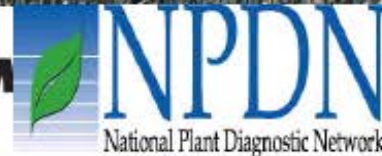
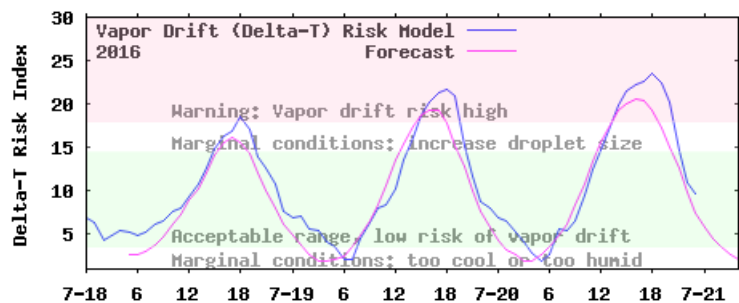
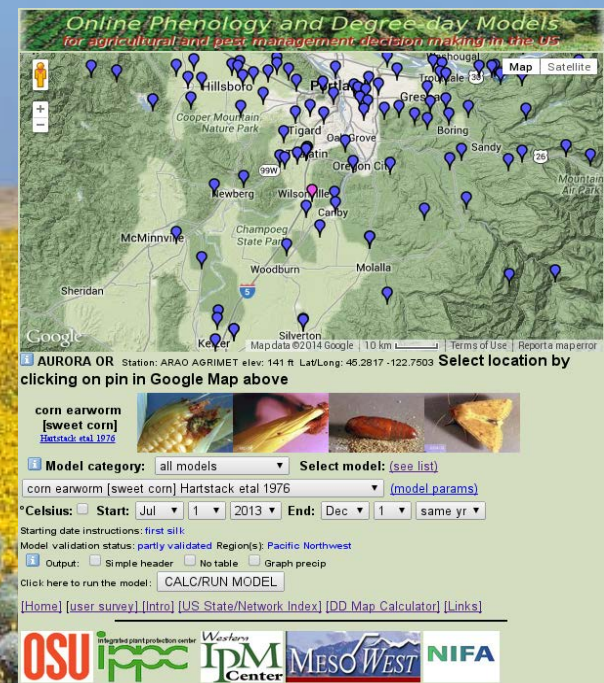
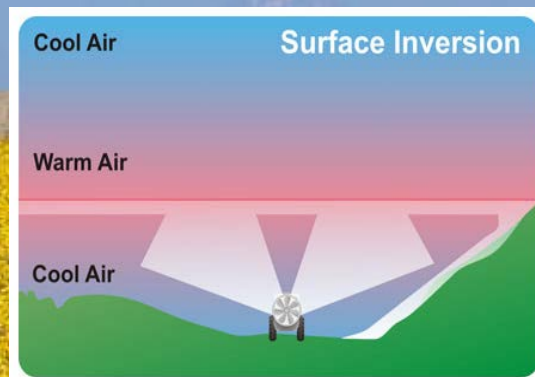
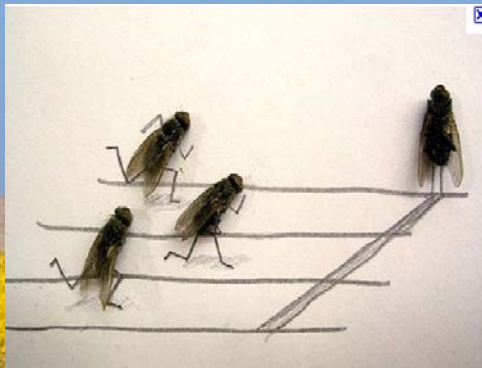


Weather models and Predictive Tools for IPM

Len Coop, Oregon State University, Integrated Plant Protection Center

Nov. 30, 2017



Topics for today's session:

- Phenology and degree-day concepts
- ◆ Some features of the IPPC "Online weather data and degree-days" website at uspest.org/wea
- ◆ Using the extended climate forecast with degree-day models
- ◆ A focus on thermal or vapor pesticide drift
- ◆ How to set up uspest.org/wea "MyPest Page" to forecast drift conditions

Typical IPM questions/tools:

(Leading up to the decision to treat)

- "Who?" and "What?"

Identification keys, diagnostic guides, management guides

- ◆ "When?"

Phenology/degree-day models (crops, insects, weeds), Risk models (plant diseases)

- ◆ "Wait: how many and If?"

Sweep nets, pheromone traps, economic thresholds, sampling calculators.

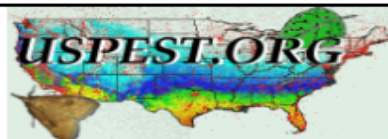
- ◆ "Where?"

GIS, precision agriculture



http://uspest.org/wea

MyPest Page -
IPM Pest and Plant Disease
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Please fill out our [brief end-user survey!](#) This site is free - please provide us feedback!

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[Pacific NW interface to degree-day models and calculations](#)

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09/06 [Grower network support](#) - slideshow

06/08 [IPM Tools in Real Time](#)

Zone forecast: NWS forecasts enter **Place, State** or **Zipcode:**



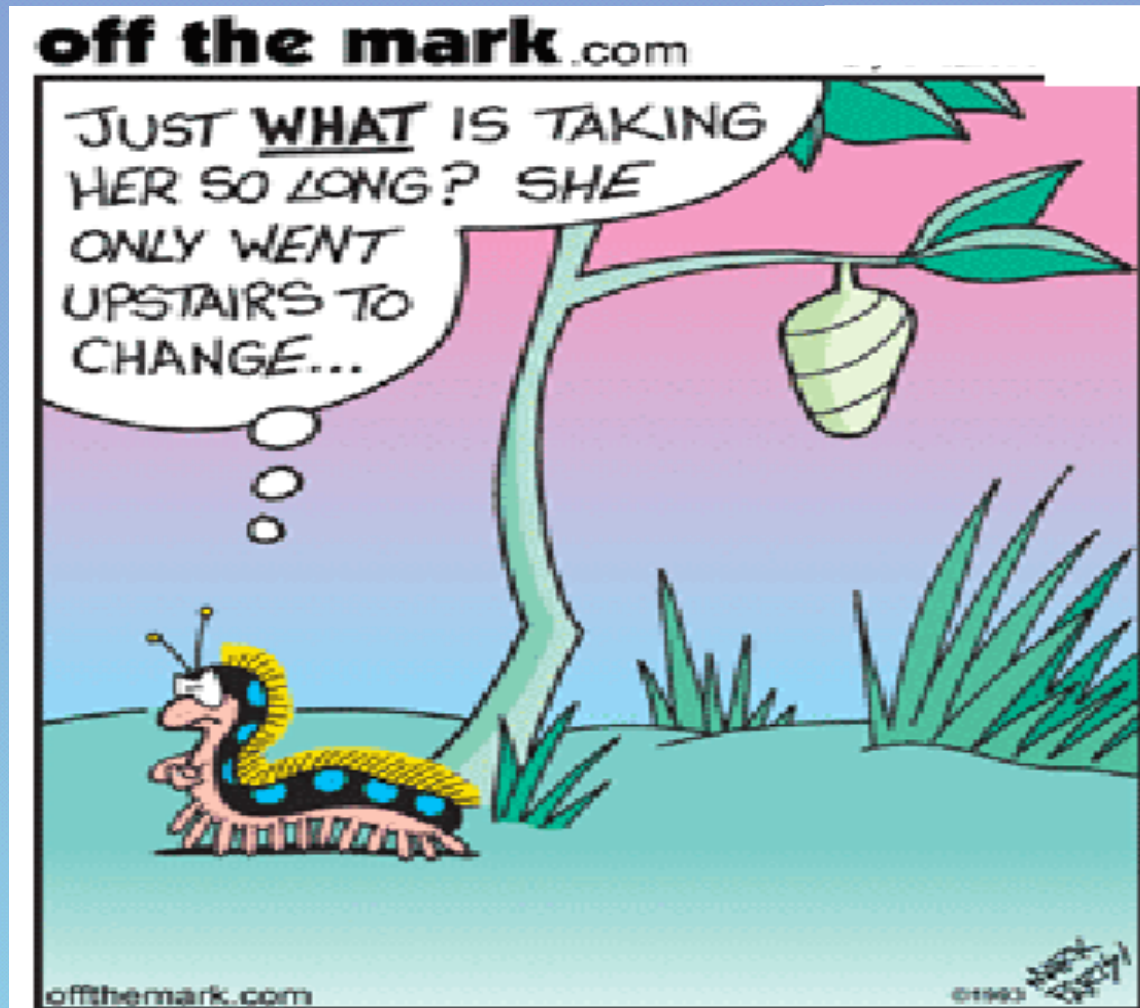
Phenology and degree-day concepts

- ◆ Phenology: the study of how organisms develop through stages over time.
- ◆ Degree-days: A simple heat unit method for recording physiological time used to represent development of many plants and animals that do not self regulate temperature
- ◆ Degree-day models are in common use for timing of sampling and management events in agriculture; a cornerstone of IPM

What to know about degree-days: Insects have complex life cycles

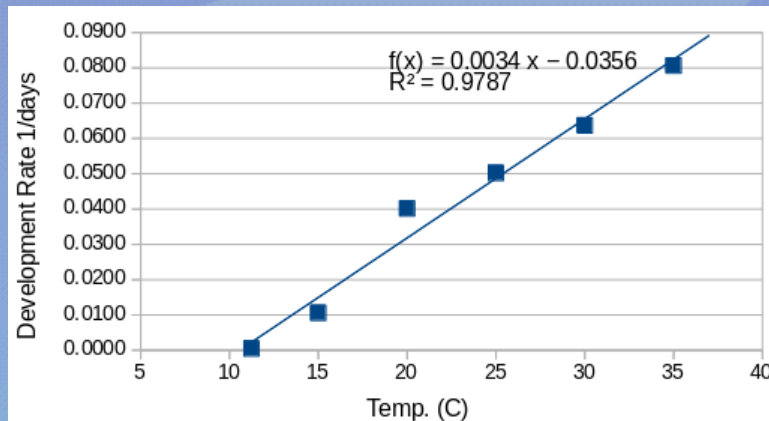
Eggs
Larvae
Pupae (most)
Adults

-Timing of all stages
is often
predictable using
degree-days, which are
a two dimensional “Heat
Unit” of development
for cold blooded
organisms



Degree-day Concepts

Lower and upper developmental thresholds



Typical Temperature – Development Rate response curve used to build degree-day models

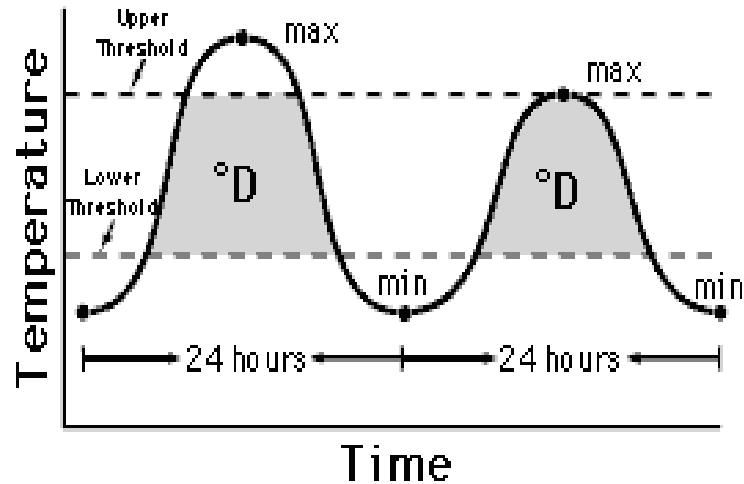
- ❓ Lower threshold: the temperature below which development stops
- ❓ Upper threshold: the temperature above which development is reduced according to the cutoff method
 - Horizontal cutoff method: assumes development does not stop but does not continue to accelerate with even higher temperatures
 - Vertical cutoff method: assumes development stops altogether above this temperature

Types of degree-days

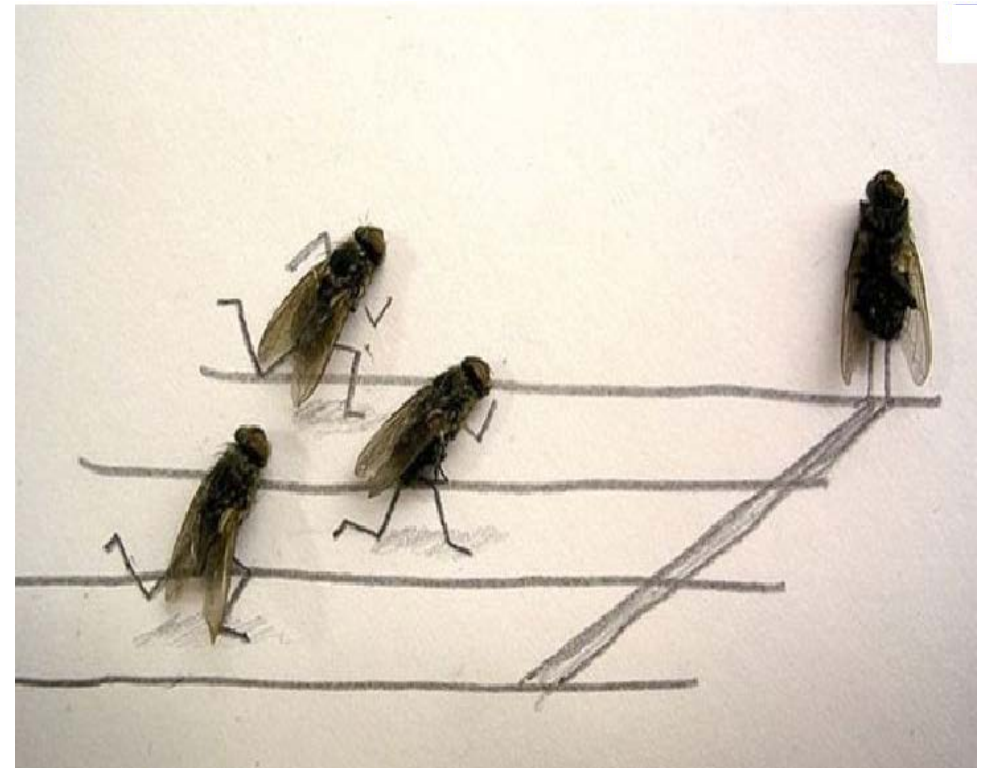
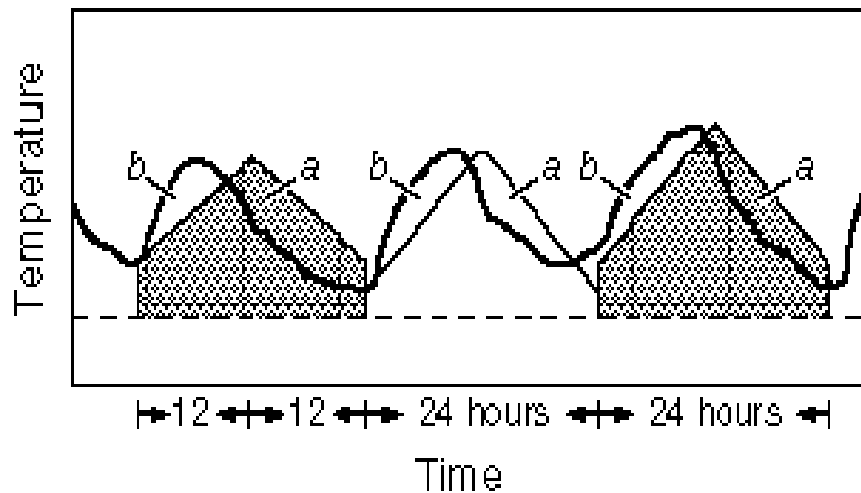
Used for insects, plants, plant diseases, other uses

- Simple average/growing degree-days for most except corn:
= daily $(T_{\max} + T_{\min})/2$ - lower threshold
(use a more complex equation if there is an upper threshold)
- - Single and double triangle: simple geometric equation (the latter uses tonight's min for second half of today)
- Single and double sine curve: more complex use trig functions
- Growing degree-days for corn: use simple average but substitute the lower threshold in place of daily T_{\min} (if T_{\min} is lower), substitute the upper threshold in place of daily T_{\max} (if T_{\max} is higher)
- Heating and Cooling degree-days: used by the power industry

Degree-day calculations – all attempt to Integrate temperature over time



Look at that first one fly!



