



# Almond Nursery. Pest Control

## Nursery Pest Control Principles

The primary objective in controlling pests in the Almond nursery is to protect the growing point of the young trees in order to have straight trees.

1. Constantly observe the crop
2. Control pests *before* damage occurs to the growing tip.
3. Ensure access to the proper pesticide(s).  
(Always follow manufacturer's instructions for the safe use of pesticides.)
4. Avoid pesticides that can indirectly help other pests. For example, synthetic pyrethroid's upset spider mite predators, and can cause mite infestations.

## Types of Pests

Major pests include

- Insects such as thrips, spider mites, aphids, beetles, and worms (caterpillars).
- Microbial organisms such as bacteria, fungi, nematodes and viruses.
- Weeds which are any plants growing where they are not wanted.
- Molluscs such as snails and slugs.
- Vertebrates such as rats, mice, other rodents and birds.

## Managing Pests

To solve pest problems, you must:

- identify the pests, their type of damage and whether control is required,
- know what control methods are available,
- evaluate the benefits and risks of each control method,
- choose a strategy that will be most effective while causing the least harm to people and the environment,

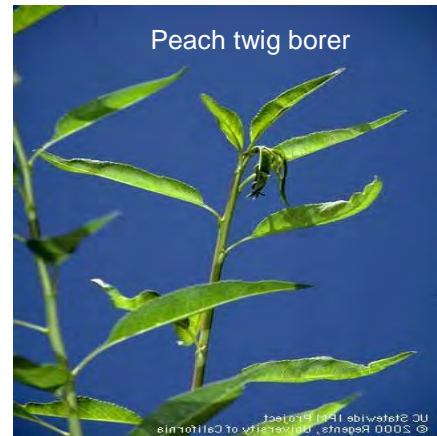
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Western Flower Thrip



European Red Spider mite



Peach twig borer



Weeds

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