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Team Goal Summary:

- To co-ordinate pollen beetle sensitivity monitoring in European oilseed rape crops, using validated methodologies.
- To provide researchers, validated methods for measuring the susceptibility of other oilseed rape pests.
- To provide oilseed rape pest sensitivity information to growers and regulators, so that informed decisions on oilseed rape pest control and resistance management can be made.

Unchanged from previous years – goal is to provide updated information that allow growers to make informed decisions.

2010/2011 Activities:

- Publication of a scientific paper, recording findings of the group (2007-2009).
- Monitoring of pollen beetle susceptibility to pyrethroids 2010.
- Limited monitoring of the *kdr* target site mutation in field collected pollen beetle (2009 reporting).
- Field validation of methods to measure susceptibility to OP's and NNI's.
- New method development for indoxacarb monitoring.
- Monitoring methods for other OSR beetles and weevils.
- Publication of 2010 susceptibility monitoring results.

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Pyrethroid resistance monitoring in European populations of pollen beetle (*Meligethes* spp.): a coordinated approach through the Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC)

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Pollen beetle (*Meligethes* spp.) is a major pest of European oilseed rape crops. Its resistance to pyrethroid insecticides has been recorded in samples of beetles collected in Europe since at least 1999, and problems with the control of the beetle in the field have been widely reported. In 2007, a Pollen Beetle Working Group was formed through the Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC) in order to coordinate efforts for surveying pyrethroid resistance development.

RESULTS: The results of the first 3 years of the pollen beetle pyrethroid susceptibility survey using a laboratory test are presented in this paper. Resistant beetle samples were collected from 20 of the 21 countries surveyed, with a general trend of increasing frequency and spread of resistant samples in European oilseed-rape-growing regions.

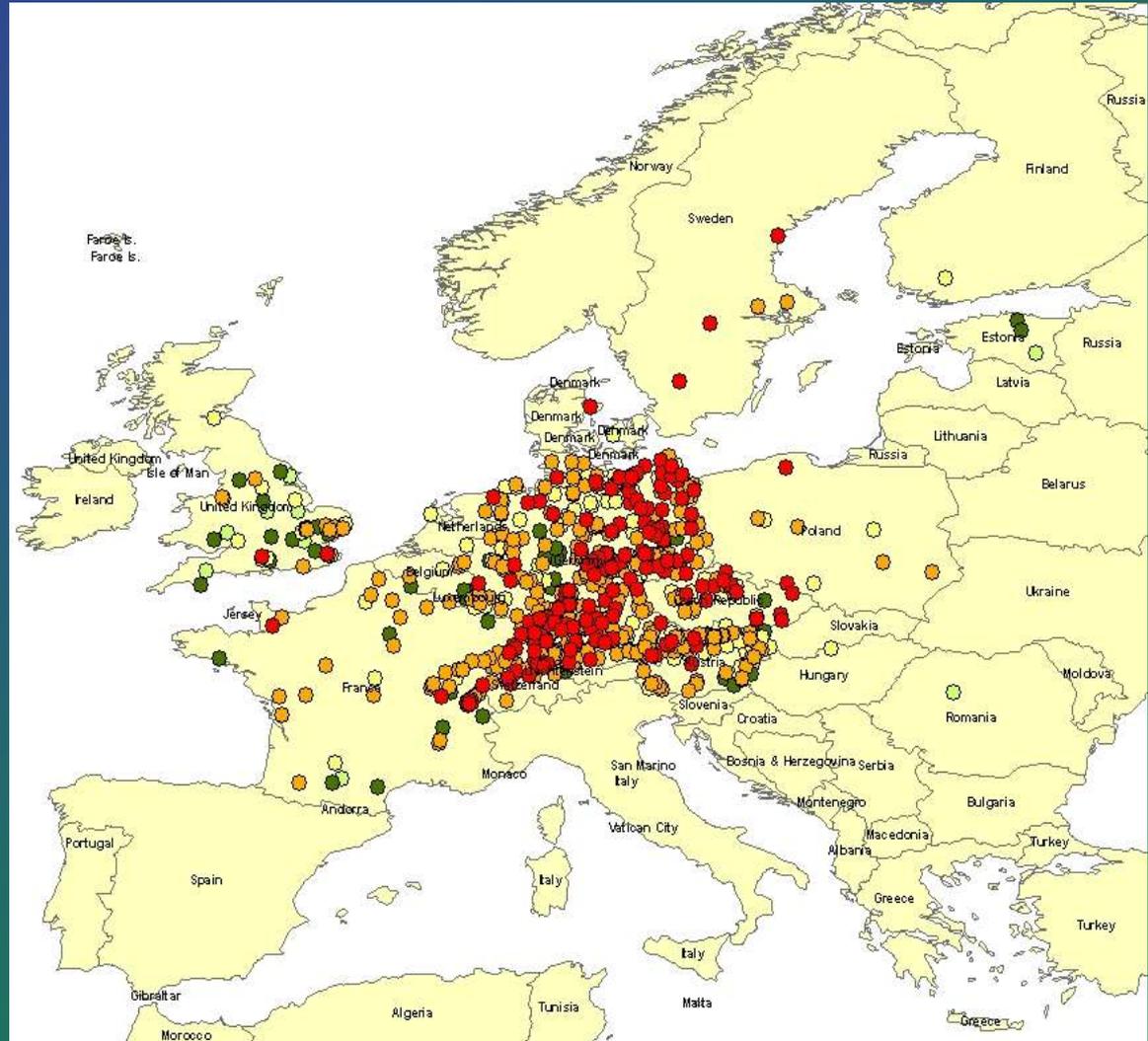
CONCLUSION: Pyrethroid-resistant beetles dominate in Western and Central Europe and are becoming established in the North and East, the main oilseed-rape-growing areas of Europe. The development and spread of pyrethroid-resistant pollen beetles highlights the need for effective management strategies for oilseed rape insect pests.

