

# Welcome to the Conservation Lecture Series



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# California Department of Fish and Wildlife

## CDFW Conservation Lecture Series

The Conservation Lecture Series is organized by CDFW's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch. The lecture series is designed to deliver the most current scientific information about species that are of conservation concern.

Below is a list of lectures and speakers for the Conservation Lecture Series. Lectures are open to anyone who is interested in participating. Participants may attend in-person or remotely via webinar. Please be sure to register for each class. Lectures are recorded and posted for those unable to attend the day of the event. Visit the [archive page](#) to see recordings of past lectures.

to receive email updates and invitations to upcoming lectures.

### Upcoming Lectures

*Development of multi-threaded wetland channels and the implications for salmonids and ecosystem rehabilitation - November 19, 1:00-3:00 pm. Presented by Dr. Brian Cluer and Lauren Hammack*



The land clearing and draining industriousness of the early European settlers largely erased riparian wetlands and multi-threaded channels from the California landscape, as well as from our collective consciousness. Incised, simplified channels are the result of those efforts and what we tend to manage our waterways to be. The importance of multi-threaded channels for ecosystem function and biotic productivity is beginning to be understood and taken into account

### The Wildlife Society (TWS) Upcoming Events

### Videos and Past Lectures

- ◆ [Process Based Stream Restoration](#) (Dr. Pollock)
- ◆ [San Joaquin Kit Fox](#) (Dr. Cypher)
- ◆ [Metrics for Quantifying Ecosystem Impacts and Restoration Success](#) (Dr. Rubin)
- ◆ [American Badgers](#) (Dr. Jessie Quinn)
- ◆ [Design Validation Monitoring Klamath Watershed](#) (D.J. Bandrowski, Aaron Marin, and Rocco Fior)
- ◆ [Dogs Moving Conservation Forward](#) (Dr. Deborah (Smith) Woollett and Aimee Hurt)
- ◆ [Black Swans, Brown River](#) (Dr. Viers)
- ◆ [White-Nose Syndrome in Bats](#) (Wyatt)
- ◆ [Invasive Watersnakes](#) (Dr. Todd)
- ◆ [Tricolored Blackbird](#) (Dr. Meese)

# Lecture Schedule

**Monarch Butterflies in California**

Samantha Marcum, USFWS

**March 18, 1:00-3:00, Sacramento**

# Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs

Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Lecture Series

Jan. 25, 2016

Chuck Ingels

UC Cooperative Extension, Sacramento County

<http://cesacramento.ucanr.edu>

University of California  
Agriculture and Natural Resources



# Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*)



Photos: Baldo Villegas

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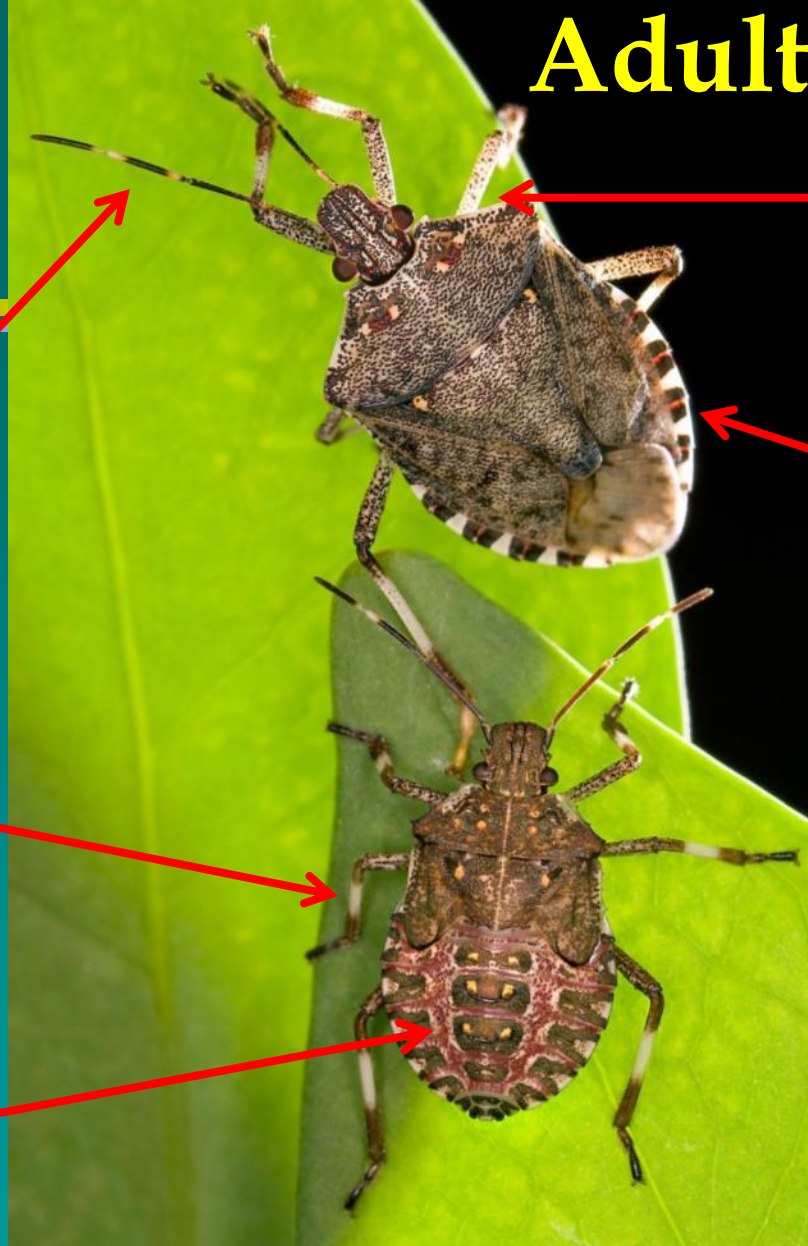
- Native to East Asia (China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan)
- A crop pest in its native range and here
- Found in Allentown, PA 1996, ID'd 2001
- Household nuisance pest in fall, winter
- Host list currently 170 spp., likely to rise

# Adult

Smooth  
“shoulder” edges

Banded  
abdominal edge  
extending  
beyond wings

# Mature nymph (5<sup>th</sup> instar)



Actual adult size  
1/2 to 5/8 inch

Two white bands  
on antennae

Banded legs

Rust color with  
broad brown  
markings

Photo: UC IPM



20-30 eggs (often 28)



Nymph (3<sup>rd</sup> of 5)



