



*Approaches and issues managing insects
in lettuce and cole crops*

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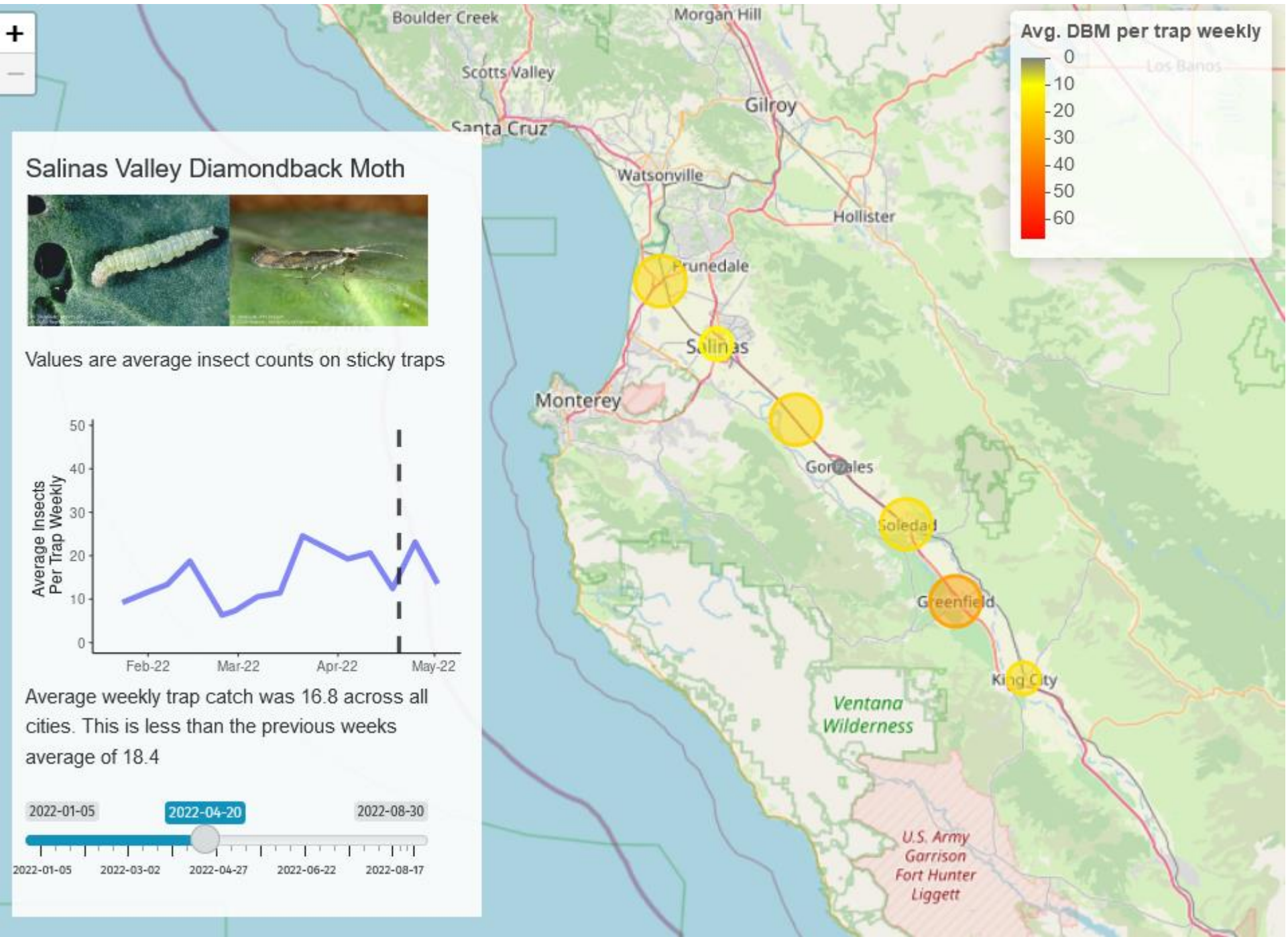
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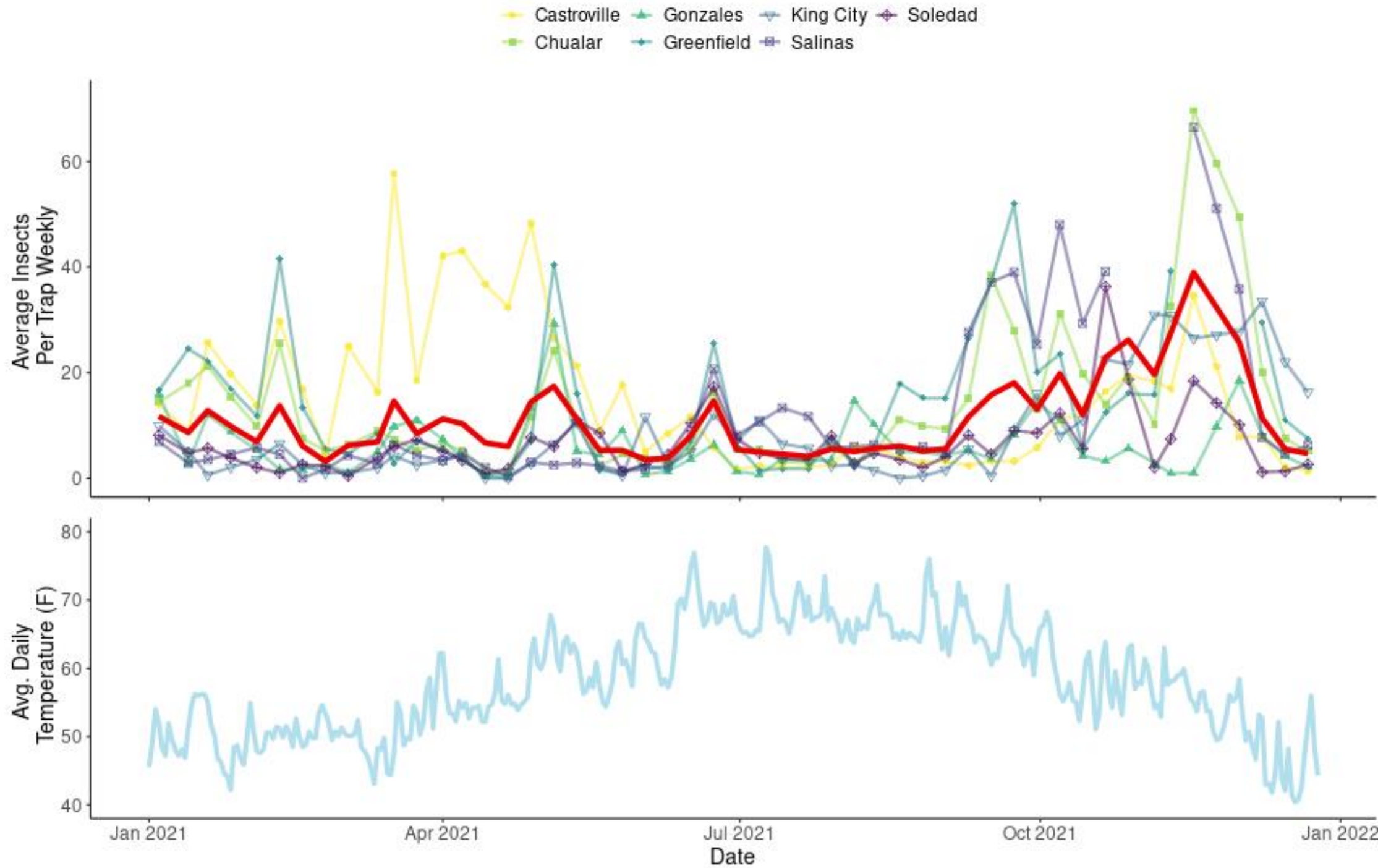




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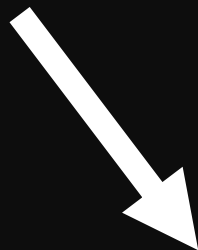
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Salinas Valley pest monitoring



Below are links to a web-based app for a thrips, aphids, and diamondback moth trapping network. This tool will provide more seamless access to pest population data. The goal is to provide growers with a tool to view the most up-to-date lettuce/cole crop pest population data for the Salinas Valley. Our app can be used to quickly view current pest abundances, where pest populations are increasing the fastest, and how previous years' pest populations responded to changes in temperature.





