

# 2.1. Development of Monitoring Tools for BMSB



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# 2.1. Development of Monitoring Tools for BMSB

		Summer = Yellow	Fall = Orange	2011-2012				2012-2013				2013-2014				2014-2015				2015-2016							
		Winter = White	Spring = Pink	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4				Year 5							
		S	F	W	S	S	F	W	S	S	F	W	S	S	F	W	S	S	F	W	S	S	F	W	S	S	
<b>OBJECTIVE 2. DEVELOP AND REFINE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR BMSB</b>																											
OBJ.	Description	Participants																							Timeline		
2.1	Develop monitoring tools for BMSB																										
2.1.1	Trap-based monitoring																										
2.1.1.1	Identification of pheromone and other attractants	Khriman, Leskey, Landolt, Lee, Wiman, Shearer, Rondon																							[Blue bar spanning 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015]		
2.1.1.2	Optimization of pheromone and kairomone dispensers for monitoring BMSB	Khriman, Leskey, Bergh, Krawczyk, Saunders, Rodriguez-Saona, Hamilton, Polk, Wiman, Shearer																							[Blue bar spanning 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015]		
2.1.1.3	Refining utility of light-based traps for BMSB	Leskey, Hamilton, Krawczyk, Jacobs, Wiman, Shearer, Agnello, Jentsch																							[Blue bar spanning 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015]		
2.1.1.4	Define behavioral characteristics of BMSB and active space of baited traps to develop efficient traps and deployment strategies	Leskey, Bergh, Krawczyk, Saunders, Shearer, Wiman																							[Blue bar spanning 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015]		
2.1.2	Assess other types of monitoring tools	Leskey, Wright, Bergh, Krawczyk, Saunders, Wiman, Shearer																							[Blue bar spanning 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015]		

- Tools that provide accurate measurements of presence, abundance, and seasonal activity of BMSB. Growers can make informed management decisions.
- Tactics that reduce the use of broad-spectrum insecticides.

JUNE 2011

		SPRAY SCHEDULE - BMSB		- ARMS in Stone Fruit		apples - peaches -		McHenry Highland Festival*
		* every other row lg. apples, peaches * every 4th row bellis apples		1	2	3	(4-8)	Blueberries Brambles Cherries
5	6	apples peaches, plums strawberries (OUTSIDE)	cherries) 1/2 potatoes tomatoes vegetables	Cherries 1/2 1/2 Brambles 1/2 Blueberry blackberry	apples peaches, plums (INSIDE)	blueberries 37/40 44 Brambles 13, 15, 16, 44, 41		Early Summer Sea- rates begin this weekend check spray cherries
12	13	Apples Peaches (OUTSIDE)	vegs, tomatoes cherries) grapes, gooseb plums, apricot	Apples peaches (INSIDE)	check spray cherries cherries tomatoes, flowers	Blueberries Brambles vegetables		Peach Apple (OUTSIDE)
Father's Day	19	Brambles, Blueberries, grapes, gooseberries (OUTSIDE)	Peaches apples (INSIDE)	Cherries/plums (inside)	Bramble (inside) Blueberry (inside)	cherries check spray		Summer Season rat begin this weekend
(50/48)	26	Brambles Blueberries (outside)	apples peaches cherry	tomatoes vegs. flowers potatoes	Brambles Blueberries (inside)	Apples Peaches (OUTSIDE)	tomatoes, vegs potatoes, flowers	wood's edge orchard
	27							
	28							
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# 2.1.1.1. Identification of Pheromone and Other Attractants

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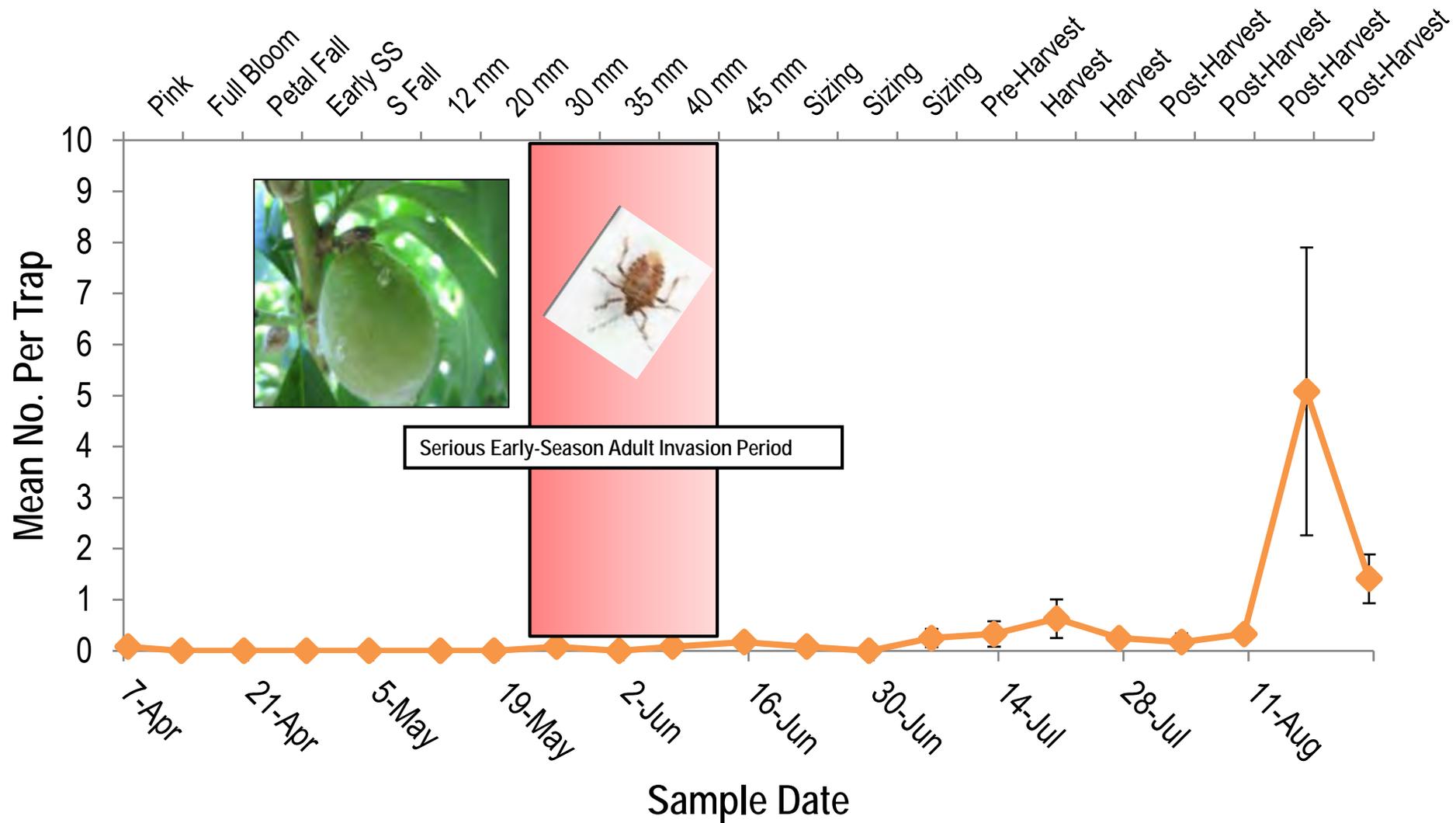
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# One Attractant Available Prior to 2012

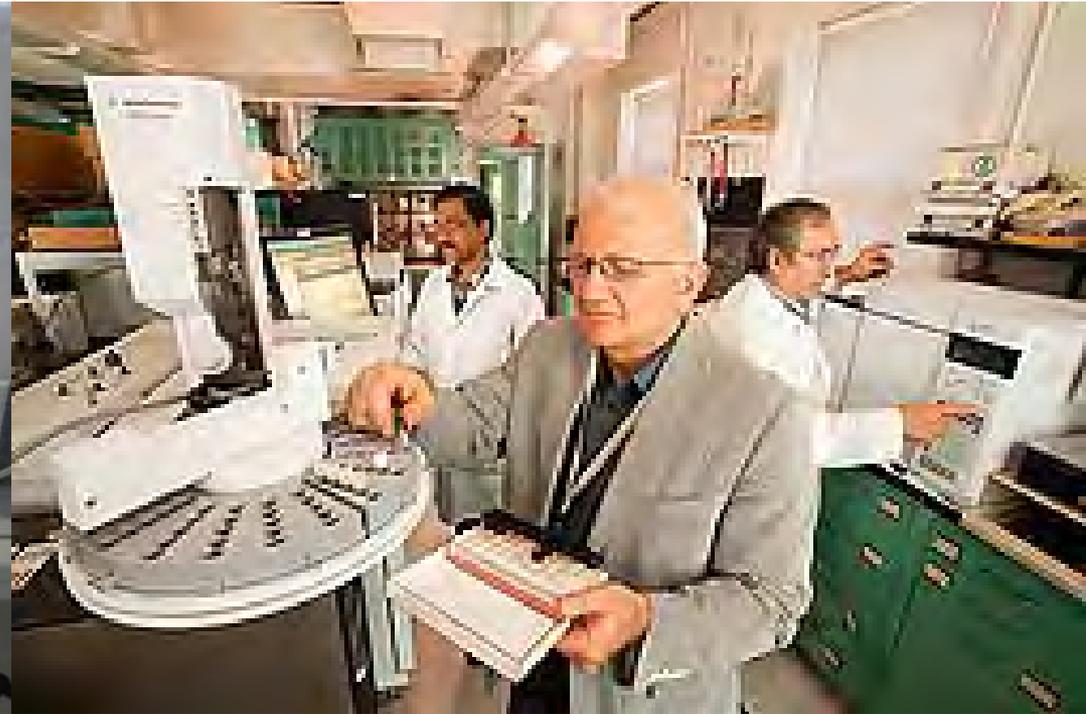
- Methyl (2E, 4E, 6Z)-decatrioneate is an attractant produced by the Asian stink bug, *Plautia stali*.
- Cross attractive to BMSB and other pentatomids.



