



Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

***Tuta absoluta*: Insecticide Resistance Management Principles and Recommendations**

IRAC Tuta IRM Task Team – 2017 (v6)



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**Best Management Practices to Control
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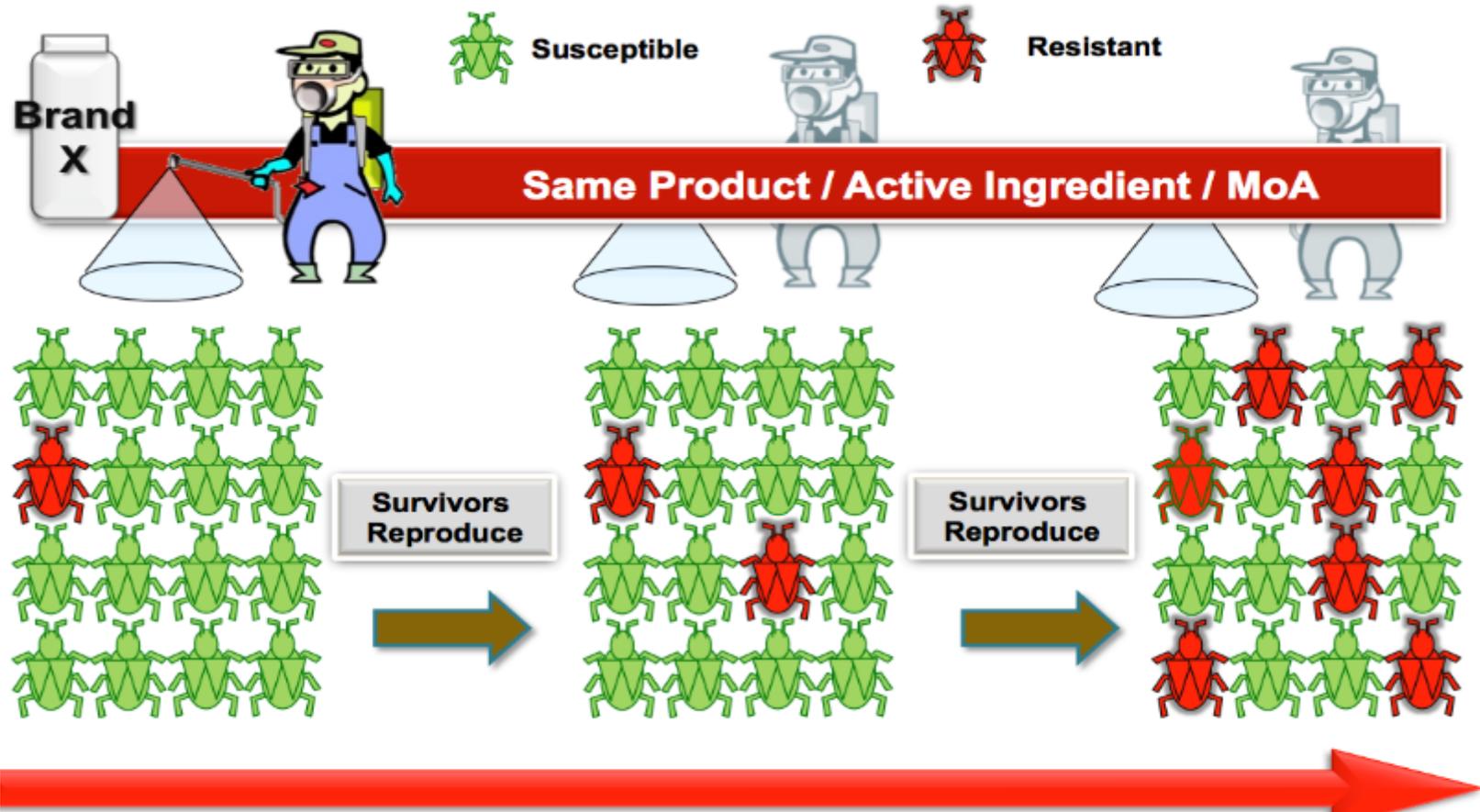
Continued Use of the Same MoA Products Throughout the Season Will Increase # of Resistant Individuals and Spray Expenses

- Number & timing of applications influence speed of resistance
- When insecticides with the same mode of action (MoA) are used repeatedly, exposing multiple consecutive pest generations, less sensitive individuals survive and resistance can evolve.
- Continued use accelerates resistance and multiplies the resistant genes in the population
- Farmers will increase rates to improve control, accelerating resistance.
- Excessive tank mixing with adjuvants and other insecticides increases
- Pest control becomes expensive ⁴

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Continuous use of the same Mode of Action removes the susceptible individuals leaving a tolerant population that survives the insecticide application

Possible Scenario for Resistance Development in an Insect Population

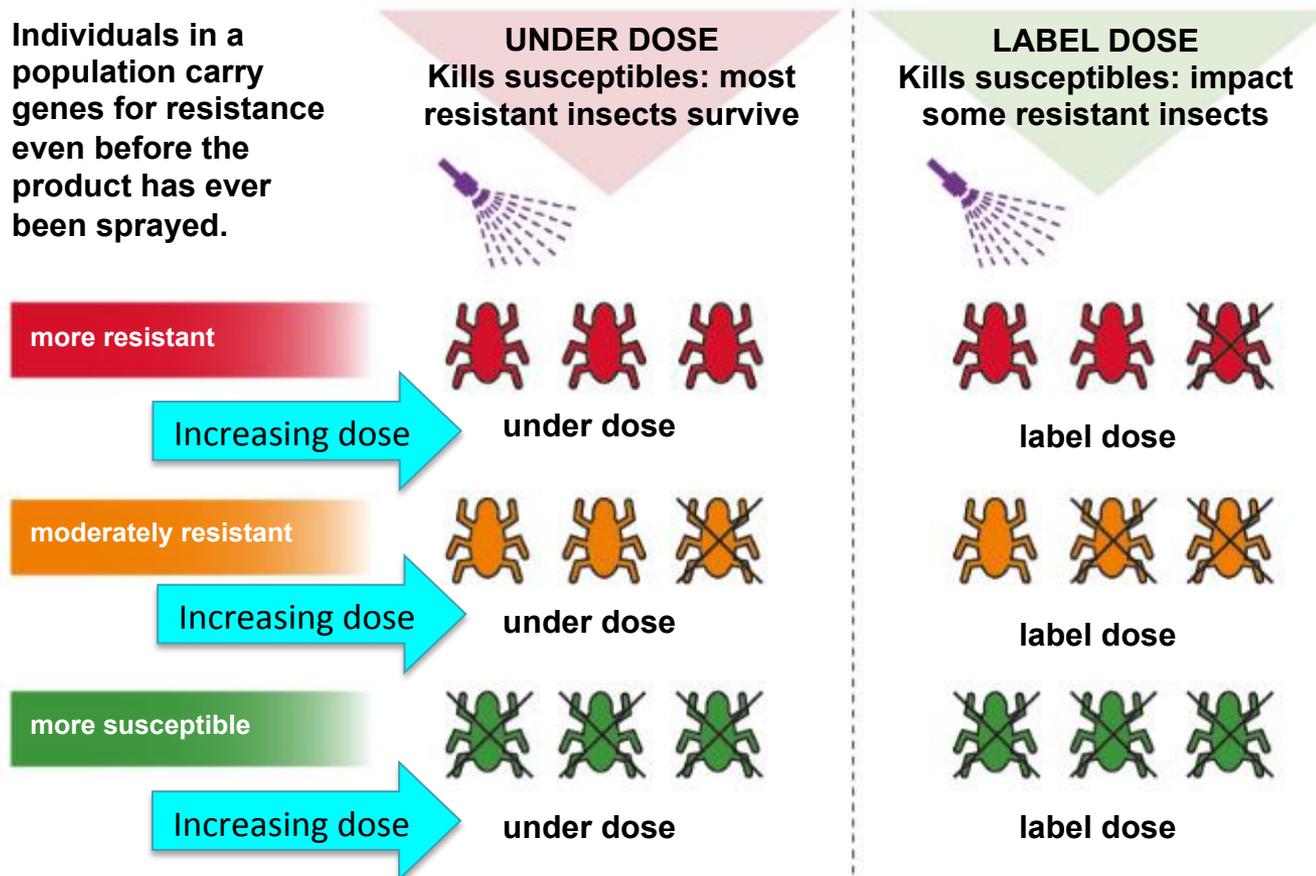


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Under-dosing Speeds the Rate of Resistance: *Maximize Insect Kill With Every Spray*

An under-dosed insecticide application may not remove moderately resistant insects from a pest population. This can accelerate the evolution of resistance

Individuals in a population carry genes for resistance even before the product has ever been sprayed.



Always apply the recommended label rate that will remove susceptible, some moderately resistant, and even a portion of resistant insects.

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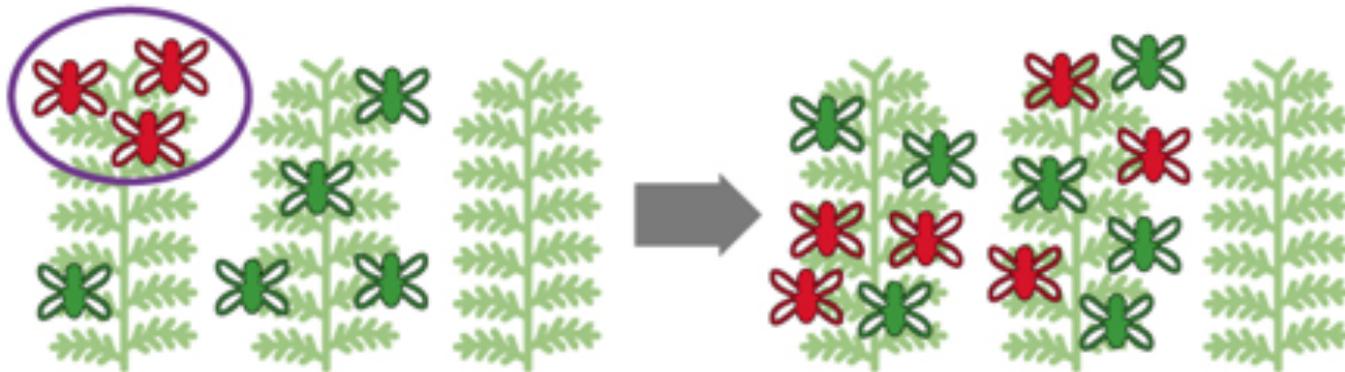
Acquiring the highest level of pest control within a generation removes Resistant genes.

