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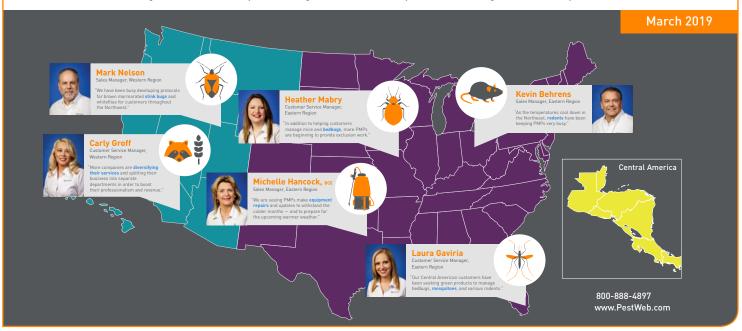
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House sparrows are very successful because they like to live close to people, whether in cities or in agriculture. They nest in cavities and take advantage of structural holes, overhangs and signs. Seeds are the majority of their diet along with some insects. Breeding males have a black beak, throat and chest while females and juveniles are more camouflaged.



Although house sparrows are social with each other, they are aggressive towards other bird species and will displace them from nesting holes and food sources.

House sparrows are intelligent and have been observed triggering automatic sliding door sensors or following people in and out of doors. They can be problematic in warehouses, big-box stores and food processing facilities where they may nest and find food indoors and never leave. House sparrows can be prevented from landing or nesting on buildings with bird netting or an electrical track system. A mist net can be placed in the flight path of birds indoors to capture and remove them from buildings.

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Cockroach trial assesses the situation for effective control

By Nicky Gallagher, Technical Services Manager Professional Pest Management, Syngenta

Diverse strategies are needed to control urban pests – especially cockroaches. Steps like inspection, monitoring and identification are the foundation for any cockroach control program and ongoing maintenance.

Baits are pivotal tools for Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for cockroaches, but applying the appropriate amount is critical for success. A recent field trial conducted by Dr. Dini Miller from



Virginia Tech University evaluated two cockroach gel baits, Advion® Evolution Cockroach and Optigard® Cockroach Gel Baits from Syngenta, in multi-unit housing infested with German cockroaches. Advion Evolution, containing the active ingredient indoxacarb and an enhanced bait matrix, was used for the first three months. The bait was then rotated to Optigard Cockroach for another three months, which

contains the active ingredient emamectin benzoate and affects cockroaches at two different target sites.

Following Dr. Miller's assessment-based pest management protocol, the quantity of bait applied in each apartment unit was based on the assessment (number) of cockroaches trapped on monitors. Apartment units were categorized based on the infestation level and baited accordingly. Units with high cockroach counts received the greatest volume of bait, medium cockroach counts received less bait and low cockroach counts received the lowest volume of bait. All bait volumes were equivalent to an entire tube, half a tube or a quarter of a tube of bait.

Below is an example of the amount of bait applied after a 24hour monitoring period, based on three Lo-Line Cockroach Trap monitors (two placed in the kitchen and one in the bathroom):

Trap catch	Amount of Bait Applied (g)
Greater than 500 cockroaches	Received 60 g of bait
Greater than 100 cockroaches	Received 30 g of bait
Between 50-100 cockroaches	Received 15 g of bait
Between 1-50 cockroaches	Received 7.5 g of bait

Surfaces where bait needed to be applied were often dirty, covered in food debris or contaminated with old bait or repellent sprays. To overcome this issue, bait was applied down the middle of small wax paper squares that had been folded diagonally (a technique developed by Dr. Miller and described in detail here). German cockroaches readily consume bait applied in wax paper and often eat through the wax paper after consuming all the bait.





Left: wax paper applied with Advion Evolution. Right: German cockroaches consumed Advion Evolution and ate through the wax paper.

Cockroach populations were dramatically reduced without asking residents to clean up or prepare for the treatment. Considering no other form of control was used and only cockroach bait was applied, this study documents how successful baiting can be when enough bait is applied and the infestation is continually assessed.

Results

As of May 2018, cockroach infestations were reduced by an average of 95 percent, whether the starting population was low, medium or high.

Cockroach Population	Average Amount of Bait Applied (g)	Percent of Population Reduction (%)
High	90	95.3
Medium	78	95
Low	31.2	93.5

Table 1: Results over a 120-day study period. Advion Evolution was applied for the first 90 days and Optigard Cockroach was applied for 30 days. (PPMU17531)

Bait rotation, along with monitoring and assessment-based baiting of the cockroach infestation, appears to be very successful in multi-unit housing. Monitors are excellent additions to any cockroach control program, as they are relatively inexpensive and effective in detecting low-level populations, and can be placed in areas vulnerable to pests like food storage rooms, closets and staff lounge rooms. They are also useful for detecting movement direction, species present and active life stages.

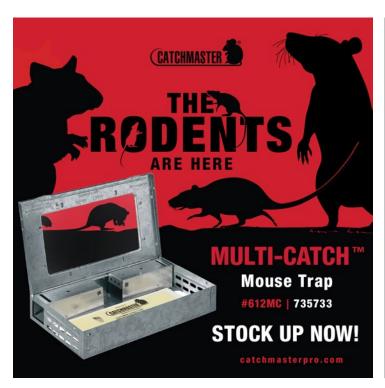
Use these learnings to ensure your own protocols are comprehensive enough for effective cockroach control results. To learn more about cockroach control, visit www.SyngentaPMP.com/CockroachSolutions.

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