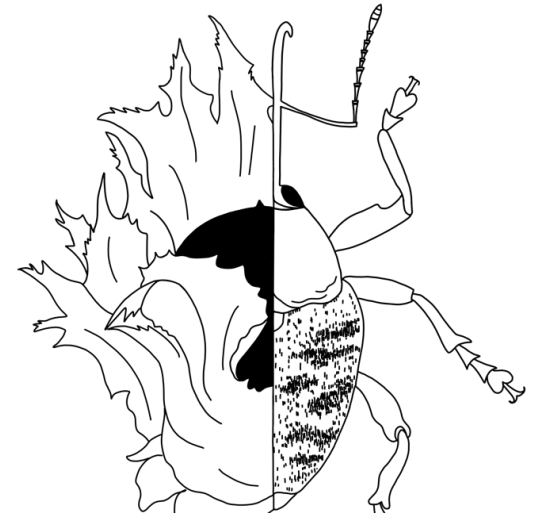


Arthropods that damage hazelnuts:  
Filbertworms, acorn weevils, stink  
bugs, and big bud mites

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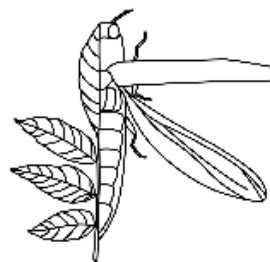
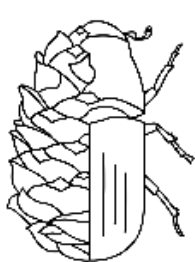
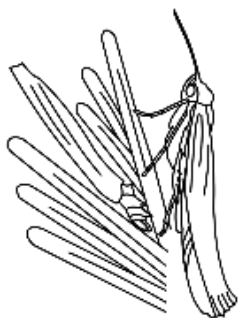




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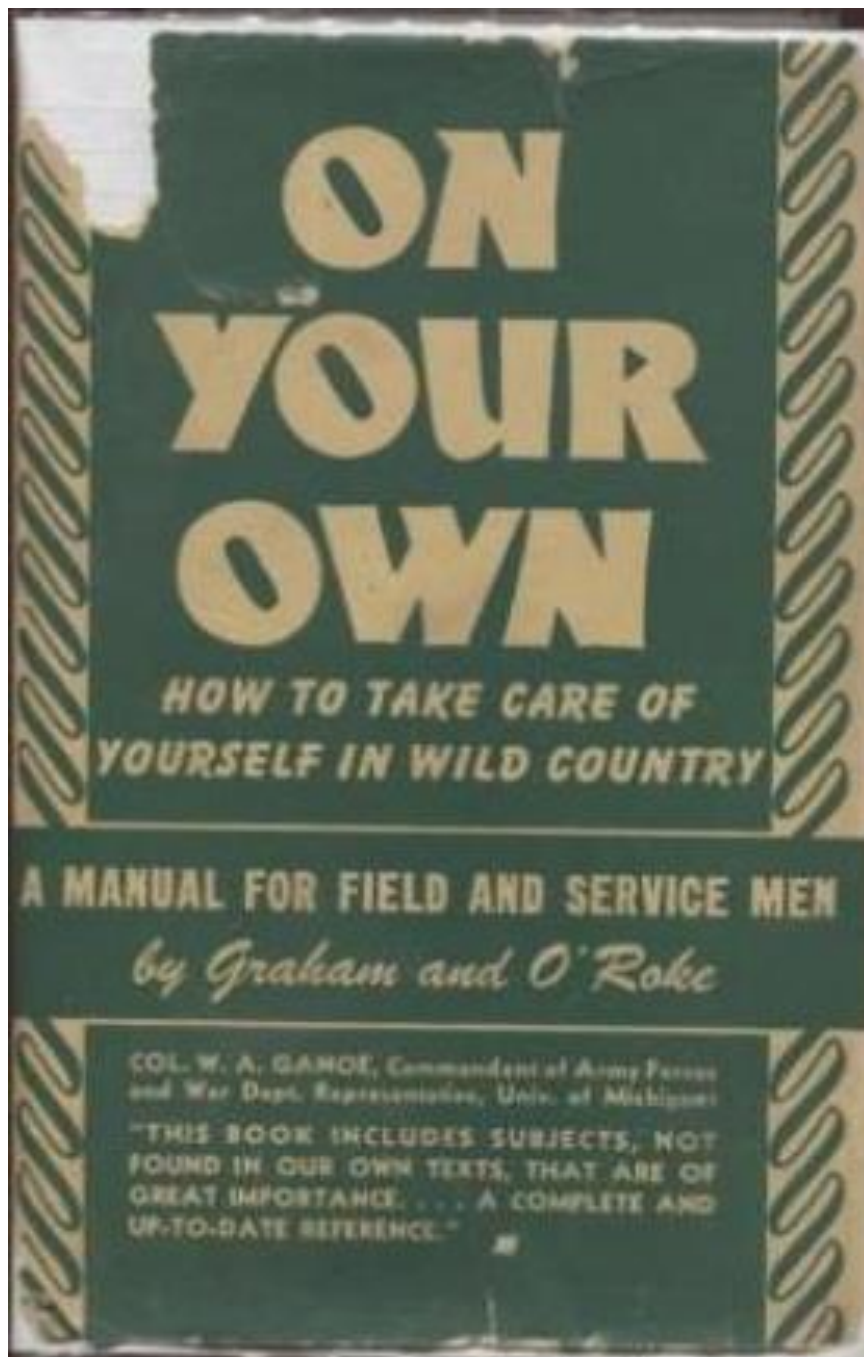
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A MANUAL FOR FIELD AND SERVICE MEN

