

# Insect Management Reports

2010 Season

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**Control of Lepidopterous Larvae in Fall Cabbage - 2010:** Labeled insecticides were evaluated for control of the cabbage insect complex. The cabbage variety “Artos” was transplanted on July 26 at Papen Farms, Inc., Dover, DE. The same variety was transplanted on July 28 at the University of Delaware’s Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots consisted of one 20-ft-long row on 3-ft centers. Each treatment was replicated four times and arranged in a RCB design. The evaluated materials and treatment dates are listed in the tables. At planting materials were applied immediately after transplanting on July 28 at the Research Station and on July 30 at the Dover location simulating a drench application over each plant using a CO<sub>2</sub> backpack sprayer with a one-nozzle boom delivering 120 ml solution per plant at 32 psi. The first foliar application at both locations was applied with a single nozzle boom delivering 43 gpa at 42 psi. Subsequent applications were made with a CO<sub>2</sub> backpack sprayer with a one-row boom, having 3 hollow-cone nozzles per row (one over the top and one drop nozzle on each side) delivering 51 gpa at 35 psi. The number of Lepidopterous larvae on each of 5 randomly selected plants per plot was recorded on a weekly basis from the first week in August through mid September. The number of marketable heads was determined by examining feeding damage on the head and two wrapper leaves on September 16 at the Dover location and on September 20 at the Georgetown location. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey’s mean separation test (P=0.05).

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|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|--|
|                        |                    |                         |   | August 9- Pre-trt – foliars                      | August 14 4 DAT #1 – foliars<br>15 DAT - Drench | Aug 24 5 DAT #2 - foliar | September 7                              |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.13 oz            | Drench – July 30        | 86.24ab   | 1.25b  | 4.00b   | 4.00a                    | 0.50bc                                   |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 7 oz               | Drench – July 30        | 88.56ab   | 1.50b  | 1.25bc  | 1.25a                    | 0.00c                                    |
| Vetica + LI-700        | 13 oz + 0.25 % v/v | Foliar: Aug 10,19       | 95.90a  | 3.50ab   | 0.50c   | 0.50a                    | 0.00c                                    |
| Avaunt 30 WDG+ LI-700  | 3.5 oz + 0.25 %v/v | Foliar: Aug 10,19       | 81.95abc  | 4.25ab   | 0.75c   | 0.50a                    | 1.50a                                    |
| Xentari + LI-700       | 1 lb + 0.25 % v/v  | Foliar: Aug10,19,25     | 78.10bc   | 4.25ab   | 0.00c   | 2.00a                    | 0.00c                                    |
| Synapse 24WG + LI-700  | 2 oz + 0.25% v/v   | Foliar: Aug 10,19       | 89.32ab   | 4.00ab   | 1.00bc  | 0.00a                    | 0.00c                                    |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.0 oz/a           | Foliar: Aug 10, 19      | 94.59ab   | 4.50ab   | 0.75c   | 0.00a                    | 0.00c                                    |
| Untreated Control      | ----               |                         | 66.96c  | 5.50a  | 7.50a   | 4.25a                    | 1.25ab                                   |

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**Table 2 – Cabbage Looper (CL) Counts and Marketable Heads – Georgetown Location**

| Treatment <sup>1</sup> | Rate/acre          | Treatment Dates/<br>Method          | % Marketable Heads<br>Sept 20 | Mean Number CL per 5 plants <sup>1</sup> |           |         |         |         |
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|                        |                    |                                     |                               | August 23                                | August 30 | Sept 10 | Sept 13 | Sept 17 |
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| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 7 oz               | Drench – July 28                    | 84.44ab                       | 3.00ab                                   | 1.75ab    | 0.50b   | 1.75b   | 0.50b   |
| Vetica + LI-700        | 13 oz + 0.25 v/v   | Foliar: Aug 4, 19                   | 75.38ab                       | 0.00b                                    | 0.25b     | 1.75b   | 0.25b   | 0.75b   |
| Xentari + LI-700       | 1 lb+ 0.25% v/v    | Foliar: Sept 7, 14                  |                               |  |           |         |         |         |
| Avaunt 30WDG + LI-700  | 3.5 oz + 0.25 %v/v | Foliar: Aug 4, 19                   | 81.20ab                       | 0.00b                                    | 1.75ab    | 0.00b   | 0.00b   | 0.50b   |
| Xentari + Li-700       | 1 lb + 0.25 % v/v  | Foliar: Aug 4, 19, 25<br>Sept 7, 14 | 70.05b                        | 3.25ab                                   | 2.25ab    | 2.75ab  | 1.50b   | 1.50b   |
| Synapse 24WG + LI-700  | 2 oz + 0.25% v/v   | Foliar: Aug 4, 19                   | 83.08ab                       | 0.25b                                    | 0.50b     | 0.50b   | 0.75b   | 1.25b   |
| Xentari + Li-700       | 1 lb+ 0.25% v/v    | Foliar: Sept 7, 14                  |                               |  |           |         |         |         |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.0 oz/a           | Foliar: Aug 4, 19                   | 97.80a                        | 0.00b                                    | 1.25b     | 0.00b   | 0.00b   | 0.00b   |
| Untreated Control      | ----               | ----                                | 0.00c                         | 6.75a                                    | 9.25a     | 5.75a   | 12.00a  | 8.75a   |

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**Table 3 – Worm Complex <sup>1</sup> – Georgetown Location**

| Treatment <sup>2</sup> | Rate/acre          | Treatment Dates/<br>Method          | Mean Number Worms per 5 plants <sup>2</sup> |           |         |         |         |
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|                        |                    |                                     | August 23                                   | August 30 | Sept 10 | Sept 13 | Sept 17 |
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| Untreated Control      | ----               | ----                                | 10.00a                                      | 11.00a    | 8.25a   | 16.50a  | 14.50a  |

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| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.0 oz/a           | Foliar: Aug 4, 19                   | 0.50b                                       | 1.25b     | 0.00b   | 0.00b   | 0.00b   |
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**Control of Lepidopteran Larvae in Fall Spinach, 2010:** Promising new chemistry and labeled insecticides were evaluated for control of webworms and beet armyworms. The spinach variety, 'Vancouver', was planted on September 1 at the University of Delaware Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots were six rows wide and 20-ft-long planted on 12-inch centers. Each treatment was replicated four times and arranged in a RCB design. The evaluated materials are listed in the tables. In-furrow materials were applied soon after plant emergence on September 3 by drenching materials over the row before plant emergence using a CO<sub>2</sub> backpack sprayer with a one-nozzle boom delivering 64 gpa at 42 psi. Foliar materials were applied on September 22 using a 4 nozzle boom delivering 30 gpa at 32 psi. The number of larvae on each of 10 randomly selected plants per plot was recorded on a weekly basis. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's mean separation test (P=0.05).

