



# 2017 ANNUAL UPDATE

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## 2017 OKSIR

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## 2016: The Year in Review

Last year was another very early spring, and moth activity started early. The OKSIR Program once again met its operational target. More than 90% of the acreage had less than 0.2% damage from codling moth at harvest. Moth captures increased, however, in a number of areas.

Orchards with high codling moth pressure will receive extra sterile moths, and field staff will do in-season scouting. Please help us control codling moth by keeping the wild moths in check. It only takes one or two infested trees to keep the wild population alive and well. Often these are trees on fence lines, by the orchard's homes or cabins, on slopes, or where other obstacles prevent proper spray application. See the insert for more information on spray timing, and contact your Field Supervisor—we're here to help!

## OKSIR to Provide Help with Apple Maggot and Clearwing

OKSIR will be cooperating with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, and BC Fruit Growers' Association to assist with the 2017 apple maggot detection efforts, on a cost-recovery basis. Apple maggot is not established in the Okanagan, but there was a second single detection of the pest found in Kelowna last summer. The first detection was in West Kelowna in 2015. The CFIA will be conducting delimitation surveys around the find locations and continuing with traps throughout the rest of the valley. OKSIR field staff will assist in the deployment and monitoring of traps in select areas.

Similarly, OKSIR will cooperate again with BC Fruit Growers' Association to hang mating disruption apple clearwing moth in the second year of the BCFGA's project. Both projects are done on a cost-recovery basis.

## Are you leasing your orchard this year?

We need to know who else should be getting information on trap counts, spray recommendations, and other program information. If you are leasing your orchard, please share this Grower Update with them and encourage them to update us with their contact information. Along with providing trap results on the bottom of each trap and on our website, we can also email weekly trap counts to growers and keep in touch with their field service representative or IPM consultant.

## Do you know your Field Supervisor?

OKSIR has some new faces on the team for 2017, both in the field and in the office. Your Field Supervisor should be your first point of contact for anything OKSIR-related. If you're not sure who the Field Supervisor for your area is, you can check our website ([www.oksir.org](http://www.oksir.org)), or phone the head office: 1-800-363-6684.

## Wondering why the map says a spray was recommended for your orchard last year?

Spraying is recommended when your traps reach threshold during the season. A first generation spray based on degree days might be recommended **if** your orchard had high wild codling moth captures, larvae in the bands, or fruit damage the previous year. Contact your Field Supervisor for more information.