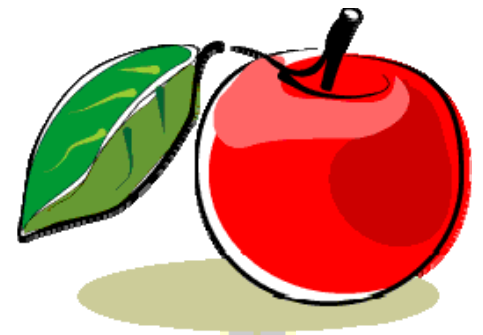
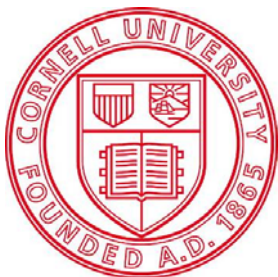


Managing fire blight in modern orchards planting in the age of antibiotic resistance

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Fire blight in NE US



Fire blight in NE US

- Blossom blight
 - Reduces current season's crop
 - Managed forecasted antibiotic applications
- Shoot blight
 - Reduces bearing wood for following season
 - Managed by pruning and treatment with growth regulator prohexadione-calcium (Apogee)



Fire blight in NE US

- Rootstock blight
 - Systemic infection of rootstock from suckers or blossom/shoot blight
 - Managed by resistant rootstocks
- Trauma blight
 - Results from wounds caused by hail, wind, & animals
 - Managed by antibiotics or copper



Fire blight in NE US

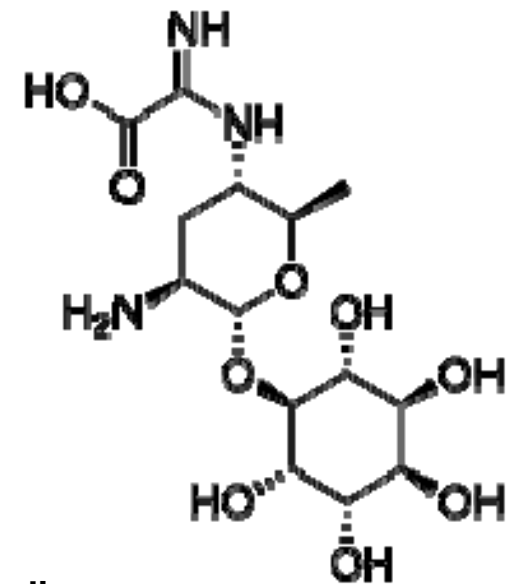
- Fire blight increasingly problematic
 - High-density tall/super spindle plantings (>1000/A) = \$high-value acreage
 - Resistant rootstocks not always available
 - New popular scion varieties susceptible
 - Young productive trees: protracted bloom & vigorous susceptible shoot tissue
- How do we manage fire blight?

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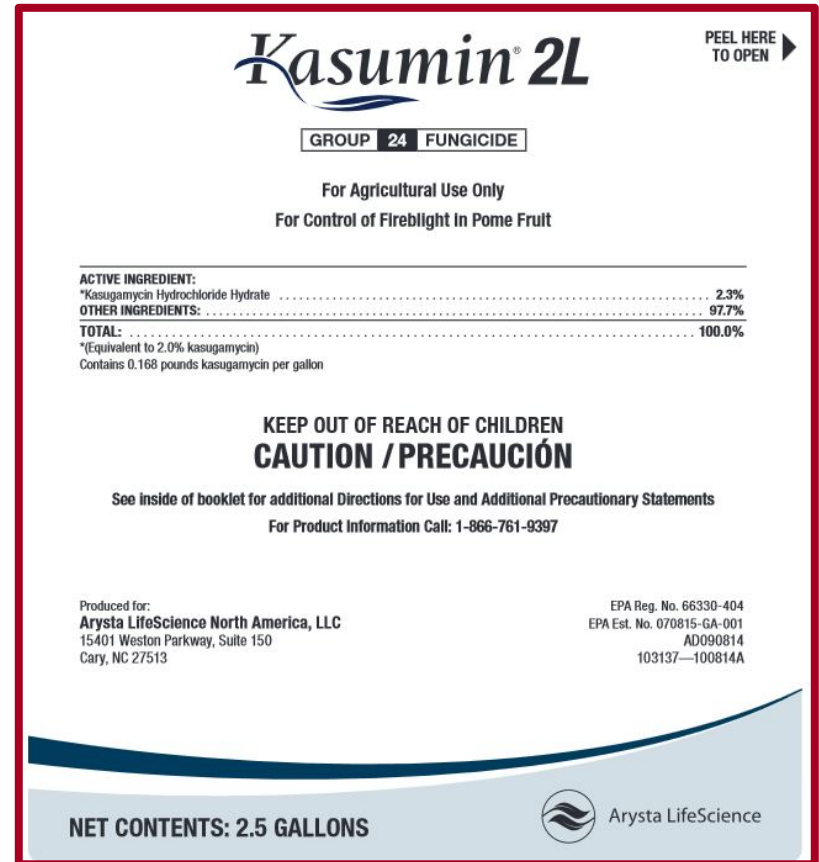
- Aminoglycoside antibiotic developed as rice blast fungicide (**protectant**)
 - Same class but different MoA: inhibits protein production
- Resistance: mutations in 16S rRNA methyltransferase *ksgA* gene
- No resistance reported in *E. amylovora*
 - Resistance found in other environmental bacteria



Wikipedia commons

Kasugamycin (Kasumin 2L)

- Evaluated in 1980s for fire blight: testing suspended for phytotoxicity
 - Arysta Lifescience's Kasumin 2L: New formulation – safe for apples
- 2010-2014 seasons: section 18 label for MI
- 2015 season: section 3 label for US



Serenade Optimum

- A.I. & M. O. A.: *Bacillus subtilis*-antibiotic metabolites
- Diseases: Fire blight & anthracnose, botrytis, rusts
- My experiences
 - Fungal diseases: sooty blotch, fly speck, & rusts: moderate
 - Fire blight: >50% control at heavy pressure & 100% control light pressure

