# Microbial and biorational control of moth pests and fruit flies on fruit crops

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How to greet an Englishman The Aussie version:





### The South African Version:





### **River Bioscience**

- Based in South Africa
- Formed out of Citrus Research International (Pty) Ltd
- Owned by the Southern African Citrus Growers Association
- Spring board market is citrus, but reaching out to all of agriculture in South Africa, Africa and beyond...
- Focussing on innovative development of biological, biorational and biotechnological products for pest and disease management
- Currently six products:

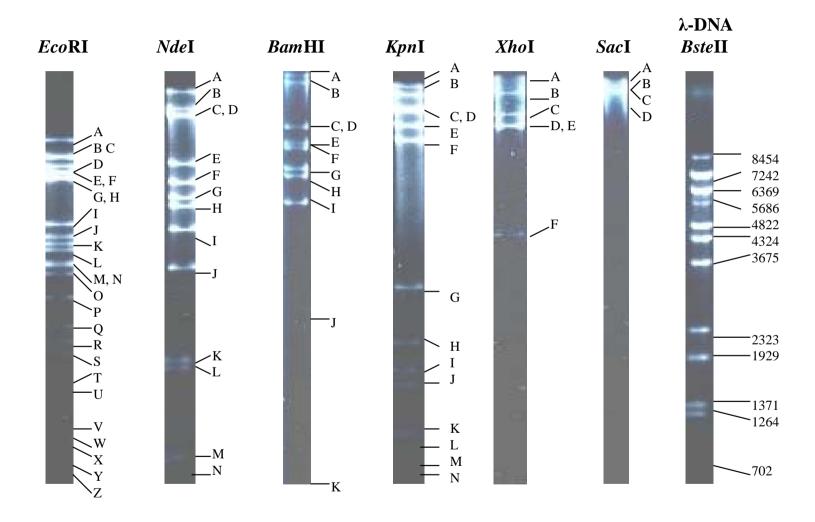


### PRODUCTS:

- Cryptogran Cryptophlebia leucotreta GV
- Helicovir Helicoverpa armigera NPV
- M3 fruit fly bait station
- Sensus fruit fly trap
- Capilure male fruit fly (medfly) attractant
- Questlure female fruit fly attractant



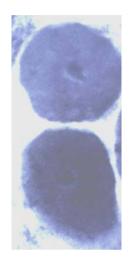
### **CRYPTOGRAN: DNA profile**



A novel/previously undescribed South African isolate of Cryptophlebia leucotreta granulovirus = CrleGV-SA



