# Review Basil Downy Mildew and New Results Stemphylium and Possible Controls

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Basil Downy Mildew

Peronospora belbahrii

Symptoms started...1/28/11

#### Jari and Jensen immediately educated the growers:

- Prepare for the wet season (October –February)
  - Low temperatures
  - High rainfall
  - High humidity
  - Increasing windy periods
- Monitor fields for symptoms
  - Yellowing/ discoloring –top side of leaves
  - Black spores-under side of leaves
  - Dieback

## **Emphasis on Educating Growers**











# Observing the enemy





Pernospora was tiny, abundant, grew fast, killed quickly and made more spores. Spores blew in the



**Basil Downy Mildew** 

## **Approved Fungicides**

- Fungicides approved for basil downy mildew include Fungi-Phite®, Fosphite®, and Actinovate® AG. These products are licensed for sale in Hawai 'i.
- ProPhyt® and K-Phite®, are not licensed for sale in Hawai i, but they have the same active ingredient as Fungiphite and Fosphite.
- Dithane ®is NOT approved for use on basil
- Quadris®, a systemic fungicide, is approved for use in Hawai 'i and can also be applied to basil.
- Quadris® requires rotation due to resistance issues
- Note the limitations on applications per crop season and pre harvest interval requirements

### Employ a spreader/ sticker

- O Utilize a good sticker and/or spreader to obtain good spray coverage.
- Be careful of phyto-toxicity issues.
- Apply new material to a small area first.

O Assess spray coverage and phyto-toxicity issues before making large area applications.

### **Field Sanitation:**

 Remove infected leaves, including those that have fallen to the ground, and burn them or bury them to a depth of at least a foot.

#### Case Study:

Waianae Grower's Approach: 1/2011

Prune back - leaving lower infected leaves attached. Worked but a lot of time for field clean up.

Some growers destroyed plants and replanted.



# Case Study UH Approach-Kahuku: March 2011

Implemented grower practices
Cut back top infected leaves
Pruned back <u>all</u> infected leaves
Applied approved fungicides with spreader/sticker
Implemented field sanitation program

#### Results:

Over pruning killed some plants (Fusarium disease developed)
Re-growth on fungicide plots — good control
Disease pressure dropped (field was dry and warm)
Trial was suspended (March 2011)

# What can I do to Manage DM (downy mildew)

- Prepare for the wet winter season
- Monitor fields on a routine basis
- ✓ Increase airflow
- Minimize humidity issues
- Apply <u>approved</u> preventative fungicides
- Use a spreader or sticker to increase spray efficacy
- Target fungicide sprays to undersides of leaves
- Follow good field sanitation practices
- Ensure good soil and plant nutrition
- Avoid using infected planting materials
- Clean your tools and equipment

#### • Field test in Waimanalo:

• <u>Treatments</u>	<u>Results</u> Lots of Downy Mildew		
<ul><li>Control</li></ul>			
<ul> <li>Quadris</li> </ul>	Greatly decreased amount		
<ul><li>Rampart</li></ul>	Greatly decreased		
<ul><li>Trilogy</li></ul>	Mildew present (like control)		
<ul><li>Regalia</li></ul>	Mildew present (like control)		
Rotation	Low level of Mildew		
(Q, Ram, Tri, Ram,	Reg.)		



