

# Management of Key Vineyard Pests

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# Michigan Fruit Management Guide

# 2016



# Management of Key Vineyard Pests

- Insect pest life cycles, damage, recommended management
- Disease life cycles, damage, recommended management



# Verbage

- Residual
- Contact material
- Ingestion material
- Systemic material
- Scouting
- Cultural control
- Primary Inoculum
- Secondary Inoculum



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- Mealybug
- Phylloxera





# Classes of Insecticides

- “Reduced-risk”
  - longer residual
  - ingestion poisons
  - specific
- “Broad-Spectrum”
  - =“Conventional”
  - shorter residual
  - contact poisons
  - kill everything



# Classes of Insecticides

- “Reduced-risk”
  - Delegate, SpinTor, Entrust
  - Intrepid
  - Altacor, Belt
  - Dipel (B.T.)
  - Agri-Mek
  - Oberon, Movento
- Broad-spectrum
  - Lorsban, Imidan
  - Danitol, Mustang Max, etc.
  - Lannate, Sevin
- In Between
  - Neonicotinoids

# What is “reduced risk?”

- “Risk” refers to...
  - Applicator, consumer, and neighbor health risks
  - Non-target critters
    - Bees
    - Predatory insects
    - Predatory mites
    - Parasitoids
- Official “Reduced Risk” EPA designation for some materials.
- Often, these are *ingestion poisons* rather than *contact poisons*.
  - *More thorough coverage needed,*
  - *More precise timing needed*



# Bud Feeders

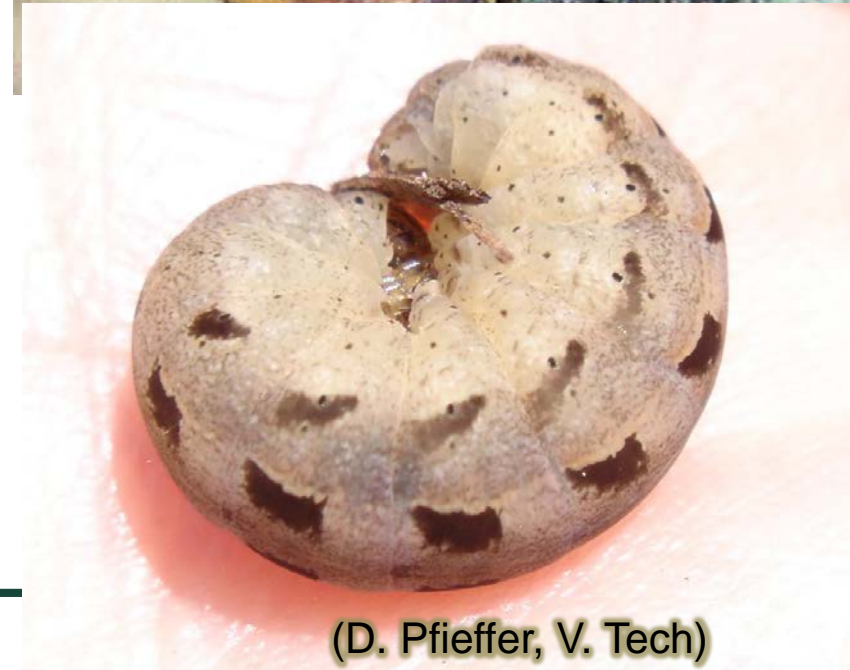
- Feeds from bud swell to 2-5 inch shoots
- Scouting: brown/black, hollowed out buds.
- Can result in serious damage!



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# Bud Feeders

- Flea beetle on clay soils
- Cutworm on sandy soils
- Cultural control:
  - Leave extra buds
    - (+ frost protection)
  - Clean understory
  - >4% buds: poison



(D. Pfeiffer, V. Tech)

# Cultural control: Sanitation



No place for flea beetle to emerge from!

# Insecticides for Bud Feeders

## • Flea Beetle

- Pyrethroids

- Gladiator
- Brigade
- Brigadier
- Danitol
- Hero
- Baythroid
- Mustang Max

- **Sevin**



## Climbing Cutworm

Excellent control

Pyrethroids: Gladiator, Brigade, Danitol, Hero, Baythroid, Mustang Max

**Lorsban**

Good control

**Oberon\***

**Delegate\***

**Altacor\***



- # The
- ## Leafhoppers
- do not overwinter in Michigan
  - Adults come in on storm fronts from the Gulf in May or June
  - Summer leaf feeding





# Leafhopper damage

- During an infestation:
  - clouds of them jump up from the grass when disturbed.
- Leaf damage: stippling on leaf surface, to yellow or rust colored.



# Insecticides for *Leafhoppers*

- Excellent Control
  - Belay, Scorpion\*, Venom, Leverage, Agriflex
  - Baythroid
- Good Control
  - Lannate, Sevin
  - Brigade, Danitol, Mustang Max
  - Gladi<sup>a</sup>tor
- Soil-applied, 6-12" shoot:
  - Admire Pro\*
  - Platinum
  - Venom
- Note: generally a nuisance pest when present, sprays seldom needed.



# Japanese Beetle

- Grubs underground in sod, pasture, turf environments
- Adults emerge Jun/Jul, migrate into vineyards
- Traps: NOT RECOMMENDED



# Insecticides for Japanese Beetle

- Good Control:
  - Altacor\*
  - Avaunt\*
  - Neonicotinoids: Provado\*, Actara\*, Assail\*, Belay
  - Pyrethroids: Brigade, Danitol, Baythroid, Mustang Max, Hero
  - Imidan
  - Sevin
- *Excellent Control:*
  - Scorpion\* (Neonic)
- JB tend to clump in small areas, usually spot-spraying is what's needed.



# A note on leaf-feeders...

- Looks ugly?
  - May be harming yield, quality, growth, or hardiness
  - But not always!
- Leafhoppers: Mild damage -> no impact on fruit quality...
- JB 15% leaf loss or more



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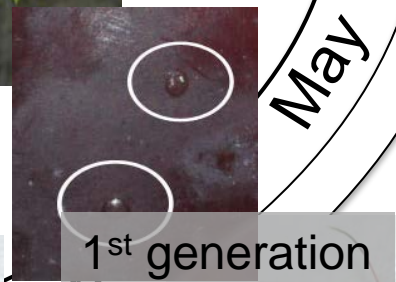
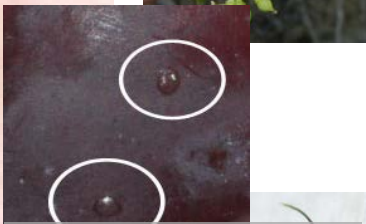
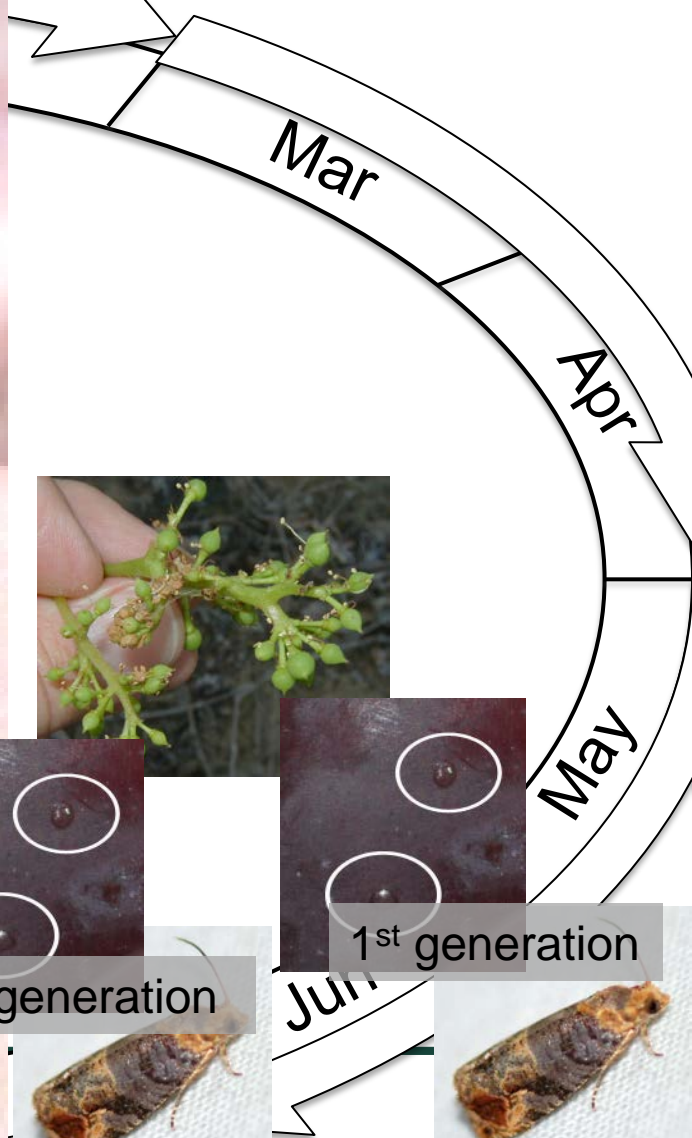




