

# **“Understanding the ABCs (Awareness of Bacterial Challenges) with Antibiotics In Crops”**



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## **Thank You Speakers, Organizers and Participants of the First Bacterial Challenges Mini-Summit**

In an effort to obtain a greater understanding about the bacterial disease issues that are being faced by growers, researchers and government, on September 11, 2014, following the IR-4 Food Use and Biopesticide Workshops in Atlanta, Georgia, IR-4 held its first Bacterial Challenges Mini-Summit entitled “Understanding the ABCs (Awareness of Bacterial Challenges) with Antibiotics in Crops”. This Mini-Summit provided an opportunity for 125 attendees across the United States including growers, university personnel, industry, and government bodies to come together and discuss many of issues occurring with bacterial diseases on crops, to share research efforts conducted in this area, to discuss antibiotic review processes and provide decisions with regard to registering antibiotics for use in/on food crops, and to communicate the need for solutions. IR-4 was pleased to provide a forum for this mini-summit to help enhance the dialogue and communication around bacterial diseases and to encourage positive interactions among growers, researchers and government. This mini-summit provided a positive opportunity for communication and should pave the way for future summits and collaborations to help address disease issues affecting crops throughout the United States. As the Fungicide Coordinator of the IR-4 Project, I would like to personally thank all of you for your attendance and participation.

Regards,



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## Abstract

Bacterial diseases continue to cause major damage and loss to US commodities. In citrus alone, growers are experiencing over a billion dollar loss due to HLB (Huanglongbing; also known as Citrus Greening Disease). This disease causes trees to lose leaves and late season fruit fall. Bacterial diseases affect many other high value specialty crops including Solanaceous crops such as tomato, pepper and potato, stone fruits such as cherry and peach, pome fruits including apples and pears and even tree nuts and olives. In addition to causing devastating losses, bacterial pathogens are difficult or impossible to control; there are not many tools to control these diseases and the registration process is more complicated because of the need to protect from bacterial resistance.

As a major resource for supplying pest management tools for specialty crop growers, the IR-4 Project understands the need for control of bacterial diseases on specialty crops and has been receiving numerous Project Clearance Requests (PCRs) for assistance. Currently, there are several issues impeding the progress toward bacterial disease solutions. Eradication programs have not contained the disease. Genetic technology, including the development of resistant or tolerant plants takes years to develop. Few conventional and biopesticide compounds are available for control and many of the compounds that are available for control can result in pathogen resistance if used improperly. In addition to these challenges, many of the potential conventional bacterial disease control products are antibiotics and require additional testing and review by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in coordination with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure human safety by means of preventing resistance to human diseases before EPA tolerances are issued and products are labeled for use on food crops.

In an effort to obtain a greater understanding about the bacterial disease issues that are being faced by growers, researchers and government, IR-4 held its first Bacterial Challenges Mini-Summit entitled “Understanding the ABCs (Awareness of Bacterial Challenges) with Antibiotics in Crops” on September 11, 2014, following the IR-4 Food Use and Biopesticide Workshops in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting started with a focus on the impact of bacterial diseases on various crops and the potential management strategies including but not limited to the use of antibiotics, genetic technology and biopesticides. Dr. Jim Dukowitz, the Commercial Products Manager of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (CRDF)<sup>1</sup>, spoke about antimicrobial strategies for Florida Citrus including a discussion about the cause and symptoms of HLB, the economic impact of the disease (estimated annual losses have reached \$1 billion), an overview of the mission and structure of CRDF, the research strategies that CRDF is focusing on and regulatory issues associated with this research. Dr. Jim Graham, a Soil Microbiologist at the

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<sup>1</sup> Is a non-profit corporation to advance disease and production research and product development activities to ensure industry survival through innovation

University of Florida IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center focused on the epidemiology and impact of citrus canker on grapefruit and a rationale for the use of streptomycin on citrus. While Dr. Jim Adaskaveg, a Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology at the University of California, Riverside focused on bacterial diseases in a number of valuable tree crops grown in California including tree nuts, olive, stone fruits and pome fruits. Dr. Adaskaveg, like other researchers, stressed the issues associated with copper being the only registered compound for bacterial disease control and the need for alternate compounds with different modes of action to reduce the chance of resistance development and excess copper accumulation in the soil. Dr. Ronald D. French, an Extension Plant Pathologist and Diagnostician at the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology at Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo, Texas spoke about the cause of Zebra Chip of Potato and the research strategies of controlling this disease including an integrated approach of using antibiotics, insecticides, systemic resistance and nutrient supplements. Dr. Ken Johnson, a Professor of Plant Pathology at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon spoke about the benefits of timing pesticide applications during different phases of growth and using an integrated control program with both conventional and biological compounds for Fire Blight control in pome fruit. Dr. George Sundin, a Professor, Tree Fruit Pathologist and Extension Specialist for the Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences at Michigan State University focused his talk on the weather conditions in Michigan that favor bacterial diseases of stone and tree fruit including bacterial canker, bacterial spot and walnut blight. Dr. Sundin also evaluated both organic and conventional options for control, his positive experience with the use of kasugamycin in Michigan field trials and his studies on kasugamycin resistance.

Following these presentations discussions moved on to biotechnology efforts to develop citrus that are resistant to HLB. Dr. Ed Stover, a Horticulturist and Plant Breeder with the USDA Agricultural Research Service, focused on how transgenic citrus varieties are developed and why this technology is needed. Dr. Stover also stressed that host resistance or tolerance to HLB will offer the promise of a sustainable long-term solution to maintain citrus production. Dr. Manjul Dutt, at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, Florida discussed his team's progress toward developing citrus varieties resistant to HLB and the use of RNAi technology to create trap plants that target the Asian Citrus psyllid vector. They both discussed the pros and cons of the transgenic plants being accepted by consumers.

The final session of the meeting focused on the processes and considerations undergone by EPA, CDC and FDA in addressing the use of antibiotics for various bacterial challenges as it relates to pesticidal efforts. Susan Jennings, the Public Health Coordinator of the Office of Pesticide Programs of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spoke about the registration process and the added regulatory requirements when antibiotics are used on food crops including the data needs, interpretations and risk assessment. This includes studies on antimicrobial resistance and risk mitigation. EPA is required to consult with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) when assessing the risks of antimicrobial resistance and protecting public health. Speakers were invited from these agencies

to present their perspectives. Dr. Jean Patel D(ABMM), the Deputy Director of the Office of Antimicrobial Resistance in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion of CDC presented examples of the potential for development of antibiotic resistance in humans and the risks associated with pesticide antibiotic use. Dr. Heather Harbottle of the Microbial Food Safety Team (HFV-157), Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, Center for Veterinary Medicine of FDA spoke about the microbial food safety risk assessment and the regulatory decision-making involved with the use of antibiotics in food-producing animals. Dr. Harbottle focused on the Guidance to Industry #152 document and its intent on preserving antibiotic tools that are important for treating human disease. She shared experiences with antimicrobial drug resistance risk assessment. The session concluded with a presentation by Dr. Shaunta Hill, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA. Dr. Hill provided a detailed presentation on the registration process including the antibiotic considerations that were involved in the decision process to register kasugamycin bactericide (Kasumin® 2L) on Pome fruit Group 11-10.

This Mini-Summit provided an opportunity for attendees (125) including growers, university personnel, industry, and government bodies to come together and discuss many of issues that are occurring with bacterial diseases on crops and where they could share research efforts conducted thus far and the need for solutions. Speakers from EPA, FDA and CDC were also able to discuss antibiotic review processes and decisions that are involved when registering antibiotics for use in food crops. Hopefully it provided a better understanding of the information that is required for the registration of antibiotics on food crops. A question and answer session at the conclusion of the mini-summit also provided an opportunity for interaction between the speakers and audience. This mini-summit helped to enhance the dialogue and communication around bacterial diseases and encouraged positive interactions between growers, researchers and government that should pave the way for future summits and collaborations to help address disease issues affecting crops throughout the United States.

## Structure and Overview of the Bacterial Disease Mini-Summit

“Understanding the ABCs (Awareness of Bacterial Challenges) with Antibiotics in Crops”

**September 11, 2014**

**7:45 am to 1:00 pm**

**JW Marriott Atlanta Buckhead, 3300 Lenox Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30326-1333**

**Breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 AM for all participants**

- **Introduction**
  - **7:45 am-8:00 am: IR-4 Welcome and Purpose of Summit-** Dr. Jerry Baron, Executive Director, IR-4; Moderator: Kathryn Homa, Fungicide Coordinator, IR-4
  
- **Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Control**  
(8:00 AM – 10:00 AM; 15 minute presentations plus time for questions)
  - **Affected Crops**
    - **Citrus**
      - **8:00 am-8:20 am: Experiences of setting up CRDF**
      - **Research efforts of control options for HLB** – Dr. Jim Dukowitz, Commercial Products Manager, Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc.
      - **8:20 am-8:40 am: Research efforts of control options for Citrus Canker-** Dr. Jim Graham, University of Florida
    - **Almond, olive, walnut**
      - **8:40 am-9:00 am: Research efforts of control options for bacterial diseases of almond, olive, walnut** - Dr. James Adaskaveg, University of California – Riverside, Dept. of Plant Pathology
    - **Potato**
      - **9:00 am-9:20 am: Zebra Chip** – Dr. Ronald D. French, Assistant Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist, Coordinator, Texas Plant Diagnostic Clinic, Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
    - **Pome Fruit (Apples and Pears)**
      - **9:20 am-9:40 am: Fireblight-** Dr. Ken Johnson, Professor, Plant Pathology, Oregon State University

- **Cherry and Other Stone Fruits**
      - **9:40 am-10:00 am: Research efforts of control options for bacterial diseases of stone fruit**
      - **Research and Experiences with Kasumin in Michigan-** Dr. George Sundin, Professor and Extension Specialist, Dept. Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences, Michigan State University
- **BREAK-** (10:00 AM – 10:20 AM)
- **Biotechnology Options for Control** (10:20 AM – 10:50 AM; 15 minute presentations including questions)
  - **10:20 am-10:35 am: Development of resistant citrus to Citrus Greening bacteria through genetic engineering-** Dr. Ed Stover, USDA/ARS, Research Horticulturalist/ Geneticist, U. S. Horticultural Research Laboratory, Fort Pierce, FL
  - **10:35 am-10:50 am: Development of HLB (greening disease) bacteria resistance through genetic engineering-** Dr. Manjul Dutt, Citrus Research and Education Center, University of Florida
- **Regulatory Review Processes and Perspectives** (10:50 AM – 11:50 AM; 20 minute presentations including questions)
  - **Processes / considerations undergone by EPA, CDC and FDA in addressing the use of antibiotics for various bacterial challenges as it relates to pesticidal efforts**
    - **10:50 am-11:10 am: EPA-** Susan Jennings, Public Health Coordinator, Office of Pesticide Programs, US Environmental Protection Agency
    - **11:10 am-11:30 am: CDC-** Dr. Jean B. Patel, D(ABMM), Deputy Director, Office of Antimicrobial Resistance Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
    - **11:30 am-11:50 am: FDA-** Dr. Heather C. Harbottle, Microbiologist, Division of Animal Food and Microbiology, Food and Drug Administration
      - **Discussion of the Guidance to Industry #152 document and its intent on preserving antibiotic tools that are important for treating human disease**
      - **Experiences with antimicrobial drug resistance risk assessment**
- **Recent Registration Example**

- **11:50 am–12:10 pm: Kasugamycin registration on Pome Fruits Crop Group**  
**11-10-** Dr. Shaunta Hill, U.S. EPA: Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Registration Division/Fungicide Branch
  
- **Round Table Discussion-Break out groups (12:10 PM - 12:30 PM)**
  - **Organizing a commodity committee similar to CRDF to solve bacterial challenges**
  - **EPA/CDC/FDA registration questions/concerns**
  - **Sharing research and efficacy results/ideas**
    - **Citrus**
    - **Tree Fruit (other than citrus)**
    - **Miscellaneous crops**
  
- **Report / conclusions from each round table discussion (12:30 PM – 12:50 PM)-  
Reported by group leader**
- **Moving forward (12:50 – 1:00 PM) - Jerry Baron, Executive Director, IR-4; Kathryn Homa, Fungicide Coordinator, IR-4**
  - **Meeting feedback**
  - **What's next**
  - **Approaches and solutions**

## Summary of Speaker Discussions

Dr. Jerry Baron, Executive Director of IR-4 provided a brief overview and purpose of the mini summit. He noted that IR-4 stakeholders asked for a Bacterial Disease Summit at our Food Use workshop last year (2013) and Atlanta seemed to be a good place to have the meeting since many of the participants involved only had to travel a short distance to this meeting location. Following this introduction, Kathryn Homa, Fungicide Coordinator IR-4, reviewed the agenda with attendees.

The first session of the meeting focused on grower needs and challenges in the field including new and existing options for control on various crops.

The first speaker, Dr. Jim Dukowitz, the Commercial Products Manager of Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (CRDF) began the meeting by communicating to the audience that Huanglongbing (HLB), also known as Citrus Greening Disease, is currently the most devastating citrus disease. It is a non-cultural bacterium and is vectored by the Asian citrus psyllid. After the citrus tree becomes infected, no symptoms occur for over two years. Annual loss is now estimated at \$1 billion per year. Short and long term strategies to combat HLB include conventional antibiotics that are already on the market including streptomycin, oxytetracycline, and kasuygamycin and agricultural antibiotics from other countries such as GRAS 25b like products including plant essential oils and biopesticides. There have been some good results, but suppliers and other challenges exist including commercialization requirements, effectiveness, and the ability to easily register the compounds. Regarding the regulatory issues, CRDF has held a number of meetings with regulatory agencies and CRDF is very thankful for the good advice and guidance that has been provided from these meetings. Currently, researchers are working with a pipeline of products and unique application methods including trunk injections and root applications. Bio Assays including graph-based assays (slower) and culture-based assays (faster) are also being used to test efficacy and phytotoxicity in citrus. Currently, field trials are the top research priority with oxytetracycline, streptomycin and GRAS-like products being tested in field trials this year. The research pipeline is now being enhanced with government funding that includes \$21mm from MAC (the Multi-Agency Coordination group, composed of USDA representatives and stakeholders; USDA, APHIS) and \$25mm from SCRI (Specialty Crop Research Initiative). Jim then spoke about CRDF including that it was organized in 2009 through the University of Florida, and that it consists of a 13 member board. Although it addresses a number of citrus diseases, 91% of the funds go to HLB solutions (approximately \$40 million). Currently, this organization has 16 projects in their portfolio.

Dr. Jim Graham of the University of Florida spoke about his experiences with the use of Firewall™ 17 WP fungicide/bactericide (streptomycin) on grapefruit for control of citrus canker. Jim explained that the bacteria-causing canker is carried by water and when water hits the leaves at greater than 18 miles per hour, the bacteria is pushed in to the tree leaves via the stoma. The citrus canker eradication program ended in 2006 after a number of hurricanes hit the area.

Currently, copper is the only registered product for canker control and is used a lot. Jim stressed that applications of copper cannot protect against the bacteria that has entered the tree. In addition to this issue, copper resistance has occurred (although it has not yet been detected in Florida but has been detected in Argentina), copper entering the citrus agro-ecosystem is totaling more than 12 lb metallic copper/acre/season, and copper phytotoxicity is a problem. Jim stressed the importance of streptomycin and explained that applications of streptomycin are needed once the bacterium enters the citrus tree. Currently, there is a Section 18 for Firewall™ use during the 2013-2014 seasons on grapefruit. There are many benefits of streptomycin since it is locally systemic and has post penetration activity which copper does not have. It has also helped to manage copper burn, as it can be alternated with copper applications. Treatments are limited to two applications per year but that has reduced the copper toxicity. Streptomycin attributes for citrus canker currently outweigh the antibiotic risk in non-targets. In the meantime, streptomycin resistance will continue to be monitored.

Dr. Jim Adaskaveg from the University of California – Riverside, Dept. of Plant Pathology spoke about the large impact that bacterial diseases have on highly valued crops grown in California including almond, olive, walnut, stone fruit and pome fruit. Jim also explained how the rain that occurs (when it occurs) in California helps to provide a favorable environment for bacterial diseases. Jim then spoke about the disadvantages of copper and the use of alternatives to control bacterial diseases. Copper is one of the oldest pesticides available and is still being used a lot. Different plants have different sensitivities to copper phytotoxicity and bacterial pathogens are becoming less sensitive to copper use. Jim's research highlighted the dangers of using only one or two products with the increased sensitivity (tolerance) to copper and mancozeb. Although some of the newer products have fixed copper to help decrease the environmental load, it is important to continue to rotate chemistries to prevent resistance. The presentation presented the results from a number of conventionals, biopesticides and antibiotics when tested for control of bacterial diseases. He concluded his talk with a discussion of preventing/managing bacterial disease resistance.

Dr. Ronald D. French, Assistant Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist, Coordinator, Texas Plant Diagnostic Clinic, Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service talked about an emerging bacterial disease of potato called Zebra Chip. Ron explained that it can be confused with vine decline or blight. Tomatoes are also affected by this disease. In untreated areas of the field, as much as 70% incidence can occur. In the potato, sugar levels get altered. This causes a zebra pattern in the potato, which when fried will blacken chips and produce an off flavor. The only existing approach is to manage the Pysllid populations, which vectors the bacteria. Since there are a lot of insecticides being used in Texas to control the Pysllid, Ron and his colleagues are researching alternatives to insecticides including antibiotics, products that trigger plant defenses and nutrient alterations. Ron and his colleagues started trials in 2009 to screen a number of different products. In several trials, it was found that streptomycin was the only treatment that was better than the control. Ron also discovered that promising results occurred when streptomycin treatments were combined with

other compounds and micronutrients including KPX (KeyPlex, a unique formulation of chelated micronutrients, enhanced alpha-keto acids, and humic acid).

Dr. Ken Johnson, Professor of Plant Pathology, Oregon State University started off his talk by providing a list of registered products and pending products for control of fire blight control on pome fruit. Ken stressed the need for applying products prior to bloom and that flower treatments are different than pre-bloom treatments. He explained that the sequence of applying materials for control is important and described using an integrated control approach that includes conventional and biopesticide products during different phases of growth. Ken provided a short overview of organic practices and then covered conventional control. He reported that kasugamycin is working well to control bacterial diseases in pome fruit and that it is a great new registered chemical for control of bacterial diseases. In concluding his talk, Ken mentioned that streptomycin resistance has actually decreased since 1988 from 80% to about 20% in 2010, because of this broader approach and better management of the orchards. However, there are still a variety of concerns about the materials for control including: cost, resistance, phytotoxicity, efficacy and compatibility of the materials when mixing.

Dr. George Sundin, Professor and Extension Specialist, Dept. Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences, Michigan State University spoke about his research experiences with bacterial diseases on cherry and other stone fruits in Michigan. He mentioned that bacterial infection can trigger frost disease, which can in turn cause more infection via open wounds on the plants. Canker is induced by freeze events. George mentioned that copper causes the most injury (phytotoxicity) to cherry trees after leaves are present, but he has not seen good efficacy using alternative treatments. In addition, research dollars are very low for this work in cherries. He concluded his presentation by describing his positive experience with Kasumin™ (kasugamycin) in Michigan since the Section 18 went into place. George is still determining if kasugamycin selects for resistance and is continuing with resistance monitoring in soil and plant surfaces. So far, no difference has been observed between kasugamycin-sprayed orchards and non-sprayed orchards. There is also no evidence of any effects of kasugamycin use on resistance to other antibiotics.

Grower presentations were followed by a discussion of biotechnology options for control. Dr. Ed Stover, USDA/ARS, Research Horticulturalist/ Geneticist, U. S. Horticultural Research Laboratory, Fort Pierce, FL discussed the development of resistant citrus to citrus greening bacteria through genetic engineering. Ed first explained that HLB is a serious problem that has led to the lowest citrus yields in 50 years. He then stated that host resistance is the best promise for the future of citrus in the US and that transgenics may provide the strongest resistance. Ed believes that transgenic crops will be more acceptable in the U.S. in the future. However, to date, there has been no release of transgenic crops for bacterial resistance and transgenics will be an ongoing effort even after positive candidates are identified. Ed focused on antimicrobial peptides, which are widely active to an array of micro-organisms. Ed concluded the presentation by stating that they have had some successes including transformations with modest resistances and others coming along that are even better. Currently, there is nothing ready for deregulation. However, spinach “defensins” are showing promise in grapefruit and orange.

Dr. Manjul Dutt, Citrus Research and Education Center, University of Florida followed this talk with additional information about the development of HLB bacteria resistance through genetic engineering. Manjul discussed that the disease is usually fatal and that his lab has been working on the problem for 5 years. Two genes PR1 and PR2 have been identified as important for systemic acquired resistance genes. Currently, his group is looking for introgenic vectors for a robust transformation system. The Anthocyanin overexpressing RUBY gene obtained from the 'Moro' Blood Orange is being used in experiments and is only expressed in the somatic embryos using a citrus derived embryo specific promoter. Concluding the presentation, Manjul stated that citrus is difficult to grow and the growth of the trees takes a long time. However, his group have trees that are resistant and have made cuttings to use in further work.

The remaining discussions consisted of the regulatory requirements and review processes, perspectives and considerations undergone by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in addressing the use of antibiotics for various bacterial challenges as it relates to pesticidal efforts.

The presentations began with Susan Jennings, Public Health Coordinator, Office of Pesticide Programs, US EPA. Susan set the stage for how EPA deals with antibiotics. She began the presentation by stressing the need to make the best possible regulatory decisions to protect public health, non-target species, and the environment. She then explained the registration process for an antibiotic pesticide and explained the need for an extensive data set and risk assessment including resistance management and the FDA #152 document (Guidance for Industry #152 – Analysis of risk of development of antimicrobial resistance among bacteria of human health concern in/on treated crops), as a qualitative assessment. Antibiotic registration reviews, in addition to conventional pesticide requirements, must also focus the most on antibiotic resistance and this requirement started in 2005. Susan stated that the EPA can accept data from other sources but this has to be approved/agreed/discussed with EPA before submission. Susan also clarified that during risk assessment, EPA consults with CDC and FDA on potential for such a use to cause resistance and be a public health concern. However, EPA ultimately makes the decision to register the product.

Dr. Jean B. Patel, D(ABMM), Deputy Director, Office of Antimicrobial Resistance Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spoke about the role of CDC in the registration process of antibiotics on food crops. Jean explained that CDC provides advice but is not a regulatory agency. She explained that antimicrobial resistance is one of the most important public health issues at this moment and that anywhere antibiotics are used can be a possible source for resistance. As an example, she stated that resistant bacteria (KPC producers (CRE Colonization)) are now endemic in New York City and have been identified in a number of other states. Dr. Patel presented a hypothetical scenario for carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae amplification from the misuse of pesticides. She then concluded that the potential misuse of antibiotics in agriculture could contribute to antibiotic resistance in humans.

Dr. Heather C. Harbottle, Microbial Food Safety Team (HFV-157), Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration started off the presentation by discussing the uses of antimicrobials in food-producing animals. She then went into further detail about the purpose of the Guidance to Industry #152 document and its intent on preserving antibiotic tools that are important for treating human disease. Release, hazard identification and qualitative risk assessment were explained in detail. Then she provided an example of the process of reviewing the 152 assessment.

The final presenter at the bacterial disease mini-summit was Dr. Shaunta Hill, U.S. EPA: Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Registration Division/Fungicide Branch. She began the presentation by discussing the general pesticide registration process, the public comment period and a detailed discussion regarding the recent kasugamycin registration decision on Pome Fruits Crop Group 11-10. She provided details about the chemical compound, as an example of what type of data were reviewed and the antibiotic concerns including resistance concerns. After discussing the details about the regulatory decision, she explained the risk reduction measures that are taking place as indicated on label wording including monitoring for resistance.

The summit closed with a short question and answer session with the various speakers. In closing, the summit helped to enhance the dialogue and communication around bacterial diseases and encouraged positive interactions between growers, researchers and government. It is hoped that these discussions and collaborations will continue in an effort to address these disease issues affecting so many crop growers in the United States.

## **Speaker Presentations**

*Antimicrobial Strategies for Florida Citrus*



# Antimicrobial Strategies for Florida Citrus

IR-4 Bacterial Challenge  
Mini-Summit  
September 11, 2014

# Agenda

- HLB Challenge
- CRDF Overview
- Antimicrobial strategies
- Regulatory Issues

# What is HLB?

- The most devastating disease known to citrus
- Pathogen: Non-culturable bacterium, *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (C Las)
- Vector: Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP, *Diaphorina citri*)
- Disease progression:
  - Asymptomatic for one to two years
  - Progressive loss of leaves, decline in root mass and overall plant vigor
  - Lower productivity and declining fruit quality
  - Symptomatic fruit are extreme in size (unusually small or large), atypical in color, asymmetric in shape, and yield juice of reduced quality

# Economic Impact of HLB

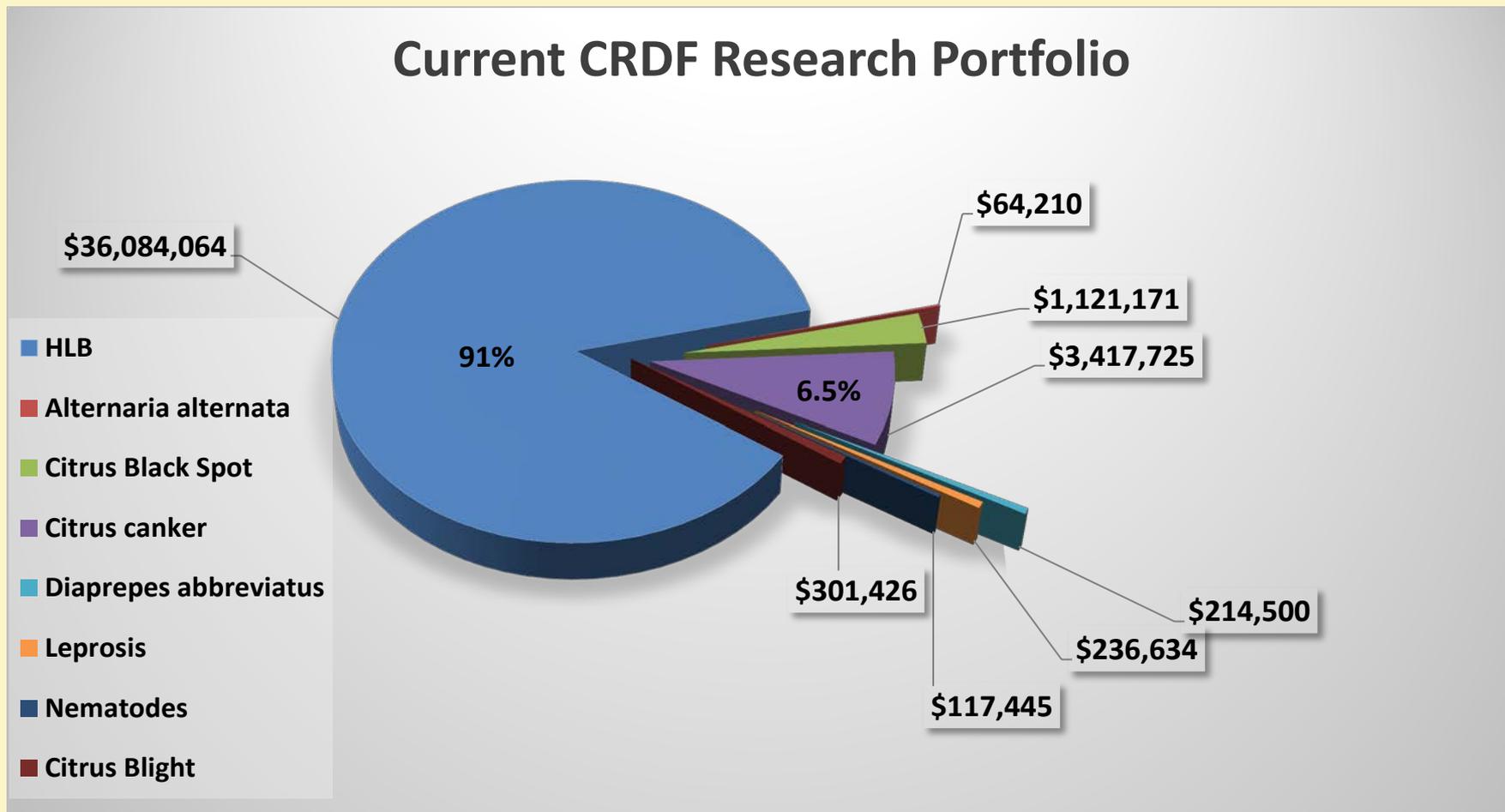
- HLB spread from two counties in Florida in 2005 to 32 by 2008. Today all 34 citrus producing counties in Florida are infected with HLB.
- Since the 2007-2008 season, annual orange production in Florida has declined from 170 million boxes to 104 million boxes. Most recent estimates for the coming year are 89 to 95 million boxes, much attributed to HLB. (Lowest in 50 years.)
- Since the 2006-2007 growing season, average annual loss is approximately \$1 billion per year.

# CRDF Mission and Structure

- Created in 2009 as a non-profit corporation organized under Florida State laws as a Direct Service Organization of the University of Florida
- Mission to advance disease and production research and product development activities to ensure industry survival through innovation.
- The organization is headed by a 13-member Board of Directors that includes individuals from industry, academia and government.
- The COO handles the day-to-day management of business affairs, and Program Managers oversee the research and commercial product delivery portfolios.

# CRDF Emphasis on HLB Solutions

## Current CRDF Research Portfolio



**Therapy for Existing Trees****Antimicrobial Strategies****Naturally Occurring Microbial Products****Thermal Therapy to reduce *CLas* titer****Plant Growth Regulator Interactions with HLB****Strategic Inoculum Removal to Manage HLB in Florida****Case Analysis of Success in Responding to HLB****New Plantings****Asian Citrus Psyllid Management****Tolerant Rootstock Plantings****Psyllid Shield – Delivering RNAi with CTV Vector****Integrating HLB Management Tools into Model New Groves****Candidate HLB Tolerant Scion Evaluation in Field Trials****Genetic Technology (MCTF): Deploying Canker-Resistance Genes****Diaprepes Root Weevil Pheromone****Citrus Leafminer Area-Wide Mating Disruption****CTV Vector as a Tool to Deliver Solutions****HLB Escapes**

# Antimicrobial Strategies

- Conventional Antibiotics
  - Used for human or animal health.
  - Streptomycin, oxytetracycline focus due to precedence for their use on food crops. Kasugamycin?
  - Others, e.g. Penicillin, lack required data sets for agriculture use.
- GRAS-like
  - Simple plant essential oils. Sponsored research is underway to formulate and deliver compounds that qualify for GRAS status (or even better, 25(b) status)
  - Potential for more rapid deployment through a reduced commercialization and regulatory pathway



# Antimicrobial Strategy (2)

- Biopesticides
  - Looking at a class of compounds used in agriculture but not formulated for vascular disease of trees.
  - In discussion with dominant industry patent holder on their proprietary compounds.
  - Opportunity to repurpose products. Potentially shorter regulatory path.
- Agricultural antibiotics
  - Used on food crops in other countries
  - Pose unique challenges, e.g. reliable suppliers, IP issues
- New molecular entities
  - Specificity and potency customized to treat HLB and not used for human or animal health. Referred to as non-antibiotics.

# Near Term Commercialization Requirements

- Effective against HLB
- Phloem-mobile antimicrobials
- Non-phytotoxic
- Already registered with EPA for use in plant agriculture – ideally long history of safe use in tree fruit crop agriculture
- Formulation and delivery system
- Commercial viability
  - Cost to develop and evaluate active ingredients and products
  - Time and cost to market
  - Return on investment
- Essential to have reliable, well-resourced commercial partners to successfully commercialize these technologies

# Biological Assays

- Graft-based assay
  - Infected scion soaked in test solution and grafted onto uninfected rootstock, follow by PCR
  - Slow, low-throughput
  - Evidence of efficacy *in planta* and first look at phytotoxicity
  - Open contest with InnoCentive™ promotion
- *Liberibacter crescens* culture-based assay
  - Culturable cousin of C Las
  - Much faster, higher-throughput followed by *in planta* confirmation on *CLas*

# Prior Results

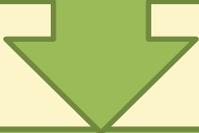
- Compounds screened
  - ~100+ by graft assay and
  - ~400+ by culture assay
- Wide variety of categories of chemicals
  - Antibiotics and agricultural antibiotics
  - Polycation polymers
  - Biopesticides, plant essential oils, terpenoids
  - New actives and non-antibiotic derivatives
  - Host immune modulators

# Creating a Pipeline for Screening

- Looking inside the box...
  - Companies, facilitate turn-key screening
- Looking outside the box...
  - Repurpose products with regulatory advantage
  - Failed antibiotics with good safety profiles
  - 25(b) minimum risk pesticides
  - All commercial compounds fitting our chemical profile and having existing tolerances on other food crops

# Current Testing Resources

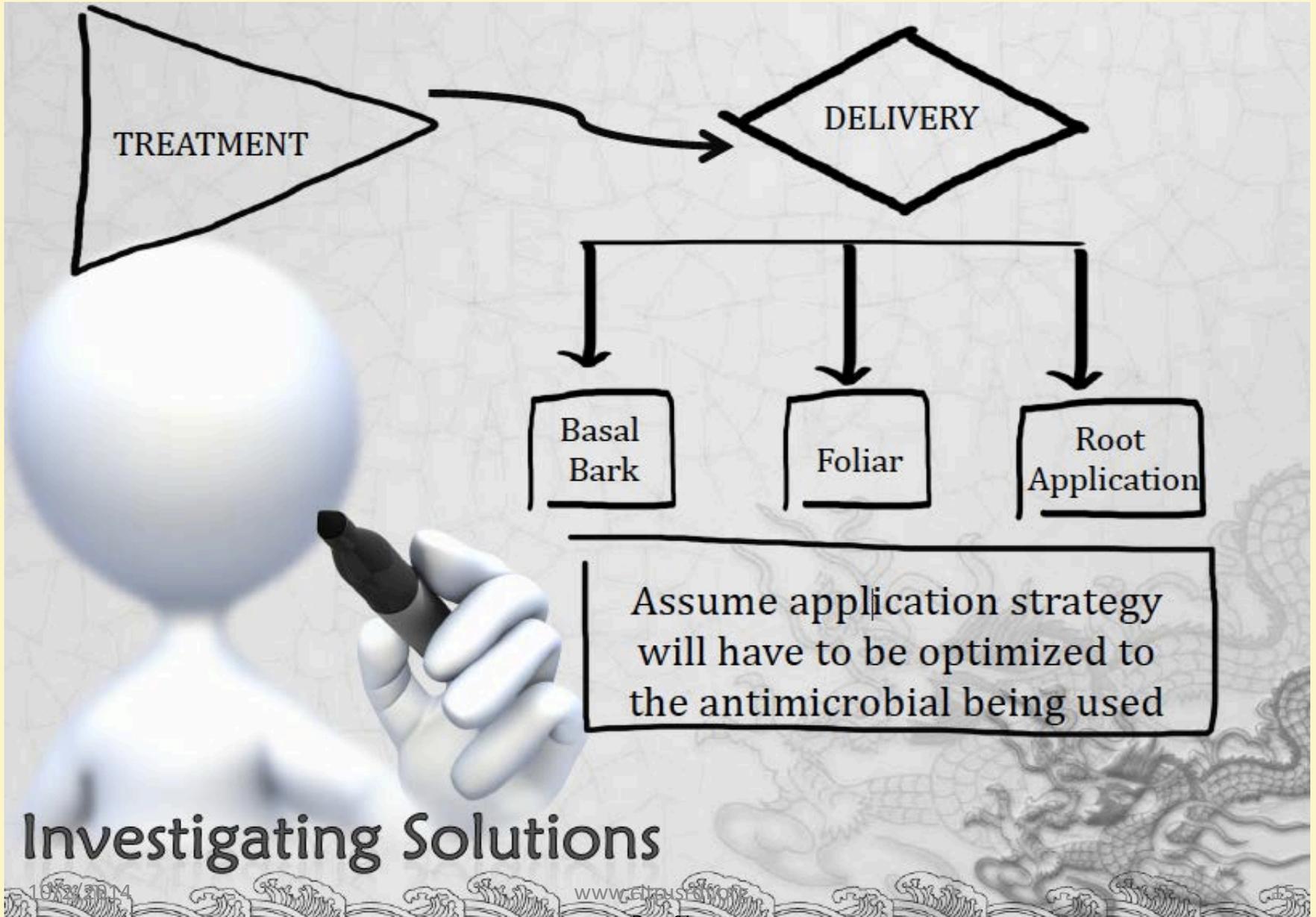
Liquid Culture Assay on *L. crescens* ⇔ MIC90  
(Dr. Erik Triplett Laboratory)



Citrus Flush Assay on *C. asiaticus* ⇔ Confirmation  
(Dr. Claudio Gonzalez)



Trunk Injection ⇔ Dose  
(Dr. Nian Wang)



# Risk Remaining at this Stage

- Technical
  - Commercial scale delivery, efficacy, phytotoxicity
- Cost
- Regulatory
- Commercial Partner(s)
- Market acceptance

# Build on Success—Expanding Teams

- Pivot our focus – connecting corporations
- Sponsored research base from CRDF and others, researchers, reviewers, public solutions
- Improved communication; knowledge and data sharing between and within grower, researcher, government, corporate sectors
- CRDF Board and Committees; RMC, CPDC, IRCC
- Research pipeline now enhanced with government funding \$21mm MAC, \$25mm SCRI

# What comes next?

## 1. Field trials with top priority

| Category of Compounds | Description   | Partner                                |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Antibiotics           | Oxytetracycline<br>Streptomycin<br>(Kasugamycin?)                     | Commercial                             |
| GRAS-like             | Plant Essential Oils<br>Natural Products<br>– cymene, carvacrol, etc. | CRDF-sponsored<br>formulation research |

## 2. Field trials with major challenges

| Category of Compounds    | Description                         | Partner            |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Agricultural Antibiotics | Zhongshengmycin<br>Validoxylamine A | Source? - Research |

### 3. Field trials with commercial partners

| Category of Compounds | Description                                    | Partner   |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|
| Biopesticides         | Surfactin (lipopeptides)                       | Company C |
| Host Immune Modifiers | One marketed compound<br>One pipeline compound | Company C |

### 4. Development pipeline

| Category of Compounds                              | Description   | Partner   |
|--|---|-----------|
| Polycation polymers                                | Proprietary biodegradable polymers  | Company D |
| Bacterial protein target<br>LdtR<br><br>(Gonzalez) | Lead refinement<br>- Highly active, no human homolog,<br>transcription regulator, essential<br>role in cell wall remodeling | Company D |
| Bacterial protein target<br>SecA<br><br>(Wang)     | Lead refinement<br>- Highly active, no human homolog,<br>protein secretion, essential role in<br>effector secretion         | Company D |
| Non-antibiotic derivatives                         | Tetracycline derivatives  | Company E |

# Regulatory Issues

1. Identification of specific issues of the health regulatory agencies around the universe of compounds that we may include in the testing protocol
2. For the antimicrobial agents screened by CRDF (or others)
  - a. Are there differences in concerns related to cross over issues with human health use?
  - b. Are there potential labelling issues associated with allergenicity of specific antibiotics?
  - c. From a process component standpoint are there any concerns over byproduct use in animal feed, flavoring or fragrances?
3. To expedite data collection to allow use, can a regional registration be pursued with geographically limited residue information?
4. How to best coordinate and communicate with the regulatory community as preliminary information starts to become available from the ongoing research program