- Need to remove individuals with at least one resistant gene (RS)
- Need high level of control for an entire insect generation – prevent gene transfer
- Need back to back sprays of products with different or same mode of action if adult flights and egg laying continues

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Insect Migration (exchange of Resistant insects) Influences the Speed of Resistance.

- Resistance levels in pest populations can be INCREASED through immigration of resistant insects. Therefore, the evolution of resistance in the pest population may accelerate.



Immigration of resistant insects into a population of sensitive pest insects

Result: The percentage of resistant insects in the population is increased. The interbreeding between sensitive and resistant insects will likely increase the level of resistance in the next generation.

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Reproductive Capacity Influences the Speed of Resistance

- Species with a higher reproductive capacity have a higher risk of developing resistance.
- *Tuta absoluta* can have up to with up to 10 - 14 generations per year.
- Temperature drives reproductive capacity. High temperatures increase the number of generations per year and can accelerate rate of resistance.

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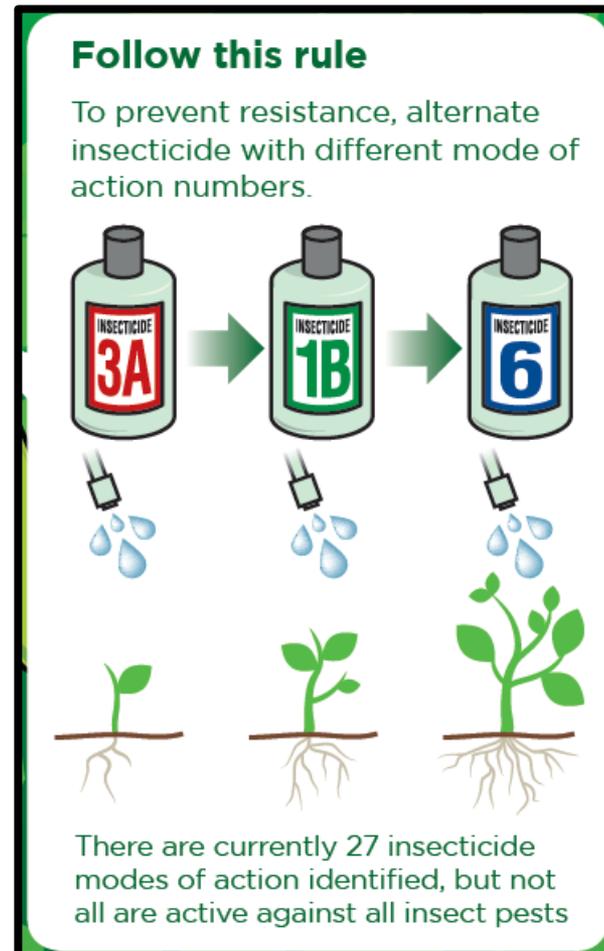
Implementing IPM Removes Resistant Individuals from the Population and Improves Level of Pest Control

- Diversify insect control methods: Integrate cultural (sanitation), physical (mass trapping, exclusion), biological (beneficials, pheromones), and chemical control methods
- Monitor pest populations to determine the correct timing of application at the action spray threshold
- Apply the right product at the recommended life stage
- Follow labeled application rates and intervals
- Calibrate sprayer and maintain nozzles and equipment
- Use optimal spray volumes and best management technique
- Select insect control products that are compatible with natural enemies. Allow the simultaneous use of both strategies to more completely reduce a pest population.
- Avoid using products that will reduce non-target organisms
- Adjust water pH and use adjuvants if necessary

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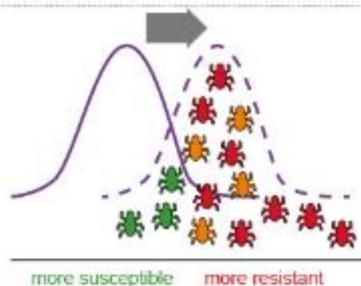
Rotating insecticides with Different Modes of Action Reduces Selection Pressure for Resistance

- Repeated exposure of pest populations to insecticides with the same Mode of Action will select for resistant insects.
- Two successive insect generations shouldn't be treated with insecticides that have the same Mode of Action number (examples 3, 1, 6). Products in Mode of Action subgroups (example 3A) should not be rotated among products within the same MoA group (example 3).



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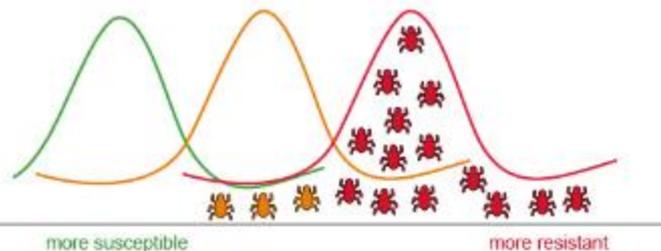


After an insecticide is sprayed, the surviving insects will reproduce and the offspring will be less sensitive.

Recommended MoA Rotation



No/Poor MoA Rotation



Rotation of insecticides with different modes of action prevent the build up of resistant individuals in the field. This IRM strategy ensures that most resistant survivors from the MOA 1 spray(s) will be killed by the subsequent rotation of products containing different modes of actions.

Under permanent selection pressure, the overuse of the same insecticide mode of action can select for less and less susceptibility and a resistant population will evolve.

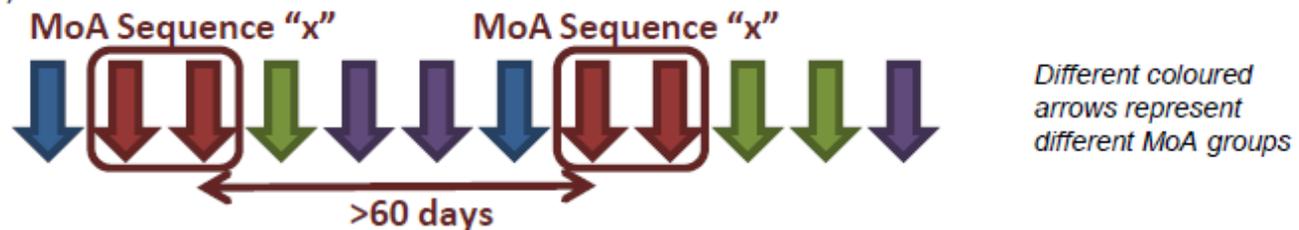
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Exposing fewer pest generations in a season to insecticides with the same MoA reduces selection pressure for resistance

Rotate MoA Products Within Windows of Time

Mode of Action Gap Approach:

- The basic rule for adequate rotation of insecticides by mode of action (MoA) is to avoid treating consecutive generations of the target pest with insecticides of the same MoA group, by using a scheme of "MoA gap".
- A MoA gap is here defined as a period of 60 consecutive days, based on the maximum duration of a single generation of *T. absoluta*.
- A MoA sequence is here defined as one or more consecutive applications of insecticides belonging to a particular MoA group.
- After the last treatment of a MoA sequence, wait at least 60 days for new applications with insecticides of that MoA (follow label for maximum number of consecutive applications and per crop cycle).



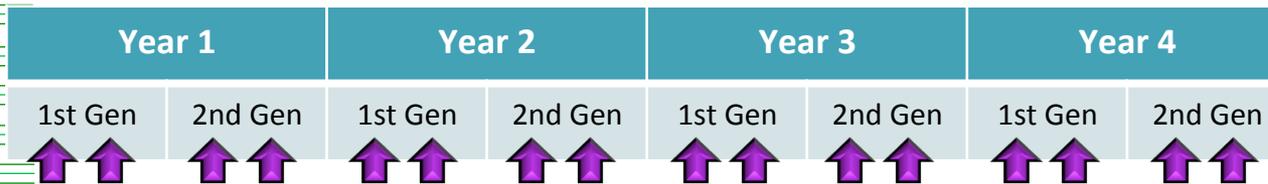
- The proposed scheme seeks to minimize the selection of resistance to any given MoA group by allowing a gap between MoA sequences, ensuring that consecutive generations of *T. absoluta* are not exposed to the same insecticide MoA group.