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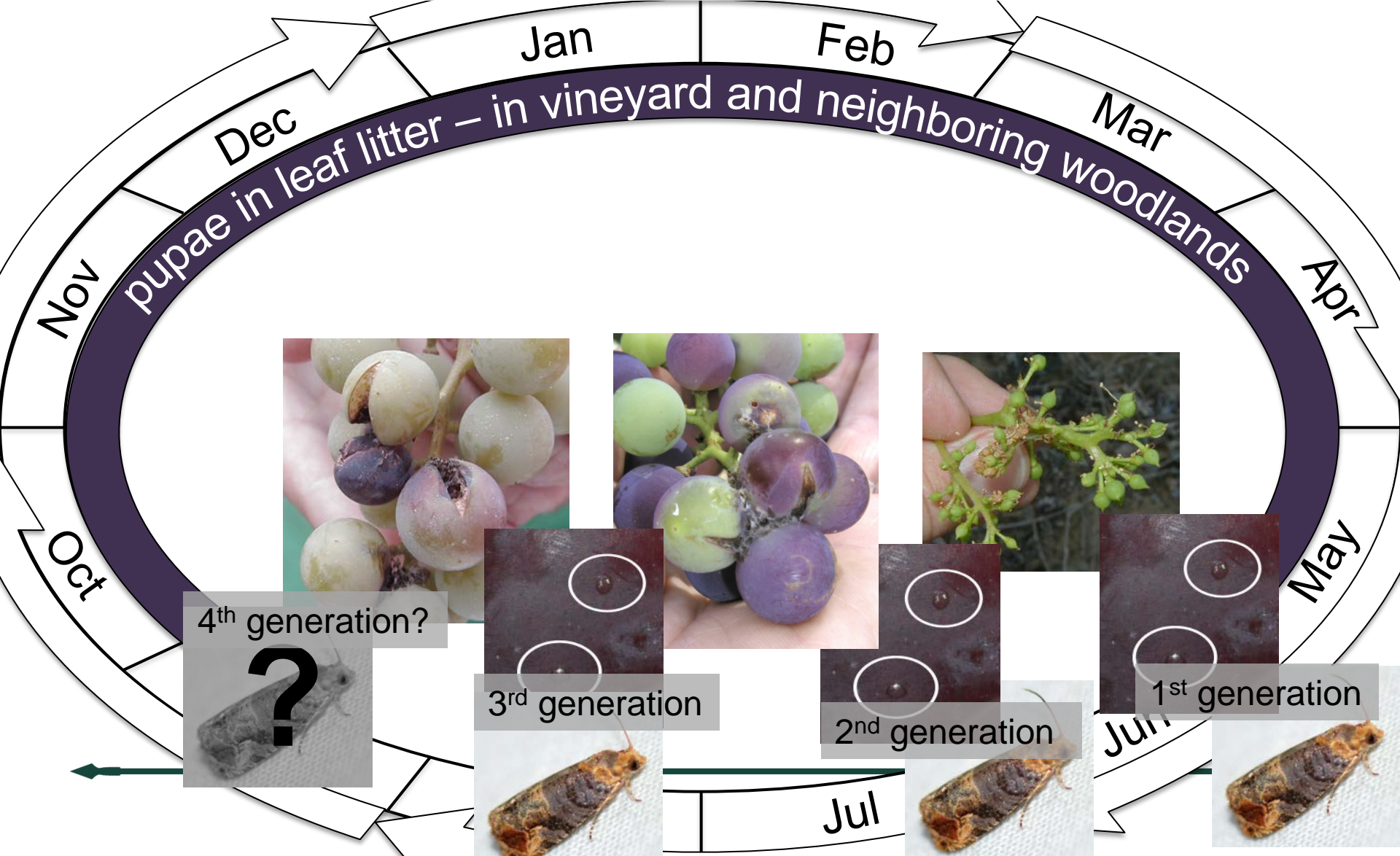
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# Grape Berry Moth



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3<sup>rd</sup> generation



2<sup>nd</sup> generation

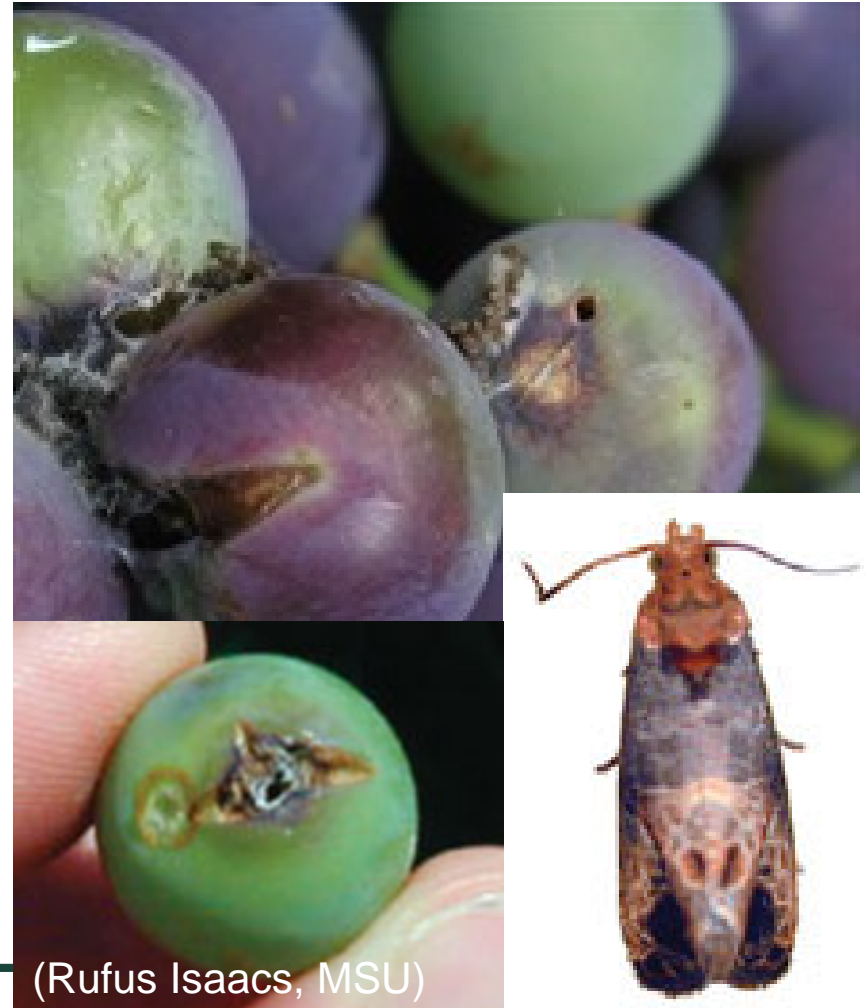


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# Grape Berry Moth

- Scouting
  - flat, white eggs on clusters
  - characteristic wounds and webbing in clusters
  - infested red grapes will get color early in the season
- Infestation worse on borders



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# Grape Berry Moth

- Sprays: timing and location of sprays are everything.



