

# Evaluation of Insecticides for Apple Maggot Control



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# Orchard History

Commercial block of Jonagold in Wayne Co, NY

2009 had evidence of AM damage at harvest

Adjacent to abandoned orchard and woods

Damaged fruit collected in 2009 did not produce  
live larvae

Grower agreed to cooperate with experiment in  
2010



## 2010 Experiment

Treatments of insecticides were applied at first fly catch (6 Jul)

Blocks of 9 trees (3x3) were arranged in a RCB design and replicated 3X

Applications were made at 14d intervals, 4 sprays applied in total

AM traps were hung in the UTC to monitor populations and checked weekly

Harvest evals were conducted 1 Sep by picking and inspecting fruit

## 2010 Experiment

Damage assessments were rated as a 'sting' if puncture did not exceed 1/8" and 'tunnel' if breakdown from larval tunneling was present

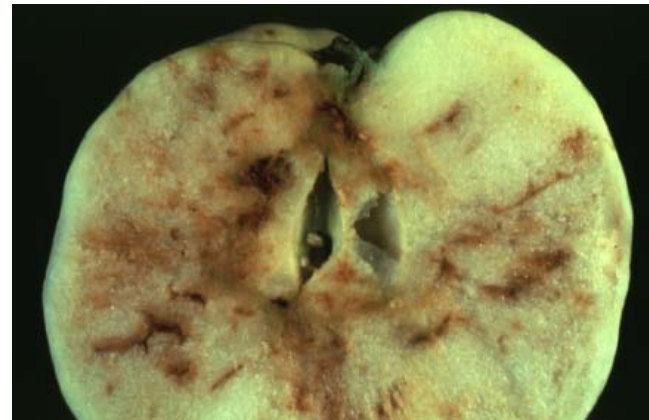
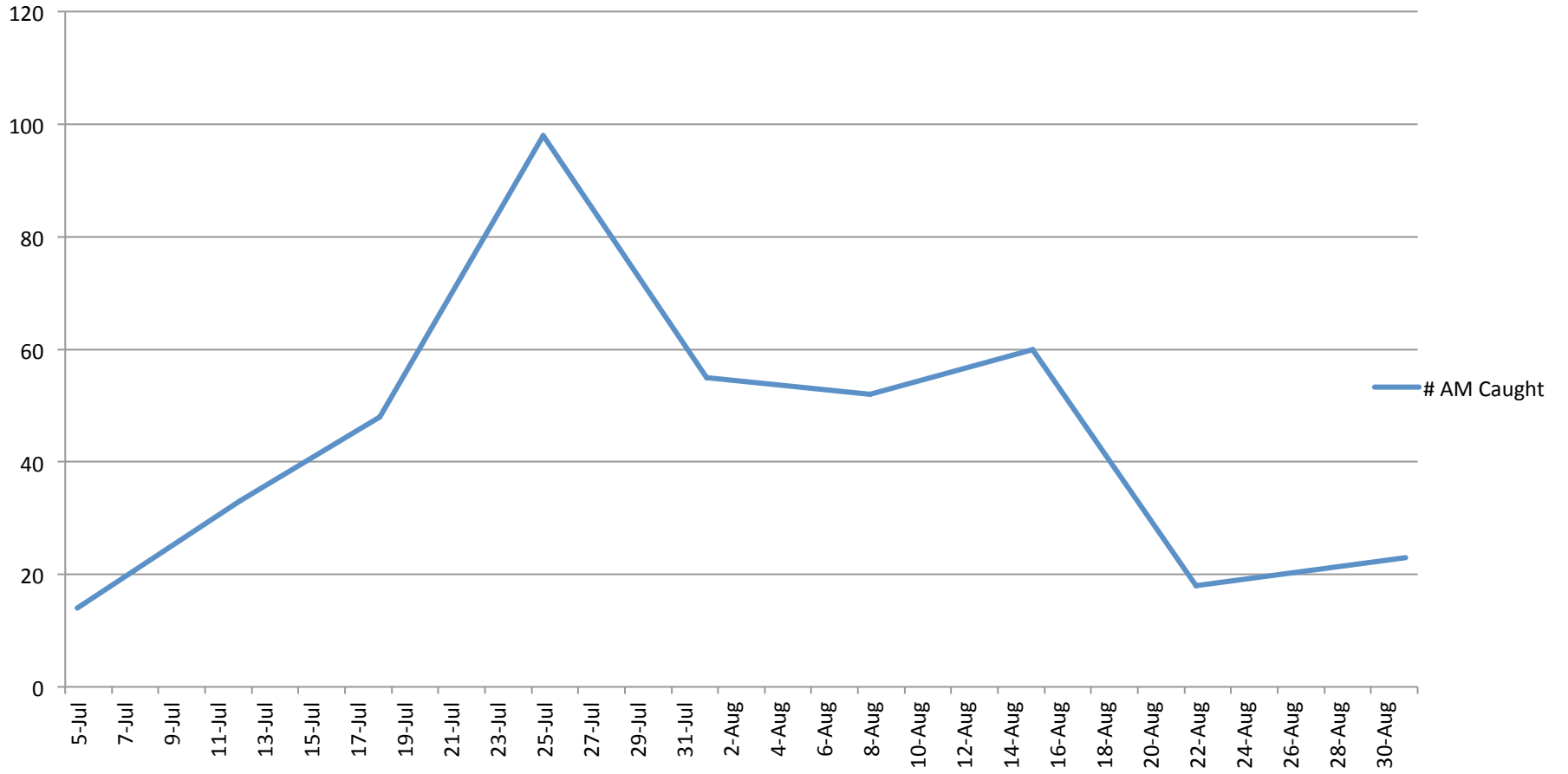
Applications were made at 100gpa with air-blast equipment