# Serious Limitations For Season-Long Monitoring

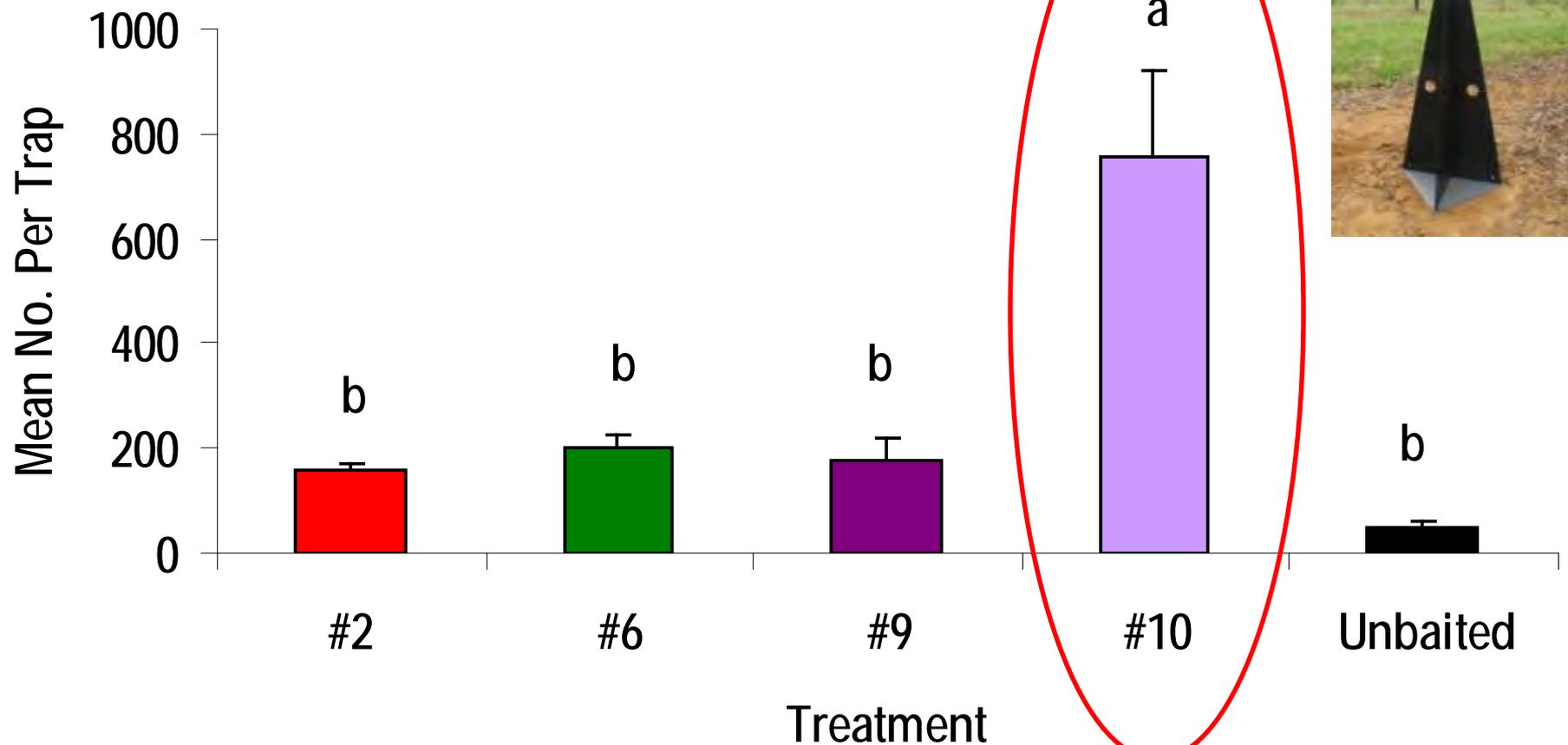


# Identification and Commercialization of BMSB Aggregation Pheromone



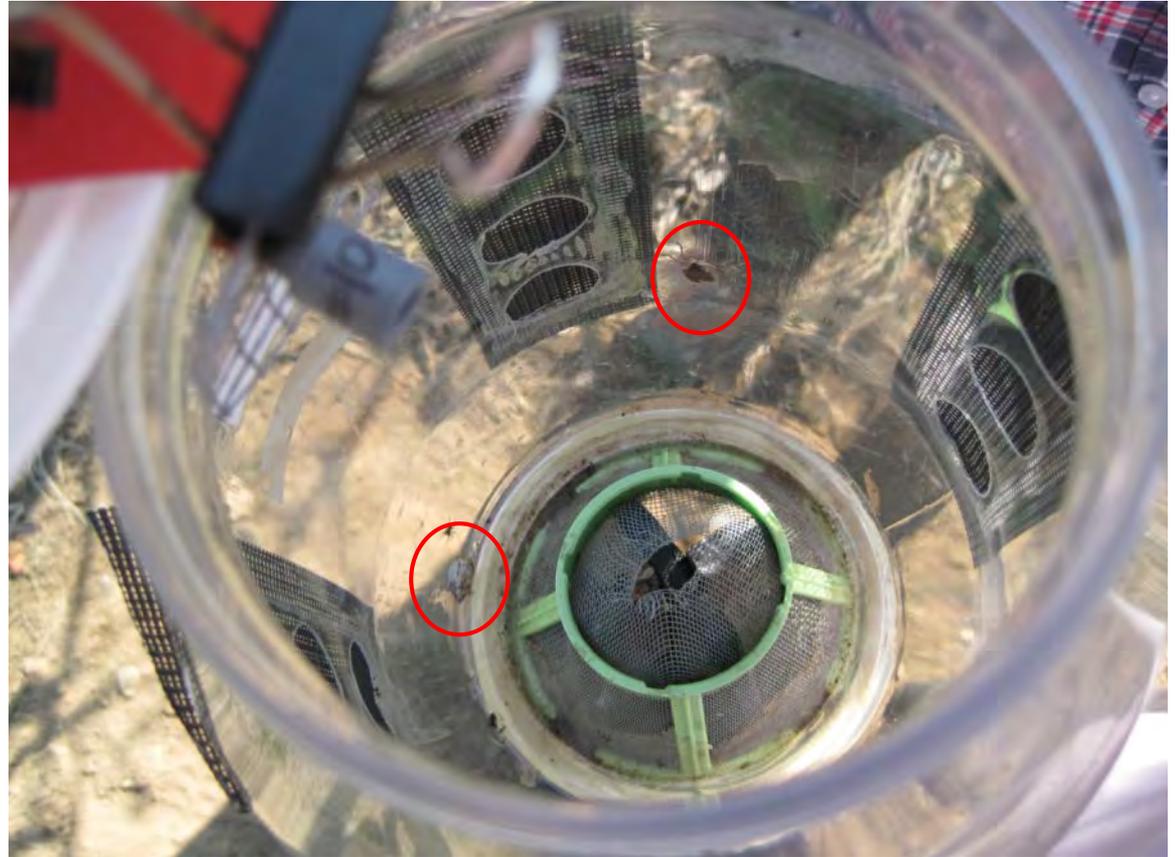
# BMSB Aggregation Pheromone Breakthrough

9-30 September 2011



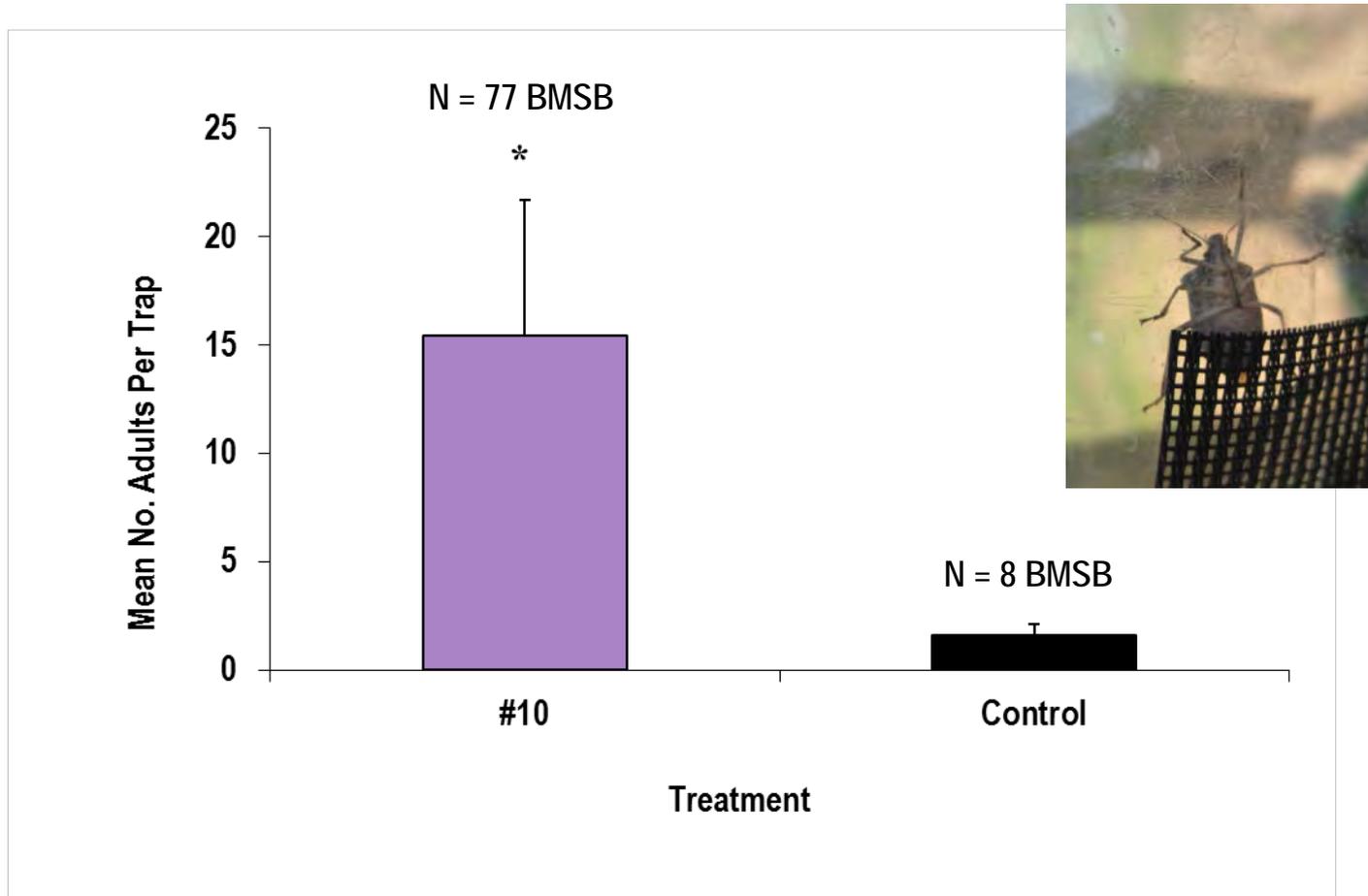
# Is #10 Attractive in the Early Season?

Pre-Trial (March 20-April 17, 2012)

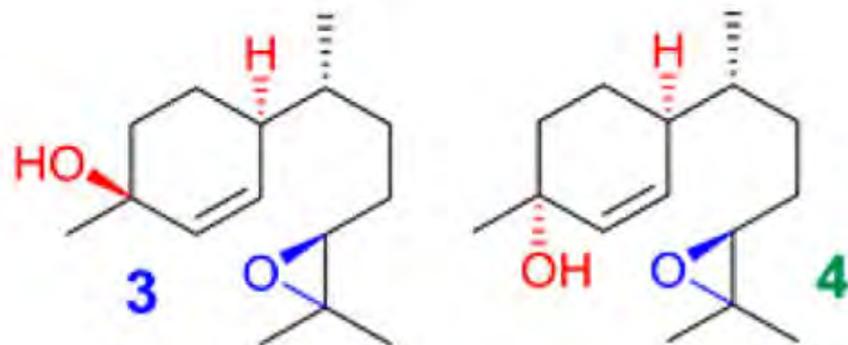
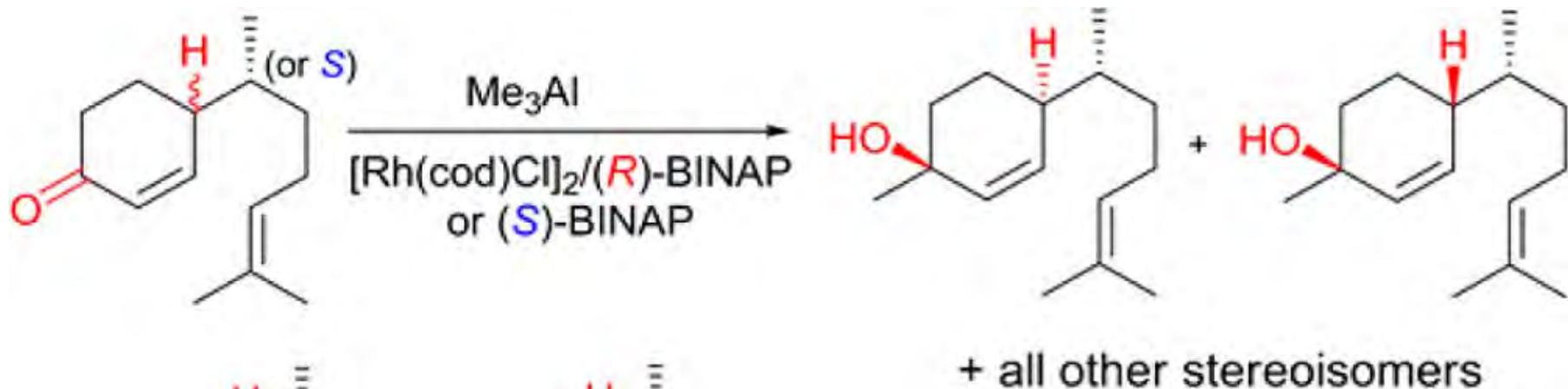


# Early Season Attraction

Documented for BMSB March 20-April 17, 2012



# Two-Component BMSB Aggregation Pheromone Identified



**3+4:** aggregation pheromone of brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys*

# Broad Validation Across The Country

- Is BMSB attracted to the pheromone in the early season?
- Is BMSB attracted to the pheromone season-long?
- How attractive is this stimulus relative to MDT and unbaited traps?
- Traps evaluated in over 12 states across the country.



