

Science and Policy



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Invasion Databases:
Scientific Goldmines

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### Surveillance Program Data

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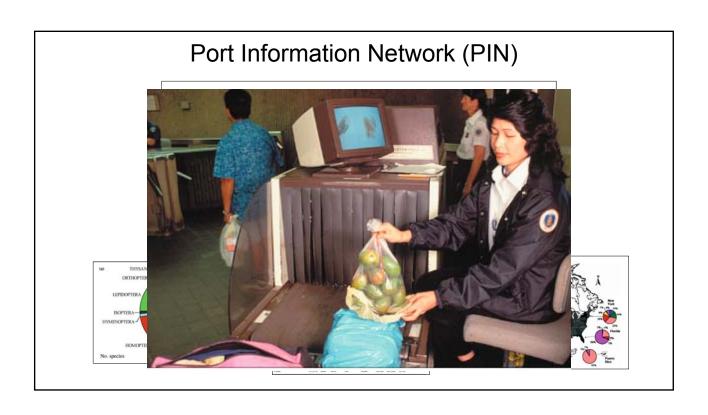
- 1. Protection—biosecurity ←
- 2. Understanding—science

# Cost for Detecting One Adult Fly in California

- Annual surveillance costs = \$20 million
- 60-year cost = >>\$1 billion
- Number adult tephritids captured > 5,500

Cost/fly: \$180,000/fly





# Global Eradication and Response Database (GERDA)

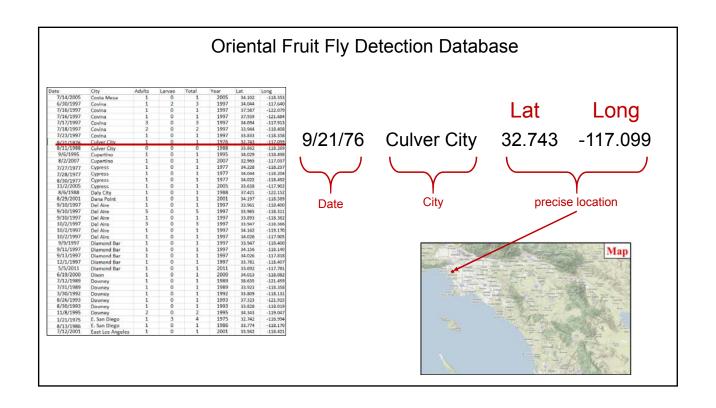
- Pest incursion response

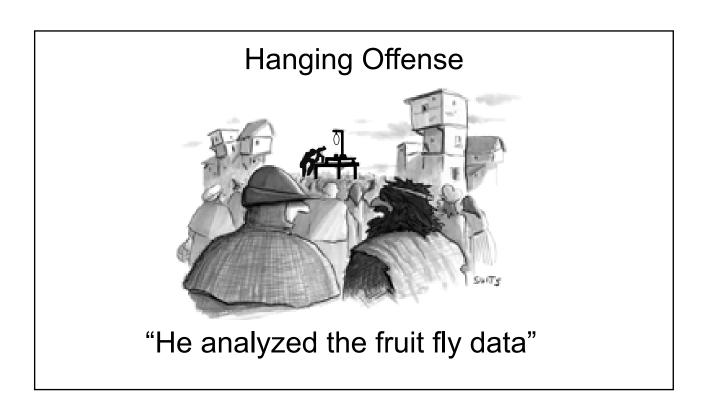
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  tocalisms han Diego, California, United States
  Incursion and investigation
  Detection dute: 6 September 1974
  Infertation size (8-5) ha
  Management decision: attempt eradication
  Eradication for gramme
  Programme start dute: September 1974
  Programme end dute: May 1975
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  Contr. 0.25 million 150 in 1975 (equivalent to approx. 2.255 million 150 in 2015)
  Outcome: conferend eradication
  Control tools used

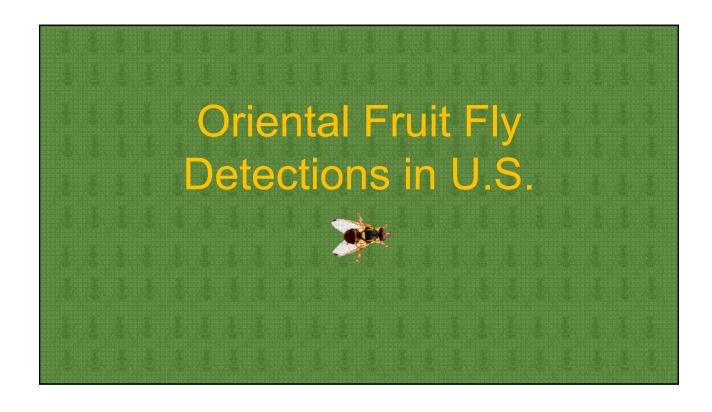
   Luce and kill
  From September 1974 to April 1975
  Male eradication

