



Natural enemies









- ALL pests have natural enemies
- There are 3 categories of natural enemy:
 - Predators eg. lady beetles, lacewings, hoverflies, spiders, etc
 - Parasitoids eg. various wasps, flies
 - **Pathogens** eg. various bacteria, fungi, viruses, nematodes









Generalists – attack many different prey species
 eg. predatory mites, lacewings, carabid beetles, etc.

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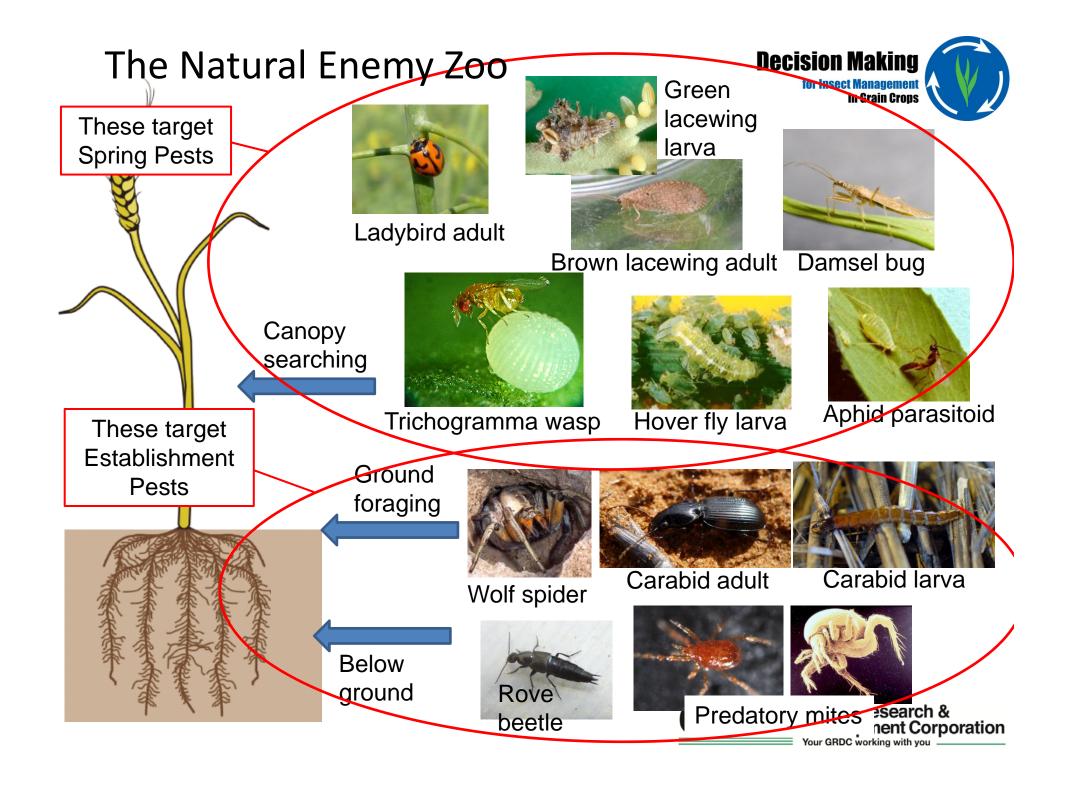
Specialists – selective in their prey choice

eg. *Trichogramma* wasps (each species parasitize eggs of several moth species)



Diadegma wasps (only parasitize DBM larvae)







Natural Enemies for Grain Crop Pests



There are very few 'pre-packaged' natural enemies for Australian grain pests

examples include Bt (bacteria) and NPV (virus) products





Natural Enemies for Grain Crop Pests

- Conservation of existing natural enemies is therefore the main tactic available to grain growers
 - Use of selective insecticides
 - Judicious use of broad-spectrums
 E.g. border, spot or barrier sprays,
 seed-treatments, reduced rates
 - Habitat preservationE.g. native vegetation





Beneficial Insect Selectivity - foliar applications

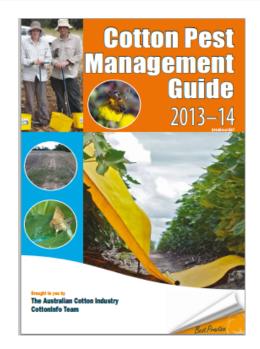


Product	Overall ranking	Predatory beetles - Total	Predatory bugs - Total	Apple Dimpling bug	Lacewing adults	Spiders	Total (wasps)	Ants	Thrips	
Bt	Very low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	
NPV (Vivus Max)	Very low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	
Pirimicarb (Pirimor)	Very low	VL	L	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	L	
Petroleum spray oil	Very low	VL	VL	VL	VL	L	VL	Н	VL	
Indoxacarb (Steward)	Low	L	VL	Н	M	VL	VL	Н	VL	
Emamectin (Affirm)	Mod	L	Н	Н	L	M	M	VL	M	
Dimethoate (200mL/ha)	Mod	M	M	M	M	L	M	Н	M	
Dimethoate (500mL/ha)	High	M	M	Н	VH	M	Н	VH	M	
OP's	High	Н	Н	VH	L	M	Н	VH	Н	
Psoretceo Coston Pest Mar	nag /eny rhi@hide	2 012-	13Vfdr n	no \é l-de	tail éd in	forMatic	n VH	VH	VH	ration

