

# Update on potato psyllids and zebra chip in Idaho – Dec 2015



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# Zebra chip (ZC) disease

- Disease caused by bacterium  
(*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* [Lso])
- Bacterium vectored by the potato psyllid  
(*Bactericera cockerelli*)































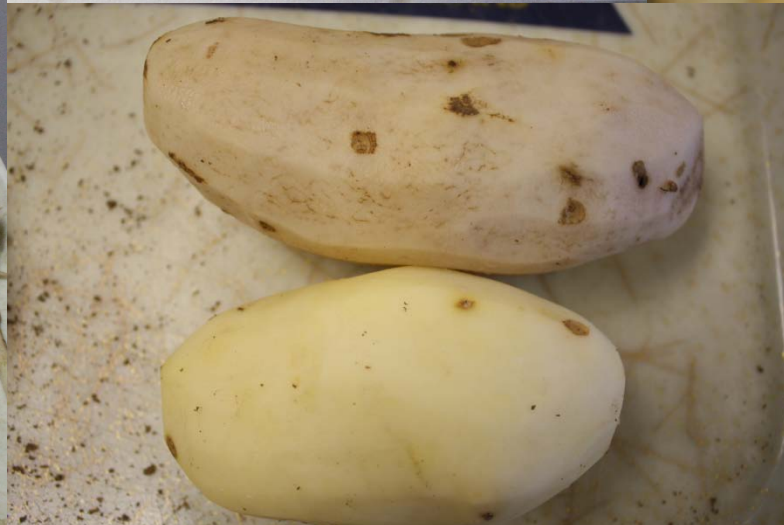
















1<sup>st</sup> instar nymph

(5 nymphal instars)



close-up of egg



late instar nymph



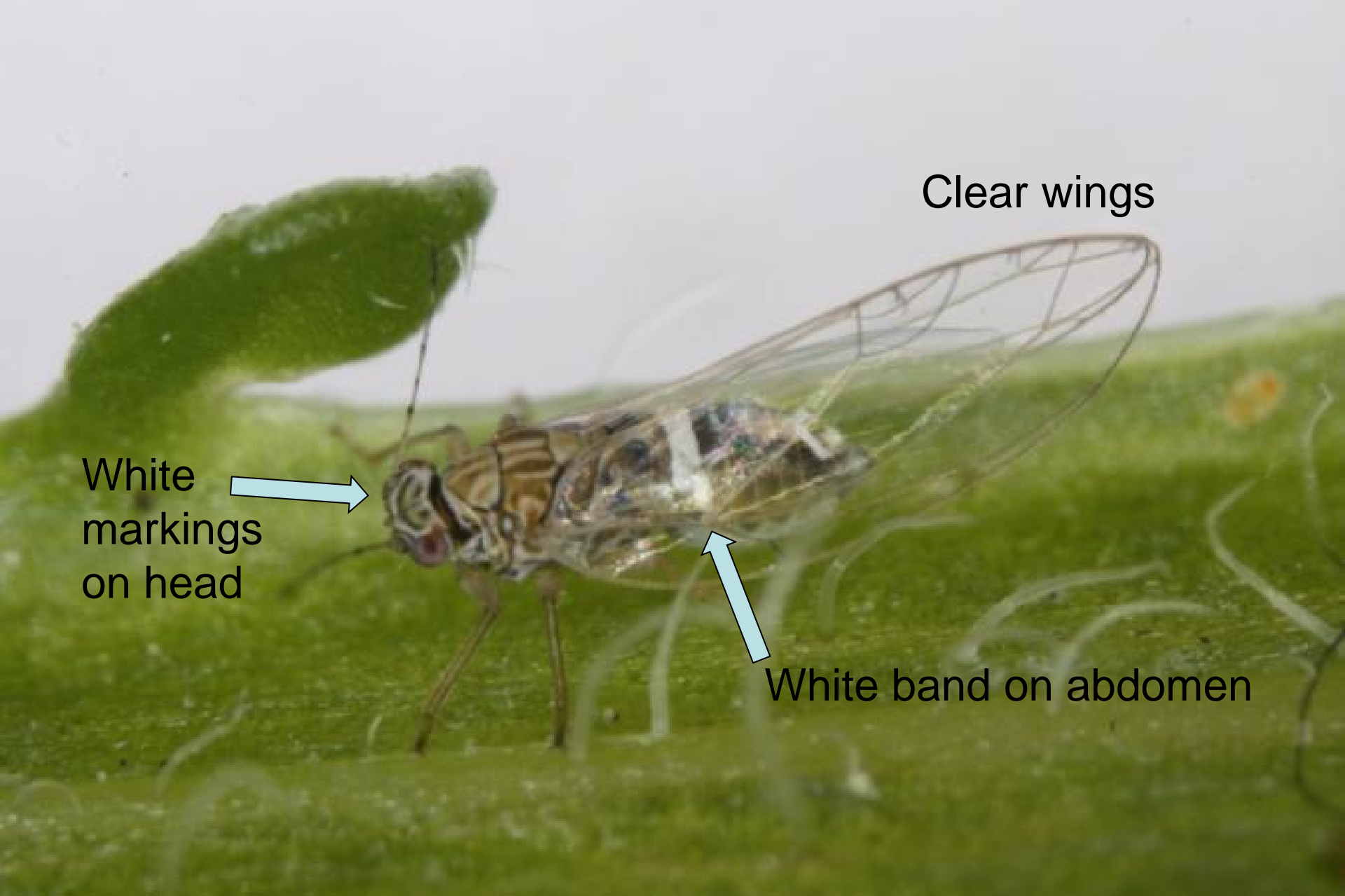
adult and eggs



adult (2-3 mm long)

- 1 generation = 2-3 wks
- 77-86 F = optimum temp





Clear wings

White  
markings  
on head

White band on abdomen





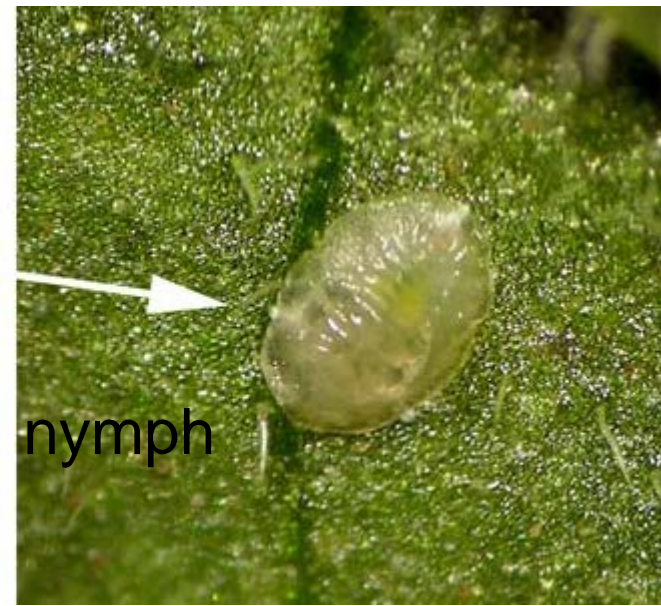
Psyllid nymphs and adults on a penny for size reference.



