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# UK ORGANIC MARKET OVERVIEW



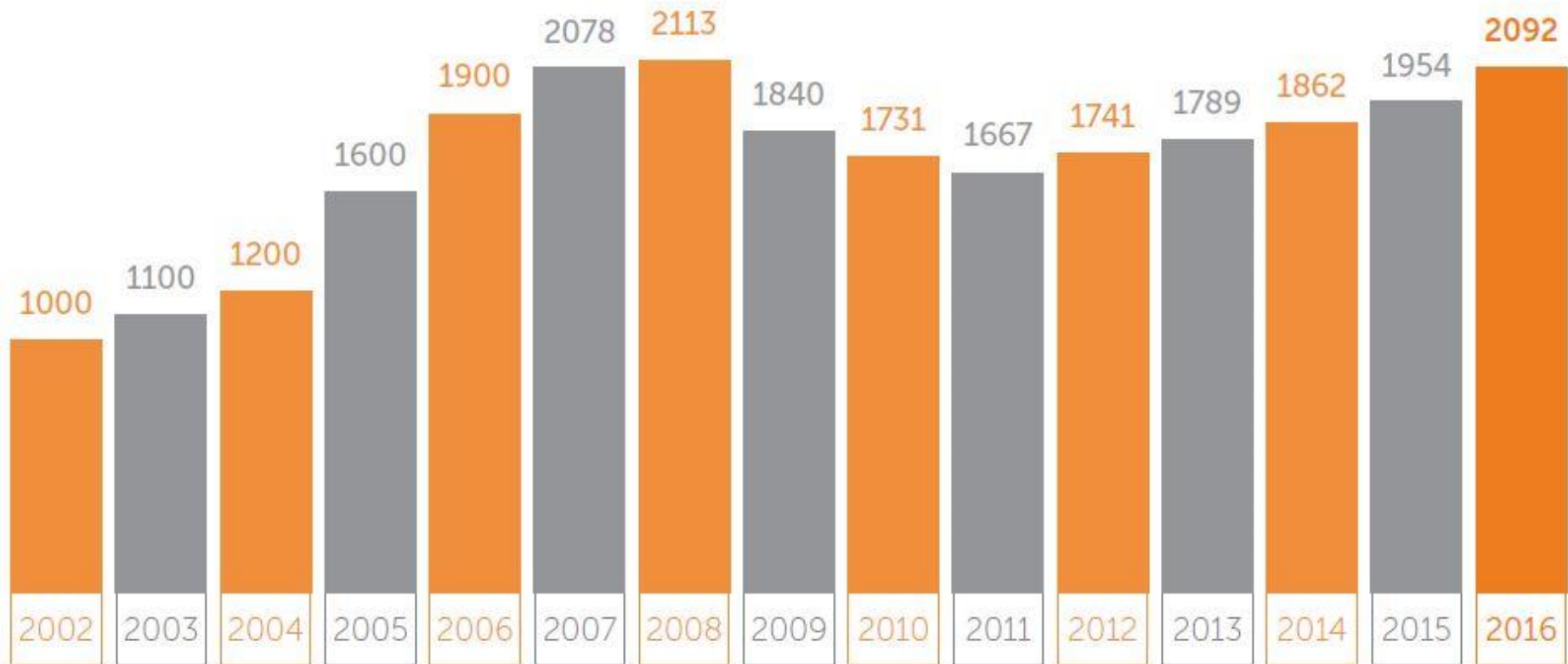
Total organic sales 2016  
**£2.09B**

**+ 7.1%**  
Sales growth

# UK SALES OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

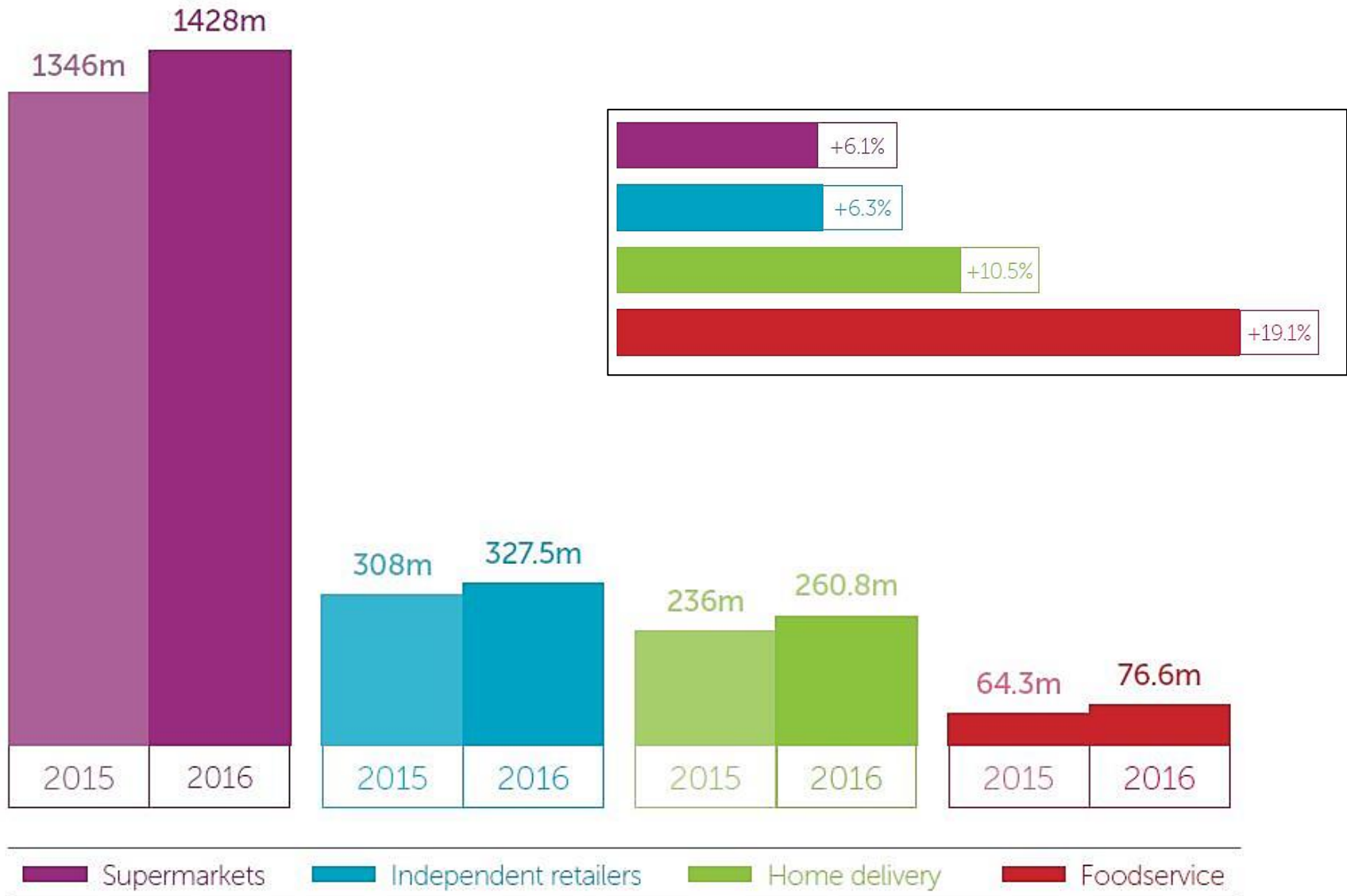
2002 – 2016

UK Sales of organic products in GBP (£) millions



# CHANNEL GROWTH

2015 – 2016 Channel growth in GBP (£) millions and percentage growth





# SUPERMARKETS

£1.42 billion total sales; growth +6.1%

New listings in supermarkets

Organic grocery growing the fastest

Discounters expanding ranges



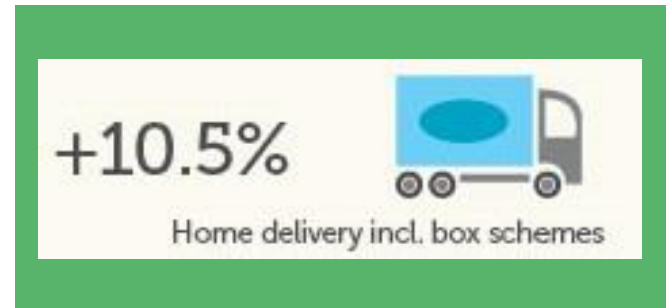
# HOME DELIVERY

£260.8m total sales; growth of +10.5%

Recipe boxes creating new interest

Shoppers want convenience

Amazon Fresh – shop window



# INDEPENDENTS

£327.5m total sales; growth +6.3%

Wholesalers +5%

90% expect sales to continue to increase this year



# CATERING

- Growth of 19.1%
- More High Street and visitor attraction menus include Organic
- Food for Life Served Here now generates £15 million spend on Organic, +66% on last year
- Foodservice wholesalers seeing the opportunity
- Increased interest in healthy work place catering





# THE ORGANIC CONSUMER

Product	% Share*	% Change*
Dairy	29	+2.2
Fresh produce	23.5	+10.3
Baby food	10.3	+5.3
Meat, fish & poultry	10.1	-1
Confectionery/soft drinks	3.9	+5
Canned & packaged	15.8	+12.7
Beers/wines/spirits	2.2	+14.3