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Keywords: pollen beetle; *Meligethes aeneus*; pyrethroid resistance; susceptibility monitoring; IRAC; oilseed rape

Trial of new system for mapping resistance – MSU database software

- 2009 data mapped.
- Not yet been validated.
- However useful to show distribution of different susceptibilities.
- Could be considered for future mapping.
- Thanks to Mark Whalon & MSU Team.





Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

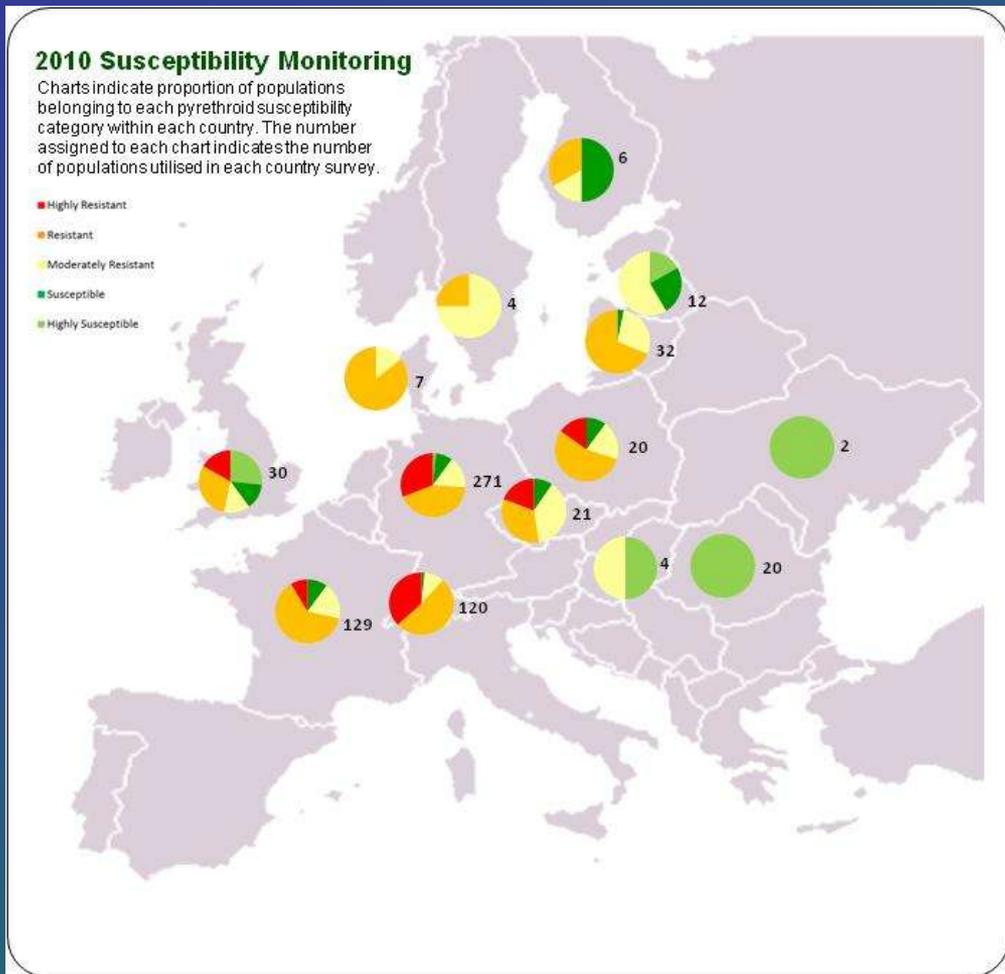
Pyrethroid Resistance Monitoring 2010

NOTE: Please try to include postal code, as this makes mapping of samples easier

	Country	Region	Nearest Town	Date of N	N	R	S	C	IRAC Susceptibility Category	
1	Switzerland	Aargau	Stett	07.04.09	N	77	67	N	20	4
2	France	Isère et Loire	Joux-la-Tour	27.04.09	N	73	88	N	18	4
3	France	Isère et Loire	Reigny	04.05.09	N	82.5	100	N	13	4
4	Switzerland	Zürich	Dübendorf	16.04.09	N	100	98	N	3	2
5	Czech Republic	South Bohemia	Klatka	21.04.09	N	95	100	N	3	3
6	Czech Republic	Zlín	Kroměříž	13.04.09	N	56	63	N	18	4
7	Czech Republic	North Moravia	Hezkaneš	26.04.09	N	100	95	N	3	2
8	Czech Republic	Opava	Opava	15.04.09	N	36	79	N	0	10
9	Czech Republic	West Bohemia	Holýšovský Újezd	16.04.09	N	57	82	N	10	3
10	Czech Republic	South Moravia	Zábřeh	21.04.09	N	45	7	N	3	4
