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Field Days

Spanish translation will be available

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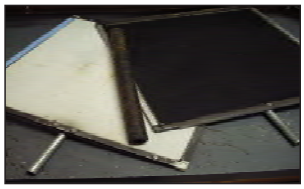
May 28, Prosser	June 3, Brewster	June 10, Quincy	June 11, Wapato
Oasis Farms / C&M Orchards	Gebbers Farms	Double S Orchards	Marquez Farms

All Field Days will begin at 3 pm

The Pest Management Transition Project is working with Washington apple growers to facilitate the adoption of new pest control technologies as azinphos-methyl is phased out. The summer field days offer an opportunity to demonstrate IPM practices in the field that will help tree fruit growers build better pest management programs.

Among the objectives of the Enhancing Western Orchard Biological Control (EWOBC) project are: evaluating the effects of pesticides on key natural enemies (NEs), characterizing the seasonal biology of key NEs, and evaluating methods for monitoring NE presence and abundance over time. BioControl and EWOBC progress will be a part of the summer field days.



A monitoring plan for pests that utilizes degree-day models, trapping, and visual inspections can improve the efficiency of pesticide use by optimizing application timing and identifying specific areas that need, or do not need, pest controls. Tactics and approaches for building a monitoring plan will be a focus of this year's field days.

Improving spray deposition within the orchard canopy while reducing drift can save money and provide better pest control. A patternator is a device that can be used to help determine the vertical distribution of sprayer output in comparison to the target canopy. The use of a patternator will be demonstrated at each of the PMTP field days.