# **CSC** Research Update

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## Strategic Plan

Grower Needs, with Consumer in Mind

#### **Grower Needs**

1. Determine Grower Needs

 2. Characterize Public Perception and Consumer Behavior

3. Launch Reputation Building Plan

#### Innovate

Identify Game Changers

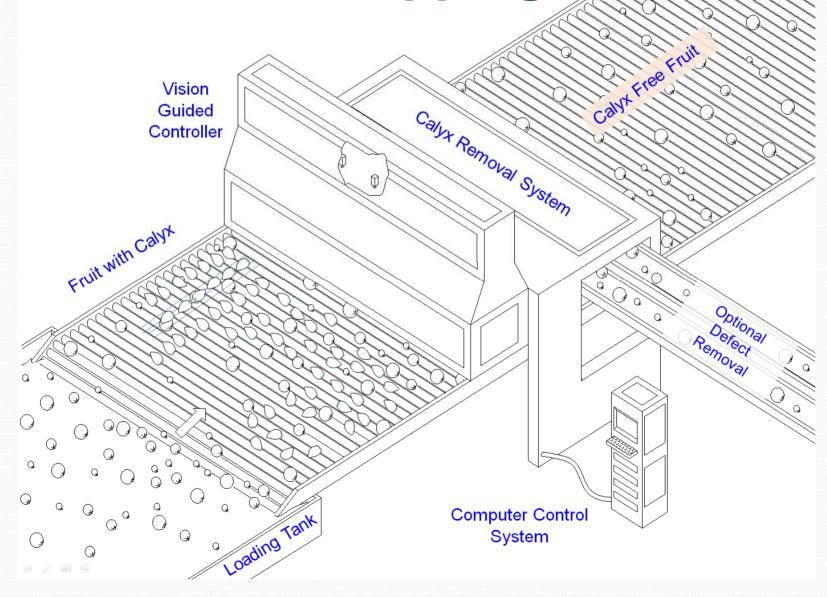
 Initiate Innovation in Production and Communication

Education & Training Programs

# Robotic Harvesting Machine -Spain



# **Automated De-capping Machine**

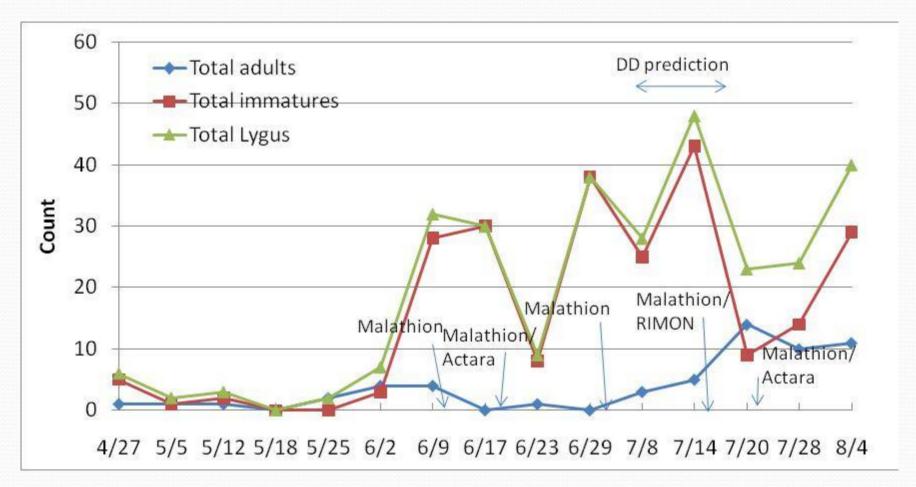


### 2011 Lygus Management Project

- Evaluated using the degree day model to time Rimon applications
- Also evaluated pesticide resistance of Lygus populations in grower fields



## Degree Day model did not work



• Predictions were 30 to 75 days late (avg. 42 days)

### Grower Practice & Responses

- •Growers allocated management to PCAs (>60%)
- Degree day model wasn't used; majority used visual scouting
- >Most growers interested in using resistance testing (few PCAs interested)

# 2012 CSC Lygus Project

- We will train on-farm employees to monitor Lygus
- Test lygus for pesticide resistance
- Provide spray and management recommendations
- Conduct spray trials for new chemistries in Watsonville/Salinas
- Work with Grower Communications team to develop and implement industry-wide training and education program for Lygus management