

An update on current and future research goals and needs

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## Background

- Residential Mosquito Control Company
- 35 States and >325 locations
- Founded in 2002 by Joey Osborne
- Joined Mosquito Authority full time on July 1st 2017
- To advance Mosquito Authority through R&D projects that improve our ability to control vector and pest species to better serve our customers
- Serve as a Technical Expert to assist with Entomological problems
- Assist with Mosquito Authority Training
- Serve as a liaison with professional societies (AMCA), industry partners and county, state and federal government agencies
  - AMCA Science and Technology Committee
  - Projects with U.S. CDC, ECU, NCSU

Mosquito Authority
Laboratory and Insectary

Aedes albopictus

Culex quinquefasciatus

Musca domestica

Identification

Behavior/Trap/Efficacy

Insecticide Resistance

1700 acre Industrial Park

Area Laboratories





Navy – NECE Jacksonville

**USDA – CMAVE Gainesville** 

**UF/FMEL** – Gainesville/Vero

Jacksonville MCD

AMCD St. Augustine



## **Operations**

**Source Reduction** 

Larvicides

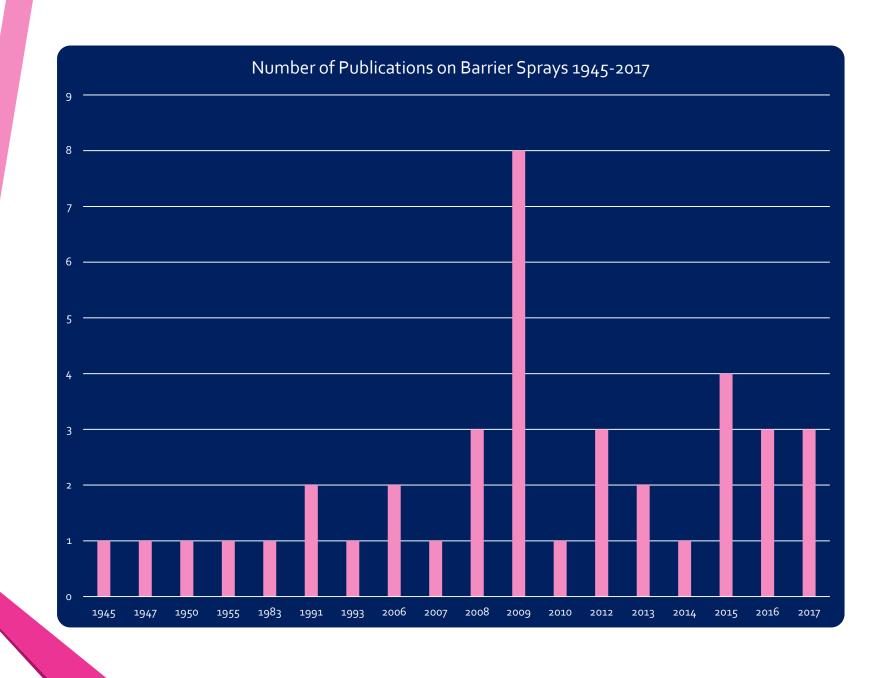
**Barrier Sprays** 

Pyrethroids – Bifenthrin/ Deltamethrin









Mosquito Authority
Ongoing Research

Allen et al. JAMCA 25: 338-346

Hoffman et al. JAMCA 25:323-331 2009

Farooq et al. JAMCA 26: 422-429 2010

Hoffman-

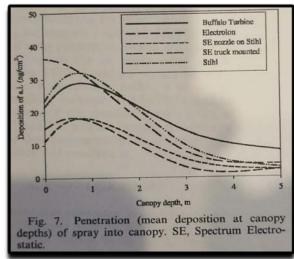
Stihl SR450 deposited (Talstar) 16.8 ng/cm3

Significantly greater amount on top of leaf

1 m height 17.6 ng/cm3 with no sig difference top/bottom

2m height overall deposition was 15.2 sig difference top/bottom

Farooq – 1m depth 20 to 50% paper coverage
4m depth 5% paper coverage



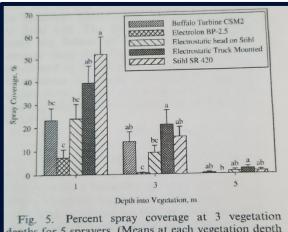


Fig. 5. Percent spray coverage at 3 vegetation depths for 5 sprayers. (Means at each vegetation depth with same letter are not significantly different; t-test,  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

# Mosquito Authority Ongoing Research

VanDusen et al. Pest Manag Sci DOI 10.1002/ps.4081 2015

Richards et al. J Med Entomol 54: 1659-1665 2017

Bunn et al. J Med Entomol (submitted) 2017

All work was done in collaboration with Mosquito Authority

VanDusen – 0 to 25.6 ng μL<sup>-1</sup> on foliage

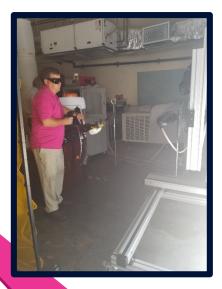
Range of 0 to 4347 ng cm<sup>-2</sup> and a mean of 721 ng cm<sup>-2</sup>

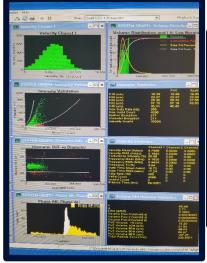
No significant correlation between total mosquito collections and collected bifenthrin residue

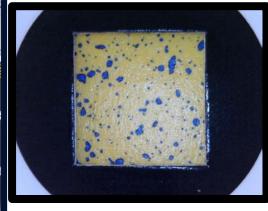
All papers report impact of Bifen on mosquito abundance with variability between genera and species, weather, site etc....

## Mosquito Authority Ongoing Research

Development and testing of novel ways to improve efficacy and decrease amount of a.i. applied during barrier applications











### TRAP INSTRUCTIONS

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### February 2017

17 States

1212 Ovistrips

523 Aedes albopictus

We will continue the Zika trap project through the 2018 season in In collaboration with USDA Invasive Mosquito Project

# Mosquito Authority Ongoing research



Biodegradable Ovitrap



Modelling environmental conditions for season launch



Tick trap development and implementation

## Mosquito Authority Research Needs

Mew non-pyrethroid a.i.

Mew application methods

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