

# Torac and Bexar Update

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# New products by Nichino

The logo for Torac features a stylized 'T' composed of three horizontal blue and white stripes. To the right of the 'T', the word 'TORAC' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below 'TORAC', the word 'INSECTICIDE' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

**TORAC**  
INSECTICIDE

The logo for Bexar features a stylized blue wave or 'B' shape to the left of the word 'BEXAR', which is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below 'BEXAR', the word 'INSECTICIDE' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

**BEXAR**  
INSECTICIDE

# Product Composition

- **Active ingredient: Tolfenpyrad**
- **New Chemistry**
- **Label Brands**
  - Torac 15EC
    - Use rates 14-21 fl oz
  - Bexar 15SC.
    - Use rates 21-27 fl oz
- **EPA Registered**
- **California Registration Pending**
  - Expected September 2014



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# Current Registered Crops

## Bexar 15SC

Grape

Citrus

Tree Nuts

Stone Fruit

Persimmon

Pomegranates

## Torac 15EC

Leafy Vegetables:

Lettuce, Celery, Spinach

Potatoes

Cotton

## **Second Tier Crops:**

Fruiting Vegetables, Cucurbits, Brassicas, Strawberries, Blueberries  
Onions

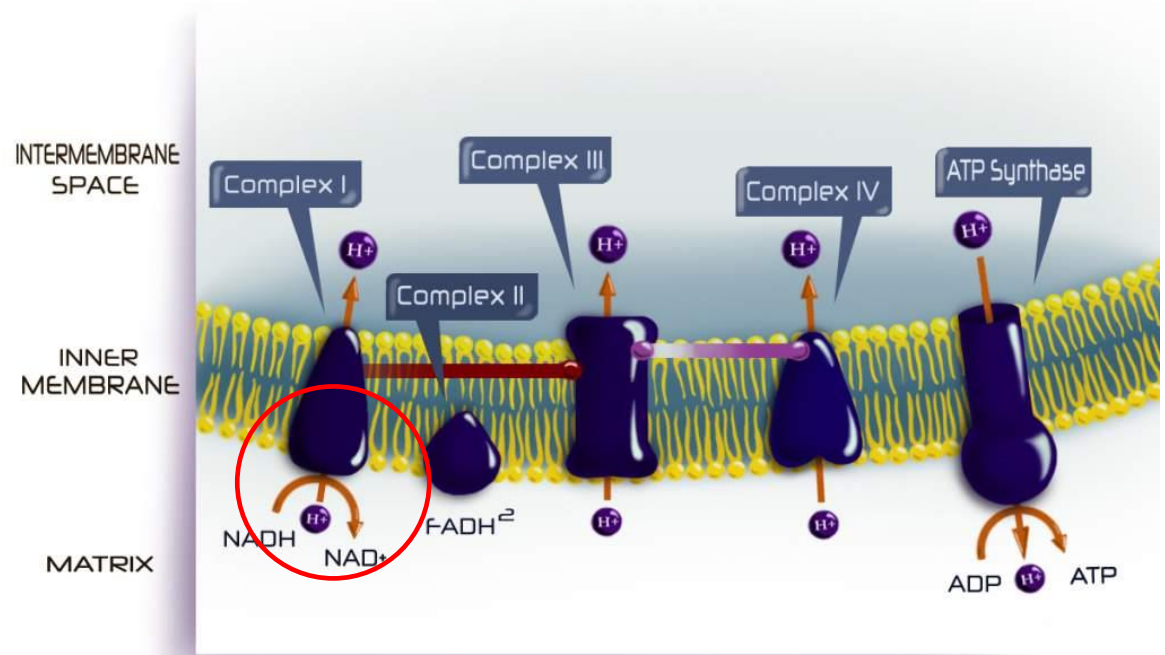
# Chemistry: General Properties

- **Broad Spectrum Contact Insecticide**
  - Non systemic or translaminar
  - Adjuvant/spreader recommended
- **Residual efficacy: Varies by pest (5-7 days)**
- **Speed of activity: Fast acting**
  - **Faster when warmer**
- **Crop Safety**
  - No phytotoxicity on all labeled crops.
- **Non-selective Chemistry**
  - **Toxic to most beneficial insects 7-14 days**
  - **Toxic to Bees by direct contact.**
    - Follow Bee language on label

# Mode of Action

- Torac is an Insecticide and Fungicide
- IRAC Group 21A and **FRAC Group 31**
- Mitochondrial Electron Transport Inhibitor
- Disrupts Cell Respiration
- **IRM**
  - New mode of action for target insect pests
  - No cross resistance outside Group 21 A.

Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain



# Key Target Pests

Leafy Vegetables	Citrus	Tree Nuts	Potatoes	Grape
Thrips	Citrus thrips	Aphids	Colorado Potato beetle	Mealybug
Aphids	Citricola Scale	Leaf footed plant bug	Potato Psyllid	Leafhoppers
Flea beetles	ACP	Leaf rollers	Aphids	Leafrollers
Leps (Suppression)	Aphids	Lygus	Thrips	
Whitefly (Suppression)	Mites	Mealybug	Leafhoppers	
Powder Mildew	Katydid	Leaf hoppers		



# Torac Efficacy Trials

- **Trial Locations**

- Yuma, AZ
- Holtville, CA
- Lompoc, CA
- Salinas, CA

- **Small Plot Replicated Trials**

- 2-4 beds X 30-50 ft long
- 4 Replicates
- CO2 Backpack/Tractor Applied
- Spray volume: 20-50 GPA
- Spreader



