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# Management and epidemiology of pre- and postharvest diseases of sweet cherry

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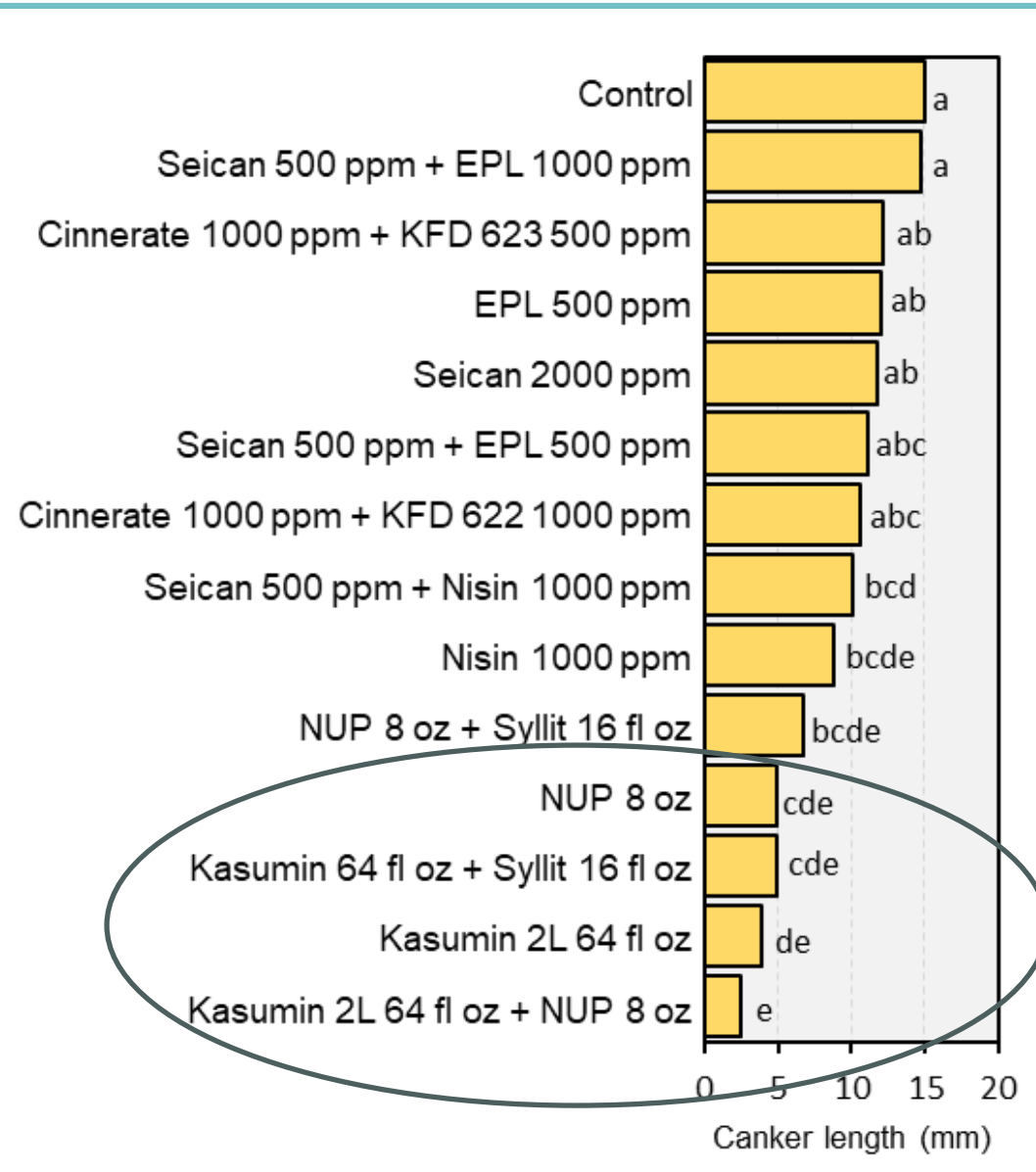
# **Evaluate, under field conditions, bloom and preharvest applications of new compounds, premixtures, and biologicals**

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- Bacterial canker/blast
  - Powdery mildew
- Brown rot and Botrytis blossom blight
  - Brown rot fruit rot
  - Gray mold decay