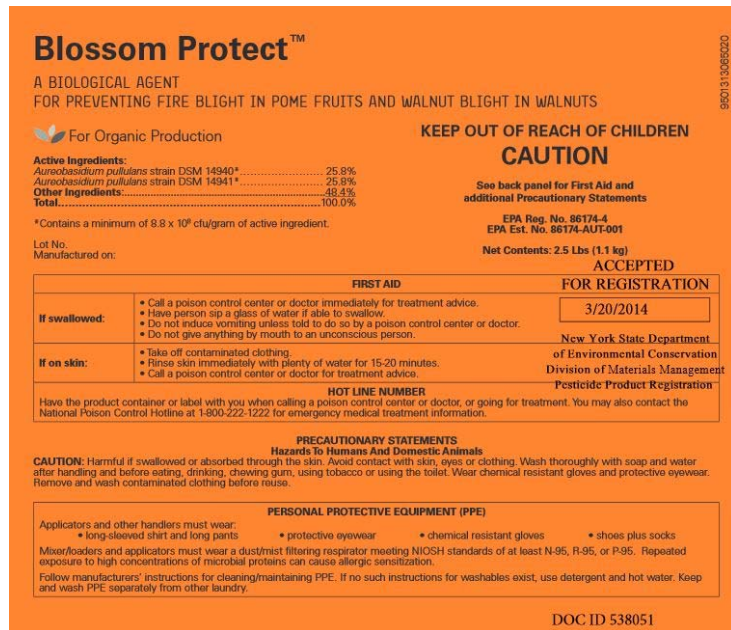


DoubleNickel55/LC

- A.I. & M.O.A/: *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain D747-antibiotic metabolites
- Diseases: Fire blight & foliar & fruit diseases
- My experiences
 - Fungal diseases: sooty blotch, fly speck, & rusts: moderate to high
 - Fire blight: >50% control at heavy pressure & 100% control light pressure



Blossom Protect



- A.I. & M.O.A.: *Aureobasidium pullulans* strains x2 = competitive inhibition of stigmatic surface
- Diseases: Fire blight
- Known experiences and concerns
 - 50-80% control of fire blight under high pressure
 - Fruit russetting shouldn't happen – 80% bloom

Copper products

- **MasterCop:** Copper sulfate pentahydrate 5.4% MCE
- Bloom rate + 1-3 lbs./hydrated lime
- Experiences:
 - Effective on fire blight (50-75% control)
 - Mixing issues with strep
 - Phyto./russeting 1 year



MASTERCOP
Fungicide / Bactericide

FOR USE IN: CITRUS, VEGETABLES, TREE CROPS, SMALL FRUITS, VINES, AND FIELD CROPS.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:	% BY WT.
Copper sulfate pentahydrate*†	21.46%
INERT INGREDIENTS:	78.54%
TOTAL:	100.00%

*CAS No. 7758-99-8
†Metallic copper content 5.4%

EPA Reg. No. 55272-18-66222 EPA Est. No. 55272-MEX-001

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Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle. (If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

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If on skin:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take off contaminated clothing.• Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
If inhaled:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move person to fresh air.• If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible.• Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center, doctor, or going for treatment. For emergency information concerning this product, call the National Pesticides Information Center (NPIC) at 1-800-858-7378 seven days a week, 6:30 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time (NPIC website: www.npic.orst.edu). You may also contact CHEMTREC (800) 424-9300 (24 hours) for emergency medical treatment information.

For additional precautionary, handling, and use statements, see inside of this booklet.



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Net Contents: 2.5 Gallons

Copper products

Cueva® Fungicide Concentrate

ACCEPTED
FOR REGISTRATION

Oct. 21, 2014

Flowable Liquid Copper Fungicide

Listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in organic production.

New York State Department
of Environmental Conservation
Division of Materials Management
Pesticide Product Registration

Intended for Commercial Use Only

DOC ID: 540398

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:
Copper Octanoate (Copper Soap)10.0%
CAS Reg. No. 20543-04-8

OTHER INGREDIENTS90.0%
TOTAL100.0%

metallic copper equivalent 1.8%
one gallon contains 0.16 lbs. metallic copper equivalent


**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION**


See Inside Booklet for Additional Precautionary Statements, Directions for Use, and
Storage and Disposal Instructions

Net Contents: 2.5 gallons (9.46L)
250 gallons

EPA REG. NO. 67702-2-70051
EPA EST. NO. 48498-CA-1
BATCH CODE

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For Organic Use

- **Cueva: Copper Octanoate (Copper Soap)**
1.8%MCE, OMRI
- Bloom rate, but issues with label text
- Experiences:
 - effective on sooty blotch flyspeck late season, no phyto issues

Copper products

- **Badge X2 (OMRI):**
Copper Oxychloride & Hydroxide 28% MCE
- Bloom rate + 1-3 lbs./hydrated lime
- Experiences:
 - Effective on fire blight (75% control) and fly speck sooty blotch late season
 - No mixing or phyto. issues
 - Enhanced strep

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Badge[®]X₂

**DRY FLOWABLE
FUNGICIDE/BACTERICIDE FOR AGRICULTURAL USE**

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:
Copper Oxychloride (CAS No. 1332-40-7)* 23.82%
Copper Hydroxide (CAS No. 20427-59-2)* 21.49%
OTHER INGREDIENTS: 54.69%
TOTAL: 100.00%
*Metallic Copper (Cu) Equivalent is 28% by weight

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WARNING - AVISO**


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NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Possible mucosal damage may contraindicate use of gastric lavage.

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You may also contact 1-800-222-1222 for emergency medical treatment information.
For Chemical Emergency Spill Leak Fire Exposure or Accident Call CHEMTREC Day or Night
Domestic North America 800-424-9300 International 703-527-3883 (collect calls accepted)

EPA Registration No.: 80288-12 EPA Establishment No.: 79558-ITA-1

 **FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION**

Managing FB: Product efficacy

- Orchard site
 - 4-5 year old 'Idared' trees on B.9
- Artificial inoculum (Ea 273 at $1 \times 10^{7-8}$ CFUml⁻¹)
 - Spray for BB or Scissor dip for SB



Managing FB: Product efficacy

- Blossom blight application timing
 - Pre-bloom timings for biopesticides
 - All antibiotics & biopesticides @ 80% bloom
- Blossom blight incidence: percentage of blighted blossoms (5 reps)