Webworm and beet armyworm population pressure was moderate. No phytotoxicity was observed.

| Treatment <sup>1</sup> | Rate/A            | Treatment Dates/Method | Mean Number Beet Armyworm per 10 plants <sup>1</sup> |         | Mean Number Garden Webworms per 10 plants <sup>1</sup> |         |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|---------|--|---------|
|                        |                   |                        | Sept 20  | Sept 29 | Sept 20  | Sept 29 |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.0 oz/a          | Sept 3-IF              | 0.00a  | 0.50a   | 0.00b  | 0.00a   |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.0 oz/a          | Sept 22-Foliar         | 1.50a  | 0.25a   | 0.50ab   | 0.00a   |
| Synapse 24WG+ LI-700   | 3 oz/A + 0.25 v/v | Sept 22-Foliar         | 2.00a  | 0.00a   | 2.00a  | 0.25a   |
| Radiant 1 SC           | 10 oz/A           | Sept 22-Foliar         | 2.25a  | 0.00a   | 1.75ab   | 0.00a   |
| Intrepid 2 F           | 10 oz/A           | Sept 22-Foliar         | 1.00a  | 0.50a   | 1.50ab   | 0.00a   |
| Untreated              | ---               | ---                    | 1.75a  | 0.75a   | 1.75ab   | 0.75a   |

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|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|---------|
|                        |                   |                        | Sept 20                                      | Sept 29 |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.0 oz/a          | Sept 3-IF              | 0.00b  | 0.50a   |
| Coragen 1.67 SC        | 5.0 oz/a          | Sept 22-Foliar         | 2.00ab                                       | 0.25a   |
| Synapse 24WG+ LI-700   | 3 oz/A + 0.25 v/v | Sept 22-Foliar         | 4.00a  | 0.25a   |
| Radiant 1 SC           | 10 oz/A           | Sept 22-Foliar         | 4.00a  | 0.00a   |
| Intrepid 2 F           | 10 oz/A           | Sept 22-Foliar         | 2.50ab                                       | 0.50a   |
| Untreated              | ---               | ---                    | 3.50ab                                       | 1.50a   |

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Mixture of worm species – beet armyworm (50%) and garden webworms ( 50%)

**Late Planted Field Corn Variety Trial, 2010**  
**University of Delaware**

**Objective:** Five field corn hybrids were planted on June 29 at the Georgetown Research and Education Center to simulate a double crop planting system. In a typical year, a percentage of Delaware's field corn acreage is planted double crop, either behind barley or peas. For a number of years, producers have expressed concern over the presence of fall armyworm feeding in whorl stage corn and ear damage from corn earworm in these later plantings. Foliar insecticides have not provided effective control of these two insects in late planted field corn. Research results from trials with newer BT technologies (i.e. Herculex and SmartStax's) indicate that these technologies provide control of these two insect problems. This trial was established to determine the effectiveness under Delaware conditions as well as look at the yield response.

**Procedures:** Research plots 20 ft wide (8 rows on 30-inch centers) by 40 ft long were replicated four times in a randomized complete block design. Stand counts were taken from the center two rows of each plot (80 linear foot of row) on July 27. Fall armyworm damage was evaluated on July 27 by counting the number of damaged plants in the same two rows and calculating the percent damage. Corn earworm damage was evaluated on September 1 before physiological maturity. All the ears were collected from a single row (40 linear feet) and evaluated for corn earworm damage. The following data was collected: total number of infested ears (1 or more larvae per ear) and total number of damage ears (damaged ears but may or may not have had larvae present). Damage was rated as no damage, tip damage (1" or less), and damage >1" below tip. Plots were harvested at physiological maturity on November 19 and yields adjusted to 15.5 % moisture. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's mean separation test (P=0.05).

**Results:**

| TRT # | Variety         | Stand Count July 27 | % FAW Damaged Plants July 27 | % Clean Ears Sept 1 | % Ears CEW Tip Damage Sept 1 | % Ears CEW Damage > 1 cm Sept 1 | Yield BU/A |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1     | 2K662 HXT/RR    | 117.25a             | 7.64b                        | 19.20b              | 10.03a                       | 70.78a                          | 123.14a    |
| 2     | ST 6208 RR      | 114.75ab            | 24.15ab                      | 8.63b               | 17.08a                       | 74.29a                          | 93.05b     |
| 3     | 2D692 SmartStax | 117.25a             | 1.71b                        | 93.39a              | 3.99a                        | 2.62b                           | 127.56a    |
| 4     | DKC 55-08 RR2   | 110.75b             | 42.47a                       | 12.15b              | 14.13a                       | 73.73a                          | 88.66b     |
| 5     | DKC 55-09 GENSS | 118.50a             | 6.57b                        | 98.08a              | 1.93a                        | 0.00b                           | 116.93a    |

Means in the same columns followed by the same letter are not significantly different ( Tukey's; P=0.05).

**Comments:** Overall, the 2K662 HXT/RR, 2D692 SmartStax, and DKC 55-09 GENSS (newer Bt hybrids) all provided significantly better control of fall armyworm compared to the non-Bt hybrids (ST 6208 RR and DKC 55-08 RR2). In general, the 2D692 SmartStax and DKC 55-09 GENSS hybrids provided the best corn earworm control. All three Bt varieties provided significantly higher yields compared to the non-Bt hybrids.

## Final Report – 2010

**Title:** Evaluation of Insecticide Applications to Control Dectes Stem Borer in Soybeans

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### **Objectives:**

1. Evaluate the use of foliar insecticide applications to control the Dectes Stem Borer
2. Determine the ideal timing for making a foliar application based on adult Dectes beetle emergence
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of making multiple foliar insecticide applications to control the Dectes Stem Borer

### **Procedures:**

Group 4.4 soybean variety was planted on May 26 at the University of Delaware's Demonstration Farm located near Middletown, DE and on May 10 at the Carvel Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots drilled on 15 inch centers were 25 foot wide x 75 ft long at the Georgetown location and 25 ft wide x 36 ft long at the Middletown location, arranged in a randomized complete block design with four replications. The following treatments were applied: (1) One application of Hero @ 10.3 oz/A one week after the first adult was detected (July 1); (2) One application of Hero @ 10.3 oz/A one week after the first adult was detected (July 1) and an application of Tombstone Helios at 2.8 oz/A one week after the first application (July 8); and (3) untreated control.

