

Best practice IPM strategy:

An oversimplified approach to a very complex topic



What IPM is not...

- A method for reducing pesticide use
 - (reduction is more than likely when implemented correctly) – it is not the goal
- An acronym for integrated pesticide management
 - Which is still today probably the primary system used in pome and stone fruit production.
 - Excluding other control strategies (cultural + biological)
- IPM is not one specific practice...
 - Exclusion of various control methods to only focus on one

What is IPM?

Integrated Pest Management is a science-based approach that combines a variety of techniques. By studying their life cycles and how pests interact with the environment, IPM professionals can manage pests with the most current methods to improve management, lower costs, and reduce risks to people and the environment.

IPM tools include:

- Alter surroundings
- Add beneficial insects/organisms
- Grow plants that resist pests
- Disrupt development of pest
- Prevention of pest problem developing
- Disrupt insect behaviors
- Use pesticides

1 IDENTIFY/MONITOR

Determine the causal agent and its abundance

2 EVALUATE

The results from monitoring will help to answer the questions: Is the pest causing damage? Do we need to act? As pest numbers increase toward the economic threshold further treatments may be necessary.

3 PREVENT

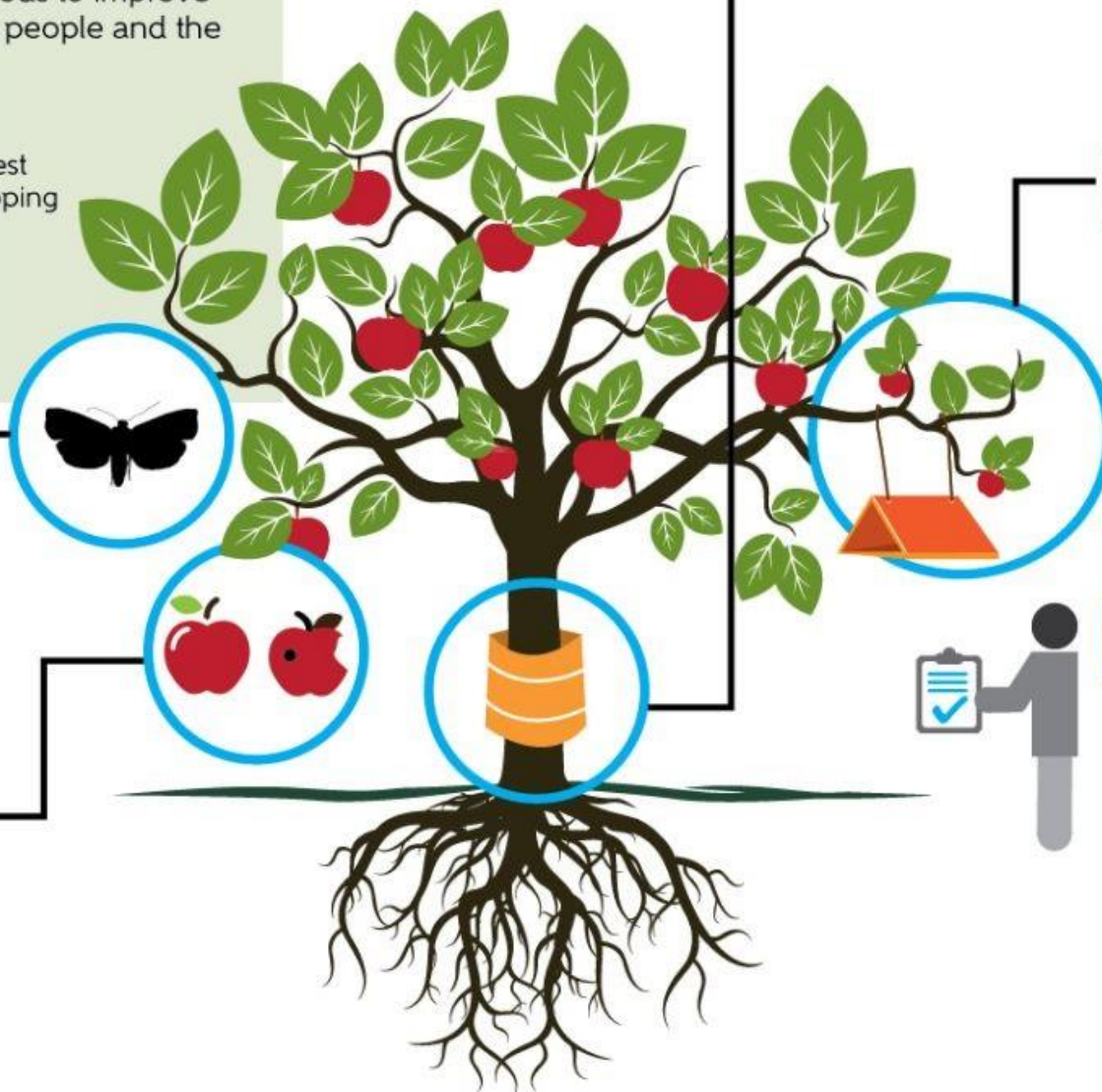
Some pest problems can be prevented by using resistant plants, planting early, rotating crops, using barriers against climbing pests, sanitation,

4 ACTION

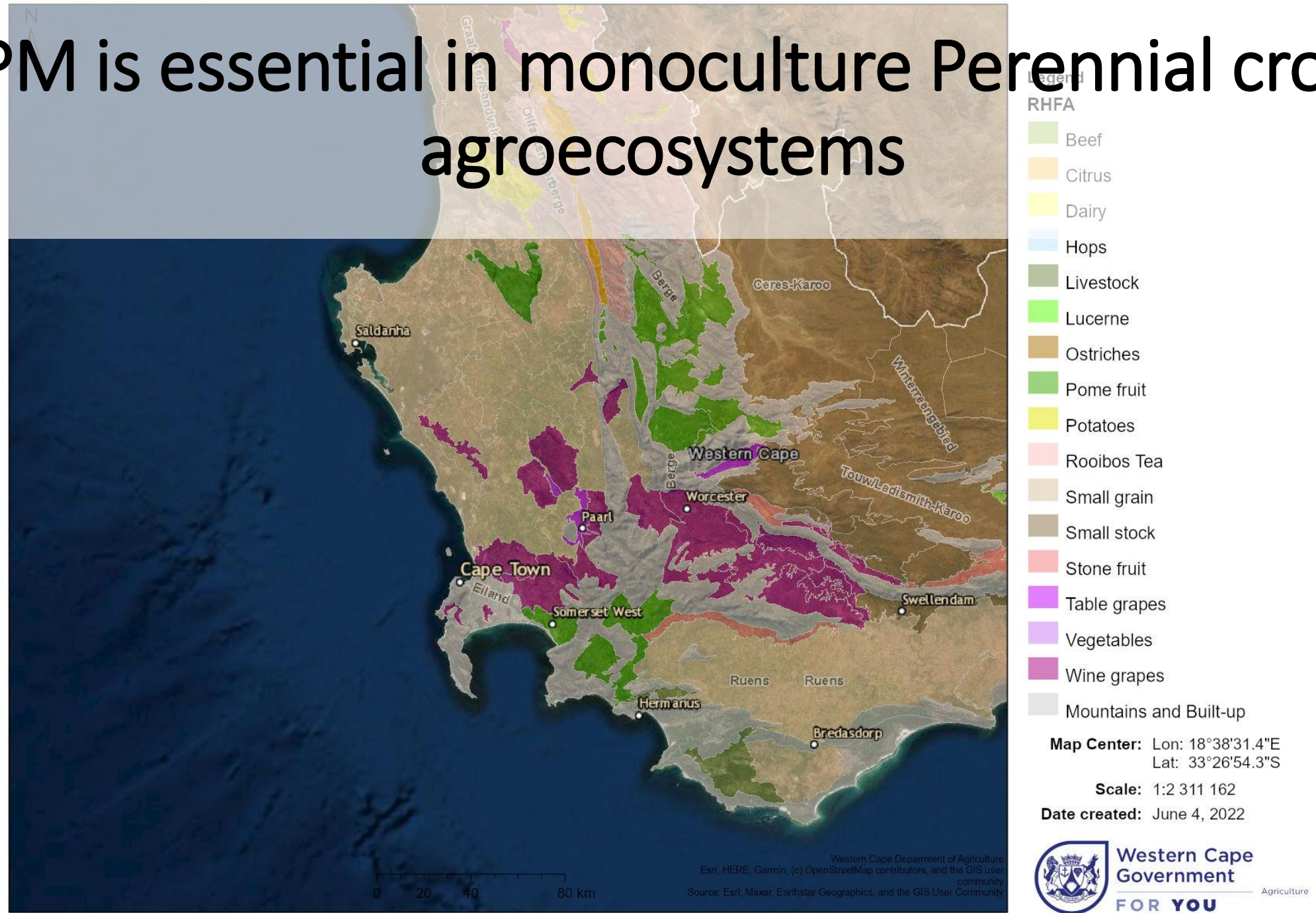
IPM uses multiple tools to reduce pests below an economically damaging level. A careful selection of preventive and curative treatments will reduce reliance on any one tactic and increase likelihood of success.

5 MONITOR

Continue to monitor the pest population. If it remains low or decreases, further treatments may not be necessary, but if it increases and exceeds the action threshold, another IPM tool should be used.



IPM is essential in monoculture Perennial crop agroecosystems



Monoculture agroecosystems

- Area wide large crop monocultures
- Low/poor biodiversity varying at area/farm or orchard level
- Larger the area = lower biodiversity
- Abundant food/shelter source for pest populations over time
- Low diversity lean to unstable open ecosystems that require regular human intervention and inputs
- Leads to homogenous control strategies +
- Leads to a lag or late colonisation/establishment of beneficials



Monoculture agroecosystems

**Environment not conducive
Ultimately leads to IPM being one sided OR
not abiding to the definition of integrated
management**

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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Developments

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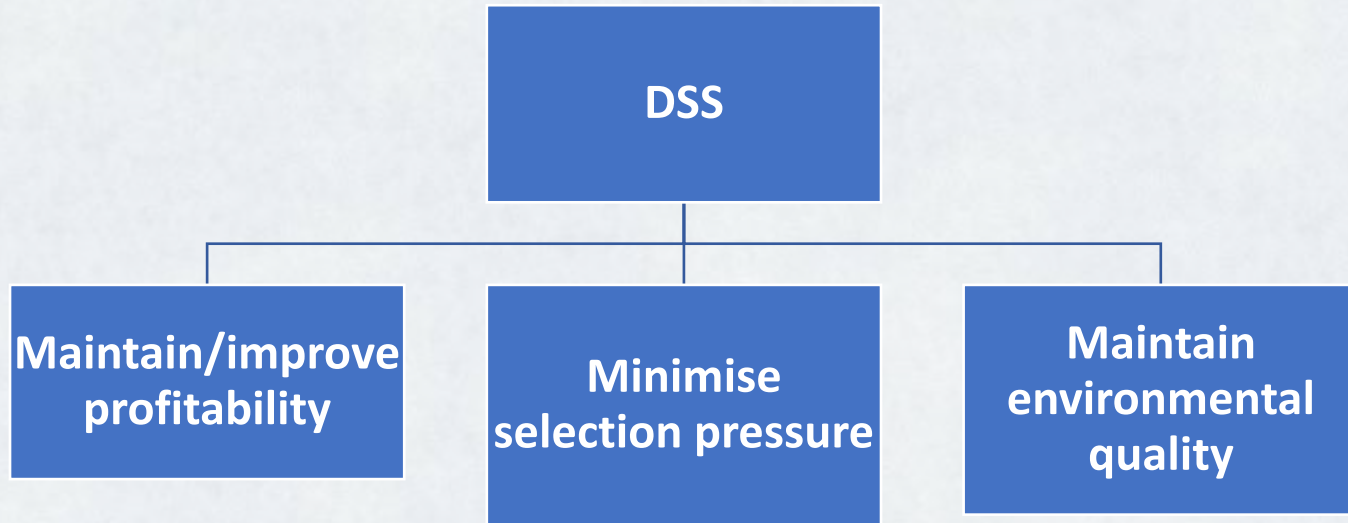
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“IPM is a decision support system for the selection and use of pest control tactics, singly or harmoniously coordinated into a management strategy, based on cost/benefit analyses that take into account the interests of and impacts on producers, society, and the environment.”

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What it should be...

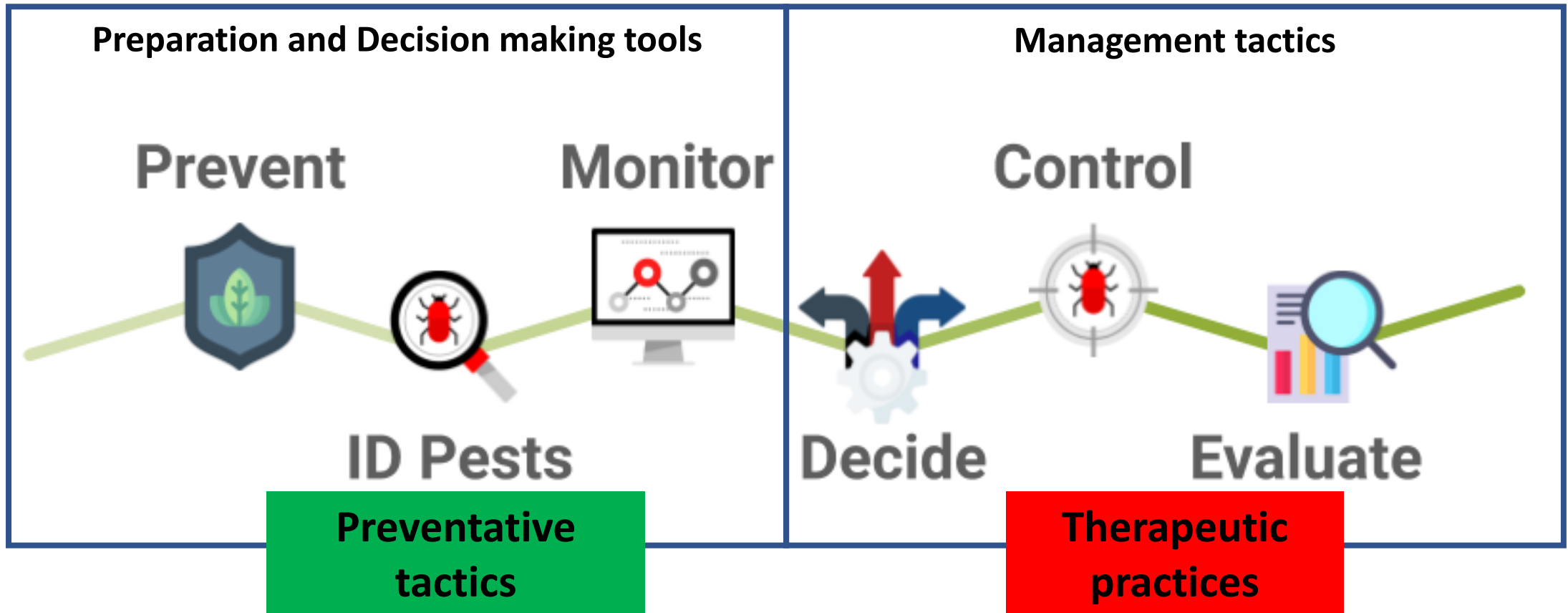


“ Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat”.