***Rationale for use of Firewall™ (streptomycin) for citrus canker control in Florida grapefruit***

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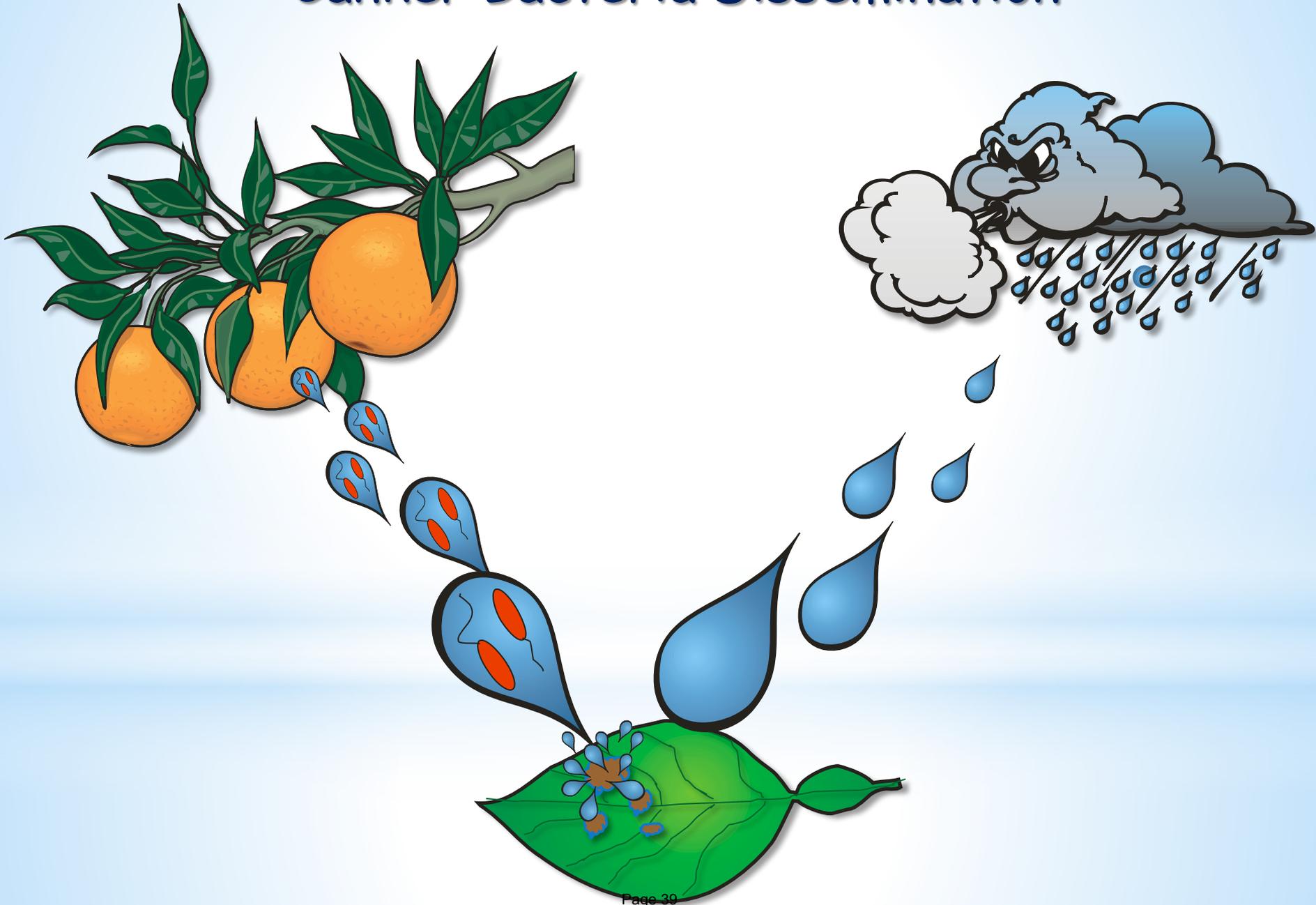


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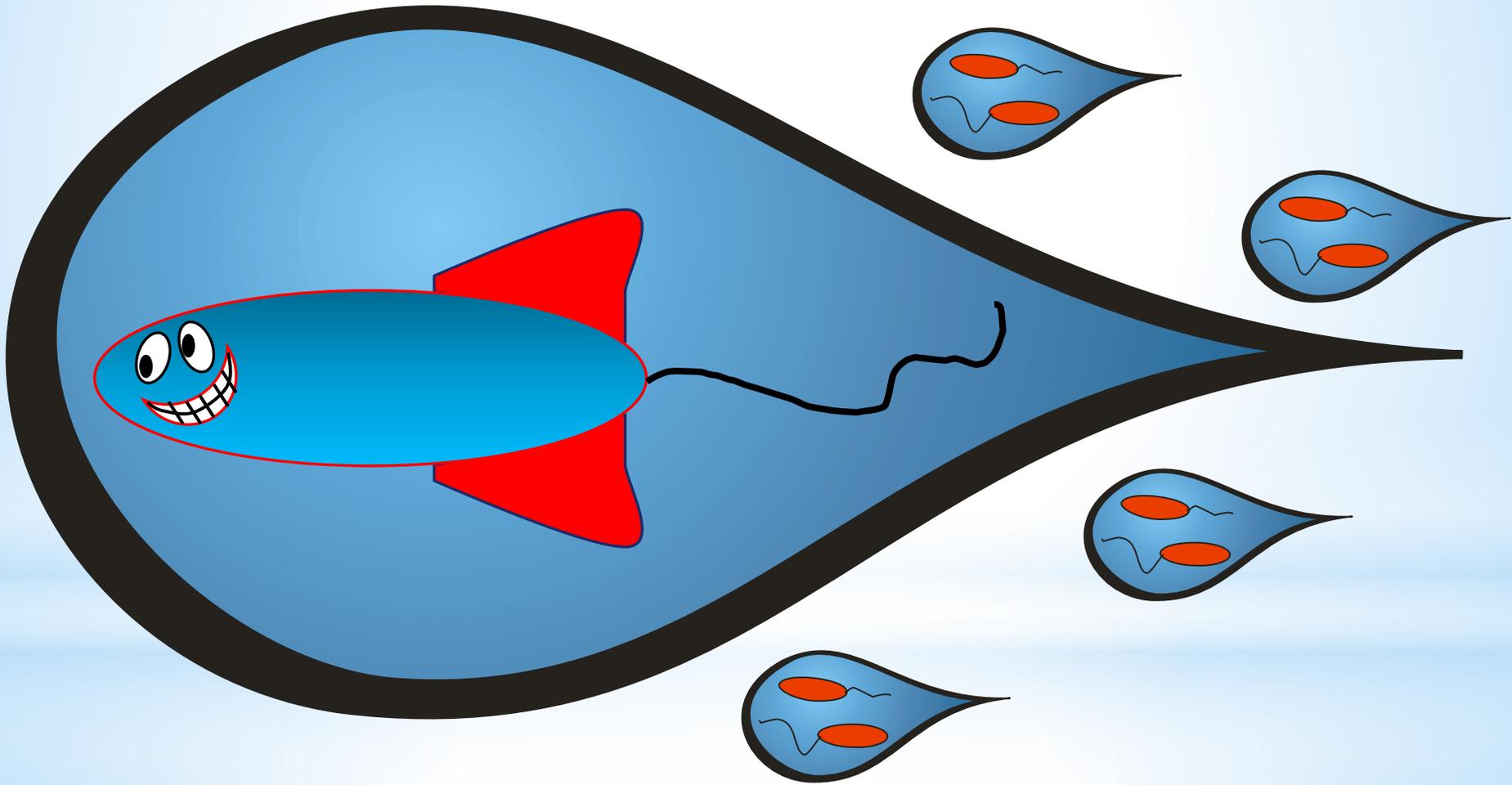


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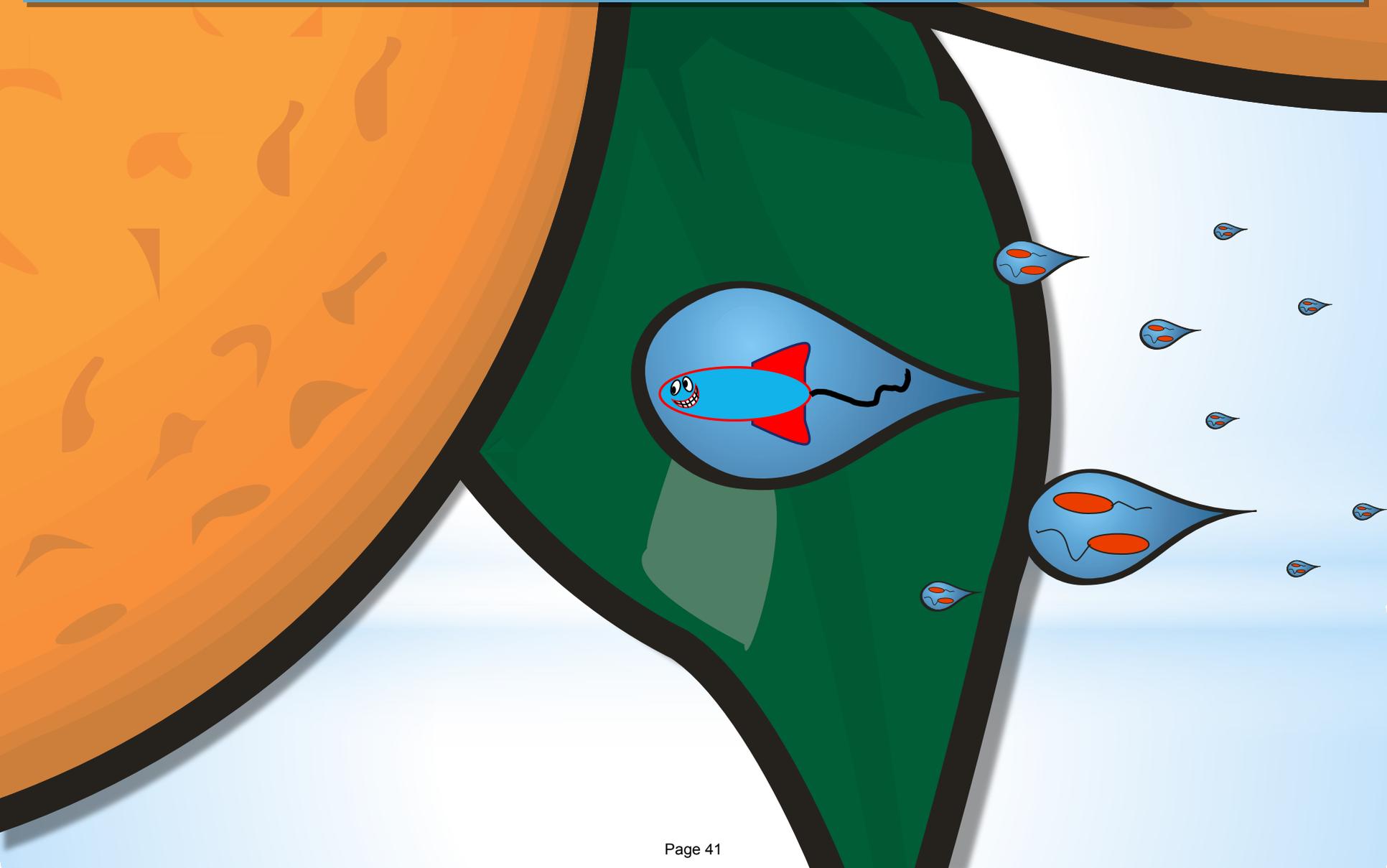
# Canker Bacteria Dissemination



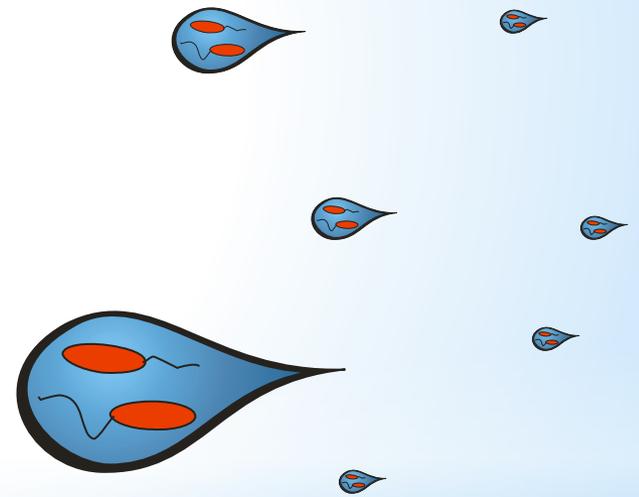
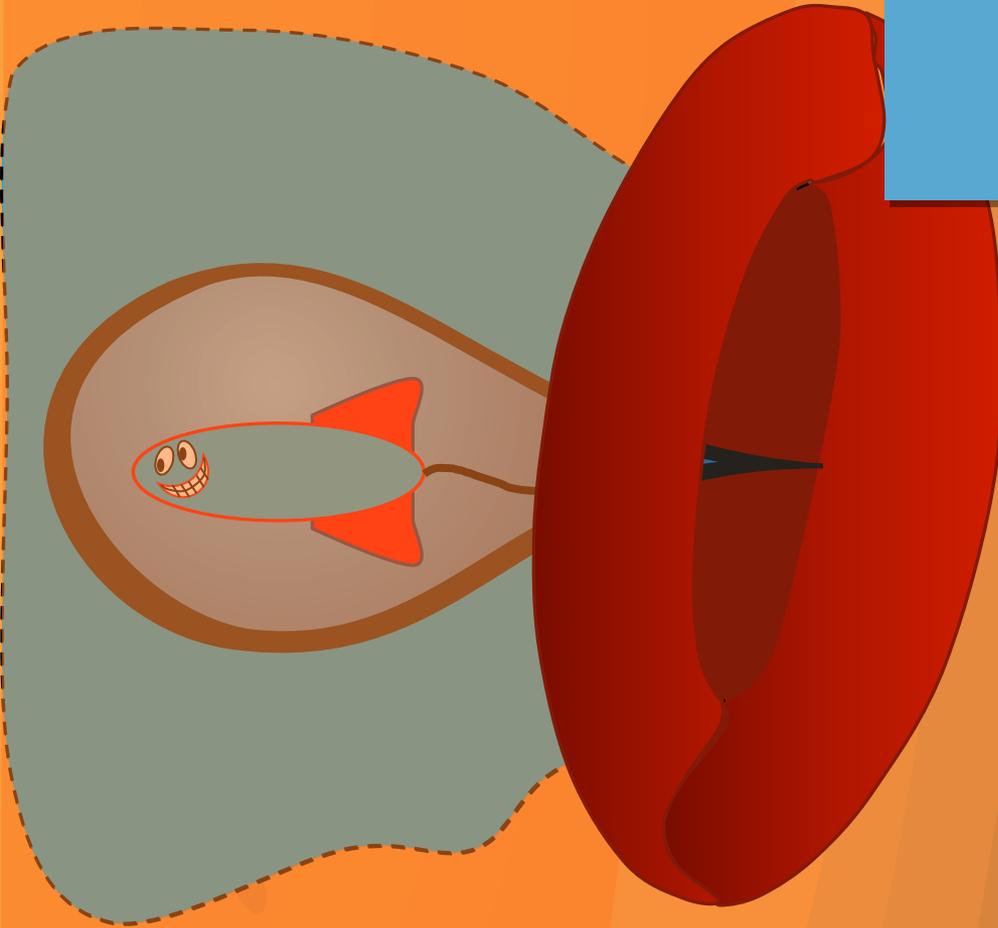
# Squadron of bacterial laden droplets caught up in winds takes flight



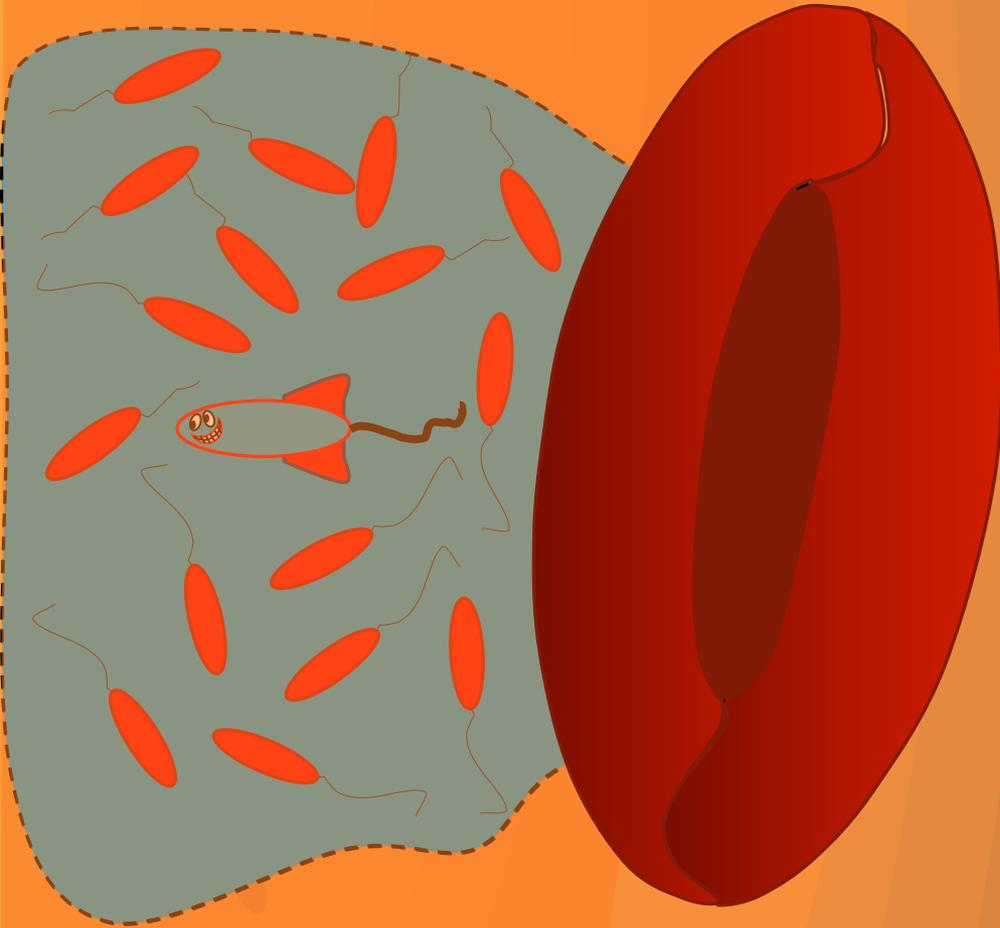
# Droplets impact citrus leaves and fruit at wind speeds > 18mph



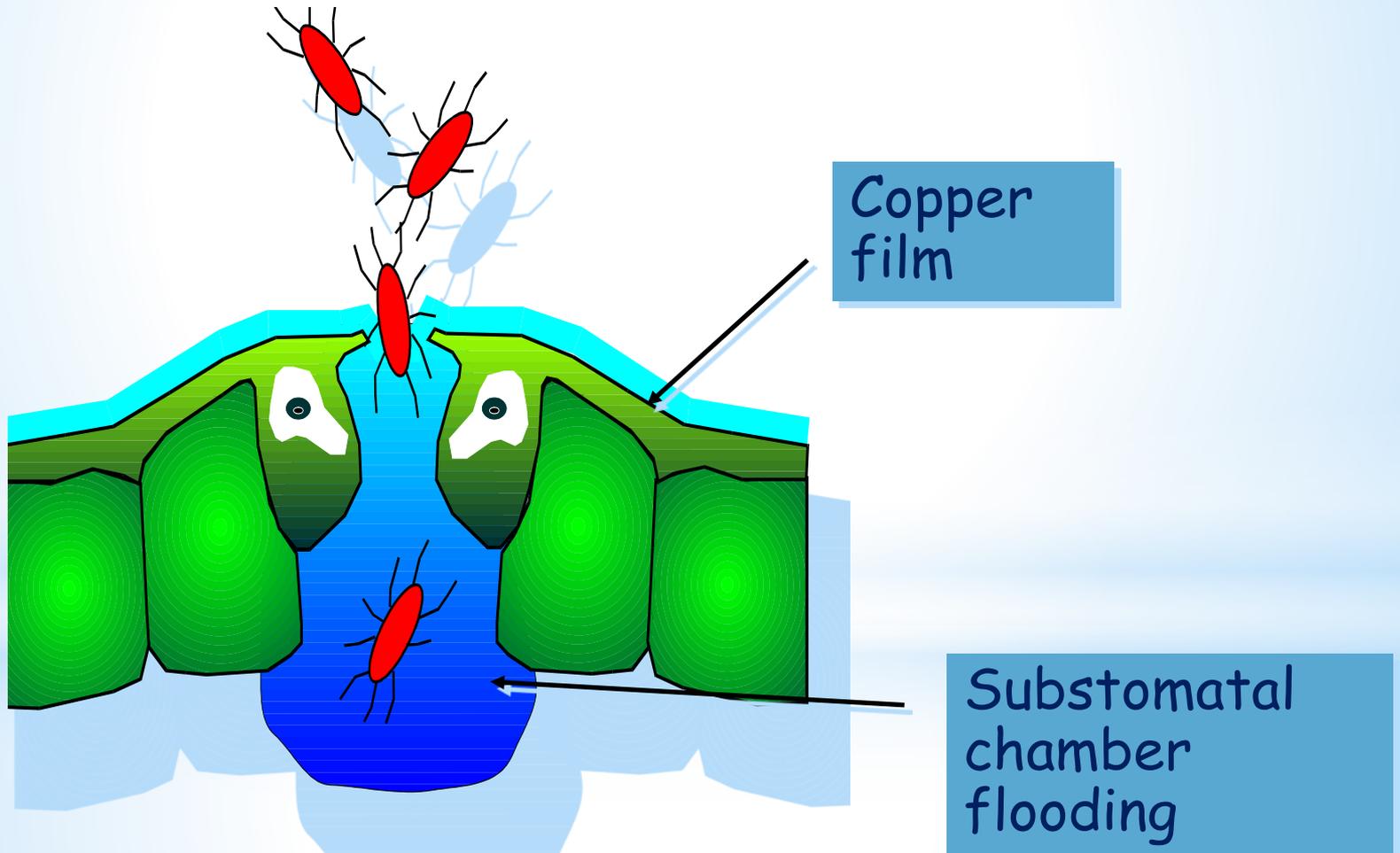
Droplets forced into substomatal chamber via water congestion



Bacteria reproduce rapidly in substomatal chamber



# Copper film cannot protect entry points when the droplets exceed 18 mph



Continuous water column forms

# Stomatal infections on copper-treated grapefruit leaves and fruit after tropical storm in 2008



# Florida situation after canker eradication ended in 2006

- \* Citrus canker caused by *Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (Xcc) is a serious bacterial disease of all citrus cultivars, grapefruit is most susceptible
- \* Severe infections cause defoliation, blemished fruit, premature fruit drop, twig dieback, and general tree decline
- \* Grapefruit is the most important fresh citrus variety with a value of \$135 mil in 2011-12 compared to \$174 mil in 2005-06
- \* 22% decrease in crop value due to loss of eligibility for export markets that do not have canker (e.g. EU) and diversion of fruit to juice processing
- \* Copper is the only bactericide registered for control of canker on Florida citrus
- \* Copper sprays are recommended season long (March to October) at 21 day intervals to protect the fruit (10-11 sprays)

# Leaf, stem and fruit lesions on grapefruit



# Concerns for use of Copper as the only registered bactericide

- \* Copper is the only effective bactericide, no new products have been registered for canker control
- \* Disadvantages: induction of copper resistance (CuR) in Xcc populations and accumulation in citrus soils with potential phytotoxic and adverse environmental effects
- \* Target for Cu entering citrus agro-ecosystems is 12.5 lb metallic/acre/season
- \* Season long protection of grapefruit increases risk for Cu burn that may render fruit unsuitable for fresh market
- \* Florida grapefruit industry has been in a **non-routine emergency situation** since eradication ended in 2006
- \* Section 18 for FireWall™ was approved for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 crop seasons

# Advantages of FireWall™ 50 WP in Florida grapefruit

- \* Streptomycin is locally systemic in leaves and fruit and has post penetration activity that Cu does not
- \* 4 years of streptomycin resistance (SmR) risk assessment in a Florida grapefruit grove detected No SmR
- \* Recommended for management of CuR and Cu burn:  
Mix FireWall™ with a reduced rate of Cu in 2 sprays per season
- \* Less Cu in sprays reduces the yearly input



One advantage of tank mixing FireWall™ is to lower metallic Cu in sprays later in the season



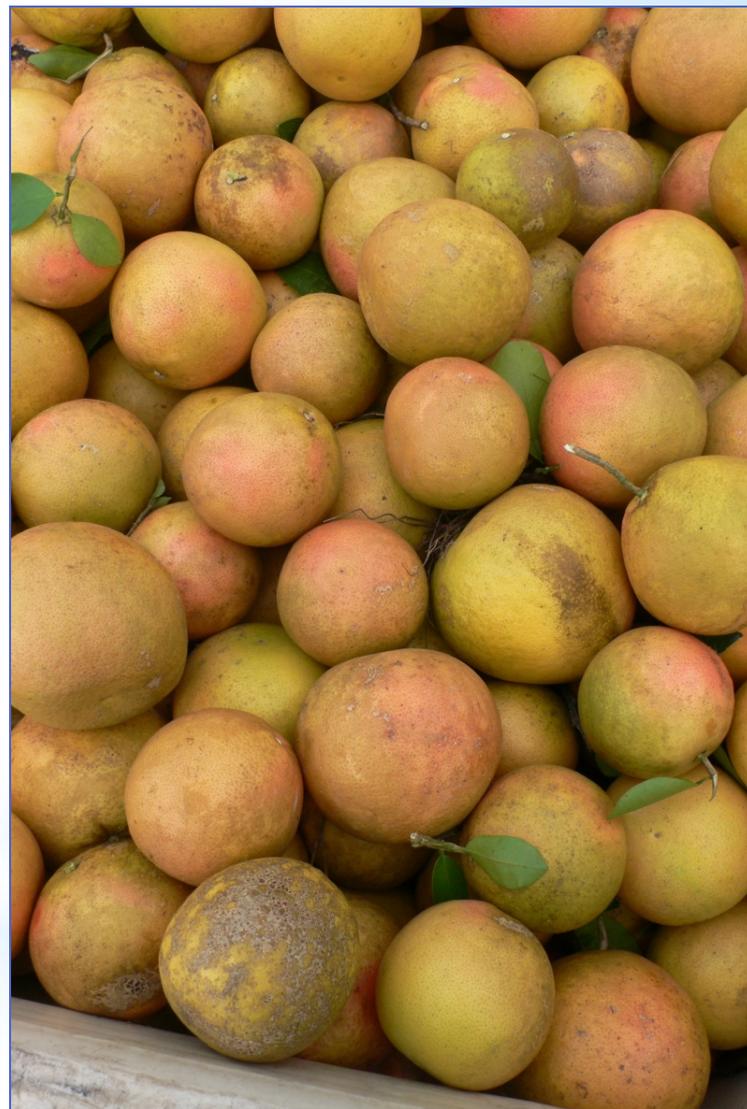
# 4 year assessment of CuR and SmR risk in Florida and Brazil

- \* Plasmid-borne CuR genes in Xcc have been identified in several sites in Argentina where long-term Cu use in citrus
- \* CuR genes in Xcc are highly related to those in *Xanthomonas* strains from other crops (eg. tomato): implicates horizontal transfer of plasmids as source of risk
- \* Survey for CuR strains of Xcc in Florida and Brazil and *Xanthomonas alfalfae* subsp. *citrumelonis* (Xac), the cause of citrus bacterial spot (CBS) in Florida
- \* Xcc: No CuR detected in Florida and Brazil
- \* Xac: CuR strains widespread in Florida citrus nurseries
- \* SmR in Florida: none detected in Xcc or phyllosphere bacteria isolated after 11 sprays per season for 3 yr



# FireWall™ attributes for canker outweigh concern for antibiotic risk in non-targets

- \* Stewardship: Mixing of FireWall™ with Cu increases canker control and may reduce risk of Xcc resistance to each MOA
- \* Environmental concerns: Reduces total Cu input to avoid exceeding metallic Cu limit per season (12.5 lbs)
- \* Crop value: Lower metallic in July-August sprays reduces risk of Cu burn that affects marketability





**Thanks for your attention!**

*Bacterial diseases of tree crops in California and the need for copper alternatives for their management*

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# **Bacterial diseases of tree crops in California and the need for copper alternatives for their management**

**- Almond, olive, walnut, pome, and others -**

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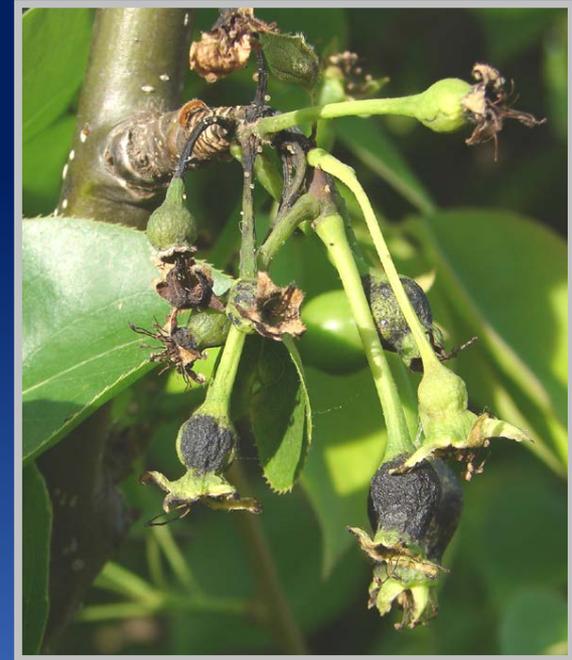
# Major foliar bacterial diseases of tree crops in California



Walnut blight - *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *juglandis*



Olive knot  
*Pseudomonas savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi*



Fire blight - *Erwinia amylovora*



Cherry blossom and leaf blast, bacterial canker –  
*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*



Bacterial spot of almond  
*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*  
(a newly emerging disease)



# 2010-2011 Agricultural statistics for walnuts, olives, and almonds in California

| Crop           | Quantity harvested    | Total value (\$) |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Almonds        | 1 million tons        | 3.9 billion      |
| Walnuts        | 461,000 tons          | 1.3 billion      |
| Sweet cherries | 85,000 tons           | 220 million      |
| Pome fruits    | 400,000 tons          | 160 million      |
| Olives         | 71,200 -206,000 tons* | 53 -140 million  |

Values for olives are for 2010 and 2011. Environmental factors account for variability in olive yield.

Almonds are 3<sup>rd</sup> among top commodities in CA (after dairy and grapes).  
Walnuts are 9<sup>th</sup> among top commodities in CA.

**California produces >99% of walnuts, olives, and almonds in the US.**

# Copper use in agriculture

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- Copper products are among the oldest pesticides used in agriculture against fungi *and* bacteria – first used in the 1880s for grape downy mildew control.
- Evolved from soluble forms to insoluble, “fixed” compounds, to new formulations with polymers have resulted in reduced rates.
- Copper is used as a protectant, there is no post-infection activity (must be applied prior to disease).
- Persistence provides residual effect.
- Generally safe to plants, essential micronutrient, compatible with other chemicals, and economical.

# Disadvantages of copper use

- Repeated applications with copper may cause phytotoxicity.
  - Leaves: spots, irregular interveinal necrosis
  - Fruit: spots; russetting of pears and apples
- Does not degrade – accumulation in the environment
- Resistance in many bacterial pathogens, new resistance likely to occur – no effective alternatives.



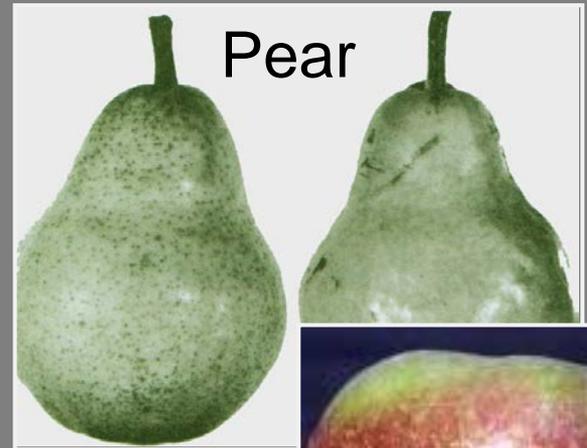
Peach

MSU



NSW

UCR



Pear

UCD

PNW



Citrus



Apple

# Copper sensitivity levels in bacterial pathogens of tree crops in California

## *Surveys 2009-2013*

| Disease          | Pathogen (Strains from California)                  | Crop       | Copper Sensitivity (ppm)* | Years of Cu Usage |
|------------------|---|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Bacterial spot** | <i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i>      | Almond     | <10 ppm                   | 0                 |
| Blast/Canker     | <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>syringae</i>     | Cherry     | 30-40 ppm                 | 50                |
| Olive knot       | <i>Pseudomonas savastanoi</i> pv. <i>savastanoi</i> | Olive      | 10-15 ppm (50 ppm)        | 40                |
| Fire blight      | <i>Erwinia amylovora</i>                            | Apple/Pear | <10 ppm                   | <5                |
| Walnut blight    | <i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>juglandis</i>  | Walnut     | 150-200 ppm               | 50                |

\*- Growth at <10 ppm is considered Cu-sensitive.

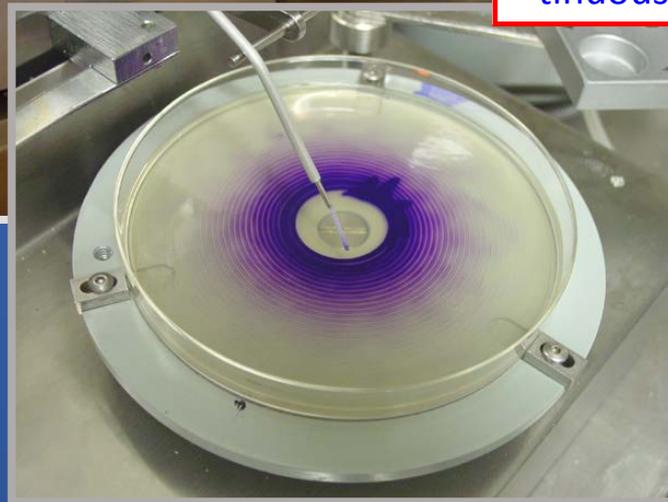
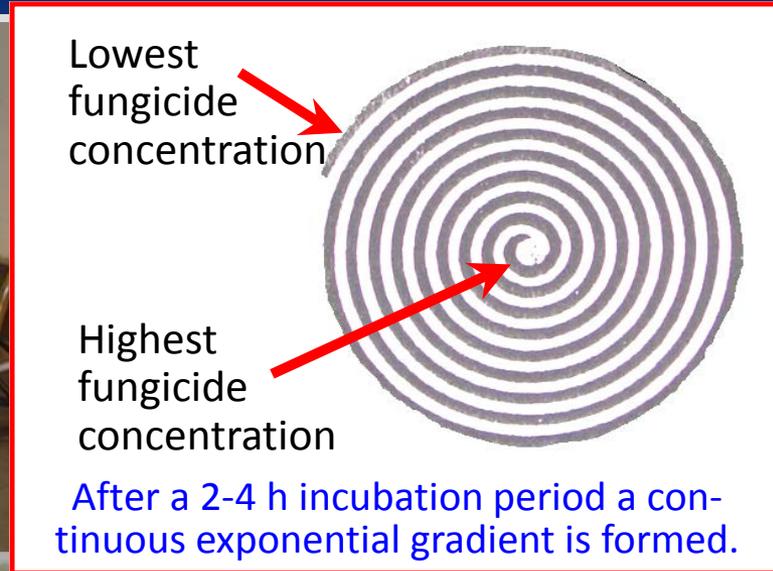
\*\* - Newly introduced into California.

# Spiral Gradient Dilution Assay

*Growth response of fungal and bacterial plant pathogens to concentration gradients of toxicants*



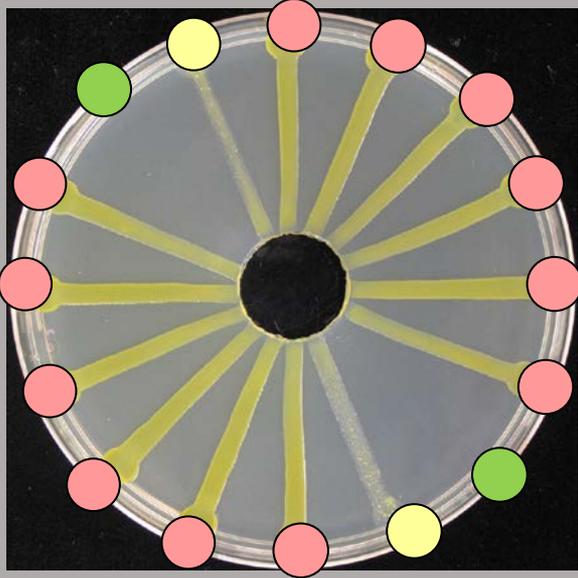
Spiral plater



Visualization of concentration gradient using dye

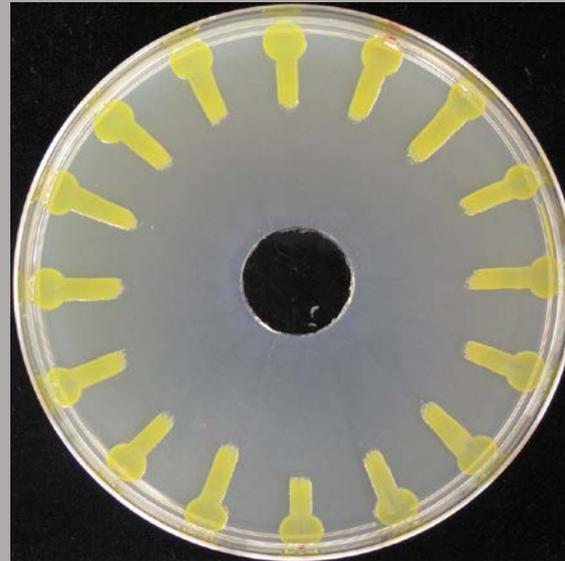
# Sensitivity tests with Cu, mancozeb, and Cu-mancozeb for strains of *X. arboricola* pv. *juglandis*

Order of isolates is the same for the three plates.

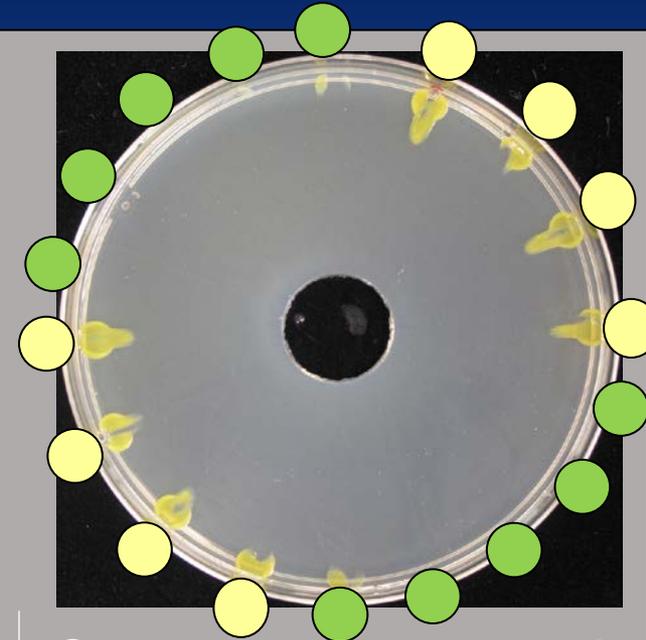


50 ppm copper

- Cu-resistant isolates
- Cu moderate-resistant
- Cu-sensitive



Mancozeb gradient  
0.4 - 40 ppm



Cu 50 ppm + mancozeb  
gradient 0.04 - 4 ppm

- Cu-Mze less sensitive
- Cu-Mze sensitive

Cu-resistant isolates are not inhibited by 50 ppm copper.

Mancozeb has some antibacterial activity (MIC 0.5-5 ppm).