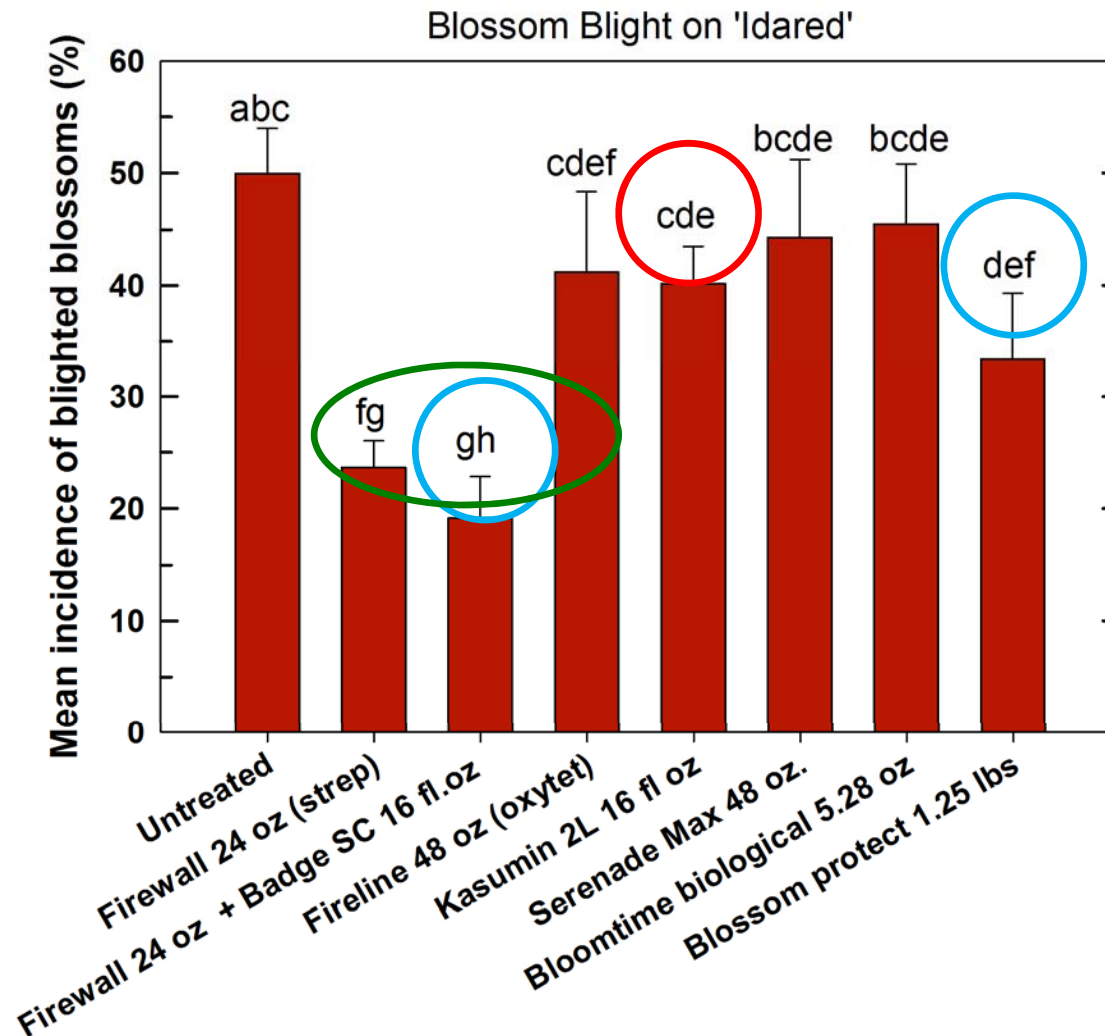


Managing FB: Product efficacy

- Shoot blight application timing
 - Active terminal growth (5-7"): 24 hours after inoculation (trauma)
 - Apogee (PF/1-2") or 5-days prior: Actigard
- Shoot blight: progression of canker of 20 shoots (5 reps)