Sun Tzu

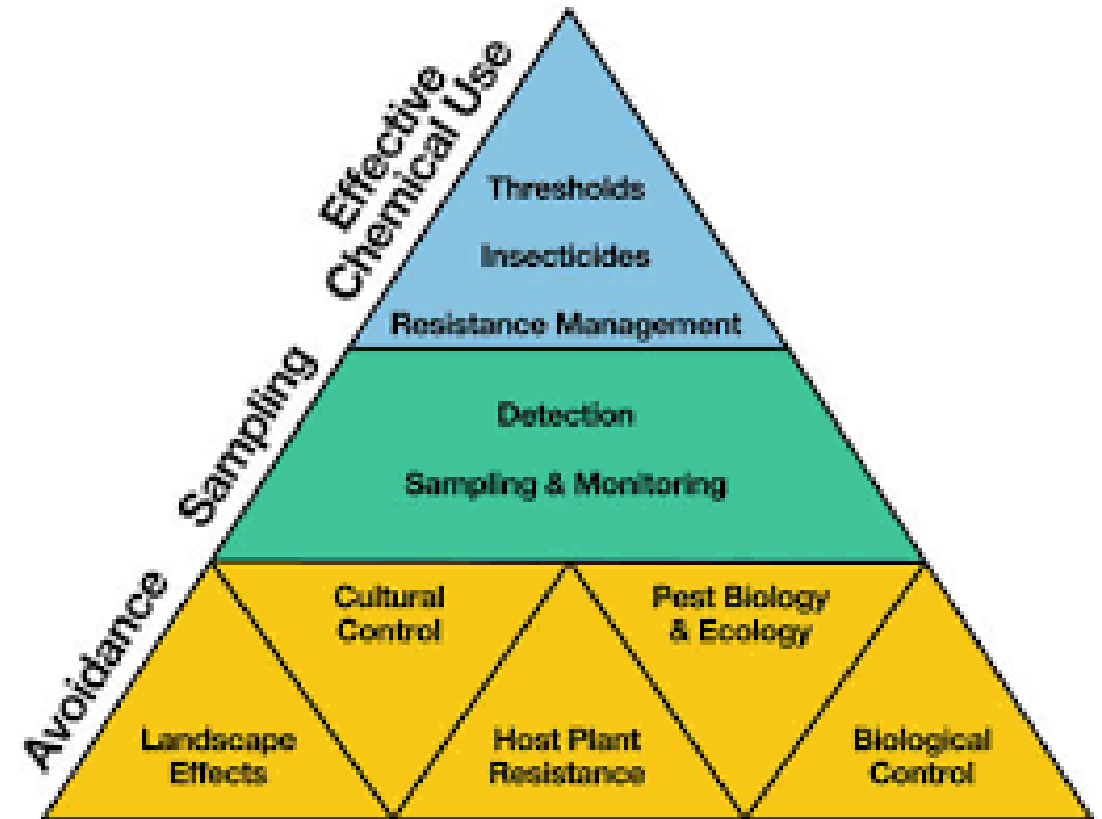


Best strategy of IPM is DSS: Integrate multiple complementary, compatible population management tactics



Integrating techniques will sustain management: Why is it necessary

- Pests can adjust quickly to a single management tactic
 - Short term successful
 - Not viable long term
- Difficult for pests to adapt to multiple tactics
 - Mortality/reproductive adverse effects
- IPM Core tactic use of pesticides
 - Selecting more tactics (integration)
 - Help reduce use/reliance needed for adequate control
- Help conserve environmental quality

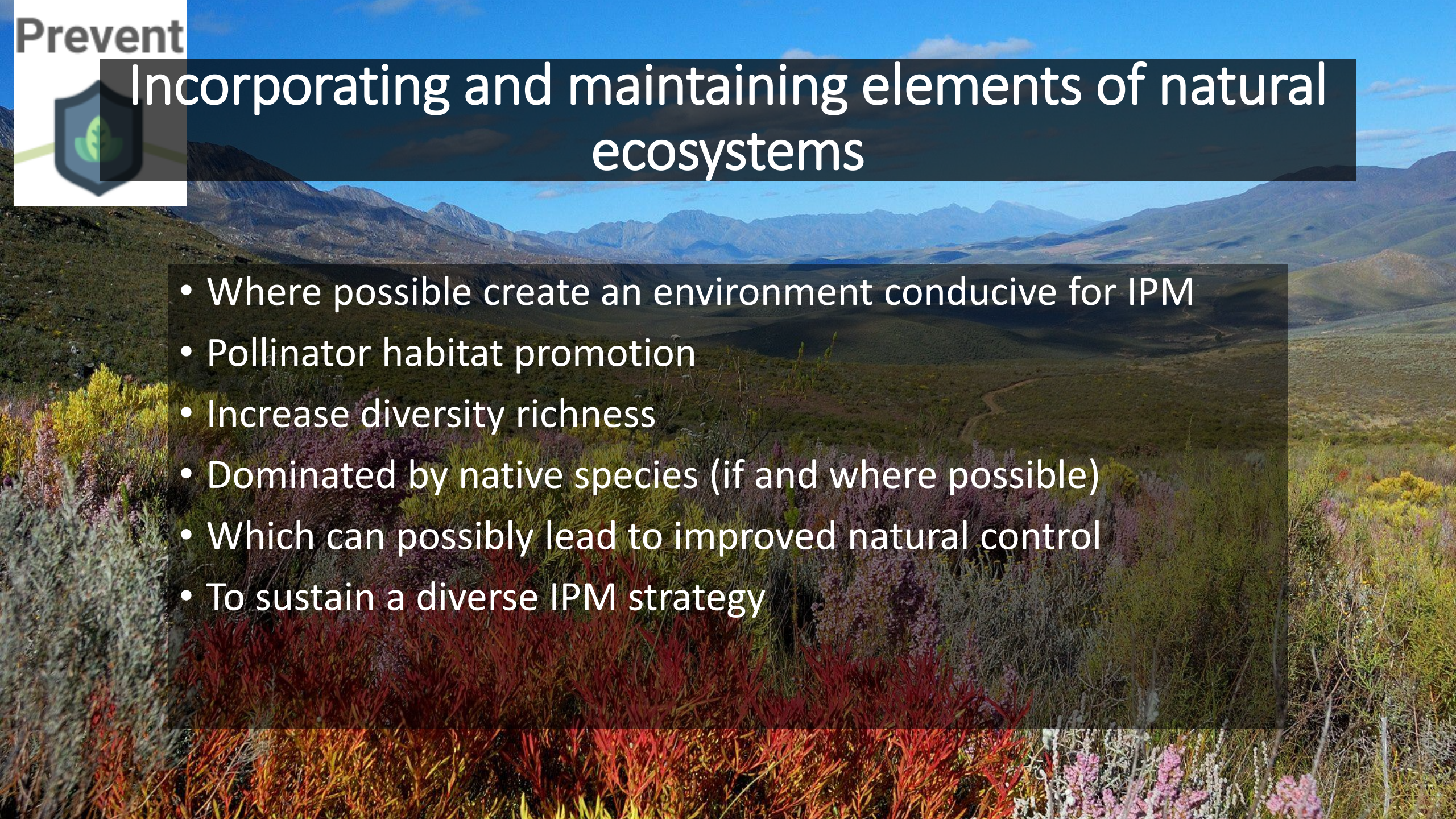


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Monoculture agroecosystems is a complex ecological problem or challenge that needs to be corrected/adapted

- Pest dilemma...
 - Favourable physical conditions
 - Abundant food sources
 - Low biotic mortality factors
 - Generates establishes pest population over time



Incorporating and maintaining elements of natural ecosystems

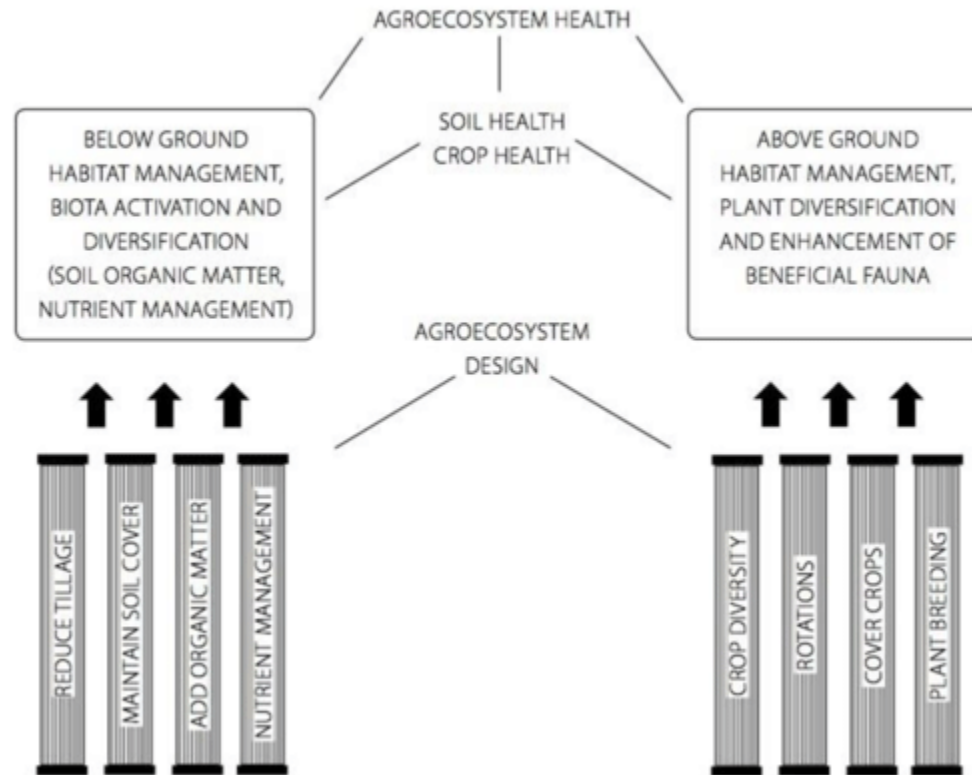
- Where possible create an environment conducive for IPM
- Pollinator habitat promotion
- Increase diversity richness
- Dominated by native species (if and where possible)
- Which can possibly lead to improved natural control
- To sustain a diverse IPM strategy

Prevent



Durable long term sustainable IPM is dependent on EPM

THE PILLARS OF ECOLOGICAL PEST MANAGEMENT



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A Guide to Ecological Strategies



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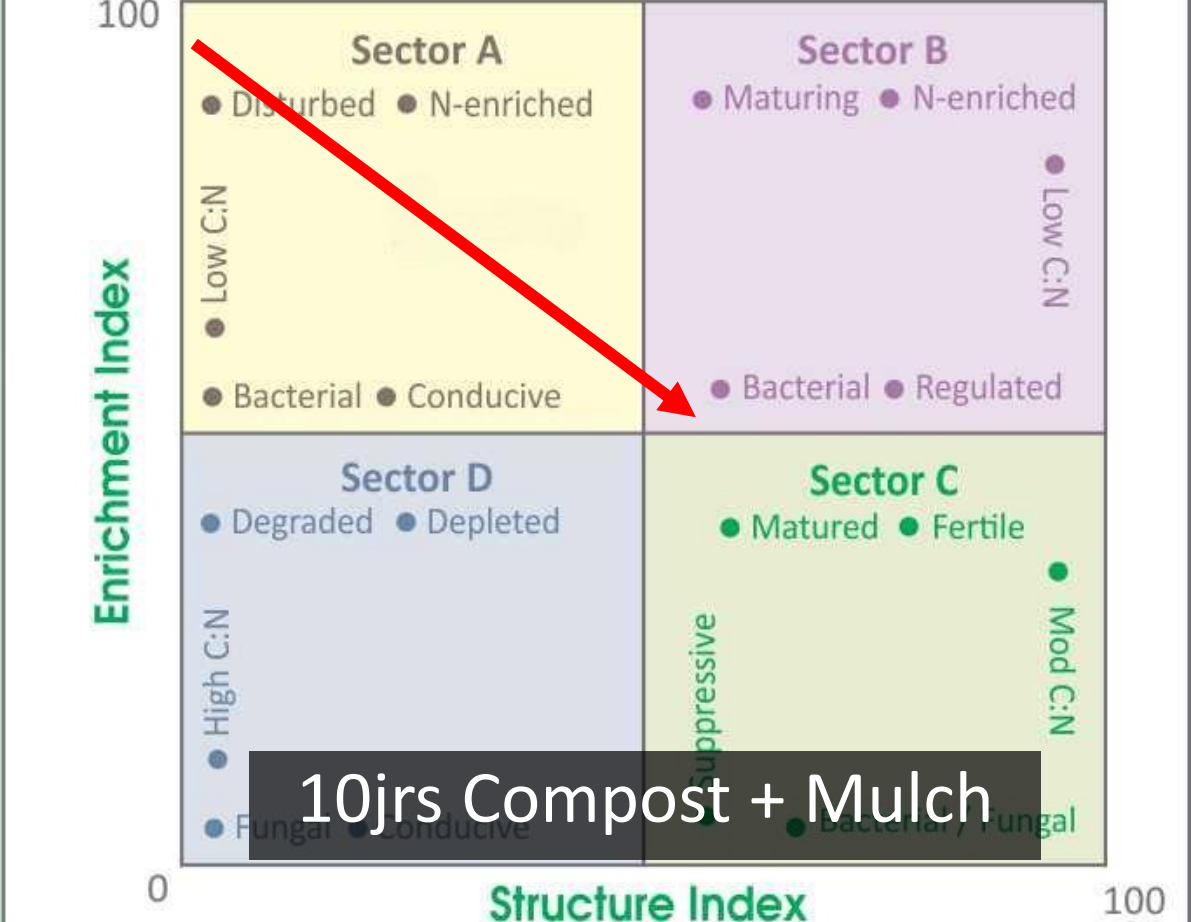
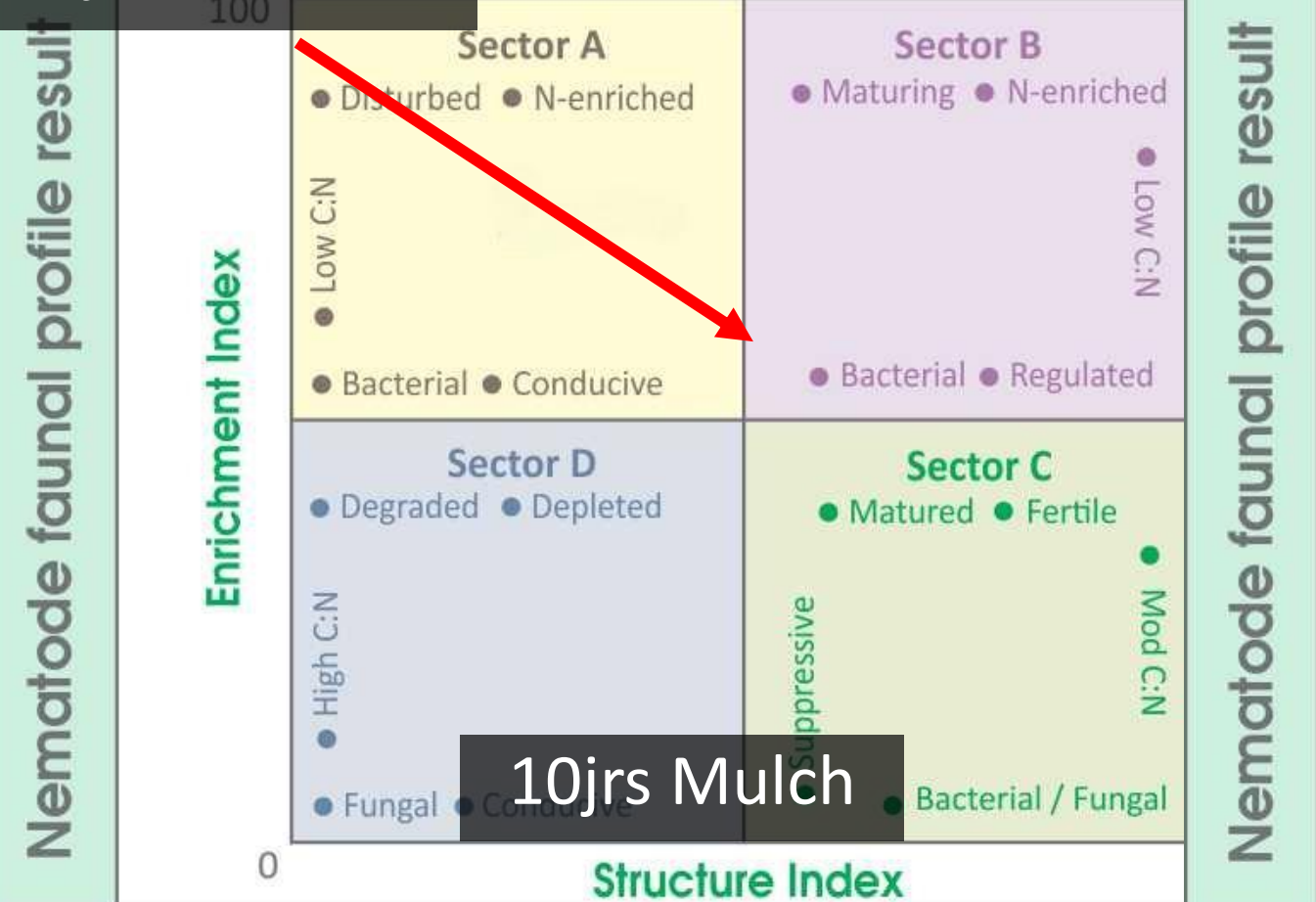
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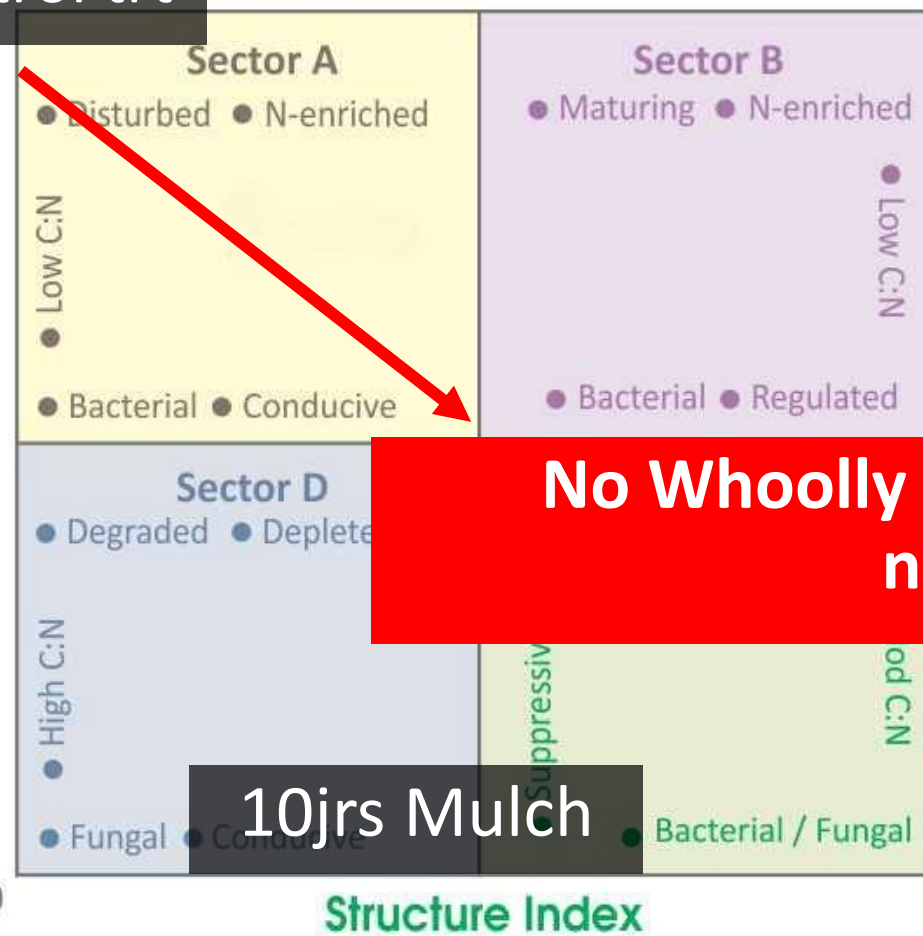




