

# At-plant, seed treatment options for the control of seed corn maggot in processing sweet corn



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*The first official mascot illustration, 1940s*

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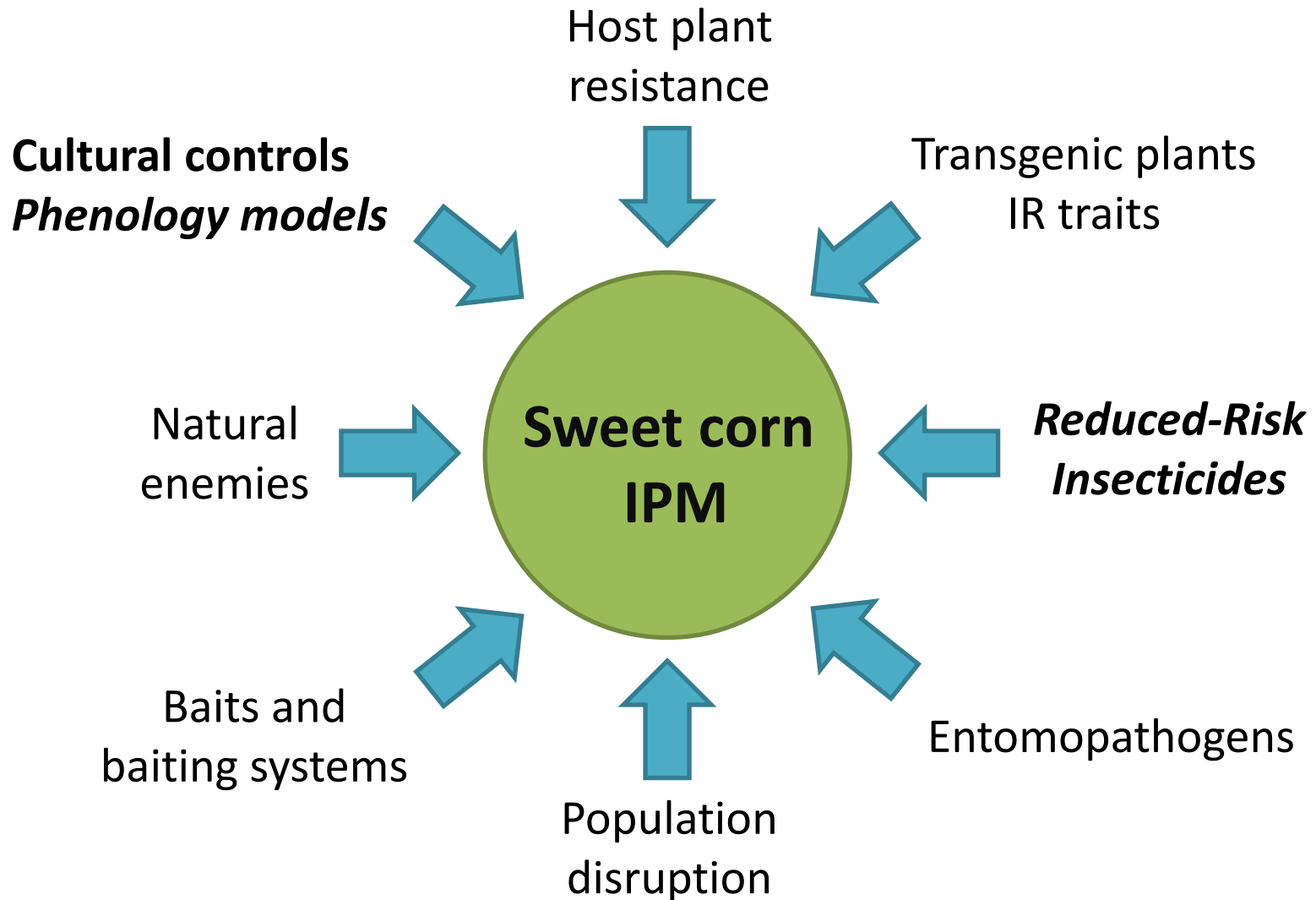
# Seedcorn Maggot, *Delia platura* (Meigen)

- Found in northern temperate regions worldwide (35-60° N)
- Saprophagous, but also feeds on plants (polyphagous)
- Life cycle is 18 – 60 d (temp dependent)
- Three-four generations/year
- Overwinters as puparium in soil
- Time of emergence and risk is predictable