**Some Cu-resistant isolates are inhibited less by Cu-mancozeb.**

# Pesticide Resistance Management

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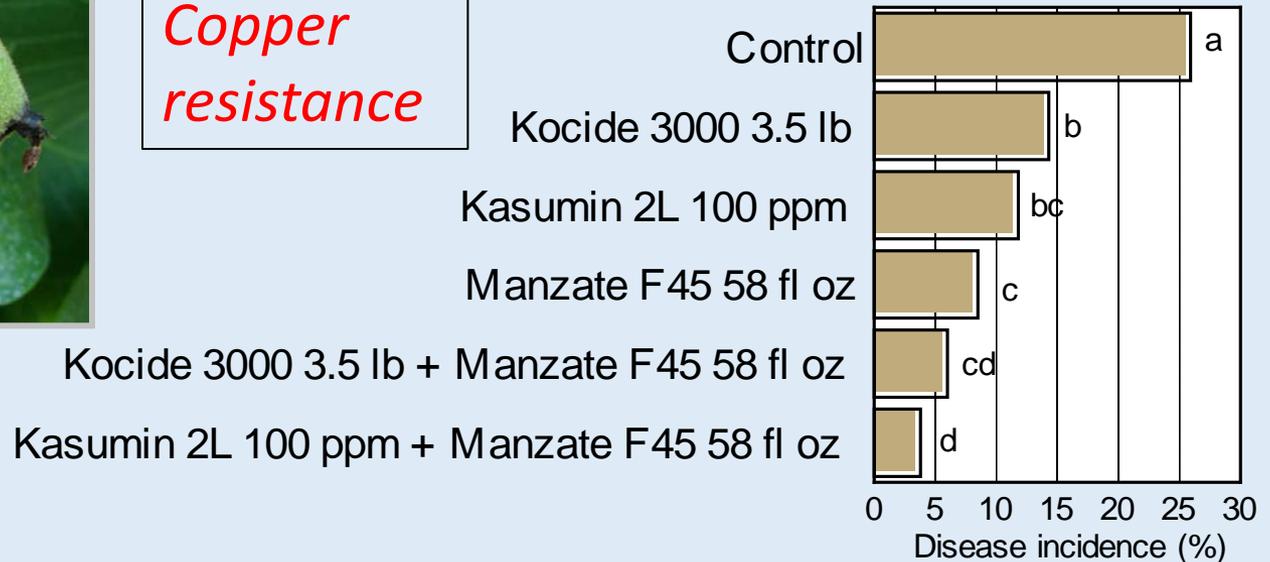
The most effective way to combat pesticide resistance is to mix or alternate compounds with different modes of action. If possible, at least one rotational mix partner should be a multi-site material (such as Cu).

- Avoid repeated application of the same MOA
- Rotation or mixtures of different MOA
- Reduced exposure period during active growth of the pathogen
- Integration of chemical and non-chemical approaches
- Maintain labeled dose rates

# Efficacy of selected treatments for walnut blight on cv. Vina walnut under natural rainfall conditions - Yuba-Sutter Co. CA -

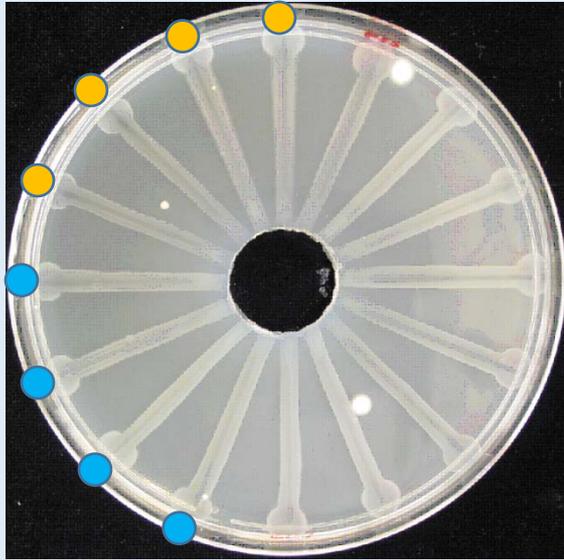


*Copper  
resistance*

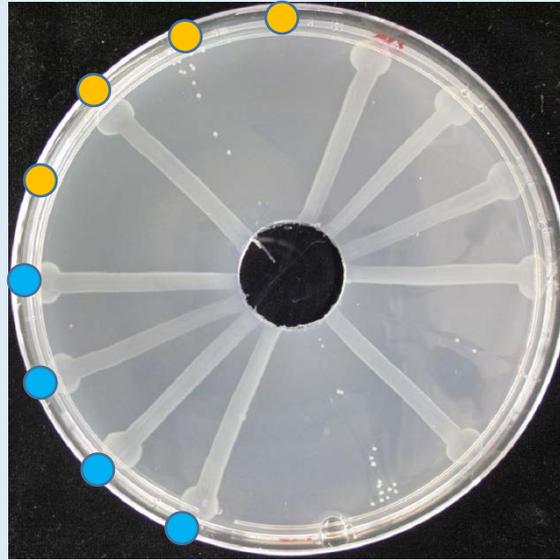


Air-blast spray applications were done on 3-24 and 3-29 (catkin emergence), 4-6, 4-15, 4-22, 4-29, and 5-11-10. Incidence of disease is based on 100 fruit evaluated for each 4 single-tree replications.

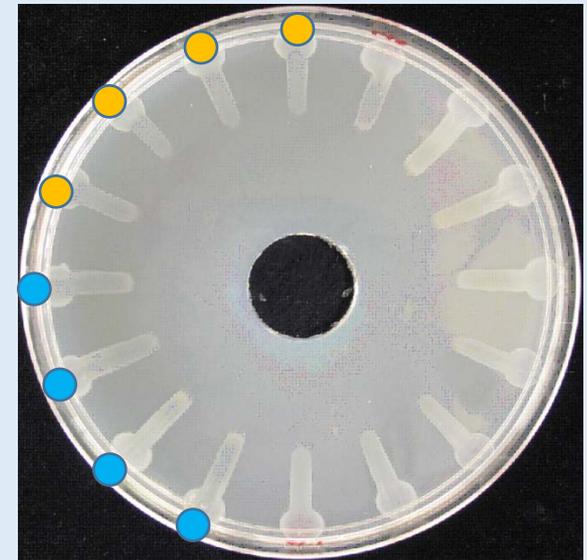
# Copper and kasugamycin sensitivity of *Pseudomonas* spp. in California



Control



Cu 50 ppm MCE



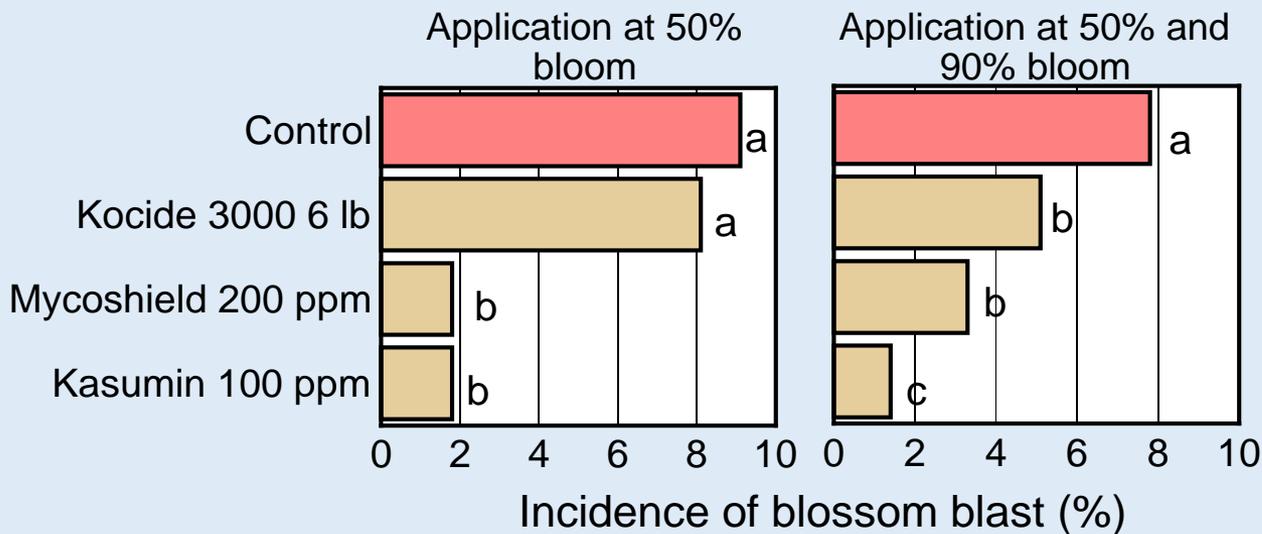
Gradient of kasugamycin  
(8 – 80 ppm)

- *P. savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi* - olive
- *P. syringae* pv. *syringae* - cherry

- Some strains of *P. savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi* have reduced sensitivity to copper – field applications are effective.
- Most strains of *P. syringae* pv. *syringae* are resistant to copper – field applications not effective.

# New treatments for the management of bacterial blast - Air-blast spray applications of non-inoculated trees -

## Natural incidence studies



Applications were made using an airblast sprayer at 100 gal/A on 3-9 and 3-16-11. Blossoms were evaluated on 3-30-11.



Control



Kasugamycin

# Selected bacterial diseases of tree crops in California

- Available treatments for integration into management programs -

| Treatment   | Walnut blight   | Olive knot                        | Almond bacterial spot            |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Copper products   | Effective but widespread resistance                     | Effective, but resistance locally | Effective, no resistance to date |
| Copper-Mancozeb   | Reduced sensitivity at some locations                   | ---                               | Not registered for this disease  |
| Gallex  | ---   | Labor intensive                   | ---                              |
| Biologicals (Actinovate, Regalia, etc.)                         | Effective only under low disease pressure, inconsistent |                                   |                                  |
| Phosphonates  | Efficacy low, inconsistent                              | ---                               | Efficacy low, inconsistent       |
| <b>Antibiotics (streptomycin, oxytetracycline, kasugamycin)</b> | <b>Effective but not registered</b>                     |                                   |                                  |

--- = not registered

***In screening of many compounds, no highly effective alternatives to copper except antibiotics have been identified.***

# Selected bacterial diseases of tree crops in California

## - Available treatments for integration into management programs -

| Treatment   | Fire blight  | BB/BC                               |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Copper products   | Effective but potential phytotoxicity  | Effective, but resistance locally   |
| Copper-Mancozeb   | Effective, but potential phytotoxicity & label restrictions  | ---                                 |
| Biologicals (Actinovate, Regalia, Blossom Protect, etc.)        | Effective only under low disease pressure, inconsistent  |                                     |
| Phosphonates  | Efficacy low, inconsistent   | ---                                 |
| <b>Antibiotics (streptomycin, oxytetracycline, kasugamycin)</b> | <b>Effective but streptomycin resistance, need kasugamycin, and other alternatives (antimicrobial peptides?)</b> | <b>Effective but not registered</b> |

BB/BC – Stone fruit bacterial blast and canker. --- = not registered.

- ***Mechanisms of streptomycin resistance in CA (plasmid or chromosomal) appear to confer fitness penalties in the pathogen. Thus, strep can still be a component in a rotation program.***
- ***In screening of many compounds, no highly effective alternatives to streptomycin except other antibiotics have been identified.***

# Kasugamycin as a copper alternative in managing bacterial diseases of tree crops in California

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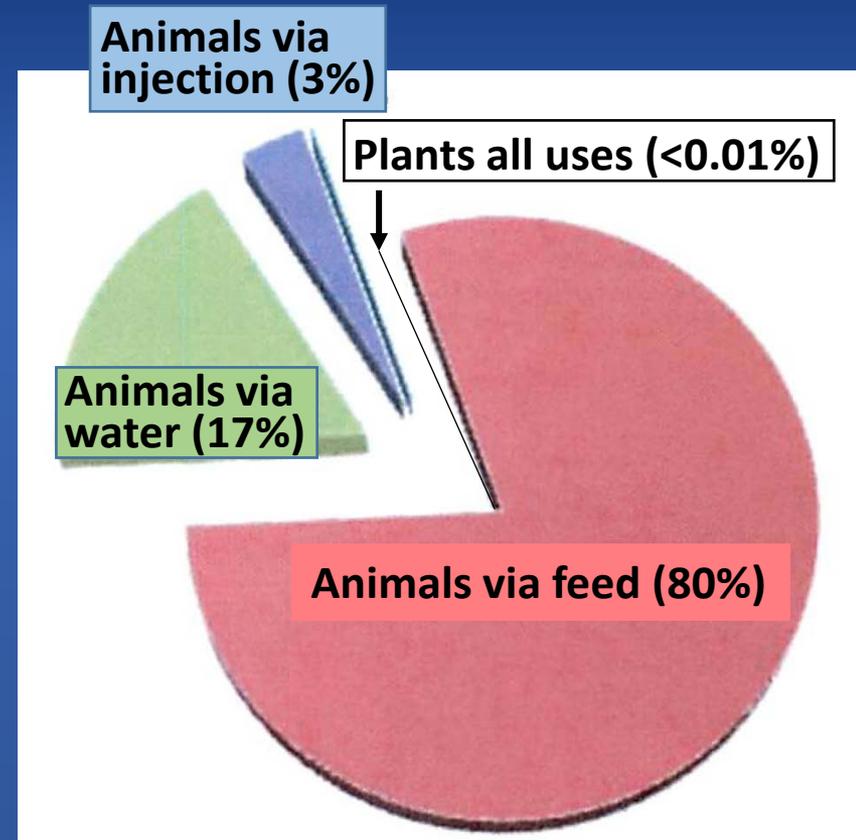
- Kasugamycin has high activity against diseases caused by *Erwinia* and *Pseudomonas* species and moderate activity against *Xanthomonas* species.
- Usage patterns have been developed – mixtures, rotations, limits on the number of applications, total product/season, PHI, MRLs, baseline sensitivities.
- Kasugamycin is not used in animal and human medicine and unlikely will be (low activity against mammalian pathogenic bacteria was shown).

# Use of antibiotics in plant agriculture

V.O. Stockwell & B. Duffy *Rev. sci. tech. Off. int. Epiz.*, 2012, 31 (1), 199-210

## Antibiotic use in agriculture in the United States 2009:

- Animal agriculture: 13,100,000 tonnes a.i.
  - Plant agriculture: 16,465 kg a.i. (<0.01%)
- ## Regulations reduce direct human exposure to antibiotics used in plant agriculture.
- Examples - re-entry times, preharvest intervals, MRLs, etc.
- ## Antibiotics are non-persistent on plant surfaces and break down rapidly.
- A direct link between antibiotic sprays on plants and antibiotic resistance in clinical bacteria has not been demonstrated.



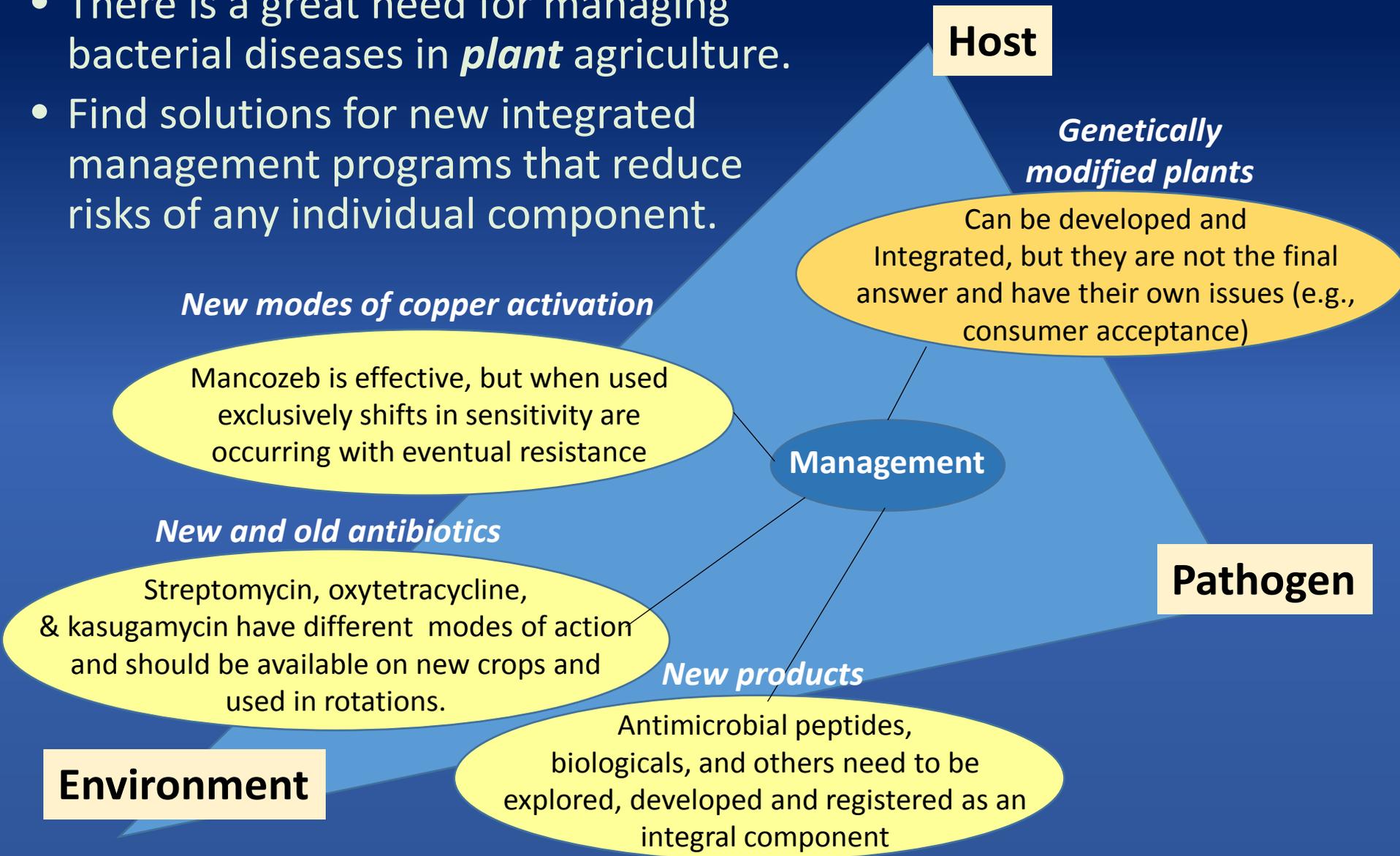
# Antibiotic use in plant vs. animal agriculture

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- With limited total use of antibiotics in plant agriculture, regulations need to be separated from animal agriculture
  - Residue limits and risk – Toxicity and resistance development is dependent on dosage (*levels below functional thresholds are irrelevant*).
  - Registration times of 8-10 years are not reasonable
  - Older antibiotics (streptomycin and oxytetracycline) could have new uses on various crops (e.g., almonds, cherry, walnut).
- Human pathogens are not common phyllosphere colonizers, the probability of acquisition of antibiotic resistance genes from resident bacteria on plants is minimal.
- Development and registration of new products such as antimicrobial peptides need to be stream-lined under biopesticides in an effort to provide rotational products with different MOAs.

# *Conclusion: Antibiotic use in plant agriculture*

- There is a great need for managing bacterial diseases in *plant* agriculture.
- Find solutions for new integrated management programs that reduce risks of any individual component.



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# Thank you

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*Management of Zebra Chip of Potato with Alternative Chemistries*

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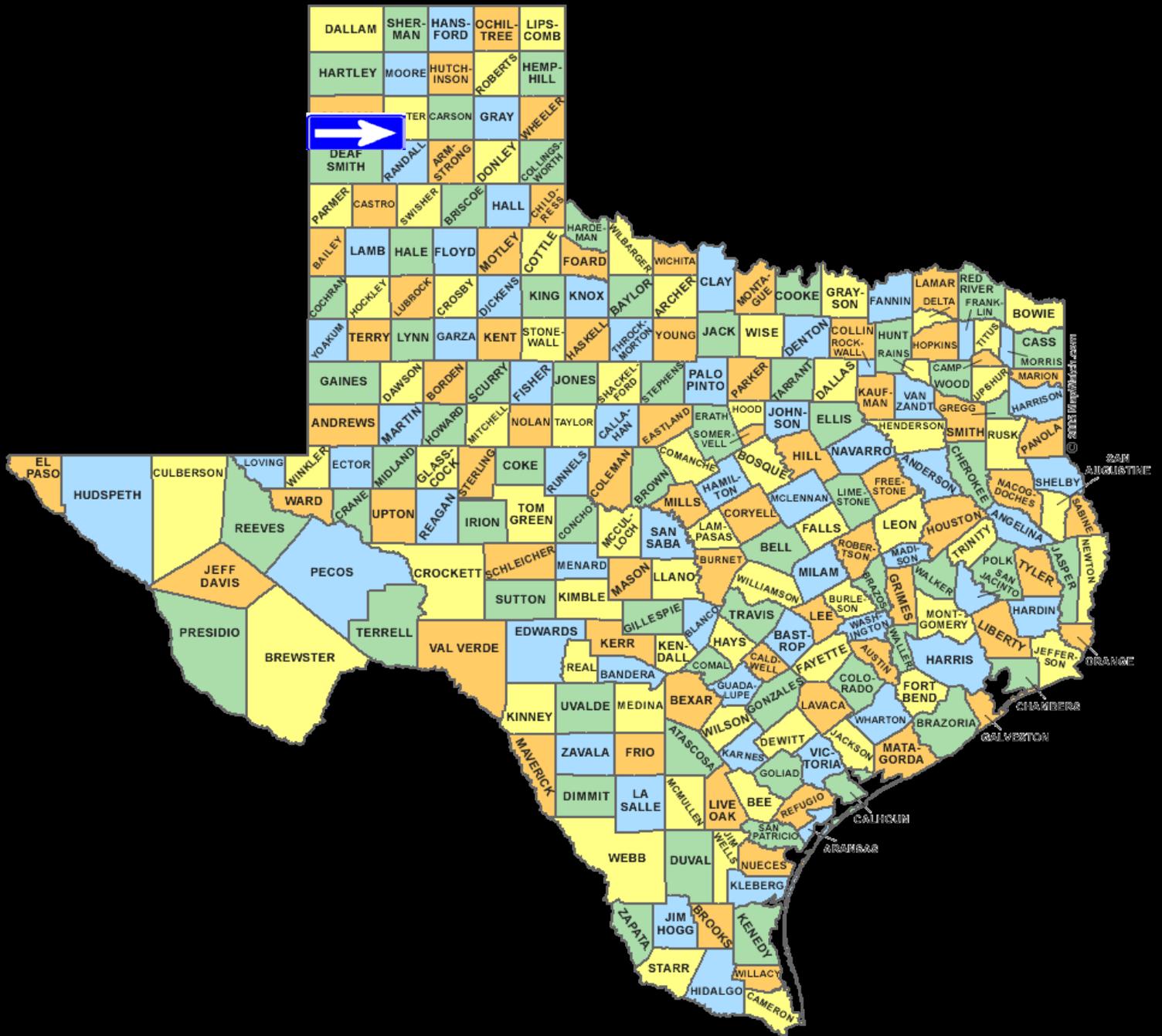
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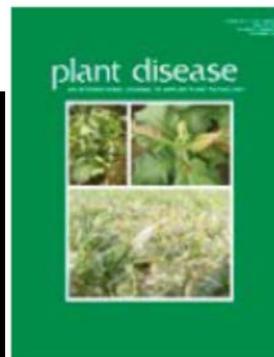
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## Disease Notes

### **First Report of the Detection of '*Candidatus Liberibacter*' Species in Zebra Chip Disease-Infected Potato Plants in the United States**

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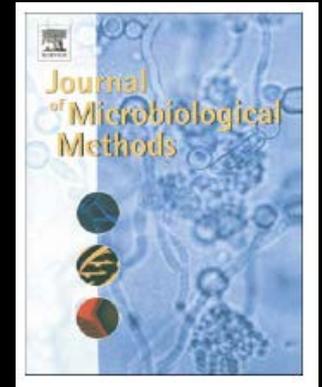
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Multiplex real-time PCR for detection, identification and quantification of '*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum*' in potato plants with zebra chip

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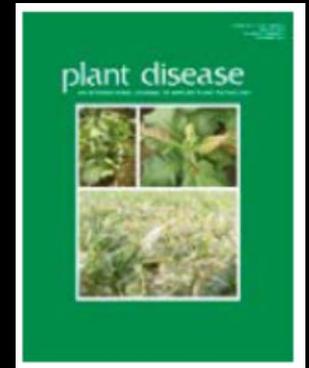
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## Disease Notes

### First Report of "*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum*" on Field Tomatoes in the United States

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# Zebra Chip on potato (2007)



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In 2013, untreated plots in South Texas used for potato psyllid monitoring had 70% incidence of ZC. Commercial potato fields had up to 5% incidence of ZC.

August 15, 2008



August 15, 2008 (Tomato)

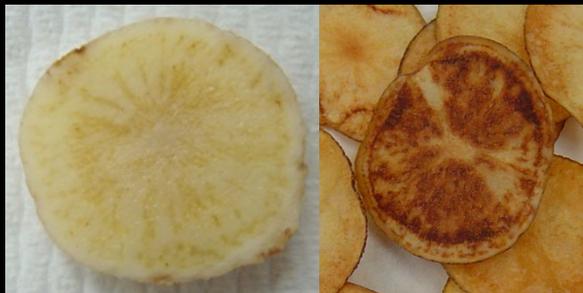


# Zebra Chip (ZC)

- ◆ Caused by *Candidatus liberibacter solanacearum*.
- ◆ Phloem-limited bacterium.
- ◆ The bacterium has been determined to be transmitted primarily by the potato psyllid, *Bactericera cockerelli*.
- ◆ Sugar levels in the potato tubers are altered which results in caramelization when sliced and fried.
- ◆ Potato chip processors reject infected potatoes due to the unacceptable dark stripes and the off-taste of the fried chips.



# Zebra Chip on Potato



# Managing Zebra Chip

- ◆ Currently, the only effective approach to managing ZC is to target the potato psyllid (using insecticides).

# Can we target the pathogen, symptom expression, or plant health?

- ◆ By suppressing pathogen development, establishment, delaying the onset of symptoms, or promote increased tuber production, the potential for reduced losses in potato tuber production and symptoms could complement strategies such as insect/vector management

# Some insecticides used in Texas in commercial potato production (2009)

- Admire Pro (imidacloprid)
- Platinum (thiomethoxam)
- Movento (spirotetramat)
- Agri-Mek (abamectin)
- Fulfill (pymetrozine)
- Knack (IGR)
- Venom (dinotefuran)
- Radiant (spinetoram)
- Oberon (LBI)
- Thimet (phorate)
- Beleaf (flonicamid)
- Baythroid (cyfluthrin)
- Leverage
- Thiodan
- Asana (esfenvalerate)
- Rimon (IGR)

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Benevia, Verimark, y Torac (2013 and/or 2014)

# Alternatives to insecticides?

- ◆ 1) Target the pathogen with an antibiotic/bactericide.
- ◆ 2) Trigger a plant defense response similar to a systemic acquired resistance (SAR) or induced systemic resistance (ISR).
- ◆ 3) Utilize nutrient supplements to offset the effects of ZC by supplying key nutrients (micro and macro) lost or unavailable to the plant due to insect or pathogen related stress.
- ◆ 4) Use bactericides, systemic resistance, nutrients in an integrated approach with/without insecticides.

# Some antibiotics for beef cattle (2008)

- ◆ Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Ceftiofur sodium, Ceftiofur hydrochloride, Enrofloxacin, Erythromycin, Florfenicol, Oxytetracyclin, Penicillin, Sulfamethazine calf, Sulfamethazine cow, Sulfadimethoxine, Tilmicosin, and Tylosin. [http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/400/400-008/Table\\_1.html](http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/400/400-008/Table_1.html)

## Some antibiotic drug classes used in cattle for treating pneumonia or bovine respiratory disease (2008)

- ◆ Aminoglycoside, Cephalosporin, Fluoroquinolone, Macrolide, Phenicol, Tetracycline

# Some antibiotics for plant use?

- ◆ 1) Oxytetracycline hydrochloride for bacterial diseases of non-crop bearing trees: oak, elm, sycamore, palm. (Injection only)
- ◆ 2) Oxytetracycline hydrochloride for crop bearing trees: apples and pears (fire blight, *Erwinia*), peaches and nectarines (bacterial spot, *Xanthomonas*).
- ◆ 3) Oxytetracycline calcium for crop bearing trees: apples and pears (fire blight), peaches and nectarines (bacterial spot, *Xanthomonas*).

# Some antibiotics for plant use?

- ◆ 4) Streptomycin sulfate: Apples and Pears (Fire Blight), celery (blight, FL), Chrysanthemums and Hydrangea (wilt), Dieffenbachia (stem rot), Ornamentals (*Pseudomonas*, *Xanthomonas*), Tomatoes and Peppers (spot and/or speck), Roses and Lonicera (crown gall), *Tobacco (Blue Mold)*, and Potato (seed treatment, *Erwinia*, soft rot/blackleg)

# Springlake, TX 2009 Trial



# Field Trial (Treatments)

- 1) Untreated
- 2) Actigard
- 3) Streptomycin sulfate  
(Agri-Mycin 17)
- 4) P-016B
- 5) K-Phite (Low)
- 6) K-Phite (High)
- 7) Actinovate
- 8) Heads-Up
- 9) KPX-B1 (Low)
- 10) KPX-B1 (High)
- 11) KPX-B2 (Low)
- 12) PPX-B2 (High)
- 13) Oxytetracycline calcium  
(Mycoshield)
- 14) Phostrol
- 15) Phostrol + Streptomycin  
sulfate

# Methodology

- ◆ Experiments arranged in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD).
- ◆ For each treatment, 4 replications of 20 plants each, for a total of 80 plants per treatment.
- ◆ Plots located in ~Springlake, TX
- ◆ Planted: April 14, 2009.

# Methodology

- ◆ Treatments were sprayed weekly for a total of 8 spray schedules.
- ◆ Sprays began with plant establishment (two weeks after planting)
- ◆ Sprays ended June 24, 2009.
- ◆ Vines Killed: August 11, 2009 (117 DAP)
- ◆ Harvest: August 17, 2009 (123 DAP)

# Total yield, total yield of U.S. No. 1, under 4 oz. and Culls/No.2 potatoes (Springlake, TX)

| Treatment       | Total Yield Cwt/A | U.S. No. 1 Cwt. Per Acre |        |         |          |            |      | Under 4 oz. | Culls/ No.2 |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------|----------|------------|------|-------------|-------------|
|                 |                   | Total Yield              | 4-6 oz | 6-10 oz | 10-18 oz | Over 18 oz |      |             |             |
| 1-Untreated     | 311.5             | 235.2                    | 108.7  | 76.7    | 49.9     | 0.0        | 68.5 | 7.7         |             |
| 2-Actigard      | 384.1             | 285.6                    | 118.3  | 90.8    | 76.5     | 12.6       | 73.8 | 12.1        |             |
| 3-Agri-Mycin    | 398.1             | 309.8                    | 123.4  | 103.6   | 82.8     | 0.0        | 69.7 | 18.6        |             |
| 4-P-016B        | 323.1             | 256.5                    | 116.6  | 81.3    | 58.6     | 0.0        | 55.9 | 10.6        |             |
| 5-K-Phite(Low)  | 315.1             | 239.1                    | 102.4  | 73.8    | 62.9     | 0.0        | 67.3 | 8.7         |             |
| 6-K-Phite(High) | 353.1             | 261.4                    | 114.2  | 83.7    | 63.4     | 0.0        | 83.0 | 8.7         |             |
| 7-Actinovate    | 310.5             | 251.0                    | 104.1  | 79.9    | 67.0     | 0.0        | 51.8 | 7.7         |             |
| 8-Heads-Up      | 285.6             | 206.4                    | 95.1   | 56.6    | 54.7     | 0.0        | 74.1 | 5.1         |             |
| 9-KPX-B1(Low)   | 341.7             | 268.9                    | 111.8  | 91.2    | 65.8     | 0.0        | 66.1 | 6.8         |             |
| 10-KPX-B1(High) | 217.6             | 166.3                    | 73.6   | 50.1    | 42.6     | 0.0        | 40.9 | 10.4        |             |
| 11-KPX-B2(Low)  | 308.8             | 235.2                    | 99.7   | 73.3    | 62.2     | 0.0        | 58.1 | 15.5        |             |
| 12-KPX-B2(High) | 275.6             | 195.8                    | 82.5   | 77.0    | 36.3     | 0.0        | 68.5 | 11.4        |             |
| 13-Mycoshield   | 289.9             | 212.7                    | 86.4   | 78.4    | 47.9     | 0.0        | 62.2 | 15.0        |             |
| 14-Phostrol     | 325.5             | 232.3                    | 119.1  | 63.4    | 49.9     | 0.0        | 77.2 | 16.0        |             |
| 15-Phost+AgriM  | 330.1             | 251.4                    | 109.4  | 82.5    | 59.5     | 0.0        | 62.7 | 16.0        |             |
| Average         | 318.0             | 240.5                    | 104.4  | 77.5    | 58.7     | 0.8        | 65.3 | 11.4        |             |
| L.S.D. (.05)    | ns                | 73.7                     |        | ns      | ns       | 6.5        | ns   | ns          |             |

# Total yield, total yield of U.S. No. 1 (Springlake, TX)

| Treatment       | Total Yield Cwt/A | U.S. No. 1 Cwt. Per Acre |        |         |          |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
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| Average         | 318.0             | 240.5                    | 104.4  | 77.5    | 58.7     |
| L.S.D. (.05)    | ns                | 73.7                     | ns     | ns      | ns       |

# Conclusion

- ◆ The only treatment that was statistically higher than the untreated control (grower practice only) was Streptomycin sulfate (Agri-Mycin)

# Springlake, TX 2010 Trial



# Methodology

- ◆ Experiments arranged in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD).
- ◆ For each treatment, **4 replications of 18 plants** each, for a total of 72 plants per treatment. (Note: one replication discarded)
- ◆ Plots located in ~Springlake, TX
- ◆ Seed Source: Russet Norkotah 223

# Methodology (cont)

- ◆ Size of plots: 10' 5"
- ◆ Spacing between hills: 9"
- ◆ Spacing between rows: 36"
- ◆ Number of rows per plot: 2
- ◆ Potatoes Planted March 30, 2010
- ◆ Potatoes Vines Killed August 16, 2010
- ◆ Harvested August 24, 2010

# Methodology (cont)

- ◆ Treatments were sprayed at a 2-week interval starting May 28 for a total of **5 sprays**.
- ◆ Sprays ended July 15, 2010.

# Field Trial (Treatments)

- 1) Untreated
- 2) Firewall (Streptomycin Sulfate)
- 3) Prophyt (Potassium Phosphite)
- 4) K-Phite (Salts of Phosphorous acid)
- 5) Keyplex (Yeast Extract)
- 6) Phostrol (Phosphite) + Fwal
- 7) Actigard (Acibenzolar S-methyl)
- 8) Fwal + Saver (Salicylic acid)
- 9) Firewall + SAver
- 10) K-Phite + Actigard
- 11) K-Phite + Firewall
- 12) K-Phite + SAver
- 13) Keyplex + SAver
- 14) Keyplex + Actigard
- 15) Renew (RenCs)

| Variety<br>or<br>Selection | Total<br>Yield<br>Cwt/A | U.S. No. 1 Cwt. Per Acre |       |      |       |       |       |        |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                            |                         | Total                    | 4-6   | 6-10 | 10-18 | Over  | Under | Culls/ |
|                            |                         | Yield                    | oz    | oz   | oz    | 18 oz | 4 oz. | No.2   |
| 1-Untreated                | 143.2                   | 103.5                    | 78.7  | 22.8 | 2.1   | 0.0   | 39.7  | 0.0    |
| 2-Fwal                     | 168.4                   | 131.3                    | 85.6  | 38.7 | 6.9   | 0.0   | 37.2  | 0.0    |
| 3-Proph                    | 146.7                   | 96.4                     | 84.7  | 7.0  | 4.7   | 0.0   | 50.3  | 0.0    |
| 4-KPh                      | 172.0                   | 117.3                    | 98.1  | 19.2 | 0.0   | 0.0   | 54.7  | 0.0    |
| 5-KPX                      | 164.7                   | 114.8                    | 88.1  | 21.0 | 5.7   | 0.0   | 49.9  | 0.0    |
| 6-Phost + Fwal             | 144.7                   | 101.8                    | 90.2  | 7.3  | 4.4   | 0.0   | 42.9  | 0.0    |
| 7-Actgd                    | 174.2                   | 130.0                    | 95.3  | 23.4 | 11.4  | 0.0   | 44.2  | 0.0    |
| 8-Fwall + SAV              | 143.9                   | 108.0                    | 75.7  | 32.3 | 0.0   | 0.0   | 36.0  | 0.0    |
| 9-Fwall + Acgd             | 168.7                   | 141.2                    | 97.7  | 41.5 | 2.0   | 0.0   | 27.5  | 0.0    |
| 10-KPh + Acgd              | 150.4                   | 118.5                    | 103.9 | 5.5  | 9.2   | 0.0   | 31.9  | 0.0    |
| 11-KPh + Fwal              | 120.5                   | 94.3                     | 69.7  | 22.9 | 1.8   | 0.0   | 26.2  | 0.0    |
| 12-KPh + SAV               | 114.6                   | 90.8                     | 86.3  | 4.5  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 23.7  | 0.0    |
| 13-KPX + Sav               | 82.5                    | 59.2                     | 42.7  | 11.8 | 4.7   | 0.0   | 23.4  | 0.0    |
| 14-KPX + Acgd              | 145.0                   | 98.6                     | 74.1  | 20.1 | 4.5   | 0.0   | 46.4  | 0.0    |
| 15-RenCs                   | 128.3                   | 98.4                     | 69.5  | 25.9 | 3.0   | 0.0   | 29.9  | 0.0    |
| Average                    | 144.5                   | 106.9                    | 82.7  | 20.3 | 4.0   | 0.0   | 37.6  | 0.0    |
| L.S.D. (.05)               | ns                      | ns                       | ns    | ns   | ns    | ns    | ns    | ns     |

<sup>1</sup> 1=very poor to 5= excellent

# Total Yield (all tubers), Springlake, TX (2010)

| Treatment           | Yield (Cwt/A) | Significant                                 |
|---------------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Firewall</b>     | <b>224.6*</b> | <b>*Significantly better than untreated</b> |
| Untreated           | 186.7         | -----                                       |
| Phostrol + Firewall | 149.8**       | **Significantly worse than untreated        |
| K-Phite + Actigard  | 148.8**       | **Significantly worse than untreated        |
| K-Phite + Firewall  | 140.5**       | **Significantly worse than untreated        |
| K-Phite + SAver     | 138.3**       | **Significantly worse than untreated        |
| Keyplex + SAver     | 120.3**       | **Significantly worse than untreated        |

L.S.D. (.05)= 32.6

# Total Yield of US No.1 (4-18oz tubers), Springlake, TX 2010

| Treatment                  | Yield (Cwt/A) | Significant                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Firewall</b>            | <b>182.7*</b> | <b>*Significantly better than untreated</b> |
| <b>Firewall + Actigard</b> | <b>179.2*</b> | <b>*Significantly better than untreated</b> |
| Untreated                  | 140.7         | -----                                       |
| Prophyt                    | 103.5**       | <b>**Significantly worse than untreated</b> |
| Keyplex + SAver            | 90.0**        | <b>**Significantly worse than untreated</b> |

L.S.D. (.05)= 30.2

# Conclusions

- ◆ Streptomycin sulfate treatment was the only treatment that had significant higher total yields.
- ◆ Streptomycin sulfate and Streptomycin sulfate+Actigard were the only treatments that had significant higher total yields for U.S. No. 1 tubers

# Springlake, TX 2011 Trial



# Field Trial (Treatments)

- 1) Control (grower practice)
- 2) Firewall (Streptomycin Sulfate)
- 3) Prophyt (Potassium Phosphite)
- 4) K-Phite (Salts of Phosphorous acid)
- 5) Keyplex (Yeast Extract)
- 6) Phostrol (Phosphite) + Fwal
- 7) Actigard (Acibenzolar S-methyl)
- 8) Fwal + Saver (Nitrogen, Potassium, others)
- 9) Firewall + SAver
- 10) K-Phite + Actigard
- 11) K-Phite + Firewall
- 12) K-Phite + SAver
- 13) Keyplex + SAver
- 14) Keyplex + Actigard
- 15) Renew (K20, P205, Salicylic acid, nutrients)

# Methodology

- ◆ Experiments arranged in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD).
- ◆ For each treatment, 4 replications of 30 plants each, for a total of 120 plants per treatment.
- ◆ Plots located in Springlake Potatoes (Barrett's) (Highway 385 S Springlake, TX)
- ◆ Seed Source: Russet Norkotah 223

# Methodology (cont)

- ◆ Spacing between hills: 9"
- ◆ Spacing between rows: 36"
- ◆ Number of rows per plot: 2
- ◆ Potatoes Planted March 24, 2011
- ◆ Potatoes Vines Killed August 15, 2011
- ◆ Harvested August 22, 2011