Adult



# Rough Stink Bug vs. BMSB

Rough stink bug

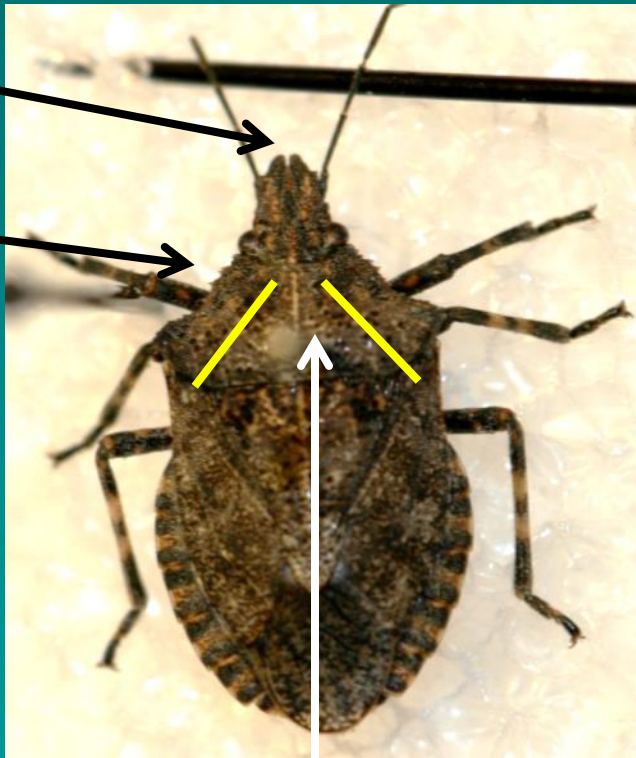


BMSB



# Rough Stink Bug vs. BMSB

Rough stink bug



Narrower angle

BMSB



Wider angle

# Conspere Stink Bug vs. BMSB

Conspere stink bug



Solid  
brown

1/2 inch

BMSB



Marble  
color

5/8 inch



Photos: StopBMSB.org

5 Nymphal Instars

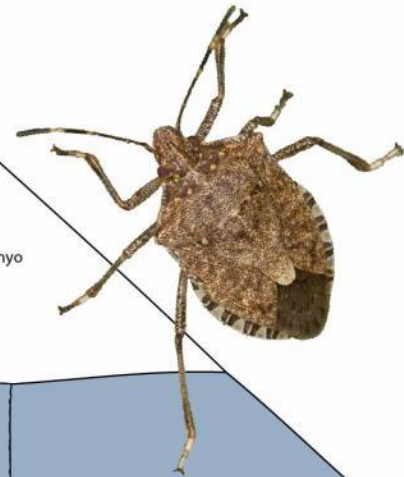
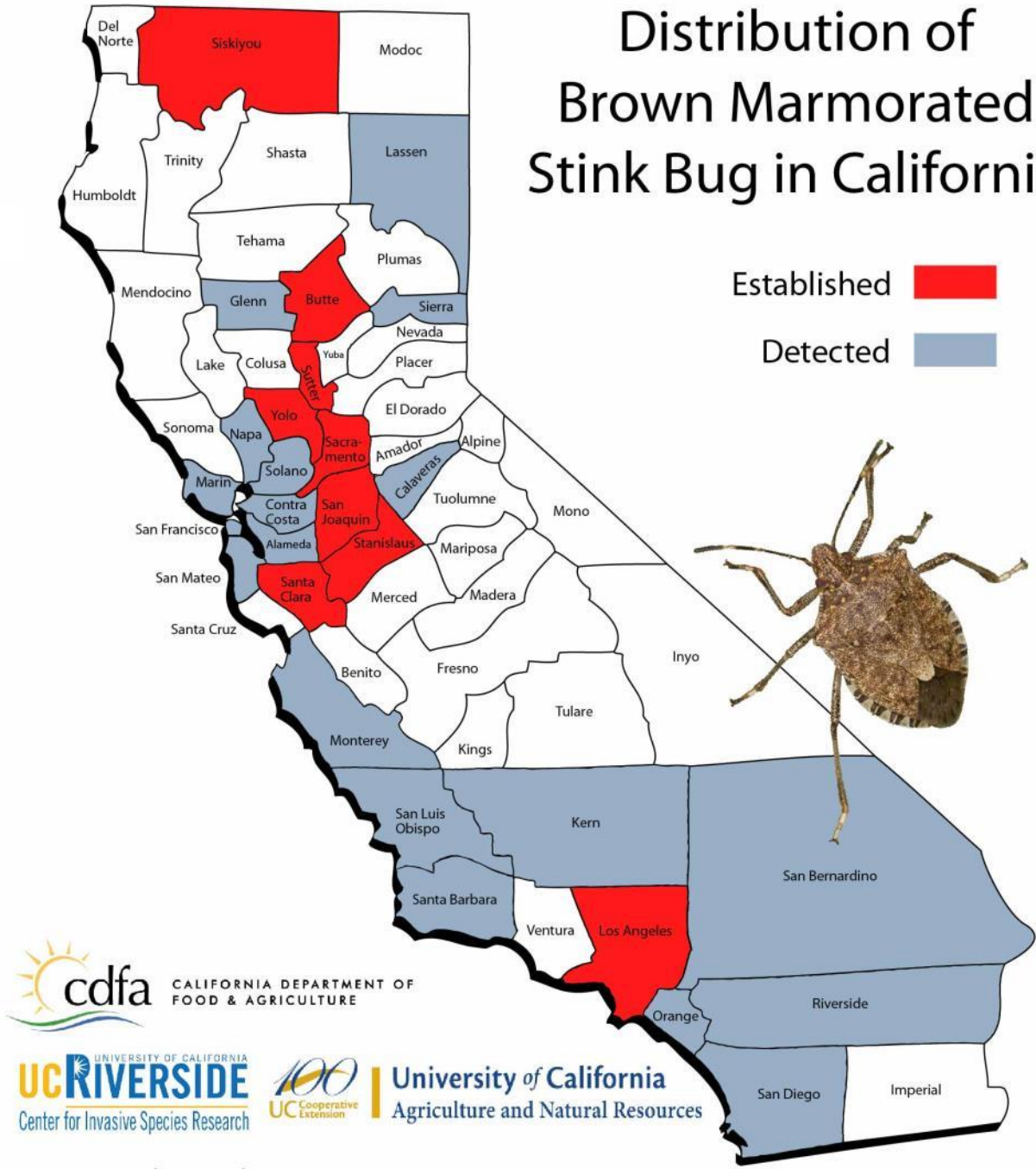
Male

Female

- Overwinters as adult in sheltered areas
  - Tree crevices and homes, barns, other structures
- Each adult lives 6-8 months
- Female lays about 250 eggs, mates multiple times
  - Each female can lay up to 9 egg clusters
- 1-2 generations in Mid-Atlantic states



# Distribution of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in California



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 **UC RIVERSIDE** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Center for Invasive Species Research

 **100 UC Cooperative Extension** University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

# One Method of Dispersal Farmers' Markets



# Infestations Around Sacramento



13<sup>th</sup> & P

14<sup>th</sup> & H



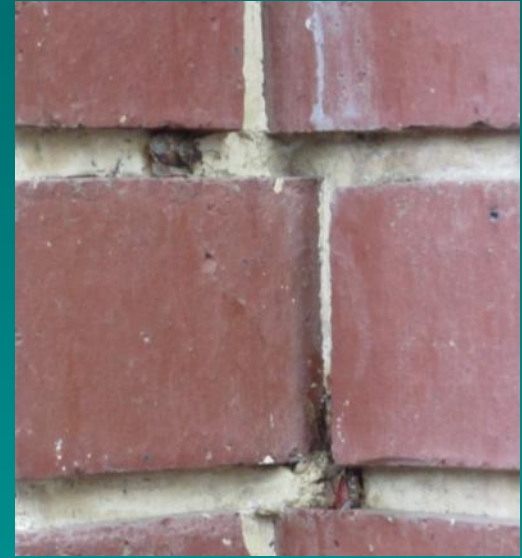
Fair Oaks Blvd. & Howe





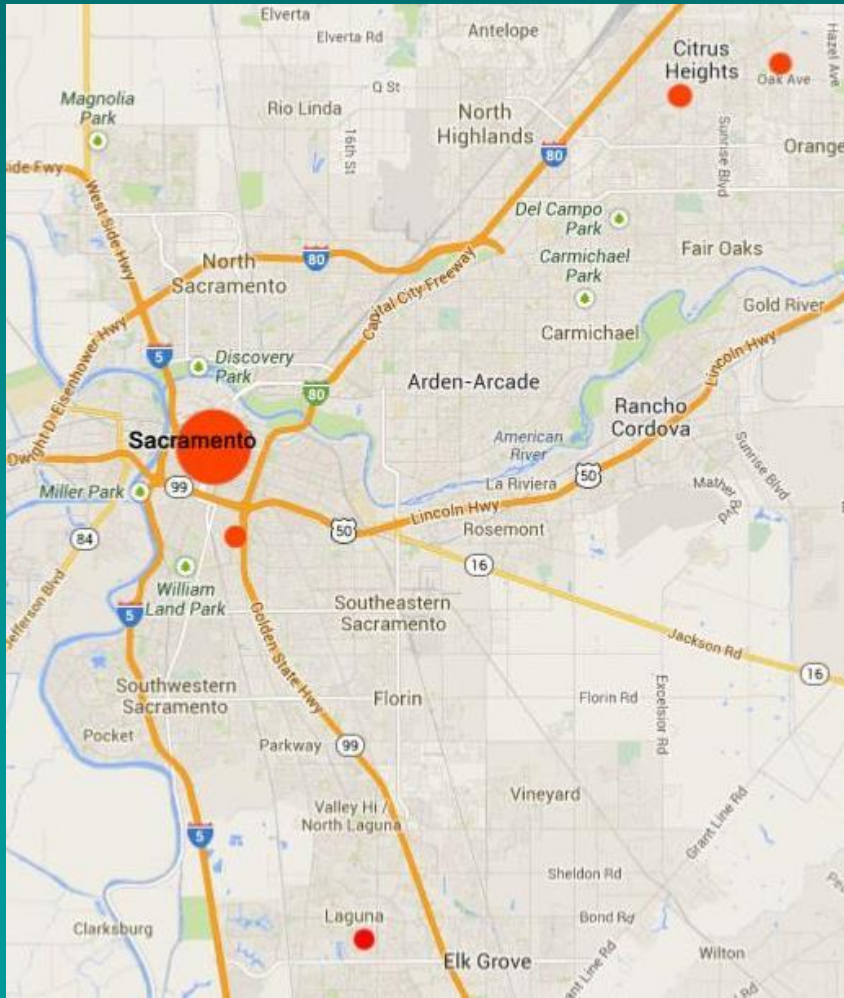
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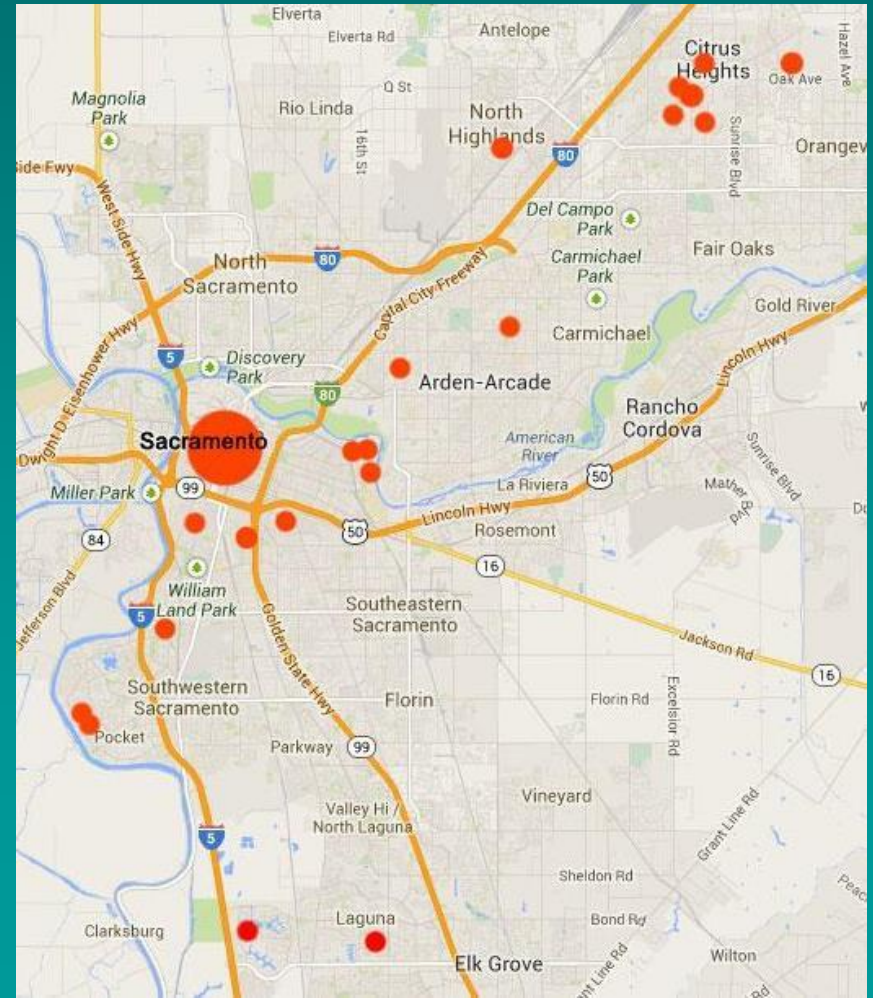