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										Predatory beetles Predatory bugs											H		resurgence 12						
Insecticides In increasing rank order of impact on beneficials)	Rate (g air/ha)	Helicoverpa	Mittes	Mirids	Aphids	Thrips	Silverleaf whitefly	Persistence ⁸	Overall Ranking ¹⁰	Total ¹	Red & Blue beetle	Minute 2-spotted lady beetle	Other lady beetles	Total	Damsel bugs	Big-eyed Bugs	Other Predatory bugs	Apple Dimpling	Lacewing adults	Spiders	Total (wasps)	Eretmocerus ¹⁹	Trichogramma	Ants	Thrips	Mite	Aphid	Helicoverpa	
Bt ¹¹		٧	\vdash	_	_		_	very short	very low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL.	_	_	_	Ľ
NP Virus		٧	\vdash	_			_	very short	very low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	_	_	_	ľ
Pirimicarb	250				V			short	very low	VL	VL	VL	VL	L	L	М	VL	VL	VL	٧L	VL	М	М	VL	L	_	_	_	ľ
PSO (Canopy) ¹⁶	2%	V			√			short	very low	VL	L	L	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	L	VL	_	VL	Н	VL	_	_	_	ľ
Methoxyfenozide	400	V						medium-long	very low	L	VL	VL	L	L	L	L	VL.	VL	VL	VL	VL	_	VL	VL	VL	_	_	_	
yriproxyfen	50	Ш					V	long	very low	М	-	М	М	VL	-	_	_	_	L	VL	VL	L	VL	VL	VL	_	_	_	Į
toxazole	38.5	Ш	V		_			short	low	VL	VL	느	L	VL	VL	VL	VL.	VL	VL	М	L	_	VL	VL	L	_	_	_	ļ
ndoxacarb (low)	60	Ш		V	_			medium	low	L	L	н	М	VL	L	_	L	н	M	VL	VL.	_	VL	Н	VL	_	+ve	_	1
Indoxacarb (low+salt)	60	Ш		V	_			medium	low	L	L	н	М	VL	L	_	L	н	M	VL	L	_	VL	Н	VL	_	_	_	ļ
ndoxacarb (low+Canopy)	60			V				medium	low	L	L	Н	М	VL	L	_	L	н	M	VL	L	_	VL	Н	VL	_	+ve	_	1
Rynaxypyr	52.5	V						long	low	L	M	М	L	VL	VL	VL	L	VL	VH	VL	L	_	L	L	VL	_	+ve	_	L
Dicofol ³	960		V					long	low	L	_	_	_	L	_	_	_	L	_	L	_	М	_	_	VL.	_	_	_	
Amorphous silica ¹⁷	2500	V						short	low	L	L	_	М	М	-	VL		L	L	L	L	_	_	М	VL.	_	_	_	
Spinosad	96	V						medium	low	VL	M	L	VL	М	L	н	VL	L	VL	VL	M	н	н	н	н	+ve	_	_	I
Diafenthiuron	350		V		√		V	medium	low	М	н	VL	M	L	M	VL.	L	н	VL	L	L	н	VL	н	L	_	_	+ve	
Pymetrozine	150				√			short	low	М	M	М	М	L	L	L	VL.	н	M	L	L	L	L	М	VL	_	_	ı	
Fipronil (v. low)	8			√				medium	low	L	L	L	VL	L	M	_	L	М	L	М	L	_	_	VH	L	+ve	_	_	
Fipronil (v. low + salt)	8			√				medium	low	L	L	L	VL	L	M	_	L	М	L	М	L	_	_	VH	L	+ve	+ve	+ve	Ī
ndoxacarb ¹³	127.5	٧		√				medium	low	H ¹⁴	L	VH	VH	L	М	L	L	VH	М	VL	L	_	VL	VH	VL	-	+ve	_	
Spirotetramat	96				√		V	medium	moderate	М	L	н	Н	VL	VL	VL	VL	М	VH	М	М	_	M	М	М	-	_	_	T
Abamectin	5.4	√6	V					medium	moderate	L	M	н	VL	М	L	М	М	н	VL.	М	М	н	M	н	М	-	_	_	
mamectin	8.4	٧						medium	moderate	L	VL	М	VL	Н	Н	Н	н	н	L	М	М	_	М	VL	М	-	_	_	
Dimethoate (low)	80		√18	√	√18	V		short	moderate	М	L	н	н	М	L	-	н	М	М	L	М	_	М	н	М	+ve	+ve	+ve	ſ
Dimethoate (low + salt)	80		√18	√	√18	V		short	moderate	М	L	н	н	М	L	_	н	М	М	L	М	_	М	н	М	+ve	+ve	+ve	
ropargite	1500		V					medium	moderate	м	н	н	м	м	н	VL	٧L	L	VL	м	м	L	н	н	м	_	+ve	+ve	I

