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# Welcome to How YOU Can Make \$\$ in Green Pest Management



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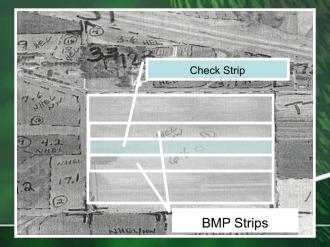
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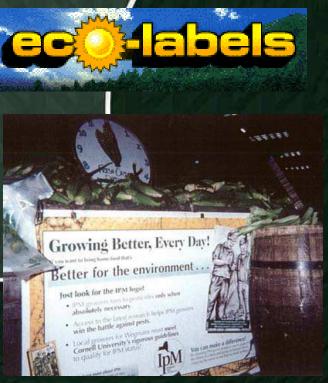
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## **BUYERS Care!**

#### **ECO LABEL EXPLOSION!**

- "A seal or logo indicating that a product has met a set of environmental or social standards."
- Organic growing at 20% year
- Many new eco-labels on the bandwagon (www.eco-labels.org)
- LOHAS segment: 30% = 63 million US buyers
- Green building, cleaning, chemistry, health care, clothing, consumer electronics...
- Buy stock in eco!





## We have work to do!

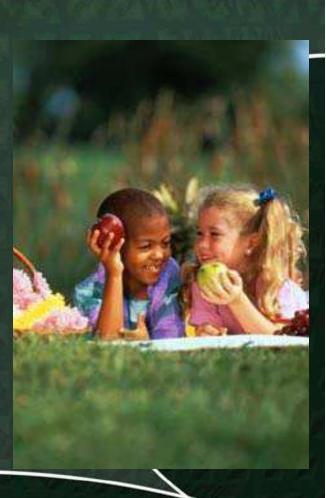
 Up to 1 in 4 children in cities have asthma (6% nationally). Cockroaches, dust mites, pesticides are prime causes/triggers. Childhood asthma treatment costs \$3.2 billion per year!

Center for Disease Control

 New York City childhood asthma hospitalization rates are 3-4 time the national average.

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

West Nile virus, encephalitis, bed bugs...



# IPM (& Green Pest Mgt.) Works!

 IPM contract specs and oversight reduces pesticide use and pest complaints by 90%.

Greene and Breisch, J. Econ. Entomol., 2002

 IPM schools had little pesticide residue vs. conventionally treated schools which had residues on baseboards and walls.

- Williams et al., J. Econ. Entomol., 2005

 IPM training model in ten school districts reduced pesticide applications by 71% and pest complaints by 78%.

- Gouge et al., American Entomologist, 2006



## **AGENDA**

- History Lesson
- IPM: Our Foundation
- Green Pest Management
- Your Green Business
- Green Methods
- Review and Quiz