Bakery & cakes	1.4	-5.2
Chilled foods & deli	2.9	+16
Frozen	0.7	-6.9



# THE ORGANIC CONSUMER

## MISTRUST



## FARMER EMPATHY

*"The impression I get that is most farmers and producers are getting screwed over"*  
Simone, 35-44, London



## WASTE



"I'm not sure what the truth is...there are all sorts of claims."

*"Our blue bin is always full. It's criminal!"*

Janet, 35-44 Manchester

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## CONVENIENCE

*"I feel quite guilty but I have to, say, just pop into Tesco's. You have the local butcher which is better quality but you may not have the time"*

Simone, 35-44, London



## INFORMED



## HEALTH



"There's so much about our food on TV"

Hayley, Principled Striver, Glasgow

"We all want to eat more healthily and are more conscious of it but price is a big issue"



### **Principled Strivers**

#### **Doing the right thing but time pressured**

Lead busy lives. Are, or feel, time pressured. Have principles but don't have time to shop around and occasionally will buy what is convenient or what they fancy. Moderately organic engaged, low price sensitivity.



### **Food Adventurers**

#### **Food is central to their identity**

Curious and like to discover new ingredients, cuisines, restaurants. Sceptical of trends, well informed. High organic engagement, low price sensitivity.



### **Caring Parents**

#### **Role modelling and sacrificing for their children**

Life is a balance: budgets, wellbeing vs. treats, time for work, time for play. Juggling. Will make personal sacrifices for their children. Engaged with organic, high price sensitivity.



### **Making a statement**

Highly social; the most outer-directed. Want to look and feel good. Engaged with organic but not a philosophical level. Price conscious but will make sacrifices in one area to allow them to have something else.



### **Getting everything under control**

Orientated towards living a healthy life. Strongly held views on food, production, retail. Self-focused, engaged with food, organic as one of a number of interesting options. Price conscious but least price sensitive.



### **See the bigger picture**

Want to do the right thing for the planet and their communities as much as themselves. Emotionally engaged in product choices. Very high organic engagement also very price sensitive (their value equation is not focused on price though)





# THE YEAR AHEAD



- Organic meeting consumer need, and becoming even more relevant
- Consumer confidence
- Foodservice opportunities; overall market predicted to grow at consistent 2.9%
- Uncertainty post EU referendum
  - Organic regulation
  - Farmer payments
  - Future trade deals
- Rising prices and inflation

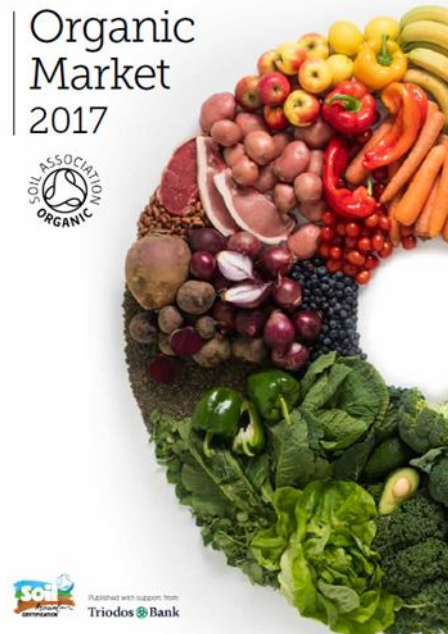




# Thank you

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# LEATHERJACKET CONTROL FIELD LAB