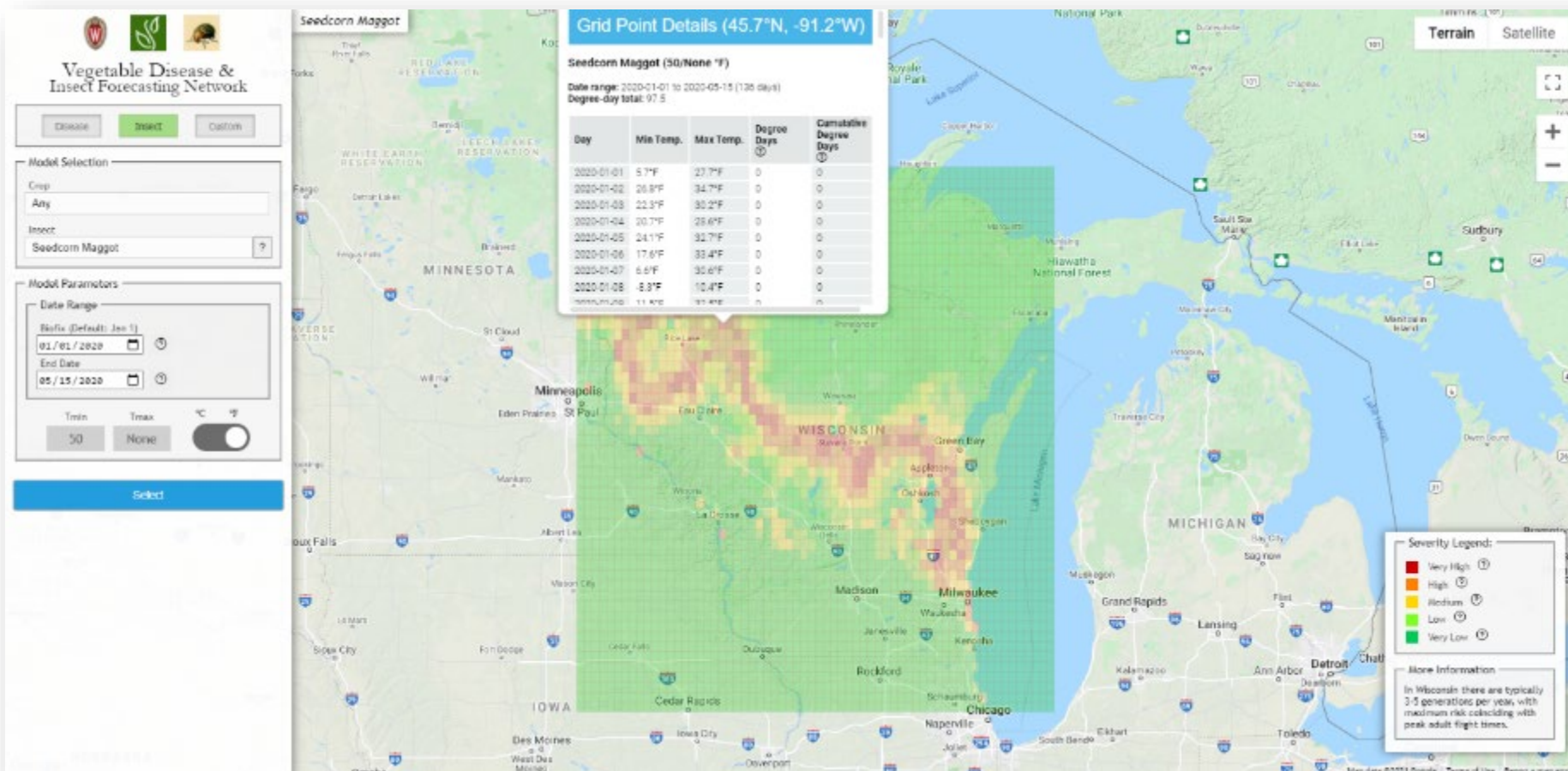


# Integrated pest management

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# Vegetable Disease and Insect Forecasting Network