#### Control plot December 14, 2012



#### Quadris December 14 2012



Summary December 14, 2012

Control
Water, water, water

**Quadris** Quadris, quadris, rampart, quadris



Rampart Rampart, ramp, N/T, ramp, N/T,



**Trilogy**Trilogy, trilogy, trilogy



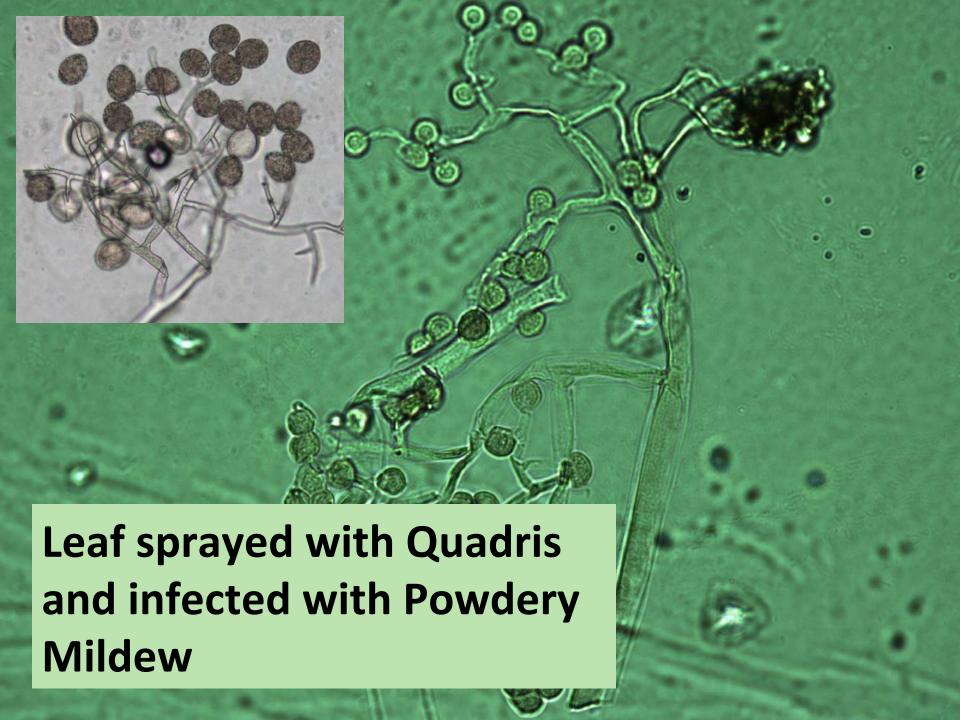
**Regalia**Regalia, regalia, regalia



Rotation

Quadris, Rampart, Trilogy, Ramp, Regalia





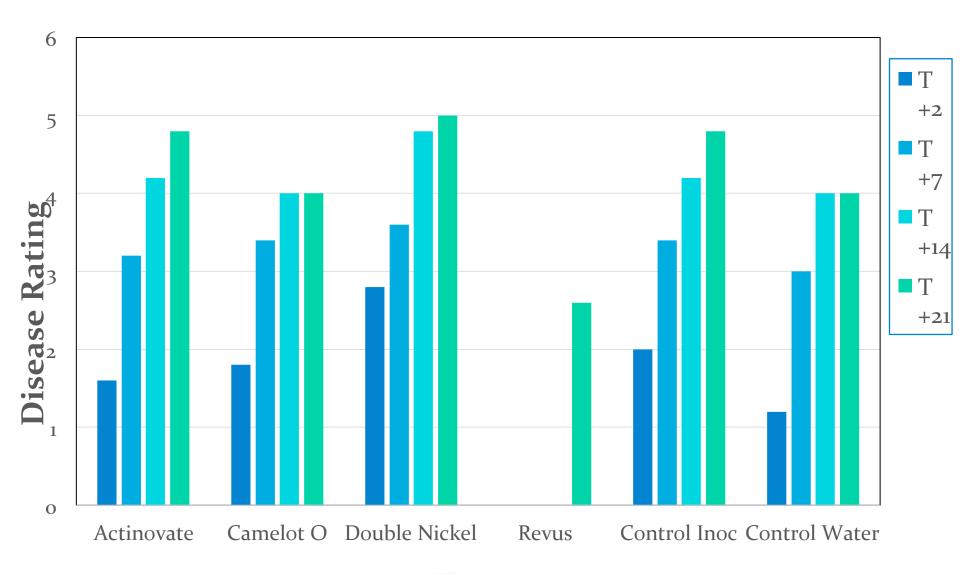
- Rotation:
- Quadris, Ramparat, Revus, Quadris, Ramparat, Revus;
- Rampart, Revus, Ramparat, Revus, Rampart;

# Basil Greenhouse Test Fungicides for Downy Mildew Control

- Actinovate (Streptomyces lydicus) OMRI
- Camelot O (Copper octanoate) OMIR
- Double Nickel (Bacillus amyloliquefaciens) OMRI
- Revus (Mandipropamid)

Compound	1-26-16	2-2-16	2-9-16	2-16-16
Actinovate	Actinovate	Inoculate w/DM	Read	Read
Camelot	Camelot	Inoculate w/DM	Read	Read
Revus	Revus	Inoculate w/DM	Read	Read
Double Nickle	Double Nickle	Inoculate w/DM	Read	Read
Inoc. Control	Water	Inoculate w/DM	Read	Read
H <sub>2</sub> O Control	Water	Water	Read	Read

### **Basil Fungicide Efficacy Greenhouse Test#3**



Disease Rating (% infected)

Treatment

0 = 0%, 1 = 1-10%, 2 = 11-35%, 3 = 36-65%, 4 = 66-90%, 5 = 91-100%

# Thank you!



### Some early trials did not work as well.