Potato psyllid nymphs



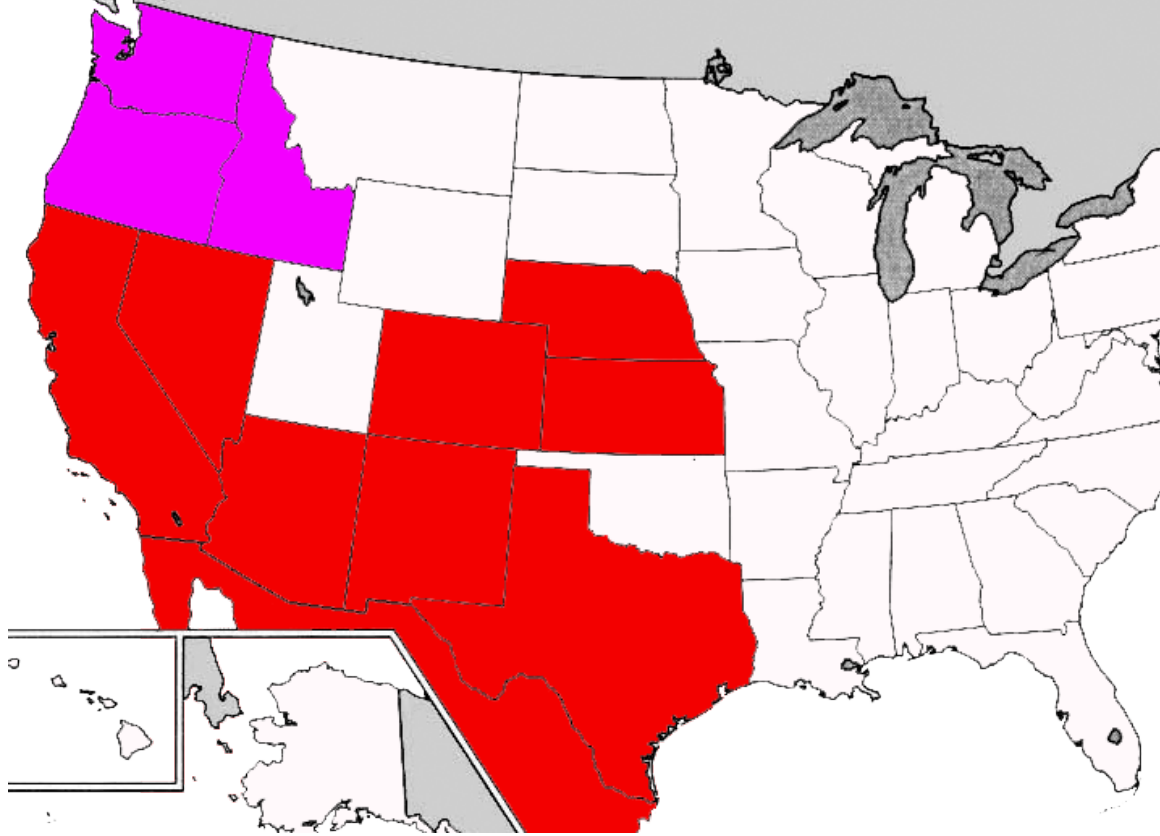
Whitefly nymph





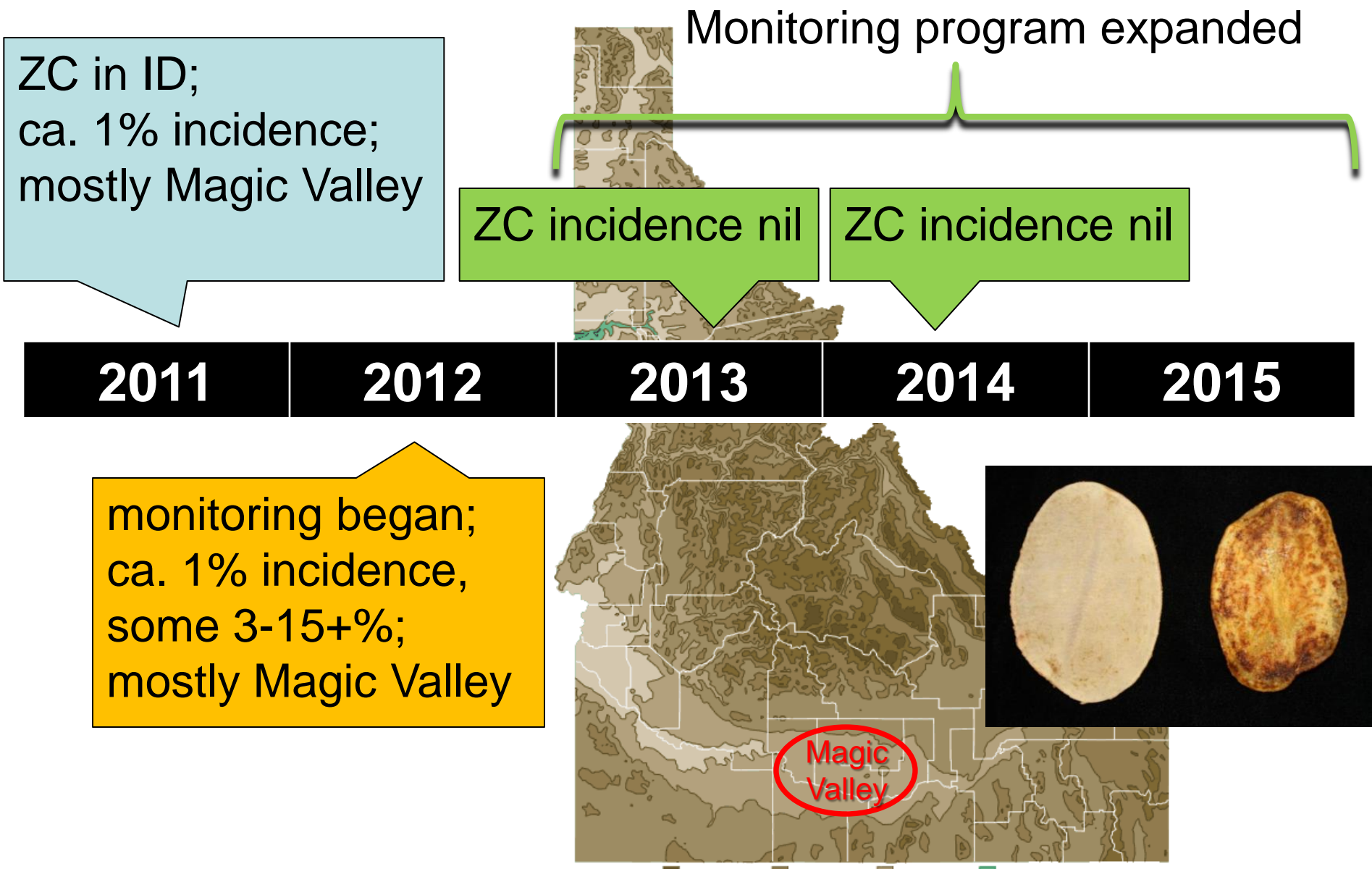
# A brief history of ZC

- 1994 – Mexico
- 2000 – Texas
- 2000... – Southern regions and CA
- 2008 – bacterium identified
- 2011 – PNW
- (Also present in New Zealand and C. America)





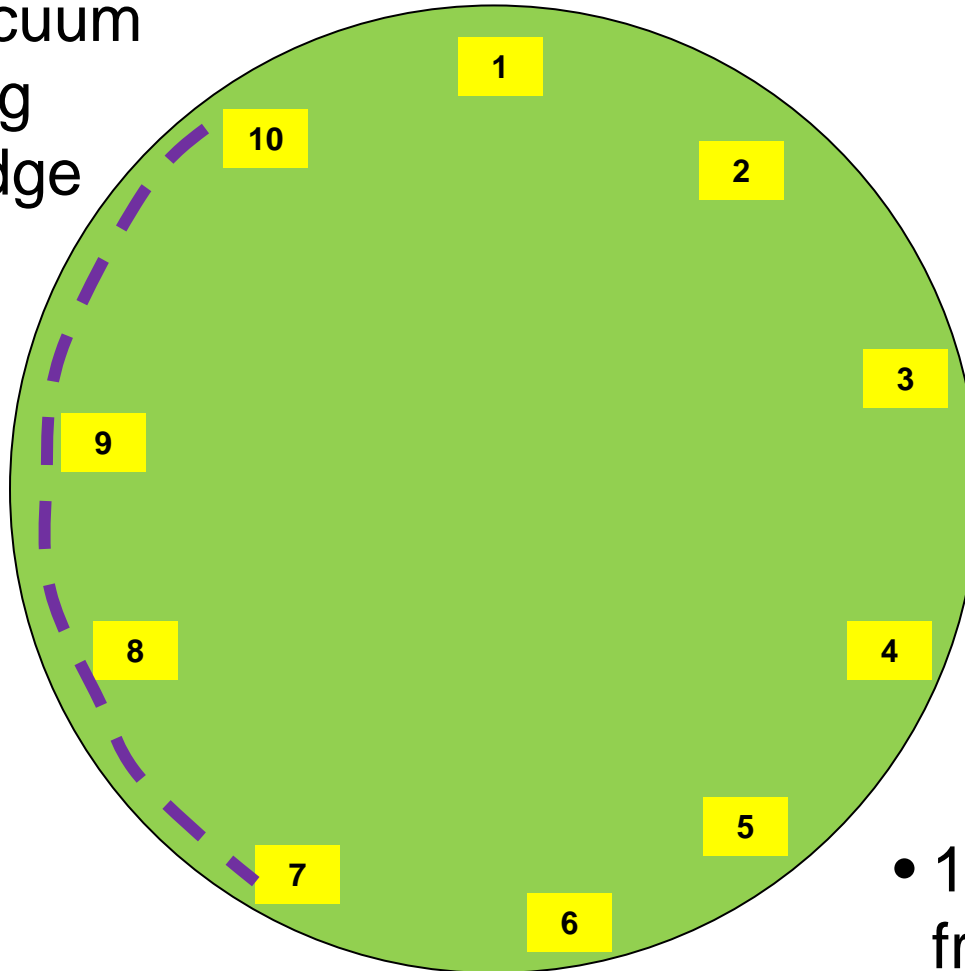
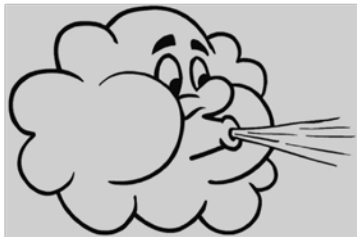
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- 10 sticky traps per field arranged around perimeter