11	Czech Republic	North Moravia	Kamen	21.04.09	N	62	73	N	5	4
12	Czech Republic	Žilina	Luzany	22.04.09	N	89	82	N	80	4
13	Czech Republic	Plzeňský území	Blatná	27.04.09	N	92	98	N	0	3
14	Germany	Hannover								
15	Germany	Sachsen-Anhalt								
16	Germany	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern								
17	France	Côte-d'Or								
18	France	Savoie et Loire								
19	Sweden	Skåne								
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44	Sweden	Uppland	Storvreta/Ångby	29.06.09	100	69	4	3	0	4
45	Sweden	Uppland	Franskrak	06.07.09	100	100	22	30	17	2
46	Sweden	Uppland	Flansta	06.07.09	100	55	4	6	5	4
47	Sweden	Uppland	Tamby	06.07.09	95	92	27	6	0	2
48	Sweden	Uppland	År	06.07.09	100	91	40	27	28	4
49	France	Pyrénées-Charentes	Bou	19.03.09	N	88	61	N	0	4
50	France	Pyrénées-Charentes	St Pierre de Julier	19.03.09	N	88	46	N	0	4
51	France	Bretagne	Sevot/Trilaine	19.03.09	N	70	67	N	0	4
52	France	Pyrénées-Charentes	Lusignat	24.03.09	N	79	38	N	3	4
53	France	Bretagne	Eloch	24.03.09	N	100	97	N	3	2
54	France	Pyrénées-Charentes	Leignes Sur Fontaine	26.03.09	N	97	95	N	21	3
55	France	Pays de Loire	Rochefort	31.03.09	N	94	67	N	9	3
56	France	Centre	Bracon	31.04.09	N	85	38	N	3	4
57	France	Centre	Budry	02.04.09	N	88	58	N	3	4
58	Germany	Niederrhein	Leckenstein	06.04.09	N	88	61	N	3	4
59	Germany	Rheinland-Pfalz	Mützenbach	06.04.09	N	87	98	N	0	4

