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CONTROL OF CAMPYLOMMA VERBASCI WITH REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED PESTICIDES

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Abstract: The efficacy of early season application of several newer chloronicotinyl insecticides on Campylomma verbasci was tested in a mixed cultivar apple block. Five-tree replicates were sprayed with test materials at pink, bloom, or petal fall timing using an airblast sprayer calibrated to deliver 200 gallons per acre. Bloom and pre-bloom application of Actara and Carzol were very effective in reducing in season nymph populations and fruit damage. The other chloronicotinyls, Calypso and Assail, are also quite active against Campylomma nymphs when applied early, and the fruit damage was not statistically different than Actara/Carzol. Avaunt, Raynox and Surround did not prevent fruit damage, nor was there any significant activity against nymphs. This test also confirms that timing is key: Carzol, although very toxic to nymphs, will not prevent fruit damage when applied at petal fall.