# Evaluation of antibacterial treatments for protection of cv. Coral branches from bacterial canker - 2023

Bacterial blast and canker of sweet cherry



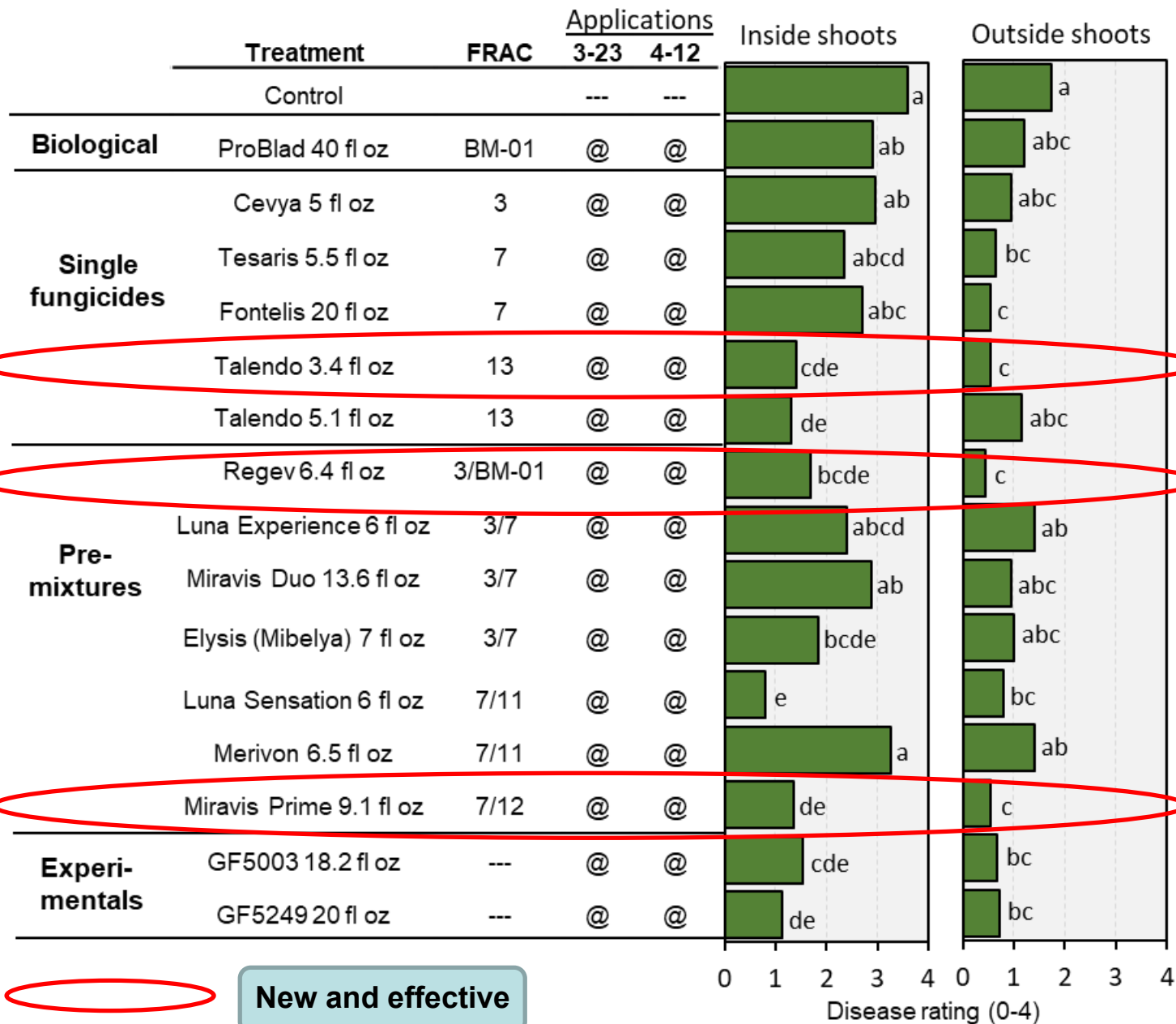
On 12-22-22, 1- to 2-year-old branches were wounded, spray-treated, and spray-inoculated with *Pseudomonas syringae*. Disease was evaluated in June 2023, and canker length was measured.

- Associated with any injury (cold or mechanical) or stress during cool, wet conditions
- Symptoms: Cankers with progressive dieback

# Management of bacterial canker and blast

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- **Copper:** inconsistently suppressive – resistance widespread
  - **Kasumin:** highly and consistently effective. Registered in 2018
  - **Mycoshield:** Pending registration at EPA (2024?) - postponed
  - **Biocontrols** (Actinovate, Botector)
  - **Oxidizers:** Oxidate, Perasan (non-persistent)
  - **New products identified** (nisin,  $\epsilon$ -poly-L-lysine, cinnamaldehyde)
  - **Timing:**
    - *Canker* – Cold wet (windy) conditions favoring disease and immediately after frost injury (1-day).
    - *Blast* - A bloom treatment with Kasumin or Mycoshield (pending) in combination with fungicides for blossom blight for trees treated with rest-breaking compounds
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**New and effective**