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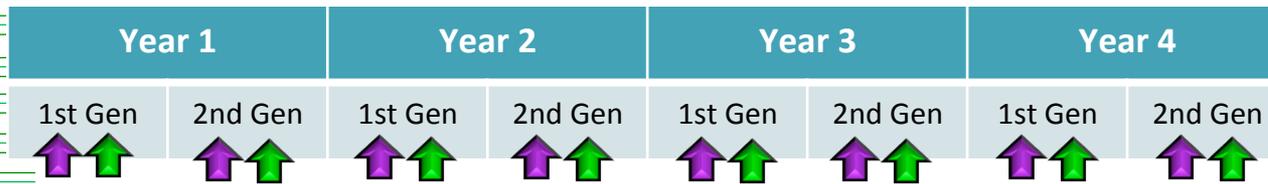
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IRM guidelines below show least to best product rotation recommendations

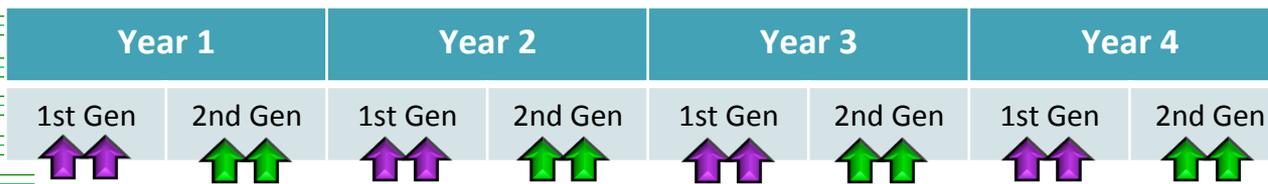
Maintaining insect susceptibility greatly depends on rotation of insecticides with effective products with a different MOA that eliminate resistant individuals. Rotation with products that provide poor control of the target pest increases the risk of developing Diamide resistance.



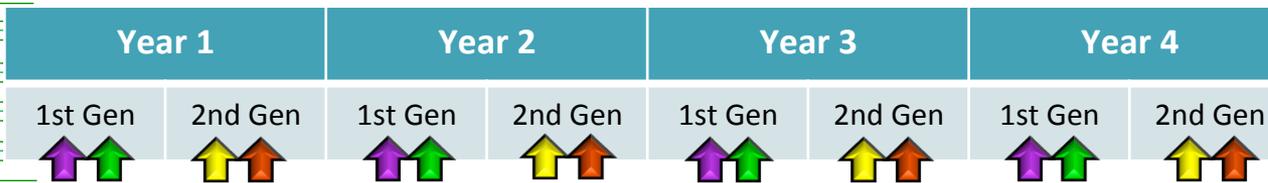
No alternation/rotation
High selection pressure
No recover of sensitive population



Rotation within generation
Consecutive generation exposed to same MoA. Selection pressure doesn't change between generation. Risk of resistance development for both ai's



Rotation among generations
Following generations are not exposed to same MoA. Selection pressure doesn't increase within the generation. Recovery of susceptible population.



Rotation within and between
Ideal situation (very low risk) Not always applicable with good efficacy



Practicing Resistance Management is a Benefit to the Grower



▪ Save money

- No need to increase number of insecticide applications
- Reduces need for more expensive products or control methods
- Helps achieve better pest control and improved yield



▪ Save time

- Spend less time in the field making repeat applications
- Less effort and worry trying to achieve effective pest control



▪ Enhance safety of produce

- Better assurance of consistent crop protection
- Minimizes residue risk on produce



▪ Protect your health and your land

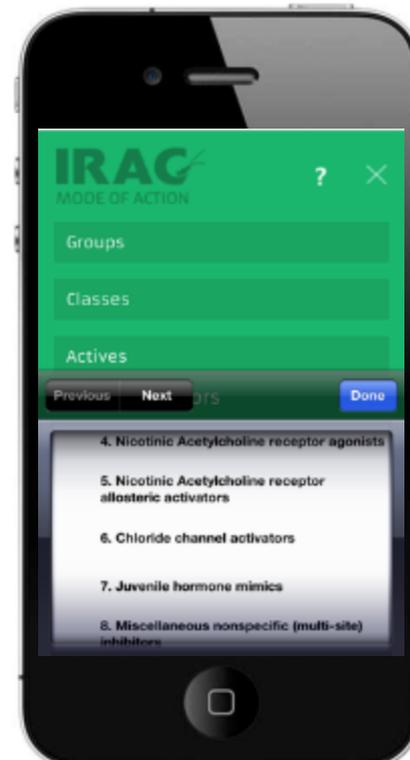
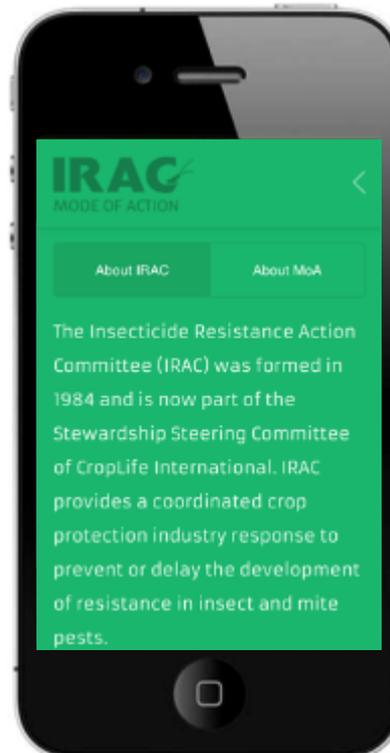
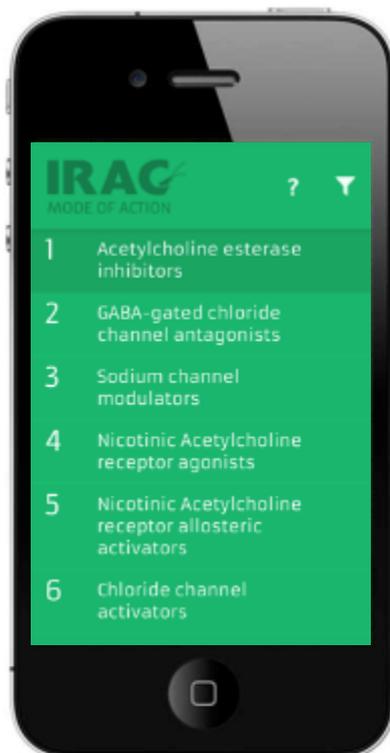
- Less active ingredient applied to ecosystem
- Better worker safety due to fewer applications and less exposure



A Tool to Help You Identify Insecticide Chemistries and MoA Group Number

Mode of Action Classification: Phone/Tablet App (Its Free!!)

Search for: IRAC moa





Best Management Practices to Control Tuta and Manage Insect Resistance

9. Understand Insecticide Resistance Management STRATEGIES



Manage Insecticide Resistance: Follow These Recommendations

- The following IRM recommendations have been developed by the International IRAC organization, Country IRAC Groups, Country Resistance Action Groups, with leading local experts.
- This information is intended to provide the basis for developing an effective pest management program that minimizes the risk of insecticide resistance.
- These are general guidelines and will not fit all crop production systems. Adapt these recommendations and strategies to your local needs.



IRM Recommendations for *Tuta absoluta* on Tomato - 1

• Practice Integrated Pest Management

- Remove and destroy infested cull tomatoes and plant material
- Remove all wild Solanaceous and other host plants near greenhouse
- Renovate greenhouse to exclude *Tuta* adults
- Use pheromones and sticky traps to monitor and mass trap adults
- Augment and conserve natural enemy populations
- Apply entomopathic nematodes (*Steinernema feltiae*) in a foliar spray
- Use optimal spray volume, maintain and calibrate spray equipment
- Treat large areas to same MoA
- CALIBRATE/ MAINTAIN sprayers. Clean/replace nozzles.

• Apply insecticides at economic pest thresholds

- Follow locally established economic pest thresholds for the application of foliar insecticides in order to optimize insecticide use.
- Always use labeled rates and water volumes.

• Use windows of insecticide application

- Use windows of application to minimize exposure of sequential generations of a insect pest species to the same insecticide modes of action.
- Each window should be approximately 30 days.

• Rotate insecticides with different modes of action.

- If more than one insecticide application is required during an application window then it is recommended to use an insecticide with a different mode of action.
- Multiple applications of insecticides with the same mode of action within a single window are acceptable as long as combined effects (residual activity) of the applications do not exceed approximately the 30-day window.

• Maximum Number of MoA Applications

- Advisable to use the same MOA products in only 2 windows per season
- Avoid using the same Mode of Action products in more than 3 windows.

• Insecticide mixtures - Tank mixing products:

- Do not tank-mix insecticide products with the SAME MoA.
- When tank-mixing insecticide products with DIFFERENT MoA's, follow label rates for each insecticide.
- Respect maximum number of applications, PHI and REI stated in the label of each product.
- Product(s) applied on subsequent window/pest generation should have an MoA that is different from both tank-mix partners.

• Avoid insecticides with *Tuta* resistance

Consult with local experts to determine which insecticides are affected by resistance in your locality. A preference to insecticides which are not affected by resistance should be given.

• Preserve non-target & beneficial organisms

The use of selective insecticides with reduced impact on non-target and beneficial organisms is recommended whenever possible.

• Manage the removal of in-season infested stems and fruit

In addition to practicing clean sanitation pre and post season it is critical to remove and destroy plant stems pruned during the season and all cull/waste tomato after each harvest.

• Rotate crops and Incorporate a Host Free Period

- Subsequent crop plantings should be of a different crop type, which is not a host to the insects which are pests of *Tuta*.
- Institute an area-wide fallow period where only non-host crops to *Tuta* can be planted disrupting the life cycle of *Tuta*.



IRM Recommendations for Tuta absoluta on Tomato - 2

MULTIPLE MoA PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

Different MoA products can be used in the same window but they must be rotated to different MoA products in the next window.

Gen 1	Gen 2	Gen 3
MoA <u>A & B</u>	MoA <u>C & D</u>	MoA <u>A & D</u>

FEW MoA PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

Apply products with the same MoA in the same window.

Gen 1	Gen 2	Gen 3
MoA <u>A & A</u>	MoA <u>B & B</u>	MoA <u>C & C</u>

- Rotating products with different Modes of Action delays resistance.

Don't apply the same Mode of Action continuously:

- Rotate insecticides with different modes of action using the window approach to minimize exposure of sequential generations of a pest species to the same insecticide MoA.
- Each "treatment window" should be approximately 30 days.
- Multiple applications can be made in a window:
 - If more than one insecticide application is required then attempt to use an insecticide with a different mode of action.
 - Multiple applications of insecticides with the same mode of action within a single window are acceptable if their combined residual activity does not exceed approximately the 30-day window.
 - After a "treatment window" of approximately 30 days rotate to a window with different MoA products for approx 30 days.. Allow at 30-60 days before applying the same mode of action again.