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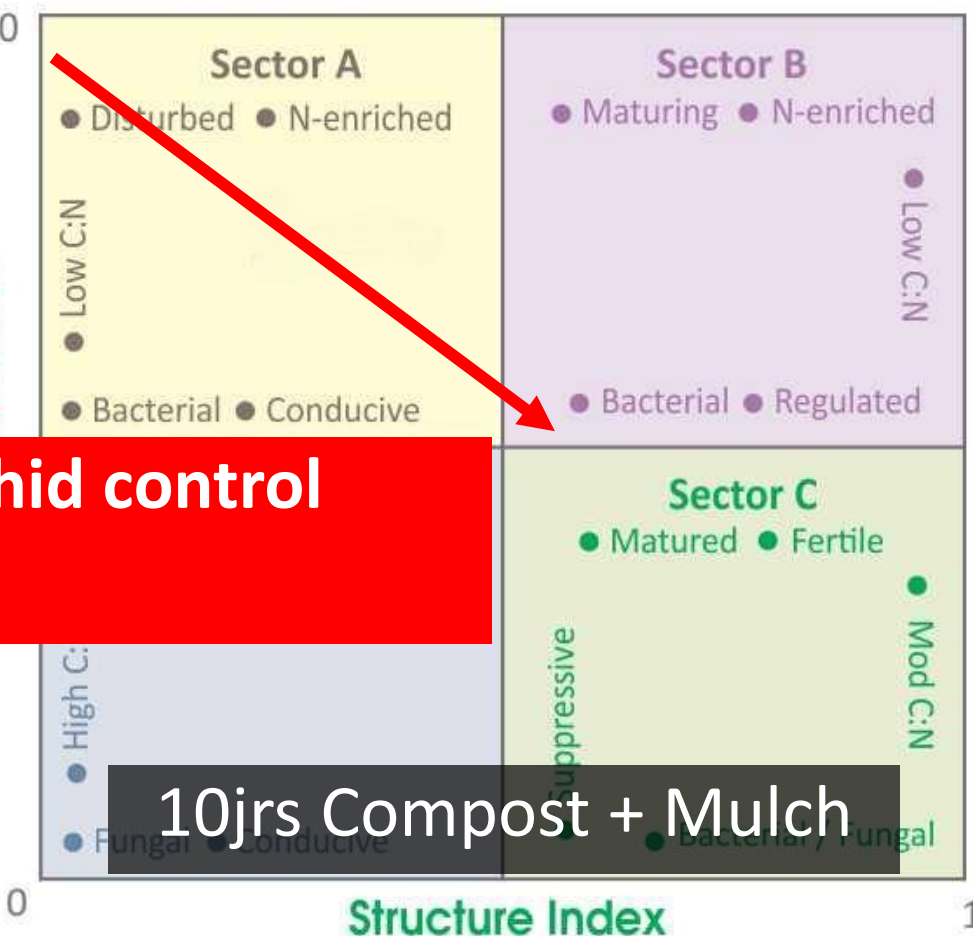
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Enrichment Index



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No Wholly apple aphid control necessary



Preventative tactics - Have a plan

Hindsight is an
exact science.

Guy Bellamy

quote fancy



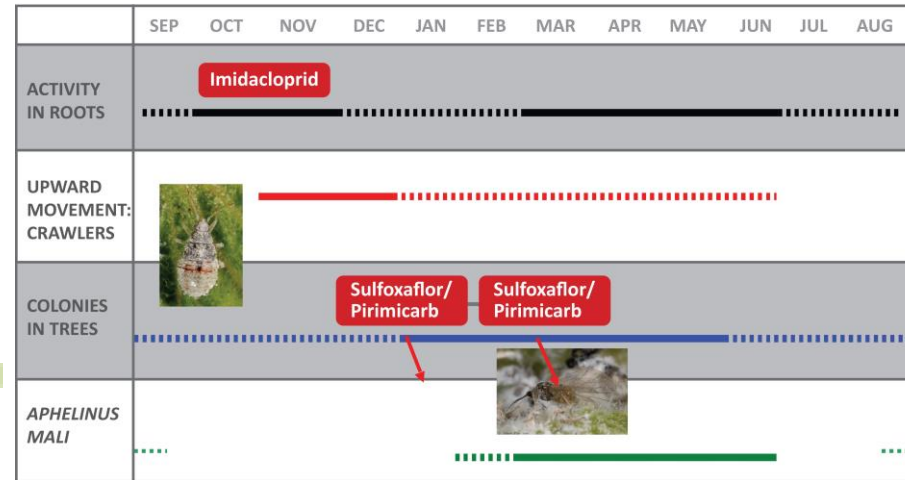
Have a plan

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KULTIVAR	VOLROOI	HA	BRV	BRV GROEP	KODLING MOT	SNUIT KEW	WITROES	BLOEDLUIST	BLOEDLUIST	WITLUIST	DOPLUIST	BRYOBIA	Fusi PAD %	MYTE: AANTAL SPUITE AFGELOPE SEISOEN
RYB		3.11	550	1250		1						1.00		0.00
RYB	ja	3.01	550	1250		1						1.00		0.00
AFR	ja	3.66	550	1250		2						1.00	0.04	0.00
GDR		0.97	550	1250		1						1.00		0.00
AFR	ja	2.2	550	1250		2	1					1.00		0.00
CIR		5.84	550	1250		2	1					1.00	0.16	0.00
GDR		4.66	550	1250		1						1.00		0.00
ENY		3.27	550	1250			2	1.00		2.00		1.00		0.00
AFR		6.89	800	1250		1	1		1.00			1.00		1.00
OPA		12.51	1200	1250		1	1					1.00		0.00
PNG		3.62	1200	1250		1	1					1.00	0.40	0.00
RYB		3.17	1200	1250		2		1.00		2.00		2.00	0.40	0.00
GDR		1.23	1200	1250		2		1.00		2.00		2.00		0.00
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RYB		2.12	1602	1750		1				2.00		1.00		0.00
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- Review pest pressure through a yearly Pest and Disease Assessment (PDA)
- Area, farm, orchard resolution
- Classify orchards into management groups
 - Reduces pesticide use by not applying an blanket approach
- Identify why it is a problem – does it persist?
- Strategy how to (1) prevent and (2) manage pest in agroecosystem

Have a management strategy for each pest

Prevent



Suggested strategy			
WK nr.	Active ingredient		
	Low Pressure	Medium Pressure	High Pressure
WK44			
WK45			
WK46	Cyantraniliprole	Cyantraniliprole	Cyantraniliprole
WK47		EPNs?	EPNs?
WK48			Spinetoram
WK49		EPNs?	EPNs?
WK50	Cyantraniliprole	Cyantraniliprole	Cyantraniliprole
WK51			EPNs?
WK52			Spinetoram
WK1			
WK2			
Notes	Weevil trunk barriers should be used in medium and high pressure orchards. Orchard skirting should be done early. Bridge control into trees should be maintained throughout the season		



Bollworm spray window (Week 38 – 44):		
Unlikely before full bloom Unlikely later than 3 weeks after full bloom Spray window overlaps with first codling moth spray		
Suggested strategy:		
Phenological growth stage of tree	Active ingredient	
	Low pressure	High pressure
30% bloom	Deltamethrin	Deltamethrin
Full bloom	Deltamethrin	Deltamethrin + Emamectin benzoate
75% Petal drop	Deltamethrin + Emamectin benzoate	Deltamethrin + Emamectin benzoate
7 Days later		Emamectin benzoate
7 Days later (+ WK43/44)	Chlorantraniliprole/Emamectin benzoate	Chlorantraniliprole/Emamectin benzoate
NOTES: It is very difficult to accurately predict a bollworm infestation. Take the development of "Days for bollworm" into consideration and rather act conservatively if in doubt. Several products that are employed in the program for codling moth control will also control bollworm. In orchards with a high codling moth pressure these products must be preserved for the control of codling moth and not be used for the control of bollworm. In such a case it will be advisable to replace Emamectin benzoate with a registered Nucleopolyhedrovirus product.		



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<https://www.yates.com.au/garden-hub/garden-weevils/>

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PDA Pest pressure

Lower pest density

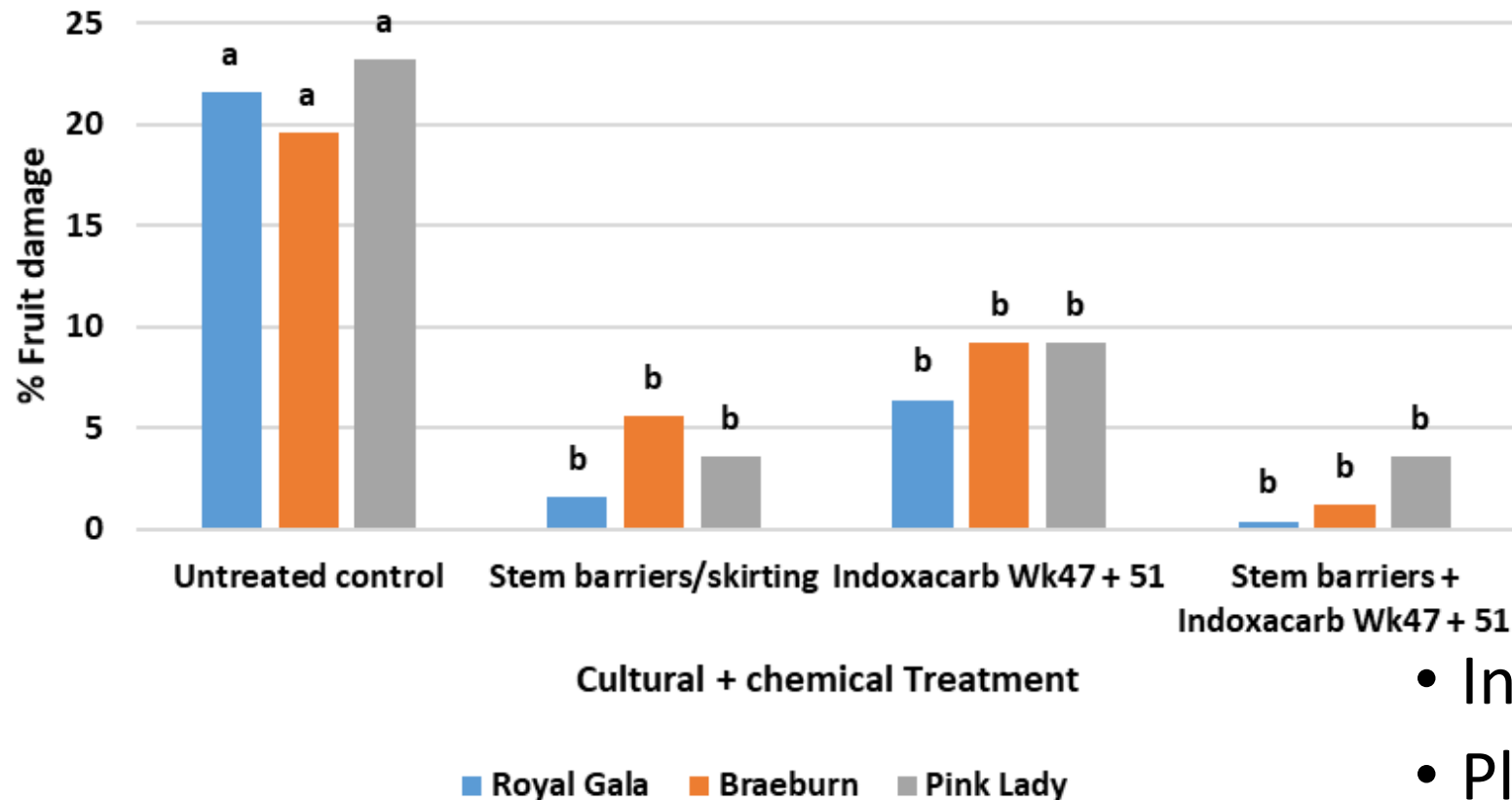
Reduce host susceptibility

Prevent



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2009-2010 Banded fruit weevil evaluation



- Incorporate different strategies
- Plan where to implement
- Cost factor



ID Pests

Monitoring: Know your pests

THRESHOLD APPLICATION

- Correct pest ID
 - Enough well trained personnel
 - Classifying pests as direct or indirect pests
 - Discern between pests and presence of predators

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RSM on Apples:

Possible Spray at average of 2 mites per leaf or 40% leaf infestation in absence of biological control agents.