# Comparative Efficacy – Lettuce

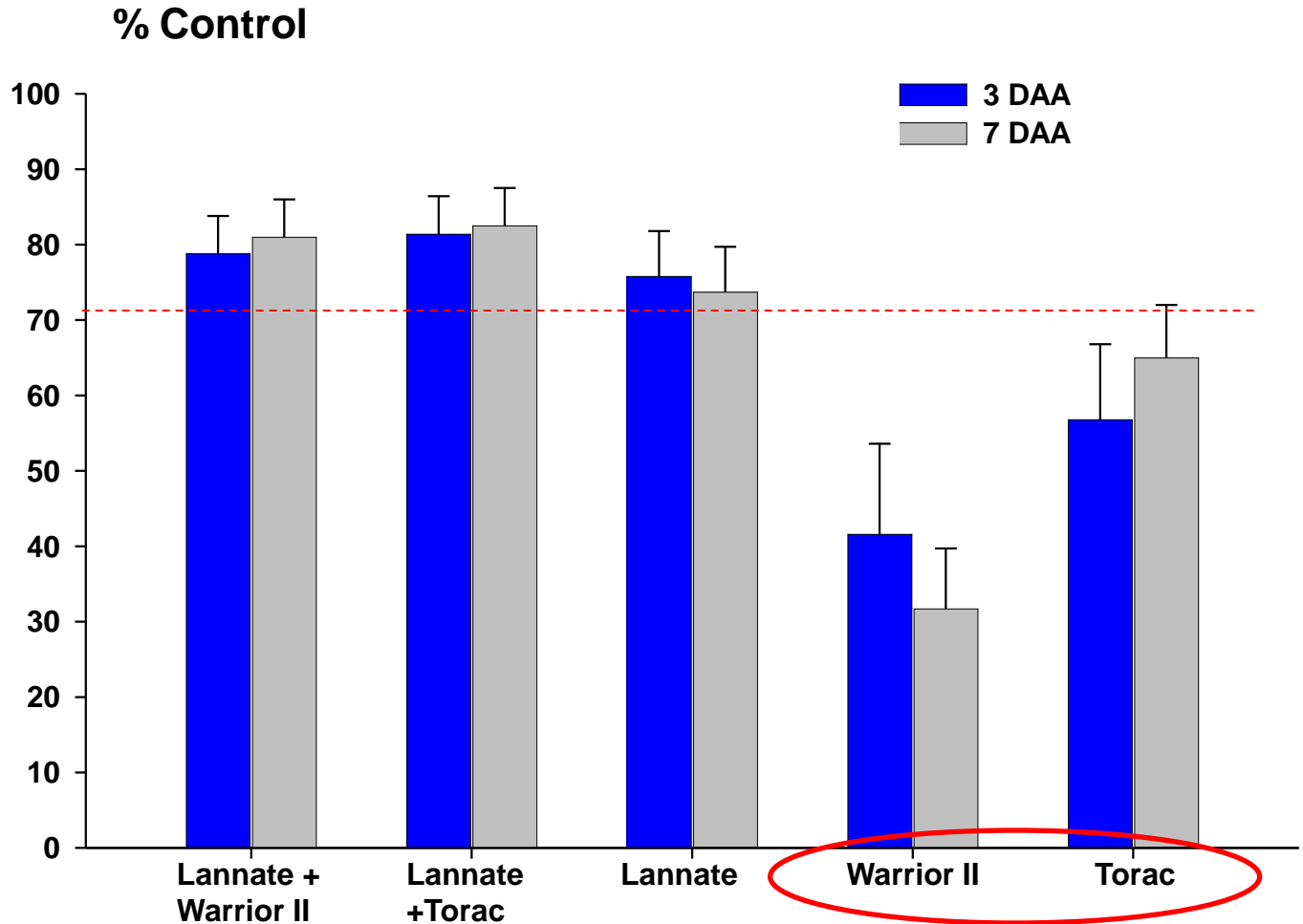
*Western flower thrips*

Yuma Ag Center, Spring 2010-2011

Adults



- 3 Trials
- 8 applications



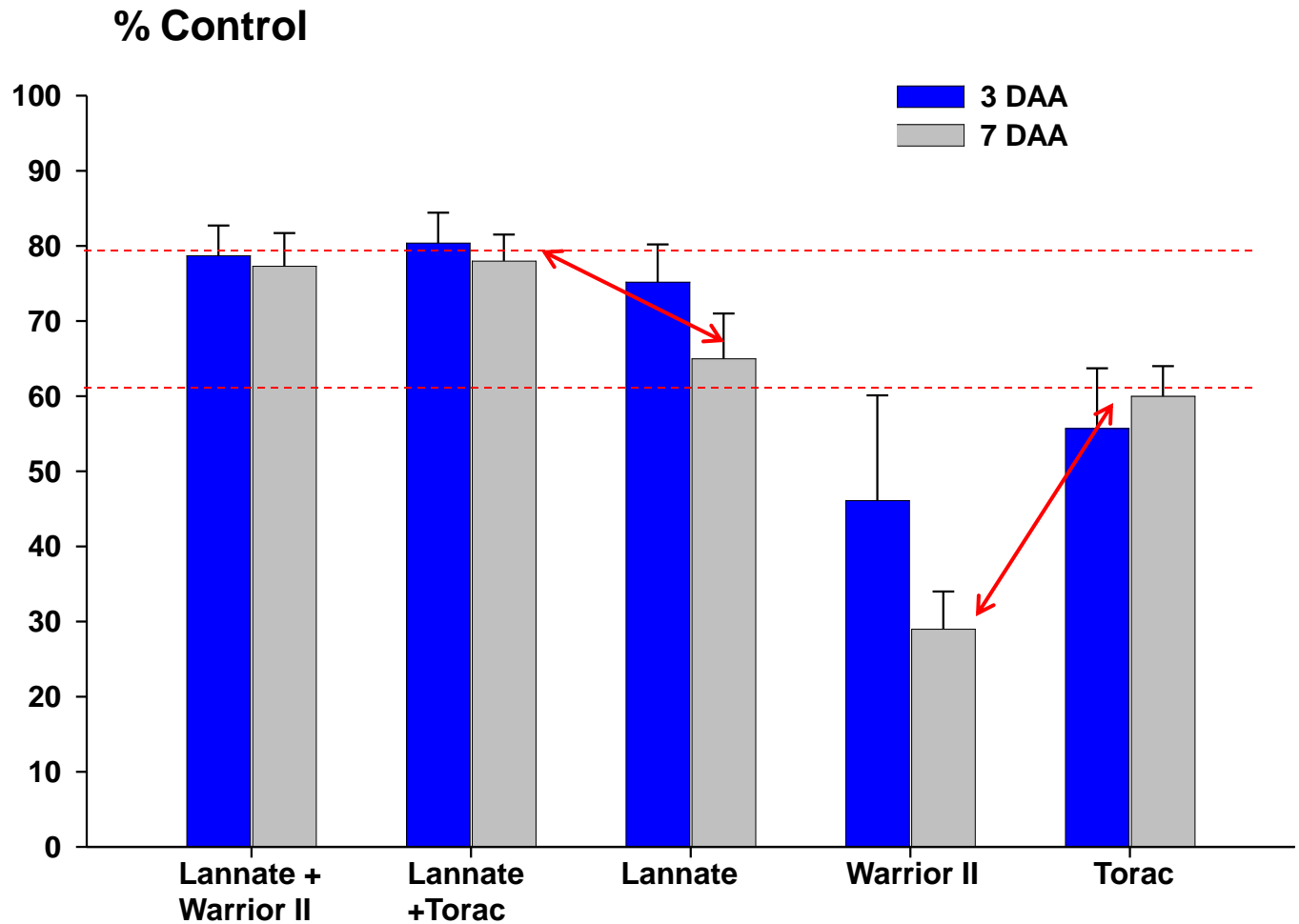
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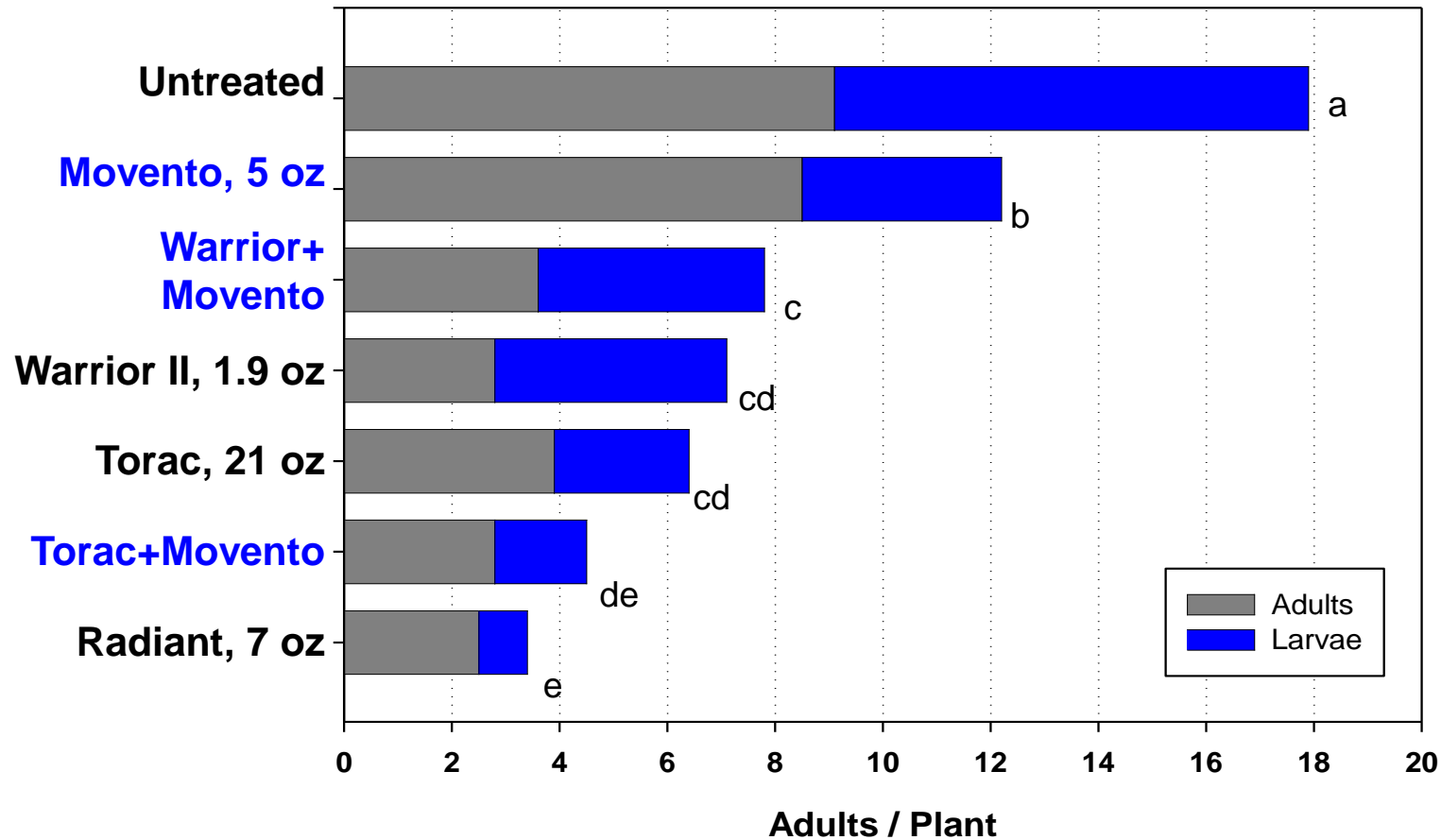
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# Comparative Efficacy – Tank Mixtures in Lettuce

