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Dogwood borer, Synanthedon scitula, (DWB): is a common pest in the burr knots of apple trees on clonal rootstocks.

- The dwarfing rootstock, M.9, creates an abundance of burr knots.
- Root initials of rootstock above ground provide ideal locations for the dogwood borer to lay eggs and for larva to burrow and feed upon.
- Painting trunks can reduce the attractiveness of trunks to DWB but in most cases will not completely prevent infestations.





2016 Objectives

2015/2016 DWB Trials:

- Phil Brown Tunk Sprayer Modification
- Mating disruption;
- MD + Exp. Application





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Phil Brown Sprayer

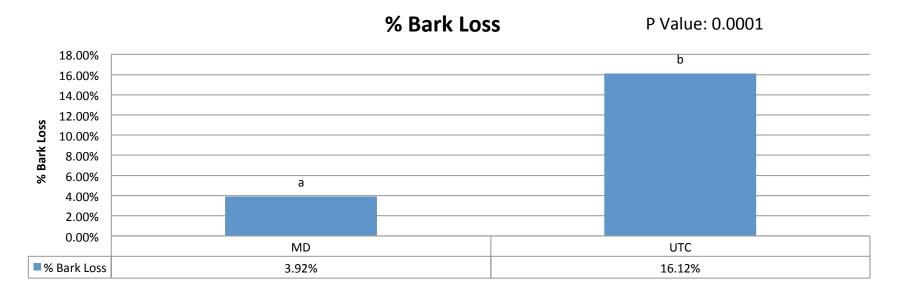
- Well built, very effective in clean orchards, covers 70% of trunk.
- 'Eye' use: 20-40%% loss of accuracy in low limb and standing weeds
- Install over-ride 'spring toggle' increases appl. efficiency
 - Allows for full on **or** micro-application to each tree
 - 60-70% material savings using toggle switch.
 - Operator FOCUS

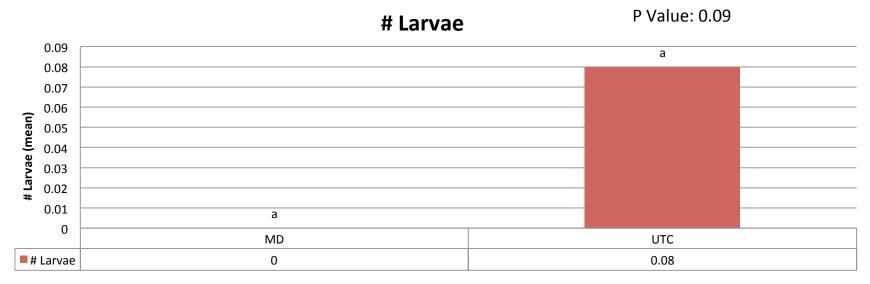




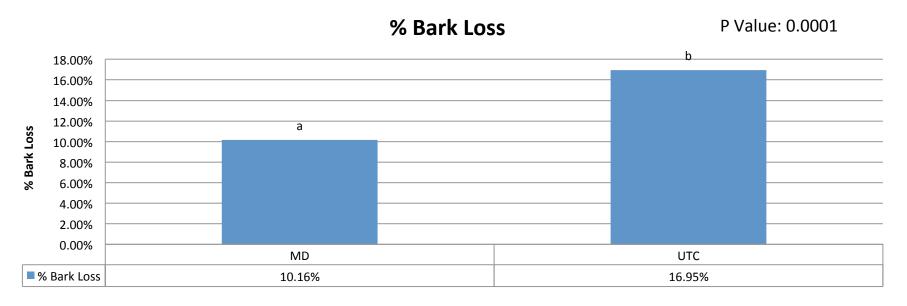


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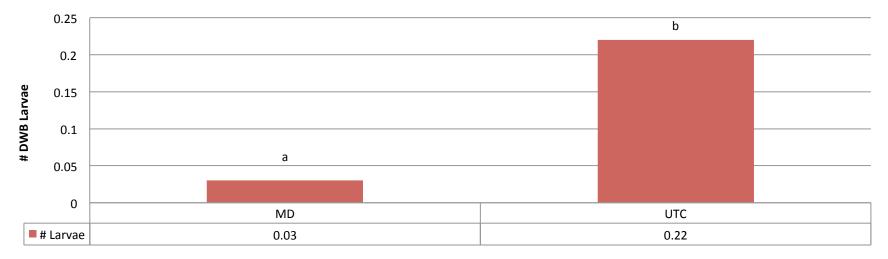


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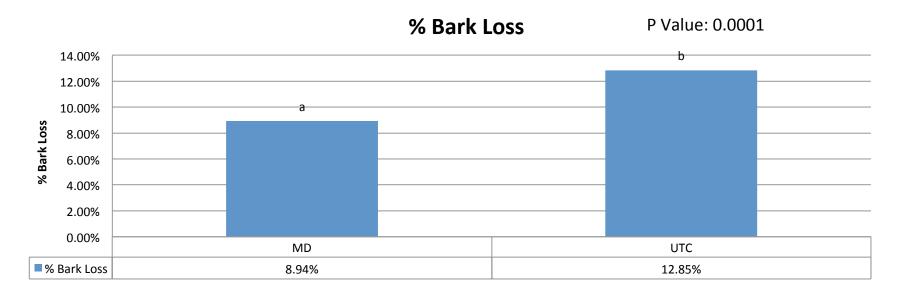


