

# Biology, Ecology, and Management of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in Orchard Crops, Small Fruit, Grapes, Vegetables, and Ornamentals



## Funding



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

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of Food and  
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Specialty Crop Research Initiative  
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## Collaborating Institutions



Cornell University



Virginia Tech



# Goals of the BMSB SCRI CAP Team

*Our long-term goals for this project are to develop economically and environmentally sustainable pest management practices for the brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB), *Halyomorpha halys* (Stål), in specialty crops and to implement a coordinated, rapid delivery system to disseminate critical information generated from this project to specialty crop end-users.*

# Timeline and Funding

- Originally funded in 2011 for 3 years at \$5.7 million. Funding from September 2011 – September 2014. Coincided with expiration of existing Farm Bill.
- Farm Bill passed and renewal application submitted in Spring 2014. Received two additional years of support. Funded in full with a 7% sequestration in second year. Total funding for renewal at \$5.1 million.
- Matching costs through Year 4 (2015).
- Submitted and received final year funding. Grant ends August 31, 2016. Total project funding = \$10,898,894.

# Purpose of Stakeholder Advisory Panel

- The Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) will meet annually to review project accomplishments, provide feedback on research plans, and guide the execution of objectives.
- The SAP will provide an overall assessment of the project and recommendations for future research and outreach efforts.
- Based on input from the SAP, we will modify objectives or procedures to ensure that the needs of specialty crop stakeholders are best served and the risk posed by BMSB is mitigated.
- Final (5<sup>th</sup>!) meeting of BMSB SCRI CAP SAP.

# Original Grant Objectives

1. Establish biology and phenology of BMSB in specialty crops.
2. Develop monitoring and management tools for BMSB.
3. Establish effective management programs for BMSB in specialty crops.
4. Integrate stakeholder input and research findings to form and deliver practical outcomes.

# Renewal Grant Objectives

1. Expand current knowledge of BMSB biology, ecology and behavior in specialty crops.
2. Develop and refine monitoring and management tools for BMSB.
3. Improve existing BMSB management programs and transfer information to other at-risk specialty crops.
4. Integrate stakeholder input and research findings to form and deliver practical outcomes.

# Regulatory Issues

- Section 18s for Tree Fruit
  - Renewal of Section 18 for Dinotefuran (easy to add new states)
  - Renewal of Section 18 for Bifenthrin (difficult to add new states)
- 2012 was the last year for endosulfan use in peaches. Apples through 2015.
- Uncertainty surrounding neonicotinoids and pollinators.
- Continued progress in host specificity screening for classical biological control program. *Trissolcus japonicus* found in MD, VA and WA. Christine Dieckhoff will provide an update today.





# BMSB SCRI Management







- **Project Director**
  - Tracy Leskey – USDA
- **Institutional PDs**
  - Tracy Leskey - USDA
  - Art Agnello – Cornell
  - George Hamilton – Rutgers
  - Greg Krawczyk – PSU
  - Joanne Whalen – UD
  - Cerruti Hooks – UMD
  - Jim Walgenbach – NCSU
  - Peter Shearer - OSU
  - Betsy Beers (replaced Jay Brunner) - WSU
  - Tom Kuhar (replaced Chris Bergh) – VT
  - Steve Young (replaced Carrie Koplinka-Loehr) – NE IPM Center
- **Commodity Team Leadership**
  - Chris Bergh – Orchard Crops
  - Tom Kuhar – Vegetables
  - Anne Nielsen (replaced Doug Pfeiffer) - Grapes
  - Cesar Rodriguez-Saona – Small Fruit
  - Paula Shrewsbury – Ornamentals
- **Subobjective Leaders / Liaisons**
- **Project Support Assistant**
  - Donna Joy hired in January 2014. Replaced Teresa Mersing.

# Institutional Annual Reports







- Technical Summary of Progress
- Outlined Experimentation for Upcoming Period
- Barriers to Success
- Key Personnel Trained (post-docs, graduate students, undergrads)
- Research and Extension Products (talks, posters, workshops, publications)
- New/Leveraged Funding
- Media Contacts

# Institutional Progress

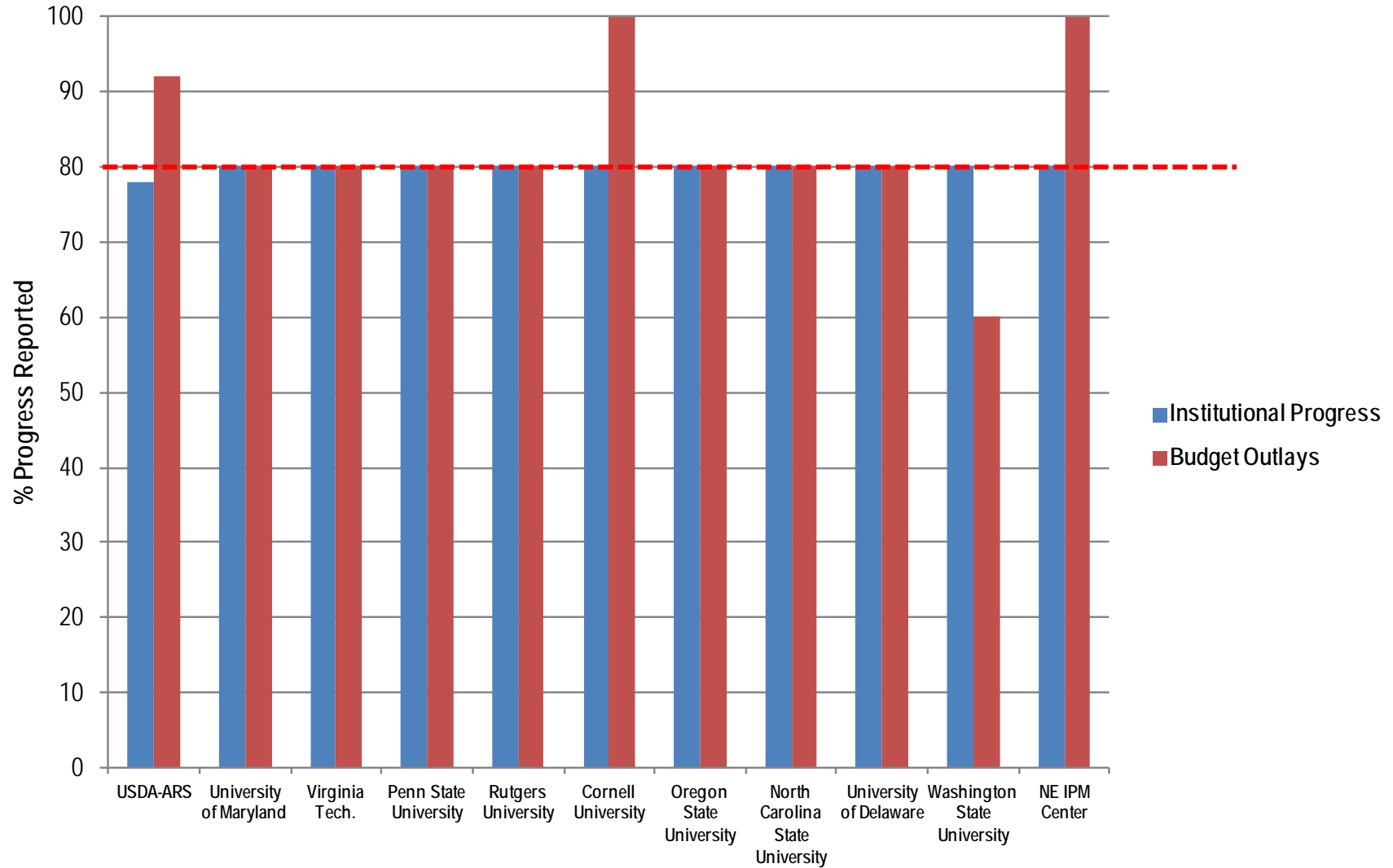
## General Institutional Progress

-  0% (Project Under Development)
-  20% (Year 1 Objectives Completed)
-  40% (Year 2 Objectives Completed)
-  60% (Year 3 Objectives Completed)
-  80% (Year 4 Objectives Completed)
-  100% (Project Close-Out Initiated)