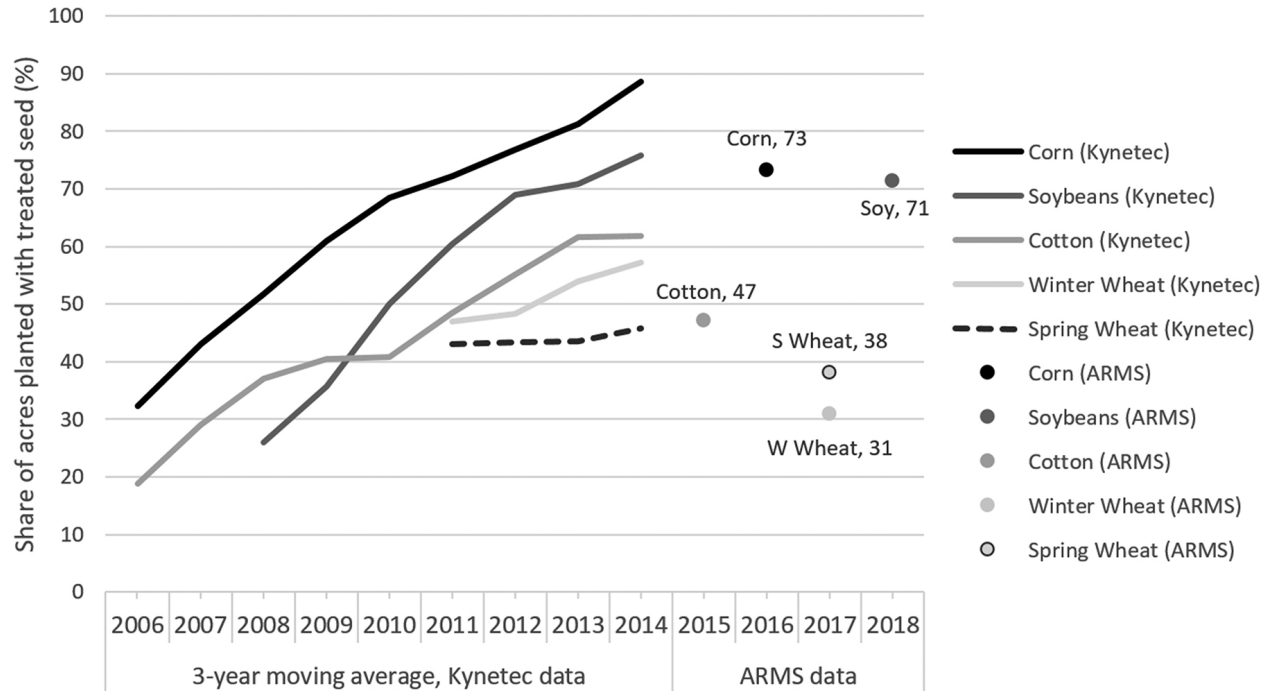
## Global Insecticide Seed Treatment Use is Increasing

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**“The global insecticide seed treatment market is projected to reach nearly \$1.6 billion by 2016, growing at a CAGR of 11.4%.”**

(Source: [marketsandmarkets.com](http://marketsandmarkets.com). January 2012).

# Insecticide Seed Treatment Use Continues to be a Standard Agricultural Practice



BioScience, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biaa019>

# Factors Influencing Insect Pest Management 'Food Safety and Residues'

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- Major food retailers are setting acceptable residue levels below those set by government regulatory agencies.

*“No detectable residues” will be a competitive advantage for food retailers.*

- Older insecticides that do not meet these requirements are not being re-registered, resulting in increased use of novel insecticides (bio-pesticides & reduced-risk).





# EPA Cancellation - chlorpyrifos

Agreement Reached to End Sale of Chlorpyrifos in California by February 2020



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October 9, 2019 (14-0)  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following was published above year

Alternatives to Chlorpyrifos (klor-pir-if-oh) group (inval) public meeting in January

#### NOTES

(Statements) - The California Environmental Protection Agency announced today that virtually all use of the pesticide chlorpyrifos in California will end next year following an agreement between the Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) and pesticide manufacturers to withdraw their products.

"The past, environmental, and public health concerns have weighed heavily on the public's decision to end our commercial sale of chlorpyrifos," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "Thanks to CDPR leadership and the work of countless others, this will now occur faster than we originally expected. This is a big win for children, workers and public health in California."



## FEDERAL REGISTER

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Notice

### Chlorpyrifos; Cancellation Order

#### PRE-PUBLICATION NOTICE

On August 18, 2021, Edward Messina, the EPA Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs, signed the following document:

Action: Final Rule  
Title: Chlorpyrifos; Tolerance Revocations  
FRL #: 5993-04-OCSP  
Docket ID #: EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0523

EPA is submitting this document for publication in the *Federal Register* (FR). EPA is providing this document solely for the convenience of interested parties. It is not the official version of the document for purposes of public notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act. This document is not disseminated for purposes of EPA's Information Quality Guidelines and does not represent an Agency determination or policy. While we have taken steps to ensure the accuracy of this Internet version of the document that was signed, the official version will publish in a forthcoming FR publication, which will appear on the Government Printing Office's govinfo website (<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/fr>) and on Regulations.gov (<https://www.regulations.gov>) in the docket identified above.

## Corteva Announces It Will Discontinue Making Insecticide Chlorpyrifos

October 9, 2019



Corteva Agriscience says it will stop making chlorpyrifos (klor-peer-ih-foss) insecticide by year's end. In a statement given to Brownfield, Corteva calls it a "strategic business decision" because of falling sales of the chemical. The state of California stopped sales of chlorpyrifos this week.

Corteva says its customers "will have access to enough chlorpyrifos supply to cover current demand through the end of the year, while they transition to other products or other providers." Corteva is the top maker of the insecticide. Environmental groups claim it causes neurological problems and are suing the EPA for denying a petition to ban it.