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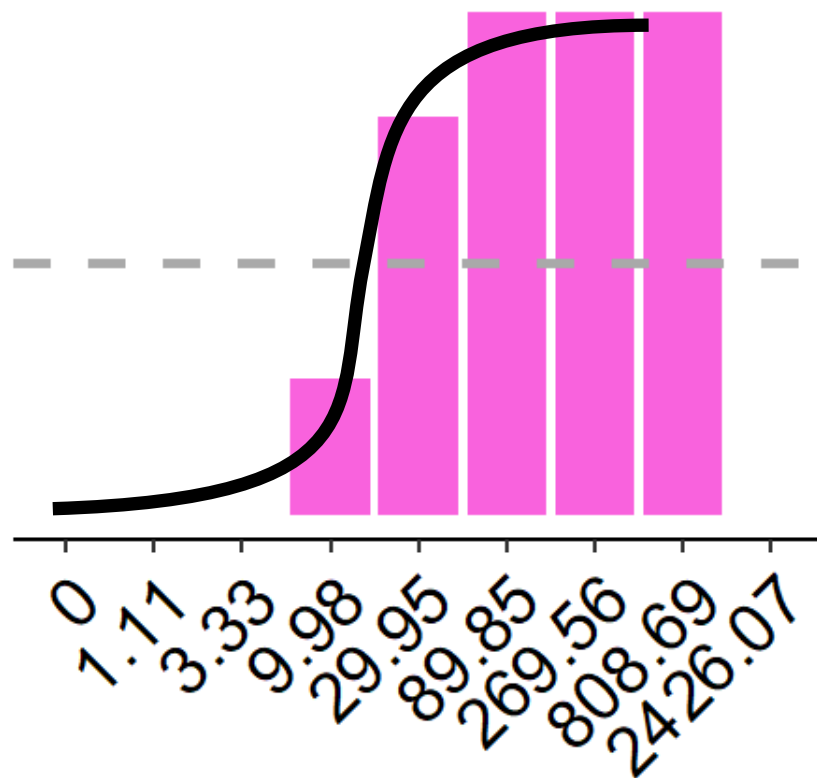
Insecticide resistance is a *major* issue for diamondback moth management



Resistance monitoring – leaf dip assay

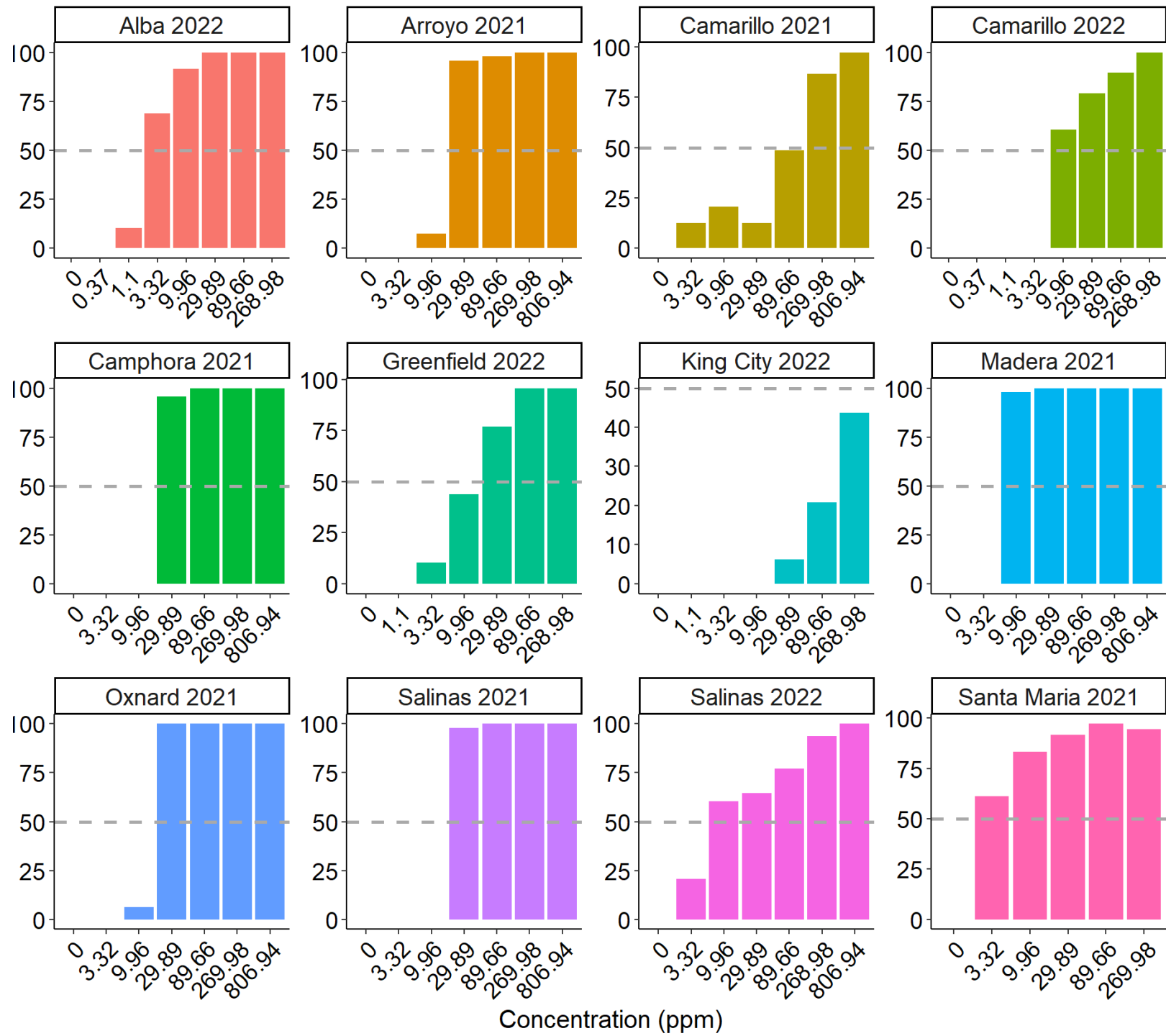


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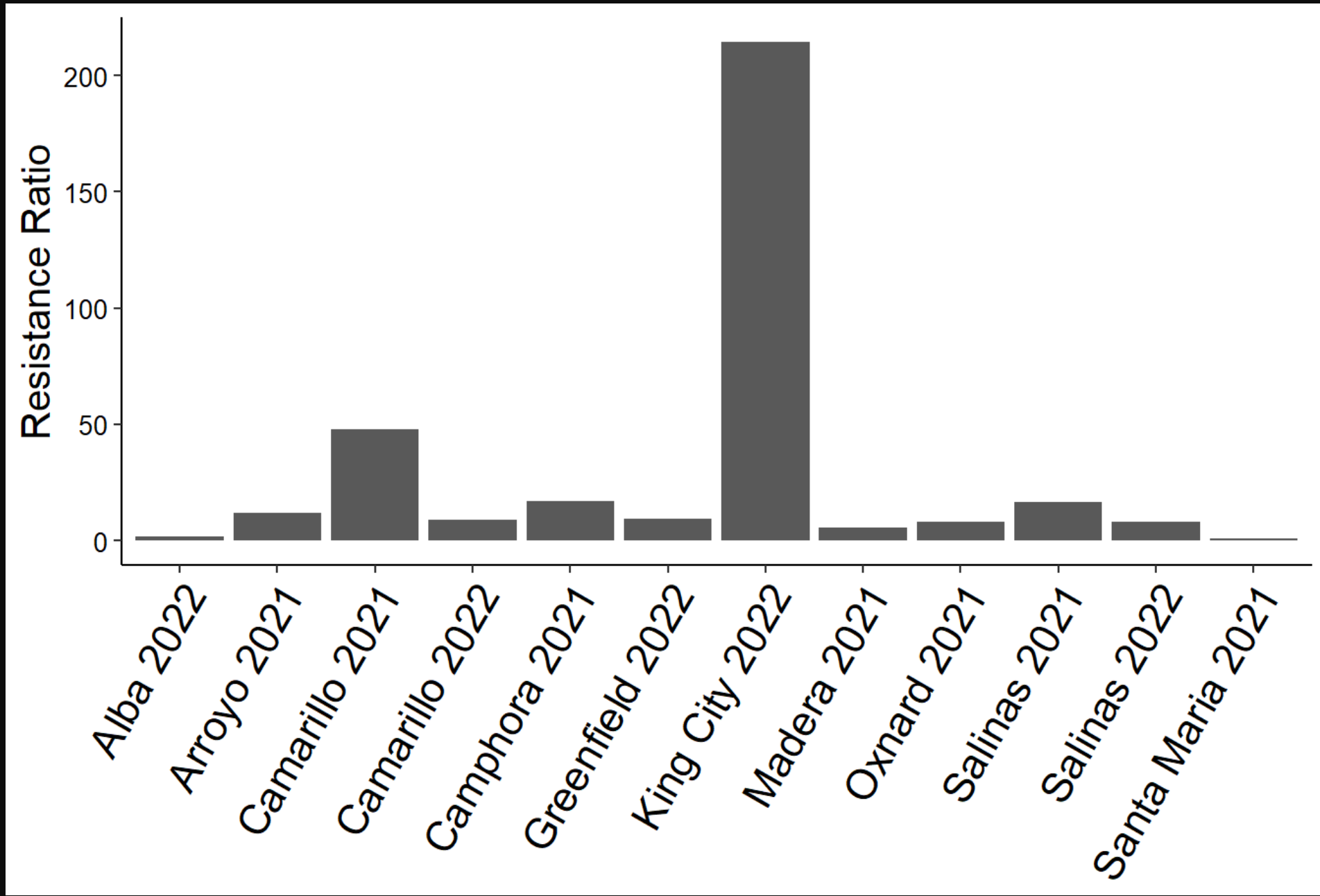