# BMSB Finds Sacramento County

Jan. 1, 2014

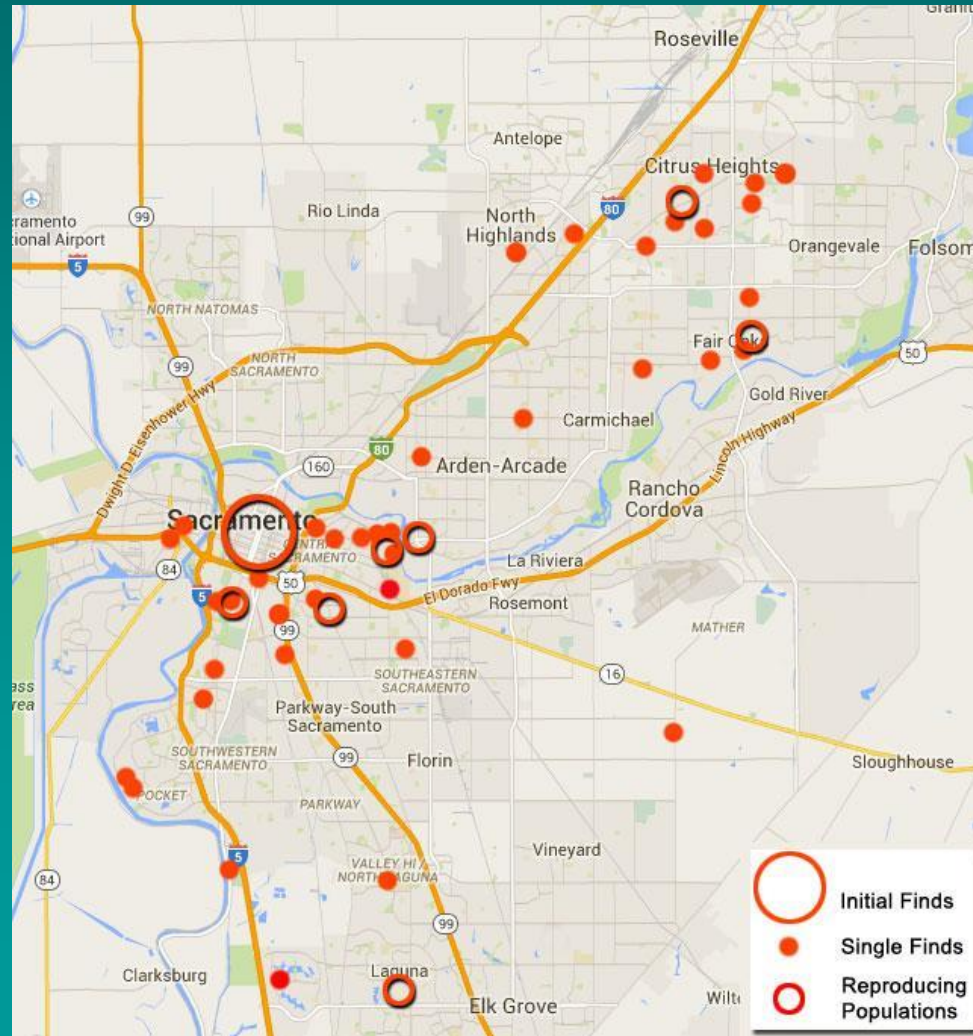


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# BMSB Finds

## Sacramento County – Jan. 1, 2016



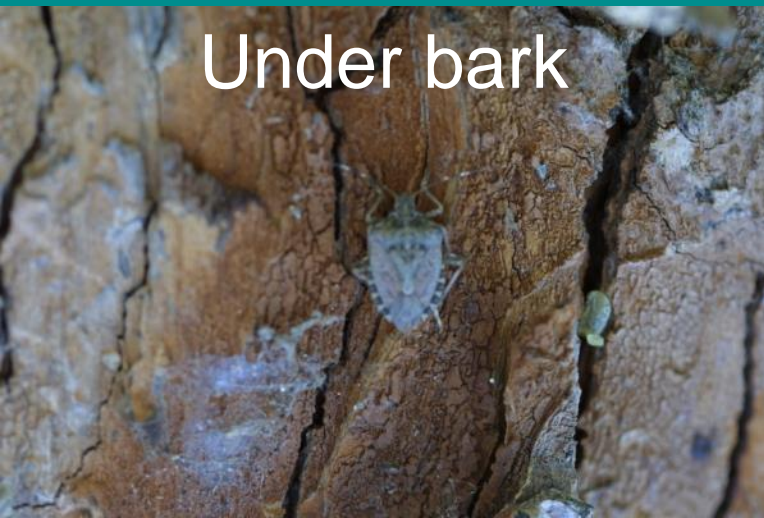
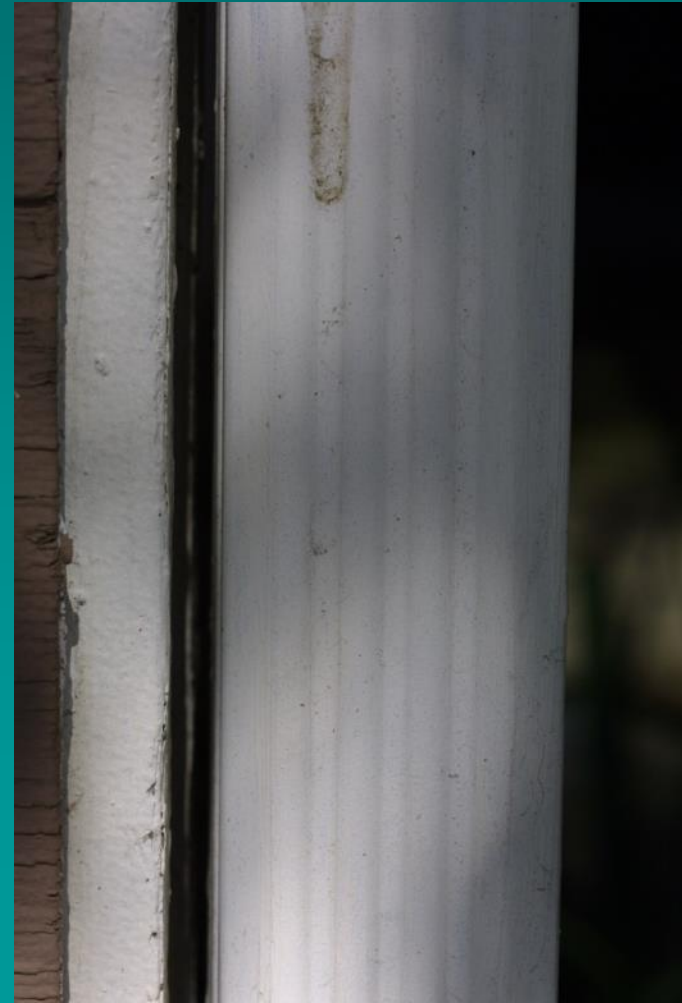
# BMSB

## An Arboreal Species



# Sacramento March 2014

Downspout



Under bark

# Host Plants Crops

- Stone fruits (esp. peach), pome fruits
- Berries
- Grapes (not a major host)
- Eggplant, tomato, okra, pepper, corn, beans, sunflower



# Major Host Plants Selected Ornamentals

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- Butterfly bush
- Catalpa
- Chinese pistache
- Fruiting mulberry
- Holly
- Maple
- Princess tree  
(*Paulownia*)
- Redbud
- Tree of heaven
- Waxleaf privet
- Zelkova

# Trident Maple *Acer buergerianum*





# Waxleaf Privet

*Ligustrum japonicum*



# Chinese Pistache

*Pistachia chinensis*



# Tree of Heaven *Ailanthus altissima*



# Stink Bug Feeding



# BMSB Damage 2014



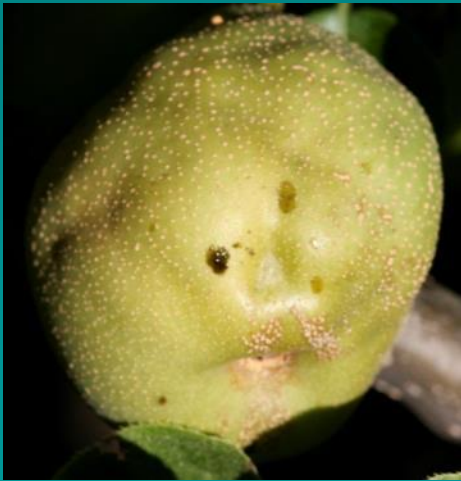
Peach, 5/22



Apricot 6/23



Nectarine, 6/3



Asian pear, 7/2



Fig



Plum – no damage

# On Persimmons Sept. 2015



# On Apples

Sept. 2015



# Trunk Feeding and Damage

Cherry  
Sept. 2015





# Trunk Feeding and Damage



Orange  
Sept. 2015



Photo: C. Pickett



# Trunk Feeding and Damage

Shamel ash  
Sept. 2015

Crape myrtle  
Sept. 2015



# On Zelkova



# BMSB in Orchards

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- Fruit crops are major hosts
- Overwinter in dead trees, homes, sheds, bins, stacked logs & boards, etc.
- All stages found in orchard by mid-season
- Greatest damage on edges bordering forests and adjacent susceptible crops
- Harvest of nearby crops may force migration to other crops
- Late season crops = most potential damage

# BMSB Damage Pennsylvania 2010



# BMSB in Grape Early September 2010



Photos courtesy of Doug Pfeiffer and Dean Polk

# BMSB in Vineyards

## Avenues of Potential Economic Impact

- Direct injury to grapes
  - Introduction of rots, other pathogens
    - » Aborted berries, necrosis
- Contamination of wine at crush
- Nuisance in wine tasting rooms



# Will BMSB be Problematic in Calif. Vineyards?

- Grapes not a preferred host
- Mainly edge effect
- Where they may be worse:
  - » Small blocks (large area/edge ratio)
  - » Bordered by forest or susceptible crops/species
  - » Harvest of nearby infested crops
  - » Later varieties (esp. late Sept. on)
  - » Mechanical harvest worse than hand picked





# BMSB in Wine

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- All instars have a distinct odor that can taint wine
- Smells like fresh cilantro
  - » Other descriptors: “skunky,” “citrusy”, “piney”

# Aggregation Season, Pennsylvania



Photos:  
Tracy Leskey

# Aggregation Behavior



# Entrance into Buildings



# Entry Through Windows



# Inside the Home Attic



# BMSB Pest Management in Structures

## Different than other overwintering pests

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- Enter earlier, leave later than other pests
- Active throughout entire winter
- Get into clothes, sheets, drawers, papers, etc.
- Active at night, attracted to lights
- Problematic in sensitive environments
  - » Hospitals, restaurants, regulated facilities, etc.
- But indoors they don't bite, feed, lay eggs, etc.