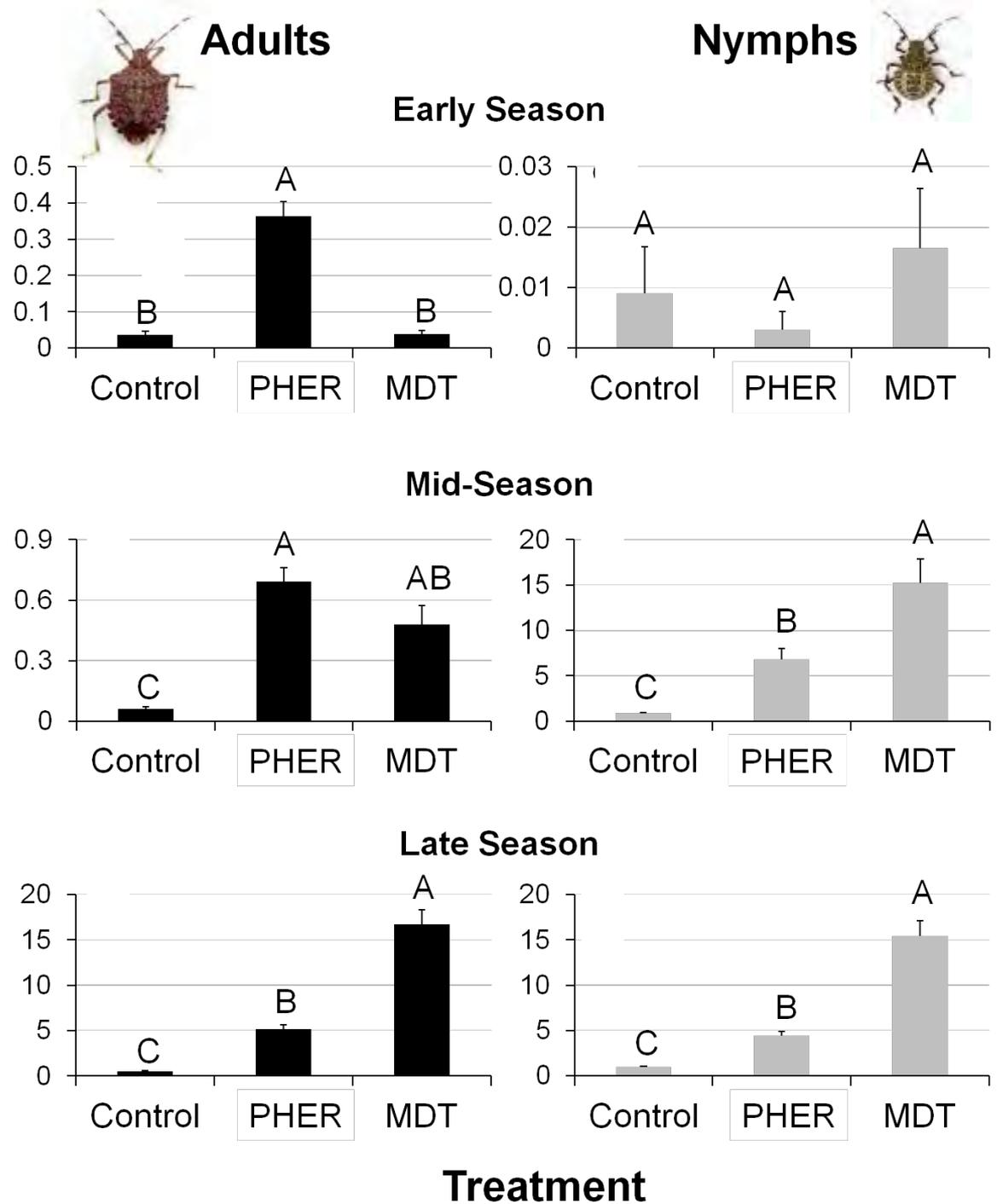
# General Protocol

- Black pyramid traps
- Three odor treatments
  - 1) BMSB Pheromone (10 mg)
  - 2) MDT (119 mg) 10X greater
  - 3) unbaited control
- Traps are deployed between wild host habitat and agricultural production areas.
- Traps were deployed in mid-April and left in place season-long.



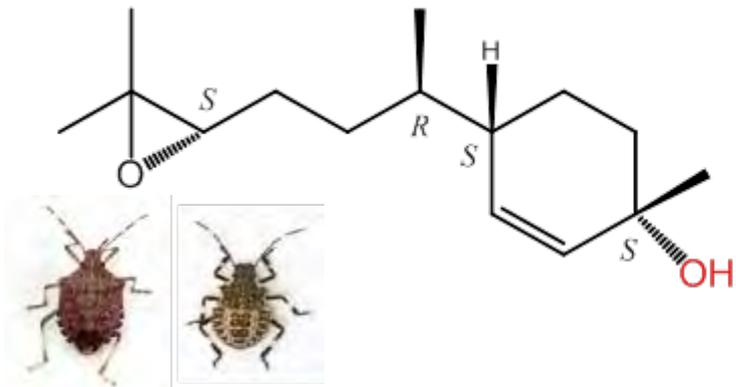
# 2012 Summary Results

Mean Weekly Capture ( $\pm$ SE) of *H. halys* per Black Pyramid Trap

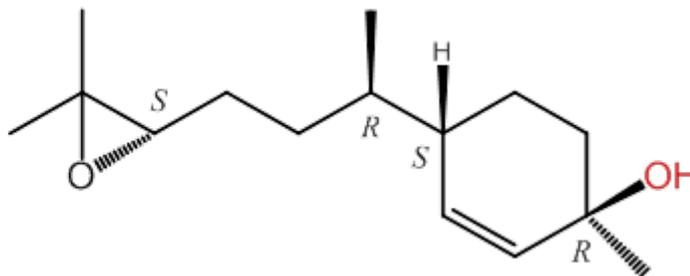


# Two-Component BMSB Aggregation Pheromone and Synergist

Main component of BMSB aggregation pheromone  
(3*S*,6*S*,7*R*,10*S*)-10,11-epoxy-1-bisabolen-3-ol

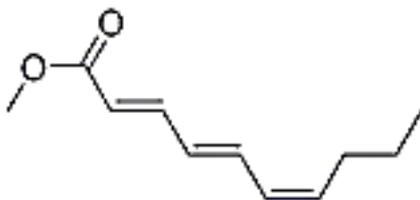


Minor component of BMSB aggregation pheromone  
(3*R*,6*S*,7*R*,10*S*)-10,11-epoxy-1-bisabolen-3-ol



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Methyl (*E,E,Z*)-2,4,6-decatrienoate (MDT) acts as a synergist for BMSB pheromone



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**Synergism**

# General Protocol

- Black pyramid traps
- Three odor treatments
  - 1) #10 (10 mg)
  - 2) #10 (10 mg) + Rescue MDT (119 mg)
  - 3) #10 (10 mg) + AgBio MDT (66 mg)
  - 4) Unbaited control
- Traps are deployed between wild host habitat and agricultural production areas.
- Traps were deployed in mid-April and left in place season-long.



# 2013 Summary Results

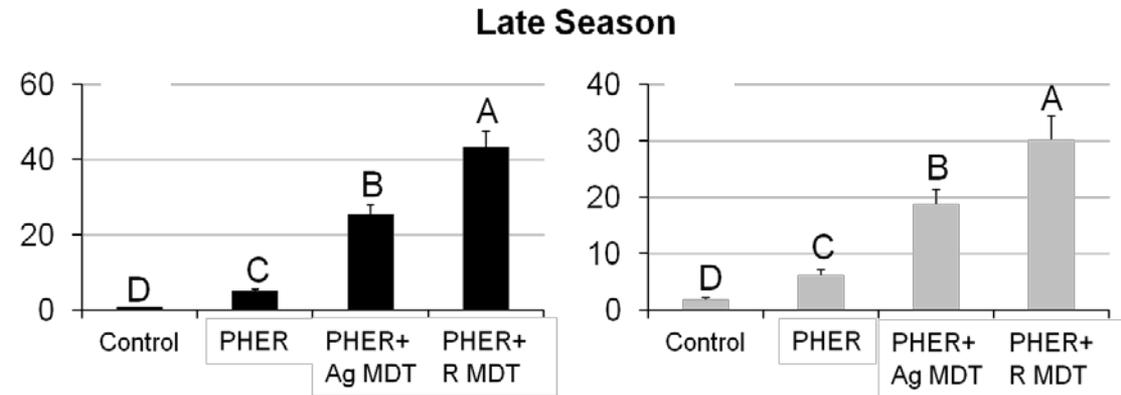
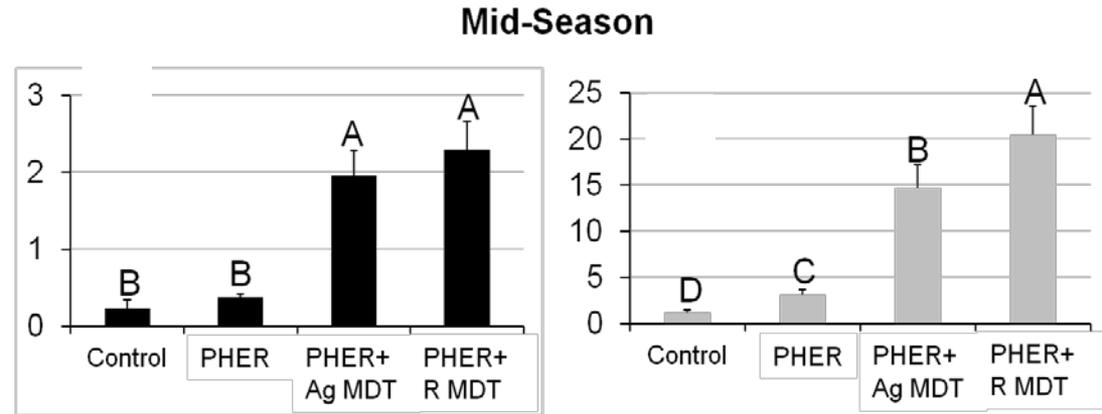
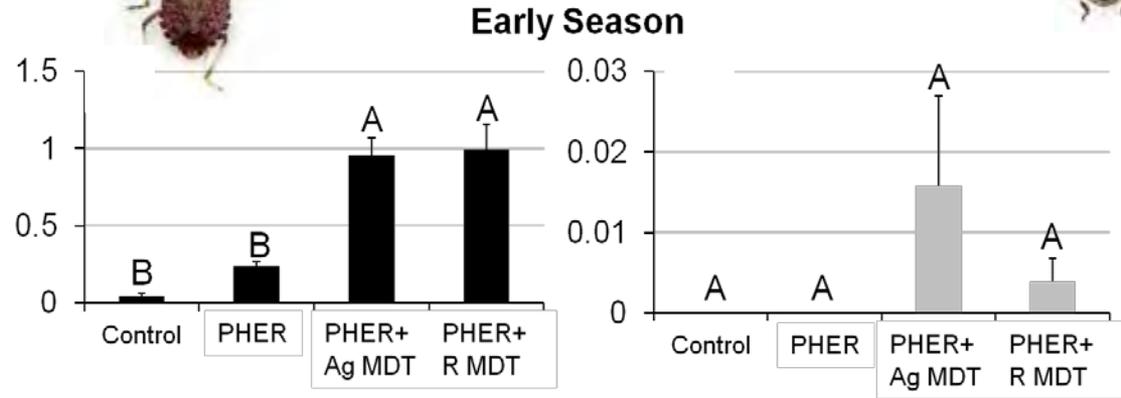


