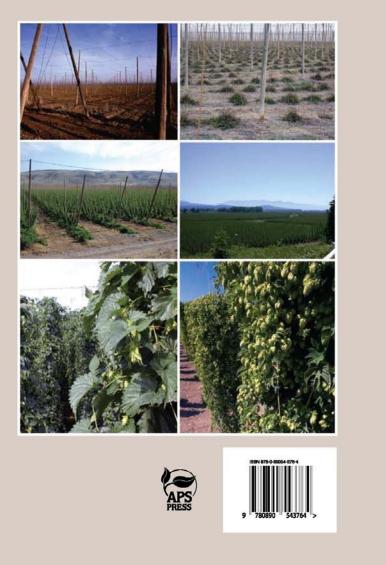
# Downy Mildew: Identification, Lifecycle, and Management

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#### **Compendium of Hop Diseases, Pests, and Other Disorders**

#### Available at shopapspress.org



Field Guide for Integrated Pest Management in Hops Download free of charge from:

**USAhops.org** 

Oregon State University, University of Idaho USDA Agricultural Research Service, and Washington State University.



#### **Disease and Pest Overview** Get a Positive ID before implementing any controls

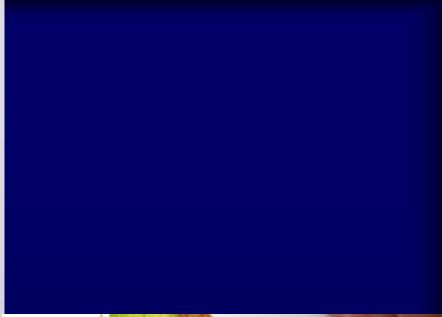
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Av	verage num	ber of sprays	made per season in N	lorthwest	
Dow	ny mildew	Powdery mildew	Aphids and other insects	Mites	
2	5.7	8.3	2	1.75	

#### Things to Know

- 1. Disease status of planting materials
  - Don't buy a perennial problem: obtain materials from Clean Plant Network or otherwise ensure disease-free
- 2. What you are controlling
  - Get an accurate ID before treating
- 3. Market
  - Quality standards
  - Organic vs. conventional: may dictate variety



### **Disease and Pest Overview**

	Susceptibility	Downy mildew	Powdery mildew
Brewer's Gold	High	Columbus	Columbus
Cascade		Galena	Glacier
Centennial		Chinook	Galena
Chinook		Glacier	Chinook
Columbus		Mt. Hood	Brewer's Gold
Fuggle		Centennial	Golding
Galena		Golding	Perle
Glacier		Brewer's Gold	Sterling
U.S. Golding		Cascade	Centennial
Mt. Hood		Nugget	Willamette
Nugget	Intermediate	Sterling	Fuggle
Perle		Willamette	Cascade
Sterling		Fuggle	Mt. Hood
Willamette	Low	Perle	Nugget

