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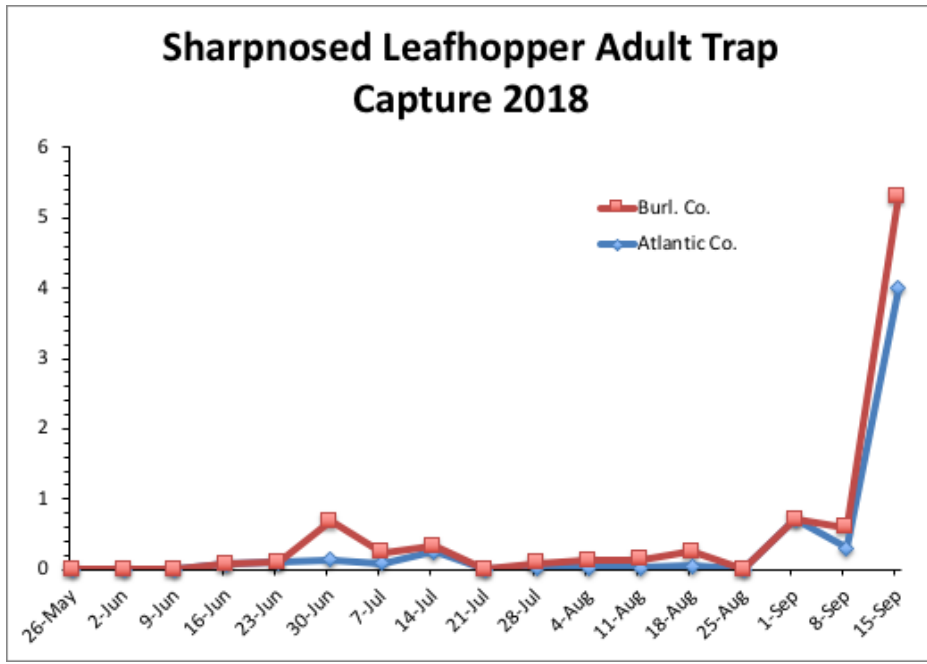
Mr. Dean Polk, IPM Agent – Fruit

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Sharp-nosed Leafhopper (SNLH): Treatments for the second generation are usually timed to be close to the second adult flight peak. While SNLH populations have been pretty low this year, we finally saw an increase in adult activity this past week with adult trap captures taking a significant jump. Adults are the stage that can fly and are therefore more motile and effective at spreading blueberry stunt disease. Given the facts that is now past the middle of September, and adults are moving, growers should apply a treatment targeting SNLH as soon as possible. If you have been saving your diazinon all year for this purpose then you can use it now. This will also help control any scale crawlers which are still active. If targeting only SNLH then any of the neonicotinoids work well – Assail, Actara, Admire. Imidan will also work well for SNLH

control. Some of the pyrethroids - Asana, Brigade/Bifenture, Hero, can also be effective, but generally don't give as much control as the previously mentioned products.

Putnam Scale: If you had scale infestation this past season and still have not put on a treatment, there is still time to do so. We still had crawler activity over this past week. If you had scale marks on your fruit, then you can be assured that there are quite a few scale insects on your canes. If left untreated (or unpruned), these can lead to cane decline and more heavily infested fruit next year. Esteem is the product of choice for this insect, but it **MUST** be used as **DILUTE** as possible to achieve full coverage of the wood. Pyrethroids can also give some control, but only if used in a dilute application.



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