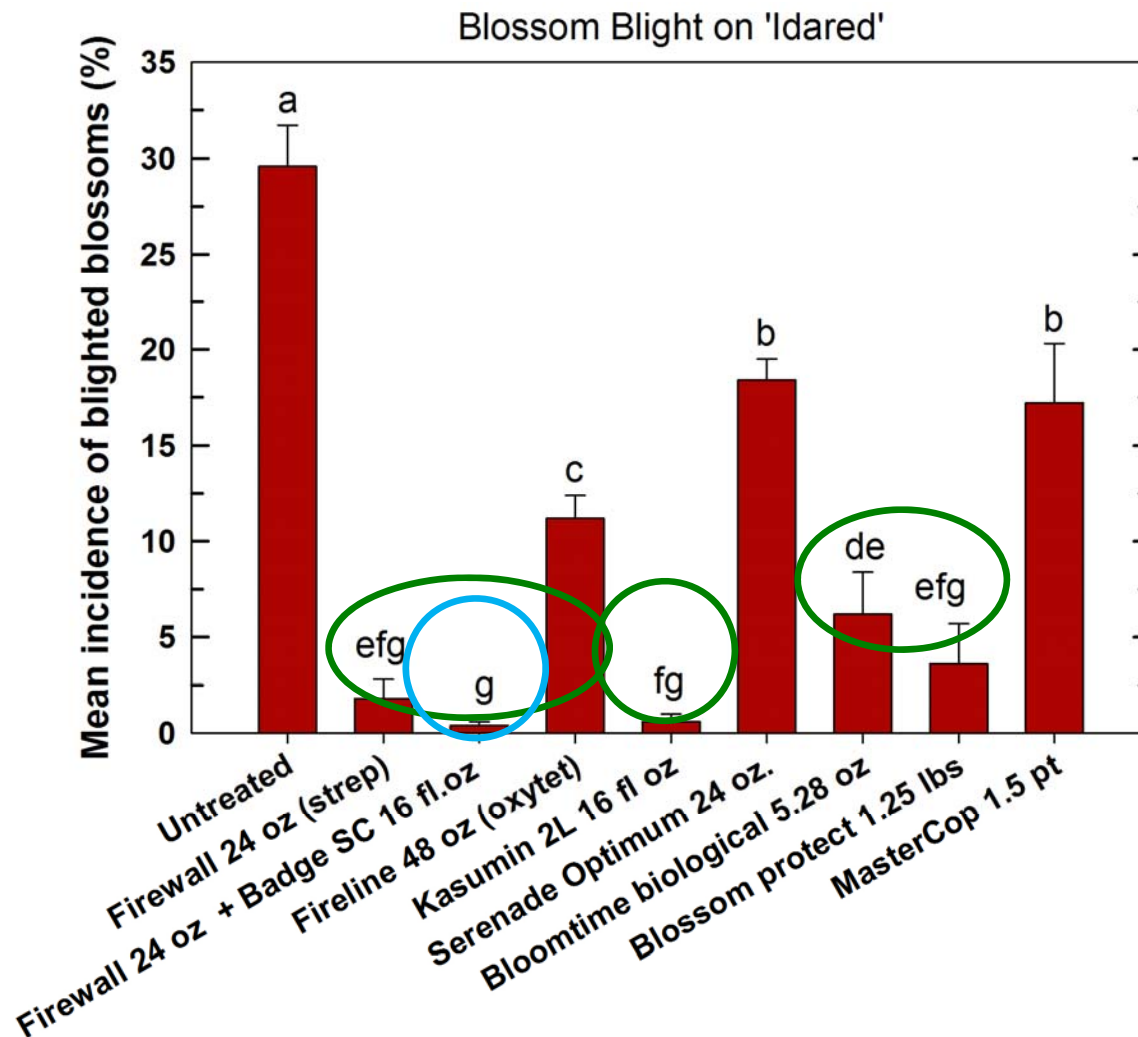


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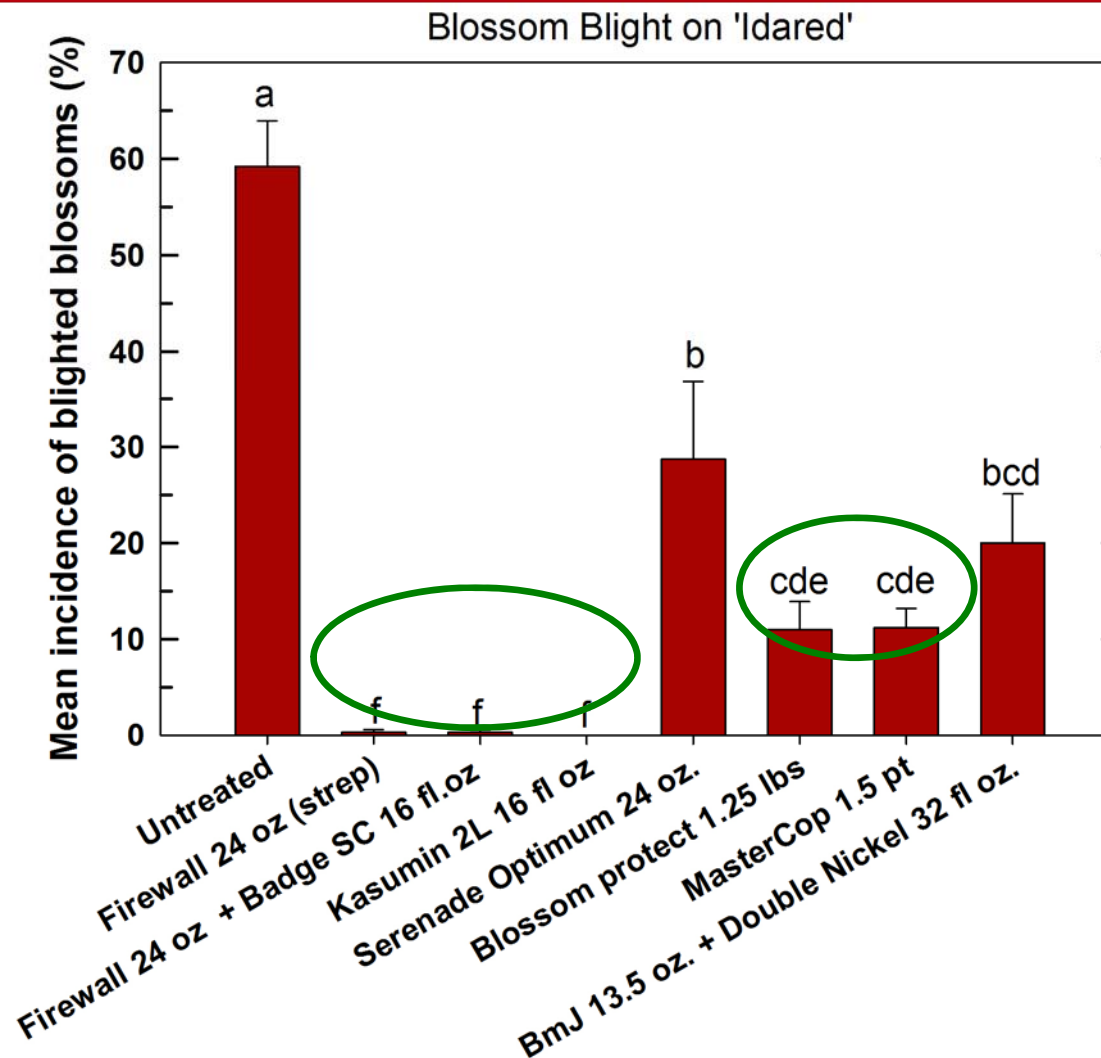
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2013 Blossom Blight Trial



