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# **Past, Present and Future - a Road Map to Integrated, Area-wide, Systems, and Enterprise Risk Management Approaches to Pest Control**

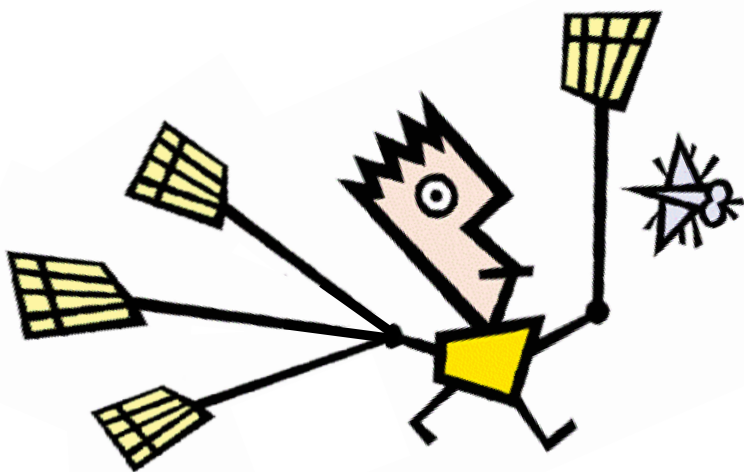
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# Change and Innovation in Pest Management

## *TAKE HOME MESSAGES*

*Know your enemy, think area-wide and work collectively!*

- The first rule of war and pest management is '**know your enemy**'
- **Area-wide** Pest Management is as much a way of thinking as it is a type of program
- Pest Management programs are becoming increasingly complex, data and technology driven and as such require a more **collective approach**



# Change and Innovation in Pest Management

## *DRIVING FORCES*

- Realization that **status quo** isn't adequate to meet food needs of future generations
- **Economies of scale** ... farms and operations are getting bigger
- Trading partners want **safe trade** ... not shared pests
- **Resistance** to many control tactics have made 'silver bullets' a thing of the past
- Increasing concerns for the **environment and human health**
- Bilateral and multilateral agreements requiring **science-based decisions**







IPM: Each grower/manager  
applies their own best  
management practices

# Integrated Pest Management

**A DEFINITION** - a (science) decision-based process involving coordinated use of multiple tactics to optimize pest control (insects, pathogens, weeds, vertebrates) in an ecologically and economically sound manner

## Pioneers

- Chinese (300 BC-300 AD) - crop phenology in pest avoidance, natural enemies of pests, soap insecticidal properties
- A.D. Pickett (1948) - selection of pesticides to protect natural enemies
- Rachel Carson (1963) - Silent Spring
- Huffaker, van den Bosch, Prokopy (1970s)

# Integrated Pest Management

Who drives IPM - Individual growers/organizations

## IPM Tools/Tactics

- Monitoring - weather, pests & diseases, pesticides
- Action Thresholds
- Forecasting
- Cultural Methods - mowing, tilling, sanitation, soil preparation
- Host (Plant) Resistance
- Biological Controls - predators, parasites, diseases
- Mating Disruption
- Chemicals - reduced risk and bio-rational