Applications were made on 6 Jul, 21 Jul, 3 Aug and 16 Aug

Stinkbug damage was very heavy at harvest but was not rated

Several different modes of action materials were used

# # AM Caught



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50 feet 20 m

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# Treatments

Actara 25W 5.0 oz/A

Avaunt 30WDG 5.5 oz/A

Calypso 4F 6.0 oz/A

Altacor WG 4.5 oz/A

Delegate 25W 6.5 oz/A

Guthion 50WSB 1.5 lb/A

Assail 70WP 3.4 oz/A

Untreated Check



<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Rate/A</u>	<u>% AM Sting</u>
Actara 25W	5.0 oz	32.3 a
Avaunt 30WDG	5.5 oz	38.3 a
Calypso 4F	6.0 oz	19.3 a
Altacor	4.5 oz	18.0 a
Delegate 25W	6.5 oz	26.7 a
Guthion 50WSB	1.5 lb	15.3 a
Assail 70WP	3.4 oz	17.8 a
<u>Untreated Check</u>		<u>19.0 a</u>

Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Fisher's Protected LSD Test,  $P \leq 0.05$ ). Data was transformed arcsine ( $\sqrt{x}$ ) prior to analysis.



<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Rate/A</u>	<u>% AM Sting</u>	<u>% AM Tunnel</u>
Actara 25W	5.0 oz	32.3 a	13.4 ab
Avaunt 30WDG	5.5 oz	38.3 a	15.0 b
Calypso 4F	6.0 oz	19.3 a	2.0 a
Altacor	4.5 oz	18.0 a	5.3 ab
Delegate 25W	6.5 oz	26.7 a	9.0 ab
Guthion 50WSB	1.5 lb	15.3 a	5.3 ab
Assail 70WP	3.4 oz	17.8 a	5.9 ab
<u>Untreated Check</u>		19.0 a	17.3 b

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## RESULTS

- \* All treatments were weak in preventing stings, no significant differences
- \* Industry standard Guthion was just as effective as all other treatments
- \* Contact materials did slightly better than ingestion materials
- \* Only one treatment separated from UTC, Calypso – known to be OP replacement, PHI and number of applications/yr are limiting
- \* High pressure situation
- \* Small crop load on test trees
- \* Tree spacing and size allowed for good coverage
- \* Plans to repeat test in 2011 in same location

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