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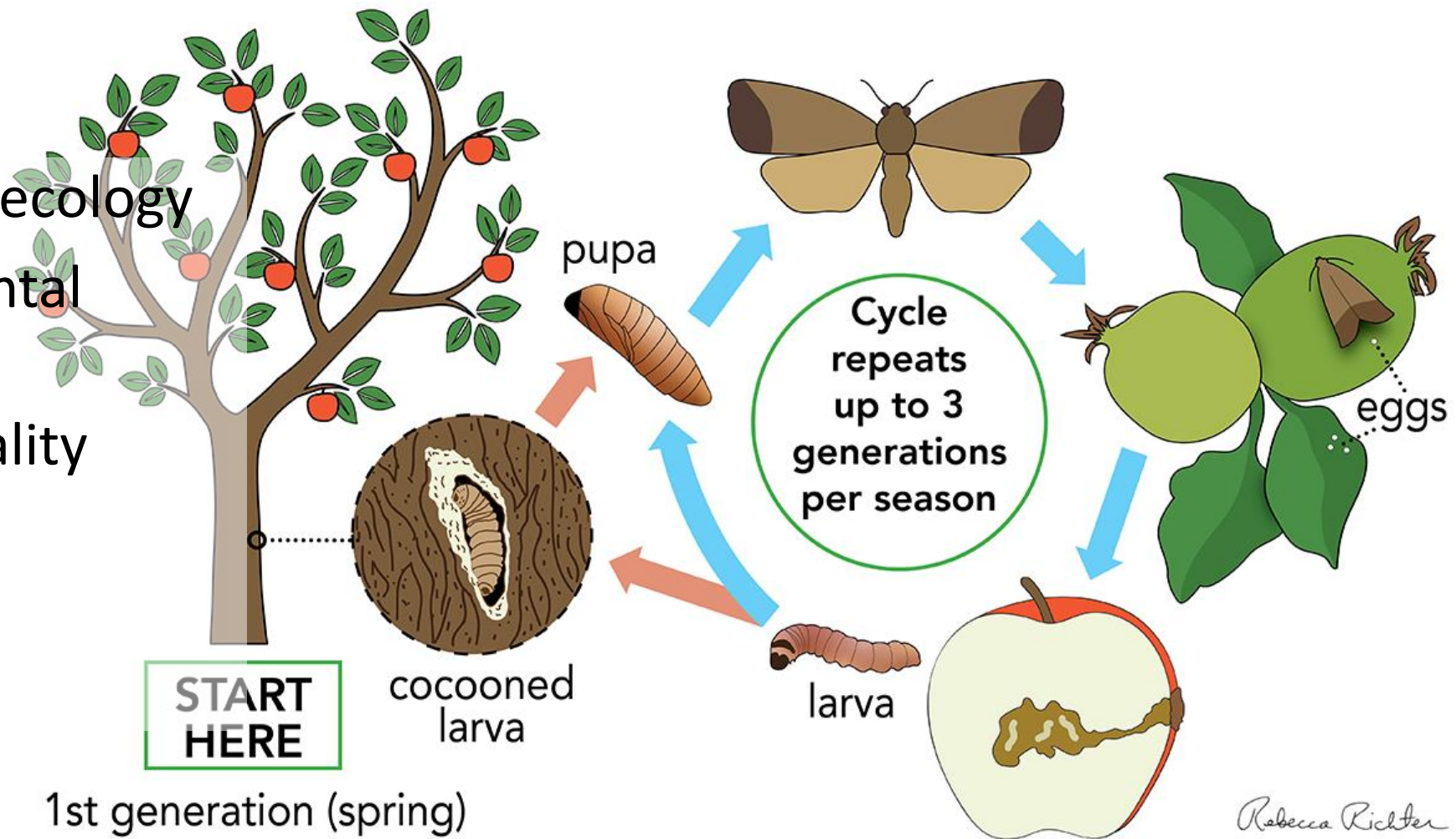
Possible pray at average of 4 mites per leaf or 80% leaf infestation in presence of biological control agents.



ID Pests

Monitoring: Know your pests

- Biology and population ecology
- Influence of environmental factors
- Abiotic and biotic mortality factors - agroecosystem

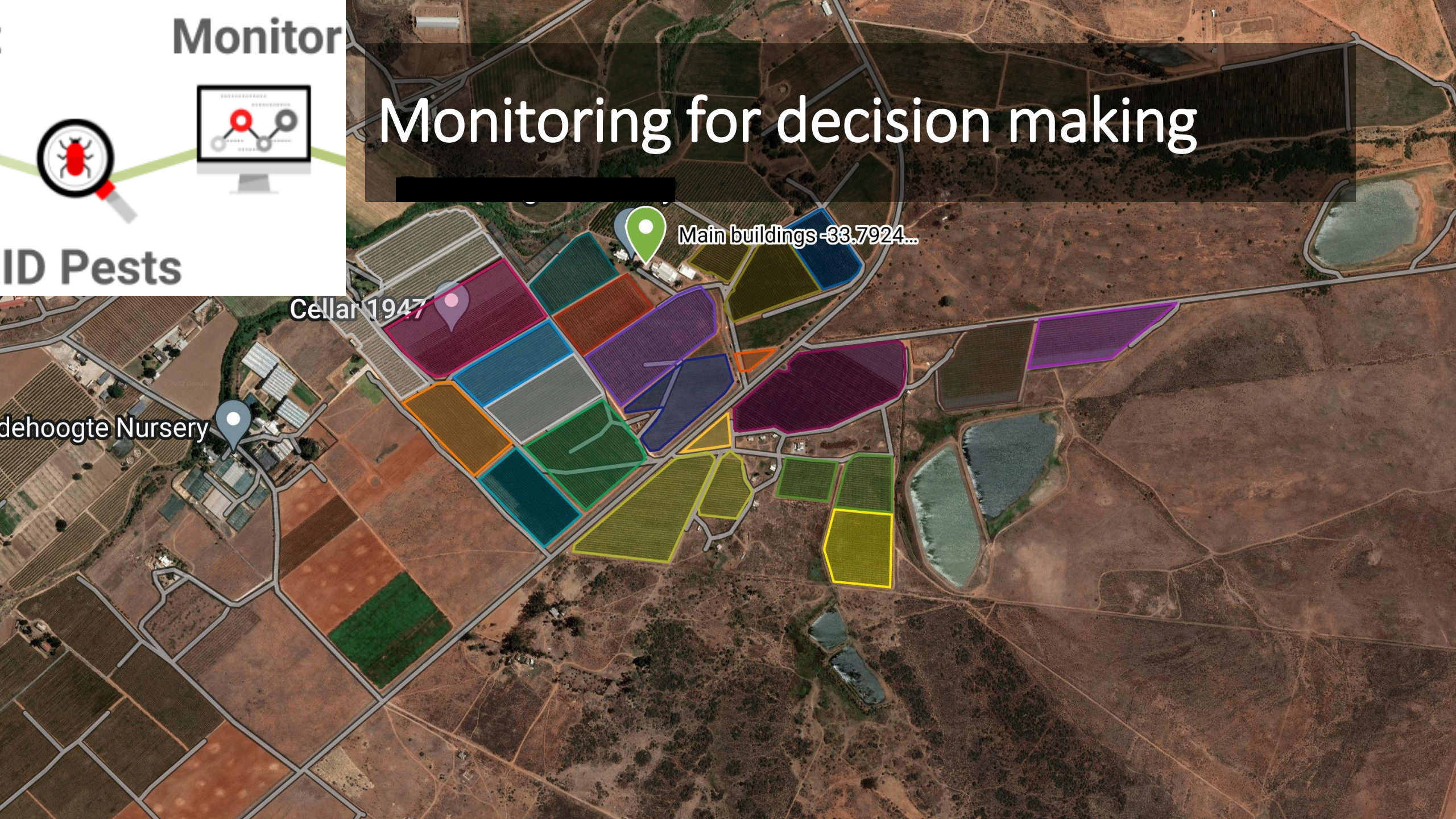


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ID Pests

Monitoring for decision making

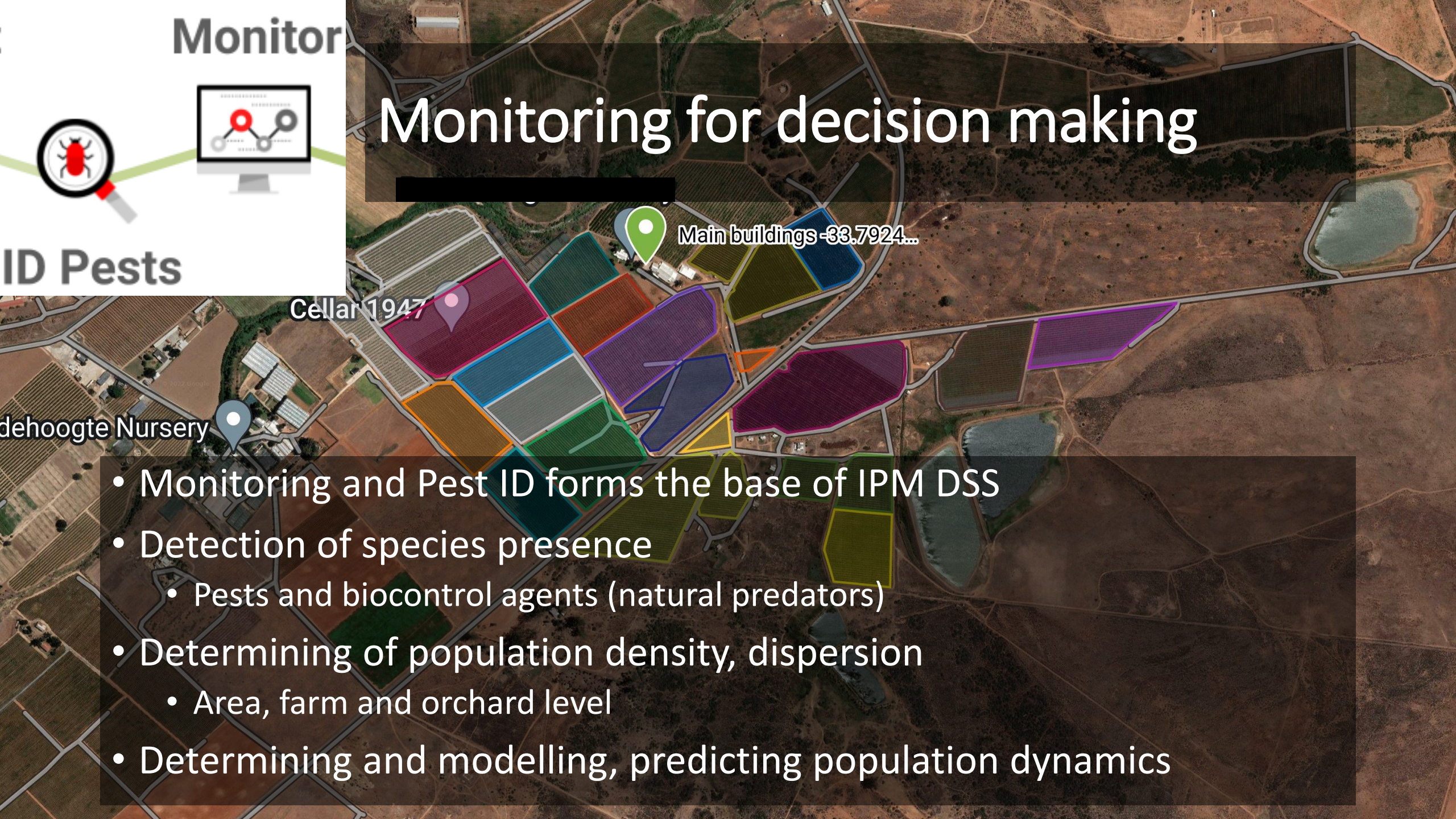


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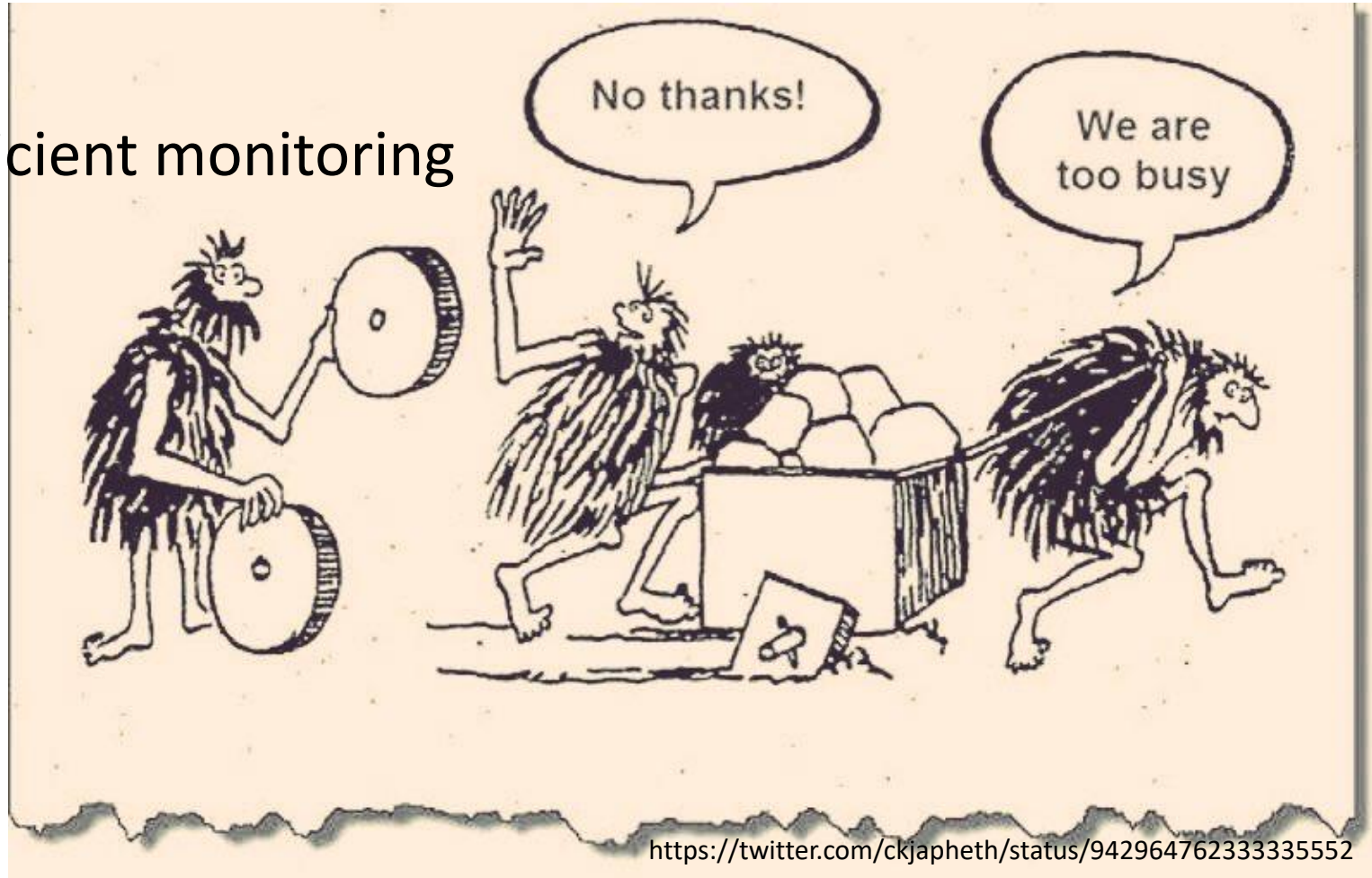


- Monitoring and Pest ID forms the base of IPM DSS
- Detection of species presence
 - Pests and biocontrol agents (natural predators)
- Determining of population density, dispersion
 - Area, farm and orchard level
- Determining and modelling, predicting population dynamics



Monitoring for decision making

- Use of efficient monitoring strategies

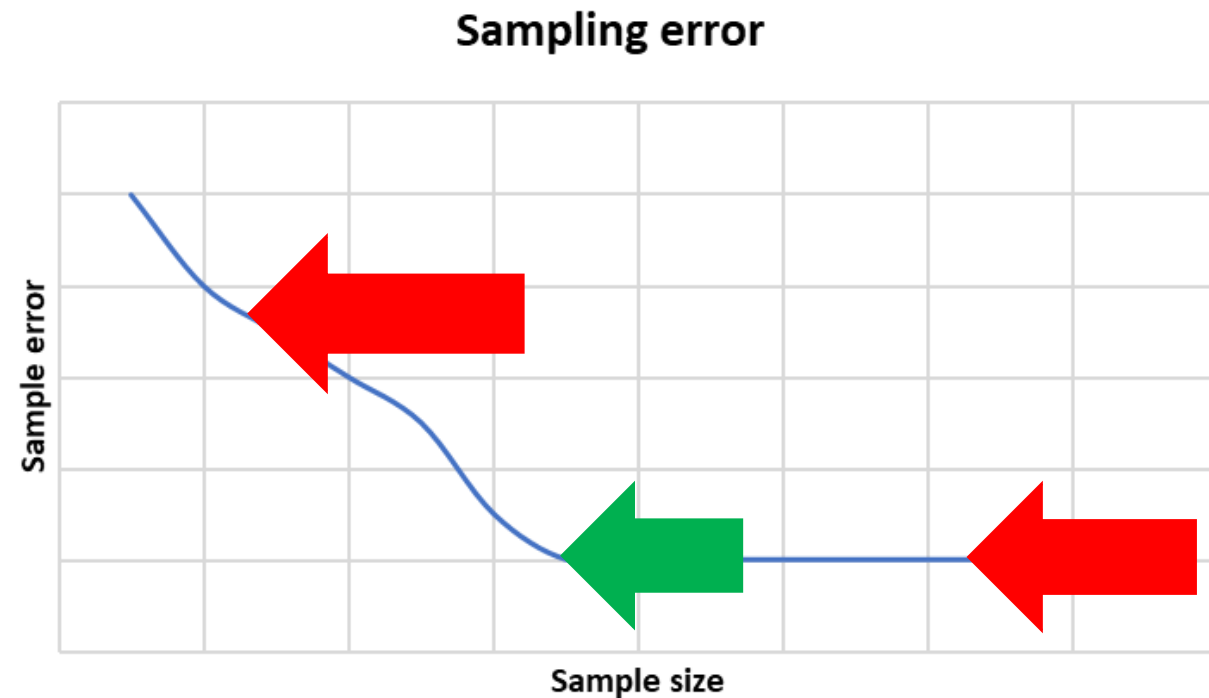


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Monitoring for decision making

