Management Approach for Alfalfa Weevil







Begin activating and laying eggs at 42°F

4 instars

Spin web cocoon





Holometabolous metamorphosis

Adult

Damages of Alfalfa Weevil











Management of Alfalfa Weevil

Monitoring

- Sampling should begin after temperatures have dropped below 42° F (usually January)
- Sweep net samples should be conducted in ≥4 areas in the field (5 sweeps / area)
- Control measure taken when an average of 15-20 larvae / sweep are found
- I can't wait to reach half that number.
- If I get that much weevils in my net, I'll end up with white alfalfa.
- I'm not in the business of selling alfalfa straw.







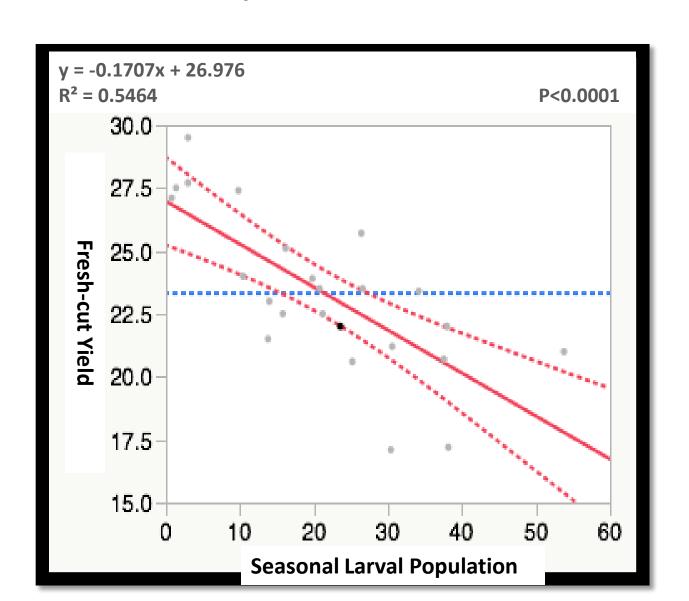
Alfalfa Weevil Threshold Study

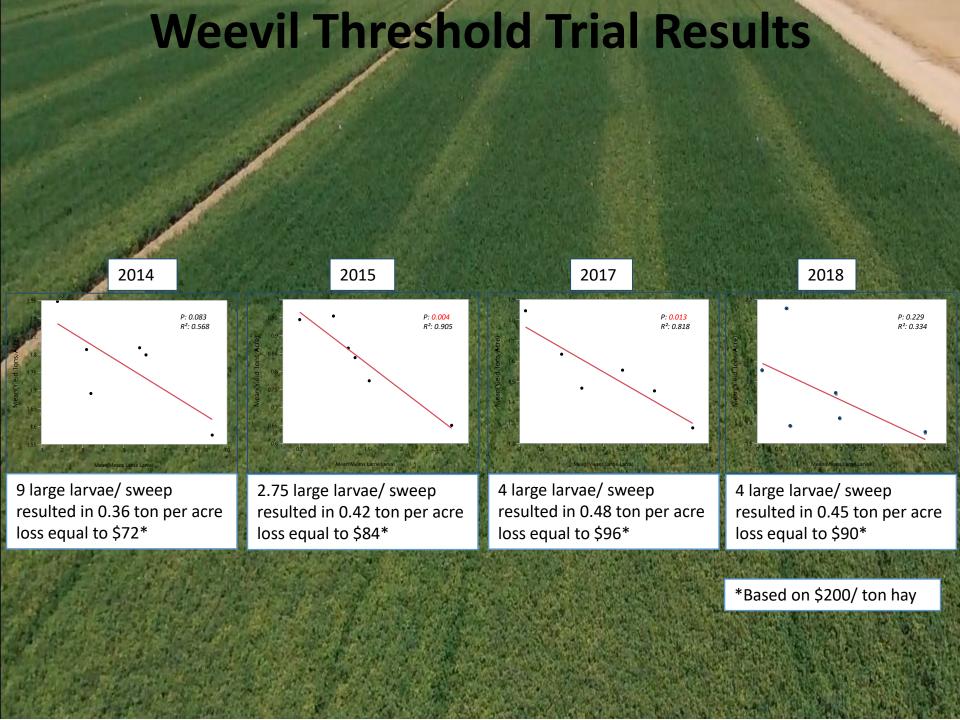
- Multi year trials conducted at Maricopa Ag Center in Maricopa
- Trial conducted under randomized complete block design with four replications and alleys between treatments
- Weekly samples
- 5 sweeps/plot
- Yield at harvest



T5-1	T6-2	T2-3	T4-4
T2-1	T3-2	T6-3	T5-4
T1-1	T4-2	T5-3	T2-4
T3-1	T2-2	T4-3	T1-4
T6-1	T1-2	T3-3	T6-4
T4-1	T5-2	T1-3	T3-4

Relationship between Larval Population and Yield





"Large Larvae" vs "Small Larvae" & Other Insects in the sweep net



Action Threshold Scenarios

\$/Ton	1 Large Larva per sweep (-0.06 slope)							
320	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
310	Υ	N	N	N	Ν	N	N	N
300	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
290	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
280	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
270	Υ	N	N	N	Ν	N	N	N
260	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
250	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
240	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
230	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
220	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
210	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
200	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
190	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
180	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
170	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
160	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
150	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
140	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
130	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
120	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
110	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
100	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
	Cost of Treatment in \$							

\$/Ton	2 Large Larvae per sweep (-0.12 slope)							
320	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
310	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
300	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
290	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Ν	N	N
280	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
270	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
260	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
250	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
240	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
230	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
220	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
210	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
200	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N
190	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N
180	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N
170	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N
160	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
150	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
140	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
130	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
120	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
110	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
100	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
	Cost of Treatment							

Action Threshold Scenarios – Cont...

