2. No effect on bees or beneficial insects
3. Better season-long management of whole farm populations

Problems with alternative timing
1. Too new and untried
2. Cost ($75 to $120/ac)
3. Overall effectiveness has yet to be determined outside of research plots

West Coast cranberry variety trials

WSU 2003 planting
Cumulative yield – 8 years ( bbl/ac)

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**Recommendations**

- Genetically tested Pilgrim and Stevens
- Any of the currently released Rutgers selections
- Wait until 2014 for new Rutgers releases
- HyRed
- Willapa Red