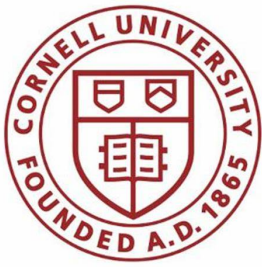


# The Lorsban “ban” – Cabbage maggot control without it

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# Cabbage maggot (*Delia radicum*)

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- Found in northern temperate regions worldwide
- Feeds only on plants in Family *Brassicaceae* (mustards)
- Close relative includes seedcorn maggot – a generalist and sporadic pest of cabbage



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## Life Cycle

- Overwinters as pupa
- Complete one generation in 25-30 days in summer
- 3-4 generations per year

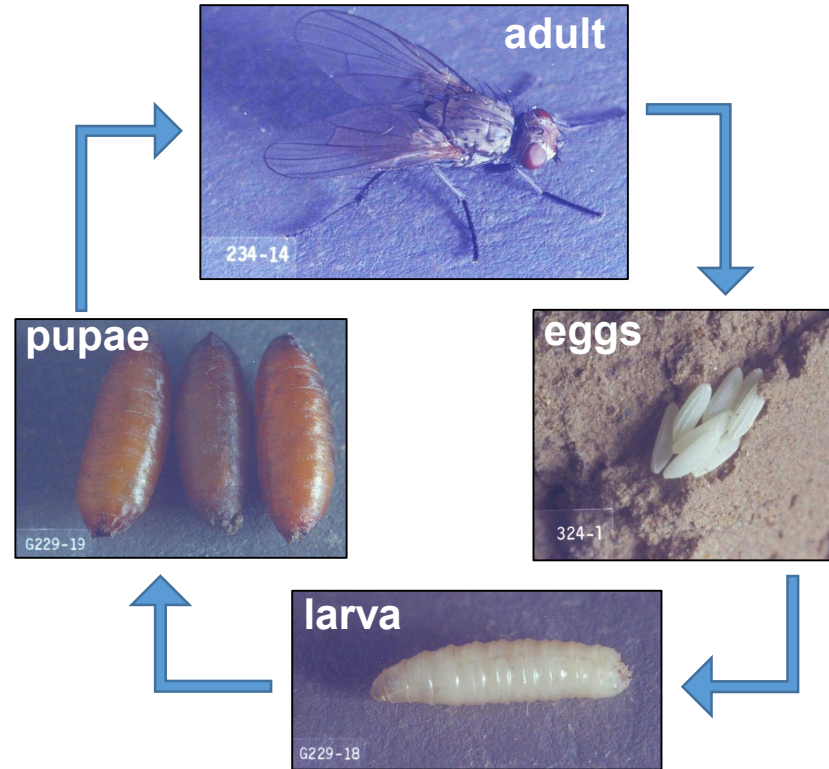


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Cabbage maggot  
eggs on base of  
cabbage stem



Cabbage maggot  
eggs on soil near base of  
stem







**Mild damage**



**Severe damage**

# Severe cabbage maggot damage



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# How best to manage cabbage maggot?

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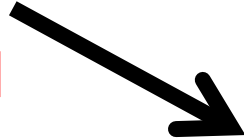


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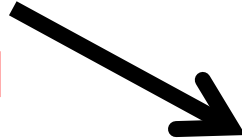