Single triangle compared with
typical daily fluctuation

Comparison of Degree-Day Calculation Methods

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Weather station QA score 0.99; 0 days missing

Date	Days from today	DDs	Event
Sep 2	89 days ago	2620	3RD GENERATION, 50% EGG HATCH

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Method	Degree-Days <small>4/20/17 to 5/26/17</small>
Single Sine (codling moth default)	253
Double Sine	248
Single Triangle	237
Double Triangle	232
Simple Average (GDD)	201
Corn GDD	299

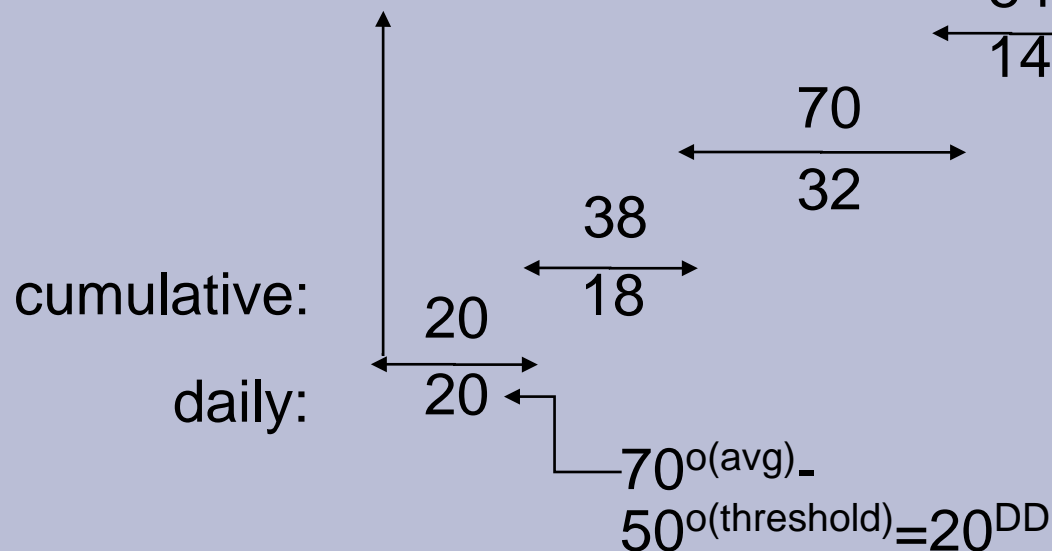
Degree-day Modeling Concepts

- ◆ Work best in temperate regions for populations that have relatively few, non-overlapping generations
- ◆ Degree-day models: accumulate a daily "index of development" (DD total) until some event is expected (e.g. egg hatch)
- ◆ DD models often require a "biofix" - biological monitoring event used to initialize the model

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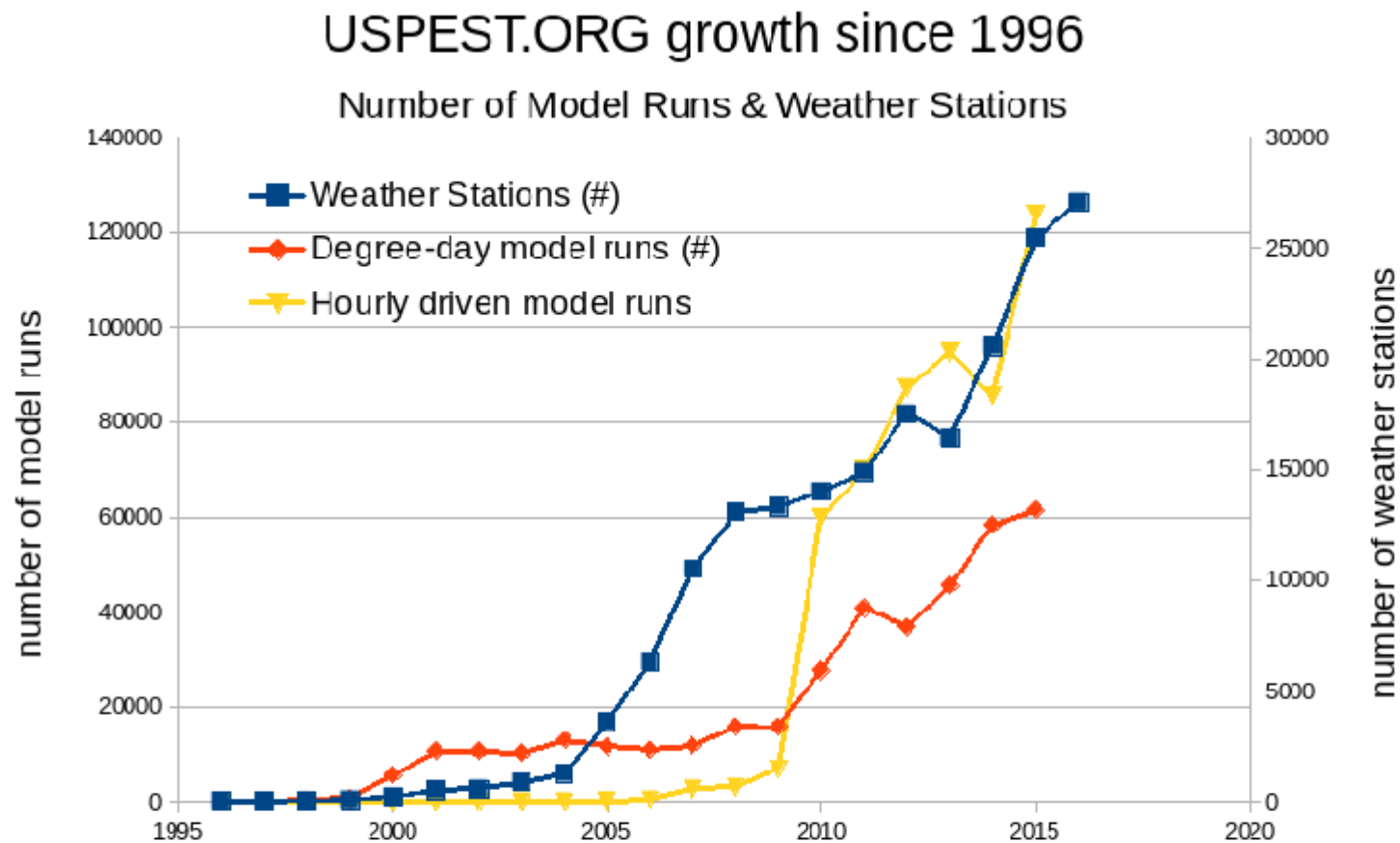
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Increases in online access to Degree-Day models



USPEST.ORG has had steady increases in number of models, weather stations, and networks over the past 20 years, while the number of phenology (DD) and disease risk model runs has increased significantly especially over the past 8 years with full US coverage (27,000+ weather stations).

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Apr 16	85 days away	360	1ST GENERATION, 20% EGG HATCH
Apr 28	97 days away	484	1ST GENERATION, 50% EGG HATCH
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after 7day use 30 year averages
after 7day use last years data
after 7day use data from 2 years ago
after 7day use NMME extended seasonal forecast
after 7day use CFSv2 extended seasonal forecast

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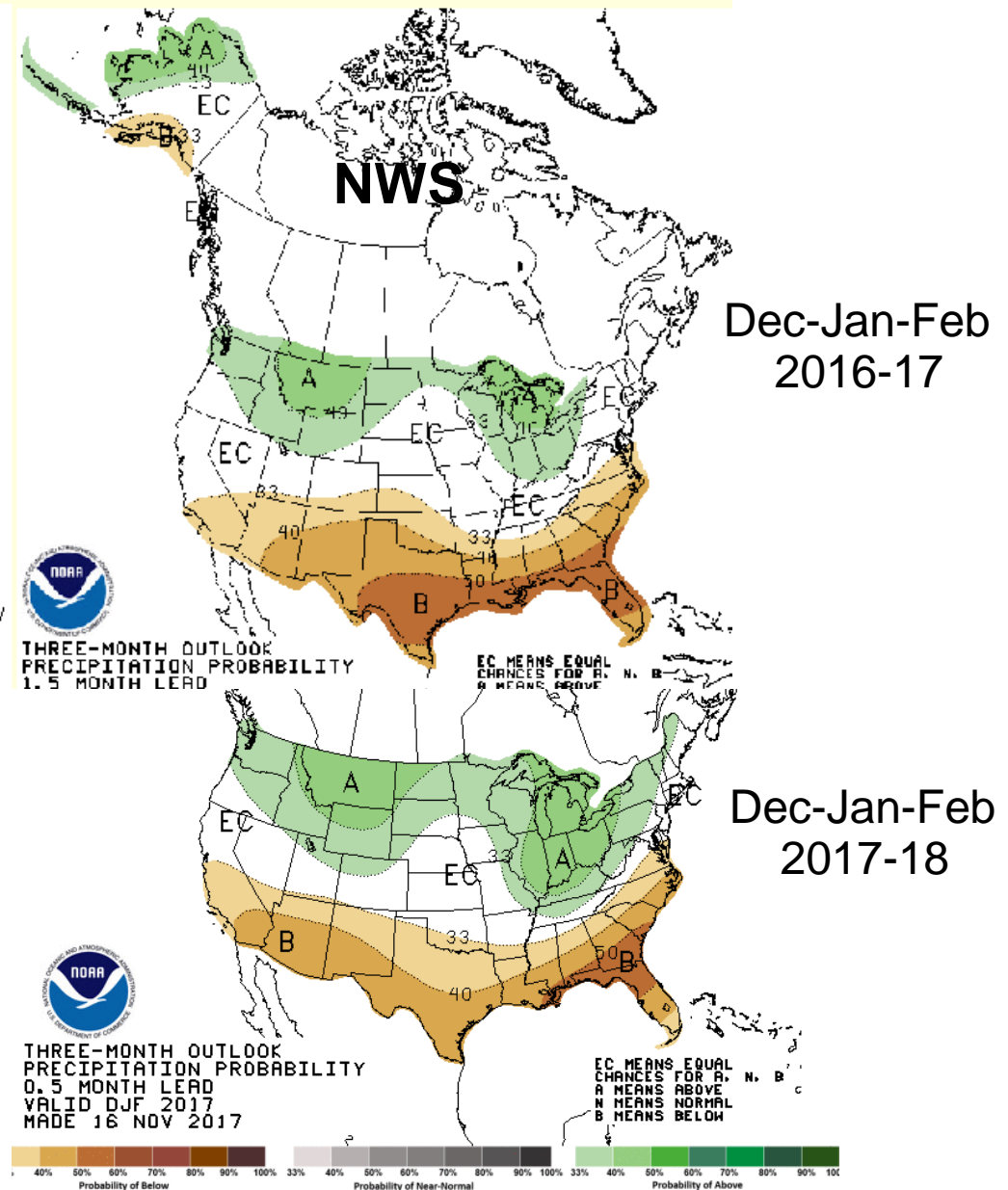
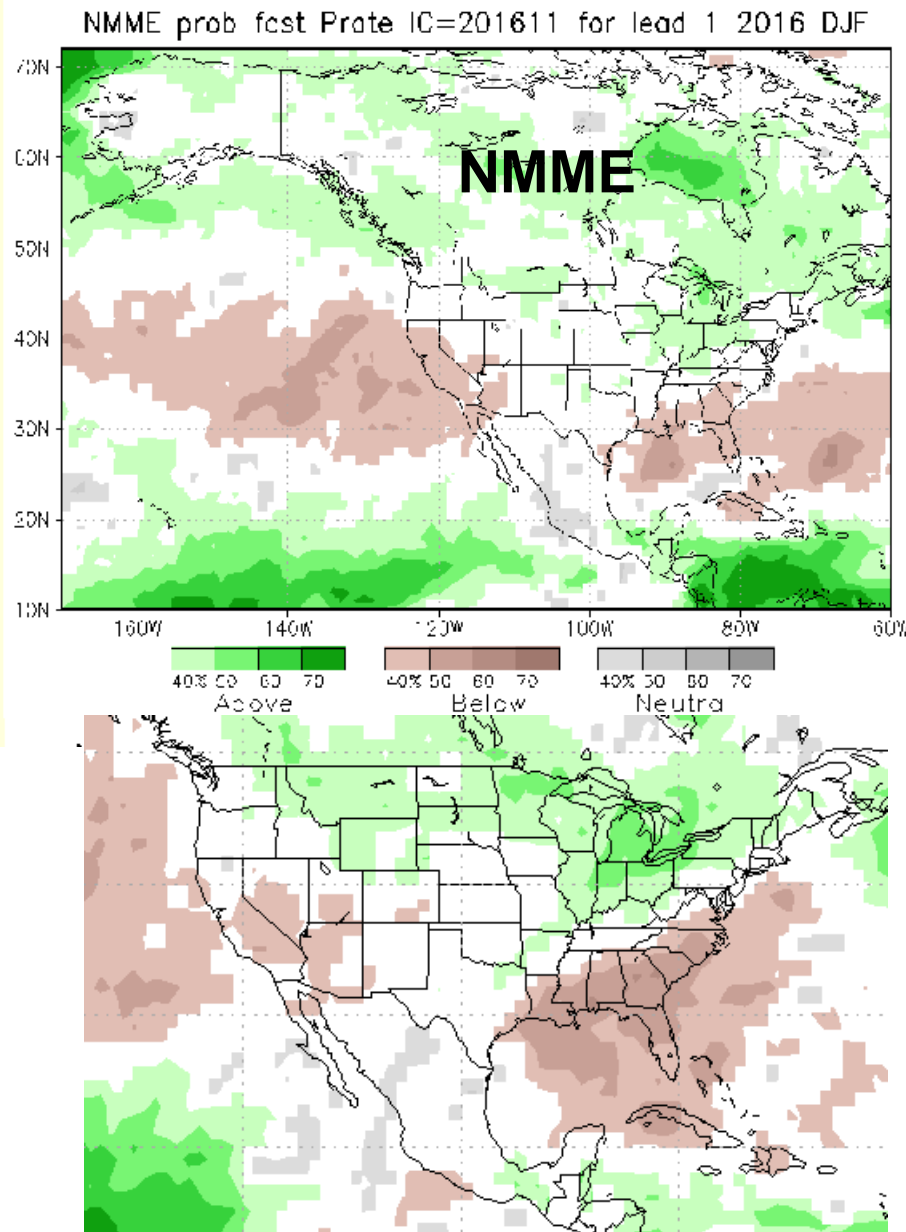
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New Extended
Seasonal forecasts -
Thanks to NMME

What is NMME anyway?

