

# Generic models for pests and diseases

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# A Simple Generic Infection Model for Foliar Fungal Plant Pathogens

## AIM:

The model predicts infection period by fungal plant pathogen.  
It estimates  $W(T)$  the wetness duration (in hours) required to critical disease threshold: 20% disease incidence or 5% disease severity

$$f(T) = \left[ \frac{T_{\max} - T}{T_{\max} - T_{\text{opt}}} \right] \left[ \frac{T - T_{\min}}{T_{\text{opt}} - T_{\min}} \right] \quad (T_{\text{opt}} - T_{\min}) / (T_{\max} - T_{\text{opt}})$$

**f(T)**= temperature function

**T**= mean temperature (°C) during wetness period

**T<sub>min</sub>**= minimum temperature for infection (°C)

**T<sub>max</sub>**= maximum temperature for infection (°C)

**T<sub>opt</sub>**= optimum temperature for infection (°C)

$$W(T) = W_{min}/f(T) \leq W_{max}$$

**W(T)**=leaf wetness duration  
for infection (h)

**W<sub>min</sub>**= minimum value of the  
wetness duration requirement  
for infection (h)

**W<sub>max</sub>**= optimum value of the  
wetness duration requirement  
for infection (h)

TABLE 2. Infection model parameters and statistical comparison between model predictions and observations based on published studies relating fungal infection to temperature and wetness duration