- 5-minute vacuum sample along windward edge

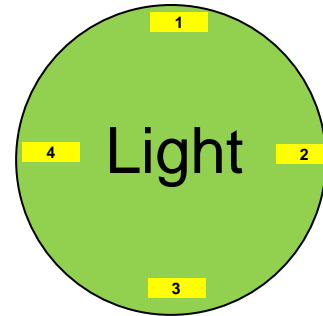
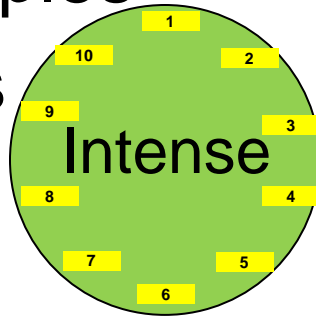


- 10 leaf samples from each sticky card station (100 leaves per field)

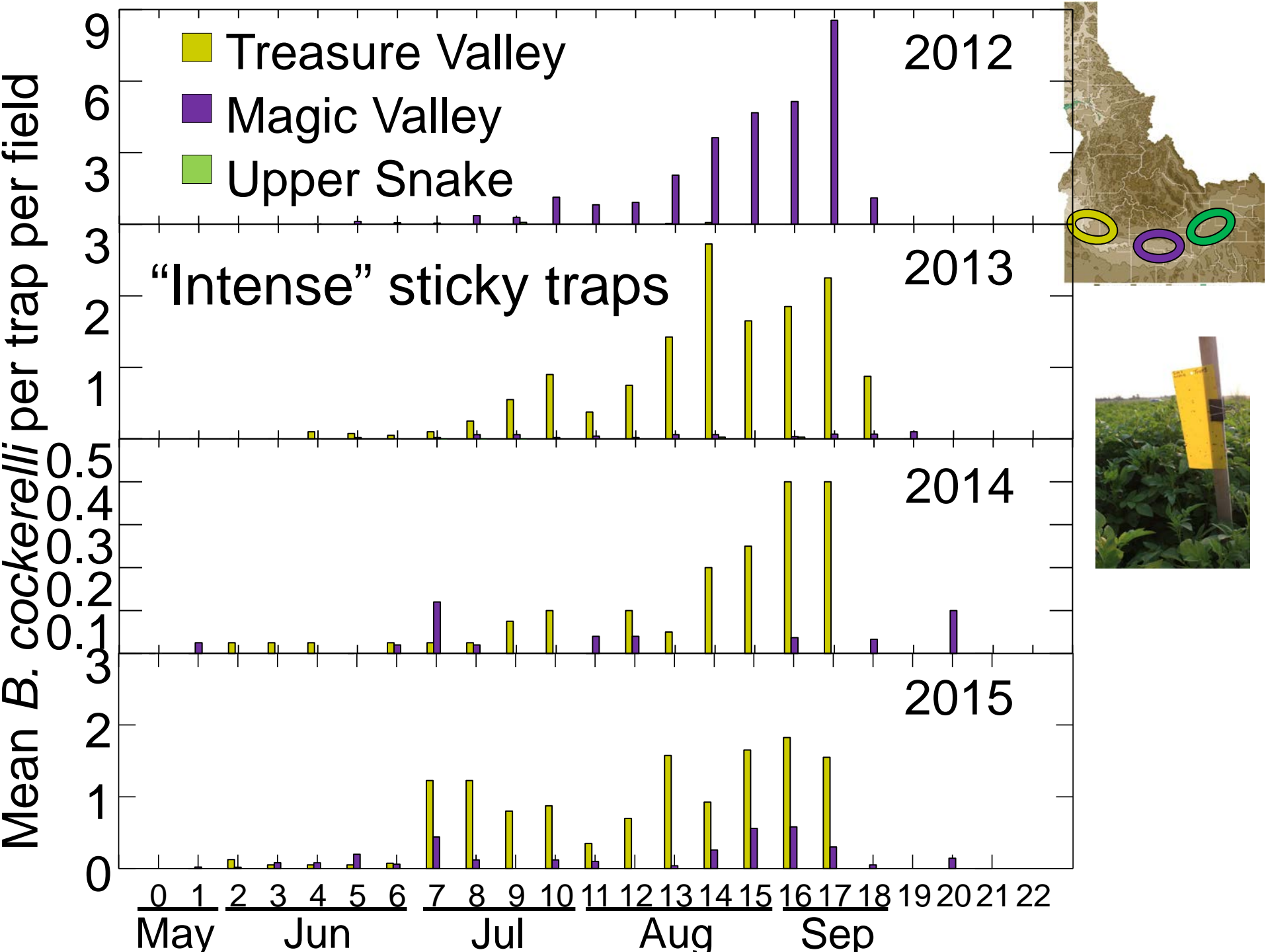


# 2012-2015 Monitoring programs

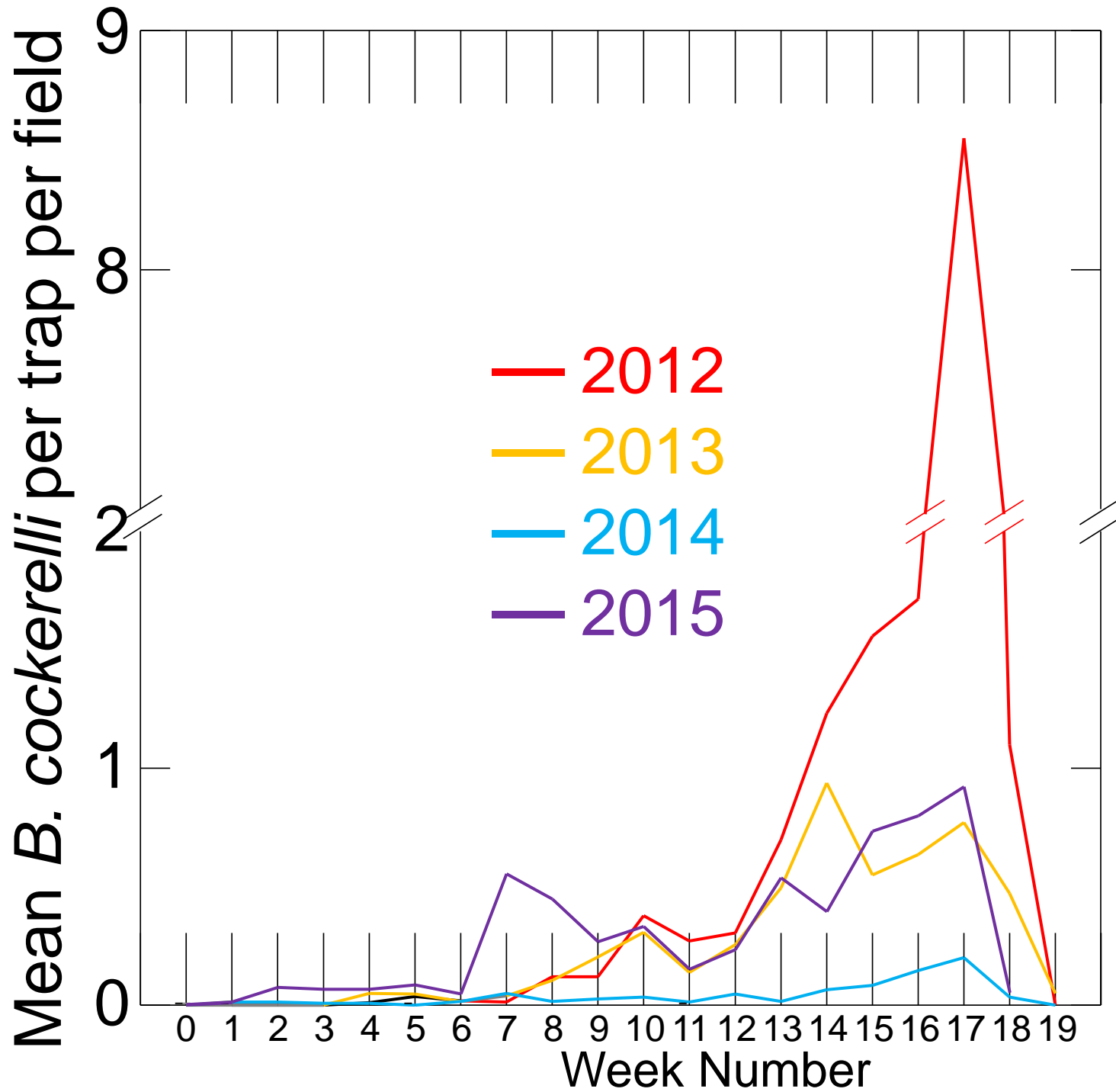
- “Intense” program
  - 13 fields
  - Weekly sampling
  - 10 sticky traps per field
  - Vacuum samples
  - Leaf samples
- “Light” program
  - 71-94 fields
  - Weekly sampling
  - 4 sticky traps per field