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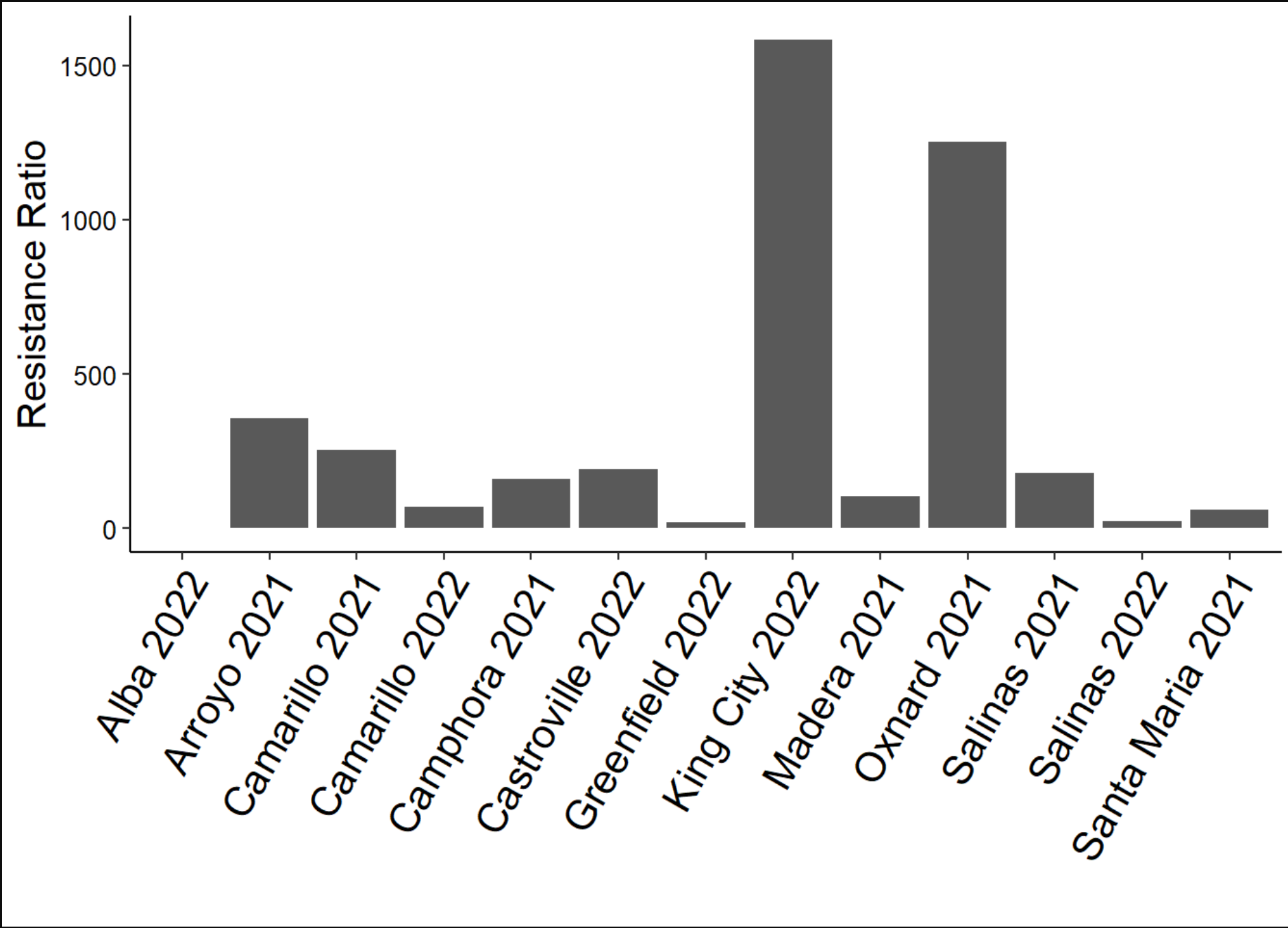
% Mortality



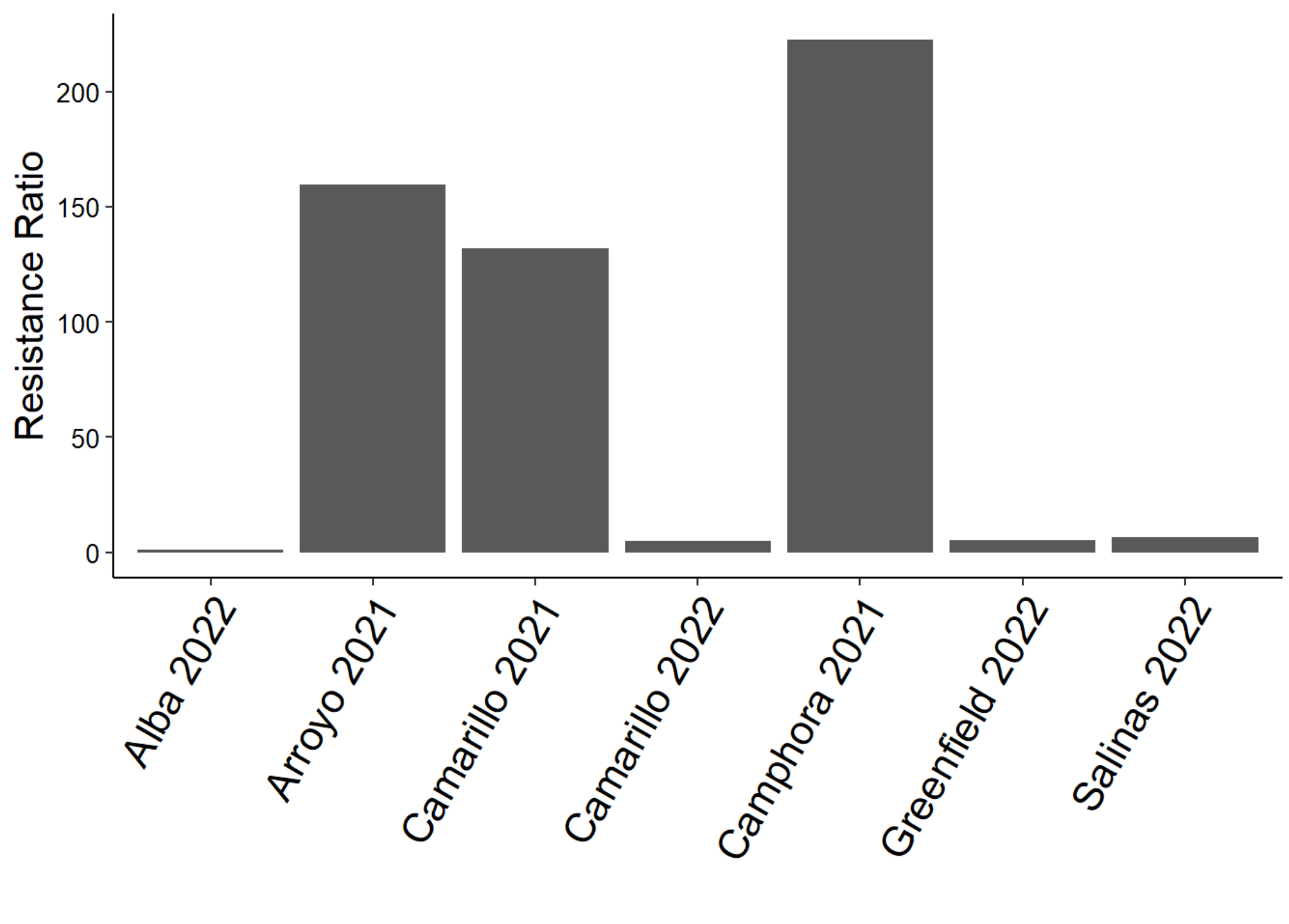
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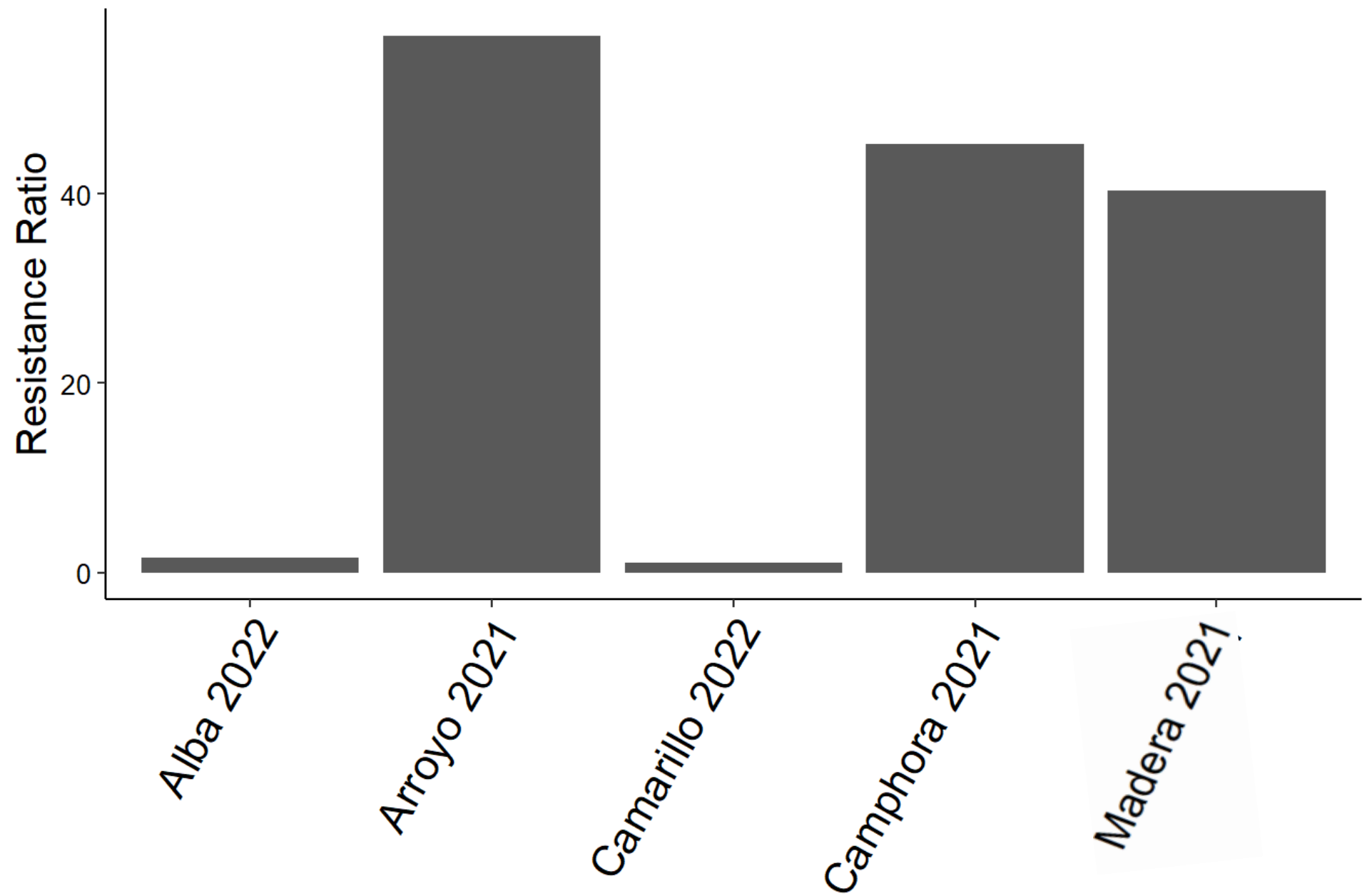
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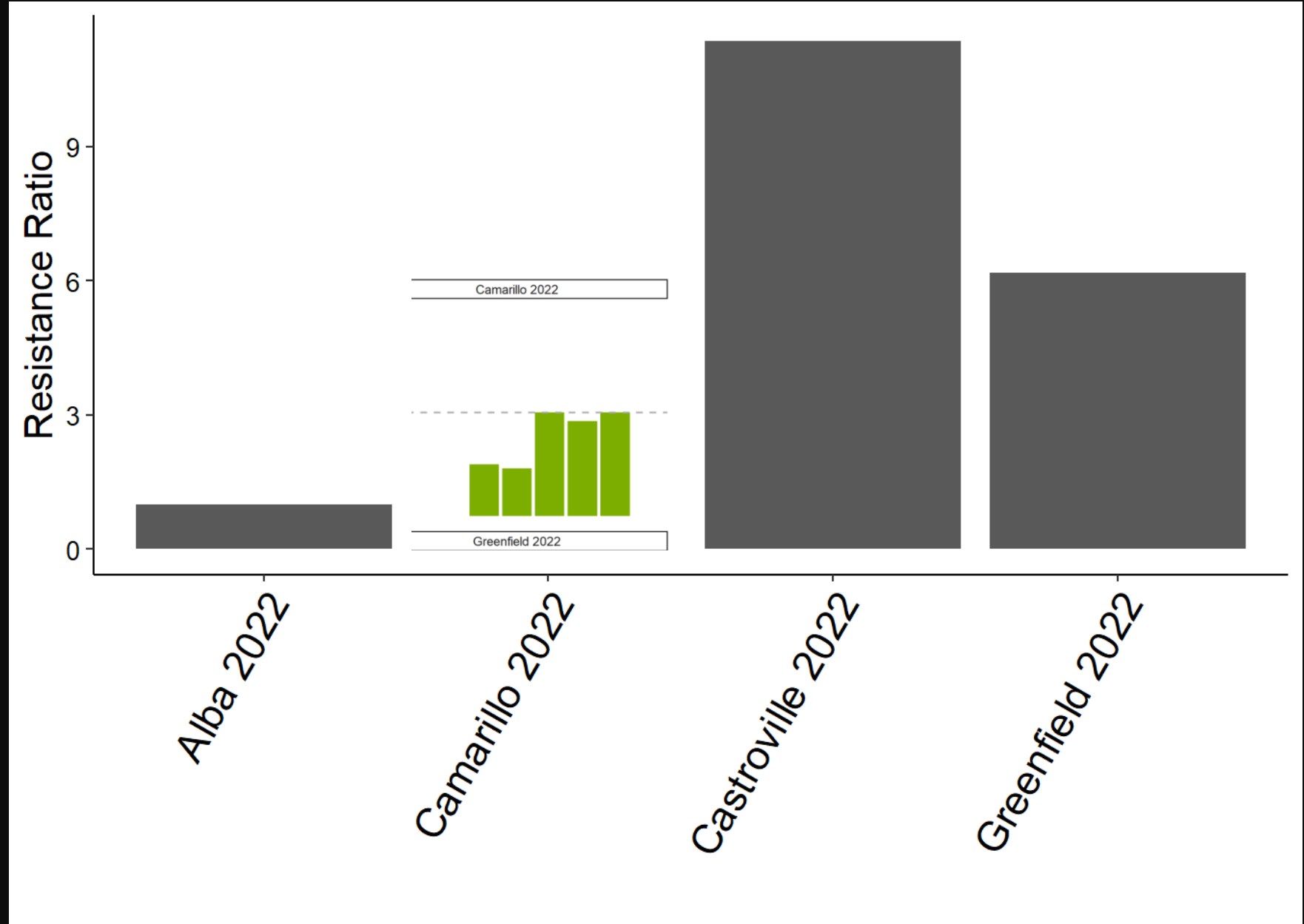
Spinetoram (spinosyn)