Pathogen	Host <sup>a</sup>	Ref. <sup>b</sup>	Ref.		$T_{opt}$ <sup>f</sup>	$W_{min}$ <sup>g</sup>	$W_{max}$ <sup>h</sup>	Obs <sup>i</sup>	$r_j$	RMS <sup>k</sup>	SRMS <sup>l</sup>	
			$T_{min}$ <sup>c</sup>	$T_{max}$ <sup>e</sup>								
<i>Albugo occidentalis</i>	Spinach	81	...	6	28	16	3	12	12	0.87	2.8	0.9
<i>Alternaria brassicae</i>	Oilseed rape	38	6	2.6	35	18	6	22	9	0.96	4.0	0.7
<i>Alternaria cucumerina</i>	Muskmelon	31	...	12	25	19	8	24	6	0.98	1.6	0.2
<i>Alternaria mali</i>	Apple	32	...	1	35	23	5	40	16	0.88	5.2	1.0
<i>Alternaria porri</i>	Onion	80	...	1	35	23	8	24	5	1.00	0.7	0.1
<i>Alternaria sp.</i>	Mineola tangelo	18	...	9.4	35	25	8	16	5	0.90	1.3	0.2
<i>Ascochyta rabiei</i>	Chick pea	84	...	1	35	25	12	48	6	0.10	19.2	1.6
<i>Bipolaris oryzae</i>	Rice	59	25	8	35	27.5	10	24	6	0.78	5.0	0.5
<i>Botryosphaeria dothidea</i>	Apple fruit	58	...	8	35	28	8	19	6	0.95	1.6	0.2
<i>Botryosphaeria obtuse</i>	Apple fruit	7	...	1	35	26	5	40	7	0.97	3.2	0.6
<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	Grape	56	57	10	35	20	4	10	11	0.94	0.8	0.2
<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	Strawberry flower	15	...	5	35	25	8	18	7	0.13	5.0	0.6
<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	Grape flower	56	57	1	34	25	1	12	6	0.99	0.6	0.6
<i>Botrytis squamosa</i>	Onion	82	...	1	28	18	15	24	8	0.50	4.7	0.3
<i>Bremia lactucae</i>	Lettuce	67	...	1	25	15	4	10	6	0.98	0.8	0.2
<i>Cercospora arachidicola</i>	Peanut	93	6	13.3	35	24	24	48	5	0.72	8.9	0.4
<i>Cercospora carotae</i>	Carrot	20	...	11	32	24	28	96	5	0.98	16.5	0.6
<i>Cercosporidium personatum</i>	Peanut	17	6	8	35	20	16	33	6	0.33	6.0	0.4
<i>Coccomyces hiemalis</i>	<i>Prunus</i> sp.	28	29	4	30	18	5	30	11	0.96	7.8	1.6
<i>Colletotrichum acutatum</i>	Strawberry fruit	92	...	7	35	27.5	6	36	6	0.93	4.4	0.7
<i>Colletotrichum orbiculare</i>	Watermelon	53	...	7	30	24	2	16	7	0.69	5.6	2.8
<i>Didymella arachidicola</i>	Peanut	79	6	13.3	35	18.5	24	210	5	-0.10	55.5	2.3
<i>Diplocarpon earlianum</i>	Strawberry	98	51	2.9	35	22.5	12	18	5	0.53	3.2	0.3
<i>Guignardia bidwellii</i>	Grape	76	...	7	35	27	6	24	10	0.74	5.1	0.9
<i>Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae</i>	Apple	4	...	1	35	21	2	24	12	0.99	1.1	0.5
<i>Leptosphaeria maculans</i>	Oilseed rape	12	6	2.6	35	18.5	7	18	5	0.81	4.8	0.7
<i>Melampsora medusae</i>	Poplar	50	...	12	28	20.5	5	12	10	0.96	0.7	0.1
<i>Monilinia fructicola</i>	Prunus fruit	13	44	10	35	20	10	16	5	0.96	0.9	0.1
<i>Mycosphaerella pinodes</i>	Pea	61	6	1.4	35	20	6	72	6	1.00	21.9	3.7
<i>Phakopsora pachyrhizi</i>	Soybean	48	6	10	28	23	8	12	6	0.86	1.3	0.2
<i>Phytophthora cactorum</i>	Apple fruit	36	...	1	35	25	2	5	6	0.97	0.4	0.2
<i>Phytophthora cactorum</i>	Strawberry fruit	37	...	6	35	20.5	1	3	8	0.85	0.6	0.6
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	Potato	62	19	1	28	15	6	12	6	0.53	3.2	0.5
<i>Plasmopara viticola</i>	Grape	43	...	1	30	20	2	14	6	0.99	0.6	0.3
<i>Pseudoperonospora cubensis</i>	Cucumber	23	1	1	28	20	2	12	6	0.98	0.7	0.4
<i>Puccinia arachidis</i>	Peanut	16	6	5	35	25	5	25	5	0.82	5.2	1.0
<i>Puccinia menthae</i>	Peppermint	27	...	5	35	15	6	12	5	0.87	1.6	0.3
<i>Puccinia psidii</i>	Eucalyptus	63	52	1	30	21.5	6	24	5	0.98	3.9	0.6
<i>Puccinia recondita</i>	Wheat	85	6	2.6	30	25	5	16	6	0.61	5.4	1.1
<i>Puccinia striiformis</i>	Wheat	24	6	2.6	18	8.5	5	8	6	0.99	0.2	0.0
<i>Pyrenopeziza brassicae</i>	Oilseed rape	34	6	2.6	24	16	6	24	7	0.90	3.6	0.6
<i>Pyrenophora teres</i>	Barley	11	6	2.6	35	23	3	6	4	0.95	0.4	0.1
<i>Pyrenophora teres</i>	Barley	72	6	2.6	35	18	5	48	4	1.00	11.9	2.4
<i>Rhynchosporium secalis</i>	Barley	94	6	2.6	30	22.5	12	48	4	0.98	4.2	0.4
<i>Rhynchosporium secalis</i>	Barley	65	6	2.6	30	22.5	6	19	6	0.94	2.3	0.4
<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	Bean	91	...	1	30	25	48	144	5	0.88	24.0	0.5
<i>Septoria glycines</i>	Soybean	70	6	10	35	25	6	18	4	0.83	4.2	0.7
<i>Venturia inaequalis</i>	Apple	78	...	1	35	20	6	40.5	26	0.65	2.7	0.5
<i>Venturia pirina</i>	Pear	77	...	1	35	22	10	25	7	0.98	1.3	0.1
<i>Venturia pirina</i>	Pear	87	...	1	35	20	10	30	7	0.99	1.5	0.1
<i>Wilsonomyces carpophilus</i>	Almond	71	...	5	35	25	12	48	9	0.92	6.6	0.6

<sup>a</sup> Foliage unless otherwise noted.

<sup>b</sup> Reference to temperature-wetness combination study.

<sup>c</sup> Reference for estimation of  $T_{min}$  from crop development.

<sup>d</sup>  $T_{min}$  = minimum temperature for infection (°C).