## Subaward Budget Outlays

-  <20% of Project Total
-  20%-40% of Project Total
-  40%-60% of Project Total
-  60%-80% of Project Total
-  80%-100% of Project Total
-  Over Subaward Budget

# Institutional Progress



# Overall Project Progress

- Progress

- Calculated based proposed effort x progress reported per institution. Then summed across ALL institutions.

$$\Sigma (\text{Proposed Institutional Effort}) \times (\% \text{ Accomplished})$$

- ex., Cornell
  - 8.47 (Proposed Effort) x 25.0 (% Accomplished) = 2.12 (toward overall progress)

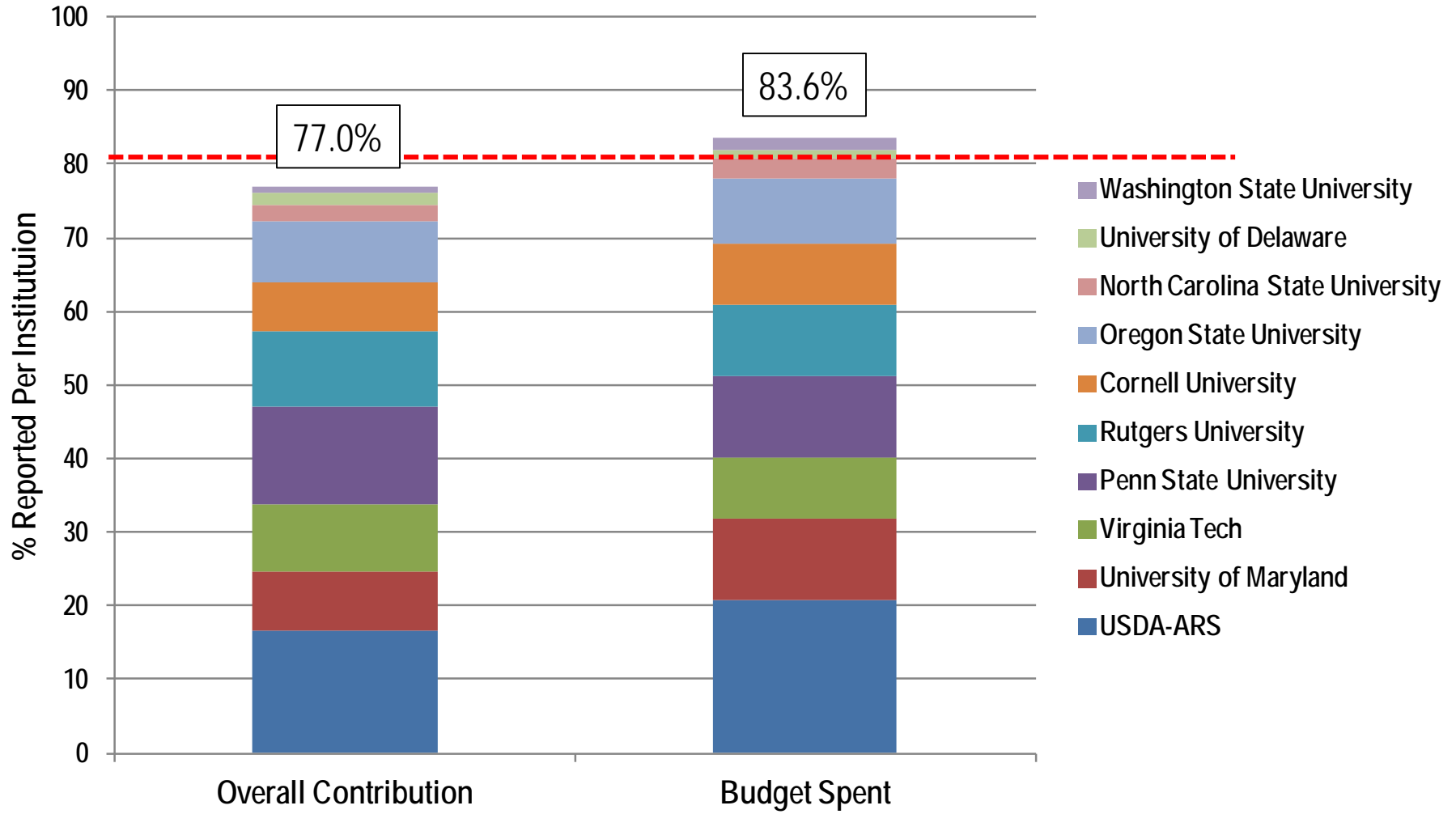
- Budget Consumed

- Calculated based proportional budget x subaward used per institution. Then summed across ALL institutions.

$$\Sigma (\text{Proportional Institutional Budget}) \times (\% \text{ Subaward consumed})$$

- ex., Virginia Tech
  - 10.45 (proportion of budget ) x 37.5 (consumed) = 3.92 (toward overall budget consumption)

# Overall Project Progress








# Individual Objective Progress

## Progress Toward Accomplishment of Individual Objectives

1.1.1. (Leskey)

Determining voluntarism characteristics of BMSB.