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Populations	608	577	804	723
Countries	10	17	20	15
Beetles	120,000	115,000	160,000	145,000

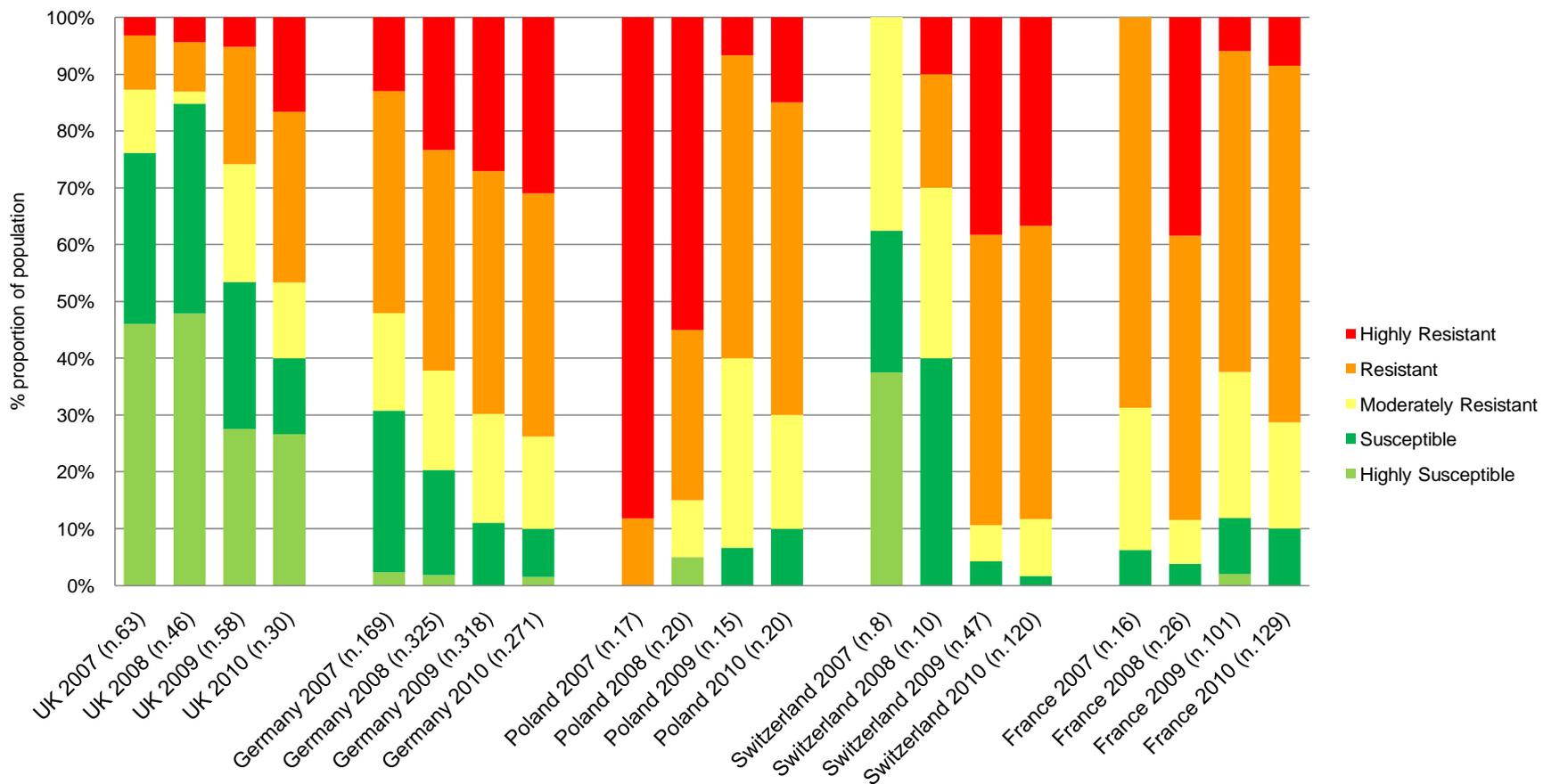
Monitoring allows us to map location of resistant populations.....



