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IPM for Ornamental Plants

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Overview of Presentation

- Value of the industry
- Pesticide use in greenhouses and nurseries
- Survey of biological control practices (?)
- Biology and Management of Thrips
 - Behavior, IPM tactics, biological control
- Managing resistance; *Liriomyza* leafminers

Top 20 Commodities for 2011-2013

Commodity	Value and Rank					
	2011		2012		2013	
	<i>\$1,000</i>					
Milk and Cream	7,680,751	1	6,899,743	1	7,517,641	1
Almonds (shelled)	4,007,860	2	4,816,860	3	5,766,100	2
Grapes	3,859,202	3	5,182,968	2	5,585,584	3
Cattle & Calves	2,630,025	4	3,188,125	4	3,048,390	4
Berries, All Strawberries	1,943,727	6	2,130,637	6	2,200,729	5
Walnuts	1,336,900	9	1,505,910	8	1,795,800	6
Lettuce, All	1,615,329	8	1,432,158	10	1,679,164	7
Hay, All	1,783,200	7	1,771,830	7	1,569,780	8
Tomatoes	1,146,224	10	1,169,666	11	1,222,470	9
Nursery	2,274,840	5	2,551,200	5	1,219,800	10
Flowers and Foliage	1,011,530	11	1,096,938	12	1,130,523	11
Pistachio	879,120	13	1,438,110	9	1,034,000	12
Broccoli	580,526	18	645,044	17	844,920	13
Rice	900,277	12	839,548	13	789,728	14
Oranges, All	656,338	16	764,783	14	742,076	15
Cotton Lint, All	823,915	14	665,691	16	623,242	16
Carrots, Fresh	641,250	17	512,849	18	555,000	17
Celery	368,822	21	344,024	24	437,406	18
Peppers	342,992	24	380,502	22	434,261	19
Eggs, Chicken	381,265	20	393,278	20	380,038	20
Other Poultry	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

Pesticide Use

- In 2002 - 22,259 lbs. of pesticide a.i. applied to 27,346 acres of floriculture crops.
- In 2012 - 11,498 lbs. a.i. applied over 23,875 acres.
- Although the acreage association with floriculture production dropped slightly there was still more than a 50% decrease in pesticide use
- Data on pesticide use in greenhouse vegetable production is not as readily available - there are fewer pesticides registered for use on greenhouse vegetables.
- Tomato growers use bumblebees for pollination and this automatically restricts pesticide use
- The situation for the nursery industry (outdoor plants in containers) is not as positive. Although acreage has remained largely the same from 2002 and 2012 the number of pesticide applications actually increased over this 10 year period.
- We believe this is due to nursery growers following quarantine requirements associated with invasive species.



AS WE WALK THROUGH THE WOODS, WE CAN OBSERVE COUNTLESS TINY INSECTS...

WE CAN SEE ANTS, BEETLES, CUTWORMS, THIRPS, MEALBUGS... ALL SORTS OF CREATURES

(((!!!!)))

NO, OLIVIER, I'VE NEVER SEEN A THIRIP TRIP... HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE

Resident bees on South flowers and plants

Dead things of North America

UC IPM Guidelines for Monitoring Thrips

- Use yellow or blue sticky cards
 - yellow are easier to count and trap other insects
- Place vertically just above the crop canopy
 - Adjust height as the crop grows
- Use a minimum of 8 traps/100,000 ft²
 - locate traps in more sensitive cultivars/doorways
- Check at least weekly - thresholds vary
 - Roses = 25-20 thrips per card
 - Other Crops = 5-10 thrips per card
- Correctly identify the WFT and check plants
- Sticky tape to reduce thrips populations?
