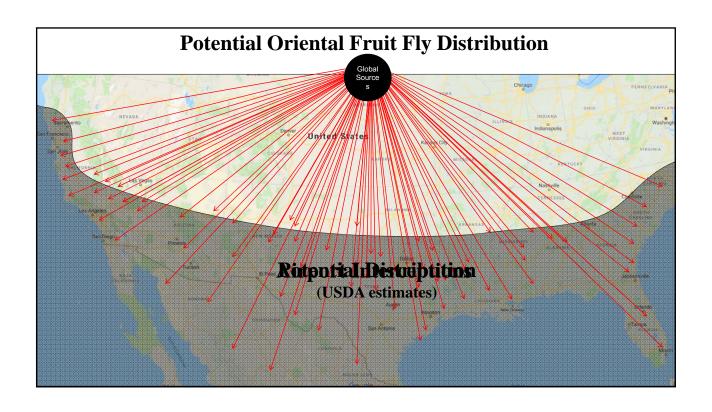
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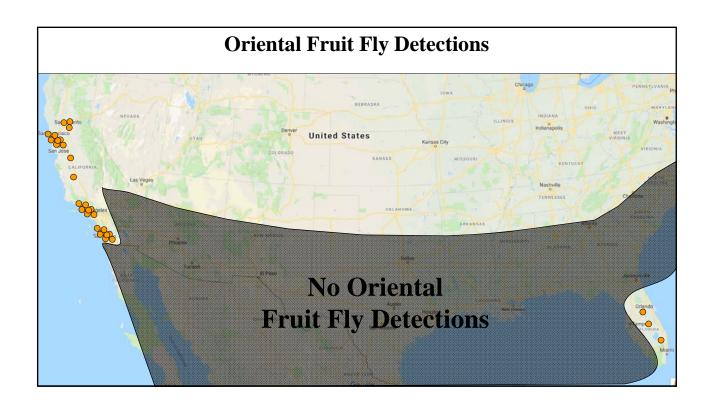
   Pestitological individual
  From September 1974 to May 1975
  Frostein balt spraying
- Species/date (B. dorsalis; Sept, 1974)
- Location (San Diego)
- Infestation size (81,000 ha)
- Management decisions (eradicate)
- Cost (\$2.2 million)
- Control tools (bait spray)

