CBB Control in Coffee Fields in Kona, 2010

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CBB hole in green cherry



CCB in entrance hole

CBB already destroyed beans in green cherry

Sanitation of people and equipment before entering coffee fields is a must. Remove CBB and cherries in your hair, clothes, boots, hat, coffee bags, truck cab, truck bed, tarp or screen to cover bags, tires.

To save your farm our slogan is: 'Contain & Kill CBB'



January thru March: Pruning season Strip Pick before Pruning

1. Remove all cherries from the tree including out-of-season, immature, ripe, over-ripe, and

raisins



2. Be sure not to drop any cherry on the ground



3. Use large picking baskets



4. Spread tarps under the trees to catch cherry if practicable



5. Collect all remaining cherry on the ground



Aggressive strip picking leaves many dropped cherry.



Racking dropped cherry



Gas and electric leaf blower /vacuums

6. Place all cherry into sealable black or clear plastic bags or plastic boxes and store in the sun but in safe area so not to be accidently torn open.





7. Keep sealed until all CBB are dead and cherry decomposed.

If bags / boxes are in sun the heat will kill the CBB in a week or two.

Only after all CBB are dead should you compost openly.



Now prune, it is important to strip pick before pruning to prevent cherry falling on the ground.



May to August: Growing season



Rains begin and new cherries grow larger.

CCB leave the dropped cherries and raisins to attack the new cherries.

1. Now is the time to beginning trapping but keep in mind that these traps will catch more than just the CBB, other small beetles like BTB and TNB will be caught.

Distribution of CBB traps in coffee fields

2. Non infested fields: traps should be positioned away from the fields don't attract beetles into your field.



Distribution of CBB traps in coffee fields

3. Infested fields: 8-10 traps per acre distributed evenly throughout the farm at 4.5 to 5.5 feet height



4. Monitor traps weekly (catching anything?, fallen, broken, refill lure, clean out dead beetles, refill trapping



5. Refill the lure bottle with mix of 3 parts Methanol to 1 part Ethanol



6. Refill the trapping solution in bottom 2" of trap (soapy water, or radiator fluid)



Buy or make your own CBB traps



AgBio Inc. www.agbio-inc.com
Contact information: Jan
Meneley, Westminster,
CO 80031; ph 303-469-9221; fx

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\$9 plus shipping



Spray red paint on clear 2 liter soda bottle.

Transparent green 2 liter bottles work without painting.

Check <u>www.CTAHR.Hawaii.edu</u> for our CCB page and instructions to make your own traps.

Additional source for CBB or broca traps which maybe less expensive.

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August to December: Harvest Season

Sanitation of people and equipment before entering coffee fields is a must



1. Be sure harvesting equipment (vehicles, coffee bags, picking baskets, gloves, harvester's clothes, etc.) are free of CBB, especially when coming from another farm even if that farm is thought to be free of CBB.

Use tarp, mat, coffee bag, or ground cover cloth to catch dropped cherry.Put dropped cherry into basket.





Yes this will be a challenge on rocky farms, let's us know what other ways you catch cherry.



3. Using larger picking baskets will help keep cherries from accidently dropping to the ground while picking.



4. When pulling branches down to pick be careful not to strip cherries from the tree by aggressive handling of the verticals or laterals. This results in many cherries falling to the ground.



5. DO NOT remove or sort the unripe or overripe cherries from the ripe cherry unless it is into plastic bags/containers that can be sealed to prevent CBB escape. NEVER sort and throw onto the ground. Its better to bring all the cherries to the wet mill where it can be safely

sorted.



6. When transporting coffee cherry to the mill, cover it with a tarp or net with .02" or less holes so CCB cannot escape while you drive.



7. Only take bags that have been treated to kill CBB back to your fields. Do not trust non treated bags even if they are thought to have only been used in a non infested farm because they could pick up hitchhiking CBB from the mill. Hot water 160F dip, in mechanical dryer or laid flat under clear plastic to heat up will also kill but takes longer.



CBB killed in steamy water bath then dried



8. Clean all cherry from the vehicles before leaving the mill and returning to the coffee fields.





Technology that is not available yet

- Legal use of commercial preparations of the fungus Beauveria bassiana.
- Identified predators and parasites of CBB in Hawaii and how to improve their impact.
- Predators and parasites not in Hawaii.
- Insect eating birds like the black crested warbler eat CBB in Jamaica.
- Insecticides- best time would be during the growing season as CBB seek new cherry. We are evaluating.



Sources of CBB Best Management Practices for Growers and Millers

Remember to check at our CBB page on www.ctahr.hawaii.edu, at least once a year as we expect to make improvements and additions to our tactics to 'contain & kill CBB'. Questions/ comments on this presentation email Dr. HC Bittenbender hcbitt@hawaii.edu>

Check your coffee association's web page:

http://www.hawaiicoffeeassociation.com/

http://www.kona-coffee-council.com/

http://www.konacoffeefarmers.org/

http://mauicoffeeassociation.com/

http://www.kpfc.com/

http://hilocoffeemill.com/index.aspx

http://www.konafarmbureau.org/

http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/pi/ppc/coffee-berry-borer-folder/coffee-berry-borer-information-page

http://www.hear.org/species/hypothenemus_hampei/