# Insecticide Screening Study

Tom Kuhar, Virginia Tech





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## Some Insecticides Being Used by Pest Management Professionals

- lambda cyhalothrin
- thiamethoxam + lambda cyhalothrin
- betacyfluthrin
- imidacloprid + cyfluthrin
- esfenvalerate
- fipronil
- imidacloprid
- dinotefuran
- indoxacarb

# Insecticide Screening Study

Tom Kuhar, Virginia Tech

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- 9 Insecticides labeled for pest management professionals to apply
- Exposed to ambient conditions
- Mortality assessed after 48h of continuous exposure

# Insecticide Screening Study

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- Screen application appeared to be an effective delivery method
- Best residual activity:
  - Lambda cyhalothrin (Demand)  
>50%>44 days
  - Cyfluthrin (Tempo)  
~44 days residual, but low activity past 22 days
  - Cyfluthrin + imidacloprid (Temprid)  
>50%~29 days

# Slides Courtesy of Dave Burgess, Cooper Pest Solutions

- ▶ Presentation at BMSB Working Group Meeting, June 2015



# Entry point Treatment areas



# Interior services limited to attic

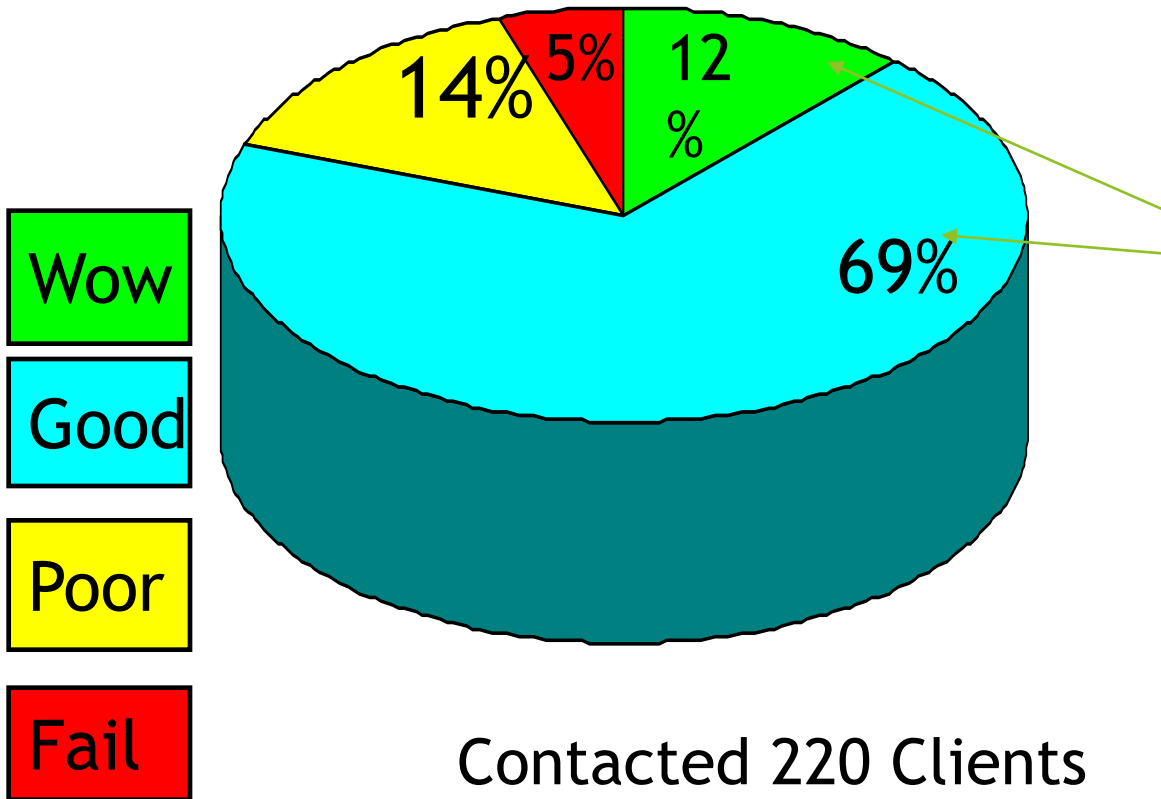


# What are we treating with?

- ▶ Liquid Pyrethroids
  - ▶ Lambdacyhalothrin (Demand)
  - ▶ Deltamethrin (suspend)
- ▶ Indoxacarb (Arilon)
- ▶ Silica gel, pyrethrins, PPB (Tri-die)
- ▶ Pyrethrin, PPB, dicarboximide (residual fogger)



# 2010 - 2011 survey results



81%  
Pleased  
With  
Results

Contacted 220 Clients  
123 responded to survey





# 2014 service calls

- ▶ August 15<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> - 315 jobs
- ▶ September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> - 11 service calls on 9 locations (2 locations had 2 service calls)



# Timing issue = labor issue



- ▶ We have 45 days at most to get work done
  - ▶ August 15<sup>th</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Going up and down ladders is tiring.
  - ▶ Ladders + Tired = Injuries



# Pyrethroid label changes

- ▶ All outdoor applications limited to spot or crack & crevice treatments only except for the following permitted uses
- ▶ 1. Treatment of soil of vegetation around the structure
- ▶ 2. Applications to lawn turf and other vegetation
- ▶ 3. Applications to building foundations, up to 3'



# Indoor Stink Bug Traps



# Research: Best Indoor Trapping Method Virginia Tech

Light shining into soapy water



# Sacramento County Supervisor Office

Dec. 2014



# Co. Supervisor Office

Dec. 2014



It worked!



# BMSB Traps

## Dead-Inn Traps (AgBio, Inc.)



Grower  
48" tall, \$30



Professional  
24" tall, \$20



Homeowner  
16" tall, \$17





# BMSB Traps

## Rocket Trap (Rescue)

\$17



# Understanding BMSB Pheromones

## Two Main Lure Types

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1. Pheromone lures (USDA #10 and #20)
    - » Harlequin bug pheromone – nearly identical
  2. “Synergist” = methyl decatrienoate (MDT)
- Best used in combination

