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Insecticide resistance in the Strawberry blossom weevil in Finland.

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• Strawberry blossom weevil (Anthonomus rubi) has been a severe problem almost every year during the last five years in the eastern part of country
• Specialized strawberry farms have been concentrated in the same area in the frame of crop rotation
• In North Savo cultivated area of strawberry was 813 ha in 2014. In Suonenjoki for instance strawberry area of 56 farms was 290 ha (5.18 ha/farm)
• Pyrethroids were for many years the only insecticides allowed in Finland for control of strawberry weevil until Calypso was accepted for use against A. rubi in 2015
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About the life cycle of *A. rubi*

- Egglaying of *A. rubi* begins when the strawberry flower buds emerge (BBCH 57)
- Normally it is in the beginning of June, but may continue until end of July especially in cool weather
- Larvae of *A. rubi* live and pupate in the severed buds
- Emerging adults of *A. rubi* are feeding on strawberry leaves and petals without harming the plants.
- After some weeks adults of the new generation migrate to the hibernation sites in or near to the field
- Next spring the overwintering weevils feed on leaves before egglaying starts.
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• From the Suonenjoki area we received worried messages that strawberry fields suffered severe damages inspite of chemical control of A. rubi
• How to confirm or not suspicions of resistance against most pyrethroids in the growing area?
• The applied dose rate for e.g. Karate 2.5 WG (lambda-cyhalothrin 25g ai/kg) is 0.4-0.8 kg/ha
• In order to test the sensitivity of strawberry weevils the concentrations of 200 % (20 g ai/ha), 100 % (10 g ai/ha), 20 % (2 g ai/ha) and 0 % were planned to be checked in 2015
• Co-operator laboratory in making test vials was the Institute of Agriculture, LRCAF/ Dr. Smatas
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- In 2015 the spring was late and the weather was cool with rainshowers when the strawberry blossom weevils were collected for the vial tests
- After scouting the strawberry farms the number of collected weevils was less than planned
- 6 max 10 weevils were placed per each vial for 24 hours
- The vials with the highest concentration was left out from the test because of inadequate number of caught weevils
- It was concluded, that in some fields a decreased susceptibility was found
- Fields of susceptible strawberry weevils were assessed, as well.
- Additionally strawberry blossom weevil tests are planned to be carried out in 2016 related to the Project (BerryGrow)
Sensitivity testing 2016

• The strawberry weevil samples were collected at two different occasions with a week in between in early June
• Samples from 7 respective 4 (due to spraying) conventional farms and one organic farm in the Suonenjoki region in Eastern Finland
• Weather changed from sunshine and 24 °C at the first sampling occasion to only 13 °C, cloudy and windy at the second one
• Tests were performed at Luke’s laboratory in Suonenjoki and started the same day after sampling was finished
• 10 weevils/vial and checked after 24 h
• In order to test the sensitivity of strawberry blossom weevil the following concentrations of lambda-cyhalotrin were used: 0%, 20% (2 g ai/ha), 100% (10 g ai/ha) and 200% (20 g ai/ha)
Results:

- Indications of decreased susceptibility against the pyrethroid was seen in most fields.
- In spite of some adjustments due to experiences from the preliminary test in 2015 some problems occurred.
Sensitivity test in the laboratory
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Mortality 31st May **Kuolleisuus % (31.5)**
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Monitoring

Ceutorhynchus
Anthonomus rubi
Apion

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Pesticides allowed in strawberry in Finland

**Pyretroids:**
Decis Mega EW 50), Maatilan deltametriini
Cyperkill 250 EC – withdrawing from market
Cooper Cyper – withdrawing from market
Fastac 50 EC , Maatilan sypermetriini
Kestac 50 EC
Karate Zeon-tekniikka, Maatilan syhalotriini 2
Mavrik 2 F (tau-fluvalinate)

**Neonicotinoids:**
Calypso SC 480 (thiacloprid)

**Indoxacarbs:**
Steward\(^R\) (indoxacarb), 2016
Resistance: decreased susceptibility of a pest population to a pesticide

• Inheritable
• Some individuals of a pest population tolerate repeated use of eg a certain insecticide better than others -> they survive and part of their offspring will inherit the ability to survive exposure to this insecticide. In the course of time most of the pest population has this trait.
• Metabolic resistance most common
  • Resistant organisms can destroy the toxin faster than susceptible organisms
  • Enzymes break down insecticides - higher levels or more efficient enzymes
  • Broad spectrum activity
• Pesticides are divided according to their mode of action eg pyrethroids
• An insect population can be resistant against two different active ingredients within the same class of insecticides → cross-resistance
• Target-site resistance – genetic modification at the site of action
• Behavioural resistance – avoidance of the toxin
**INSEKTISIDIRESENSTENSSI**

**Metabolinen resistenssien**

**Target-site resistenssien**
Hyönteisessä on tapahtunut geneettinen muuntautuminen, joka hidastaa insektisidin kiinnittymistä tai vaikutusta kohteessa. Siten insektisidin teho vähenee tai loppuu kokonaan.

**Laji**
- Rapikuus (Raphanus sativus L.)
- Melinyhys (Persia sativus)

**Tehoaineryhmä**
- Pyretroidit
- Karbamaatit
- Neonikotinoitid
- Spinosyn
- Flonikamidi
- Indoksakarbi

**Resistenssityyppi**
- Metabolinen
- Usein pyretroidit

**Käytettävissä vaihtoehtoja**
- Ryhmä 1A
- Ryhmä 3A
- Ryhmä 4A
- Ryhmä 9C
- Ryhmä 22A

Muista! Sinä itse voit tehdä paljon: *Torju kun torjunta-kynnys ylitty! *Käytä ja vaihtele valmistelta joilla on erilainen vaikutustapa!

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Preventative measures:

- Avoid using the same type of products during the season
- Prefer short-term products
- If possible, do not spray the whole area - sensitive individuals remain

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- http://www.irac-online.org/
- www.mtt.fi/norbarag
- https://jukuri.luke.fi/handle/10024/532360
Thank you!