*Western flower thrips*

Yuma Ag Center, Spring 2013



- 2 spray applications
- 14 d spray interval
- 3, 7 & 11 & 14 DAA

# Efficacy Comparison Between Available Chemistry

## John Palumbo, UA 2014

### Thrips Management in Desert Leafy Vegetables - 2014



Relative Efficacy Index For  
Western Flower Thrips

Product	IRAC MOA	Adult	Larvae	Comments*
Lannate	1A	***	***	Tank mix with pyrethroid for best thrips control; PHI: 10 d on lettuce; 7 d spinach
Acephate	1B	***	***	Tank mix with pyrethroid for best thrips control PHI: 14-21 d on head lettuce, has aphid activity
Dimethoate	1B	**	**	Tank mix with another product for enhanced thrips and aphid activity; PHI: 14 d on leaf lettuce
Pyrethroids	3	**	•	Tank mix with Lannate or Orthene for best performance; use high labeled rates; PHI: varies with products
Assail	4A	•	**	May provide thrips suppression when sprays are targeted for aphids. Use at high rates (4 oz for Assail 30SG); PHI: 7 d on leafy vegetables.
Radiant/Success	5	***	***	Stand alone worm, leafminer, and thrips control; Use of pyrethroid can improve adult thrips activity, PHI: 1 day on leafy vegetables
Agri-Mek	6	**	**	Use a penetrating adjuvant; use 12 oz or higher for thrips activity; performs better when tank-mixed with a pyrethroid; PHI: 7 days on leafy vegetables.
Beleaf	9	•	**	May provide thrips larvae suppression when sprays are targeted for aphids. Use at higher rates; PHI: 0 d on leafy vegetables
Torac	21A	***	***	Not as efficacious as Radiant or Lannate, but significantly better than other alternatives. For best results, tank mix with Lannate or Radiant; PHI: 3 d on lettuce
Movento	23	•	**	May provide thrips larvae suppression when sprays are targeted at aphids; use a penetrating adjuvant at 0.25%/v or ; PHI: 3 d for leafy vegetables
***	Good residual control			
**	Marginal residual control			
•	Poor control			

\* always consult the label before applying any of these products on leafy vegetables or cole crops