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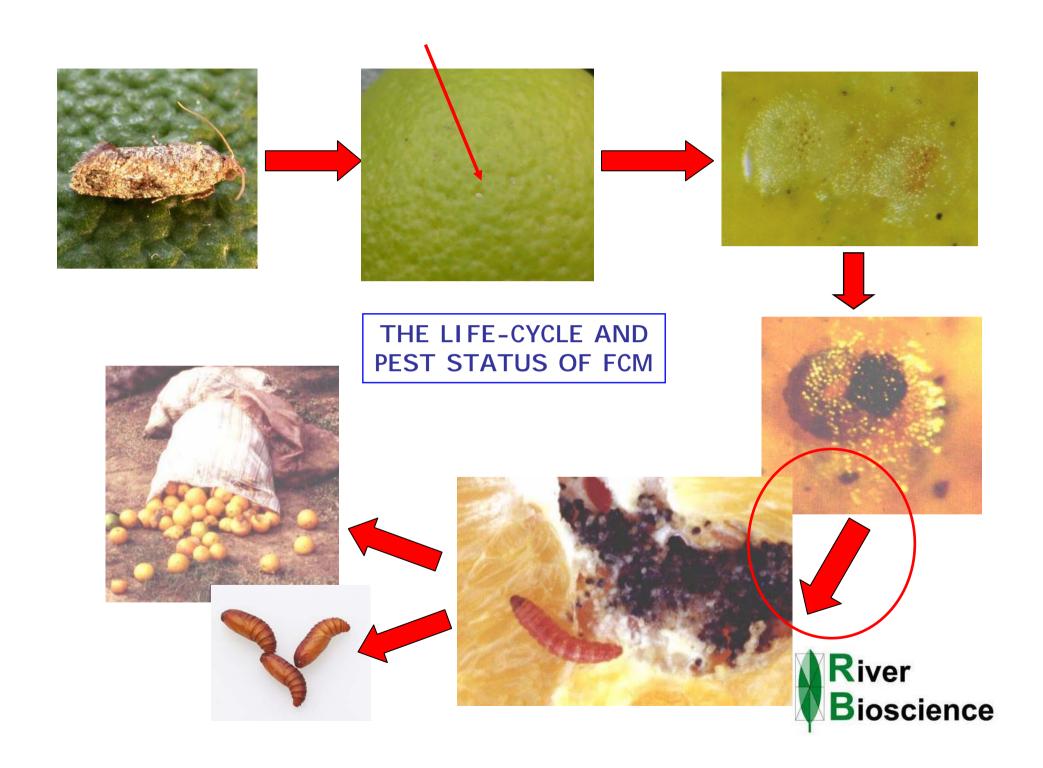
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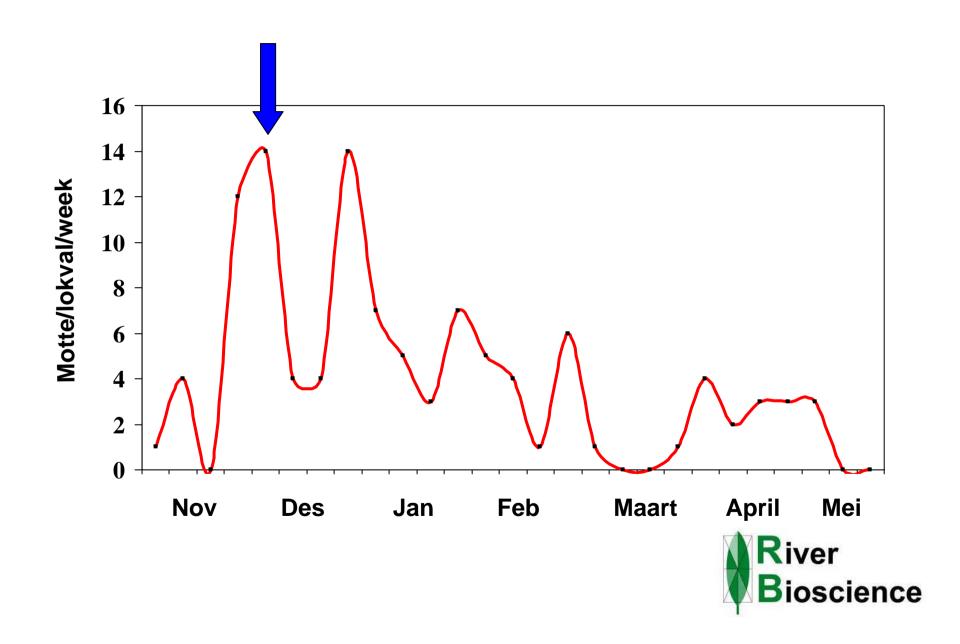
5 x 10<sup>10</sup> OBs/ml in bottle Apply 5 x 10<sup>13</sup> OBs/ha







