

The Next Five Years of IPM Research and Implementation: Inspect, Reduce, Remove

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Project on Areawide IPM of Coffee Berry Borer in Hawaii and Puerto Rico

Funded through National Program staff at the USDA Agricultural Research Service



5-year program at about \$1 million/yr Approximately 15 scientists and extension workers have written proposals and are receiving money We meet each year to give project updates and share information with the growers

Does coffee berry borer need an Areawide?

- Yes, to prevent pest spread to other islands
- Yes, to prevent mass emigration
- Yes, because different tactics are needed in different areas due to differences in climate and pest pressure

ARS may receive 5 years of new Areawide Funding

- There have been three previous years of funding under the Areawide. Not all of the money have been spent. Specific Cooperative Agreements are in place for many of the researchers through mid-2018.
- However, new money is needed to beef-up research programs for those researchers, to provide money for new researchers, and to fund new initiatives.
- Dr. James gave us the choice of putting together a one-year plan now and a more comprehensive plan in 2017, or putting together a comprehensive 5 year plan now. We did a little of both.

Proposal received this year for a demonstration of Frequent Harvesting Technique:

Reducing Coffee Berry Borer Populations and Increasing the Quality of Coffee Production by Improving Cultural Control Practices in Coffee Farms from Hawaii

Investigators:

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Collaborators: Rondall Stevens, General Manager Ka'u coffee farm, Pahala, HI Bod Nelson, Owner Lehuula coffee farm, Kona, HI

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Have all the pathogens of CBB been found?

There may be protozoa (neogregarines), microsporidia, baculoviruses, could be discovered both in Hawaii and other areas of world that could be used in a classical biological control or inoculative technique to add stress, illness, mortality to the CBB population.



"The microsporidian *Mattesia* sp. was observed only once, while examining the adult borer's intestines coming from a population of laboratory-reared insects, kept at Cenicafé. Individuals of this host, affected by these protozoa, are relatively inactive and their reproduction is reduced or show inability to breed."

Nosema:

a genus of microsporidian parasites. The genus, circumscribed by Swiss botanist Karl Wilhelm von Nägeli in 1857, contains 81 species. Most parasitise insects and other arthropods, and the bestknown Nosema species parasitisehoneybees, where they are considered a significant disease by beekeepers, often causing a colony to fail to thrive in the spring as they come out of their overwintering period.



Kingdom:	<u>Fungi</u>
Division:	<u>Microsporidia</u>
Class:	<u>Dihaplophasea</u>
Order:	<u>Dissociodihapl</u> ophasida
Family:	<u>Nosematidae</u>

Name:

Academic Record:

Photograph:

Donald C. Steinkraus <steinkr@uark.edu>

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Ph.D.	Cornell University	1987
M.S.	University of Connecticut	1979
B.A.	Cornell University	1975



Primary Research Area: Biological control with pathogens & apiculture Current Appointment: 55-85% Research, 0-35% Teaching, 15% Service

Rank/Position Institution **Research Areas** Date University of Arkansas **Full Professor** 1999-date Biocontrol & Apiculture Associate Professor University of Arkansas 1994-98 **IPM & Insect Pathology** University of Arkansas Assistant Professor 1989-99 **Row Crop IPM Research** Associate **Cornell University** 1987-89 Dairy/Poultry IPM

Professional Experience:

Predator Thrips

larvae.



Adult

Karnyothrips flavipes, a predator thrips, is a biological control agent for Coffee Berry Borer in Kenya. Karnyothrips lay eggs inside infested coffee beans. **Adults and larva thrips** feed on CBB eggs and



Infective juveniles of *Steinernema feltiae* from within *Galleria*.



An ambusher, it waits for a host to come by.



Nematodes could be ideal for killing CBB in rocky soil



bees and

Wild bees are disappearing

- In Hawaii Island.....
- Varroa mite detected in 2008
- Small hive beetles found in 2010

 Old-timers (anyone who was farming coffee 8 or more years ago) reminisce about the hum that used to be.

Neelendra K. Joshi

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Education

2011	Ph.D. (Dual Degree) – Entomology and Comparative & International Education
	The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA
2001	Master of Science Agriculture - Entomology
	G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, India

1999 Bachelor of Science - (Major: Zoology, Botany, & Chemistry) Kumaun University, Nainital, India

Research Focus

- Pollinator biology, ecology and ecosystem services, Pollinator and non -target arthropods' ecotoxicology and pesticide risk assessment, Pollinator conservation and management in economically important crops and other ecosystems. Integration of pollinator health into existing IPM programs and crop p roduction.
- Ecologically -based IPM in various crops, Insect ecology, Modeling insect phenology, Monitoring and sampling, Insecticide resistance, Development and implementation of IPM programs.

