



# Insect Growth Regulators and Pheromone Mating Disruption

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# The Industrial Fumigant Co. (IFC)

## Lenexa,KS

- **75 years in business;  
About 25<sup>th</sup> largest pest control company in U.S.**
- **Focus on commodity and food processing industries.**
- **Evolved: formulation and product sales ...fumigation service...comprehensive IPM products and services.**
- **Joined Rollins Inc. in 2005.**





# As an industry we have been through some interesting times!



- “Profume is the answer!”  
“Heat is the answer!”  
“Defend bromide to the end!”
- Food processors need tools so they joined in...
- *But really, food processors would rather not fumigate.*



# Down time is too costly

Jim Bair, North American Millers Assn. –

*“ A typical flour mill needs to run 5 ½ or 6 days out of a week to cover expenses. Only 1 or 1 ½ days remain to make some profit. Any time down for maintenance, sanitation or pest control is a loss that cannot be recovered.”*



# Efforts Began in Earnest 8-10 Years Ago to Manage With Fewer Fumigations and/or Less Down Time

- Pyrethrin and Vapona space treatments.
- Insect Growth Regulator (IGR) space treatments.
- Improved monitoring analytical tools.
- Improved sanitation & maintenance.



# Vapona (aka Dichlorvos)

- Difficult chemical to formulate and hard on equipment. Solvent 1,1,1-trichlorethane had air quality issues and products were lost.
- Evidence of carcinogenicity had to be rebutted.
- Stigma of being an organophosphate.
- Endured over 20 years of regulatory reviews!  
Future seems secure for several products.



# Insect Growth Regulators: Juvenile Hormone Mimics

- Disrupt molting and reproductive development.
- Excellent environmental and toxicology characteristics.
- Versatile application options.
  - hydroprene – Gentrol products. Volatile.
  - pyriproxyfen – NyGuard and others.  
Non-volatile and stable in sunlight.
  - methoprene – Diacon IGR. Grain protectant and versatile other uses.  
Exempt from tolerance!



# Differential Efficacy of IGR's Against SPP's

- Imperfect data. Much higher dosages than would be used in the field.
- Still worthwhile as an indicator.



# IGR Effects on Pupation

## Use either or



		Hydroprene (Gentrol)		Methoprene (Diacon)	
		5 ppm	10 ppm	5 ppm	10 ppm
<b>Lepidoptera</b>	<i>Almond moth</i>	100	100	93	100
	<i>Indian meal moth</i>	100	100	100	100
	<i>Rice moth</i>	100	100	82	100
<b>Coleoptera</b>	<i>Red flour beetle</i>	100	100	100	100
	<i>Warehouse beetle</i>	100	100	0	13
	<i>Lessor grain borer</i>	98	100	98	100
	<i>Confused flour beetle</i>	90	93	100	100
	<i>Granary weevil</i>	72	92	0	22
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# Residual Performance

- As a grain protectant 1.25 – 1.4 ppm methoprene is protecting wheat for 2 years in the face of heavy lesser grain borer pressure!
- Frank Arthur, USDA Stored Products Lab, Manhattan, KS has found 10+ weeks residual efficacy of space treatment pyriproxyfen deposits on concrete against red flour beetles.



## Coincidental with new IGR product launches Pest Management Software Development

- Gontrol (hydroprene) had been on the market for years. Sales hit a plateau. Never much customer satisfaction. Constant educational challenge.
- Pest mgmt. software enabled easier trend analysis and demonstrated the value of IGR's.
- In-Quiz-It Software “U-Trap-It” is one of the better programs.



