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2018 Eriophyid Mite Control Trial Results

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- Symptoms show up after curing in storage
- Light-weight shrunken bulbs
- Cloves have dull surface, powdery, dusty (not shiny)
- E. mite feeding is often associated with Pennicillium and/or Fusarium













10 x magnification



32 x magnification



400 x magnification



Photos: Frank Hay



Shrunken bulbs



Scales fall off cloves





- If E. mite-infested bulbs survive the winter, early growth may be stunted, twisted and streaked.
- Does Fusarium spp. "chase" E. mite damage?



Eriophyid Mites – Favorable Conditions



- Maximum population growth occurs at 77° and 80-95% RH
- Reproduction slows as temperatures drop
- No reproduction below 43°F
- 1 hour of 113 °F will kill the eggs
- Survive in the soil
- Not favored by field saturation more of a problem in dry years?
- Conifers, shrubs and bedding plants are also hosts

Eriophyid Mites: Control Measures in the Literature



- Soak seed stock for 24 hours immediately prior to planting in a 2% soap and 2% mineral oil water bath (Jepson and Putnam, 2008 – Oregon State)
- Heat garlic to between 113° and 119° F for 1 hour (Courtin et al., 2000).
 - Do not exceed 120°F, at which point waxy breakdown occurs.

Eriophyid Mite 2018 Control Trial - Albion Treatments



All E. mite-infested cloves except Trt. #3

No.	Application	Product and Rate per Acre
1		Untreated - infested cloves
2		Untreated - clean cloves from infested bulbs
3		Untreated - clean seed (large bulbs)
4	seed treatment	Avicta 500 FS 0.05 mg abamectin per seed
5	seed soak (4 hour)	Agri-Mek SC 4 hour soak @ 0.072 g a.i abamectin/L
6	seed soak (24 hour)	2% soap + 2% v/v mineral oil 24 hour soak
7	heat treatment	heat garlic to 113-115 F for 1 hour
8	dip (2 min)	Terraclean (1:250 dilution) 0.4% v/v
		Mixing error: actual 1% v/v
9	foliar app ABC	Agri-Mek SC 3.5 fl oz + Dyne-Amic 025% v/v
10	foliar app ABC	Zeal WSP 3 oz + Dyne-Amic 0.25% v/v





ABC: Jun 17, 22, Jul 1 – CO₂ backpack sprayer

Eriophyid Mite 2018 Control Trial - Albion Treatments – mineral oil & soap soak



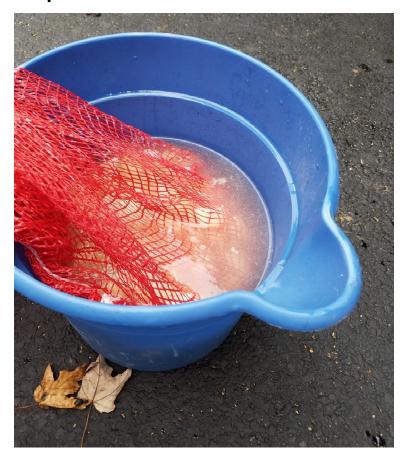




Used wrong kind of soap – dish soap may strip off wax

Eriophyid Mite 2018 Control Trial - Albion Treatments – dip or soak





Eriophyid Mite 2018 Control Trial - Albion Treatments – hot water treatment





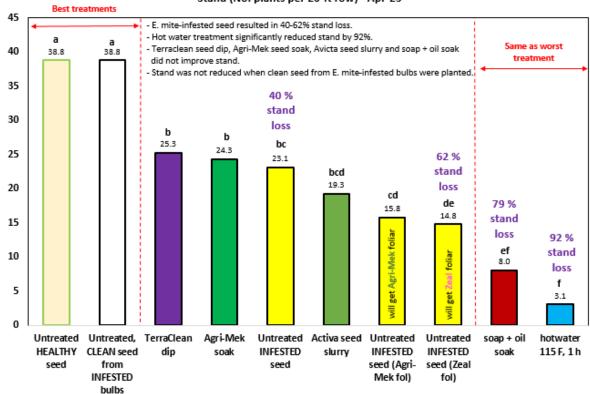
Stove-top

Eriophyid Mite 2018 Control Trial - Albion Results – Emergence/Stand



Evaluation of Treatments for Control of Eriophyid Mites in Garlic, Holley, NY, 2018:





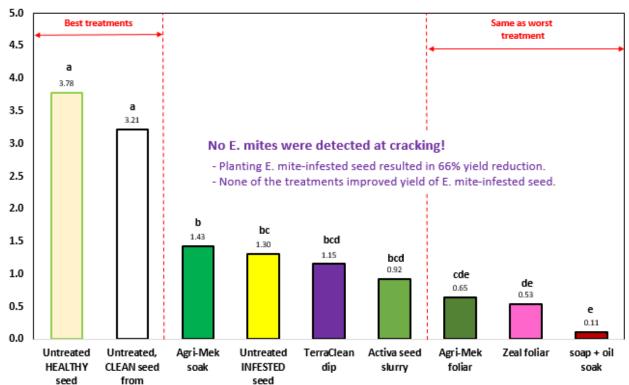
Eriophyid Mite 2018 Control Trial - Albion Results – E. mite & Yield

INFESTED bulbs



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Marketable Yield (lbs per 20 ft row)



No yield from hot water treatment

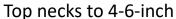
Eriophyid Mite 2018 Control Trial - Albion Results — No E. Mites



Where did the E. mites go??

Curing & Storage Conditions Favorable for E. Mite







Curing: high tunnel with shade cloth



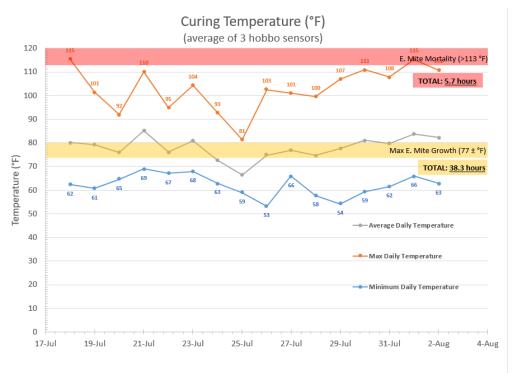
Storage: inside front door of steel barn in mesh bags

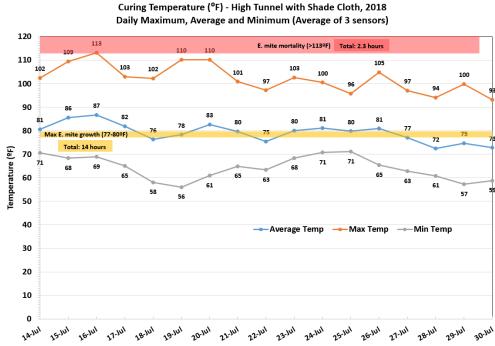
Curing Conditions Favorable for E. Mites?



High Tunnel - No shade cloth

High Tunnel - With shade cloth

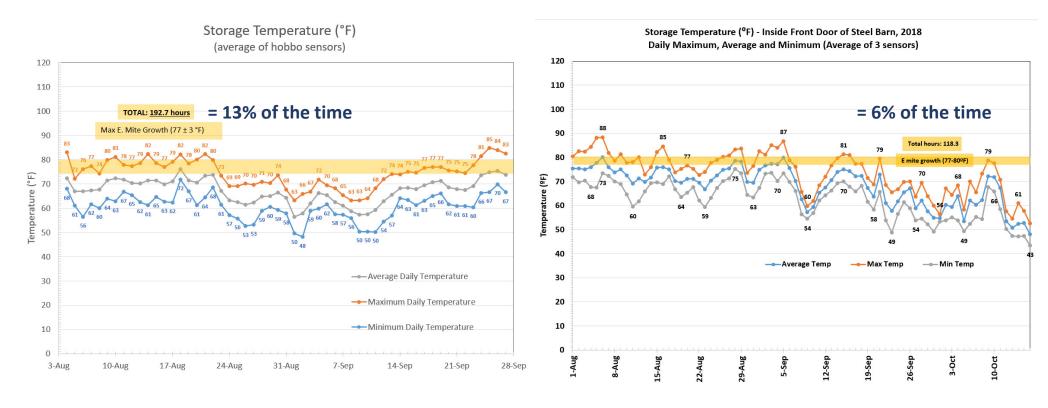




Storage Conditions Favorable for E. Mites?



2017 2018



Post-Harvest Garlic Survey



- Garlic grown in one place
- Harvested, leave tops on
- Distribute to growers to cure and store using their standard practices
 - Six 50-lb mesh onion bags with 10 plants per bag
 - Temperature and relative humidity sensor in one of bags
 - Bulb samples remain in bags with sensors
- Collect samples back in early to mid-October (after storage, at time of cracking)
 - Grade and weigh, quality assessment, etc.
 - Relate quality to curing and storage conditions
- If you are interested in participating, let me know!