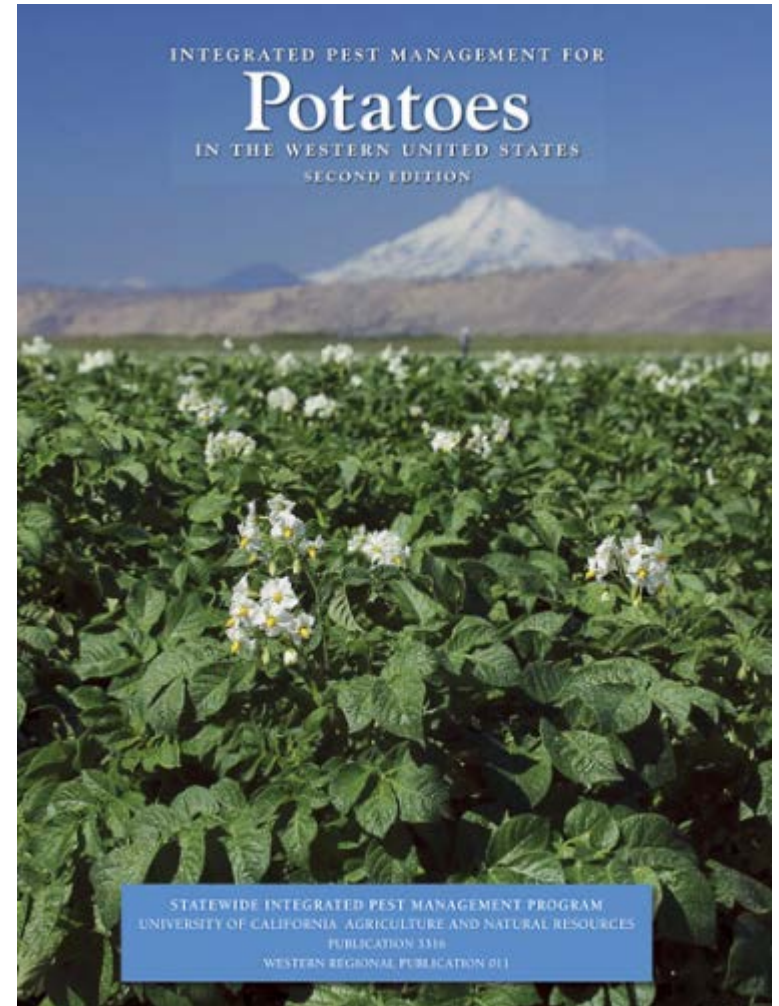


# Integrated Pest Management

*IPM can be applied to any pest management situation*



Santa Clara County Integrated Pest Management Program  
Putting IPM into Practice through Real World Examples







Area-wide: Growers + stakeholders  
work together to manage key pest  
that affects them all

# Area-wide Pest Management

**A DEFINITION** - systematic pest control uniformly applied to the **total population** of a key pest in a clearly defined geographical area to predetermined levels using biologically based criteria

## Pioneers

- cottony cushion scale (1888); gypsy moth, USA (1890s); cattle ticks, USA (1906); tsetse fly, Portugal (1911); Locusts, China (1929/51); malaria, global (1955); screwworm, NA (1957)
- E.F. Knipling & R.C. Bushland (1950s)
- Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food & Agriculture (1964)
- USDA-ARS Area-wide Pest Management Program (1995)

# Area-wide Pest Management

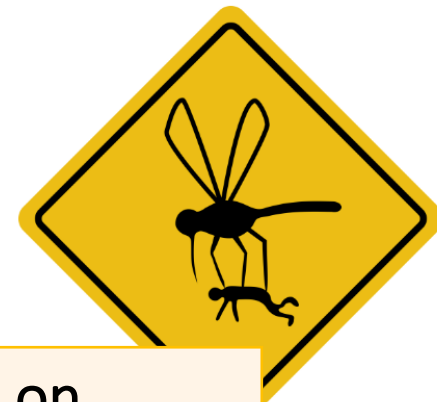
## Key Characteristics:

- Key pest
- Total population
- Defined area
- Multiple stakeholders (growers, industry, public, gov't, scientists)
- Proactive
- Focus on re-infestation
- Focus on monitoring

» » AWPM is as much a way of thinking  
as it is a type of program



# Area-wide Pest Management (tools & tactics)



In this Area-Wide Conference – presentations on ...

False codling moth / <a href="#">SIT</a>	Locusts / <a href="#">forecasting</a>
Rice pests / <a href="#">ecology</a>	Codling moth / <a href="#">SIT</a>
Fruit flies / <a href="#">SIT, Attract &amp; Kill</a>	Ticks / <a href="#">IPM</a>
Mating disruption / <a href="#">MD</a>	Mosquitoes / <a href="#">SIT, traps, genetics</a>
Citrus greening – HLB / <a href="#">IPM</a>	Tsetse flies / <a href="#">SIT, IPM</a>
Spotted wing drosophila	Screwworm / <a href="#">SIT</a>
Biocontrol of aphids / <a href="#">BC</a>	Stable flies / <a href="#">traps, IPM</a>
Pink bollworm / <a href="#">SIT</a>	Gypsy moth / <a href="#">MD, Bt</a>
Sugarcane borer / <a href="#">SIT, Bt</a>	





Systems Approach: Growers  
wishing to export follow  
specified protocols

# Systems Approach to Pest Management

**A DEFINITION** - a defined set of pest risk management measures, at least two of which act independently that cumulatively achieve the appropriate level of phytosanitary protection

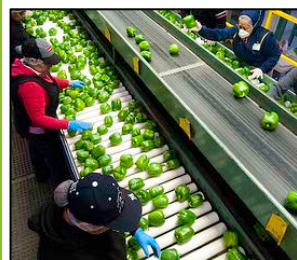
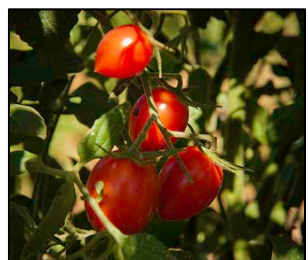
⇒ expanded IPM programs designed to meet the phytosanitary requirements of trading partners

