



DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT



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1. The growing problem of pest control

In order to control pests attacking crops, modern agriculture mostly uses pesticides, but in an uncontrolled and unjustified way. Nowadays the repetitive use of pesticides is bad for human health, compromises a sustainable development of agriculture and increases the production costs of agricultural products.

Chemical treatments

Insecticide estimated costs in stone fruit



REPEATED AND INDISCRIMINATE USE OF PESTICIDES TO CHALLENGE UNCERTAINTY AND CLIMATE CHANGE



According to FAO, 40% of world agricultural production is lost due to pests and diseases

Farmers and technicians perform unnecessary preventive treatments because of the fear of losing their crops. However, despite the increasing use of pesticides in modern agriculture, chemical insecticides lose effectiveness because of their constant use, pests developing resistance to them. In fact, over the last 38 years, 436 new arthropods species have developed resistance to chemical insecticides.

FAO repeatedly states that in order to solve pest control problems in agriculture, there is a need to obtain more information, and apply more effective treatments.

**FORECASTING AND CONTROL
WARNING SYSTEMS**

Thus, in order to take more efficient pest efficient actions, it is required those actions to be based on well informed decisions, with all available data, obtained through a DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PEST CONTROL, like

futurcrop

2. Fundamentals

The Problem

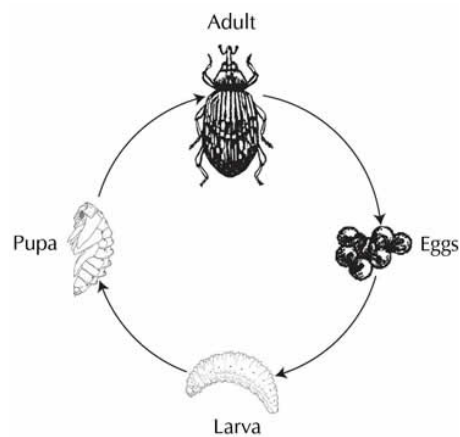
How long does it take a peach twig borer egg (*Anarsia lineatella*) to hatch?

- 5 days
- 10 days
- 11 days
- All of the above



How long the egg takes to hatch depends on temperature

CONCEPTS related



THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN ORGANISMS IS RELATED TO TEMPERATURE

Phenology

The study of how organisms develop through stages over time.

Insects biological development does not occur on a calendar-day basis (as it could be the case with warm-blooded animals, whose body temperatures rarely vary more than a few degrees), but on a unit-of-heat scale (Grade-day). So:

- Upper and lower thresholds
 - Below a certain temperature insects cannot develop
 - Above a certain temperature insects development slows and eventually stops
- Cumulative Degree Days: A simple method that uses heat units to record physiological time.
- 1 Degree Day is a single degree day of temperature above an insects lower temperature threshold maintained for 24 hours

METHODOLOGY TO DEVELOP PHENOLOGY MODELS

1. Each state of biological development is tested at different temperatures at the laboratory.
2. The model is on field validated.
3. At constant temperatures, the development time of each biological phase is recorded.
4. Its upper / lower threshold is determined
5. Finally, grade-days are calculated for each state of development

Obliquebanded leafroller

Choristoneura rosaceana

If maintained the temperature at 56°C,
OBLR requires an average of
1.050 days to complete its life cycle



But, at different temperatures



With the algorithms developed, we can calculate

$$DDC = [(T_{max} + T_{min}) / 2] - 6.1$$

- 244 DDC egg hatch of the summer generation
- 433 DDC 95% egg hatch

And this information is important, because at the third instar of the Obliquebanded leafroller, larvae cause more damage to the fruit.

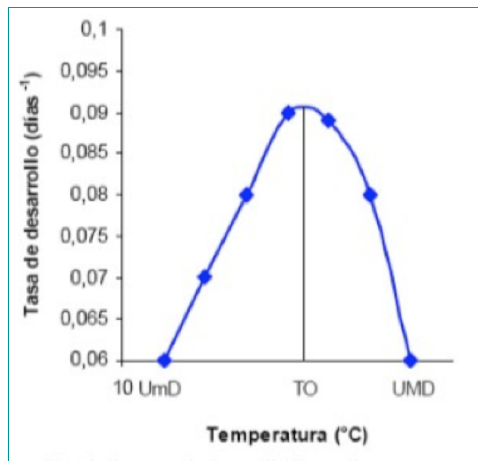
Bronze birch borer
Angrilus anxius



The number of DD required for a particular phenological event varies yearly, depending on temperature /the weather. In Ohio, emergence of bronze birch borer adults first occurred at