DWB larvae

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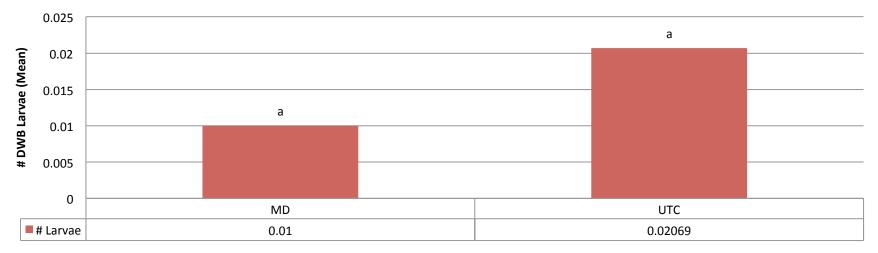


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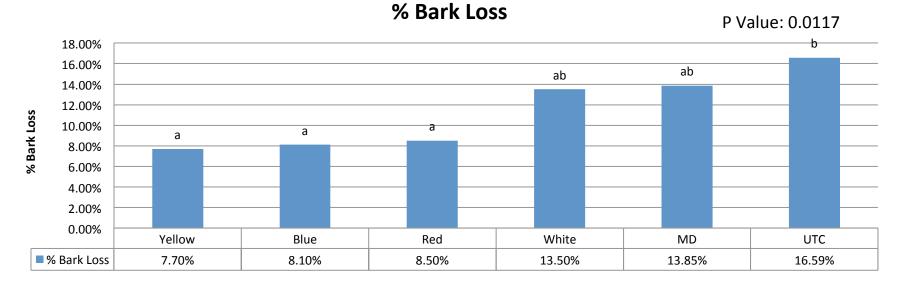


DWB Larvae

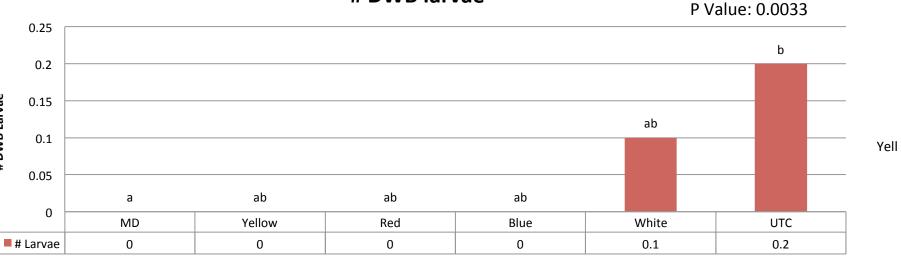
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5A MD + Trmts; Marlboro, NY



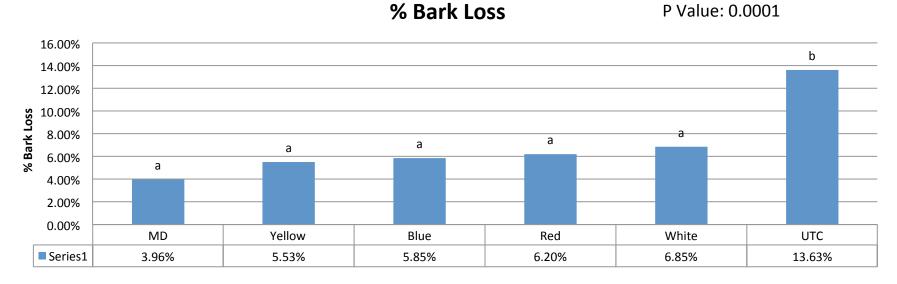
DWB larvae



DWB Larvae

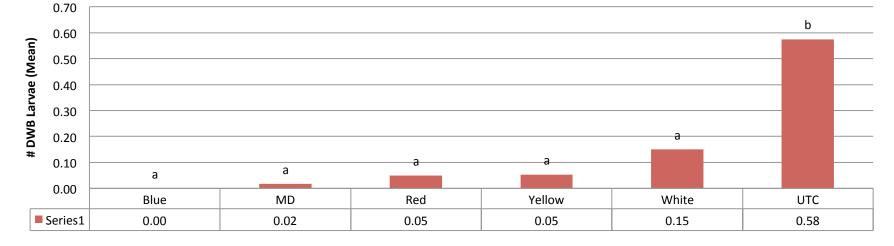
MD+Red = Lorsban 4E Spring; MD+Blue = Assail 30WDG Spring; MD+Yellow = Lorsban 4E Fall; MD+White = Untreated] MD = MD Alone; UTC = Untreated block

Trmts alone vs MD; Peru, NY



DWB larvae

P Value: 0.0001



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