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#### **Downy Mildew**

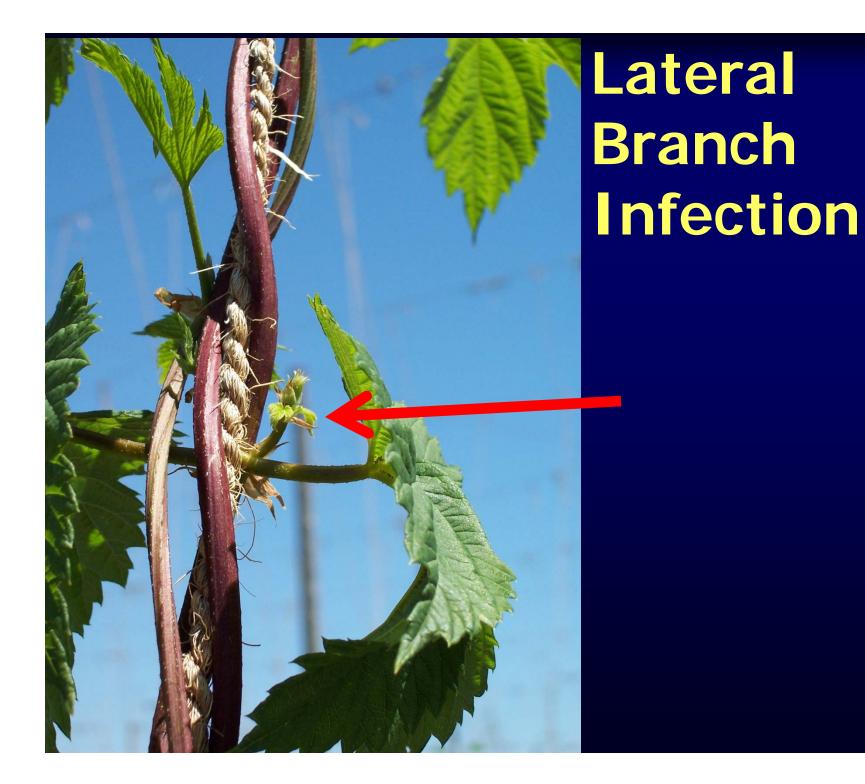
- Caused by a fungus-like pathogen related to the cucumber downy mildew pathogen
- May survive in infected plants, perhaps sexual spores in soil
- Spreads easily by airborne spores, infected planting materials, potentially soil/crop debris
- 100% crop loss potential due to plant death, loss of all trained shoots and/or cone infection