### FCM PHEROMONE TRAP CATCHES



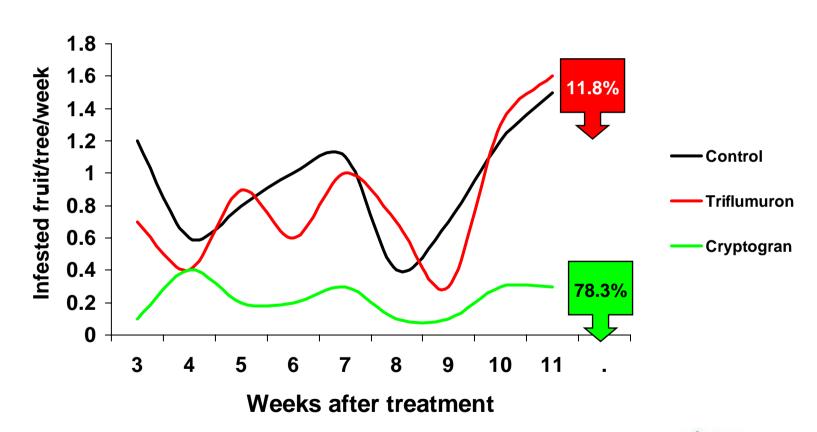
# FIELD TRIALS WITH CRYPTOGRAN AGAINST FALSE CODLING MOTH (FCM) ON CITRUS, AVOCADOES, GRAPES, PEPPERS & PERSIMMONS





## EFFICACY OF CRYPTOGRAN AGAINST FCM ON CITRUS

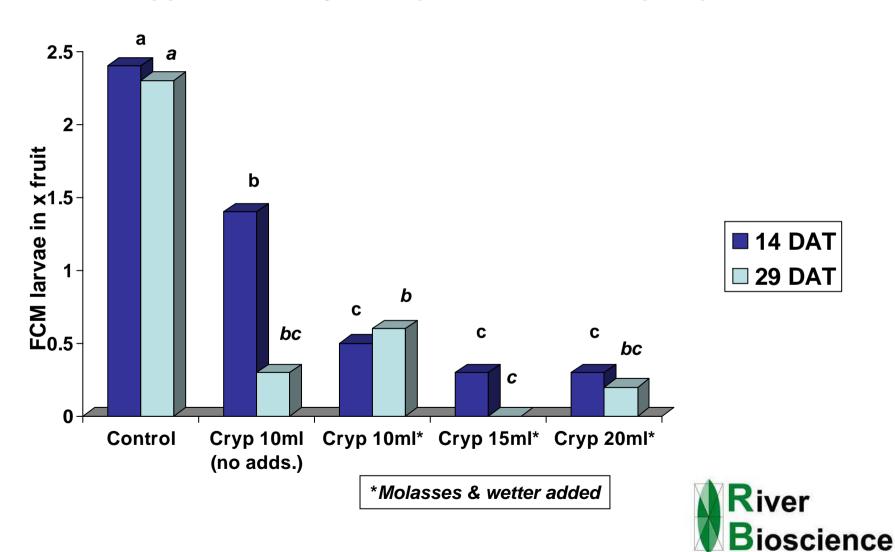
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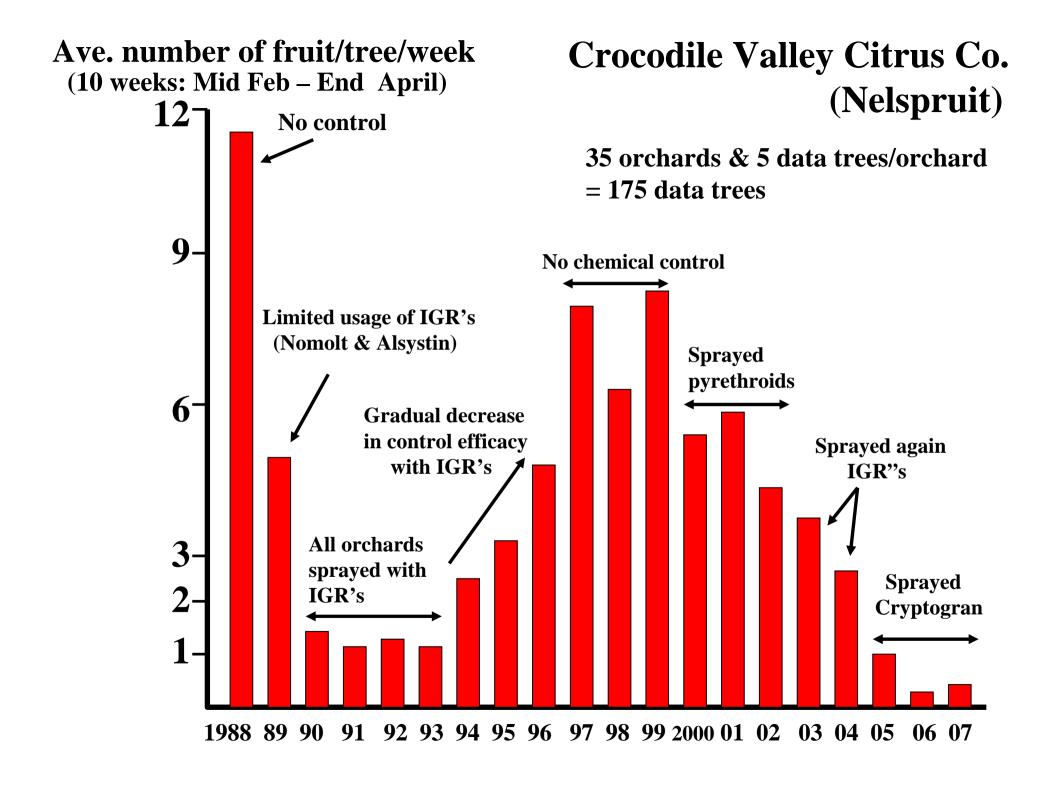