- Reliability of decision made = precision of sample
- Too few samples = high sampling error
- Too many samples = not increasing reliability
- Optimal = logistically sound





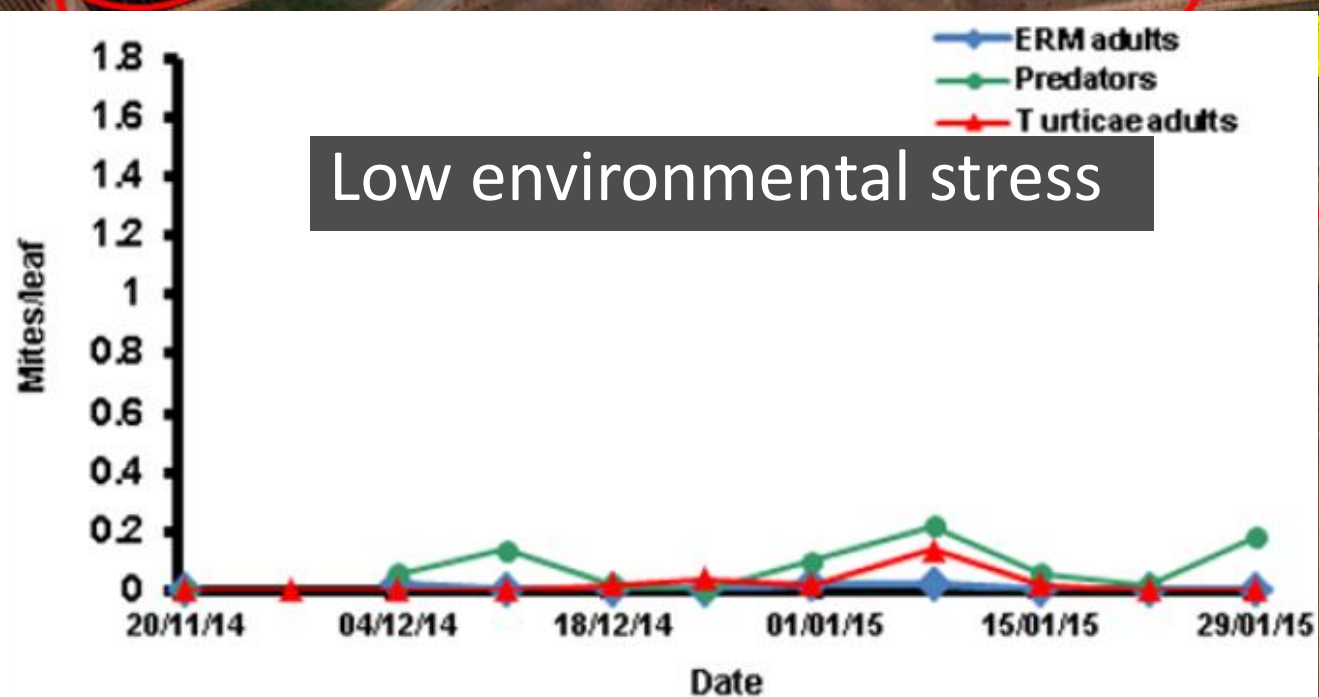
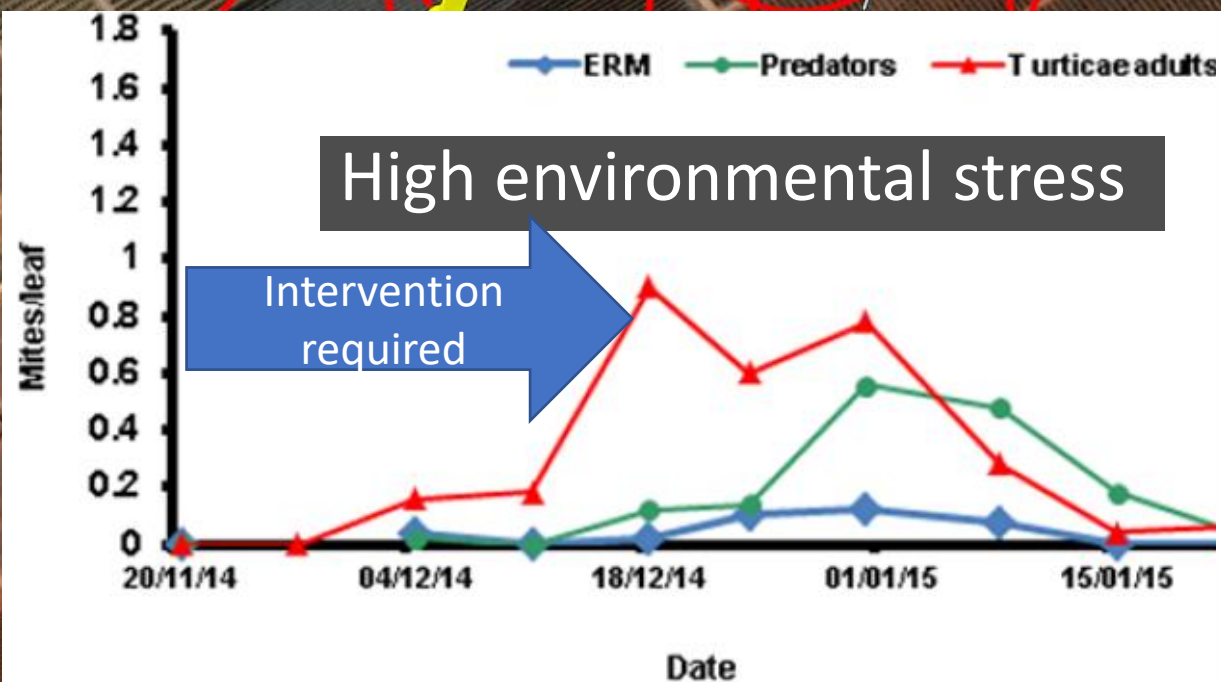
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- Area, farm to orchard level
- Presence vs Absence
- Is intervention required?

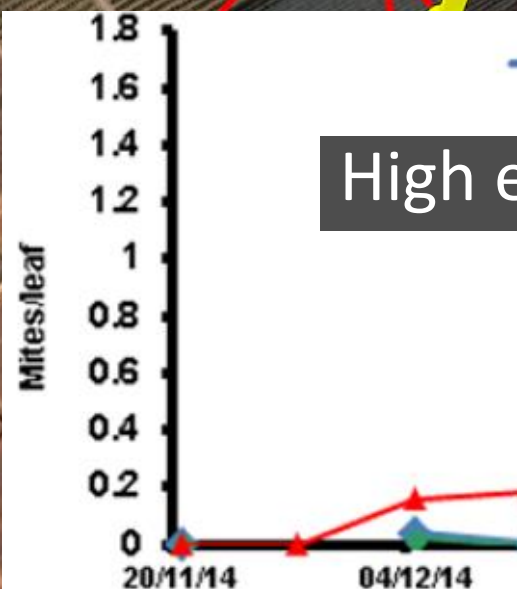


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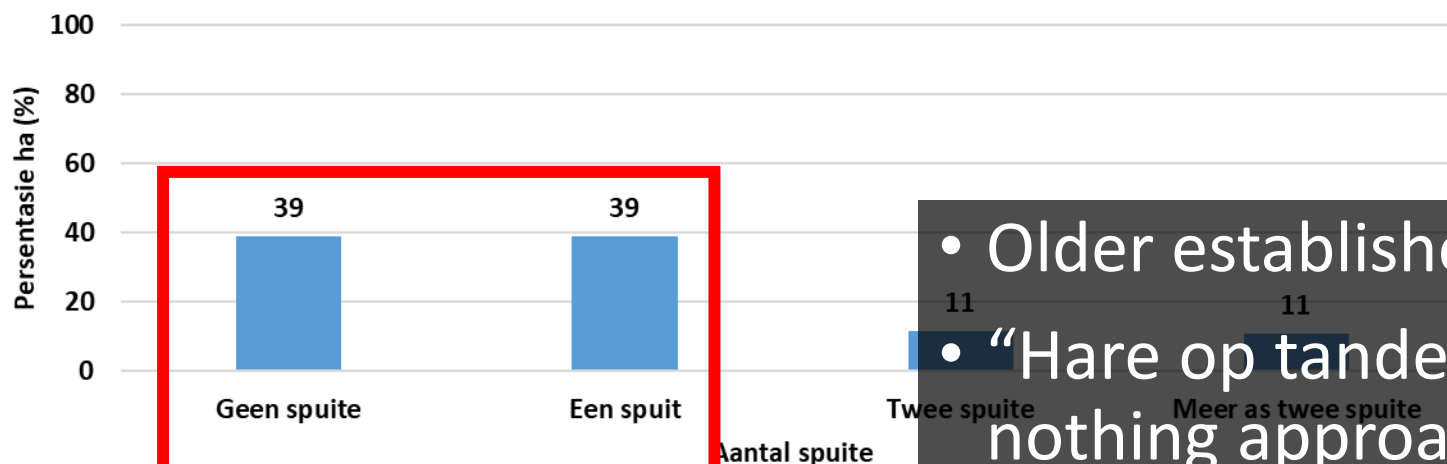




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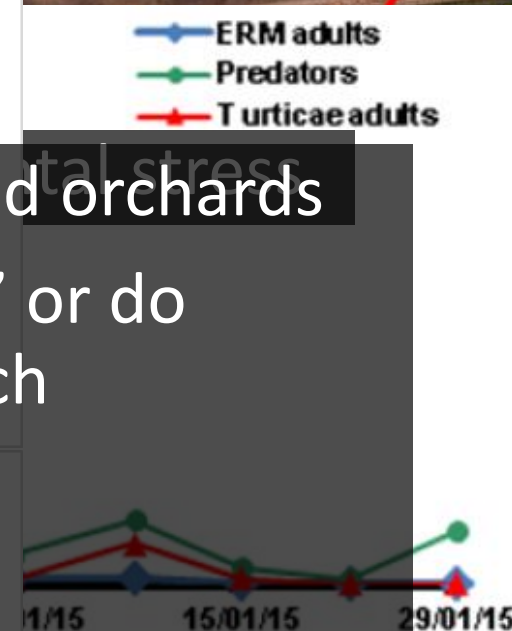
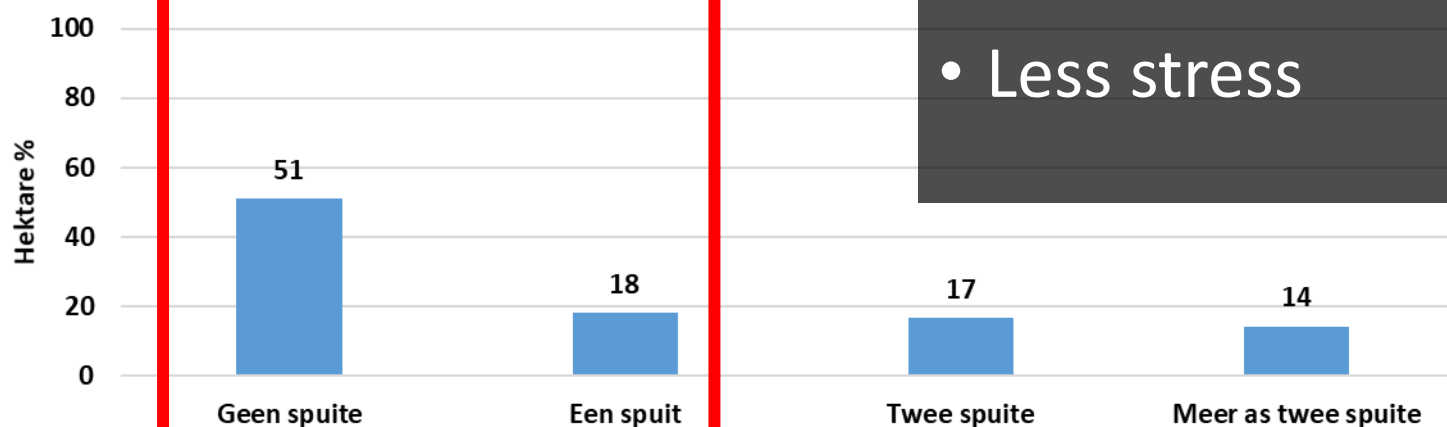


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- Older established orchards
- “Hare op tande” or do nothing approach
- Stable
- Less stress