*by Graham and O'Roke*

COL. W. A. GANOE, Commandant of Army Forces  
and War Dept. Representative, Univ. of Michigan

"THIS BOOK INCLUDES SUBJECTS, NOT  
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GREAT IMPORTANCE. . . A COMPLETE AND  
UP-TO-DATE REFERENCE."



*As the authors remark, this booklet is not directed to the more experienced woodsman. Both Graham and O'Roke have had first hand experience in a great variety of conditions in this country; the discussion of insect pests and repellants seems especially useful. So does the advice with regard to natural food supplies.*

*-Karl P. Schmidt (Dec 31, 1943)*



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## Part I

# Arthropod Pests of Hazelnuts

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Filbertworm moths



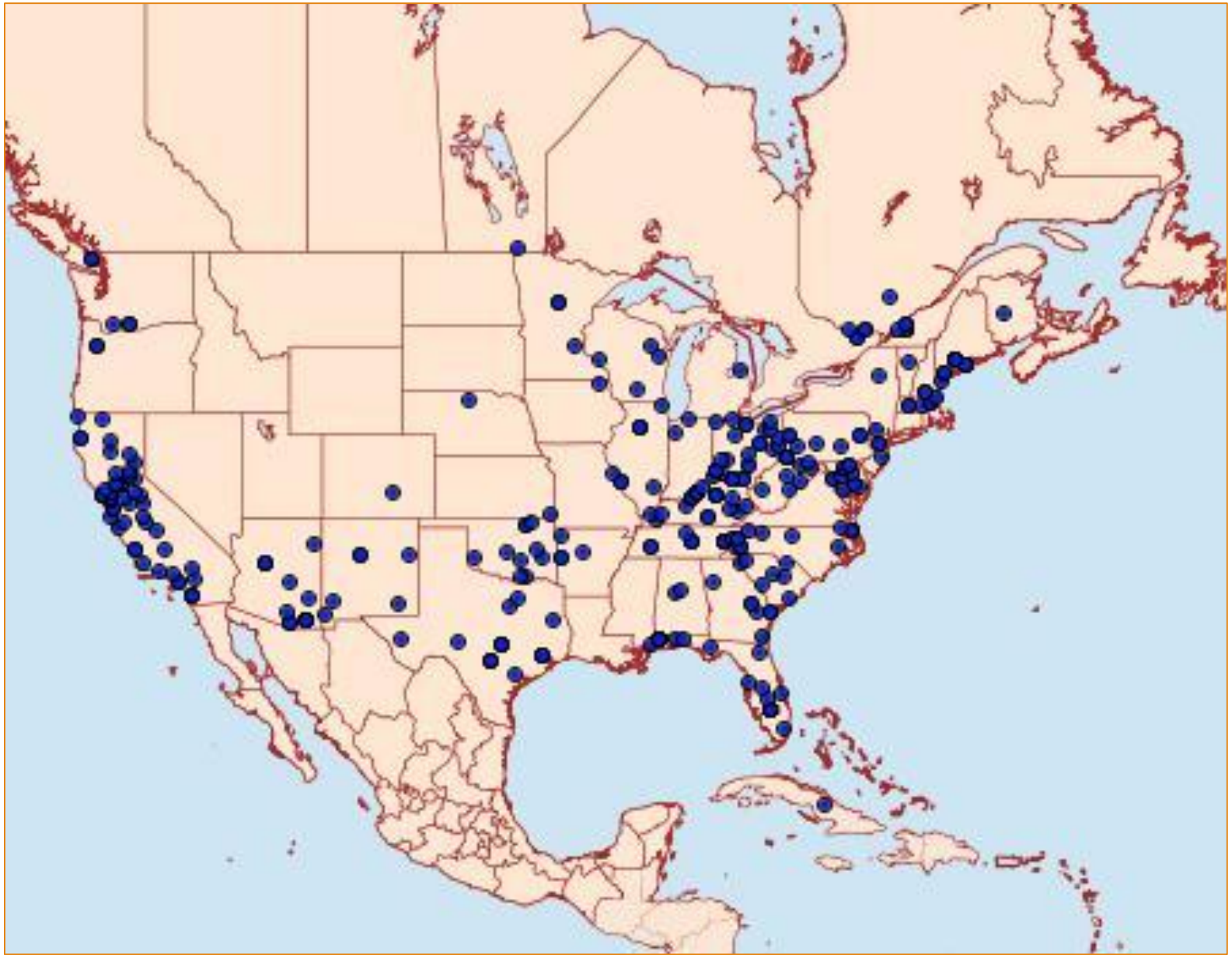


Filbertworm moth  
*Cydia latiferreana*





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*Phorocora II Trap*





Acorn weevils



*Curculio glandium*

Photo credit: Barry Webb



Acorn weevil, larva

Photo: Steven Katovich (USFS)









# Species of native acorn nut weevils vary geographically

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**Oregon:** Filbert nut weevil,  
*Curculio uniformis*

**Midwest:** Filbert nut weevil,  
*Curculio uniformis*

+ ????