Emamectin benzoate



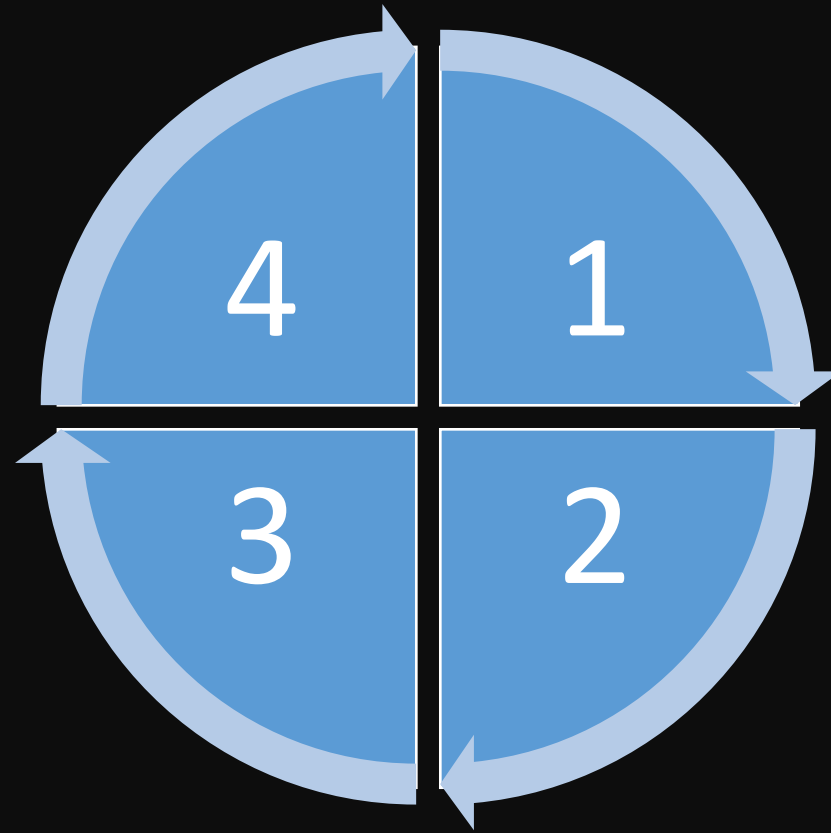
Bacillus thuringiensis/Bt - aizawai



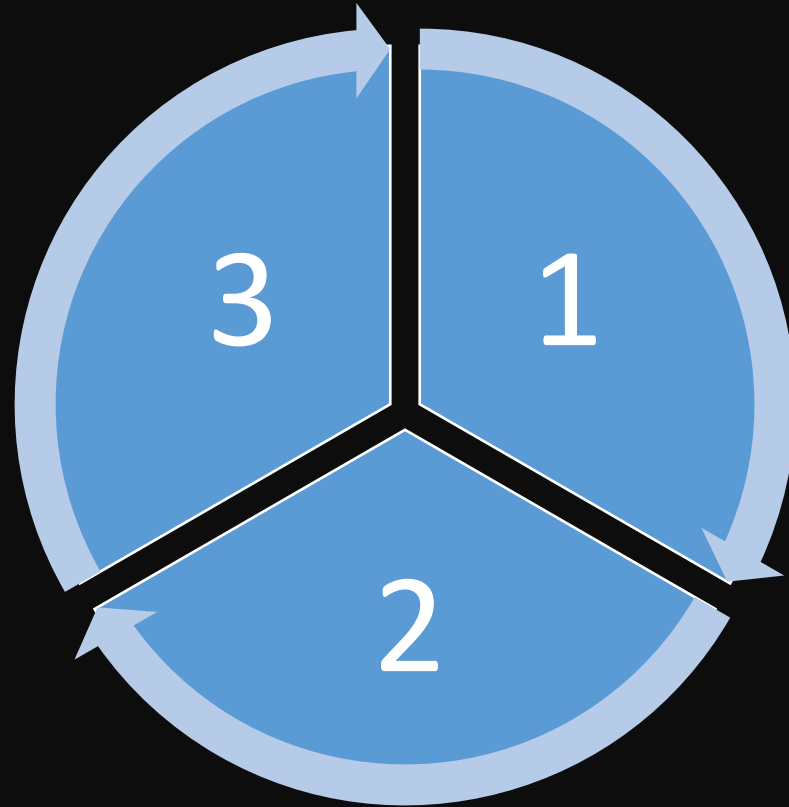
What can we do about insecticide resistance?