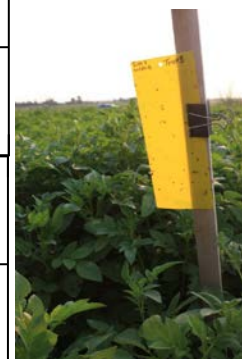
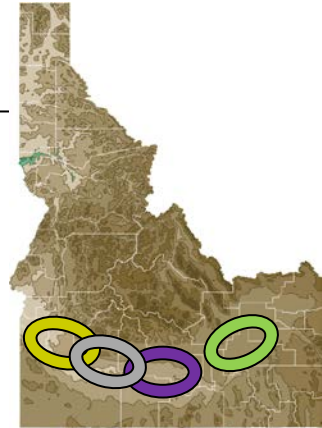
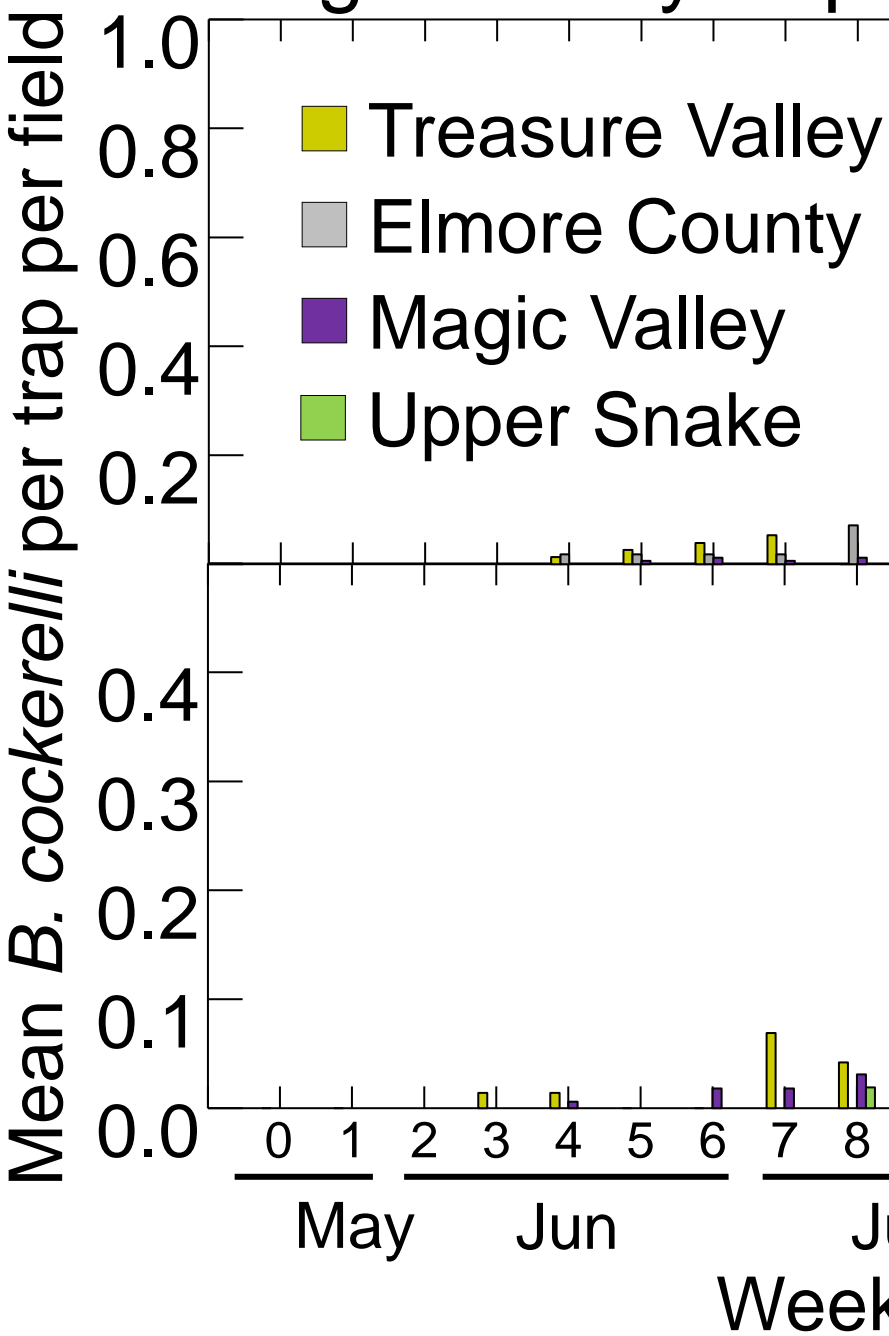


