### PEST EVENT MAPPING: A NEW TOOL TO AID IN PREDICTION OF INSECT PHENOLOGY

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### PEST EVENT MAPPING

Background:

- USPEST.ORG at IPPC is a phenology and plant disease risk modeling toolkit with >100 models, 16,000+ real-time weather stations, DD mapping, disease risk maps, and much more.
- DD maps can be difficult to use at local (IPM) scales, require expertise to interpret properly.
- Pest Event Maps have ability to highlight specific DD based events using day-of-year or date shown directly on maps.



## PEST EVENT MAPPING: NEW TOOL, OLD IDEA



1995: Helped promote Areawide Codling Moth Management Program

1998: 1<sup>st</sup> DD maps online

2005: Completed main infrastructure to automate PEMs

2013: Obtained funding to improve and implement PEMs

2014: Expected deployment of of online custom PEMs



Degree-day grids used by USDA APHIS PPQ to support CAPS survey programs; PEMs expected to enhance this support with more readily interpretable maps for numerous invasive species, such as the emerald ash borer.

# PEST EVENT MAPPING: Major Steps

- 1) DD maps made for each month of the year (from PRISM+station max/min temps)
- 2) Each monthly DD map subtracted from target Dds, final month is
- a linear interpolation = initial map
- 3) For all weather stations, calc. day of year (DOY) of the DD event
- 4) DOY map values subtracted from station-calculated DOYs
- 5) Diffs are interpolated (1/distance squared)
- 6) Diff layer added as correction to initial map.
- 7) Final map up to 30s (800m) spatial resolution







#### Ex. 1 - Spotted Wing Drosophila – 1<sup>st</sup> Springtime Oviposition Event = 261 DDs (Tlow=50, Thi=88)







#### Ex. 2 – Codling Moth – 1% Egg Hatch (WSU No Biofix Model) Event = 395 DDs (Tlow=50, Thi=88)







# PEST EVENT MAPPING: Issues

1) Pest Event Maps may imply precision that is lacking - DD models are approximate, other environmental effects besides temperature can affect population development, etc. Therefore exercise caution; may use as a research/survey tool to improve existing DD models.

2) This work mainly funded by APHIS PPQ and will be used initially on invasive pest "presumptive" models, although the well-studied gypsy moth will be 1<sup>st</sup> species targeted

3) Problem of spatially variable biofix dates (e.g. codling moth)

4) Rely on forecasted temperatures; imposes a greater reliance on accurate longer-term forecasts. 30-yr Normals vs. climate change?