(Rufus Isaacs, MSU)



# Grape Berry Moth: Many poisons that work well...

## Excellent Control:

- Intrepid\*
- Altacor\* and Belt\*
- Imidan
- Sevin
- Danitol, Hero, Gladiator

## Good Control:

- BT toxin\*
- Entrust\*
- Avaunt\*
- Neonics: Belay, Scorpion\*, Venom
- Oberon\*
- Spinosyns: Delegate,\* SpinTor\*
- Lannate
- Pyrethroids: Mustang Max, Leverage, Baythroid, Brigade

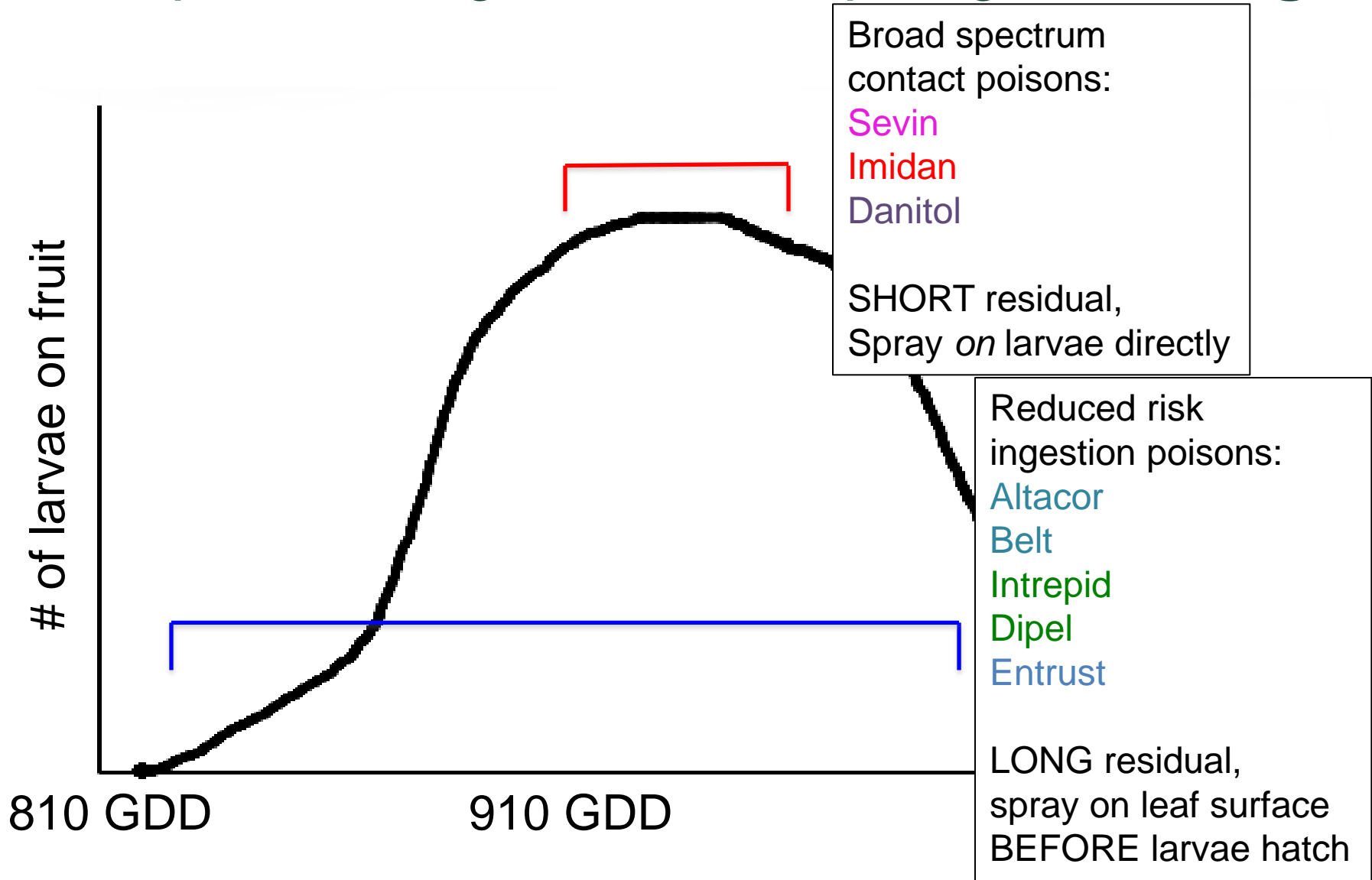


# Grape Berry Moth: Spray Timing

- Why is timing so important?



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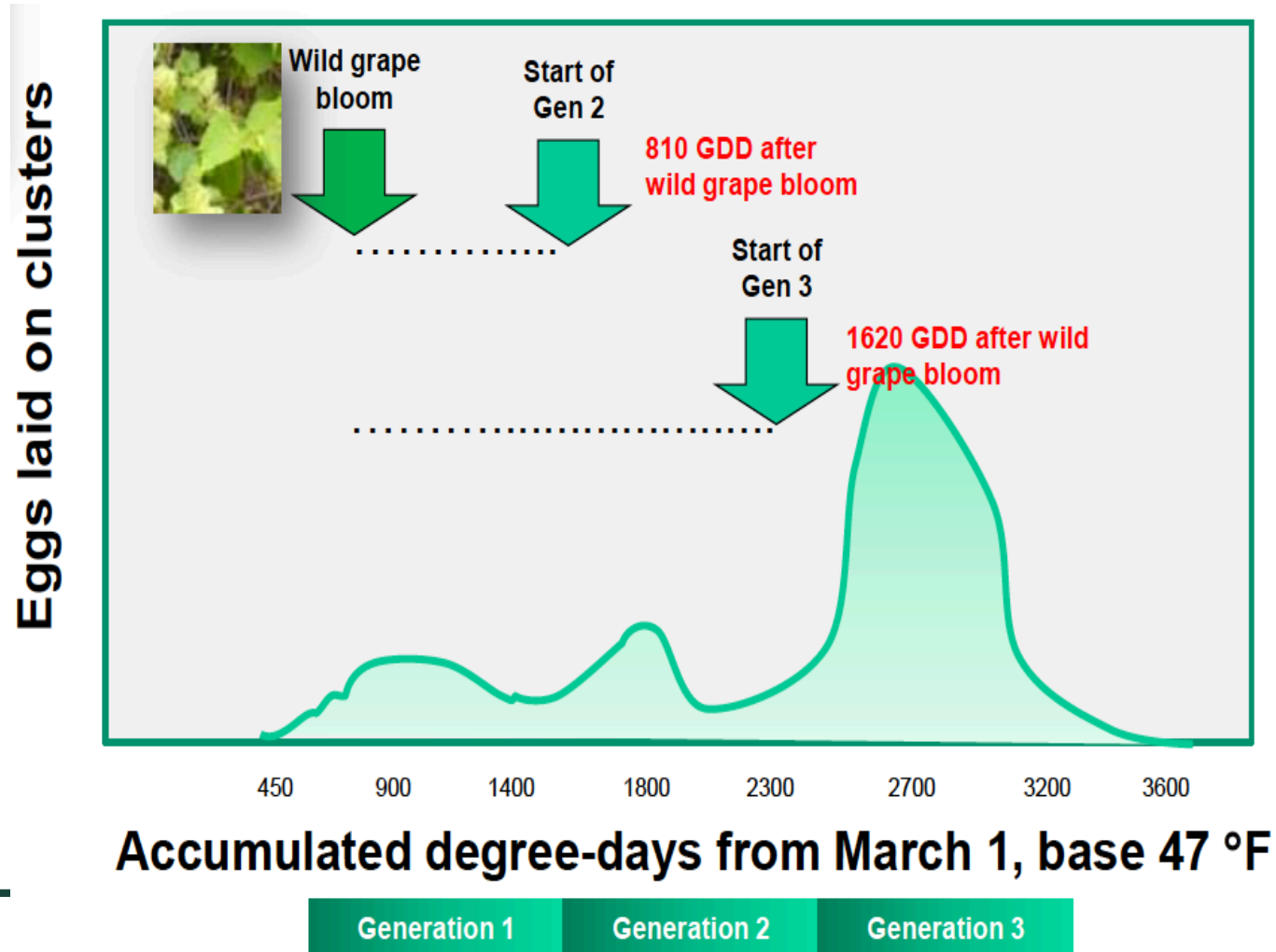
# What is a “Growing Degree Day?”