#### Downy Mildew "Spikes" on Nugget



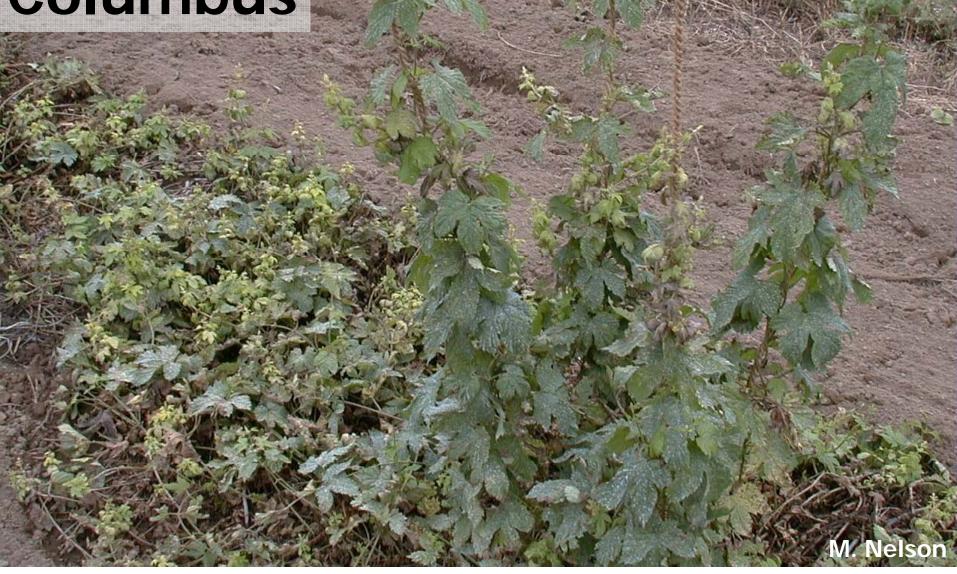






#### Severe Late Spring Downy Mildew

# Columbus





#### **Leaf Infections**









# Spores produced on undersides of leaves







Mahaffee et al. 2009

#### Survival in Systemically Infected Roots and Plants





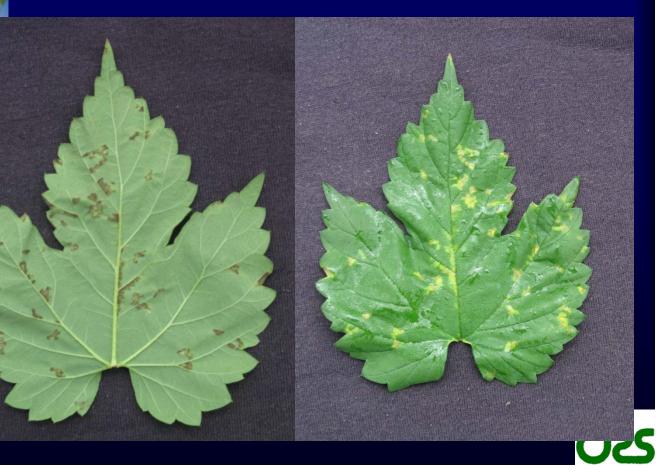
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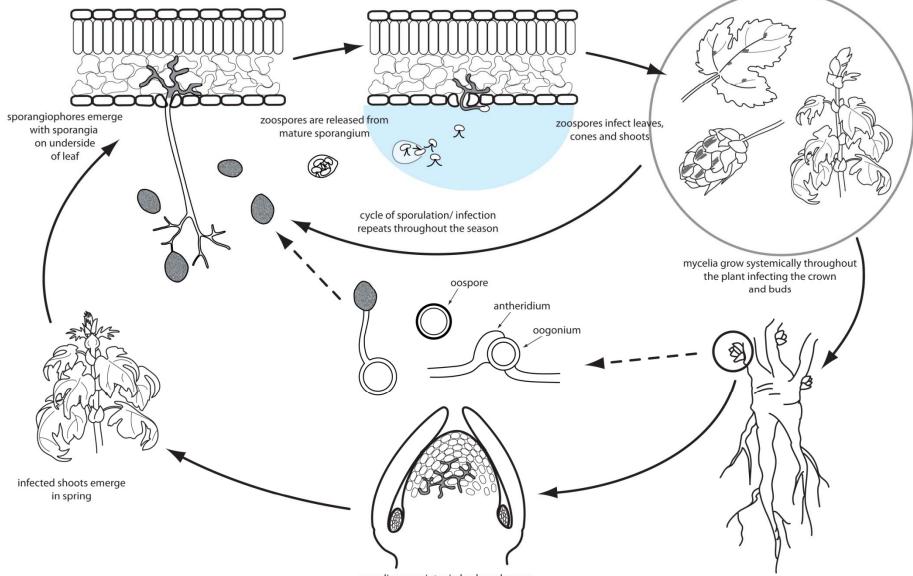




#### "Secondary Infection"



#### **Downy Mildew Lifecycle**



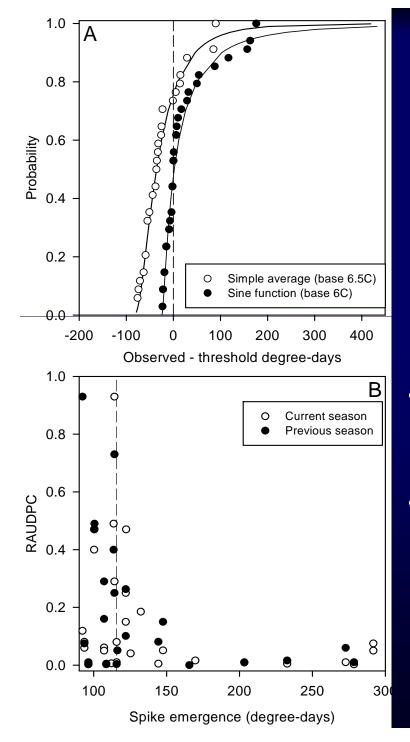
mycelia overwinter in buds and crown

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# Disease Cycle Begins Shortly After Emergence





Emergence of Spikes Related to Winter/Spring Temperature and Disease Last Year

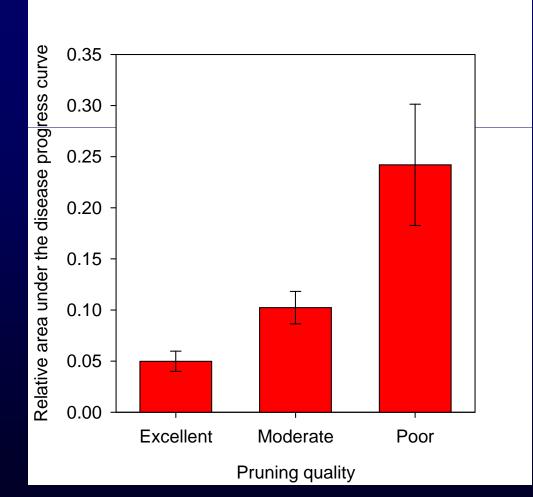
- On average in OR, first spikes emerge 27 March
- Association between how early spikes emerge and disease severity the previous season







