

# 2020 OKSIR Update

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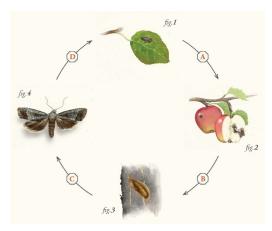


# Services Provided









## **Monitoring**

Every orchard checked weekly Urban sites also monitored

### **Control**

Sterile Insect Technique Mating Disruption

## **Enforcement**

Can require tree/orchard removal where necessary

### **Education and Outreach**



# 0+ Years and Still Relevant

## **Residents and Tourists**

↑ Population & Development (desire for 'pastoral' lifestyle)

↑ Environmental Awareness (local/provincial pesticide bans)

Changing Consumer Demands (local and sustainable/low-input/organic)

**Local Food Security** 

People Want Healthy
Communities with a
Tradition of Agriculture

### **Orchardists**

Changing Climate (timing and monitoring more important)

Changing Pests (early surveillance is key)

Changing Pesticide Rules (can chemicals keep pace?)

Agricultural Pests are a Regional Problem that need Area-Wide Control



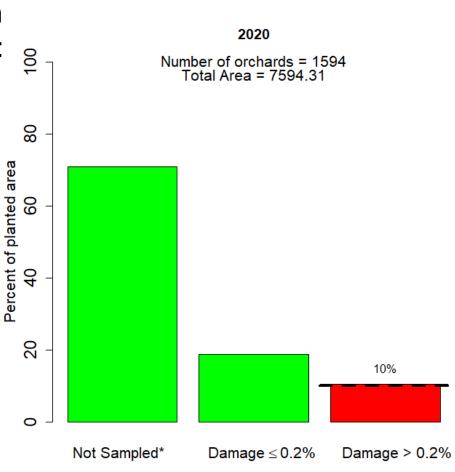
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# Goal: 90% of acreage with 0.2% or less damaged fruit



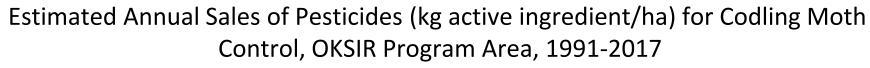


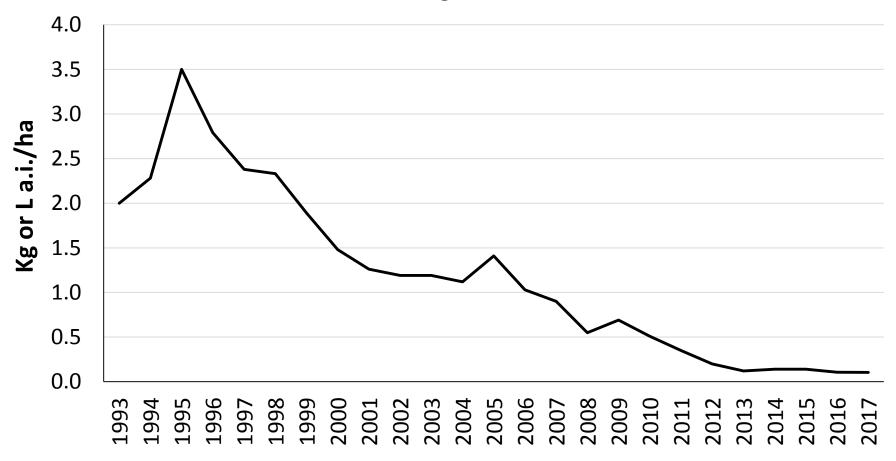
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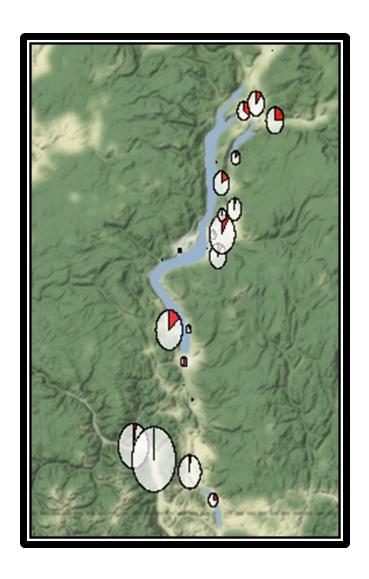
# Big Decrease in Pesticides







# Communities, Farms, Economies





Working together to protect our common resources
One Valley, One Water
www.obwb.ca

## Valley-wide Program

Share our air and water sheds

## **Benefit-Cost Analysis**

(L. Cartier, Okanagan College, 2014)

250% ROI (employment and producer benefits)

### No tax increase since 2010

\$3.9M Operating, \$1.7M from RDs Doing more with less, innovating for savings

## **Investment paying dividends**

Envy of apple growing regions around the world

\$686k in sales for 2020









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## **BC Decision Aid System**

Helping improve timing and reduce sprays for CM and other pests and diseases

#### Charts Conditions Data Table Spray guide & MRL **Weather Forecast** Comparison to Last Year Last Updated: 10/27/2015 Projected Forecast: Degree days since January 1st. = 3531 +15 days Thu Nov 12, 2015: 3550 DD (old: after biofix = 3356 DD) Conditions: **Current Conditions:** 29% of the 3rd summer generation adults have emerged. 7% of 26% of the 3rd summer generation adults have emerged. 5% of the 4th summer generation eggs should have hatched. Fruit the 4th summer generation eggs should have hatched. Fruit should be checked carefully for damage, especially if export should be checked carefully for damage, especially if export markets are the target. markets are the target.

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# OKSIR: 2021 and Beyond



**Drone Program Launch** 

**Growing Sales, Increasing Returns** 

**Keeping Codling Moth at Bay** 

**Apple Industry in Crisis** 









SIR: Good for our Communities, Good for our Environment, Good for our Economy.