- Pyrethroid resistant populations dominate in western Europe as well as the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Poland.
- Large increases (>10%) in the frequency of resistant populations are observed in Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Hungary and the UK as resistant beetles spread North and North-East.
- Small increases in the proportion of total susceptible beetles are observed in Poland and the Czech Republic.
- Only Romanian and Ukrainian populations of pollen beetles have remained fully susceptible to pyrethroids in this and previous surveys.

Pyrethroid Resistance Monitoring 2007 - 2010

.....and allows us to see changes over the growing seasons



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IRAC Oilseed Rape Working Group Pollen Beetle Resistance Monitoring 2010

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Introduction and Background

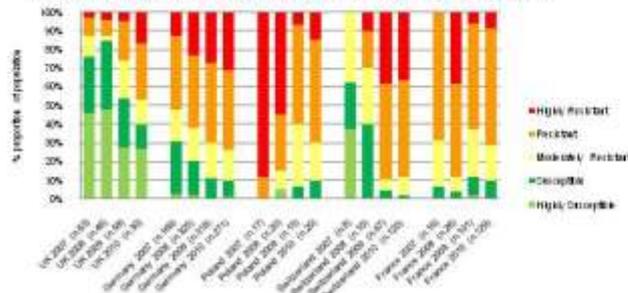
Pyrethroid resistance has been recorded in European populations of the pollen beetle (*Meligethes geneus*) since 1999, when it was first reported in Eastern France. The IRAC Oilseed Rape Working Group brings together expertise from agrochemical companies and independent researchers in order to monitor the development and spread of pyrethroid resistance in pollen beetles.

Pyrethroid susceptibility is measured by the use of an insecticide coated glass vial assay. This results of the 2010 susceptibility monitoring program are presented in this poster. More details of the method utilised in this survey can be found on the IRAC website (www.irac-online.org).

Summary & Recommendations

- Pyrethroid resistant populations of pollen beetle dominates in western mainland European countries (France, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland) as well as the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Poland.
- Large increases (>10%) in the frequency of resistant populations of pollen beetle are observed in Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Hungary and the UK as resistant beetles spread North and North-East.
- Small increases in the proportion of total susceptible beetles are observed in Poland and the Czech Republic. It is speculated that this may be due to a reduction on the reliance of pyrethroid insecticides in these countries, however this may only be a reflection of a small sample number.
- Only Romanian and Ukrainian populations of pollen beetles have remained fully susceptible to pyrethroids in this and previous surveys.
- Susceptibility surveys conducted between 2007 and 2010 suggest that in general pyrethroid resistant populations are continuing to increase in Europe and spread into the North and East.
- In order to prevent further insecticide resistance development, it is recommended that insecticides with different modes of action are utilised in an effective resistance management program, dependent on local insecticide availability and national use guidelines. IRAC guidelines for resistance management in oilseed rape can be found on the IRAC web-site.

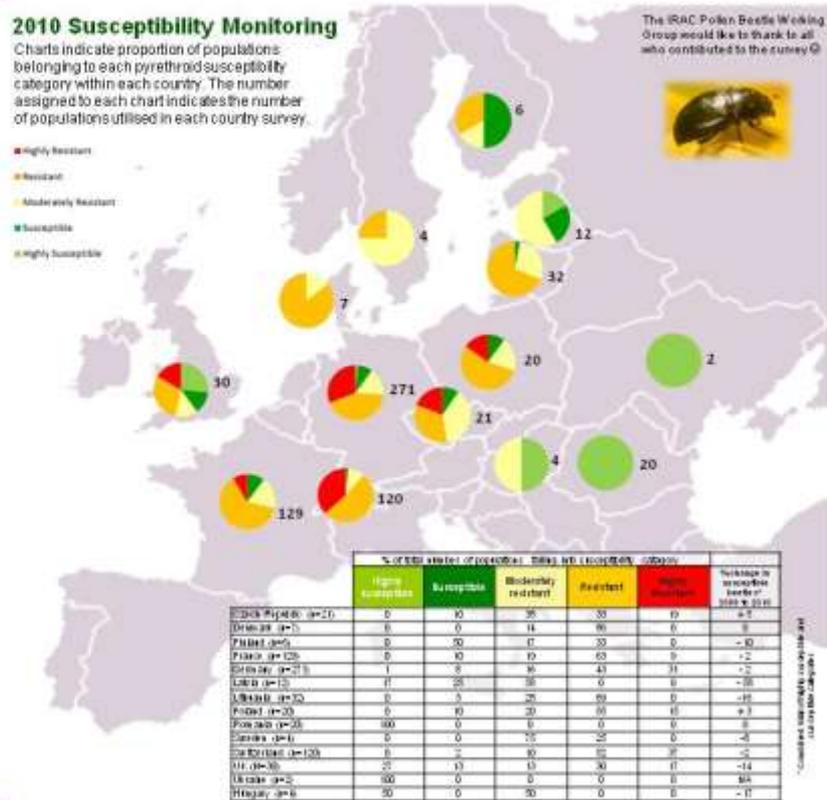
Changes in the pyrethroid susceptibility of pollen beetle populations 2007 - 2010



