Managing carrot fly

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Crop rotation and isolation









Distance from overwintering site (m)

Late sowing









Carrot fly forecast



Uses soil and air temperatures from 1 February

AHDB Pest Bulletin on Syngenta web site



Carrot fly in a warmer climate



Climate change UK?





Will late second/third generation egg-laying become more important?

20 years ago, last new larvae of the year were found at end of September



'Standard' Hallmark programme versus untreated control at Wellesbourne



H 100

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D 500

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H=Hallmark – lambda-cyhalothrin
D=Decis - deltamethrin
Rate = ml product/ha

4

6

8

10

03-Sep

17-Sep

01-Oct

15-Oct

Data from 2004-2020 – trials funded by AHDB and commercial sponsors

Coragen - chlorantraniliprole



Trial funded by AHDB



Benevia - cyantraniliprole





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- Trial covered with fleece and carrots inoculated with carrot fly eggs pre- and post-spray
- Sprays targeted at foliage (200I/ha and soil covered) or soil (600I/ha and spray aimed at carrot crown)
- Control levels similar for both application methods.



Benevia aged residue - <24hr mortality



- Benevia very effective at killing adult flies for at least 8 days and some control continued for more than 4 weeks
- We don't have any data on how this affects egg laying but this supports results from field trials which indicate prolonged control with a single application

Aphid control

Sprays aimed at willow carrot aphid and applied twice on 25 May and 7 June with counts on 14 June





Carrot fly control

Sprays aimed at willow carrot aphid and applied twice on 25 May and 7 June. Carrot fly damage assessed on 14 November.



Aphids - 26 June



Timing A = 25 May and C = 31 July

Trial funded by FMC



Carrot fly - 15 November





Estimated effects on percent carrots damaged at harvest of various techniques to reduce carrot fly damage – from various studies

- **High risk site** where susceptible variety of carrots grown for 2 years 15% damage
- Exposed site approximately 50% less damage
- Field remote from sources of carrot fly 5% damage
- Late sowing depends on timings e.g. 50% less
- Early harvest before damage develops 1% damage
- **Resistant variety** could reduce damage by up to 50% compared with susceptible variety
- Crop cover no damage if used properly





Carrot fly damage following different control strategies





Carrot fly damage following use of different control strategies in combination



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