#### Codling Moth Trapping and Degree-Day Accumulations in Northern Utah

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## Why was it such a bad year for CM?

- Large overwintering populations?
- Mild winter?
- Cool, prolonged spring?
- Record-breaking summer heat?
- Resistance to insecticides?
- Imperfect control tactics?

# Codling Moth Degree-Days

#### • What are D-Ds?

✓ Unit of measure (time and temperature unit).

- $\checkmark$  Time spent within a specific temperature range.
- Varies by pest species because temperature thresholds are speciesspecific.



# Why are D-Ds so useful for managing CM?

- ✓ All arthropods are cold-blooded and grow only as much as temperatures allow.
- ✓ Arthropod pests generally don't care about calendar dates.
- ✓ D-Ds help pin down the developmental stage of pests, allowing us to more accurately predict pest activity.



# Important Stages in a Codling Moth's Life

Pre-ovip. Flight: 58 D-Ds
Eggs: 158 D-Ds
Larval Feeding: 471 D-Ds
Pupae: 431 D-Ds
Total for Generation: 1,118 D-Ds



D-D Accumulations at Each Generation's Egg-hatch:

> \* 220 D-Ds (1<sup>st</sup> egg-hatch)

\* **1,120 D-Ds** (2<sup>nd</sup> egg-hatch)

\* **2,160 D-Ds** (3<sup>rd</sup> egg-hatch)

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#### General Pattern of Codling Moth Flight and Egg-hatch, Relative to Degree-Days



# General Pattern of Codling Moth *Egg-Hatch* and % *Hatch Completed* (Relative to Degree-Days)



#### Percentages (%) of CM Flight and Egg-hatch Relative to Degree-Days



## Case Studies from '03 Season

- Case 1: No mating disruption; high CM pop; poorly timed apps; overreliance on a single material; insecticide resistance documented.
- Case 2: No mating disruption; moderate CM pop; well-timed apps; use of IGR and conventional materials.
- Case 3: Mating disruption; moderate CM pop; well-timed apps; use of various materials.
- Case 4: Mating disruption; moderate CM pop; many applications; use of various materials.
- Case 5: Mating disruption (applied 1 week late); high CM pop; welltimed applications; various materials.
- Case 6: No mating disruption; high CM pop; well-timed apps early in season; insufficient management late in season.

#### **Case 1:** Codling Moth Flight and Degree-Day Accumulation for Apples in *Perry (Boxelder Co.)*



#### **Case 2:** Codling Moth Flight and Degree-Day Accumulation for Apples in *Kaysville (Davis Co.)*



#### **Case 3:** Codling Moth Flight and Degree-Day Accumulation for Apples in *Payson (Utah Co.)*



# **Case 4:** Codling Moth Flight and Degree-Day Accumulation for Apples in *Genola (Utah Co.)*



#### **Case 5:** Codling Moth Flight and Degree-Day Accumulation for Apples in *Lincoln Point (Utah Co.)*



#### **Case 6:** Codling Moth Flight and Degree-Day Accumulation for Apples in *North Logan (Cache Co.)*



# **CM** Damage Estimates

- ✓ Case 1: Not harvested due to CM damage (83% worm entry).
- ✓ Case 2: Moderate CM damage (1.3% worm entry).
- ✓ Case 3: Very low CM damage (damage estimates forthcoming).
- ✓ Case 4: Very low CM damage (damage estimates forthcoming).
- ✓ Case 5: High CM damage (approx. 20% worm entry).
- ✓ Case 6: Moderate CM damage.



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# Effects of Scaling





# Improve the Odds for 2004



- Use Pheromone Mating Disruption to *reduce the egg load*.
- Time the cover sprays based on known biological events (run traps).
- Achieve better coverage by using higher gallonages and verifying uniformity within the canopy.
- **Sanitation** (remove infested apples from orchard).
- Rotate insecticide classes (implications for spray timing).