## BMSB on pistachio, and survival on crops common in the SJV

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#### Pistachio production in California

USA after Iran 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest producer

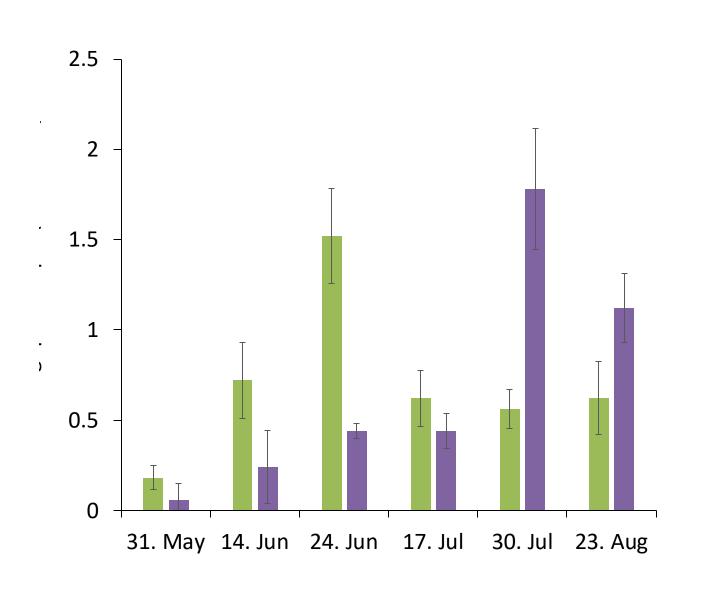
98% of US pistachio production in CA

More than 250.000 bearing acres

And growing: estimated 350.000 by 2023



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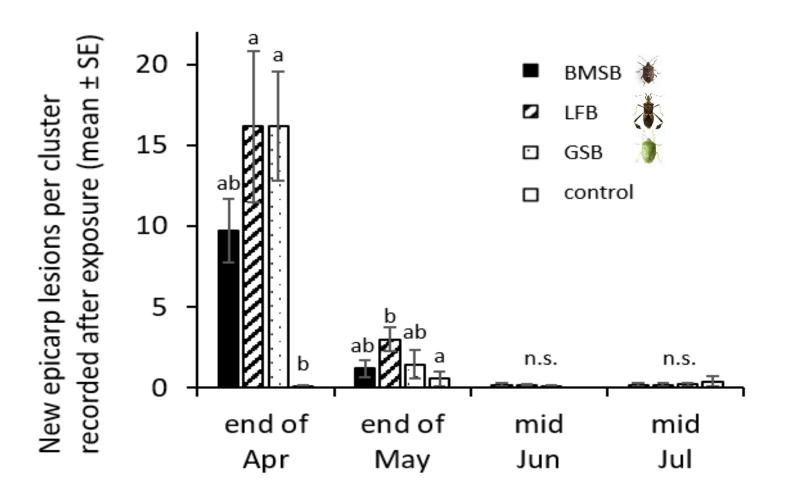