NMME: North American Multi-Model Ensemble – is an ensemble of 7 leading US and Canadian seasonal climate models from climate science centers such as NCEP, NCAR, NASA, CMC, and GFDL. NMME is the only system with a strict protocol that openly provides real-time climate forecasts and hindcasts for research and applications. OSU IPPC found a good similarity of predictions made by NMME and the official NWS extended outlook products. Examples for Dec-Jan-Feb:



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EL NIÑO/SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO) DIAGNOSTIC DISCUSSION

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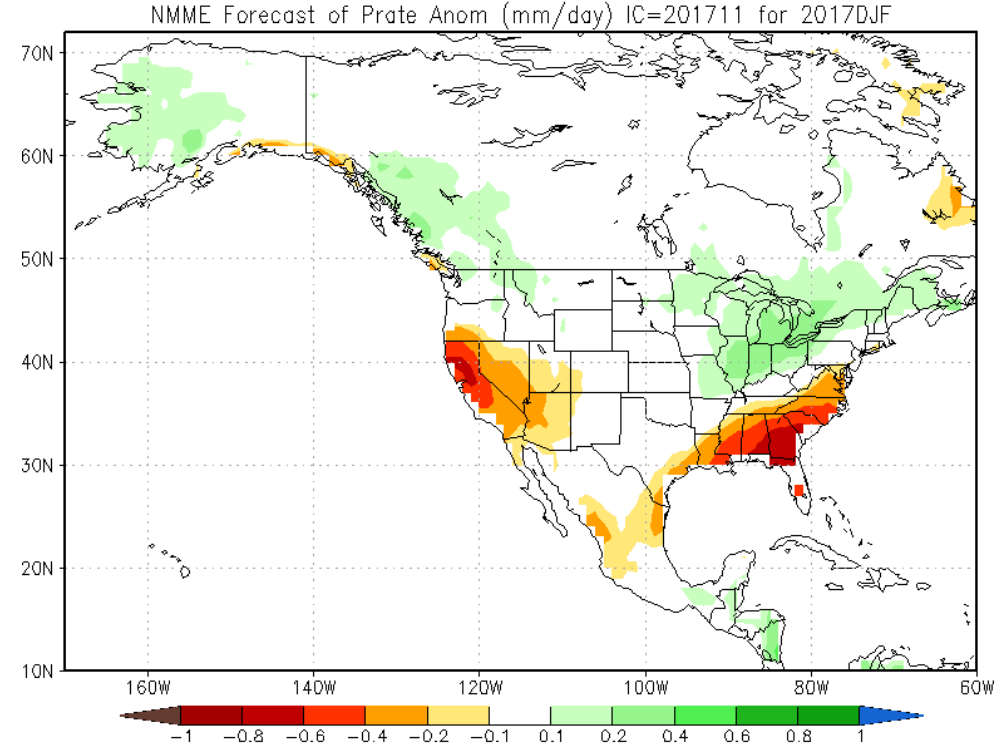
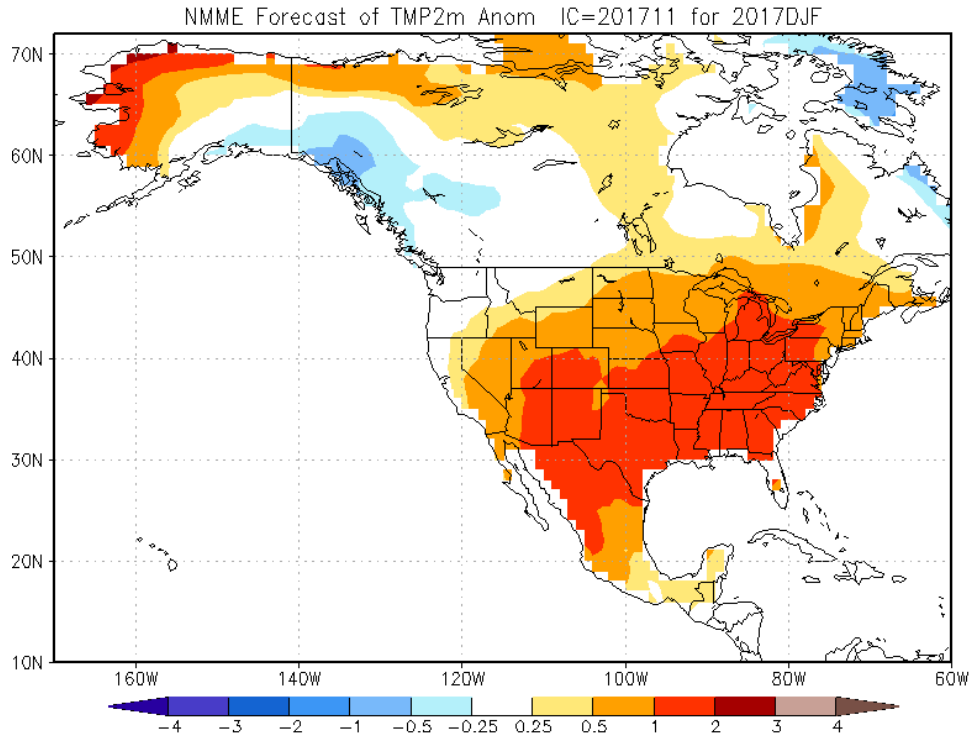
ENSO Alert System Status: [La Niña Advisory](#)

Synopsis: La Niña conditions are predicted to continue (~65-75% chance) at least through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2017-18.

La Nina
Again!

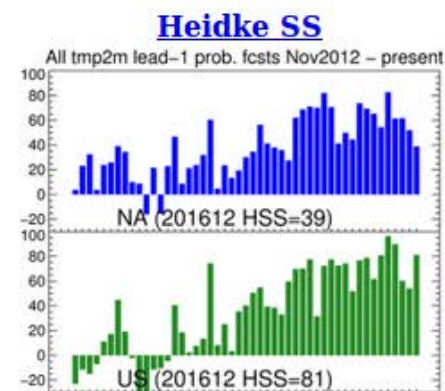
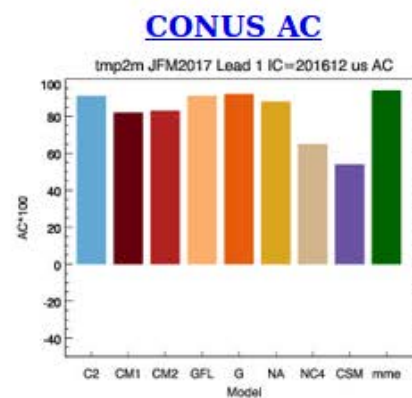
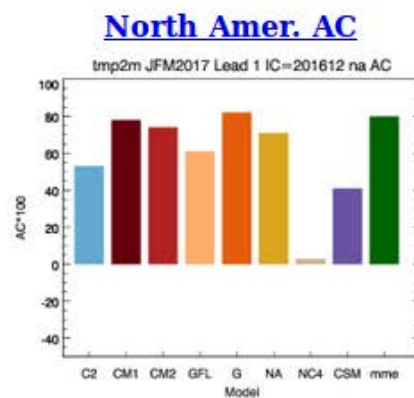
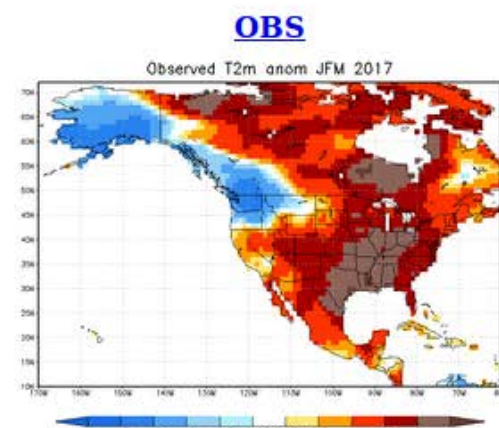
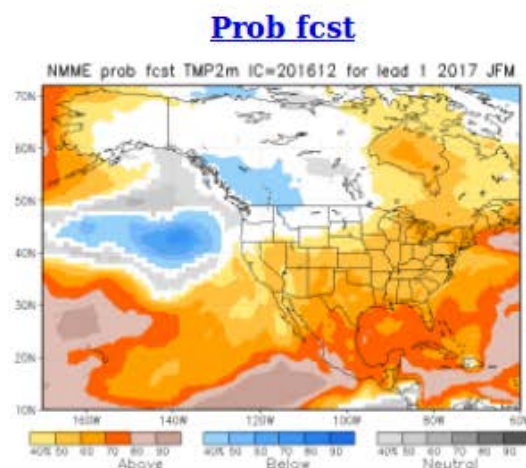
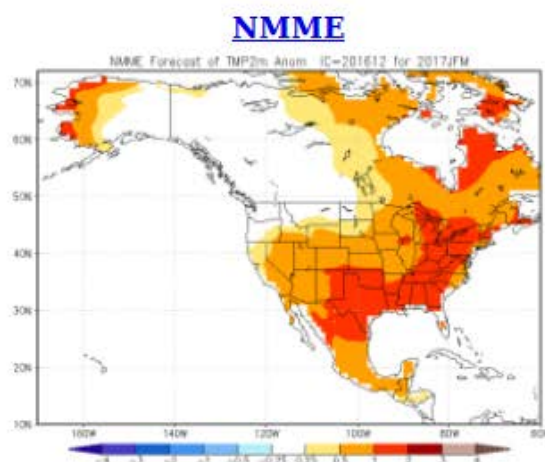
Temperature anomalies Dec-Jan-Feb 2017

Precipitation anomalies Dec-Jan-Feb 2017



NMME Forecast Verifications Available: Example for Jan-Feb-Mar 2017 Temperatures

Season 1 tmp2m forecast



brown marmorated stink bug [multiple] invasive insect model of Nielsen etal 08

Output (condensed) from uspest.org/wea insect degree-day/phenology model program:
Heat Units and predictions of key events from daily weather data

MODEL INPUTS

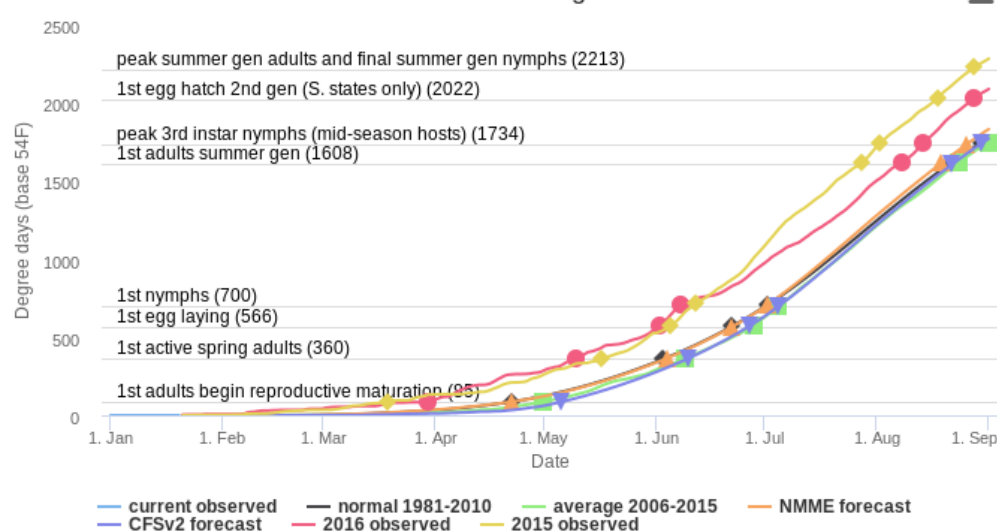
Model species/general links	brown marmorated stink bug [multiple]
Type	invasive insect
Model source/other links	Nielsen etal 08
Calculation method	single sine curve
Lower threshold	54 degrees Fahrenheit
Upper threshold	92 degrees Fahrenheit
Directions for starting/BIOFIX	calendar date
Starting date(s)	1-1 2017
Ending date	9-1
Model validation status	under development - new invasive species
Region of known use	data collected in PA
Extended forecast type	After 7 days, use 7-month NMME based seasonal climate forecast
Short day critical day length (hr)	12.0
Day length < critical value indicator:	**

MODEL OUTPUT

Weather station: 2017 MDFO [Agrimet](#) MEDFORD OR Lat:42.3308 Long:-122.9378 Elev:1339 QA score: 1.00

Month	Day	Max	Min	Precip	DDs Today	Day length (hr)	QA + Notes	Starting 1-1	
								Cumu. DDs	Model Events
1	1	35.8	25.4	0.09	0.0	9.5		0	* START *
4	22	65.1	39.9	0.036	3.3	13.9	NMME	87	1st adults begin reproductive maturation
6	4	76.7	47.9	0.026	9.5	15.5	NMME	366	1st active spring adults
6	22	81.9	51.2	0.012	12.9	15.7	NMME	567	1st egg laying
7	2	86.4	53.9	0.008	16.1	15.6	NMME	711	1st nymphs
8	19	89.6	53.9	0.01	17.8	14.1	NMME	1616	1st adults summer gen
8	26	88.4	52.7	0.011	16.7	13.8	NMME	1736	peak 3rd instar nymphs (mid-season hosts)

brown marmorated stink bug DDs at MDFO

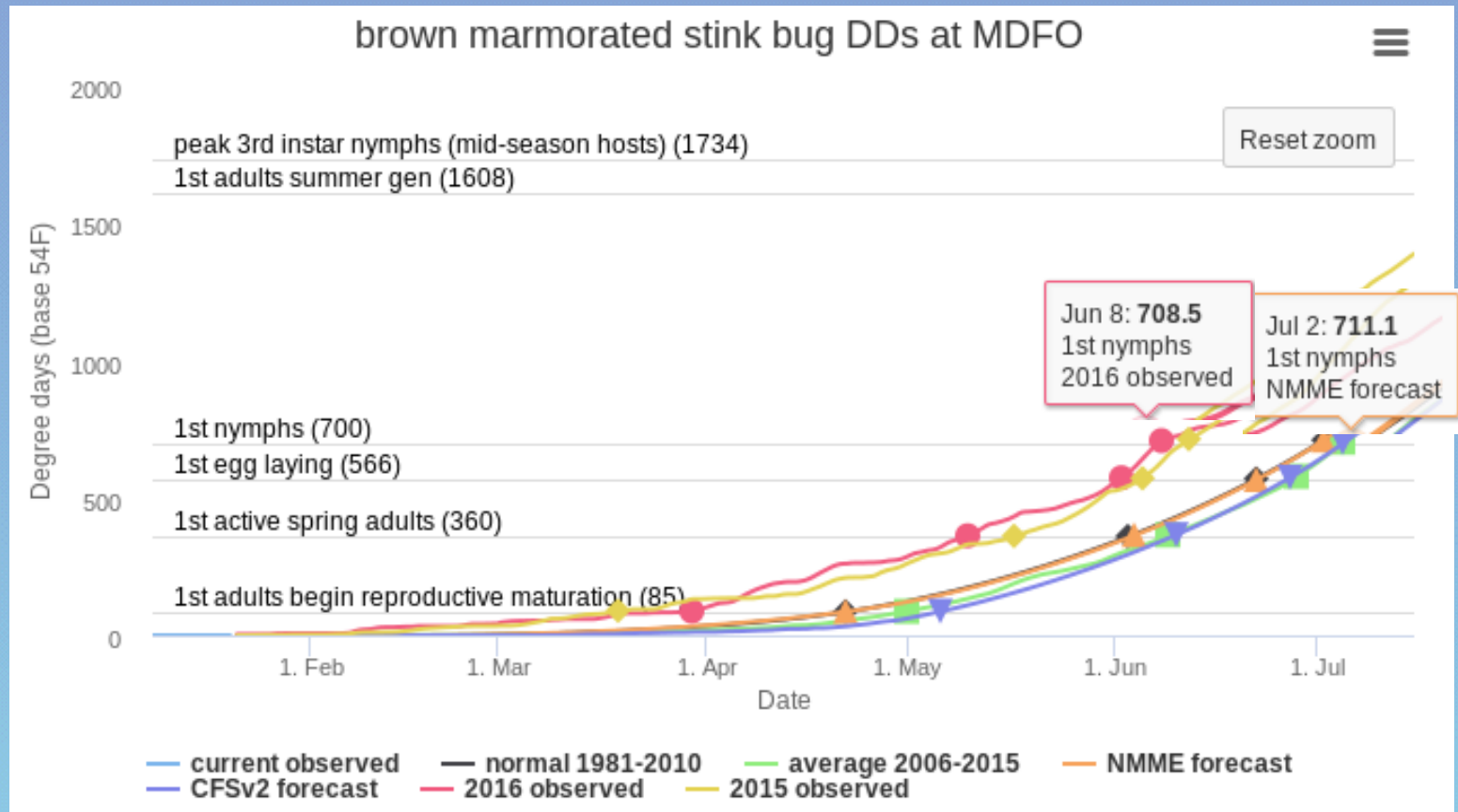


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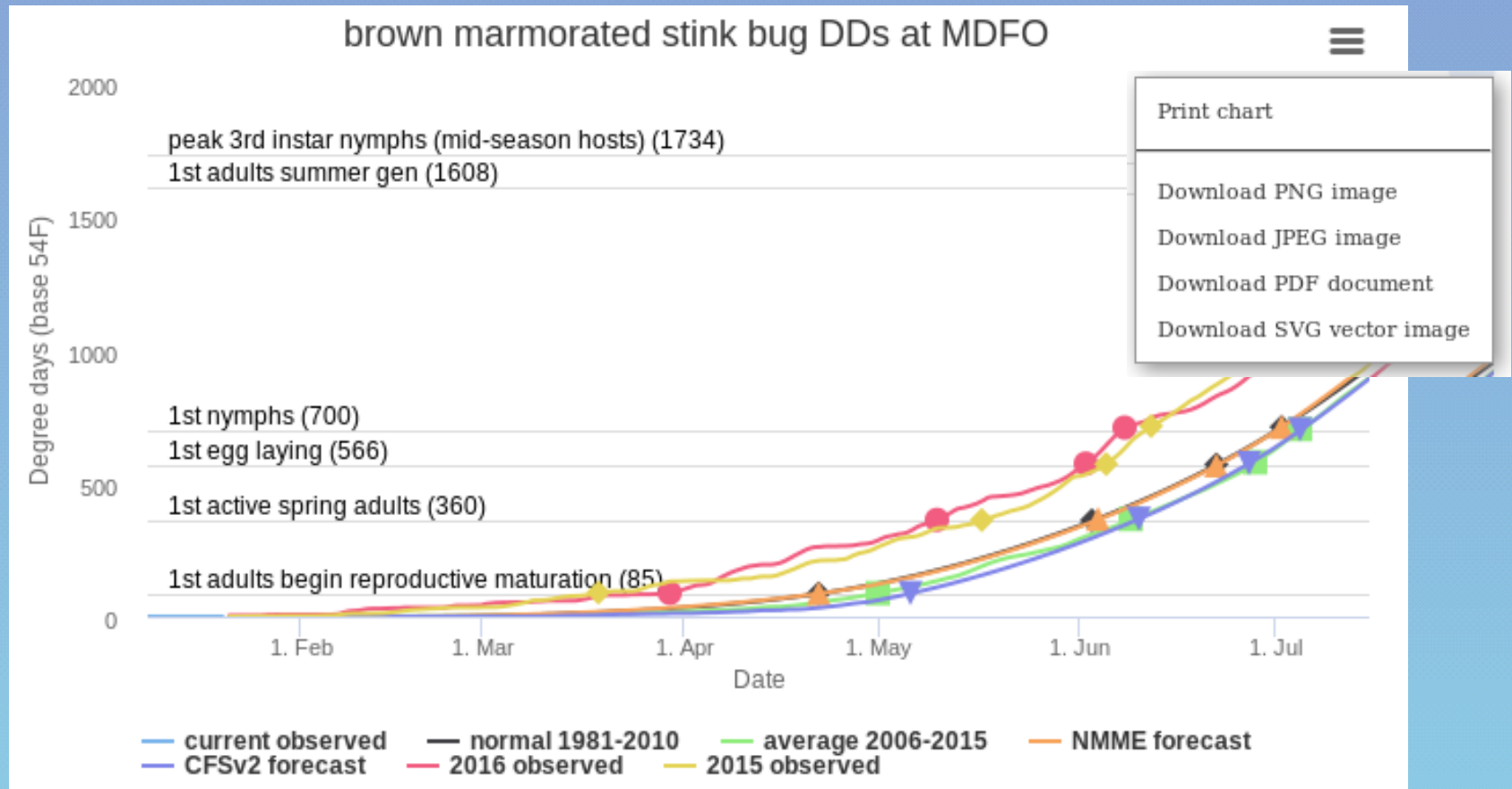
Degree-day Models - Using graphs