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# Biology



Crane-fly larvae

Adults emerge late summer / autumn

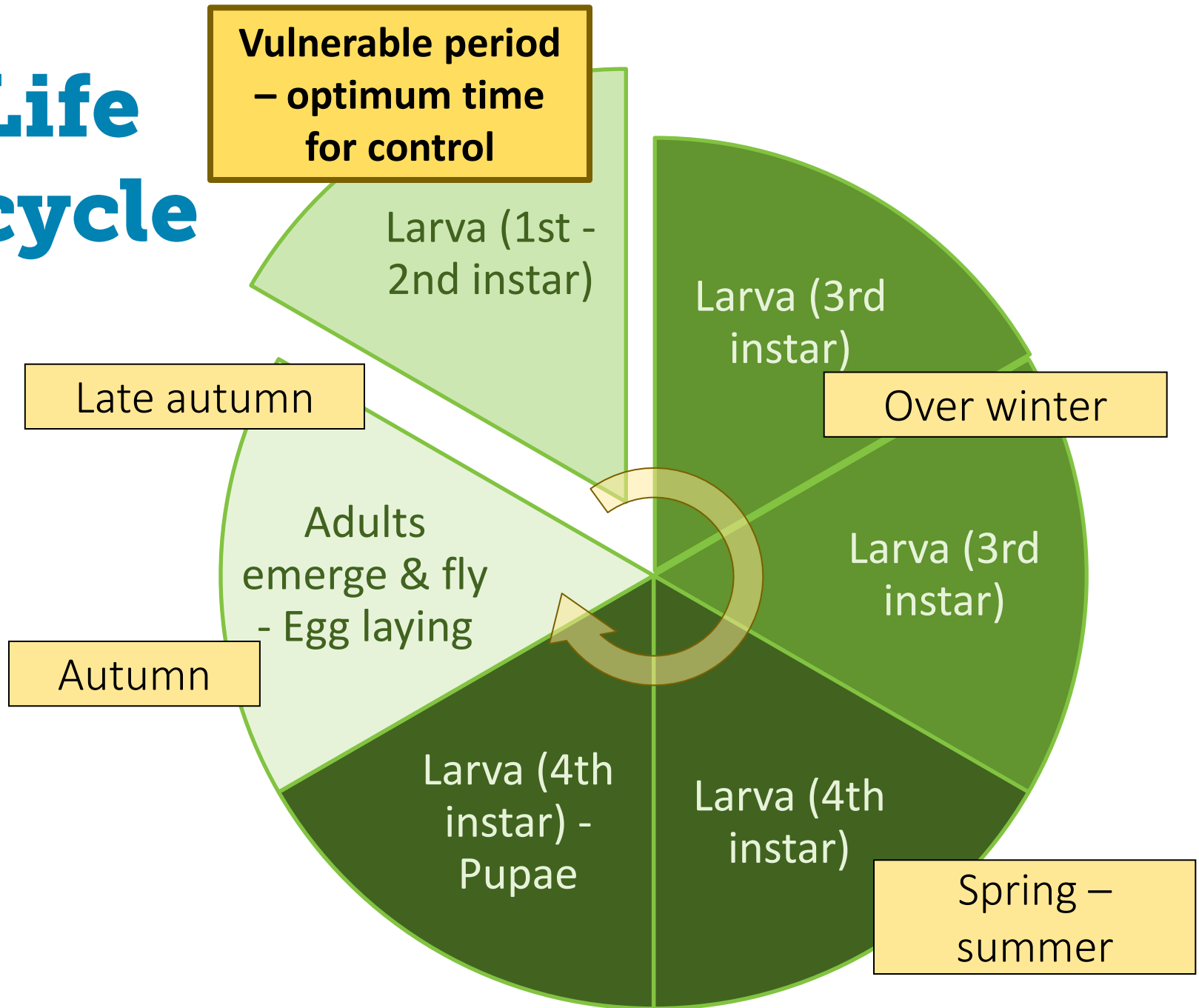
