Review of the 2015 Insect Pest Management Season in ENY

Dog Wood Borer  Brown Marmorated Stink Bug  Black Stem Beetle  San Jose Scale

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Insect Pest Observations 2015

I. Tall Spindle Decline & Collapse (M.9 /)
   2nd leaf Pink Lady (Ulster)
   4th leaf Zestar (Columbia)
   7th leaf Honeycrisp (Ulster)
   8th leaf Fuji, Ginger Gold (Ulster & Orange)

II. San Jose Scale – 3rd generation injury

III. Codling Moth Confusion

IV. Stinkbug in the Hudson Valley of NY
Black Stem Borer (BSB)
*Xylosandrus germanus*

- Forest Pest in the family of Ambrosia Beetles
- Attack trees under stress, under wet conditions and waterlogged soils, suffering injury from winter, fire blight, wounding from dogwood borer, emitting ETOH (ethyl alcohol) detected by the beetle.
- Females infest the tree, burrowing through bark into the heartwood; form gallaries for offspring which feed upon fungus carried in spores by adult.
Insect Pest Observations 2015
BSB Monitoring: Anna Wallis / Dan Donahue

- All ENY trap sites captured BSB
- No infested trees observed in the north country
- Commercial orchards with BSB infestations causing tree decline and tree death.
Lorsban / Chlorpyrifos (all formulations)

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Complete loss of Chlorpyrifos to the tree fruit industry: Pre-bloom mgt. of
  • Dogwood Borer
  • Black Stem Borer
  • San Jose Scale
  • Obliquebanded leafroller & green fruitworm complex
In May-November 2015, five commercial orchards were surveyed showing severe tree decline in the Hudson Valley counties: Orange, Ulster & Columbia (totaling 1200 trees)

Varieties: Pink Lady, Fuji, Zestar, Ginger Gold, Empire

Orchards Symptoms / Observations included:

• (4) Tree yellowing, decline and death
• (1) Shoot dieback
• (3) Black Stem Borer, (BSB) *Xylosandrus germanus* boring
• (3) Dogwood Borer, (DWB) *Synanthedon scitula* presence
• (3) Trunk / Rootstock cambian / bark separation
• (1) Cankering on North face of trunk (Herbicide interaction?)
• (1) Slug feeding on decomposing roots
• (2) Tested positive **Apple Chlorotic Leaf Spot Virus** (ACLSV)
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

**Orchard I: Pink Lady on M.9/Nic 29 rootstock in 2nd leaf**

**Highland, NY: 22nd of May 2015**

- Tree decline in fall 2014; 15% of trees effected < 1% dead
- Purchased from Willow Drive Nursary, WA in 2014
- Evidence of **Black Stem Borer**, *Xylosandrus germanus* (Frass)
- No exposure to standing or excessive water
- 2014-15 season *without irrigation* on gravel loam.
- 300 yards from wooded edge

*(John Whiteman-CPS, Highland)*
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

- Shoot dieback
- Toothpick frass
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

- Cankering
- Rootstock frass in burrknotts
Single application of post bloom (May) Lorsban EC at 1.5 qt./A
Trees showed no signs of BSB activity on 11 Nov. 2015
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

**Orchard II:** Zestar 4th leaf on M.9 (337)  
*June 2015*, Columbia Co.

- Chlorotic foliage in small numer of trees in 2014; 15-30% dead
- Nearby dead deciduous trees; *shale loam soil*
- Infestation of black stem borer: gallaries 3” below the graft union, 5’ above the soil line in lower scaffold limbs Sept. 2015.
- Apple Chlorotic Leaf Spot Virus (ACLSV) was detected from stem samples taken December 2015 (Marc Fuchs Lab-PPPM)
- Bark separation from trunk; Severe DWB injury
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

Orchard II: Fuji on M.9, 7th leaf on M.9 (337)
October 14, 2015, Ulster Co.