Adults



Nymphs

Mean Weekly Capture ( $\pm$ SE) of *H. halys* per Black Pyramid Trap



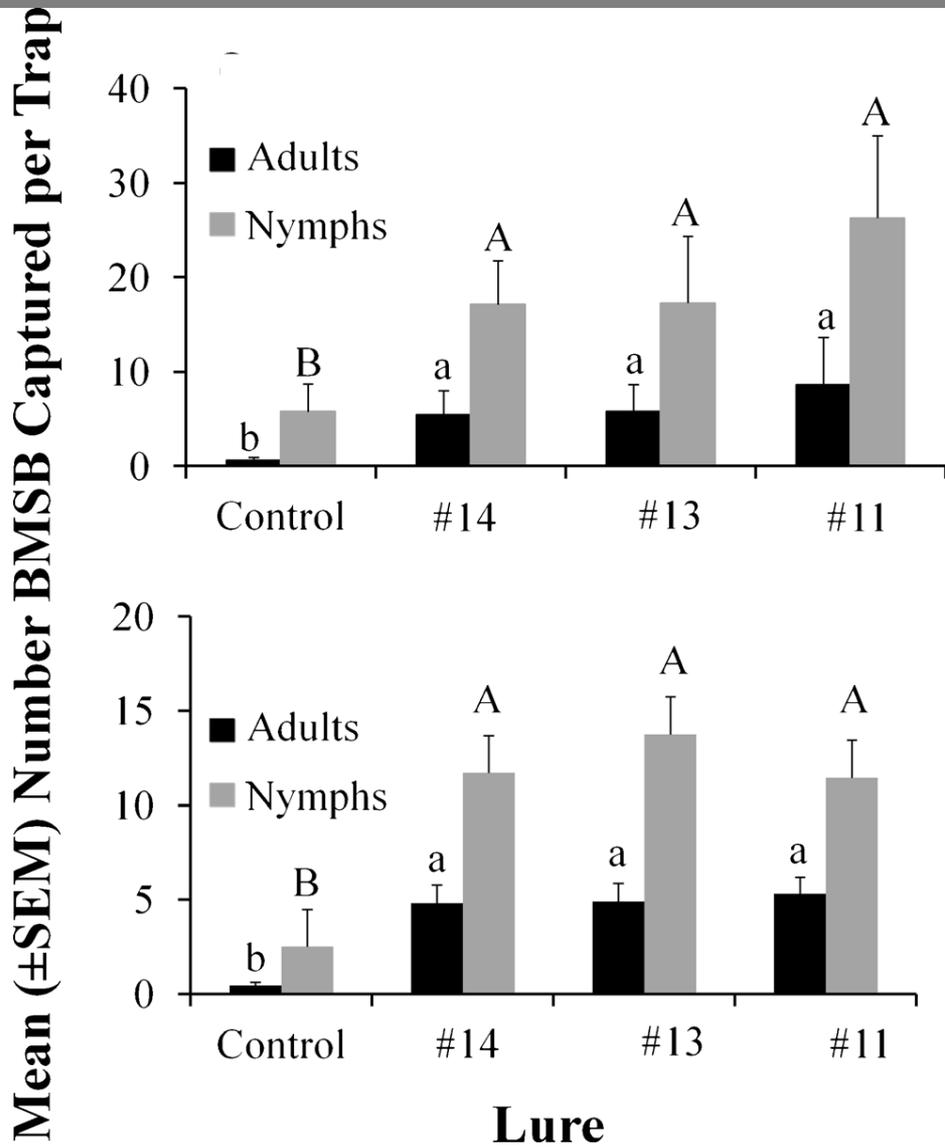
Treatment

# Do Pheromone Lures Need to Be Highly Purified?



- BMSB pheromone comprised of 3.5:1 mixture of (3S,6S,7R,10S)-10,11-epoxy-1-bisabolen-3-ol and (3R,6S,7R, 10S)-10,11-epoxy-1-bisabolen-3-ol.
- Two stereoisomers of a natural sesquiterpene with a bisabolane skeleton, potentially existing in 16 stereoisomeric forms.

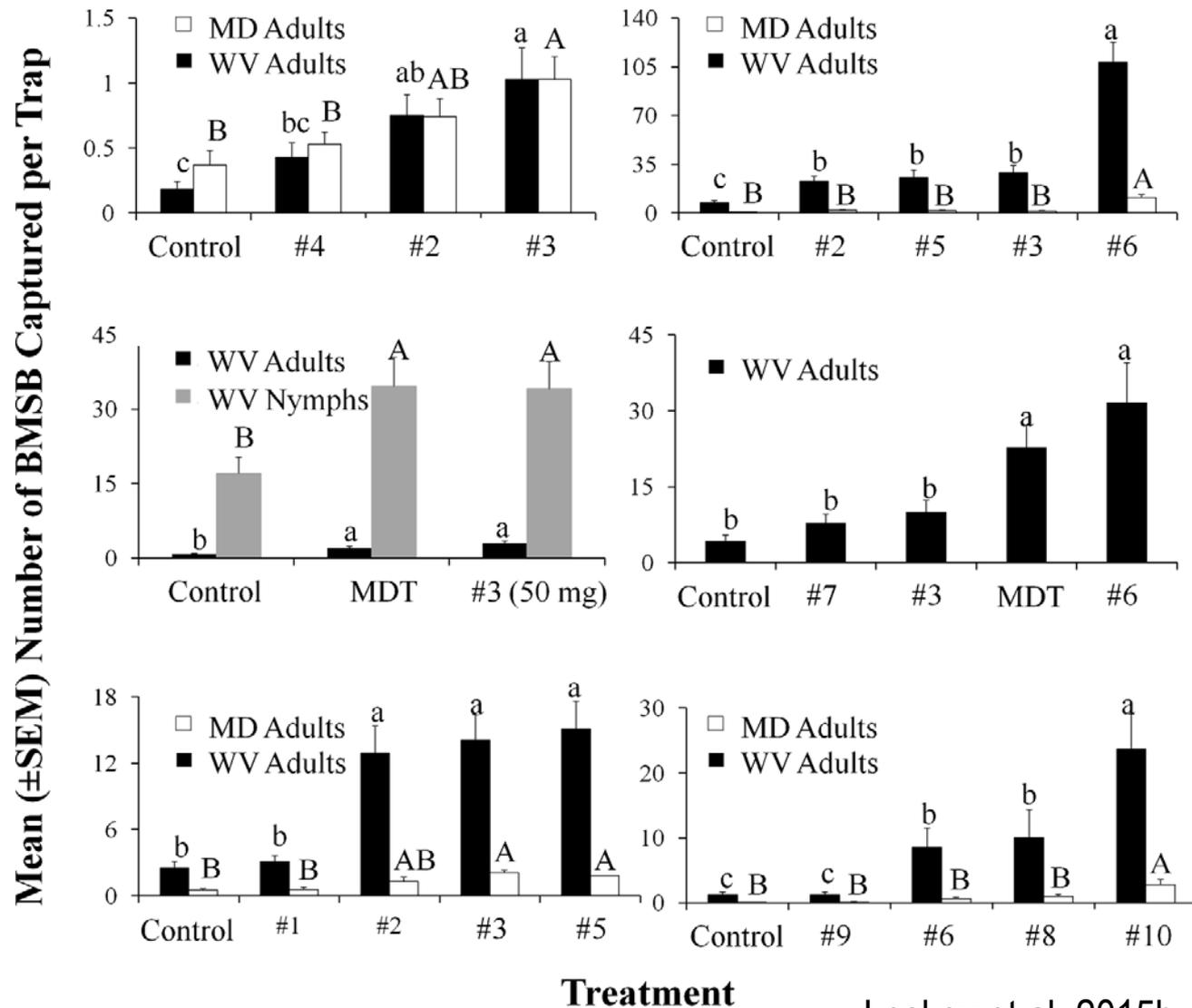
# No Significant Difference in BMSB Responses to Varying Levels of Purity



- #11 – off-ratio mixture of two components.
- #13 – all 16 stereoisomers including two components (purified once).
- #14 – all 16 stereoisomers including two components (no purification)

# BMSB Attracted to Non-BMSB Stereoisomers

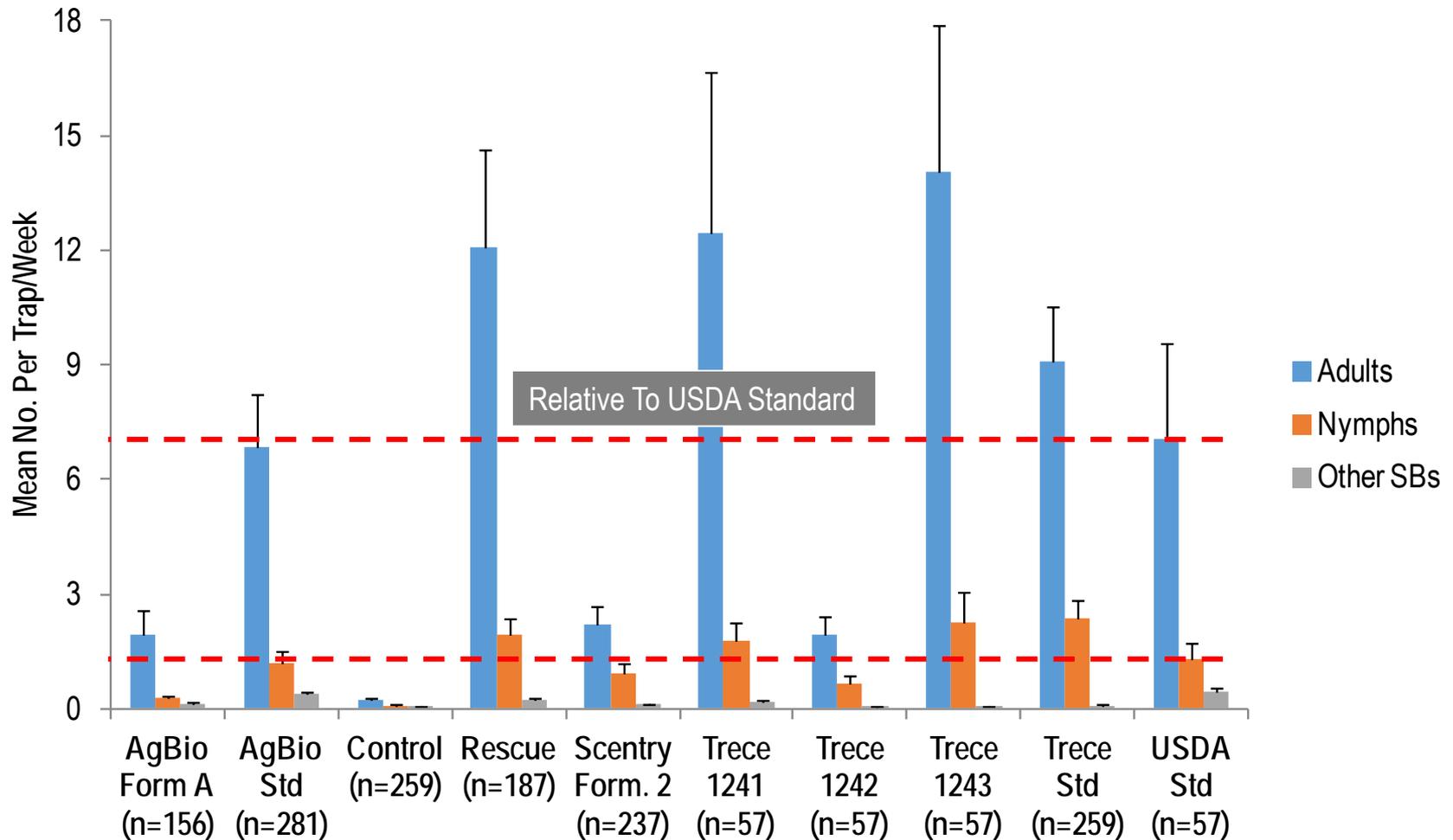
- #1,2,3,4,5 and 7 are non-BMSB stereoisomers.
- Traps baited with #2, 3, and 5 produced captures greater than control.
- Less attractive compared with BMSB-stereoisomers



## 2.1.1.2. Optimization of Pheromone and Kairomone Dispensers

- Collaborations with commercial companies throughout the project.
- Provided commercial collaborators with samples of BMSB pheromone for formulation and testing.
- Coordinated lure trials in 2014 and 2015 with current commercial formulations.
- Most lures perform as well as experimental standard.