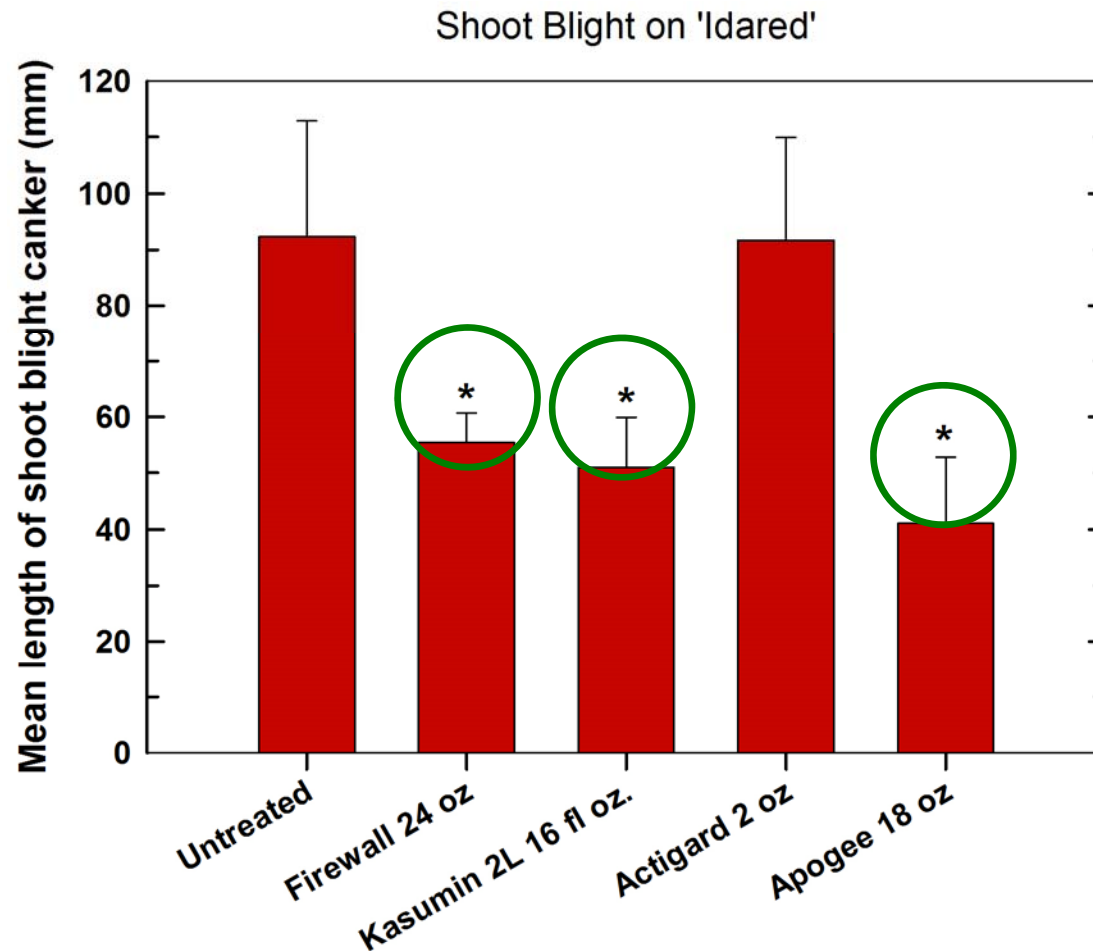
- **Low pressure year:** Streptomycin programs, Strep + low copper, Kasumin, Blossom Protect, Bloomtime Biological

2014 Blossom Blight Trial



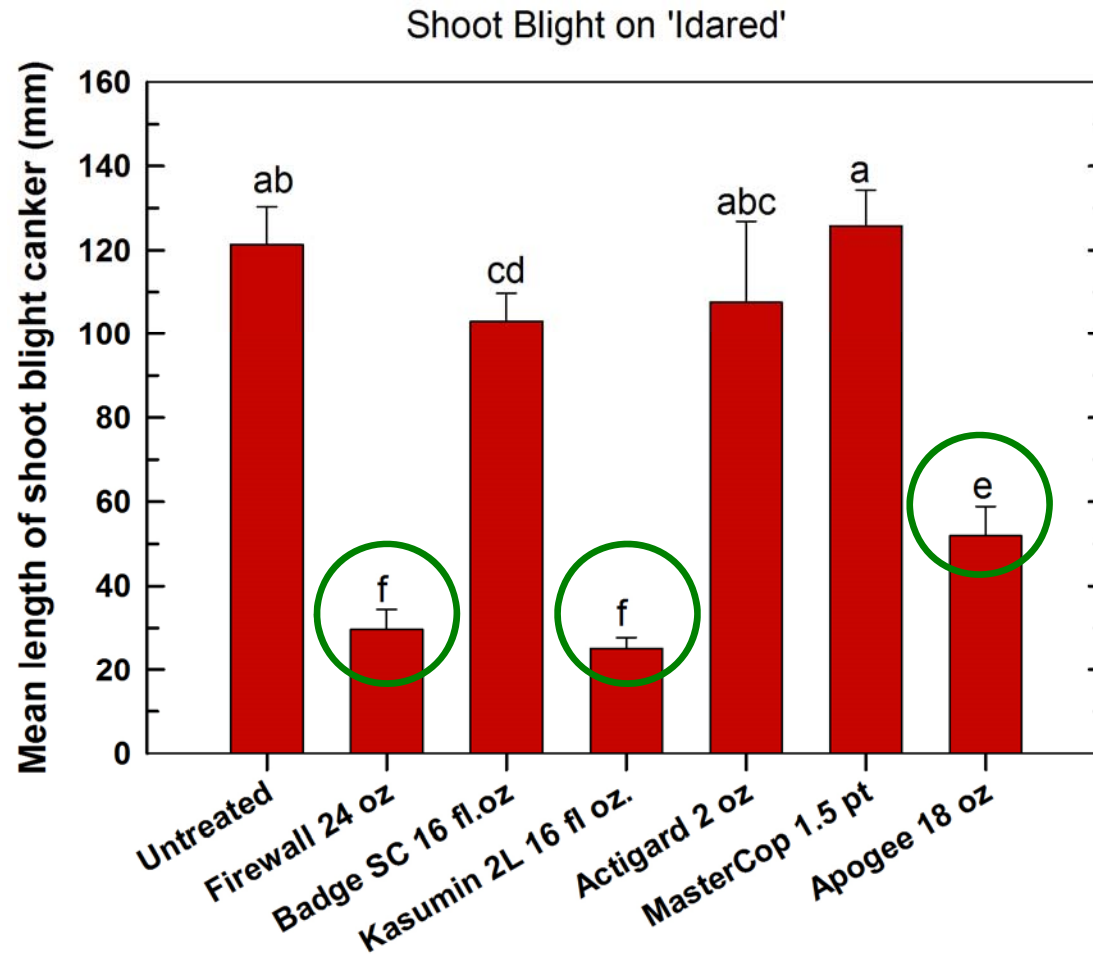
- **Moderate pressure year:** Antibiotic programs, Blossom Protect, MasterCop, BmJ & Double Nickel