# Methodology (cont)

- ◆ Treatments were sprayed at a 2-week intervals starting May 10 for a total of 6 sprays. (back-pack)
- ◆ Sprays ended July 22, 2011.
- ◆ Every spray date, ten leaves from each treatment were sampled for molecular diagnosis (PCR) of *Ca. Liberibacter solanacearum*.

| Variety<br>or<br>Selection | Total<br>Yield<br>Cwt/A | U.S. No. 1 Cwt. Per Acre |      |      |       |       |       |        |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                            |                         | Total                    | 4-6  | 6-10 | 10-18 | Over  | Under | Culls/ |
|                            |                         | Yield                    | oz   | oz   | oz    | 18 oz | 4 oz. | No.2   |
| 1-Untreated                | 77.3                    | 20.3                     | 16.8 | 3.5  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 23.6  | 33.4   |
| 2-Fwal                     | 119.1                   | 36.3                     | 26.8 | 8.6  | 1.0   | 0.0   | 39.5  | 43.2   |
| 3-Proph                    | 138.7                   | 40.3                     | 29.4 | 11.0 | 0.0   | 0.0   | 44.2  | 54.2   |
| 4-KPh                      | 156.7                   | 37.3                     | 17.3 | 18.2 | 1.8   | 0.0   | 50.7  | 68.7   |
| 5-KPX                      | 86.8                    | 20.0                     | 16.0 | 4.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 31.9  | 34.8   |
| 6-Phost + Fwal             | 162.3                   | 45.5                     | 33.4 | 11.6 | 0.5   | 0.0   | 50.7  | 66.1   |
| 7-Actgd                    | 146.7                   | 35.2                     | 22.6 | 9.2  | 3.4   | 0.0   | 48.1  | 63.4   |
| 8-Fwall + SAV              | 143.3                   | 52.8                     | 40.0 | 12.7 | 0.0   | 0.0   | 43.2  | 47.3   |
| 9-Fwall + Acgd             | 51.9                    | 19.4                     | 13.6 | 5.8  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 16.3  | 16.3   |
| 10-KPh + Acgd              | 132.3                   | 28.2                     | 21.8 | 6.5  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 37.1  | 67.0   |
| 11-KPh + Fwal              | 122.8                   | 25.3                     | 16.9 | 8.4  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 47.6  | 49.9   |
| 12-KPh + SAV               | 125.2                   | 35.3                     | 27.3 | 6.0  | 2.1   | 0.0   | 37.6  | 52.3   |
| 13-KPX + Sav               | 101.2                   | 31.8                     | 23.1 | 8.7  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 28.2  | 41.1   |
| 14-KPX + Acgd              | 123.6                   | 33.2                     | 27.3 | 6.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 40.5  | 49.9   |
| 15-RenCs                   | 53.7                    | 10.0                     | 6.6  | 3.4  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 19.2  | 24.5   |
| Average                    | 116.1                   | 31.4                     | 22.6 | 8.2  | 0.6   | 0.0   | 37.2  | 47.5   |
| L.S.D. (.05)               | 51.8                    | 20.0                     | 17.3 | 8.2  | ns    |       | 20.5  | 28.5   |

# Total Yield (all tubers)-statistically better than untreated

| Treatment                        | Yield (Cwt/A)       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Control (grower practice only) | 77.3                |
| 6-Phostrol + Firewall            | <b><u>162.3</u></b> |
| 4-K-Phite                        | <b><u>156.7</u></b> |
| 7-Actgard                        | <b><u>146.7</u></b> |
| 8-Firewall + SAver               | <b><u>143.3</u></b> |
| 3-Prophyt                        | <b><u>138.7</u></b> |
| 10-K-Phite + Actigard            | <b><u>132.3</u></b> |

L.S.D. (.05)= 51.8

Note: Firewall=119.1

# Total Yield of US No.1 (4-18oz tubers)- statistically better than untreated

| Treatment                        | Yield (Cwt/A) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 8-Firewall + SAver               | 52.8          |
| 6-Phostrol + Firewall            | 45.5          |
| 1-Control (grower practice only) | 20.3          |

L.S.D. (.05)= 20.0

Note: Firewall=36.3

# Conclusion

- ◆ Several treatments had higher total yields, but that also included small tubers and culls.
- ◆ Firewall + Phostrol and Firewall+Saver were the only treatments that had significant higher total yields for U.S. No. 1 tubers (4-18 oz.)
- ◆ Although not statistically higher, Firewall alone had numerically higher yields for Total yield and for U.S. No. 1 tubers

# 2012 Field Trials (Treatments): Springlake

- 1) Control (Grower Application of Chemicals)
- 2) Streptomycin Sulfate (FireWall)
- 3) Salts of Phosphorous Acid
- 4) Actigard (Acibenzolar S-methyl)
- 5) SAver □(Nitrogen, Potassium, others)
- 6) KPX-B1 (Micronutrients)
- 7) Renew (K<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Salicylic acid, nutrients)
- 8) Actigard + SAver
- 9) Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver
- 10) KPX-B1 + Renew

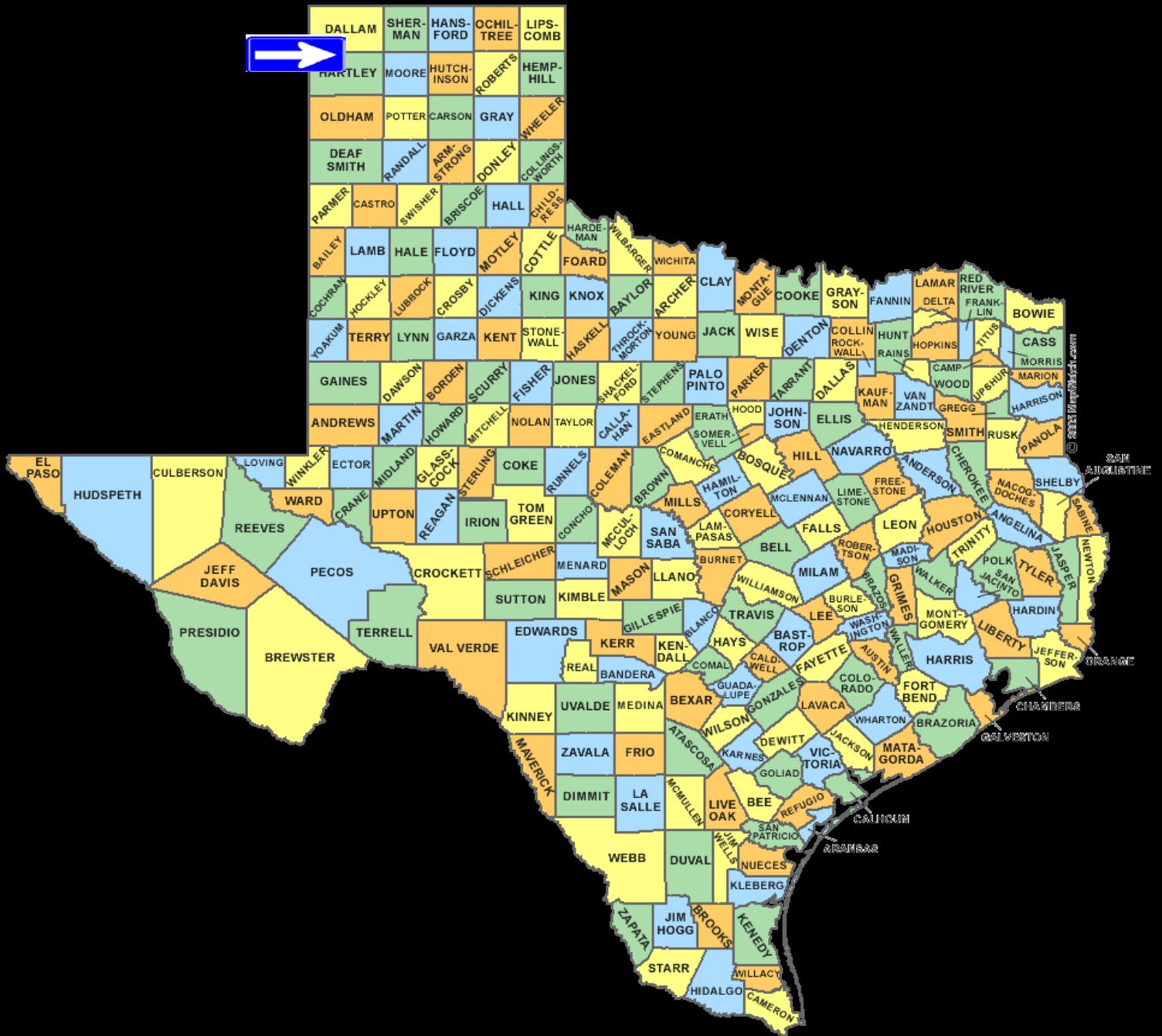


# 2012 Field Trials in Dalhart, TX:

## Treatments

- 1) Control
- 2) Streptomycin Sulfate (FireWall)
- 3) Salts of Phosphorous Acid
- 4) Actigard (Acibenzolar S-methyl)
- 5) SAver (Nitrogen, Potassium, others)
- 6) KPX 1000DPX –low (Experimental Micronutrients)
- 7) Renew (K20, P205, Salicylic acid, nutrients)
- 8) Actigard + Salicylic acid
- 9) Streptomycin Sulfate + Salicylic Acid
- 10) KPX 1000DPX –high (Experimental Micronutrients)

\*\*All treatments are in addition to grower application of chemicals\*\*



# Methodology

- ◆ Experiments arranged in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD).
- ◆ For each treatment, 6 replications of 30 plants each, for a total of 180 plants per treatment.
- ◆ Total of 10 treatments
- ◆ Plots located in Springlake, TX (Springlake Potatoes Inc) and Dalhart, Texas (CSS Farms)
- ◆ Seed Source: Russet Norkotah 278

# Methodology (Springlake)

- ◆ Planted March 29, 2012
- ◆ Plots were sprayed at approximately 2-week intervals.
- ◆ Springlake: June 5, June 19, July 3, July 18  
(4 sprays)
- ◆ Vines killed July 23, 2012

# Springlake Plots (June 20, 2012)



# Methodology (Dalhart)

- ◆ Planted May 7, 2012
- ◆ Plots were sprayed at approximately 2-week intervals.
- ◆ Dalhart: June 29, July 13, July 25, August 13, August 27 (**5 sprays**)
- ◆ Vines killed September 4, 2012

# Dalhart Plots (July 25, 2012)



**SPRINGLAKE**: Total Yield (All tubers incl. >18oz, <4oz, culls)

| <b>Treatment</b>             | <b>Yield (Cwt/A)</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| KPX-B1 + Renew               | 299.9                |
| Streptomycin Sulfate         | 298.0                |
| Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver | 293.2                |
| SAver                        | 286.6                |
| Salts of Phosphorous Acid    | 277.6                |
| Actigard                     | 270.2                |
| KPX-B1                       | 265.8                |
| Actigard + SAver             | 261.5                |
| Control                      | 243.2                |
| Renew                        | 240.2                |

L.S.D. (.05)= 63.6; Average=273.6; Difference high yield –control yield=56.7

# **SPRINGLAKE: Total Yield of US No.1 Tubers (4-18 oz)**

| <b>Treatment</b>             | <b>Yield (Cwt/A)</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>KPX-B1 + Renew</b>        | <b>202.6</b>         |
| Streptomycin Sulfate         | 188.1                |
| Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver | 187.3                |
| Salts of Phosphorous Acid    | 179.8                |
| SAver                        | 164.2                |
| KPX-B1                       | 150.9                |
| Renew                        | 149.7                |
| Actigard                     | 149.6                |
| Actigard + SAver             | 146.4                |
| <b>Control</b>               | <b>141.5</b>         |

L.S.D. (.05)= 54.0; Average=166.1; Difference high yield –control yield=61.1

**DALHART**: Total Yield (All tubers incl. >18oz, <4oz, culls)

| <b>Treatment</b>             | <b>Yield (Cwt/A)</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| KPX 1000DPX-high             | 278.2                |
| Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver | 276.5                |
| Actigard                     | 251.8                |
| KPX 1000DPX-low              | 247.5                |
| SAver                        | 240.2                |
| Actigard + SAver             | 234.1                |
| Streptomycin Sulfate         | 233.7                |
| Renew                        | 232.6                |
| Control                      | 229.3                |
| Salts of Phosphorous Acid    | 216.4                |

L.S.D. (.05)= 61.9; Average=195.7; Difference high yield –control yield=48.9

**DALHART**: Total Yield of US No.1 Tubers (4-18 oz)

| <b>Treatment</b>             | <b>Yield (Cwt/A)</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| KPX 1000DPX-high             | 217.2                |
| Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver | 214.5                |
| Actigard                     | 209.9                |
| KPX 1000DPX-low              | 206.9                |
| Renew                        | 191.8                |
| SAver                        | 190.4                |
| Actigard + SAver             | 186.6                |
| Streptomycin Sulfate         | 183.4                |
| Control                      | 182.1                |
| Salts of Phosphorous Acid    | 174.5                |

L.S.D. (.05)= 61.9; Average=195.7; Difference high yield –control yield=35.1

# Treatment Ranking for US No. 1

| Treatment (Springlake)                     | Treatment (Dalhart)                        |
|--|--|
| <b>KPX-B1 + Renew</b>                      | <b>KPX 1000DPX-high</b>                    |
| <i>Streptomycin Sulfate</i>                | <b><u>Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver</u></b> |
| <b><u>Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver</u></b> | Actigard                                   |
| Salts of Phosphorous Acid                  | KPX 1000DPX-low                            |
| SAver                                      | <i>Renew</i>                               |
| KPX-B1                                     | SAver                                      |
| <i>Renew</i>                               | Actigard + SAver                           |
| Actigard                                   | <i>Streptomycin Sulfate</i>                |
| Actigard + SAver                           | <u>Control</u>                             |
| <u>Control</u>                             | Salts of Phosphorous Acid                  |

# Zebra Chip presence (tuber chip frying, % ZC in tubers)

| Treatment (Springlake)                 | Treatment (Dalhart)                 |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| KPX-B1 + Renew (3%)                    | KPX 1000DPX-high                    |
| Streptomycin Sulfate (3%)              | <u>Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver</u> |
| <u>Streptomycin Sulfate+SAver (2%)</u> | Actigard (2%)                       |
| Salts of Phosphorous Acid              | KPX 1000DPX-low                     |
| SAver(2%)                              | Renew                               |
| KPX-B1                                 | Salicylic Acid (3%)                 |
| Renew                                  | Actigard + SAver                    |
| Actigard                               | Streptomycin Sulfate                |
| Actigard + SAver (2%)                  | <u>Control (7%)</u>                 |
| <u>Control (2%)</u>                    | Salts of Phosphorous Acid           |

# Conclusions

- ◆ In Springlake, KPX-B1 (micronutrients) plus Renew (supplements and micronutrients) had significantly better yields than the control for U.S. no. 1 tubers.
- ◆ In Dalhart, although no treatment was significantly better than the control, a micronutrient treatment, KPX 1000DPX-high dose, was the highest yielding for U.S. no. 1 tubers.

# Conclusions (cont.)

- ◆ The treatment Streptomycin Sulfate + SAver was the second highest yielding in Springlake and third in Dalhart.
- ◆ Streptomycin sulfate was the second highest yielding treatment in Springlake.
- ◆ Recent observations/preliminary studies would indicate that ZC levels suffer a reduction north of Springlake (Would explain why streptomycin sulfate alone may not have worked in Dalhart as well as in Springlake).

# Overall Conclusions (2009-2012)

- ◆ Based on data, the potential exists for Streptomycin sulfate to be incorporated in an Integrated Disease Management strategy. More data would fine-tune number of applications and rates.
- ◆ Oxytetracycline calcium was only tested once and was statistically lower yielding than Streptomycin sulfate and not different to the untreated control.

# Overall Conclusions

- ◆ The nutrient approach also has the potential to be an alternative or complementary management strategy.
- ◆ If the use of Streptomycin sulfate with or without nutrients can decrease insecticide use, it could fit into a sound IPM or BMP approach.

# Overall Conclusions

- ◆ The judicious use of insecticides in combination with a plant nutritional approach, the use of streptomycin sulfate or other bactericide, plant resistance, and other factors could prove valuable in an integrated disease management approach for potatoes and ZC disease management in the future.

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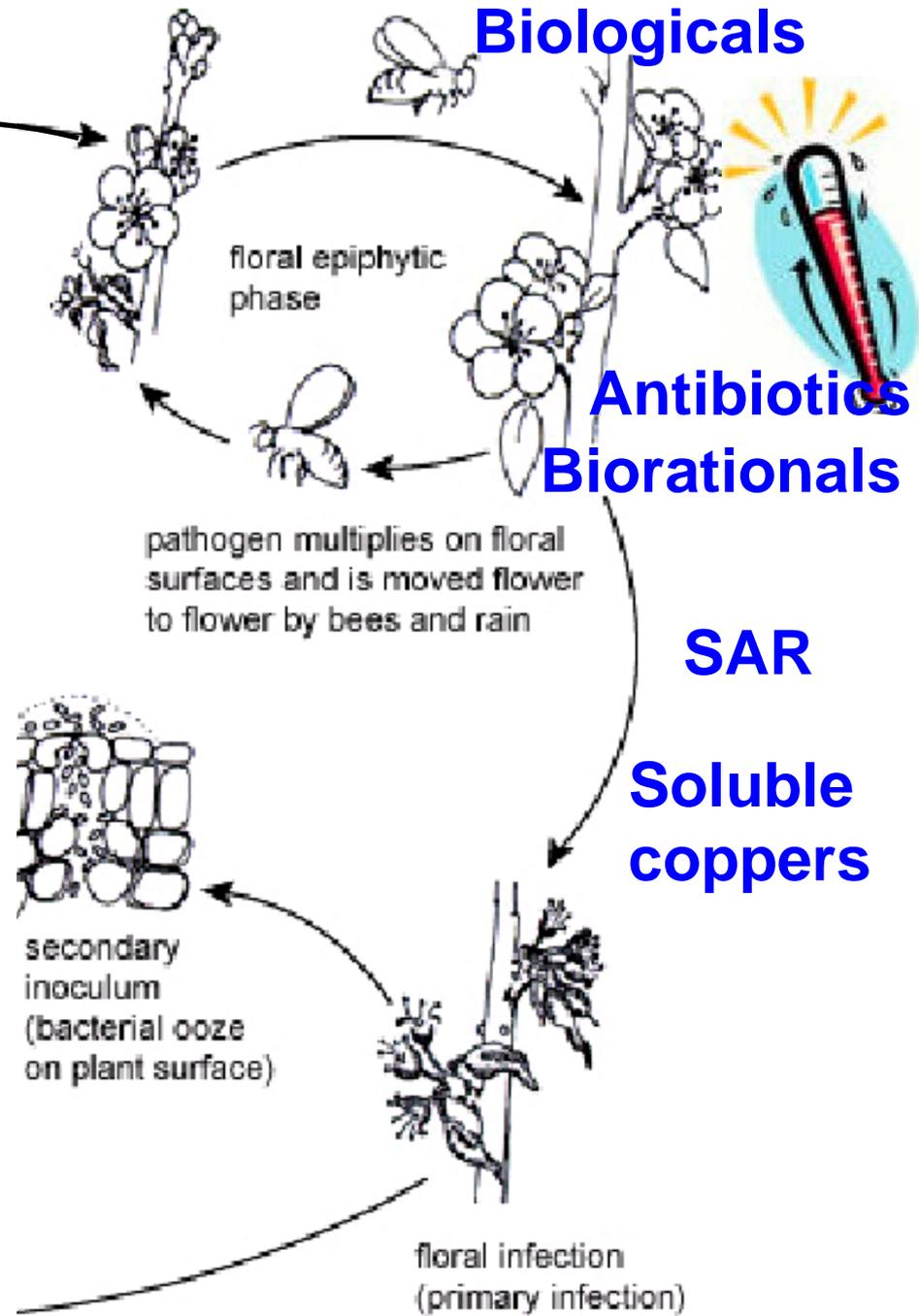
*Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Fire Blight Control*

# Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Fire Blight Control

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Fixed coppers – CuOH, CuOCl, Cu <sub>2</sub> O, ...                 | Dormant     |
| Lime sulfur – lime sulfur (apple bloom thinning)                    |             |
| Biologicals – Blossom Protect, BlightBan A506, Bloomtime Biological |             |
| Antibiotics – streptomycin, oxytetracycline, kasugamycin (pending)  | Early bloom |
| Biorationals – Serenade, Double Nickel                              |             |
| Soluble Coppers – Cueva, Previsto (pending)                         | Late bloom  |
| SAR inducer – Actigard (pending)                                    |             |
| Growth regulator – Apogee (apples)                                  |             |

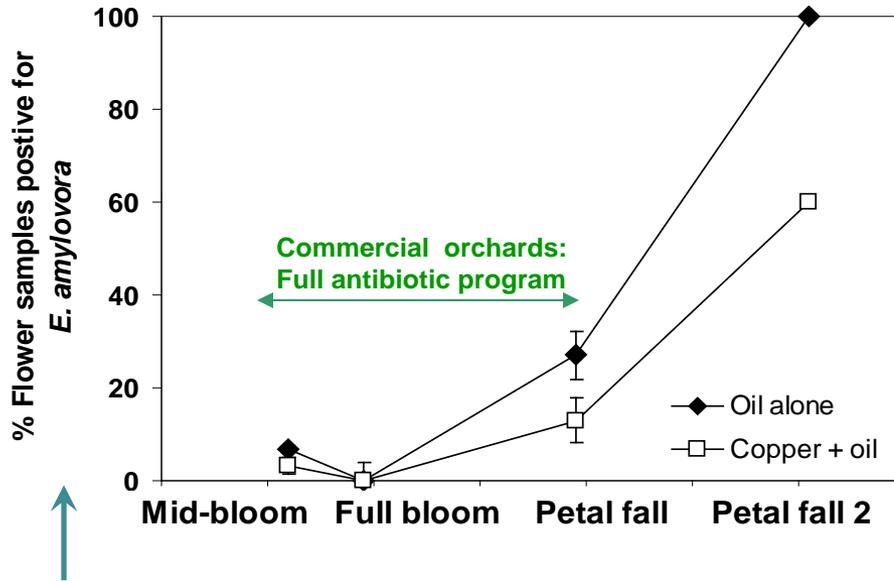


**Fixed copper**

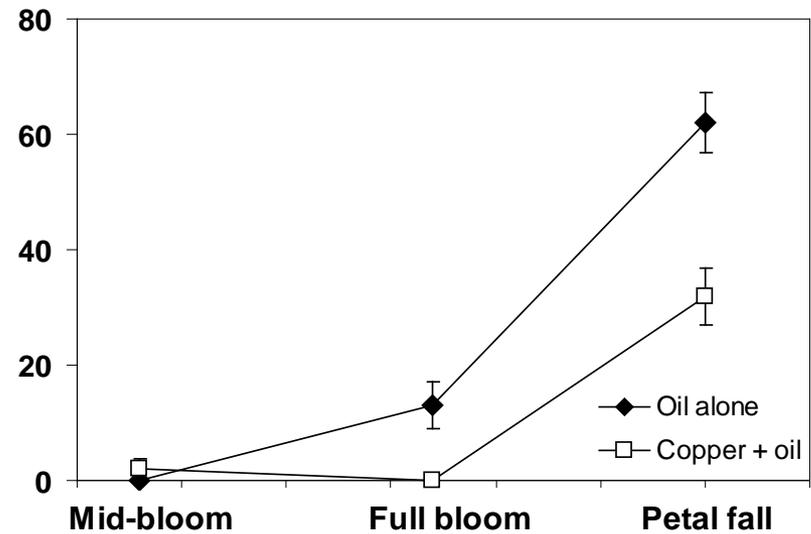


# Fixed coppers:

California pear LAMP survey 2010



California pear LAMP survey 2011



Delayed dormant copper application

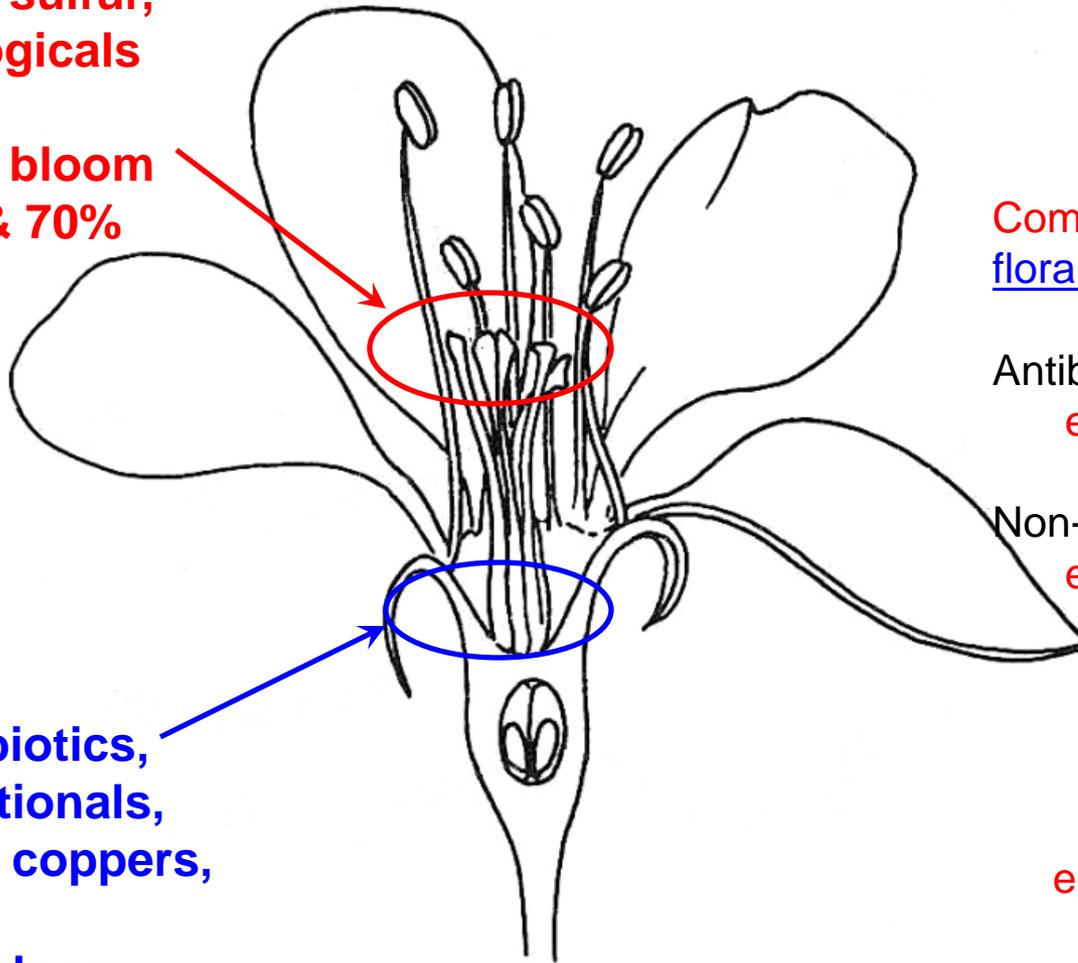
Fixed copper applied before bloom that delays the build-up of pathogen populations in flowers.

It is used in orchards with a recent history of fire blight.

# 'Integrated control programs'

**Lime sulfur,  
Biologicals**

**early bloom  
30 & 70%**



**Antibiotics,  
Biorationals,  
Soluble coppers,**

**full bloom  
to  
petal Fall**

the sequence  
of materials  
is important

Combining a stigma product with a  
floral cup product improves control

Antibiotic approach:

e.g., Bloomtime Biological then  
Oxytetracycline

Non-antibiotic approach:

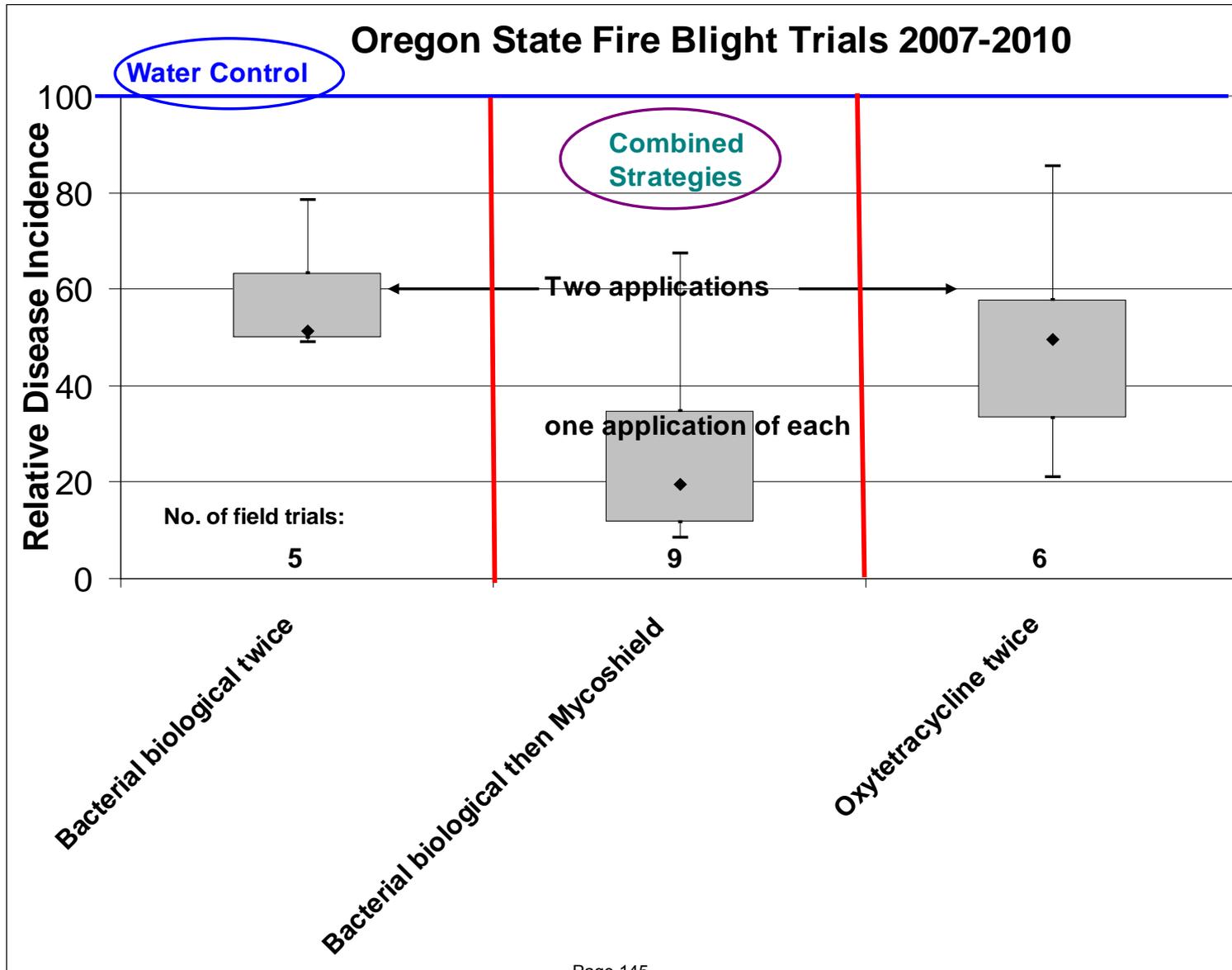
e.g., Bloomtime Biological then  
Serenade Opti

e.g., Lime sulfur & fish oil then  
Blossom protect

e.g., Blossom Protect then  
Previsto

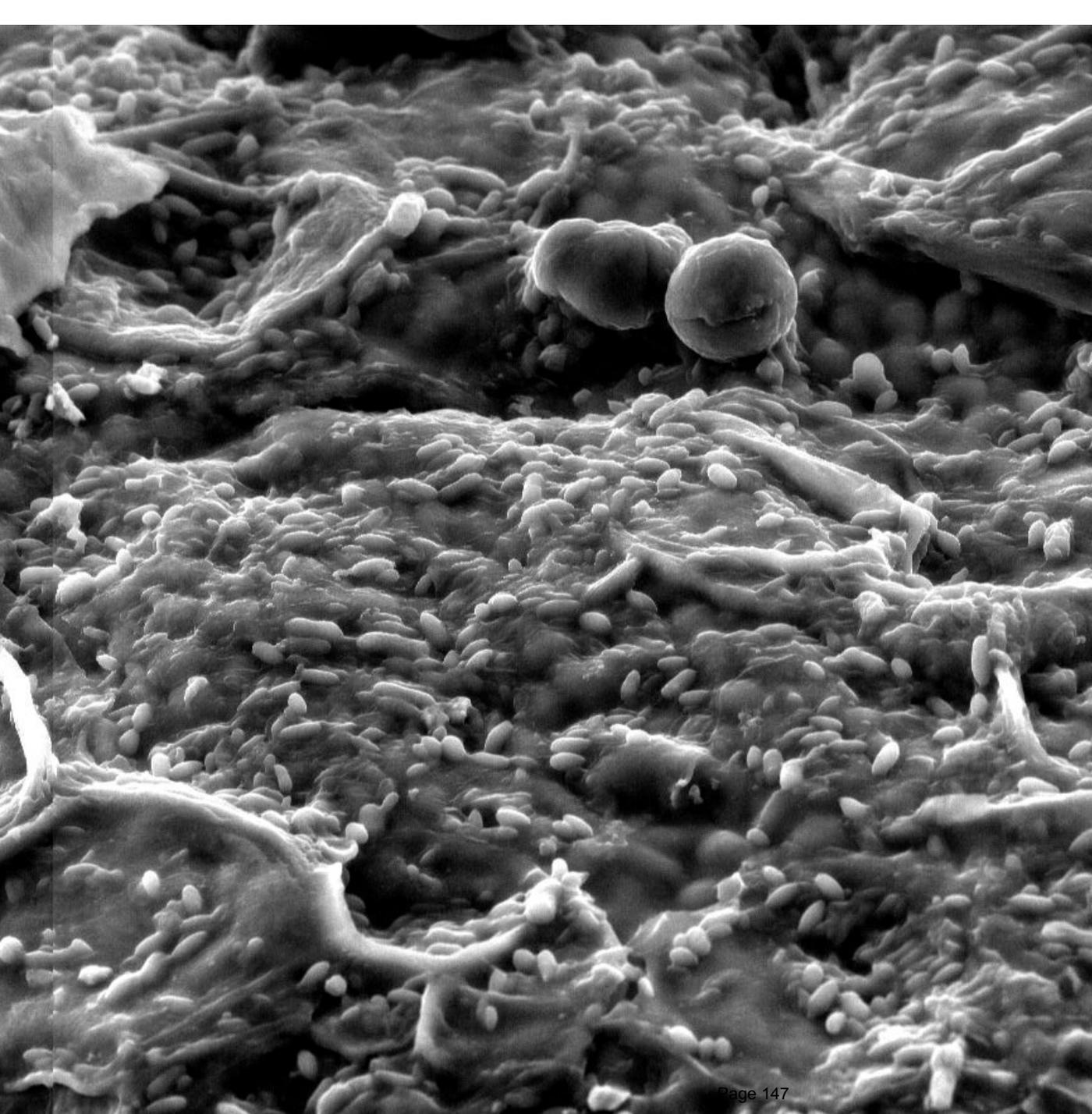
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# Integrated control:



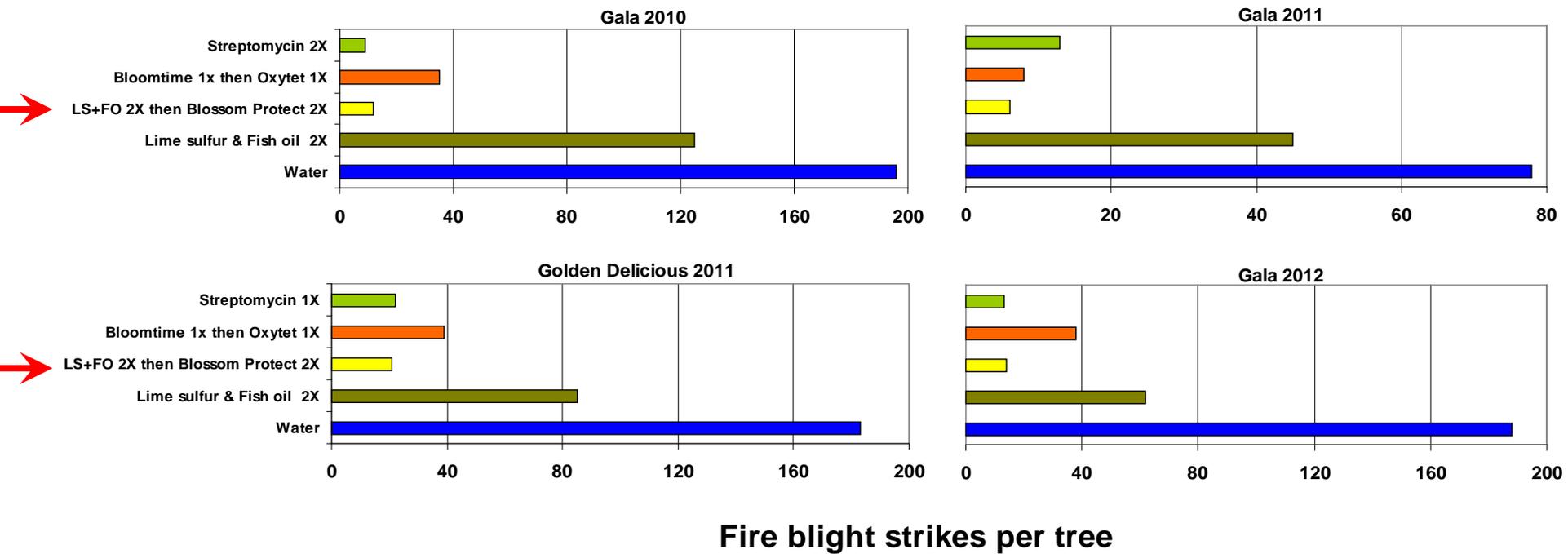
Based on integrated control concept,  
biological materials have different timings

- **Bacterial Stigma Colonizers**
  - (BlightBan A506) **early bloom**
  - (Bloomtime Biological)
- **Yeast floral cup colonizer**
  - Blossom Protect **early to mid-bloom**
- **Biorationals based on Bacillus spp.**
  - Serenade Opt or ASO **full bloom to petal fall**
  - (Double Nickel)
  - (Taegro - not registered)



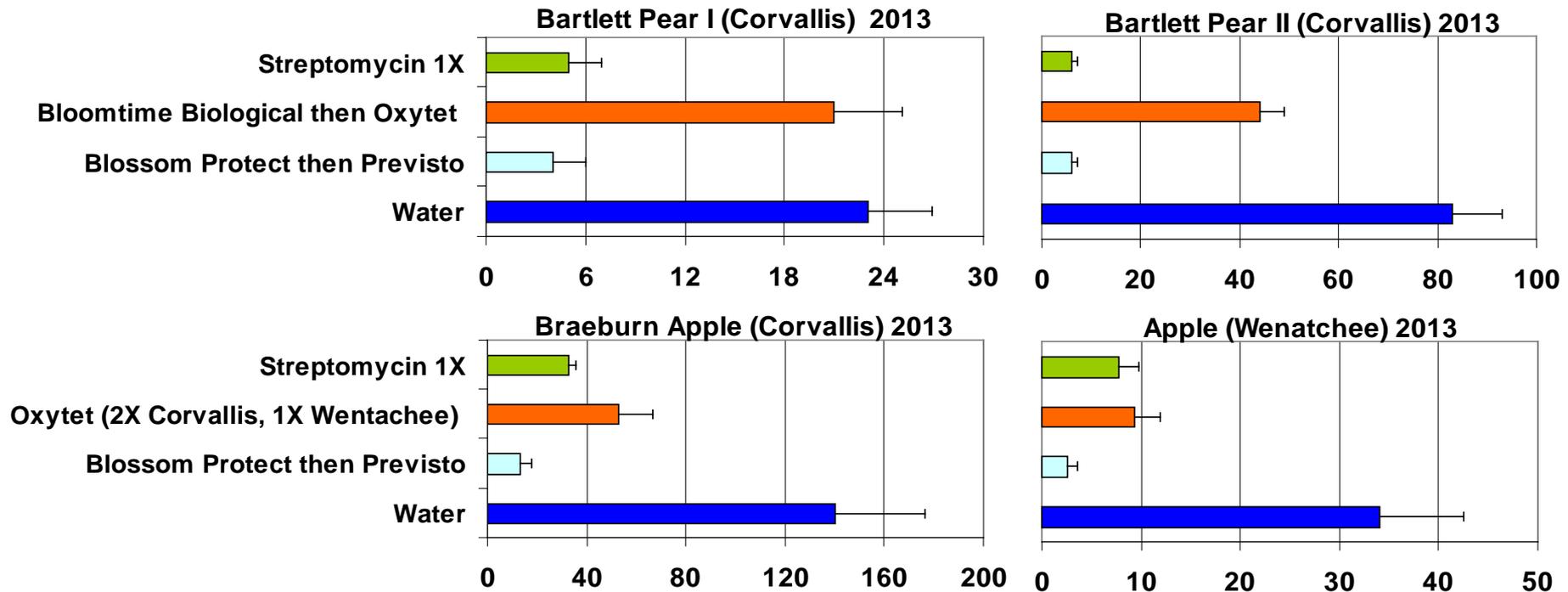
**Blossom  
Protect  
yeast cells  
on nectary  
of  
pear flower  
sampled  
near petal  
fall**