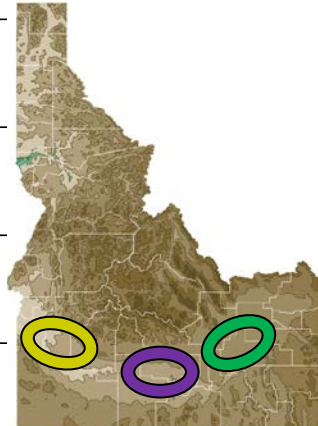
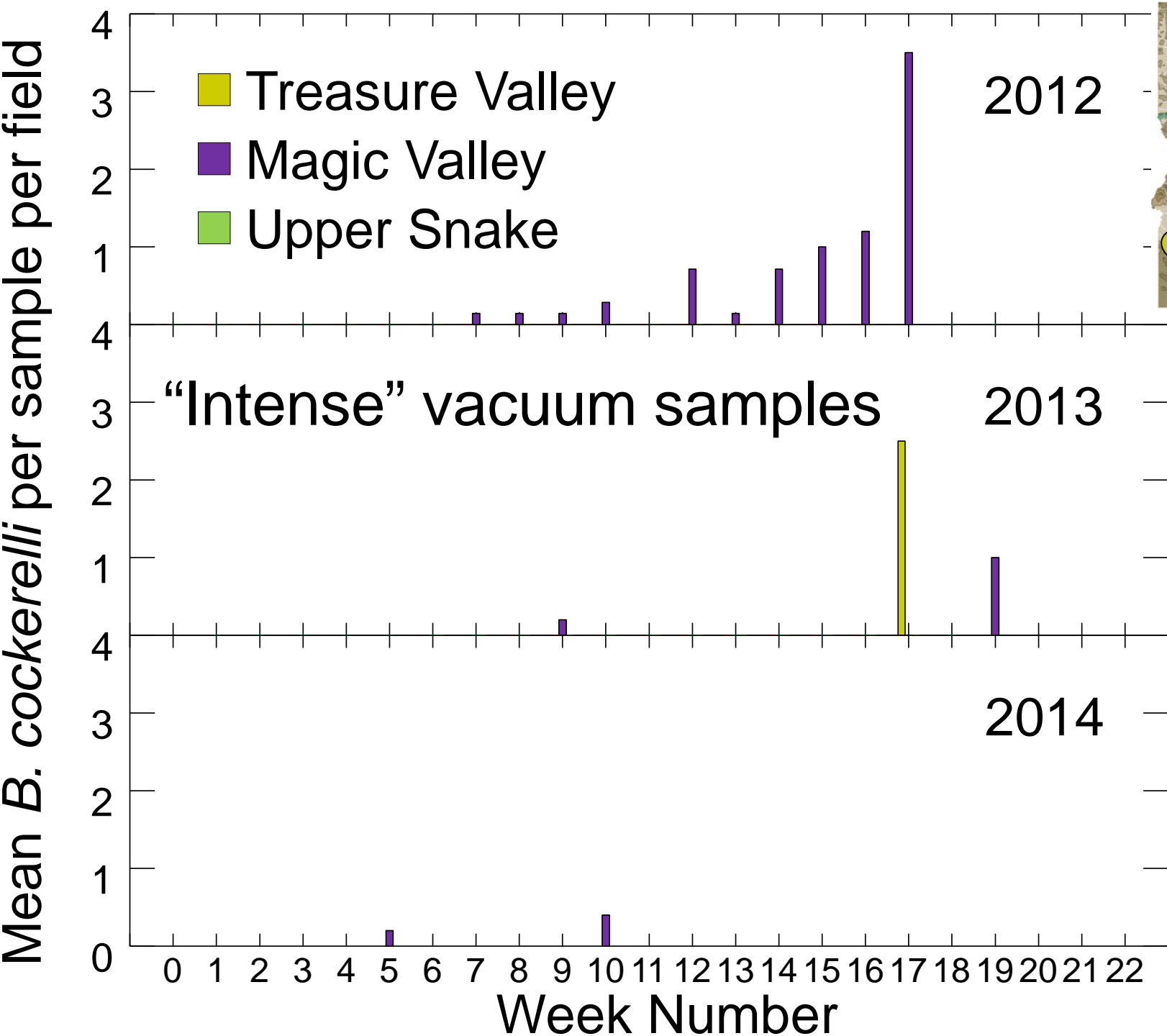




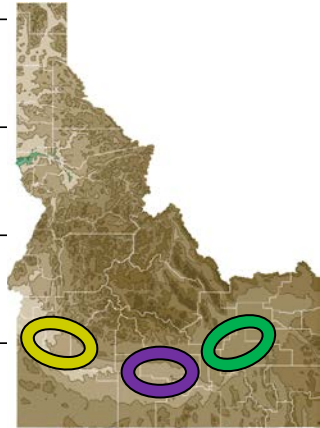
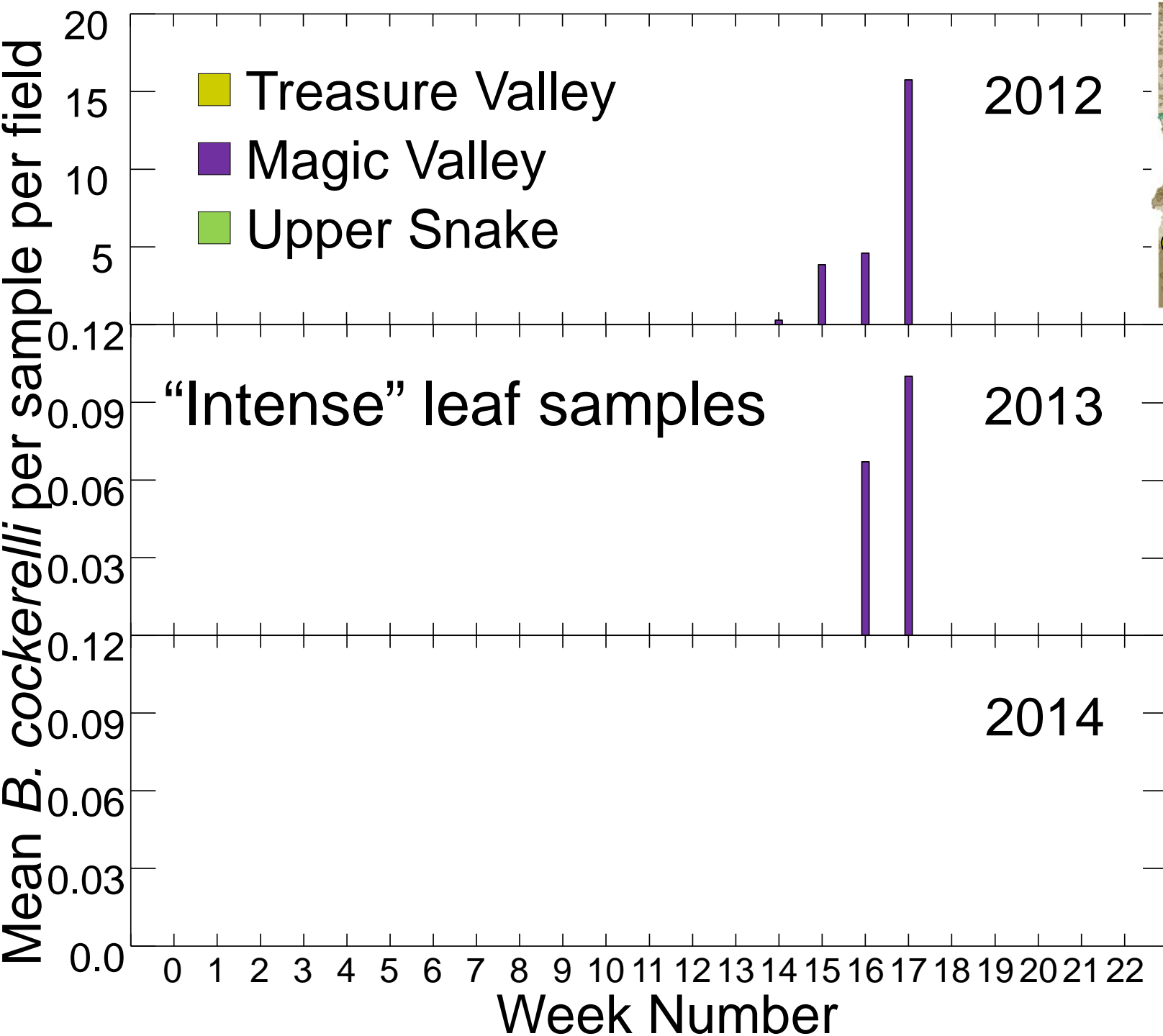