#### Association of Pruning Quality and Downy Mildew Severity



110 hop yards in Oregon; 2005 -2010





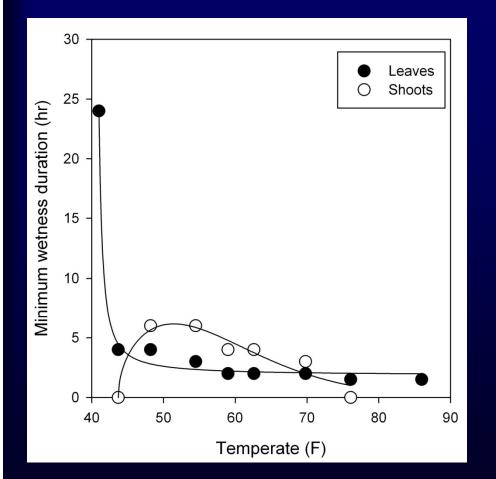
# 2014 Season: Grand Rapids

 Predicted first spikes emerge in late April; widespread by late May

Date	DDs	Event
4-24-14	174	1% probability of spike emergence
4-30-14	221	50% probability of spike emergence
5-22-14	528	95% probability of spike emergence



## Favored by Moderate Temperatures and Wetness



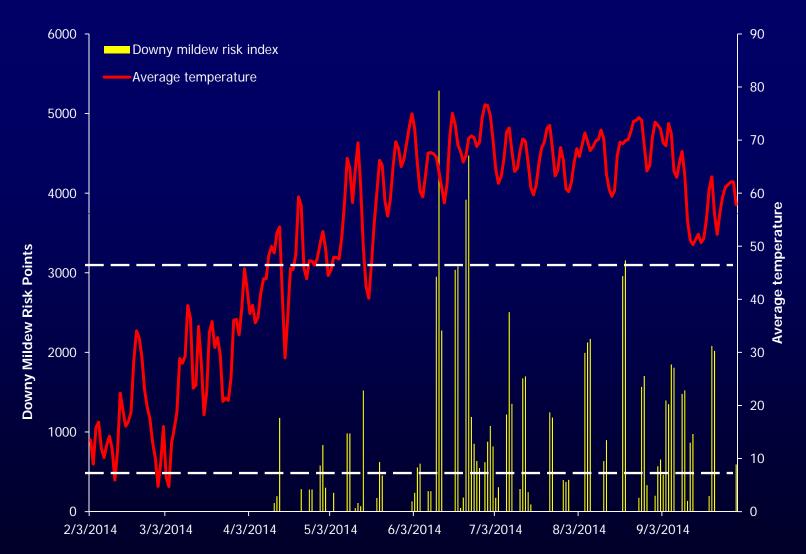
Derived from data reported by Royle (1970)

- Leaves:
  - Range of 41-86F24-1.5 hr wetness
  - Most rapid at 60-76 (1.5-2 wet hr)
- Shoots:
  - Range 48-74F3-6 hr wetness

Most rapid near 70(3 hr wetness)