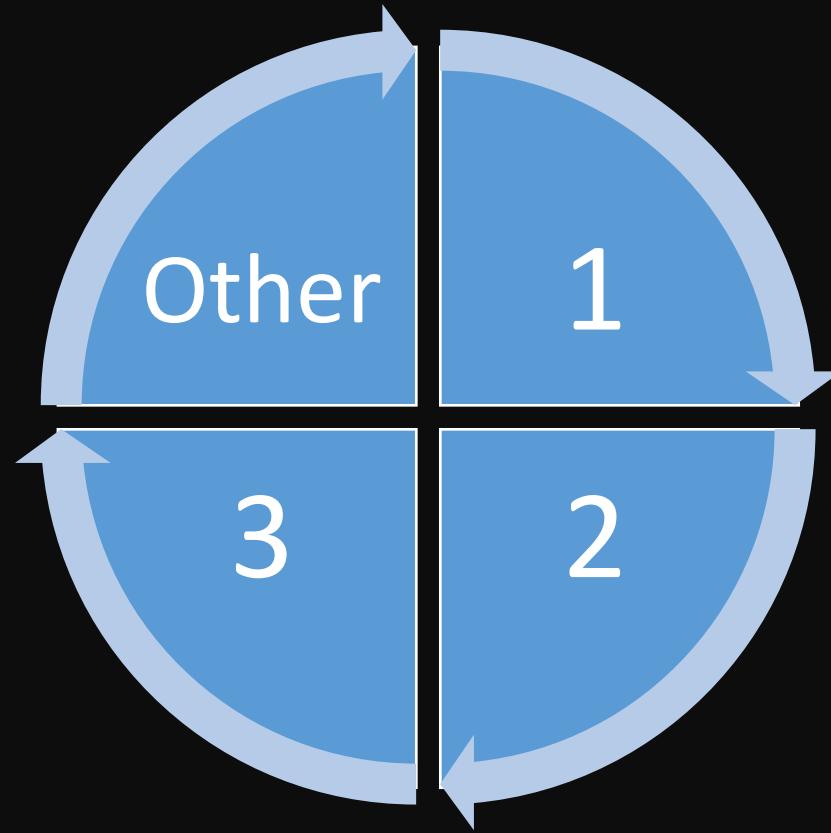
Rotation of modes of action is necessary



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What about biological control?



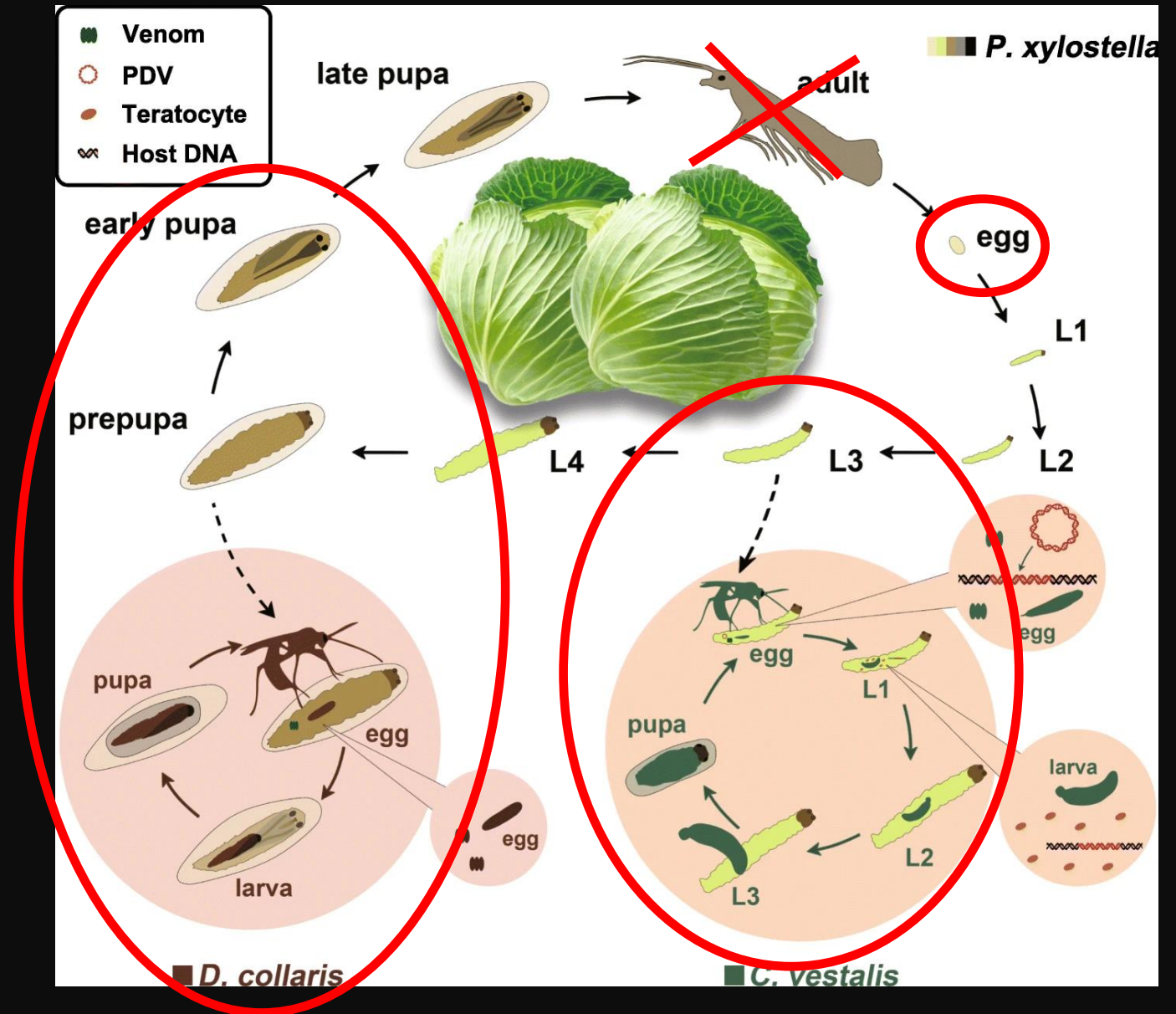
Diadegma insulare – parasitoid wasp

- Key natural enemy
- Native, present in CA
- Readily parasitizes DBM larvae
- Can suppress DBM populations