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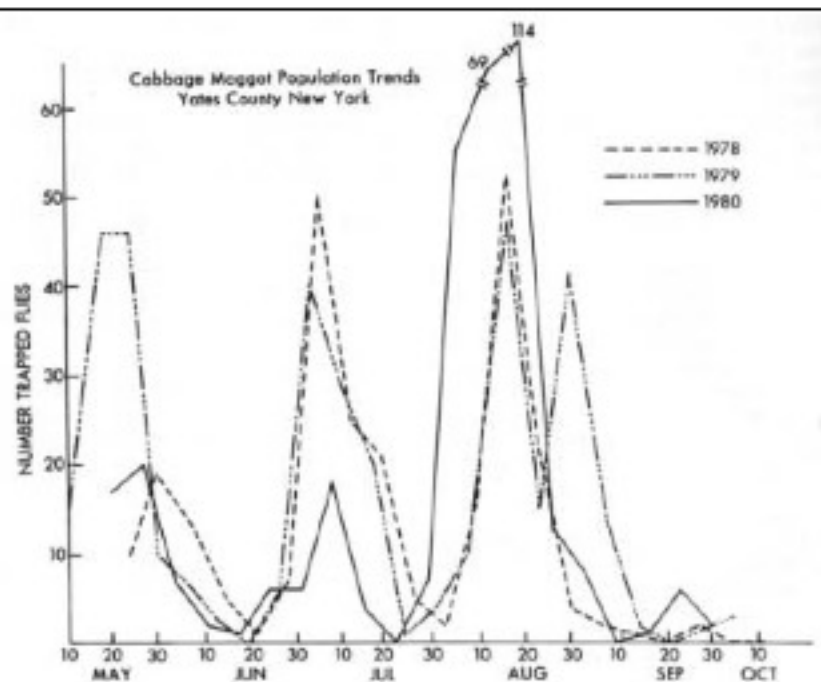
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*At least 4 generations on Long Island*