# Blossom Protect (yeast)



Integrated control ✓  
 Blossom Protect ✓  
 Followed by new Previsto copper ✓

**Replicated, inoculated orchard trials:**

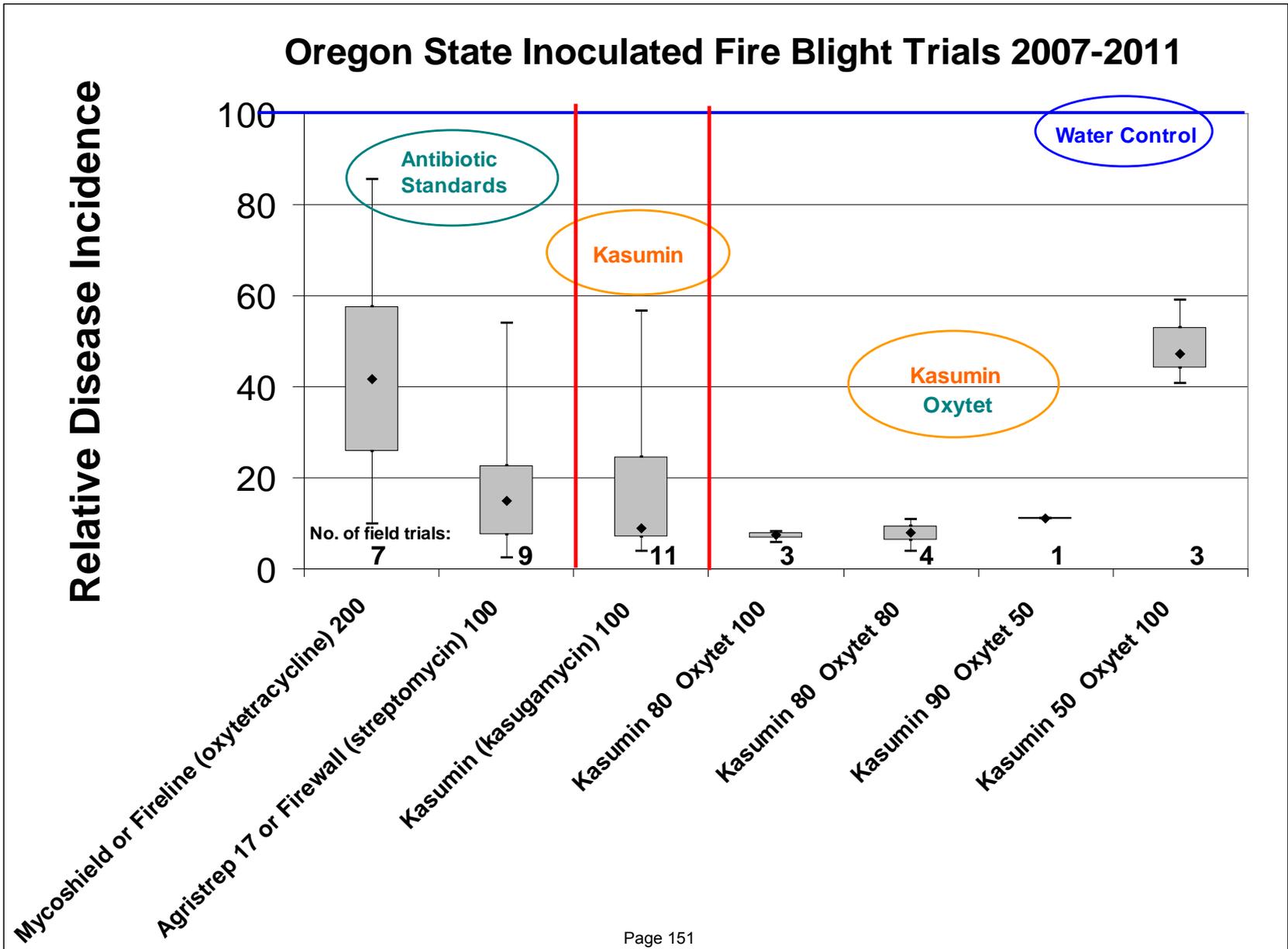


# Antibiotics

full bloom to petal-fall

- Oxytetracycline
  - Mycoshield
  - FireLine
- Streptomycin
  - Agrimycin 17
  - FireWall
- Kasugamycin
  - Kasumin (pending)

# Antibiotic performance:



# Streptomycin resistance:

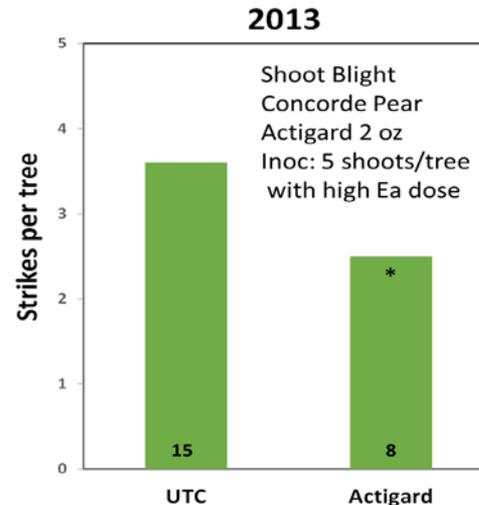
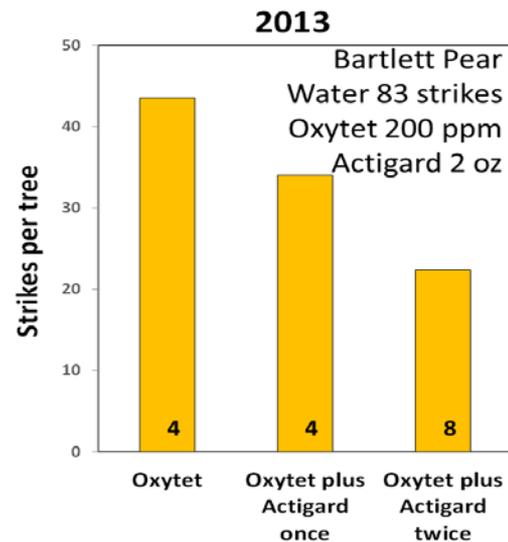
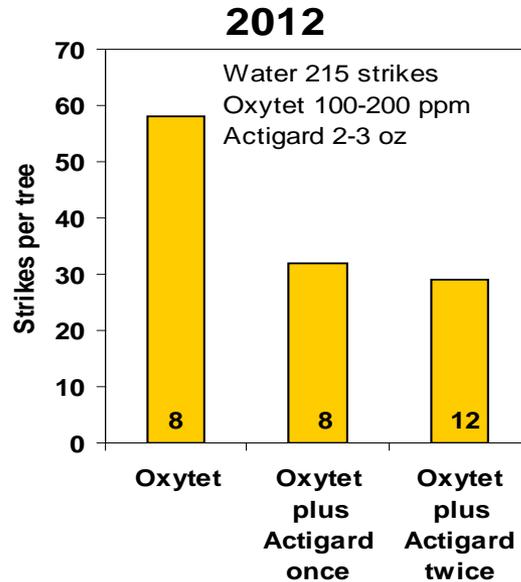
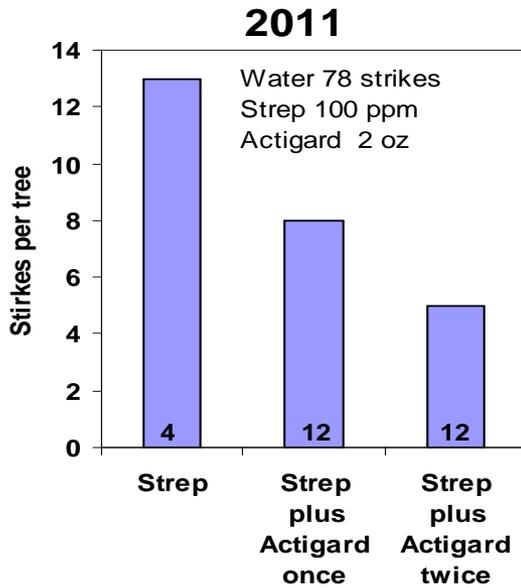


|  | % <i>E. amylovora</i> strep-resistant   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Washington</b><br>Isolates:<br>Orchards:      | <b>1988:</b> (Loper et al.)<br>76 of 95 <b>(80%)</b><br>29 of 32 <b>(90%)</b> | <b>2010:</b><br>5 of 23 <b>(22%)</b><br>2 of 8 <b>(25%)</b>  |
| <b>Oregon &amp; CA</b><br>Isolates:<br>Orchards: | <b>1992-1998:</b><br>-<br>52 of 125 <b>(41%)</b>                              | <b>2009:</b><br>6 of 19 <b>(31%)</b><br>5 of 13 <b>(38%)</b> |

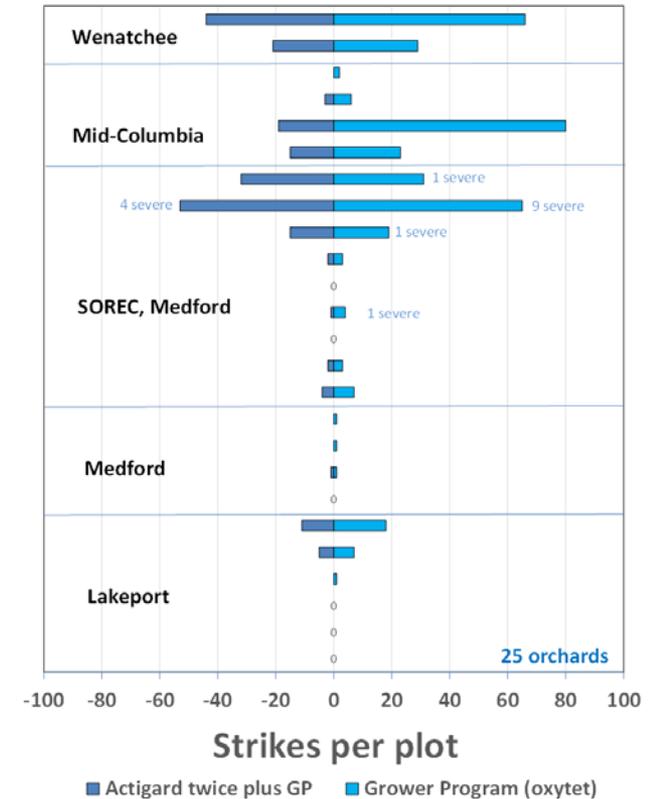
Based on the data, our recommendation has shifted from  
 “Don’t use strep” to  
 “Strep once per season, but only mixed with full rate of oxytet”

# Actigard in combo with antibiotics

Inoculated orchard trials:



2013 EUP results:  
Actigard (twice) plus Grower Program resulted in 37% fewer strikes in pears than Grower Program alone

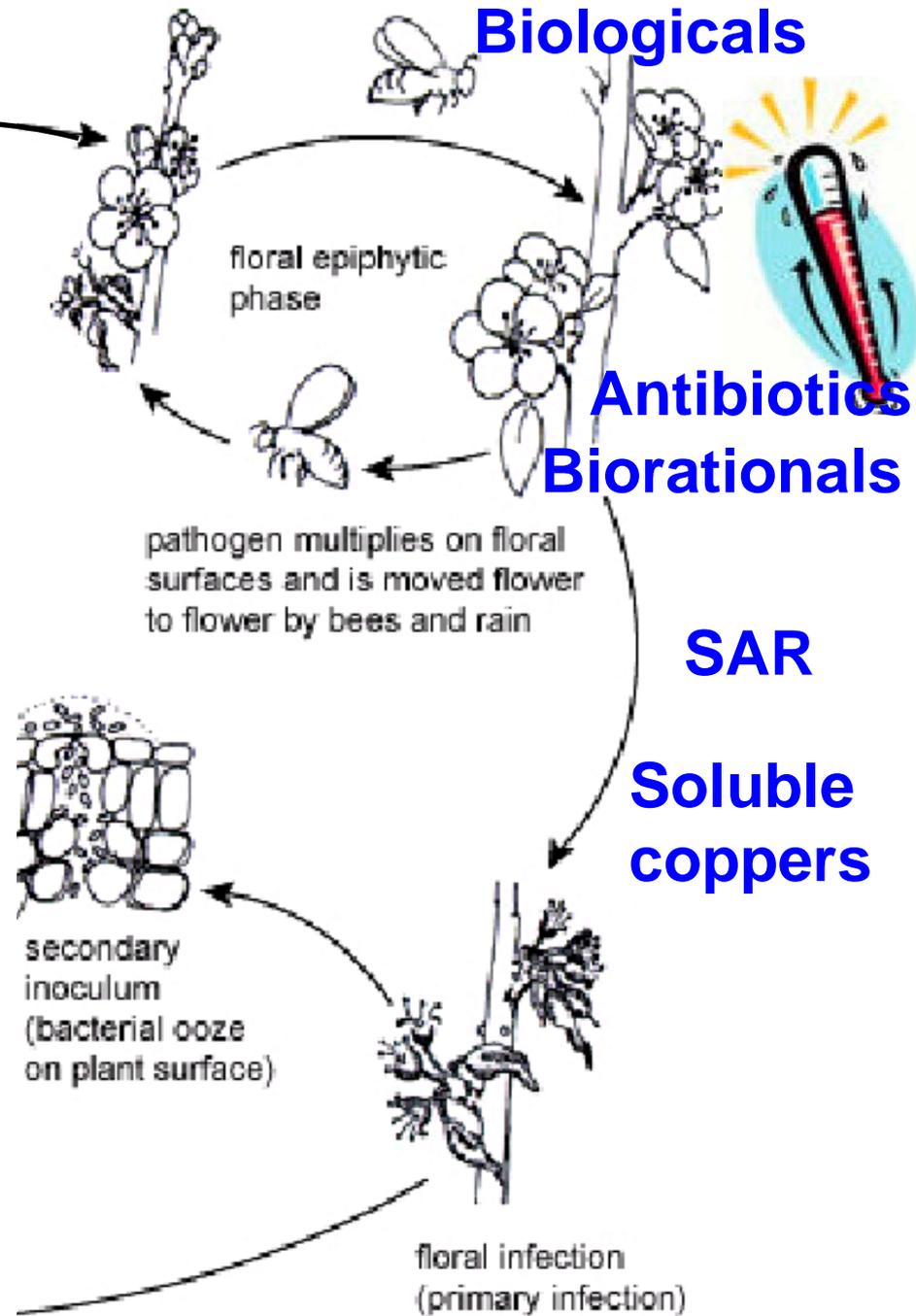


# Concerns about the materials

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Crop safety                      | Fruit russeting: Fixed and soluble coppers<br>Yeast in Blossom Protect<br>Phytotoxicity: (Kasumin)                       |
| Efficacy                         | Bacterial biologicals, Biorationals, Actigard<br>(oxytet, Blossom Protect)   |
| Pathogen resistance              | streptomycin<br>(Kasumin)  |
| Inter-compatibility of materials | Lime sulfur with Biologicals<br>Buffer in Blossom Protect with fixed copper<br>Bacterial biologicals with oxytet/Kasumin |
| Cost of material                 | Kasumin, Actigard, Blossom Protect   |



**Fixed copper**



**Questions ?**

*Control options for bacterial diseases of cherry and other stone fruit*

# Control options for bacterial diseases of cherry and other stone fruit



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**IR-4 Grower Needs and  
Challenges meeting;  
September 11, 2014**

# Economically-significant bacterial diseases of stone fruit in the U.S.

- **Bacterial canker – sweet cherry, apricot, tart cherry**
  - *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae* and pv. *morsprunorum*
- **Bacterial spot – peach, plum, almond**
  - *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*
- **Walnut blight**
  - *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *juglandis*

# **Bacterial canker flower infection:**

**Induced following a freeze**

**Observed following prolonged periods of cool, wet weather**

**Certain cultivars with fruit prized by consumers put growers at risk**







***'Napoleon'***



***'Somerset'***

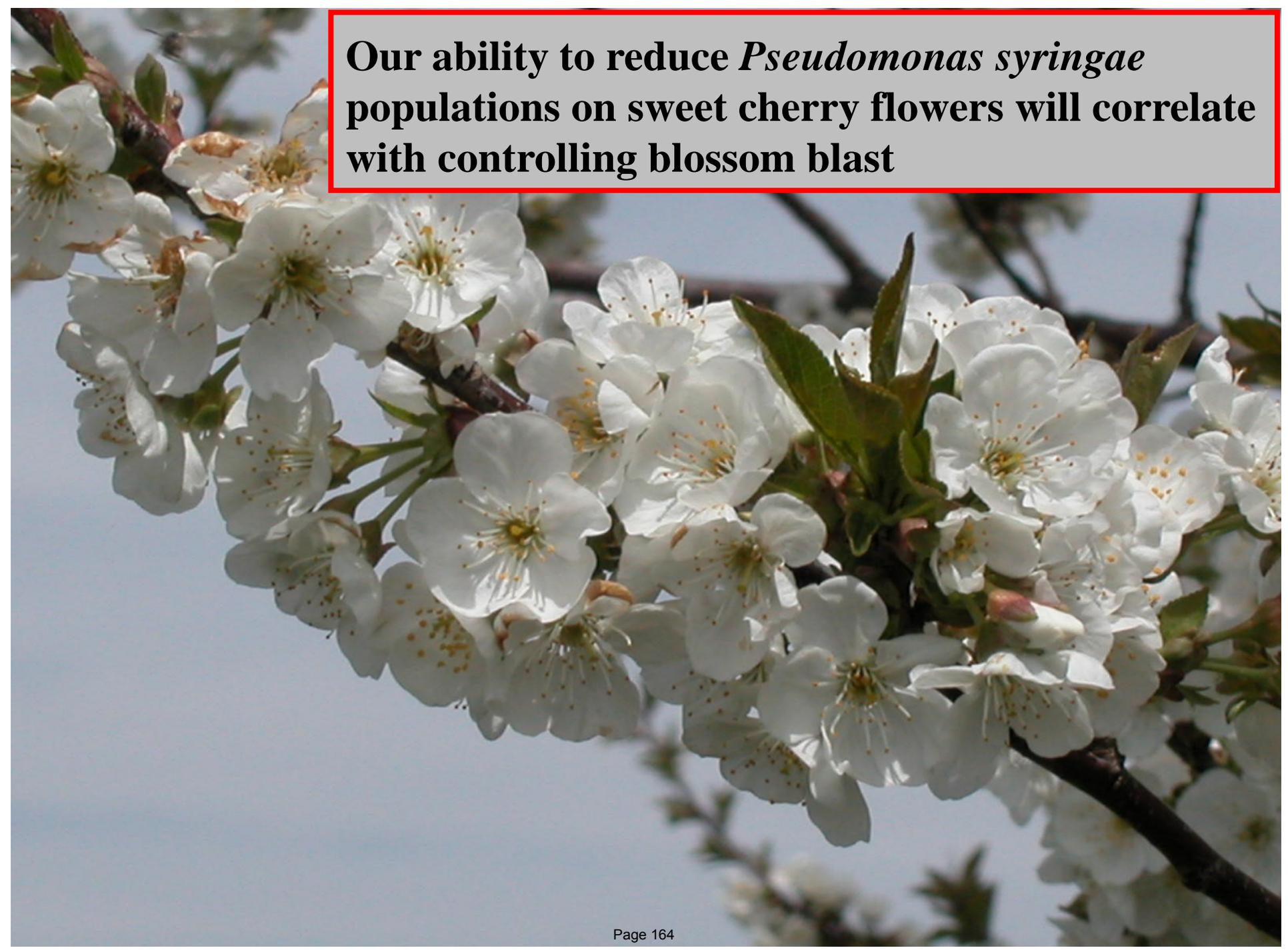


# **Bacterial canker pathogen**

## ***Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae***

- **Excellent colonizer of sweet cherry flowers**
- **Essentially every flower cluster is colonized in MI orchards**
- **Bacterial cells are ice nucleation active**
- **Even low temps close to freezing ( ~ 31° F) can lead to frost injury induced infection**

**Our ability to reduce *Pseudomonas syringae* populations on sweet cherry flowers will correlate with controlling blossom blast**



**Bacterial canker control:**  
**Coppers – wrong timing**  
**Biologicals? Phosphites?**



# Bacterial canker summary

- **Bacterial canker epidemics in Michigan since 2002 were induced by freeze events**
- **Prolonged cool, wet weather also leads to bacterial canker infection on smaller scale**
- ***P. syringae* pv. *syringae* populations on sweet cherry blossoms are high and uniformly distributed throughout Michigan**
- **Copper resistance is present in MI; thus, the role of copper in disease control is debatable**
- **Other products tested – efficacy still in question**

# Bacterial canker summary

- *There is a need for compounds with the capability of reducing *P. syringae* bloom populations in advance of freeze events or weather favoring infection*

# Bacterial Spot

- Causal agent – *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*
- Symptoms -- spots on leaves, fruit; cankers form on new twigs



# Bacterial Spot

- **Problems for disease management**
  - **Large populations of the pathogen**
  - **Efficacy of chemical controls is not optimal**



# Management of Bacterial Spot: Host Resistance

- **Successful management starts with growing varieties with resistance/tolerance**
  - (however, resistance can be overcome under high disease pressure)
- **Two main chemical controls**
  - Copper -- can be limited by phytotoxicity problems
  - Oxytetracycline -- can be effective, however:
    - successful use requires accurate timing relative to infection events, full coverage
    - OxyTc lacks long residual activity
    - New concerns about resistance

# Copper Use for Bacterial Spot Management

- **Bottom line from Dave Ritchie, NC State:**
- **“When peach foliage is present, there is no rate of copper that has adequate activity against bacterial spot which will not cause some leaf injury.”**



# Current control of bacterial diseases of stone fruit

- **Relies on copper**
  - **Trees are highly susceptible to copper**
  - **Can't spray with full rates of copper when it is most needed**
  - **Copper resistance (50+ years of copper use .....**)
- **Potential for biologicals?**
  - **Low because of high pathogen population size, extended periods when control needed, and epiphytic growth of pathogen**

# Current control of bacterial diseases of stone fruit

- **Judicious, targeted use of antibiotics:**
  - **Use during bloom when most needed**
  - **Potential for significant reduction of flower populations of *P. syringae***
    - **Control could then potentially carry through season**
  - **More effective alternative for bacterial spot?**

# **Kasumin for fire blight control in Michigan**



# Experience with Kasumin in Michigan

- **Section 18 granted by EPA yearly since 2010**
- **Use timing – bloom through petal fall; 3 applications maximum**
- **Conditions must be predictive of potential fire blight epidemic prior to use**
- **Other conditions:**
  - **First spray of season must be other material**
  - **No animal manure in orchards**

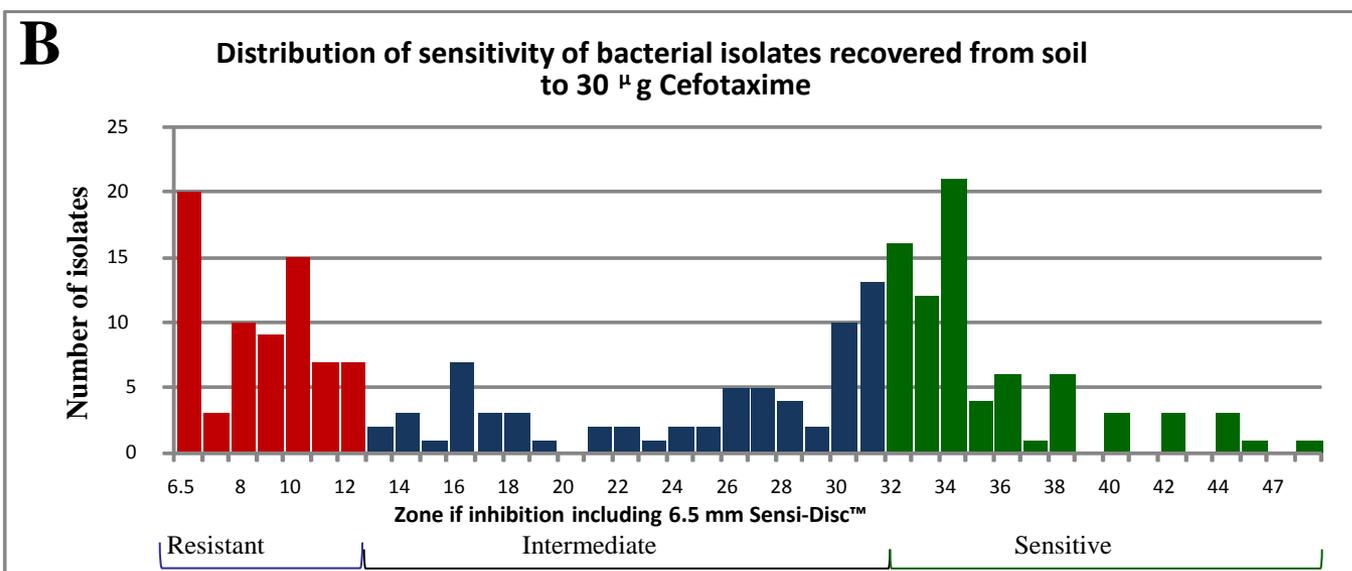
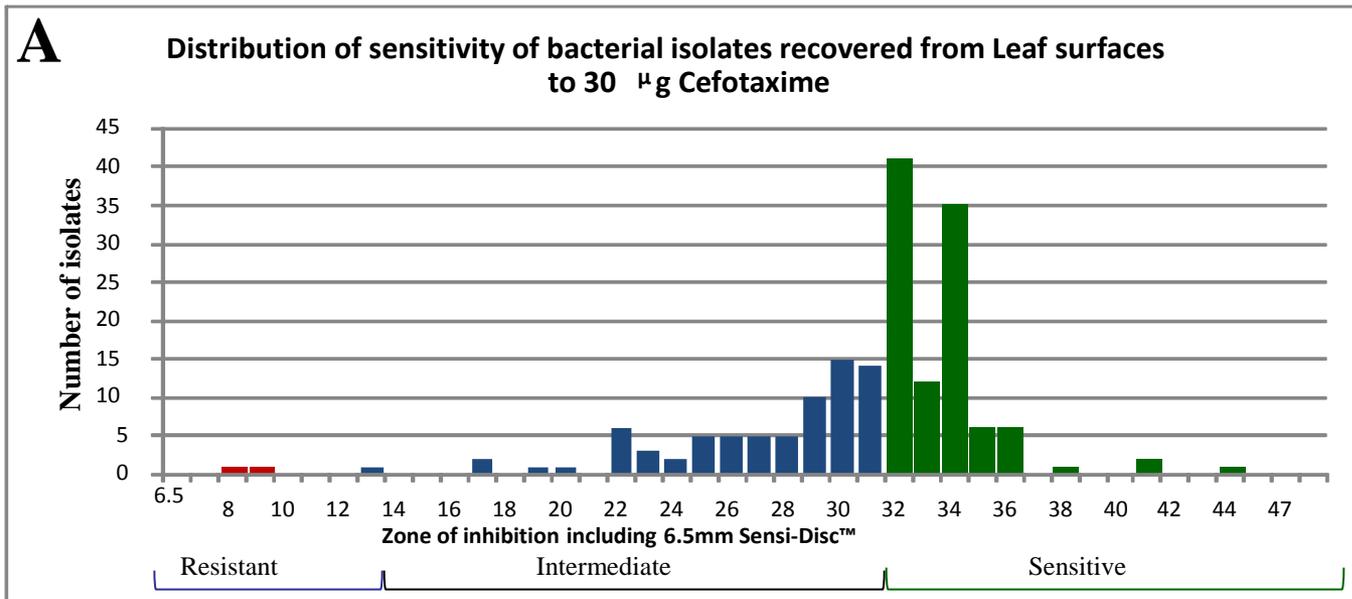
# Experience with Kasumin in Michigan

- **Grower adoption increases every year**
- **Control in commercial blocks has been excellent**

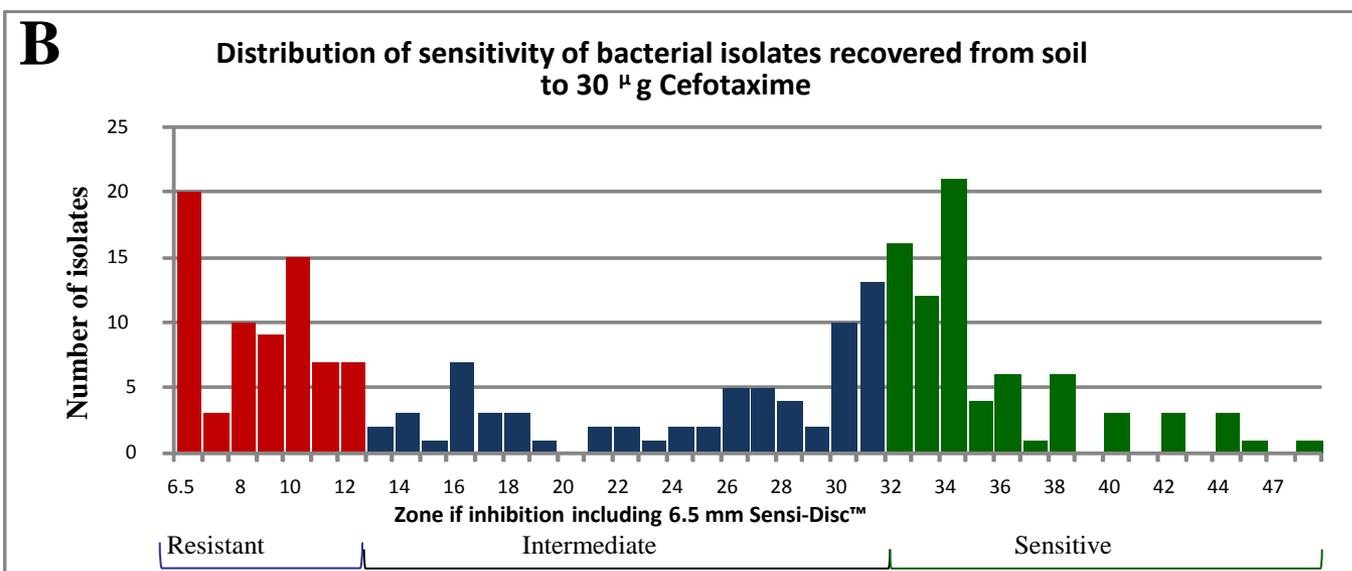
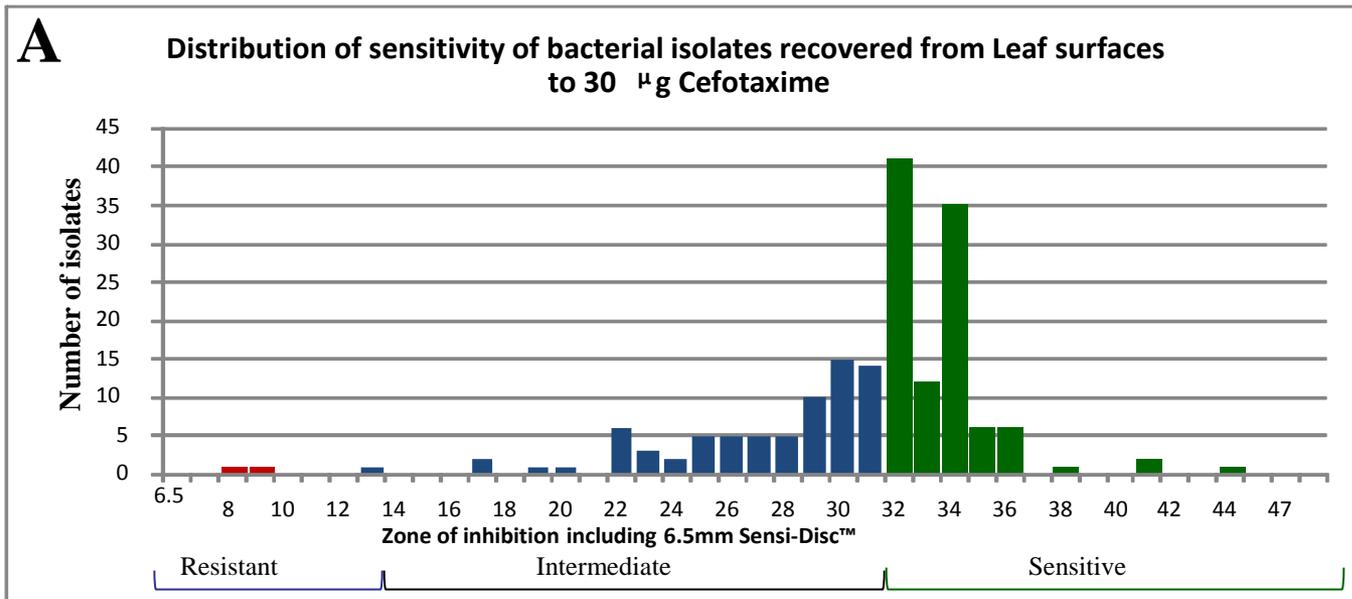
# Experience with Kasumin in Michigan

- **EPA-mandated resistance monitoring conducted by Sundin lab since 2010**
- **“Does Kasumin use select for resistance to kasugamycin linked to resistance to other antibiotics?”**
  - **Sample 10-12 orchards throughout MI, 2 unsprayed controls**
  - **Quantify culturable bacterial populations**
  - **Isolate Gram-negative bacteria and assess sensitivity to ampicillin, cefotaxime, gentamicin, streptomycin, tetracycline**

# Antibiotic resistance monitoring



# Antibiotic resistance monitoring



**No differences between Kasumin-sprayed and nonsprayed orchards**

# Experience with Kasumin in Michigan

- **Excellent antibiotic for fire blight management**
- **Stewardship is critical**
  - **Limited # of applications**
  - **Limited timing to bloom**
  - **Fire blight predictive model must indicate potential epidemic conditions prior to use**
- **No evidence of any effects of Kasumin use on resistance to other antibiotics**

*Creating Transgenics for Resistance to Huanglongbing*



# Creating Transgenics for Resistance to Huanglongbing

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# Huanglongbing (HLB, AKA Greening)

## World Experience (Bové, 2006)

● “Probably the most serious disease of Citrus”

● First unambiguous report in China 1940s

● “Practically all commercial citrus species and cultivars are sensitive, regardless of rootstocks”

● Has caused elimination or contraction of citrus production in several citrus growing regions

● Has latent period with few symptoms for several years

● May completely debilitate trees within two years of first symptoms

● Research supports HLB-management by aggressive ACP spraying, regular scouting and roguing of infected trees, and use of disease-free replants



# Huanglongbing, AKA Citrus Greening

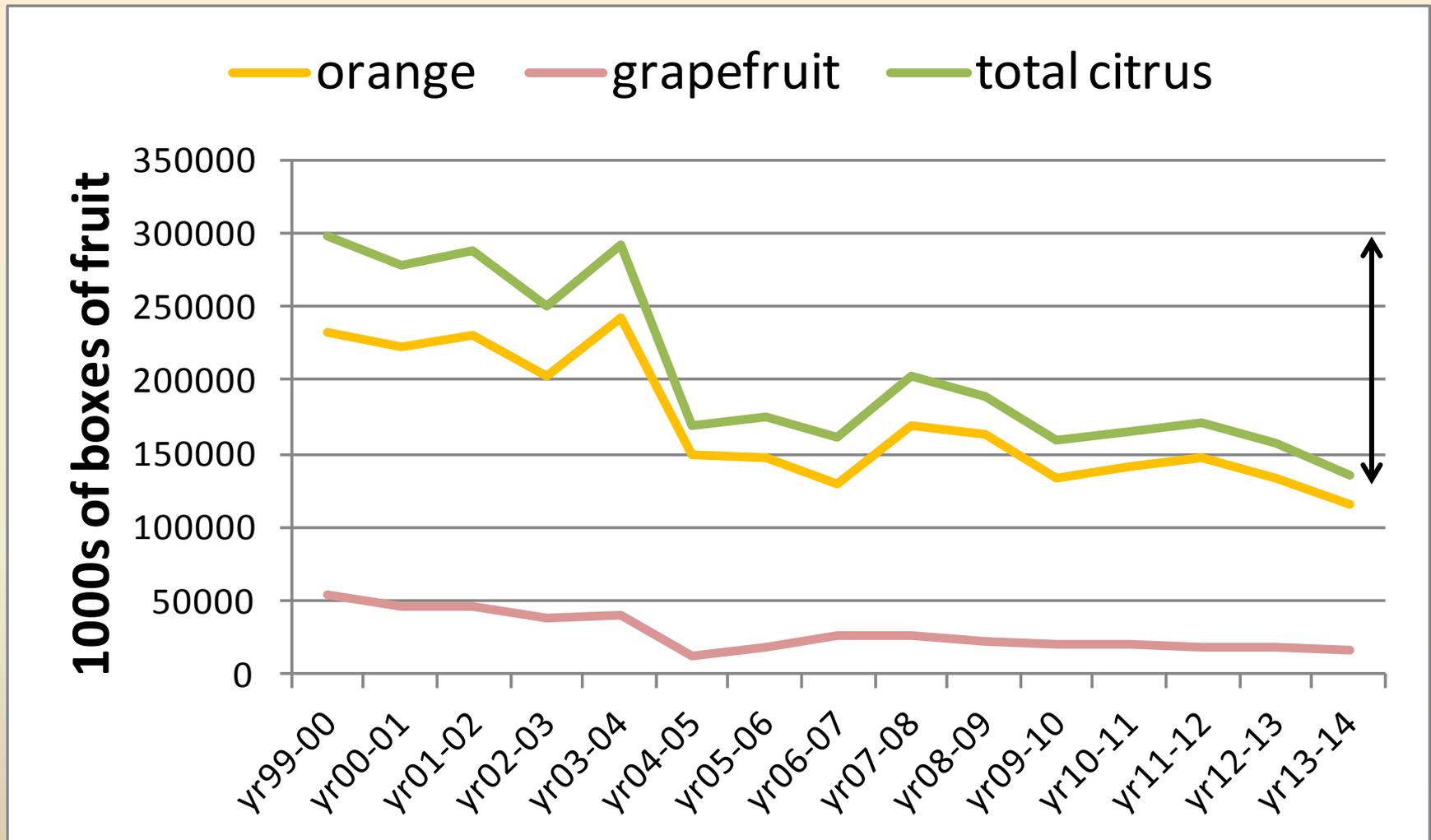


- First identified in Florida in August 2005
- Estimated that ~40-70% of FL citrus trees are infected, but some groves no longer productive
- Associated with a phloem limited bacterium, *Liberibacter asiaticus* (Las), vectored by the Asian Citrus Psyllid (widespread FL & TX, in CA, finds in AZ),
- Within a few years of infection, many citrus trees become weak, have poor quality fruit, with lots of fruit drop, and trees may die or become useless
- **SERIOUSLY BIG PROBLEM!!!!**



Industry \$\$ and now federal funds directed at finding solutions  
>\$200 million so far

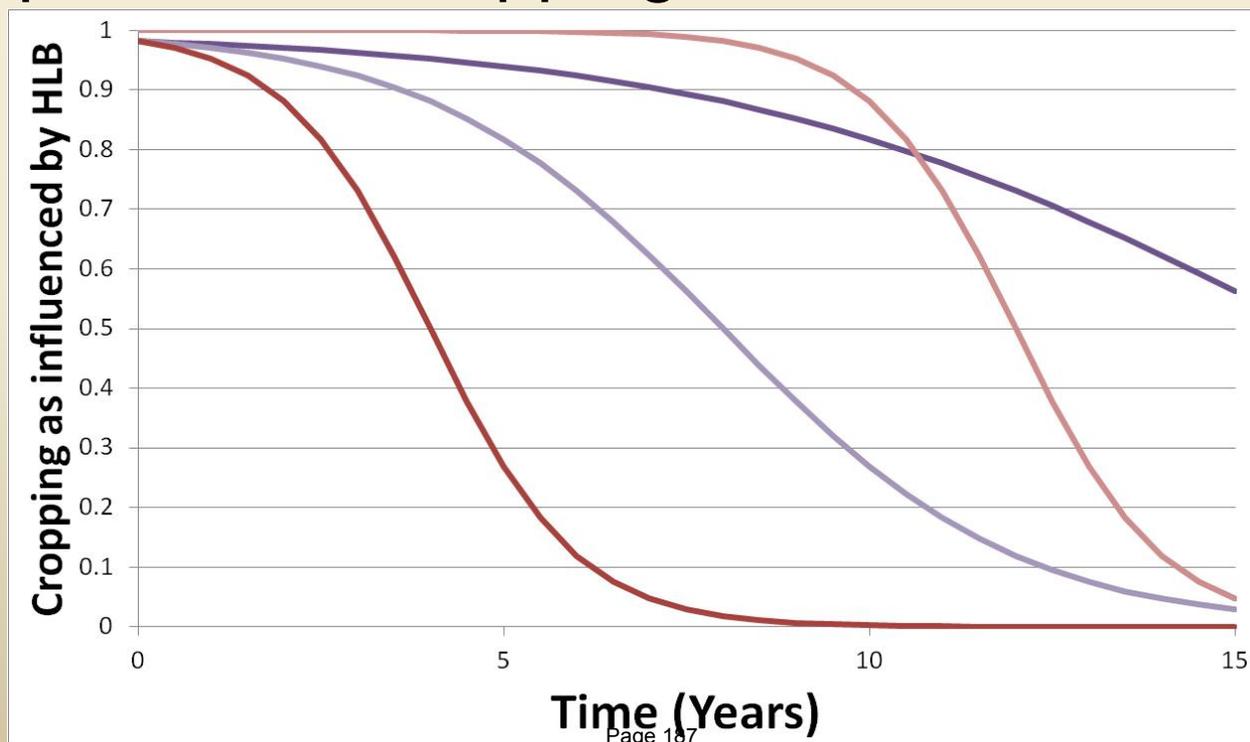
# Trend in Florida Citrus Production



# We may be living with HLB in FL forever:

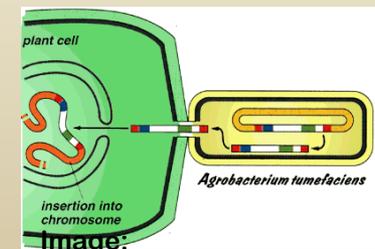
- There are numerous areas of research that offer great promise for dealing with HLB
- However, nothing seems likely to “make it go away” any time soon
- Host resistance or tolerance to HLB offers the promise of a sustainable long-term solution to maintain economic citrus production
- Tolerant conventional cultivars may provide acceptable solution until immune citrus or pathogen / psyllid elimination are prime time

- In time truly immune trees will be found... in the meantime
- If resistance or tolerance is confirmed, how may this benefit citrus industries?
- How much of a delay in symptom development / compromise of cropping is needed to be useful?