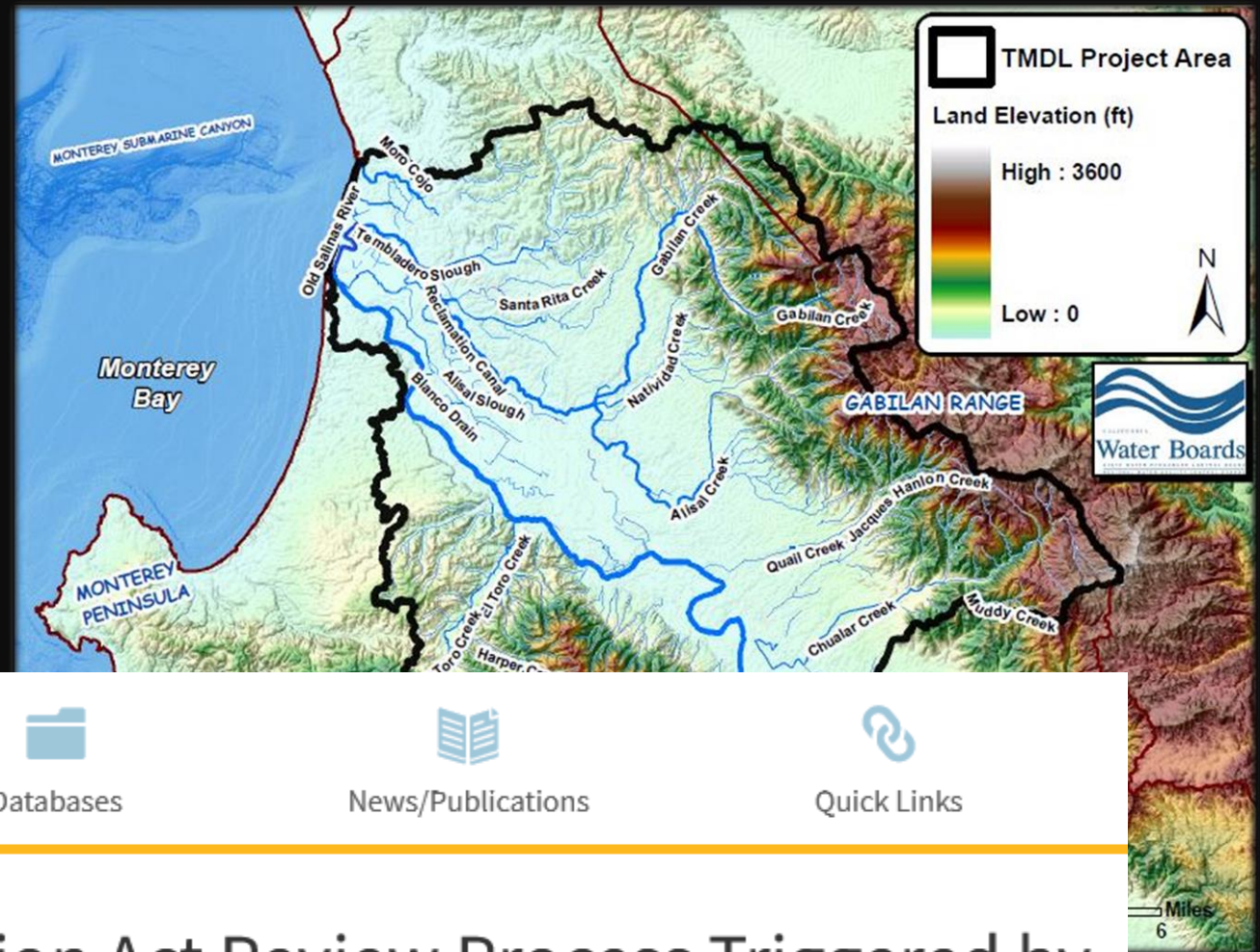
Types of DBM parasitoids

- 150+ of hymenopteran parasitoids recorded in the world.
- Egg: Trichogramma parasitoids
- Larval parasitoid: *Diadegma semiclausum*
- Pupal parasitoid: *Diadromus collaris*



The life history of *C. vestalis* and *D. collaris*. *C. vestalis* preferentially parasitizes second and third instar *P. xylostella* larvae (L2 and L3); and *D. collaris* parasitizes pupal stage hosts. Shi et al. 2019.





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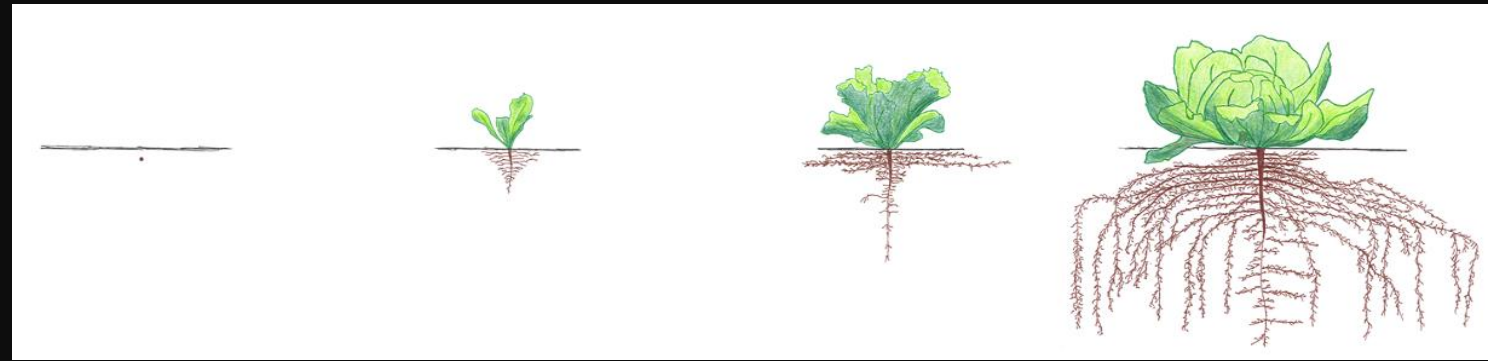

Programs


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Quick Links

Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act Review Process Triggered by Detections of Imidacloprid in Groundwater



At-planting

- Untreated
- Seed slot application of imidacloprid
- Clothianidin seed-treatment
- Seed slot application of biologicals (*Beauveria* + *Trichoderma*)

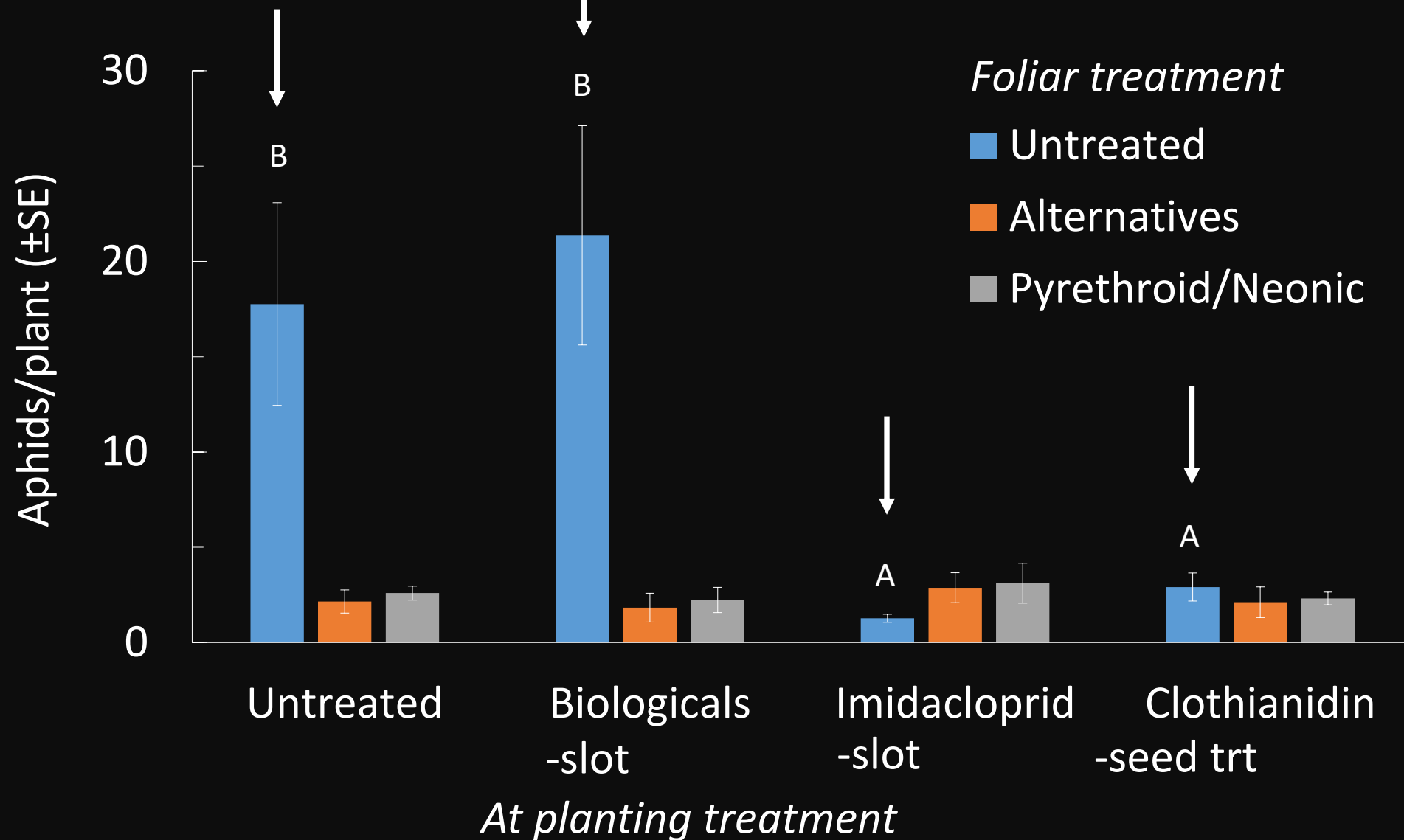
Foliar

- Untreated
- Pyrethroids + Neonicotinoids
- Alternatives



Thiamethoxam+ lambda-cyhalothrin	Zeta-cypermethrin+ imidacloprid	Thiamethoxam+ lambda-cyhalothrin
Sulfoxaflor	Spirotetramat	Flonicamid

2020 trial 2: at harvest (plot)