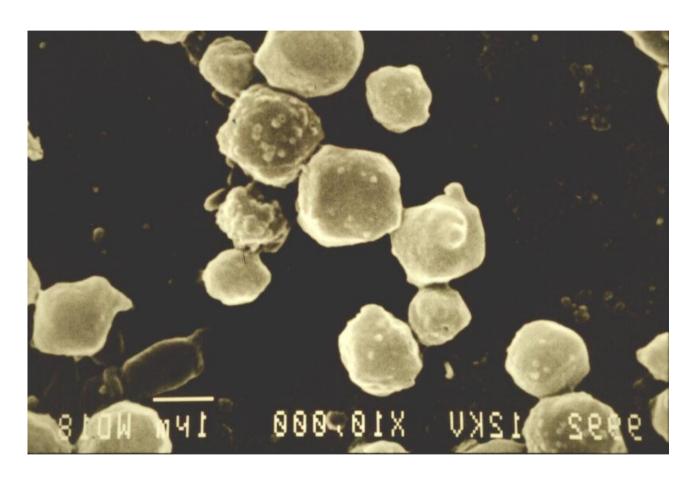
### EFFICACY OF CRYPTOGRAN AGAINST FCM ON AVOCADOES

**Applied January 2006 (Hall & Sons, Nelspruit)** 





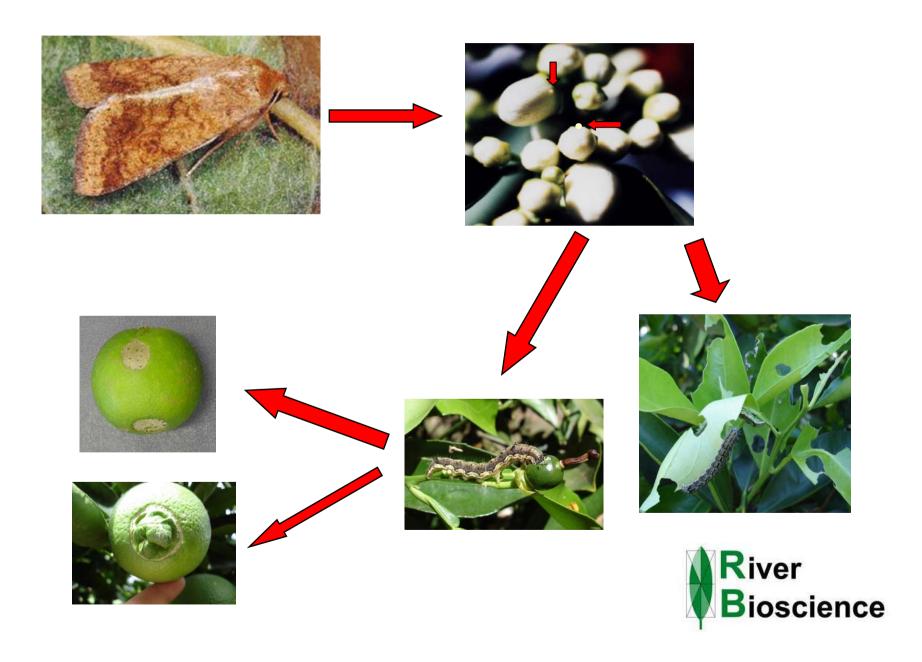
### HELICOVIR – *Helicoverpa armigera* nucleopolyhedrovirus