<sup>e</sup>  $T_{max}$  = maximum temperature for infection (°C).

<sup>f</sup>  $T_{opt}$  = optimum temperature for infection (°C).

<sup>g</sup>  $W_{min}$  = minimum value of the wetness duration requirement for infection (h).

<sup>h</sup>  $W_{max}$  = optimum value of the wetness duration requirement (h).

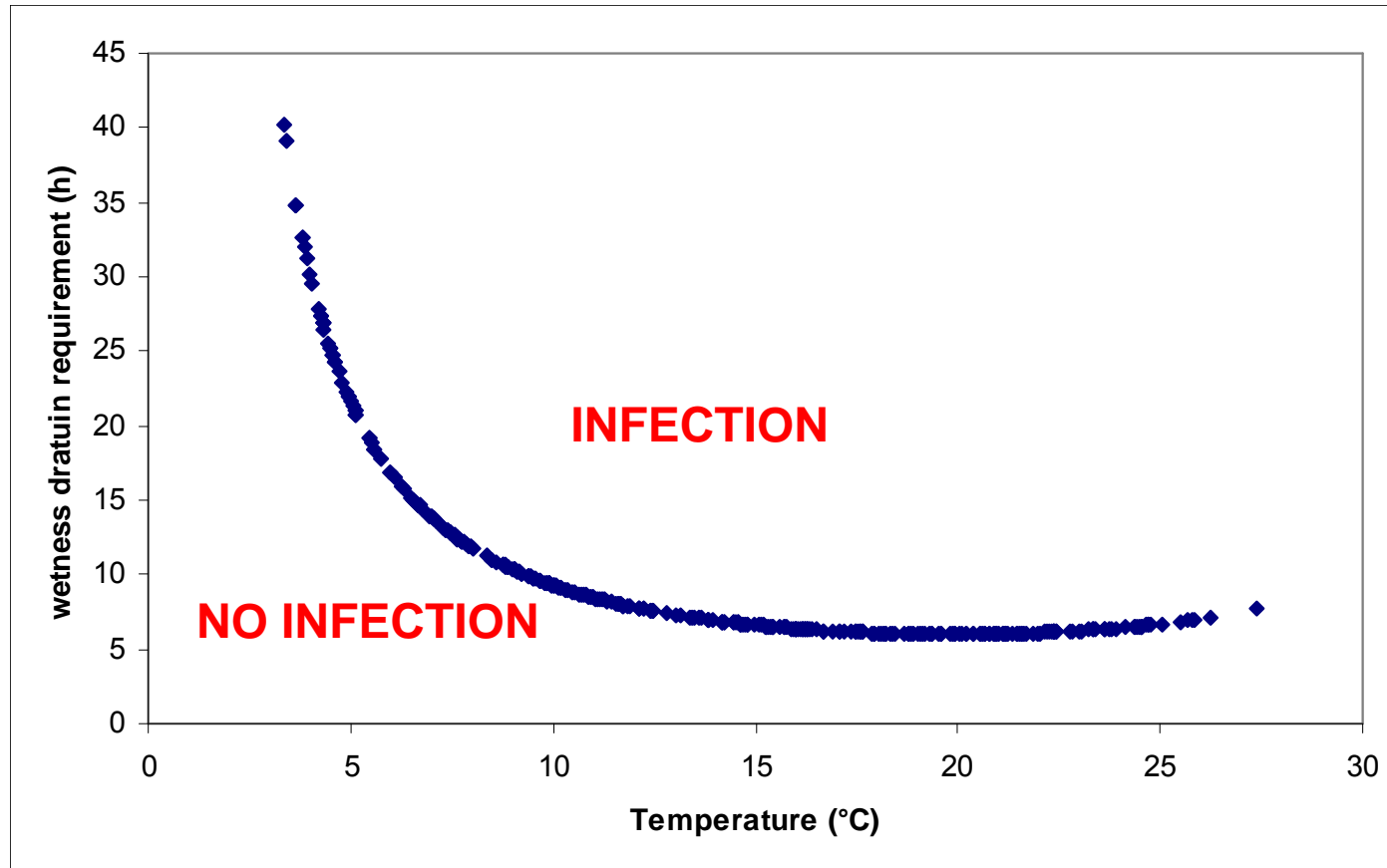
<sup>i</sup> Number of temperature/wetness combinations included as observations.