**New:** Talendo (proquinazid) is in the IR-4 program.

**Pending:** Miravis Prime, Elysis, Regev

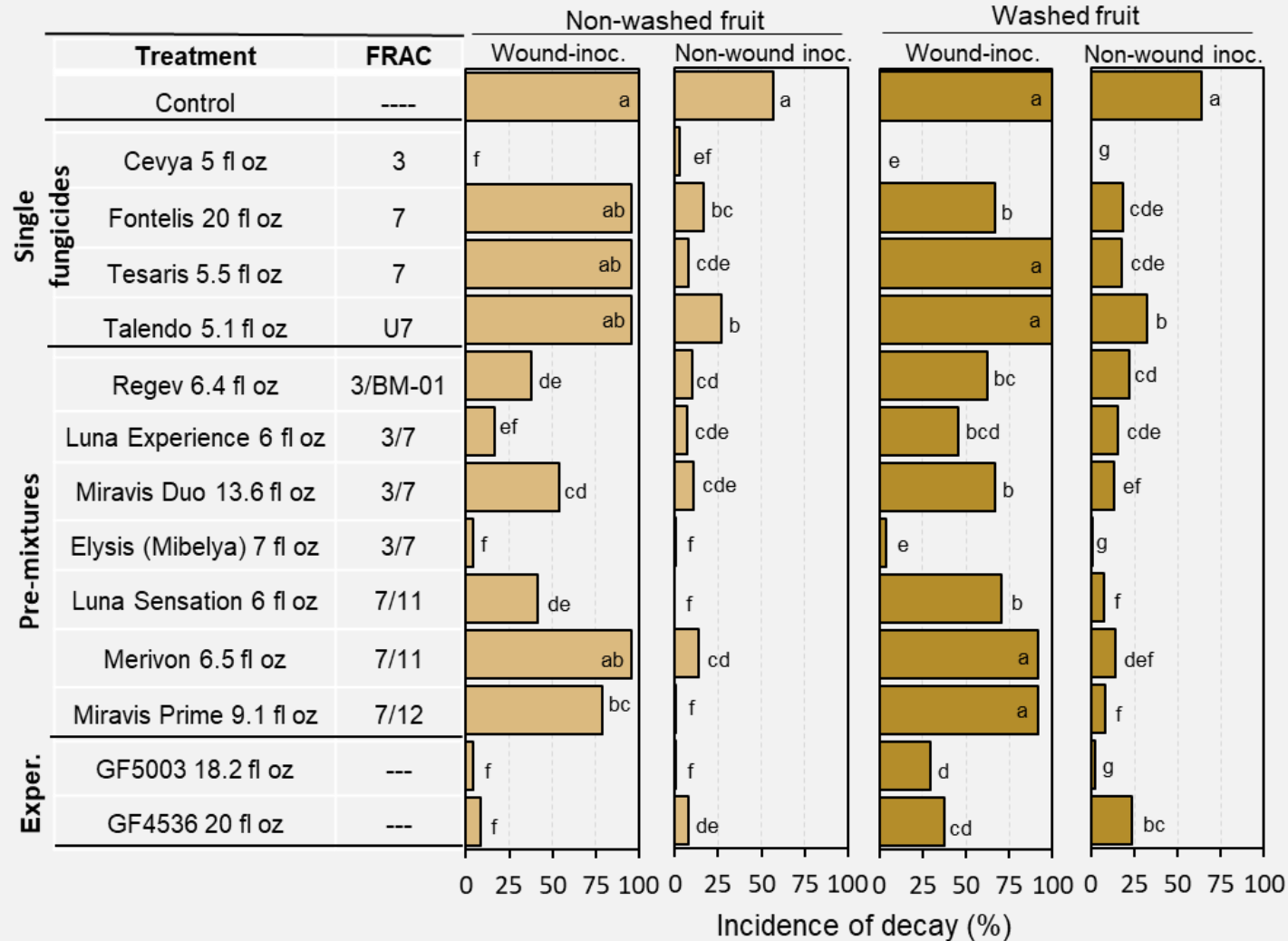
## Preharvest fungicide treatments for management of powdery mildew of Bing cherries 2023



Applications starting at 50% bloom. Evaluation on 6-1-23. Terminal shoots from inside or outside of the tree were rated for the severity of disease: 0=healthy to 4=>50% of leaf area diseased.