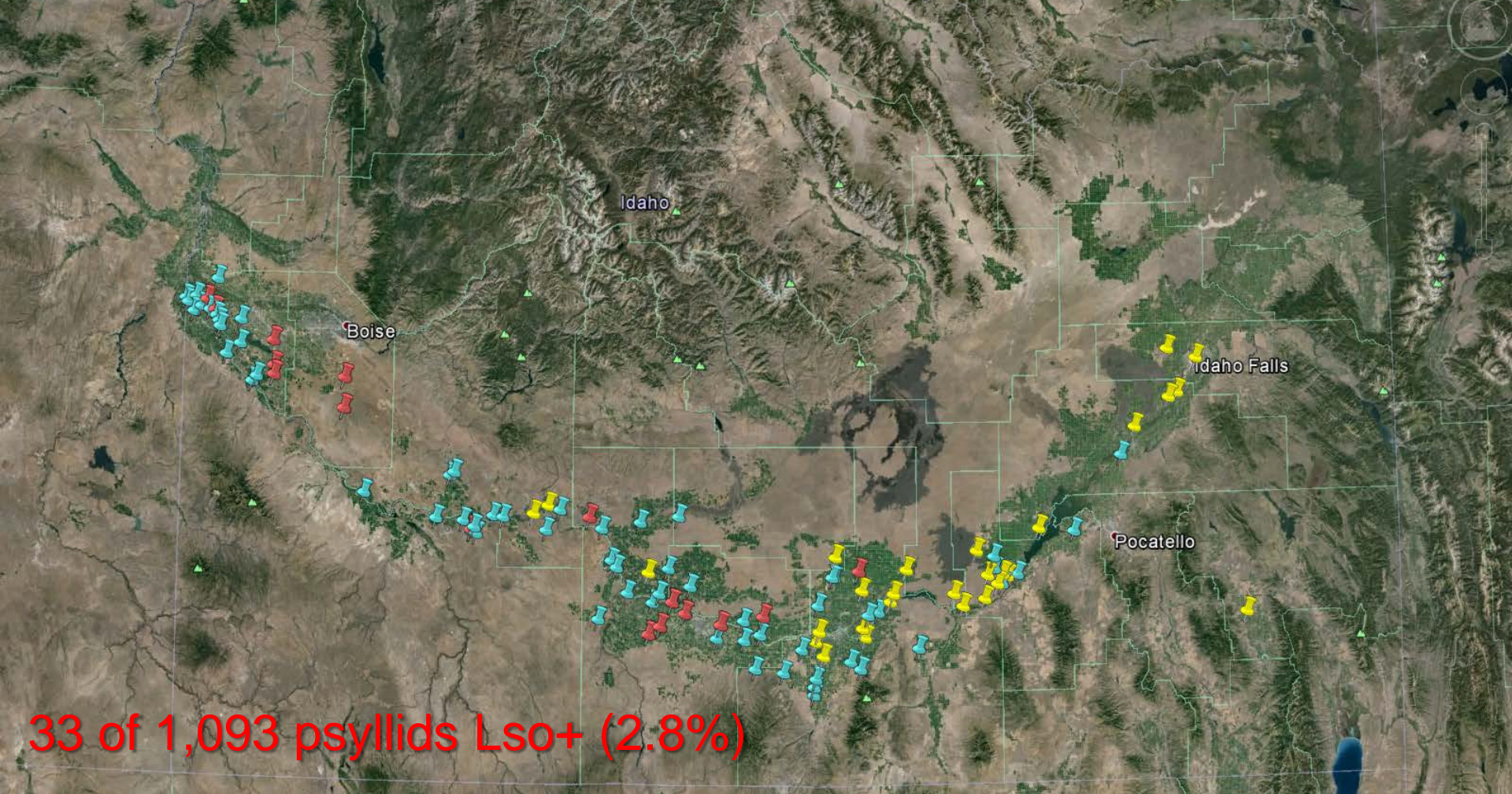
# "Light" sticky traps














33 of 1,093 psyllids Lso+ (2.8%)

Full Season, 2013

-  No psyllids
-   $\geq 1$  cold psyllid
-   $\geq 1$  hot psyllid



	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total sites	15	14 + 94 = 108	13 + 75 = 88	13 + 71 = 84
Traps per week (approx.)	150	516	430	414
Weeks of trapping	19	19	19-22	18-22
Total psyllids on sticky cards	1,603	1,093	170	1,126
Total psyllids tested for Lso	1,073	1,093	170	1,126
Lso positive psyllids	250	33	4	39
% Lso positive	23.3%	2.8%	2.4%	3.5%
Total cards read (approx.)	2,850	9,804	8,560	7,452
Psyllids per card (approx.)	0.56	0.11	0.02	0.15

ca. **8 times higher** incidence of Lso in 2012 vs. 2013-2015

ca. **5-fold drop** in psyllid abundance each year **until 2015**

# Where do potato psyllids come from?

- Native to North America (west of Mississippi)
  - Overwinter in southern US / northern Mexico and migrate north with high temperatures (?)
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Adults observed overwintering in PNW on bittersweet nightshade during winters of '12, '13, '14, '15



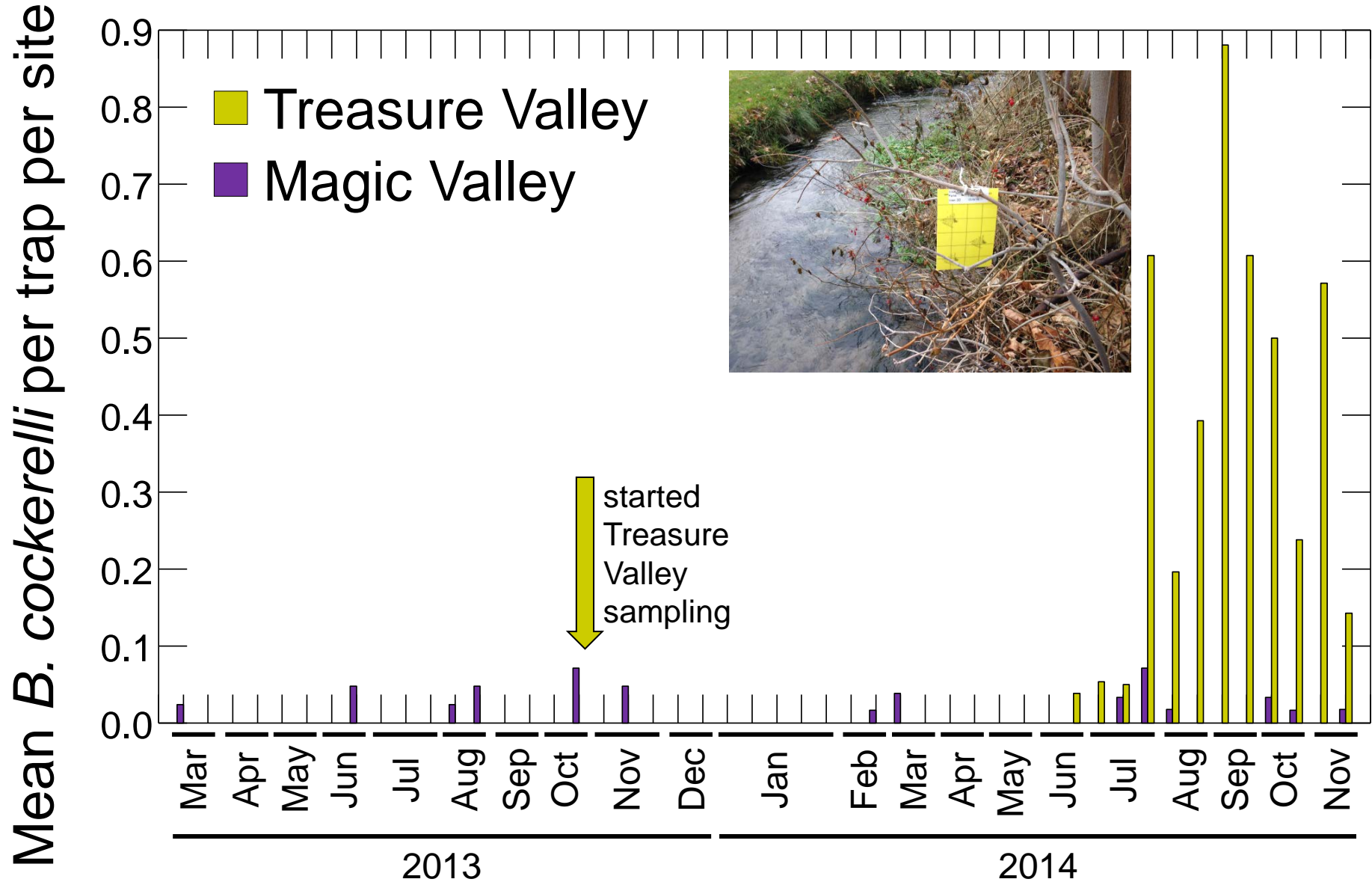
# Off-season psyllid monitoring

- Started during Spring 2013
- Magic Valley: 4-5 sites
- Treasure Valley: 4 sites
- Sticky cards and vacuum samples
- Fortnightly sampling