### Halyomorpha halys seems to cause epicarp lesions like native species





Start of exposure period

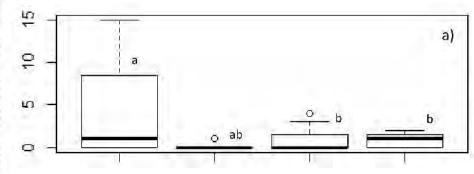




















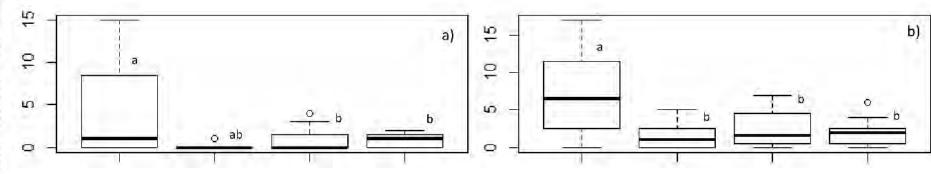














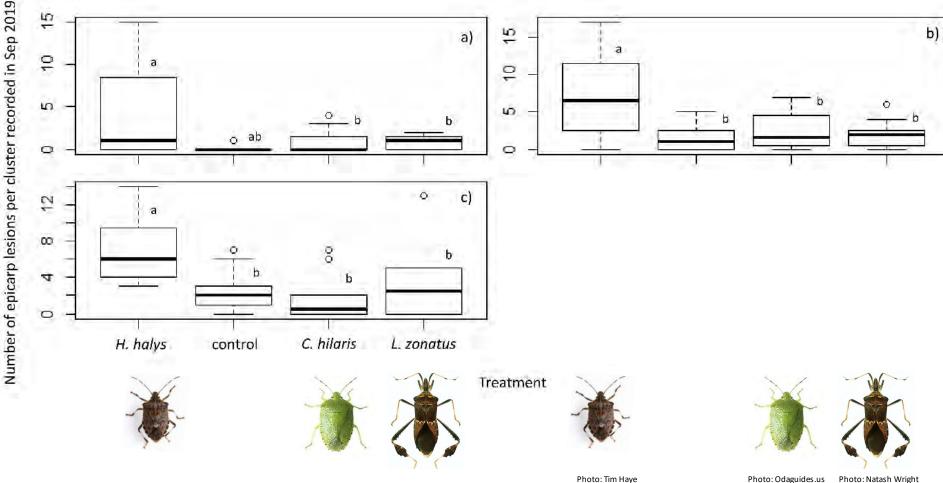




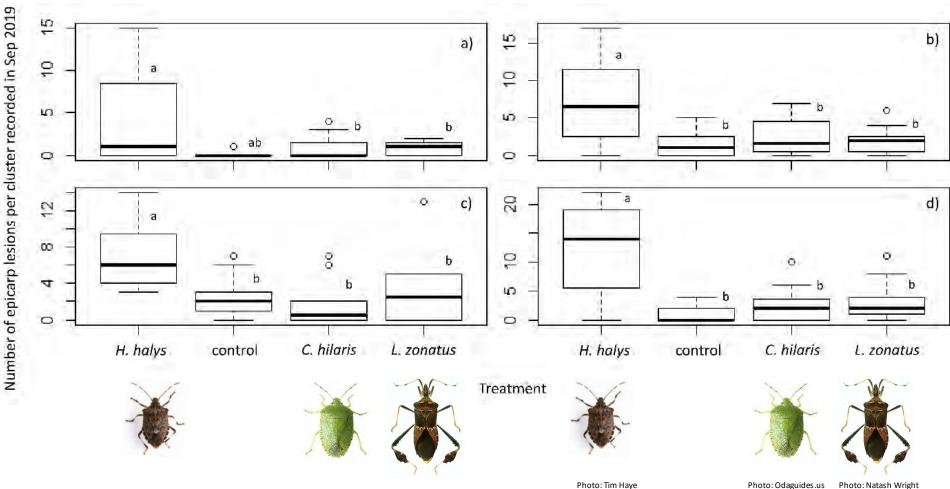
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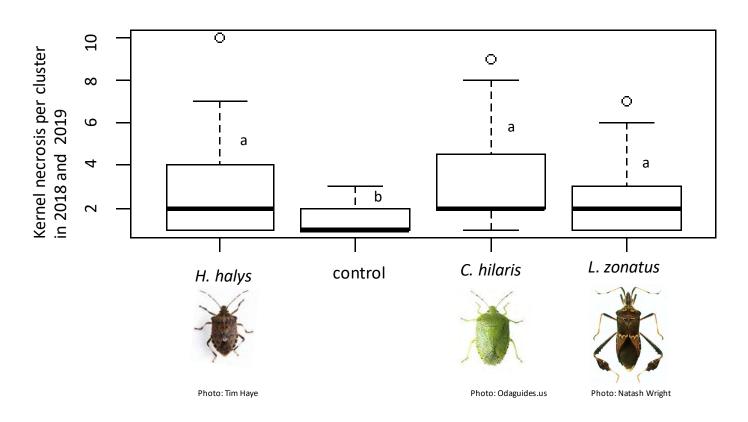