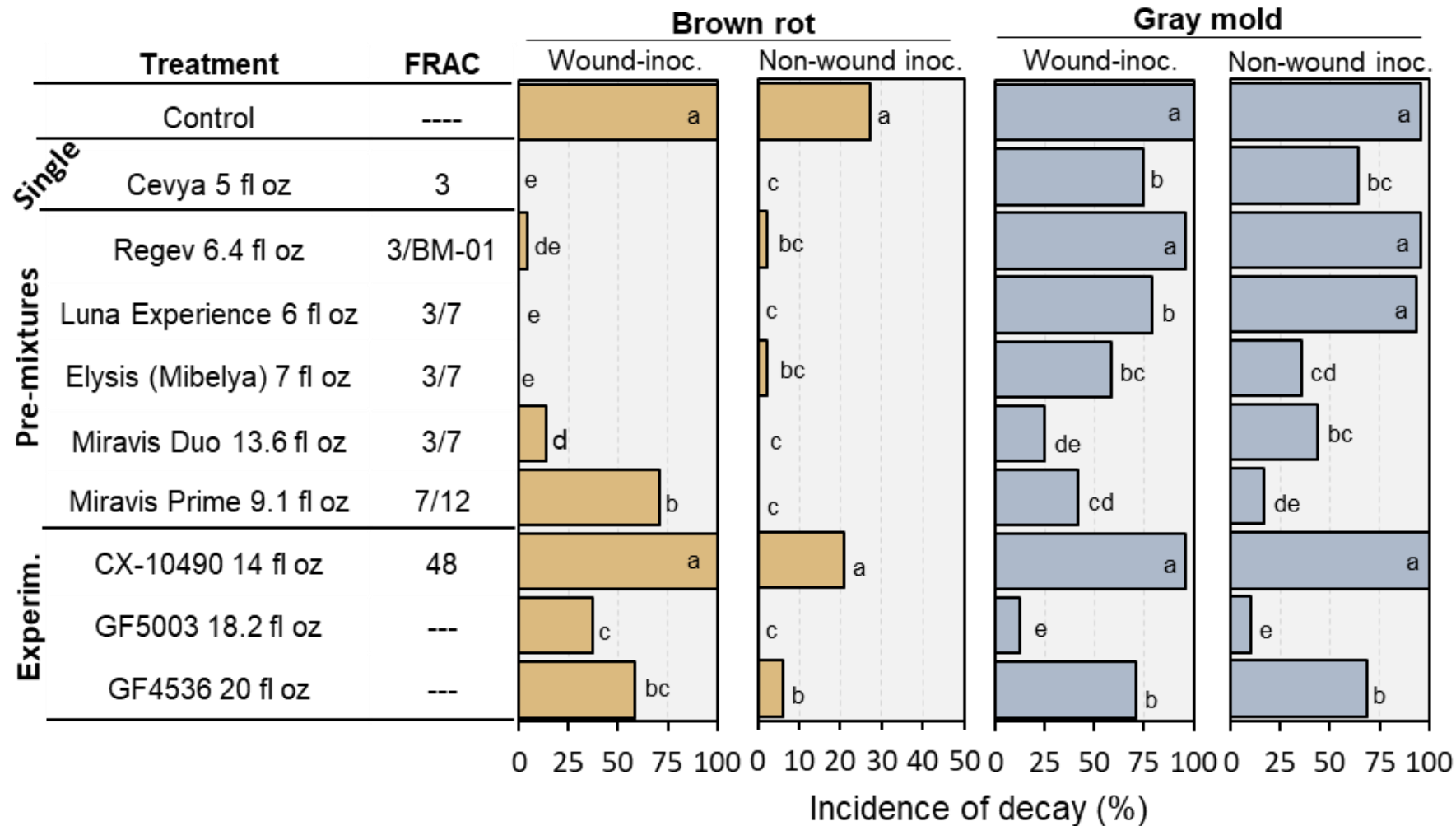


## Efficacy of 7-day preharvest fungicide treatments for management of postharvest brown rot of Bing cherries - San Joaquin Co. - 2023



Treatments were applied on 6-1-23 using an air-blast sprayer at a rate of 100 gal/A, and all except Regev were done in combination with DynAmic at 8 fl oz/A. Treatments were also applied on 3-23 and 4-12-23 as part of a powdery mildew program. Harvested fruit were washed by gently agitating in water for 2 min. Fruit were wound-inoculated with *M. fructicola* (50,000 spores/ml) or non-wound drop-inoculated (50,000 spores/ml). Fruit were then incubated for 5-10 days at 22C.

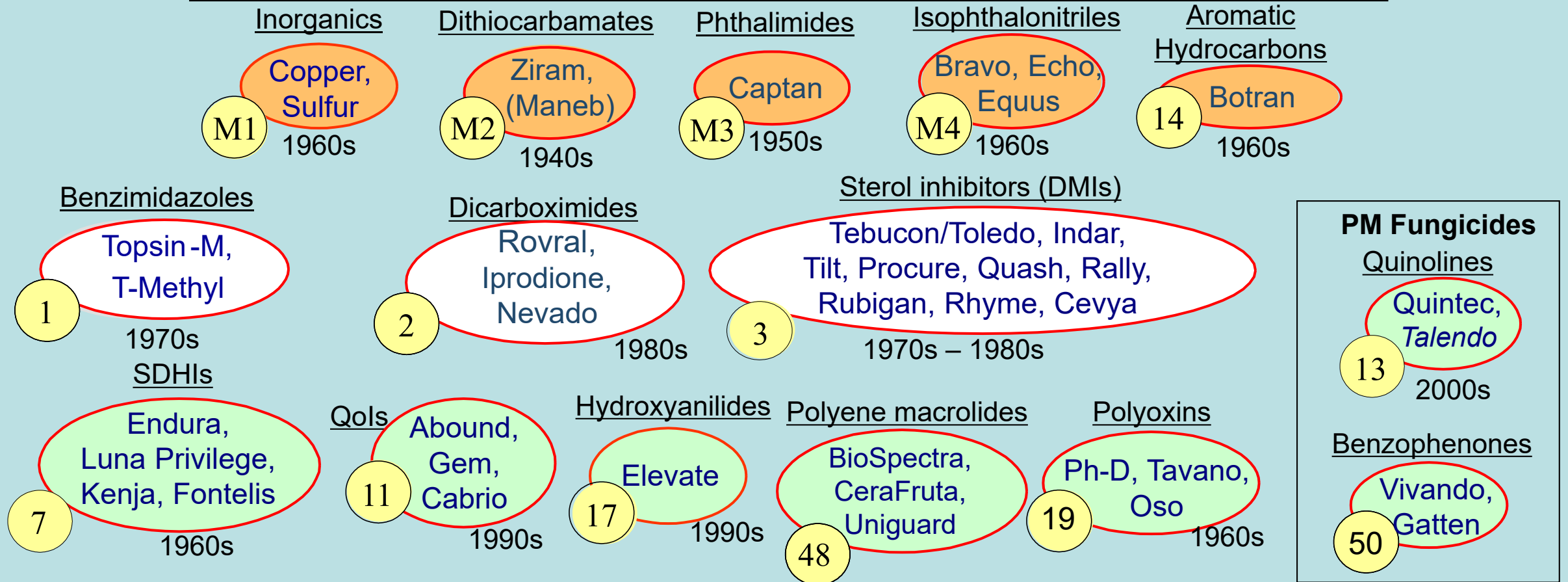
# Evaluation of new pre-harvest fungicides for managing brown rot and gray mold decays of Bing cherry - 2023



Treatments were applied on 5-25-23 using an air-blast sprayer at a rate of 100 gal/A. Fruit were wound-inoculated with *M. fructicola* or *B. cinerea* (40,000 spores/ml) or non-wound drop-inoculated with *M. fructicola* (500,000 spores/ml) or *B. cinerea* (300,000 spores/ml 25% cherry juice). Fruit were then incubated for 5-10 days at 22C.