New interactive graphs – multiple forecasts

Example compare date of 1st nymphs 2016 data vs 7-month extended forecast:

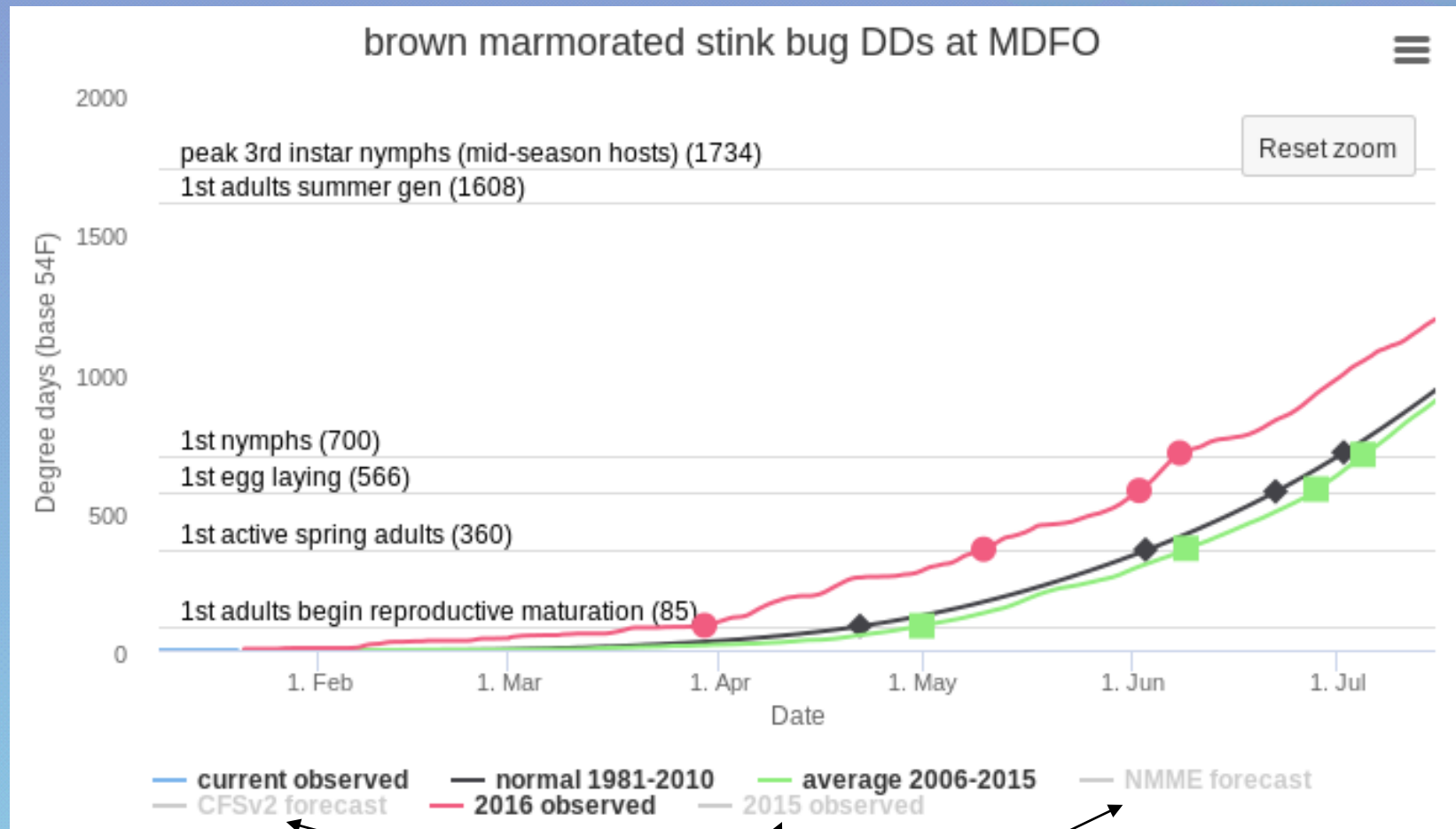


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Feature: turn off/on data by clicking on legend entry:



Off: CFSv2, 2015 observed, NMME forecasts

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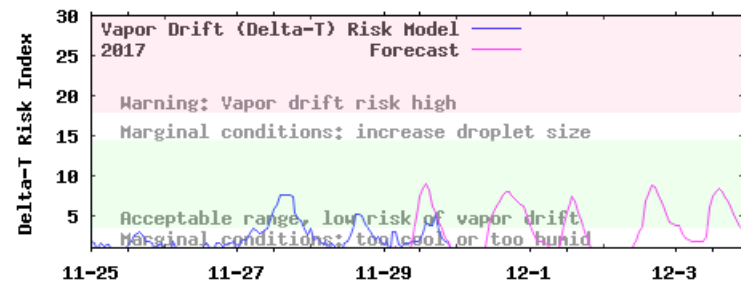
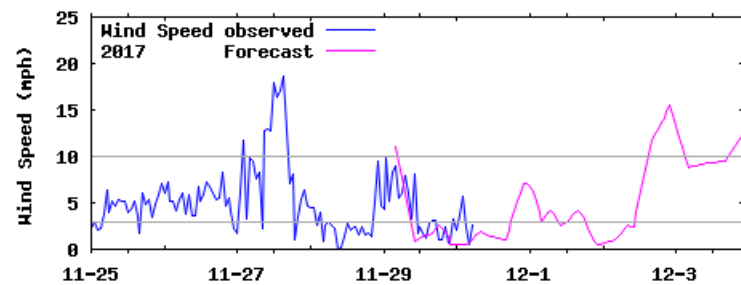
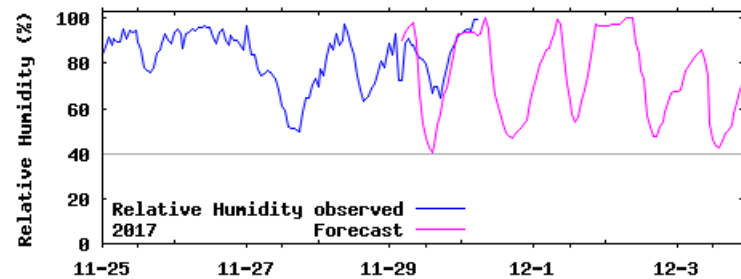
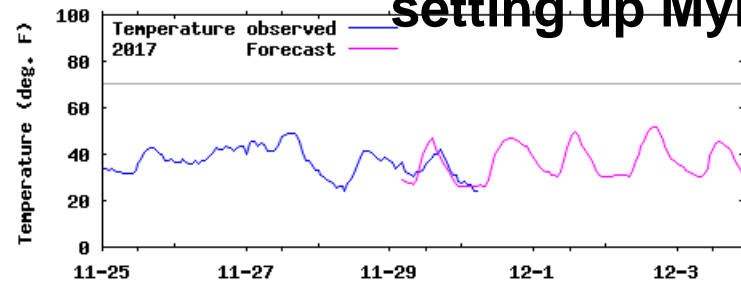
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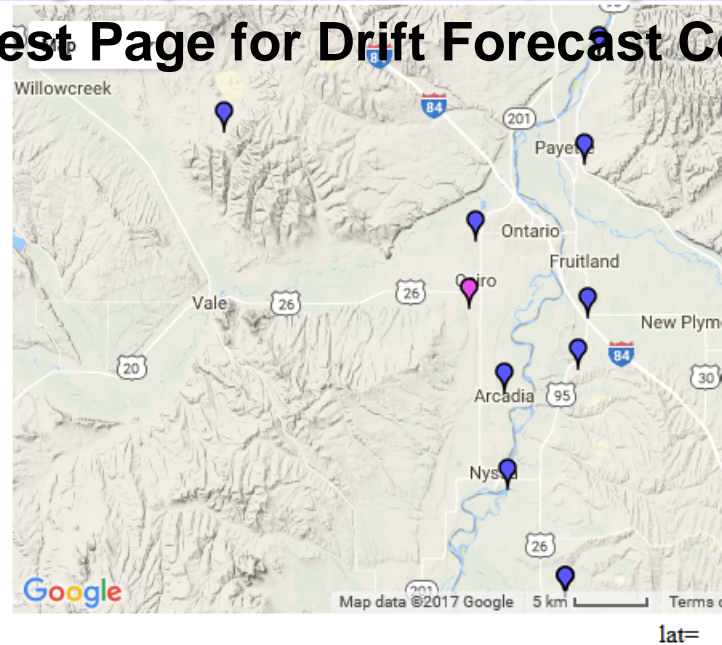
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Weather Data for Pest and Drift Management – setting up MyPest Page for Drift Forecast Conditions



Forecast Engine Info:
 Fox Weather, LLC
 Versions used for '20171129' forecast
 mtn1hrinterp Mon Jan 28 11:14:27 2013
 input: fsfPN.txt



ONTARIO AGRIMET 43.9778 -117.0153
 2017 ONTARIO OR elevation: 2260'

Refresh - click to reset display

- ☒ Display Dates
- ☒ Weather Parameters
- ☒ Plant Disease/Other Hourly Driven Models
- ☒ Degree-day/Phenology Models
- ☒ Display Settings

- ☐ Disable Forecast Data Display
- ☒ Use [NWS Digital Forecast](#)
- ☐ Leaf Wetness if Relative Humidity (%) above
- ☐ Ignore Leaf Wetness Sensor Data (if available)
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- ☒ Replace with virtual data:

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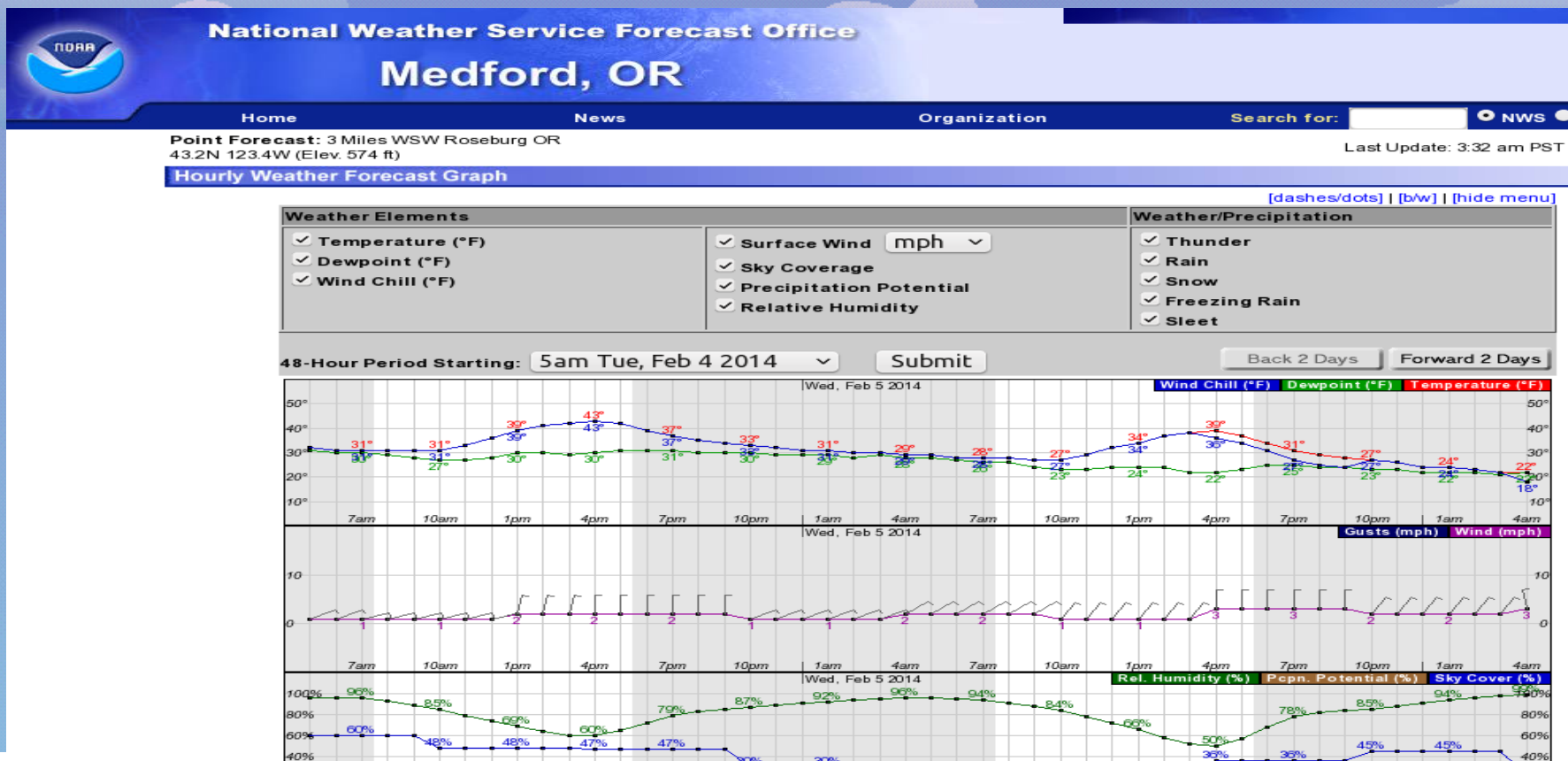
Temperature Threshold(s):

Relative Humidity Threshold(s):

Windspeed Threshold(s):

Set thresholds for Temp (70F), RH (40%), and Wind speed (3 and 10 mph)

NWS NDFD Forecast – updated constantly (uspest.org only once a day)

