

Services to companies: Laboratory trials – insects & mites

## Pear bud weevil (*Anthonomus pyri*) Dried residue toxicity

### Technical question? Aims of the trial

Determination of the toxicity of a topical application of insecticides against *Anthonomus pyri*:

- Screening for insecticides
- Determination of adult mortality (adulticide action)
- Determination of the speed of adult mortality
- Determination of difference in sensibility between different populations

### Trial summary

- *A. pyri* weevils to be tested are obtained by collecting infested flower buds in the field and enabling them to pupate under controlled climate conditions in a plant growth chamber
- Apple leaf disks collected in untreated orchards are dipped in or sprayed with an insecticide solution by a Potter Spray Tower (Burkard Scientific), air dried and mounted on agar-agar in petri dishes

OR

- Insecticide coated glass vials after air drying on a roller shaker
  - Minimal 5 replicates per insecticide and concentration
  - Different test products at different concentrations
  - Positive and negative reference (check): purified water
- Transfer of the *A. pyri* weevils on to the dried residue
- Assessments:
  - Number of living/dead/affected *A. pyri*
  - Timing dependent on insecticidal action
- Statistical analysis of outcomes



### Trial output

- Data in xls/ARM + Report (M&M, graphs, summary, conclusions)
- Adulticide action: mortality rates in function of time of insecticide residues
- Screening of interesting compounds

- Certified and (inter)nationally recognized centre of excellence in fruit research
- 75 years of experience and expertise
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- Highly valued contractor for numerous product developments the past 75 years

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