Dectes adult beetle population levels were evaluated on a weekly basis from late June through early August by taking 20 sweeps per plot and counting the number of adult beetles. Before physiological maturity (August 17 at the Georgetown location and October 8 at the Middletown location), 20 stems were collected from each plot at both locations to determine the percentage of stems infested with Dectes larvae. At physiological maturity, soybeans were harvested on Oct 31 at the Middletown location and on Nov 10 at the Georgetown location. Either immediately before (Georgetown) or immediately after harvest (Middletown), all of the lodged stems were collected from each plot to calculate yield loss from Dectes stem borer. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's mean separation test (P=0.05).

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**Results:**

**Table 1. Middletown Location**

| Treatment        | Application Date | Rate/A    | Number Dectes Adults per 20 sweeps |        |         |         | % Infested Stems Oct 8 | # Larvae per 20 stems Oct 8 | Yield (BU/A) Oct 31 | Lodging Loss (BU/A) Oct 31 | % Yield Loss |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|                  |                  |           | Jun29                              | July 7 | July 15 | July 22 |                        |                             |                     |                            |              |
| Hero EC          | July 1           | 10.3 oz/A | 0.25a                              | 0.00a  | 1.50a   | 0.50a   | 18.75a                 | 3.50a                       | 30.34a              | 0.14a                      | 0.48a        |
| Hero EC          | July 1           | 10.3 oz/A |                                    |        |         |         |                        |                             |                     |                            |              |
| Tombstone Helios | July 8           | 2.8 oz/A  | 0.00a                              | 0.00a  | 0.75a   | 1.75a   | 27.50a                 | 5.50a                       | 27.20a              | 0.15a                      | 0.61a        |
| Untreated        | ---              | ---       | 0.00a                              | 0.25a  | 0.50a   | 1.00a   | 16.25a                 | 3.25a                       | 31.58a              | 0.15a                      | 0.44a        |

Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's mean separation test; P=0.05).

**Table 2. Georgetown Location**

| Treatment        | Application Date | Rate/A    | Number Dectes Adults per 20 sweeps |         |        |         | % Infested Stems Aug 17 | # Larvae per 20 stems Aug 17 | Yield (BU/A) Nov 10 | Lodging Loss (BU/A) Nov 10 | % Yield Loss |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|                  |                  |           | Jun22                              | June 28 | July 6 | July 12 |                         |                              |                     |                            |              |
| Hero EC          | July 1           | 10.3 oz/A | 0.00a                              | 0.25a   | 1.00a  | 0.75a   | 51.25a                  | 6.25a                        | 24.20a              | 6.51a                      | 21.26a       |
| Hero EC          | July 1           | 10.3 oz/A |                                    |         |        |         |                         |                              |                     |                            |              |
| Tombstone Helios | July 8           | 2.8 oz/A  | 0.00a                              | 0.00a   | 1.25a  | 0.25a   | 45.00a                  | 7.75a                        | 24.67a              | 6.45a                      | 20.76a       |
| Untreated        | ---              | ---       | 0.00a                              | 0.00a   | 1.50a  | 0.75a   | 53.75a                  | 5.50a                        | 25.83a              | 7.37a                      | 22.24a       |

Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's mean separation test; P=0.05).

**Conclusions:** Although treatments were applied according to protocols developed by Kansas State Entomologist's and reported in industry literature, no significant differences were observed between treatments. However, significant yield losses were observed at the Georgetown location and can be used to develop treatment thresholds for early harvest. If a new insecticide is identified in the future, it could also be used to support the submission of a Section 18 or full section 3 registration.



## Final Report – 2010

**Title:** Evaluate Soybean Varieties for Management of Dectes Stem Borer in Soybeans

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**Objectives:** To further evaluate varieties that were identified in the 2009 University of Delaware's Variety trial that appeared to exhibit reduced amounts of lodging from Dectes stem borer.

**Procedures:**

Replicated research plots were planted on May 26 at the University of Delaware's Demonstration Farm located near Middletown, DE, and on May 10 at the Carvel Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots drilled on 15 inch centers were 20 foot wide x 18 foot long at the Georgetown location and 12.5 x 18 ft long at the Middletown location. Plots were arranged in a randomized complete block design with 6 replications. Four varieties in similar maturity groups (4.7- 4.8) were selected and evaluated for Dectes infestations and lodging losses.

Dectes adult beetle population levels were evaluated on a weekly basis from mid June through early August by taking 20 sweeps per plot at each location. Before physiological maturity (Aug 17), 10 stems were collected from each plot at both locations to determine the percentage of stems infested with Dectes larvae. At physiological maturity, soybeans were harvested on Oct 31 at the Middletown location and on Nov 10 at the Georgetown location. Either immediately before harvest (Georgetown) or immediately after harvest (Middletown), all of the lodged stems were collected from each plot to calculate yield loss from Dectes stem borer. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's mean separation test (P=0.05).

**Results:****Table 1. Middletown Location**

| Variety #<br>(Maturity Group) | Number Dectes Adults per 20 sweeps |        |         |         | % Infested Stems Aug 17 | # Larvae per 10 stems Aug 17 | Yield (BU/A) Oct 31 | Lodging Loss (BU/A) Oct 31 | Percent Lodging Loss Oct 31 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                               | June 29                            | July 8 | July 15 | July 22 |                         |                              |                     |                            |                             |
| Variety #1 (4.8)              | 1.50a                              | 0.17a  | 4.00a   | 1.67a   | 50.00a                  | 5.83a                        | 20.03b              | 0.46a                      | 2.37a                       |
| Variety #2 (4.8)              | 0.67a                              | 0.67a  | 5.00a   | 1.00a   | 35.00a                  | 4.67a                        | 24.44ab             | 0.55a                      | 2.24a                       |
| Variety #3 (4.7)              | 1.67a                              | 0.50a  | 4.33a   | 2.67a   | 40.00a                  | 3.83a                        | 26.33a              | 0.20a                      | 0.76a                       |
| Variety #4 (4.8)              | 1.50a                              | 0.33a  | 4.50a   | 2.33a   | 38.33a                  | 4.00a                        | 24.91a              | 0.16a                      | 0.67a                       |

Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's mean separation test; P=0.05).