# Grape Berry Moth: Spray Timing

- That's why we suggest Growing Degree Day model.



# How can I track berry moth degree days?

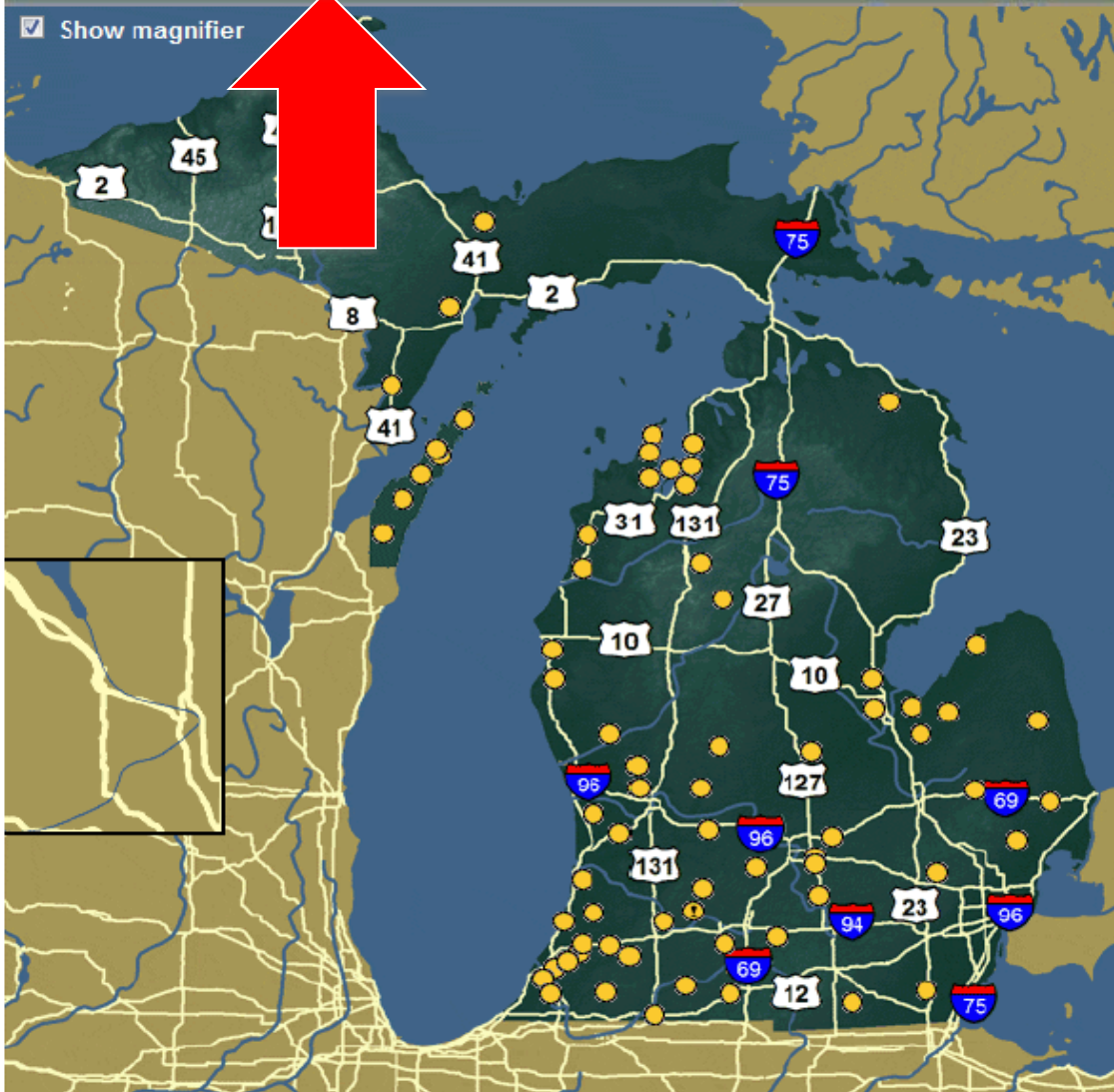
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We estimated 810 GDD around **July 2<sup>nd</sup>**.  
910 GDD **July 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Spray **Belt, Altacor, Delegate**, or **Intrepid** as close to July 2<sup>nd</sup> (810 GDD) as possible!
- Spray **Sevin, Imidan, Danitol** (or other **Pyrethroids**) at July 6 or 7 (910 GDD).





# Grape Berry Moth: Points to Remember

1. Scout vineyards to determine the level and distribution of GBM.  
Focus in regions with higher pressure (near woodlots)
2. If cluster protection needed, time sprays to **prevent larval entry**.
3. Sprayers must get excellent **cluster** coverage.  
pruning to keep canopy open  
increase water volume through season  
spray every row
4. Select insecticides based on:  
activity spectrum  
residual control  
resistance management
5. Beware of late-season pest pressure starting at veraison.

*Critical for any insecticide,  
essential for many  
new insecticides*

# A note on spray equipment...

- Good coverage matters for:
  - reduced-risk insecticide applications
  - consistent disease control – reduce # of sprays needed
- Early season: not much foliage, kick it up a notch and skip rows.
- As canopy fills in:
  - Slow down
  - Spray every row



# Grape Mealybug and Leafroll virus

- In vinifera winegrapes
- Numerous infestations detected 2014 in Michigan
- Vector the grape leafroll virus
- Virus causing vine decline in some vineyards





- Grape leafroll virus
  - White varieties: leaf curl
  - Red varieties: leaf curl plus early senescence



# Grape Mealybug and Leafroll virus

- Prevent spread of virus:
  - Chemical option for mealybug
  - [Movento](#)
  - Source new vines from virus-tested suppliers



# Grape Mealybug and Leafroll Virus

- Prevent spread of *mealybug*:
  - moves on machinery, harvested grapes, people
  - SW Michigan wineries, growers doing custom harvest, etc:  
*practice sanitation*