# Current BMSB Lures

## - Constantly Evolving

- AgBio Combo, includes other bugs



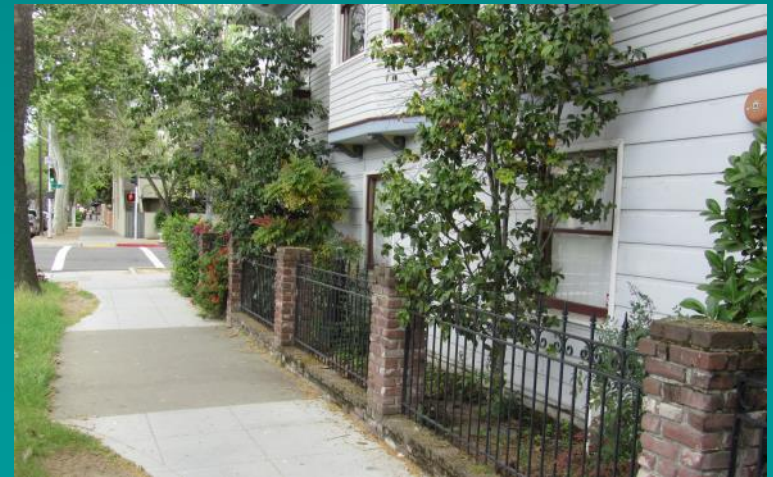
- Rescue



- Trece – 1 combined lure

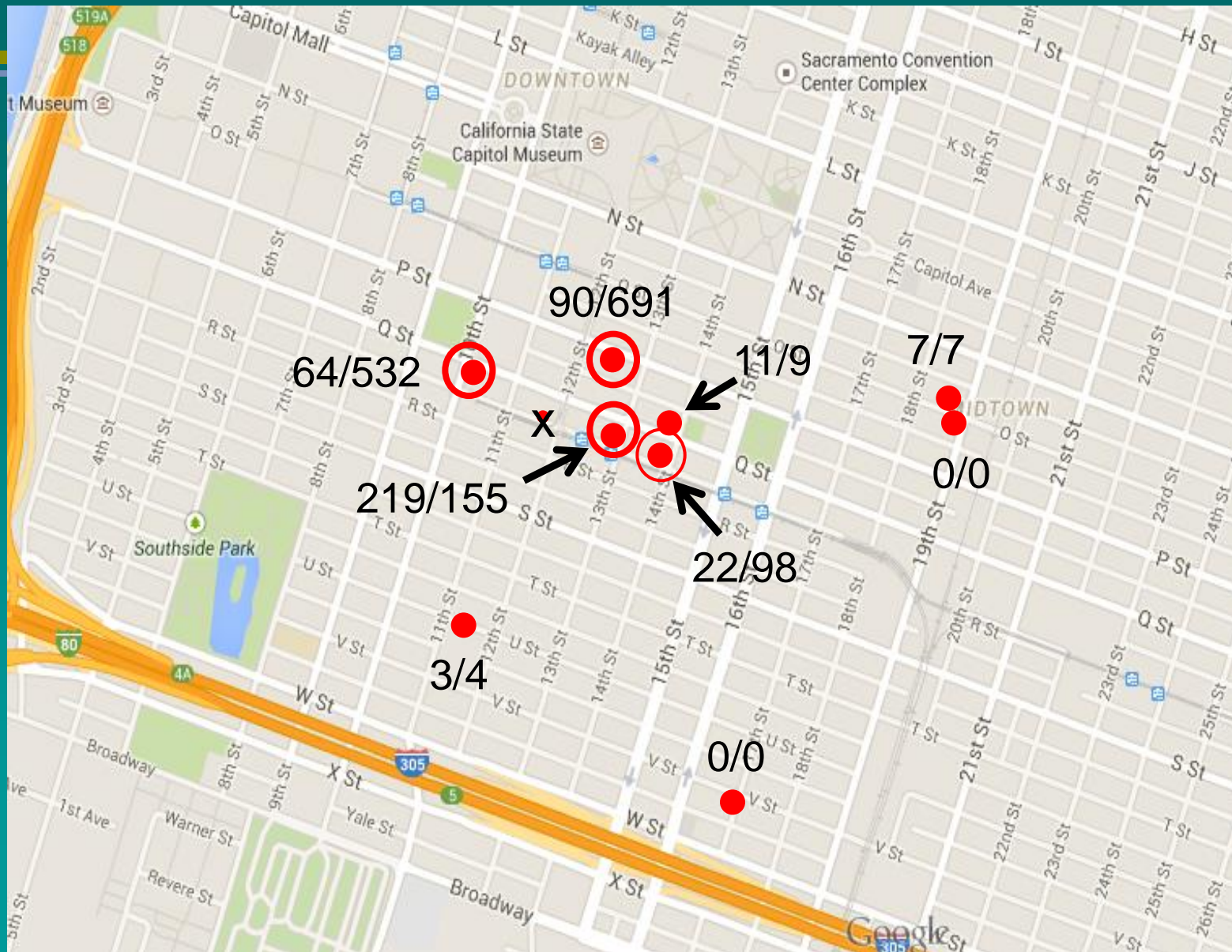


# High BMSB Populations



# 2014 Trap Locations & Counts

## Adults/Nymphs



# Traps Used in Sacramento Monitoring 2015

AgBio  
Pyramid Trap

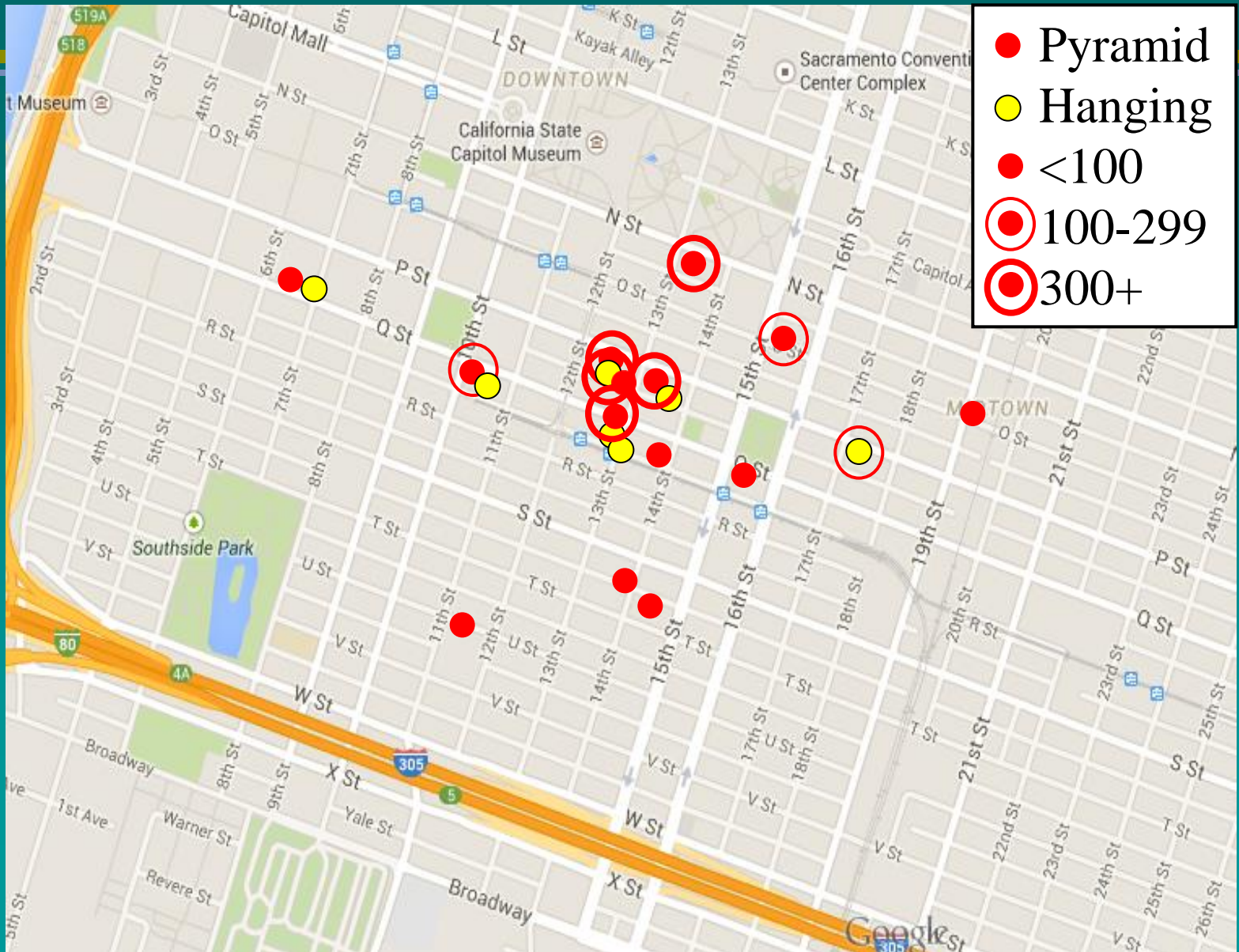


Double Cone  
(1-gal.)