Corteva Statement: Corteva Agriscience has one of the largest and most diverse product pipelines in the industry with multiple exciting, upcoming brand launches. Demand for one of our long-standing products, chlorpyrifos, has declined significantly over the last two decades, particularly in the U.S.

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## EPA Releases Proposed Interim Decisions for Neonicotinoids

**For Release: January 30, 2020**

EPA is taking the next step in its regulatory review of neonicotinoid pesticides - a group of insecticides used on a wide variety of crops, turf, ornamentals, pets (for flea treatment), and other residential and commercial indoor and outdoor uses. The agency's proposed interim decisions for acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam contain new measures to reduce potential ecological risks, particularly to pollinators, and protect public health.

EPA is proposing:

- management measures to help keep pesticides on the intended target and reduce the amount used on crops associated with potential ecological risks;
- requiring the use of additional personal protective equipment to address potential occupational risks;
- restrictions on when pesticides can be applied to blooming crops in order to limit exposure to bees;
- language on the label that advises homeowners not to use neonicotinoid products; and
- cancelling spray uses of imidacloprid on residential turf under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) due to health concerns.

Additionally, the agency is working with industry on developing and implementing stewardship and best management practices.

# EPA (1973) - Endangered Species Act



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**Litigation on Endangered  
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## Endangered Species Litigation and Associated Pesticide Limitations

Among other things, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) helps ensure that actions taken or permitted by the federal government will not jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in adverse modification of designated critical habitat. The ESA requires federal agencies to:

- determine whether their actions might harm a listed species or its designated critical habitat (**procedural obligations**); and
- ensure the action taken or permitted will not jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in adverse modification of its designated critical habitat (**substantive obligations**).

<https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species>

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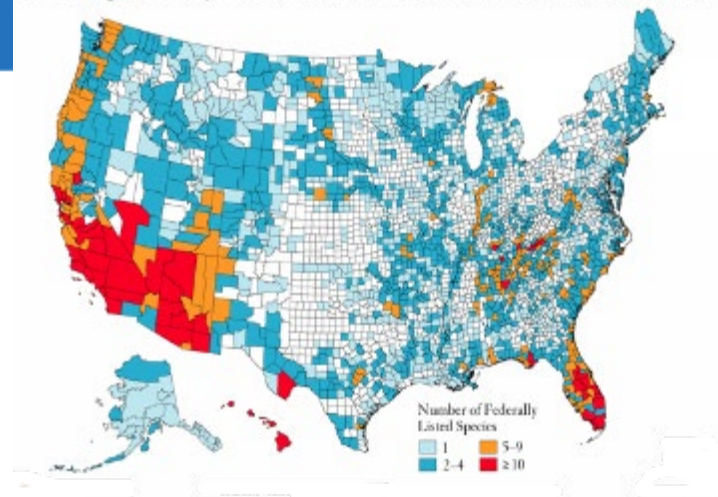
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## Endangered Species

### EPA Releases Revised Method

Since the release of the NAS report, EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (referred to as "the agencies") have been working together to develop and improve methods for assessing risks to listed species. In March 2020, EPA released the Revised Method for National Level Listed Species Biological Evaluations of Conventional Pesticides. The Revised Method updates the Interim Method developed in 2015.

Endangered species clustered in subset of counties



- Biological investigations have been litigated over the last 30 years
- Revised NAS method suggests, *"to be delivered over next 3 years"*
- Investigations will ask if, *"continued use could affect >1 member"*
- Rudimentary range maps currently exist – need refinement

# Insecticide Seed Treatments for Vegetable Crops in the U.S.

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<b>Crop Group</b>	<b>Major Pests</b>	<b>Products</b>
Carrot	aster leafhopper	Sepresto 75WS, Cruiser 5FS
Bulb crops	onion maggot, seedcorn maggot	Trigard 75WP, CAPS, FarMore FI500
Legumes	seedcorn maggot, potato leafhopper, aphids, etc.	Cruiser 5FS, Lorsban 30F
Cucurbits	seedcorn maggot, cucumber beetles, aphids. etc.	FarMore FI400
Sweet corn	seedcorn maggot, corn flea beetle, corn rootworms, etc.	Poncho 600, Poncho 1250, Poncho VOTiVo, Cruiser 5FS, Lorsban 30F, Fortenza

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# Insecticides Evaluated as Seed Treatments for Seed Maggot Control in Sweet Corn (2011), Elba, NY