# Fungicides for Sweet Cherry

## Single-fungicides - Inorganics and Conventional Synthetics

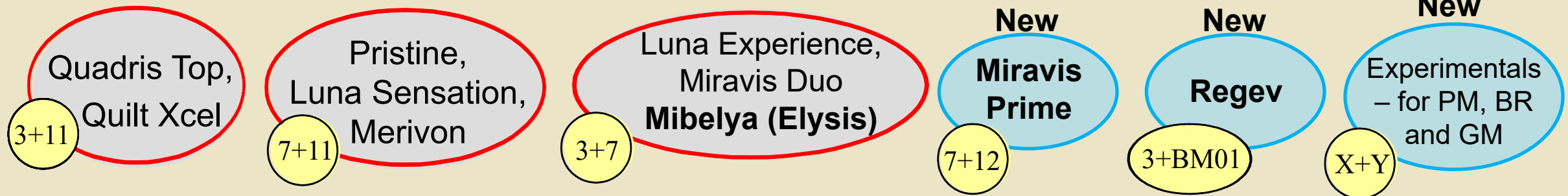


New 2023: Cevya, Miravis Duo, BioSpectra/Cerafruta (postharvest). Pending: Parade, Miravis Prime, Mibelya (Elysis), Regev

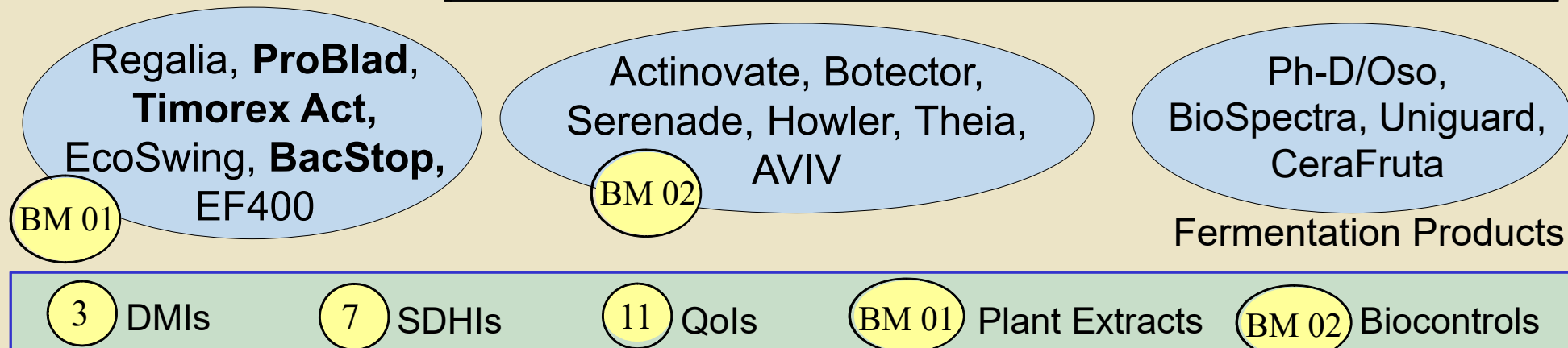


# Premixture Fungicides and Natural Alternatives for Managing Cherry Diseases

## Conventional Synthetic Fungicides – Pre-mixtures



## Natural Products, Biocontrols, Fermentation Extracts



Natural products and biocontrols that already are or potentially will be OMRI approved are being continuously evaluated for organic farming of stone fruits.

# **Crown rot with associated cankers and gumming followed by tree death are the most common symptoms of *Phytophthora* sp. infection on sweet cherry**

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**Infected trees decline and may die.**

**Five species of *Phytophthora* (*P. cactorum*, *P. cambivora*, *P. cryptogea*, *P. syringae*, and an unidentified species) and *Phytophthora vexans* were recovered.**