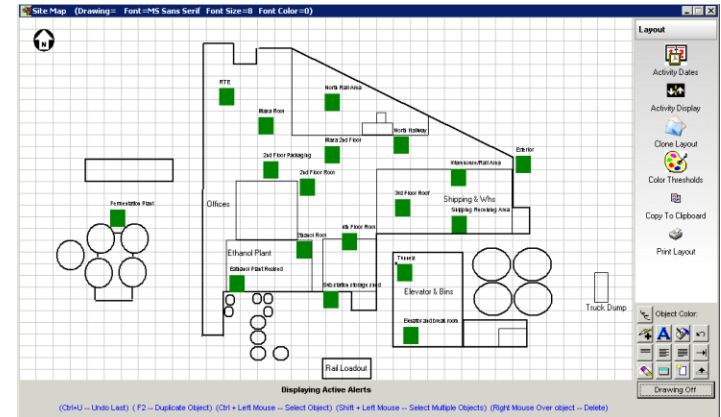
# Maps, Graphs and Almost Any Kind of Report



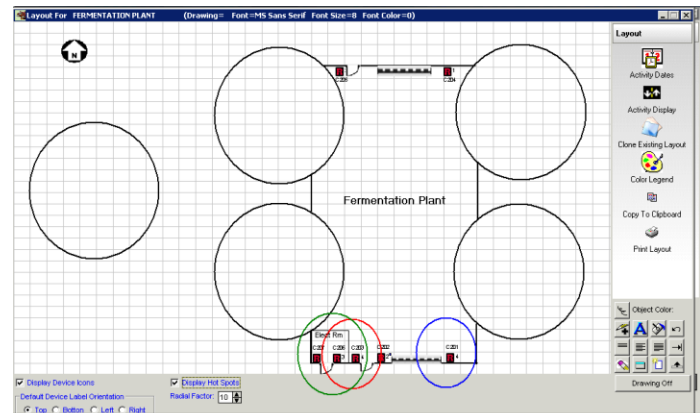
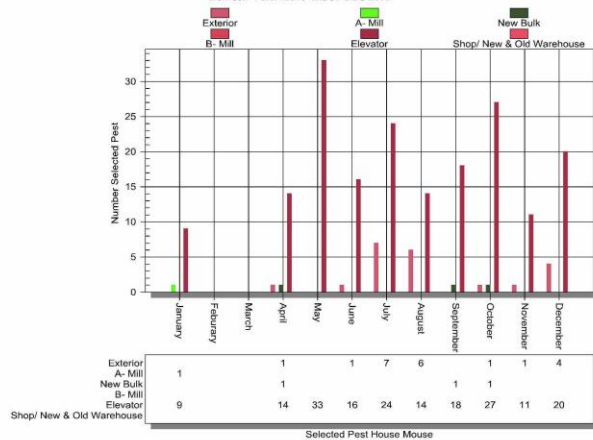
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**Pest Activity Summary**  
From: JAN 1,2010 To: DEC 31,2010

Pest Description	Total Found
ARGENTINE ANT	0
Ants	7
Cigarette Beetle	2
Common Flyers	20,385
Deer Mouse	7
Flat Grain Beetle	16
Flour Beetle	2,209
House Fly	831
House Mouse	211
Indian Meal Moth	70
Mediterranean Flour Moth	6
Sawtooth Grain Beetle	1
Stink Bug	18
Vole	1
Warehouse Beetle	490
Yellow Jacket	1



Pest Activity All Areas  
Between 1 JAN 2010





# No silver bullets, but better *integration* of multiple pest mgmt tools and techniques!

- Very large, diverse, successful territory.
- Has not done a general fumigation in 4 or 5 years!
- Excellent monitoring, IGR and some Vapona space treatments, Perimeter residual treatments.
- ***People skills*** to achieve sanitation improvements and harborage elimination.