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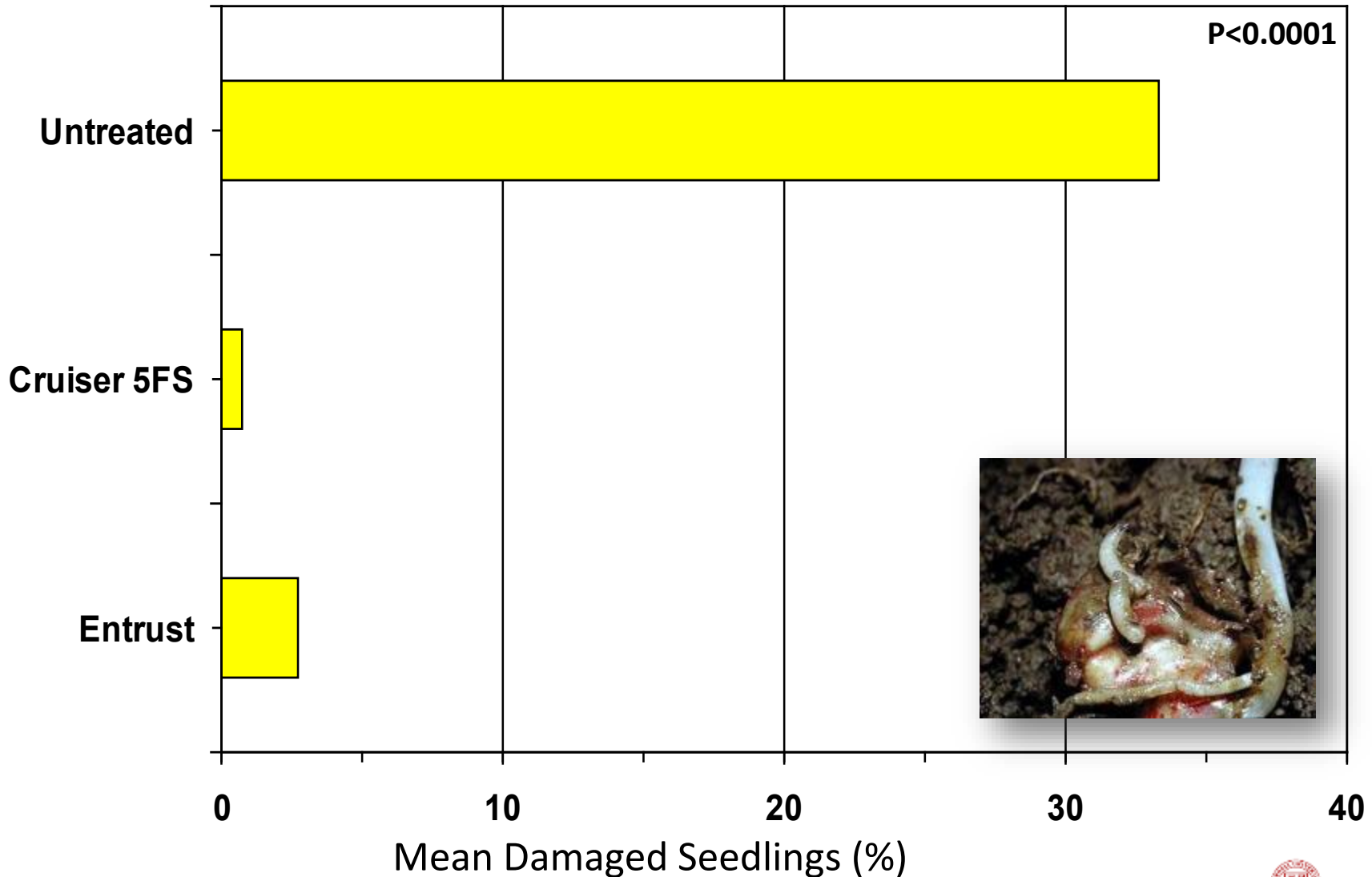
<b>Product</b>	<b>Active Ingredient</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Class</b>
Cruiser 5FS	thiamethoxam	0.25 mg ai/seed	Neonicotinoid
Poncho 600	clothianidin	0.25 mg ai/seed	Neonicotinoid
*Entrust	spinosad	0.25 mg ai/seed	Spinosyn

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\* Product NOT currently labeled as seed treatment on sweet corn; Registered now as Regard SC by Syngenta for seed treatment in onion (OMRI approved).

# Seed Maggot Control in Sweet Corn

'Incredible SE' planted 17 May 2011; Data taken 13 dap; Elba, NY



# Evaluating new seed treatments (novel MoA)

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## – Fortenza (cyantraniliprole) – MoA Group 28 Fortenza®

Protection against early-season damage caused by cutworms, grubs, wireworms, fall armyworm and seedcorn maggot on sweet corn (<https://www.syngenta-us.com/seed-treatment/fortenza>).