# Transgenics for HLB- Resistant Citrus

- Tolerance and resistance in “conventional citrus is great..... IF you have decided to live with HLB
- Transgenics appear to be the most promising solution for strong HLB resistance and perhaps immunity
- Another major advantage is ability to improve an existing cultivar with essentially no other changes: HLB-resistant Washington Navel, Tango etc.

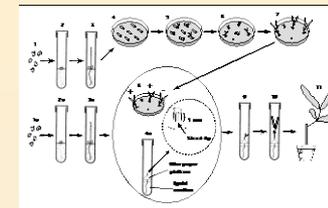


# Future of transgenic Citrus

- Genetically engineered (GE) cultivars deregulated for commercial use in ~25 different agricultural crops
- GE crops are grown on ~12% of global arable land, mainly four field crops: soybean, maize, cotton and canola
- Several GE horticultural crops are being produced commercially since they provide solutions to otherwise intractable threats, much as HLB seems for citrus
- Commercial GE citrus is likely inevitable and GE crop concerns will likely decline with time
- NO released transgenic in any crop for bacterial resistance



# Transgenic Project: Parallel Tracks



- **Fastest track- possible “home run” using best available technology on rootstocks, sweet orange and grapefruit- high throughput.**
  - **Goal is earliest possible resistant variety in field**
  - **Emphasizing components which are deregulated in crop plants**
- **Experiments to overcome transformation bottlenecks**
- **Identifying new targets for transgenes**
- **Exploring other promoters, constructs, etc. first with easily transformed rootstock types**

# Categories: Transgenic Strategies

- Direct attack on the pathogen

  - >Antimicrobials

  - >ScFV for external pathogen epitopes

- Host pathogen interactions

  - >Basal defense genes

  - >CLas gene products that target host (nuclear localization protein, flagellin etc.)

- Citrus physiology

  - >Possibly overactive defense response

  - >Deciduousness

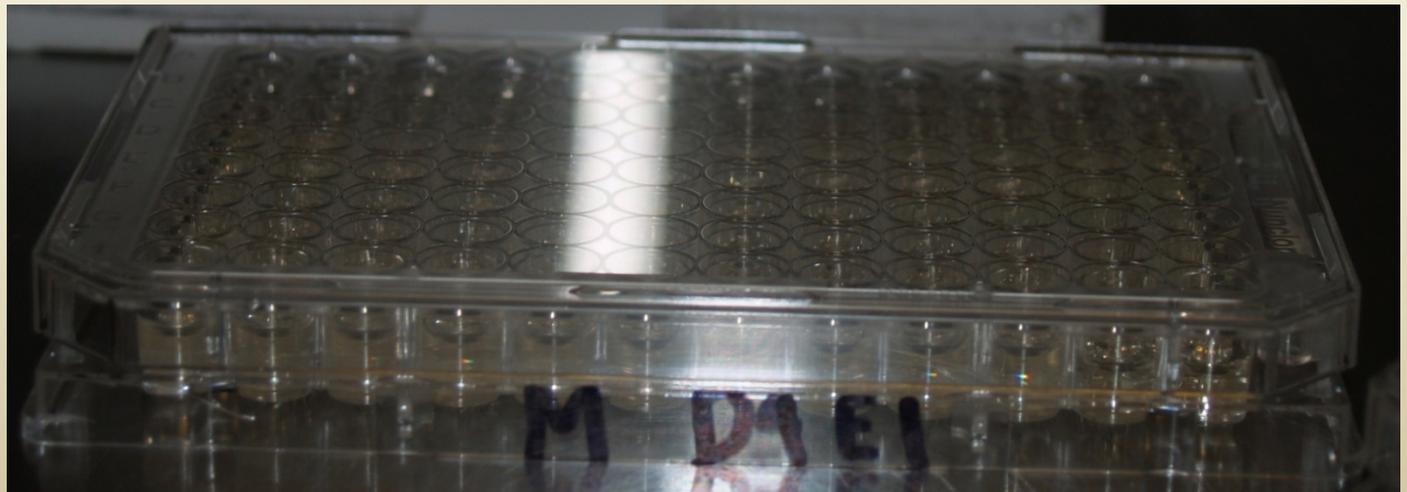
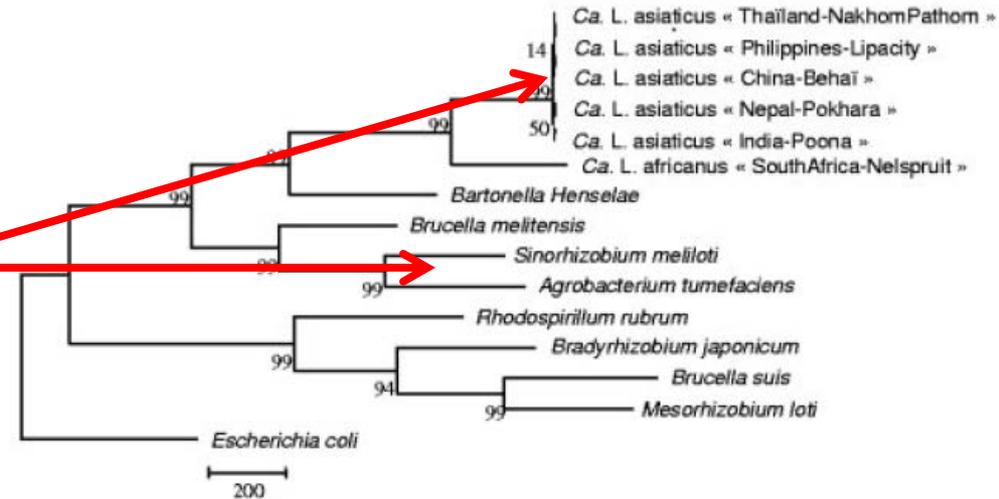
- Psyllid targets

# Antimicrobial Peptides

- **First line of active defense to combat infection in multicellular organisms**
- **Broadly active against groups of microorganisms- may suppress HLB, canker, etc.**
- **Mode of action primarily intercalation into membranes and depolarization**
- **Most are very small molecules, MAY move systemically- possible GM rootstock solution?**
- **Results in microbial death or prevents growth**

## In-Vitro AMP Screening: but *Liberibacter* is unculturable

- *Agrobacterium* and *Sinorhizobium* are related to *Liberibacter*
- Also used *Xanthomonas citri*, the pathogen that causes citrus canker



| AMP                   | Source  | MIC ( $\mu$ M) |      |      | Hemolytic Activity (%) |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------|------|------|------------------------|
|                       |         | At             | Sm   | Xcc  |                        |
| Tachyplesin I         | crustac | 0.3            | 0.3  | 0.3  | 3.0                    |
| SMAP-29               | sheep   | 1              | 0.3  | 1    | 3.2                    |
| D4E1                  | synth   | 1              | 0.3  | 1    | 3.6                    |
| D2A21                 | synth   | 1              | 0.3  | 1    | 8.4                    |
| LL-37                 | human   | 1              | 1    | 1    | 5.1                    |
| Melittin              | bee     | 1              | 1    | 1    | 100.8                  |
| Cecropin A            | insect  | 3              | 3    | 10   | 1.1                    |
| Cecropin B            | insect  | 10             | 3    | 10   | 1.2                    |
| Indolicidin           | cow     | 10             | 3    | 3    | 2.0                    |
| Apidaecin IA          | insect  | >30            | 1    | >30  | 1.6                    |
| Drosocin              | insect  | >30            | 3    | >30  | 1.6                    |
| $\alpha$ -Purothionin | plant   | 30             | 10   | 1    | 22.5                   |
| Pyrrhocoricin         | insect  | >30            | 10   | >30  | 1.9                    |
| Magainin I            | frog    | >30            | >30  | >30  | 1.3                    |
| Magainin II           | frog    | >30            | >30  | >30  | 1.5                    |
| Histatin-5            | human   | >30            | >30  | >30  | 1.8                    |
| Ib-4                  | plant   | >100           | 100  | >100 |                        |
| Cn-1                  | plant   | >100           | >100 | >100 |                        |
| P4c                   | plant   | >100           | >100 | >100 |                        |

## In-vitro assays: broad group

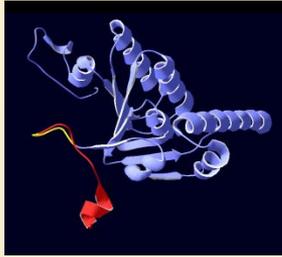
- Quite repeatable across multiple runs
- “Best” AMPs in trial were animal or synthetic
- Tachyplesin from Horseshoe crab was “best”, but several similar

| AMP     | MIC ( $\mu$ M) |     |     | Hemolytic Activity (%) |
|---------|----------------|-----|-----|------------------------|
|         | At             | Sm  | Xcc | Mean                   |
| AGM 155 | 1              | 0.1 | 1   | 1.6                    |
| D4E1    | 1              | 0.3 | 1   | 3.6                    |
| AGM 156 | 1              | 0.3 | 1   | 5.7                    |
| D2A21   | 1              | 0.3 | 1   | 8.4                    |
| AGM 152 | 1              | 0.3 | 1   | 9.3                    |
| AGM 153 | 1              | 0.3 | 1   | 10.5                   |
| AGM 154 | 1              | 0.3 | 1   | 18.2                   |
| AGM 151 | 3              | 0.3 | 3   | 21.4                   |
| AGM 178 | 1              | 1   | 1   | 1.2                    |
| AGM 176 | 1              | 1   | 1   | 1.3                    |
| AGM 175 | 1              | 1   | 1   | 16.3                   |
| AGM 174 | 1              | 3   | 1   | 17.6                   |
| AGM 179 | 3              | 3   | 3   | 2.1                    |
| AGM 157 | 10             | 1   | 3   | 19.4                   |
| AGM 158 | 10             | 0.3 | 10  | 29.0                   |
| AGM 159 | 10             | 0.3 | 10  | 32.3                   |
| AGM 170 | >10            | 1   | 10  | 39.4                   |
| AGM 180 | 30             | 30  | 30  | 0.6                    |
| AGM 172 | >10            | >10 | >10 | 43.1                   |
| AGM 173 | >10            | >10 | >10 | 50.9                   |
| AGM 177 | >30            | >30 | 30  | 0.4                    |
| AGM 171 | >30            | >30 | >30 | 36.8                   |

**Focus on Agromed synthetic AMPs to try to enhance activity- Jesse Jaynes designed**

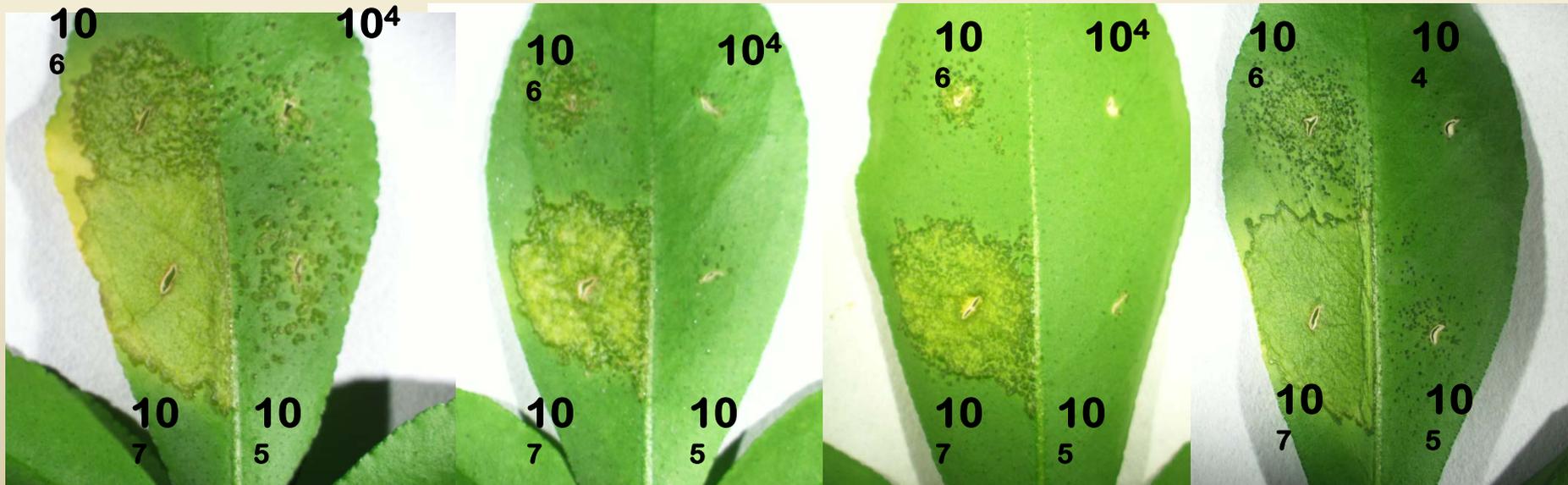
**>hit a ceiling in MIC????**

# Chimeral antimicrobial peptides, designed by Goutam Gupta (Los Alamos National Laboratory)



Chimera of a thionin (cyan)  
joined to the lytic D4E1  
peptide (red) by a GSTA linker  
(yellow)

## Xcc Infiltration results with transgenic plants containing thionin, D4E1 and chimera

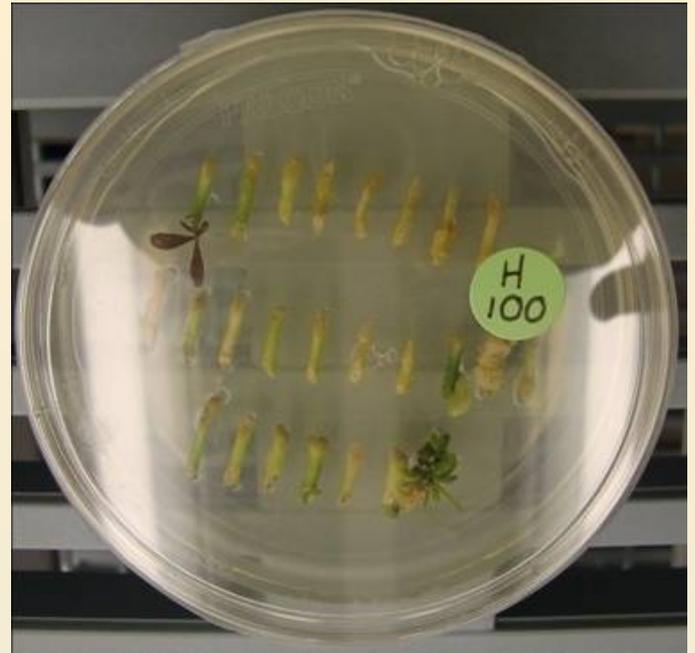


Non transformed control

Thionin-C12

Chimera-C9

D4E1-C20





Aggressive challenge begins with no-choice exposure to CLas infected psyllids- led by D. Hall

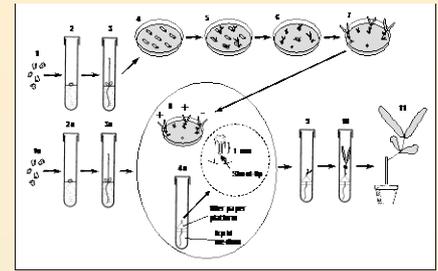


Trees in greenhouse with free-flying CLas infected psyllids plus source plants-led by D. Hall

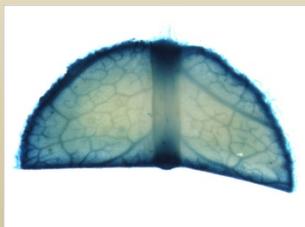
**Numerous Transgenics Being Tested Under Field permits- USDA Farm Site with HLB pressure Open to all Researchers: UF, UC, TA&M, and USDA**  
**- So far only modest effectiveness against HLB**



# Transgenic Project: Challenging with HLB etc.



- Lots of plants transformed with D35S/D4E1, AtSS/D4E1 etc. have been replicated challenged in field
- No major differences, **so far**, in HLB symptoms or Liberibacter levels. Some D4E1-GE plants have better growth.
- Many more plants in pipeline with different promoters as well as different transgenes

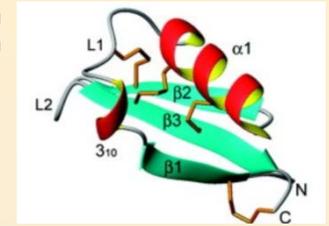


d35S:GUS  
Activity in  
most tissue



SS:GUS  
activity **limited**  
**to phloem!**

# Spinach Defensins for HLB resistance: Erik Mirkov Texas A&M University and Southern Gardens Citrus



- Furthest along in deregulation- data package well along
- Trees being tested in field -Red Grapefruits and Sweet Orange
- Indicate have stronger HLB-resistance with two different spinach defensins expressed in same trees, in greenhouse



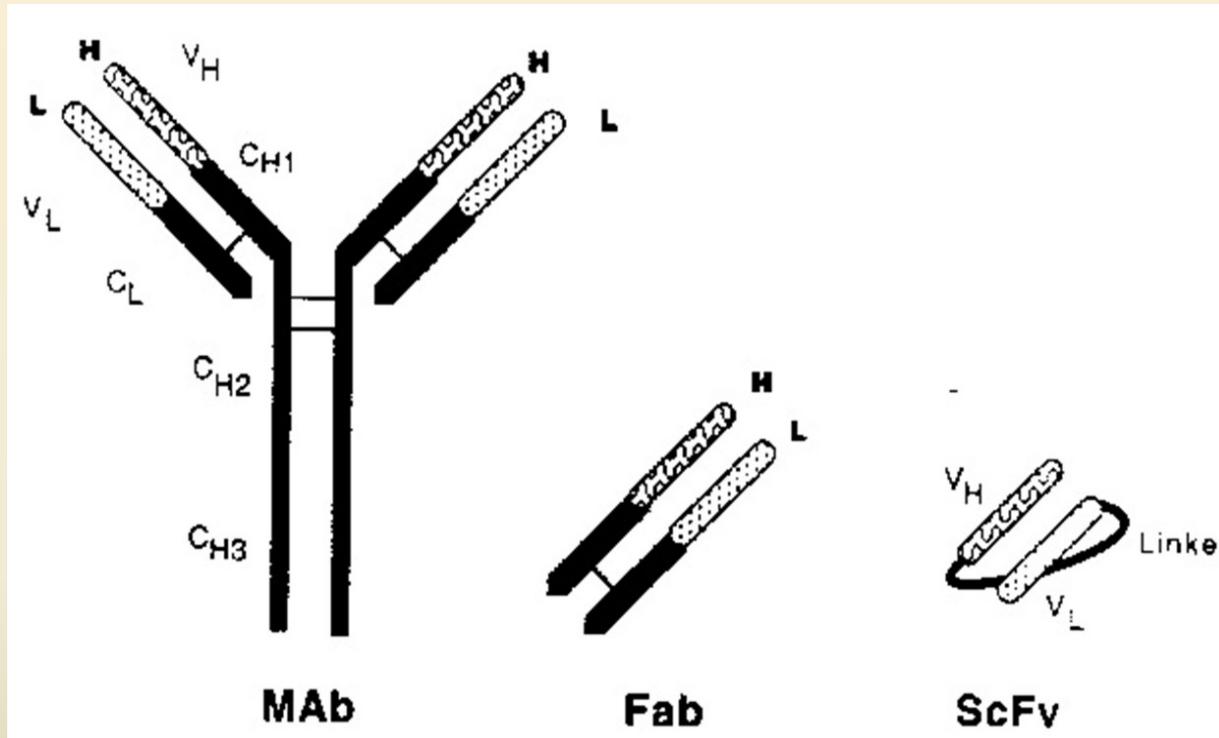
Standard Hamlin

Transgenic Hamlin

# Transgenic production of ScFv against 'Ca. Liberibacter asiaticus'

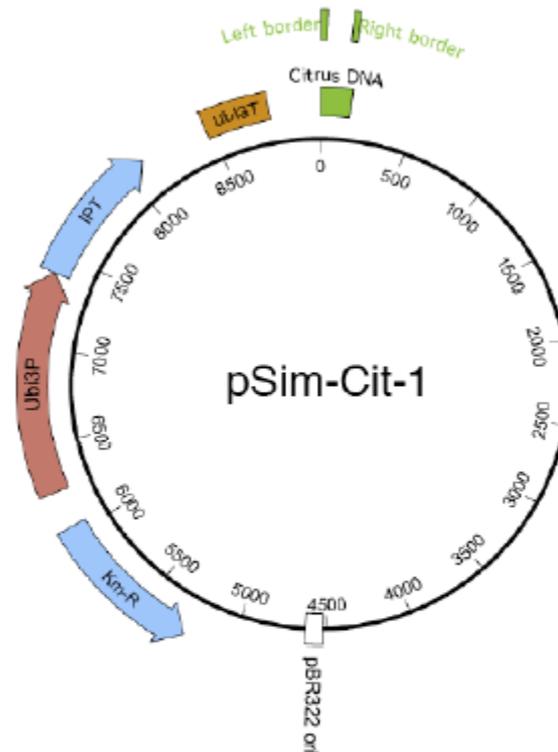
Hartung, Yuan, Stover

Hartung and Yuan also have scFv against psyllid targets



# Transgenics using only DNA from Citrus Genepool- Belknap lead

## Citrus Intragenic Binary Vector



Right Border

CACTACAACCTCAATATATATCCTGTACGAGATATCACAG  
**AAAGACANCAAN**ATATATATCCTGT**CA** (Consensus)

Left Border

GGGGCAGGATATATCCAAATGGAAAGACTAATCTGTCCAGAAGGAAAAAGAAGAAGGACCTGTGTCAG  
 NNGGCAGGATATATNNNNNTG**T**A**A**A (Consensus)



Caius Rommens and Kathy Swords

## Whole Genome Assembly and Annotation of Citrus Sinensis (JGI)

### Downloads

**Please note:** if you download and use the JGI whole genome assembly and annotation please abide by the requirements for this data as specified on phytozome.org's [Citrus sinensis download page](#).

#### *Citrus sinensis* Genome Assembly (JGI v1.0)

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## A Race to Save the Orange by Altering Its DNA



Trees that are infected by disease are cut down and burned in Clewiston, Fla., at groves owned by Southern Gardens Citrus. Richard Perry/The New York Times

E-MAIL

By [AMY HARMON](#) JULY 27, 2013 776 COMMENTS

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CLEWISTON, Fla. — The call Ricke Kress and every other citrus grower in Florida dreaded came while he was driving.

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“It’s here” was all his grove manager needed to say to see him over to the side of the

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## In Which I Actually Endorse One Use of GMOs

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*Carl Kilsgaard/ZUMA*

In a July 27 [feature article](#) that set the interwebs aflame, *New York Times* reporter Amy Harmon told the tale of a bacterial pathogen that's stalking the globe's citrus trees, and a Florida orange juice company's effort to find a solution to the problem through genetic engineering.

An invasive insect called the Asian citrus psyllids carries the bacteria, known as *Candidatus Liberibacter*, from tree to tree, and it causes oranges and other citrus fruits to turn green and rot. "Citrus greening," as the condition has become known, has emerged as a pest nearly wherever citrus is grown globally. Harmon reported that an "emerging scientific consensus" holds that only genetic engineering can defeat it.

Meanwhile, Michael Pollan, a prominent food industry and agribusiness critic, [tweeted](#) this:

# Thanks!

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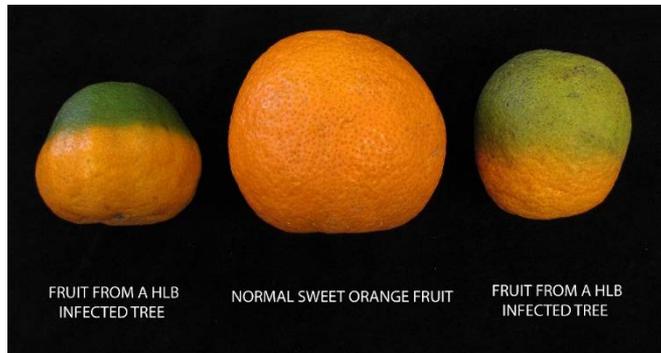
***Genetic Improvement of Citrus for the development of HLB (greening disease)  
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# **Genetic Improvement of Citrus for the development of HLB (greening disease) bacterial resistance**

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Lake Alfred, FL, 33850

# The problem!

- Huanglongbing (HLB), also known as citrus greening disease, is a bacterial plant disease that is **fatal** for citrus trees.
- HLB is caused by the fastidious, **phloem - limited**, gram-negative bacterium *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (CLAs) which is transmitted by the **Asian citrus psyllid**.
- Diseased trees produce bitter, hard, misshapen fruit and die within a few years of being infected.
- HLB is considered to be one of the most serious plant diseases in the world and currently there is no permanent cure.



<http://www.dawn.com/news>

Source:  
<http://californiacitrusthreat.org/huanglongbing-citrus-greening.php>

# Where are we right now?

- We have produced over 1000 independent transgenic events (containing one of 11 different gene constructs) in over 15 different citrus rootstock and scion varieties, both diploid and tetraploid. Many of them are in current field trials.
- Several antimicrobial peptides have shown initial promise but long term studies have not been fruitful for the majority of them.
- We have identified two Systemic Acquired Resistance (SAR) genes that have potential in combating HLB.

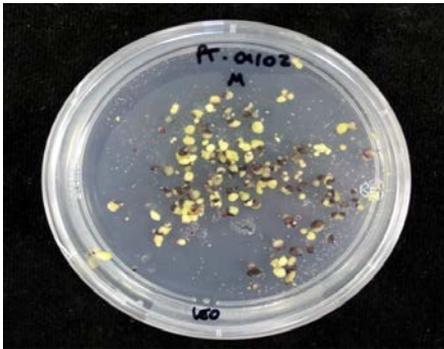
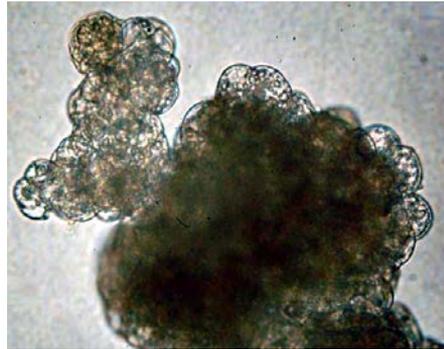
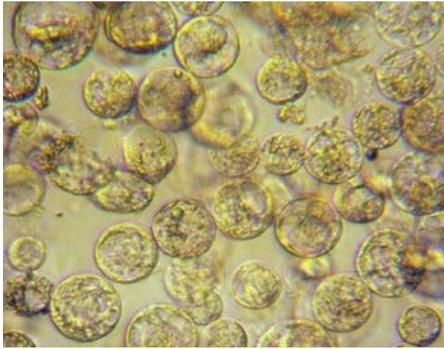
# Our research priorities

- Produce consumer acceptable transgenic plants (both rootstock and scions) containing only plant sequences and our plant derived gene(s) of interest without virus or bacterial components to target Clas.
- Utilize **RNAi** (troponin, anti wing development protein or wingless) and **insecticidal gene(s)** to create trap plants and target the Asian Citrus psyllid vector.

# Components of an “all plant” system

- A plant derived selectable marker.
- A set of plant derived promoters, genes and terminators.
- A robust transformation and regeneration system.

# Protoplast mediated Transformation

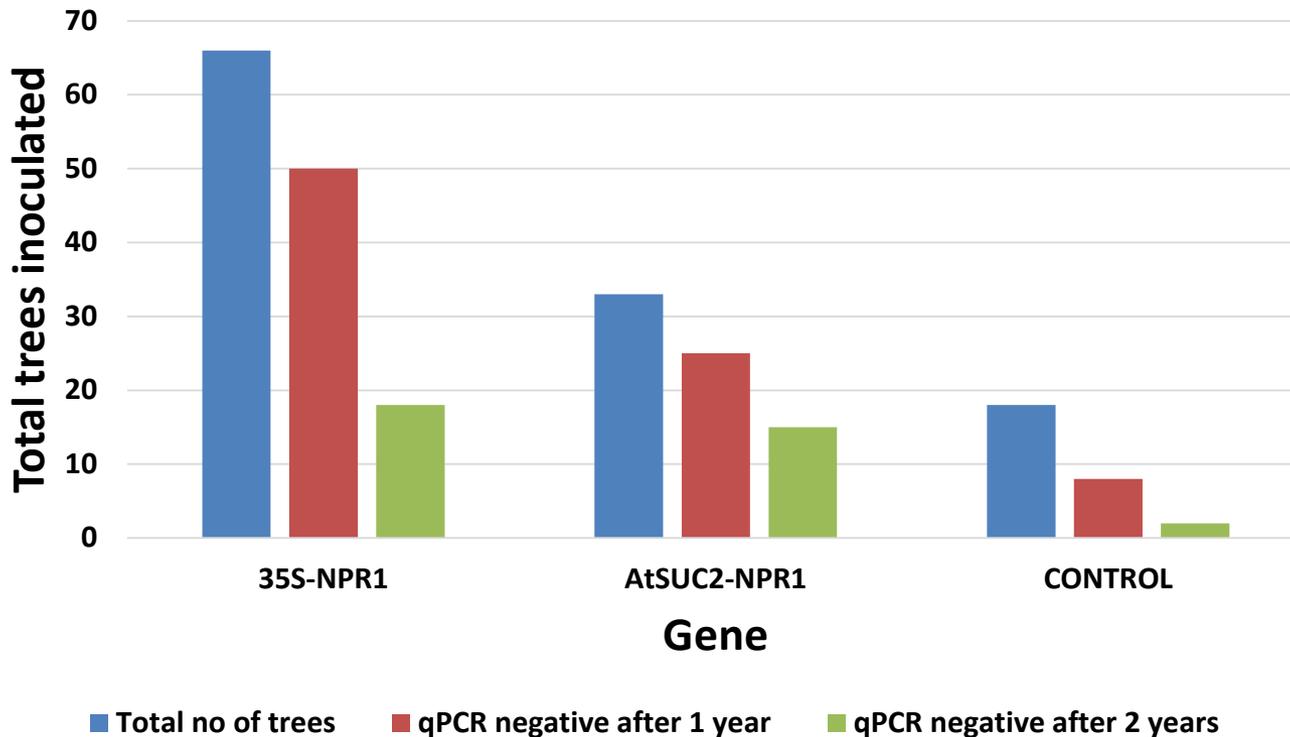


Protoplast transformation offers the ability to bypass the *Agrobacterium* mediated transformation process.

It also enables the use of **linear** DNA pieces.

The Anthocyanin overexpressing RUBY gene obtained from the 'Moro' Blood Orange is expressed only in the somatic embryos using a citrus derived embryo specific promoter

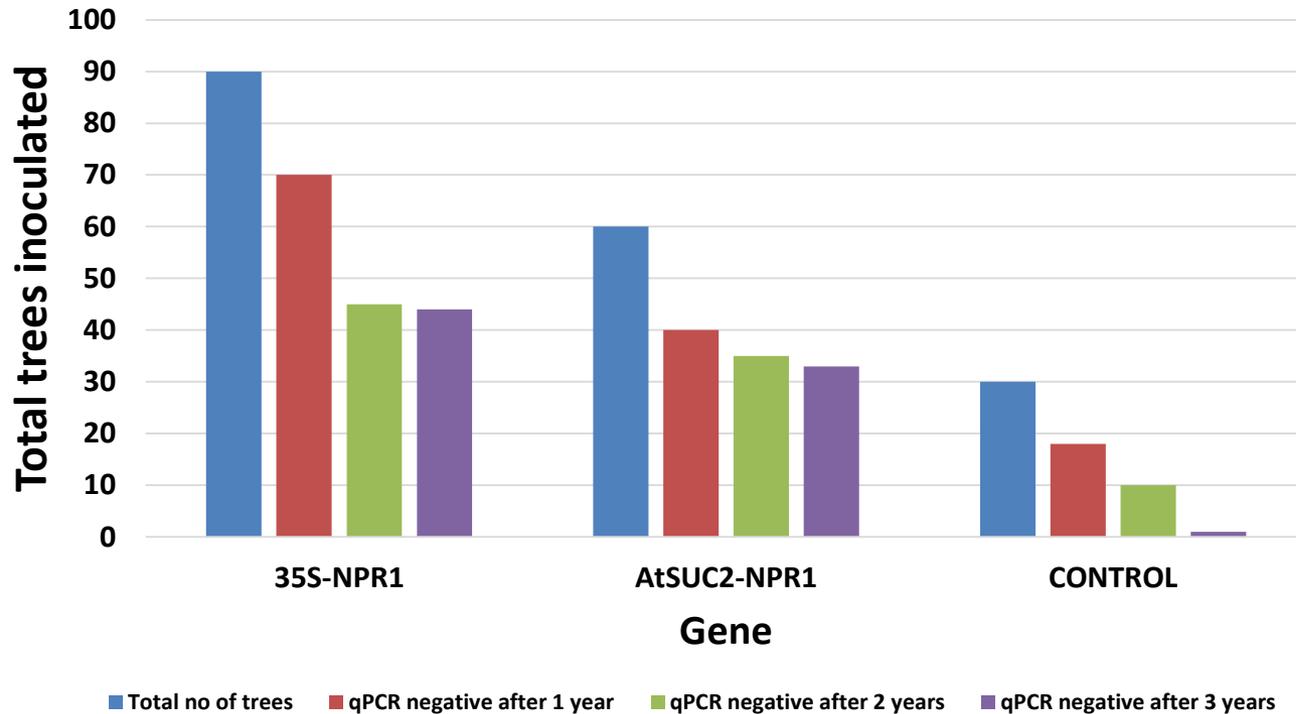
# Results from greenhouse experiments



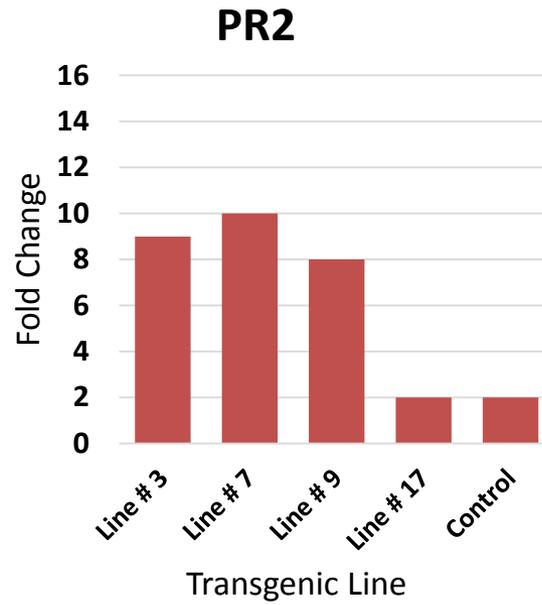
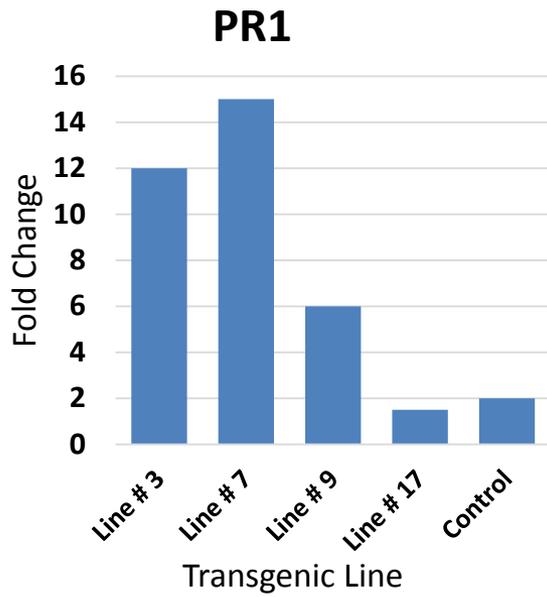
A NPR1 (HLB-) tree planted in the field after 2 years in the greenhouse

- Transgenic trees and controls were exposed to free flying potentially CLAs+ psyllids in a greenhouse.
- Psyllids were randomly tested for the presence of CLAs.
- Data was collected at yearly intervals.