Brown marmorated  
stink bug

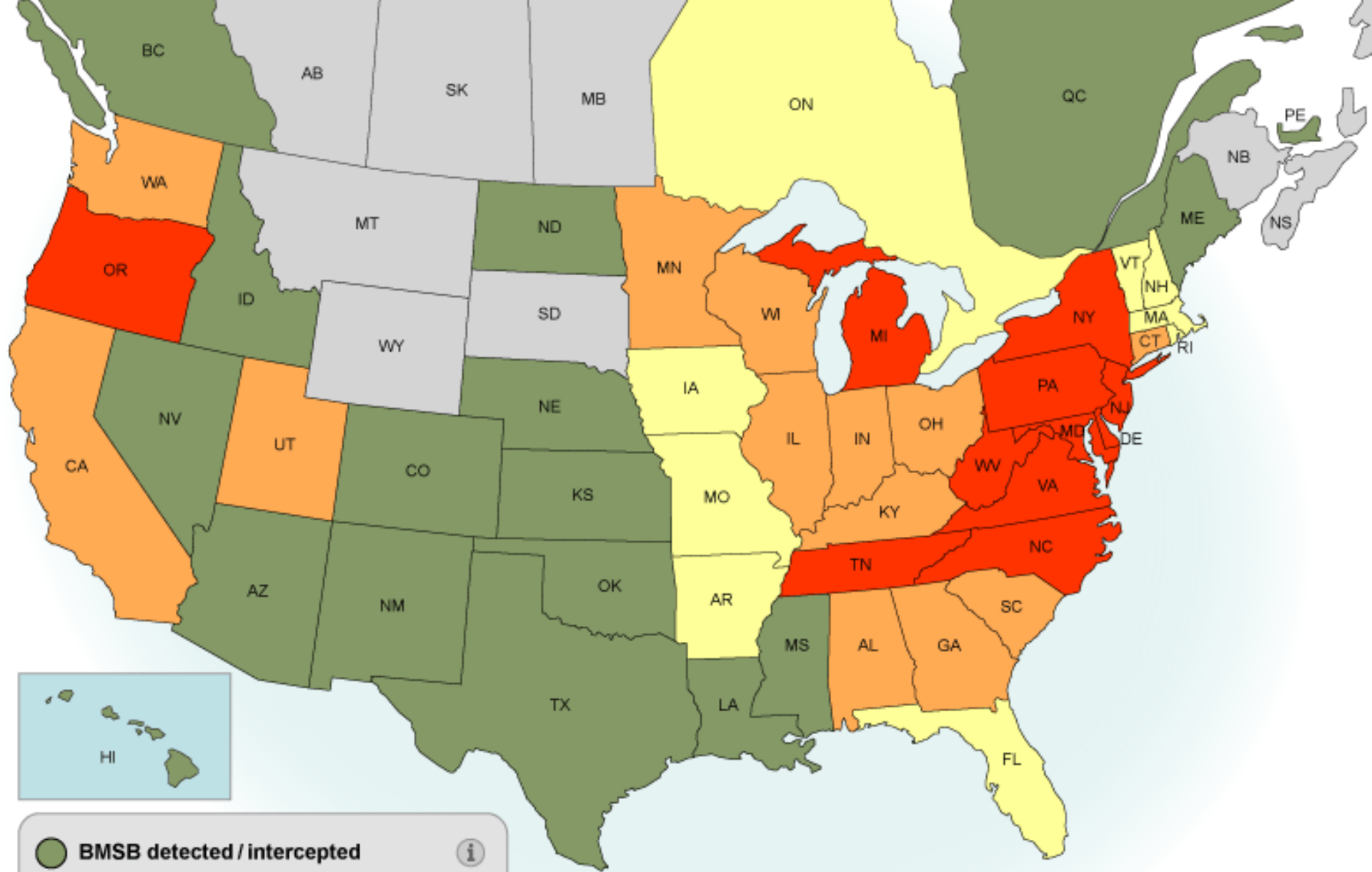


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# Invasion of the stink bugs: how a tiny insect roils global communities

A hazelnut-producing region of far-western Georgia is caught up in the global fight to save crops and livelihoods from devastating stink bugs.