**Table 2. Georgetown Location**

| Variety #<br>(Maturity Group) | Number Dectes Adults per 20 sweeps |         |        |         | % Infested Stems Aug 17 | # Larvae per 10 stems Aug 17 | Yield (BU/A) Nov 10 | Lodging Loss (BU/A) Nov 10 | Percent Lodging Loss Nov 10 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                               | June 22                            | June 28 | July 6 | July 12 |                         |                              |                     |                            |                             |
| Variety #1 (4.8)              | 0.00a                              | 0.33a   | 1.67a  | 1.50a   | 85.00a                  | 10.17a                       | 30.60a              | 3.16b                      | 9.05b                       |
| Variety #2 (4.8)              | 0.17a                              | 0.67a   | 1.50a  | 0.67a   | 53.33b                  | 6.17b                        | 30.88a              | 7.68a                      | 18.66a                      |
| Variety #3 (4.7)              | 0.17a                              | 0.50a   | 0.83a  | 1.67a   | 65.00ab                 | 6.33b                        | 27.59a              | 0.79b                      | 2.77c                       |
| Variety #4 (4.8)              | 0.33a                              | 0.50a   | 1.33a  | 1.50a   | 70.00ab                 | 7.17ab                       | 30.78a              | 0.78b                      | 2.25c                       |

Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's mean separation test; P=0.05).

**Conclusions:** At the Middletown location, no significant difference was observed between the four varieties in all categories evaluated. At the Georgetown location, Variety #2 had significantly higher lodging losses and percent lodging loss compared to the other 3 varieties. The percent lodging loss for Variety #1 and Variety #2 was also significantly greater compared to Variety #3 and Variety #4. However, there was no significant difference between the varieties regarding final yield. It appears that the only true way to manage Dectes will be through host plant resistance. Although one variety has been identified in the national seed bank that exhibits true resistance to the Dectes stem borer, soybean breeders will need to incorporate this trait into commercially acceptable varieties.

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**Foliar Insect Management In Snap Beans, 2010:** ‘Strike’ snap beans were planted on June 7 at the University of Delaware's Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots consisted of four 25 ft-long plots on 30-inch centers. Foliar treatments were applied on July 14 (bud stage), July 21 (pin stage) and July 28 (one week from harvest) with a CO<sub>2</sub> pressurized wheel-barrow sprayer delivering 26 gpa @ 40 psi. Snap beans were harvested on August 2 from a 6 ft row section and all the beans were evaluated for corn borer and corn earworm injury. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's means separation test (P=0.05).

Corn earworm pressure was extremely light. No phytotoxicity was observed.

| Treatment             | Rate/Acre        | Mean % Corn Earworm Damaged Beans <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Avaunt 30WG           | 3.5 oz           | 0.38abc  |
| Avaunt 30WG           | 6 oz             | 0.35bc   |
| Radiant 1 SC          | 6 oz             | 1.58ab   |
| Intrepid 2F           | 10 oz            | 1.56ab   |
| Synapse 24WG + LI-700 | 3 oz + 0.25% v/v | 1.63a  |
| Coragen 1.67 SC       | 5.0 oz/A         | 1.12abc  |
| Warrior II            | 1.92 oz/A        | 0.12c  |
| Untreated             | --               | 0.32bc   |

<sup>1</sup> Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's; P=0.05).

**Evaluation of Soybean Seed Treatments, 2010:** ‘NKS43-N6’ soybeans were planted on May 10 at the University of Delaware’s Research and Extension Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots 30 ft wide x 46 ft long were planted on 15 inch centers. Each treatment was replicated four times and arranged in a RCB design. Manure was broadcast across the entire plot and a two-inch band of bone and meat meal was placed over 6 rows at planting at a rate of 320 grams per 20 foot of row to increase adult seed corn maggot fly egg laying. Stand counts were taken for four weeks starting at plant emergence. Insect counts were taken on a weekly basis from plant emergence through early pod set. Insect data collected included seed corn maggot; bean leaf beetle damaged plants per 3 ft of row; number of potato leafhoppers, grasshoppers and bean leaf beetles per sweep; and number of thrips per leaf. Yield data was taken in all plots at physiological maturity on November 10.

Overall, insect pressure was low and no significant yield difference was observed between the untreated control and the seed treatments.

**Table 1. Stand Counts and Yield**

| Treatment  | Rate/100 lb seed  | Yield BU/A Nov 10 | Stand Count per 3 ft/row <sup>1</sup> |        |        |         |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
|  |   |                   | May 19                                | May 27 | June 4 | June 15 |
| Untreated  | ----  | 58.20a            | 5.58ab                                | 10.50a | 13.67a | 11.25a  |
| Maxim 4FS +<br>Apron XL<br>Cruiser 5FS                           | 0.80 fl oz +<br>0.64 fl oz +<br>1.28 oz                   | 58.13a            | 5.00ab                                | 14.25a | 15.42a | 13.03a  |
| Trilex 2SC+<br>Allegiance-FL +<br>Yield Shield +<br>Gaucho 600FS | 0.32 fl oz +<br>0.75 fl oz +<br>1.0 fl oz +<br>1.60 fl oz | 59.67a            | 8.58a                                 | 13.50a | 14.92a | 9.75a   |
| Rancona<br>XXTRA +<br>V-10209 +<br>Nipsit                        | 3.5 fl oz +<br><br>0.55 fl +<br>1.28 fl oz                | 61.87a            | 3.00b                                 | 14.50a | 13.25a | 11.75a  |

<sup>1</sup> Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey’s, P=0.05).