# 2015 Results From Season-Long Trial



# Next Steps

- Standardized dose/release rate for monitoring lures.  
Need enough captures to be biologically relevant, but not excessive such that trap maintenance becomes a burden.
- Standardized dose/release rate for exclusion/detection lures. Reliable detection under low density situations.
- Biological information generated by baited traps translated into thresholds and recommendations.
- Traps and lures are optimized to establish industry standards for monitoring and management.
- New synergist.

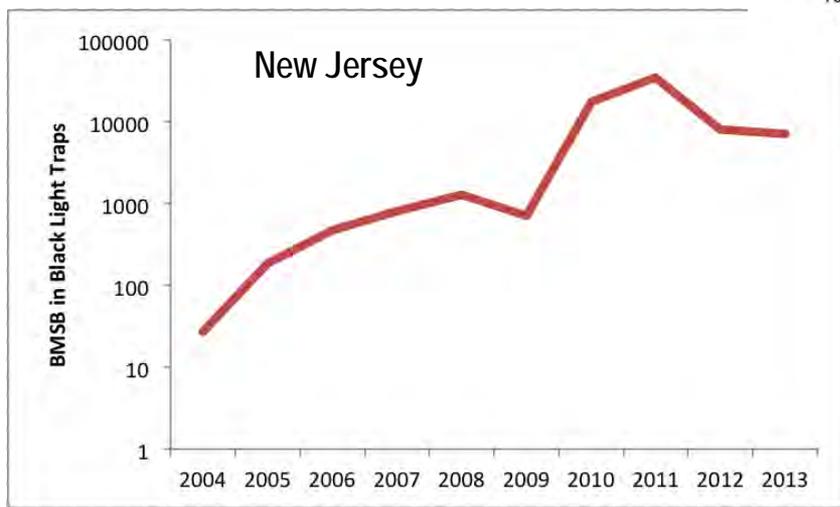
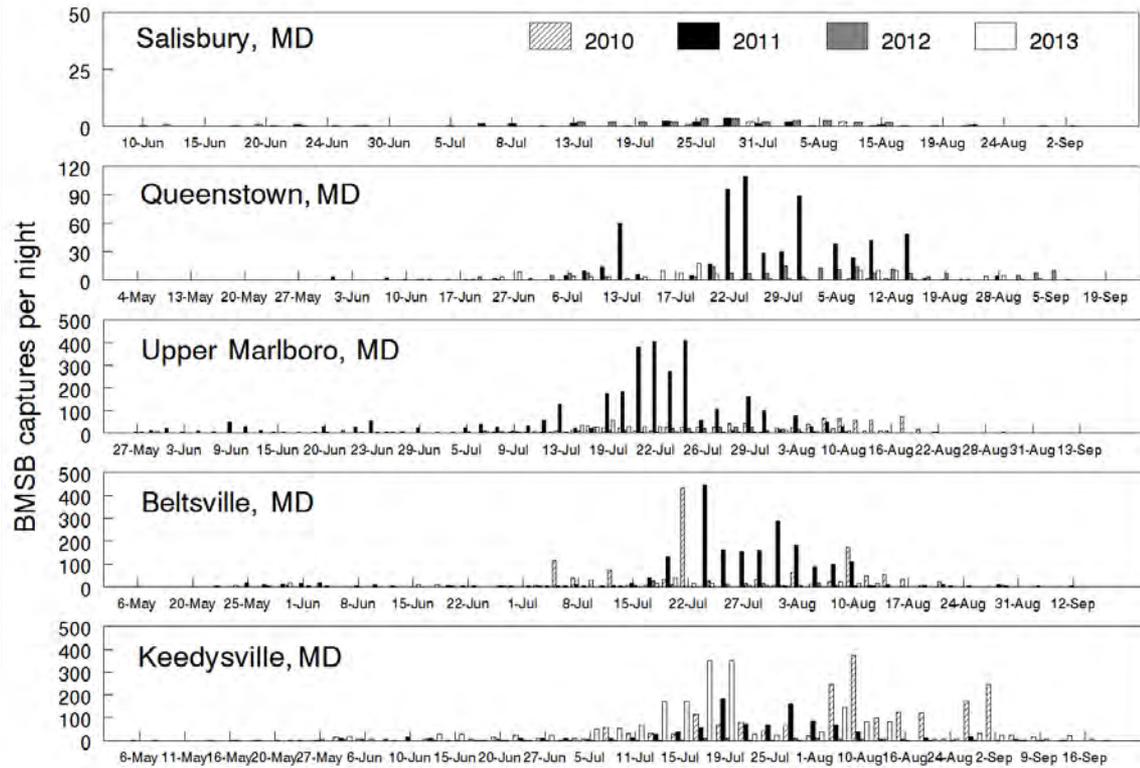
# 2.1.1.3. Refining Utility of Light-Based Traps

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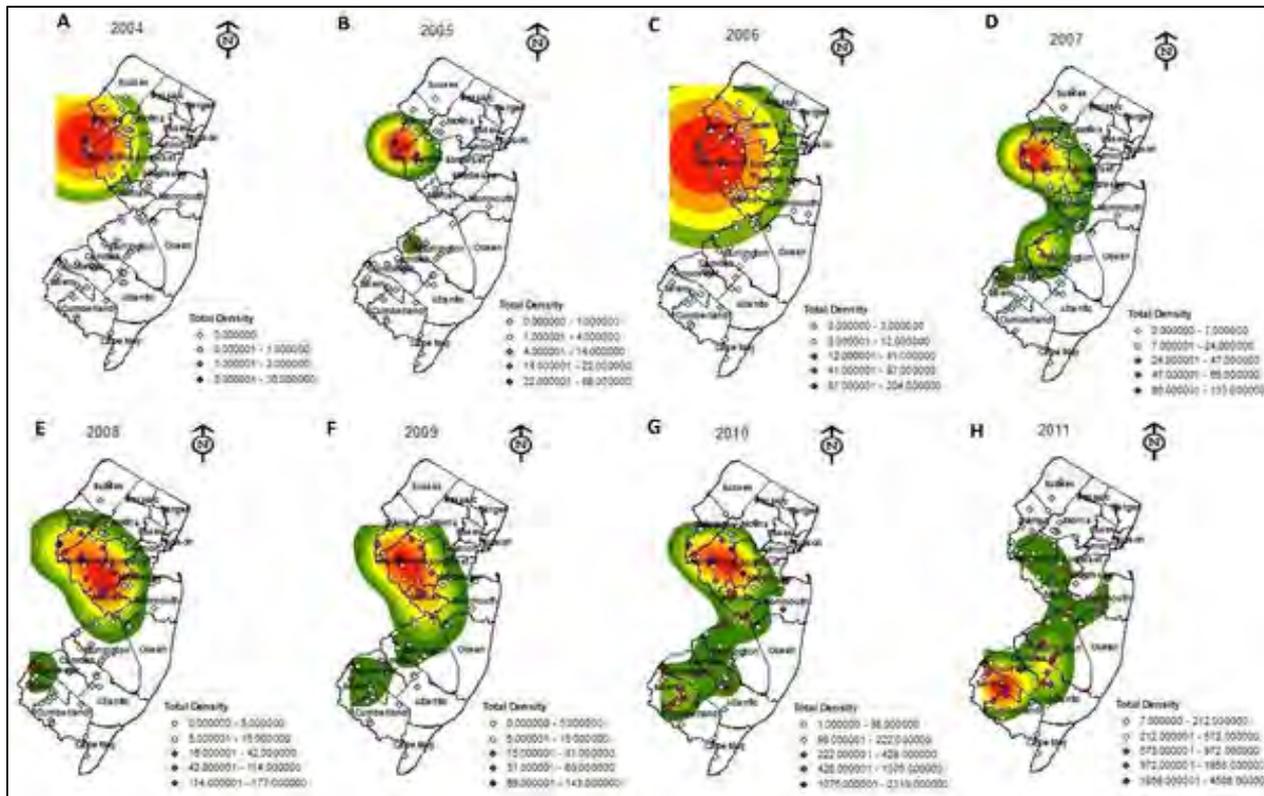
# Landscape-Level Monitoring With Blacklight Traps



Seasonal and annual trends in populations

# Blacklight Traps Used To Predict Spread and Risk Factors

Figure 2. Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) graphs of the density of *Halymorpha halys* captured from black light traps placed throughout New Jersey from (A) 2004, (B) 2005, (C) 2006, (D) 2007, (E) 2008, (F) 2009, (G) 2010, (H) 2011.



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# Identification of attractive visual stimuli including color and light

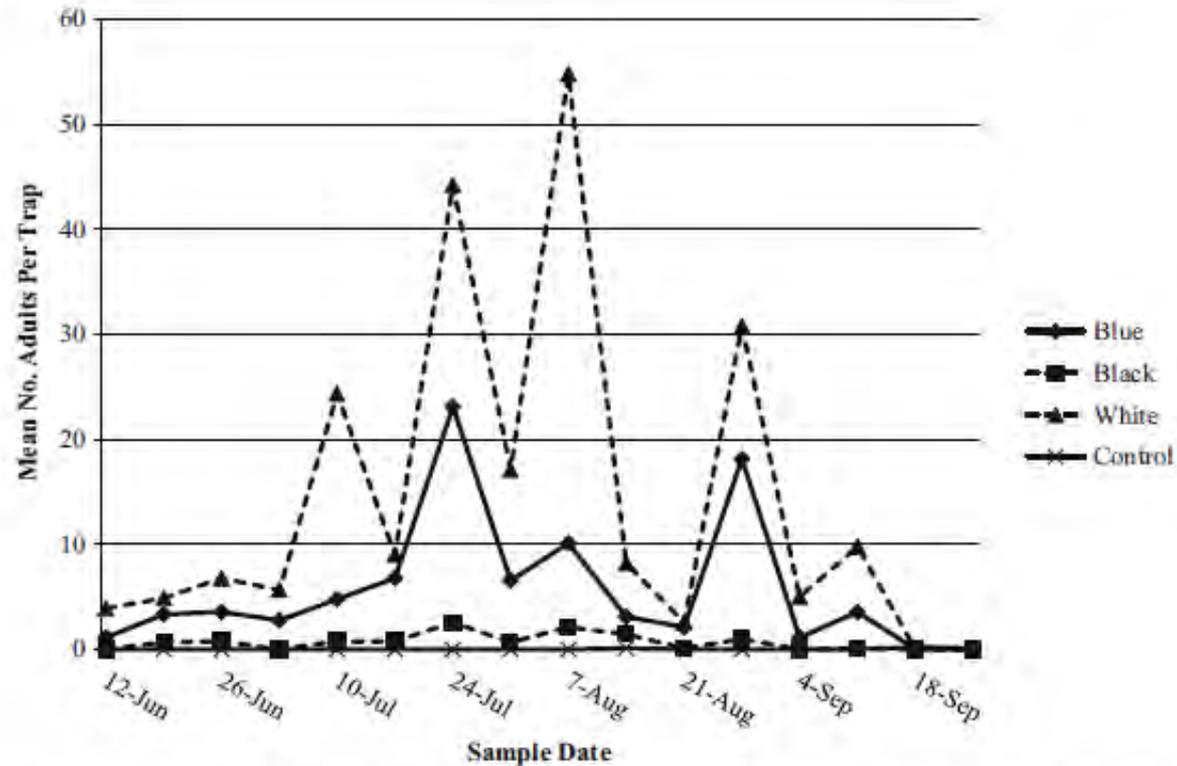


Can we augment ordinary pyramid traps with light sources and capture BMSBs reliably?



