

### Nemasys C to control codling moth

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### **Presentation overview**

- Introduction to beneficial nematodes
- Use of Nemasys C to control codling moth
- Factors affecting efficacy of Nemasys C
  - Nematode dose
  - Rainfall during application
  - Time of year Spring/Autumn
  - Nematode species
- Latest global trials results





#### Becker Underwood – Nematode specialists



- Largest nematode supplier in the world
- State of the art factory in England
- Nematodes distributed in Europe and North America

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### Benefits of nematodes

- Reliable performance
- Relatively uncomplicated biological
- Application strategies similar to chemical
- Persistent in the soil for long term control.
- Crop safe
- No REI
- No Harvest Intervals
- Suitable for IPM practices
- Safe to crop, users and environment
- Suitable for organics



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- Pest reduction before first flight and damage
- Reduced chemical inputs the following year
- Complement to other strategies requiring good population management (mating disruption, virus)
- Use as part of a resistance management programme

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### Field trials - Summary

Extensive, successful field trials have been carried out in a number of different territories:



- 1998 2005 USA
- 2004 Italy (x1)
- 2005 UK (x2), Italy (x2)
- 2006 UK (x3), Italy (x2), France (x2)
- 2007 Germany (x1), Italy (x4), UK (x2)
- 2008 Italy (x2), UK (x3), France (x2)

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### Field trial setup











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### Effect of nematode dose





### Trials: Autumn 2006 - Italy

- Application method: Airblast sprayer
- Application rate:
  - 2.5 billion nematodes per ha
  - 1.5 billion nematodes per ha
  - 1.0 billion nematodes per ha
  - Un-treated control

1500 I water per ha

Assessments made;
 Sentinal larvae

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### Trials: Autumn 2006 - Italy



No difference between application doses of 2.5 or 1.5 billion /ha

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# Effect of rainfall during application



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### <u>Trials: Autumn 2006 - UK</u>

•Application method: Airblast sprayer.

- Application rate: 1.5 billion nematodes per ha. 1500 L water per ha.
- Application date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006.
- 2 treatment blocks: Block 1 – wet application Block 2 – dry application

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Application of Nemasys C in wet conditions gave a 74% reduction in fruit strike. Application in drier conditions resulted in a 64% reduction in crop damage.

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### Effect of time of year





### Trials: Lacey USDA - USA



Higher control with autumn application due to higher average temp.
Rainfall required for application, autumn application gives more flexibility.

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### Effect of nematode species





### Trials: Lacey USDA - USA

### Efficacy against pest in different locations



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### Trials: Spring 2004 - Italy



- Napsack sprayer application
- Comparison Sf / Sc
- 1.5 L / tree
- 2.5 million EPNs / tree
- Post irrigation

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Sentinel larvae method

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### Trials: Autumn 2008 - Germany

• *S. carpocapsae* resulted in 75% reduction in crop damage at harvest (10.10.08).



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# Latest global trial results







### Trials: Autumn 2008 - Italy

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- Two trials in Italy autumn 2008
- Trial 1: Villafranca di Forli = 86% control of larvae
- Trial 2: Monestrillo = 89% control of larvae

Study site no.	Weather conditions during spray applic.	No. overwintering CM larvae	% mortality due to EPNs
1	R.H.=90.6% Rainfall=8.2 mm T min=9.8°C T mean=14.4 °C T max=18.8°C	1648	86.3
2	R.H.=89.1% Rainfall=11.8 mm T min=9.7°C T mean=14.9 °C T max=20.4°C	617	89.3

### Trials: Autumn 2008 - France GRCETA

- Application rate: 1.5 billion IJ/ha
- Application volume: 1500 l/ha



• Mean level of control of codling moth larvae 81%

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### Trials: Autumn 2008 – France - Cavaillon

Application rate: 1.5 billion IJ/haApplication volume: 1500 l/ha



•Mean level of control of codling moth larvae 82%

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#### Trials: Autumn 2008 – UK







Treatment with Nemasys C resulted in a 50% reduction in crop damage

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