2012 Shoot Blight



- 2012: Only Apogee and the **two antibiotics** provided a significant reduction of shoot blight progression

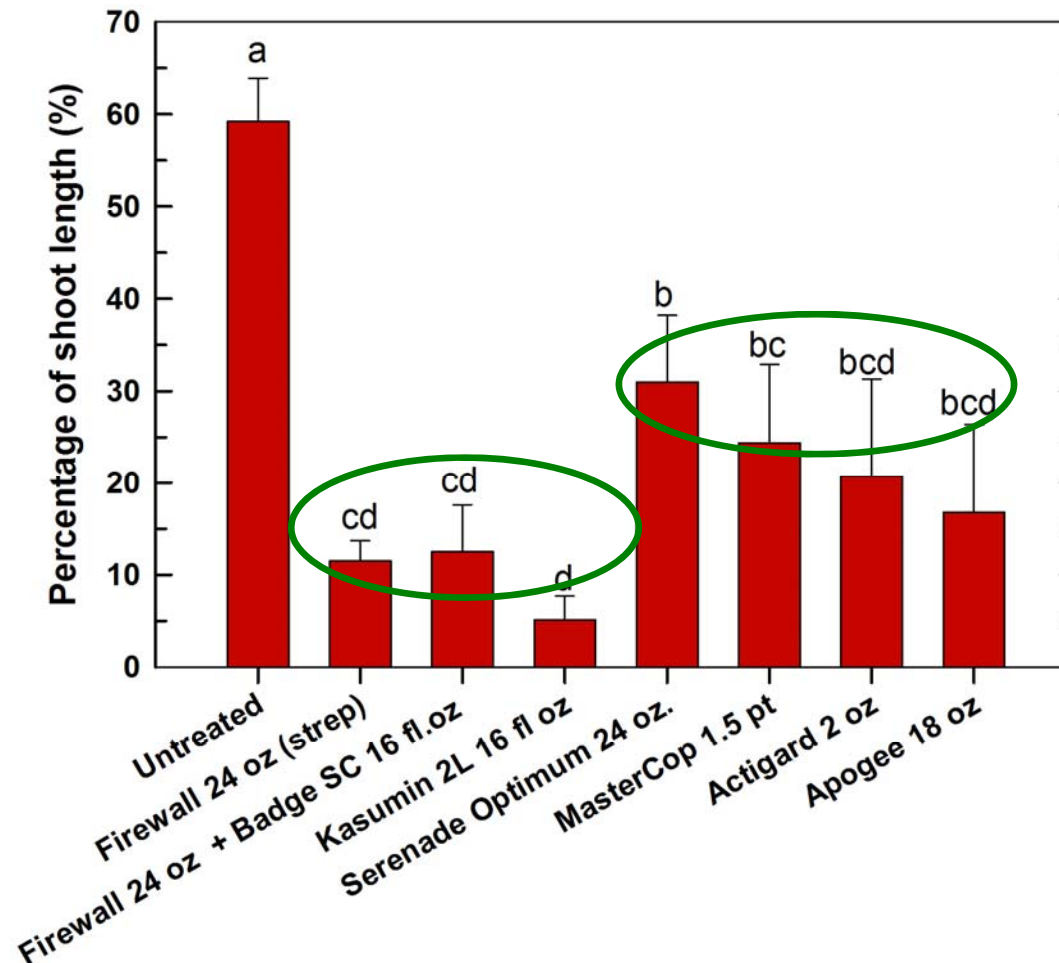
2013 Shoot Blight



- 2013: Only Apogee and the **two antibiotics** provided a significant reduction of shoot blight progression

2014 Shoot Blight

Shoot Blight on 'Idared'



- 2014: **Antibiotics** provided strongest reduction of shoot blight progression; biologicals, Apogee, and Actigard > good effect

Blossom Blight Summary

- Streptomycin greatest activity against BB
 - Improved by bloom rate of buffered copper: No phyto!
- Kasumin 2L (protectant): as effective as strep
 - Resistant management: not necessary in region where SmR Ea not conformed or suspected
- Biologicals & low MCE coppers
 - They work, but more effective against lower inoculum levels & variable in performance
 - Often equivalent to oxytet **(does not kill)**

Shoot Blight Summary

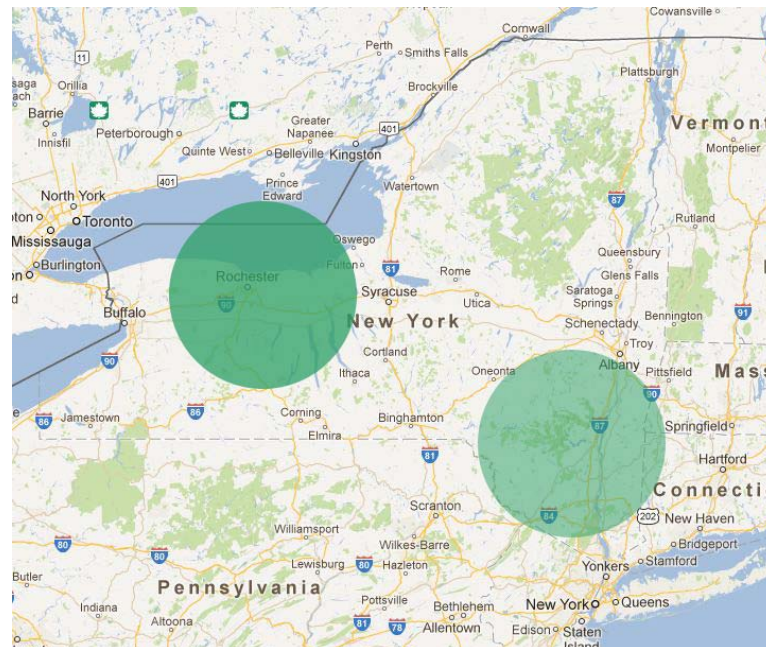
- Antibiotics greatest effect on trauma shoot blight
 - Don't use antibiotics for shoot blight outside trauma events
- Apogee
 - Even single application provides considerable control: important for high vigor varieties
- Copper & Actigard
 - Variable in performance, and strongest effect against realistic inoculum levels