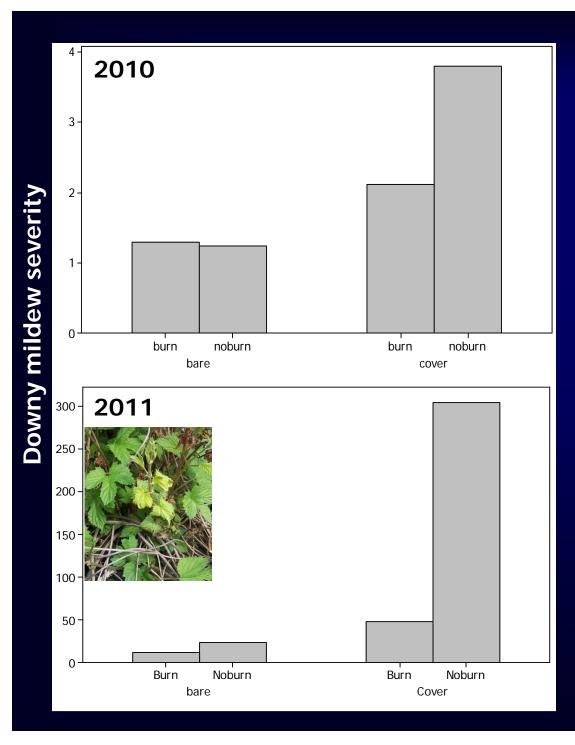
#### 2014 Season: Hudsonville



#### Basal Foliage Removal and Stripping of Lower Leaves







Downy **Mildew Control with** Canopy Management Factors that increase duration of leaf wetness may increase severity of downy mildew

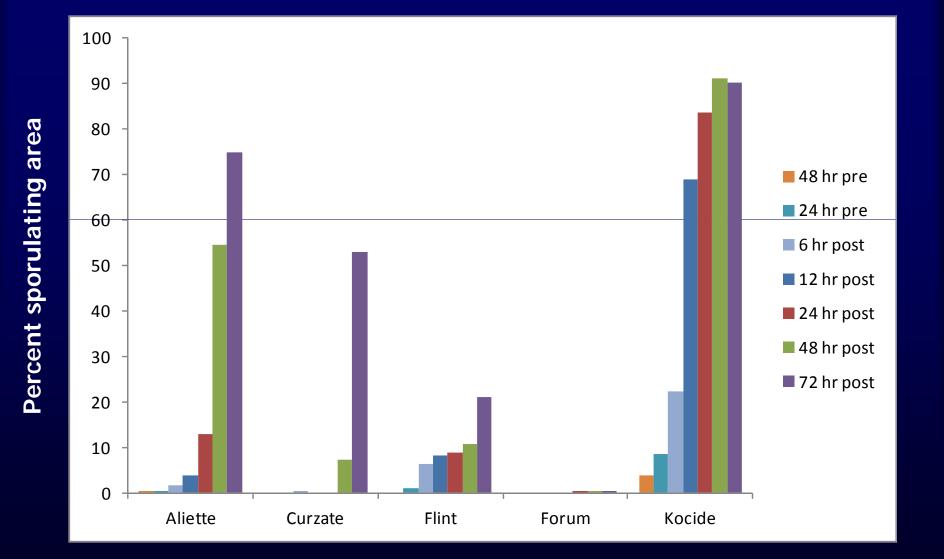




#### Downy Mildew Fungicides (in PNW) plant-disease.ippc.orst.edu

Fungicide	Efficacy	Notes
Aliette	Good-Excellent	Resistance problems in Oregon
Copper*	Moderate	Various formulations; organic
Curzate*	Good-Excellent	Timing critical; pH sensitive
Flint	Moderate	Suppression only
Folpan	Moderate	Side effects on powdery mildew
Forum/Acrobat*	Excellent	
Phosphorous acid*	Good	Many products; cross resistance with Aliette, high rates effective
Pristine	Moderate	Suppression only
Ranman	Excellent	
Revus	Excellent	
Ridomil	Excellent	Various formulations; resistance widespread in PNW
Tanos*	Excellent	
Zampro	Excellent	
		* Used extensively in PNW

### **Fungicide Timing is Important**



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#### **Downy Mildew Management**

- Early control measures key
  - Thorough pruning in well establish yards, timely first spray
- Plant disease-free rootstock
  - National Clean Plant Network (www.usahops.org)
- Avoid highly susceptible varieties
  - Susceptible: Columbus, Galena, Centennial, Northern Brewer
  - Tolerant: Perle, Magnum, Fuggle, Newport
- If disease is not widespread, remove severely diseased plants
- Canopy management to reduce wetness/humidity
  - Remove basal growth, weed control, careful use of cover crops, irrigation
- Fungicide applications during disease conducive weather, particularly wet weather > about 42-46F

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