# Torac 15EC Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips in Romaine Lettuce Yuma, AZ John Palumbo 2010

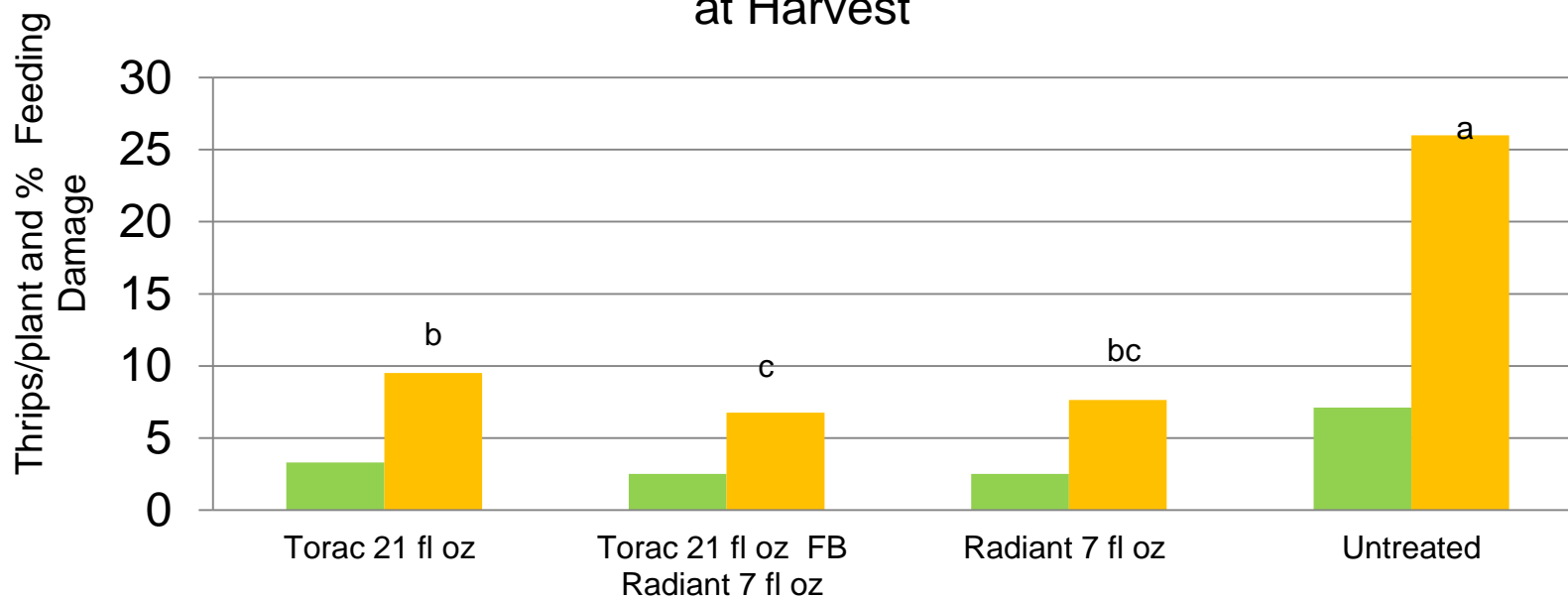
## Post Treatment Average Trips per Plant

Treatment	Rate	Mean Thrips / Plant			
		Adult	Larvae	Total	
Lannate	0.75 lb	50.2 a	67.3 c	117.5 cd	
Warrior	1.9 oz	49.2 a	131.3 b	180.5 b	
Lannate + Warrior	0.75 lb + 1.9	45.6 a	48.7 cd	94.3 de	
Torac 15EC	21 oz	56.3 a	70.2 c	126.5 c	
Lannate + Torac 15EC	0.75 lb + 21 oz	41.1 a	35.0 d	76.10 e	
UTC		59.6 a	249.9 a	309.5 a	
		<i>F value</i>	2.21	63.2	66.8
		<i>Pr &gt; F</i>	0.11	<.0001	<.0001
		<i>LSD</i>	13.8	30.5	31.6

Two applications 8 days apart  
 Spray volume: 21 GPA  
 NIS 0.25% v/v

# Torac 15EC Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips in Romaine Lettuce Watsonville, CA 2011

## Post Treatment Mean Thrips per Plant and Percent Scarring at Harvest

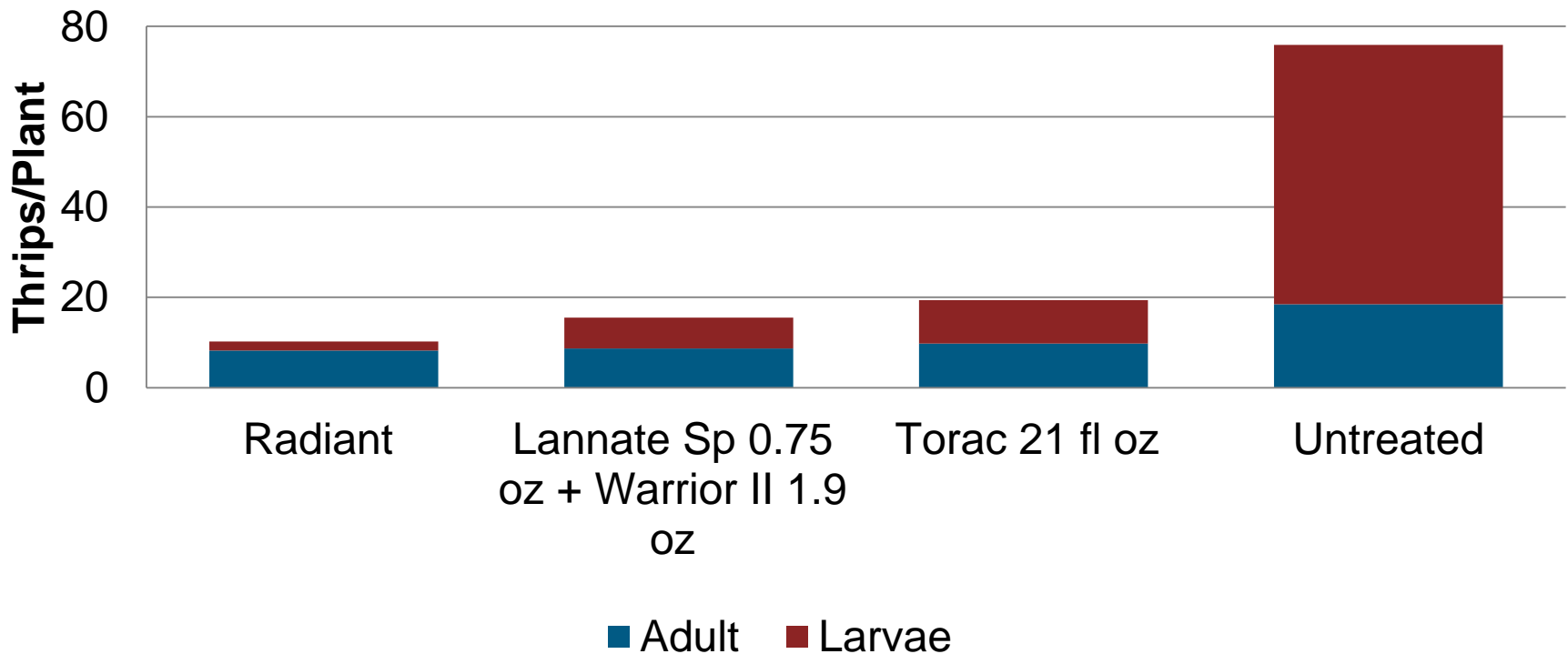


■ Thrips per plant    ■ % Feeding Damage

4 applications at 10 day interval  
Plots 6X30 ft X 4 reps  
Backpack sprayer  
30 GPA  
LSD P=0.05