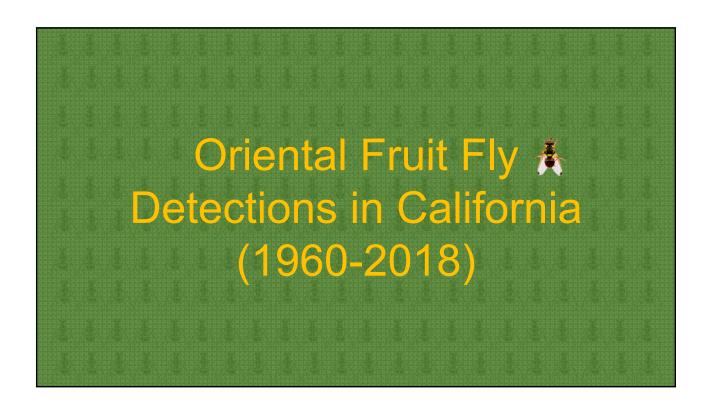


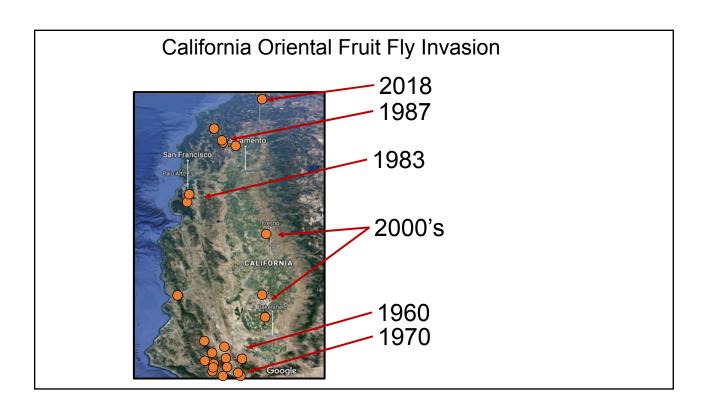






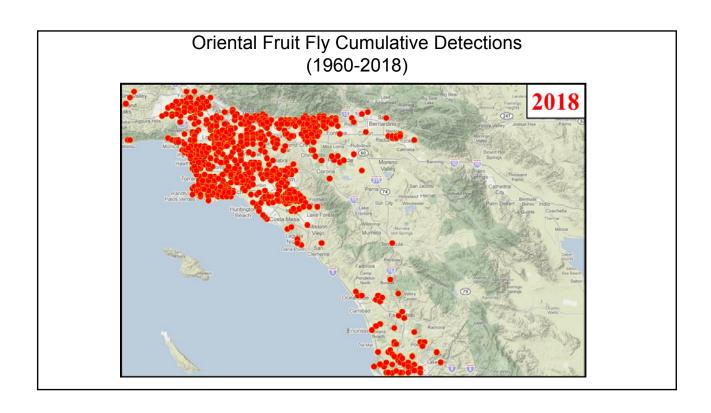


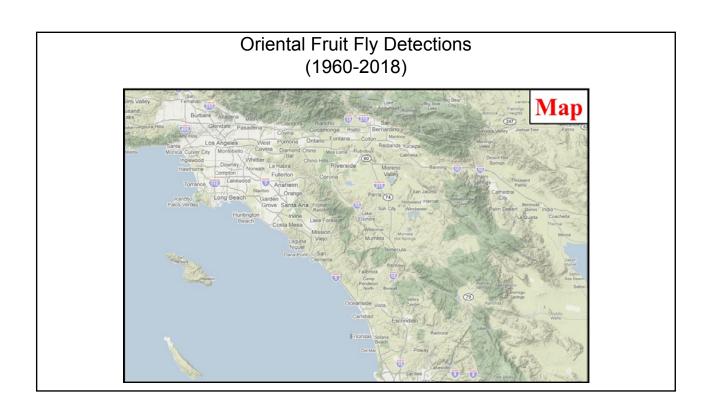


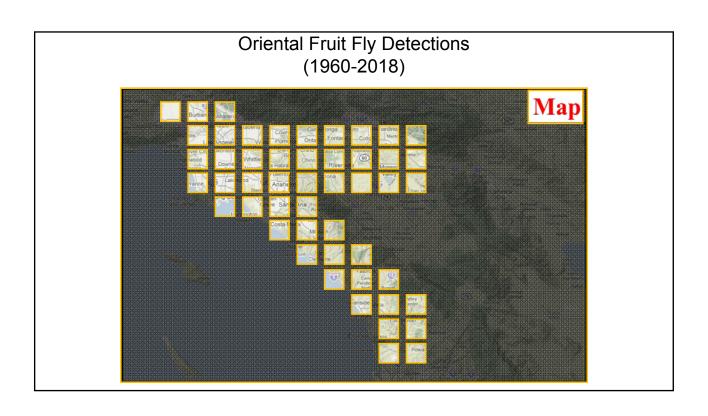


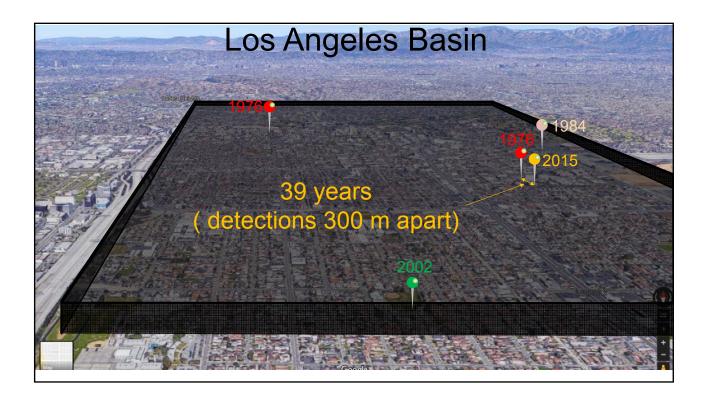
# Detections every year for 50 straight years