# Night View





White light sources were most attractive in the field, but blue light sources were most specific for BMSB

Fig. 8 Mean number adult *Halyomorpha halys* captured per trap across three commercial orchards in traps baited with light-based stimuli from 12 June through 30 September, 2012 ( $n = 9$ )

# 2.1.1.4. Active Space of Traps, Efficient Trap Designs, and Deployment Strategies

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# Can we make trapping simpler for growers?



- Visual Stimulus
  - Large black pyramid (trunk-mimicking stimulus)
- Olfactory Stimulus
  - PHER + MDT
- Capture Mechanism
  - Tapered pyramid attached to inverted funnel jar with DDVP strip
- Deployment Strategy
  - Traps placed in peripheral row or border area

# Can we utilize other trap styles?

Experimental  
Standard  
Wooden  
Pyramid



Coroplast  
Pyramid



Small Pyramid  
(Ground)



Small Pyramid  
(Limb)



Small Pyramid  
(Hanging)

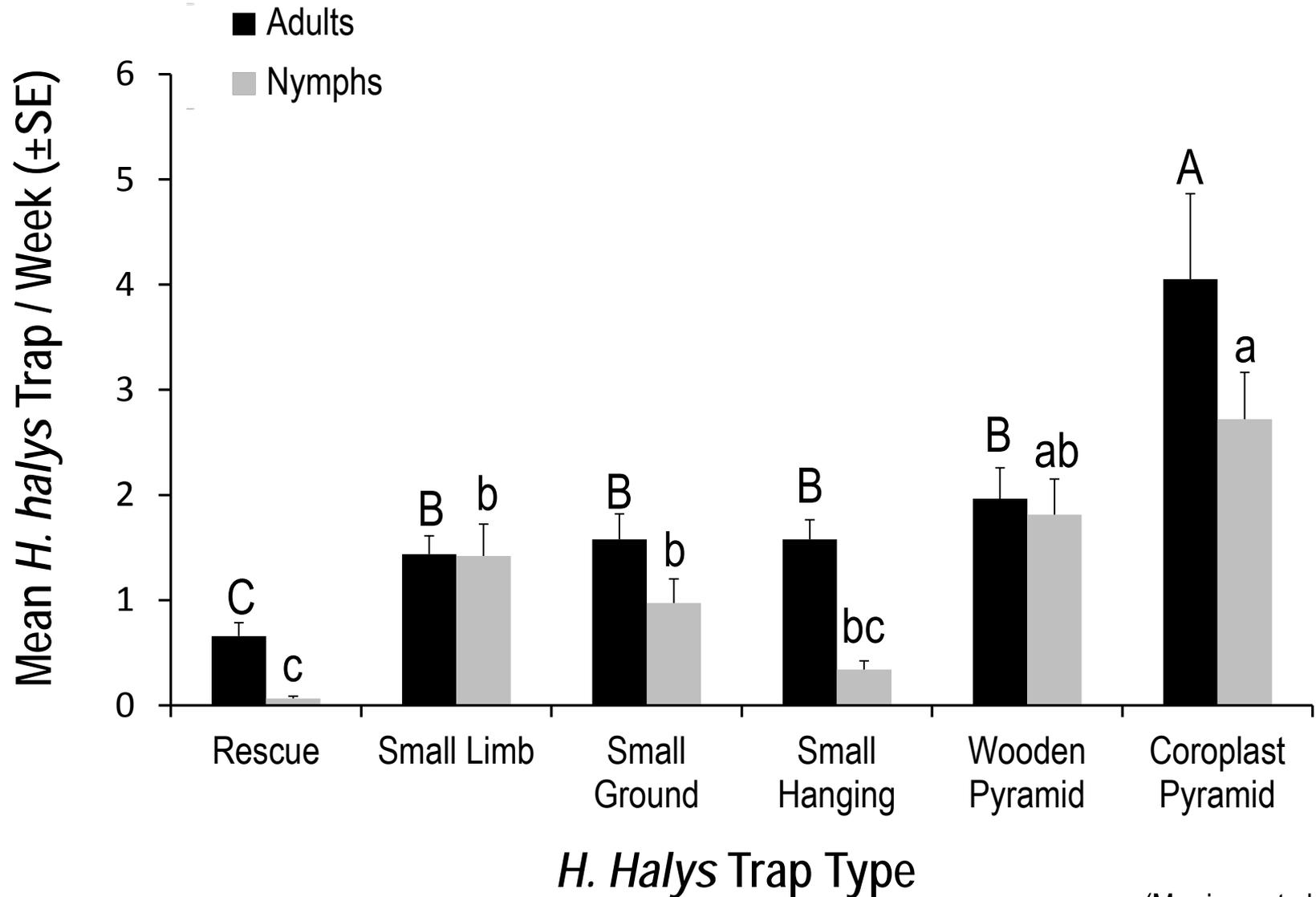


Rescue  
(Hanging/  
Foilage)



- Are captures similar among other trap types and deployment strategies compared with our experimental standard?
- Baited with BMSB Pheromone + MDT synergist. Two years of data from commercial orchards.

# Season-Long Trap Captures / Sensitivity



# Coroplast vs. Standard Wooden Pyramids



Spearman Rank Correlation

$\rho=0.735$

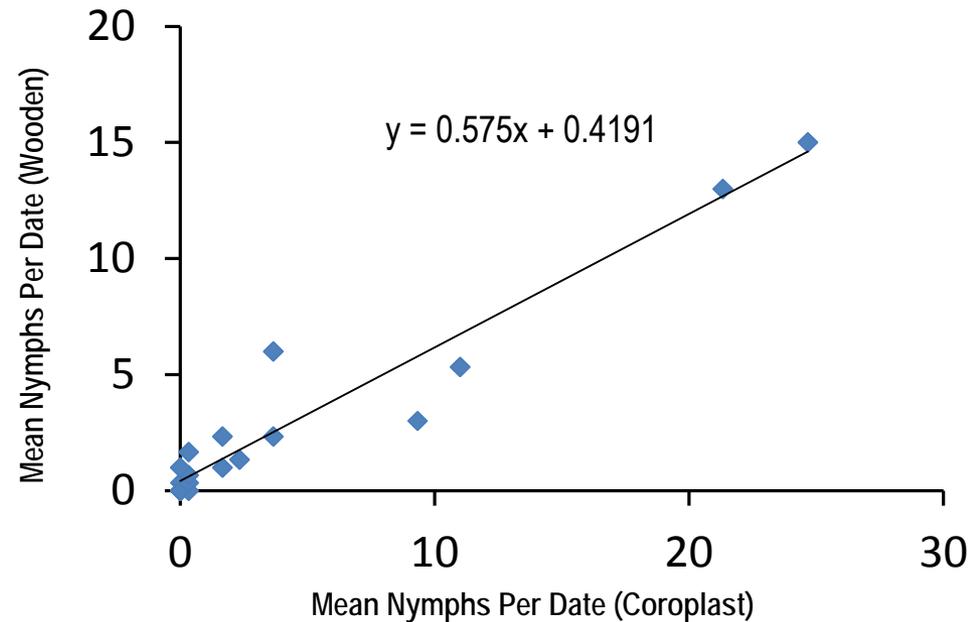
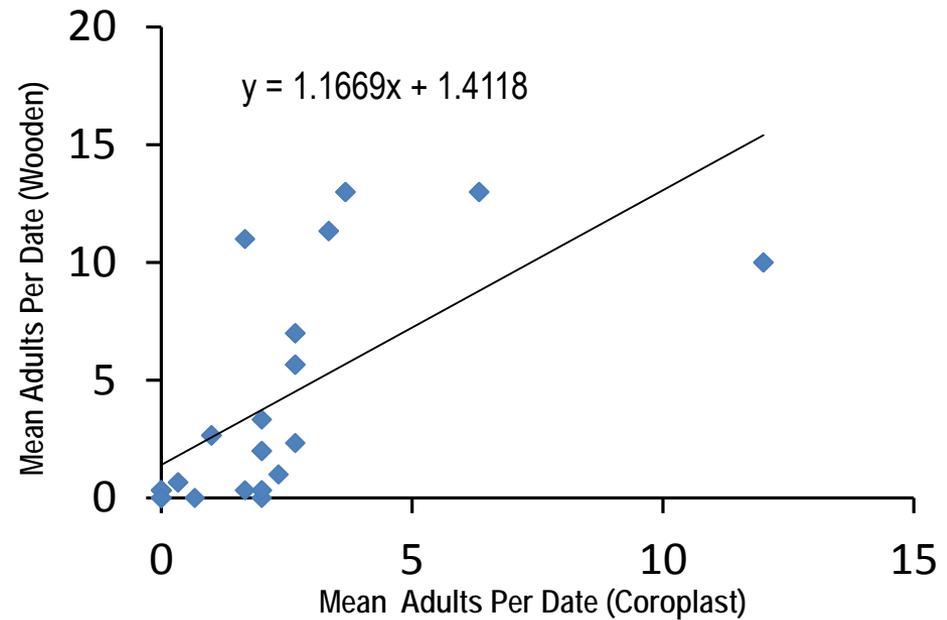
$P < 0.0001$



Spearman Rank Correlation

$\rho=0.900$

$P < 0.0001$



(Morrison et al. 2015)

# Coroplast vs. All Others

Coroplast Pyramid



Small Pyramid (Ground)



Small Pyramid (Hanging)



Small Pyramid (Limb)



Rescue (Hanging/  
Foliage)



(Morrison et al. 2015)