## – Regard SC (spinosad) – MoA Group 5. Regard™

Commercial seed treatment, Regard™ SC offers protection for dry bulb onions against seedcorn maggot and onion maggot (<https://www.syngenta-us.com/seed-treatment/regard-sc>)

## - Reatis 480 FS (tetraniliprole) – MoA Group 28



Bayer CropScience

Designed as commercial seed treatment against rootworm, wireworm, white grubs and seedcorn maggot ([https://www3.epa.gov/pesticides/chem\\_search/ppls/000264-01192-20210310.pdf](https://www3.epa.gov/pesticides/chem_search/ppls/000264-01192-20210310.pdf))

## - Poncho 600(clothianidin) – MoA Group 4A

**Poncho® 600**  
Seed Treatment

## - Cruiser 5FS (thiamethoxam) – MoA Group 4A

 **Cruiser® 5FS**



# Insect targets

- Seed corn maggot (*Delia platura*)



- Corn flea beetle (*Chaetocnema hortensis*)



- Black cutworm (*Agrotis ipsilon*)



# Experimental Approach

- Arlington Agricultural Experiment Station
- Two planting dates (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation SCM)
- Syngenta/Seminis processing varieties
- Bone/blood meal attractants
- 6 experimental replicates / treatment
- 5 seed treatment active ingredients
- Potential for new experimental treatments (2022 & 2023)



<https://www.syngenta-us.com/seeds/vegetables/processor-sweet-corn>





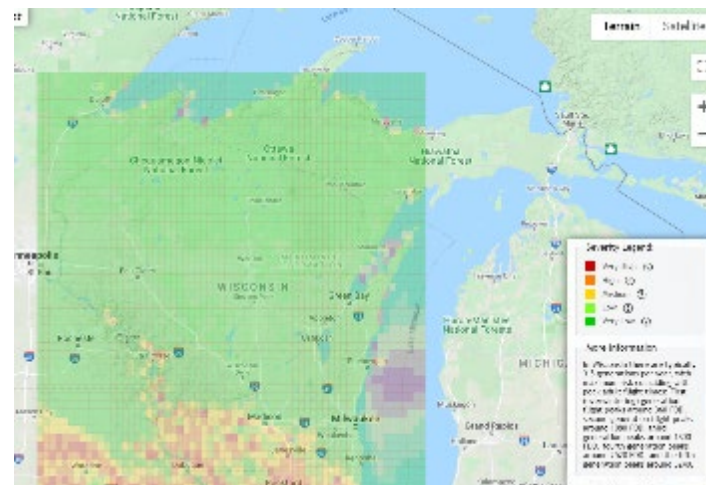
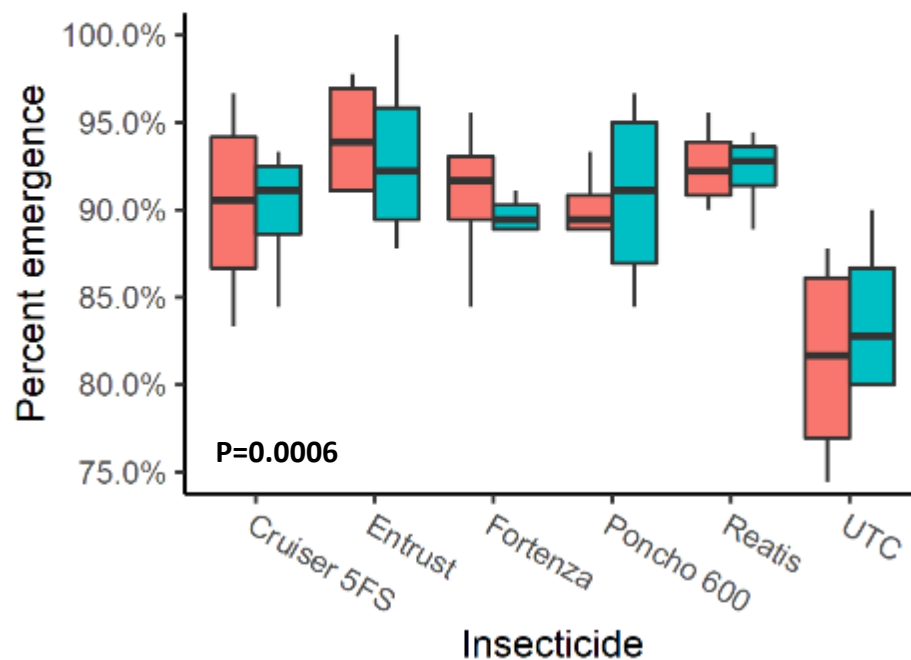
<https://www.vegetables.bayer.com/us/en-us/products/sweet-corn.html>

# First planting - Stand Counts

First planting

Stand count 2 (19 DAP, crop stage V2-V3)