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# Disease Management

- Powdery Mildew
- Downy Mildew
- Black Rot
- Phomopsis
- Anthracnose
- Botrytis



# Types of Fungicides

- **Protectants**

- On surface of plant - kill fungal spores as they germinate, therefore:
  - *Preventative only*
- Kill by poisoning several sites in fungus, therefore:
  - *Less likely for resistance to develop*

- **Systemics**

- Absorbed into plant and kill fungus as it penetrates the plant.
- Generally a single-mode poison:
  - *resistance more likely*



# Modes of Action

**FRAC code:**  
Fungicide Resistance Action Committee

- Rotate FRAC codes throughout the season!
- Especially with systemic fungicides



# Cultural Control!

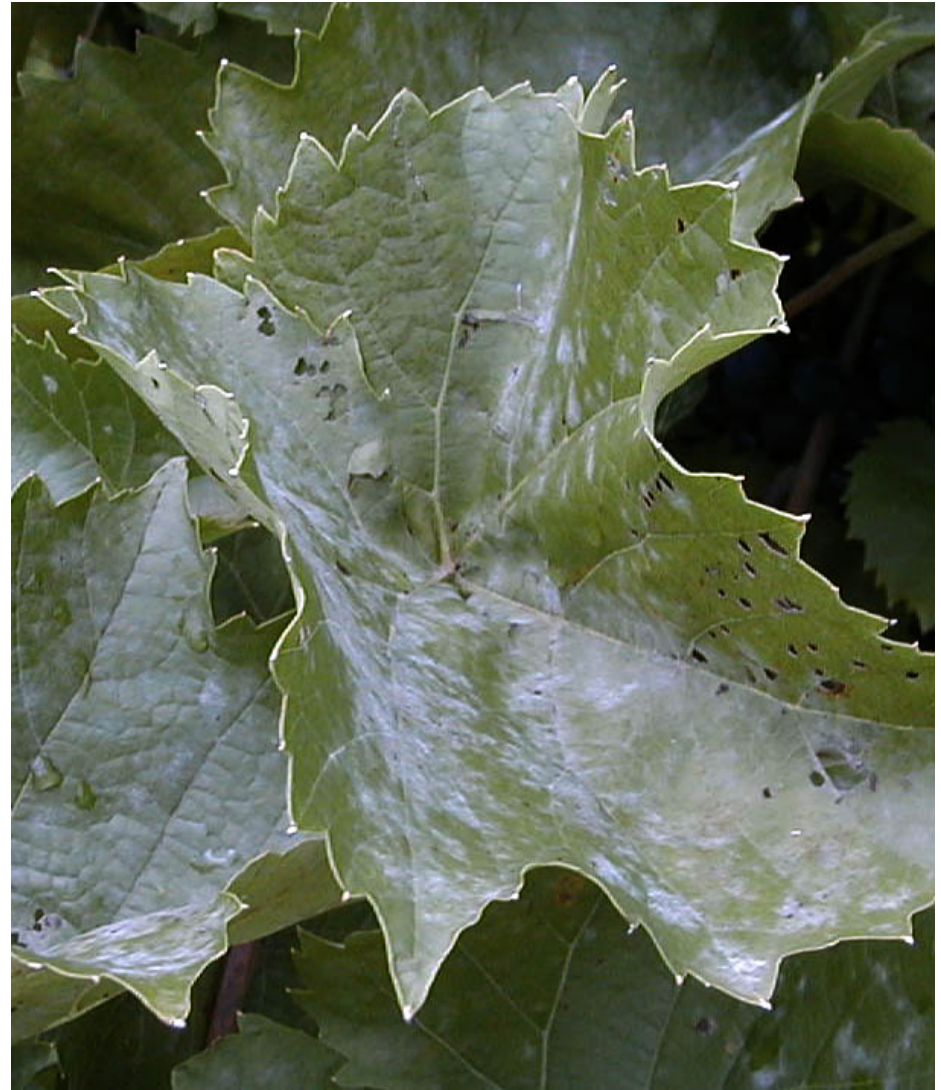
- Air
  - Sunlight
  - On leaves
  - On clusters
  - With pruning!
- Resistant varieties!  
(when marketing permits)
  - See Fruit Management Guide for big list





# Powdery

- On ~~Mildew~~ **Mildew**
  - Looks like a white powder on the top of the leaf



# Powdery

# Mildew

- On fruit
  - Powdery only at first
  - Eventual



# Powdery Mildew

- Overwinters on bark
- **Primary** spores from **bud break** to **bloom**, 0.1" rain and >50 F
- After initial infection



# Powdery

- Live mildew surface of plant parts, injects haustoria into plant.




# Powdery Mildew

- **Most** susceptible varieties:
  - Most vinifera fall into this category.
  - **Hybrids: Chardonnay, Vidal Blanc, Vignoles**
- **Least** susceptible varieties:
  - Cayuga White, Chambourcin, Corot Noir, Noiret,
  - ← **Traminette,**
  - Marquette** →



Everything else:  
**Moderately susceptible.**

# Powdery

- ~~Most important~~ **Mildew** time to cover *fruit*:
  - Pre-bloom, until
  - 2-4 wks later
    - *depending on var.*
- Cover leaves afterwards:
  - For sugar, esp.

# Powdery

## Mildew

Most effective

materials:

- Endura (7)
- JMS Stylet Oil
- Bayleton
- Elite
- Mettle
- Procure/Viticur  
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- Rally

## Flint

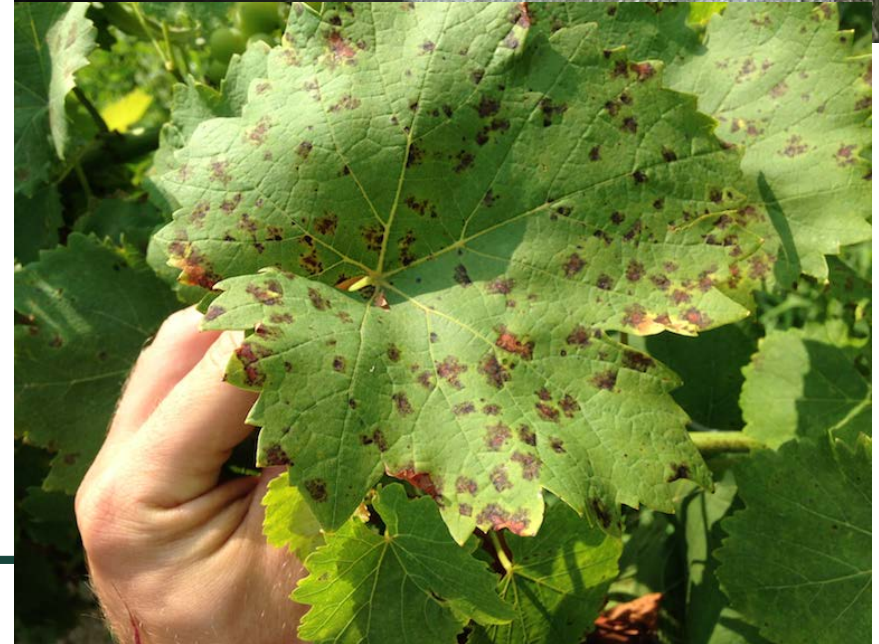
## Sovran

- Pristine (11 & 7)
- Inspire Super (3 & 9)
- Luna Experience (3 & 7)
- Quadris Top (3 & 11)
- \*Quintec (13)
- \*Topsin M (1)
- \*Torino
- \*Vivando
- Revus



# Downy

- On **Mildew** leaves:
  - Orange/brown oil spots on top side
  - White, “downy” areas on underside of leaf







## Downy Mildew

- On fruit:
  - White downy sporulation on berry
- Primary inoculum:
  - Infected leaves on vineyard floor