<sup>j</sup>  $r$  = Pearson's correlation coefficient (54).

<sup>k</sup> RMS = root mean square error (75).

<sup>l</sup> SRMS = standardized root mean square error.

# EXAMPLE: VENTURIA INAEQUALIS



# SENSITIVITY TO DRY INTERRUPTIONS OF FUNGAL FOLIAR PATHOGEN

Classification of fungal foliar pathogens based on their ability to withstand interruptions to wetting during infection based on published studies relating infection to temperature and wetness duration

Sensitivity to dry interruption	$D_{50}$ <sup>a</sup>	Species	Reference
Sensitive	1–2 h	<i>Puccinia recondita</i>	85
		<i>Puccinia striiformis</i>	85
		<i>Pyrenophora tritici-repentis</i>	66
Moderate	4–20 h	<i>Alternaria brassicae</i>	55
		<i>Alternaria linicola</i>	88
		<i>Alternaria porri</i>	80
		<i>Ascochyta rabiei</i>	84
		<i>Bipolaris oryzae</i>	59
		<i>Botryosphaeria obtusa</i>	8
		<i>Botrytis squamosa</i>	3
		<i>Cercospora kikuchii</i>	68
		<i>Coccomyces hiemalis</i>	28
		<i>Stagonospora nodorum</i>	41
Insensitive	≥24 h	<i>Uromyces phaseoli</i>	9
		<i>Venturia pirina</i>	86
		<i>Cercospora carotae</i>	21
		<i>Mycosphaerella graminicola</i>	73
		<i>Stemphylium botryosum</i>	9
		<i>Venturia inaequalis</i>	10,86

<sup>a</sup>  $D_{50}$  is defined as the duration of a dry period at relative humidities of <95% that will result in a 50% reduction in infection compared with a continuous wetness period.



# Using Growing Degree Days For Pest Management

The effect of temperature on insect developing rate is often described by using a thermal time concept.

The growing degree-days (GDD) is a commonly used thermal time method.

It relates development rate linearly to temperatures above the lower threshold (often referred to as the base temperature below which the development stops).

In some applications of the GDD procedure, the upper temperature threshold is introduced, above which the development rate stops.



# Calculation of Growing Degree Days

The traditional method is based on accumulation of daily mean temperature between lower and upper thresholds.

$$\text{GDD}_{\text{TOT}} = \sum (\text{GDD}_{\text{Daily}})$$

if  $T_{\text{med}} < T_{\text{inf}}$       **GDD**<sub>daily</sub> = 0

if  $T_{\text{med}} > T_{\text{sup}}$       **GDD**<sub>daily</sub> =  $T_{\text{sup}} - T_{\text{inf}}$

if  $T_{\text{inf}} < T_{\text{med}} < T_{\text{sup}}$       **GDD**<sub>daily</sub> =  $T_{\text{med}} - T_{\text{inf}}$