Professional Experience

2015 - Present	Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas (Entomology), Fayetteville, AR
2011- 2015	Postdoc. Research Scholar, Penn State University (Entomology), University Park, PA
2005 - 2011	Doctoral/Gr ad. Research Assistant, Penn State University (Entomology), PA
2004 - 2004	Senior Research Fellow, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology (Dept. of
	Entomology) - Hill Campus, UK, India.
2002 - 2003	Junior Research Fellow, H.N.B.G. University, (Dept. of Zoology), Tehri, UK, India
2001-2002	Assistant Manager , Manjushree Plantations Limited (Coffee , Tea, Cardamom), New
	Hope, TN, India.

Excerpt from proposal of Neel Joshi and Donald Steinkraus received this year

 Although there are a few species of coffee that are self-fertile, recent studies convincingly suggest that the yield of coffee (both self-fertile as well as self-sterile species) is significantly increased by flower visitation by honey bees (Klein et al. 2003b, Roubik 2002b) and different species of wild bees (Klein et al. 2003a). For instance, in case of the highland coffee (Coffea arabica) grown in Indonesia, the fruit-set had been reported to be increased by over 12 % when flowers were pollinated by bees (Klein et al. 2003b). In Panama, Roubik (2002b) found a 25 % increase in the mass of ripe berries when African honey bees dominated flower visitation in C. arabica plants. Roubik (2002b) also found a significant increase (49 %) in the abundance of ripe berries per flower in plants under open pollination. This research reveals that the bees not only significantly contribute to *C. arabica* fruit-set, but also consistently improve production (over 36%) in coffee farms (Roubik 2002b).

Reducing pest populations through good sanitation and harvesting methods (strip picking, harvesting frequency, techniques to prevent coffee berries from ending up on the ground, mitigation measures for CBB in berries already on the ground)

 Efficient use of *Beauveria* and other environmentally acceptable chemicals, including improved application and pest sampling methods

Basic biological studies of the pest and natural enemies under Hawaii conditions (life history, life table or other demographic studies, infestation biology, emigration from feral coffee, seasonal mass immigrations, survival during periods when coffee berries are not available on trees)

Infestation biology and life history of CBB: New discoveries

(Desperate Times Require Desperate Measures)



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Fate of CBB in Berries with and without ground cover





Results After 4 weeks

Bob Nelsc	on's Farm		Number of Adult Females per 10 berries					
Set up Oct	tober 8, 20	15						
Adult Bee	Adult Beetles 15-Oct		23-Oct	29-Oct	4-Nov	SUBTOTAL	Beetles/Berry	
Plot 1	Bare	15	39	24	26	104	2.6	
Plot 2	Grass	74	11	27	7	119	3.0	
Plot 3	Bare	15	20	13	27	75	1.9	
Plot 4	Grass	40	7	2	1	50	1.3	
					6 of 10 "ro	tten"		

Results from Bare vs. Groundcover

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12-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	8-Dec	16-Dec	SUBTOTAL	Beetles/Berry	TOTALS	
20	22	28	37	76	35	218	3.6	322	Bare
16	7	0	3	27	9	62	1.0	181	Grass
21	12	2	18	47	16	116	1.9	191	Bare
0	0	3	4	23	0	30	0.5	80	Grass
					4 berries				



- Upon emergence, F1 or F2 females may bore into berries of the same coffee plant (common), or colonize trees some distance away (rarely up to 500 meters away). Males never leave the fruit.
- There can be three to five generations per season. Up to a hundred beetles can be found in a single fruit.
- The insect is very sensitive to desiccation and waits for the rains to leave the fruit. The most affected areas in the crops are the shady and moist ones.



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average number of adults per raisin



 Development and demonstration of farming systems which document the cost, efficiency, and practicality of individual IPM components and include information on yield, quality and profit

 Cultural methods to reduce pest incidence or facilitate IPM (planting density, pruning methods, shade, irrigation, windbreaks, ground covers and other inter-crops, techniques for synchronizing flowering)

Tactics for IPM implementation in Hawaii

Inspect: Use traps to detect movement, use infestation counts (% berries with holes, positions of beetles in berries) Reduce: Well-timed Beauveria, sprays, pyronyl, Surround, pruning techniques, physical barriers, predators, repellents Remove: frequent and thorough harvesting, strip picking, stumping, plant growth hormones for uniform flowering, ground covers



Square-Necked Grain Beetle, *Cathartus* quadricollis



Ethanol/methanol trap used for timing of *Beauveria* sprays



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