# Downy Mildew

- Overwinters on leaves / soil surface
- Primary infections:
  - 2-3 weeks before bloom
  - *Rain splash required for infection:*  
saturated soil surface
- Secondary infections:
  - ← warm wet nights →



## How to get downed by downy mildew:

- Scout from truck or tractor or don't scout at all
- Let the disease get established
- Use ineffective materials or at too low a rate
- Grow a humongous canopy
- Poor fungicide coverage



# Downy Mildew

- **Most effective materials:**

Protectants

- Captan (protectant only, M4)
- Manzate, Koverall, etc.
- Copper products (M1)

Systemics

- Abound
- Sovran
- Tanos (11 & 27)
- Pristine (11 & 7)
- Quadris Top (11 & 3)

- Phosphonates

- Agri-Fos
- Aliette
- Phostrol
- Prophyt

- Ridomil products

- Special systemics for downy:

- Zampro (40 & 45)
- Revus (40)
- Revus Top (40 & 3)
- \*Presidio\*


# Black Rot

- On leaves:
  - Light brown, roughly circular spots
  - Ring of fruiting bodies as they mature: ***secondary***



# Black Rot



- On fruit:
  - Starts as small whitish spot
  - Brown spot expands outwards.
  - Berries shrivel to mummies:  
***primary inoculum***
- Also forms  shoot lesions

# Black Rot

- Overwinters in mummy berries on vineyard floor
- Primary spores emerge from 6" shoot until just after bloom
- Berries susceptible from beginning of bloom until 3-5 weeks later



# Black Rot

- **Protectants:**

- Manzate, Koverall, etc.

- **Systemics:**

- Abound
- Flint
- Pristine
- Sovran

- Inspire Super (3 & 9)

- Luna Experience (3 & 7)

- ← - ~~Quadris Top (3 & 11)~~ →

- Revus Top (3 & 10)

- Mild activity:

- Copper

- Phosphonates

- Revus

- Ridomil

- NOT Sulfur



# Phomopsis

- On leaves:
  - Puckered, brown spots usually with yellow surrounding
- On shoots:
  - Lesions:



# Phomopsis



- On fruit:
  - Usually rachis is infected
  - Berries go brown and shrivel



# Phomopsis

- **Protectants:**

- Captan
- Manzate, Koverall, etc.

- **Systemics:**

- Abound
- Flint
- Sovran

Phosphonates:

- Agri-Fos
- Phostrol
- Prophyt
- Gavel

Luna Experience

Pristine



# Sour Rot

- Smells and tastes of vinegar
  - Usually fruit flies present
  - Caused by group of yeasts and fungi vectored by the flies - no single causative agent
- 
- No visible



# Sour Rot

- Risk factors:
  - tight-clustered varieties
  - wet clusters after veraison
  - rainfall
  - thick canopy
  - wounds: birds, insects, powdery mildew



# Sour Rot

- Chemical options:
  - Not a fungus!  
Fungicides won't help
  - Biologicals as protectants: for example, **Serenade**
  - Broad spectrum insecticides when fruit flies appear



# Botrytis Fruit Rot

- On fruit only
- Primary inoculum is *ubiquitous*
- Infection occurs late
- Ants instead of fruit flies.
- Does not smell of vinegar
- Fuzzy



# Botrytis Fruit Rot

- Risk factors:
  - tight-clustered varieties
  - wet clusters after veraison
  - thick canopy
  - wounds: birds, insects, powdery mildew
  - excessive Nitrogen





# Botrytis

- ~~Most susceptible~~ varieties:

- vinifera:

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Seyval Ries

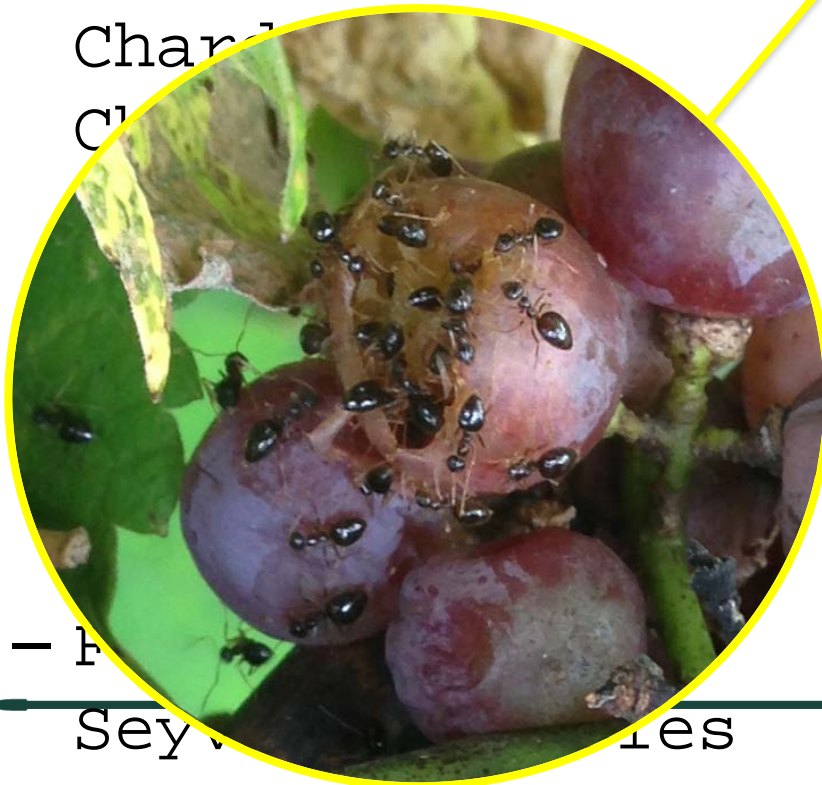
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Gewurtz



Seyval



# Botrytis

- ~~Most resistant~~ Botrytis resistant varieties:

- juice grapes:  
Concord and Niagara  
both resistant.
- French hybrids:  
Foch, Vidal Blanc
- Cornell hybrids:  
Cayuga white,  
Arandell, Aromella,  
Corot Noir, Noiret
- Minnesota hybrids:  
Marquette
- vinifera: Cabernet  
Franc, Cabernet  
Sauvignon,  
Blaufrankische



Unsprayed Cab Franc



Marquette 2014

# Botrytis Fruit Rot

- Most effective materials:

## Group 7

- Endura
- Luna Experience

## Group 9

- Inspire Super
- Scala
- Switch
- Vanguard

Elevate

- Infections possible from bloom onwards
- Most important to cover after a rain post-veraison



# Botrytis AND Sour Rot

- Cultural management:
  - air flow and sunlight penetration
    - prune harder
    - on VSP, timely shoot-tucking and hedging
    - **leaf removal in fruiting zone**
  - site selection / variety



# Disease Management in the Dormant Period: Where is the inoculum?

(mycelium)

(cane base lesions)