# Case study: Cereal Plant

- One general fumigation / year
  - 3 days downtime
- Four heatups
  - 3 days downtime / heatup
- Three vaponas & Aerotech foggings
- Monitoring?
- Goal: Give production days back



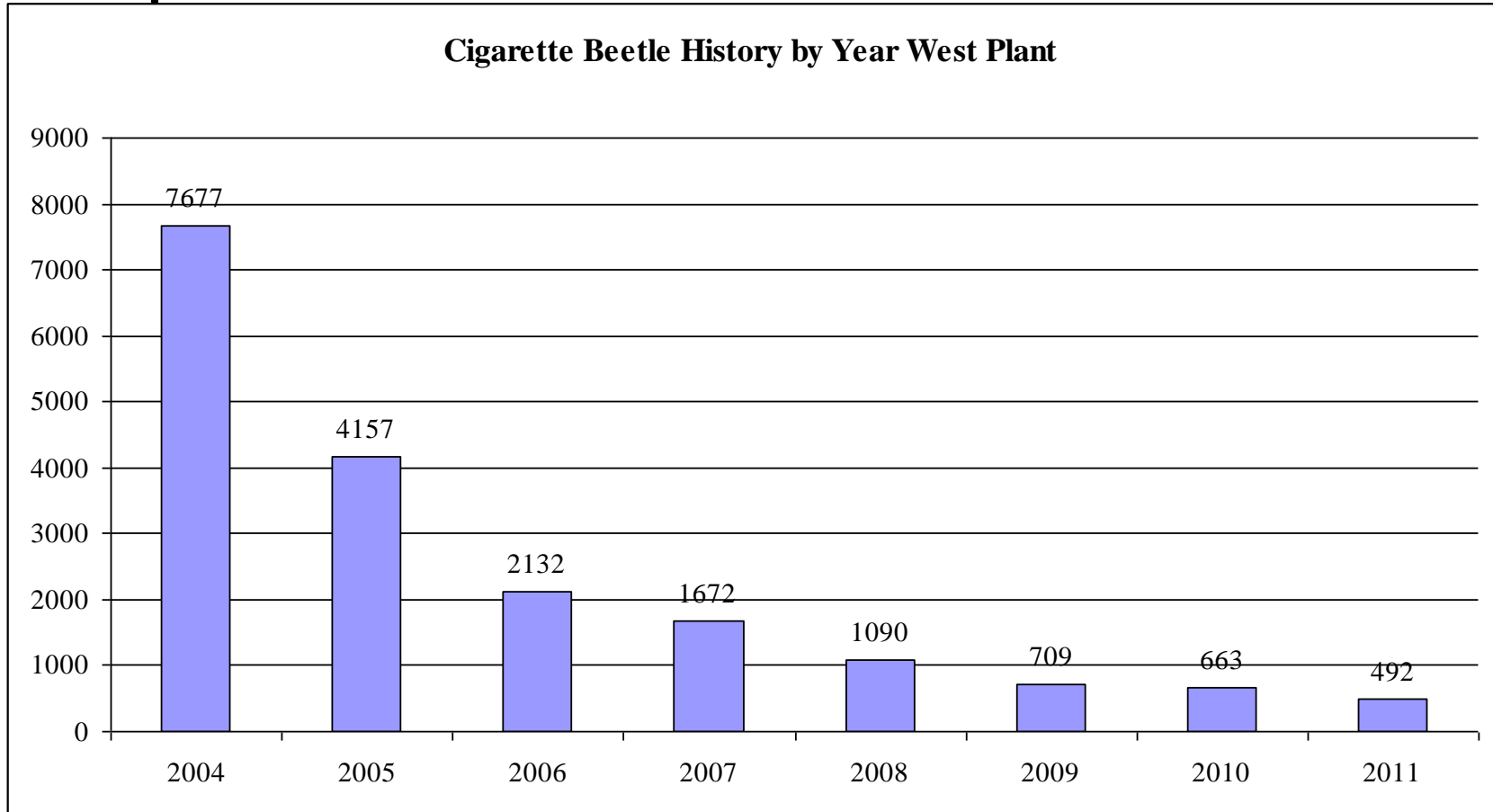
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- Integrated program:
  - Well-designed plant
  - Pheromone monitoring added in stages
  - Focus on finding sources
    - Use of maps to help sanitation crew
    - Increased inspection by IFC & client
  - IGRs – provide residual coverage