### Categorical Progress

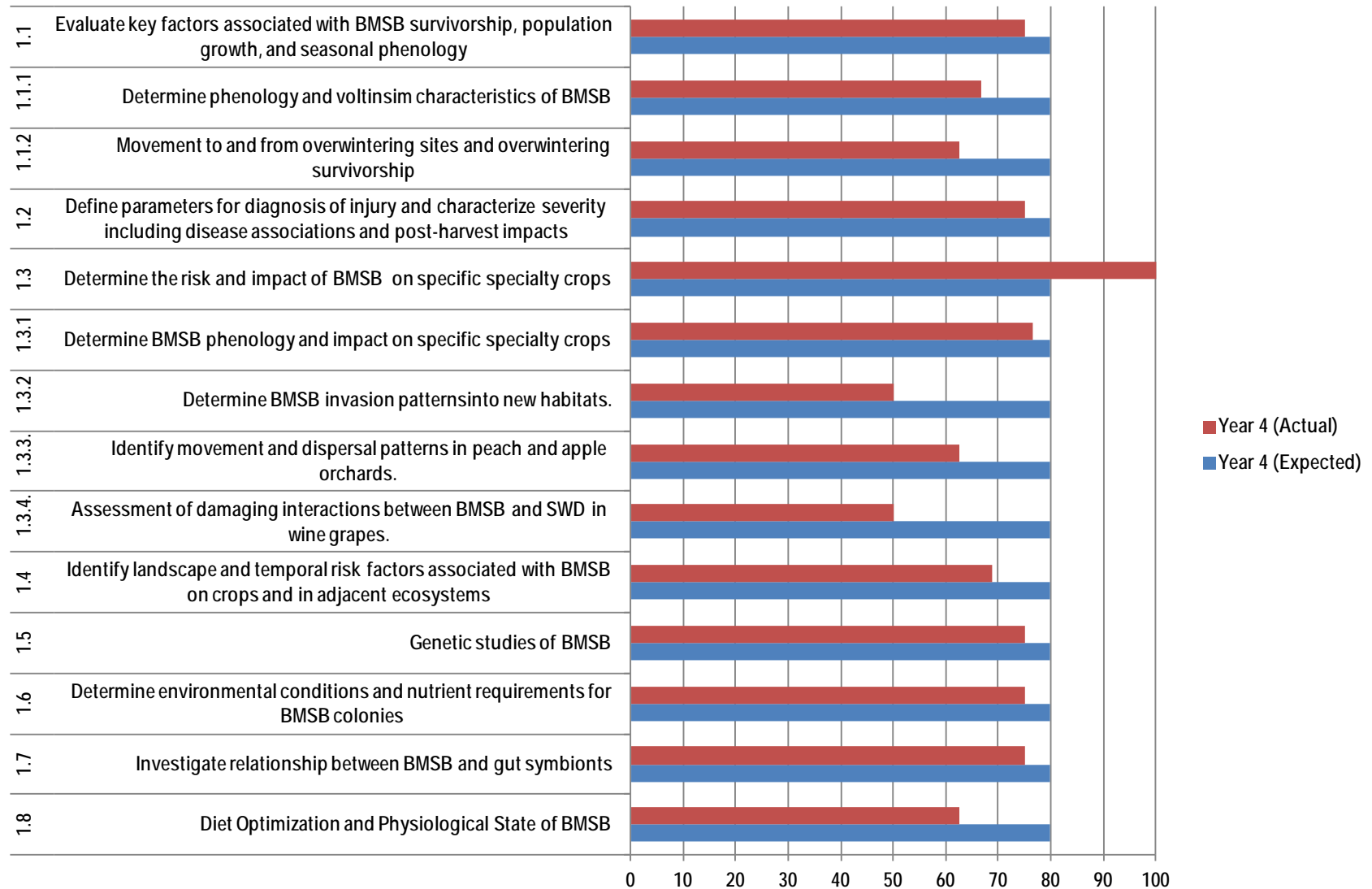
-  0% (Under Development)
-  25% (Project Initiated)
-  50% (Results Collected)
-  75% (Data Analysis Completed)
-  100% (Manuscript Completed)

# Objective 1

- **ORIGINAL** Establish biology and phenology of BMSB in specialty crops.
- **RENEWAL** Expand knowledge of BMSB biology, ecology and behavior in specialty crops.



# Objective 1. Establish biology and phenology of BMSB in specialty crops.



# Objective 1 - Progress

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# Established BMSB Risk to and Phenology in Specialty Crops

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## The Pest Potential of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug on Vegetable Crops

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The brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys* (Stål) (Fig. 1), is an invasive insect from east Asia that was first reported in the USA near Allentown, PA, in the late 1990s (3). Since that time, the pest has spread rapidly across the United States, although significant pest densities and concomitant crop damage have largely remained centered in the mid-Atlantic from New Jersey to Virginia (2). The insect is highly polyphagous (1) and has been reported as a serious pest of tree fruit in the United States (4,2), but its damage and risk to vegetable crops has not been well documented to date. Herein, we report our observations from the mid-Atlantic United States on the relative pest risk that *H. halys* poses to vegetable crops.



Fig. 5. Severe infestations of brown marmorated stink bug can result in total loss of fruiting vegetable crops.



Fig. 6. Brown marmorated stink bug feeding scars on tomato fruit.



Fig. 7. Spongy area left by stink bug feeding on bell pepper.



Fig. 8. Brown marmorated stink bug feeding scars on bell pepper.



Fig. 9. Brown marmorated stink bug feeding injury on eggplant.

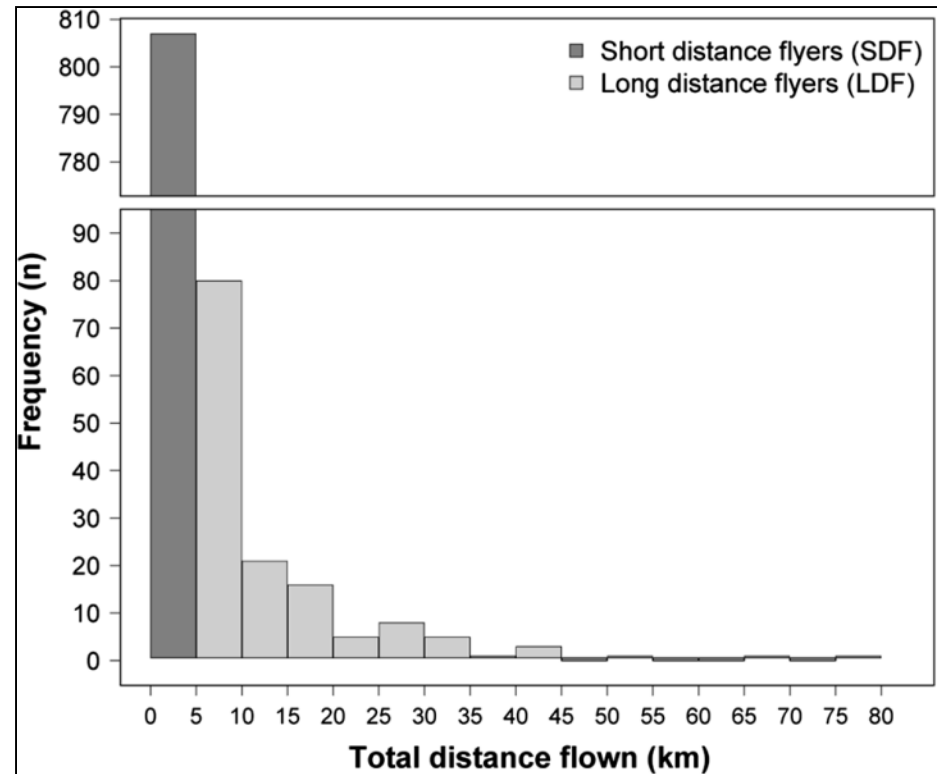
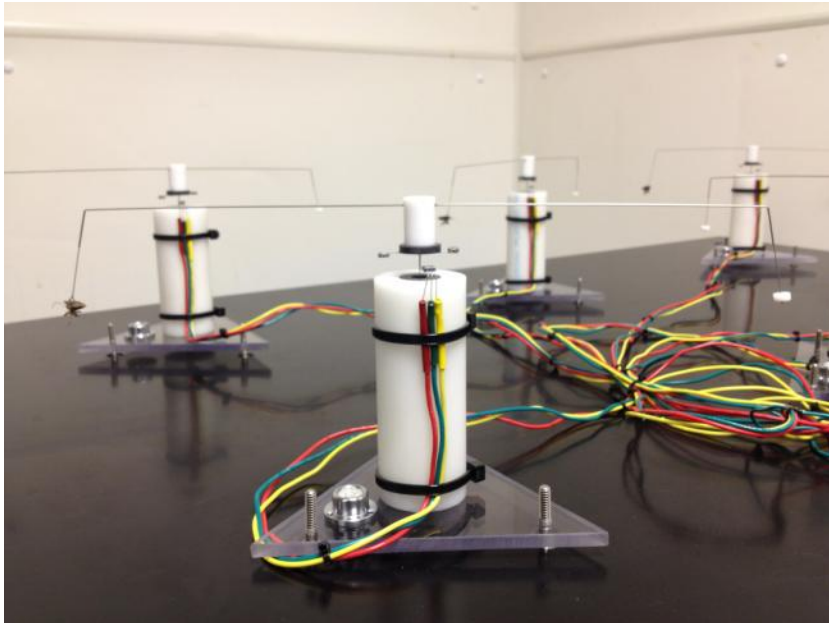


Fig. 10. Brown marmorated stink bug feeding injury on okra.