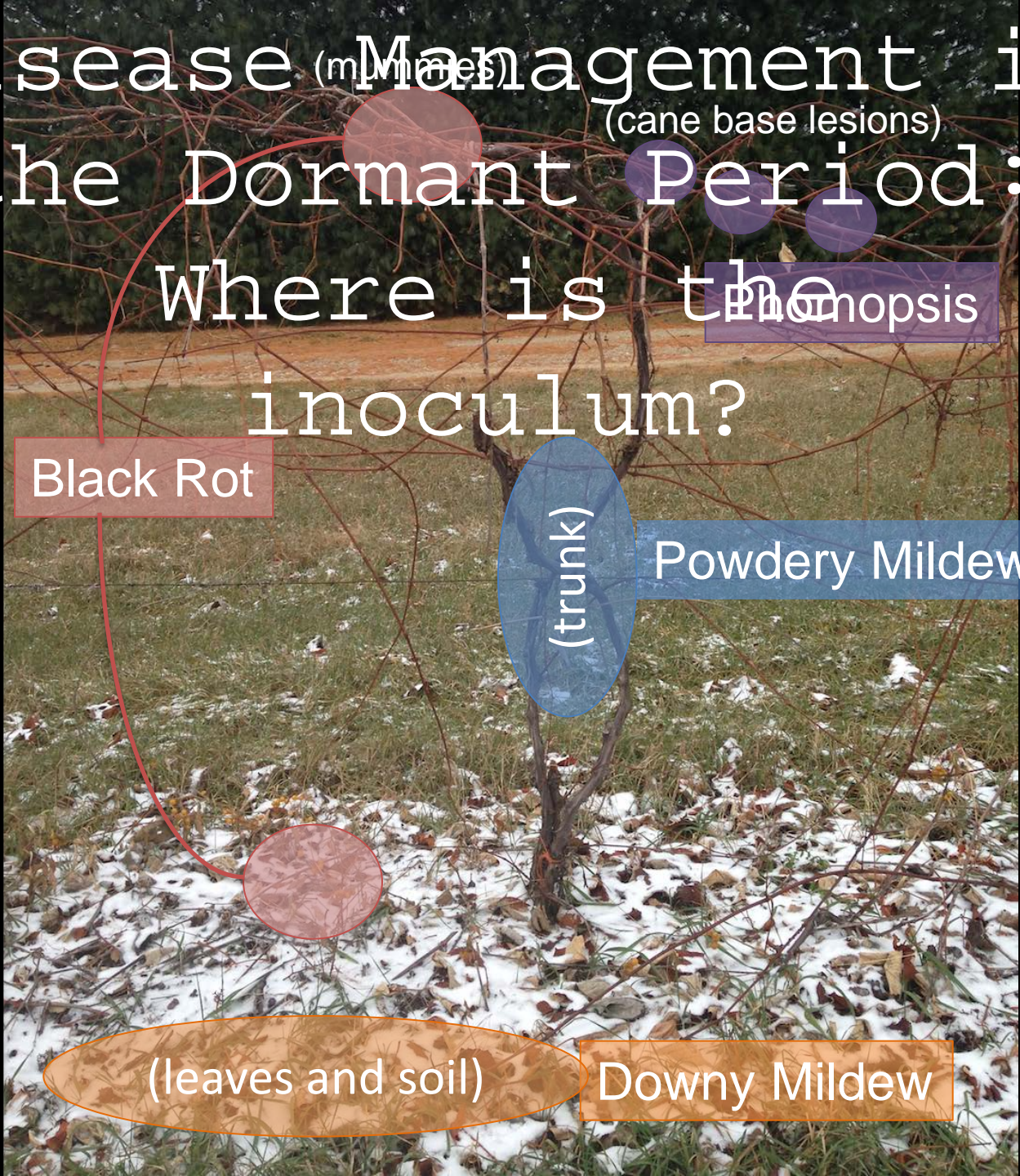
Black Rot

(trunk)

Powdery Mildew

(leaves and soil)

Downy Mildew





Anthracnose

(all infected parts)

Sour rots:  
everywhere

Botrytis:  
everywhere

# Disease Management in Dormant Period

- Dormant sprays
  - Lime sulfur (M2)
  - Sulfur (M2)
  - Copper (M1)
- After leaf fall
- and/or before bud break



- See p.50 of Fruit Management Guide 2016
- “Fruit fungicides that have a shared mode of action”

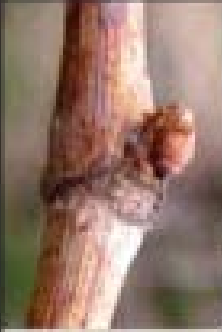
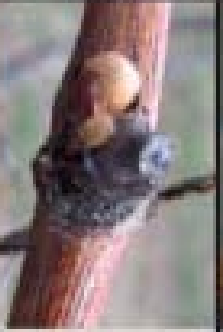

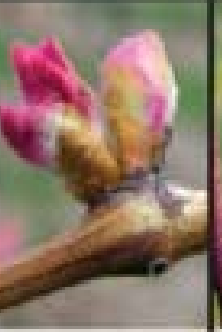
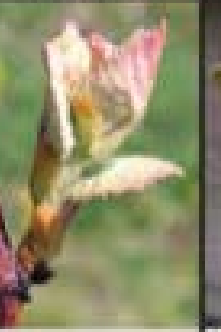


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## Grapevine growth stages

Vegetative growth						
Dormant	Early bud swell	Late bud swell	Bud burst	1- to 3-inch shoots	4- to 8-inch shoots	10- to 16-inch shoots
						
Bud closed. No visible indication of growth.	The bud is visibly swollen, brown and fuzzy. No green or pink tissue is visible yet.	The bud has elongated and green or pink leaf tissue is visible though bud is still closed.	The leaves have separated at the tip, usually exposing the growing point.	The shoot is 1-3 inches (2.5-7.5 cm) long with 1-3 small leaves at right angles to the stem.	Shoots are 4-8 inches (10-20 cm) long with 3-6 leaves. Flower clusters are exposed.	Shoots are 10-16 inches (25-40 cm long). Flower clusters are clearly visible.





## Grapevine growth stages

Reproductive growth						
Immediate prebloom	First bloom	Full bloom	Buckshot berries	Berry touch/ bunch closure	Veraison	Ripe for harvest
						
Caps are still attached. No flowers are visible.	First flowers open, caps are falling off.	Most of the flowers are open.	Berries are the size of buckshot pellets.	Berries touch and cluster is starting to close.	Berries soften and change color as they begin to ripen.	Berries are soft and ripe with high sugar content.



# Bud Break

Phenology	Pests	Material
<p><b>Bud Break</b> If scouting reveals significant damage</p>	<p><b>Climbing Cutworm</b></p> 	<p>Pyrethroids: Danitol, etc <b>Lorsban</b></p>
	<p><b>Grape Flea Beetle</b></p> 	<p><b>Sevin</b> Pyrethroids: Danitol, Baythroid, etc. <b>Delegate*</b>, <b>Oberon*</b>, <b>Altacor*</b></p>