#### But: No increase in kernel necrosis due to *H. halys* feeding

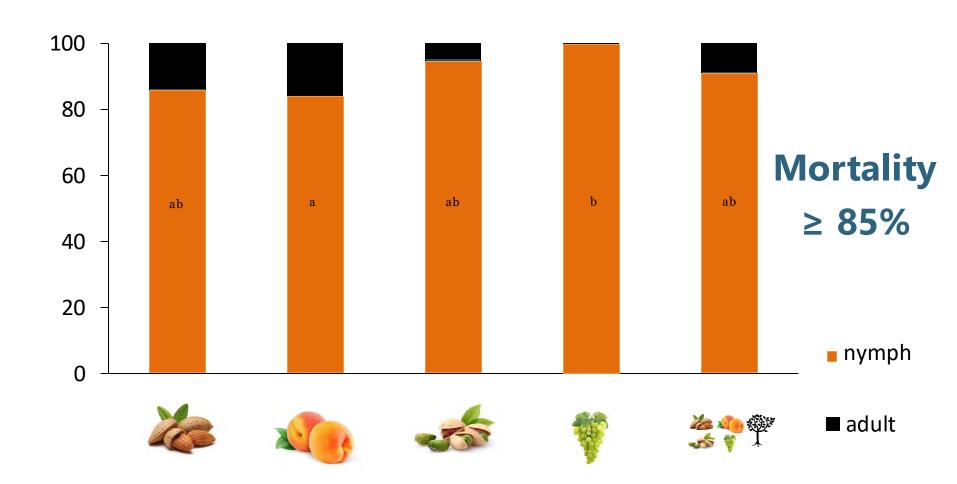




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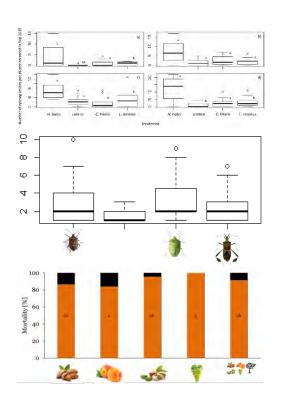


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#### To conclude...

- Halyomorpha halys can cause more external damage on pistachios than native species
- H. halys does not cause more internal pistachio damage
- High nymphal mortality might help keep population sizes down





California pistachio production potentially at risk, but currently low concern because of low population densities

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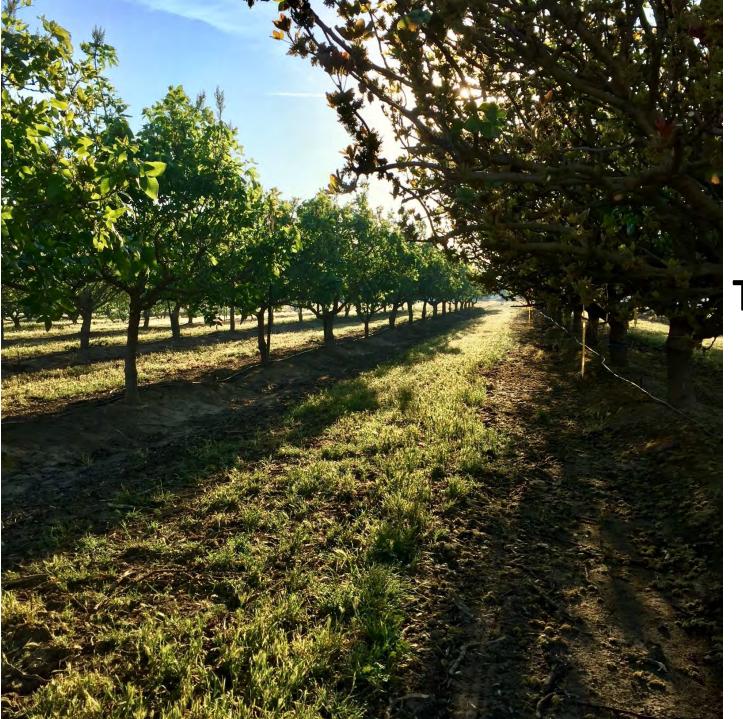


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