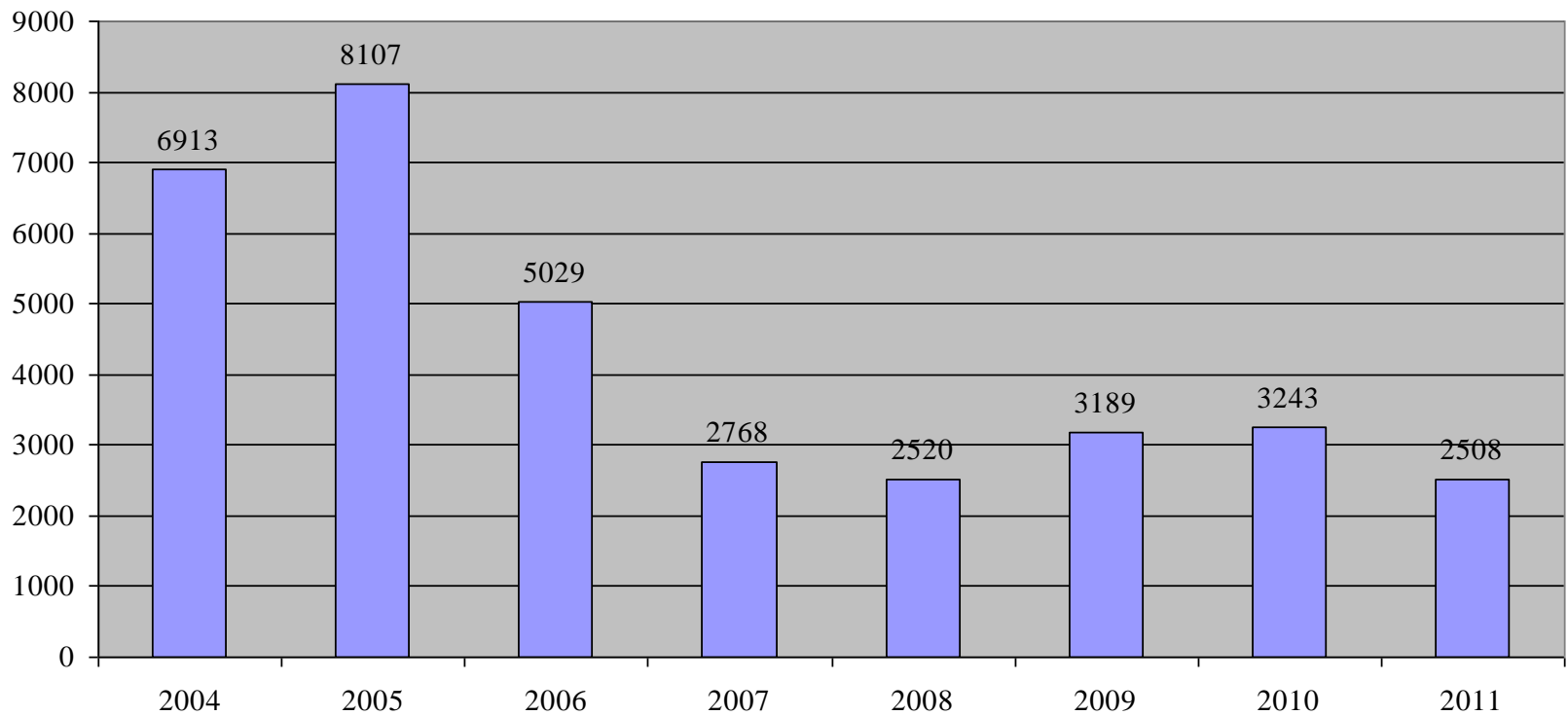
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**Flour Beetle History by Year West Plant**





# Case study: Cereal Plant

## ○ Results:

- 10 more production days
- No general fumigation
- Fewer “contact” foggings
- Reduced insect counts
- Cost savings to client
- More consistent service revenue.