# Shoot Growth

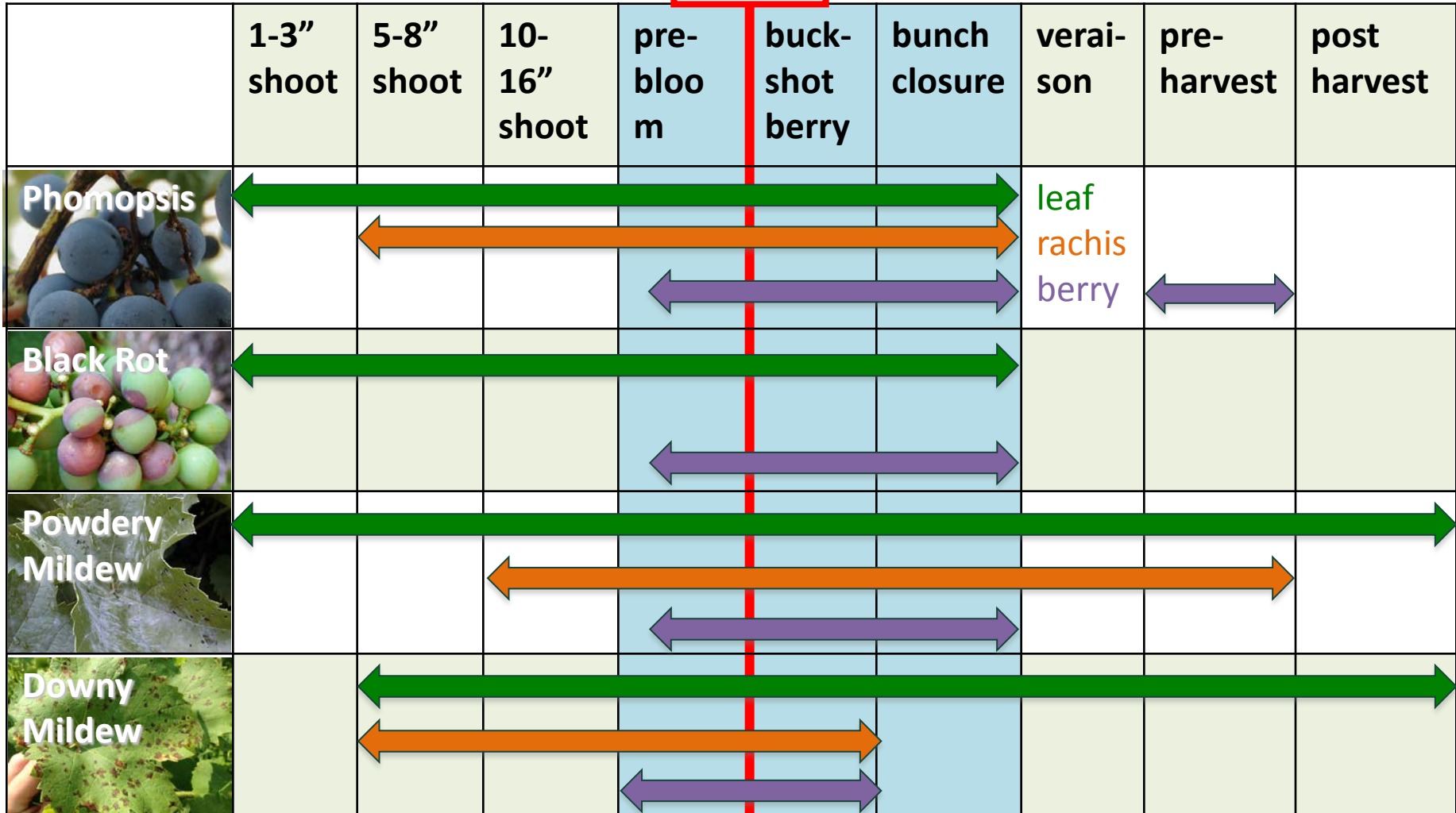
- Main Early Problem is Disease
- Scout for black rot, powdery mildew, and phomopsis symptoms
  - symptoms = secondary inoculum
- Spray to protect shoot growth
  - **Group 11** or **Group 3** work well against all 3
  - (e.g. **Flint**, **Sovran**, **Bayleton**, **Rally**)
  - More commonly used: **Group M3 (Manzate, Koverall)**
- More rain = sprays more critical

# Bloom Time!

- Most important time for disease control.
- All diseases are active and controls are needed.
- Insecticides also used if insects are feeding on bloom and young berries.
- Bloom and post bloom sprays!!

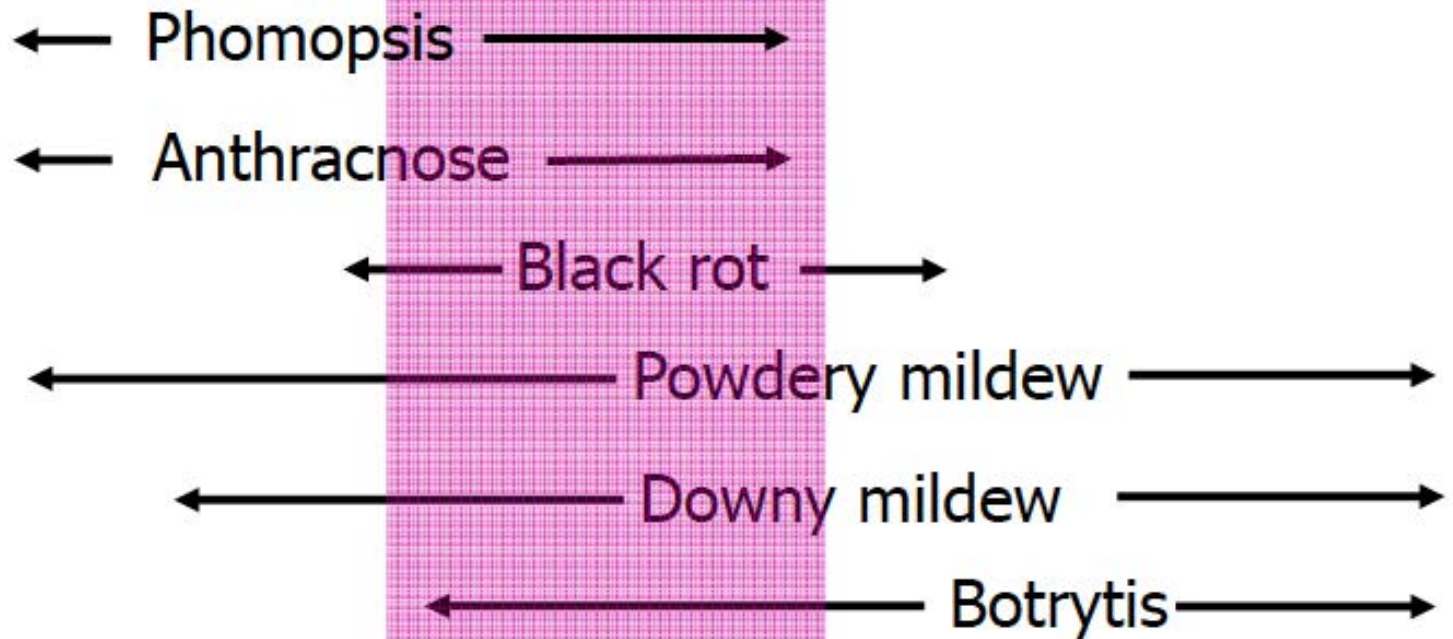
# Infection Risk (Michigan)

Bloom



# Grape diseases through the season

**DORMANT SPRAYS**



Bud swell    Shoot growth    Bloom    Fruit set    Berry-touch    Veraison    Harvest





# Post Bloom

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Cover -</b> <i>(Post-bloom)</i> <b>2 weeks after</b> <b>prebloom</b> <b>spray</b>	<b>Grape Berry</b> <b>Moth: GDD</b> <b>810 &amp; 1620</b>	<b>Intrepid,</b> <b>Altacor, Belt,</b> <b>Imidan, Sevin, Danitol</b>
	<b>Grape</b> <b>Leafhopper</b> (if needed)	<b>Neonics, Pyrethroids</b>



# Late season

- Ripening fruit become resistant to **Black Rot** and **Powdery Mildew**
- **Downy mildew** comes. Especially in wet, dewy condition
- Scout and protect!

# After veraison, before harvest

<b>After veraison</b>	<b>MALB, wasps, fruit flies</b> (if needed)	Pyrethroid, <b>Sevin</b>
	<b>Sour Rot</b> (some varieties)	<b>Serenade</b>
	<b>Botrytis</b> (some varieties)	<b>Switch, Vanguard, Scala (9), Endura (7)</b>

# MSU In-season Resources for grape pest management,

- Weekly to bi- 20  
weekly scouting  
reports by MSU  
research and  
extension:

- [grapes.msu.edu](http://grapes.msu.edu)
- grape email  
digest



# MSU In-season Resources for grape pest management,

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- In-season grape grower meetings.
- In-season scouting meetings in Coloma.