5 x 10<sup>9</sup> OBs/ml in bottle Apply 3 x 10<sup>12</sup> OBs/ha



### PEST STATUS OF H. ARMIGERA



# TRIALS ON TOMATOES (GREENHOUSE & FIELD), CITRUS, COTTON AND WHEAT







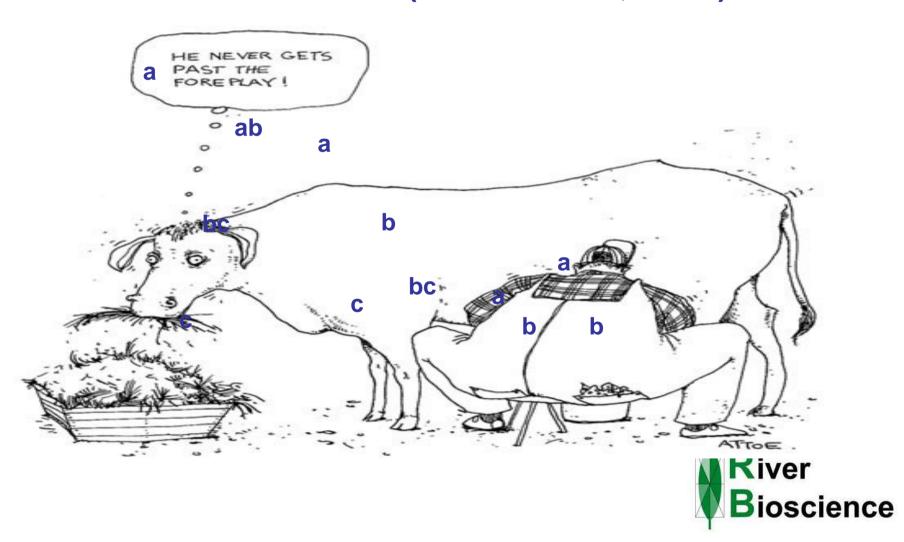




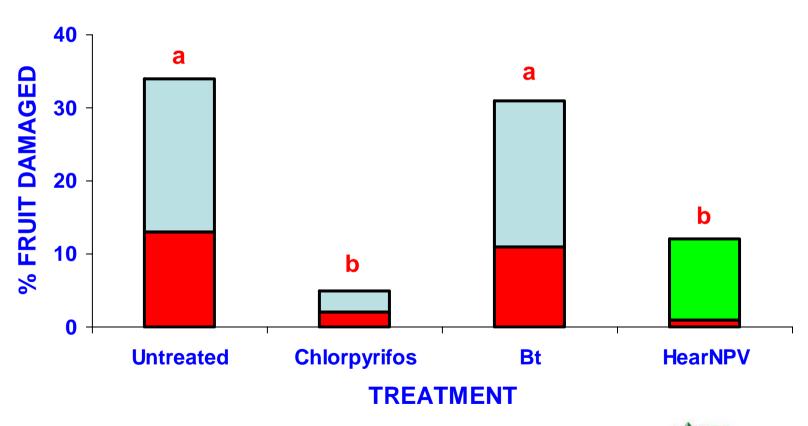




# H.ARMIGERA INFESTATION ON NAVEL ORANGES (Tierhok Farm, 05/06)



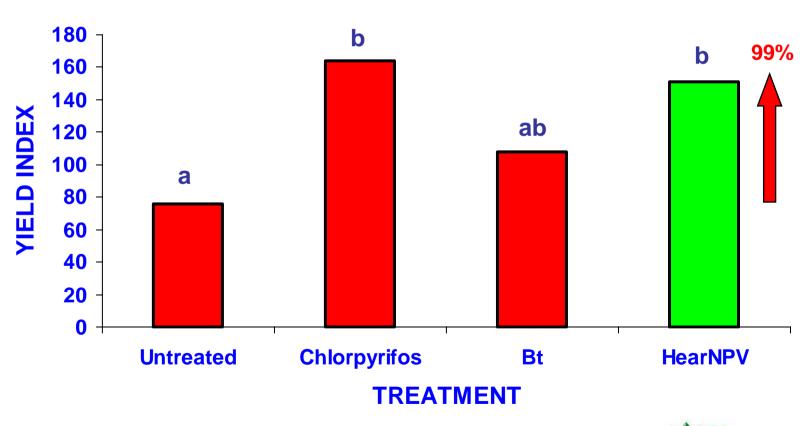