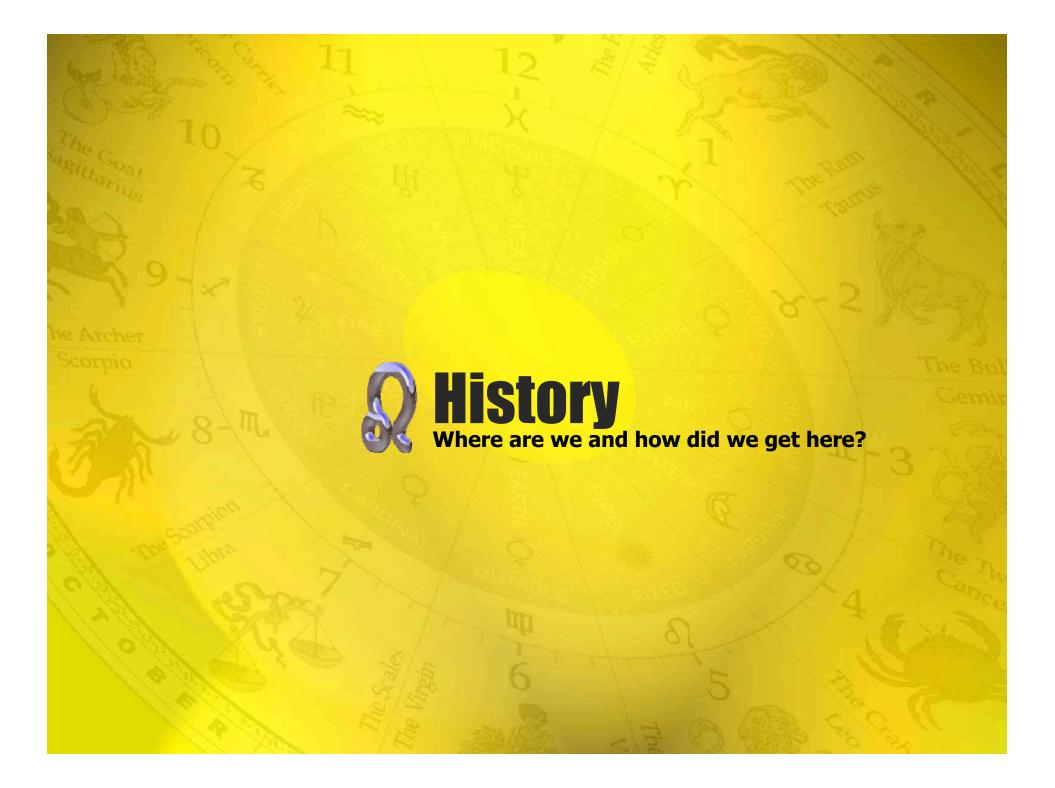
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## **WHY HISTORY?**

"Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

**George Santayana** 

"The main thing history can teach us is that human actions have consequences and that certain choices, once made, cannot be undone.

They foreclose the possibility of making other choices and thus they determine future events."

- Gerda Lerner



## **History of Pest Management**

The good old days...

Plagues were punishment from the gods.

Early IPM: Grooming to remove parasites makes for healthier, happier relationships.





## **More Early IPM**

#### **Cultural**

resistant varieties, adjusting planting time

#### **Mechanical**

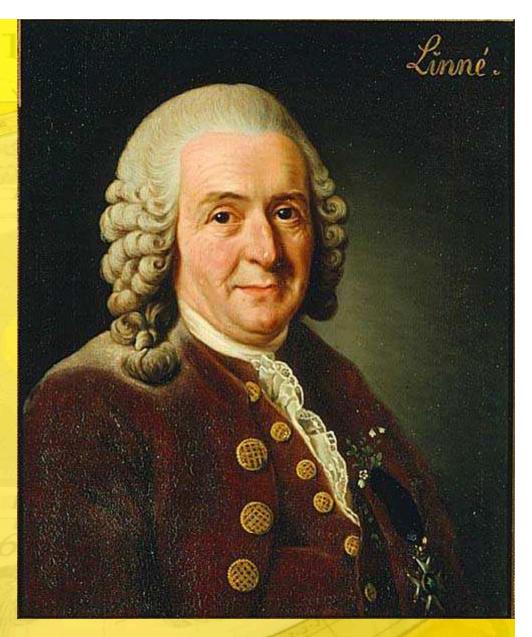
hand picking pests off crops
burning crop stubble
heating and cooling stored products
washing, sifting food products

#### **Chemical**

ashes, lime, red pepper, sulfur, tobacco, whitewash and glue

## **Biological**

1752 – "every insect has its predator which follows and destroys it. Such predatory insects should be caught and use for disinfesting crop-plants."



## **Birth of Manufactured and Synthetic Pesticides**

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Pre 1900s, all agriculture was "organic".
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- What about "urban pest management?"
- 1800 Only 1.7% of the world's population live in towns
  - "home remedies", e.g., bed legs in kerosene tins for bed bugs

### Pesticide "manufacturing" born

- 1870 Pyrethrum production begins in California
- 1885 Bordeaux mixture invented (copper sulfate and lime)
  - 1889 Entomological Society of America founded
- 1900 about 100 deaths/yr. due to plague in US (fleas, rodents)
- 1905 kerosene for mosquitoes /yellow fever; cyanide for bed bugs
  1916 first bait for Argentine ants
- 1920 dinitrophenols, paradichlorobenzene (from explosives mfg.)
  - 1933 National Pest Control Association founded
  - 1939 DDT insecticidal properties discovered (crop pests, lice mosquitoes), fungicide/herbicide arsenal grows