- For crops longer than approximately 100 days, use the same MoA products in only 2 windows per season

- For crops less than approximately 100 days then use same MoA products in only one window within the crop cycle.

A short cycle crop (< 50 days) is a "treatment window". Rotate products with different MoA in the next planting.

- Don't treat the crop for more than approximately 50% of the cropping season or 50% of the total number of applications with same MoA

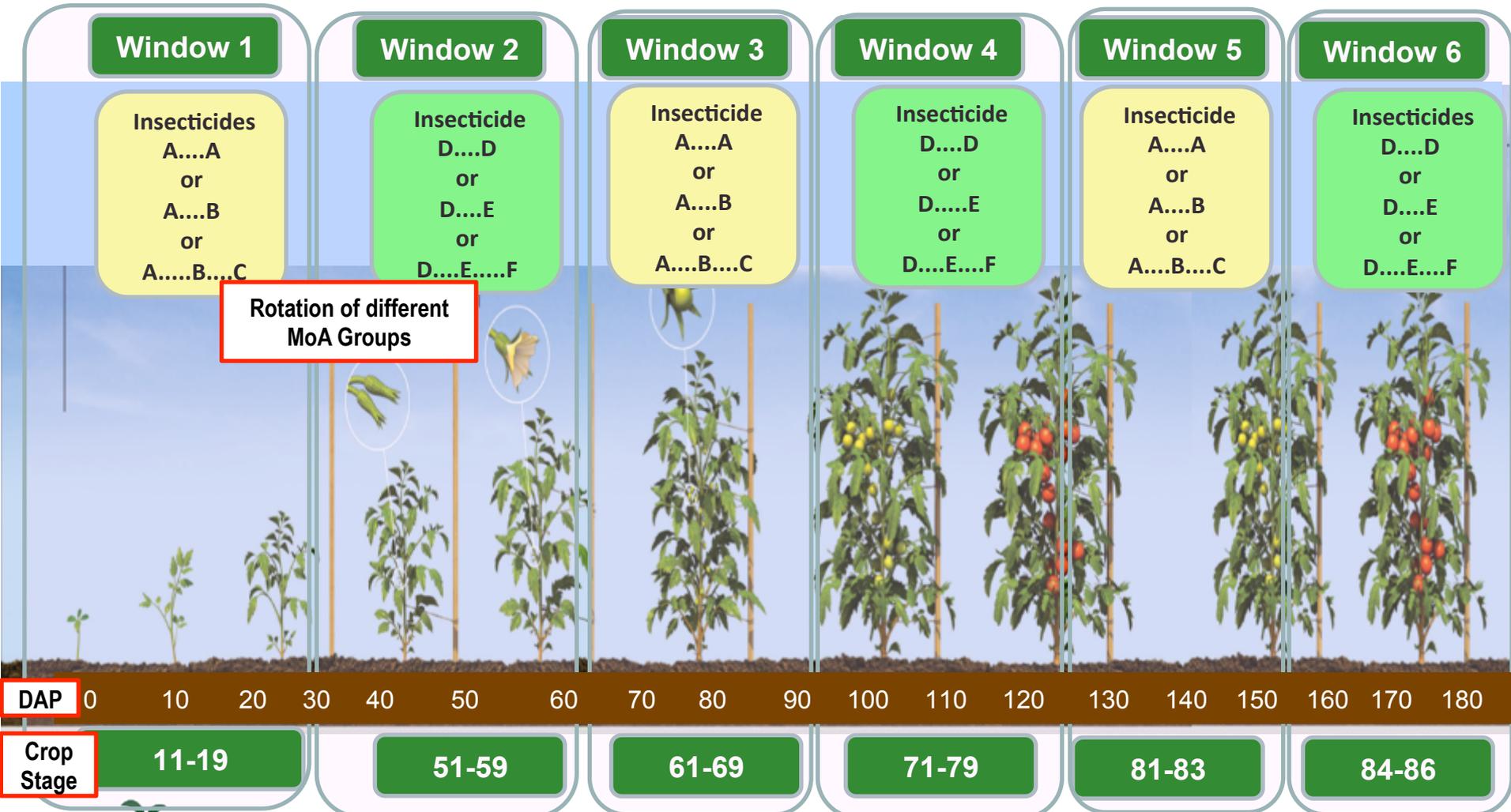


IRM Recommendations for *Tuta absoluta* on Tomato - 3

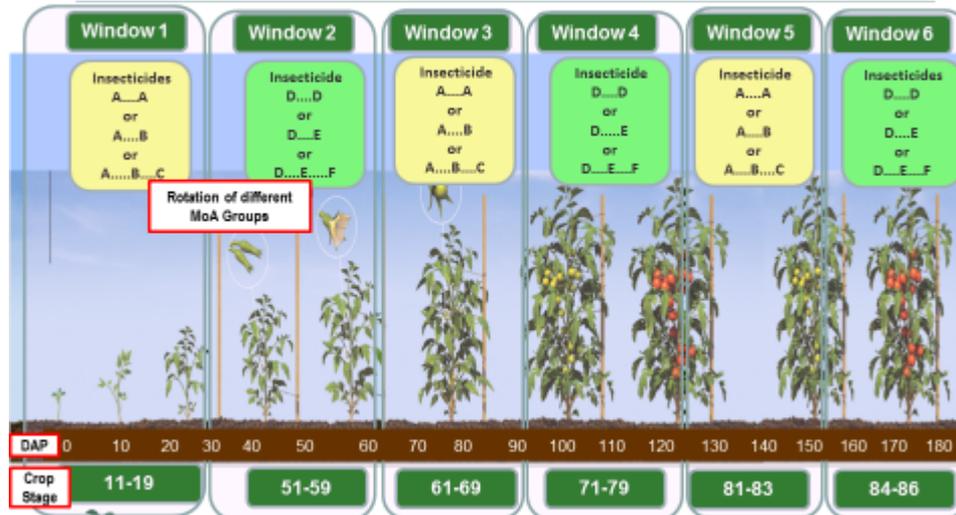
- Select insecticides based on known local effectiveness and selectivity to beneficials.
 - Know the attributes of your pest control products (adulticide, ovicide, larvicide, safety to beneficials, residual, spectrum)
 - Use larvicides to treat young larvae
 - Do not underdose. Follow label rates and intervals
 - Use surfactants (wetting agents) to assure better coverage or methylated seed oil to acquire leaf cuticle penetration. Surfactants may be important to improve the activity of some insecticides.
 - In high populations combine larvicide with adulticide or ovicidal product
- Use sufficient spray volume.
 - Maximize coverage to maximize pest kill
- Whenever possible, use products and mixes that are selective and conserve natural enemies and pollinators
 - Conserve natural enemies early season so they can assist in pest control season-long.
 - Use B.t.'s and non-chemical products against low *Tuta* populations.
- Stop using products that are not providing good efficacy. Try that product again next season.
- Ideal to treat large areas with the same mode of action product and follow the same window rotation strategy
- Tank mix insecticides to control different life stages and manage pest populations.
- Rotate solanaceous crops with crops that are not a host to *Tuta*.

9. Implement Insecticide Resistance Management Strategies

Example: Application Windows for Tuta absoluta on Tomato
Do not to use the same insecticide MoA used in a previous window



Tuta Population Control and IPM Activities



Pre-Season

- Remove cull piles
- Kill weed hosts
- Renovate GH
- Moth-proof GH (fix screens)
- Monitor adults-Ph Traps
- Choose tolerant varieties
- Use pest free transplants

During-Season

- Manage the removal of in-season infested pruned stems and fruit
- Use pheromones and sticky traps to monitor and mass trap adults.
- Use pheromone dispensers for Mating Disruption
- Sprat entomopathic nematodes and nonchemical products that will not select for insecticide resistance.
- Augment and conserve natural enemy populations
- Use optimal spray volume, maintain and calibrate spray equipment

Post-Season

- Remove cull piles
- Kill weed hosts
- Renovate GH
- Moth-proof GH
- Solarize soil
- Rotate to non-host crop & Incorporate a host free period:
 - subsequent crop plantings should be of a different crop type, which is not a host to the insects which are pests of Tuta.
 - Institute an area-wide fallow period where only non-host crops to Tuta can be planted disrupting the life cycle of Tuta



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11. Examples of country IRM programs with Mode of Action rotation: Spain, Italy, Greece, Portugal