### Flowchart

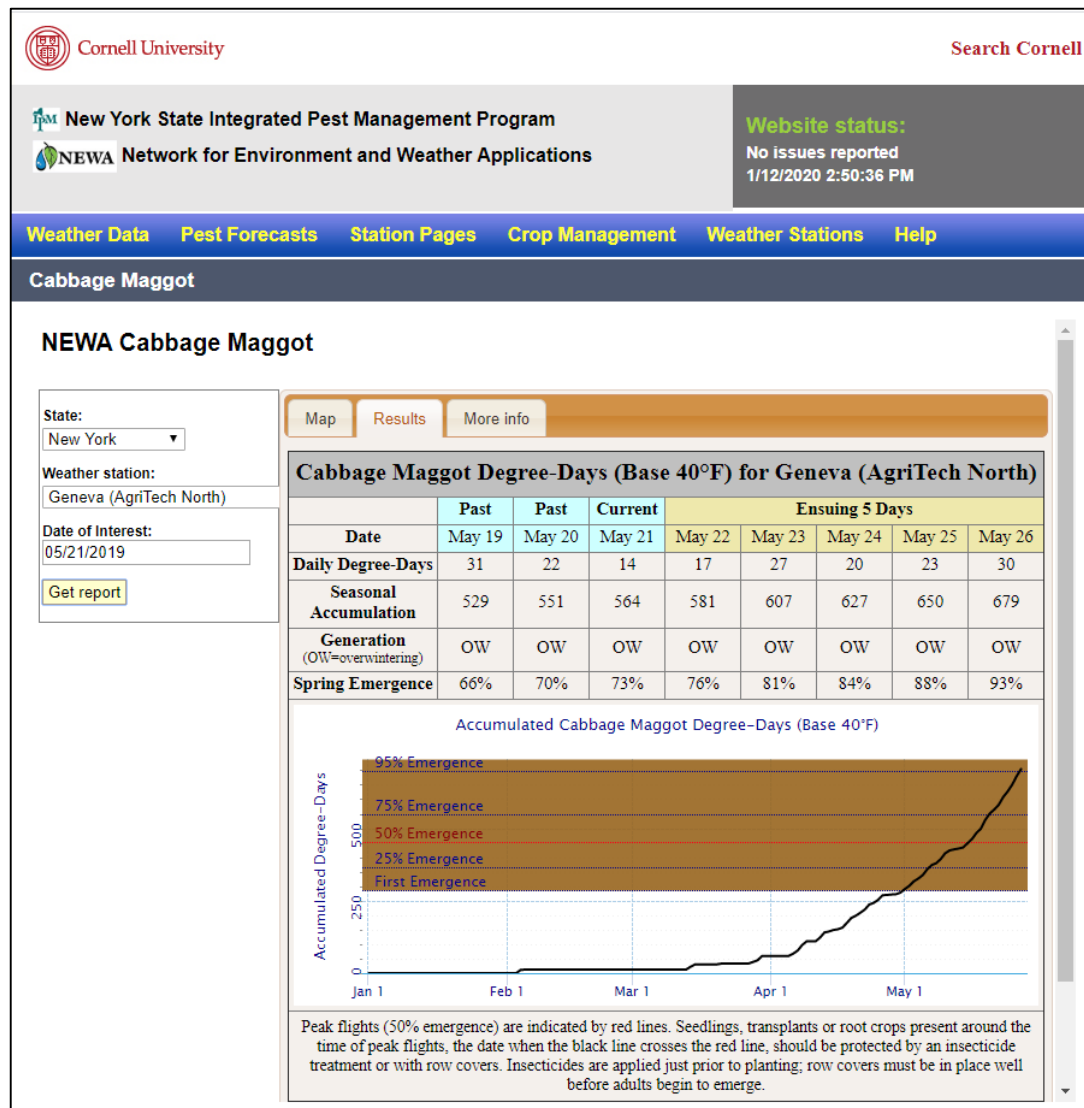


Photo K. Lawless, [vaplanatlas.org](http://vaplanatlas.org)

### Peak emergence correlated with peak bloom

PLANT	YEAR	MAY				JUN				JUL				AUG				SEP				OCT			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Yellow Rocket	78			- - - +																					
	79		- +			peak spring			emergence																
	80			- - - +																					
Day Lily	78									- - -															
	79									- - -			2nd peak emergence												
	80										- - -														
Canada Thistle Early Goldenrod	78												- - -												
	79												- - -				3rd peak emergence								
	80													- - -											
New England Aster	78																	- - -			4th				
	79																	- - -			peak				
	80																	- - -			emergence				

# NEWA cabbage maggot degree-day model for predicting fly activity



<http://www.newa.cornell.edu/>

- Degree-day model will generate information to help determine when to remove row cover

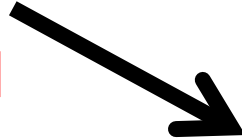


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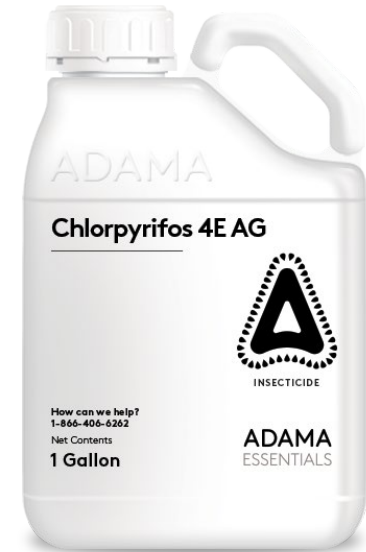
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# Chlorpyrifos



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**Resistance to chlorpyrifos in cabbage maggot populations occurs in New York**

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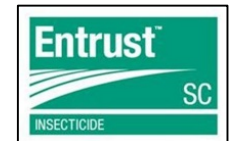


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# Insecticides labeled for cabbage maggot in Brassica Leafy Vegetables (Crop Group 5)

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- Diazinon AG500 (diazinon) (1B)
- Capture LFR (bifenthrin) (3A)
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# Insecticides available for cabbage maggot control in New York (IRAC 1B & 3A)

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Product	Rates	Application Method
Lorsban Advanced	1.6-2.75 fl oz/ 1000 ft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Direct-seeded</u>: at-plant band (4")</li><li>• <u>Transplants</u>: direct spray at base of transplants after setting</li></ul>
Diazinon AG500	2-3 qts/acre 4-8 fl oz/ 50 gal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Direct-seeded</u>: broadcast at planting</li><li>• <u>Transplants</u>: water transplant treatment</li></ul>
Capture LFR	3.4-6.8 fl oz/acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Direct-seeded only</u>: apply in 5-7" band in furrow</li></ul>

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Product	Rates	Application Method
Verimark	10 – 13.5 fl oz/acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-furrow spray</li><li>• Transplant tray drench</li><li>• <i>Transplant water treatment</i></li><li>• Surface band</li><li>• Soil shank injection</li></ul>
Coragen SC*	3.5-7.5 fl oz/acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transplant water treatment only</li></ul>

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# Insecticides available for cabbage maggot “**suppression**” in New York (IRAC 5)

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Product	Rates	Application Method
Entrust SC*	5-10 fl oz/acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directed spray at base of young direct-seeded plants (4’')</li><li>• Directed spray at base of transplants immediately after setting</li></ul>
Radiant*	5-10 fl oz/acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Same as above</li></ul>