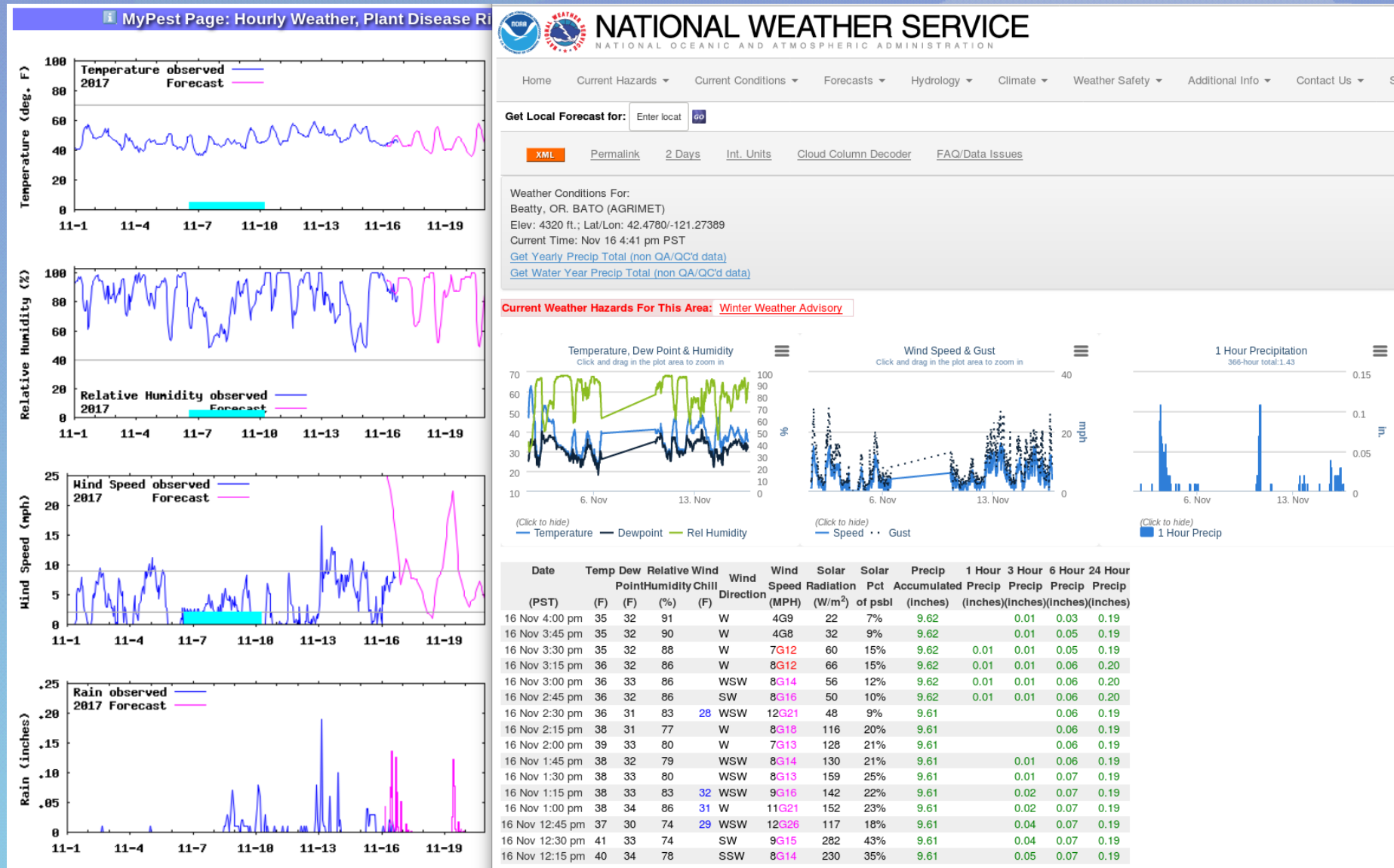


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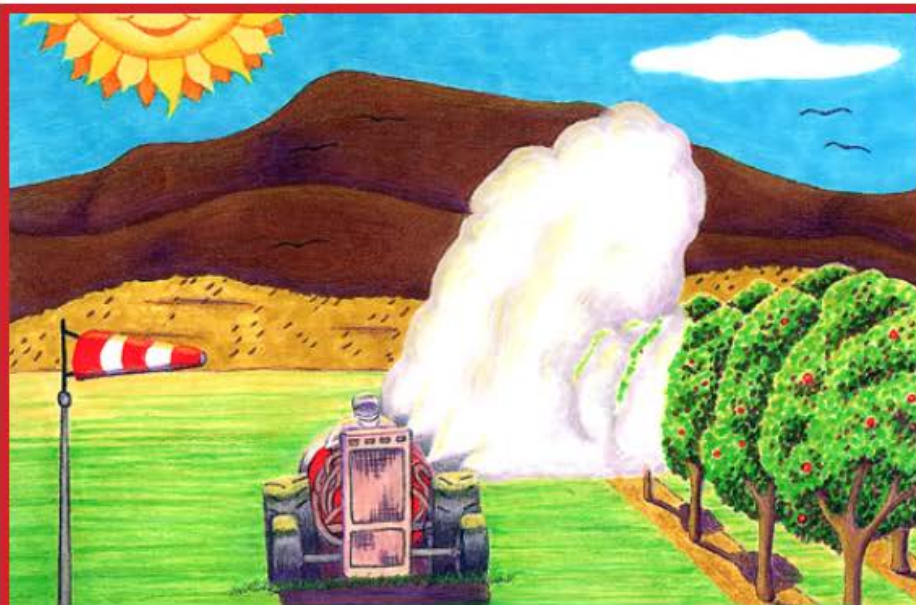
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Rel. Humidity (%)	96	96	96	93	89	85	79	74	69	64	60	60	65	72	79	83	85	87	89	91	92	94	95	96	

USPEST.ORG fills in missing data with “virtual” estimated data from nearby stations



Weather Data for Drift Prediction

OSU IPPC Guidelines – thermal drift conditions

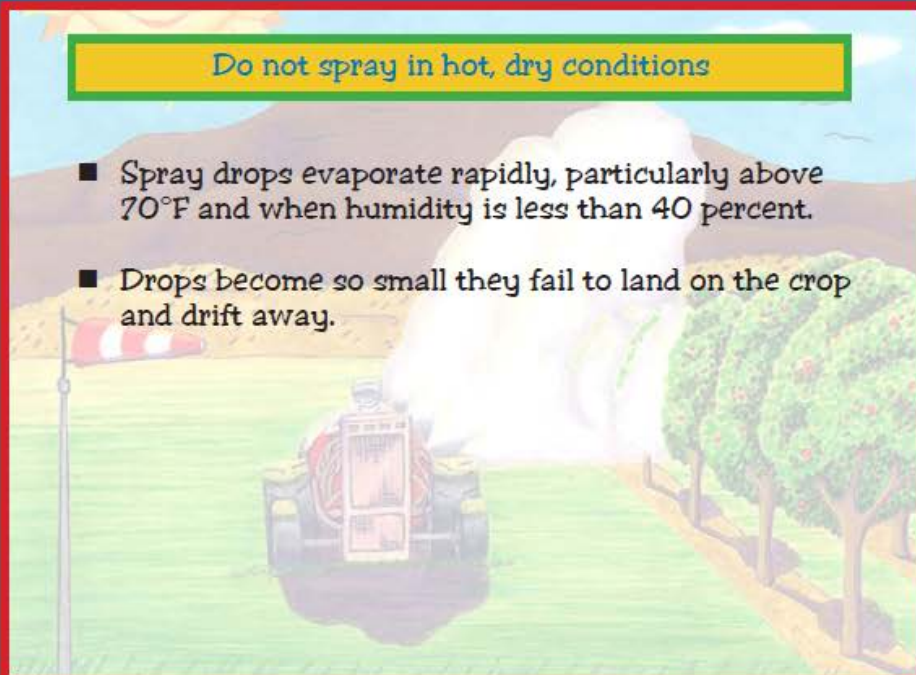


Thermal Drift



Do not spray in hot, dry conditions

- Spray drops evaporate rapidly, particularly above 70°F and when humidity is less than 40 percent.
- Drops become so small they fail to land on the crop and drift away.



Thermal Drift

Spray before heat builds and humidity falls

- Use weather forecasts and spray in cooler conditions.
- With air-blast sprayers:
 - Adjust nozzles to target the tree.
 - Turn off sprayer at row ends when turning.
 - Spray inwards in outer rows.
 - Moderate ground speed, nozzle flow rates, and air speeds.
- Use unsprayed offsets and buffers to protect sensitive downwind sites.



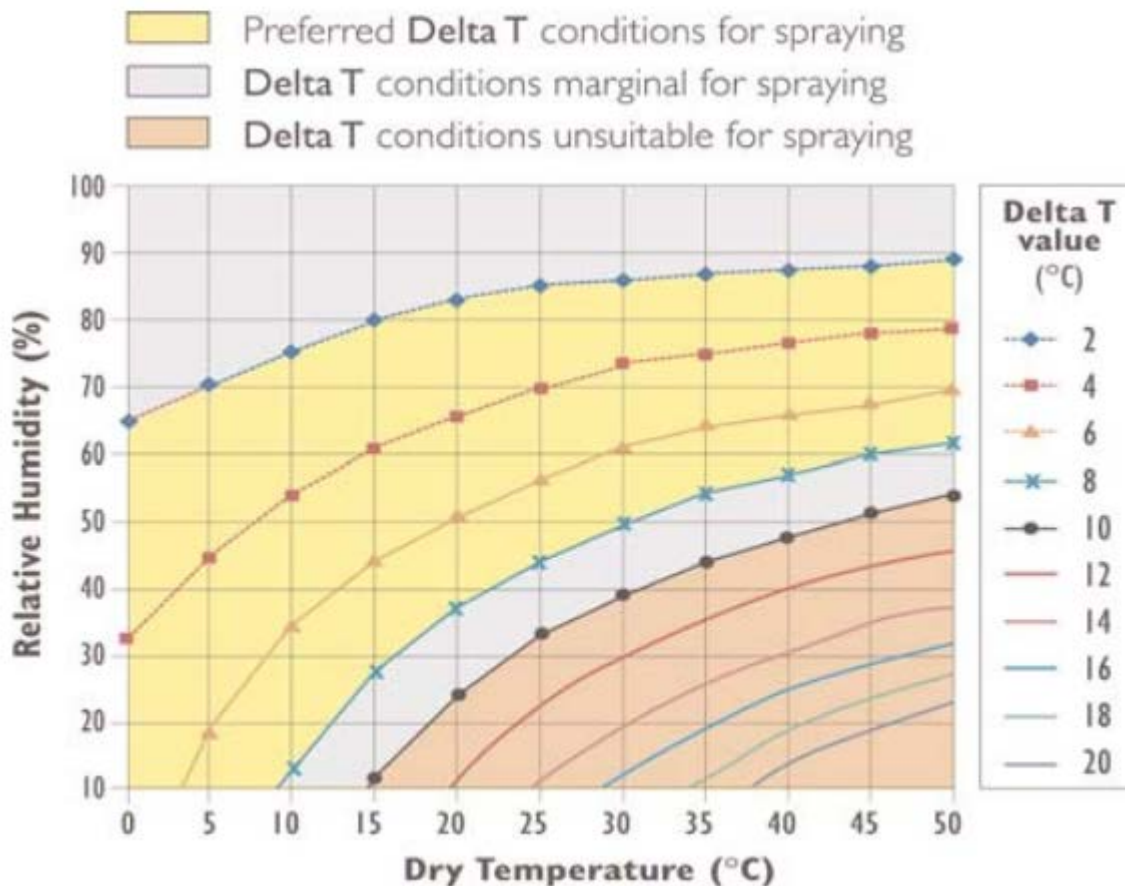
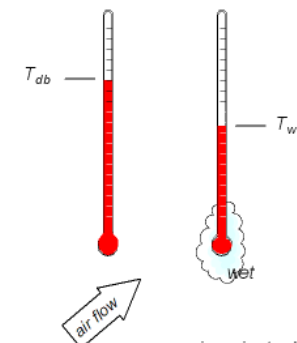
DELTA T

Delta T is becoming one of the standard indicators for acceptable spray conditions. It is indicative of evaporation rate and droplet lifetime. Delta T is calculated by subtracting the wet bulb temperature from the dry bulb temperature. The diagram below relates air temperature and relative humidity to values of Delta T. When applying pesticides, Delta T should ideally be between 2 and 8,

A New Tool for Predicting Thermal Drift

(Australian Gov. Bur. Meteorology)

The **Dry Bulb**, **Wet Bulb** and **Dew Point** temperatures are important to determine the state of humid air. The knowledge of only two of these values is enough to determine the state of the moist air - including the content of water vapor and the sensible and latent energy (enthalpy) in the air.



3.1 million acres of soybeans damaged
By dicamba in 2017 – Univ. Missouri IPM

Dicamba, Monsanto, and the Dangers of Pesticide Drift: A Modern Farmer Explainer

By [Brian Barth](#) on August 9, 2016



Soy beans plants that have been negatively affected by dicamba.

Bob Scott, University of Arkansas

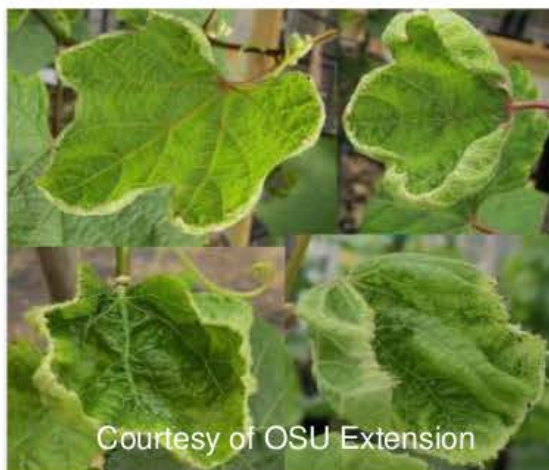
Environmental conditions play a large role in how much dicamba will move off the target site in the days following application. Greater problems can be expected when high temperatures and low relative humidities occur following application. - Iowa State Extension Agronomy (2001)

Dicamba Symptomology

Other crops



Cucumbers



Grapes



Oak trees



Tomatoes



Sweet Potatoes

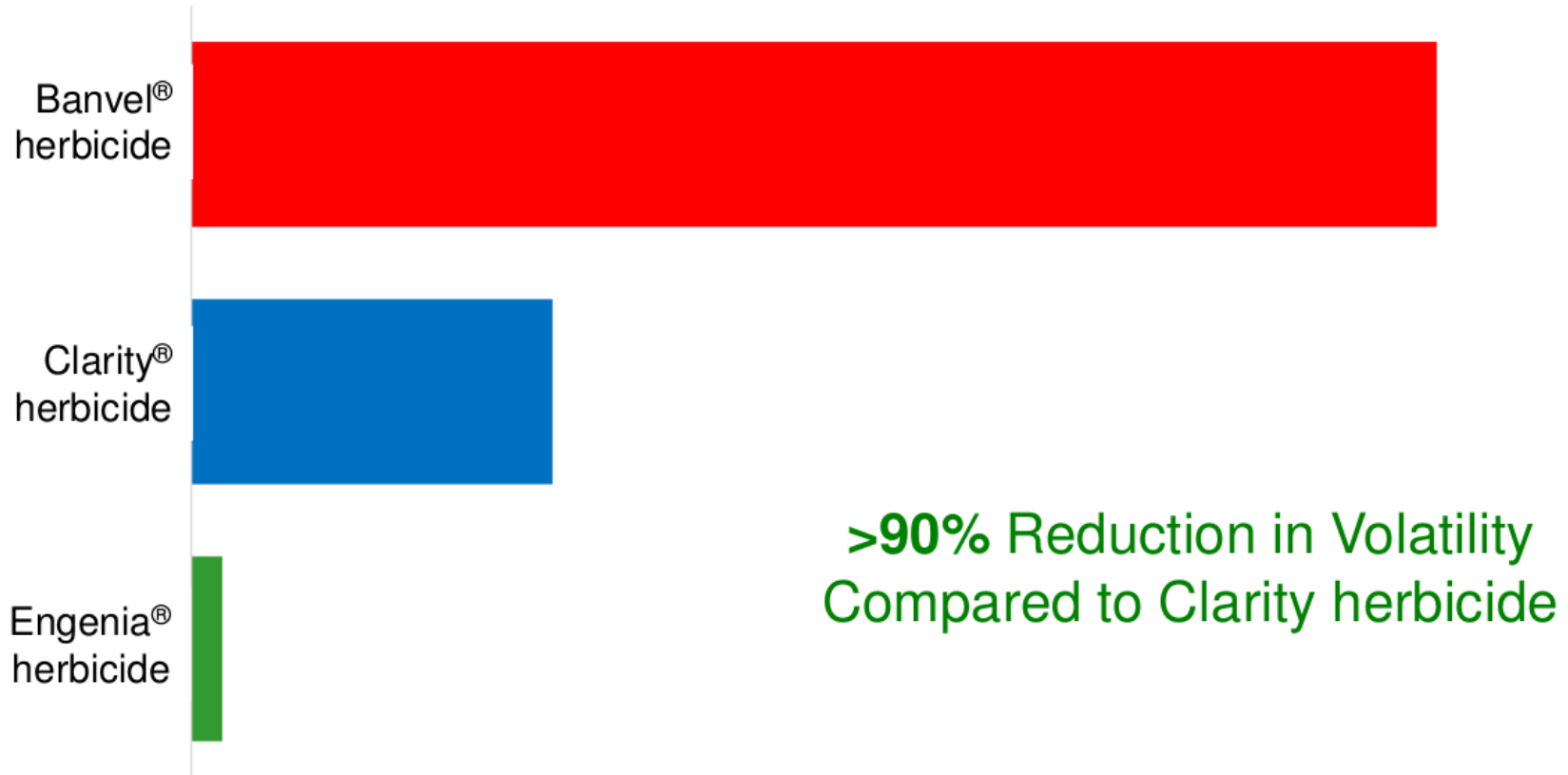


Dry Beans

Exercise extreme care with dicamba applications with nearby broadleaf crops

Mechanisms of Off-target Movement

Thermogravimetric Analysis % Relative Volatility



Test conditions: Temp = 100° C/212° F, Time = 20 hours, Air flow = 60 mL/min, RH = 0%

**Volatility has been addressed with new low volatility formulations
and restrictions on tank mixtures and adjuvants**

Always read and follow label directions. Engenia is a US EPA Restricted Use Pesticide.