- BMSB detected / intercepted
- Nuisance problems only
- Agricultural and nuisance problems
- Severe agricultural and nuisance problems reported

Map from [stopbmsb.org](https://stopbmsb.org)

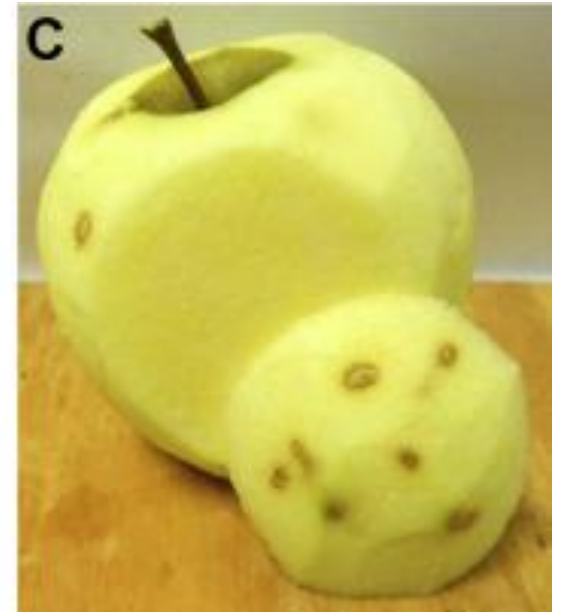
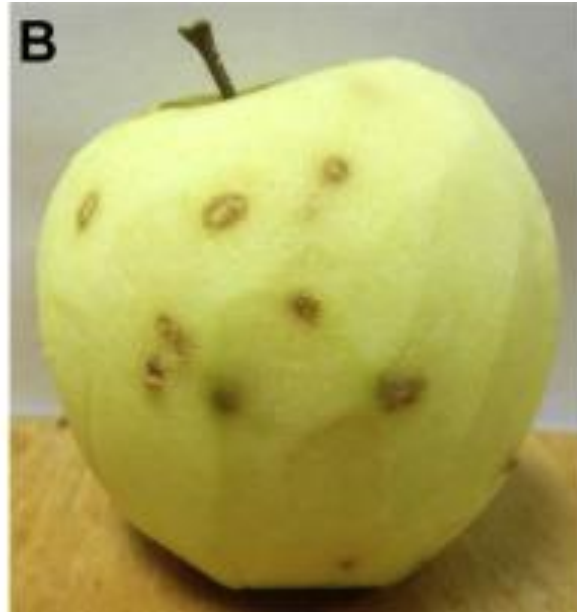
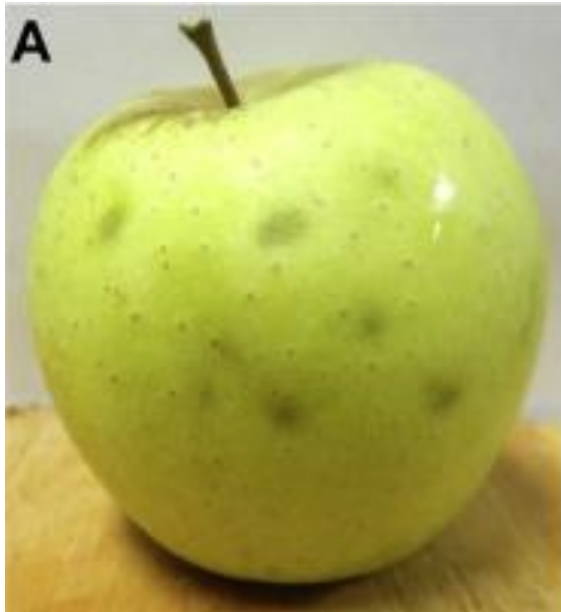