Hybrid  Seminis  Syngenta

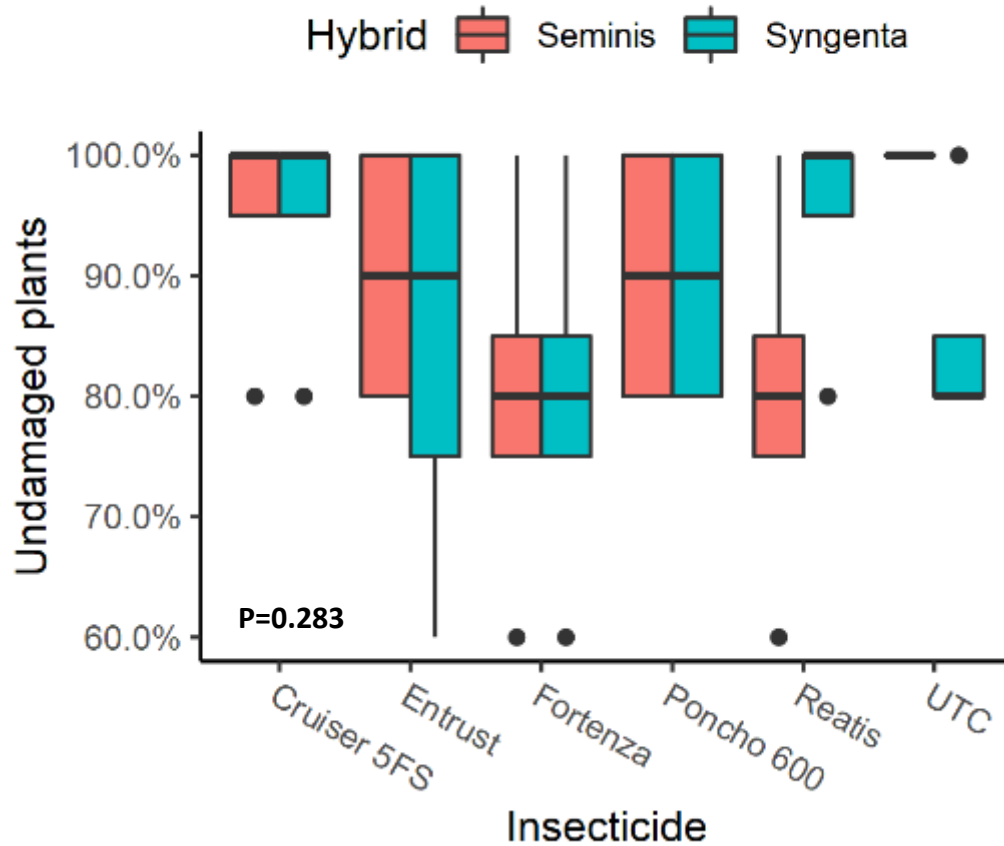


<https://agweather.cals.wisc.edu/vdifo?panel=insect&model=seedcorn-maggot>

(May 26, colonized by second gen SCM)

# First planting - Percent Undamaged Plants

First planting  
Percent undamaged plants

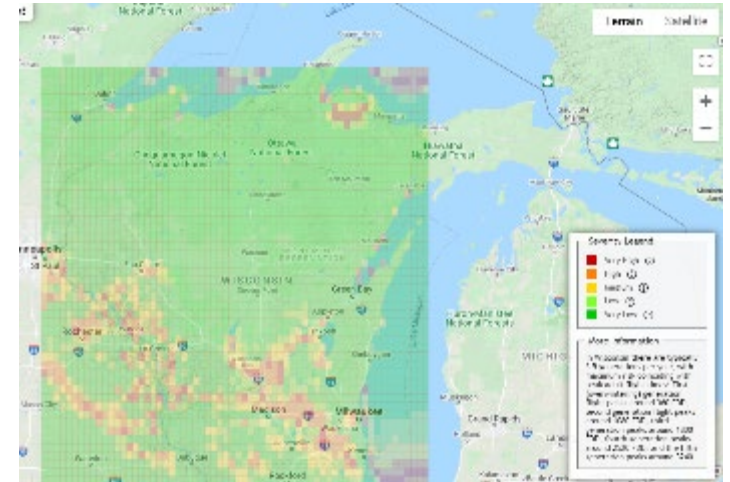
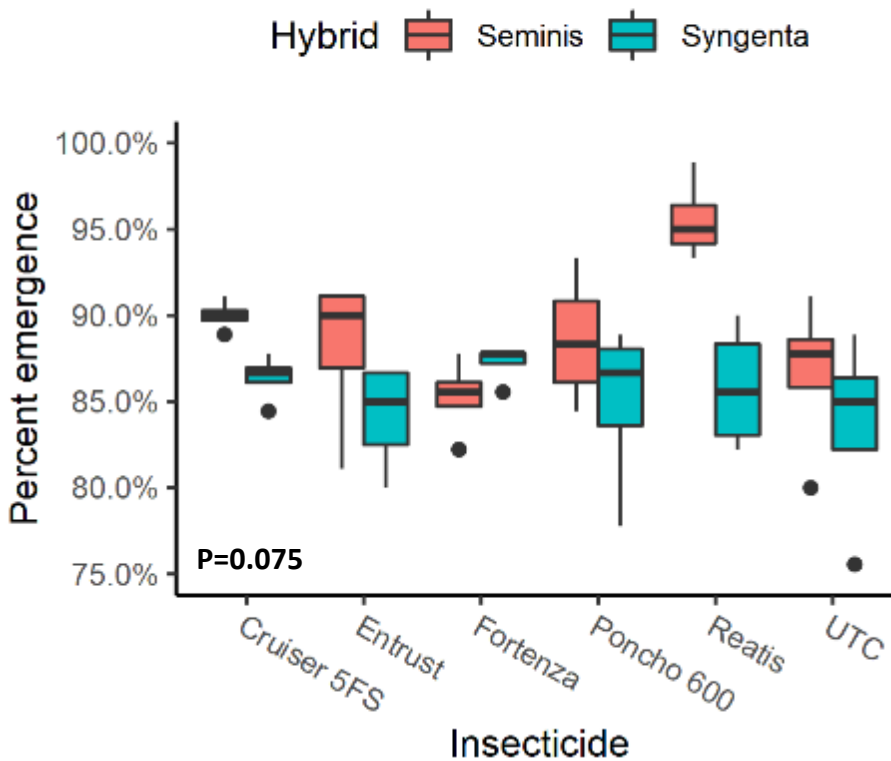