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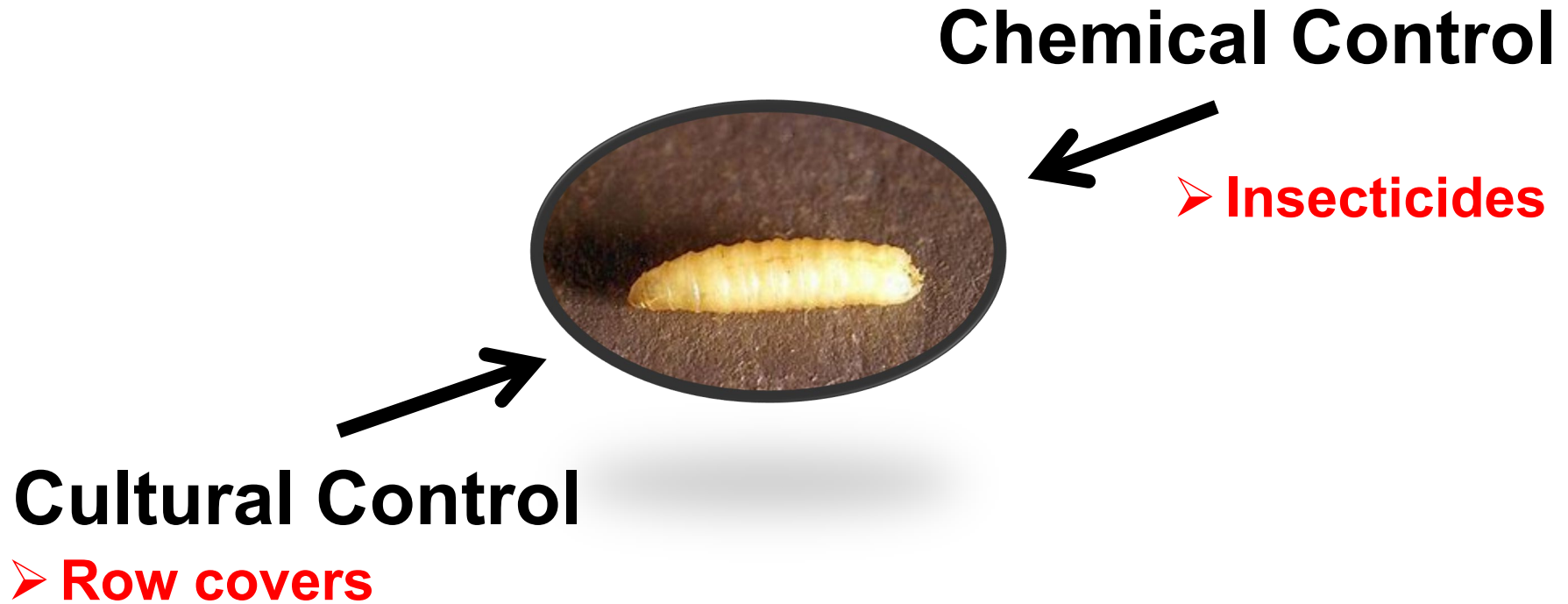
- Use high gallonage of spray (e.g., 100 gallons per acre)
- **Need at least 2 applications spaced 2-3 weeks apart**
- Do not apply more than 29 fl oz of Entrust SC or 34 fl oz of Radiant SC per acre per crop for all methods of application
- Maximum Number of Applications: Do not make more than six applications per year

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# Evaluating alternatives to Lorsban for cabbage maggot management

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# Insecticide treatments evaluated for cabbage maggot control in cabbage

Riverhead, NY 2017-2019

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Treatment	Rates	Application Method
Entrust SC*	8 fl oz/acre	Tray drench** + post directed
Radiant SC*	10 fl oz/acre	Tray drench** + post directed
Verimark	13.5 fl oz/acre	Tray drench + post directed
Lorsban	1.8 fl oz/ 1,000 ft	At planting 4" band furrow