# H.ARMIGERA INDUCED DAMAGE TO NAVEL ORANGES (Tierhok Farm, 05/06)





# RELATIVE NAVEL ORANGE YIELD INFLUENCED BY *H.ARMIGERA*

(Tierhok Farm 05/06)





### M3 BAIT STATION FOR FRUIT FLY CONTROL





350 - 400 traps/ha



### M3 Field trials

### Various crops including:

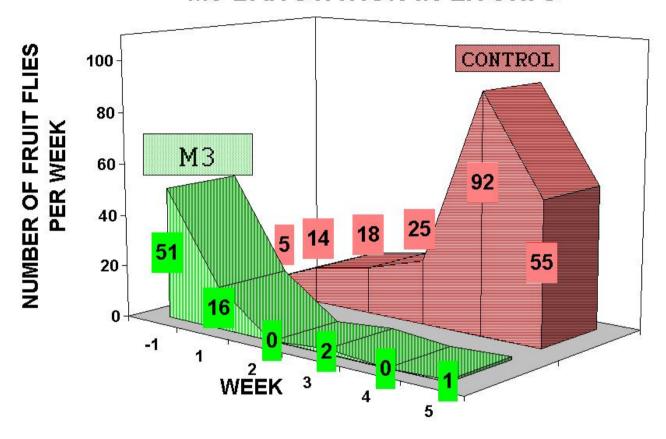
- Citrus
- Grapes
- Peaches
- Litchis







#### **M3 BAITSTATION IN LITCHI'S**

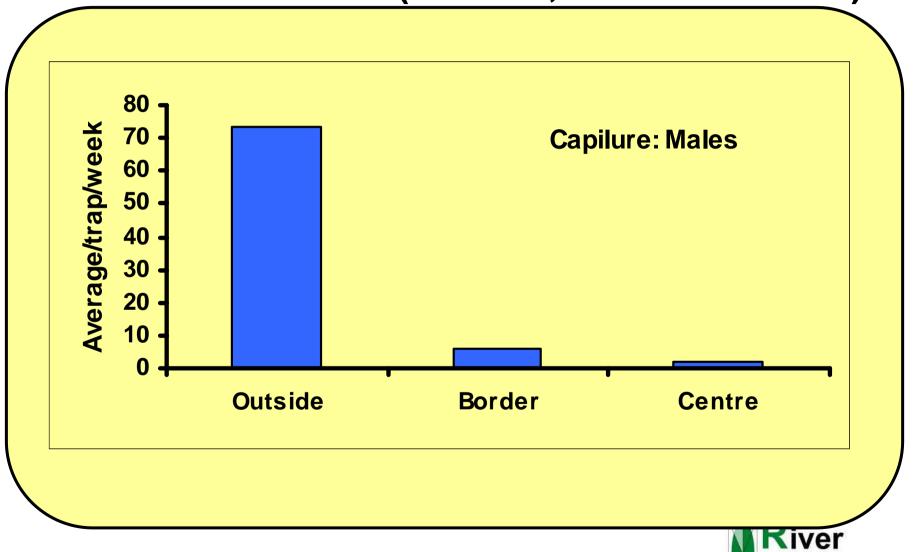


NOTE: - There was no baitspraying done in CONTROL block.