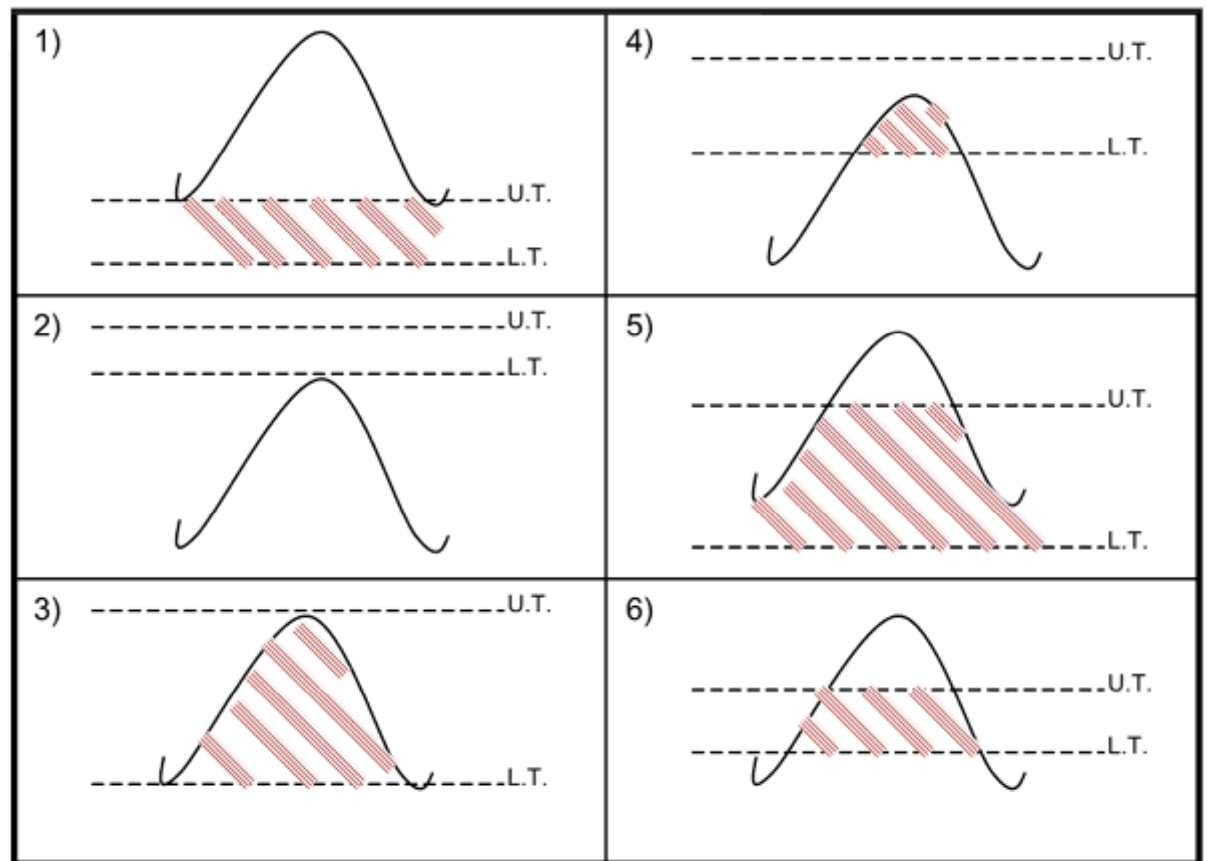
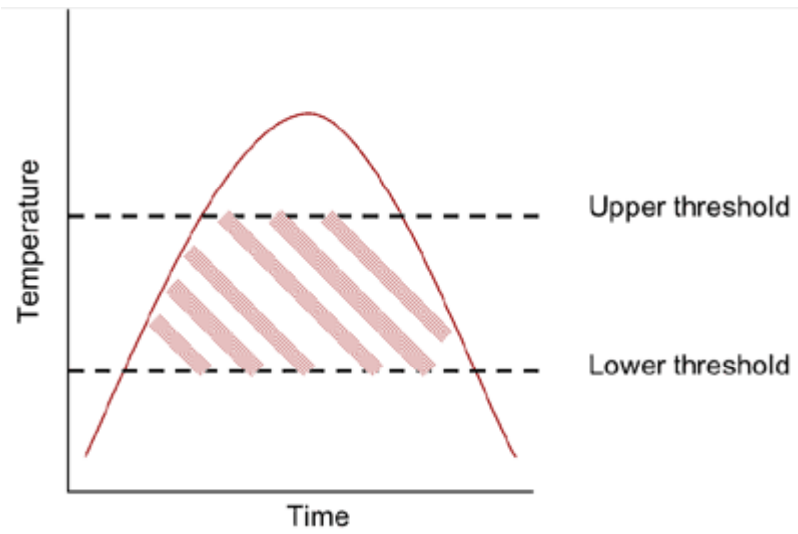
where

**Tmed** is daily mean temperature;

**Tinf** lower threshold;

**Tsup** upper threshold.





## **AVERAGE METHOD**

Degree days can be calculated using a simple formula for the average daily temperature, calculated from the daily maximum and minimum temperatures, minus the baseline (lower developmental threshold):

$[(\text{daily maximum temperature} + \text{daily minimum temperature})/2] - \text{baseline temperature}.$