# Torac Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips In Lettuce

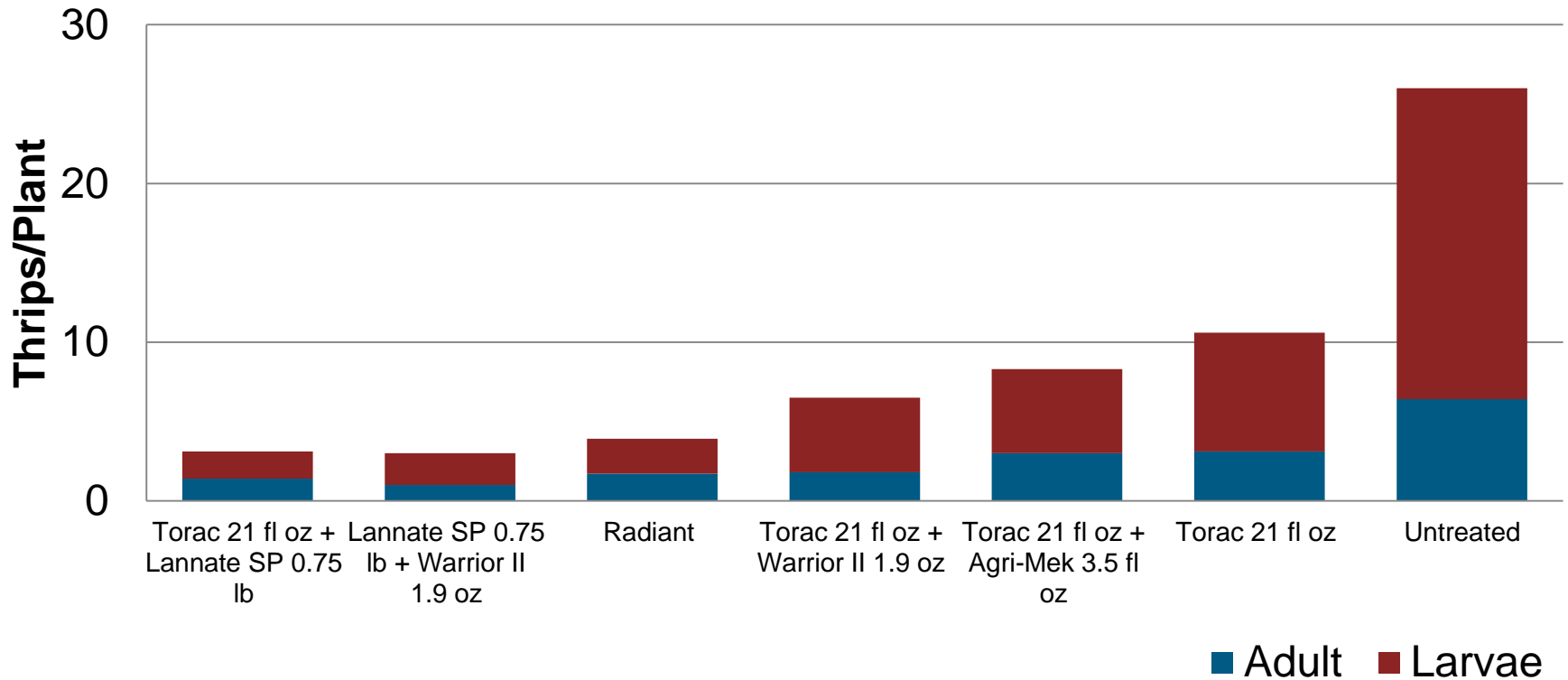
John Palumbo, Yuma, AZ 013  
Post Treatment Average Thrips/Plant



Two applications 10 day interval  
Spray volume: 20 GPA  
NIS 0.25% v/v  
Pre-application Counts 7.3 thrips/plant

# Torac Tank-Mix Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips In Lettuce Yuma, AZ 2013

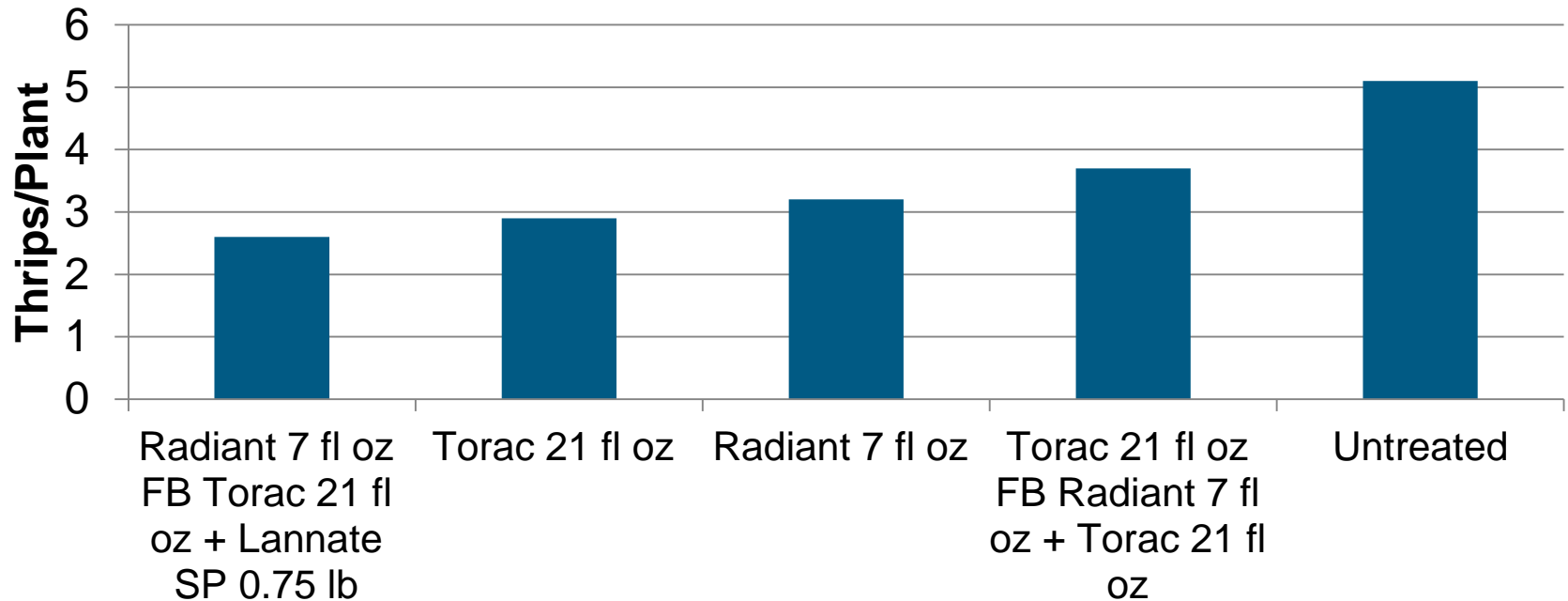
John Palumbo, UA  
Post Treatment Average Thrips/Plant