# Dispersal Capacity

*Factors affecting flight capacity of brown marmorated stink bug, Halyomorpha halys (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae)*

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Peter W. Shearer, Silvia I. Rondon &  
Jana C. Lee**





# Overwintering Ecology in the Natural Landscape

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## Characterization of Overwintering Sites of the Invasive Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in Natural Landscapes Using Human Surveyors and Detector Canines

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# Gut Symbionts, Transcriptome, and Salivary Proteins

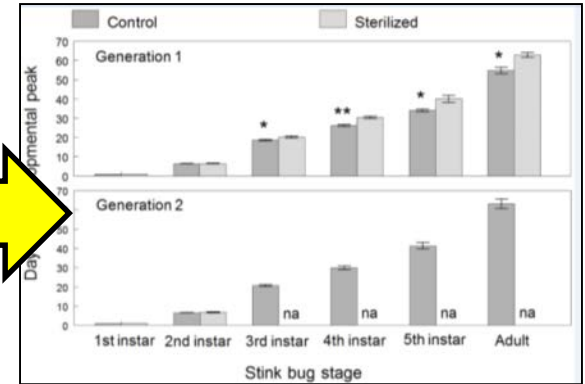
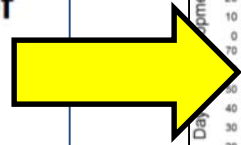
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## The Importance of Gut Symbionts in the Development of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, *Halyomorpha halys* (Stål)

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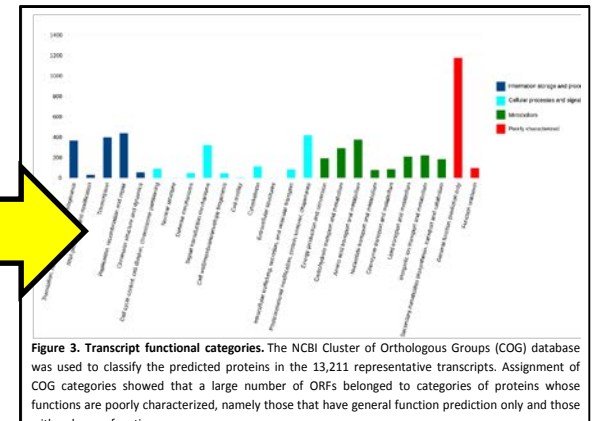
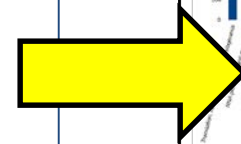


RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## Rapid transcriptome sequencing of an invasive pest, the brown marmorated stink bug *Halyomorpha halys*

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**Figure 3. Transcript functional categories.** The NCBI Cluster of Orthologous Groups (COG) database was used to classify the predicted proteins in the 13,211 representative transcripts. Assignment of COG categories showed that a large number of ORFs belonged to categories of proteins whose functions are poorly characterized, namely those that have general function prediction only and those with unknown functions.

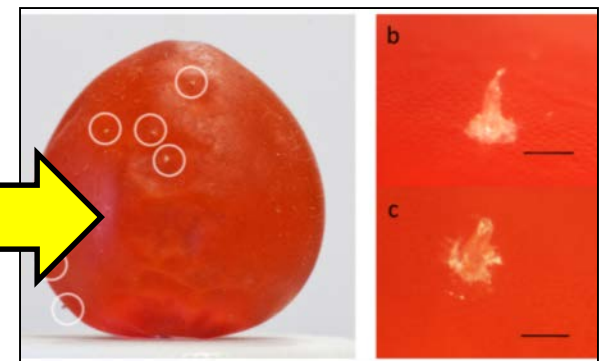
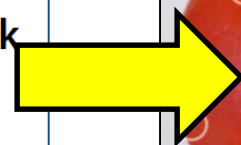
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## Insights into the Saliva of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug *Halyomorpha halys* (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae)

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# Identified Risk Factors For Spread

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## Landscape Factors Facilitating the Invasive Dynamics and Distribution of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, *Halyomorpha halys* (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae), after Arrival in the United States

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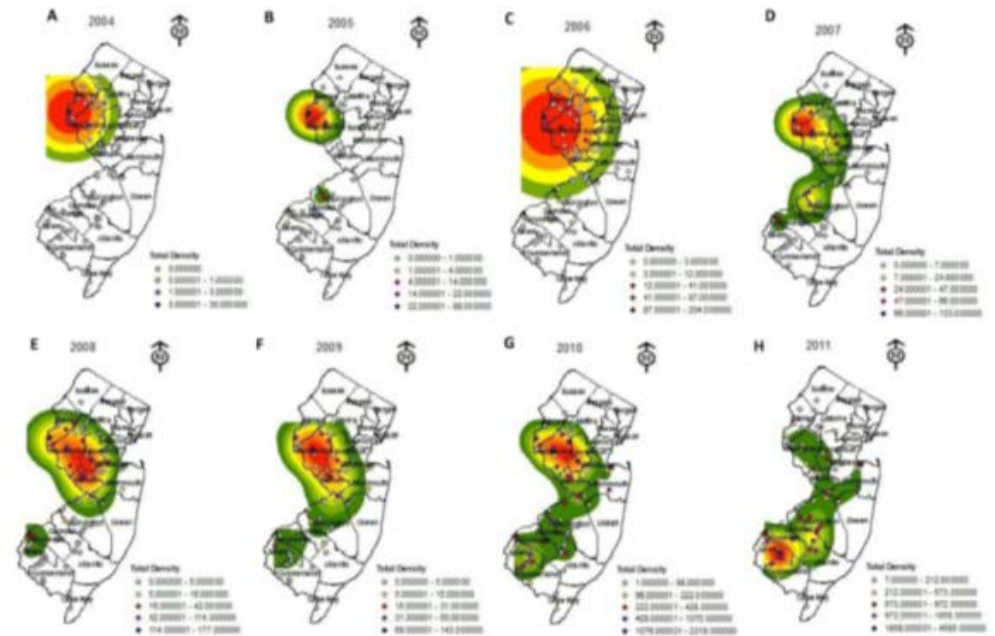