# Treatment strategies

- IGRs must be *part* of the program: IPM!
  - Pheromone monitoring
  - Documentation & Sanitation
- Choose the best IGR for the target pest
- Apply “whether you need to or not” – still IPM!
- Don’t wait for activity: proactive
- Use aduaticides to knock down existing populations
- More precise placement necessary with Diacon II or Nyguard
- Why are we fogging?
- Root cause or symptom?



## Another innovation in pest management: Pheromone Mating Disruption of Indian Meal Moth (+4)



- **Stimulus overload for males.**
- **Delays or prevents finding mates.**
- **Claims control, therefore “Pesticide”.**



# Excellent Performance Under Less than Ideal Circumstances

- Mating disruption has been installed at the peak of the season under high moth pressure. (Better to be placed prior to population growth.)
- Grid placement patterns have been less than ideal.
- Great performance virtually every place mating disruption has been installed: Grain elevators, bin head spaces, imported commodity warehouses. nut processing, mills, grocery distribution centers.



# Ideal Habitat for Moths

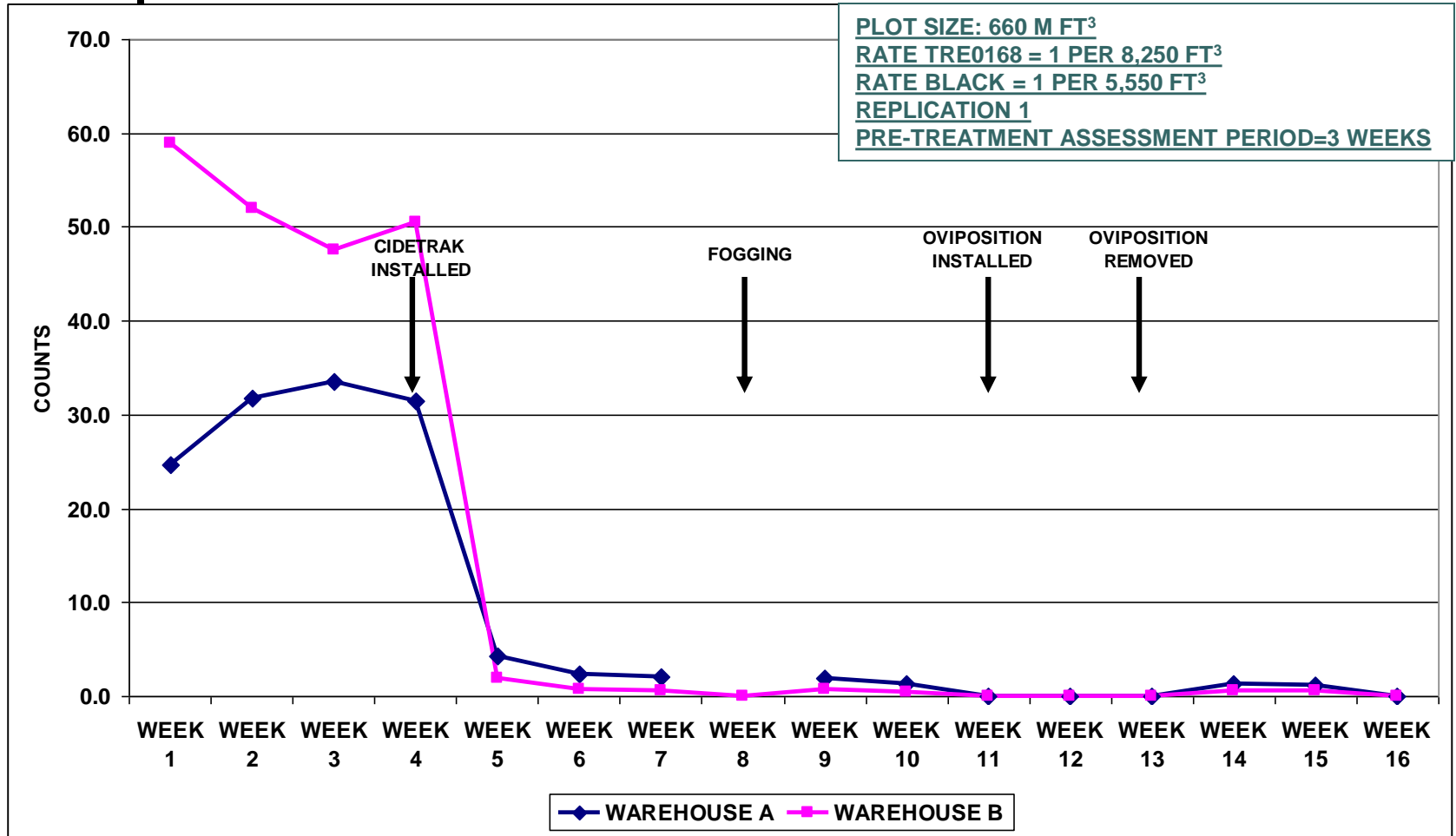


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# Coffee Bean Warehouse

## Houston, TX

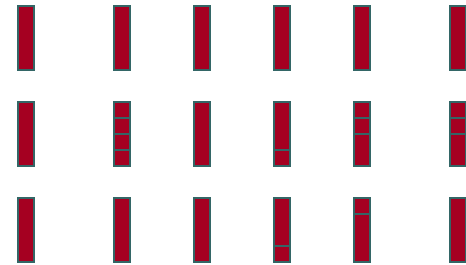






# The Real World is Rarely Ideal

- Sometimes a neat grid placement is not feasible.



- Grids of clusters have worked fine.



- Cidetrak @ 1/7000 cubic ft. suggested.





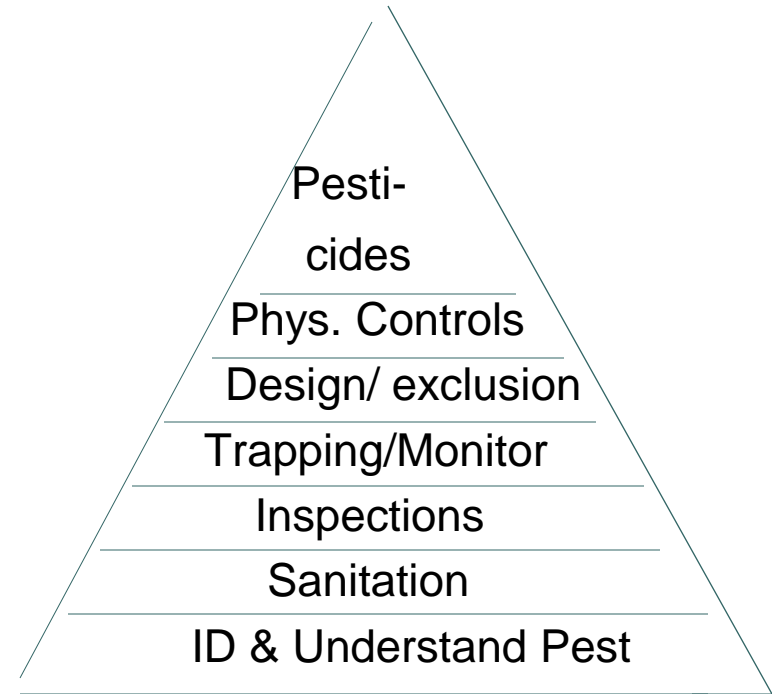
# Approximate Costs of Treatments (materials only)

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>\$ per 1,000 cubic ft.</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Pyrethrin 3% Fogging	.83	None
Pyrethrin 1% Fogging	.81	None
IGR Fogging	.06 - .90	60 days+
Vapona 5% Fogging	.41	None
Fumigation (PH3)	9.70	None
CIDETRAK <sup>®</sup> IMM	.72	150 days+



# *Integrating* Tools and Techniques. Exciting times to be in food processing pest management

- More elements to manage than almost any other system!
- Sophisticated tools.
- Biorational IGR's & pheromone mating disruption.
- Products that are non-toxic, exempt from tolerance, economical and effective!





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