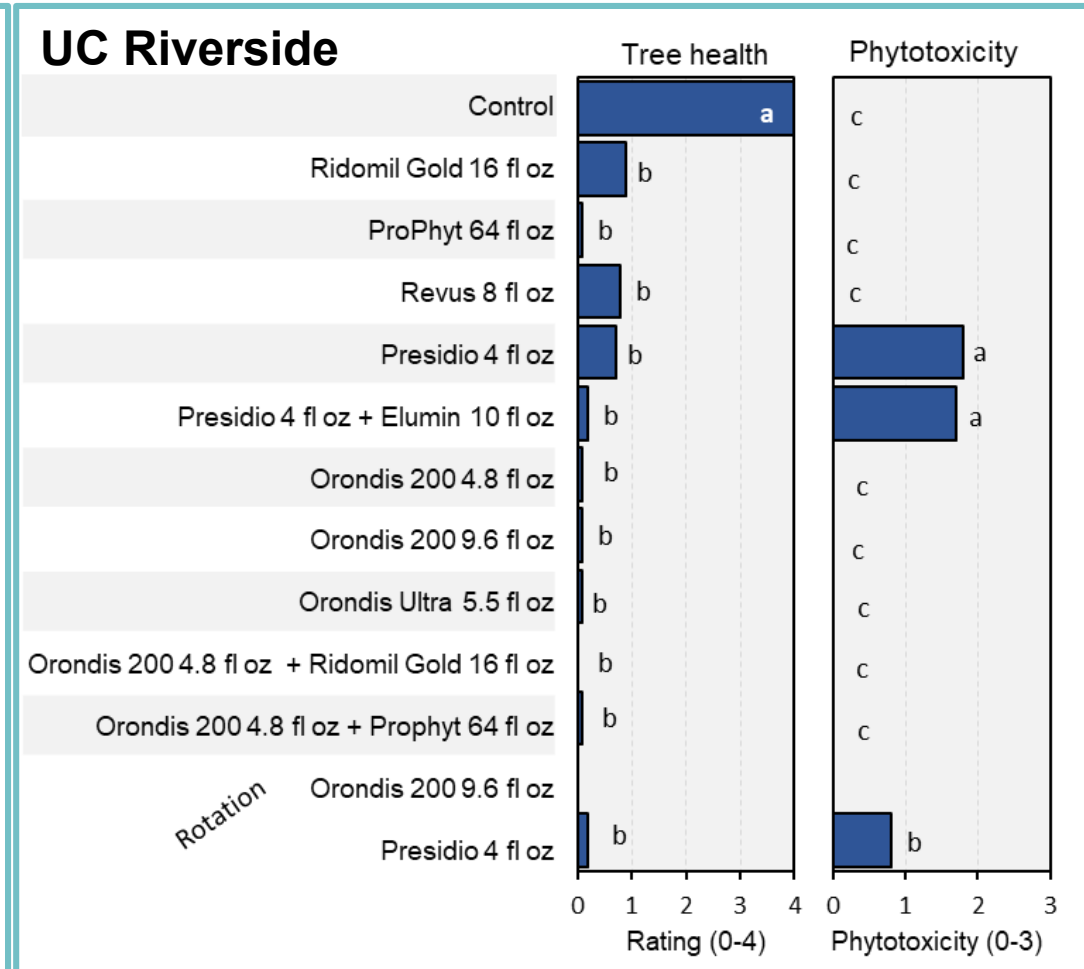
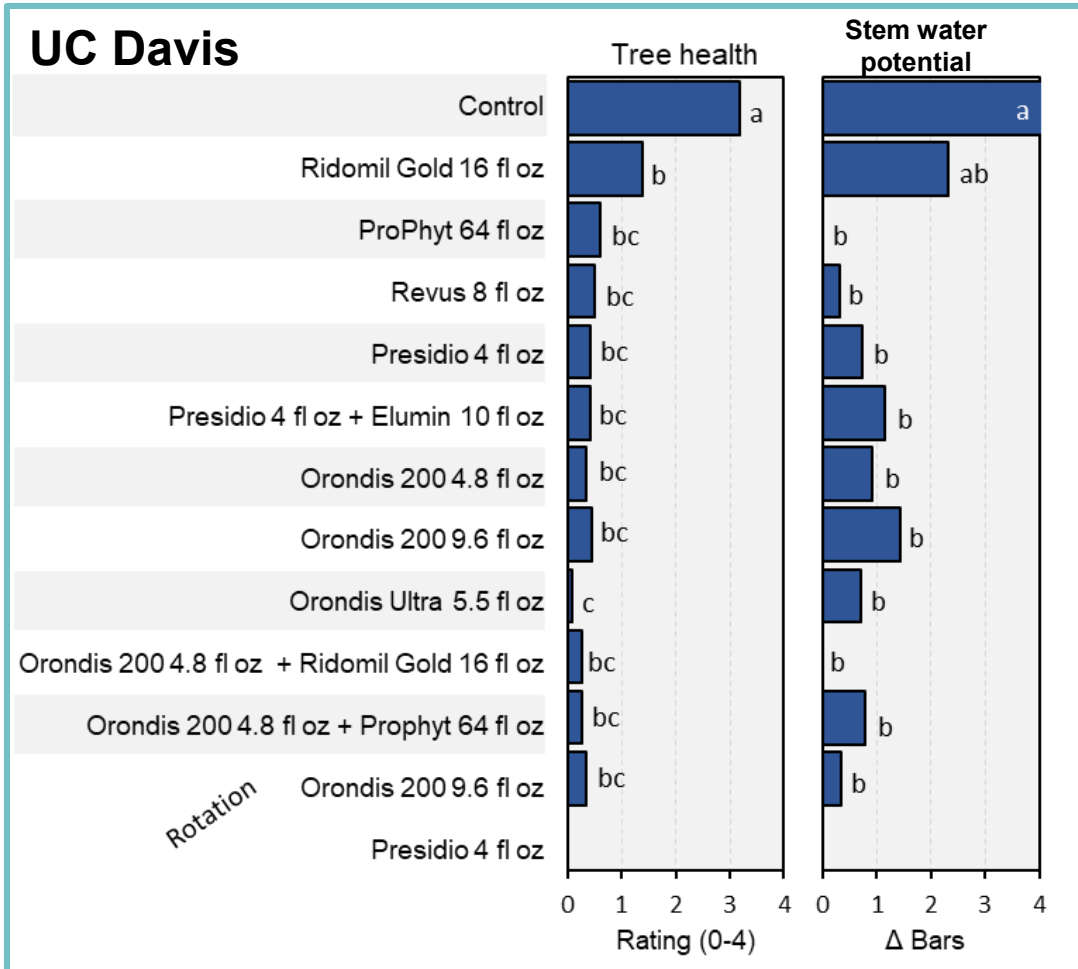
# Laboratory and field studies on new *Phytophthora* root rot fungicides