<https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/fieldcropsipm/insects/corn-seedcorn-maggot.php>

# Second planting - Stand Counts

## Second planting

Stand count 2 (14 DAP, crop stage V2-V3)



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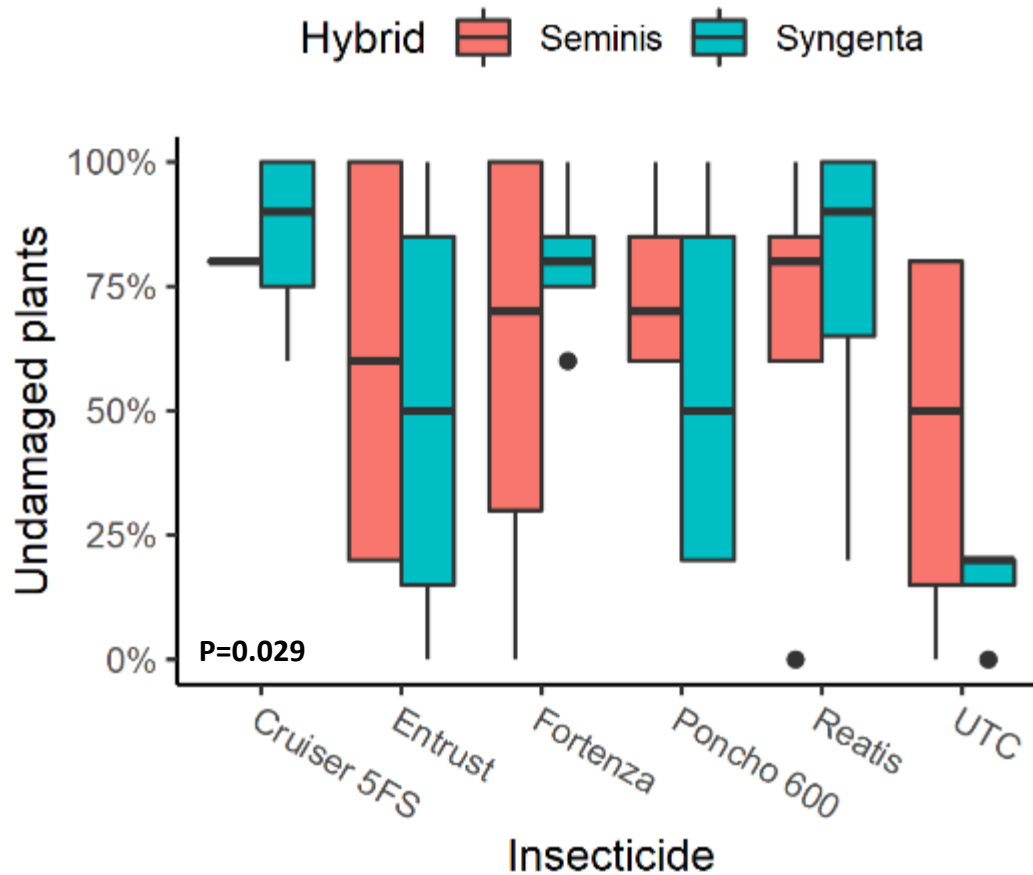
(June 23, colonized by third gen SCM)

# Second planting - Percent Undamaged Plants

Second planting  
Percent undamaged plants



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# Acknowledgements and Thanks

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