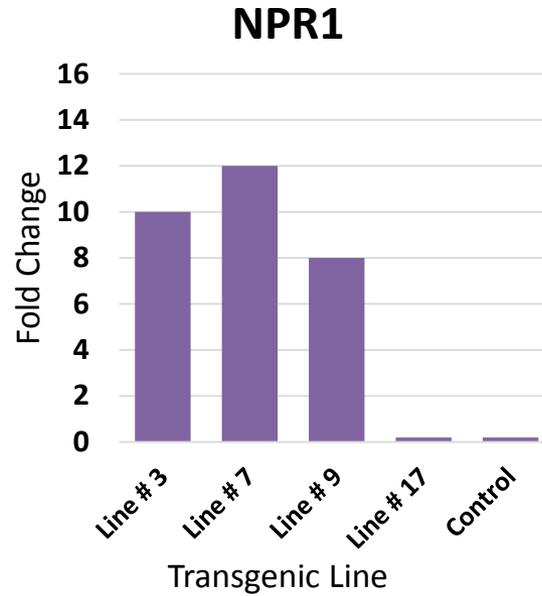
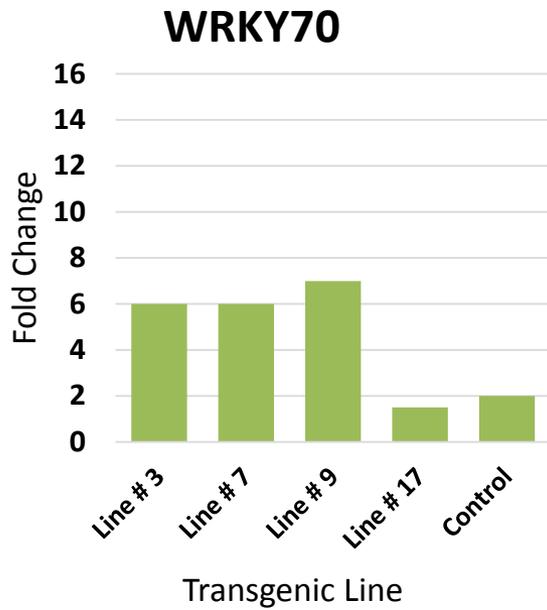
# Results from Field trials



- Transgenic trees and controls were planted in two sites, both in South Florida counties with a 80 - 90+ HLB infection rate.
- Samples were collected at yearly intervals and analyzed using qPCR.



Relative quantification of transgene activity using the  $2^{-\Delta\Delta C_t}$  method and RT-qPCR a year after infection

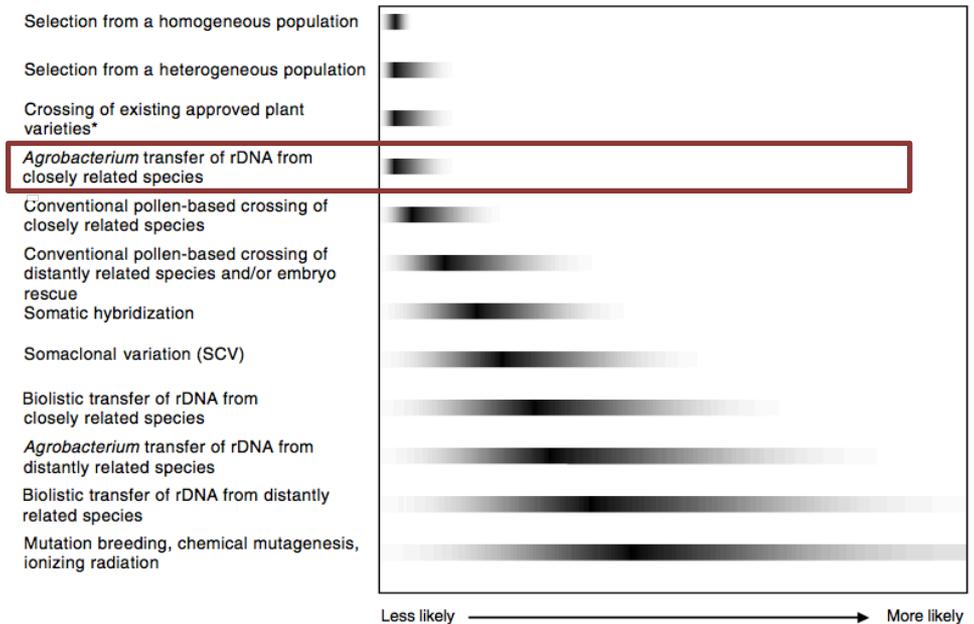




HLB (-) tree  
expressing the NPR1  
SAR inducing gene.

# Unanswered Questions?

- Resistance or Avoidance?
- Consumer acceptance?
- Long term transgene stability
- Nutritional assessments



\*includes all methods of breeding

Source: National Research Council. *Safety of Genetically Engineered Foods: Approaches to Assessing Unintended Health Effects*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2004.

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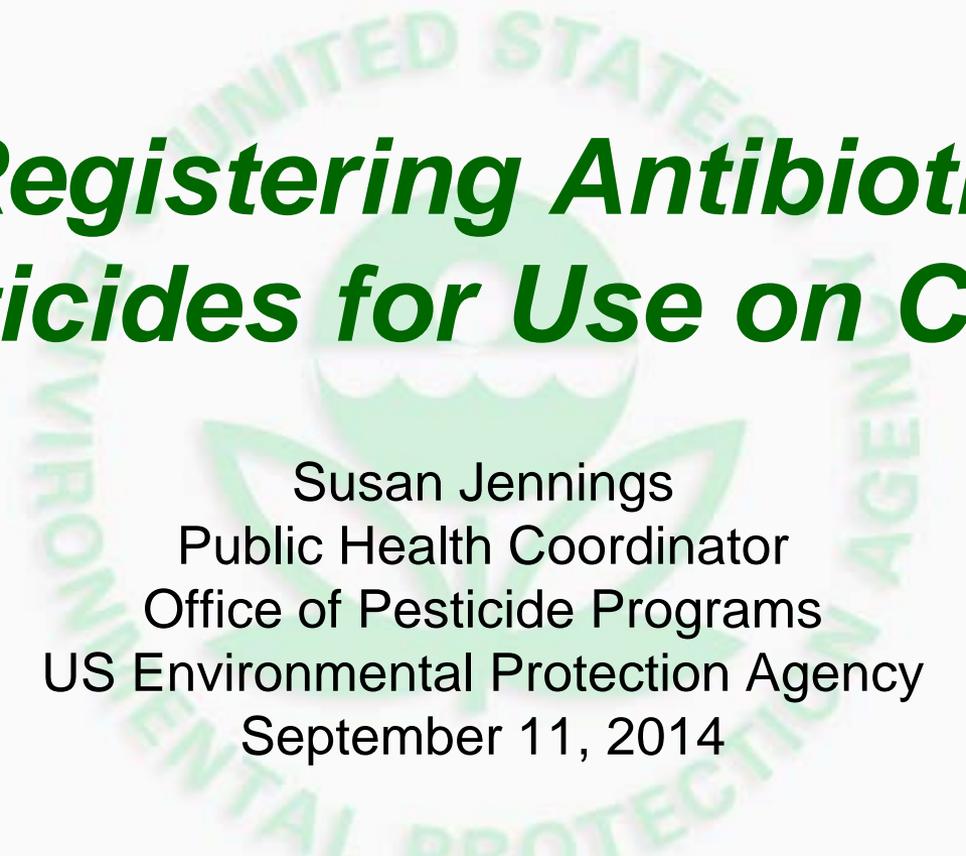
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*Registering Antibiotic Pesticides for Use on Crops*

A large, faint watermark of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) logo is centered in the background. The logo features a stylized flower with three leaves and a central globe, surrounded by the text "UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY".

# ***Registering Antibiotic Pesticides for Use on Crops***

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## *Antibiotics on Crops: Today's Topics*

- Background and Regulatory Authority
- Registration Process for Antibiotics on Crops
  - Data Needs
  - Data Interpretation
- Risk Assessment
  - Potential for Antimicrobial Resistance
  - Risk Mitigation



## *EPA's Mission for Pesticides*

- Make best possible regulatory decisions to protect public health, non-target species, and the environment
- Be consistent with core principles
  - Sound science
  - Overwhelming transparency
  - The rule of law
- Applies to conventional, biological and antimicrobial pesticides



## *Antibiotics as Pesticides*

- Antibiotics on crops are pesticides under FIFRA (Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act)
  - FIFRA requires EPA to determine that any registered pesticide is not expected to cause unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment
- For antibiotic pesticides, antibiotic resistance is part of this determination



## *Background and Regulatory Authority*

- Pesticides can be approved under FIFRA Section 3 or Section 18 [or even 24(c)]
  - Section 3 broadest section
  - Section 18 used for emergency situations
  - Section 24(c) for special local needs



## *Antimicrobials on Crops: Data Needs*

- Registering pesticides, including antibiotics requires, an extensive data set
- Data requirements for active ingredient:
  - Toxicity (short-term and long-term effects for mammalian, avian, and aquatic species)
  - Environmental Fate Data (how long it will last in the environment)
  - Exposure or monitoring data, if available



## *Antimicrobials on Crops: Data Needs*

- Data requirements may be satisfied using different sources:
  - Studies conducted for registration according to EPA published protocols and guidelines
  - Information published in the general literature
  - Surrogate data conducted with other methods
- Studies not performed according to EPA guidelines will need to be approved before submission



## *Antimicrobials on Crops: Assessing Resistance*

- Resistant bacteria is a unique and increasing threat to human health across the globe
- Number of antibiotic pesticides registered for use on crops is fairly limited
- EPA's process first used during reregistration process for streptomycin and oxytetracylin
  - During 2005 decision, consulted with CDC and FDA several times



## *Antimicrobials on Crops: Assessing Resistance*

- Resistance can develop through several routes
  - Residues on foods
  - Workers exposed to antibiotics
  - Exposure to bacteria populations in the environment



## *Antimicrobials on Crops: Assessing Resistance*

- Typically, registrant submits analysis of the potential resistance using FDA's Guidance for Industry #152
  - Guidance created to assess risk for resistance among bacteria of human health concern from treating food-producing animals
- EPA may also assess potential for drug residues in/on food to cause adverse effects on the intestinal microflora of consumers



## *FDA's Guidance #152*

- Designed to evaluate potential for the transmission of bacteria of human health concern from consumption of food products
  - Helps define the degree of concern
  - How much the use of pesticide in food-production would be expected to result in resistant food-borne bacteria that adversely impact human health



## *FDA's Guidance #152*

- Qualitative risk assessment for release, exposure, and consequence of use
  - Risk estimation for the release and exposure (ranked low, medium or high)
  - Consequence finding (ranked important, highly important or critically important)
  - Results in estimate of the overall risk (ranked low, medium or high) for proposed antibiotic use



## *Assessing the Risk: A Collaboration*

- EPA consults with CDC before taking regulatory action on a pesticide used to control a pest of public health importance
  - Initially, used for vector control pesticides
- To further protect public health, EPA consults with interested federal partners on antibiotics
  - For antibiotics, this includes CDC and FDA



## *Assessing the Risk: A Collaboration*

- CDC and FDA are involved throughout the risk assessment and management phases
  - Results of assessment conducted according to Guideline #152
  - Potential for refining the risk assessment through special studies or other means
  - Risk Mitigation/Monitoring options



## *Mitigating Risks of Concern*

- EPA and registrants may identify changes in use patterns that may mitigate any risks of concern
- For antibiotic resistance, these may include:
  - Application method (injection vs. air blast)
  - Application timing (pre-bloom vs. post-harvest)
  - Application rates
  - Application frequency
  - Use a formulation that reduces the risk of resistance (will vary with a.i.)
  - And others.....



## *Follow-up Post Registration*

- EPA sometimes requires monitoring data when an antibiotic is registered to:
  - Evaluate whether the use is likely to convey resistance to bacteria in the environment or workers;
  - Detect any cross-resistance to other compounds that may be problematic for public health
  - If resistance does become a problem, detect it before it becomes too expansive.



## *EPA Decisions*

- Although EPA has sole regulatory authority when making these decisions, FDA and CDC have extensive expertise in this area
  - EPA first started looking at resistance to these compounds as a public health element in 2005
- Since then, we've looked at several new applications, both under Section 18 and 3, and our process has been fairly robust



## *EPA Decisions*

- EPA must adhere to its regulatory mandate by making a:
  - Determination under FIFRA (expected to pose no unreasonable adverse...)
  - Determination under FFDCA to establish tolerances (reasonable certainty no harm from aggregate exposures ...)
- For antibiotics on crops, the potential for resistance to human pathogens is a concern



## In Closing .....

- Antibiotics are pesticides (when used on crops) and EPA regulates them as such
- During risk assessment, EPA consults with CDC and FDA on potential for use to cause resistance of public health concern
- Decision processes are transparent and scientifically sound



# *Questions??*

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*The Threat of Antibiotic Use in the Environment on Human Health*



# ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE THREATS in the United States, 2013



## The Threat of Antibiotic Use in the Environment on Human Health

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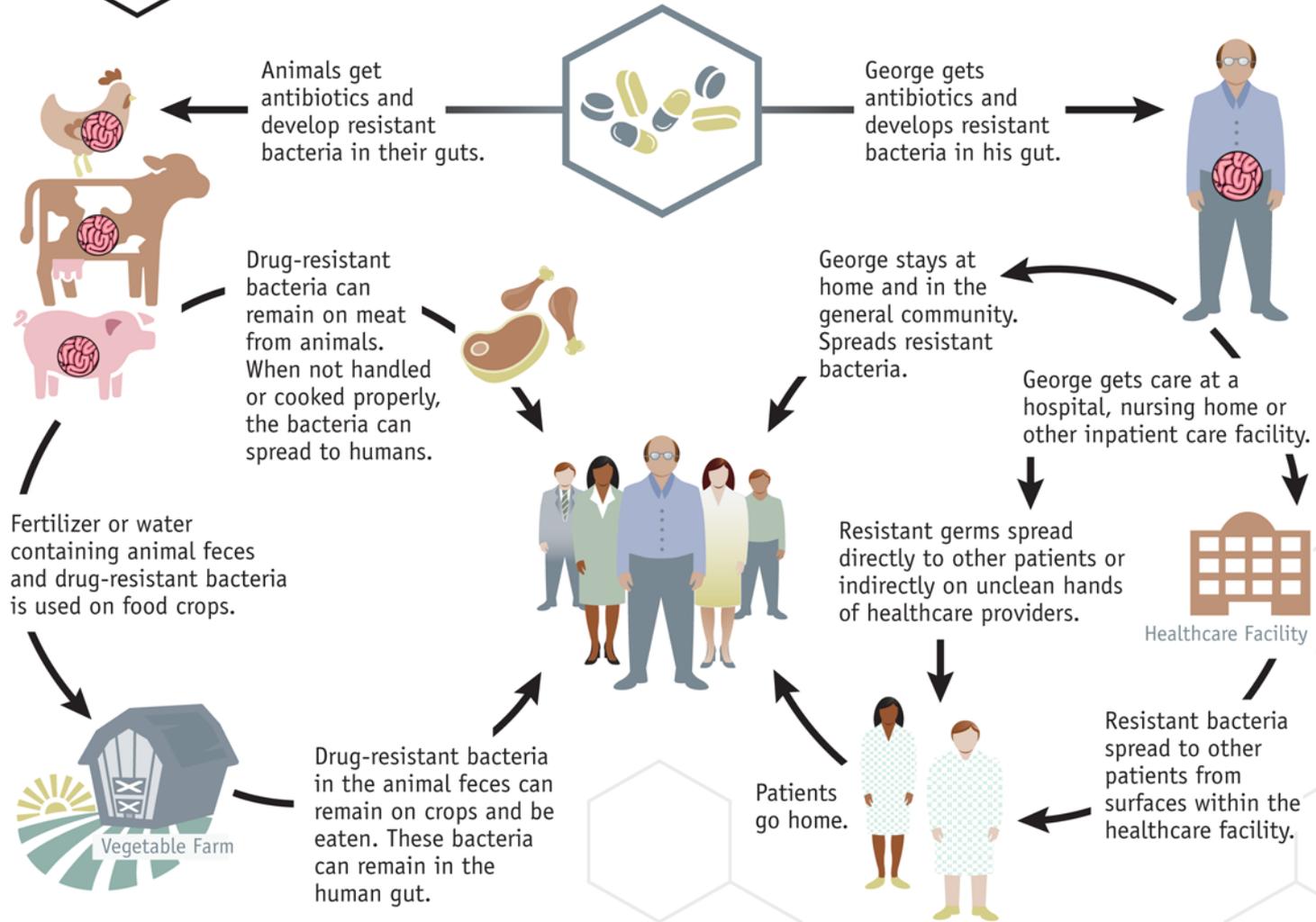
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## Examples of How Antibiotic Resistance Spreads



**Simply using antibiotics creates resistance. These drugs should only be used to treat infections.**

# The Risk of Pesticide Antibiotic Use for Increasing AMR Infections in Humans

Potential pathways:

1. Pesticide antibiotic use selects for resistance to a human antibiotic.
  - A. The pesticide antibiotic could select for new resistance and this also confers resistance to human antibiotics
  - B. The pesticide antibiotic selects for amplification of a pre-existing resistance and a resistant human pathogen is amplified
2. Pesticide antibiotic use disrupts a animal or human microbiome and creates a niche for amplification of a human AMR pathogen

# Important Scientific Questions

- Does use of the pesticide antibiotic select for resistance determinants that confer cross-resistance to human antibiotics?
- Do resistance mechanisms common in human pathogens confer resistance to the pesticide antibiotic?
- Does the pesticide antibiotic pathogen disrupt animal or human microbiomes.

# A Hypothetical Scenario: CRE Amplification from Pesticide Use

The pesticide antibiotic selects for amplification of a pre-existing resistance and a resistant human pathogen is amplified



# CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE



**9,000**

DRUG-RESISTANT  
INFECTIONS PER YEAR



**600**

DEATHS

THREAT LEVEL  
**URGENT**



**CRE HAVE BECOME RESISTANT TO ALL  
OR NEARLY ALL AVAILABLE ANTIBIOTICS**



# Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)

## Carbapenemase

KPC

NMD

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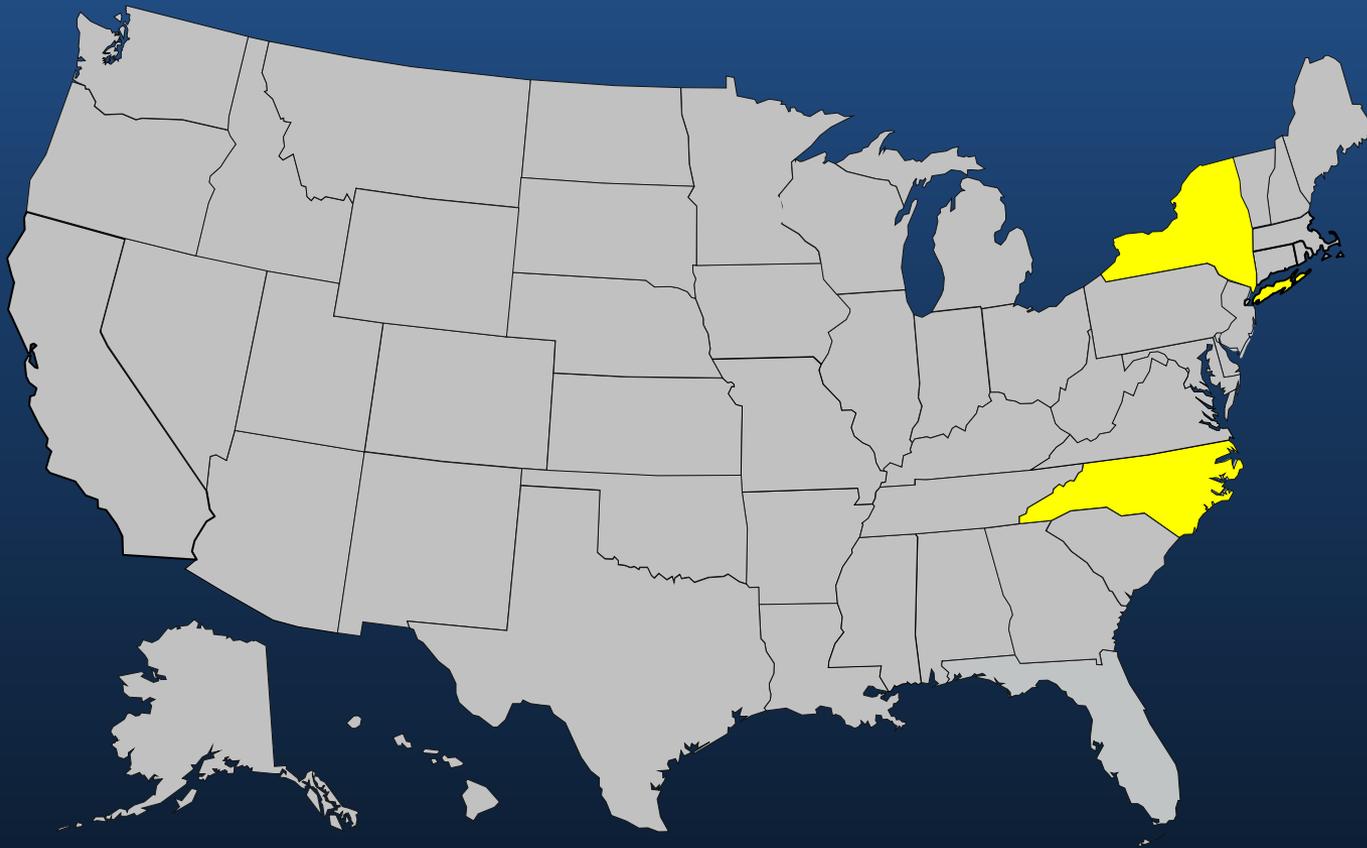
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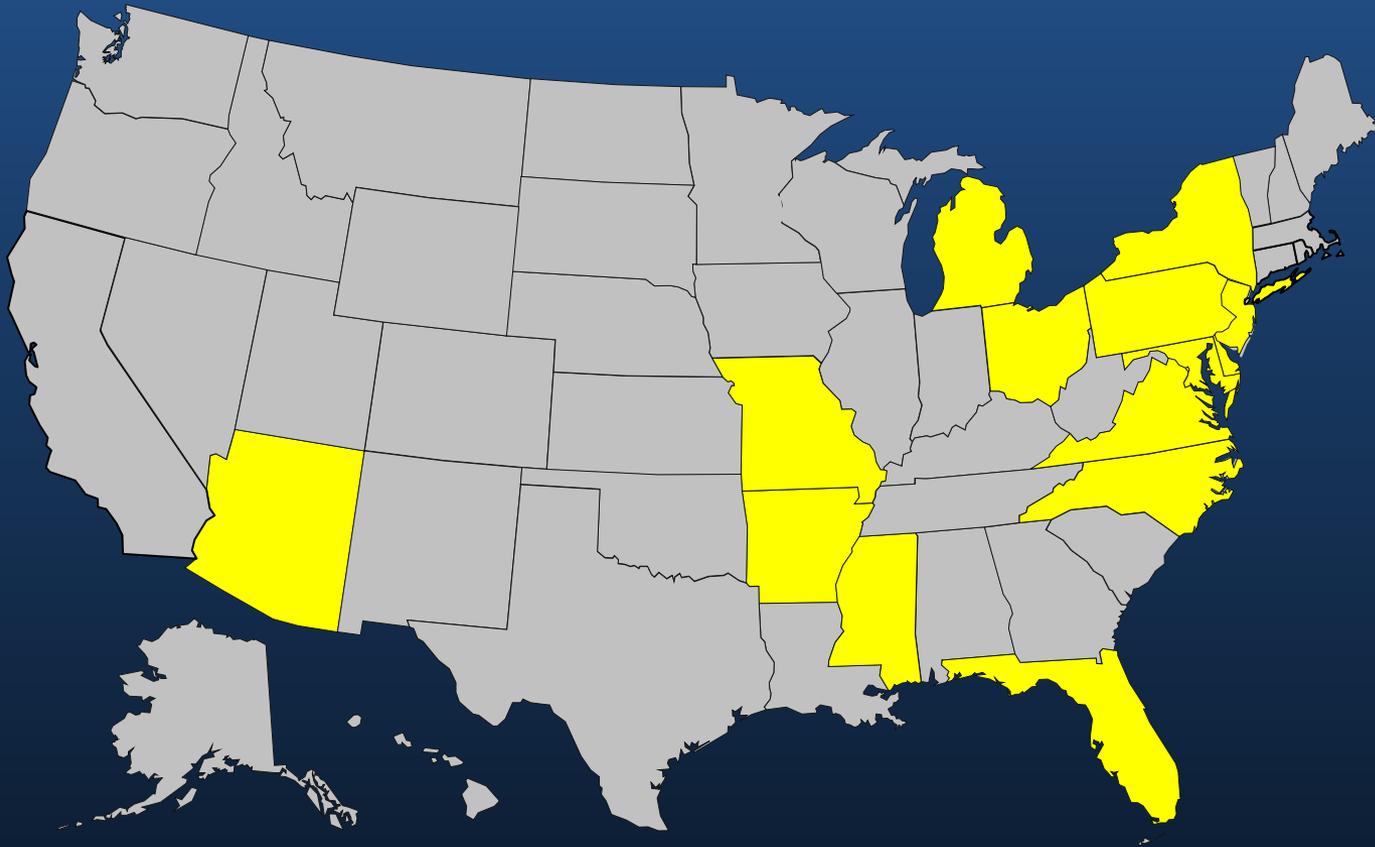
- Nearly pan-resistant pathogens
- Multiple carbapenemases
- Carbapenemases are carried on multiple drug-resistant plasmids

# Geographical Distribution of KPC- Producers



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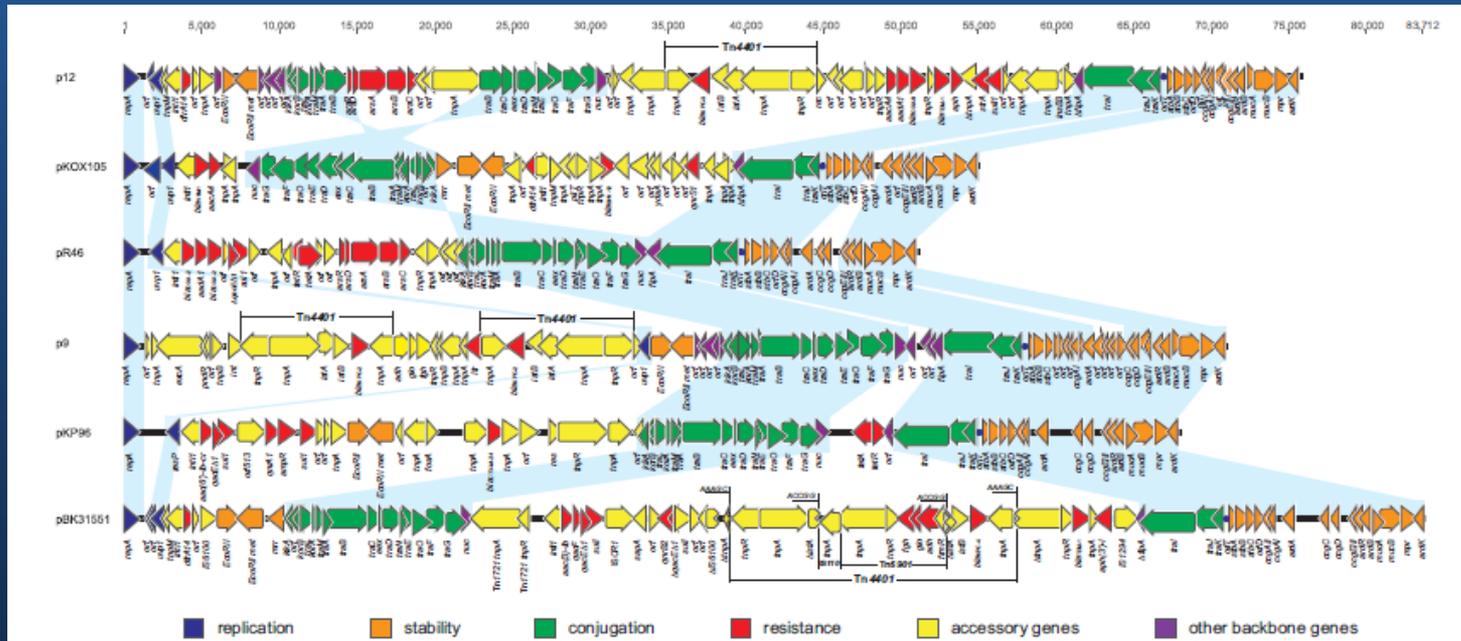


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# CRE Plasmids



Resistance genes are indicated in red arrows and include:

- aminoglycoside resistance genes aph (3=)-I, aac(3)-Ib, aac(6=)-Ib-cr, aph, aadA1, and aacA4,
- beta-lactamase genes blaKPC-2, blaKPC-3, blaKPC-4, blaKPC-5, blaVIM-1, blaCTX-M-24, blaOXA-2, blaOXA-9, blaTEM-1, blaSHV-12, and ampR
- quinolone resistance genes qnrA1, qnrB2, and qnrS1
- arsenic resistance genes arsA, arsB, arsC, arsD, and arsR
- tetracycline resistance genes tetA and tetR
- trimethoprim, and sulfonamide resistance genes sul1, qacF, qacE1, and dfrA14

L. Chen, et al. *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.* 2013, 57(1):269

# A Question of Exposure

- If CRE is a cause of healthcare-associated infections would a pesticide antibiotic ever come in contact with the resistant pathogen?

## MAJOR ARTICLE

### Wastewater Treatment Plants Release Large Amounts of Extended-Spectrum $\beta$ -Lactamase-Producing *Escherichia coli* Into the Environment

Caroline Bréchet,<sup>1</sup> Julie Plantin,<sup>1</sup> Marlène Sauget,<sup>1</sup> Michelle Thouverez,<sup>1</sup> Daniel Talon,<sup>1</sup> Pascal Cholley,<sup>1</sup> Christophe Guyeux,<sup>2</sup> Didier Hocquet,<sup>1</sup> and Xavier Bertrand<sup>1</sup>

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(See the Editorial Commentary by Griffiths and Barza on pages 1666–7.)

# CRE Colonization

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

EPIDEMIOLOGY

## **Gastrointestinal colonization by KPC-producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* following hospital discharge: duration of carriage and risk factors for persistent carriage**

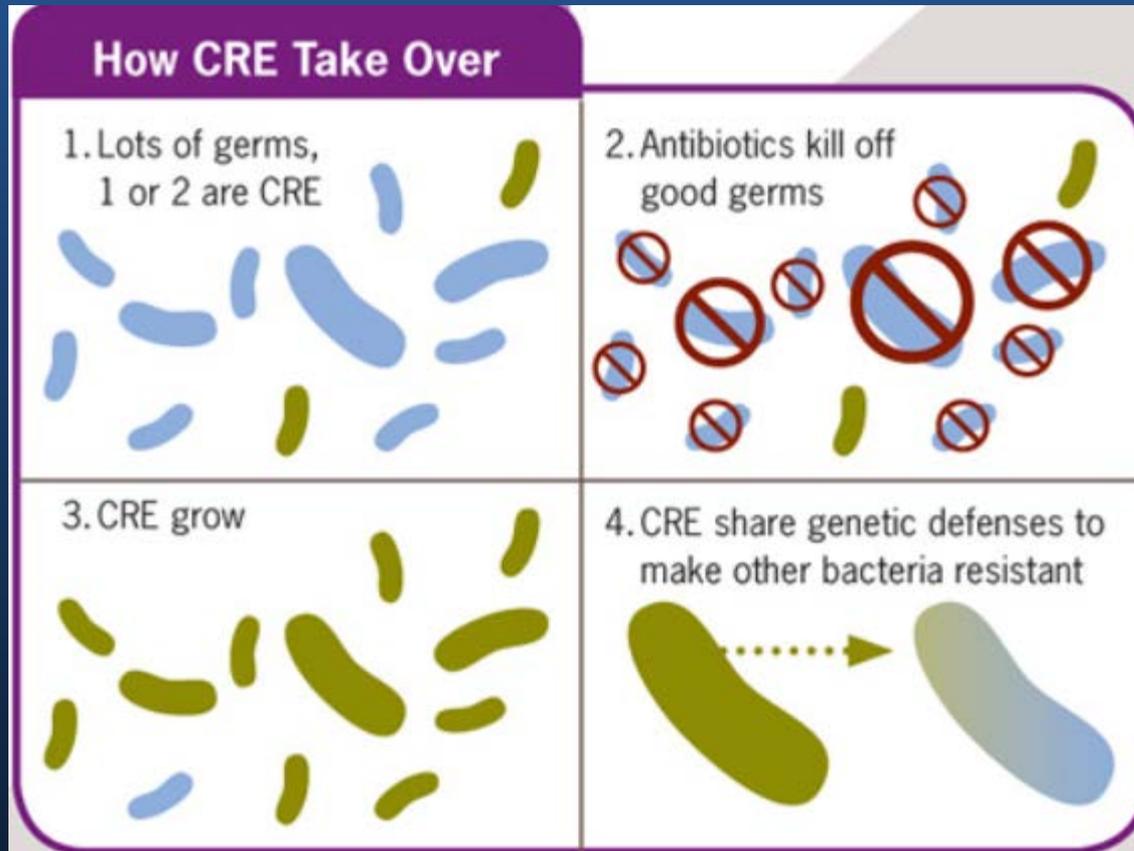
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A few things to know about colonization:

- Colonization can persist for > 6 months
- There is no treatment to eradicate GI colonization
- Colonization is a source of person-to-person transmission
- Colonization increases the likelihood of infection for an individual

# How CRE Colonization Leads to Infection



# Hypothetical Event

- Human resistant pathogen like CRE is present in the environment.
- The pesticide antibiotic selects for and amplifies the pathogen because the pathogen carries a determinant that confers resistance to the pesticide antibiotic.
- The amplified human pathogen colonizes humans or animals that come into contact with it.
- The increased colonization results in AMR infection and/or transmission.

# The role of the natural environment in the emergence of antibiotic resistance in Gram-negative bacteria

“Antibiotic resistance develops through complex interactions, with resistance arising by de-novo mutation under clinical antibiotic selection or frequently by acquisition of mobile genes that have evolved over time in bacteria in the environment.”

Wellington, EMH et al., Lancet ID., February 2013, Pages 155–165

## From the same article...

“The reservoir of resistance genes in the environment is due to a mix of naturally occurring resistance and those present in animal and human waste and the selective effects of pollutants, which can co-select for mobile genetic elements carrying multiple resistant genes.”

# Other Concerns

- Antibiotic residue in food
  - Selection of resistance
  - Allergic reaction

# Thank You

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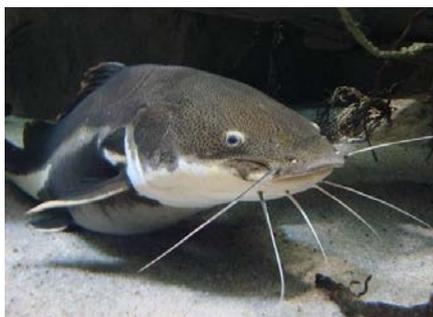
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***Microbial Food Safety Risk Assessment and Regulatory Decision-Making***



# Microbial Food Safety Risk Assessment and Regulatory Decision-Making



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# Uses of Antimicrobials in Food-Producing Animals



- Therapeutic uses – **treatment, control, and prevention** of animal diseases
- Production uses - to **increase feed efficiency**  
(improve feed efficiency, increase rate of weight gain)
  - may be a contributing factor in the rise of antimicrobial resistance due to their typical administration to entire herds or flocks of food animals at low doses and for prolonged durations.
  - FDA thinks that such production uses of medical important antimicrobial are not judicious.

# Uses of Antimicrobials in Food-Producing Animals



## Production uses

- all production uses of medically important antimicrobials were originally approved prior to the implementation of Guidance for Industry (GFI) #152.
- To address concerns FDA published:
  - GFI # 209 *“The Judicious Use of Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs in Food-Producing Animals”*
  - GFI # 213 *“New Animal Drugs and New Animal Drug Combination Products Administered in or on Medicated Feed or Drinking Water of Food-Producing Animals: Recommendations for Drug Sponsors for voluntarily Aligning product use conditions with GFI # 209”*

# Uses of Antimicrobials in Food-Producing Animals



- GFI # 209 provides:
  - a framework to ensure the judicious use of antimicrobial in food animals
  - Strategies for reducing antimicrobial resistance:
    - ✓ Limiting medically important antimicrobials to uses in food-producing animals that are considered necessary for assuring animal health
    - ✓ Limiting such drugs to uses in food-producing animals that include veterinary oversight or consultation
  
- GFI # 213 provides:
  - recommendations on how to implement strategies outlined in GFI 209, specifically for those medically important antimicrobials approved for use in water or feed for food-producing animals.