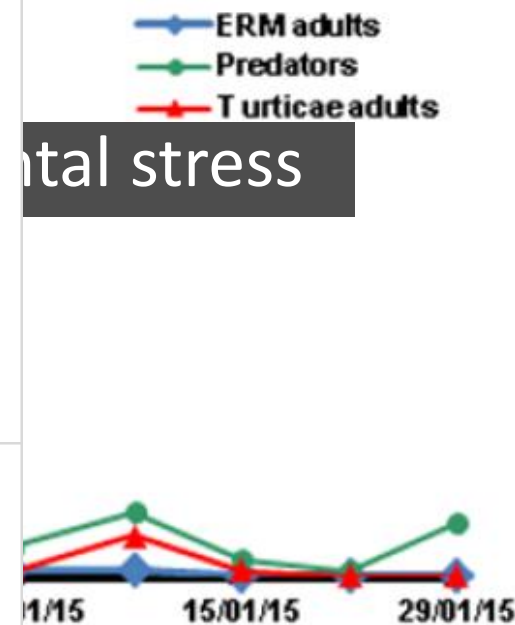
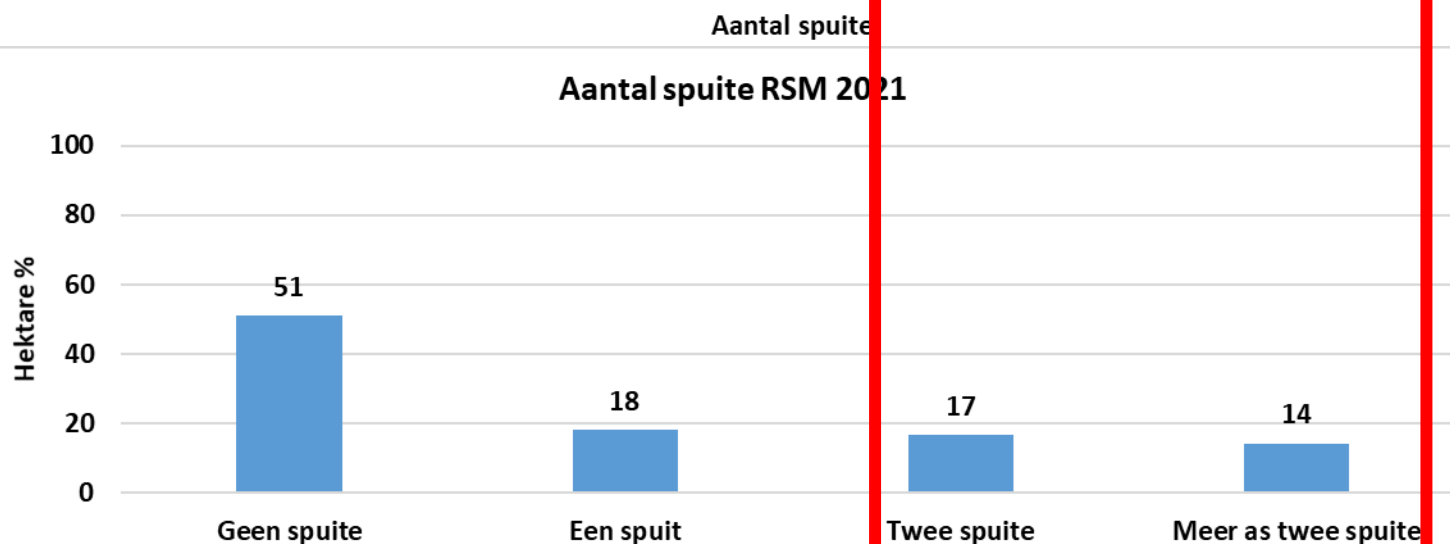
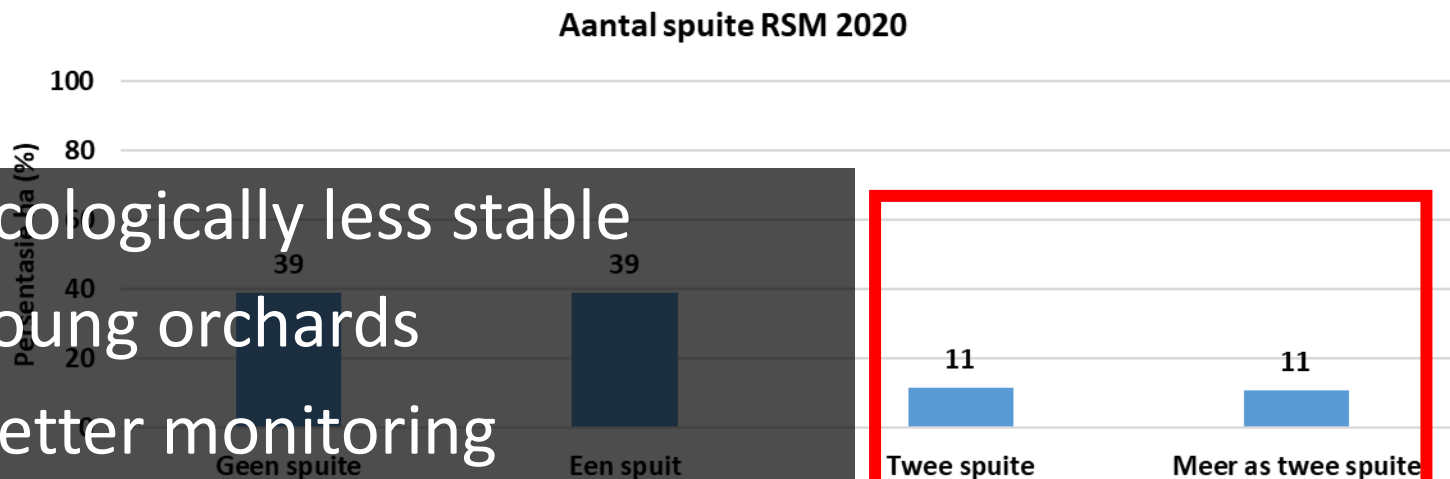
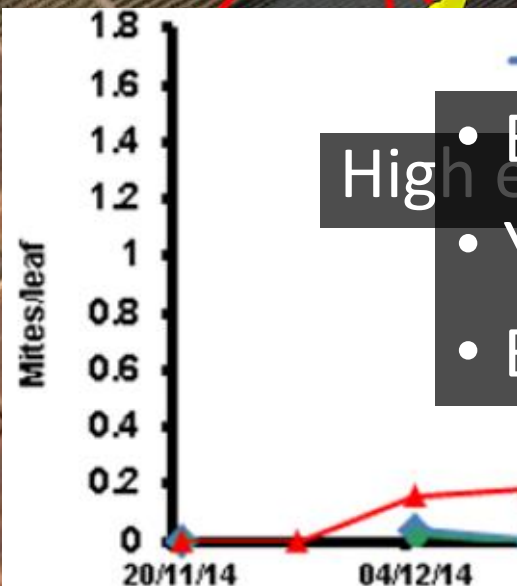
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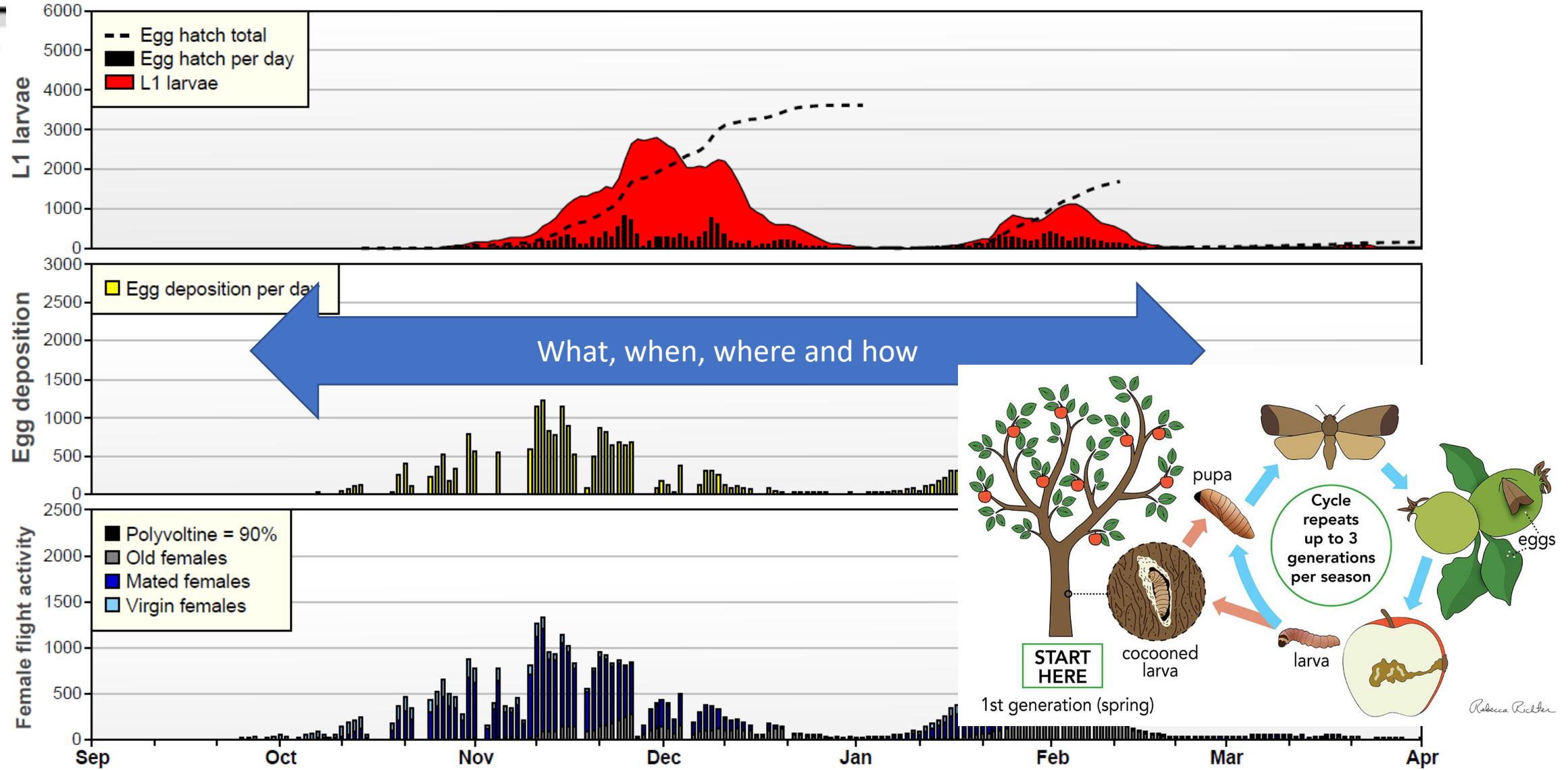


Monitoring for decision making

- Higher
- Ecologically less stable
 - Young orchards
 - Better monitoring

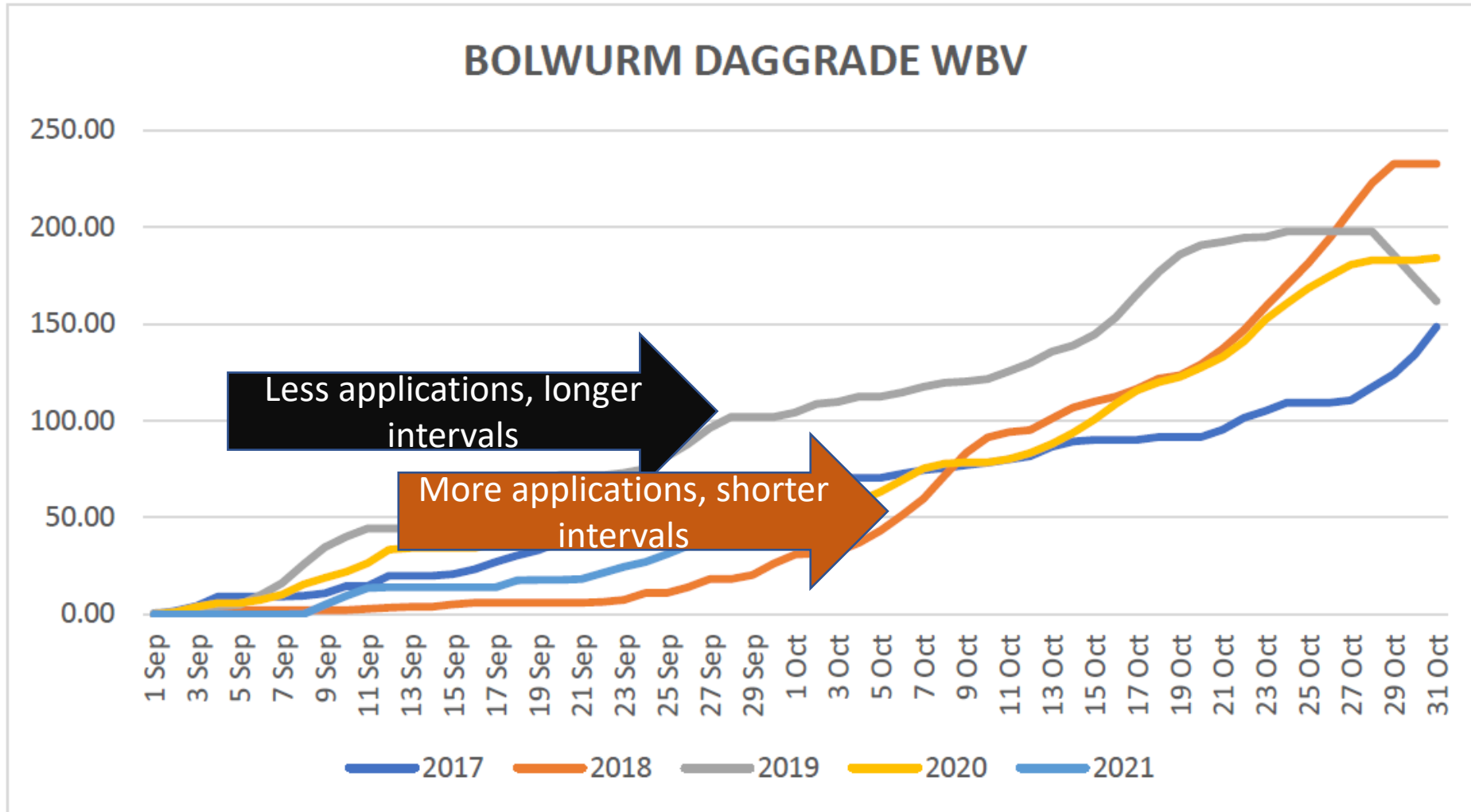


Modelling for decision making





Modelling for decision making



It is very difficult to accurately predict a bollworm infestation. Take the development of °Days for bollworm into consideration and rather act conservatively if in doubt.

Information to decision of management tactics

What?

The pathogen/pest that needs to be controlled

When?

Conditions necessary for infection/pest damage (disease/pest life cycle and/or epidemiology)

Where?

What plant organs are susceptible and when (disease/pest life cycle and/or epidemiology)



Disease management toolbox

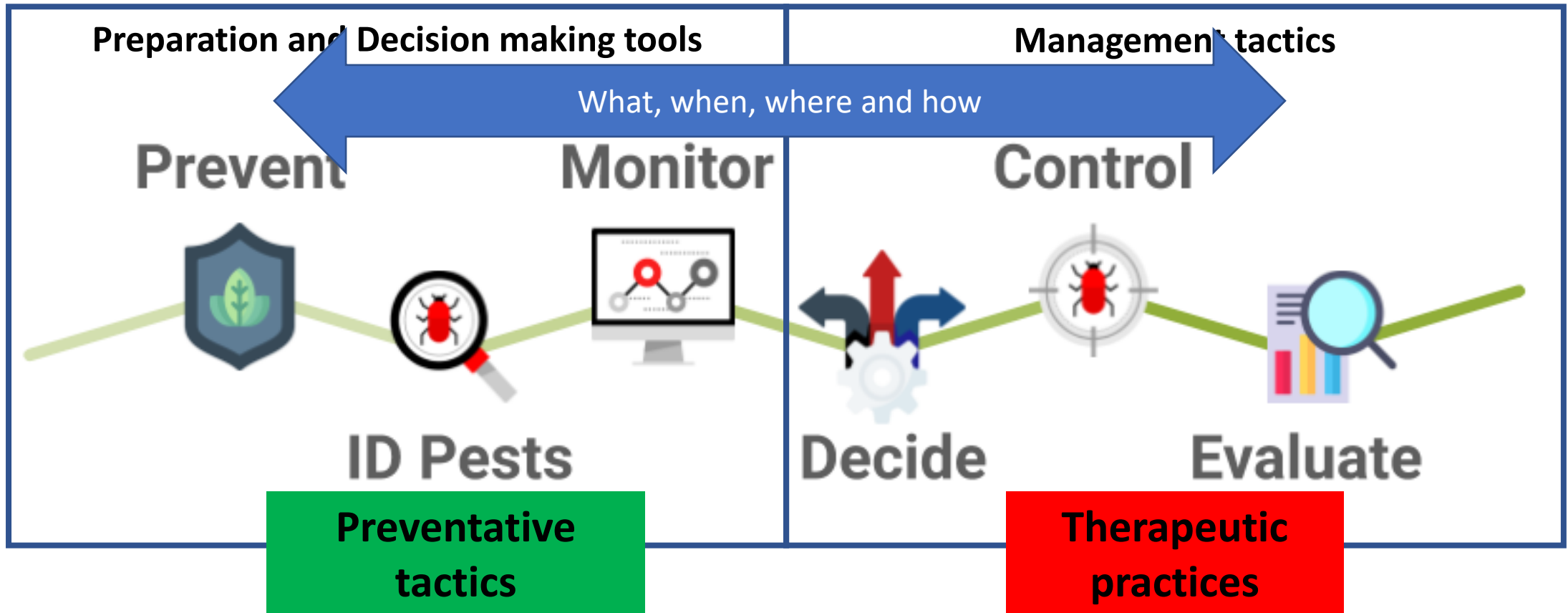
**Preventative
tactics**

How?