## Fungicides for managing *Phytophthora* root and crown rot diseases

|                           | Common Name                  | Trade Name   | Class                             | FRAC     |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Currently registered      | metalaxyl, mefenoxam         | Ridomil Gold | phenylamides                      | 4        |
|                           | fosetyl-Al, phosphorous acid | Various      | phosphonates                      | P07 (33) |
| In development for cherry | mandipropamid                | Revus        | CAAs                              | 40       |
|                           | fluopicolide                 | Presidio     | benzamides                        | 43       |
|                           | ethaboxam                    | Elumin       | thiazole carboxamide              | 22       |
|                           | oxathiapiprolin              | Orondis      | piperidinyl thiazole isoxazolines | 49       |

The new fungicides were shown to have high in vitro activity against all *Phytophthora* species from cherry with  $EC_{50}$  values mostly of less than 0.1 ppm. Oxathiapiprolin was most toxic at extremely low concentrations ( $EC_{50}$  values  $\leq 0.001$  ppm or  $\leq 1$  ppb).

# Efficacy of soil-applied fungicide treatments for management of *Phytophthora* crown and trunk cankers in field studies - 2023



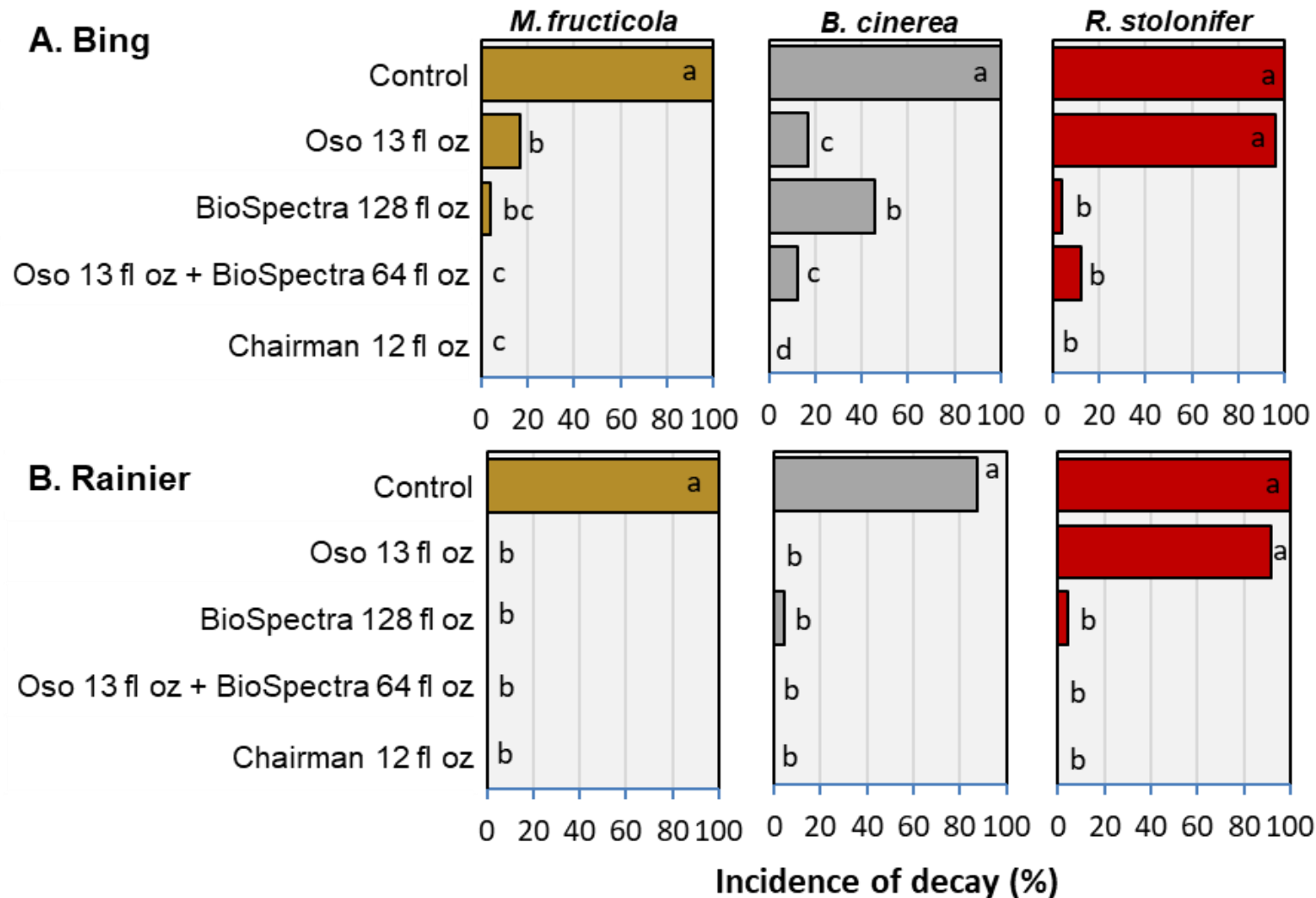
cv. Coral on Mahaleb rootstock, planted 2021