Three applications 13 day interval  
Spray volume: 20 GPA  
NIS 0.25% v/v  
Pre-application Counts 6.5 thrips/plant



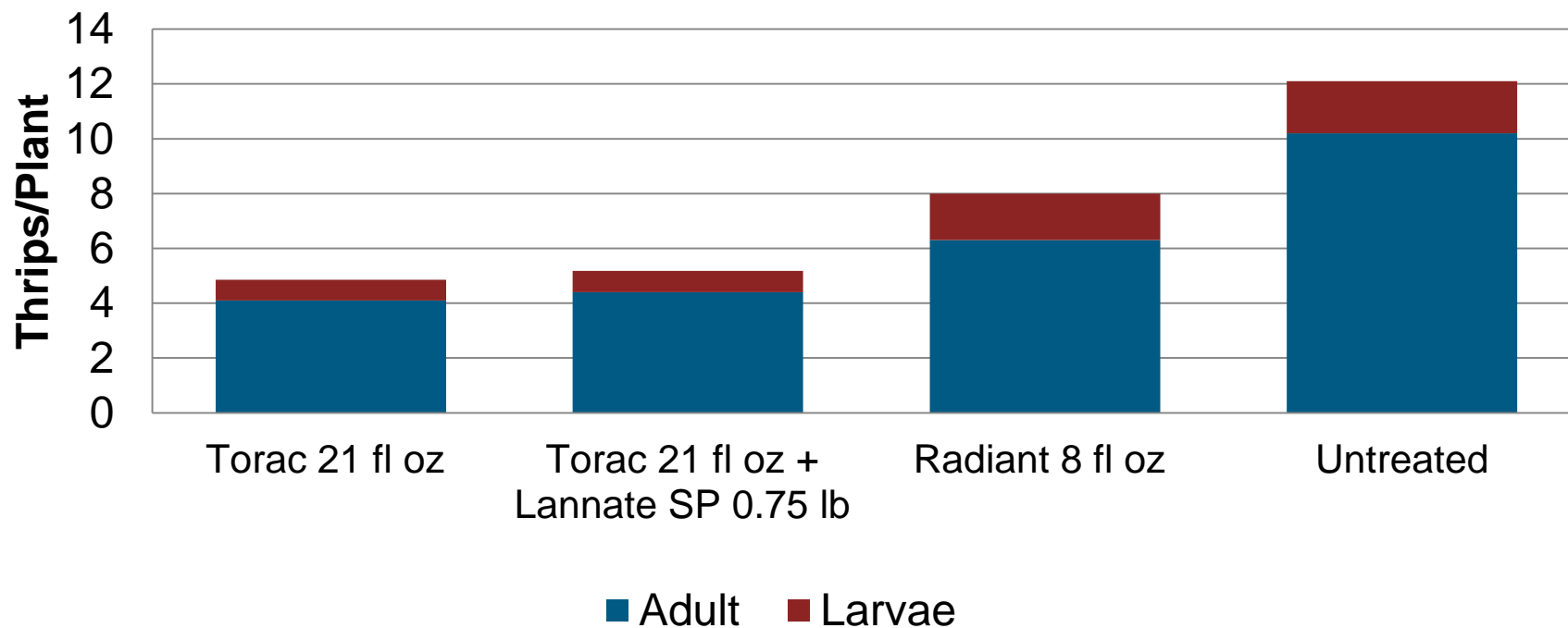
## Torac Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips in Lettuce Post Treatment Average Thrips/Plant Salinas, CA 2012



Three applications at 7 day interval  
Spray volume:45 GPA  
NIS 0.25% v/v  
Pre-application Counts: 1-1.5 thrips/plant

# Torac Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips in Lettuce Lompoc ,CA

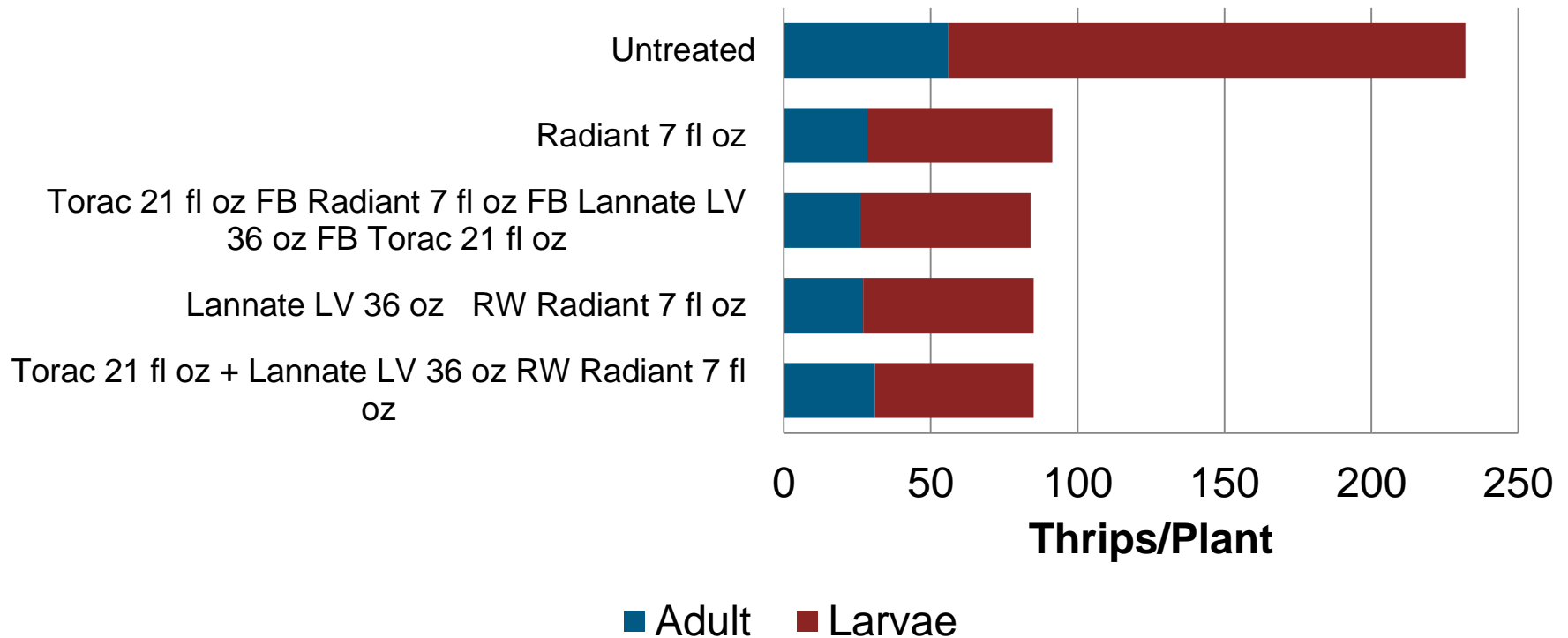
Surendra Dara UCCE, 2012  
Post Treatment Average Thrips/Plant