Available control methods

**Therapeutic
practices**

Information to decision of management tactics





Decide

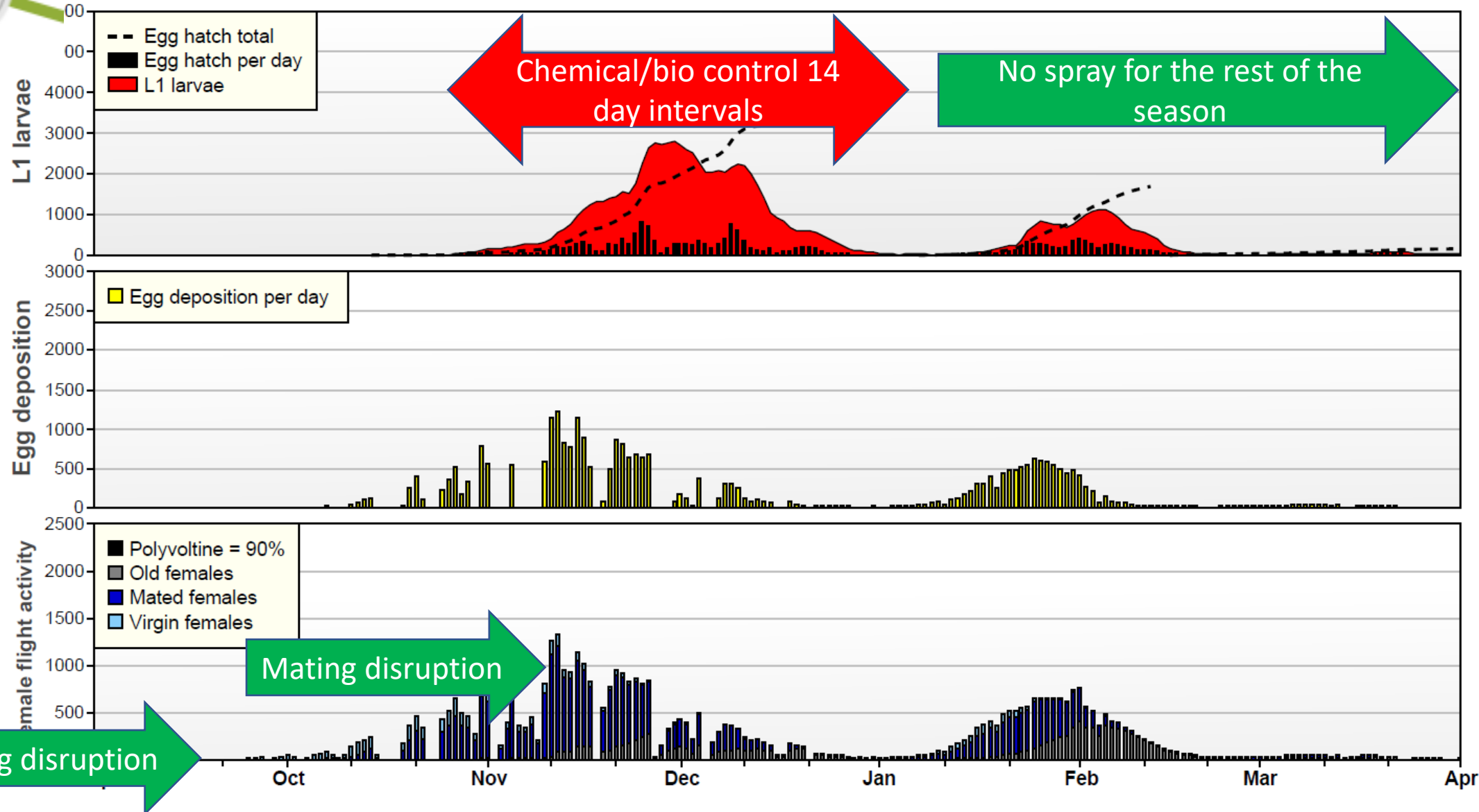
Information to decision of management tactics

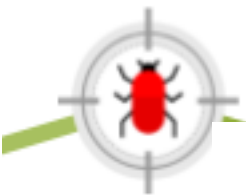
B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
BOORDINLIGTING					0,1 of 2	0,1 of 2	0,1 of 2	Confidor	Closer	0,1 of 2	0,1 of 2	0,1 of 2		0,1,2 OF >2
KULTIVAR	VOLROOI	HA	BRV	BRV GROEP	KODLING MOT	SNUIT KEW	WITROES	BLOEDLUIS	BLOEDLUIS	WITLUIS	DOPLUIS	BRYOBIA	Fusi PAD %	MYTE: AANTAL SPUITE AFGELOPE SEISOEN
RYB		3.11	550	1250								1.00		0.00
RYB	ja	3.01	550	1250								1.00		0.00
AFR	ja	3.66	550	1250								1.00	0.04	0.00
GDR		0.97	550	1250								1.00		0.00
AFR	ja	2.2	550	1250			1					1.00		0.00
CIR		5.84	550	1250								1.00	0.16	0.00
GDR		4.66	550	1250								1.00		0.00
ENY		3.27	550	1250				1.00		2.00		1.00		0.00
AFR	ja	5.7	550	1250	1			1.00		2.00		2.00		1.00
OPA		6.89	800	1250	1			1.00		2.00		1.00		0.00
PNG		12.51	1200	1250			1					1.00	0.40	0.00
RYB		9.62	1200	1250	1			1.00		2.00		2.00	0.40	0.00
GDR		3.17	1200	1250				1.00		2.00		2.00		0.00
PNG		1.22	1200	1250			2		1.00			2.00	0.40	0.00
RYB		6.68	1200	1250	1		2			2.00		2.00		0.00
PNG		1.89	1200	1250			2					1.00		0.00
RYB		4.99	1406	1250	1		1	1.00		2.00		1.00		0.00
RYB		2.64	1543	1750			1			2.00		1.00		0.00
RGL		5.18	1546	1750			1	1.00		2.00		1.00		0.00
GDR		2.12	1602	1750			1	1.00		2.00		1.00		0.00
ERO	ja	4.43	1644	1750			1		1.00	1.00		1.00		1.00
GDR		3.02	1647	1750	1		1	1.00		2.00		1.00		0.00

- ID possible risk orchards early
- Classify risk (Low, medium, high)

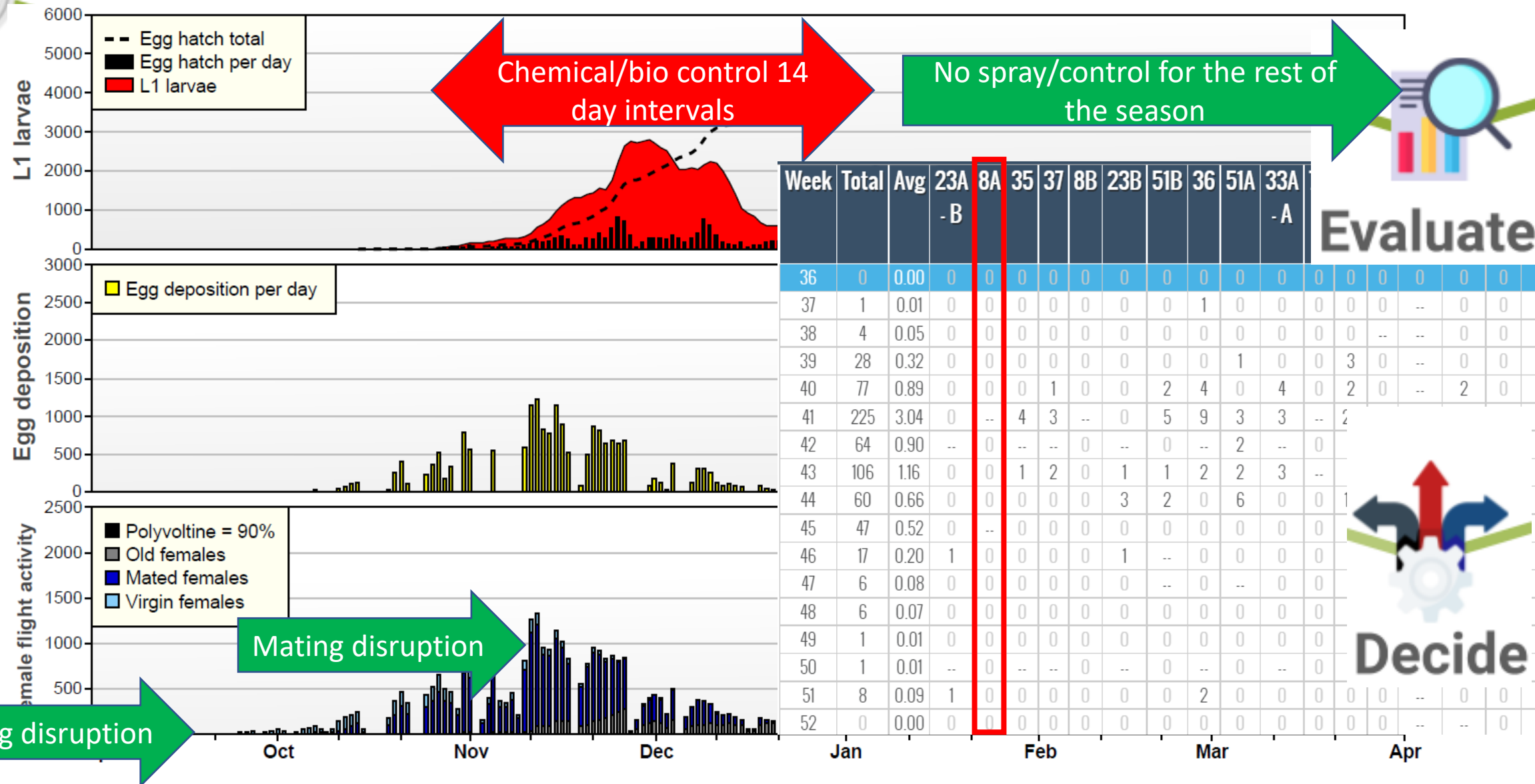


Low risk example – codling moth

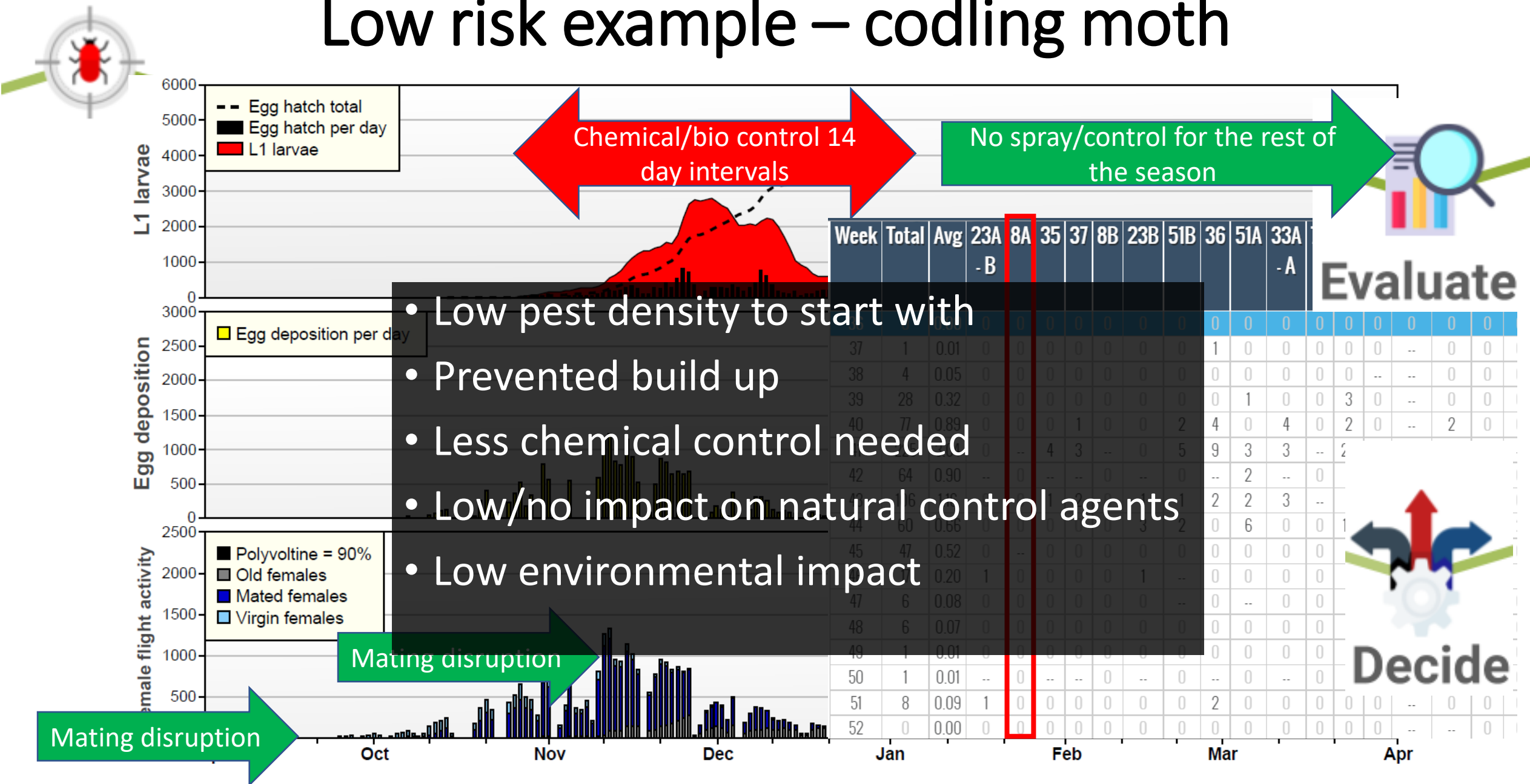


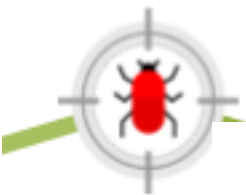


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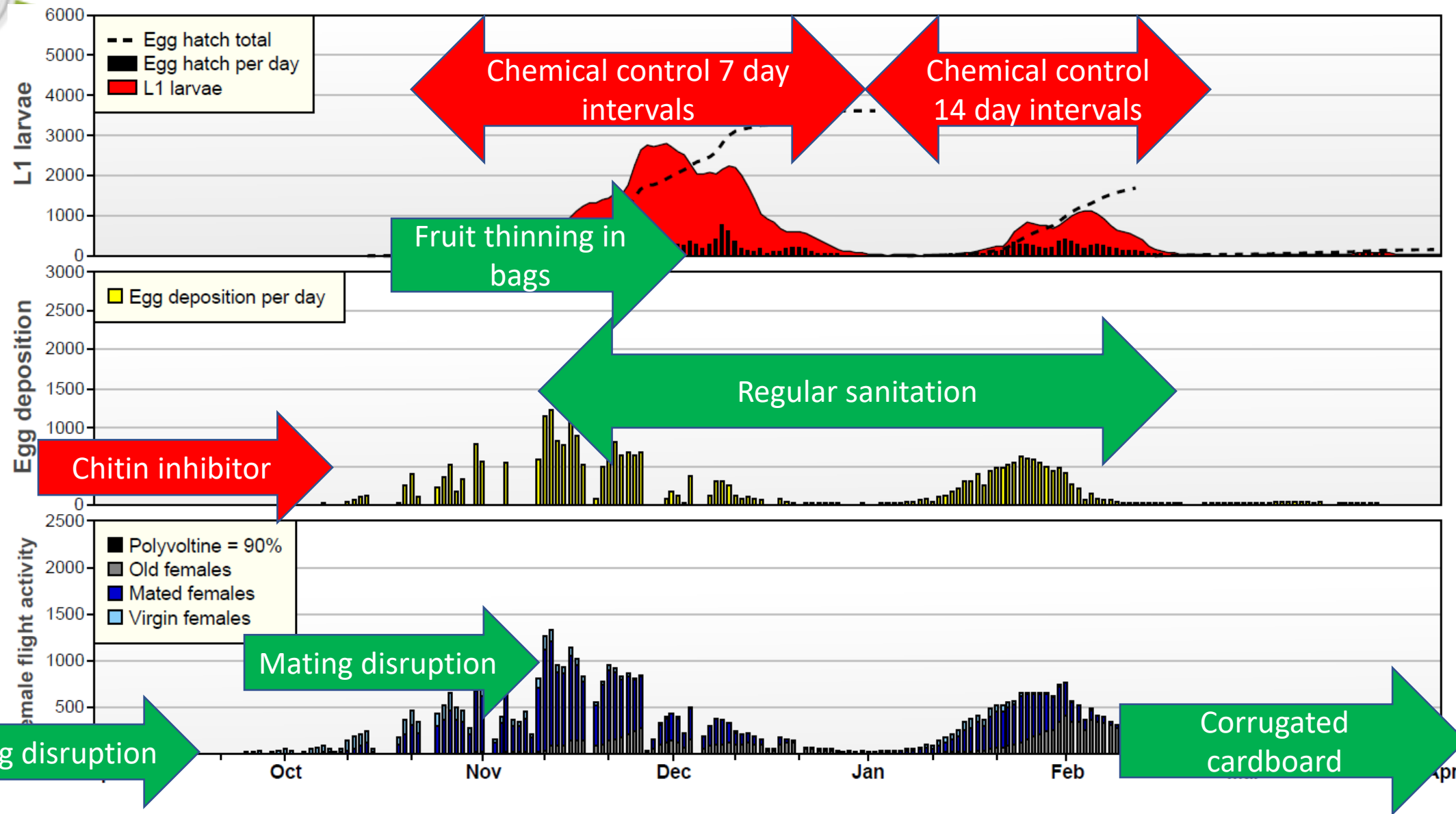