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# Growth stages of brown marmorated stink bug



# Feeding damage by brown marmorated stink bug on pink lady apple





BMSB feeding on mature hazelnut

Photo: Oregon Department of Agriculture



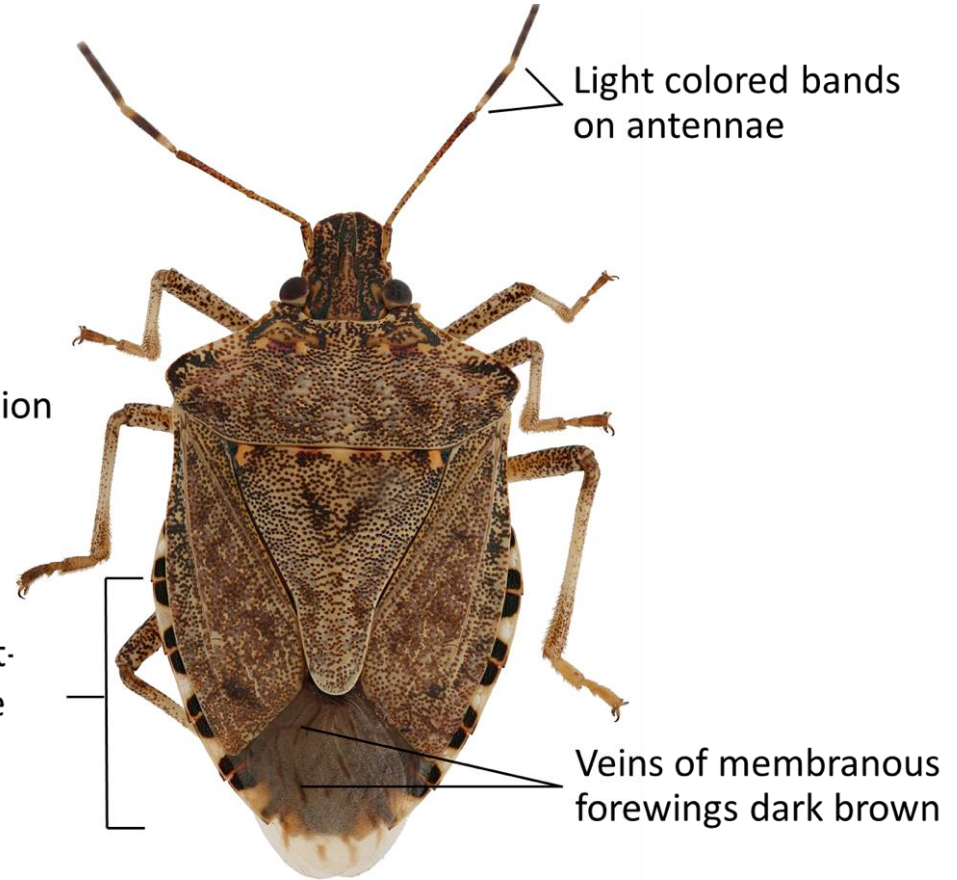
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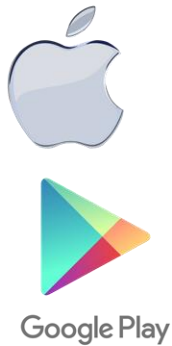
BMSB looks like a lot of other stink bugs...but can be distinguished by:

Marbled-brown coloration

Alternating light-pattern on edge abdomen



# Download the app!



### Is it a stink bug?

IS IT A STINK BUG? MIDWEST STINK BUGS MORE INFO

Adult Immature Look-alikes

- Squash bug**
  - Pest on squash and pumpkins
  - Native
- Western conifer-seed bug**
  - Not a pest in agriculture
  - Native
- Leaffooted bug**
  - Can be a pest in agriculture
  - Native

### Midwest stink bugs

IS IT A STINK BUG? MIDWEST STINK BUGS MORE INFO SORT

- Brown stink bug**
  - Native
  - Feeds on many crops
- Dusky stink bug**
  - Native
  - Feeds on many crops
  - Often with 4 dark spots on belly
- E. ictericus (No common name)**
  - Native
  - Feeds on some crops
- Green stink bug**
  - Native
  - Feeds on many crops