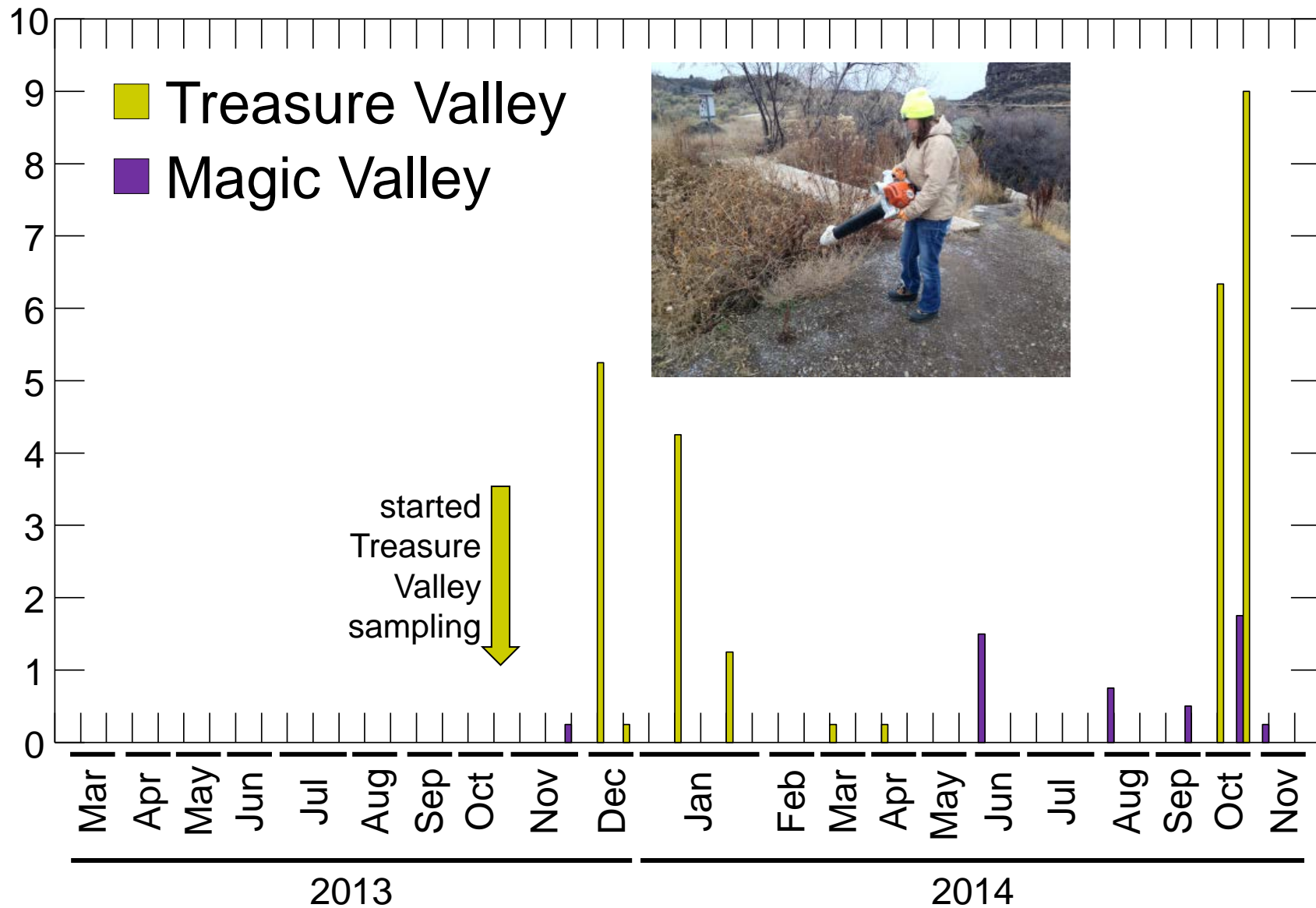


# Sticky card sampling at bittersweet nightshade sites



# Vacuum sampling at bittersweet nightshade sites

Mean *B. cockerelli* per sample per site



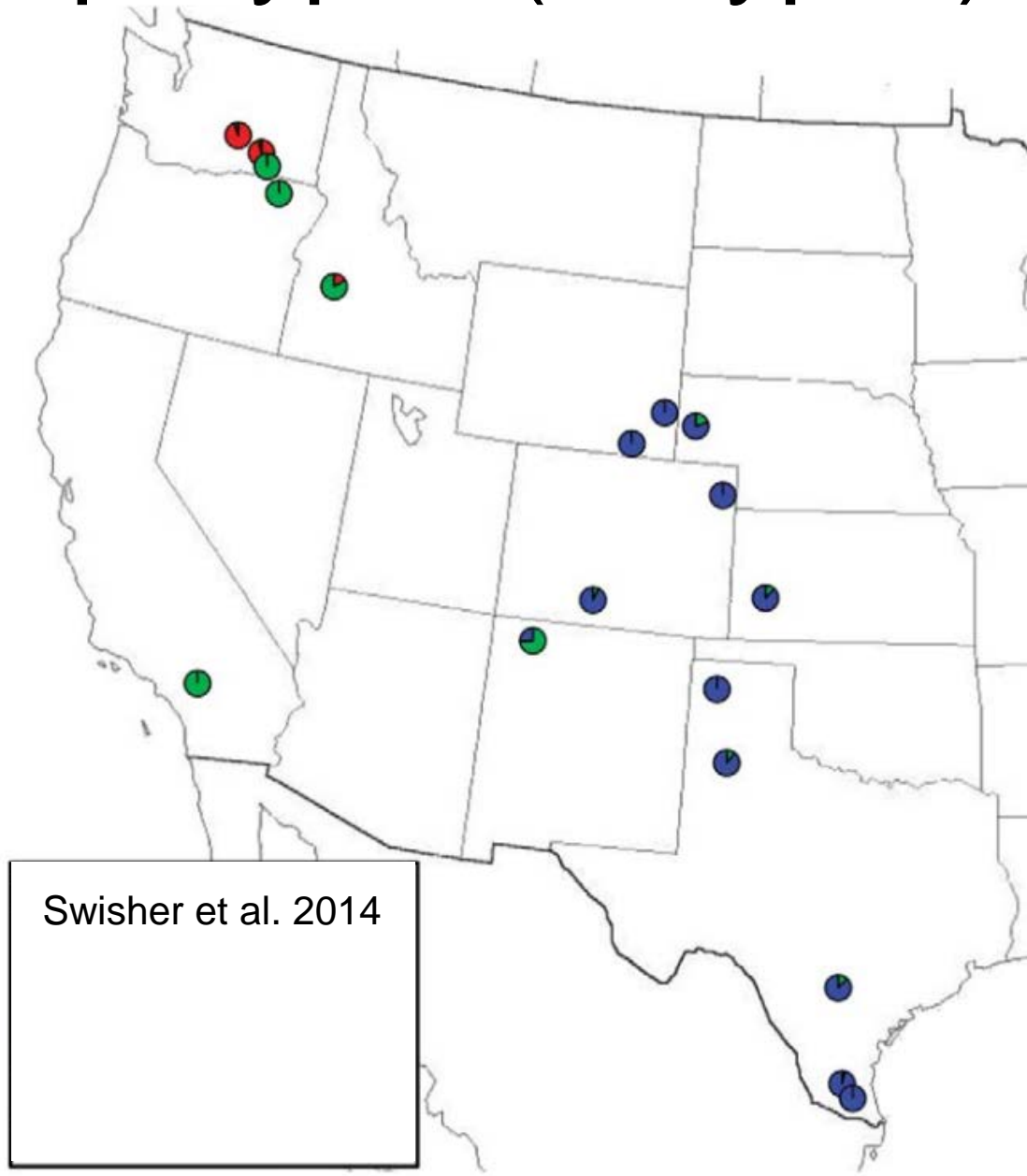
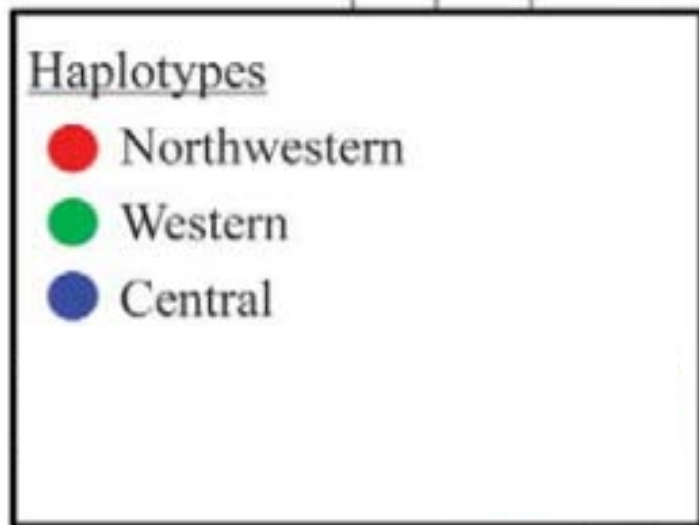