500 Tree Block, 4 rows, 5’ x 14’, single wire

Symptoms included:

- Yellowing foliage, decline and death (chlorosis), bark scaling
- **Black Stem Borer**, (BSB) *Xylosandrus germanus* frass, gallaries in trunk
- **Dogwood Borer**, (DWB) *Synanthedon scitula*, larva & frass, bark loss and healing
- Trunk / Rootstock cambian / bark separation
- Cankering on North face of trunk (Herbicide interaction?)
- **ACLSV** in Fuji tested positive (chlorosis) and absence of chlorosis in adjacent rows of Camero (PCR-M.Fuch)
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

Injured

- Foliage Yellowing (September), browning, tree death
- Dogwood Borer
- Black Stem Borer
- Cankering
- Bark separation and cambium decline and death
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

Yellowing Foliage  Browning  Dead
Injured

- Yellowing
- Dogwood Borer (burr knot, bark scales & cambian feeding)
- Black Stem Borer
- Cankering
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

Injured

- Yellowing
- Dogwood Borer
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

DWB Bark Scale Feeding

- Vascular cambium and wood interface
- Above and below graft union
- Larva over winter in webbed frass
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

**Injury**

- Yellowing
- Dogwood Borer
- Black Stem Borer
- Cankering
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

North face moisture

N.F. Cankering
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

**Injury**

- Bark separation and cambium decline and death
  (Cankering?)
Tall Spindle Tree Decline on M.9

Cankering - bark separation
Healthy Trees: Growth Habit of Variety

- Bark Splitting
- Bark Flaking

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Fuji M.9 Collapse

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### Percent of trees with visible canker

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Total Trees Assessed: 121
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Estimated costs of applying chlorpyrifos (Lorsban 4E) based on a plant density of 800 trees per acre. (Agnello)

- $8 per hour for labor
- $30 per gallon for Lorsban 4E
- 1.5 Qts./A; $25 per acre

**Option I: Replacement Insecticides:**
Assail 30SG, Delegate, Belt and Rynaxypyr WG options for DWB Mgt.

- Presently Assail 30SG is labeled in NY.
Option II: Mating disruption in blocks of 5 acres or more using Isomate (CBC (America) Corp.)

Treatment with Isomate-DWB dispensers
• 150 per acre the first season
• 100 per acre thereafter
• Labor $63.60 per acre for the first season
  $42.40 per acre in subsequent seasons.

• No special equipment is needed
• Improved worker safety? (Agnello)
2016 ARDP Funded Project:

Project Outline:

Mating Disruption (MD) on three farms
• Application on (3) 5 acre blocks
• Assess overwintering DWB population
• Monitor DWB adult trap shutdown in MD blocks
  • In non-MD blocks

On farm and HVRL plot efficacy evaluation for DWB larva mgt: Assail 30SG, Delegate, Belt and Rynaxypr WG

Assess the importance of irrigation & herbicide in tree decline
Prevention of Tree Decline in Tall Spindle

- Reducing tree stress
  - Use of NEWA / orchard soil moisture data weekly
  - Irrigation is critical in well drained soils
  - Improve drainage in wet sites

- Monitoring trees for dogwood borer feeding & BSM holes and frass
  - Yearly dogwood borer management of infested blocks

- Lorsban pre-bloom for BSB Mgt in stressed trees with new infestations (post prolong rain and flooding)
  - High volume whole tree
  - Concentrate dilute at base of tree
San Jose Scale, *Quadraspisidiotus perniciosus*,

- 2-3 generations / year in NY
- Feed on the sap of apple trees

Adults overwinter on fruit trees.

- Males and females under chitin ‘scale’ protection
- Respiration increases in spring

Males emerge to mate (May 10\textsuperscript{th} 2015: biofix)

- Crawler emergence 400 DD\textsubscript{51}
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} Gen. June 6\textsuperscript{th} 2015; 2\textsuperscript{nd} Gen. Aug. 1\textsuperscript{st}; 3\textsuperscript{rd} Gen. Sept. 25\textsuperscript{th}
San Jose Scale, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*,

- Increasing SJS at packout across NYS
- Tenacious pest if left unmanaged; 2-3 gen.