# New Trap Comparisons

Delta  
Trap



Yellow  
Sticky  
Card



Standard  
Coroplast  
Pyramid



Small  
Black  
Pyramid



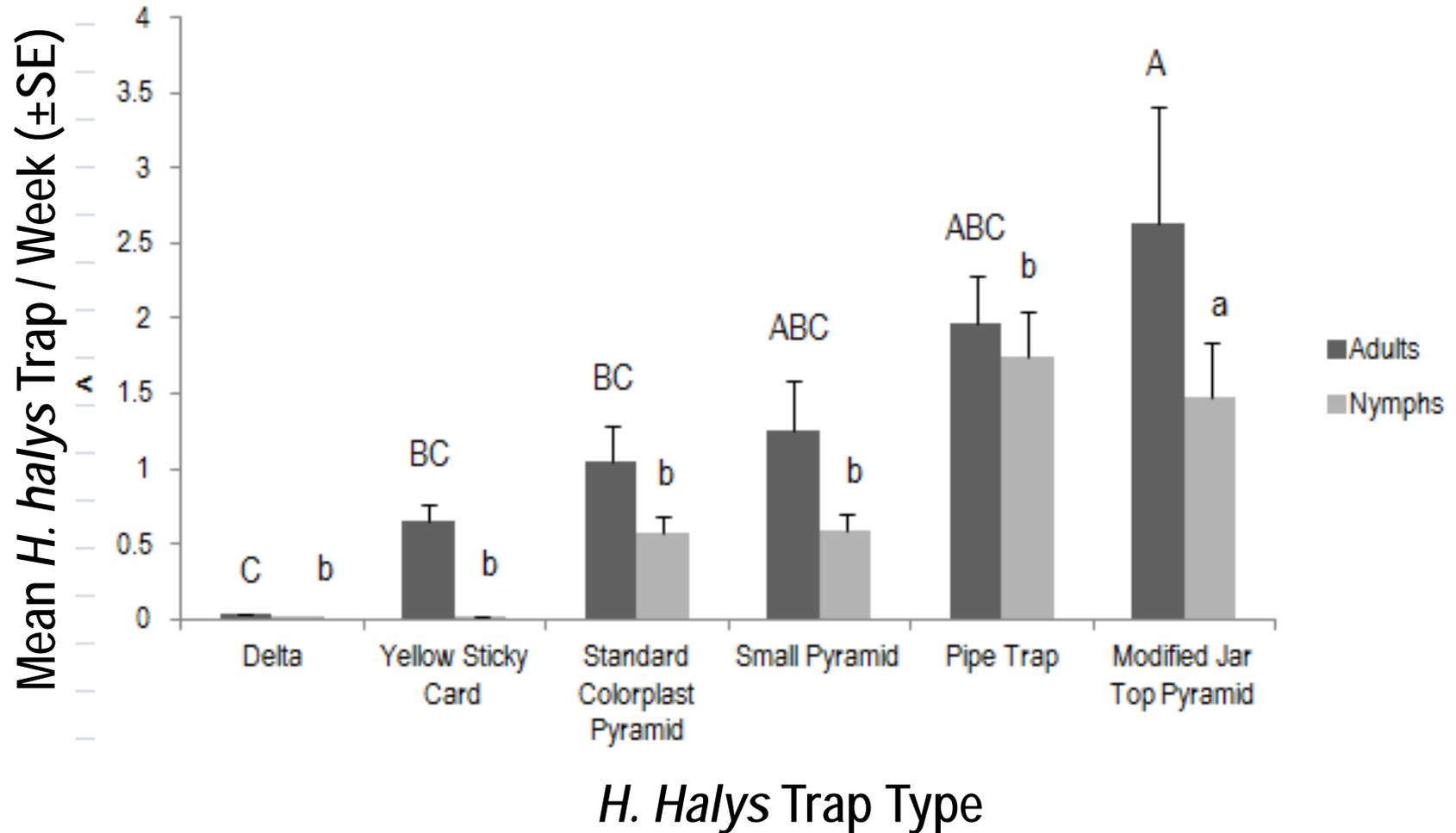
Pipe  
Trap



Modified  
Jar Top  
Pyramid



# Season-Long Trap Captures / Sensitivity



# Standard Pyramid vs. All Others

Delta Trap



Yellow Sticky Card



Standard Coroplast Pyramid



Small Black Pyramid



Pipe Trap



Modified Jar Top Pyramid



# PSU Trap comparison for monitoring BMSB - 2015

## Traps lure combinations:

- Dead – Inn Pyramid trap (Ag-Bio) x
- Clear sticky trap (AlphaScent) x
- Rescue Stink Bug Trap (Sterling Int.) x

Ag-Bio BMSB X-tra lure

Rescue lure

Rescue lure



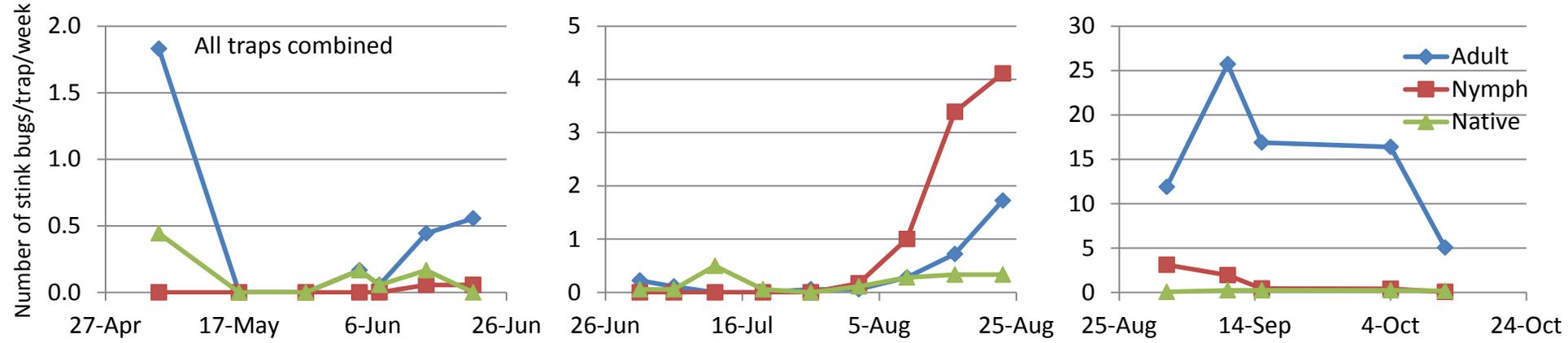
## Project description:

- Two commercial fruit orchards
- Three replicates per orchard
- Two locations (inside/outside) for each trap/lure combination per replicate

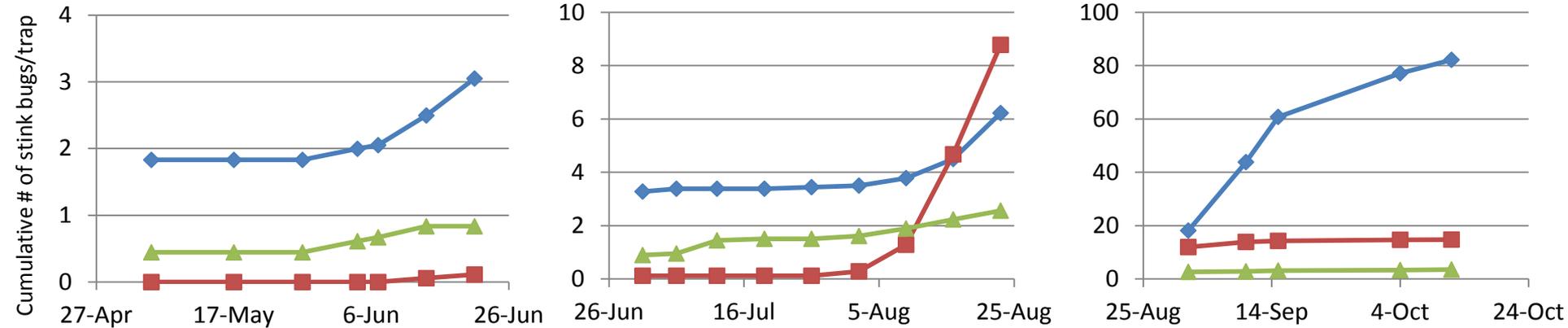
**Observations period** : May 01 - Oct 14, 2015