Photo: Northwest IPM Center

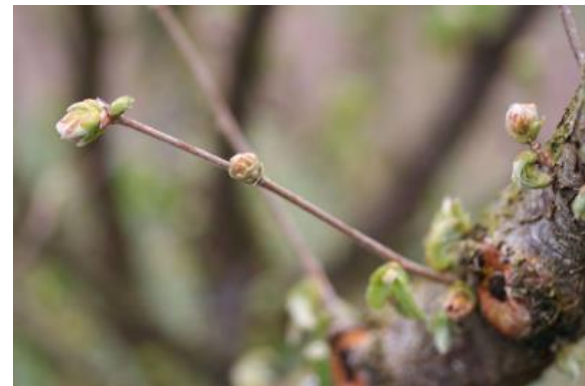


Bud mites

# Two introduced species of big bud mites (BBM) damage hazelnuts in U.S.

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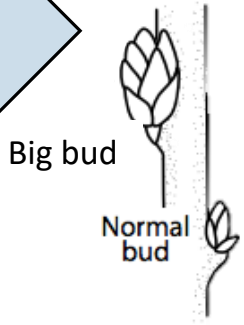
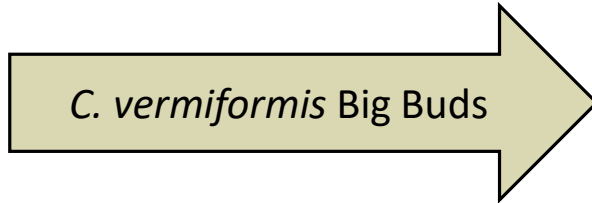
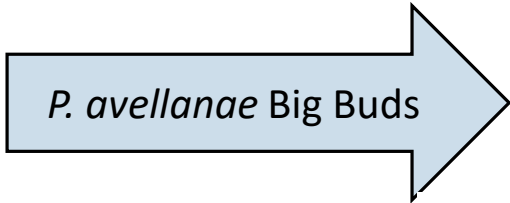
- *Phytoptus avellanae* and *Cecidophyopsis vermiformis* are both problematic, introduced species from Europe in Oregon
- *Phytoptus avellanae* has been confirmed in WI plantings (Ariadna Chediack)
- Infest both floral and vegetative buds, directly affecting yield



# Big bud mite life cycle

Both species migrate to new axillary buds

Feeding and reproduction inside buds





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## Part II

# Research Plans

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Filbertworm moths



# Research plans for filbertworm moths

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- Monitoring



Acorn weevils



# Weevil damage has been consistently found in some MN and WI plantings

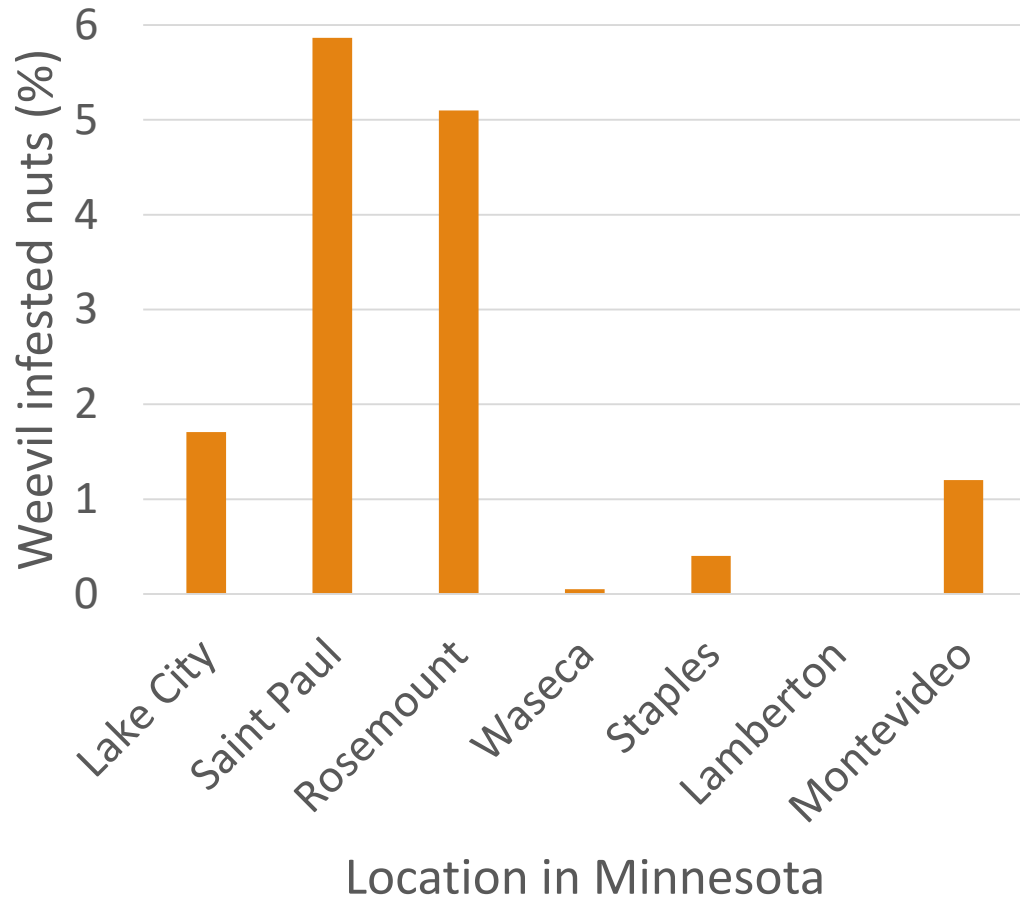
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We will examine:

1. Species and life cycles of weevils
2. Timing of egg-laying or infestation in plantings
3. Trait preferences (e.g., might they prefer nuts with thinner shells?)  
(Jason Fischbach and Ariadna Chediack)



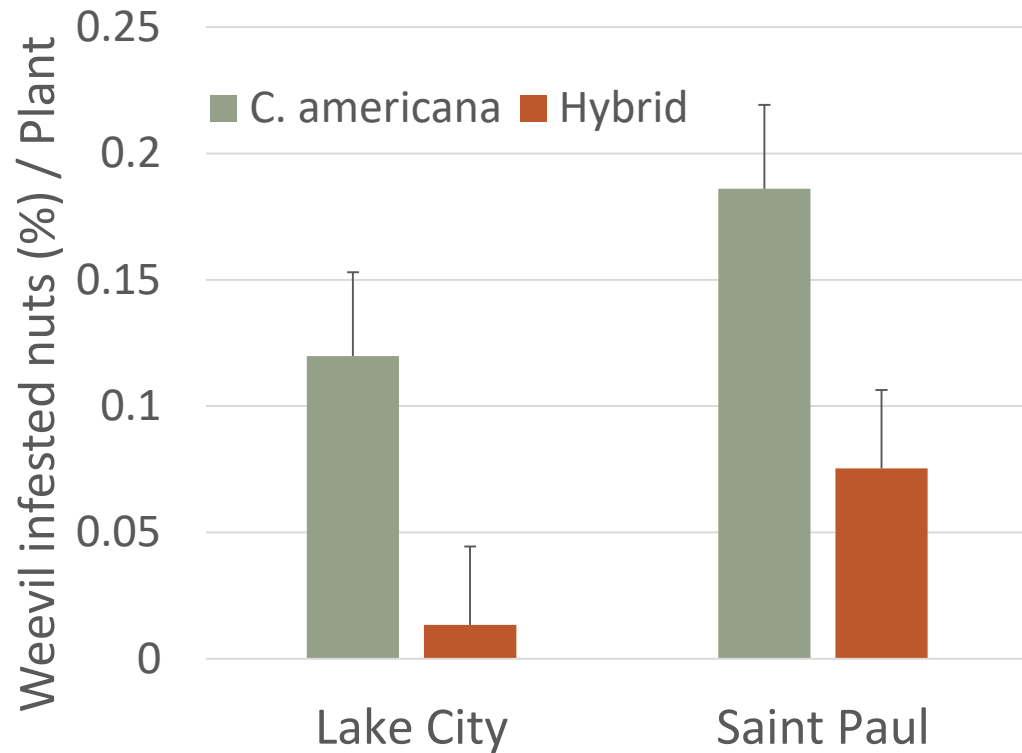
## MN Weevil Infestation 2018



Weevil damage varies greatly by location



## MN Average weevil infestation 2018



We see  
higher  
infestation in  
*C. americana*  
plants than  
hybrids





Brown marmorated  
stink bug





# Currently it is unknown if BMSB will injure *C. americana* or hybrid hazelnuts

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- We will examine potential preferences for shell thickness and other traits



Photo credit: Oregon Department of Agriculture



Bud mites

# BBM are very difficult to control

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- Chemical sprays only effective when mites are migrating between buds.
- To avoid multiple applications, peak mite emergence needs to be determined
  - Degree day models exist in other countries but not U.S.