*Addie's projects:
New tools for IPM of
thrips and aphids in
lettuce*

How it started: Broadcast sprayer



Where it's going: Mantis precision sprayer



Mantis sprayer experiments

Organic insecticides for aphid and thrips control



2 trials

4 products tested

2 application systems

Conventional insecticide for aphid control



1 trial

2 products tested

2 application systems

Conventional insecticide for thrips control



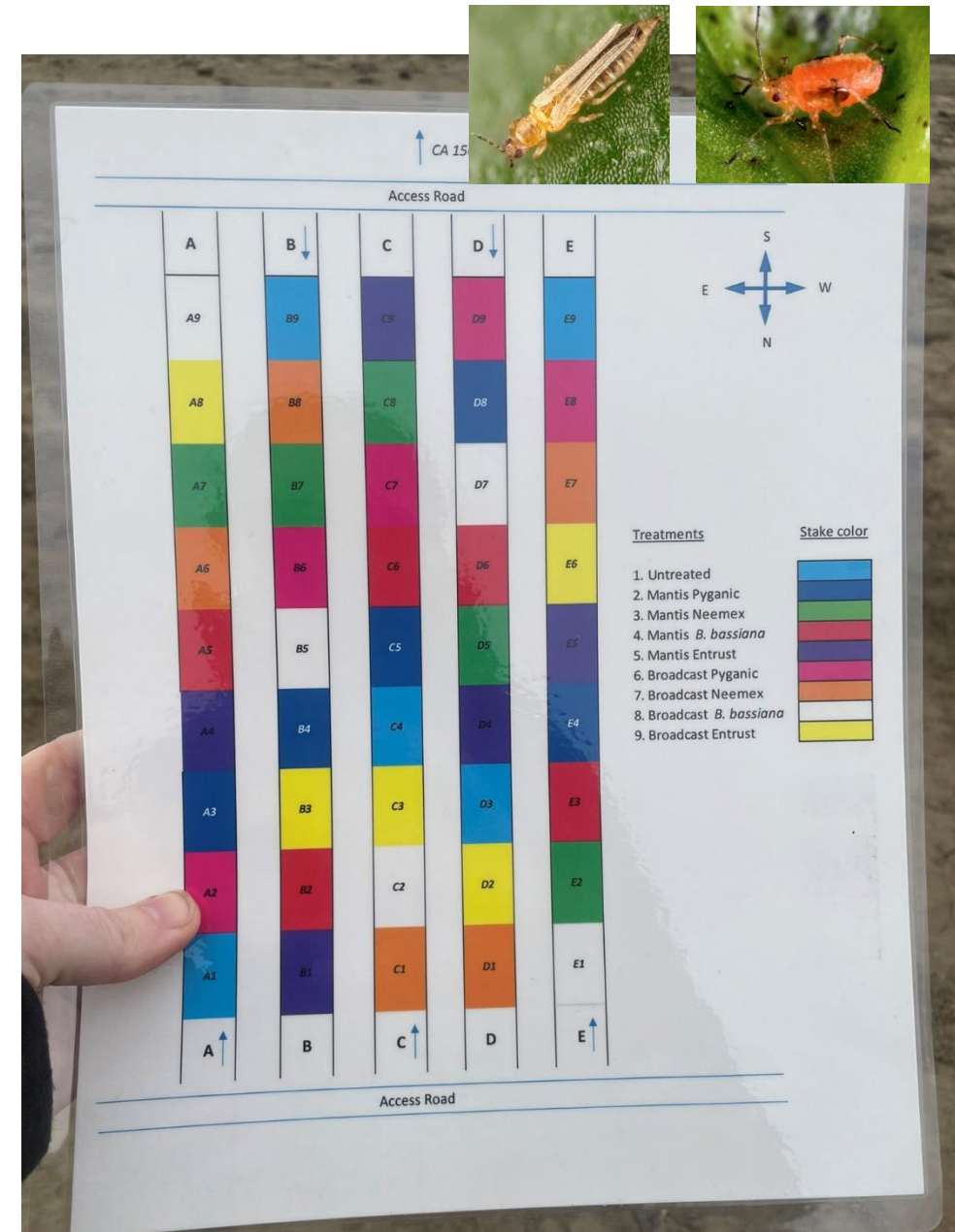
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Mantis with organic insecticides

- Organic romaine lettuce
- Two trials at different sites
- 2 applications
 - Manual thinning stage
 - 7-10 days after spray 1
- 4 products tested with both systems
 - Pyganic (pyrethrin)
 - Entrust (spinosad)
 - Neemex (azadirachtin)
 - Mycotrol ESO (*B. bassiana*)
- All products applied at per acre label max



Mantis with organic insecticides



Application 1 : Manual thinning stage



Application 2 : 7-10 days later

Mantis with organic insecticides



Sampling <24 hrs prior to and 6 days after each spray

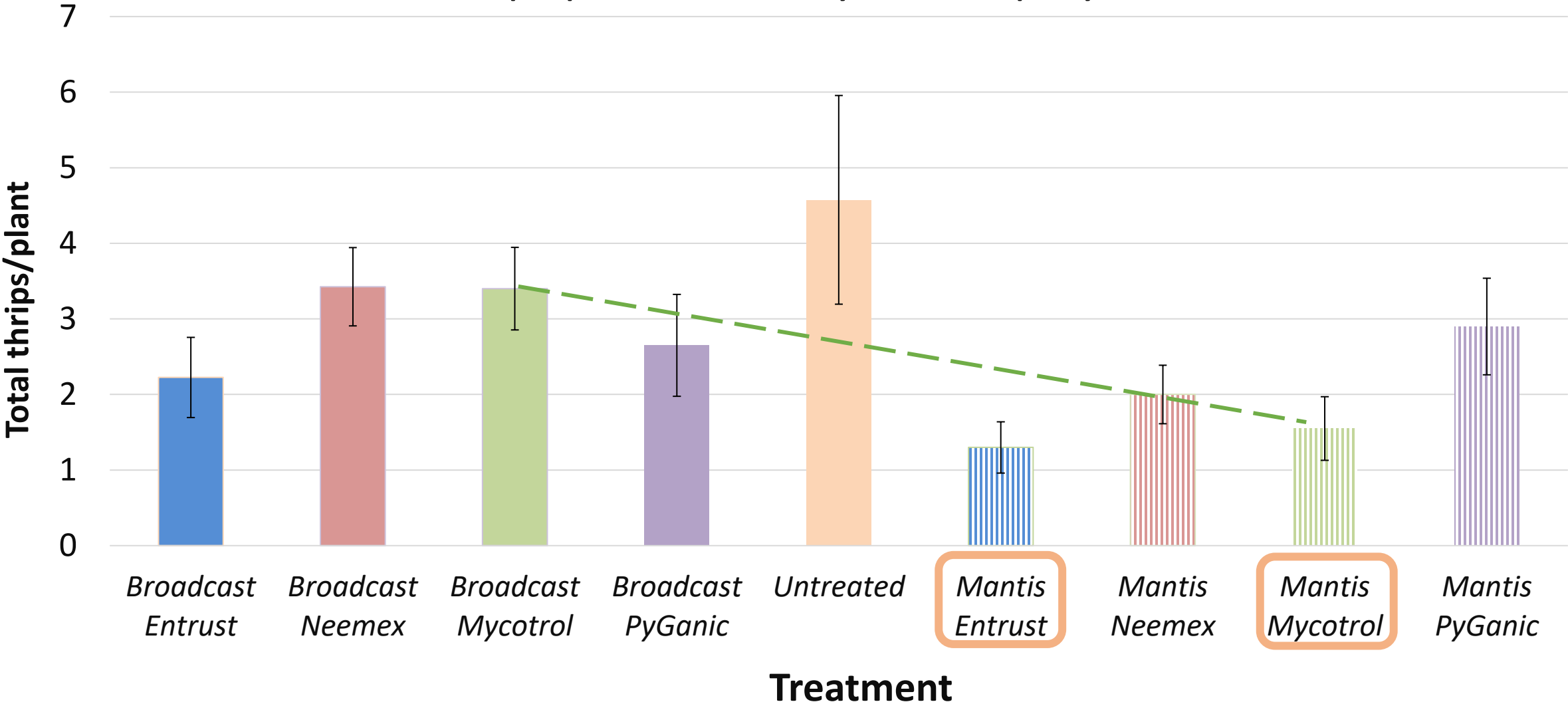
Pre-harvest evaluation of INSV incidence