These slides were prepared by BASF to satisfy US EPA requirements. Please check with your state pesticide regulatory authority as additional requirements may be imposed by state regulatory authorities. DATE 11/17.

Definitions and Semantics

(Particle) **Drift** and **Volatility** (Thermal or vapor drift) – both cause failure to reach the target, are causes of off-site movement.

Drift: physical (particle) movement by wind caused by unfavorable weather.
Most often combination of inappropriate application methods during windy conditions. Drift Rate is highly dependent upon **particle size in microns**

a typical particle drift threshold: < 200 microns spray droplets

Volatility: the pesticide changes from a liquid to a gaseous form (even after deposition on the intended target). The gaseous form then moves off-site with wind currents.

- The tendency for an organic substance to volatilize is expressed by its **vapor pressure**; The higher the vapor pressure value, the more likely to volatilize.

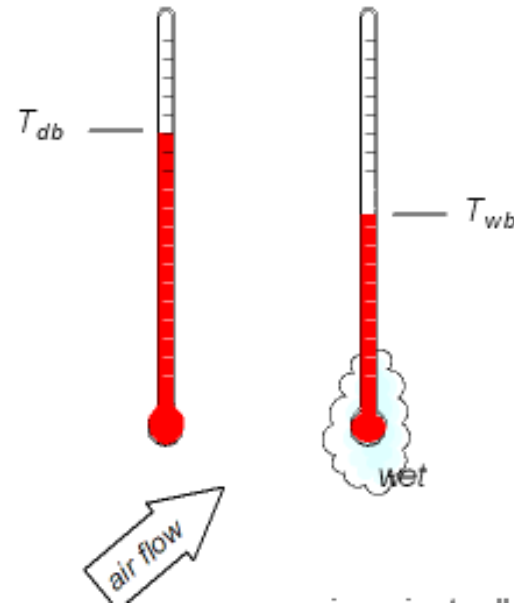
Dicamba vapor pressure: 4.5 mPa at 25C; is a “moderately volatile compound”

Glyphosate vapor pressure: 0.01 mPa at 25C; considered negligible

Water vapor pressure: 3.17 kPa (=3,170,000 mPa) at 25C; water is volatilizing anytime the Temperature is higher than the dew point!

Delta – T: wet bulb temp subtracted from dry bulb temp.

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Frey Scientific Sling Psychrometer

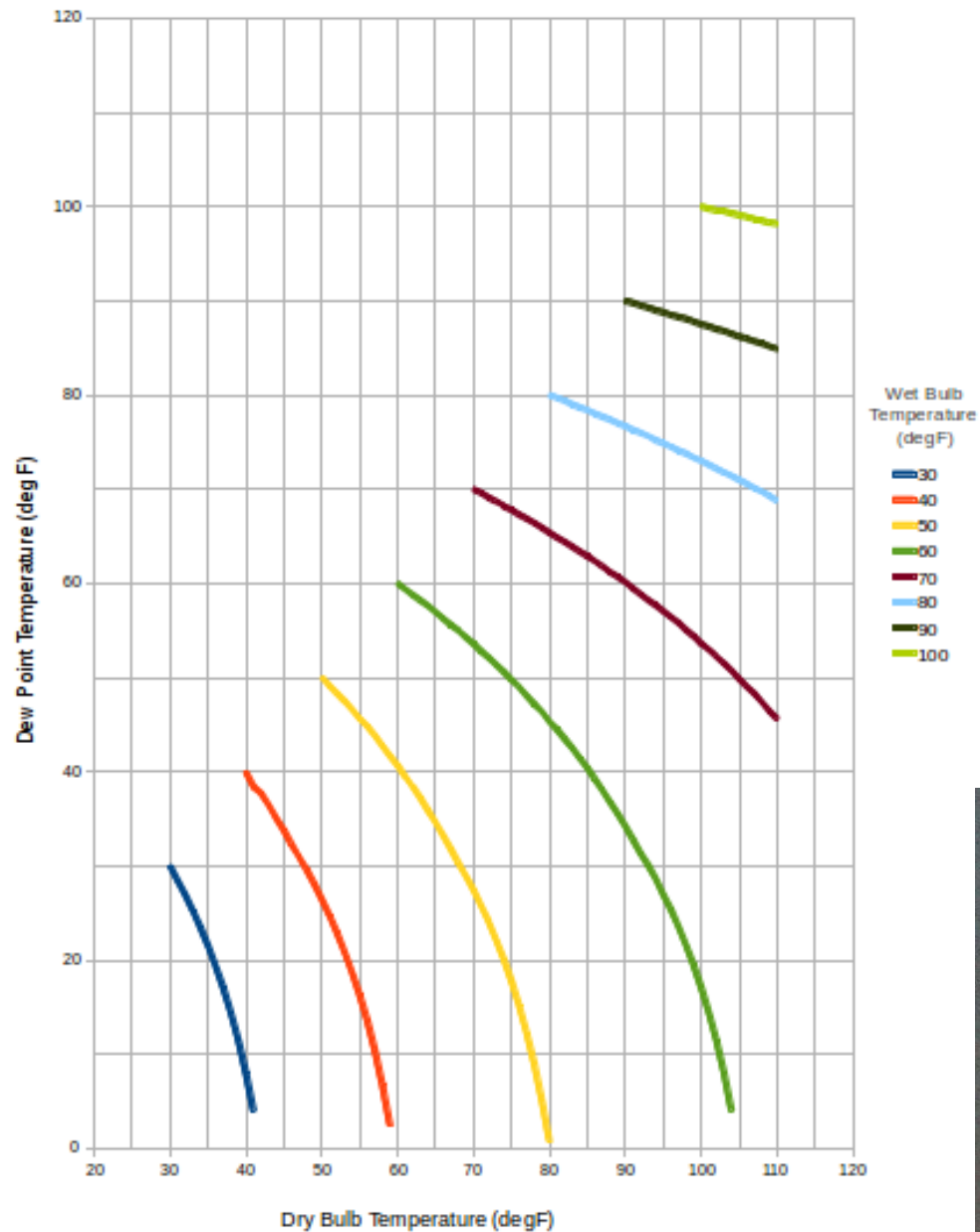


Catalog Price

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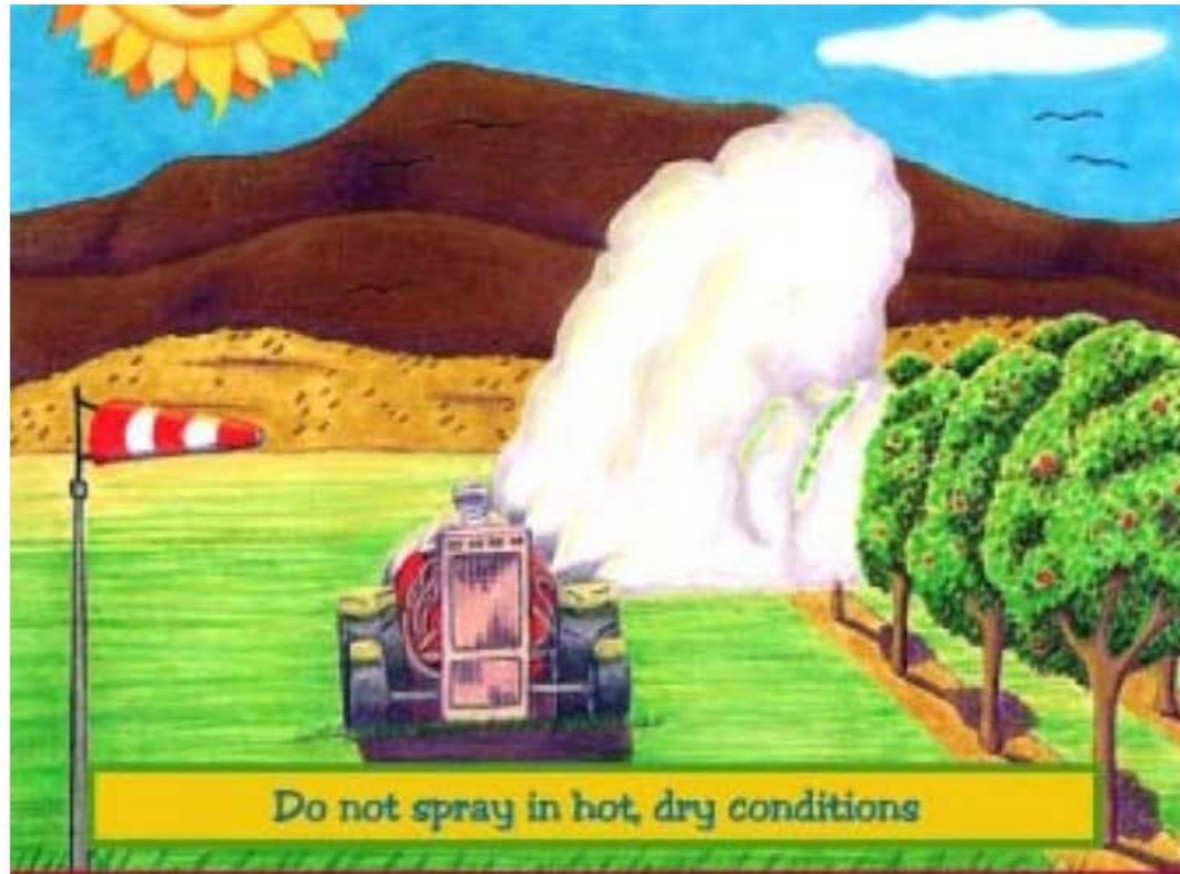
Dew Point Temperature

from Dry and Wet Bulb Temperatures



Determination of Dew Point from wet and dry bulb temperatures
(Delta-T is the simple difference)





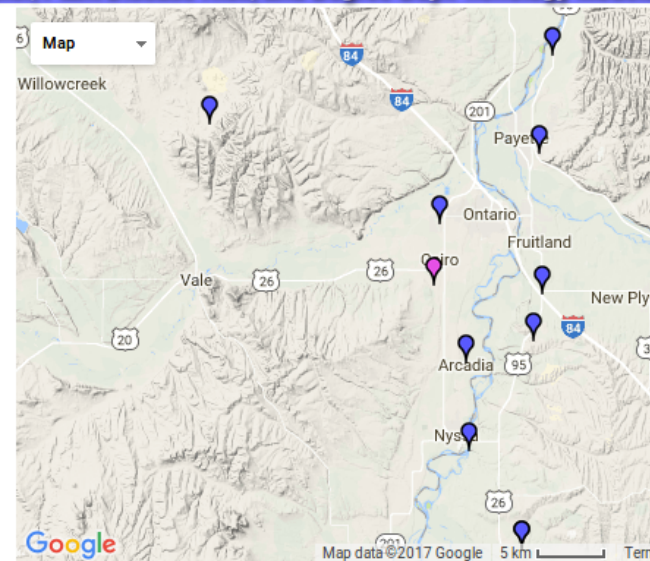
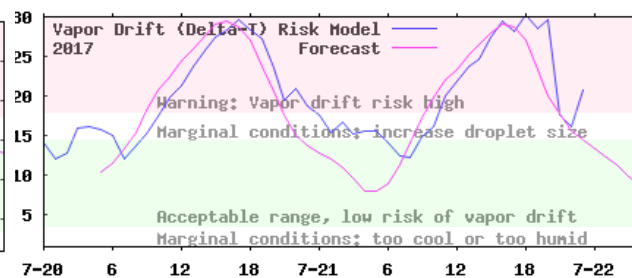
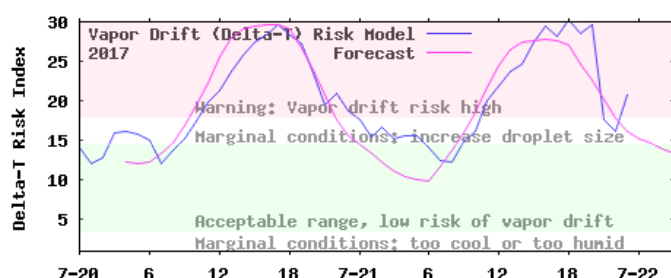
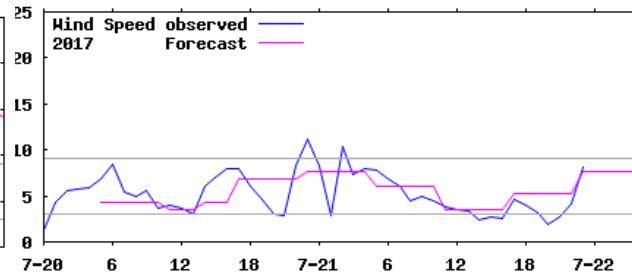
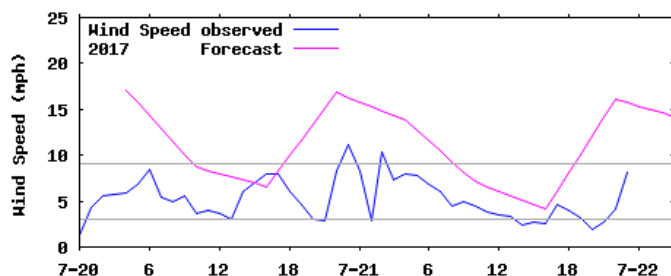
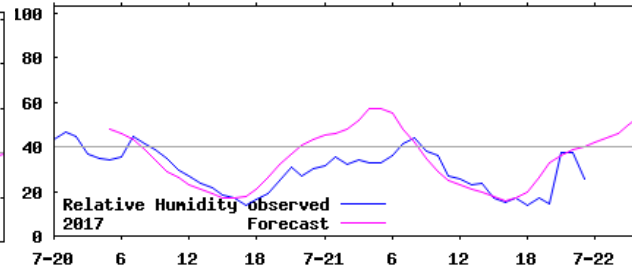
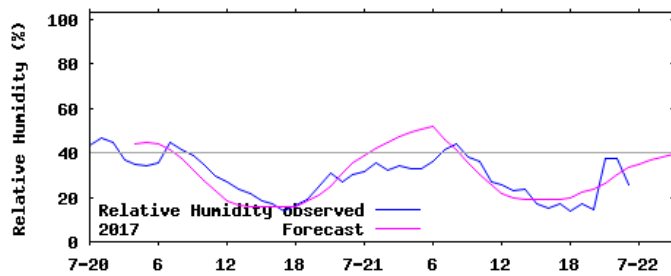
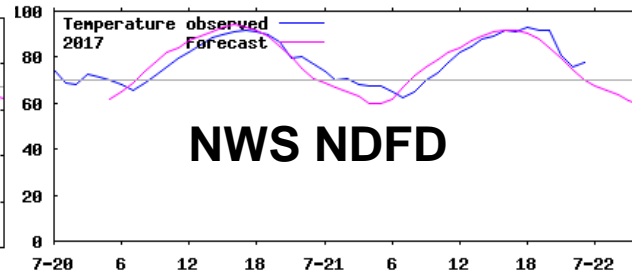
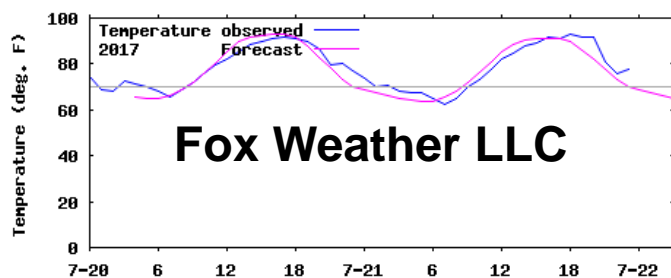
- There is a high risk of thermal drift when temperatures exceed 70 degrees F and humidity falls below 40%.