**Who drives SA** – Industry / Government

**Pioneers:**

- E.B. Jang / H.R. Moffitt / R. L. Mangan

# Systems Approach to Pest Management



Pre-harvest

Harvest

Post-harvest

Shipping

Distribution

End use

- Treatment
- Cultivars
- Sanitation
- Certification
- Areas of Low pest prevalence
- Pest free areas
- Planting time

- Treatment
- Culling
- Sanitation
- Ripeness
- Harvest timing
- Handling

- Treatment
- Inspection
- Sanitation
- Certification

- Treatment
- Inspection
- Sanitation
- Type of transport

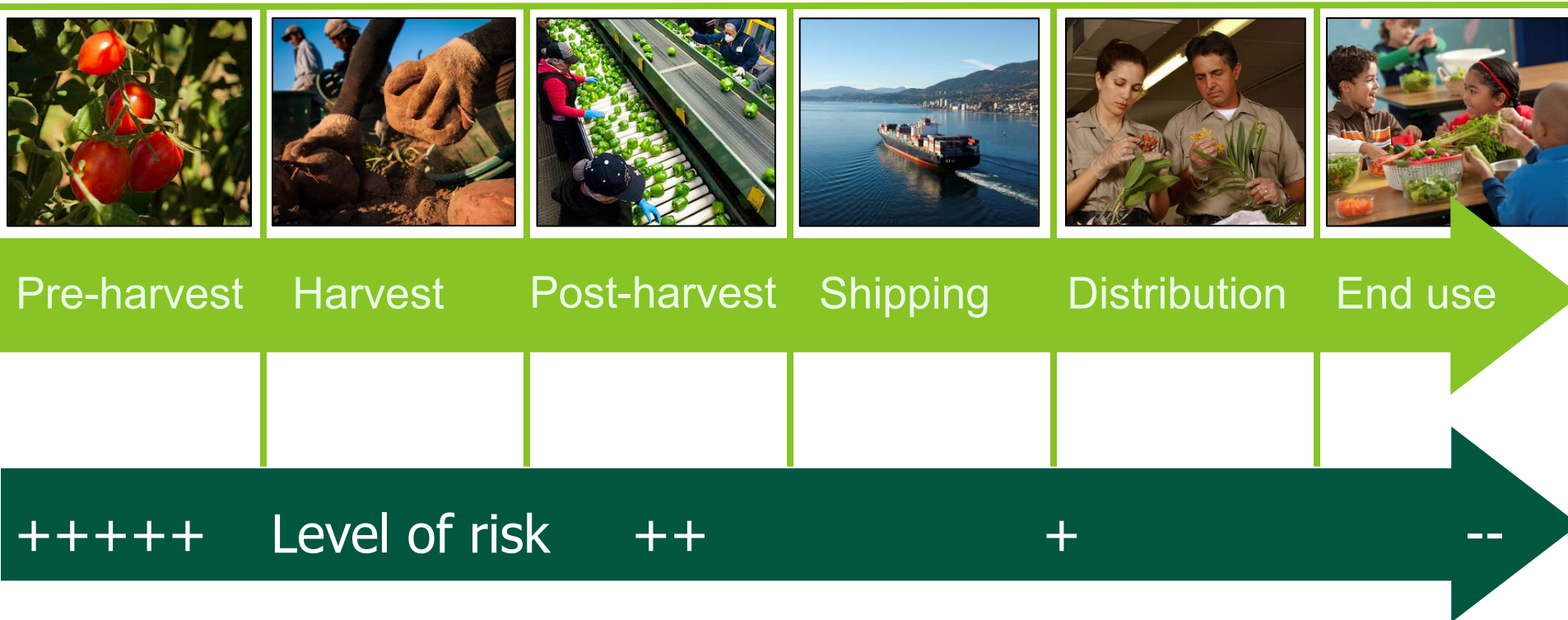
- Inspection
- Treatment
- Restrict end use
  - Timing
  - Location
  - Quantity
- Post-entry quarantine

*Pre-Entry*

*Post-Entry*



# Systems Approach to Pest Management





# Systems Approach for Papaya

**Target: Medfly (*Ceratitis capitata*)**

**Area: Central America**

## Mitigations

- Poor host
- Low pest prevalence
- Specific cultivars
- Maturity stage
- Hot water dip





Enterprise Risk Management:  
Industry develops business plan  
that specifically considers and  
addresses risk options

# Enterprise Risk Management - ERM

**A DEFINITION** - process of planning, organizing, leading, and controlling activities in an organization to meet its stated risk profile and maximize benefits to its stakeholders

**Risk appetite** - organizations stated risk tolerance

**Risk tolerance(s)** - day-to-day operations that tell you if you are within the stated risk appetite of our organization

Regulatory risk appetite statement ...