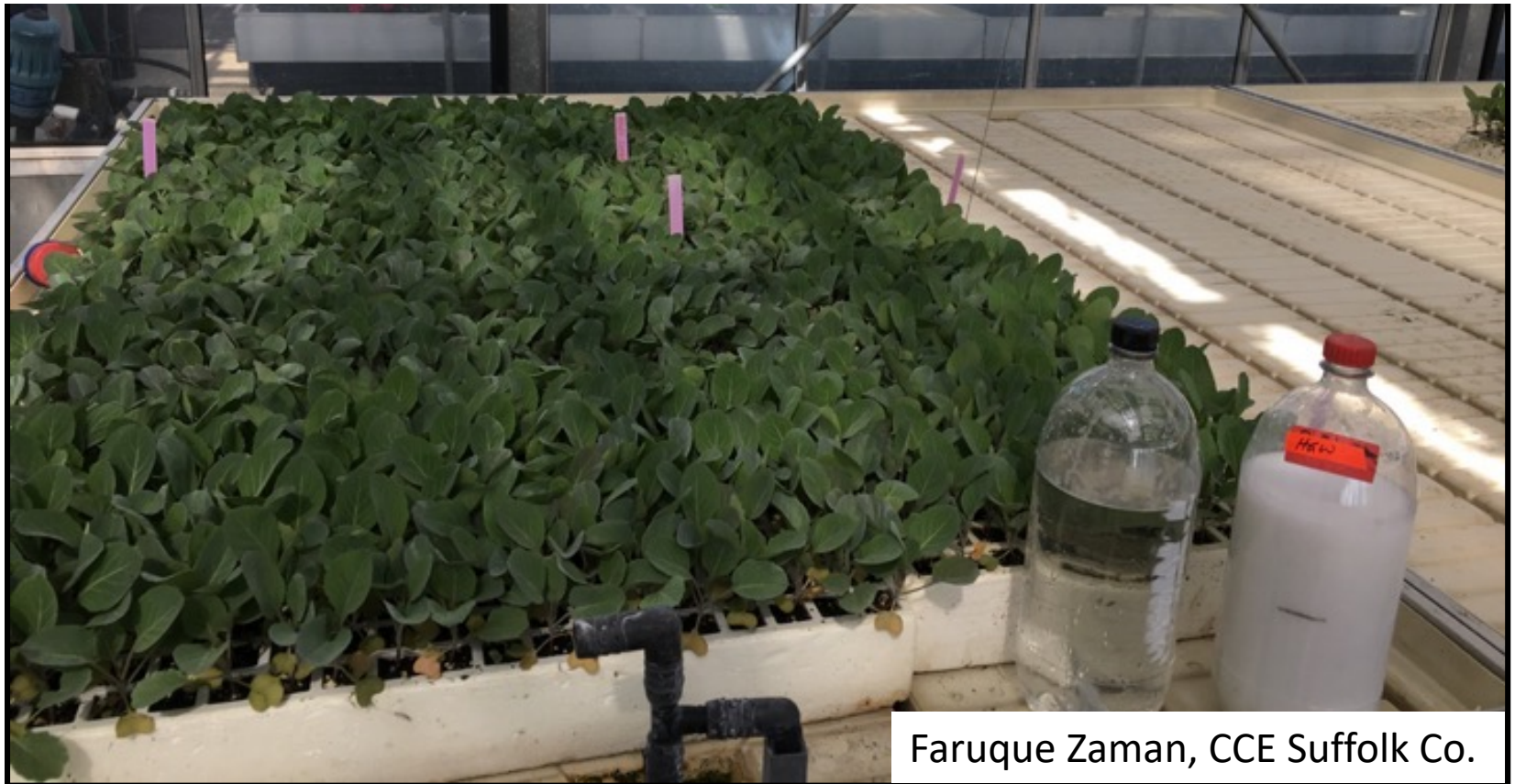
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# Transplant tray drench (e.g., )

- **Rate:** high rate of Verimark is 13.5 fl oz/ acre
- **Number of plants/ acre:** 16,786
- **Amount of Verimark per plant:** 0.0008 fl oz or 0.024 ml
- **Number of plants/ tray:** 200
- **Number of trays per acre:** 84
- **Amount of Verimark/ tray:** 4.7 ml in 250 ml of water
- **NOTE:** do not water trays for at least 24 hours before treatment



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# Row covers evaluated for cabbage maggot control in cabbage

Riverhead, NY 2017-2019

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Treatment	Rates	Application Method
Row cover netting	-	At planting
Black plastic mulch	-	-
Row cover + plastic	-	At planting