Three applications 8-12 day interval  
Spray volume: 50 GPA  
NIS 0.25% v/v  
Pre-application counts: 6 thrips total/plant

# Torac Rotation Program Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips in Lettuce

## Eric Natwick UCCE Holtville, CA 2013 Post Treatment Average Thrips/Plant



4 applications at 10 day interval

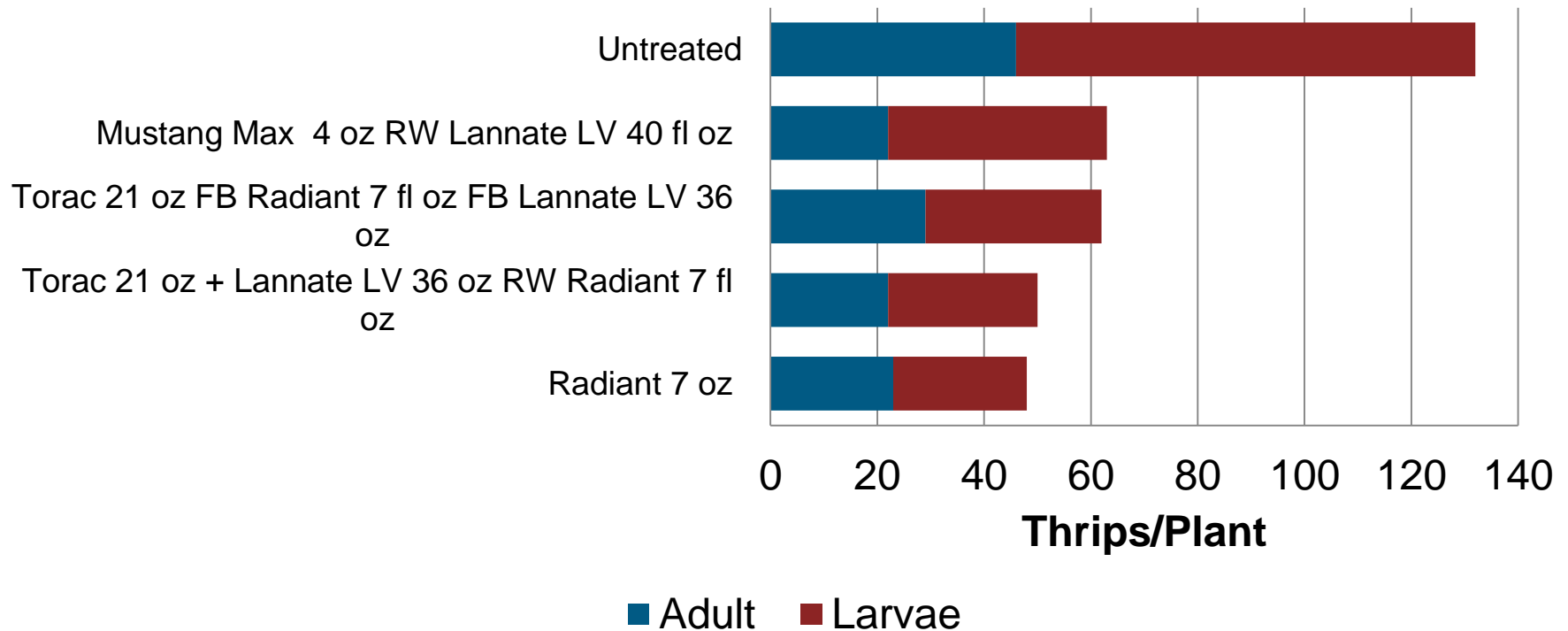
Spray volume: 53 GPA

NIS 0.25% v/v

Pre-application counts: 281 thrips/plant

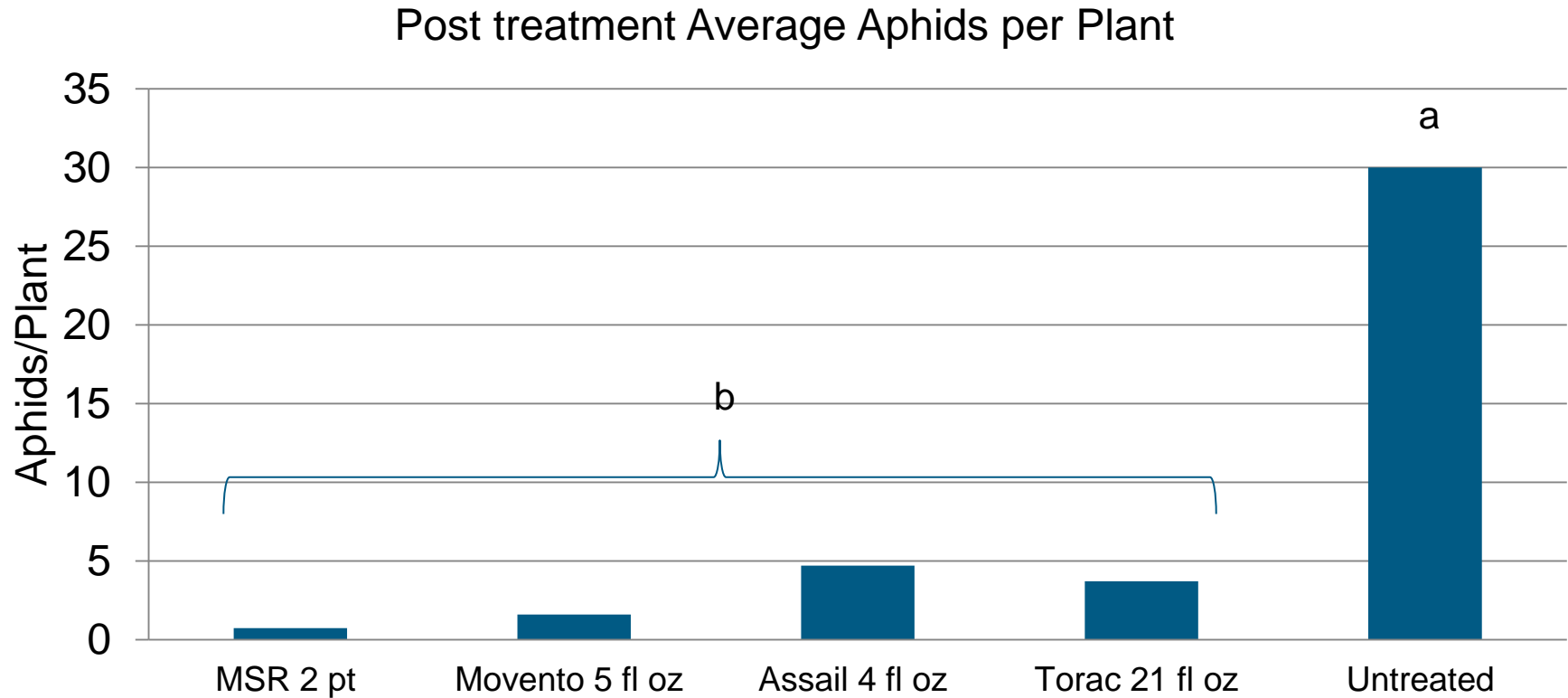
# Torac Rotation Program Efficacy on Western Flower Thrips in Head Lettuce