2010 Susceptibility Monitoring

Charts indicate proportion of populations belonging to each pyrethroid susceptibility category within each country. The number assigned to each chart indicates the number of populations utilised in each country survey.

- Highly Resistant
- Resistant
- Moderately Resistant
- Susceptible
- Highly Susceptible



The IRAC Pollen Beetle Working Group would like to thank to all who contributed to the survey.

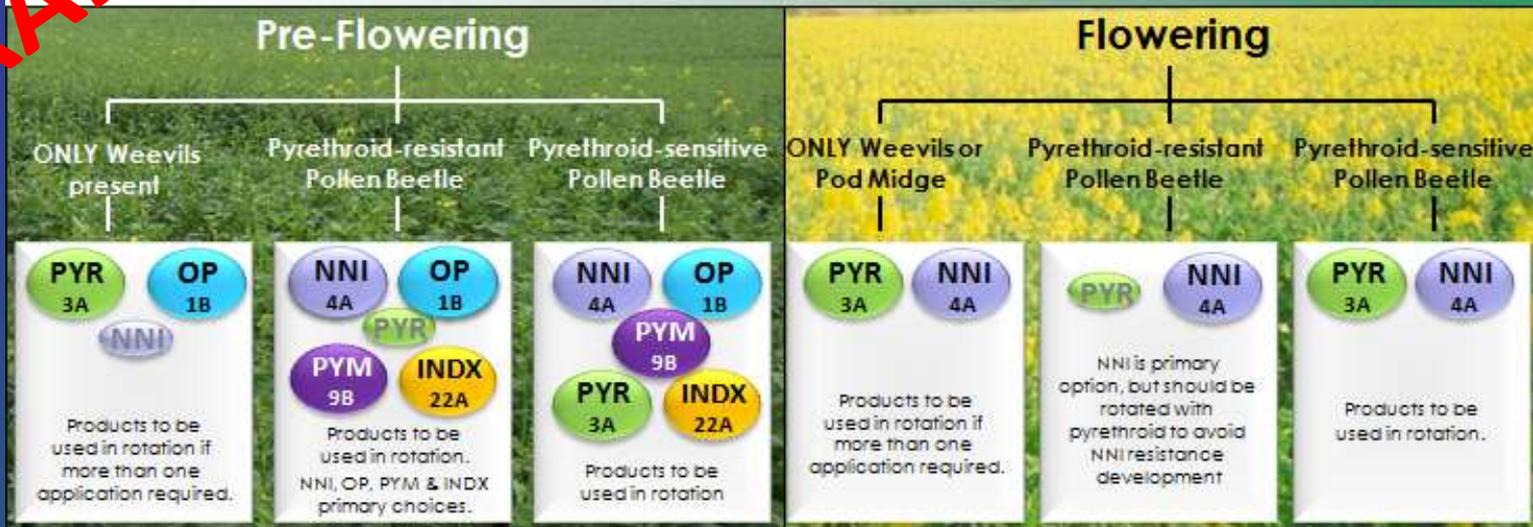


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Oilseed Pest Management Decision Tree