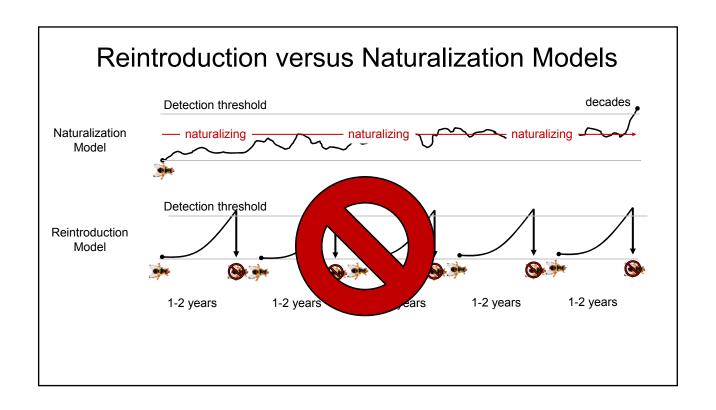
# Policy-related Questions Detection Databases Can Answer

#### **QUESTION #1:**

Why have oriental fruit fly outbreaks been occurring annually for the past 50 years in California and only one other state?

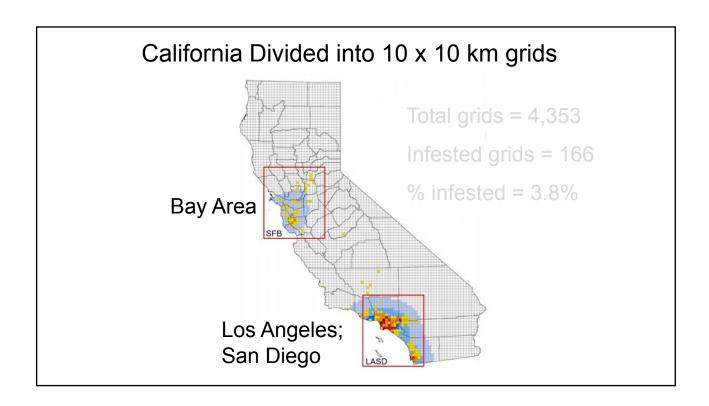
#### **ANSWER:**

Because this fruit fly is permanently established in the state.



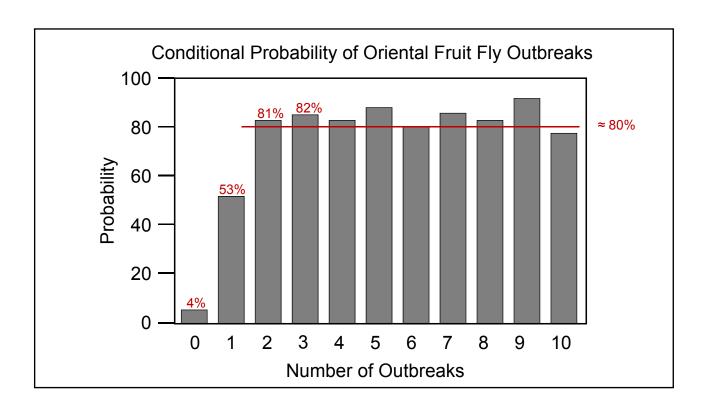
#### **QUESTION #2:**

What is the probability of a first outbreak in a randomly-chosen 100 km<sup>2</sup> (10 x 10 km) grid cell in state?



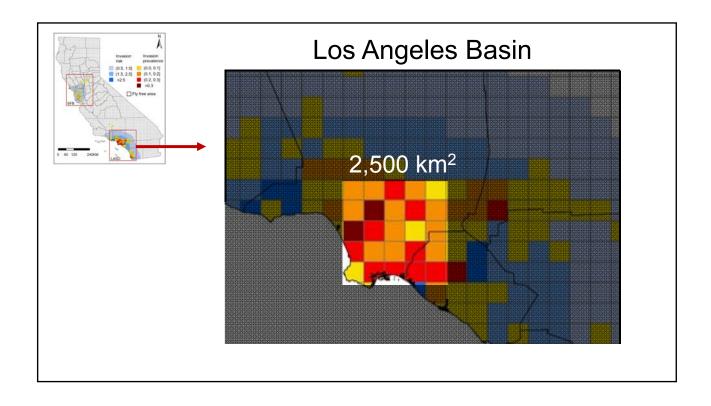
#### **QUESTION #3:**

What is the probability of a second and subsequent outbreaks?



#### **QUESTION #4:**

What is the distribution of outbreak risk in the state?