Lay eggs shortly afterward **in grass**

Larvae hatch in about a fortnight

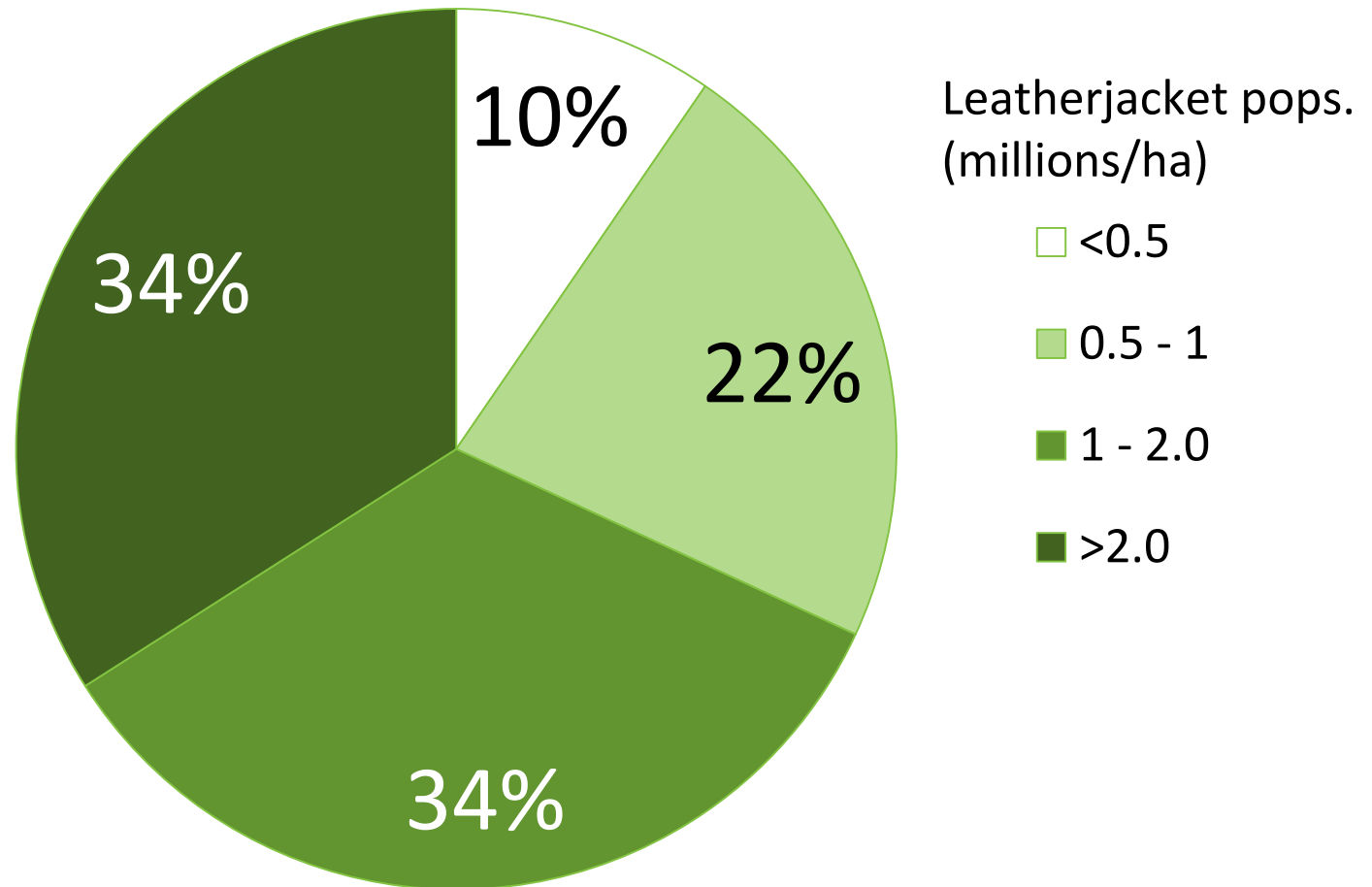
**Most vulnerable stage immediately after hatching**