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- **ONLY** apply insecticides **IF** locally recommended pest thresholds are exceeded.
- A maximum of two applications per mode of action (MoA) class should be utilised (excluding autumn applications).
- An application of an insecticide should **NOT** be followed by an application of an insecticide from the same MoA class.
- Utilise the most efficacious insecticide within its MoA class against **INDIVIDUAL TARGET PESTS**.
- If pyrethroid resistant pollen beetles are known to be present in the target crop then non-pyrethroid insecticides should be the primary choice for pollen beetle control.
- The use of insecticide mixtures containing pyrethroids for the control of pyrethroid resistant pollen beetle is not recommended. Where insecticide mixtures are used, it is recommended that the following insecticide application should be from a different MoA class than the mixture components.
- In countries where the insecticide spinosad is registered for use to control pollen beetle, it should be utilised in rotation with any other insecticide belonging to a different MoA class.
- If aphid control is necessary during the period when pollen beetle are present in the crop, insecticides not previously used in the current season for pollen beetle control are recommended.
- Where possible alternative methods of oilseed rape pest management should be employed.

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Oilseed Rape Pest Management

The management of oilseed rape pests whilst trying to prevent the selection of insecticide resistance is made more difficult by the lack of effective insecticide modes of action (MoA).

It is essential to maximise the use of available MoA's, whilst still ensuring effective pest control is achieved.

Plan spray schedules in advance, ensuring that the same MoA's are not used sequentially or multiple times throughout the crop cycle.

MoA's chosen for autumn flea beetle or aphid control, should be avoided during pre-flowering and flowering if the same pests are likely to be present.

OP, indoxacarb and pymetrozine based insecticides can not be used during flowering and therefore, should be considered for use pre-flowering, allowing other MoA to be used later.

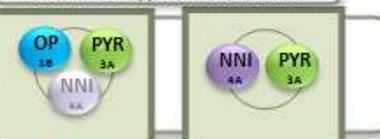
If pyrethroid resistant pollen beetle are known to be present in the target crop, then non-pyrethroid. Insecticides should be the primary choice for pollen beetle control.

Non-chemical control options should be considered as part of any pest management strategy.

Only weevils, flea beetles or pod midge present

Neonicotinoids provide only limited control of weevils present at pre-flowering, they are not recommended as a primary method of control for these pests.

- Maximum of two applications per MoA
- No consecutive applications of same MoA



Pollen beetle targeted

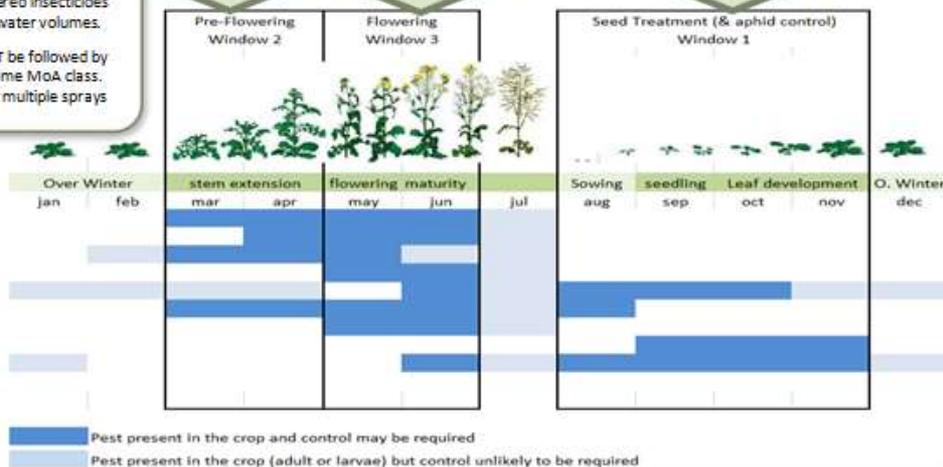
If pyrethroid resistant pollen beetle are known to be present then, non-pyrethroid insecticide options should be primary choice.



Availability of different insecticide modes of action varies between countries. Only use locally registered insecticides with recommended application rates and water volumes.

An application of an insecticide should NOT be followed by an application of an insecticide from the same MoA class. Plan your spray program carefully to avoid multiple sprays of the same MoA.