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Clothianidin (low)	25	Г	Г	√			Г	medium	moderate	М	VL	_	н	L	M	VL	VL	н	н	М	М	н	M	VH	VL.	_	_	+ve	—
Amitraz	400	٧	√9	Г	√9			medium	moderate	н	М	VH	н	L	_	_	_	Н	VL	М	М	н	L	н	М	_	_	_	L
Fipronil (low)	12.5	Г		√		V		medium	moderate	L	L	н	L	L	н	L	L	VH	L	М	М	-	M	VH	VH	+ve	+ve	+ve	VH
Chlorfenapyr (low)	200	٧	V					medium	moderate	М	L	VH	VL	М	VL	н	н	VH	L	L	М	_	VH	н	М	_	_	_	н
Thiamethoxam	100	Г			√			medium	moderate	н	н	н	н	М	M	М	н	н	М	VL	М	_	н	VH	н	+ve	_	+ve	н
Fipronil (high)	25	Г		√		V		medium	moderate	L	VL	н	L	М	н	н	L	VH	L	М	М	1 –	М	VH	VH	+ve	_	+ve	VH
Imidadoprid	49	Г	Г	√	√			medium	moderate	н	L	VH	н	н	M	н	L	VH	L	L	L	VH	M	н	н	+ve	_	+ve	М
Clothianidin (high)	50	Г		√				medium	moderate	н	VL	_	VH	М	М	L	VL	н	н	М	М	VH	н	VH	VL.	+ve	_	+ve	-
Methomyl	169	٧	Г	Г			Г	very short	high	н	L	VH	VH	М	L	VH	L	VH	М	М	М	VH	н	н	н	+ve	_	-	H ¹⁵
Thiodicarb	750	٧	Г	Г				long	high	VH	М	VH	VH	М	M	L	L	VH	VL	М	М	_	M	М	н	+ve	+ve	_	M ¹⁵
Dimethoate (high)	200	Г	√18	√	√18	V		short	high	М	М	н	н	М	н	_	Н	н	VH	М	н	н	н	VH	М	+ve		+ve	н
Chlorfenapyr (high)	400	٧	V	Г			Г	medium	high	н	М	VH	L	н	н	н	н	VH	L	М	М	 -	VH	VH	М	_	+ve	<u> </u>	н
OP's ⁵		٧	V	√	√	V		short-medium	high	н	М	н	н	н	М	н	н	VH	L	М	н	VH	н	VH	н	+ve	_	_	н
Carbaryl ³								short	high	н	_	_	_	Н	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_	Н	-	_	_	н
Pyrethroids ⁴		V	√7	√7			√7	long	very high	VH	_	_	=	VH	_	_	_	VH	VH	VH	VH	VH	VH	VH	VH	+ve	+ve	+ve	Н

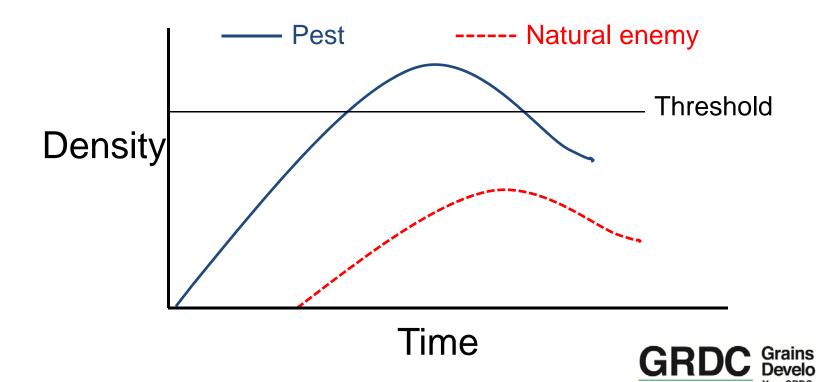






The Achilles heel of many nat. enemies: poor synchronization with the host pest

Too big a lag between the arrival/build-up of the pest and the response from the natural enemy







- Insecticides rarely kill more than 90% of the target pests present in a crop
- This figure does not include inactive stages (eg. eggs, pupae) or those that have temporarily moved outside the crop
- Season-long reductions in pest densities with insecticide applications are typically in the order of 60-80%