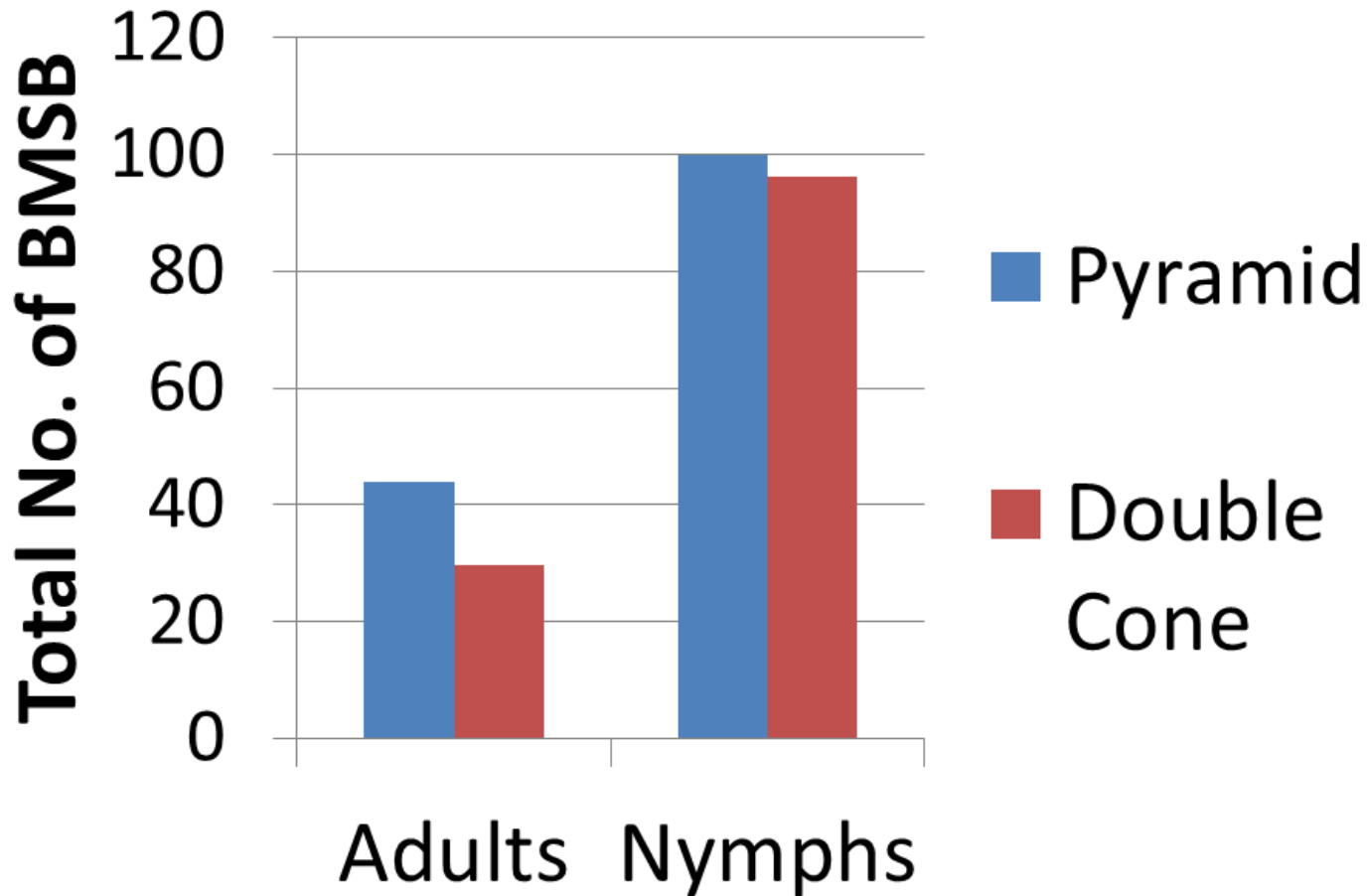


# 2015 Trap Locations & Counts

## Adults/Nymphs



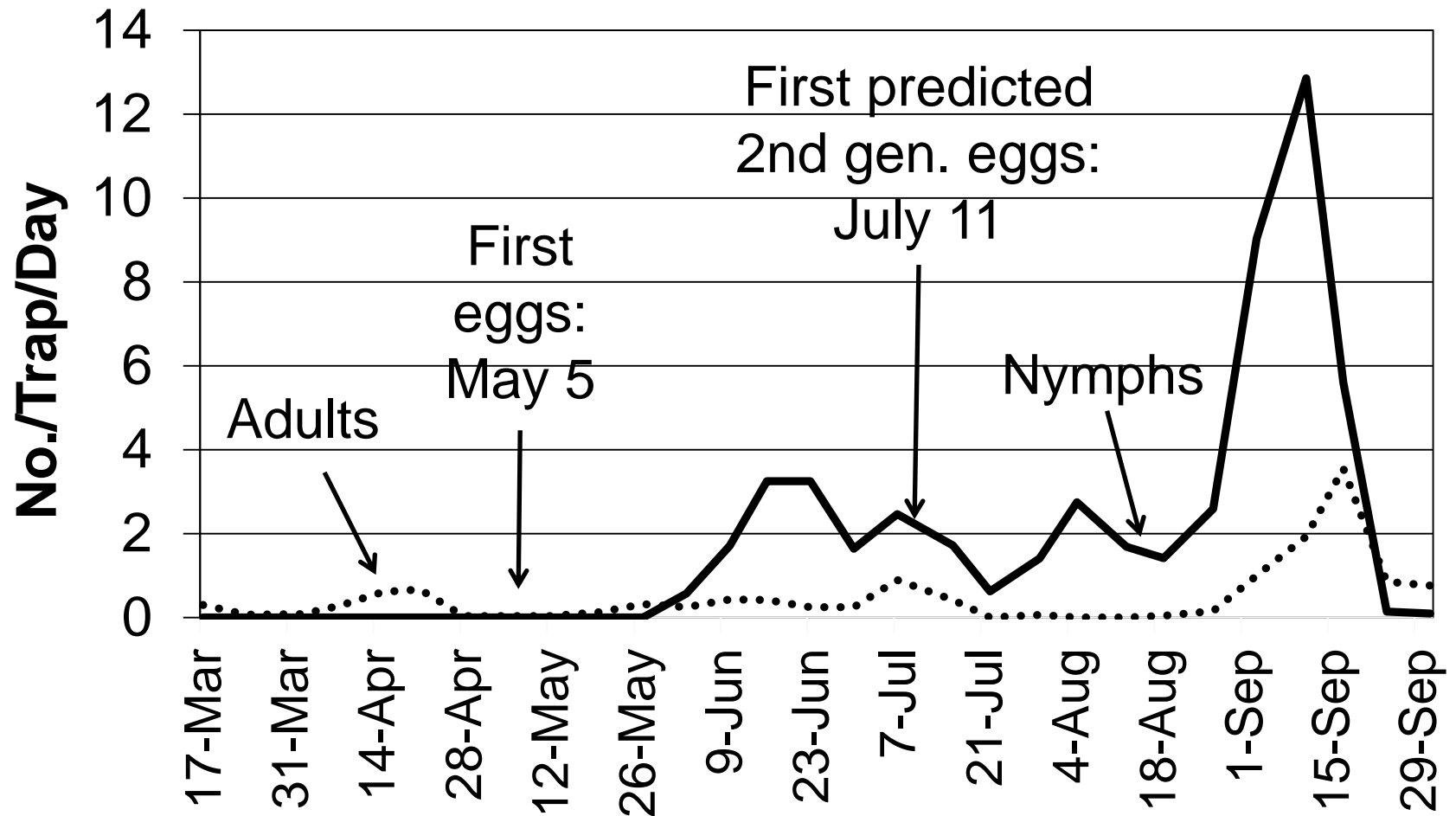
# 2015 Avg. Seasonal Trap Counts Pyramid vs. Double Cone