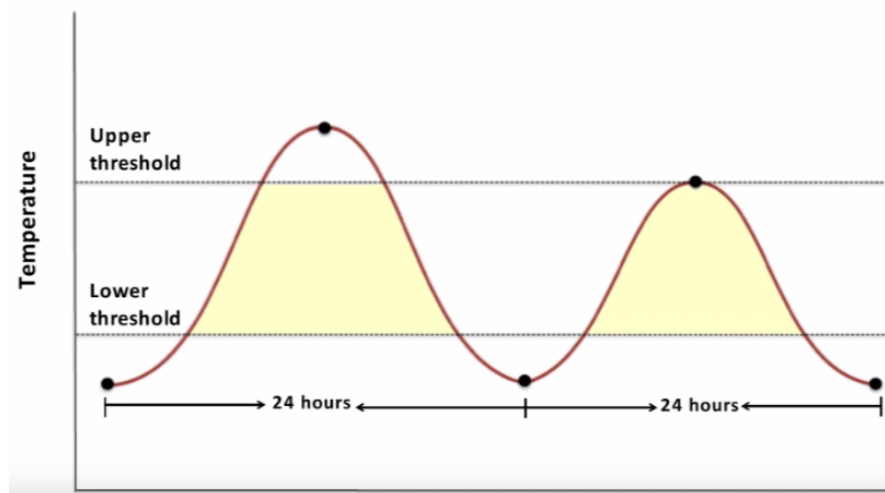
1997	475 DD
1998	519 DD
1999	654 DD
2000	559 DD
2001	526 DD
5 years average	547 DD

The variation in weather/temperature results in differences of up to four weeks in the dates on which these events occur from year to year. However, the order in which the phenological events occurred remained quite consistent from year to year.



Accumulation of DD

If we measure the rate of biological development, per unit of time, as a function of temperature (accumulative dd), the resulting curve is sigmoid (sigmoid growth pattern).



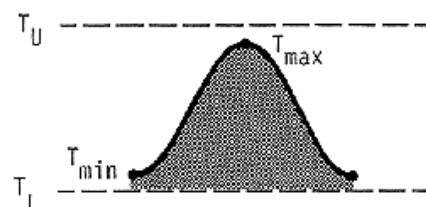
- **Red line:** shows the temperature over 2 days
- **Dash line:** mark the upper and lower thresholds
- **Yellow area:** showing when the temperatures are in between the upper and lower threshold, represents the accumulated DD for each day.

AS THE TEMPERATURE INCREASES, MORE DD ACCUMULATE IN A

DAY AND LESS TIME IS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP, UNTIL THE UPPER THRESHOLD IS REACHED.

DD Calculations

Comparison of DD Calculation Methods			
eg. codling moth (T _{low} =50, T _{upper} =88, method=s.sine, egg hatch=253 DD)			
Single Sine	Double sine	Single triangle	Cutoff
Day's minimum and maximum temperatures to produce a sine curve over a 24-hour period, and then estimates degree-days for that day by calculating the area above the threshold and below the curve.	This method fits a sine curve from the minimum temperature of the day to the maximum temperature of the day and then fits a separate sine curve from the maximum temperature of the day to the minimum temperature of the next day. Degree-days for the day are the sum of the degree-days for the two half-days.	The method draws a straight line between a day's minimum temperature and maximum temperature, assumes the next day's minimum temperature is the same, and draws another line to that point, forming two sides of a triangle. This method assumes the temperature curve is symmetrical around the maximum temperature	The cutoff method refers to the manner in which the degree-day calculation area will be modified in relation to the upper threshold
253°	248°	237°	