# BMSB Trap Comparison PSU 2015 - Orchard No. 1



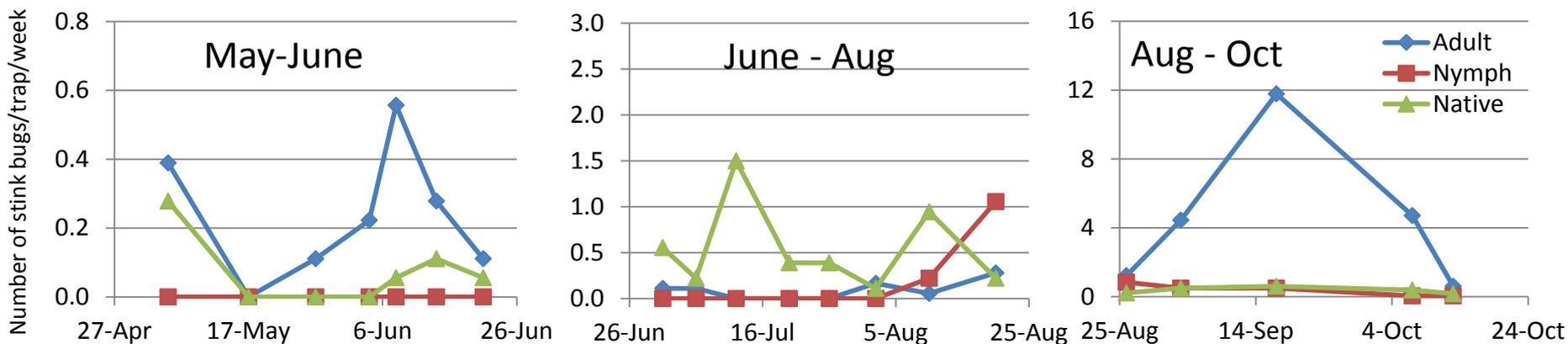
## Seasonal activity



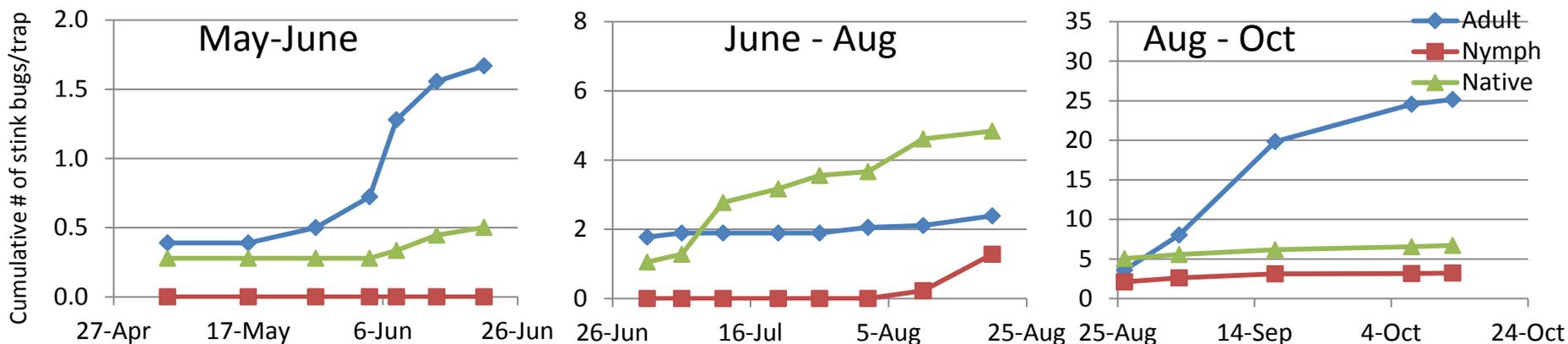
## Cumulative captures per period

*Trap data from all traps combined, n=18 traps per location*

## BMSB Trap Comparison PSU 2015 - Orchard No. 2



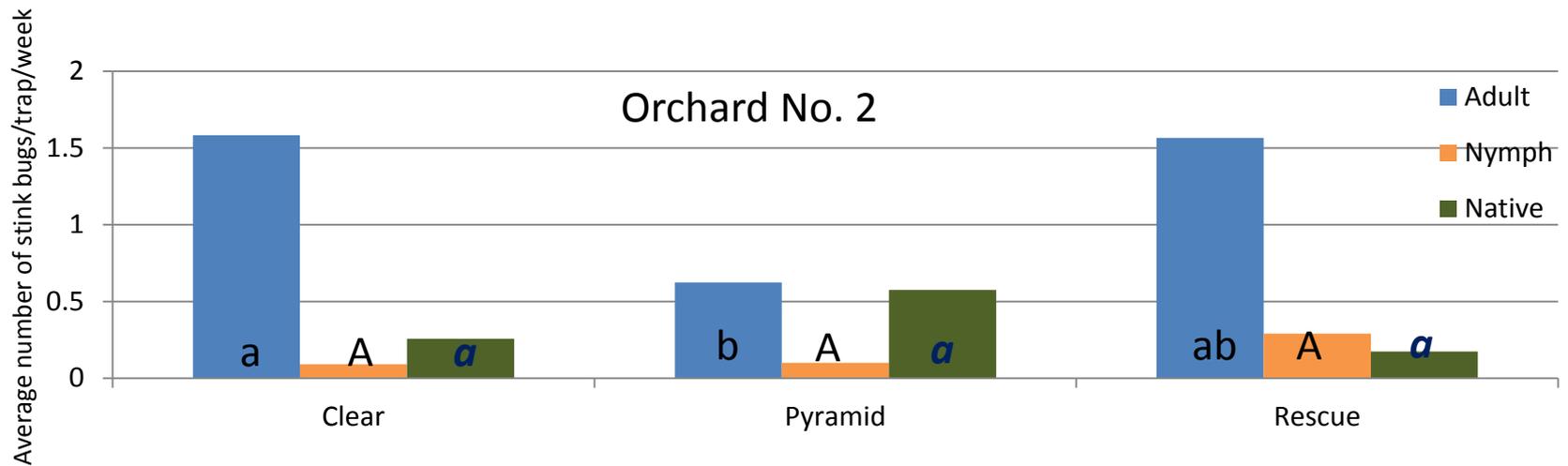
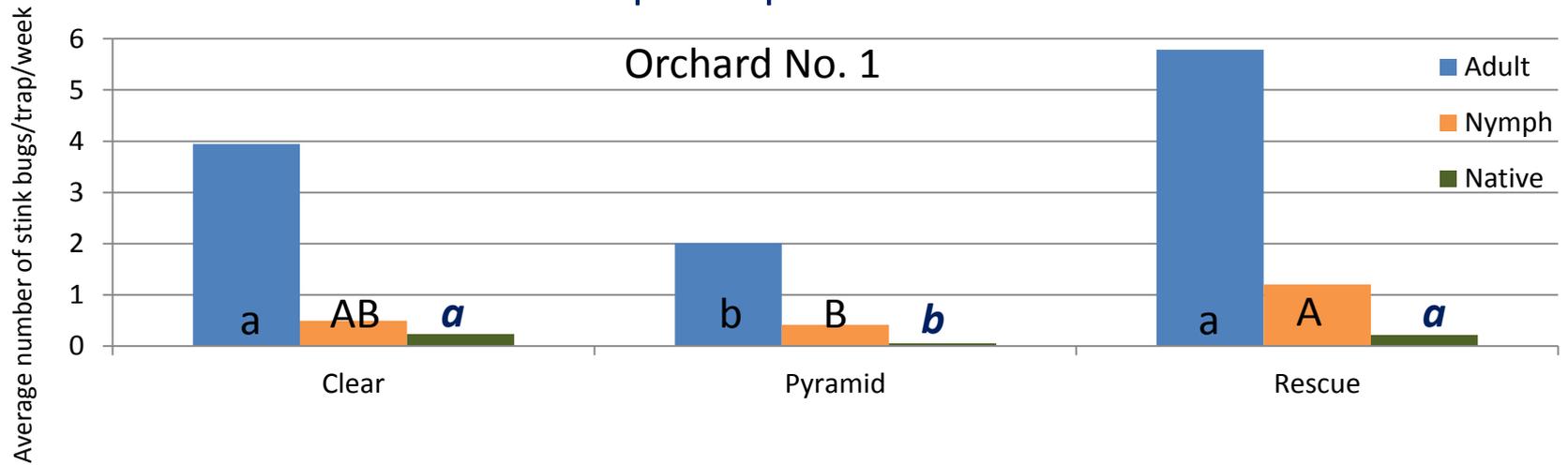
### Seasonal activity



### Cumulative captures per period

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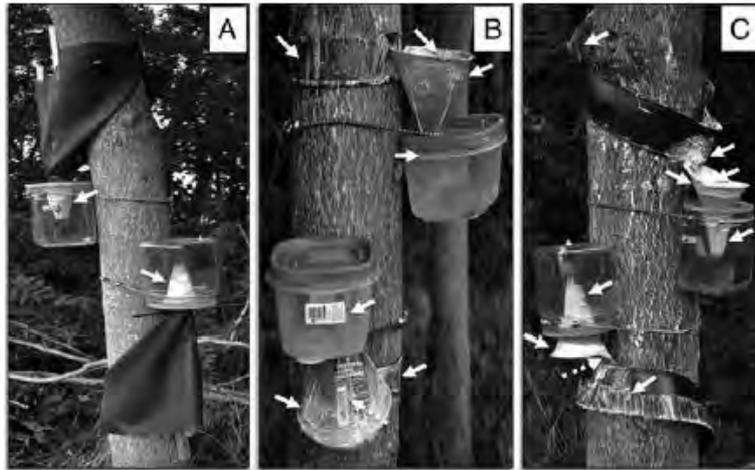
## BMSB Trap Comparison – PSU 2015



Trap data from all traps combined, n=6 traps per location;

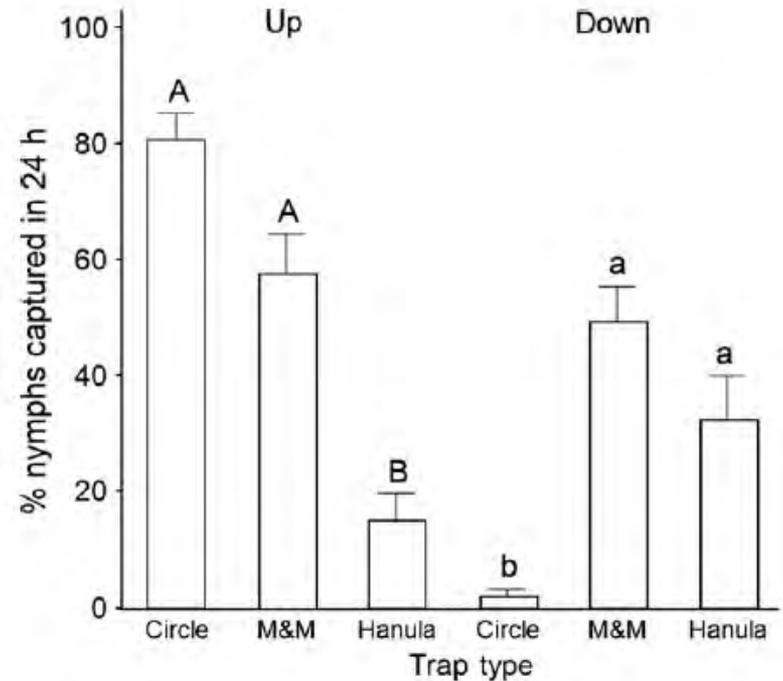
Bars within the same category (adults, nymphs and native) for the same location with the same letter are not different (ANOVA, sqrt transformation, LSD All pairwise,  $p < 0.05$ )

# Monitoring Nymphal Movement



**Figure 1** (A) Circle, (B) Hanula, and (C) M&M (Moeed & Meads) traps used to capture *Halyomorpha halys* nymphs walking on *Ailanthus altissima* logs and trees in laboratory and field studies, respectively, at Winchester (VA, USA). Solid arrows indicate surfaces coated with fluon and the broken arrow indicates the roughened area in the interior of the funnel.

Have been used successfully to document nymphal dispersal onto and from host trees season-long. Implications for importance of diet-mixing.



**Figure 2** Mean (+ SE) percentage of second instar *Halyomorpha halys* captured in three types of trunk trap (see Figure 1) and two orientations (up, capturing upward-walking nymphs; down, capturing downward-walking nymphs) at 24 h after their release at the bottom or top of *Ailanthus altissima* logs in a growth chamber ( $n = 4$  per replicate per trap design and orientation). The experiment was repeated 4 $\times$ . Bars within an orientation capped with the same letters are not significantly different (Tukey's HSD test:  $P > 0.05$ ).

# 2.1.2. Other Monitoring Tools

Understanding the temporal patterns of abundance and dispersal of BMSB adults and nymphs among wild and cultivated hosts will enhance our understanding of the risk posed to specialty crops throughout the growing season.

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### Abstract

Marking organisms with fluorescent dyes and powders is a common technique used in ecological field studies that monitor movement of organisms to examine life history traits, behaviors, and population dynamics. External fluorescent marking is relatively inexpensive and can be readily employed to quickly mark large numbers of individuals; however, the ability to detect marked organisms in the field at night has been hampered by the limited detection distances provided by portable fluorescent ultraviolet lamps. In recent years, significant advances in LED lamp and laser technology have led to development of powerful, low-cost ultraviolet light sources. In this study, we evaluate the potential of these new technologies to improve detection of fluorescent-marked organisms in the field and to create new possibilities for tracking marked organisms in visually challenging environments such as tree canopies and aquatic habitats. Using handheld lasers, we document a method that provides a fivefold increase in detection distance over previously available technologies. This method allows easy scouting of tree canopies (from the ground), as well as shallow aquatic systems. This novel detection method for fluorescent-marked organisms thus promises to significantly enhance the use of fluorescent marking as a non-destructive technique for tracking organisms in natural environments, facilitating field studies that aim to document otherwise inaccessible aspects of the movement, behavior, and population dynamics of study organisms, including species with significant economic impacts or relevance for ecology and human health.

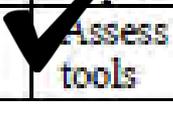
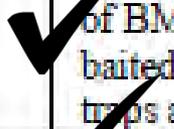
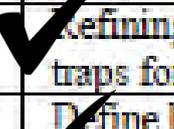
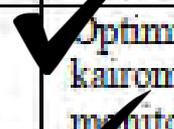
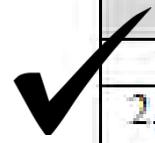


(Rice et al. 2015)

Summer = Yellow    Fall = Orange  
 Winter = White    Spring = Pink

**OBJECTIVE 2. DEVELOP AND REFINE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR**

OBJ.	Description	Participants
2.1	Develop monitoring tools for BMSB	
2.1.1	Trap-based monitoring	
2.1.1.1	Identification of pheromone and other attractants	Khriman, Leskey, Landolt, Lee, Wiman, Shearer, Rondon
2.1.1.2	Optimization of pheromone and kairomone dispensers for monitoring BMSB	Khrimian, Leskey, Bergh, Krawczyk, Saunders, Rodriguez-Saona, Hamilton, Polk, Wiman, Shearer
2.1.1.3	Refining utility of light-based traps for BMSB	Leskey, Hamilton, Krawczyk, Jacobs, Wiman, Shearer, Agnello, Jentsch
2.1.1.4	Define behavioral characteristics of BMSB and active space of baited traps to develop efficient traps and deployment strategies	Leskey, Bergh, Krawczyk, Saunders, Shearer, Wiman
2.1.2	Assess other types of monitoring tools	Leskey, Wright, Bergh, Krawczyk, Saunders, Wiman, Shearer



# What We Didn't Accomplish Though We Have Preliminary Data

- Identification of other attractants (additional synergists and host plant volatiles).
- Optimized pheromone dispensers. Standardized dose/release rate for monitoring particular crops.
- Use of combination light and pheromone-based stimuli.
- Distance of response to baited traps.
- Optimized trap design and deployment strategy for specific specialty crops.
- Simpler trap designs.



# Next Steps

- Continued collaboration with commercial companies to ensure reliable pheromone-based products and traps are available.
- Further validations of pheromone-based trapping in commercial orchards and other crops.
- Attract and kill strategies for spatially precise management and overall population reduction.

