## Phenology and life table parameters of the brown marmorated stink bug in Northern Italy





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### **HIGH QUALITY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIONS**



# Emilia Romagna provides 25% of the Italian fruits production and exports fruits for 446 MEuro

#### **PEARS:**

65% of Italian pear production and 40% of European production. 87% of pears export directed to Germany, France, Austria and UK.

#### **PEACHES AND NECTARINES:**

Emilia Romagna is also the centre of European production of peaches and nectarines with 350.000 tons produced every year.

#### **HISTORICAL REVIEW**

#### 2012

First detection (in Modena province)

#### 2013

Were reported some damages in fruit orchards especially in pear around Modena province

#### 2014

In collaboration with the Plant Protection Services of Emilia Romagna region periodical field monitoring sessions in different pear orchards of Modena and Reggio Emilia provinces were performed. A damage of up to 40% deformed pears was reported.



#### **SITUATION IN 2015**

 MONITORING WITH VISUAL
OBSERVATIONS in the orchard's border and centre and on the hedge of the monitored farms.





✓ FRUIT DAMAGE EVALUATION in pre-harvest for each farm

#### 59.6% IN ORCHARD BORDER 26.4% IN ORCHARD CENTRE

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### **OVERWINTERING MORTALITY**



#### **OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2014**

- n=1367 bugs were collected (712 MM; 655 FF)
- All the bugs were placed in 4 wooden cages exposed outside to natural conditions
  - T and RH were recorded



### OVERWINTERING MORTALITY

#### **FROM JANUARY 2015**

#### EVERY 48h

- N° bugs outside the overwintering boxes
- ✓ N° of bugs died before the first egg laying



#### 18 JUNE 2015

 ✓ Opening of overwintering boxes and recording of males and females dead inside



## LIFE CYCLE STUDY

20 overwintered bugs were sexed and grouped in ten couples



- N° egg- masses
- N° of eggs hatched
- N° of N1 nymphs
- N° of N2 nymphs
- mortality

Starting from the II instars, 10 individuals randomly chosen were followed from the first four egg masses layed down each week

#### Daily records:

- n° of N3, N4 e N5
  - n° of adults
- n° of males and females

• mortality



Natural conditions; food ad libitum T and RH recorded

For the second generation new couples were formed and followed in the same way

## CONCLUSION

- High reproductive potential and survivorship
  - Elaboration of forecasting models
- Elaboration and application of targeted management strategies

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