

Services to companies: Laboratory trials – insects & mites

Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) Toxicity of plant protection products

Technical question? Aims of the trial

Determination of the topical and/or oral toxicity of plant protection products against *Apis mellifera*:

- Determination of adult mortality (adulticide action)
- Determination of the speed of adult mortality
- Determination of difference in sensibility between honey bees of different age

Trial summary

- Possibility to synchronize the age of honey bees
- Topical treatment
 - Application of a fixed volume of a solution of a plant protection product by hand after anesthesia
 - Different test products at different concentrations
 - Positive and negative reference (check)
 - Transfer of the treated honey bees in to clean monitoring cages
 - Possibility to feed on sugar water at libitum in plant growth chambers under controlled conditions
- Oral treatment
 - Different test products at different concentrations
 - Positive and negative reference (check)
 - Transfer of the honey bees in to clean monitoring cages
 - Possibility to feed on a solution of a plant protection product in sugar water at libitum in plant growth chambers under controlled conditions
- Assessments
 - Number of living/dead/affected honey bees
 - Timing dependent on adulticide 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
- Screening of compounds

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

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