11. Examples of country MoA alternation programs:

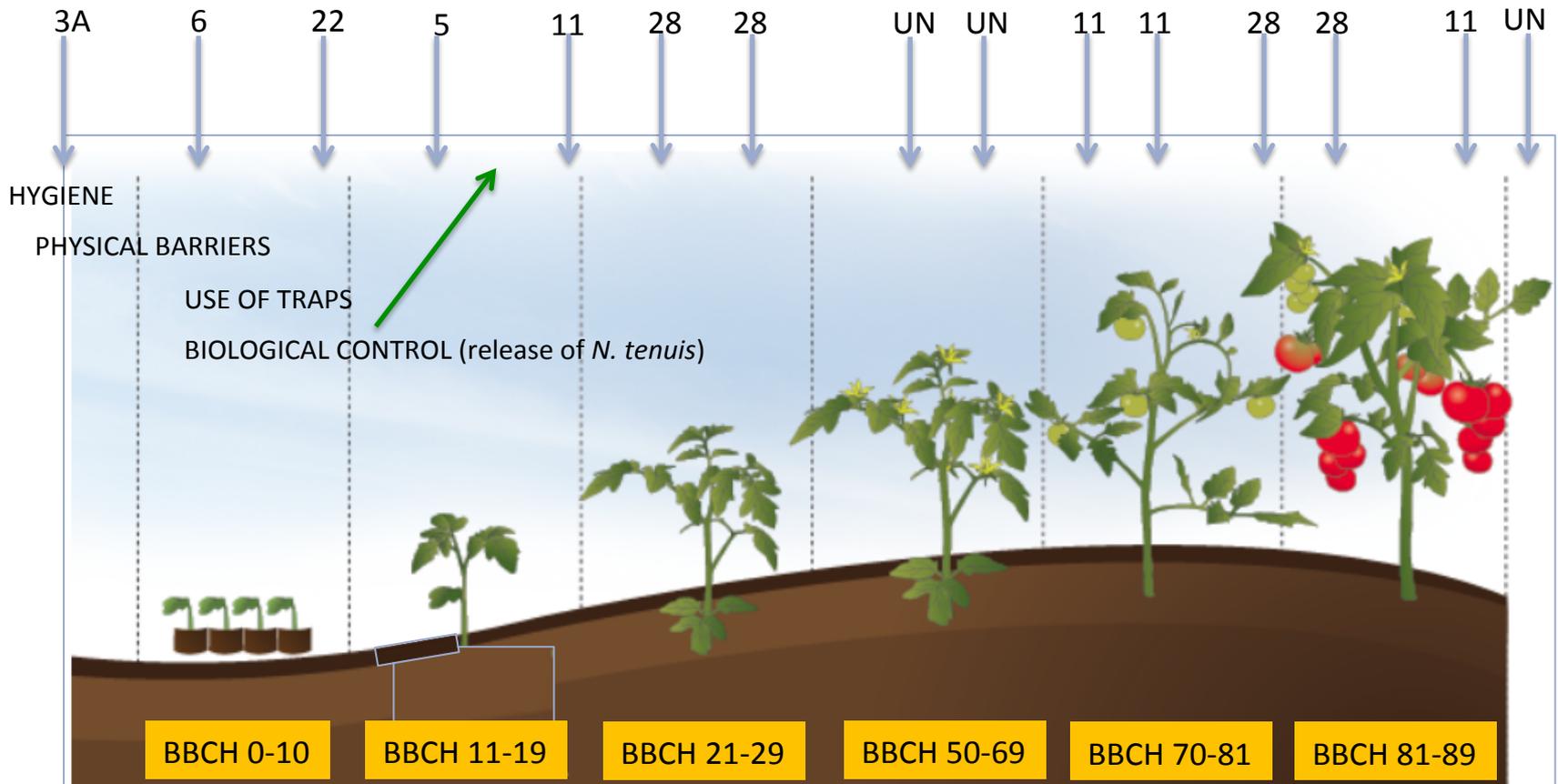
Spain

Pest control practices (general example):

Example: planting Sep and crop removal July.

12-16 applications (as average in a long crop cycle)

Product rotation in this case (by MoA):



11. Examples of country MoA alternation programs:

Spain

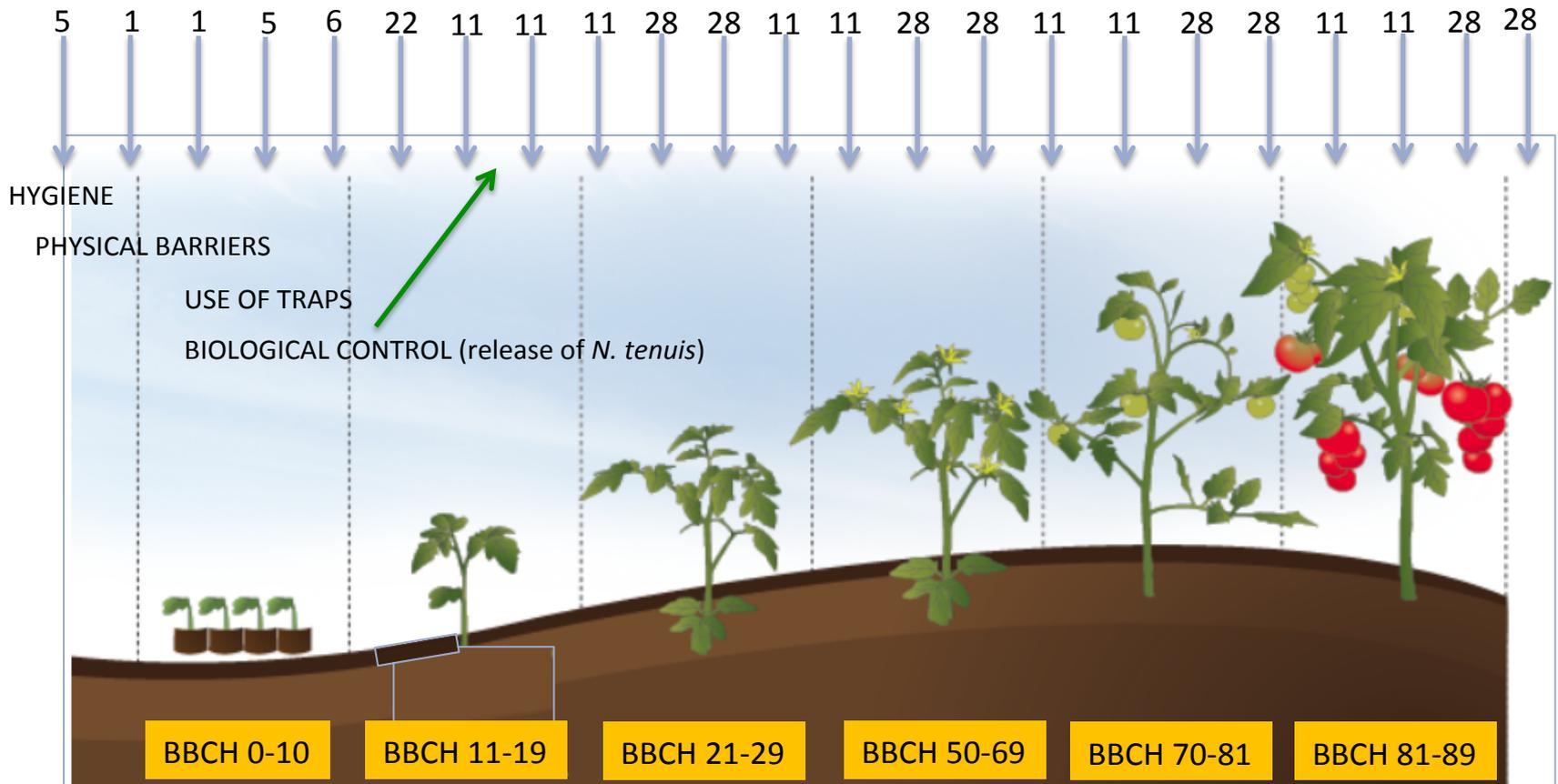
Pest control practices (worse case scenario example):

Example from Murcia: planting 3rd Sep 14 and crop removal 10th July 15

23 applications: 9 BT; 8 Diamides, 2 Spinosad, 1 Emamectine, 1 Indoxacarb and 2 Methomyl.

Up to 11 generations/crop cycle => shorter intervals with warm T^a and longer day light.

Product rotation in this case (by MoA):



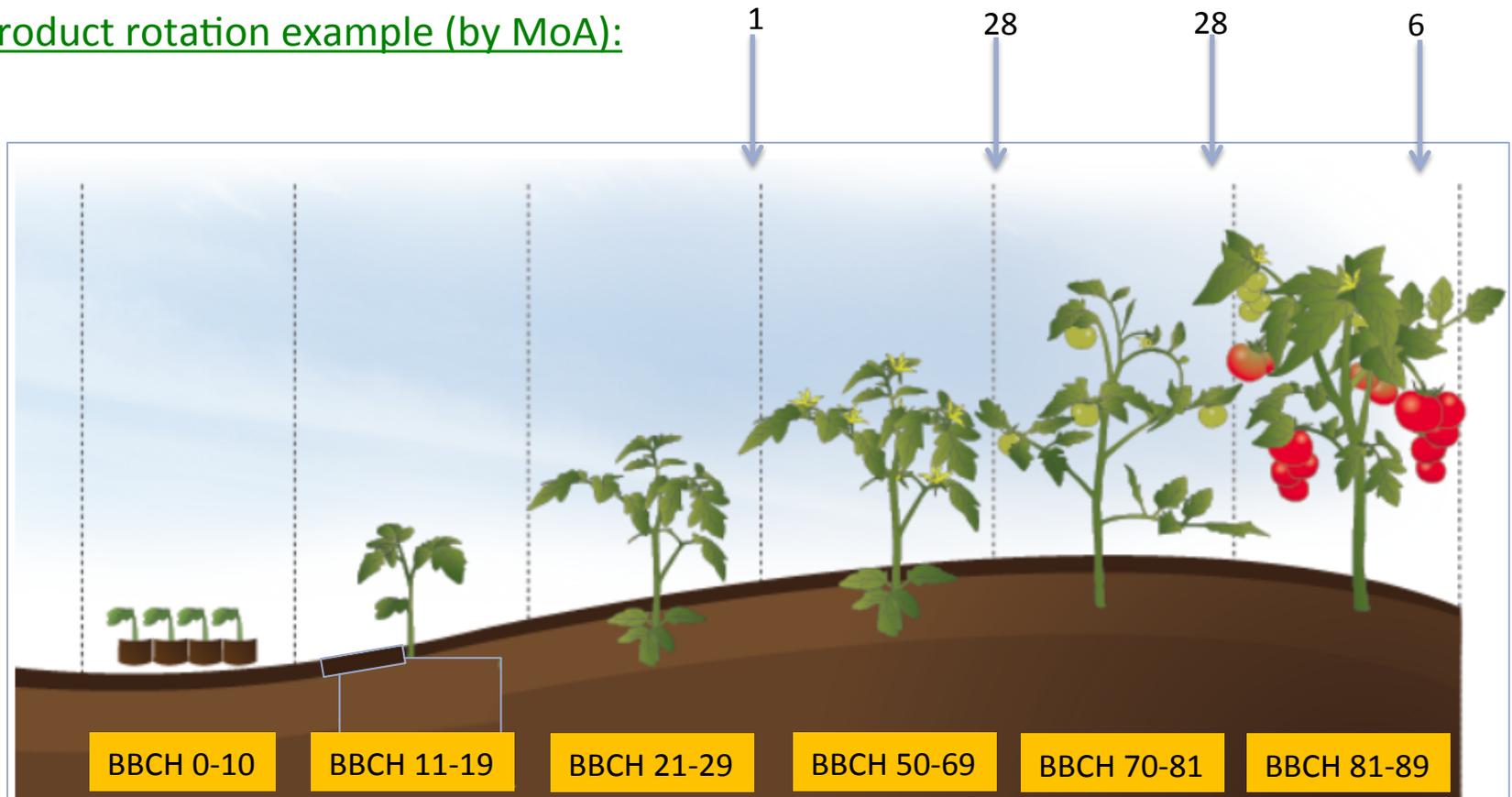
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Portugal – Open Field