## **Tarnish on the "Silver Bullet"**

1935 – US pesticide use: 50 million lbs., mostly ag 1940s

- Codling moth becomes resistance to arsenicals
- **Apple exports rejected over arsenic residues**
- Secondary pest outbreaks
- Accumulation of pesticides in the environment
- Pesticide poisonings increase







## **Pesticides Use Grows, Green Seeds Planted**

1985 – US pesticide use reaches 1.2 billion lbs., 25-fold increase 5 lbs./person/year'; 400 million lbs. in non-ag uses 42% of the world's population live in towns

#### **Progress and Problems**

1959 – "Integrated Control" (multiple methods), alfalfa aphid 1962 – Silent Spring

1963 - Bald eagle down to 416 nesting pairs in continental US

1970 – "Pest management", we manage, not control pests

1970 – Fertility problems in pesticide manufacturing workers 1972 – FIFRA passed. EPA bans DDT.

1976 – Apple and Smith, "Integrated Pest Management" (insect, disease, weed, nematodes)

1979 – Jimmy Carter, IPM is "system approach... reduce pest damage to tolerable levels...variety of techniques...when necessary and appropriate chemical pesticides"

## **The Green Trend Continues to Build**

- 1980 Transition to cockroach bait formulations begins in earnest.
- 1990 Organic Food Production Act, 2001 Federal Organic Rule Established.
- 1993 EPA Reduced-Risk Initiative cuts time to register less toxic products.
- 1996 Food Quality Protection Act passed to cut pesticide risks from food.
- 1995 Genetically modified crops planted.
- 1998 IPM Institute of North America founded.
- 2000 National Pest Control Assoc. becomes Natl. Pest Management Assoc.
- 2002 Greene and Briesch report 90% reduction in pest complaints and pesticide use in government buildings using IPM.
- 2004 Chlorpyrifos, diazinon decline in infant blood after EPA restricts use.
- 2003 Conventional pesticide use begins to decline, 3% drop per year.

  First IPM STAR Certified School System (NYC)
- 2007 50% of the world's population (87% of US!) live in towns.

  Bald eagle delisted from threatened species list.
  - NYC joins San Francisco, others, with specialty regs re pesticide use
- 2008 Specialty regulations in 19 states call for IPM in schools.
  - NYC releases first annul report on pesticide use by city agencies.

## Miles to go before we sleep...

- Malaria continues to kill more than 1 million annually worldwide.
- Asthma affects 6% of US children, up to 25% in inner cities
- Global economy introducing new pests constantly.
- Humans, animals, birds, fish, surface water, ground water
   contaminated with multiple pesticide residues and other chemicals.
- Average adult has 91 chemical contaminants, 20% are pesticides or pesticide- related; many are known toxins.
- IPM reduces pest problems and pesticide use and toxicity, let's make more IPM happen!





## **LESSONS**

- Over-reliance on broadly toxic pesticides and unwise use has caused many problems in agriculture and communities.
- There will always be pests and we'll always need pesticides.
- We're getting smarter every day about how to manage pests and improve health and environment.
- <u>Everyone</u> is pitching in from manufacturers to pest management professionals to customers to regulators to non-profits. For all chemical products, not just pesticides.
- •"Natural" pesticides are not new or a "silver bullet".
- IPM is as old as common sense.
- Green pest management is a trend that started more than 50 years ago.
- Green is here to stay in all walks of life.



## **Crystal Ball**

- Ours is a growth business!
  - World population continues to grow.
  - Trend towards urbanization continues to increase pest pressure.
- Professional pest problem solvers, not pesticide applicators, will capture growing market share.
- Increasing regulation will continue to make it tough for non-professionals to survive.
- Improving health and environment will be increasingly more important selling points for our industry.
- Green means less toxic to most. We can do that!

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