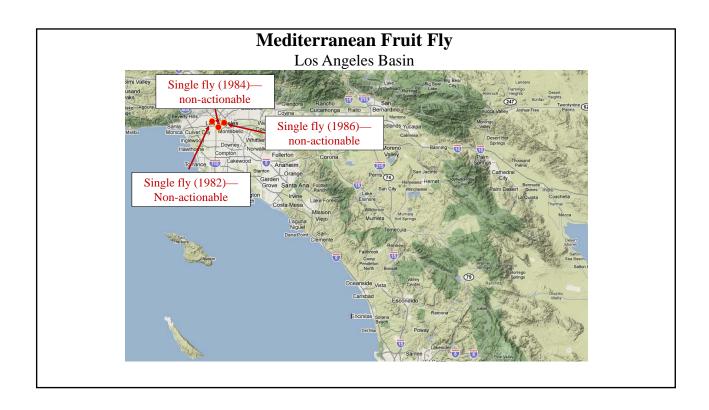


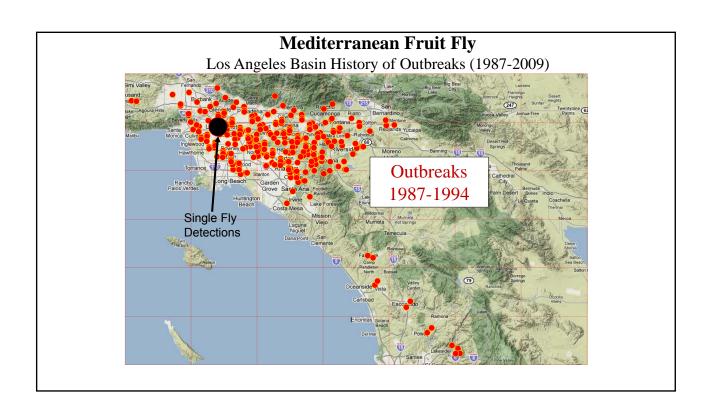
#### **QUESTION #5:**

What does capture of a single fly mean?

#### **ANSWER:**

Ominous sign—100 % probability of eventual outbreak



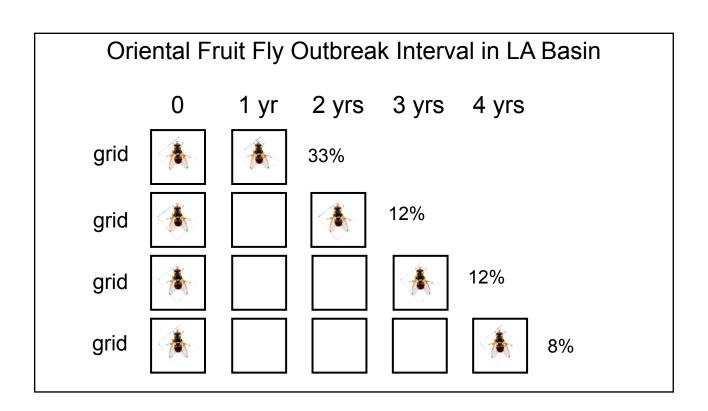


#### **QUESTION #6:**

What does zero capture mean?

#### **ANSWERS:**

- Meaningful if never captured a fly in region
- **2. Less meaningful** if captured fly previously in region



#### **QUESTION #7:**

How concerned should grower be in located just outside regulated area?

#### **ANSWER:**

Very concerned in both immediate and longer term

Oriental fruit flies found in Sacramento, county says. Here's the plan to eradicate them



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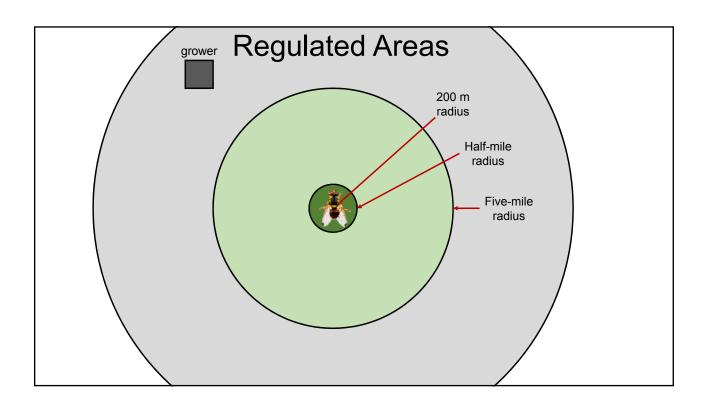