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**Tek-knit 80g screen**

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# Assessing cabbage maggot damage

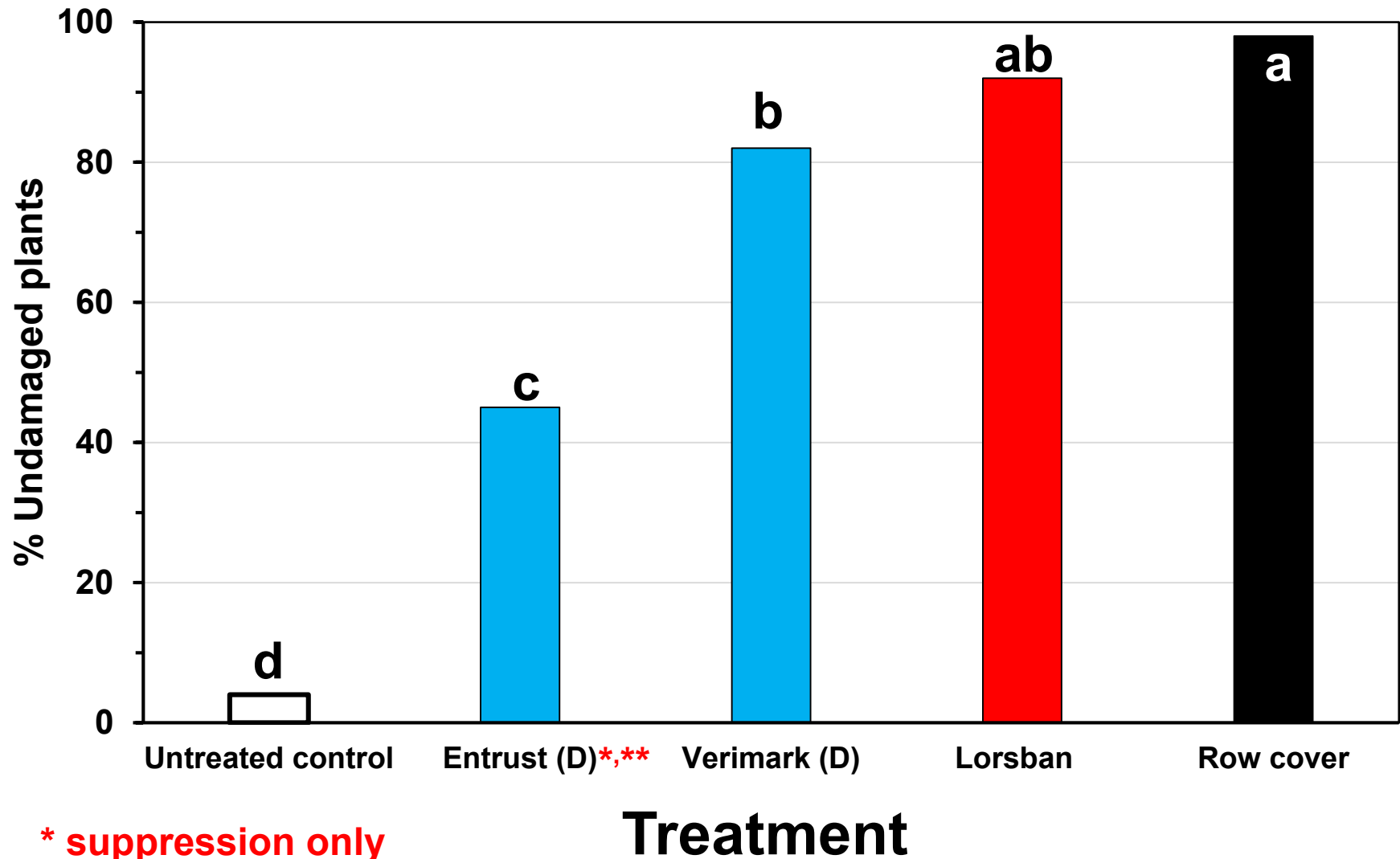


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# Management of cabbage maggot in cabbage