Treatments done to wet soil in May and Oct. 2021 and 2022. Soil inoculation with a mixture of *P. cactorum*, *P. cambivora*, and *P. citricola* in 2021. In 2023, tree health and phytotoxicity were rated.

- New Oomycota fungicides significantly improved tree health.
- *P. cactorum* and *P. cambivora* were recovered from trunk cankers.
- Fluopicolide (Presidio) showed some phytotoxic in sandy soils

# Evaluation of new fungicides for managing postharvest decays of Bing cherry in laboratory studies 2023



Fruit were wound-inoculated with spores of *M. fructicola*, *B. cinerea*, or *R. stolonifer*. Aqueous treatments were applied after 13 h. Fruit were incubated at 20C for 4-7 days.





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**Polyoxin D Zinc Salt 5SC Post-Harvest Fungicide**

For post-harvest use on listed fruits

Polyoxin D Zinc Salt 5SC Post-Harvest Fungicide is a suspension concentrate fungicide of polyoxin D zinc salt for control of certain post-harvest diseases of fruits in storage

| STONE FRUIT  |   |                        |  |
|--|---|------------------------|--|
| Application Method   | Disease   | Rate (fl. oz.)         | Remarks  |
| In-line Dip, Drench or aqueous Spray   | Gray Mold ( <i>Botrytis cinerea</i> ) Brown Rot ( <i>Monilinia fructicola</i> )<br><br>Suppression of Rhizopus Rot ( <i>Rhizopus stolonifer</i> ) and Sour Rot ( <i>Geotrichum candidum</i> ) | 3.5-16 fl. oz./100 gal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mix 3.5-16 fl. oz. of product in 100 gallons of water carrier.</li><li>• Treat for approximately 15-30 seconds and allow fruit to drain.</li><li>• For Rhizopus Rot and/or Sour Rot use highest rate.</li><li>• Make no more than one application.</li><li>• Make an application either before storage or after storage prior to shipping.</li></ul> |
| Stone Fruit Includes - Apricot ( <i>Prunus armeniaca</i> ); Apricot, Japanese ( <i>Prunus mume</i> ); Capulin ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> ); Cherry, black ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> ); Cherry, Nanking ( <i>Prunus tomentosa</i> ); Cherry, sweet ( <i>Prunus avium</i> ); Cherry, tart ( <i>Prunus cerasus</i> ); Jujube, Chinese ( <i>Ziziphus jujuba</i> ); Nectarine ( <i>Prunus persica</i> ); Peach ( <i>Prunus persica</i> ); Plum ( <i>Prunus domestica</i> ); Plum, American ( <i>Prunus americana</i> ); Plum, beach ( <i>Prunus maritima</i> ); Plum, Canada ( <i>Prunus nigra</i> ); Plum, cherry ( <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> ); Plum, Chickasaw ( <i>Prunus angustifolia</i> ); Plum, Damson ( <i>Prunus domestica</i> ); Plum, Japanese ( <i>Prunus salicina</i> ); Plum, Klamath ( <i>Prunus subcordata</i> ); Plum, prune ( <i>Prunus domestica</i> ); Plumcot ( <i>Prunus hybr.</i> ); Sloe ( <i>Prunus spinosa</i> ); Cultivars, varieties, and/or hybrids of these. |   |                        |  |

Polyoxin D pending CA approval

Includes sweet cherry

# Summary

1. New products against **bacterial blast and canker** - Biologicals/natural products, antibiotics
2. New fungicides for control of **brown rot and Botrytis blossom blight, powdery mildew, and preharvest brown rot and gray mold fruit decay**: Cevya, proquinazid, pyraziflumid, new premixtures (Miravis Top, Miravis Prime, Mibelya), and biologicals.
3. New **postharvest treatments**: fungicides (Chairman), 'exempt from tolerance-OMRI approved biofungicides (natamycin) and potentially others (Oso: OMRI-approved preharvest), and biologicals
  - Support Scholar-natamycin mixtures for food additive tolerance (FAT) in Japan
  - Support IR-4 registration of Miravis Prime for preharvest use to remove postharvest labeling in Japan
4. New fungicides for managing **Phytophthora root and crown rot**
  - In vitro baseline sensitivities to oxathiapiprolin, mandipropamid, fluopicolide, and ethaboxam
  - Complete studies in experimental orchards at UC Davis and UC Riverside, demonstrating efficacy that are needed for CA registration.
  - Conduct field studies with selected cherry rootstocks to characterize fungicide mobility
  - Support registration of mandipropamid for use in container greenhouse trees during propagation.

# Thank you!

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- Questions?