# Life cycle

**Vulnerable period**  
– optimum time  
for control



# Field data: winter 2017



Data taken from 94 field samples in Ayrshire and Bute in early 2017





■ Low Mains Farm

Glasserton

Kidsdale

Isle of  
Whithorn

Isle Head



A

B



# Sampling

25 soil cores

Each core is:

- 2.5" (6.5 cm) wide
- 2.5" (6.5 cm) deep

Cores taken along the longest diagonal of the field







# Field lab treatment

- Garlic (Rigel G)
- Sprayed end November 2016
- Recommended rate 1-2 l/ha



Rigel G		
	1.5	l/ha
£	80	/l bottle
£	119	/ha

- Currently sold in 1 l bottles for higher value crop use

**ORIONET**

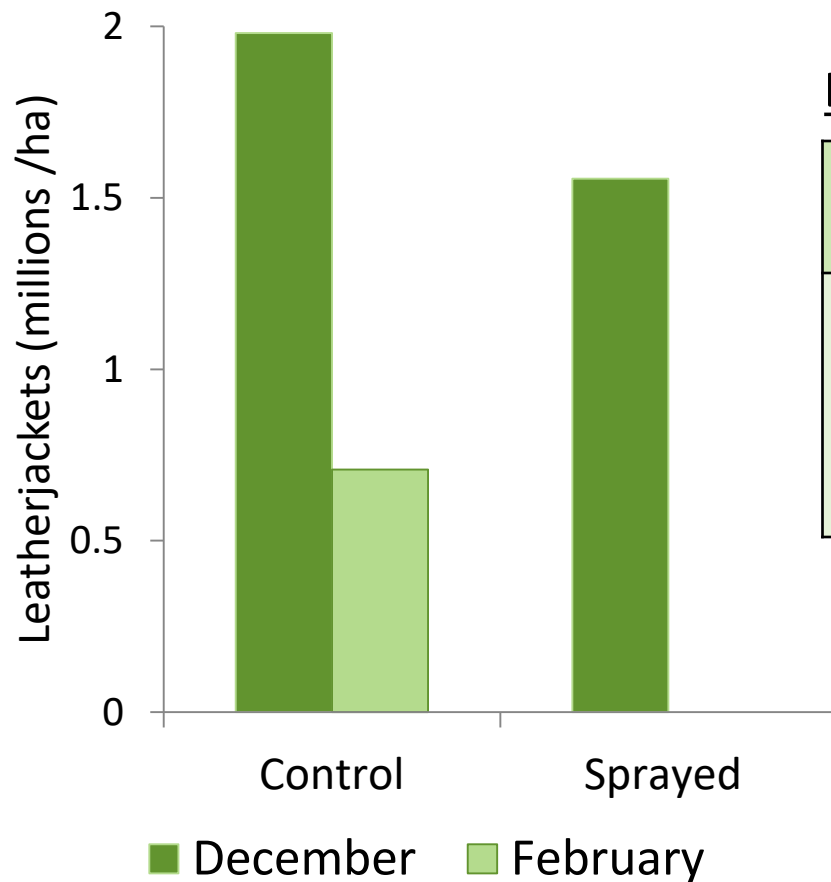
**RIGEL-G**

**A high quality organic feed with an added garlic extract. Contains a silicon wetter for improved coverage.**

**Directions for use of Rigel-G**

Crops	Timing	Rate (l/ha)	Maximum number of applications
Field Crops	As part of regular programme. Every 7-14 days	1-2	2-4
Fruit Crops	As part of regular programme. Every 7-14 days	1-2	2-6
Ornamental/Sports and Turf	As part of regular programme. Every 7-14 days	1-2	3-6

# Results



Leatherjacket pop. estimates (millions /ha)

	December	February
Control	1.98	0.71*
Sprayed	1.56	0.00**

**\*5 leatherjackets were found in 25 cores**

**\*\*indicates 0-141,482 leatherjackets /ha**

# What's next?

- Were the results genuine, or were they due to sampling error? *Probably not.*
- Did the climate in the milder wetter south west make a difference?
- Did we get lucky with the timing?
- Will spray applications in spring work?
- Should we replicate the trial in drier colder conditions (i.e. north east Scotland)?

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