\$/Ton	3 Large Larvae per sweep (-0.18 slope)							
320	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
310	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
300	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
290	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
280	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
270	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
260	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
250	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
240	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N
230	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N
220	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
210	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
200	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
190	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
180	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
170	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
160	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
150	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
140	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
130	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N
120	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N
110	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
100	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
	Cost of Treatment/Acre							

\$/Ton	4 Large Larvae per sweep (-0.24 slope)							
320	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
310	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
300	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
290	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
280	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
270	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
260	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
250	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
240	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
230	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
220	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
210	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
200	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
190	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
180	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N
170	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N
160	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
150	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N
140	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
130	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N
120	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
110	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N
100	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
	Cost of Treatment/Acre							

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An app was developed to help making an informed decision about this pest

https://weevilcalc.arizona.edu



Please enter your crop's value in *dollars per ton*:

\$100/ton \$320/ton

200

0

Please enter the cost of treatment in *dollars per acre*:

\$5/acre \$50/acre

29

0

Active Ingredients for AW Control

Pyrethroids







Organophosphates



Indoxacarb



Resistance Monitoring

Dose Response of Field Populations of Alfalfa Weevil to lambda-cyhalothrin (Warrior II) Using Feeding Assay

Weevil populations:

- Maricopa, AZ
- Scottsdale, AZ
- Tonopah, AZ
- Welton, AZ
- Poston, AZ
- Blythe, CA
- Holtville, CA
- Yreka, CA
- Tuelake, CA
- Logan, UT
- Los Lunas, NM
- Radersburg, MT
- Stillwater, OK
- Muleshoe, TX

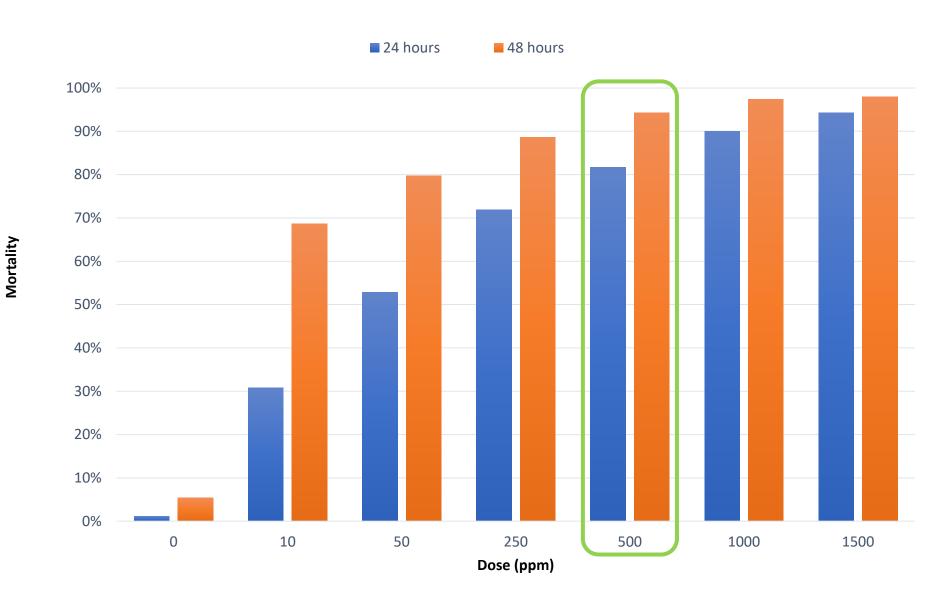
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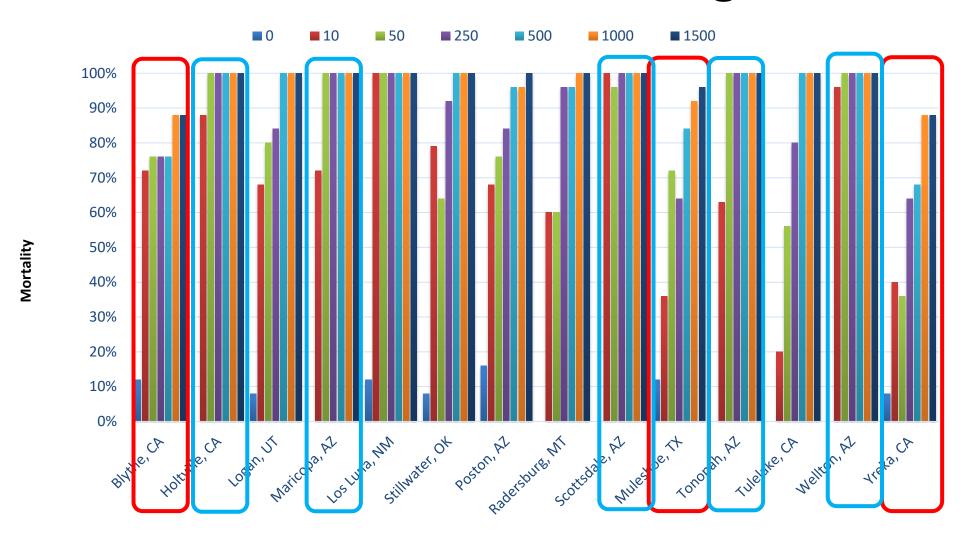






Resistance Monitoring





Cultural Control

- Cultural Control
 - Resistant Varieties

Strip Cutting



- Early harvest
- Proper irrigation



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