Pest control practices (general example):

Example from Portugal industry –open field-: planting Mar-Jun and crop removal Aug-Oct
3-5 applications: Diamides, Emamectine, Pirethrins (farmers try to rotate)

Product rotation example (by MoA):

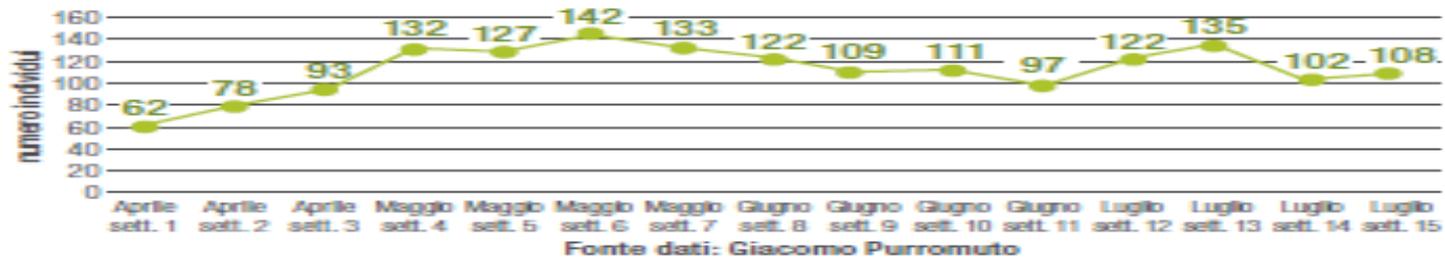


11. Examples of country MoA alternation programs:

Italy (Syngenta)

SPRING-SUMMER CYCLE: example of sustainable program

Flight example



0-30 giorni

2 applications with emamectine

In case of persistent infestation, make also 1 application with *Spinosad*



30-60 giorni

2 applications with clorantraniliprole



60-90 giorni

Apply products with different MoA (eg. Indoxacarb, metaflumizone)



90-120 giorni

1 application with emamectine

In case of persistent infestation, make also 1 application with *Spinosad*

Spray proposal

➤ In case of high Tuta pressure, and with applications made with short spray interval (7-10 days), integrate the spray calendar with other MoA (eg. Metaflumizone, Spinosad, *B. thuringensis*), FOLLOWING the IRAC recommendations

➤ In case of control of other Lepidopteran species, consider insecticides with different Moz (e.g. Lufenuron – IGR)

DO NOT APPLY INSECTICIDES WITH SAME MoA WITHIN 60 DAY FROM THE LAST APPLICATION

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Flight example **SPRING-SUMMER CYCLE: example of sustainable program**



0-30 giorni



30-60 giorni



60-90 giorni



90-120 giorni



120-150



150-180

2 applications of clorantraniliprole

2 applications of Indoxacarb

2 applications of emamectine

2 applications of *B. thuringensis*

2 applications of Indoxacarb

1 application of emamectine

In case of more consistent infestation, make 1-2 applications of *metaflumizone*

In case of persistent infestation, make also 1 application with *Spinosad*

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Italy DuPont™ Greenhouse fall cycle

Descrizione stadio	Post-trapianto (prime foglie sviluppate)	Fase di preparazione palchi fiorali	Fase di fioritura	Continua fioritura e comparsa prime bacche	Colorazione bacche e inizio primi stacchi	Termine fioritura e proseguimento raccolta	Raccolta
Periodo indicativo per trapianti campagna autunnale	1 - 20 sett.	20 sett. - 10 ott.	10 - 31 ott.	1 - 30 nov.	1 dic. - 28 febb.	1 - 31 marzo	1 - 30 aprile
Caratteristiche periodo	Pianta in attiva crescita, elevata pressione <i>Tuta</i>	Pianta in attiva crescita, elevata pressione <i>Tuta</i>	Immissione bombi nelle serre	Presenza bombi nelle serre e calo pressione <i>Tuta</i>	Calo temperatura e quiescenza <i>Tuta</i>	Ripresa pressione <i>Tuta</i>	Ripresa pressione <i>Tuta</i>
							
Stadio BBCH	11 - 19	51 - 59	61 - 69	71 - 79	81 - 83	84 - 86	87 - 89
Prodotti e dosi per ettolitro	2 trattamenti con Steward® 12.5 g + bagnante (intervallo 10-12 gg fra primo e secondo tratt.)	2 trattamenti con Spinosad 25 ml (intervallo 10 gg fra primo e secondo tratt.)	2 trattamenti con Altacor® 12 g + Codacide® (intervallo 7-10 gg fra primo e secondo tratt.)	2 trattamenti con emectinabenzoato® 150 g (intervallo 7-10 gg fra primo e secondo tratt.)	Trattamenti con <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> (intervallo 8-10 gg fra i tratt.)	2 trattamenti con Steward® 12.5 g + bagnante (intervallo 10-12 gg fra primo e secondo tratt.)	Trattamenti con <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> (intervallo 8-10 gg fra i tratt.) o con Spinosad in caso di infestazioni perduranti



Group 22A
Oxadiazine



Group 5
Spinosins



Group 28
Diamides



Group 6
Avermectines



Group 11
Bacillus



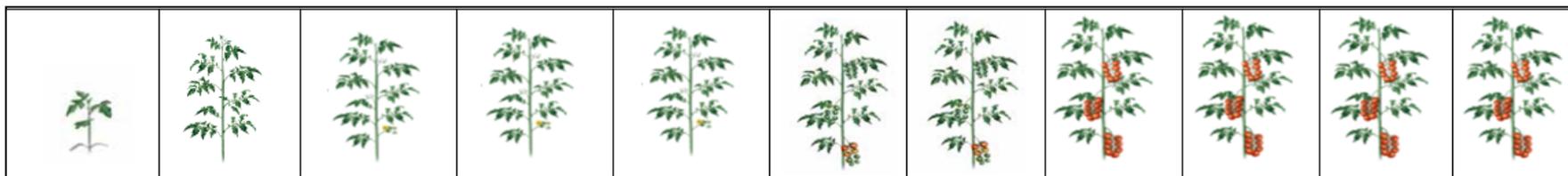
Group 22A
Oxadiazine



Group 11
Bacillus

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Italy DuPont Greenhouse spring/summer cycle



Product	Steward + Codacide	Steward + Codacide	Spinosad + bagnante	Spinosad + bagnante	Altacor + Codacide	Altacor + Codacide	Emamectina Benzoato 0,95% + Bagnante	Emamectina Benzoato 0,95% + Bagnante	Steward + Codacide	Steward + Codacide
Rate 1000 m ²	12,5g + 150 ml	12,5g + 150 ml	30 ml + 0,02 V/V	30 ml + 0,02 V/V	12 g + 150 ml	12 g + 150 ml	150 ml + 0,02 V/V	150 ml + 0,02 V/V	12,5g + 150 ml	12,5g + 150 ml
IRAC	Group 22	Group 22	Group 5	Group 5	Group 28	Group 28	Group 6	Group 6	Group 22	Group 22

Rules for the proper use of insecticides and the best of resistance management strategy:

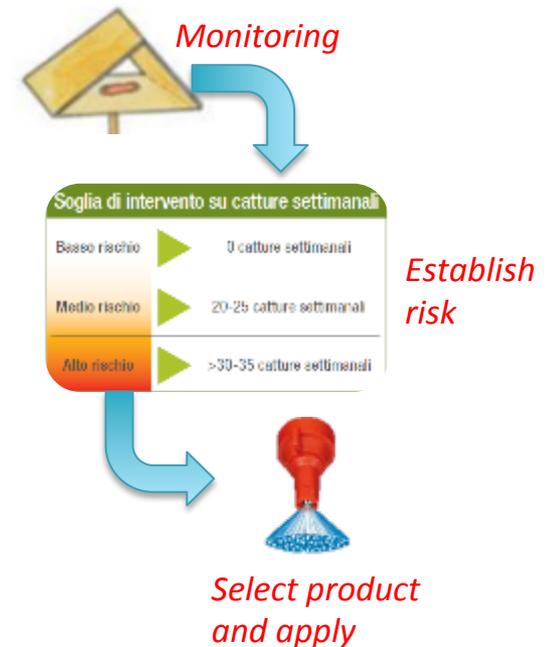
1. Respect label rates and do not use the products in drip irrigation if not provided on the label.
2. Respect intervals between treatments provided and max. number of applications per year.
3. Use only products and active ingredients registered on the crop.
4. Make the required rotations of active ingredients suggested by the label and IRAC.
5. During the crop cycle use the greatest number of active ingredients effective against *Tuta*
6. Do not use insecticides in mixtures.
7. Do not use active ingredients with low activity in the control of *Tuta absoluta*.