# Microbial Food Safety Analysis

- Reviews of Microbial Food Safety of New Animal Drugs in the following categories:
  - Guidance for Industry #152 – Analysis of risk of development of antimicrobial resistance among bacteria of human health concern in/on treated food-producing animals
  - Guidance for Industry #159 – Microbiological ADI
- Food Additive Petitions
- GRAS Notifications

# **Guidance for Industry #152: Evaluating the Safety of Antimicrobial New Animal Drugs with Regard to Their Microbiological Effects on Bacteria of Human Health Concern**

- Qualitative risk assessment approach
- Assess antimicrobial drugs intended for food-producing animals regarding the development of resistance
- Address human exposure to antimicrobial resistant microbes through ingestion of animal-derived food

## Hazard Characterization

### Qualitative Risk Assessment

Step 1. Release Assessment

Step 2. Exposure Assessment

Step 3. Consequence Assessment



**Risk Estimation**



# Hazard Identification



The **hazard** has been defined as human illness

- caused by an antimicrobial-resistant bacterium
- attributable to an animal-derived food commodity
- treated with a human antimicrobial drug of concern.
- In some instances, a hazard characterization is sufficient for a particular antimicrobial drug

# Qualitative Risk Assessment

## Step 1: Release Assessment

Describes factors related to an antimicrobial drug and its use in animals that contribute to the emergence of resistant bacteria or resistant determinants in the animal



# Release Assessment

| Release parameters<br>(examples) | Release assessment |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mechanism of activity            | High, medium, low  |
| Spectrum of activity             |                    |
| Pharmacokinetics                 |                    |
| Pharmacodynamics                 |                    |
| Resistance mechanisms            |                    |
| Resistance transfer              |                    |
| Selection pressure               |                    |

# Qualitative Risk Assessment

## Step 2. Exposure Assessment

Describes likelihood of human exposure to food-borne bacteria of human health concern through animal-derived food products



# Exposure Assessment

- Probability that **humans consuming animal derived foods will be exposed to resistant bacteria of public health concern**
- Evaluation based on relative consumption and contamination of those commodities
- Variety of data sources – all welcome to better address the concern
  - NARMS, CIPARS, DANMAP, AFSSA FARM Report, etc

# Exposure Assessment

|   |   |        |     |
|---|---|--------|-----|
|   | <i>Per capita</i> consumption of the food commodity |        |     |
| Probability of food commodity contamination | High  | Medium | Low |
| High  |   |        |     |
| Medium                                      |   |        |     |
| Low   |   |        |     |
|   | Medium  |        |     |

# Qualitative Risk Assessment

## Consequence Assessment

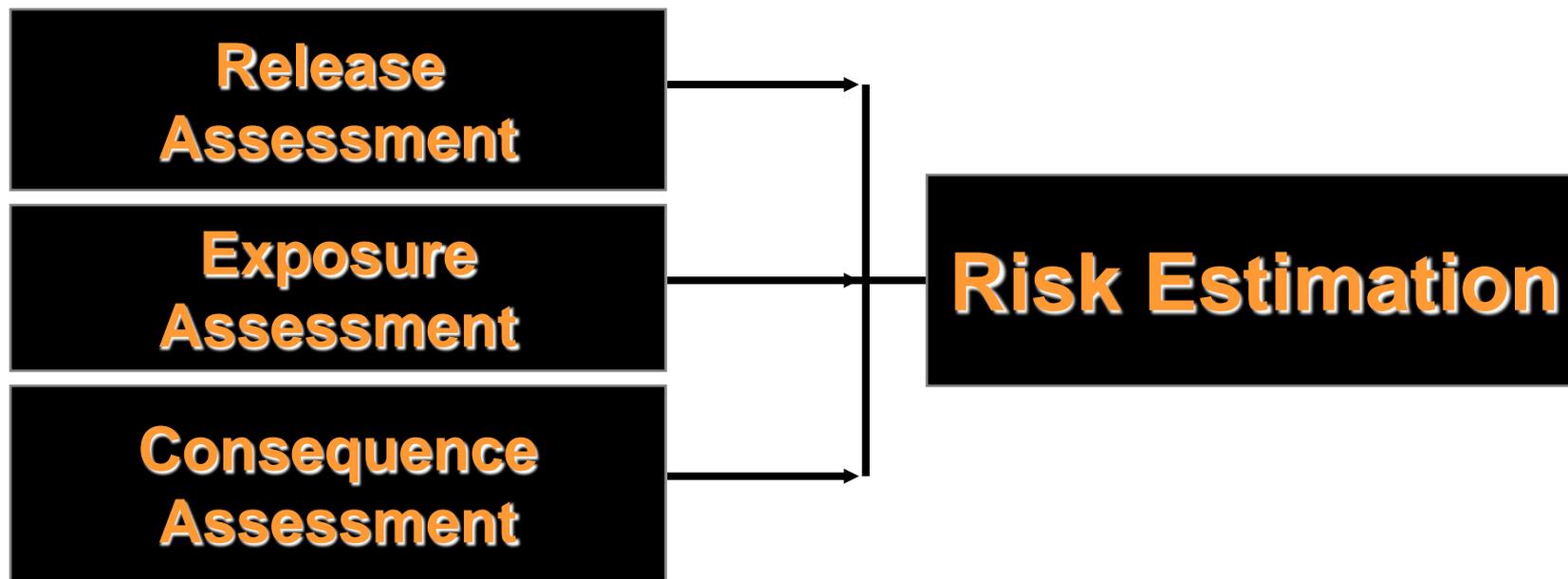
Describes human health consequence of exposure to resistant bacteria based on importance of drug (or related drugs) to humans (ranking of antimicrobials)



# Drug Rankings and Examples

- **Critically Important**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Generation cephalosporins, macrolides,  
fluoroquinolones
- **Highly Important**  
aminoglycosides, clindamycin
- **Important**  
monobactams, quinolones

# Qualitative Risk Integration



**Risk estimation integrates results from release, exposure and consequence assessments to produce overall measure of risk associated with hazards.**

# Examples of Possible Risk Management Strategies Based on the Level of Risk (H, M, or L).

| Approval conditions       | Risk Category   |                          |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                           | Category 1 (H)  | Category 2 (M)           | Category 3 (L)    |
| Marketing status          | Rx              | Rx/VFD                   | Rx/VFD/OTC        |
| Extra-label use           | ELU restriction | Restricted in some cases | ELU permitted     |
| Extent of use             | Low             | Low, medium              | Low, medium, high |
| Post-approval monitoring  | NARMS           | NARMS                    | NARMS             |
| Advisory committee review | YES             | In certain cases         | NO                |

GFI #152, Table 8, pp. 25

## Foodborne Pathogens Commonly Addressed in GFI 152 Risk Assessments

- Top pathogens transmitted by food (MMWR):  
*Salmonella enterica* serotypes and *Campylobacter* spp.
  - Ground beef, Pork chops, Chicken breast, Ground turkey,
- *Enterococcus* spp. (Gram+ resistance marker)
- Generic *E. coli* (Gram- resistance marker)
- Other non-foodborne bacterial species if human therapy may be compromised by veterinary use of a particular drug

## Example: $\beta$ -lactam -3<sup>rd</sup> Generation cephalosporin

- Release Assessment: **HIGH**
  - Many resistance genes detected (*bla* family) and associated with mobile elements (plasmids, integrons, transposons)
- Exposure Assessment: **Medium**
  - <5% prevalence *S. enterica* in meat, 10-20% resistance prevalence
  - 70-80% prevalence in *E. coli*, 5% resistance prevalence
- Consequence Assessment: **HIGH**
  - Critically Important drug
- Risk Estimation: **HIGH**

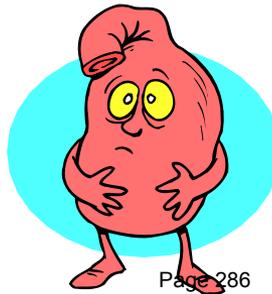
# **GFI #159/VICH GL36: “Studies to Evaluate the Safety of Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Human Food: General Approach to Establish a Microbiological ADI**

- Aimed to assess the acceptable daily intake (ADI) per day of drug that can be consumed by humans in animal-derived food product
- Assess the risk of disruption of the colonization of the human gut
- Assess the risk of the development of human gut microbe antimicrobial resistance

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AnimalVeterinary/GuidanceComplianceEnforcement/GuidanceforIndustry/UCM124674.pdf>

# Objectives of the Guidance

- To outline steps in determining the need for establishing a microbiological ADI
- To recommend *in vivo* or *in vitro* test systems and methods for determining no-observed adverse effect concentrations/levels (NOAEC/Ls) for endpoints of human health concern
- To recommend a procedure to determine a microbiological ADI from the NOAECs/Ls



# Assessing the need to calculate a mADI

**Step 1:** Are residues of a drug (and/or its metabolites) microbiologically active against representative human intestinal flora?

## Recommended data to answer the question:

Examples of selected intestinal flora including:

*E. coli*, and species of *Bacteroides*, *Bifidobacterium*, *Clostridium*, *Enterococcus*, *Eubacterium*, *Fusobacterium*, *Lactobacillus*, *Peptostreptococcus/Peptococcus*.



# Example MIC data from 10 strains of 10 genera from healthy human donors

| Bacterial group                    | Summary of MIC parameters (µg/ml) |                   |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                    | MIC <sub>50</sub>                 | MIC <sub>90</sub> | MIC range |
| <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> group  | 2                                 | 2                 | All 2     |
| <i>Bacteroides</i> , other species | 2                                 | 2                 | 1-2       |
| <i>Bifidobacterium</i> spp.        | 2                                 | 2                 | 1-4       |
| <i>Clostridium</i> spp.            | 2                                 | 4                 | 1-4       |
| <i>Enterococcus</i> spp.           | 2                                 | 2                 | All 2     |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i>            | 8                                 | 8                 | 4-16      |
| <i>Eubacterium</i> spp.            | 1                                 | 2                 | 1-2       |
| <i>Fusobacterium</i> spp.          | 0.5                               | 2                 | 0.25-4    |
| <i>Lactobacillus</i> spp.          | 4                                 | 8                 | 4-8       |
| <i>Peptostreptococcus</i> spp.     | 1                                 | 2                 | 0.5-4     |
| All isolates (total # of 100)      | 2                                 | 8                 | 0.25-16   |

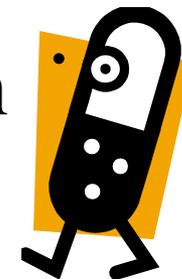
## Step 2: Do residues enter the human colon?

### Recommended data to answer the question:

- Drug's absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion (ADME)
- Bioavailability
- or similar data may provide information on the percentage of the ingested residue that enters the colon.



**Step 3:** Do the residues entering the human colon remain microbiologically active?



**Recommended data to answer the question:**

Data demonstrating loss of microbiological activity from *in vitro* inactivation studies of the drug incubated with feces, or data from *in vivo* studies evaluating the drug's microbiological activity in feces or colon content of animals.

## Scenario - 1

If the answer to any of questions in steps 1, 2, or 3 is “**NO**”-

- the ADI will **not** be based on microbiological endpoints and remaining steps need **not** be addressed

The ADI will be determined using a NOEL derived from traditional toxicology studies.

## Scenario - 2

**However**, if the answer to questions in steps 1, 2, and 3 are “**YES**” -

- then proceed to Steps 4 and/or 5.
- Address one or both microbiological endpoints of concern.

# Endpoints of Human Health Concern

1. Disruption of the colonization barrier, and
2. Increase in the population of resistant bacteria in the human colon.

# Addressing the endpoints of concern

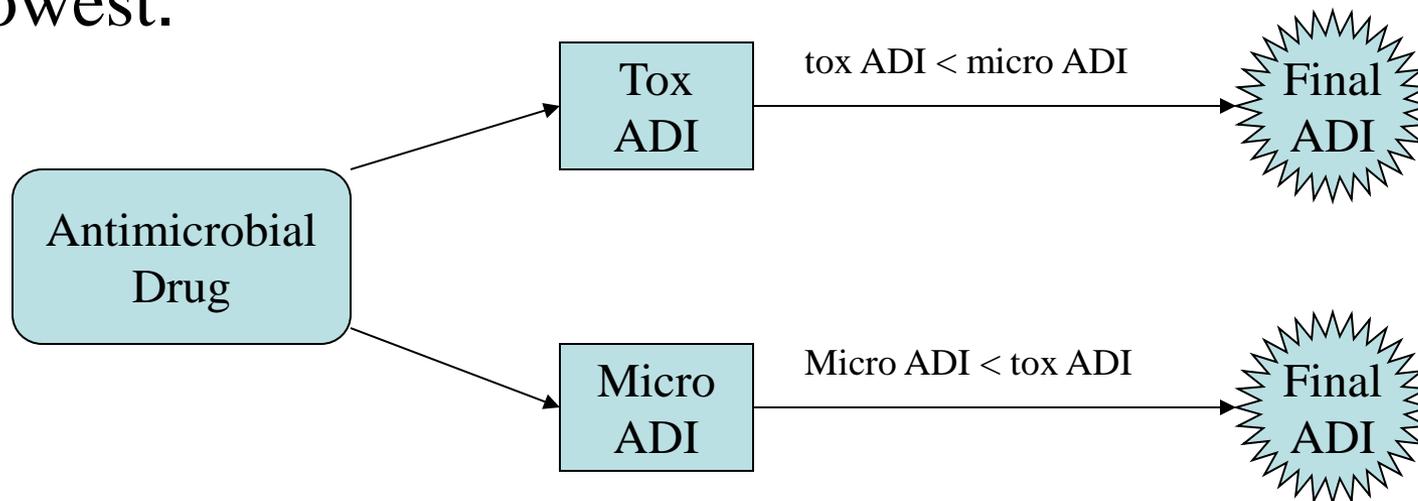
**Step 4:** To assess any scientific justification to eliminate the need for testing either one or both endpoints of concern.

**Step 5:** Determine the NOAEC/NOAEL for the endpoint(s) of concern.

The most appropriate NOAEC/NOAEL is used to determine the microbiological ADI.

# Final ADI for an Antimicrobial Drug

- The final ADI for total residues of an antimicrobial drug in edible animal tissues will be the toxicological ADI or the microbiological ADI, whichever is the lowest.



## Conclusions

- Qualitative Risk Assessments aid in science-based decision-making for new animal drug approvals to preserve and protect human health
  - Using existing surveillance system and research data
  - Using literature reviews of previous studies
  - Sponsors voluntarily conducting studies to address concerns
  
- Mitigation for risk can be achieved by
  - Limiting extra-label use, requiring oversight by a Veterinarian, modifying delivery method, and/or extending withdrawal periods
  
- Microbiological ADIs mitigate the risk of antimicrobial residues effecting the human intestinal flora

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***Recent Registration Example: Kasugamycin***



# Recent Registration Example: Kasugamycin

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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**September 11, 2014**



# Pesticide Registration

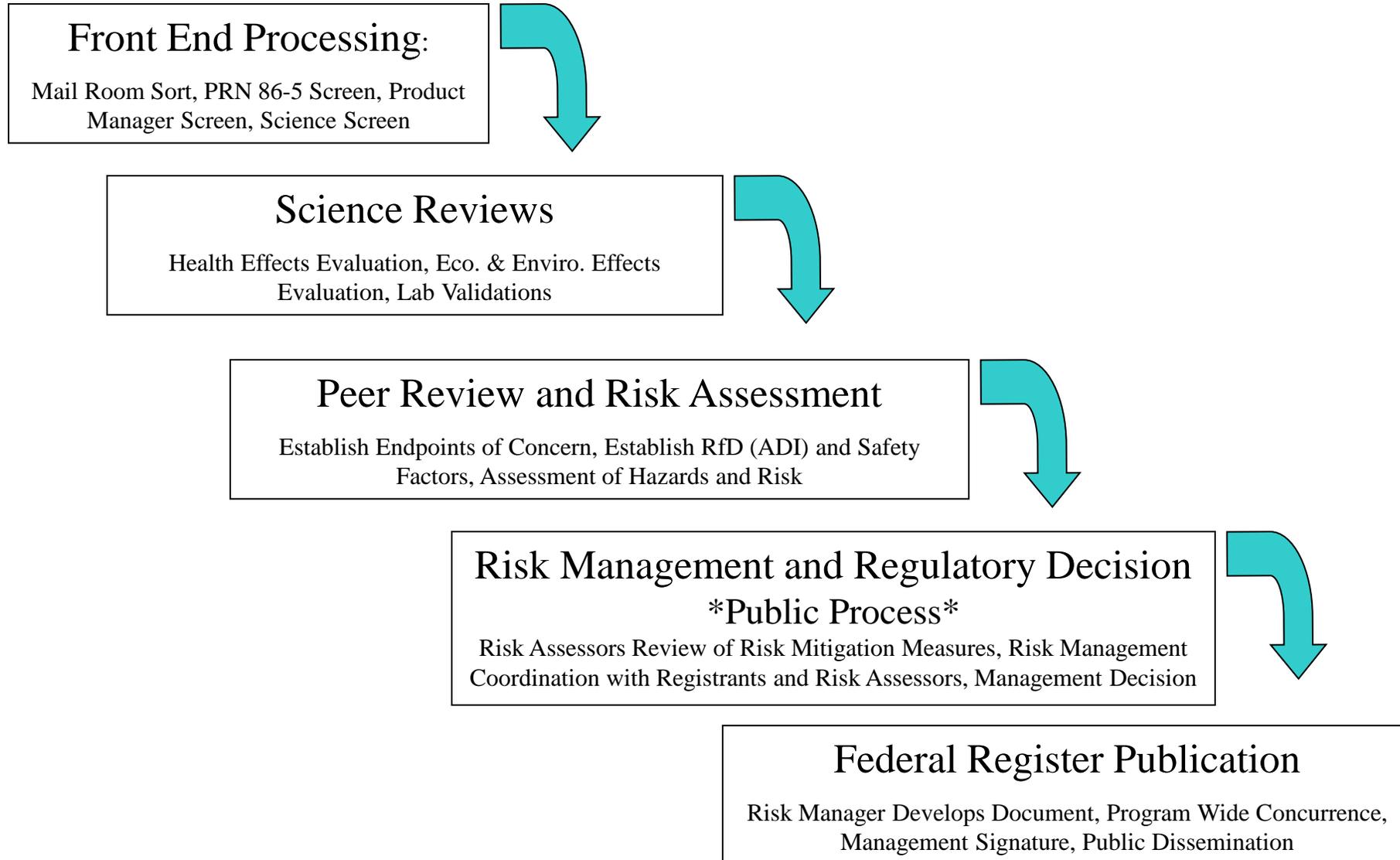
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- Office of Pesticide Programs has designed the registration process to support Agency objectives while meeting statutory requirements to act on registration applications.

These include:

- Protecting human health
- Protecting the environment
- Providing benefits for society

# Registration Process





# Public Participation Process

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- Allows for public comment on draft risk assessments, impact assessments, labels, and proposed registration decisions.
- Public participation process applies to registration actions involving:
  - New pesticide active ingredients
  - For currently registered active ingredients
    - First food use
    - First outdoor use
    - First residential use
  - Any registration action determined to be of significant interest to the public

# Kasugamycin

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- Kasugamycin belongs to the aminoglycoside class of compounds.
- Kasugamycin has a different mode of action from both streptomycin and oxytetracycline, both of which are used for agricultural purposes.
- Kasugamycin has never been approved as a human drug.
- Kasugamycin represents the first antibiotic registered (Section 3) in +35 years.

# U.S. Regulatory History

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- Import tolerances
  - Tomatoes and Pepper, 2005
- Section 18 use
  - Apples, 2008
- Section 3 application, 2010
  - Pome Fruit
  - Walnuts
  - Fruiting Vegetables

# Antibiotic Considerations

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## Human Health:

- The use of antibiotics on crops, although minor relative to total antibiotic use, can result in situations that impact the buildup of resistant bacteria.
- Antibiotics used as agricultural pesticides, can be applied over large areas of land to densely vegetated fields and orchards. This can lead to the proliferation and rapid spread of resistant genes in the bacterial population.
- Although the probability is low, there is a potential for bacterial resistance to cross between plant bacteria and human bacteria.

# Antibiotic Considerations

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## Environmental:

- Bacteria serve an essential role in cycling nutrients and energy in the environment (*e.g.*, through decomposition of organic materials and Nitrogen-fixation).
  - The effects of the potential reduction or alteration of the microorganism community from antibiotic uses are unknown.

# Evaluating Potential for Resistance

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EPA:

- Reviewed a qualitative antibiotic resistance risk assessment based on FDA's "Guidance for Industry #152"
  
- Collaborated and communicated with other government agencies:
  - Center for Disease Control
  - U.S. Food and Drug Administration
    - Center for Veterinary Medicine
    - Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
  
- Consulted OPP's Science Policy Council

# FDA's Guidance for Industry #152

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Outlines a risk assessment approach for evaluating the microbial food safety of antimicrobial animal drugs by considering:

**Applicable  
to  
EPA's  
evaluation  
of  
agricultural  
antibiotics**

- Release Assessment - emergence or selection or resistant bacterial.
- Exposure Assessment - likelihood of human exposure to food-borne bacteria of human concern.
- Consequence Assessment - likelihood that human exposure to resistant bacteria results in an adverse health effect.
  - Includes a ranking (important-highly important-critically important) for antimicrobials according to their importance in human medicine.
- Risk Estimation – integrates assessments into an overall estimation of risk (low-medium-high) associated with the proposed conditions of use of the drug.

# Human Health Summary

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- Complete toxicology database for the assessment.
- There were no toxic effects associated with a single dose.
- There was no systemic toxicity associated with dermal exposure.
- Chronic dietary risk estimates are below EPA's level of concern (LOC) for all population subgroups.

# Human Health Summary

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- Based on the hazard and exposure data, the FQPA safety factor (10X) was reduced to 1X.
- Kasugamycin exhibits low acute toxicity. There was no evidence of neurotoxicity, carcinogenicity and mutagenicity.
- Based on the overall weight of the evidence, kasugamycin was classified as "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans".

# Ecological Summary

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- Kasugamycin is practically nontoxic to freshwater organisms, birds, mammals, and terrestrial invertebrates on an acute exposure basis.
- Chronic exposure resulted in no significant effects at the highest concentration tested.
- Direct effects to birds, reptiles, terrestrial-phase amphibians, fish and aquatic plants are not expected.

# Resistance Risk Summary

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| <u>Release</u>               | <u>Exposure</u> | <u>Consequence</u> | <u>Overall</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Low                          | Medium          | Important          | Low*           |
| *Initial registration period |                 |                    |                |

Based on:

- Registrant's 152 document
- Available monitoring/resistance screening data
- Incidence of food borne illness associated with consumption of the crops
- Proposed crops (crop cycle, acres treated, residues, PHI, and RTI)

# Proposed Regulatory Decision

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- Based on Eco, Human Health and Resistance Risk assessments
- Reviewed by several levels of management
- Published March 18, 2014
  - Unconditional term registration (4 years)
  - Pome Fruit
  - Yearly submission of qualitative summary (#152)
  - 30 day comment period

# Risk Reduction Measures

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- Modification of agricultural practices
  - Restriction of animal grazing
  - Restriction of animal manure use
  - Restriction of alternate tree-row applications
- Specification of application rates/timing
  - Full strength applications
  - Applications prior to petal fall
  - 4 applications per year
  - Maximum of 2 applications consecutively
- Inclusion of resistance management language
  - MOA information
  - Disease forecasting systems
  - Consultation if reduced efficacy is suspected

# Tolerances and Registration

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- Tolerances published on 8/29/14
  - Pome Fruit Crop group
- Final Regulatory Decision posted 8/29/14
  - Unconditional Registration
  - Term-limited (4 years)
- Registration Notices (Section 3(c)(5)) and labels issued on 9/8/14



# Post Registration Considerations

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- Compliance
  - Monitoring of safe use
  - Proper disposal
- Clinical use
- Research, training, and extension needs
- Label modification
- Product Stewardship



# Regulatory Docket

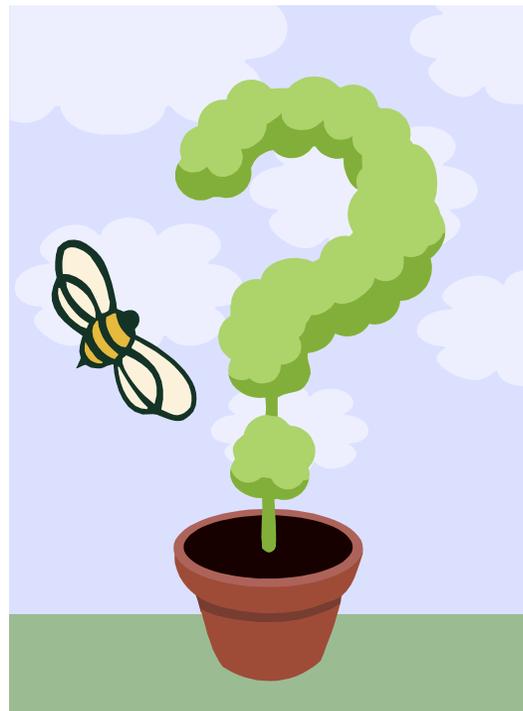
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# Questions

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## Speaker Biographies

| Speaker   | Topic Being Covered  | Biography   |
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| <p>Dr. Jim Dukowitz,</p> <p>Commercial Products Manager, Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc.</p>           | <p>Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Control</p> <p>Experiences of setting up CRDF and research efforts of control options for HLB</p>      | <p>Jim Dukowitz is currently serving as a Program Manager in support of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation. Jim brings to this position more than 35 years of high-tech industry experience in the areas of technology commercialization, strategic partnerships and planning, business and organizational development, communications and international marketing.</p> <p>He is a Principal with Technology Innovation Group, and in this capacity has developed and implemented programs with governments, NGOs, universities and companies around the world in the areas of innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology commercialization. He has served as an officer and director of several companies spanning electronics, biomedical technology and education.</p> <p>Prior to joining TIG he worked for over 20 years in executive positions at Texas Instruments, where he served as President of Texas Instruments Asia and China, as well as several corporate staff vice presidencies with responsibilities for strategic planning, business development, communications and international marketing.</p> <p>He also served in the Pentagon as a senior program analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.</p> <p>He holds a BA in mathematics from the University of Iowa and PhD from MIT where he studied science, technology and public policy.</p>  |
| <p>Dr. Jim Graham</p> <p>Soil Microbiologist, University of Florida</p>   | <p>Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Control</p> <p>Research efforts of control options for Citrus Canker</p>                               | <p>Dr. James Graham studies citrus canker epidemiology and control by integrated management, as well as management of health of trees affected by belowground pathogens and pests and the systemic bacterial disease, HLB, or citrus greening. Graham's research focuses on the area of microbiological relationships of citrus and citrus soils, and the advancement of his findings for development of management tactics that sustain tree health. Thus far, Graham's research has led to improved integrated management strategies for above- and below-ground diseases and pests that reduce productivity of citrus.</p> <p>Graham's accomplishments include identifying best seasonal management tactics with conventional and new materials for control of bacterial citrus canker, demonstrating that fruit grown in canker-prone areas are not an avenue for transmission of the bacterium, opening movement of fresh fruit into canker-free markets, as well as utilizing systemic acquired resistance as a tool to control the disease in groves.</p> <p>Graham is also a leader in HLB (citrus greening) research. His work identified the root damage associated with HLB pathogen infection of fibrous roots and the increased susceptibility of roots to Phytophthora infection, and defined control strategies to maintain root health on HLB-affected trees. He also documented and extended research from large-scale trials in Brazil and Florida that demonstrated tree rouging as a viable strategy to control HLB.</p> <p>Belowground, Graham is participating in research leading to new understandings about the role of entomopathogenic nematodes on citrus insect pests such as Diaprepes root weevil. To complement his research leadership strengths, Graham is active in interdisciplinary programs across IFAS units, and among research agencies and industry groups worldwide. He is well known in the citrus industry and works regularly with individual growers and stakeholders.</p> |
| <p>Dr. Jim Adaskaveg</p> <p>Professor Dept. of Plant Pathology and Microbiology University of California, Riverside</p> | <p>Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Control</p> <p>Research efforts of control options for bacterial diseases of almond, olive, walnut</p> | <p>Jim's research program includes investigations on the biology, ecology, epidemiology, and management of diseases on tree crops grown in California. Specifically, his research focuses on the epidemiology and management of foliar diseases caused by fungal and bacterial tree pathogens. Research on cell biology of host-pathogen interactions, biological and molecular techniques for the detection and identification of fungi and bacteria, and development of innovative management practices for pre- and postharvest disease control of fruit crops. Jim and his colleagues have developed exciting new strategies for the identification, detection, and management of pre- and postharvest diseases of tree fruit using reduced risk fungicides, new antibiotics, and disease forecasting programs in California.</p>   |

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| <p data-bbox="207 216 313 268">Dr. Ronald French</p> <p data-bbox="191 289 329 583">Extension Plant Pathologist and Diagnostician<br/>Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology<br/>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension Service<br/>Amarillo, TX</p> | <p data-bbox="370 216 557 321">Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Control</p> <p data-bbox="370 342 557 415">Research efforts of control options for zebra chip of potato</p>  | <p data-bbox="589 216 1343 342">Dr. Ronald D. French, is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist at the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology at Texas A and M AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo, TX, the Coordinator of the Texas Plant Diagnostic Clinic/Texas High Plains Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo, TX and an Adjunct Professor at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.</p> <p data-bbox="589 342 1343 415">He received his Bachelor of Science from Cornell University in Plant Science, his Master's degree in Plant Pathology from North Carolina State University and his PhD in Plant Pathology from the University of Florida, Gainesville.</p> <p data-bbox="589 415 1343 541">He has held professional leadership roles in a number of scientific organizations, conferences and workshops including the APS-Caribbean Division, the Latin American Phytopathological Society, the first Latin American Workshop for the Identification of Oomycetes, the International Oomycete Web Symposium and the International Phytophthora capsici Conference, among others.</p> <p data-bbox="589 541 1343 636">Ron also serves or has served on several National and international professional organizations including a reviewer for Plant Disease Journal, the Organizing Committee for the Biannual Latin American Phytopathological Society Meeting and a Reviewer for several agricultural and pathology journals.</p> <p data-bbox="589 636 1343 709">He belongs to the American Phytopathological Society, the Latin American Phytopathological Society and the American Phytopathological Society-Caribbean Division.</p> <p data-bbox="589 709 1343 783">He currently has 21 Peer-Refereed Publications including The First Report of 'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' on Field Tomatoes in the United States" in Plant Disease.</p> <p data-bbox="589 804 1343 877">Multiplex real-time PCR for detection, identification and quantification of 'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' in potato plants with zebra chip in the Journal of Microbiological Methods</p> <p data-bbox="589 877 1343 972">And the First Report of the Detection of 'Candidatus Liberibacter' Species in Zebra Chip Disease-Infected Potato Plants in the United States in Plant Disease (First Disease Report)</p> |
| <p data-bbox="207 972 313 1024">Dr. Ken Johnson</p> <p data-bbox="191 1045 329 1150">Professor, Plant Pathology, Oregon State University</p>   | <p data-bbox="370 972 557 1077">Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Control</p> <p data-bbox="370 1098 557 1245">Research efforts of organic, biopesticide and conventional control options for fireblight on pome fruit</p>                                | <p data-bbox="589 972 1343 1171">Dr. Ken Johnson is a Professor of Plant Pathology at Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. He has been at OSU since 1988 and teaches courses in introductory plant pathology and plant disease management. His research program is concerned with economically important diseases of horticultural crops with an emphasis on bacterial pathogens including fire blight of pear and apple. With fire blight, Dr. Johnson's recent projects have focused on integrated non-antibiotic control, improved pathogen detection, and induction of acquired resistance in fruit trees to mitigate the damage caused by this disease.</p>   |
| <p data-bbox="207 1266 313 1318">Dr. George Sundin</p> <p data-bbox="191 1339 329 1539">Professor and Extension Specialist, Dept. Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences, Michigan State University</p>   | <p data-bbox="370 1266 557 1371">Grower Needs and Challenges / New and Existing Options for Control</p> <p data-bbox="370 1392 557 1560">Research efforts of control options for bacterial diseases of stone fruit including research and experiences with Kasumin in Michigan</p> | <p data-bbox="589 1266 1343 1392">Dr. George Sundin received his B.S. at Penn State, his M.S. in Plant Pathology at Michigan State and his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology at Oklahoma State. He is a Professor and Extension Specialist for the Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences, Michigan State University. He is a tree fruit pathologist with research and extension responsibilities for bacterial and fungal pathogens of pome and stone fruit.</p>   |
| <p data-bbox="207 1560 313 1612">Dr. Ed Stover</p> <p data-bbox="191 1633 329 1829">USDA/ARS, Research Horticulturalist/ Geneticist, U.S. Horticultural Research Laboratory, Fort Pierce, FL</p>   | <p data-bbox="370 1560 557 1623">Biotechnology Options for Control</p> <p data-bbox="370 1644 557 1770">Development of resistant citrus to Citrus Greening bacteria through genetic engineering</p>  | <p data-bbox="589 1560 1343 1738">Dr. Ed Stover is a horticulturist and plant breeder with the USDA Agricultural Research Service focusing on developing improved citrus varieties. This broad-based breeding effort includes more than 30 collaborators in many disciplines. Resistance to the disease HLB has been the major focus of his work for the last six years and he has 25 HLB-related publications, among 200 total publications. He leads an active citrus transgenic program and has conducted extensive screening for HLB resistance in the greenhouse and field.</p>  |

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| <p>Dr. Manjul Dutt</p> <p>Citrus Research and Education Center, University of Florida, Lake Alfred, FL</p>   | <p>Biotechnology Options for Control</p> <p>Development of HLB (greening disease) bacteria resistance through genetic engineering</p> | <p>Manjul Dutt is a Research Assistant Scientist at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, FL with research interests in Citrus Genetics, Breeding and Biotechnology for the development of improved citrus varieties. He received his PhD degree in grapevine biotechnology from the University of Florida. The main emphasis of his research is on the development of biotechnological strategies to combat HLB, a deadly phloem vectored disease of citrus. His current emphasis is on the development of resistant scions and rootstocks that can withstand this disease. He also has considerable experience in the development of genetically modified rootstocks that can resist Diaprepes infestation. Collaborating with Dr. Jude Grosser, he has one of the largest transgenic citrus field trials in the U.S. Dr. Dutt emphasizes the development of genetically modified plants using intragenic technologies to produce a consumer acceptable product. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Polk State College.</p> |
| <p>Susan Jennings</p> <p>Public Health Coordinator Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>                            | <p>Regulatory Review Processes and Perspectives</p> <p>Registering Antibiotic Pesticides for Use on Crops</p>                         | <p>Susan Jennings is the Public Health Coordinator for EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. As the Public Health Coordinator, Susan serves as the Office's primary contact for public health issues involving pesticides. She works with public health interest groups, other federal, state and local government agencies and the regulated industry to encourage consideration of public health issues in EPA's regulatory processes. Susan also represents EPA on the Interagency Taskforce on Antimicrobial Resistance and is very involved in registration issues involving antimicrobial pesticides intended for use in agriculture.</p>   |
| <p>Dr. Jean Patel, D(ABMM)</p> <p>Deputy Director Office of Antimicrobial Resistance Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, CDC</p>               | <p>Regulatory Review Processes and Perspectives</p> <p>The Threat of Antibiotic Use in the Environment on Human Health</p>            | <p>Dr. Jean Patel is the Deputy Director of the Office of Antimicrobial Resistance in CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. In this role, Dr. Patel works on the coordination of antimicrobial resistance activities within CDC, activities with other federal agencies and activities with international partners. Jean leads a W-H-O Collaborating Centre for International Monitoring of Bacterial Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents and is the chair of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute Subcommittee for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing.</p>  |
| <p>Dr. Heather C. Harbottle</p> <p>Microbial Food Safety Team (HFV-157) Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA</p> | <p>Regulatory Review Processes and Perspectives</p> <p>Microbial Food Safety Risk Assessment and Regulatory Decision-Making</p>       | <p>Dr. Heather Harbottle received her Ph.D. in Veterinary Medical Sciences from Louisiana State University in 2004. She went on to complete a Post-Doctoral study at FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine and served as a Principal Investigator at CVM's Office of Research investigating the molecular mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance. In 2011, Dr. Harbottle joined the Microbial Food Safety Team in CVM's Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, where she currently serves as a regulatory review Microbiologist for Division of Human Food Safety.</p>  |
| <p>Dr. Shaunta Hill</p> <p>Registration Division Office of Pesticide Programs U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>                               | <p>Recent Registration Example-kasugamycin</p>  | <p>Dr. Shaunta Hill received her Master of Science and Doctoral degrees in Plant Pathology from Michigan State University. Currently, she serves as a Plant Pathologist with the Environmental Protection Agency – Office of Pesticide Programs, Registration Division. Her regulatory responsibilities include the review of amendment requests for conventional pesticides, management of joint and global reviews for new conventional pesticides and implementation of re-registration standards. With respect to agricultural antibiotics, Shaunta has managed the registration application for Kasugamycin, to which general aspects of the review process will be discussed.</p>   |

## Attendees

| Speaker                | Affiliation  |
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| Adaskaveg, James       | University of California   |
| Allen, Bob             | IBM Research   |
| Almodovar, Luis        | Univerity of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez ALVARADO-HERNANDE MONICA GOWAN              |
| Anglea, Tim            | The Coca-Cola Company & CRDF   |
| Archambault, Shirley   | AAFC - Pest Management Centre  |
| Armella, Zena          | ABC Organics, LLC  |
| Balint, Barry          | IBM  |
| Barbier, Marcel        | B&W Quality Growers, Inc   |
| Baron, Jerry           | IR-4 Headquarters  |
| Bennett, Niki          | Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers   |
| Berger, Lori           | Ag Business Resources  |
| Black, Larry           | Peace River Packing Company  |
| Bledsoe, Michael       | Village Farms International  |
| Boatwright, Megan      | Golden Pacific Laboratories, LLC   |
| Bolin, Dave            | Arysta LifeScience   |
| Boncristiani, Humberto | Forrest Innovations USA Inc.   |
| Botts, Dan             | Third Party Registrations, Inc. / Florida <u>Fruit</u> & Vegetable Association |
| Brannen, Phillip       | University of Georgia  |
| Braverman, Michael     | IR-4 Headquarters  |
| Bret, Brian            | Dow AgroSciences   |
| Bruss, Bob             | Technical Services Manager   |
| Calabro, Jill          | Nufarm Americas  |
| Carpenter, Debbie      | IR-4 Headquarters  |
| Chastagner, Gary       | Washington State University Puyallup REC                                       |
| Coleman, Krista        | IR-4 Headquarters  |
| Conti, Lisa            | Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services                        |
| Cranney, James         | California Citrus Quality Council  |
| Czochor, Lesley        | DuPont Crop Protection   |
| Daiker, Davis          | Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services                        |
| Davis, Joe             | Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc.                               |
| Delaney, Nancy         | Bayer CropScience Inc.   |
| Desrochers, Anne       | Quebec Horticultural Council   |
| DeYoung, Alan          | Van Drunen Farms   |
| Dirks Jr., Richard     | SePRO Corporation  |
| Dorschner, Keith       | IR-4 Headquarters  |
| Drost, Dirk            | Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC  |
| Dukowitz, James        | Technology Innovation Group  |
| Dutt, Manjul           | University of Florida  |
| Egel, Daniel           | Purdue University  |
| Fajardo, Julius        | US Department of Agriculture   |
| Farrar, Jim            | Western IPM Center   |
| Felix, Joel            | Oregon State University  |
| Fernandez, Jessica     | Bayer CropScience  |
| Ferrazoli, Cheryl      | IR-4 Headquarters  |
| Flanagan, Stephen      | UC Davis IR4 Program   |
| Graham, James          | University of Florida, Citrus Research and Education Center                    |

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| Grose, Julianne      | Brigham Young University  |
| Harbottle, Heather   | U.S. FDA, Center for Veterinary Medicine                              |
| Hattermann, Dennis   | Landis International, Inc.  |
| Hedrick, Brooke      | ADAMA   |
| Henn, Alan           | Mississippi State University Extension Service                        |
| Hill, Shaunta        | US. EPA   |
| Homa, Kathryn        | IR-4 Headquarters   |
| Howard, Beau         | J.G. Boswell Company  |
| Howard, David        | Graves Brothers Company   |
| Hunter, Craig        | OFVGA   |
| Hurley, Mike         | CA Fig Advisory Board   |
| Ingersoll, Tammy     | Windset Farms   |
| Ivey, Melanie        | LSU AgCenter  |
| Jackson, Sidney      | US EPA  |
| Jennings, Susan      | US EPA  |
| Johnson, Ken         | Oregon State University   |
| Johnson, Nikki       | Market Access Solutions   |
| Johnson, Timothy     | Marrone Bio Innovations   |
| Kanga, Lambert       | Florida A&M University  |
| Kawate, Mike         | University of Hawaii  |
| Kleppe, Craig        | BASF Corporation  |
| Kress, Rick          | Citrus Research and Development Foundation                            |
| Kunkel, Dan          | IR-4 Headquarters   |
| Lajoie, Cindy        | Syngenta Canada Inc.  |
| Lalancette, Norman   | Rutgers University - Rutgers Agricultural Research & Extension Center |
| Liburd, Oscar        | University of Florida   |
| Lurvey, Edith        | NER IR-4, Cornell   |
| Madden, Barbara      | U.S. EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs, Registration Division         |
| Malamud-Roam, Karl   | IR-4 Headquarters   |
| Marshall, Maurice    | University of Florida   |
| McClure, John P      | Evans Properties, Inc.  |
| McGrath, Margaret    | Cornell University  |
| McWhorter, Judy      | Pace 49, Inc  |
| Miyazaki, Satoru     | Michigan State University   |
| Monterroso, Victor   | Grower  |
| Moore, Robert        | Florida Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services                       |
| Norden, Alan         | Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority                |
| Odero, D. Calvin     | University of Florida   |
| Palm, Mary           | USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service                       |
| Palmer, Cristi       | IR-4 Headquarters   |
| Patel, Jean          | CDC   |
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| Rackley, Anderson    | A FDACS   |
| Raid, Richard        | University of Florida   |
| Rainbow, Rohan       | Crop Protection Australia   |
| Richardson, Taw      | AgroSource, Inc   |
| Robles, Wilfredo     | University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez                                   |
| Ross, Marylee        | University of Maryland  |
| Rossi, Lois          | U.S. EPA  |
| Ruiz, Roger          | Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado                                     |
| Samuel-Foo, Michelle | University of Florida   |
| Sances, Frank        | Pacific Ag Research   |
| Sanson, Charlotte    | Bayer CropScience   |
| Scholz, Todd         | USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council  |

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| Scorza, Ralph       | USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station                 |
| Seal, Dak           | University of Florida                                       |
| Simmons, Alvin      | USDA-ARS  |
| Simmons, Wayne      | CRDF Florida LaBelle Fruit Co                               |
| Sisco, Rebecca      | Western Region IR-4 Center                                  |
| Soderlund, David    | Cornell University  |
| Starner, Van        | IR-4 Headquarters   |
| Stopyra, Thomas     | The Packers of Indian River, Ltd                            |
| Stover, Ed          | USDA/ARS  |
| Sumpter, Sheldon    | DuPont Crop Protection                                      |
| Sundin, George      | Michigan State University                                   |
| Tanner, Berry       | National Watermelon Association                             |
| Tolson, Mika        | Western Region IR-4 Program, University of California Davis |
| Vallad, Gary        | University of Florida                                       |
| VanWoerkom, Anthony | Michigan State University Trevor Nichols Research Center    |
| Wade, Layne         | Arysta LifeScience  |
| Wang, Laixin        | PepsiCo   |
| Werner, Scott       | USDA/APHIS/VVS/ National Wildlife Research Center           |
| Williams, Ronald    | The Coca-Cola Company                                       |
| Wilson, John        | Cranberry Institute   |
| Wofford, Tommy      | BASF  |
| Wright, Lesley      | Engage Agro Corporation                                     |
| Yagiz, Yavuz        | University of Florida                                       |