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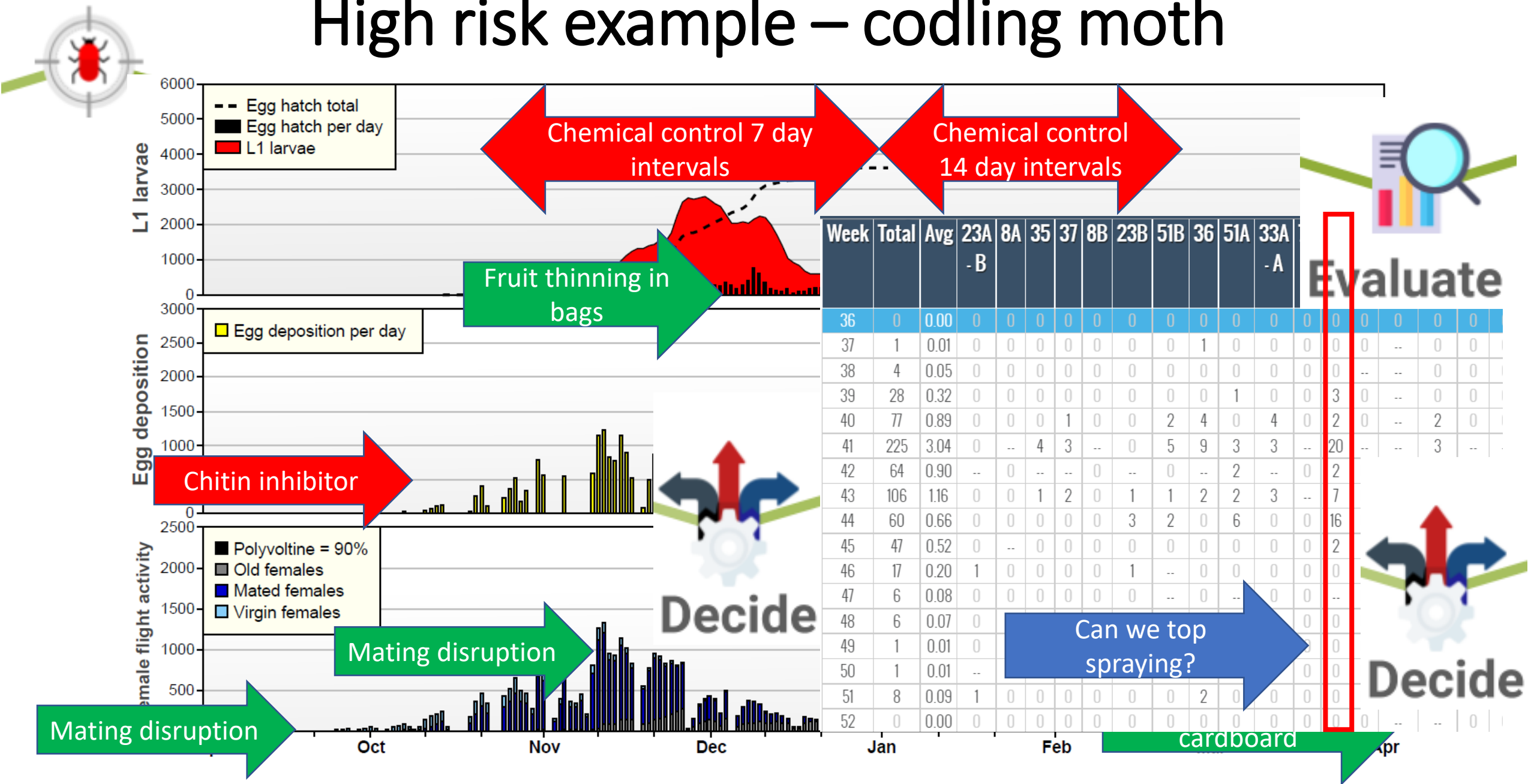




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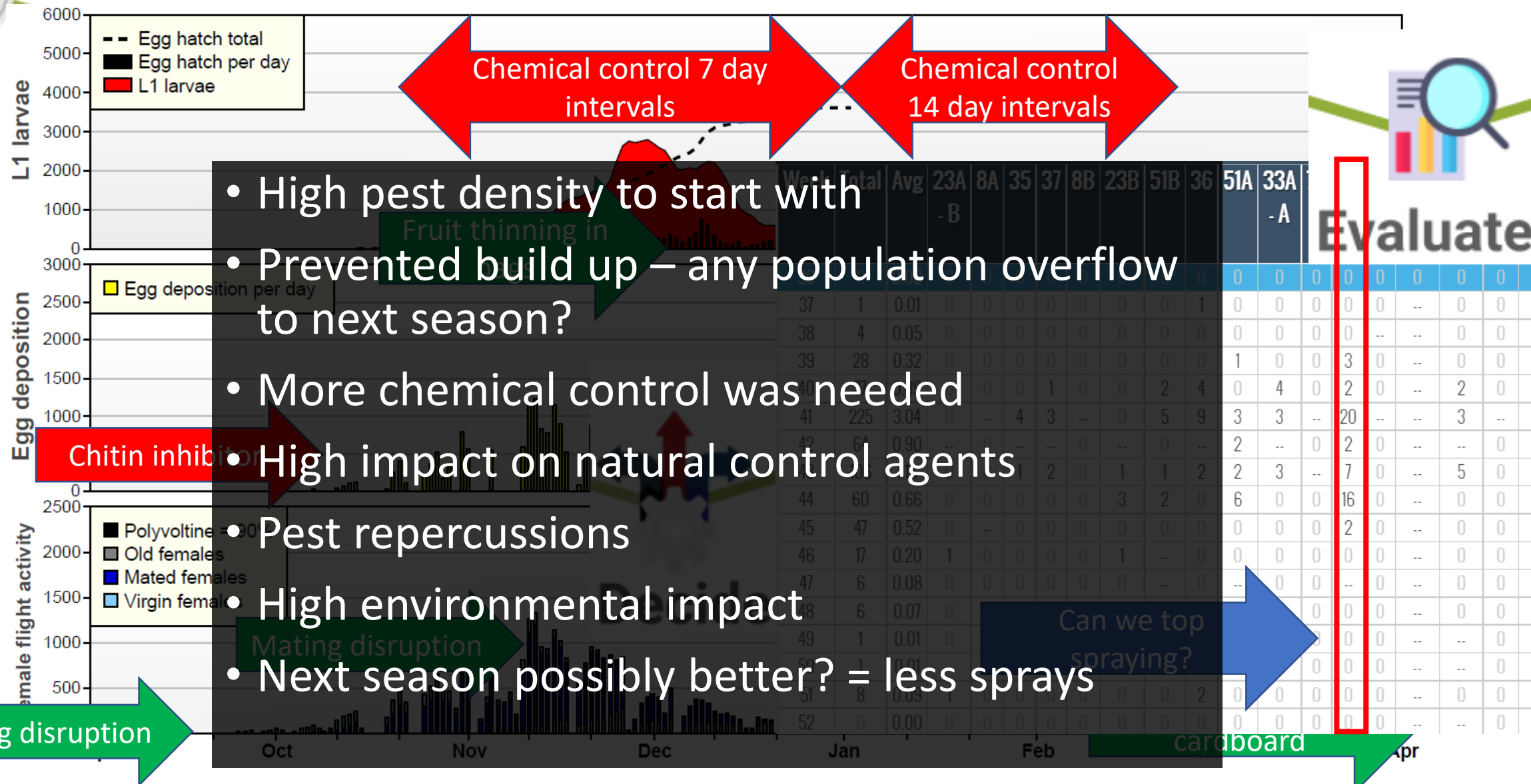


High risk example – codling moth



Evaluate

- High pest density to start with
- Prevented build up – any population overflow to next season?
- More chemical control was needed
- High impact on natural control agents
- Pest repercussions
- High environmental impact
- Next season possibly better? = less sprays





Chemical application

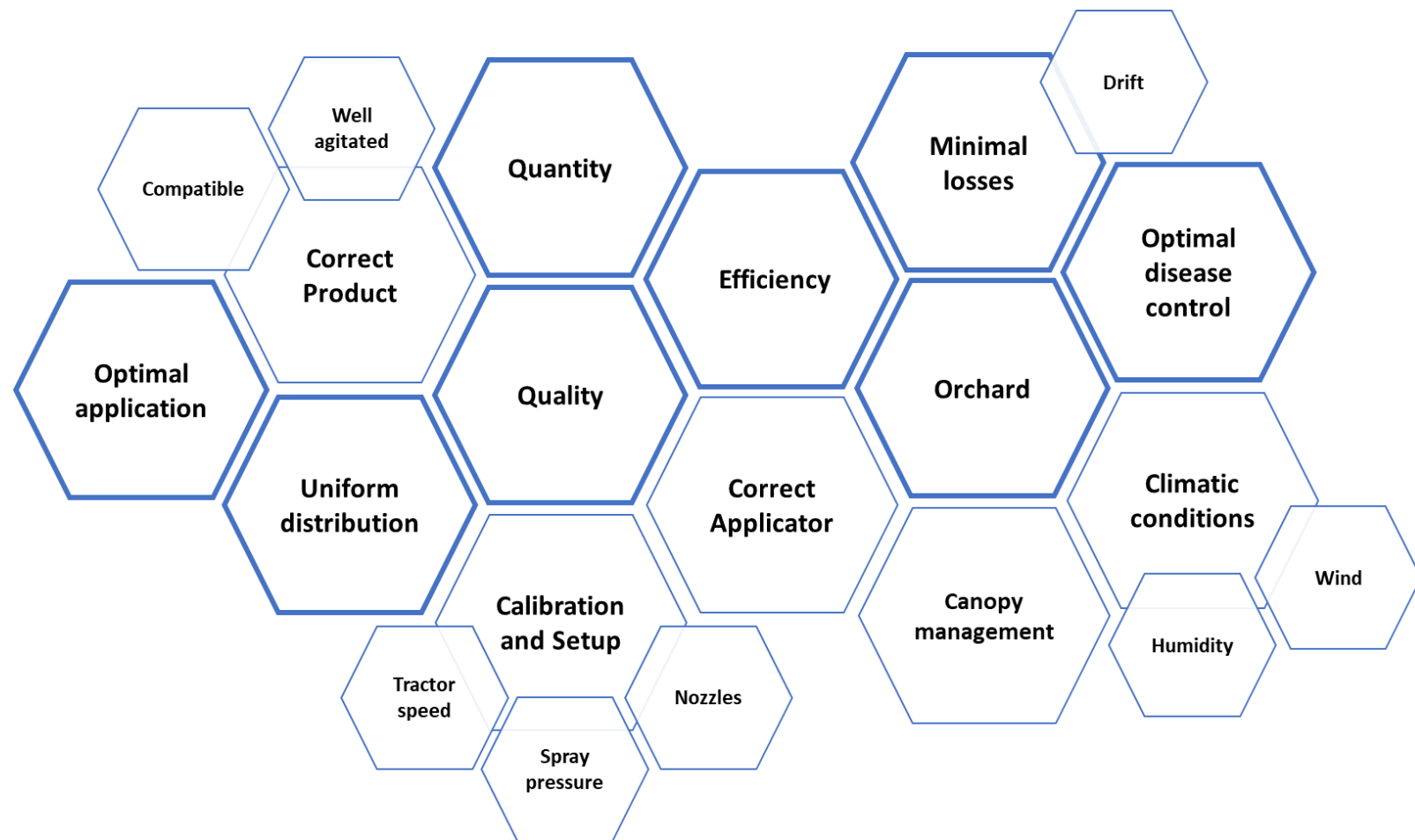
- Integral part of IPM
- Not a silver bullet
- Stop programs! Use strategies!
- We should appoint ourselves stewards of what we have left
- Product positioning NB
 - Protect beneficials
 - Market access

Notes on product choice and positioning		
Full bloom – 100% PD	Post flower – End first generation	Second generation till harvest
Pyrethroids Novaluron Methoxyfenocide Thiacloprid	Acetamiprid Chlorantraniliprole Cyantraniliprole Emamectin benzoate Methoxyfenocide Thiacloprid Virus	Chlorantraniliprole Cyantraniliprole Spinetoram Emamectin benzoate
Notes. High pressure: • Spray weekly during first generation and spray ovicide early. Medium pressure: • Spray fortnightly during first generation. • Only spray egg hatch peaks in second and third generations. Low pressure: • Spray fortnightly during first generation. • No sprays in second and third generations. Product choice/positioning: • Combined control of weevil and mealy bug. • PHI • Use restrictions and special market considerations.		



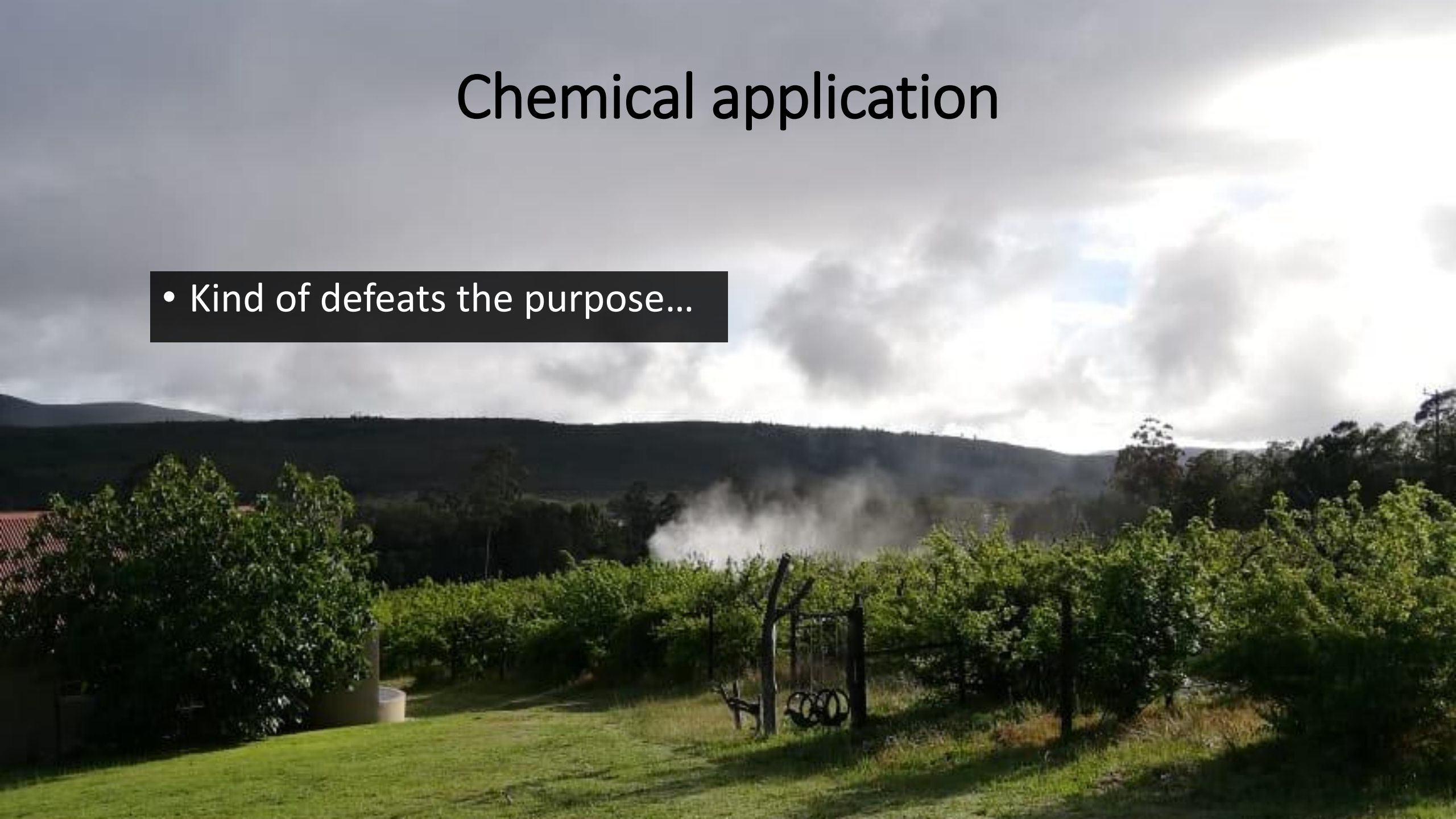
Chemical application

- Only as effective as applied
- Control failures can regularly be attributed to poor application



Chemical application

- Kind of defeats the purpose...



Conclusion

- Best practice IPM should be an DSS system based on your agroecosystem
- Should focus on
 - Maintain/improve profitability
 - Minimise selection pressure
 - Maintain environmental quality
- Improve agroecosystem biodiversity – To improve IPM implementation
- Prevent – have a plan and strategy tailored to orchard level for each pest
- Monitor and model efficiently
- Only spray **where** and **when** necessary
- Control through implementing multiple techniques