11. Examples of country MoA alternation programs:

ITALY

Tuta absoluta: pest control practice

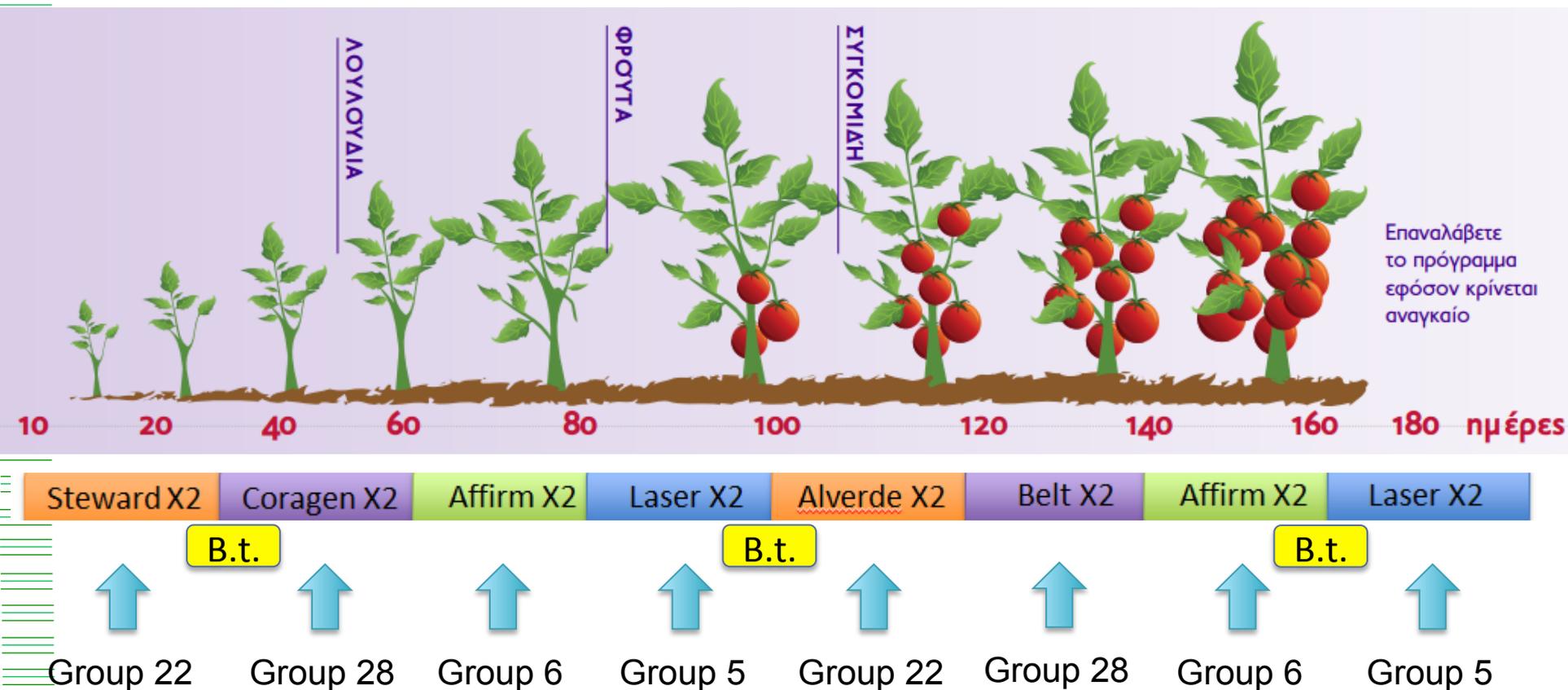
1. Buy **plants** from nursery **free of infestations**
2. Clean the field from **crop residues**, use **mulching, solarizati** and **nets** for insect exclusion
3. **Monitoring**: use pheromone traps for monitoring the flight curve and then decide the control strategy to adopt
4. **Remove the infested parts** from the GH and destroy them
5. **Select the product** to be applied according to the **label recommendation** (dose, spray interval, number of applications)
6. **Rotate the insecticides** available, following the IRAC recommendations
7. Release favorite **beneficials**



11. Examples of country MoA alternation programs:

DuPontGreece Greenhouse

Tuta absoluta: Διαθέσιμα εργαλεία και διαχείριση ανθεκτικότητας



11. Examples of country MoA alternation programs: Greece Greenhouse – Roditakis et al

Πίνακας 1.

Σκευάσματα εγκεκριμένα από το Υ.Π.Α.Π.Ε.Ν. για την αντιμετώπιση του εντόμου *Tuta absoluta* στην τομάτα

Ομάδα δράσης (1)	Εγκεκριμένο σκευάσμα	Δραστική ουσία	Τομάτα Υ: υπαίθρου Β: θερμο/πίου	Ημέρες προ της συγκομιδής	Μέγιστος αριθμός εφαρμογών /καλ. περίοδο	Τοξικότητα στο αρθροπόδο Miridae ⁽²⁾	Διάρκεια επίδρασης στα αρθροπόδα
1A	LANNATE 20 SL, LANNATE 25WP	methomyl	Υ	7	2	Τοξικό	8-12 εβδομάδες
5	LASER 480 SC	spinosad	Υ/Θ	3	2	Ελαφρύ έως μέτριο τοξικό	2 εβδομάδες
6	AFIFIM 095 SG	emamectin benzoate	Υ/Θ	3	3	Ασφαλές	-
	CAL EX	abamectin	Υ/Θ	3	3	Τοξικό	≥3 εβδομάδες
11A	BELT®RUL 5200 WP	Bacillus thuringiensis ssp. kurstaki	Υ/Θ	0	3	Ασφαλές	-
	BACTO® SC		Υ/Θ	0	3	Ασφαλές	-
	BACTOSPINE® 6,4 WG		Υ/Θ	0	8	Ασφαλές	-
22A	BOLERO 30 WG	indoxacarb	Υ/Θ	1	3	Ελαφρύ έως μέτριο τοξικό	2-3 εβδομάδες
	STEWARD 50 WG		Υ/Θ	1	3	Ελαφρύ (έως μέτριο τοξικό)	≥3 εβδομάδες
22B	ALVERDE 24 SC	methamizone	Θ	1	2	Τοξικό	>3 εβδομάδες
28	ALTACOR 55 WG	chlorantraniliprole	Υ/Θ	1	2	Ασφαλές	-
	BELT 24 WG	flubendiamide	Θ	3	2	Ασφαλές	-
28/6	VOIDAM TARGO 063 SC	chlorantraniliprole + abamectin	Θ	7	2	Τοξικό	≥3 εβδομάδες
28/3A	AMPUGO 150 ZC	chlorantraniliprole + λωγχαλοθρίνη	Υ	3	2	Τοξικό	8-12 εβδομάδες

(1): Καθορισμένη δράση δράσης από I.R.A.C. (International Resistance Action Committee, www.irac-online.org). Η αναγνώριση αντιστοιχεί στην οποία ομαδοποίηση των εντομοκτόνων κατά τρόπο δράσης.

(2): Τα στοιχεία εφευρέθηκαν στα είδη *Macrostelus pygmaeus* και *Residicaris tenus*.

Πηγές: α) <http://sidsmeffects.kippert.nl>

β) <http://ipmgridlinesvegtrains.com.au/learn-information/chemical-control/pesticide-impact>

γ) <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/283920111.html>

δ) <http://www.biopestgroup.com/en/side-effect-manual>

ε) Arno, J. and R. Gabaena, 2011. J. Pest Sci. 84: 513-520

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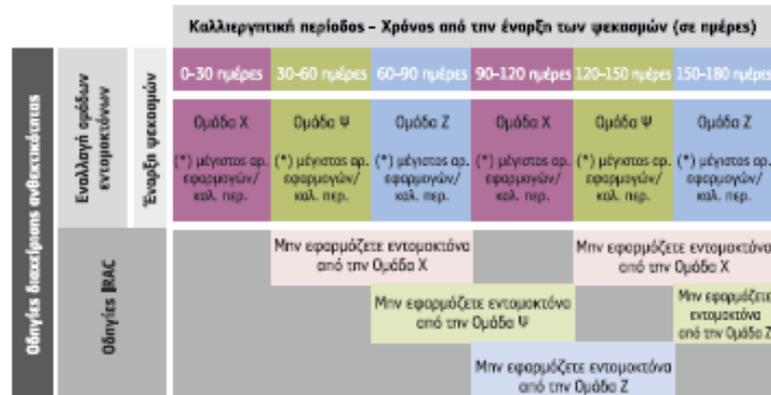
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ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ

Η αλόγιστη εφαρμογή χημικών σκευασμάτων

- 1. Έχει αρνητική επίδραση στους βιοβίνους (κοινός: αβούρι, μέλισσες) που χρησιμοποιούνται για την επικονίαση των φυτών στη θερμοκηπιακή καλλιέργεια τομάτας
- 2. Επιταχύνει την ανάπτυξη ανθεκτικότητας από τον εχθρό μειώνοντας την δραστηριότητα των εντομοκτόνων
- 3. Αξίζει να κτιστεί παραγωγή και τέλος
- 4. Αξίζει την πιθανότητα εμφάνισης μη επιτρεπών υπολειμμάτων γεωργικών φαρμάκων στα γεωργικά προϊόντα.

Στον Πίνακα 2 παρουσιάζονται συνοπτικά σε γράφημα οι οδηγίες διαχείρισης της ανθεκτικότητας, όπως αυτές περιγράφονται από τις ετικέτες των σκευασμάτων και τις συστάσεις από τον IRAC.