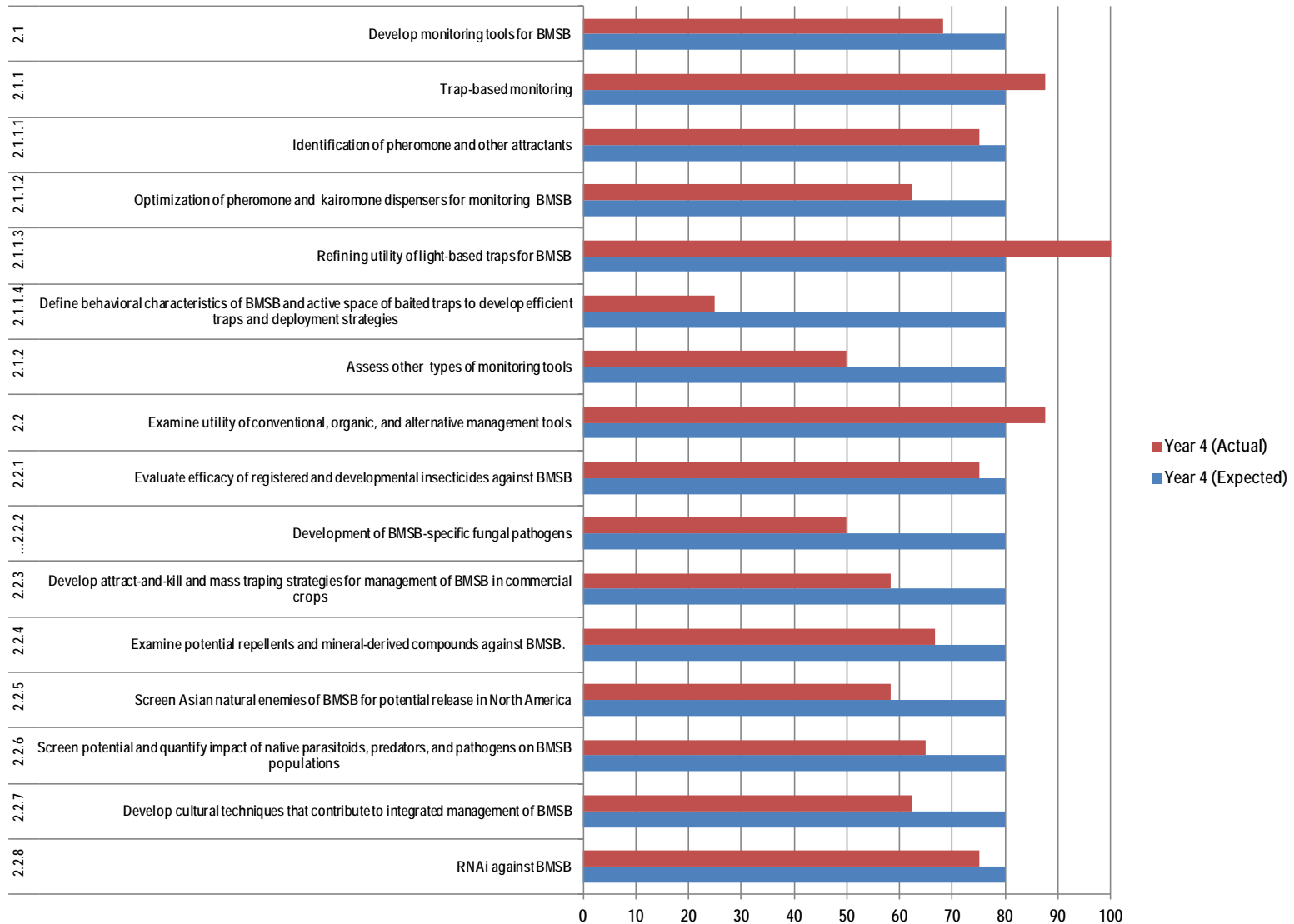
Figure 2. Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) graphs of the density of *Halyomorpha halys* captured from black light traps placed throughout New Jersey from (A) 2004, (B) 2005, (C) 2006, (D) 2007, (E) 2008, (F) 2009, (G) 2010, (H) 2011. KDE are based on actual and predicted density of *H. halys* where green reflects lowest population density, orange moderate to high population density, and red predicts highest population density. Total density of *H. halys* for year black lights were monitored is also provided. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0095691.g002



# Pending Questions

- **Invasion ecology and pest status?** *Establishment in other regions of the country – southeast is rapidly increasing, west coast areas and continued pressure in the mid-Atlantic and conversely, areas where it seems limited – Eastern coastal plains, northern locations. Influence of abiotic factors (high/low temperature, daylength, humidity). Multiple introductions?*
- **Phenology and impact on other specialty crops?** *Hops, olive, kiwi, citrus, nut crops (almond, pecan, walnut, pistachio), and tomato. (strawberry and plum?). Adult vs nymphal contribution and damage diagnostics for numerous crops*
- **Biology and population ecology in various regions?** *Diapause, voltinism, reproduction, model validation and refinement? Methods developed, but not well characterized yet.*
- **Early spring biology and ecology?** *What happens when they leave an overwintering site? Reproduction? Feeding? Dispersal and fate?*
- **Mid season biology and ecology?** *What triggers movement between hosts? Host quality? Volatiles? Etc.*
- **Late season biology and ecology?** *What triggers dispersal from hosts to an overwintering site? What behavioral events?*
- **Contribution of wild and non-specialty crop hosts on overall populations?** *Influence of acceptable hosts and their density on overall populations.*
- **Optimized methods for rearing BMSB colonies?** *Food, conditions, identifying issues (pathogens).*

# Objective 2. Develop monitoring and management tools for BMSB.



# Objective 2 - Progress

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# Chemical Ecology

## Discovery of the Aggregation Pheromone of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) through the Creation of Stereoisomeric Libraries of 1-Bisabolen-3-ols

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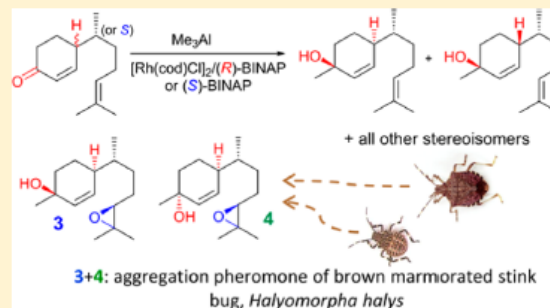
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### Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** We describe a novel and straightforward route to all stereoisomers of 1,10-bisaboladien-3-ol and 10,11-epoxy-1-bisabolen-3-ol via the rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric addition of trimethylaluminum to diastereomeric mixtures of cyclohex-2-enones **1** and **2**. The detailed stereoisomeric structures of many natural sesquiterpenes with the bisabolane skeleton were previously unknown because of the absence of stereoselective syntheses of individual stereoisomers. Several of the bisabolenols are pheromones of economically important pentatomid bug species. Single-crystal X-ray crystallography of underivatized triol **13** provided unequivocal proof of the relative and absolute configurations. Two of the epoxides, (3*S*,6*S*,7*R*,10*S*)-10,11-epoxy-1-bisabolen-3-ol (**3**) and (3*R*,6*S*,7*R*,10*S*)-10,11-epoxy-1-bisabolen-3-ol (**4**), were identified as the main components of a male-produced aggregation pheromone of the brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys*, using GC analyses on enantioselective columns. Both compounds attracted female, male, and nymphal *H. halys* in field trials. Moreover, mixtures of stereoisomers containing epoxides **3** and **4** were also attractive to *H. halys*, signifying that the presence of additional stereoisomers did not hinder attraction of *H. halys* and relatively inexpensive mixtures can be used in monitoring, as well as control strategies. *H. halys* is a polyphagous invasive species in the U.S. and Europe that causes severe injury to fruit, vegetables, and field crops and is also a serious nuisance pest.