Degree-day Models – New Delta-T graphs

Choice of forecasts

MyPest Page: Hourly Weather

MyPest Page: Hourly Weather, Plant Disease Risk, and Degree-Day/Phenology Models

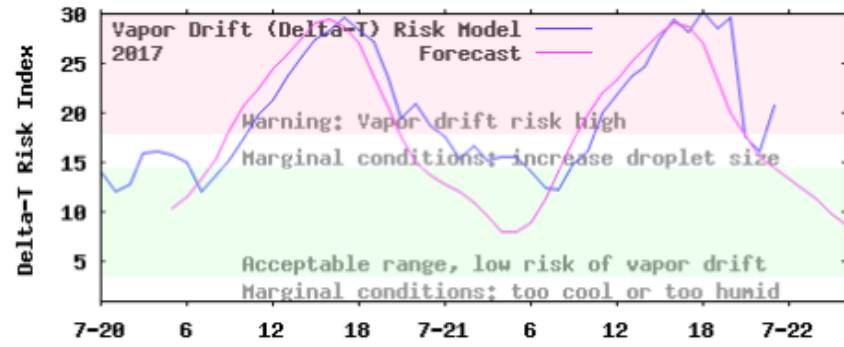
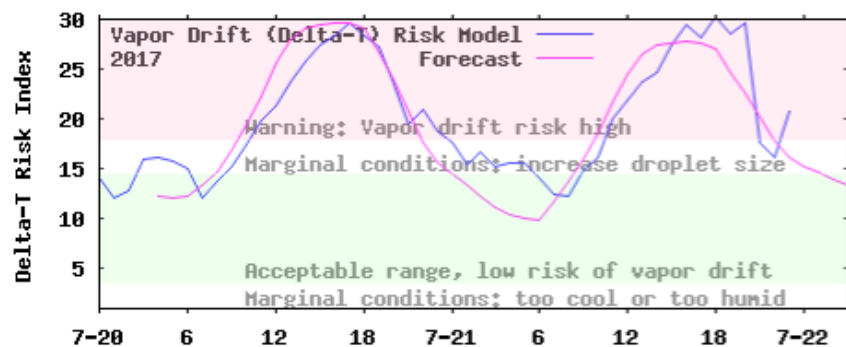
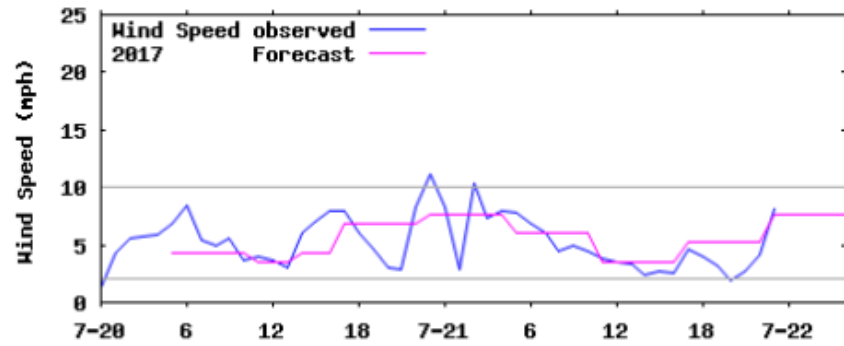
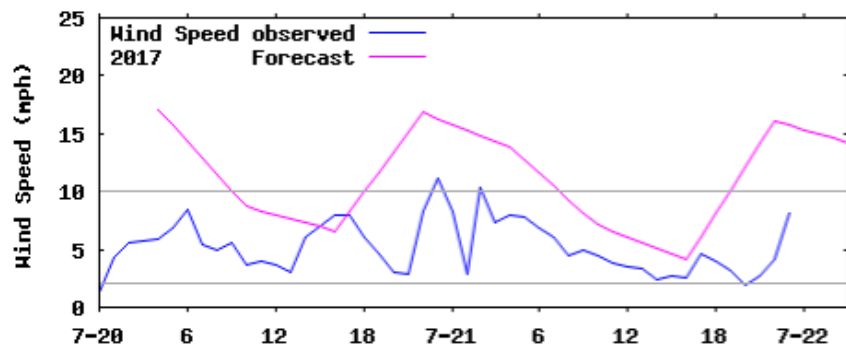
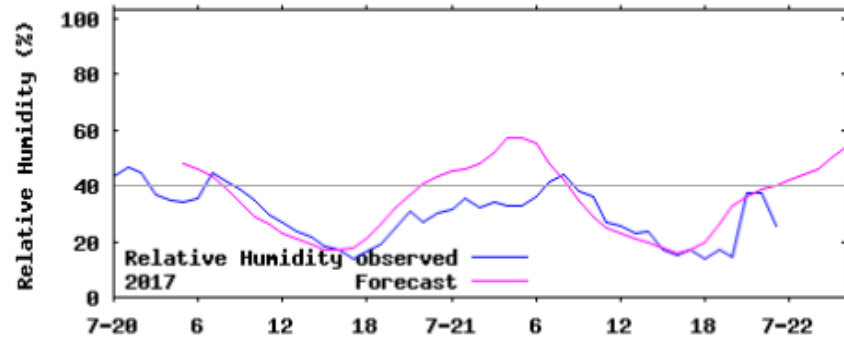
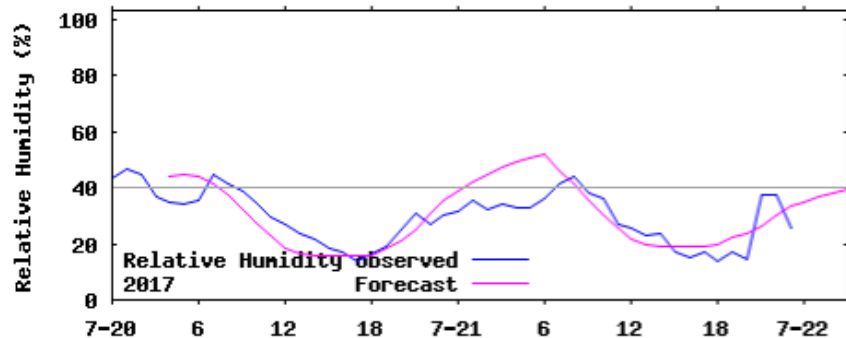
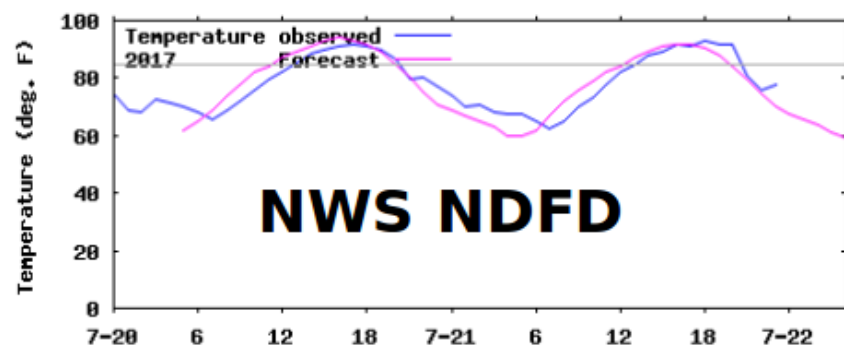
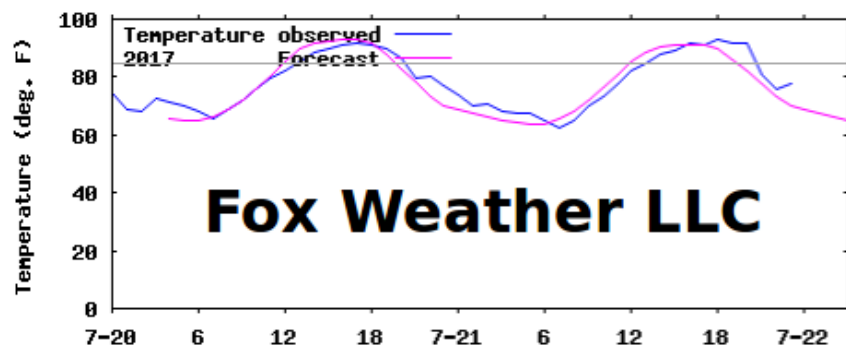


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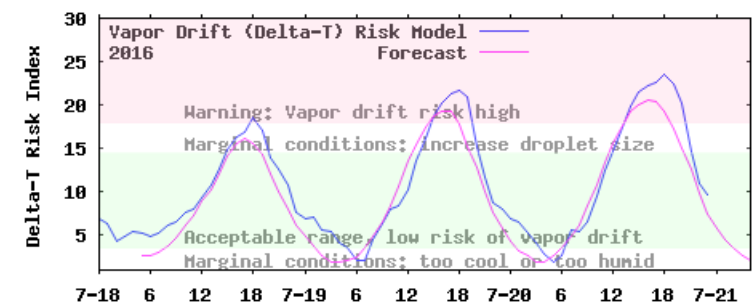
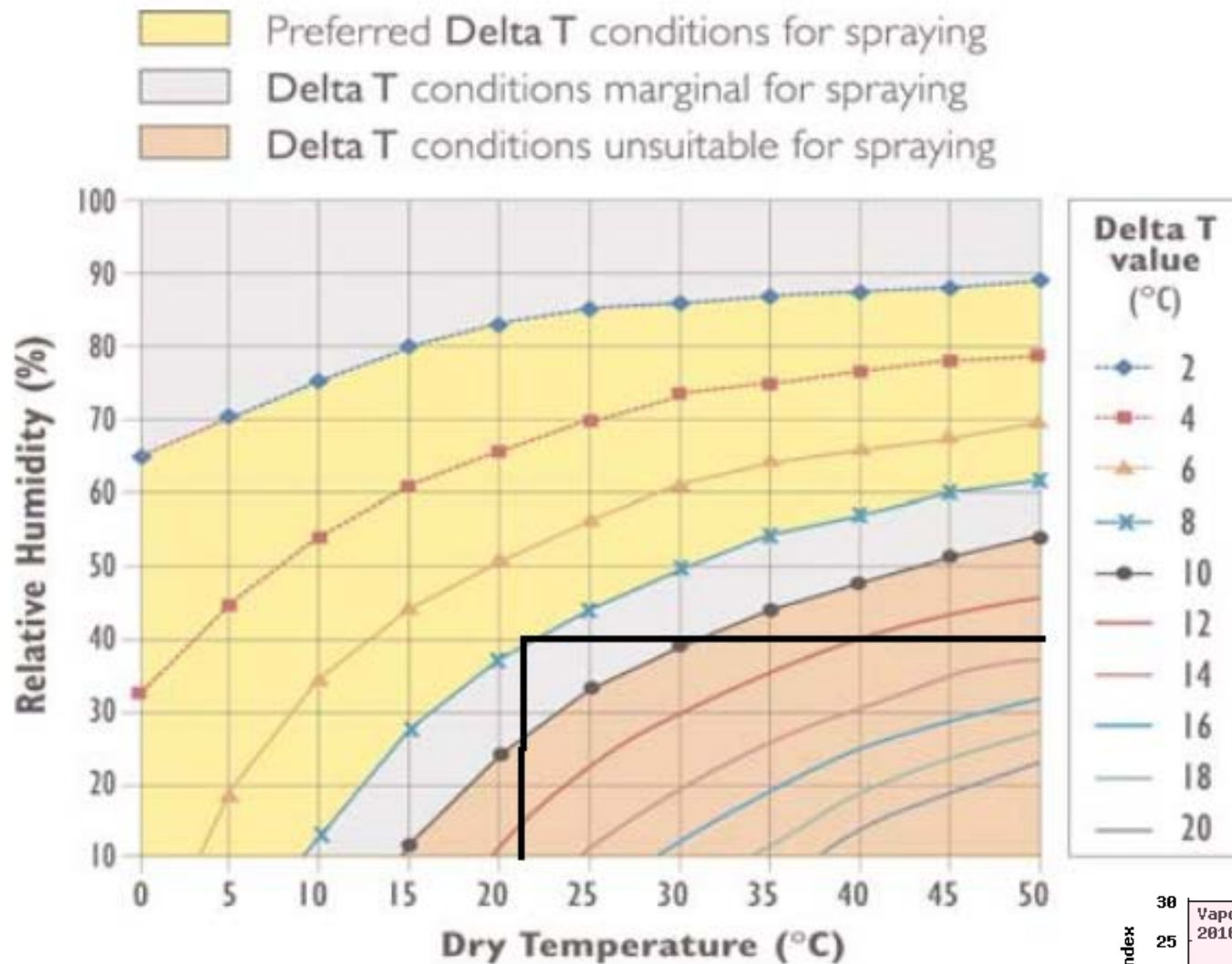
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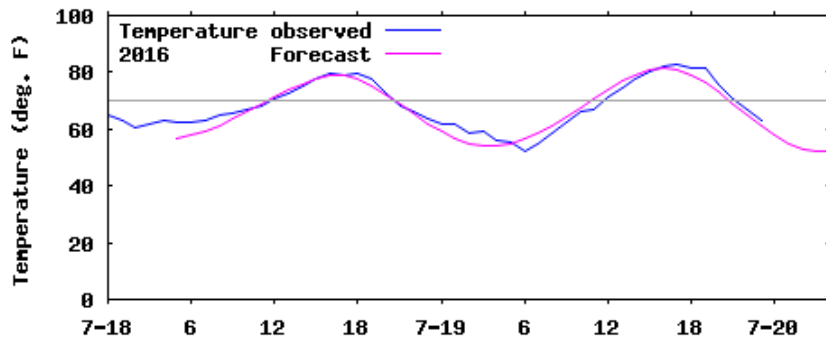
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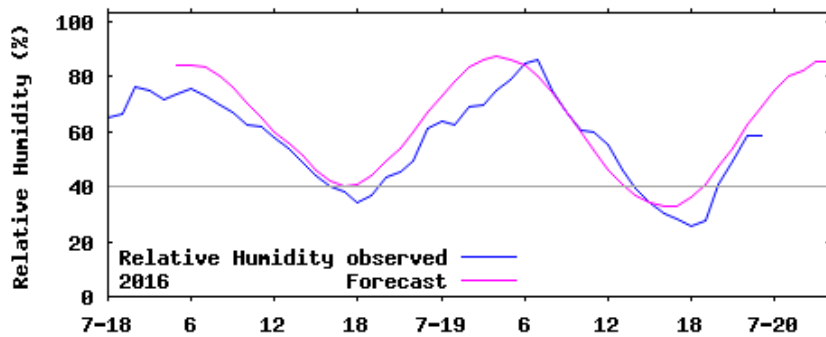


How does Delta-T compare to the 70F/40% RH Rule for Thermal Drift?

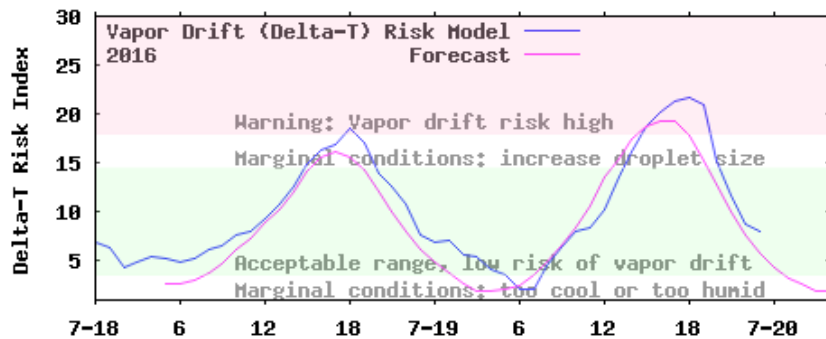
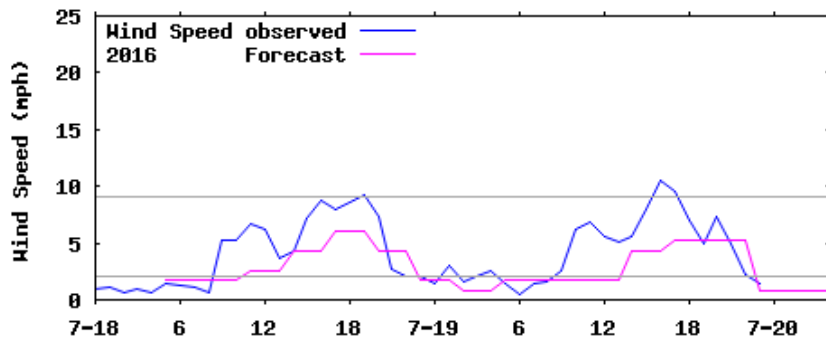