- Pollen Beetle (*M. oeneus*)
- Cabbage Seed Weevil (*C. assimilis*)
- Rape Stem Weevil (*C. napi*)
- Cabbage Stem Weevil (*C. pallidactylus*)
- Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle (*P. chrysocephala*)
- Crucifer Flea Beetle (*P. cruciferae*)
- Brassica Pod Midge (*D. brassicae*)
- Peach Potato Aphid (*M. persicae*)
- Mealy Cabbage Aphid (*B. brassicae*)



- #### Foliar aphid control
- Carbamates 1A
 - Organophosphates 1B
 - Pyrethroids 3A
 - Neonicotinoid 4A
 - Pymetrozine 9B

- New methods for measuring pollen beetle susceptibility.....
- Neonicotinoid and OP methods finalized and now on IRAC web site.
- Indoxacarb method for pollen beetle under development.
- Other OSR coleoptera method (pyrethroids) drafted and under review..
- New aphid method on IRAC web-site also



IRAC Susceptibility Test Methods Series
Method No. 119

Details:

Method: OP insecticides

Species: Spotted Beetles (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae)

Species Origin: Native

Product Class: Organophosphates

Description: Spotted beetle susceptibility monitoring method for OP insecticides. This method is used to measure the susceptibility of spotted beetles to OP insecticides. The method involves exposing beetles to a range of concentrations of the insecticide and recording mortality. The method is suitable for use with a range of OP insecticides.



IRAC Susceptibility Test Methods Series
Method No. 120

Details:

Method: Neonicotinoid

Species: Spotted Beetles (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae)

Species Origin: Native

Product Class: Neonicotinoids

Description: Spotted beetle susceptibility monitoring method for neonicotinoid insecticides. This method is used to measure the susceptibility of spotted beetles to neonicotinoid insecticides. The method involves exposing beetles to a range of concentrations of the insecticide and recording mortality. The method is suitable for use with a range of neonicotinoid insecticides.



IRAC Susceptibility Test Methods Series
Method No. 121

Details:

Method: OP insecticides

Species: Pollen Beetle (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

Species Origin: Native

Product Class: OP

Description: Pollen beetle susceptibility monitoring method for OP insecticides. This method is used to measure the susceptibility of pollen beetles to OP insecticides. The method involves exposing beetles to a range of concentrations of the insecticide and recording mortality. The method is suitable for use with a range of OP insecticides.



IRAC Susceptibility Test Methods Series
Method No. 122

Details:

Method: OP insecticides

Species: Aphid (Homoptera: Pemphigidae)

Species Origin: Native

Product Class: OP

Description: Aphid susceptibility monitoring method for OP insecticides. This method is used to measure the susceptibility of aphids to OP insecticides. The method involves exposing aphids to a range of concentrations of the insecticide and recording mortality. The method is suitable for use with a range of OP insecticides.

- **Developing resistance situation in other OSR pests ?**
- *Ceutorhynchus napi* & *C. pallydactylus* – Some variations in pyrethroid sensitivity observed, but no major differences.
- *C. assimilis (obstrictus)* – 1 population in 2010 had very low susceptibility to pyrethroids, with only 40% control at highest rate tested.
- Pyrethroid resistant flea beetles continue to be found in Mecklenburg, Germany.
- Neonicotinoid resistant *Myzus persicae* - vigilance in OSR needed



Goals	Objectives	Timeline
Coordinated European pollen beetle monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate as member team companies and cooperate with public labs, regulators and other bodies involved in resistance monitoring of pollen beetle in to assemble, share and interpret coordinated set of monitoring data for 2011 season. 	Q3, 2011
Provide researchers validated methods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validate methods for monitoring pollen beetle susceptibility to indoxacarb and publish on IRAC web-site. 	Q4 2011
Provide researchers validated methods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validate methodologies for testing susceptibility of <i>Psylliodes spp</i> and other OSR coleoptera to pyrethroids. 	Q4 2011
Provide and distribute relevant information on OSR pest sensitivity to growers and regulators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and incorporate new learning's from OSR pest research, including 2010 resistance monitoring, into IRAC IRM recommendations for oilseed rape. Present findings at international conferences 	All year Q4, 2011
Provide and distribute relevant information on OSR pest sensitivity to growers and regulators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide summary poster of learning's from 2011 pollen beetle susceptibility monitoring. Provide summary poster of OSR pest resistance management recommendations. 	Q4, 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide set of summary slides of IRAC Oilseed Rape WG activities for WG members to use for national and international meetings and conferences 	Q2, 2011