

# CONTROL OF MELOLONTHA MELOLONTHA WHITE GRUBS



# MELOLONTHA PROJECT 3 YEARS

ECONOMICAL  
DAMAGE DUE TO THE  
GRUBS IN THE TREES  
AND ORNAMENTALS  
SECTOR



# MELOLONTHA PROJECT 3 YEARS

- NEMATODE MIX HETERORHABDITIS  
BACTERIOPHORA AND STEINERNEMA  
FELTIAE
- RATE: 250.000 ECH = 500.000/M2 INJECTED  
IN THE SOIL

# MELOLONTHA PROJECT

## 3 YEARS

- 3 WEEKS AFTER TREATMENT:
  - 6 WHITE GRUBS FOUND IN THE TREATED AREA
  - 1 HAD LARGE NEMATODE INSIDE = COULD BE STEINERNEMA
  - AND OTHER SMALL ONES.

# MELOLONTHA PROJECT

## 3 YEARS

- THE TREATED AREA WAS NOT KEPT WET
- VERY HOT SUMMER
- MY BELIEVE: LOT OF NEMATODES DIED DUE TO THE HEAT AND DRY SOIL CONDITIONS
- WHITE GRUBS WENT DEEPER IN THE SOIL TO AVOID HEAT

# MELOLONTHA PROJECT

## 3 YEARS

- REASON FOR MY CHOICE FOR THE MIX:
  - STEINERNEMA FELTIAE – ABLE TO SURVIVE LOW TEMPERATURES
  - GRUBS CAN BE TREATED EARLIER IN THE SPRING AND LATE SUMMER
  - HETERORHABDITIS BACTERIOPHORA; NEMATODES THROUGH SKIN ALSO
  - S. FELTIAE NEEDS NATURAL OPENINGS

# MELOLONTHA PROJECT 3 YEARS

- FURTHER I BELIEVE:
  - MIX OF NEMATODES RELEASES DIFFERENT BACTERIA
  - COULD HAVE SOME IMPACT INSIDE THE GRUB
- SOMETHING FOR YOU SCIENTISTS TO TRY?

A photograph of a golf course green. In the center, a person in a dark blue jacket is bent over, possibly preparing a shot. To the right, another person in a green shirt and blue pants stands with their back to the camera, watching. The background is a dense line of tall, dark evergreen trees under a cloudy sky. The foreground is a well-maintained green lawn.

**TRIAL AT GOLFCOURSE  
WITH SIMON PIGGOTT 2002**

# TRIAL AT GOLFCOURSE 2002

- APPLIED NEMATODES
  - STEINERNEMA FELTIAE ONLY
  - MIX HETEORHABIDTIS MEGIDIS/STEINERNEMA FELTIAE

# TRIAL AT GOLFCOURSE 2002

- RESULTS AFTER 3X COLLECTING GRUBS :
  - MORTALITY OF LARGE WHITE GRUBS
  - STEINERNEMA FELTIAE GAVE 25%
  - THE MIX H. MEGIDIS/S. FELTIAE 38,6%

# COMMUNITY OF VORDEN

- SPORT FIELDS = HIGH INFECTION OF :
  - P. HORTICOLA
  - A. SOLSTITIALIS
  - M. MELOLONTHA

# COMMUNITY OF VORDEN

- MIX APPLIED IN 3RD WEEK OF JULY 2002  
H. BACTERIOPHORA / S. FELTIAE
- 3 WEEKS AFTER:
  - MANY DEAD/DYING LARGE WHITE GRUBS
- SAMPLES SEND TO SIMON PIGGOTT FOR RESEARCH
- CONCLUSION SIMON PIGGOTT:
  - AMAZING 2 SPECIES OF NEMATODES INSIDE ONE GRUB

# COMMUNITY OF VORDEN

- MAY 2ND 2003 FEED BACK SPORTFIELD MANAGER VORDEN:
  - NO LIVING MELOLONTHA GRUB
  - ONLY 2 BROWN COLOURED ONES
  - AFTER MANY YEARS DAMAGE THE FIRST TIME WITHOUT DAMAGE



# 3 YEARS EFFORTS TO CONTROL LARGE WHITE GRUBS

- LAST 3 YEARS INVESTING A LOT OF MONEY
- TRYING TO CONTROL THE LARGE WHITE GRUBS.
- DIIRECTLY RELATIONSHIP WITH E-NEMA EASIER
- NEMATODES CHEAPER PRICE
- IN RETURN FEED BACK ABOUT RESULTS

# WINTERSWIJK VISITORS GARDEN

- 2002 500M2 TREATED WITH THE MIX
- 2003 THE REST OF THE GARDEN ALSO WITH MIX
- FEED BACK ABOUT RESULTS EXPECT END OF THIS MONTH

# Garden

THIS GARDEN  
TREATED WITH  
THE MIX  
H.BACTERIOPHORA /  
S. FELTIAE



# M.MELOLONTHA TRIALS IN 2004

- THIS YEAR THE FOLLOWING MIXES:
- H. BACTERIOPHORA- S. FELTIAE – S. CARPOCAPSE
- IF POSSIBLE S. SCARABEI IF IT WILL BE AVAILABLE

# AFTER TREATMENT

- GRUBS TO E-NEMA
- MY CONCLUSION ALSO
- YOUNG M. MELOLONTHA GRUBS IN THE SPRING AND LATE SUMMER
- THE GREAT ONES REMAINS DIFFICULT TO CONTROL
- BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE
- I STILL BELIEVE IN THE MIX

THANK YOU ALL!