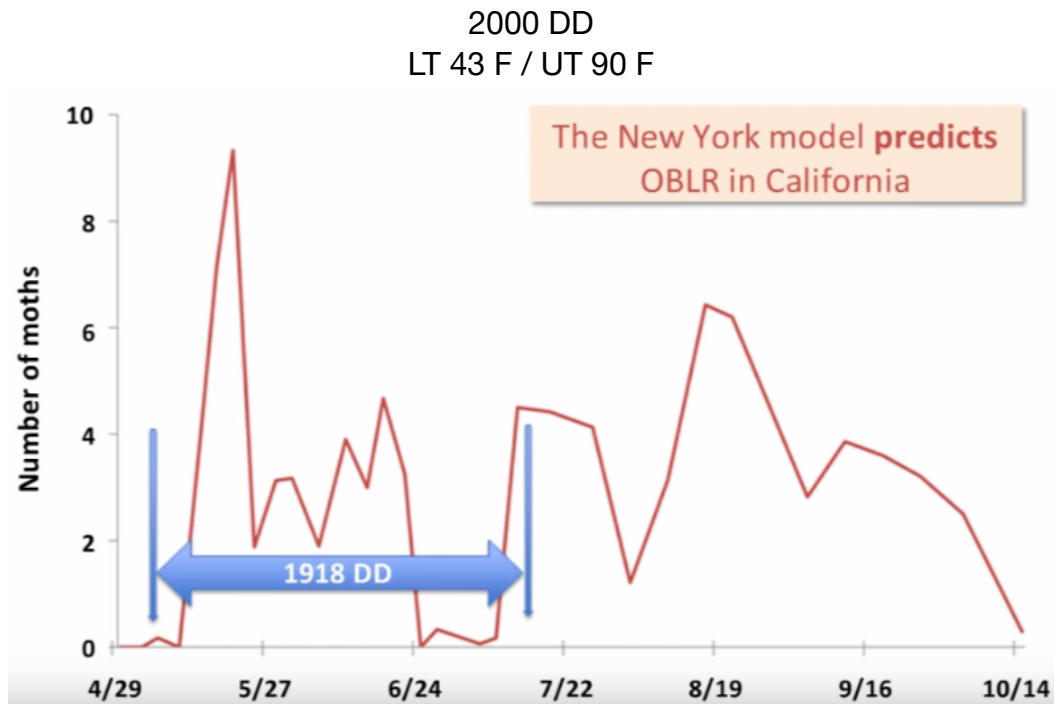
$$DD = \frac{T_{max} + T_{min}}{2} - T_L$$

Single Sine Method

Entirely between both thresholds

Universality field test

To confirm the OBLR development time, an Obliquebanded leafroller model was developed in New York. Field tests verified that the New York phenology model could predict timing in California of the biological development of the OBLR.



3. Smart agriculture for pest control: new times, new tools

The biological state of the pest can be used to predict its population dynamics or to establish the threshold of economic damage.

Degree Days Tool for IPM

With a software for decision making such as FuturCrop, degree day accumulations are used to predict important events in the life of an insect. Examples include egg laying, egg hatch, scale crawler movement, or appearance of symptoms. These biological events are in turn used to schedule particular activities such as scouting and synchronizing insecticide sprays.

HOW the software works?

Daily register of 85,000 worldwide weather stations data

Artificial Intelligence techniques

Search Pattern Algorithms

The software associates 179 pests to all the crops they affect, considering if the pest is present in the user's country, making identification easier with the information provided. **Also** FuturCrop provides information about the time of monitoring, the species to be sampled and the stage of development of the pest that can be seen in the field (informing on its different behavior) **The software also** helps to make the decision of the right moment of treatment: according to the type of insecticide (for example, contact larvicide) or biological control. Treatments can be planned according to the estimated development of the pest, up to 10 days in advance.



1. PEST PREVENTION

10-day prediction calculation algorithms for the development of the pest, and record information from previous years

2. MONITORING

The software provides information according to the calculated moment of the pest biological development.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PEST

Information on all pests that affect the crop, including transboundary pests, morphological data (size, colour, etc), according to the calculated moment of the pest biological development.

4. BIOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PEST

It allows to distinguish the biological development of pests, such as larval instars, also to determine the future population dynamics, or to establish the threshold of economic damage.

5. PLANNING OF TREATMENTS

Knowing the moment of development of the pest, at the biological phase of the pest development in which it is most vulnerable. Treat when treatments are optimal, do not treat when calendar days, nor when fixed periods.

4. User Interface



<http://www.futurcrop.com>

PEST INFORMATION

FuturCrop gives specific information -scouting (morphology, habits, etc), treatment, and predators and parasitoids, depending on the specific stage development of the pest. That information helps the user to take the most efficient decisions in order to recognise the pest, in its different stages, when to best treat it, and what natural enemies to use, in case decide to use biological control.



Common name
Vegetable Leafminer

Scientific name
Liriomyza sativae

Last event

Tomato



First pupae

MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS

Pupation take place on the ground.

TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS



Start 5th instar Larvae



Start adults emergence from soil

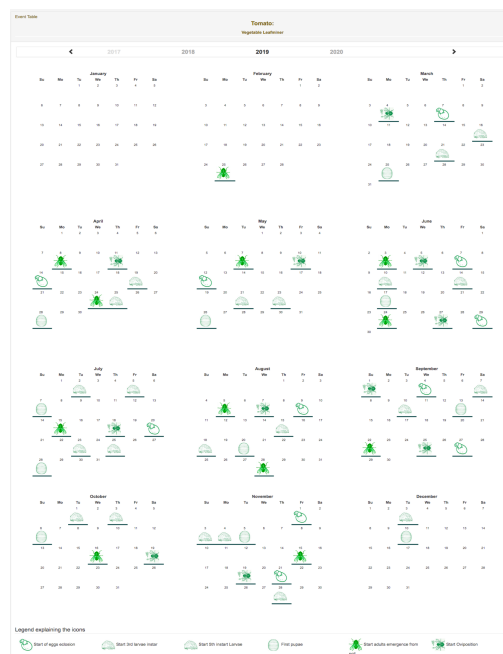
It is a pest difficult to control. Chemical insecticides have eliminated many of their natural enemies. Methods such as spraying seeds with insecticide are not very efficient. Traps must be placed between the plants, to catch the males, which are more mobile, but not above the plants. Freshly laid eggs are the most resistant state to treatments. The release of sterile males seems an efficient method.

Biological control organisms

Parasitoids: *Opius dissectus*.

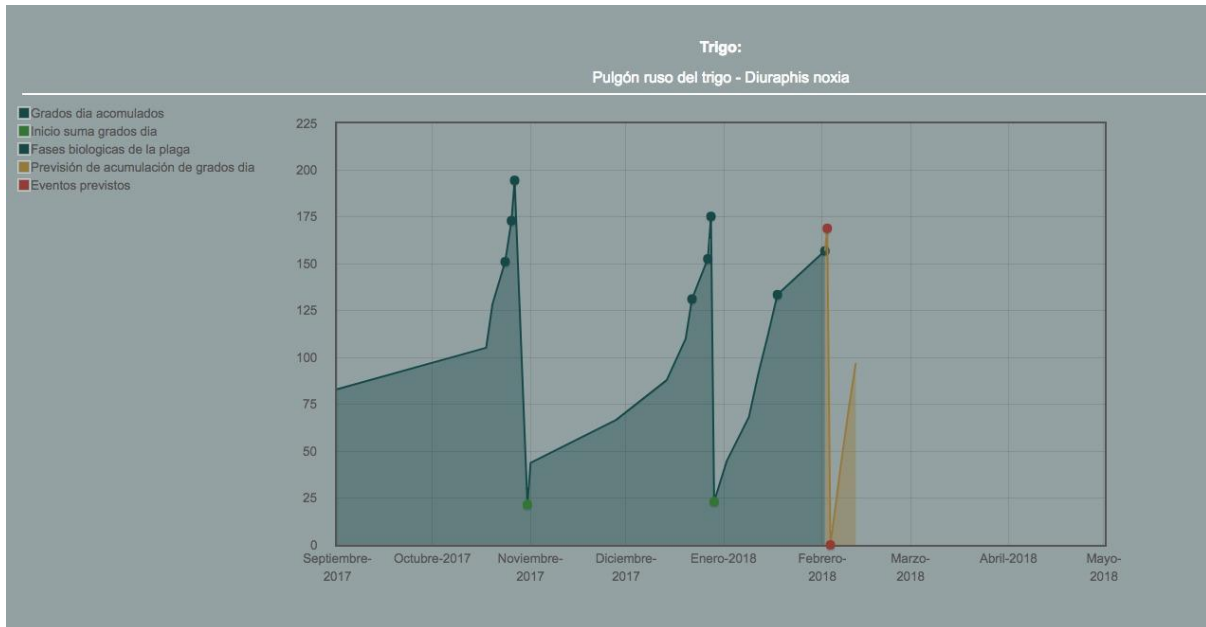
CALENDAR EVENTS

The software explains through icons the pest different stages (such as laying of eggs, hatching, larvae -even its different instars- adult, pupae, etc) and the calculated date of the event in a calendar. Also, the user can access the same information concerning the last 4 years, to help him take well informed decisions on scouting and treatment.



INTEGRAL THERMIC

FuturCrop record the integral thermic and the related events of the pest development, in order to easily compare one year and another. In the mentioned graphic the 10 days prediction period is clearly shown.



WARNING EMAILS

FuturCrop maintains informed users on the present and future development of the pest by sending them updated information, obtained through the calculation of the phenological model and the meteorological data. In order to facilitate the access to the information, the warning emails include information on the 10 days prediction.