# Alternative host plants

- Greenhouse trials screening various weeds, crops, and native plants for suitability as hosts to potato psyllids



# Potato psyllid haplotypes (biotypes)



Swisher et al. 2014

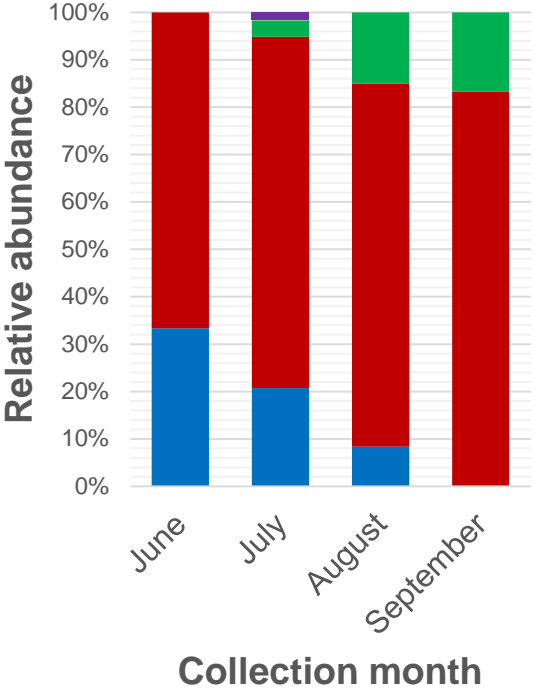


# Relative abundance of each haplotype

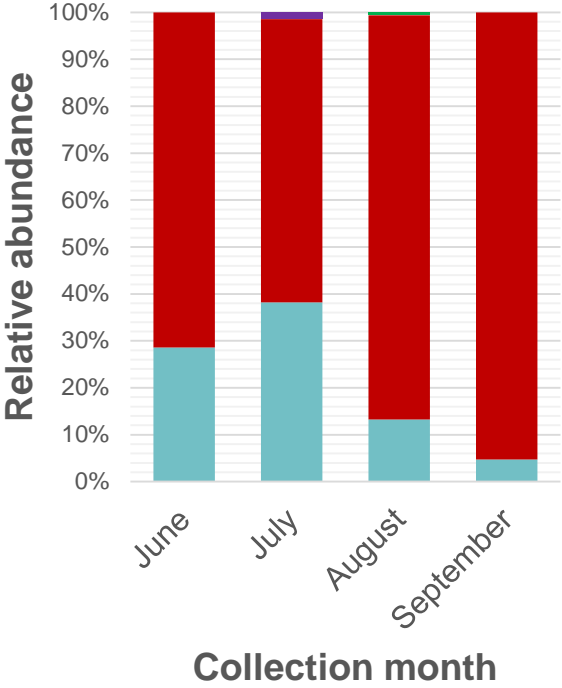


2012

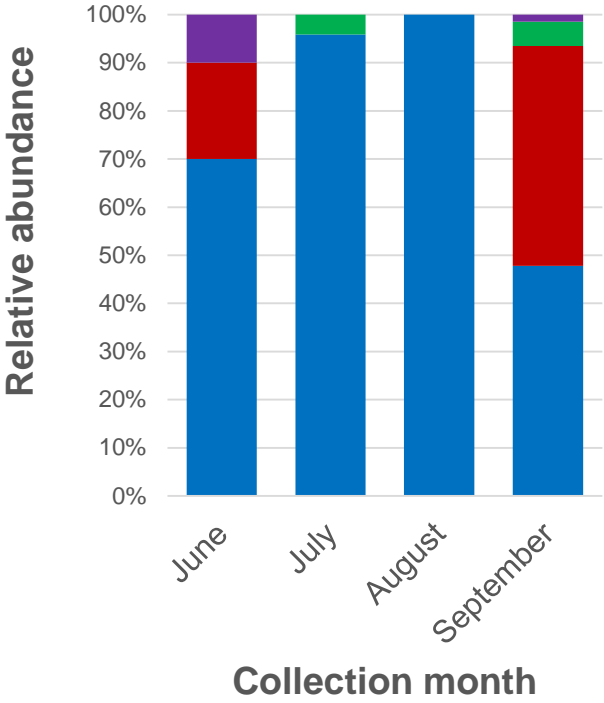
(from Swisher et al., 2014)\*



2013



2014

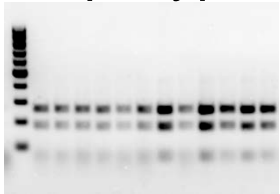


\* Swisher et al., Am. J. Potato Res. (March 2014)

## *Lso* haplotyping : results

**2012**

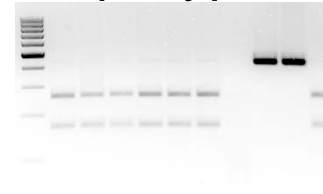
**75%** of the *Lso* samples  
haplotyped



All are **hapA**

**2013**

**50%** of the *Lso* samples  
haplotyped

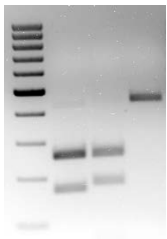


Most are hapA  
But **2 are hapB**

First description of *Lso*  
hapB in Idaho

**2014**

**4/5** *Lso* samples haplotyped



**2 hapA, 2 hapB**

hapB increasing?



# Conclusions

- Psyllid phenology related to elevation / temperature gradient across Idaho
- Psyllids: 2012 > 2013 > 2014... 2015
- Lso high in 2012; more “typical” 2013-2015
- ZC nil 2013-2014
- Suggests monitoring program is effective at predicting ZC risk
- Early psyllids in 2015 → ZC?





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## 2015 Updates

2015 potato psyllid monitoring detailed results, updated as we receive them:

- "Light" fields, monitored with 4 sticky traps
- "Intense" fields, monitored with 10 sticky traps, vacuum samples, and leaf samples

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### Update of potato psyllid monitoring in Idaho

Potato All Locations  
potato psyllids  
Posted on: September 18, 2015 by Erik Wenninger

Abundance of potato psyllids in potato fields in Idaho appears to be lower than last week, with 85 total psyllids captured on sticky cards and vacuum samples thus far (versus 139 captured last week). Several of our "Intense" cards from the Treasure Valley will be processed Monday next week and updated results will be posted at the links below. Captures came from the following counties: Canyon, Ada, Owyhee, Gooding, Twin Falls, Jerome, Minidoka, and Cassia.

Many of our sites, including nearly all of the "Light" sites have been vine killed or harvested and will no longer be sampled.

None of the psyllids that were captured last week was positive for liberibacter (Lso), the bacterium that causes zebra chip, though a few psyllids remain to be tested.

Potato psyllid captures from our bittersweet nightshade sites in the Treasure Valley that arrived late last week were markedly lower than the previous fortnightly sample, with only 4 psyllids found (this is in contrast with the 54 psyllids that we reported on capturing in the Magic Valley sites).





# Potato Psyllid Vector of Zebra Chip Disease in the Pacific Northwest

## Biology, Ecology, and Management

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**Z**ebra chip (ZC) is a destructive disease of potatoes emerging in North America and other parts of the world. The disease has been very costly to manage in potato crops and has caused millions of dollars in losses to the potato industry in the southwestern United States, particularly Texas.

ZC was first recorded in Idaho and the Columbia Basin of Washington and Oregon late in the 2011 growing season. This area produces more than 50 percent of the potatoes grown in the United States, so the presence of ZC in the region has the potential to be economically devastating.

### Brief history and distribution of ZC

ZC was first documented in potato fields around Saltillo, Mexico in 1994. In the early 2000s, the disease was reported in southern Texas, and by 2006 ZC had spread to all potato production areas in Texas. Since then, ZC has been found in Arizona,



Figure 1. Potato psyllid adult.

California, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. ZC is also found in Guatemala, Honduras,

Rondon's Irrigated Agricultural Entomology Lab  
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