(*) Προσέχτε στον μέγιστο αριθμό εφαρμογών ανά καλλιερητική περίοδο (αναφέρεται στην ετικέτα των σκευασμάτων)

Πίνακας 2.

Σύνοψη των οδηγιών διαχείρισης της ανθεκτικότητας όπως αυτές περιγράφονται από τις ετικέτες των σκευασμάτων και τις συστάσεις του IRAC (www.irac-online.org). Οι Ομάδες X, Ψ ή Z αντιστοιχούν σε εγκεκριμένα σκευάσματα που περιέχουν δραστικές ουσίες από την ίδια ομάδα δράσης (Mode of action). Ο χρόνος στον πίνακα αρχίζει με την έναρξη των ψεκασμών για το *Tuta absoluta*.

Ενέργειες που πρέπει να γίνουν σε προσβεβλημένες καλλιέργειες

α) Απομακρύνουμε και καταστρέφουμε με **θάψιμο** τα υπολείμματα της προσβεβλημένης καλλιέργειας, ώστε να περιορίσουμε την εξάπλωση του εχθρού σε γειτονικές καλλιέργειες. Αν αυτό δεν είναι εφικτό, τότε μπορούμε να στοιβάξουμε τα υπολείμματα σε σωρούς και να τα **καλύψουμε ερμητικά** με πλαστικό θερμοκηπίου για 2 μήνες. Οι ελεύθερες άκρες του πλαστικού να παρακλωθούν επιμελώς.

β) Απολυμαίνουμε το χώρο του θερμοκηπίου πριν την νέα φύτευση. Η εφαρμογή **πληθοπολύμηνος** του εδάφους για 4 έως 8 εβδομάδες (ανάλογα με την εποχή εφαρμογής της) μπορεί να συντελέσει στη μείωση των πληθυσμών του εντόμου στο έδαφος του θερμοκηπίου, πριν την έναρξη της νέας καλλιέργειας τομάτας.

Γενικές παρατηρήσεις

Η αντιμετώπιση του *Tuta absoluta* είναι ιδιαίτερα δύσκολη και οι πρώτες ενδείξεις για ανάπτυξη ανθεκτικότητας έχουν δημοσιευτεί. Μόνο ο συνδυασμός διαφορετικών μεθόδων, στο πλαίσιο της ολοκληρωμένης διαχείρισης των εχθρών της καλλιέργειας, μπορεί να δώσει ένα ικανοποιητικό αποτέλεσμα με χαμηλό κόστος.

11. Examples of country MoA alternation programs: IRAC Training Tuta Poster



Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

The Tomato Leafminer / Tomato Borer, *Tuta absoluta* Recommendations for Sustainable and Effective Resistance Management

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Tuta absoluta, an Aggressive Pest with High Risk of Insecticide Resistance Development

Tuta absoluta (Meyrick) (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae) is a pest of great economic importance in a number of countries. Its primary host is tomato, although potato, aubergine, common bean, and various wild solanaceous plants are also suitable hosts. *T. absoluta* is characterized by high reproduction potential. Each female may lay up to 300 eggs and 10-12 generations can be produced each year. In tomato, it attacks all plant parts and crop developmental stages, although the larvae prefer apical buds, tender new leaflets, flowers, and green fruits and can cause up to 100% crop destruction.

This pest is crossing borders and devastating tomato production in protected and open fields. Originally from Latin America, *T. absoluta* has recently spread to Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. Given its aggressive nature and crop destruction potential, it has quickly become a key pest of concern in these new geographies.



Risk for Insecticide Resistance Development: Pests like *Tuta absoluta*, with high reproduction capacity and short generation cycle, are at higher risk of developing resistance to insecticides. This risk increases significantly when management of the pest relies exclusively on chemical control with a limited number of effective insecticides available. This situation usually leads to increases in the frequency of use and thus, increase in the selection pressure. In fact, field populations of *T. absoluta* resistant to a range of mode of action groups are already known from L. America countries, where this has been a key pest for decades.

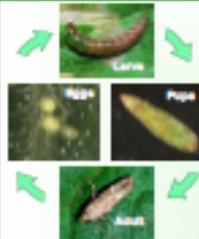
Local Evaluation of Insecticidal Efficacy: *T. absoluta* populations in Europe, Middle East and N. Africa were most likely imported from L. America and thus, may already express high level of resistance to one or multiple mode of action groups. It is therefore essential to first evaluate the efficacy of each insecticide for the control of *Tuta absoluta* in each geography before specific recommendations are made for their use within IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and IRM (Insecticide Resistance Management) programs.

Damage and Symptoms

Infestation of tomato plants occurs throughout the entire crop cycle. Feeding damage is caused by all larval instars and throughout the whole plant. On leaves, the larvae feed on the mesophyll tissue, forming irregular leaf mines which may later become necrotic. Larvae can form extensive galleries in the stems which alter the general development of the plants. Fruits are also attacked by the larvae, forming galleries which represent open areas for invasion by secondary pathogens, leading to fruit rot. Potential yield loss (quantity & quality) is significant and if the pest is not managed, can reach 100% in tomatoes.



Insect Description and Life Cycle



Tuta absoluta is a micro lepidopteran insect. The adults are silvery brown, 5-7 mm long. The total life cycle is completed in an average of 24-40 days, with the exception of winter months, when the cycle could be extended to more than 60 days. The minimal temperature for biological activity is 9°C.

After copulation, females lay individual small (0.35 mm long) cylindrical creamy yellow eggs. Recently hatched larvae are light yellow or green and only 0.5 mm in length. As they mature, larvae develop a darker green color and a characteristic dark band posterior to the head capsule. Four larval instars develop. Larvae do not enter diapause when food is available. Pupation may take place in the soil, on the leaf surface or within mines. *Tuta absoluta* can overwinter as egg, pupae or adults depending on environmental conditions.

Modified from Benítez et al. (2008)

Larval Developmental Time at Different Temperatures	Days
14°C	35 days
20°C	40 days
27°C	24 days

Key Management Strategy Integration of Control Measures

The basis for effective and sustainable management of *Tuta absoluta* is the integration of cultural, behavioural, biological and chemical control.



Key Management Tactics

- Use pest-free transplants
- Prior to transplanting, install yellow sticky traps
- Monitor pest using delta phenomone indicator traps
- Between planting cycles, cultivate the soil and cover with plastic mulch or perform solarization
- Allow a minimum of 6 weeks from crop destruction to next crop planting
- Seal greenhouse structure with high quality new substrate for *T. absoluta*
- Inspect the crop regularly to detect the first signs of damage
- For massive trapping, use water + oil traps (20-40 traps/ ha)
- Constantly remove and destroy attacked plant parts
- Control weeds to prevent multiplication in alternative host
- Establish populations of effective biological control agents (e.g. *Neelidocoris tenuis*)
- Use locally established thresholds to trigger insecticide applications
- Select insecticides based on known local effectiveness and selectivity
- Rotate insecticides by MoA group using a gap/sequence approach
- Use only insecticides registered for control of *T. absoluta*
- Always follow the directions for use on the label of each product

Insecticide Resistance Management

Resistance status in L. America vs. Europe, N. Africa, and Middle East: In L. America, high level and widespread resistance is known to exist in field populations of *T. absoluta* mainly to organophosphates (MoA group 1B), synthetic pyrethroids (MoA group 3), and benzoylureas (MoA group 15). However, resistance has also developed to newer classes of insecticides. Because it is likely that resistant populations from L. America may have spread to Europe, N. Africa and the Middle East, it is urgent that regional technical experts understand the susceptibility profile of *T. absoluta* field populations to the available insecticides so that local recommendations can be made.

Evaluation of Insecticide Susceptibility: IRAC has a standard "leaf-dip" larval bioassay method to assess susceptibility of field populations to insecticides. See IRAC Method No. 022 on the IRAC Website.



Insecticide Resistance Management (IRM):

The recommendations for sustaining the effectiveness of available insecticides is centred on integration of as many pest management tools as possible, use of insecticides only when needed and based on established thresholds, and rotation of effective insecticides with different modes of action.

Mode of Action Window Approach:

- The basic rule for adequate rotation of insecticides by mode of action (MoA) is to avoid treating consecutive generations of the target pest with insecticides in the same MoA group, by using a scheme of "MoA treatment windows".
- A treatment window is here defined as a period of 30 consecutive days, based on the minimum duration of single generation of *T. absoluta*.
- Multiple applications of the same MoA or different MoAs may be possible within a particular window (follow label for maximum number of applications within a window and per crop cycle).
- After a first MoA window of 30 days is completed and if additional insecticide applications are needed based on established thresholds, different and effective MoAs should be selected for use in the next 30 days (second MoA window). Similarly, a third MoA window should use different MoAs for the subsequent 30 days etc.
- The proposed scheme seeks to minimize the selection of resistance to any given MoA group by ensuring that the same insecticide MoA group will not be re-applied for at least 30 days after a window closes, a wise measure given the potential of a longer life cycle based on temperature fluctuations throughout the growing season.
- This scheme requires a minimum of three effective insecticide MoA groups but ideally more MoA groups should be included, if locally registered/effective against *T. absoluta*.

Example: Insecticide Mode of Action (MoA) "Window" Approach – 150 day cropping cycle



Notes:

- Within a "window" (MoA x, y or z in the diagram above) more than one application of the same MoA or different MoAs can be applied if necessary and depending on label advice, as long as these MoAs are not re-applied for 30 days as indicated above.
- Following the "window rotation scheme", example above, use as many effective MoA groups as locally registered/effective and always follow product labels for specific directions of use.
- For a comprehensive list of existing insecticides classified by MoA group visit the IRAC website (www.irc-online.org/en/moa-of-action).