Tomato fruitworm - [Helicoverpa zea](#)

Event
10% emergence

In the next 10 days the plague **Tomato fruitworm** in the crop **Tomato** can change from biological state to:

- 25% emergence in date 18-09-2019
- 50% emergence in date 20-09-2019
- 75% emergence in date 22-09-2019
- 95% emergence in date 25-09-2019

In the next 10 days the plague **Tomato fruitworm** in the crop **Corn** can change from biological state to:


- 25% emergence in date 18-09-2019
- 50% emergence in date 20-09-2019
- 75% emergence in date 22-09-2019
- 95% emergence in date 25-09-2019

In the next 10 days there will be no biological development for the rest of the pests

[See alerts](#)

Field
Badr city

Crops
Strawberry, Orange, Datil, Vine



Date
2019-09-18

Pathogen
Vegetable Leafminer - [Liriomyza sativae](#)

Event
Start 3rd larvae instar

In the next 10 days the plague **Liriomyza** in the crop **Strawberry** can change from biological state to:

- Start 5th instar Larvae in date 21-09-2019
- First pupae in date 25-09-2019

In the next 10 days there will be no biological development for the rest of the pests

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You have received this notification because you are subscribed to the FuturCrop Pest Prevention Software. If this information does not seem interesting you can unsubscribe by sending a message to info@futcrop.com [Privacy policy](#) | [Terms and Conditions](#)

If you want to stop receiving an specific alarm or eventually your crops have not been infested by the specific pest, you can indicate so at [Account](#) - [Setting alarms](#).

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ACTION RECORDS

LISTADO DE CAPTURAS REALIZADAS Y MONITOREO DE DAÑOS




Listado de capturas realizadas y monitoreo de daños para el campo: **Almería - tomate anual** Añadir una captura/daños

Capturas

 **Mosca Blanca (Trialeurodes vaporariorum)** Total de monitoreo de capturas: 1 Total capturas: 34 Total trampas: 23

Fecha de la captura: 02/08/2016
Estado de la plaga: Huevos
Capturas: 34

Daños

 **Liryomiza (Liriomyza sativae)** Total de monitoreo de daños: 1

Fecha de la captura: 2016-06-02
Presencia de daños en: Hojas
Unidades infectadas: 23
% de superficie monitoreada: 8.7 % sobre el total(23)
% de presencia de daños producidos: 38.3 %

SCOUTING REGISTER

Cultivos

Tomate

Fitopatógenos

Pulgones - Myzus persicae

Fecha de observación

dd/mm/aaaa

No apareció la plaga

Capturas Daños

Superficie monitoreada (en hectáreas)

Presencia de daños en:

Hojas

Unidades infectadas **Unidades muestreadas**

Observaciones

Guardar Cerrar

SCOUTING AND CAPTURES REGISTER USING THE SMARTPONE

TRATAMIENTOS



Listado de tratamientos realizados para el campo: Almería - tomate anual Añadir tratamiento

Tratamientos fitosanitarios

Nombre del tratamiento: RAISAN-40
 Fecha del tratamiento: 02/08/2016
Dosis utilizada: 10g por 100 l

Nombre del tratamiento: LAINZUFRE 23
 Fecha del tratamiento: 02/09/2016
Dosis utilizada: 300cc por 10 l

Tratamientos de Organismos de Control Biológico

Nombre del tratamiento: Amblyseius degenerans
 Fecha del tratamiento: 02/09/2016
 Dosis utilizada: 4
 Estadio del organismo: adultos
 En: 34 Metro cuadrado

REGISTER OF TREATMENTS (CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL)

Cultivo	
Tomate	
Plaga	
Pulgones - Myzus persicae	
Fecha de tratamiento	
dd/mm/aaaa	
Productos fitosanitarios	Organismos de Control Biológico
Tratamiento usado	OCB Utilizado
Cantidad	Cantidad de OCB utilizado
Unidades	Estado
%	Larvas
Por	Lugar/momento
	Arbusto
Tipo de dosis	Número de unidades
Litros	
Observaciones	

TREATMENT REGISTER USING THE SMARTPHONE

5. User benefits

**Highest level of control,
minimise pesticide applications,
preserve beneficial insects**



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

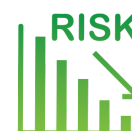
- The use of chemical products is reduced.
- Reduction of chemical residues in food



LOWER COSTS OF TREATMENT

Less treatments because they are more efficient

**40% CHEMICAL
70% OCB, BIO**



CONTROL OF RISKS

- The system sends notices of changes in the development of pests.
- It controls transboundary pests.

**DISSEASE: 0,03%
FALSE NEGATIVES**



PREVENTION OF PEST RISKS

- The software allows to know the future development of the pest 10 days in advance.
- Allows to plan field monitoring and treatments



MULTI PLATFORM

- PC
- Tablet,
- Smartphone

USER FRIENDLY



HISTORICAL RECORD OF DATA

Carry out annual comparisons of incidence of pests, and generation of reports

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