Preliminary results: Thrips



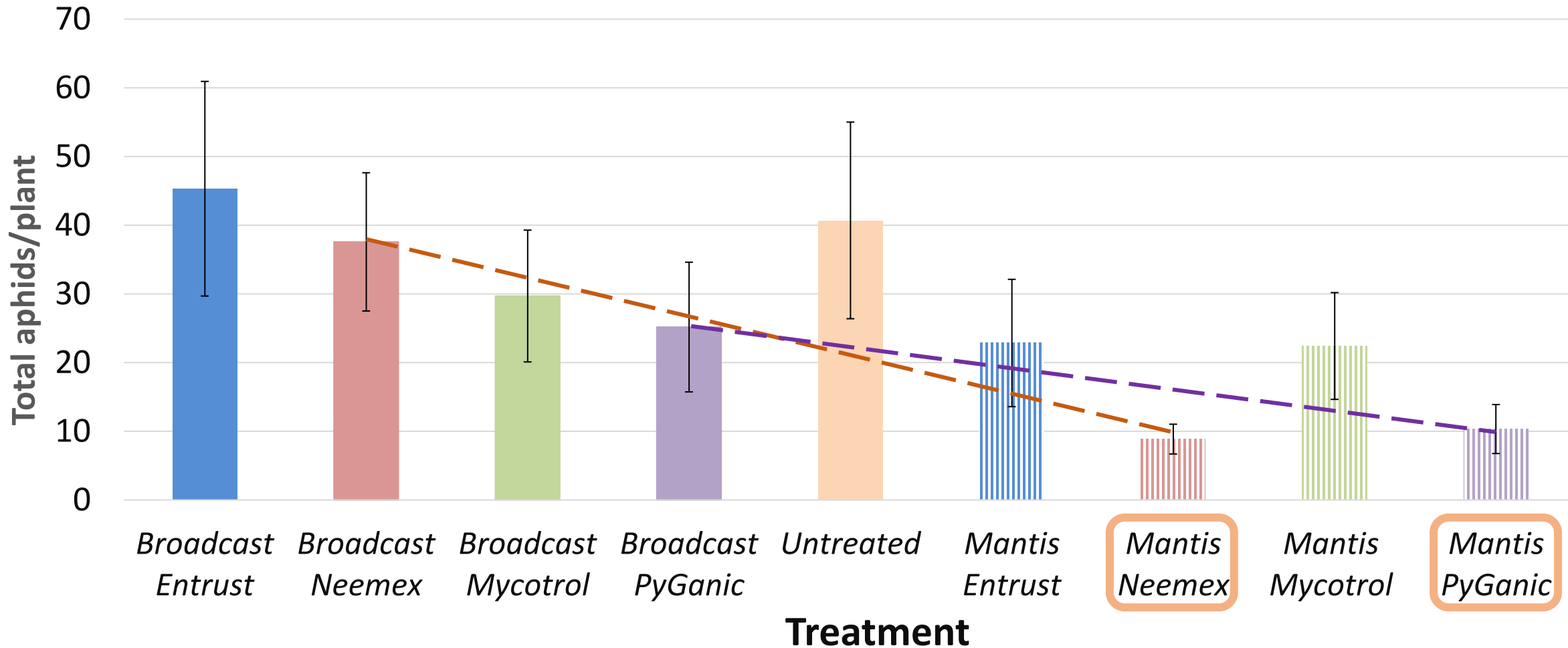
Thrips pressure 6 days after spray 2



Preliminary results: Aphids

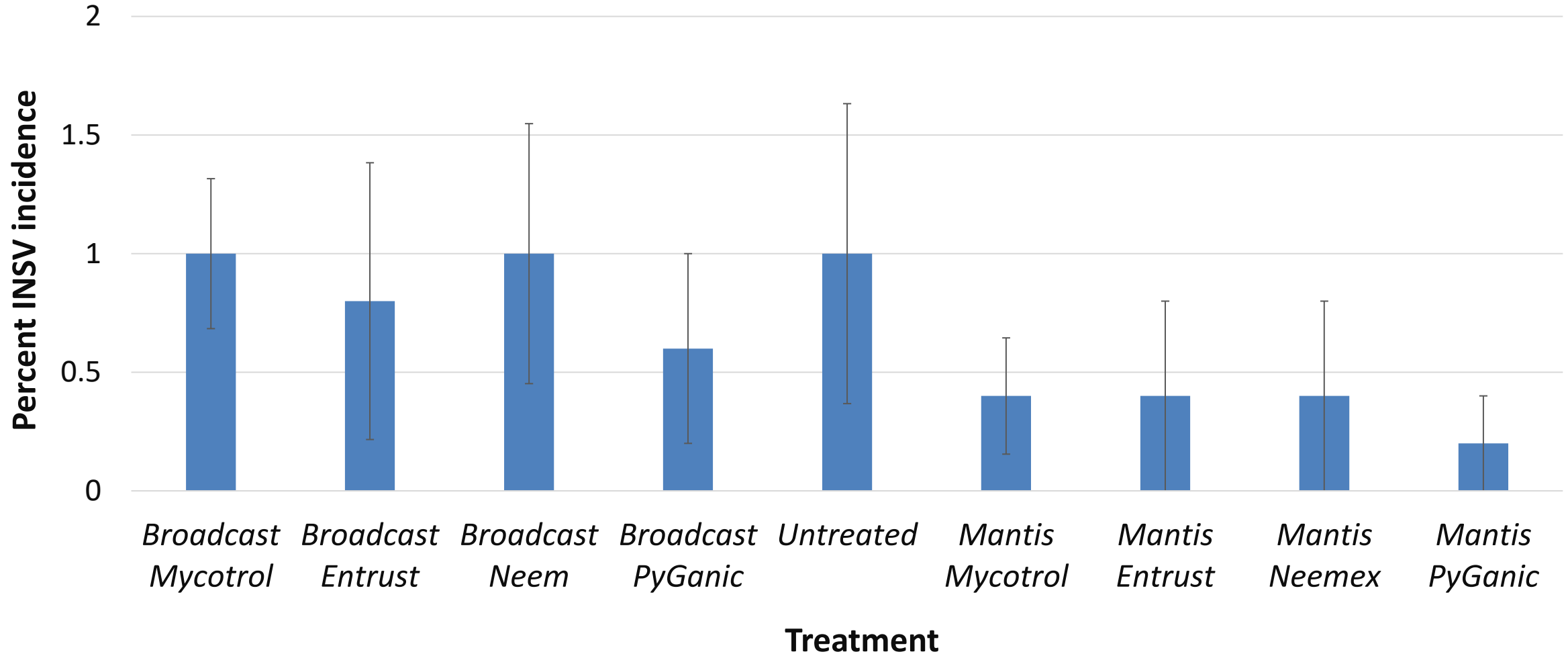


Aphid pressure 6 days after spray 2



Preliminary results: INSV incidence

Percent infection with INSV

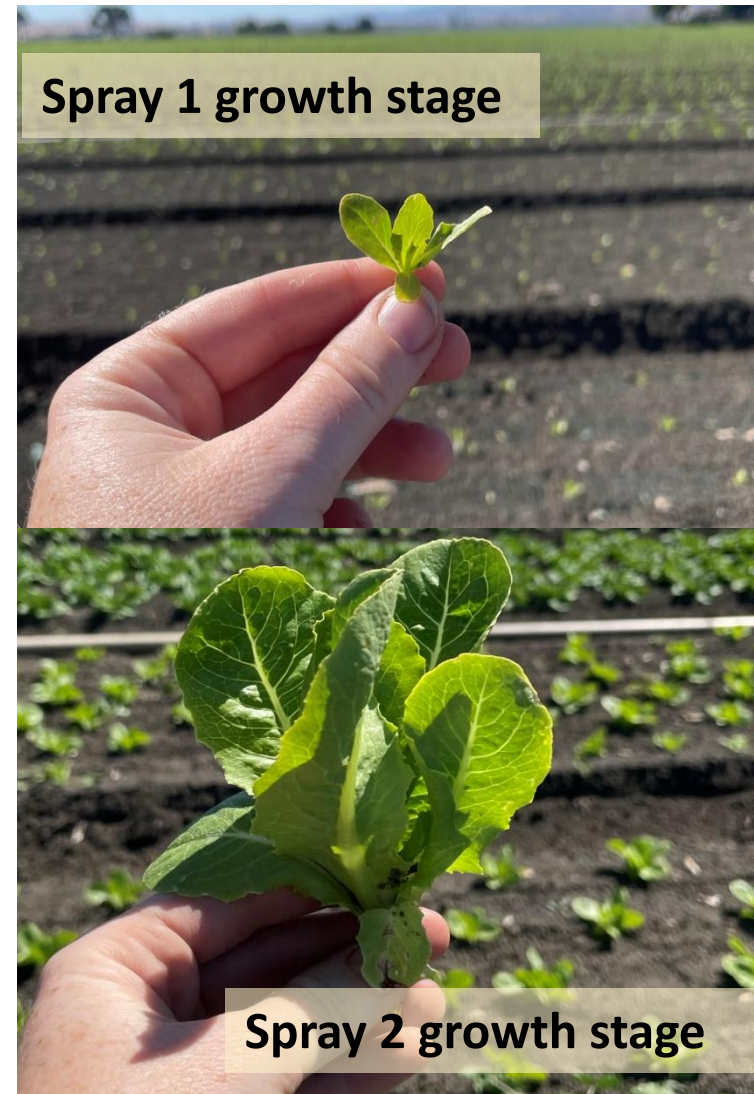


Aphid-targeted insecticide experiment



1 trial

- Conventional romaine lettuce
- Experiment replicated 5 times at each site
- 2 products
 - Spirotetramat
 - Thiamethoxam
- 2 application systems
- 3 rates
 - Max label rate
 - 1/3 label rate
 - 1/10 label rate
- Lettuce sampled <24 before and 7 days after each application



Thrips-targeted insecticide experiment



1 trial

- Conventional head lettuce
- Experiment replicated 5 times at each site
- Radiant (spinetoram)
- 2 sprays
 - Automated thinning stage
 - Manual thinning stage
- Lettuce sampled <24 prior to each application and 3 and 7 days after each application
- Evaluation <7 days before harvest (10/25, last week!) to determine INSV and sclerotinia incidence



Inundative releases of natural enemies using drones to control aphids and thrips in lettuce



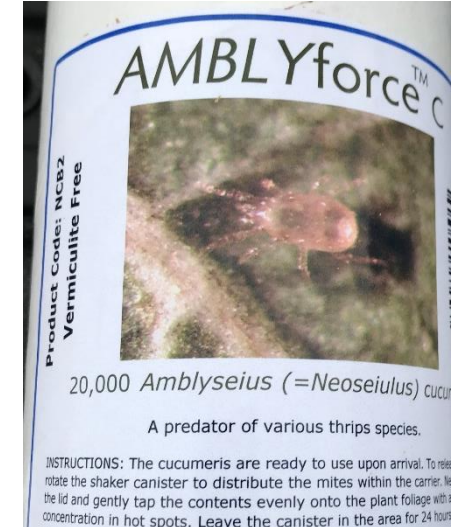
Rotating cylinders with evenly spaced holes distribute predators at a consistent rate



Drone release experiment

1 trial

- Organic romaine lettuce 4 weeks post-planting
- 2 predatory species released
 - Predatory mites (*Neoseiulus cucumeris*) **125,000/ac**
 - Green lacewing (*Chrysoperla rufilabris*) **20,000/ac**
- 3 releases spaced a week apart
- 1 insecticide spray 24 hrs after week 2 release
- Sampling <24 hrs before and 6 days after every release



Questions?



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