- reduce pest establishment below current levels
- increase trade with other countries

Industry risk appetite statement ...

- reduce consignment rejections to zero
- increase consignments by 30%





What road should I take?

Well where are you going?

I don't know.

Then it doesn't matter.  
If you don't know where  
you are going, then any  
road will get you there.



# Enterprise Risk Management - ERM

Who Drives ERM – Industry (pioneers)

## Examples

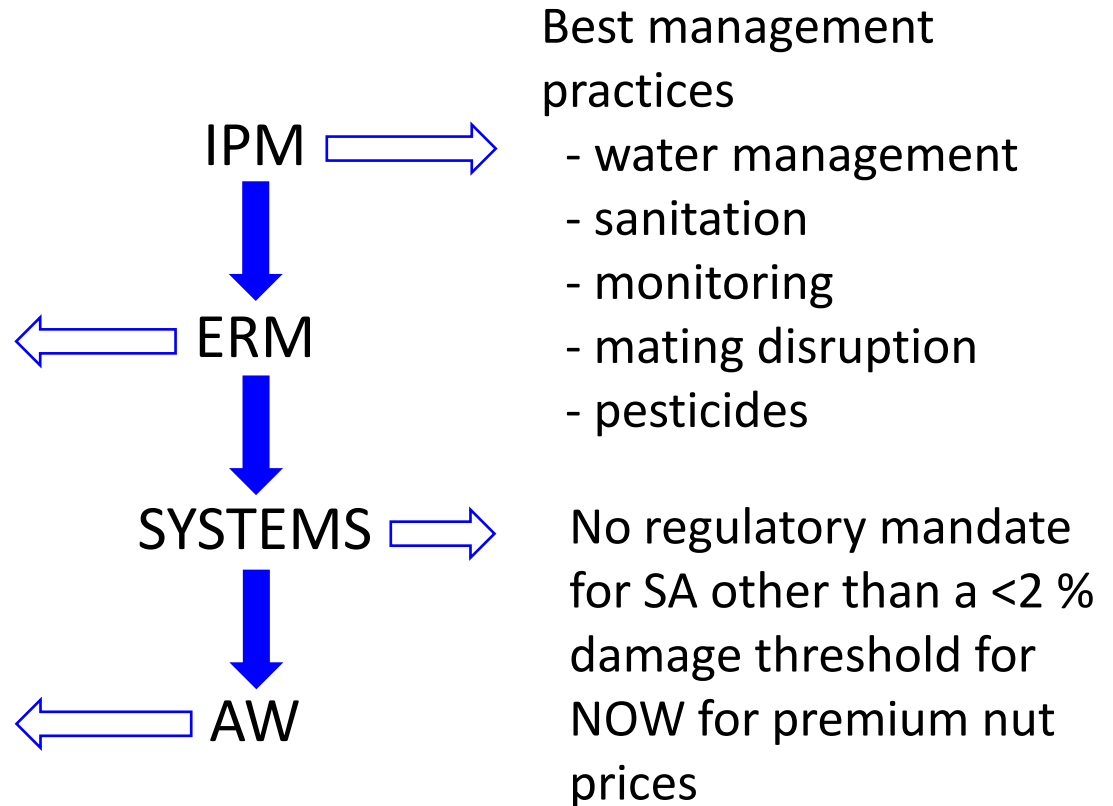
- Avocados exports from Mexico
- British Columbia apple growers and codling moth
- South African citrus growers and false codling moth
- U.S. National Clean Plan Network – plant viruses
- California nut tree growers and navel orange worm

# Road Map - Navel Orange Worm Management in California

CA Nut Tree Growers  
have been well organized  
since the 1970s

2015 All pistachio  
production in CA using  
atoxigenic strain of  
*Aspergillus flavus* (AF36)  
to reduce aflatoxin  
production

Concern about long  
term sustainability of  
FCM IPM - growers  
investing in AW  
approaches, including  
SIT, MD puffers



# Future Directions

- **New surveillance technologies** - drones and remote sensing
- **Molecular/Genetic tools** such as CRISPR, RNAi, paratransgenesis
- Automation of pest management **data bases**
- **Automation of decision-making** based on digital monitoring data
- Refinement of **systems approaches**, including approaches for moving products out of quarantines established because of invasive pest outbreaks

# Conclusion

Scientists from all disciplines need to improve communication and foster collaboration to meet the pest management challenges of the future while preserving our natural ecosystems

*Know your pest,*

*think area-wide,*

*work collectively!*



**THANK YOU !**