Overall:  
14% more  
in pyramid  
traps

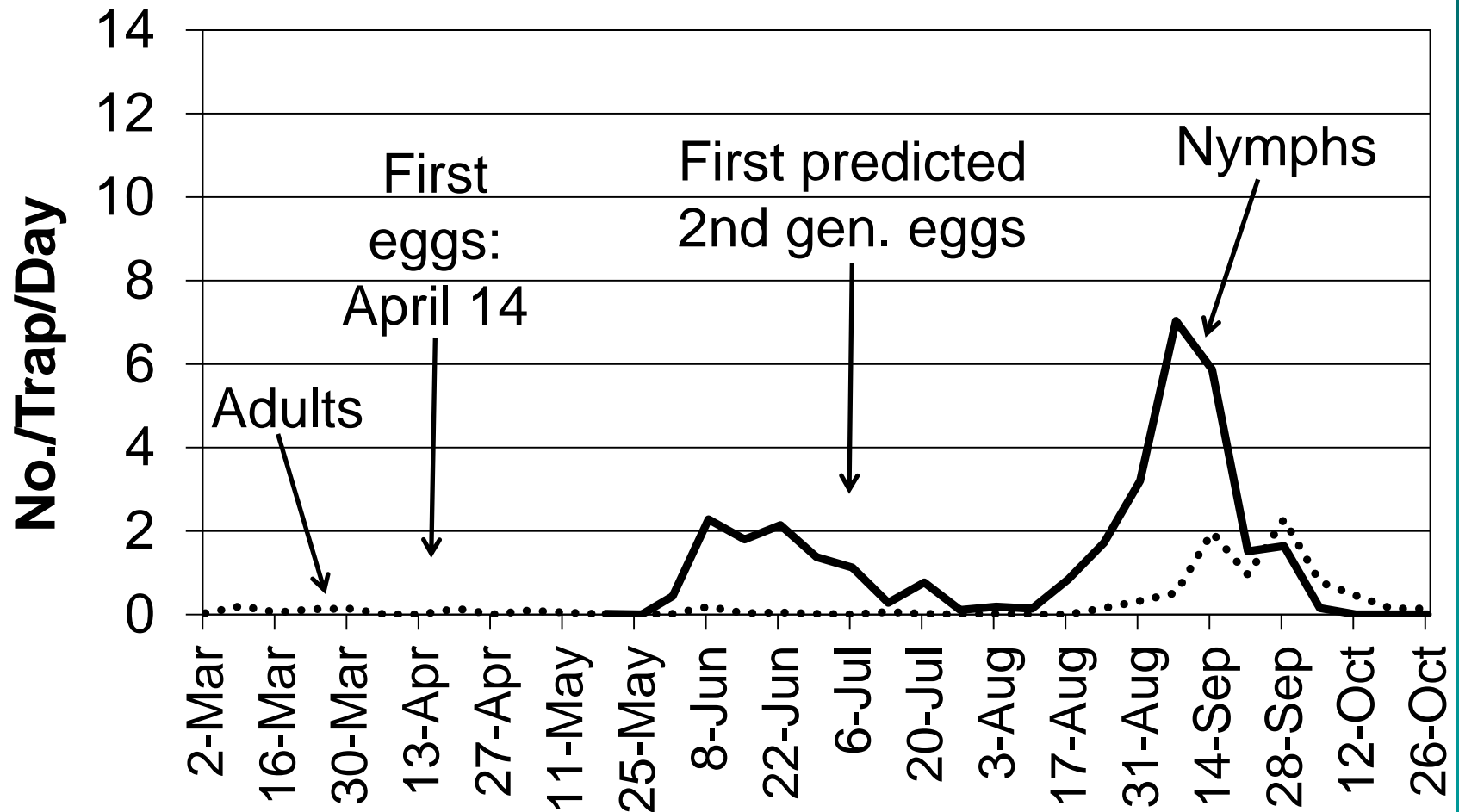


# Adults and Nymphs Trapped Avg. of 4 traps, 2014

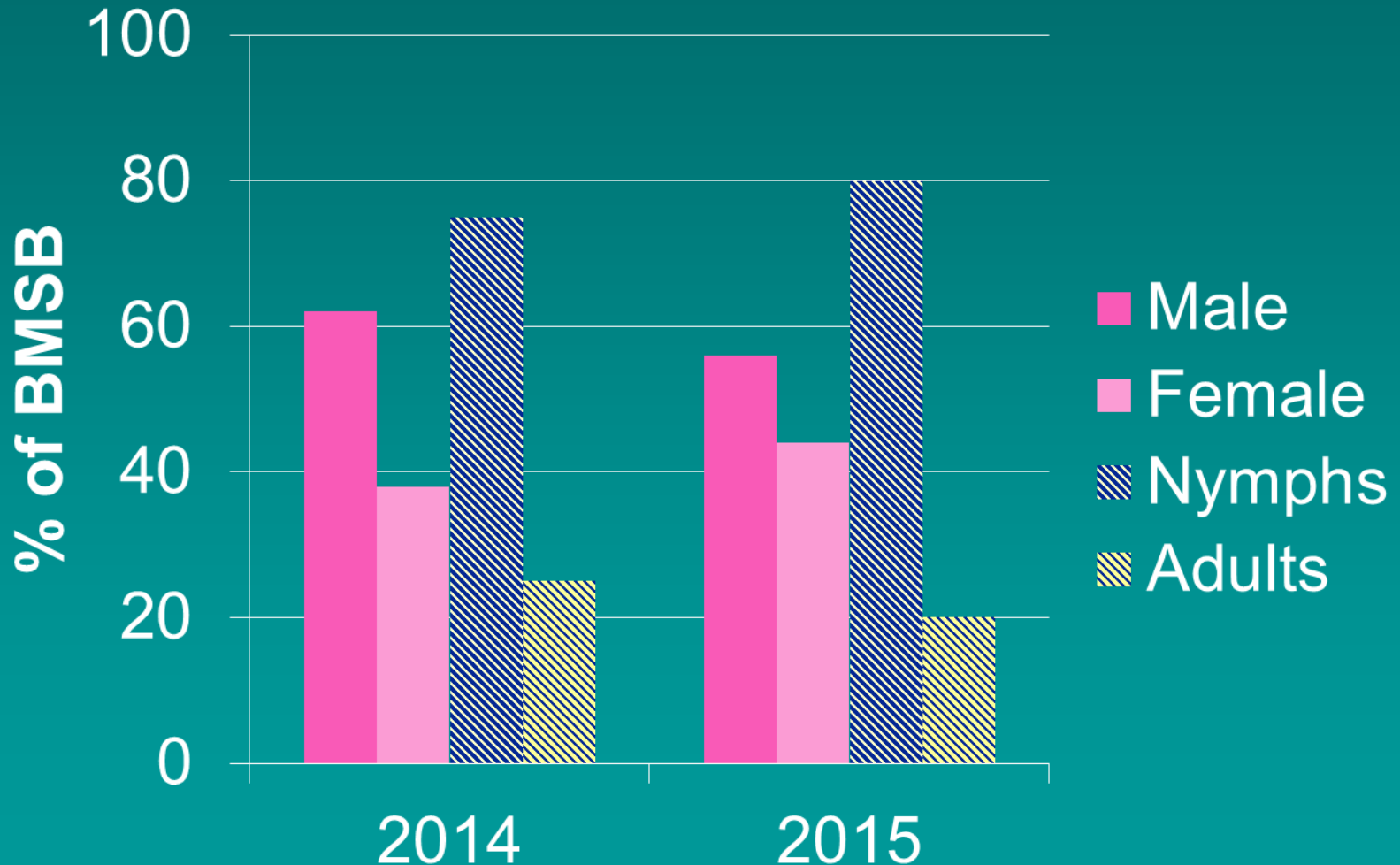


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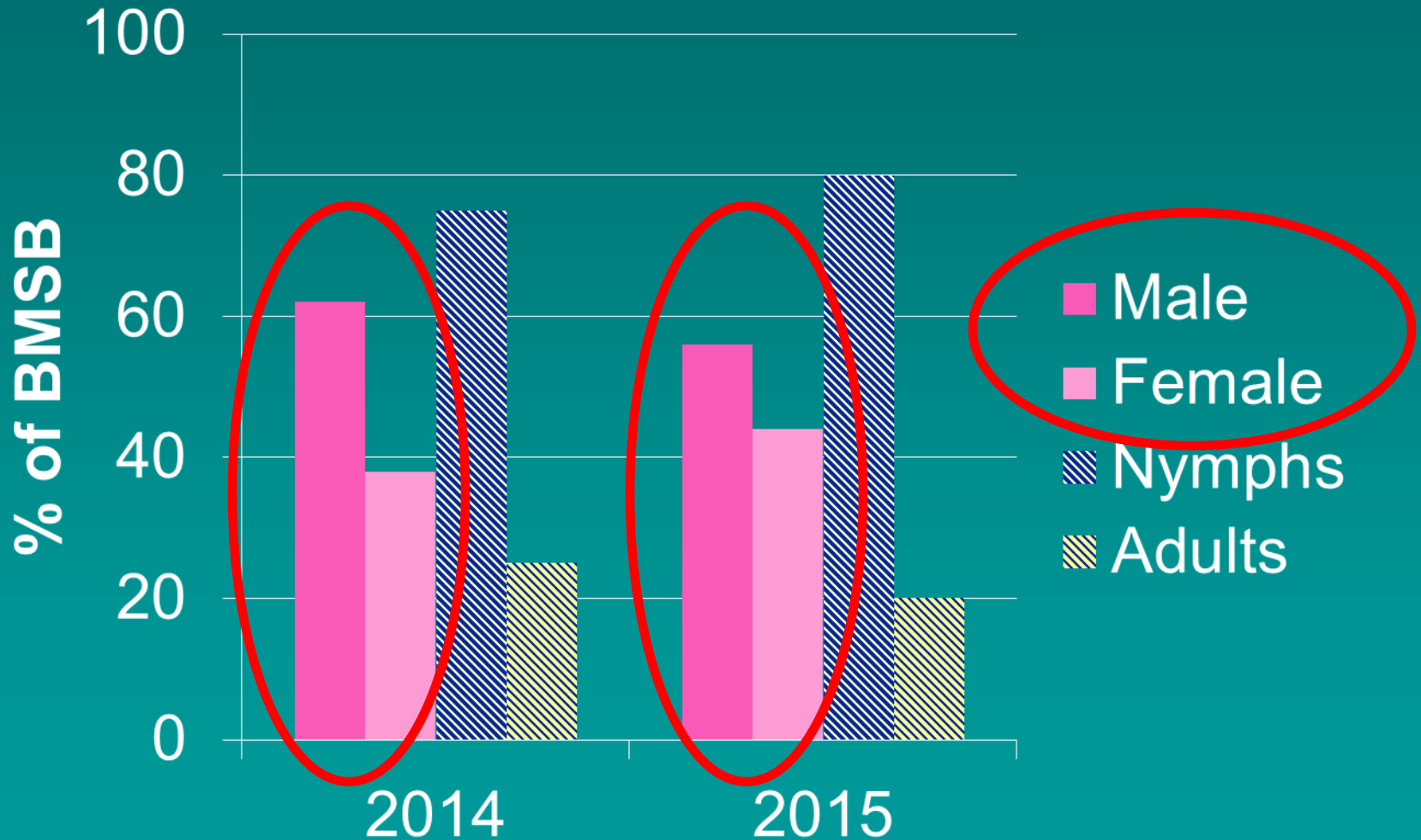
Avg. of 7 traps with 100+ for season, 2015



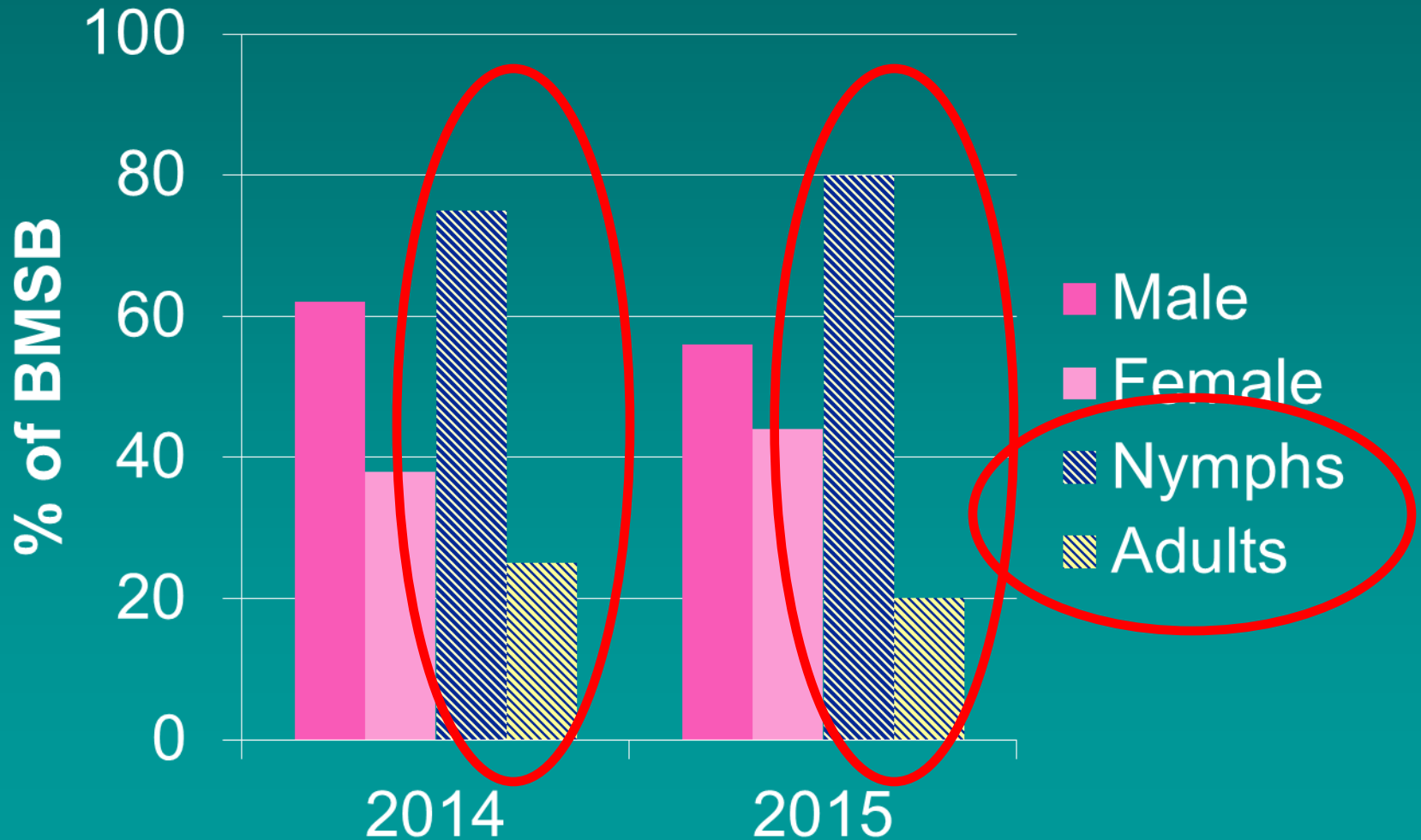
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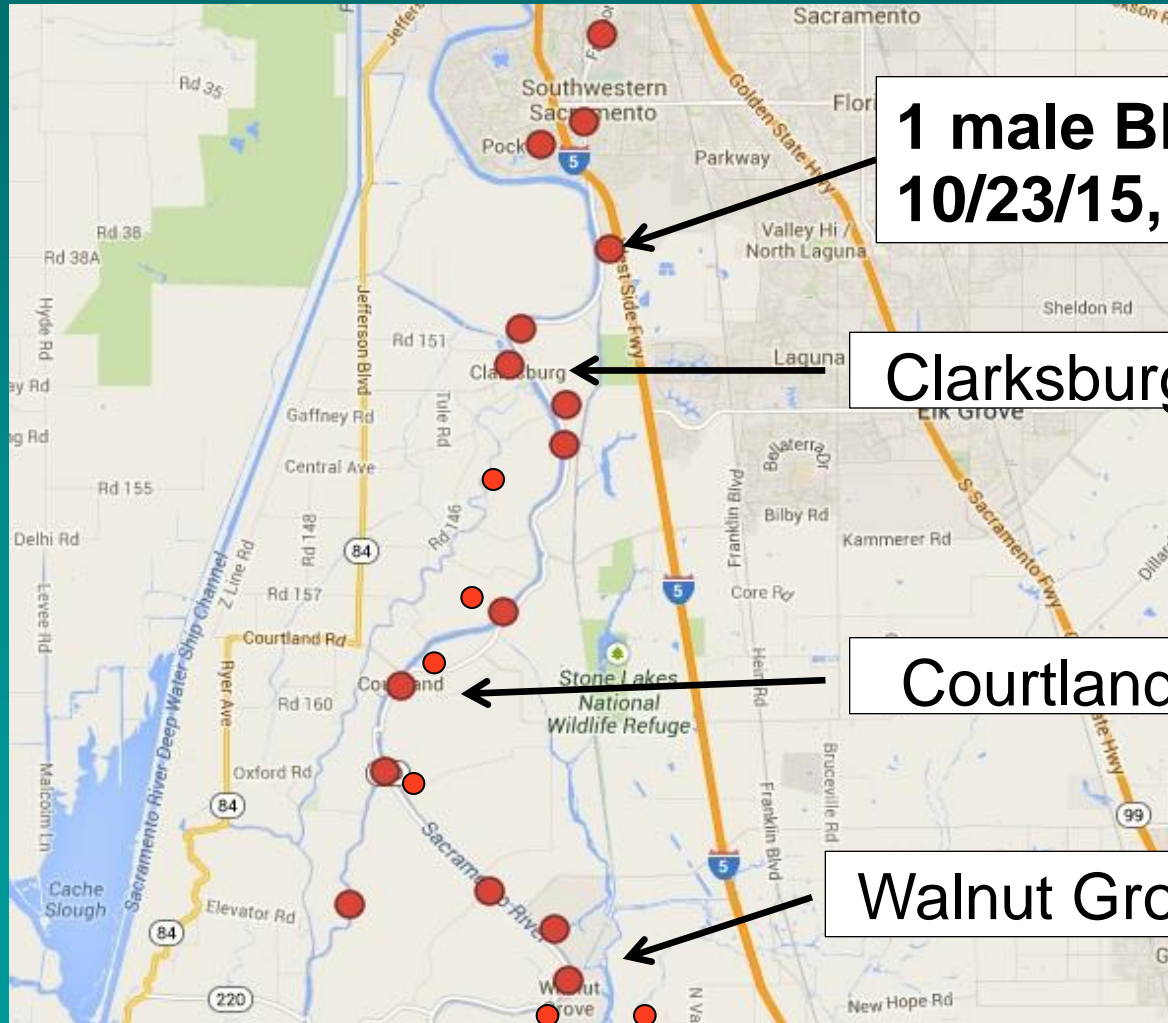
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# Trap Placement Locations (21) Sacramento River Pear District, 2015