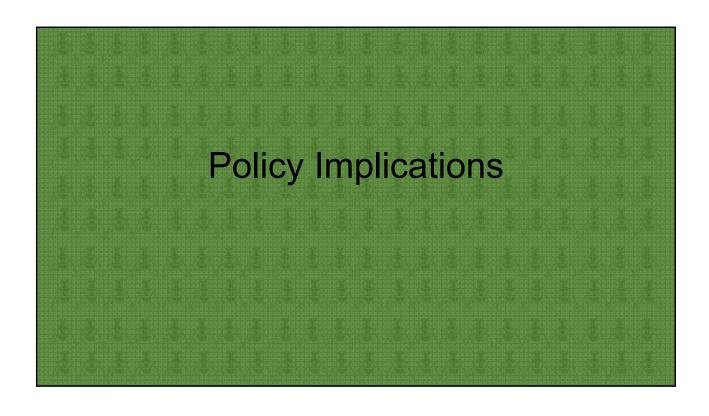
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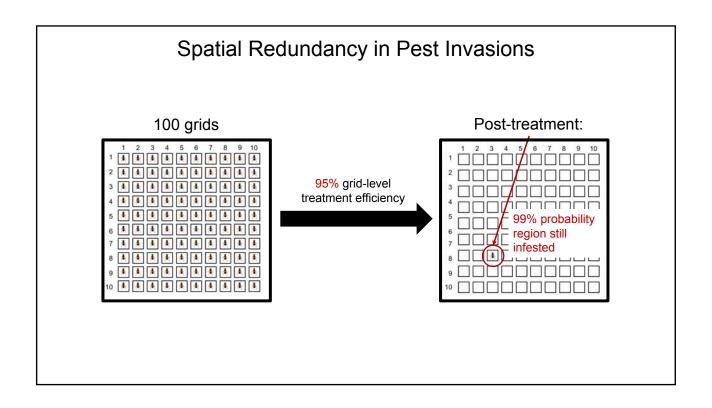


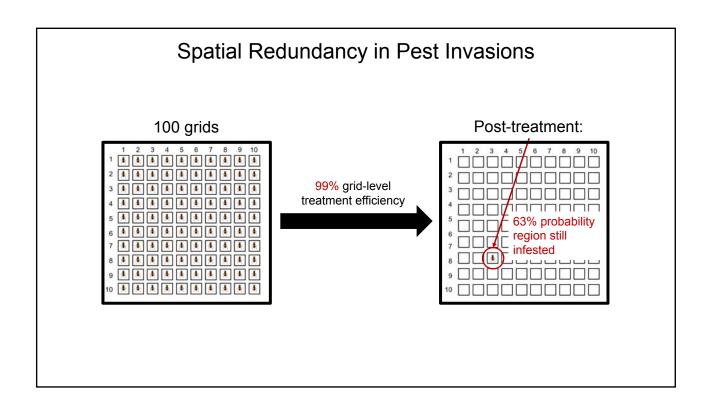


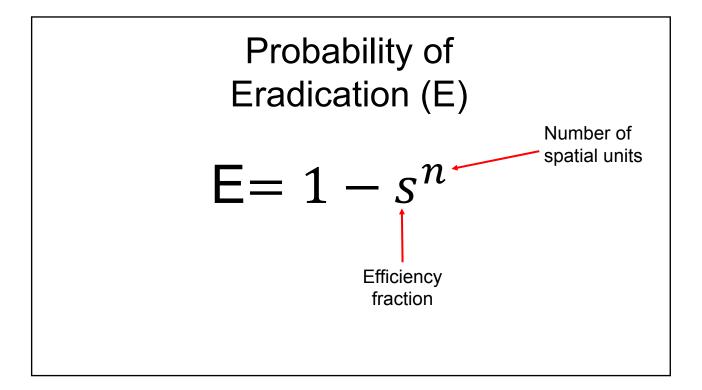


Science informed policy	
Current	Informed
1. 100% eradication success	Low-level population
2. One fly non-actionable	One fly actionable
3. Three generation no detection rule	Maintain program
4. Post-program complete re-set	High vigilance
5. No risk information for growers	Risk information available

Why is eradication so difficult?







## Basic principle of eradication:

As pest distribution increases *arithmetically*, the difficulty of eradication increases *geometrically*.

## Extension of principle:

If pest distribution increases *geometrically*, the difficulty of eradication increases *super-geometrically*.

### Closing thoughts:

- Databases—e.g., Agriculture Data Act of 2018
- Eradication—re. cancer staging
- Invasion science—closer to policy
- Micro-demography—small populations
- Policy forum—Science Magazine