# Insecticide Efficacy and Management Programs

## EFFICACIES OF COMMON READY TO USE INSECTICIDES AGAINST *HALYOMORPHA HALYS* (HEMIPTERA: PENTATOMIDAE)

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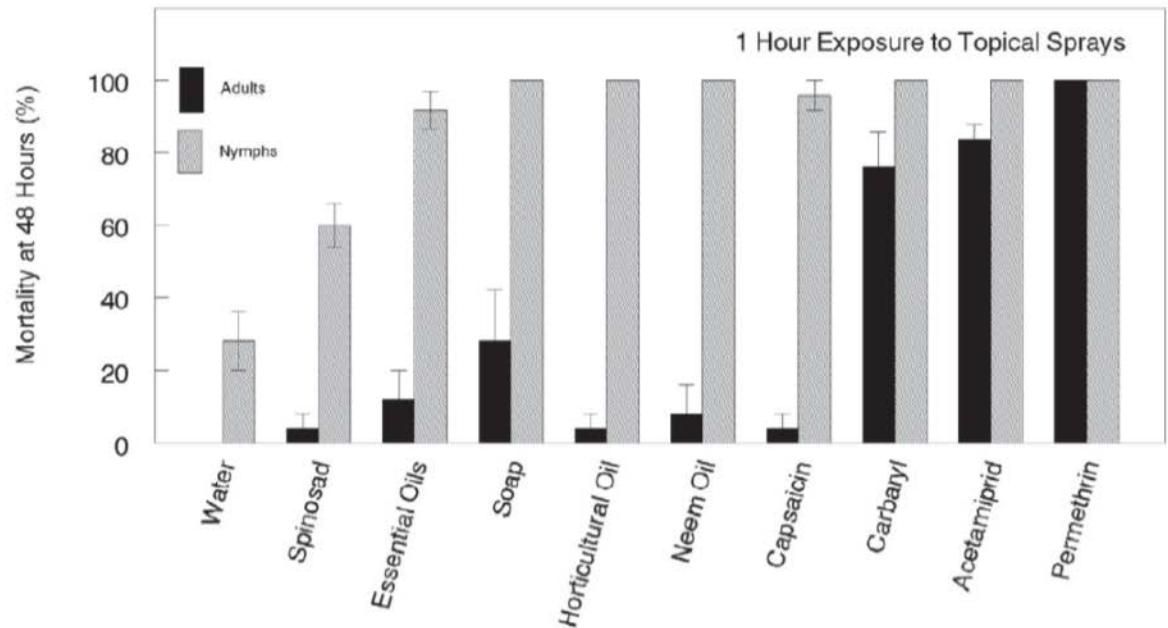


Fig. 1. Percentage mortality at 48 h post exposure of *H. halys* adults (black bars) and nymphs (gray bars) exposed to topical sprays of insecticides for 1 hour. Bars represent means and vertical lines are standard errors. Treatments differed significantly within each life stage (Kruskal - Wallis Analyses,  $P < 0.0001$ ). Comparisons were not made between life stages.

# Biological Control



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## Sentinel eggs underestimate rates of parasitism of the exotic brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys*



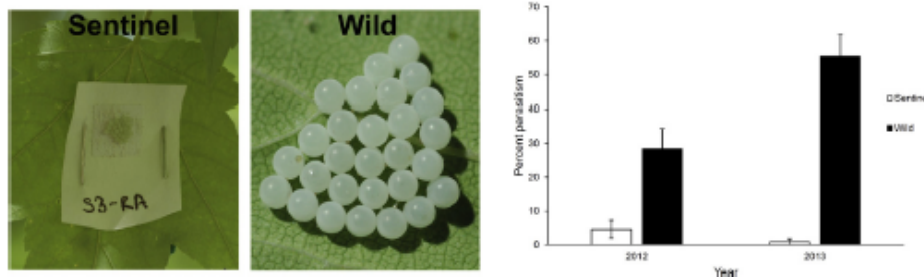
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### HIGHLIGHTS

- We compared parasitism of wild (field-laid) and sentinel (laboratory-laid) eggs.
- Wild egg masses had higher parasitism, parasitoid abundance and species richness.
- *Anastatus redivii* was the most common parasitoid species overall.
- Sentinel egg masses underestimate parasitoid communities and impact.
- Wild egg masses should be used for estimating biological control impacts.

### GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



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### ABSTRACT

Native to eastern Asia, the brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB), *Halyomorpha halys* (Stål), has become a serious invasive pest in North America. Consequently, accurate assessment of parasitism rates under field conditions is critical for determining baseline parasitism rates of native egg parasitoids on BMSB, and for future evaluations of native or exotic parasitoid biological control release strategies and impacts. BMSB sentinel (laboratory-laid) egg masses have typically been used for this purpose, even though they could be providing misleading estimates of parasitoid activity. Accordingly, we compared the use of BMSB sentinel (laboratory-laid) and wild (naturally field-laid) egg masses in 2012 and 2013 to examine rates of parasitism and the parasitoid community composition of indigenous egg parasitoids in outdoor ornamental nurseries. Wild egg masses consistently had higher rates of parasitism than sentinel egg masses. In 2012, wild egg masses had a mean percent parasitism of 28.4% compared to 4.6% in sentinel egg masses, while in 2013 the difference between the two methods increased even further with a mean per-



# Pending Questions

- **Conventional and organic insecticides for specialty crops?** *Identifying insecticides for additional specialty crops (nut crops, citrus, olives). Impacts on beneficials*
- **Non-neonic programs?** *If regulatory changes occur, how will we manage in their absence?*
- **Optimization of pheromone lures for monitoring and management?** *Improved synthetic pathways for main component, optimized ratio of pheromone/synergist, release rates, distance of response, management (attract and kill, baited trap crops)*
- **Key native natural enemies and their conservation in different regions and cropping system?** *Vary across regions and near crops, how to best promote and conserve them*
- **Impact of *T. japonicus*?** *Did it survive, distribution, biology and ecology, impact on natives?*
- **Optimized trapping methods for various specialty crops?** *Different trap types may be best for different specialty crops*
- **Fungal pathogens?** *Can we overcome the difficulty for fungi penetrating cuticle and potential for defensive compounds to reduce viability?*
- **Cultural Techniques?** *Exclusion, host removal?*