## Eric Natwick UCCE Holtville, CA 2013 Post Treatment Average Thrips/Plant



Three applications at 11 day interval  
Spray volume: 53 GPA  
NIS 0.25% v/v  
Pre application counts 106 thrips/plant

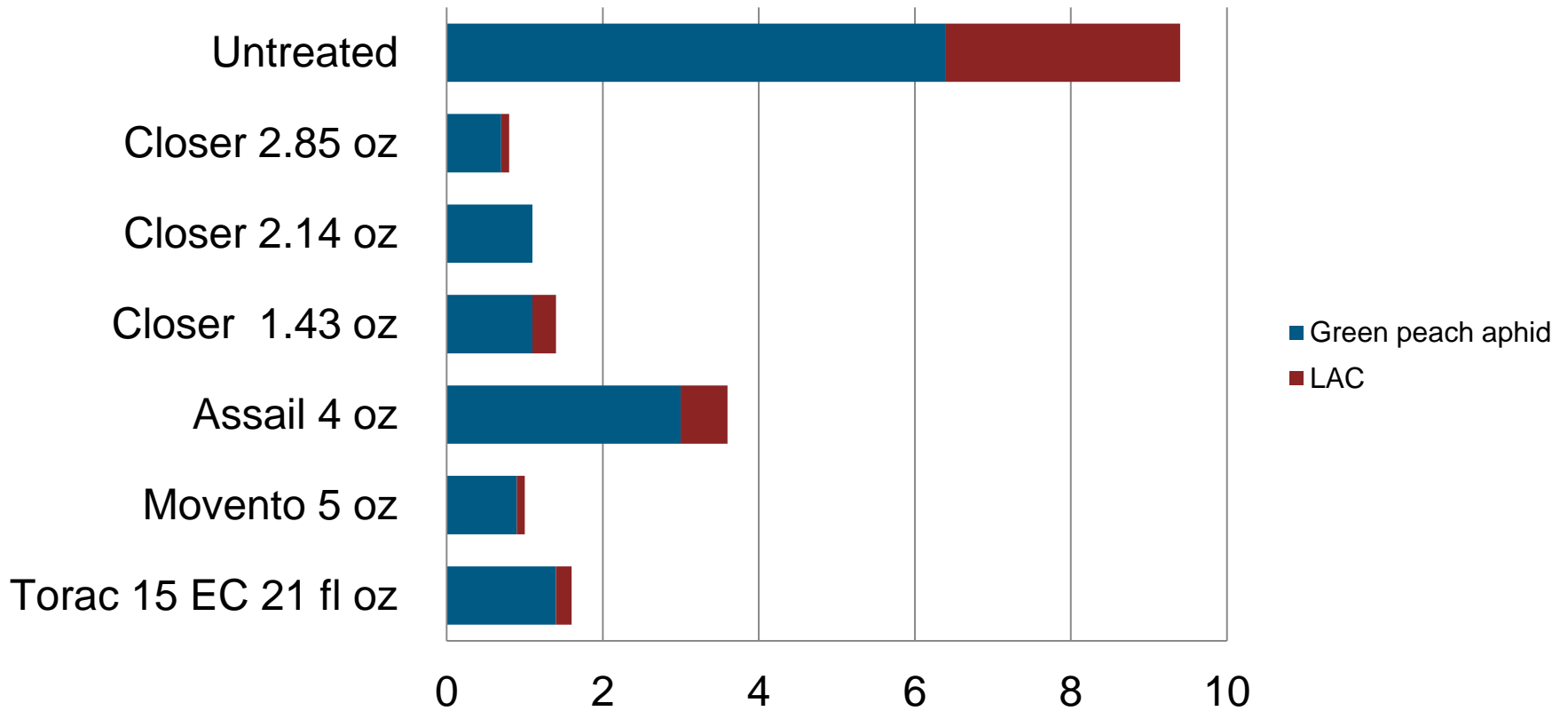
# Torac 15EC Efficacy on Green Peach Aphid in Head Lettuce San Luis Obispo, CA 2010



Applications: Total of 4 spaced at 8-11 day interval  
Spray volume: 50 GPA  
Timing: November-December  
LSD P= 0.05

# Torac Aphid Control in Head Lettuce Yuma, AZ John Palumbo 2012

## Post Treatment Average Aphids per Plant



Two applications 18 days apart  
Spray volume 20 GPA

# Torac Efficacy on Downy Mildew: *Bremia lactucae* in Lettuce Yuma, AZ

Michael Matheron UA 2011

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	Average number plants with Downy mildew lesions per plot
Forum 6 fl oz	1.2
Presidio 4 fl oz	1.4
Quadris 2.08 SC 15.5 fl oz	2.8
Manzate Pro Stick 2.1 lb	3.4
<b>Torac 21 fl oz</b>	<b>4.4 b</b>
UTC	8 a

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**LSD (Least Significant Difference,  $P=0.05$ )**

4 applications 10-14 day interval  
GPA 50  
Plot: 2 beds 25 ft X 4 reps  
Tractor mounted sprayer

Torac Efficacy on Powdery Mildew: *Erysiphe cichoracearum* in Head Lettuce  
Yuma, AZ  
Michael Matheron UA 2011

	Mean Value Disease Rating Per Plot
Quintec 5 fl oz	0.8 b
Rally 5 oz	1.0 b
Torac 21 fl oz	1.2 b
UTC	3.2 a

LSD (Least Significant Difference,  $P=0.05$ )

4 applications 10-14 day interval  
GPA 50  
Plot: 2 beds 25 ft X 4 reps  
Tractor mounted sprayer

**Disease Rating Scale**

- 0 = No powdery mildew colonies present on plant.
- 1 = Powdery mildew present on bottom leaves.
- 2 = Powdery mildew present on bottom leaves and lower wrapper leaves.
- 3 = Powdery mildew present on bottom leaves and all wrapper leaves.
- 4 = Powdery mildew present on bottom leaves, wrapper leaves, and cap leaf.
- 5 = Powdery mildew present on entire head.



# Summary

- **Torac and Bexar are new Nichino products**
- **EPA Registered in February 2014**
  - California registration pending
- **Broad spectrum contact insecticides**
- **Show good- Excellent efficacy on target pests**
- **Offer new mode of action for most target pests**
- **Excellent rotational products**



**THANK YOU**