**Table 2. Seed Corn Maggot (SCM) Counts**

| Treatment  | Rate/100 lb seed  | SCM Damaged Seeds per 3 ft<br>May 19 <sup>1</sup> | % SCM Infested Seeds <sup>1</sup> |        |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--------|
|  |   |   | May 19                            | May 27 |
| Untreated  | ----  | 0.00a   | 0.75a                             | 0.20a  |
| Maxim 4FS +<br>Apron XL +<br>Cruiser 5FS                         | 0.80 fl oz +<br>0.64 fl oz+<br>1.28 oz                    | 0.50a   | 0.00a                             | 0.04a  |
| Trilex 2SC+<br>Allegience-FL +<br>Yield Shield +<br>Gaucho 600FS | 0.32 fl oz +<br>0.75 fl oz +<br>1.0 fl oz +<br>1.60 fl oz | 0.08a   | 0.00a                             | 0.05a  |
| Rancona XXTRA +<br>V-10209 +<br>Nipsit                           | 3.5 fl oz+<br>0.55 fl +<br>1.28 fl oz                     | 0.17a   | 0.00a                             | 0.04a  |

<sup>1</sup> Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's, P=0.05).

**Table 3. Bean Leaf Beetle Counts**

| Treatment  | Rate/100 lb<br>seed                                       | Bean Leaf Beetle Damaged Plants per 3 ft of row <sup>1</sup> |        |         |         |
|--|---|--|--------|---------|---------|
|  |   | June 4   | June 8 | June 15 | June 22 |
| Untreated  | ----  | 8.67a  | 9.67a  | 4.83ab  | 0.50a   |
| Maxim 4FS +<br>Apron XL+<br>Cruiser 5FS                          | 0.80 fl oz +<br>0.64 fl oz+<br>1.28 oz                    | 4.75a  | 3.92b  | 3.83b   | 1.50a   |
| Trilex 2SC+<br>Allegience-FL +<br>Yield Shield +<br>Gaucho 600FS | 0.32 fl oz +<br>0.75 fl oz +<br>1.0 fl oz +<br>1.60 fl oz | 4.09a  | 7.34ab | 4.50ab  | 1.50a   |
| Rancona<br>XXTRA +<br>V-10209 +<br>Nipsit                        | 3.5 fl oz+<br><br>0.55 fl +<br>1.28 fl oz                 | 4.08a  | 5.58ab | 6.00a   | 2.50a   |

<sup>1</sup> Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's, P=0.05).

**Table 4. Thrips Counts**

| Treatment  | Rate/100 lb seed  | Number of Thrips per 20 leaflets <sup>1</sup> |         |         |         |        |
|--|---|---|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|  |   | June 8  | June 15 | June 22 | June 28 | July 6 |
| Untreated  | ----  | 18.50a  | 14.50a  | 7.75a   | 6.00a   | 3.75a  |
| Maxim 4FS +<br>Apron XL+<br>Cruiser 5FS                          | 0.80 fl oz +<br>0.64 fl oz+<br>1.28 oz                    | 1.75b   | 6.25a   | 8.00a   | 5.00ab  | 3.75a  |
| Trilex 2SC+<br>Allegiance-FL +<br>Yield Shield +<br>Gaucho 600FS | 0.32 fl oz +<br>0.75 fl oz +<br>1.0 fl oz +<br>1.60 fl oz | 2.75b   | 10.00a  | 10.75a  | 2.25b   | 4.50a  |
| Rancona<br>XXTRA +<br>V-10209 +<br>Nipsit                        | 3.5 fl oz+<br><br>0.55 fl +<br>1.28 fl oz                 | 4.50ab  | 11.75a  | 5.75a   | 2.75ab  | 6.75a  |

<sup>1</sup> Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's, P=0.05).

**Table 5. Grasshopper Counts**

| Treatment  | Rate/100 lb seed  | Number of Grasshoppers per 20 Sweeps <sup>1</sup> |         |         |        |
|--|---|---|---------|---------|--------|
|  |   | June 15   | June 22 | June 28 | July 6 |
| Untreated  | ----  | 0.75a   | 0.25a   | 1.75a   | 0.50a  |
| Maxim 4FS +<br>Apron XL+<br>Cruiser 5FS                          | 0.80 fl oz +<br>0.64 fl oz+<br>1.28 oz                    | 0.75a   | 0.25a   | 0.75a   | 0.50a  |
| Trilex 2SC+<br>Allegiance-FL +<br>Yield Shield +<br>Gaucho 600FS | 0.32 fl oz +<br>0.75 fl oz +<br>1.0 fl oz +<br>1.60 fl oz | 0.75a   | 1.25a   | 1.75a   | 1.00a  |
| Rancona<br>XXTRA +<br>V-10209 +<br>Nipsit                        | 3.5 fl oz+<br><br>0.55 fl +<br>1.28 fl oz                 | 0.50a   | 0.50a   | 1.00a   | 1.50a  |

<sup>1</sup> Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's, P=0.05).

**Late-Season Evaluation of Foliar Insecticides for Control of Lepidopterans on Sweet Corn, 2010:** 'Xtra Tender 372A' sweet corn was planted on July 1 at the University of Delaware Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, Delaware. Plots were 25 ft long and two rows wide, planted on 30 inch centers. Each treatment was replicated 4 times and arranged in a RCB design. Silk sprays began at ear shank emergence. The purpose of the trial was to compare materials applied on a standard (3-4 day) schedule to newly labeled materials (Coragen and Voliam xpress) applied on a reduced spray schedule as indicated in the table below. All applications were made using a CO2 pressurized back pack sprayer and a two nozzle boom equipped with D2 hollow cone nozzles delivering 42 gpa at 42 psi. At harvest (Aug 23), 30 ears from each plot were husked and evaluated for damage as percent clean ears ( fresh market) and percent clean plus tip damaged ears (less than 1.0 inches from the tip- processing ears). The total number of live larvae of each species were identified and counted. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's mean separation test (P=0.05).

Corn earworm pressure was high. All treatments sprayed on a standard spray schedule (3-4 day), resulted in a higher percentage of clean ears compared to the untreated check, except the Proclaim treatment. All treatments resulted in a higher percentage of processing ears compared to the untreated check except the Proclaim treatment. Voliam xpress alternated with Warrior II, Belt + Baythroid alternated with Lannate + Baythroid, and the Lannate plus Warrior treatments on a 3-4 day schedule provided the best corn earworm control. Overall, the use of the reduced spray was not effective under the 2010 season conditions.