We will be developing a mite activity degree day model for the Upper Midwest

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**Need help from willing growers with BBM infestations!**



Contact Hailey:



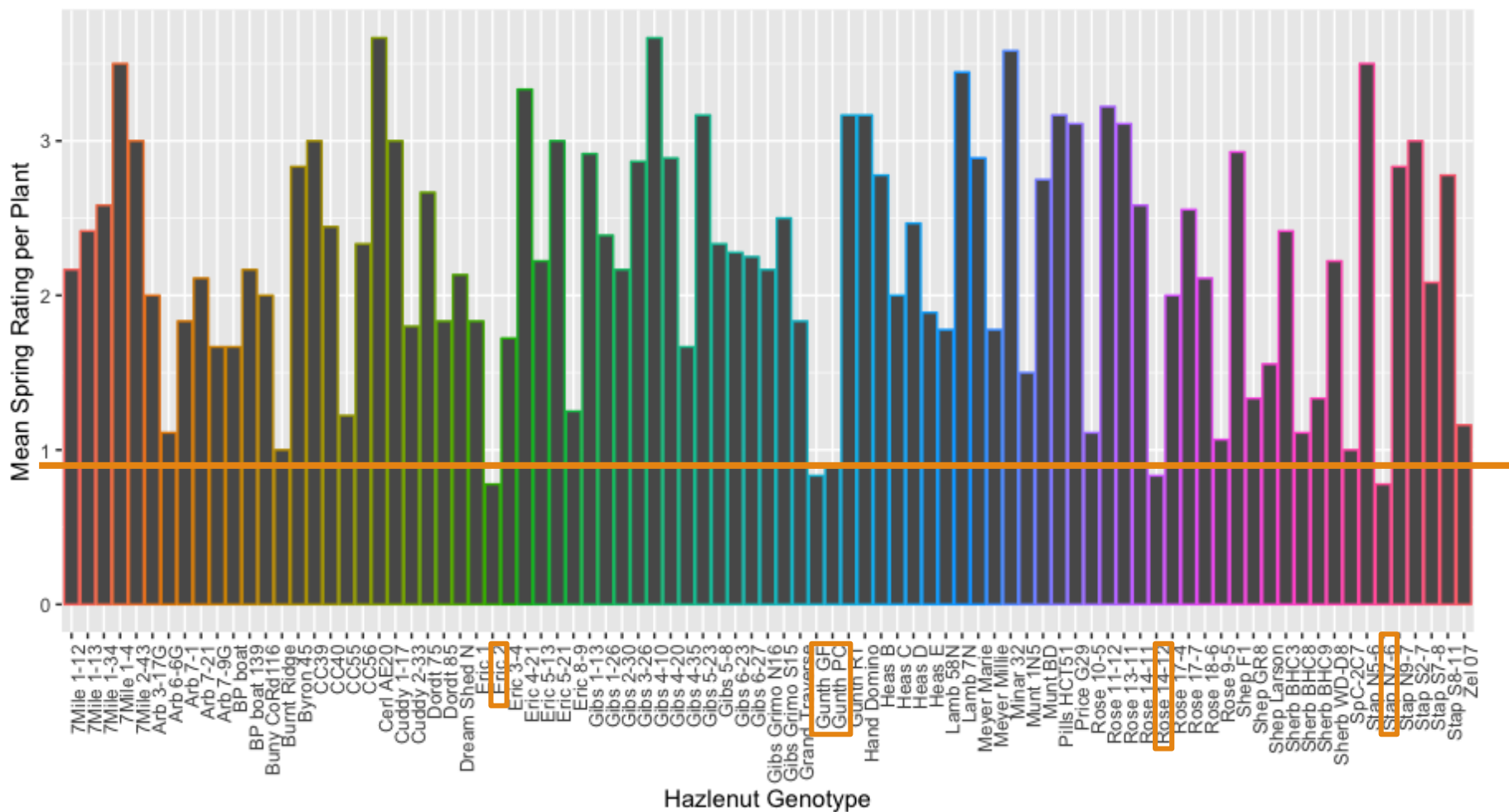
[heyshano94@gmail.com](mailto:heyshano94@gmail.com)

# There has been success breeding varieties resistant to BBM



- OSU has found resistance to BBM in *C. avellana* germplasm
- Jason Fischbach and Ariadna Chediack (UW Extension) have collected data at WI plantings for last 3 years
- Preliminary results suggest there are some tolerant hybrid genotypes at Bayfield





# Summary objectives for Midwest hybrid hazelnut pest management

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## **Filberworm moths**

- Monitor to see if they are present

## **Nut weevils**

- Rear and identify to species
- Determine infestation rate and timing
- Examine potential nut preferences

## **Big bud mites**

- Determine if there is resistance among current genotypes
- Create degree-day models

## **Brown marmorated stink bugs**

- Determine susceptibility of *C. Americana* and hybrid hazelnuts to BMSB injury



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# Questions?



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