- Female scale produce approximately 400 live young, “crawlers”, over a 6-week period

- Requires insecticide residue over two applications to manage the crawler population

- Extended period of emergence (mid-June HVRL)

- Insecticide shadowing post bloom (contact insecticides)
San Jose Scale, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*,

- Multiple tactics are needed for 100% clean fruit
- Pre-bloom
  - (Contact) Oil at 3% DD; 2% GT; or 1%
  - (IGR) Esteem 35WP (4-5 oz./A) @ P
  - (IGR) Centaur 0.7WDG (34.5 oz./A) @ P
  - (Contact) Lorsban 4E (1.5 Qts./A) @ DD-P
  - Excellent coverage (higher volume, low wind, slow speed)
San Jose Scale Management

San Jose Scale, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus,*

- **Post-bloom**
  - Oil at 1%
  - Esteem 35WP (4-5 oz./A) @ PF-1st C
  - Centaur 0.7WDG (34.5 oz./A) @ PF-1st C
  - Movento + 0.25% oil or penetrant such as LI700 at a penetrating rate (>20 oz./100)
  - Contact insecticides: 2 Apps beginning at 1st emergence 1st crawler + 14d; pyrethroids, Imidan
San Jose Scale Management

San Jose Scale, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*, HVRL 2013

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<th>Treatment / Rate</th>
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Codling Moth (CM): *Cydia pomonella*
- 2 – 3 generations/year
- 1\(^{st}\) gen. adults emerge during late bloom-PF (11\(^{th}\) May, 2015)
- Larval emergence using 220 DD\(_{50}\) from CM biofix (27\(^{th}\) May)
- 1\(^{st}\) gen. adults emerge (13th July, 2015)
- Larval emergence using 250 DD\(_{50}\) (20\(^{th}\) July)

Obliquebanded Leafroller (OBLR): *Choristoneura rosaceana*
- 2 generations/year
- Overwiner as 3\(^{rd}\) instar larva
- Adults emerge early June (June 8\(^{th}\) 2015)
- Larva emerge after 308 DD\(_{50}\) (June 20\(^{th}\) 2015)
Codling Moth vs OBLR-Leafroller Damage

OBLR: Webbing, surface feeding only

CM: Single hole in fruit
    frass at calyx end
    feed on seeds

Management timing is specific for each pest
CM: 1st – 2nd Cover & early July
OBLR  late June & mid August

CM & OBLR  Imidan, Intrepid, Proclaim, Altacor, Delegate
(OBLR- Bt yound larva, low rates @5d, Belt)
Golden Delicious Apple With BMSB Feeding Injury, Campbell Hall, NY October - 2012

5 bins: Range from 38 – 57% damage
2015 NY BMSB Trap Locations with late season adult captures
EDDMaps.org/bmsbny/
BMSB Distribution in NYS Tree Fruit Orchards
• Presence / absence
• Population Threshold + Damage Levels
15 NYS counties / 44 Sites

- Absence (Green)
  Monitoring but no adults caught

- Presence (Yellow)
  Under 10, no damage

- Presence + Damage Levels
  Under 10, <1% damage

- Presence + Damage Levels
  Under 10, ≥1% damage

- BMSB Threshold + Damage Levels
  10 or more, no injury

- BMSB Threshold + Damage Levels
  10 or more, <1% damage

- BMSB Threshold + Damage Levels
  10 or more, ≥1% damage
BMSB Management Threshold: Communication

• ENY CCE Hort News / Scaffolds: to disseminate recommendations

• Growers who subscribed to receive email Internet based link for BMSB mgt. recommendations as BMSB traps and damage levels are assessed

• Hudson Valley Research Lab: Blog site

• https://blogs.cornell.edu/jentsch/
Factors for BMSB Success: Overwintering

Predicted and observed BMSB: Cumulative SCP & proportion mortality

MN winter bugs LT$_{90}$ = -18°C or ~0°F

SCP: n=19 bugs
Mortality: n=17 bugs/each temp (mean ± 95% confidence interval)
Regression curves fitted with a Weibull distribution