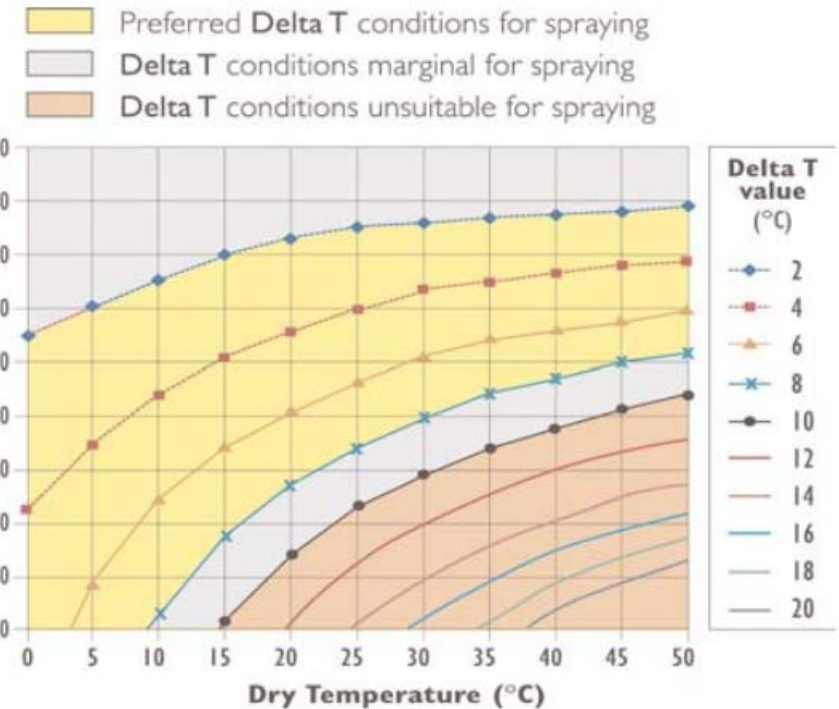
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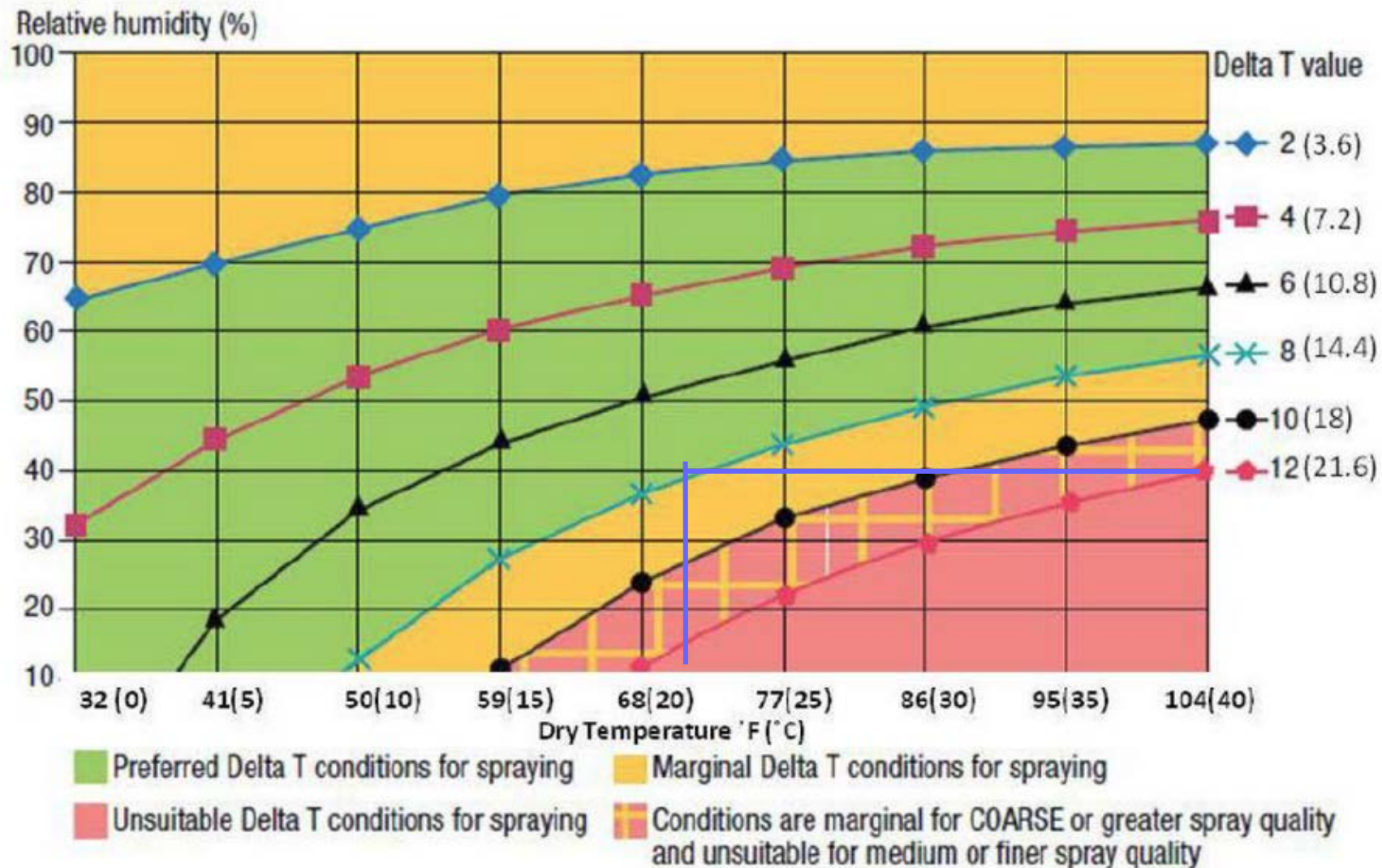
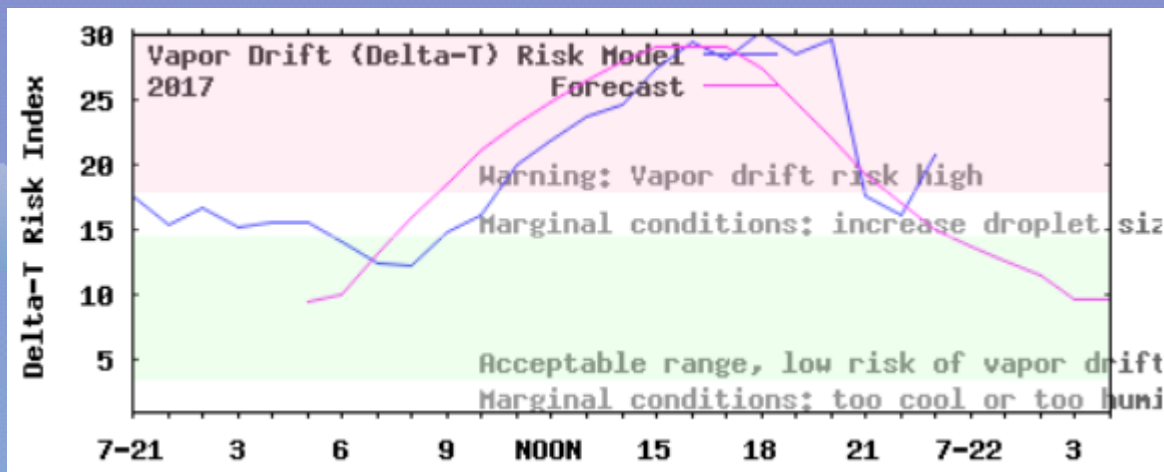


USPEST.ORG implementation of Delta-T



Perform Lookup

Plot the Delta-T with default recommended zones (High Risk, Marginal Conditions, Acceptable Range, and too cool/humid)



Weather Data for Drift Prediction

Be wary of pesticides that are sensitive to vaporization

Pesticide hits the target when sprayed



But then vaporizes or gasses off during or after application

Summary Points:

- Phenology/degree-day models are important tools in pest management
- We have new NMME climate prediction tools
- Use DD models with other IPM tactics: 1) Pest sampling 2) Action thresholds 3) Least-toxic chemicals 4) Drift avoidance/mitigation
- Delta-T: new tool for avoiding thermal drift; we are working on how we can add vapor pressure of the compound into a revised/more fine-tuned tool
- IPPC website uspest.org/wea has evolved as a hybrid for support of State, Regional, and National IPM needs.

Weather Data Pest and Drift Management

– Questions?

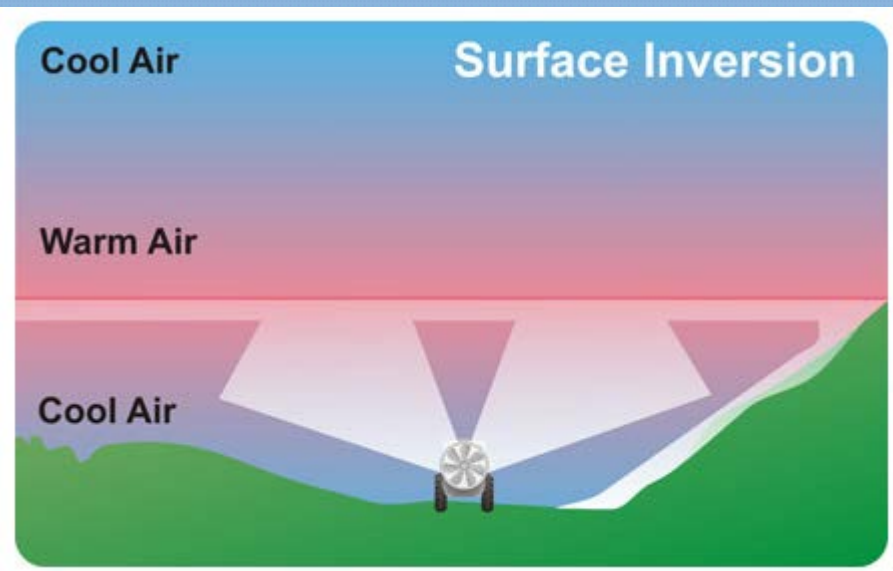
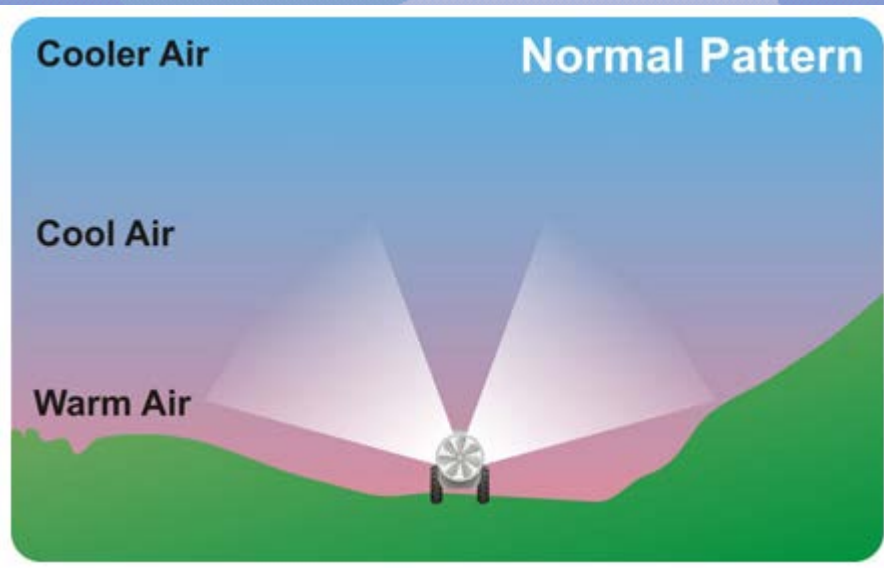


"Hold it right there, young lady! Before you go out, you take off some of that makeup and wash off that gallon of pheromones!"

Weather Data for Drift Avoidance – Inversion Drift

Conditions indicating possible surface inversion:

- 1) High pressure system, clear skies
- 2) Temps increase with height;
Suggestion: have a weather station with temp sensors at 6", 5ft, and 30ft
- 3) Winds light w/minimal mixing
- 4) Fog, mist, and frost often occur



Weather Data for Drift Avoidance – Inversion Drift

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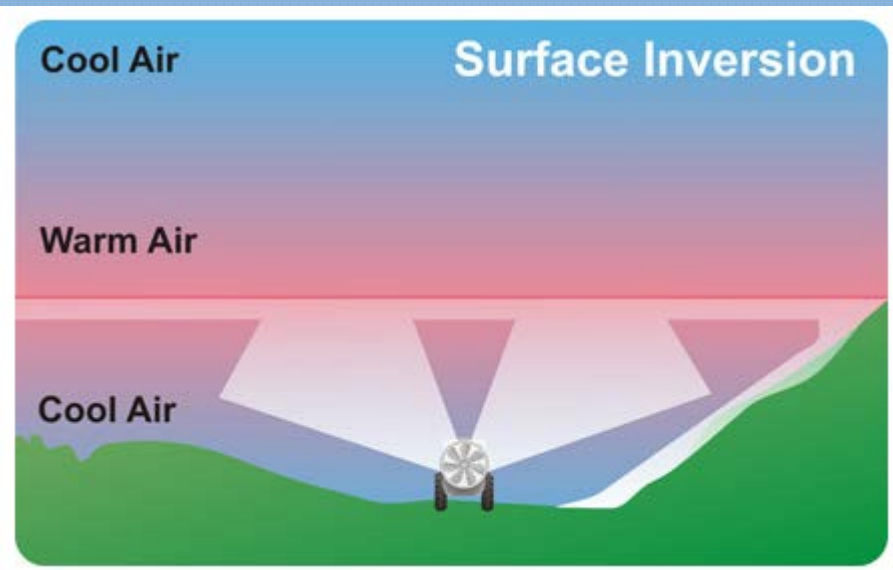
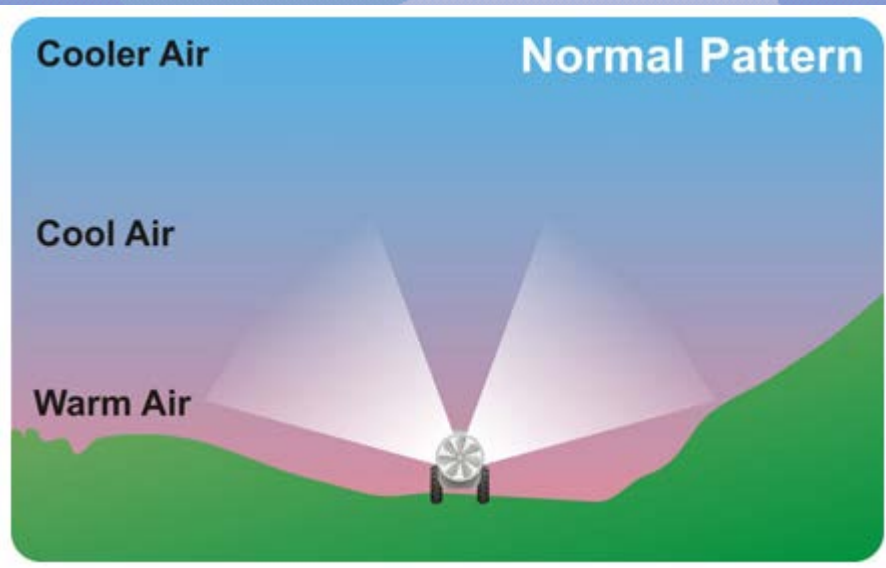
5) Big difference day and night temps

6) Evening/nt wind speeds much less than during day

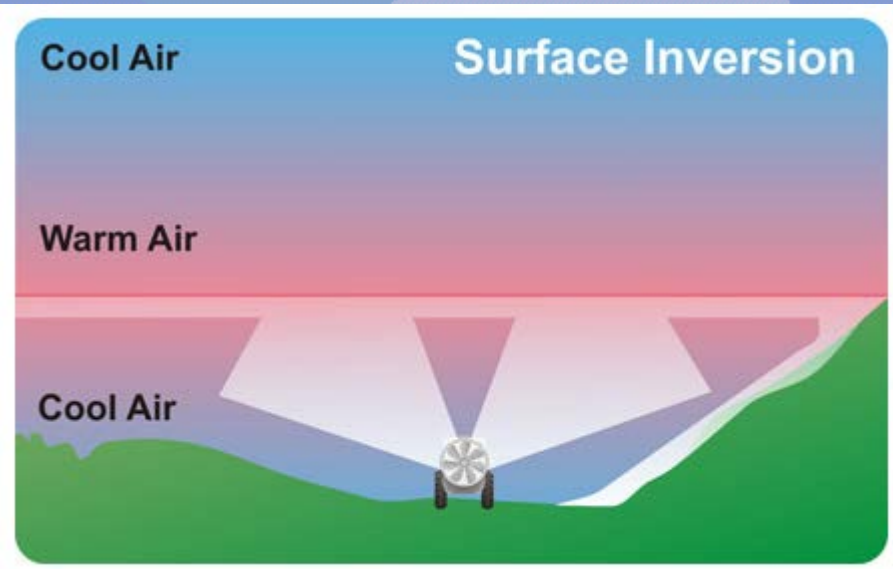
7) Sounds seem to carry further

8) Odors seem more intense

9) Smoke/dust tend to hang in the air or move laterally



Weather Data for Weed Management – Sunset Radiation Inversions



Every day around sunset, the ground cools rapidly by **radiating** heat upwards. The air cools by conduction, making lower layers of air cooler than higher layers.

Problems include:

- Pesticide spray may stay concentrated for long periods above (not on) the target
- Move with the cool air for long distances
- Drain down slopes and concentrate in low-lying regions

For these reasons, there are daily cut-off times for spraying certain pesticides.

Weather Data for Drift Avoidance

Inversions – additional considerations

- frost prevention measure tend to work better during inversions**
- heaters in particular work well during strong inversions – warm air rising from the heaters mixes with the air, which pushes the air back down towards the ground, helping to prevent frost**