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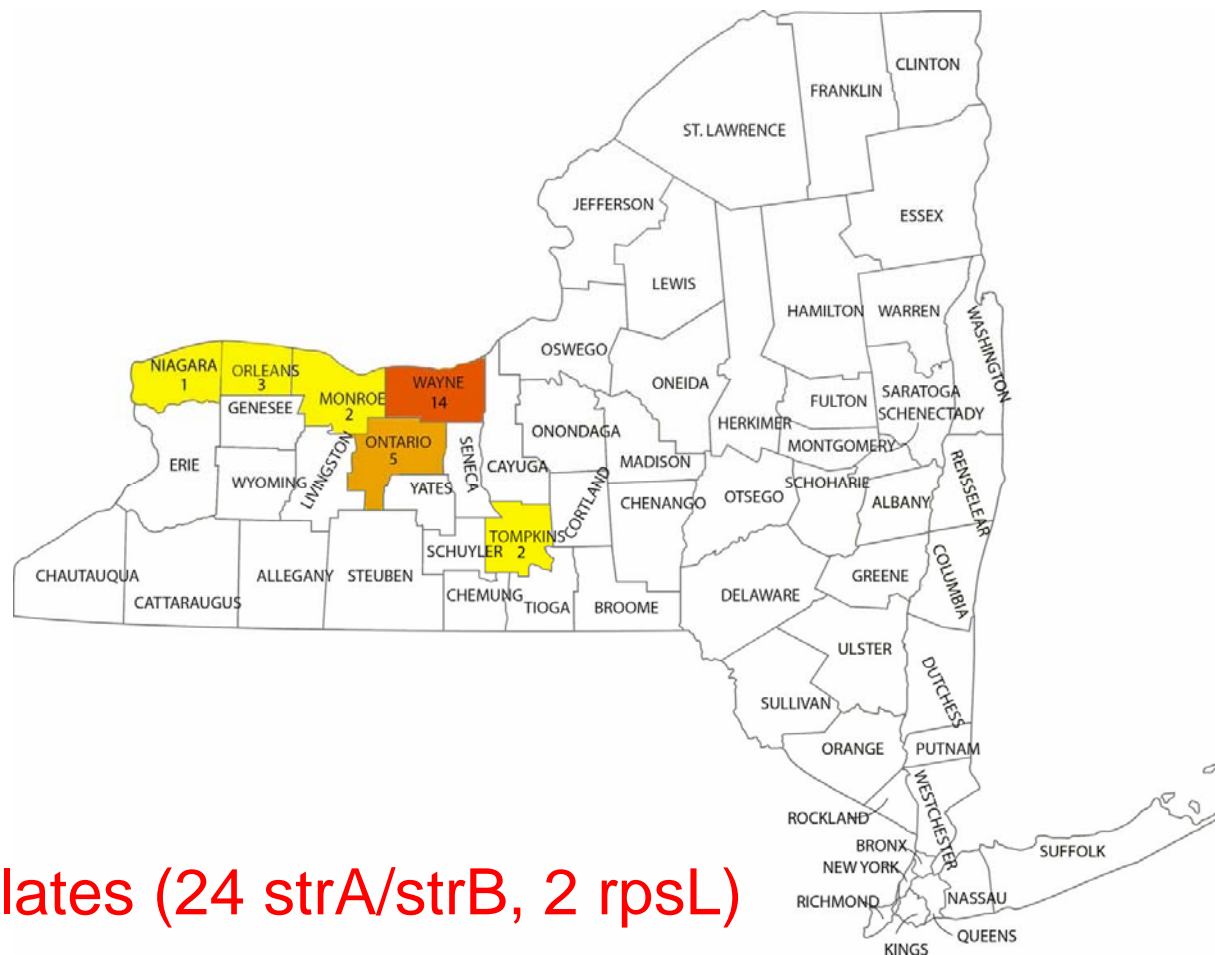
Status of streptomycin resistance

- 2012: 175 isolates from 43 commercial sites
- 2013: 320 isolates from 32 commercial sites
- 2014: 800 isolates from 32 commercial sites
 - Majority of sampling: Lake Ontario & Hudson Valley



Status of streptomycin resistance

- 2012-2013: 16 apple production operations had SmR Ea



26 Sm^R Isolates (24 strA/strB, 2 rpsL)

Trends & implications

- 2014: Lots of Ea, but no SmR Ea
 - Other tree declines present (1/3 samples > BSB, winter injury, & fungal decay blights)
- SmR Ea seems to be restricted to western NY
 - Closest to regions of previous outbreaks
 - Eastern NY appears to be SmR Ea free
- 16 apple production operations had SmR Ea
 - Disproportionate ratio of SmS to SmR strains
 - Most strains have plasmid-borne resistance

Trends & implications

- All samples from shoot blight: no catastrophic strep failures w/ widespread losses
 - Numerous reports of FB in RubyFrost, Honeycrisp, & Gala
- In “high risk” areas for strep resistance
 - Streptomycin and oxytet mixes: seemed to improve overall control of FB in Western NY
 - High risk operations with SmR Ea in 2012 had only SmS in 2013 & 2014

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Managing fire blight

- Post season: Clean up inoculum to reduce spread within and between trees
 - Prune out strikes and small cankers:



Managing fire blight

- Pre season: Clean up inoculum to reduce spread within and between trees
 - Scout and prune out oozing cankers:
 - Large - depressed discolored cracked bark: main scaffolds can't prune
 - Small – blossom & shoot infections, summer pruning cuts: numerous & hard to see/find



Courtesy of Debbie Breth

Managing fire blight

- Pre season
 - Apply full rate of copper at silver/green tip
 - Warm weather causes cankers to ooze > fire flight inoculum increases greatly
- Bloom (had or have history of fire blight)
 - Watch for CCE alerts and disease model forecasts for fire blight infection periods (NEWA & MaryBlyt 7.1)
 - Since **SmR Ea** has **not** been confirmed in eastern NY, use highest rate of strep for each forecast infection

Managing fire blight

- Bloom
 - Concerned about effectiveness of strep, use highest rate of Kasumin 2L at the 2nd or 3rd forecast infection
- Bloom (Organic with susceptible varieties)
 - No antibiotics (Oct 20, 2014), Highest rate of Double Nickel with Cueva, Badge X2 with hydrated lime, Serenade Optimum, or Blossom Protect
 - Run MaryBlyt 7.1 with 60-75% efficiency with forecast data to plan spray interval – use local data