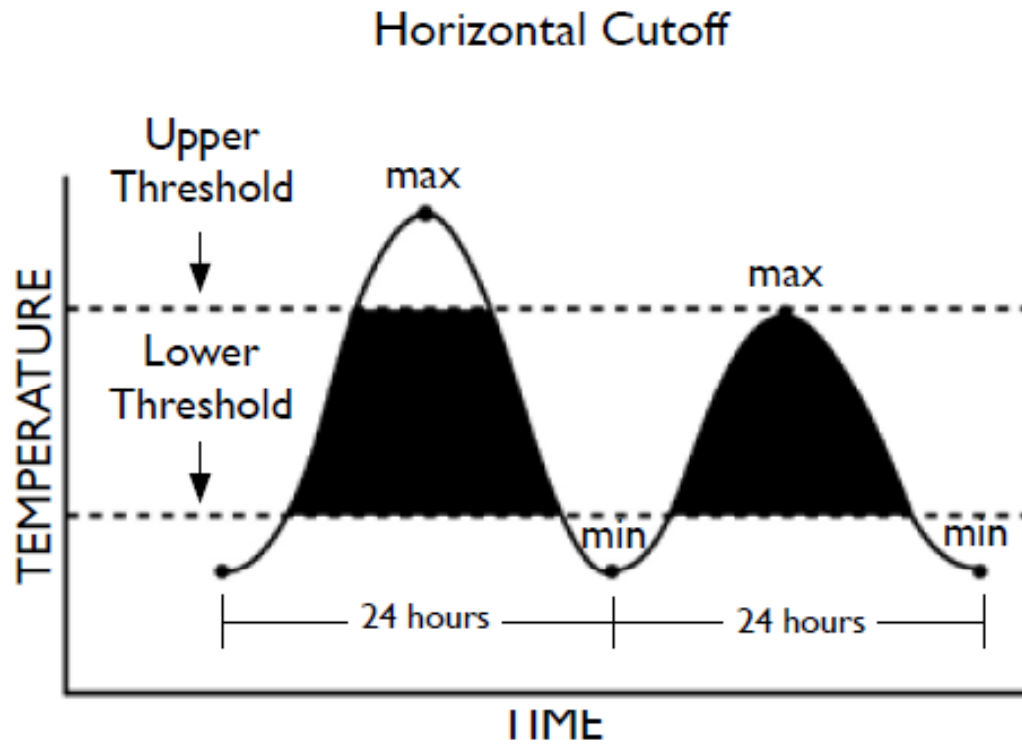
This calculation method is the simplest and least precise.

## **SINE WAVE METHOD**

It is based on the assumption that temperatures of a 24-hour day follow a sine wave curve. The number of degree days is then calculated as the area under this curve within the lower and upper temperature thresholds

# SINE WAVE METHOD

The area in black under the curve represents the number of degree days that fall between a lower and upper threshold, for each 24-hour period



partial list of insect pests that occur in Utah for which we have temperature thresholds and degree day models. an asterisk have been validated for Utah.

Target Insect		Lower Developmental Threshold (F)	Upper Developmental Threshold (F)	Availability of Model
Name	Scientific Name			
weevil	<i>Hypera postica</i>	50	87	yes
gnat	<i>Pseudaletia unipuncta</i>	50	84	yes
worm	<i>Agrotis ipsilon</i>	50	86	yes
stem maggot	<i>Delia radicum</i>	40	86	yes
moth*	<i>Cydia pomonella</i>	50	88	yes
worm*	<i>Helicoverpa zea</i>	55	92	yes
pine shoot moth	<i>Rhyacionia bouliana</i>	28	---	yes
red mite	<i>Panonychus ulmi</i>	51	---	yes
oak leaf borer	<i>Synanthedon exitiosa</i>	50	87	no
borer*	<i>Podosesia syringae</i>	50	---	yes
plum leafroller*	<i>Choristoneura rosaceana</i>	43	85	yes
oak borer*	<i>Anarsia lineatella</i>	50	88	yes
scale	<i>Cacopsylla pyricola</i>	41	-	no
scale*	<i>Quadraspidiotus perniciosus</i>	51	90	yes
oak root weevil	<i>Otiorhynchus ovatus</i>	40	103	yes
oak cutworm	<i>Peridroma saucia</i>	45	80	yes
oak bark beetle*	<i>Rhagoletis completa</i>	41	130	yes
cherry fruit fly*	<i>Rhagoletis indifferens</i>	41	130	yes

Model has been validated for Utah

Find model information from: UC-Davis IPM Web site: <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/MODELS/index.html>