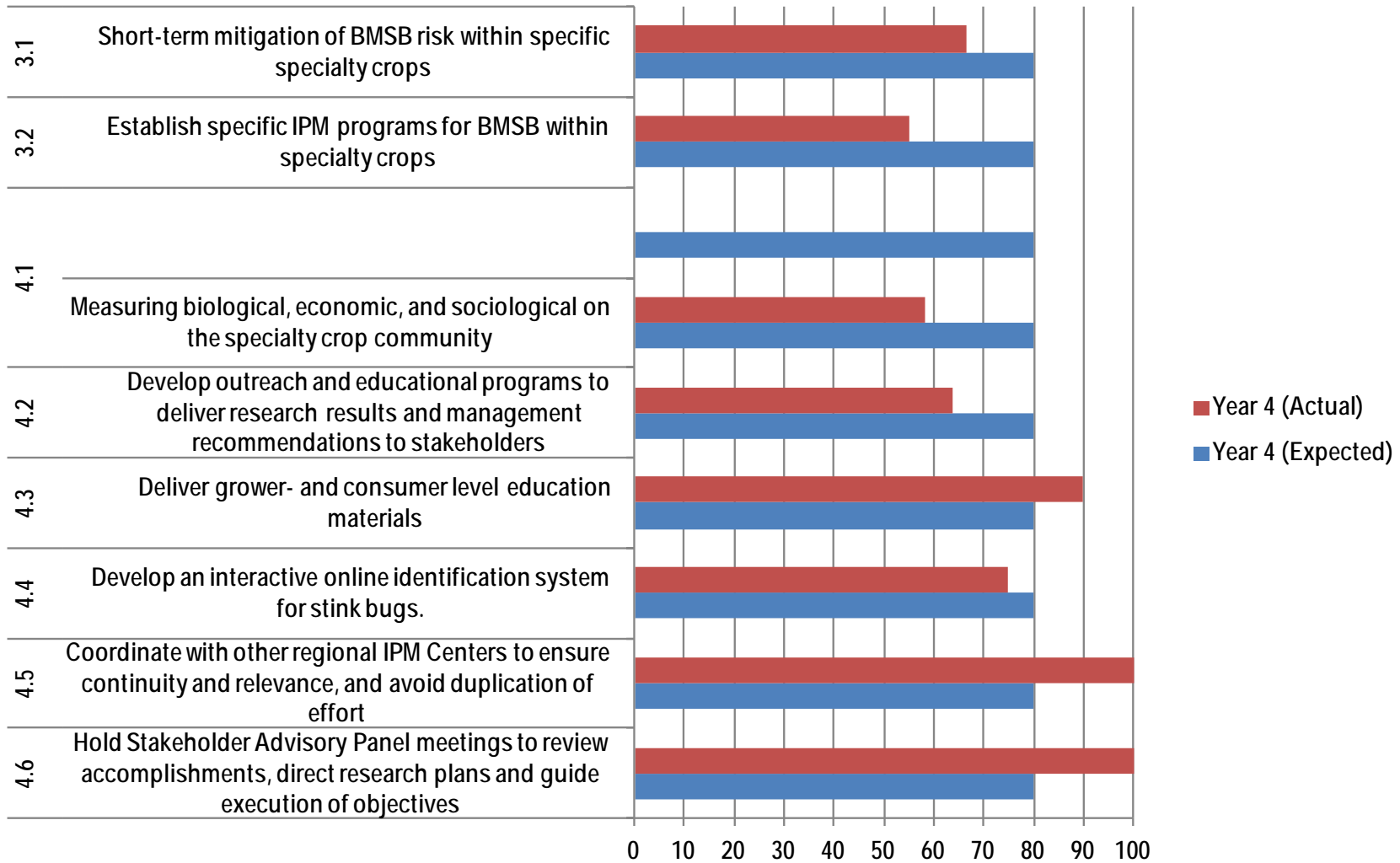
# Objective 3

- **ORIGINAL** Establish effective management programs for BMSB in specialty crops
- **RENEWAL** Improve existing BMSB management programs and transfer information to other at-risk specialty crops

# Objective 4

- **ORIGINAL** Integrate stakeholder input to form and deliver practical outcomes.
- **RENEWAL** Integrate stakeholder input to form and deliver practical outcomes.

# Objective 3. Establish effective management programs for BMSB in specialty crops *and* Objective 4. Integrate stakeholder input and research findings to form and deliver practical outcomes



# Objective 3 - Progress

**CURRENT STATE** We are on the cusp of integrating tactics.

- **Defining Risk Factors** Use monitoring traps (pheromone and/or light-based) in conjunction with geospatial analyses to define risk factors based on proximity to sources of BMSB infestation. (adjacent wild or cultivated plants, overwintering sites) and to better develop spatially precise management plans.
- **Phenology and Degree-Day Models** Use Monte Carlo-based phenology and degree-day models to predict emergence and BMSB phenology within specific regions, specialty crops, and general agroecosystems.
- **Trap-Based Monitoring** Use optimized trap designs and attractants to detect presence, abundance, and monitor seasonal activity
- **Treatment Thresholds** Correlate levels of BMSB abundance with subsequent damage to provide information critical to making informed pest management decisions for BMSB
- **Chemical Control** Utilize insecticides found to be effective, economical and compatible with other IPM tactics. If necessary, utilize fungicides to diminish secondary rot problems associated with BMSB feeding sites. Minimize use of non-selective materials to reduce the risk of exacerbating secondary pest problems (Jones et al. 2009) or risks to pollinators and natural enemies.
- **Border Sprays** Treating only borders of specialty can reduce insecticide use by up to 75%, causing a direct decrease in grower production costs and increase the sustainability of agroecosystems by providing refugia for natural enemies and reducing likelihood of secondary pest outbreaks.
- **Biological Control** Utilize practices that encourage presence and increased abundance of effective biological control agents (based on conservation or classical biological control program if foreign agents are approved for release) of BMSB in specialty crops. Practices may include presence of companion plantings and refugia, minimizing non-selective, broad-spectrum insecticides, and/or augmentative or inundative releases.
- **Behavioral Control** Encourage behaviorally based management strategies within specialty crops to decrease localized BMSB populations and reduce insecticide input and encourage biological control. Approaches include several “attract-and-kill” management systems designed to work within or outside the specialty crop.
- **Cultural Control** Removal of wild host plants that serve as BMSB reproductive hosts and population reservoirs within the vicinity of vulnerable specialty crops if economically feasible. If these hosts also serve as resources for biocontrol agents, the impact of removal will be quantified relative to the benefit of the biocontrol agent. Encourage ground cover management to increase natural enemy abundance and reduce BMSB density. Promote optimized planting density (for annual crops) and canopy density (for perennial crops) to maximize penetration and residual effectiveness of chemical controls. Utilize selective harvesting and mechanical techniques that reduce the likelihood of contamination or taint.
- **Trap Cropping** Based on results from the BMSB OREI project, cultivate alternate host plants found to be more attractive to BMSB to serve as a trap crop alone or in combination with aggregation pheromone or other kairomones to attract and aggregate BMSB away from the managed specialty crop. Potentially include an insecticide treatment on the trap crop to control infesting BMSB populations.
- **Alternative Controls** Integrate the use of repellents and tactile deterrents for border-row treatments or in combination with an insecticide to provide a behavioral bridge between insecticide applications to deter BMSB dispersal into specialty crops and/or enhance efficacy of insecticides. Integrate RNAi technology and entomopathogenic fungi as potential treatments for reducing BMSB population levels.
- **Resistant Cultivars** Promote planting of BMSB resistant or tolerant specialty crops to reduce damage and/or populations in managed landscapes and agroecosystems.

# Pending Questions

- **Incorporating and integrating tools into a single crop and across crops?** *Some orchard crops (apples, peaches) are working on this, but much more to do.*
- **Development and validation of tools in other specialty crops?** *Fruiting vegetable crops and many others.*
- **Farmscape-level management?** *Based on identified risk factors, can we integrate tools and improve management (host removal and natural enemy promotion/conservation, for example).*
- **Area-wide management?** *Implementing landscape-level management tactics (*T. japonicus*, for example) to reduce overall populations and decrease grower-level inputs into specialty crop production.*
- **Resistance management?** *Establish baseline levels and monitor potential development in different area of US.*



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## Video Series

### TRACKING THE BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG

"Tracking the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug" shows growers and others how to identify BMSB, why this pest is important in agriculture, and what's at stake if we don't stop it. A team of 50 scientists is working toward sustainable solutions, and our outreach team is producing this video series to showcase the group's work.