**1 male BMSB  
10/23/15, Freeport**

**Clarksburg**

**Courtland**

**Walnut Grove**

# Sunflower

## Trap Crop Study 2015

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- Sunflower & sorghum seeds planted in ring around three 10'x20' garden plots on 4/14
- Large numbers of BMSB found on sunflowers, far fewer on sorghum
- BMSB are easy to see on sunflower, can be easily killed

# Trap Crop Study 2015



May

June





# Trap Crop Study 2015



Tall sunflowers:  
Large numbers

Dwarf  
Sunflowers:  
None



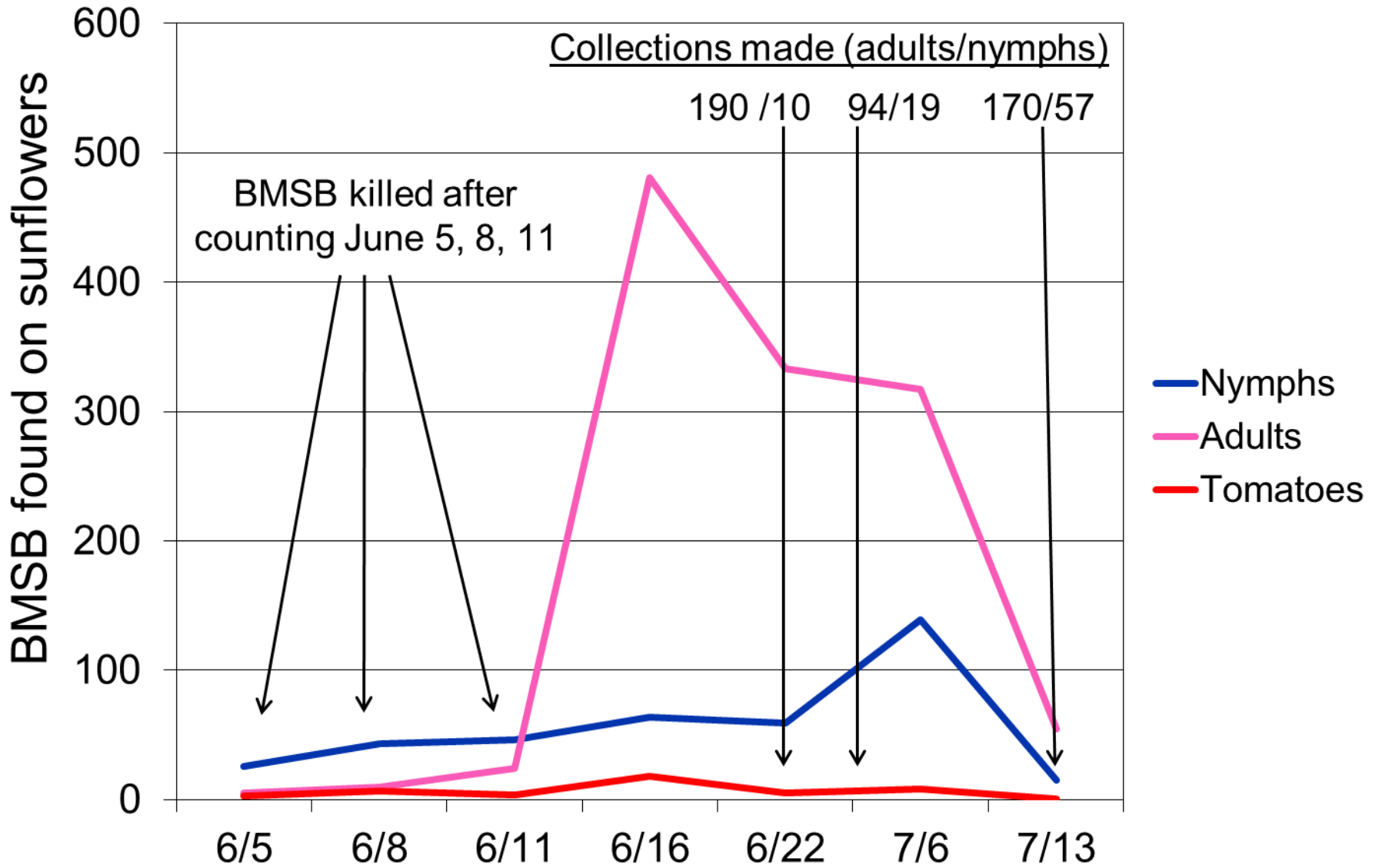


June  
2015



Sept. 2015

# BMSB Found on Planted Sunflowers (mostly) and Sorghum



# Problems Related to Chemical Control

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- Lack of efficacy in field
- Moribundity – Drop & recover
- Movement into & out of orchards
- Buildup of secondary pests
  - » Mites, leafhoppers, etc.

# Insecticide Bioassay Results

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- BMSB “lethality index” (immediate mortality with little or no recovery)
  - » 4.5 hrs. exposure to dry residue, glass containers
  - » Field efficacy may differ

Active Ingredient	Lethality Index	Active Ingredient	Lethality Index
Dimethoate	93.3	Cyfluthrin	49.0
Malathion	92.5	Oxamyl	46.8
Bifenthrin	91.5	Esfenvalerate	43.3
Methidathion	90.4	Imidacloprid	40.0
Endosulfan	90.4	Tolfenpyrad (SC)	36.5
Methomyl	90.1	Tolfenpyrad (EC)	33.3
Chlorpyrifos	89.0	Pyrifluquinazon	28.3
Acephate	87.5	Kaolin Clay	23.1
Fenpropathrin	78.3	Diazinon	20.4
Permethrin	77.1	Phosmet	20.0
Azinphosmethyl	71.3	Acetamiprid	18.8
Dinotefuran	67.3	Thiacloprid	18.3
Kaolin Clay + Thiamethoxam	66.7	Abamectin	16.3
Formetanate HCl	63.5	Indoxacarb	11.3
Gamma-cyhalothrin	59.0	Spirotetramat	9.8
Thiamethoxam	56.3	Carbaryl	9.2
Clothianidin	55.6	Flonicamid	7.7
Beta-cyfluthrin	54.8	Water (Control)	5.8
Lambda-cyhalothrin	52.9	Cyantranilprole	1.7
Zeta-cypermethrin	52.1		

Tracy Leskey. 2011. The Challenges Posed by the Invasive Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, *Halyomorpha halys* (Stal), to U.S. Agriculture. USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station, Kearneysville, WV

# Insecticide Bioassay Results – Top 10

Active Ingredient	Trade Name (Example)	Insecticide Class	Lethality Index
Dimethoate	Dimethoate	OP	93.3
Malathion	Malathion	OP	92.5
Bifenthrin	Brigade	Pyrethroid	91.5
Methidathion	Supracide	OP	90.4
Endosulfan	Thiodan	Organochlor.	90.4
Methomyl	Lannate	Carbamate	90.1
Chlorpyrifos	Lorsban	OP	89.0
Acephate	Orthene	OP	87.5
Fenpropathrin	Danitol	Pyrethroid	78.3
Permethrin	Pounce	Pyrethroid	77.1

# Pesticide Efficacy

## Field Study (Leskey et al., 2013)

- High mortality on day of application: Endosulfan (e.g., Thiodan), methomyl (Lannate), thiamethoxam (Actara), and bifenthrin (e.g., Brigade)
- Fenpropathrin (Danitol) and dinetofuran (Venom): not mortality, but strong anti-feeding effect for 7+ days
- Peaches in Mid-Atlantic: 10-12 weekly applications, alternate-row, late May-harvest using pyrethroids and neonicotinoids
- Effective insecticides in lab: only 60% average mortality in the field when applied late early July, 40% in Aug., and 20% in September



# 2014 Orchard Spray Recommendations

## VA, WV, and MD Coop. Extension

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- Products that have shown good effectiveness against BMSB include:
  - » Pyrethroids: Baythroid XL (B-cyfluthrin), Danitol (fenpropathrin), Warrior II (Beta-cyfluthrin), products containing permethrin (e.g. Pounce)
  - » Neonicotinoid: Belay (clothianidin)
  - » Carbamate: Lannate (methomyl)
  - » Premixtures: Endigo ZC (Beta-cyfluthrin + thiamethoxam) and Leverage 360 (imidacloprid + cyfluthrin)

# Alternative BMSB Management

Penn. State Univ., Rutgers Univ.

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- Border applications
  - Use strong residual products
- Treat surrounding vegetation, if feasible
- Trap cropping
  - e.g., beans, sunflowers
  - Spray trap crops

# Organically Acceptable Insecticides

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Partial to fairly good control  
of nymphs only:

- Pyrethrum
- Azadirachtin
- Spinosad
- Sabadilla
- Insecticidal soap
- Combinations

# Natural Enemies Found in Traps



Jumping spider  
(Salticidae family)



*Euclytia flava*  
(Tachinidae)



Photo: Ryan Fernandez

Digger wasp  
(*Astata occidentalis*)  
(predatory wasp)

Assassin bug



# Predators



Carabid beetle

(C. Pickett)

Astata sp.

(R. Henderson)



# Biological Control?

- Foreign exploration done by USDA
- Egg parasitoids - *Trissolcus* spp.
- Testing at 4 sites, incl. UCR
- Possible release in Calif. in 2017



# Questions?

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## Important Web Sites

[StopBMSB.org](http://StopBMSB.org)

[ucipm.ucdavis.edu](http://ucipm.ucdavis.edu)

[cesacramento.ucanr.edu](http://cesacramento.ucanr.edu)