| Trt # | Treatment  | Application Date                                | Rate/A   |
|-------|--|---|--|
| 1     | A,C,E - Voliam Xpress<br>B,D, – Warrior II   | A - 8/6, B –8/10, C –8/13<br>D – 8/17, E – 8/20 | Voliam Xpress - 8 oz<br>Warrior II - 1.92 oz   |
| 2     | A,C,E - Voliam Xpress<br>D – Warrior II+Lannate LV                                   | A - 8/6, C –8/13<br>D – 8/17, E – 8/20          | Voliam Xpress - 9 oz<br>Warrior II - 1.92 oz + Lannate LV –<br>24 oz                                       |
| 3     | A,C,E - Voliam Xpress  | A - 8/6, C –8/13, E – 8/20                      | Voliam Xpress - 9 oz   |
| 4     | A, -Lannate LV + Asana XL<br>B,D -Coragen 1.67 SC                                    | A - 8/6, B –8/10, D – 8/17,                     | Lannate LV - 24 oz +<br>Asana XL - 9.6 oz<br>Coragen 1.67SC – 3.5 oz                                       |
| 5     | A,B,C,D,E – Proclaim 5SG   | A - 8/6, B –8/10, C –8/13<br>D – 8/17, E – 8/20 | 4.5 oz   |
| 6     | A,B,C,D,E – Radiant 2SC  | A - 8/6, B –8/10, C –8/13<br>D – 8/17, E – 8/20 | 6 oz   |
| 7     | A,C,E-Belt 480 SC + LI-700<br>B,D,-Baythroid XL                                      | A - 8/6, B –8/10, C –8/13<br>D – 8/17, E – 8/20 | Belt - 3 oz + LI-700 - 0.25% v/v<br>Baythroid XL - 2.8 oz  |
| 8     | A,B,D,E -Belt 480 SC + LI-700 +<br>Baythroid XL<br><br>C - -Lannate LV +Baythroid XL | A - 8/6, B –8/10, C –8/13<br>D – 8/17, E – 8/20 | Belt -3 oz + LI-700 - 0.25% v/v +<br>Baythroid XL 2.8 oz<br><br>LannateLV -24 oz +<br>Baythroid XL -2.8 oz |
| 9     | A,B,C,D,E - Lannate LV + Warrior II  | A - 8/6, B –8/10, C –8/13<br>D – 8/17, E – 8/20 | Lannate LV -24 oz +<br>Warrior II 1.92 oz  |
| 10    | Untreated  | -----   | -----  |

|  | % Clean Ears<br>(Fresh Market) | % Clean + Tip<br>Damaged Ears | Percent Damaged Ears |     |             |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----|-------------|
|  |                                |                               | CEW                  | FAW | Sap Beetles |



| Trt # |         | (Processing) |         |        |       |
|-------|---------|--------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 1     | 61.67a  | 81.67ab      | 38.34c  | 0.00b  | 0.83a |
| 2     | 18.33bc | 40.84d       | 79.17b  | 0.00b  | 2.50a |
| 3     | 15.00bc | 43.33d       | 82.50ab | 0.00b  | 1.67a |
| 4     | 19.17bc | 47.50cd      | 80.84ab | 0.00b  | 0.00a |
| 5     | 0.00c   | 4.14e        | 100.00a | 0.00b  | 0.00a |
| 6     | 21.67b  | 45.00d       | 77.50b  | 0.00b  | 0.83a |
| 7     | 33.33b  | 65.84bc      | 65.84b  | 0.00b  | 0.83a |
| 8     | 78.33a  | 90.00a       | 18.34c  | 0.00b  | 1.67a |
| 9     | 71.67a  | 85.83a       | 27.50c  | 0.00b  | 0.83a |
| 10    | 0.00c   | 0.00e        | 100.00a | 12.50a | 0.00a |

Means in the same columns followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's; P=0.05).

**Mid-Season Evaluation of Foliar Insecticides for Control of Lepidopterans on Sweet Corn, 2010:** 'Xtra Tender 372A' sweet corn was planted on June 8 at the University of Delaware Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, Delaware. Plots were 25 ft long and two rows wide, planted on 30 inch centers. Each treatment was replicated 4 times and arranged in a RCB design. Silk sprays began at ear shank emergence. The purpose of the trial was to compare material applied on a standard (3-4 day) schedule to newly labeled materials (Coragen and Voliam xpress) applied on a reduced spray schedule as indicated in the table below. All applications were made using a CO<sub>2</sub> pressurized back pack sprayer and a two nozzle boom equipped with D2 hollow cone nozzles delivering 42 gpa at 42 psi. At harvest (Aug 5), all the ears from each plot were husked and evaluated for damage as percent clean ears (fresh market) and percent clean plus tip damaged ears (less than 1.0 inches from the tip- processing ears). The total number of live larvae of each species were identified and counted. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's mean separation test (P=0.05).

Corn earworm and sap beetle pressure was high. All treatments provided a higher percentage of fresh market and processing ears compared to the untreated check. The reduced spray schedule using Coragen alternated with Lannate plus Asana, and the standard schedule of Proclaim resulted in the poorest corn earworm and sap beetle control.

| Trt # | Treatment  | Application Date  | Rate/A  |
|-------|--|---|---|
| 1     | A,C,E - Voliam Xpress<br>B,D,F – Warrior II                                      | A - 7/15, B – 7/19, C – 7/22<br>D – 7/26, E – 7/29, F – 8/2 | Voliam Xpress - 8 oz<br>Warrior II - 1.92 oz  |
| 2     | A,C,E - Voliam Xpress<br>D,F – Warrior II + Lannate LV                           | A - 7/15, C – 7/22, D – 7/26<br>E – 7/29, F – 8/2           | Voliam Xpress - 9 oz<br>Warrior II - 1.92 oz + Lannate LV – 24 oz                                       |
| 3     | A,C,E - Voliam Xpress<br>F – Warrior II +Lannate LV                              | A - 7/15, C – 7/22, E – 7/29<br>F – 8/2                     | Voliam Xpress - 9 oz<br>Warrior II - 1.92 oz + Lannate LV – 24 oz                                       |
| 4     | A, F -Lannate LV + Asana XL<br><br>B, D -Coragen 1.67 SC                         | A - 7/15, B – 7/19, D – 7/26<br>F – 8/2                     | Lannate LV - 24 oz +<br>Asana XL - 9.6 oz<br>Coragen 1.67 SC - 3.5 oz                                   |
| 5     | A,B,C,D,E,F – Proclaim 5SG   | A - 7/15, B – 7/19, C – 7/22<br>D – 7/26, E – 7/29, F – 8/2 | 4.5 oz  |
| 6     | A,B,C,D,E,F – Radiant 2SC  | A - 7/15, B – 7/19, C – 7/22<br>D – 7/26, E – 7/29, F – 8/2 | 6 oz  |
| 7     | A,C,E-Belt 480 SC + NIS<br>B,D,F-Baythroid XL                                    | A - 7/15, B – 7/19, C – 7/22<br>D – 7/26, E – 7/29, F – 8/2 | Belt - 3 oz + NIS 0.25% v/v<br>Baythroid XL - 2.8 oz  |
| 8     | A,B,D,E -Belt 480 SC + NIS +<br>Baythroid XL<br><br>C,F-Lannate LV +Baythroid XL | A - 7/15, B – 7/19, C – 7/22<br>D – 7/26, E – 7/29, F – 8/2 | Belt -3 oz + NIS - 0.25% v/v + Baythroid XL<br>2.8 oz<br><br>LannateLV -24 oz +<br>Baythroid XL -2.8 oz |
| 9     | A,B.C.D.E.F - Lannate LV + Warrior II  | A - 7/15, B – 7/19, C – 7/22<br>D – 7/26, E – 7/29, F – 8/2 | Lannate LV -24 oz +<br>Warrior II 1.92 oz   |
| 10    | Untreated  | -----   | -----   |