Managing fire blight

- Additional bactericide considerations
 - Streptomycin: locally systemic & Oxytetracycline & Kasugamycin protectants
- Post-Bloom & Summer: Copper (protectant)
 - Can cause fruit russet: not a concern in nursery or during establishment - survival
 - Apply with adequate drying time
 - Protectant: reduces surface bacteria
 - Terminals can outgrow protective residues of copper
 - Low rate fixed copper program: 7-10 day schedule until terminal bud set

Managing fire blight

- Post-Bloom & Summer: **Apogee**
 - Retards vigorous shoot growth in young trees & is best protection against shoot blight
 - Make two applications: 6-12 oz/100 gal (3-6 oz/100 gal for tree <5 years) beginning at 1-3" shoot growth & 14-21 days later

Managing fire blight

- Post-Bloom & Summer: Pruning newly developed strikes
 - Remove as soon as noticed
 - Prune on a cool dry day
 - Cut into last season's growth - At least 12" into healthy tissue
 - Young trees: if 12" is into the main scaffold
 - remove/replant

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Managing fire blight: Using models

- Web-based intuitive pest/disease forecasting systems
- Promoted and used for apples in WA, Canada, and Europe: cost-effective pest management & pesticide stewardship
- Web versions of time-tested relationships with integrated weather data
- Prevents unnecessary pesticide applications, saves growers money, prevents losses due to disease

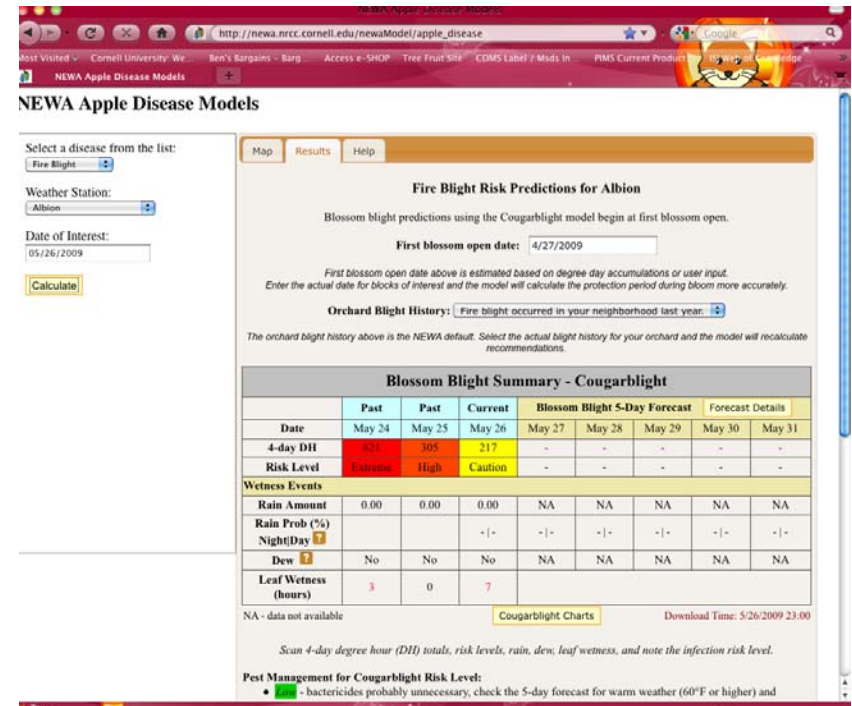
Managing fire blight: Using models

- Fire blight forecasting:
 - Predicts blossom blight infection periods
 - Essential for cost-effective management of fire blight and avoiding antibiotic resistance
 - NEWA system & Marybylt 7.1: heat units & presence of moisture



Managing fire blight: Using models

- NEWA system:
 - Based on CougarBlight logic
 - Tim Smith WSU
 - Model works well on east coast apples
 - Integrated with NEWA/NRCC data
 - Fully Automated: w/ limited user input



http://newa.nrcc.cornell.edu/newaModel/apple_disease

Managing fire blight: Using models

NEWA Apple Disease Models

Select a disease from the list:

Weather Station:

Date of Interest:

Map Results Help

Fire Blight Risk Predictions for Albion

Blossom blight predictions using the Cougarblight model begin at first blossom open.

First blossom open date:

First blossom open date above is estimated based on degree day accumulations or user input. Enter the actual date for blocks of interest and the model will calculate the protection period during bloom more accurately.

Orchard Blight History:

The orchard blight history above is the NEWA default. Select the actual blight history for your orchard and the model will recalculate recommendations.

Blossom Blight Summary - Cougarblight

	Past	Past	Current	Blossom Blight 5-Day Forecast			Forecast Details	
Date	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
4-day DH	621	305	217	-	-	-	-	-
Risk Level	Extreme	High	Caution	-	-	-	-	-
Wetness Events								
Rain Amount	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rain Prob (%)			- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Night Day ?								
Dew ?	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Leaf Wetness (hours)	3	0	7					

NA - data not available

Download Time: 5/26/2009 23:00

Scan 4-day degree hour (DH) totals, risk levels, rain, dew, leaf wetness, and note the infection risk level.

Pest Management for Cougarblight Risk Level:

- Low - bactericides probably unnecessary, check the 5-day forecast for warm weather (60°F or higher) and

http://newa.nrcc.cornell.edu/newaModel/apple_disease

Managing fire blight: Using models

- MaryBlyt 7.1:
 - Based on east coast research and validation
 - Paul Steiner UMD
 - Standalone program
 - Requires more user input/data, but higher level of specificity
 - Season long predictions
 - Can import NEWA data



<http://www.caf.wvu.edu/kearneysville/Maryblyt/>

Managing fire blight: Using models

Maryblt 7.1 G:\Work\2014\Meetings 2014\EXPO 2015\MaryBlt Example\Idared 2014 Example Maryblt-Full.mb7

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Accept Changes Discard Changes

Inputs								Data Entry Mode	Outputs						
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5/5/2014	TC	57.9	39.9	0.03				48.9	-	-	-	4	-	-	
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5/8/2014	PK	74.4	49.0	0.00				61.7	-	-	-	10	-	-	
5/9/2014	PK	84.1	53.8	0.09				68.9	-	-	-	17	-	-	
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