**Part 1: History and Identification**  
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**Part 2: Overwintering and Spread**  
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**Part 3: Monitoring and Mapping**  
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**Part 4: Host Plants and Damage in Orchard Crops**  
Duration: 6:24



**Part 5: Host Plants and Damage in Small Fruit**  
Duration: 3:05



**Part 6: Host Plants and Damage in Vegetables**  
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**Part 7: Host Plants and Damage in Ornamentals**  
Duration: 4:17



**Part 8: Host Plants and Damage in the Pacific Northwest**  
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**Brown marmorated stink bug control: Keeping stink bugs out of your house**  
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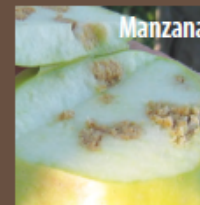
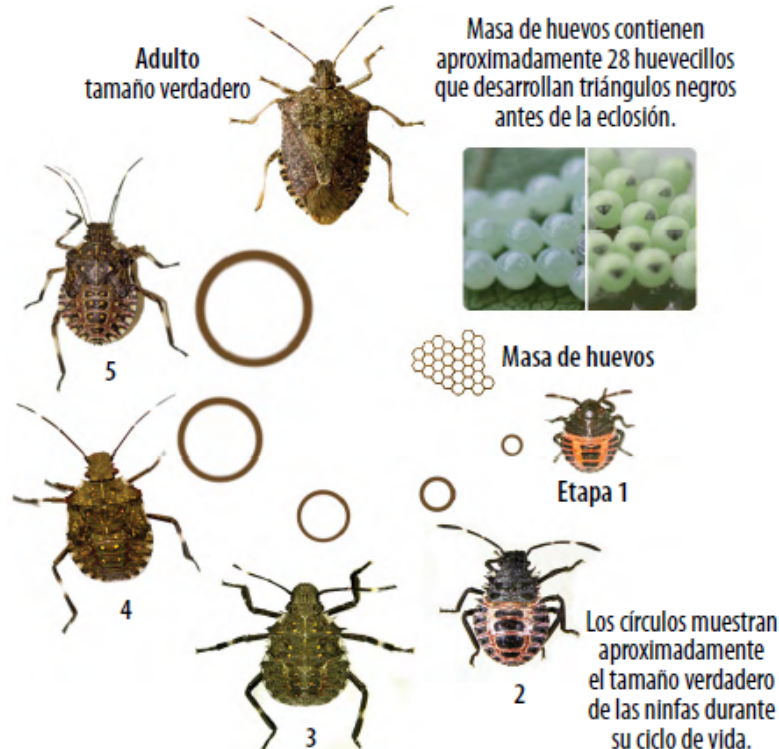
**TO FIGHT Stink bugs, Take a Closer Look at Their Spit** Scientists have developed a way to extract saliva from stink bugs and identify the proteins in it, paving the way

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# State-Level Extension / Outreach

## El Chinche Apestoso Marrón Marmolado *Halyomorpha halys*

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Se alimenta de más de 100 plantas incluyendo plantas agrícolas y ornamentales de importancia económica.

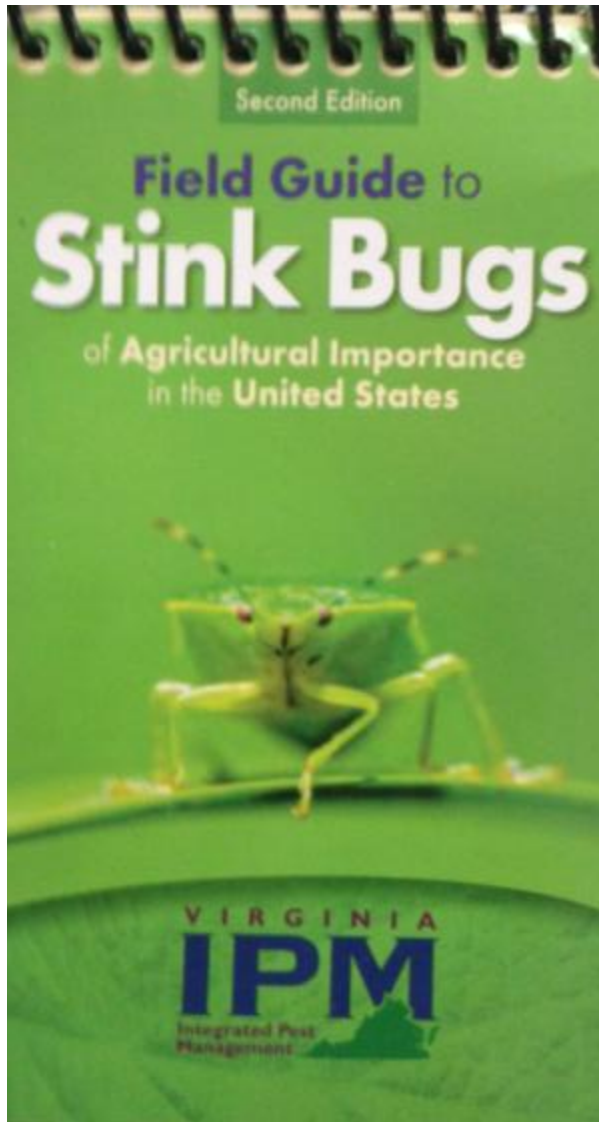
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# Identification Kits



# Pending Questions

- Economics of BMSB? *Programs with integrated tools? Production of pheromone depending on synthetic pathway, loading, ratios, etc. Cost of and potential ROI for classical biological control program, Damage estimates over time?*
- Longitudinal grower surveys? *Adoption of new tactics and technology, mitigation of damage due to knowledge (identification of adults and nymphs)?*
- Sustained delivery of information? *As new information is generated, integrate with existing and utilize at a national level.*
- Connection with and feedback from longtime and new stakeholders? *As new information is generated, integrate with existing and utilize at a national level.*

# Key Personnel Trained



**Undergraduates  
and H.S.**

**147**

**Graduate  
Students**

**39**

**Post-Docs and  
Visiting Scholars**

**30**

**Technical  
Staff**

**43**

# Feedback from 2014 SAP Meeting

- Current 'state of knowledge' / guidance document. Deliverables.
- The need for an improved IPM practices continued to be a major message.
- Various opinions on RNAi technology.

# BMSB SCRI SAP Schedule

- **Morning Session One**
  - Overall project progress, Objective 1 – Voltinism, dispersal, landscape and dispersal, Objective 1 – Nutritional ecology, Objective 1 – Commodity Report
  - Discussion
- **Morning Session Two**
  - Objective 2 – Short-term mitigation, Objective 2 – Monitoring tactics
  - Discussion
- **Lunch**
  - Mini-presentations and posters by graduate students and post-docs
- **Afternoon Session One**
  - Objective 2 – Biological Control, Objective 2 – Other control tactics,
  - Objective 3 – IPM Principles
  - Objective 4 – Extension/Outreach, Objective 4 - Economics
- **Afternoon Session Two**
  - Other Projects (OREI, SARE, United Soybean, IPM-CPR)
- **Open Discussion and Evaluations**



*Thank you!*



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