| Trt # | % Clean Ears<br>(Fresh Market) | % Clean + Tip<br>Damaged Ears<br>(Processing) | Percent Damaged Ears |       |             |
|-------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------|-------------|
|       |                                |   | CEW                  | FAW   | Sap Beetles |
| 1     | 83.85ab                        | 95.79a  | 2.45c                | 0.00b | 13.98bc     |

|    |         |          |        |        |          |
|----|---------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| 2  | 90.45a  | 93.80a   | 6.18bc | 0.00b  | 3.82c    |
| 3  | 81.49ab | 94.41a   | 6.74bc | 0.00b  | 12.25bc  |
| 4  | 49.19cd | 63.20c   | 18.70b | 0.00b  | 31.68ab  |
| 5  | 36.40d  | 69.91bc  | 21.33b | 0.00b  | 41.07a   |
| 6  | 67.40bc | 81.87abc | 7.23bc | 0.00b  | 25.37abc |
| 7  | 72.17ab | 86.07ab  | 8.84bc | 0.00b  | 18.99abc |
| 8  | 92.08a  | 96.65a   | 2.07c  | 0.00b  | 5.85bc   |
| 9  | 94.39a  | 98.68a   | 2.20c  | 0.00b  | 2.96c    |
| 10 | 4.04e   | 4.04d    | 53.14a | 16.73a | 26.35abc |

Means in the same columns followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's; P=0.05).

**Two Spotted Spider Mite Management in Lima Beans - 2010:** ' Cypress ' lima beans were planted on June 2 at the University of Delaware Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots consisted of four 25 ft-long rows on 30-inch centers. Each treatment was replicated four times and arranged in a RCB design. Foliar treatments were applied as a broadcast spray on July 14 with a CO<sub>2</sub> pressurized wheel barrow sprayer delivering 24 gpa at 32 psi. Mite populations were evaluated on a weekly basis from June 26 through Aug 12 by examining 20 leaflets per plot for the presence of spider mites. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey's mean separation test (P=0.05).

Spider mite population pressure was low, even after inoculating plots with mites. All treatments appeared to provide numerically better spider mite control 5 days after treatment compared to the untreated check. No phytotoxicity was observed.

Table 1. Spider Mite Counts on Leaves

| Treatment       | Rate/A  | Mean Number Mites per 20 leaflets |                          |                  |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|                 |         | July 6<br>Pre-Treatment           | July 12<br>Pre-Treatment | July 19<br>5 DAT |
| Oberon 2SC      | 8 oz    | 11.50a                            | 24.50a                   | 1.00a            |
| Oberon 2SC      | 12 oz   | 4.50a                             | 14.25a                   | 0.25a            |
| Brigade 2EC     | 6 oz    | 8.75a                             | 35.00a                   | 3.75a            |
| Hero EC         | 10 oz   | 2.50a                             | 37.00a                   | 0.50a            |
| Zeal WSP        | 2 oz    | 5.75a                             | 34.00a                   | 5.25a            |
| Agri-Mek 0.15EC | 16 oz/A | 11.25a                            | 27.75a                   | 3.50a            |
| Untreated       | --      | 5.75a                             | 35.00a                   | 14.00a           |

Means within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (Tukey's mean separation test; P=0.05).

**Cucumber Beetle Management in Watermelons with At-Planting Insecticides, 2010:** ‘Sangria’ watermelon plants were transplanted on May 27 at the University of Delaware’s Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots consisted of two 20 ft-long rows on 7ft centers. Each treatment was replicated four times and arranged in a RCB design. At planting treatments (May 27) were applied as a drench treatment using a CO<sub>2</sub> pressurized back pack sprayer delivering 2 oz of spray solution per plant. The foliar treatment was applied with a CO<sub>2</sub> pressurized back pack sprayer on June 4 (single nozzle broadcast application delivering 30 gpa at 42 psi) and June 18 (four nozzle broadcast application delivering 25 gpa at 32 psi). Cucumber beetle population levels were evaluated by counting the number of live and dead insects per 10 plants and calculating the percentage of infested plants. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey’s mean separation test (P=0.05).

Table 1. Cucumber Beetle – Live Beetles

| Treatment       | Rate/ Acre | Trt Timing/ Dates | Mean Number Live Cucumber Beetles per 10 Plants <sup>1</sup> |        |         |         |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|--|--------|---------|---------|
|                 |            |                   | June 1   | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 |
| Belay 2.13 SC   | 9oz        | Drench May 27     | 0.25a  | 0.50a  | 2.00a   | 0.00a   |
| Belay 2.13 SC   | 12 oz      | Drench May 27     | 0.25a  | 1.00a  | 0.75a   | 0.25a   |
| Admire Pro      | 10.5 oz    | Drench May 27     | 0.00a  | 0.50a  | 1.75a   | 0.25a   |
| Assail 30 SG    | 5.3 oz     | Foliar Jun 4,18   | 4.50a  | 0.00a  | 1.25a   | 0.00a   |
| Untreated Check | --         |                   | 3.00a  | 2.75a  | 3.00a   | 0.50a   |

<sup>1</sup>Means in a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P= 0.05; Tukey’s Test).

