Integrated BMSB Management in Organic Pepper

Tree of Heaven Ailanthus altissima

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug on Jalapeno Pepper

BMSB Infected with Beauveria bassiana strain GHA

CORNELL’S Hudson Valley LABORATORY
2013 BMSB Injury to Organic Pepper
Hudson Valley, NY

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BMSB in Jalapeno Pepper
12\textsuperscript{th} August, Marlboro, NY
15\% feeding injury
Averaging 4 nymphs per plant
2013 BMSB Injury to Pepper Marlboro, NY

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- Integrated pest management using 4 components employed to reduce BMSB field populations.
2013 BMSB Injury to Pepper

• Employing 3 applications of Mycotrol-O @ 16 oz./A made on 14 August, 1 & 14 September.

• Pheromone lure combinations to attract BMSB away from agricultural commodity

• Bifenthrin insecticide treated netting to capture and kill insect

• High intensity lighting
• Net traps were established along a 1-acre Jalapeno pepper field spaced 30 meters apart
• Each net was made of Blockade™ Insect Screen 36 x 25 mils by PAK Unlimited, INC.
• Onto each net were placed two #10 and two ‘Rescue’ MDT BMSB lures
• To a single trap was added a 500W light.
• On day 0 (9 September), each net were sprayed with 0.75 gal. of Bifenthrin 10DF solution using 3.0 oz./gal.
• On days 1-2, nets were monitored with no captures of BMSB observed.
• On day 3, lures and overnight light were added.
• Continued sampling of netted traps were made through October.
• Generator driven 500W Halogen light directed toward the field population of BMSB.
• Plastic sheets were used to define location and number of BMSB trap and kill data.
• Study was designed to:
  • Determine the attractiveness of lights with net relative to net alone
  • Determine the number of BMSB observed coming from field versus forest sides of trap
- BMSB populations were observed on Black Walnut and Tree of Heaven, which may have acted as intermediate hosts, fostering migrations to pepper in high numbers.

- BMSB locations on netting traps with pheromone were equally dispersed on the field and forested sides of net.

- Nights when lights were on, BMSB were heavily concentrated on the field side in front of the light with higher numbers observed.

Ailanthus altissima  
Juglans nigra
Studies of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, *Halyomorpha halys* (Stål), in New York State

Combined Seasonal Trap Captures Using Pheromone and Pheromone + Light
Adult BMSB Capture Locations Along the Base of Netting Of Two Trap Types on morning of 11 September, 2013

#10 + MDT Lure only

#10 + MDT Lure + 500W Halogen Lamp

Light Location
BMSB Infested With
*Beauveria bassiana* strain GHA
(*Mycotrol-O @ 16 oz./A*)
- *Beauvaria bassiana* strain GHA applications
  *(Mycotrol-O @ 16 oz./A)*
Key points to remember
• BMSB is arboreal, forest pest, very mobile to and out of agricultural crops
• Fruit damage takes 2-3 weeks for expression mid-late season.
• Low populations can equate to high feeding injury levels

Strategies for control
1. Early trapping with Tedders trap + #10 and MDT combo lure
2. Scouting pome and stone fruit at first trap capture
3. Border applications at first observation along border
4. Maintain border applications if BMSB presence continues
5. Alternate row applications at 4-7 days as BMSB enter orchard

Insecticide efficacy is critical
• Use materials with greatest efficacy & longest residual
• Maintain ‘fresh’ residue every 4-5 days when needed employing alternate row middle (ARM) applications.
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