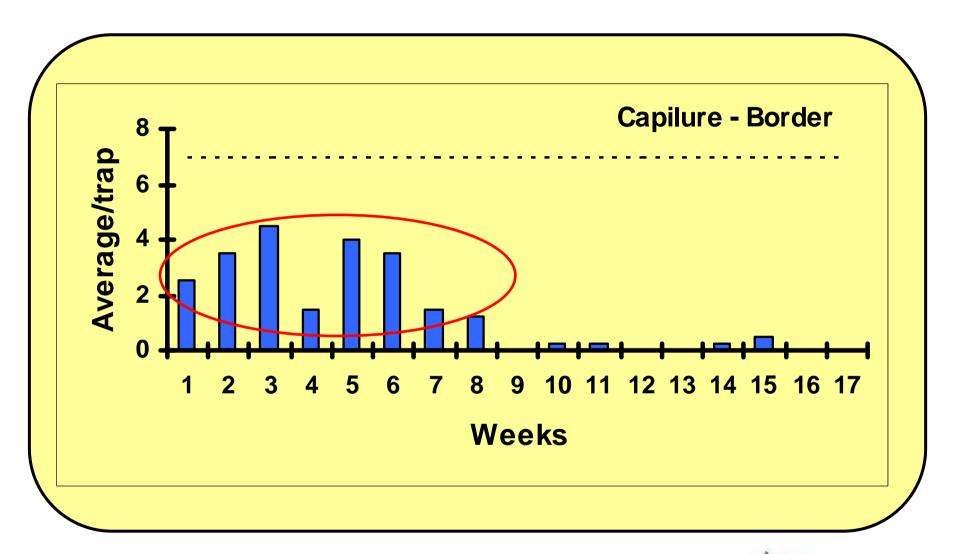
- M3 Treatment should have started at least 3 to 4 weeks earlier.
- MONITORING done with SENSUS TRAP and CERATITISLURE.



# MALE MEDFLY CATCHES IN AN M3-TREATED CITRUS ORCHARD (E.CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA)

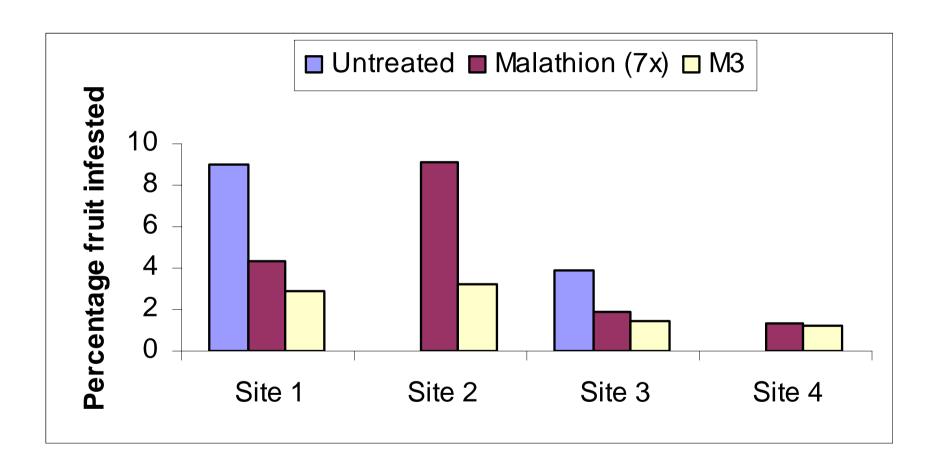








### Control of Medfly on citrus in Spain





### BENEFITS OF USING THE M3

- You are in control.
- Simple to use not require skilled labour or equipment – drivers and tractors.
- Single season treatment.
- Effective against a number of fruit fly species.
- Registered/used on all fruit types.
- No rain influence and season-long control.
- IPM compatible: No pesticidal effects on fruit or natural enemies; safe for humans.
- Could provide fruit fly free zones.



### IN CONCLUSION:

The hardest part is grower education......