Table2. Cucumber Beetle –Dead Beetles

| Treatment       | Rate/ Acre | Trt Timing/ Dates | Mean Number Dead Cucumber Beetles per 10 Plants <sup>1</sup> |        |         |         |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|--|--------|---------|---------|
|                 |            |                   | June 1   | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 |
| Belay 2.13 SC   | 9oz        | Drench May 27     | 0.75a  | 1.00a  | 0.50a   | 0.75a   |
| Belay 2.13 SC   | 12 oz      | Drench May 27     | 2.25a  | 7.50a  | 8.00a   | 6.00a   |
| Admire Pro      | 10.5 oz    | Drench May 27     | 0.50a  | 2.75a  | 1.25a   | 0.50a   |
| Assail 30 SG    | 5.3 oz     | Foliar Jun 4,18   | 0.00a  | 1.25a  | 2.25a   | 0.25a   |
| Untreated Check | --         |                   | 0.00a  | 0.00a  | 0.00a   | 0.00a   |

<sup>1</sup>Means in a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P= 0.05; Tukey's Test).

Table 3 – Percent Cucumber Beetle Infested Plants

| Treatment       | Rate/ Acre | Trt Timing/ Dates | Mean Percent Cucumber Beetles Infested Plants <sup>1</sup> |        |         |         |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|--|--------|---------|---------|
|                 |            |                   | June1  | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 |
| Belay 2.13 SC   | 9oz        | Drench May 27     | 5.00a  | 5.00a  | 15.00a  | 2.50a   |
| Belay 2.13 SC   | 12 oz      | Drench May 27     | 12.50a   | 2.50a  | 30.00a  | 27.50a  |
| Admire Pro      | 10.5 oz    | Drench May 27     | 5.00a  | 10.00a | 17.50a  | 5.00a   |
| Assail 30 SG    | 5.3 oz     | Foliar Jun 4,18   | 30.00a   | 2.50a  | 22.50a  | 2.50a   |
| Untreated Check | --         |                   | 17.50a   | 5.00a  | 17.50a  | 5.00a   |

<sup>1</sup>Means in a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P= 0.05; Tukey's Test).

**Cucumber Beetle Management in Watermelons, 2010:** ‘Sangria’ watermelon plants were transplanted on May 27 at the University of Delaware’s Research and Education Center located near Georgetown, DE. Plots consisted of two 20 ft-long rows on 7ft centers. Each treatment was replicated four times and arranged in a RCB design. Foliar treatments were applied with a CO<sub>2</sub> pressurized back pack sprayer on June 4 (single nozzle broadcast application delivering 30 gpa at 42 psi) and June 18 (four nozzle broadcast application delivering 25 gpa at 32 psi). Cucumber beetle population levels were evaluated by counting the number of live and dead insects per 10 plants and calculating the percentage of infested plants. Data were analyzed using Proc GLM and means were separated by Tukey’s mean separation test (P=0.05).

Table 1. Cucumber Beetle – Live Beetles

| Treatment        | Rate/ Acre | Trt Dates  | Mean Number Live Cucumber Beetles per 10 Plants <sup>1</sup> |                 |                  |                  |                   |
|------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                  |            |            | Pretrt June1   | 3 DAT #1 June 7 | 10 DAT#1 June 14 | 3 DAT #2 June 21 | 10 DAT #2 June 28 |
| Baythroid XL     | 2.8 oz     | June 4, 18 | 1.50a  | 1.25a           | 0.75a            | 0.00a            | 0.75b             |
| Assail 30SG      | 5.3 oz     | June 4, 18 | 3.75a  | 0.00a           | 1.00a            | 0.00a            | 1.00b             |
| Voliam Flexi WDG | 7 oz       | June 4, 18 | 7.25a  | 1.00a           | 2.75a            | 0.00a            | 1.75ab            |
| Belay 2.13SC     | 4 oz       | June 4, 18 | 8.00a  | 0.25a           | 3.50a            | 0.50a            | 3.50a             |
| Untreated Check  | --         |            | 1.75a  | 10.25a          | 2.50a            | 0.25a            | 0.75b             |

<sup>1</sup> Means in a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P= 0.05; Tukey’s Test).

Table2. Cucumber Beetle –Dead Beetles

| Treatment        | Rate/ Acre | Trt Dates  | Mean Number Dead Cucumber Beetles per 10 Plants <sup>1</sup> |                  |                  |                   |
|------------------|------------|------------|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                  |            |            | 3 DAT #1 June 7  | 10 DAT#1 June 14 | 3 DAT #2 June 21 | 10 DAT #2 June 28 |
| Baythroid XL     | 2.8 oz     | June 4, 18 | 0.50a  | 0.00a            | 0.00a            | 2.00a             |
| Assail 30SG      | 5.3 oz     | June 4, 18 | 0.75a  | 0.50a            | 0.25a            | 0.00a             |
| Voliam Flexi WDG | 7 oz       | June 4, 18 | 2.50a  | 0.50a            | 0.75a            | 0.00a             |
| Belay 2.13SC     | 4 oz       | June 4, 18 | 0.75a  | 0.00a            | 2.00a            | 0.75a             |
| Untreated Check  | --         |            | 0.00a  | 0.00a            | 0.50a            | 0.25a             |

<sup>1</sup> Means in a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P= 0.05; Tukey’s Test).



Table 3 – Percent Cucumber Beetle Infested Plants

| Treatment          | Rate/ Acre | Trt Dates     | Mean Percent Cucumber Beetles Infested Plants <sup>1</sup> |                     |                     |                      |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                    |            |               | 3 DAT #1<br>June 7   | 10 DAT#1<br>June 14 | 3 DAT #2<br>June 21 | 10 DAT #2<br>June 28 |
| Baythroid XL       | 2.8 oz     | June 4,<br>18 | 10.00a   | 5.00a               | 0.00b               | 17.50a               |
| Assail 30SG        | 5.3 oz     | June 4,<br>18 | 7.50a  | 15.00a              | 2.50ab              | 10.00a               |
| Voliam<br>FlexiWDG | 7 oz       | June 4,<br>18 | 17.50a   | 15.00a              | 2.50ab              | 17.50a               |
| Belay 2.13SC       | 4 oz       | June 4,<br>18 | 10.00a   | 22.50a              | 15.00a              | 25.00a               |
| Untreated Check    | --         |               | 47.50a   | 17.50a              | 5.00ab              | 10.00a               |

<sup>1</sup> Means in a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P= 0.05; Tukey's Test).