## Riverhead, NY 2017



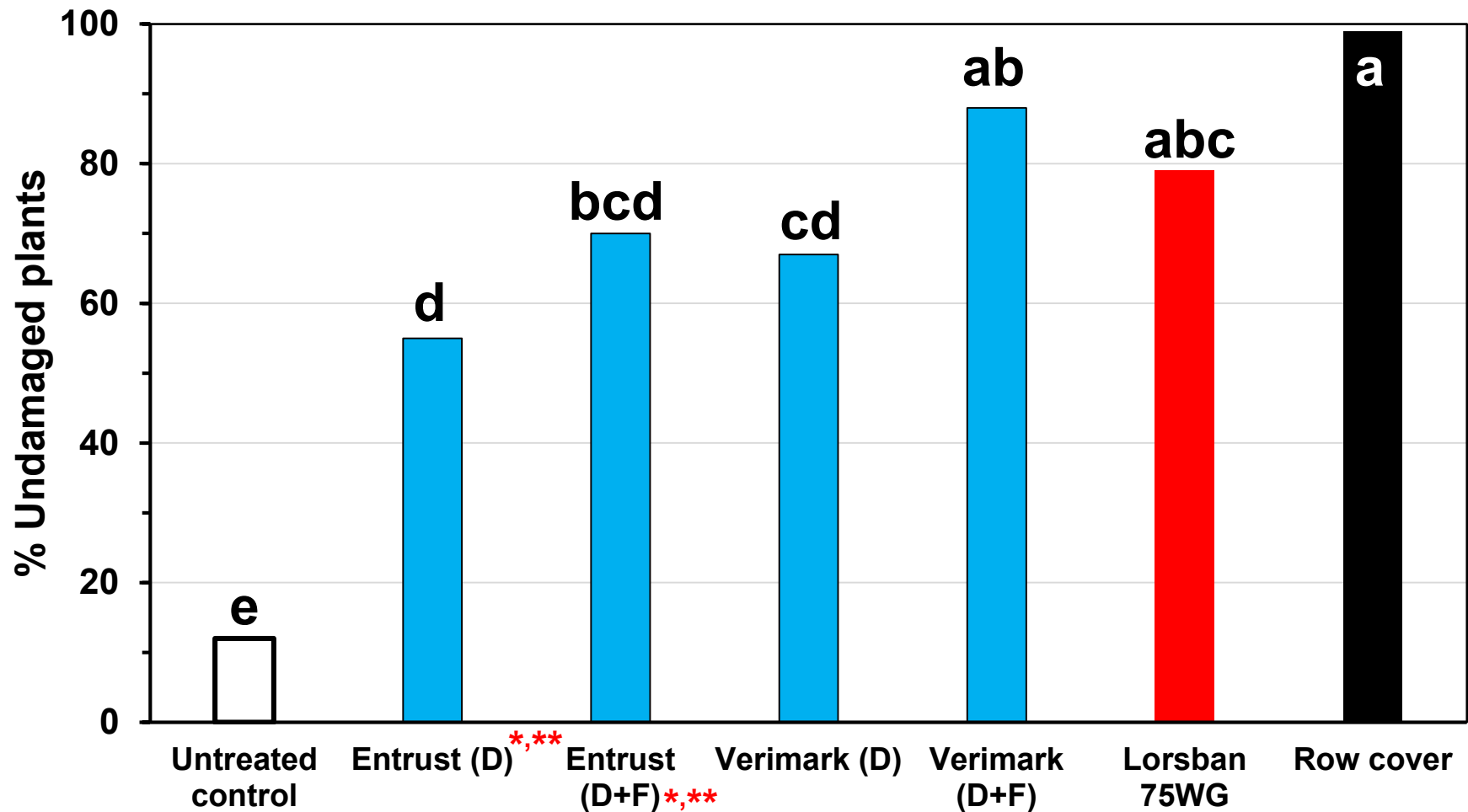
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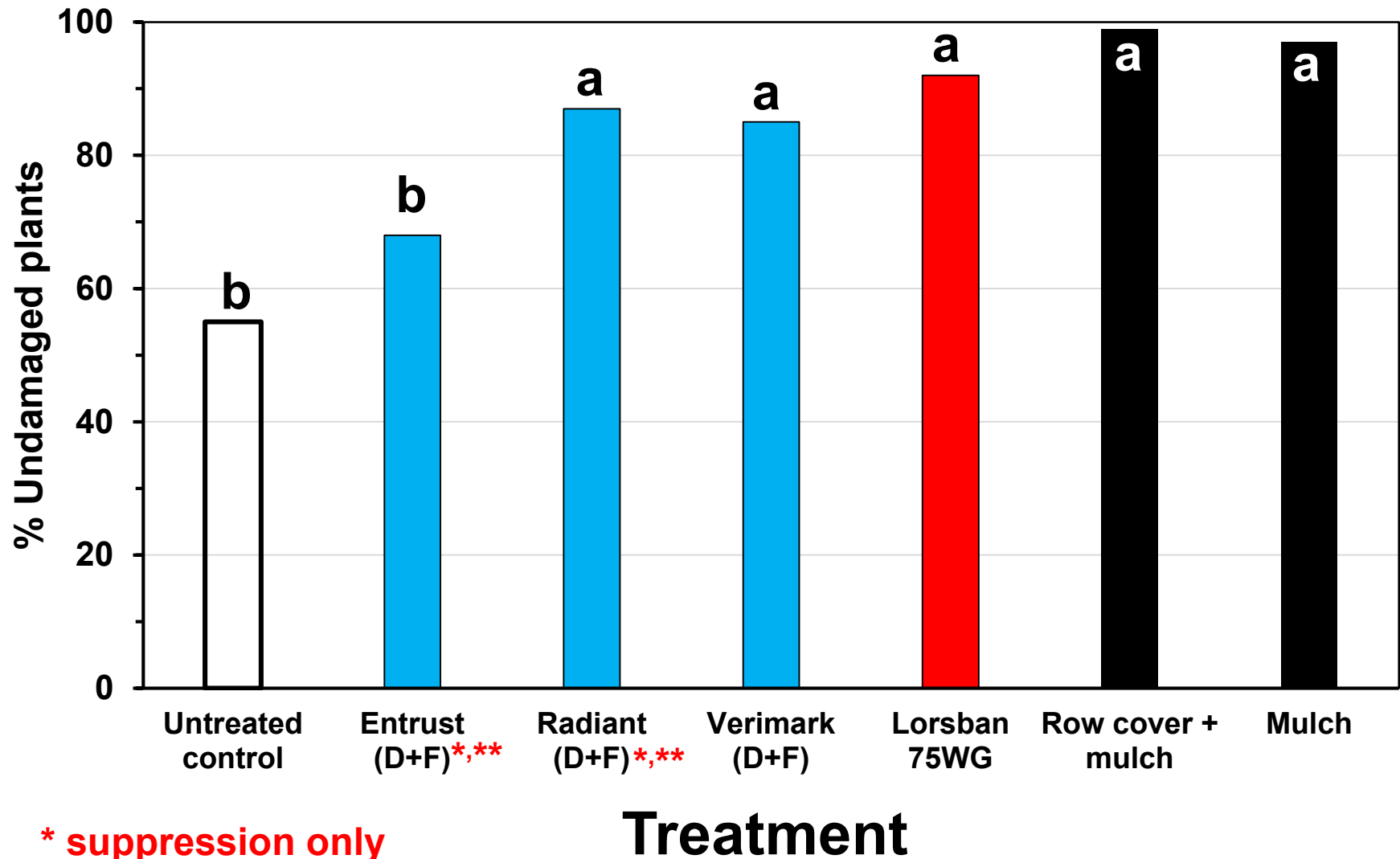
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# Summary

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- **Lorsban - excellent control (80-90%);**  
**NO control of other pests**
- **Verimark - tray drench good control (65-80%);**  
**drench + foliar 2 wks later was better (82-87%);**  
**controls worms and flea beetles! EXPENSIVE**
- **Radiant & Entrust – tray drench fair control (45-50%);**  
**drench + foliar 2 wks later better (70%);**  
**controls of worms! EXPENSIVE**
- **Row cover - was highly effective (nearly 100% protection);**  
**controls worms and flea beetles**  
**EXPENSIVE & NOT PRACTICAL**

# Future Research

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- **Evaluate Verimark, Radiant and Entrust applied as a tray drench followed by directed spray effective at lower than labeled rates**
- **Other options?**
- **Need a field site in 2020 with high cabbage maggot pressure to conduct trials (see me)**