# Probit Analysis of Pesticide Toxicity to Aphids on Guam

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**Abstract**—Three common crop aphid pests on Guam, *Aphis craccivora* Koch, *Aphis gossypii* Glover, and *Toxoptera citricida* (Kirkaldy) were examined in laboratory dip test bioassays using three commonly used insecticides, dimethoate, diazinon, and malathion. The LD<sub>50</sub>, LD<sub>90</sub>, lethal dose ratios and 95% confidence limits were computed for each aphid-insecticide combination. The LD<sub>50</sub> and LD<sub>90</sub> for each aphid-insecticide combination were generally low, although there were differences in lethal doses among aphids collected at different sites on Guam. Analysis of the slopes and intercepts of the probit regressions suggests that different detoxification mechanisms or site-specific factors may be operating. Analysis of lethal dose ratios using the lowest lethal dose in an experiment as a baseline suggest that there is little to no detectable insecticide resistance in the aphid populations studied on Guam.

## Introduction

Aphids are serious pests of a variety of crops on Guam, which cause serious damage and yield loss in crops and ornamental plantings, and vector a number of harmful viral diseases. The cosmopolitan array of aphid species now present on Guam was likely inadvertently introduced over the years from areas outside of the Mariana Archipelago (Swezey 1942, 1946, Bellar 1948, Blackman & Eastop 1984). Aphid infestations on beans, melons, taro, and bananas grown in the Mariana Islands are almost inevitable if insecticides are not used, causing severe cosmetic damage and yield reduction.

Though pesticides are commonly used to control aphids on Guam (Yudin & Butz 1998), little work has been done to categorize use patterns, efficacy, and the build-up of insecticide resistance. Such information is critical to the formulation of integrated pest management (IPM) programs seeking to reduce the environmental impact of pesticides and enhance the incorporation of alternate pest management strategies (Croft & Morse 1979). The project described hereafter constitutes the first effort to examine the development of insecticide resistance on Guam, and provides baseline information for future comparisons.

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### **Materials and Methods**

Populations of three of the most common pestiferous crop aphids on Guam, the melon aphid, *Aphis gossypii* Glover, the cowpea aphid, *Aphis craccivora* Koch, and the brown citrus aphid, *Toxoptera citricida* (Kirkaldy) were assayed for the development of insecticide resistance against dimethoate (Cygon), diazinon, and malathion. These insecticides are the most frequently used compounds against aphids on a variety of crops grown on Guam (L.S. Yudin, CALS-ANR, University of Guam, unpublished data).

Aphids were collected from colonies on screenhouse plants and from farmers' fields located at various sites on Guam within 24 hours prior to dip-testing in the laboratory. Collected aphids were maintained in a controlled temperature chamber at 24 C until tested. Only reproductively mature adult female aphids were selected for dip tests. Aphids were determined to be mature if they possessed fully developed caudal processes (Blackman & Eastop 1984) and were of normal adult size when examined under a stereomicroscope.

In the dip tests, apterous female aphids were positioned on their backs in two rows of five on the uppermost side of double-sided poster tape fastened to a glass microslide. Once all test aphids were positioned on the microslide, the microslide was totally immersed in the test solution for one second. Excess liquid was removed from the slide by gently tapping the edge of the slide on a paper towel. Microslides were then placed on a paper towel inside a plastic container with the lid left slightly ajar. The temperature within the container was maintained at 24° C with a relative humidity of 65%.

Five microslides containing ten aphids collected were tested at each of four insecticide concentration levels and with a distilled water control. Residual toxicity of insecticides was determined at 24-hour intervals following exposure. After 24 hours, a soft-bristled brush was used to stimulate movement in the aphids, with individuals showing no voluntary movement upon stimulation being judged dead. The number of dead aphids was recorded for each slide.

Dose response curves were computed for each of the three insecticides using a separate series of dip tests for each aphid species collected from each locale. Aphid survivorship was scored 24 hr following exposure using dip-test procedures described previously. Probit analyses (Finney 1962) were performed using Polo-PC (LeOra Software 1994). Lethal dose ratios and associated significance tests were performed as described in Robertson & Preisler (1992).

## Results

Residual toxicity effects of pesticides for each of the three aphid species examined are shown in Table 1. Percent mortality in each pesticide treatment level and in controls increased substantially for all aphids over time. Mortality observations made after 24 hours generally ranged from near 0% to greater than 50%, though in some cases near 90% mortality was observed. Mortality at all treatment

		% Mortality af	ter treatments $\pm$ SD		
Treatment	Rate (%)	24 hr	48 hr	72 hr	96 hr
			Aphis craccivora		
Dimethoate	0	0a	$28 \pm 14.83b$	$92 \pm 8.37c$	100d
	0.0021	$2 \pm 4.47a$	$42 \pm 8.37b$	$94 \pm 5.48c$	100d
	0.0042	$4 \pm 5.48a$	$44 \pm 13.42b$	100c	100c
	0.021	$20 \pm 7.07a$	$76 \pm 8.94b$	100c	100c
	0.042	$36 \pm 15.17a$	$86 \pm 5.48b$	100c	100c
	0.21	$42\pm14.83a$	$86 \pm 11.40b$	100c	100c
Diazinon	0	0a	28 ± 13.04b	$72 \pm 17.89c$	100d
	0.0016	$2 \pm 4.47a$	$54 \pm 8.94b$	$82 \pm 19.24c$	100d
	0.0032	$4 \pm 8.94a$	$46 \pm 19.49b$	$84 \pm 11.40c$	100d
	0.016	$44 \pm 8.94a$	$70 \pm 7.07b$	$94 \pm 5.48c$	100d
	0.032	$54 \pm 5.48a$	$76 \pm 15.17b$	$94 \pm 5.48c$	100c
	0.16	$98 \pm 4.47a$	$98 \pm 4.47a$	100a	100a
Malathion	0	0a	$38 \pm 21.68b$	$98 \pm 4.47c$	100c
	0.0019	$4 \pm 5.48a$	$48 \pm 13.04b$	$98 \pm 4.47c$	100c
	0.0038	$8 \pm 4.47a$	$68 \pm 8.37b$	100c	100c
	0.019	$20 \pm 10.00a$	$62 \pm 16.43b$	$98 \pm 4.47c$	100c
	0.038	$42 \pm 13.04a$	$74 \pm 11.40b$	100c	100c
	0.19	$62 \pm 4.47a$	$74 \pm 5.48b$	100c	100c
			Aphis gossypi		
Dimethoate	0	6 ± 8.94a	$72 \pm 8.37b$	$94 \pm 5.48c$	100c
	0.0021	$12 \pm 10.95a$	$70 \pm 7.07b$	$98 \pm 4.47c$	100c
	0.0042	$12 \pm 13.04a$	$64 \pm 5.48b$	$98 \pm 4.47c$	100c
	0.021	$20 \pm 7.07a$	$70 \pm 15.81b$	100c	100c
	0.042	$10 \pm 7.07a$	$72 \pm 8.37b$	100c	100c
	0.21	$74 \pm 5.48a$	100b	100b	100b
Diazinon	0	4 ± 5.48a	$96 \pm 5.48b$	100b	100b
	0.0016	$22 \pm 14.83a$	$80 \pm 12.25b$	100c	100c
	0.0032	$42 \pm 8.37a$	$84 \pm 11.40b$	100c	100c
	0.016	$68 \pm 8.37a$	$98 \pm 4.47b$	100b	100b
	0.032	$72 \pm 10.95a$	$98 \pm 4.47b$	100b	100b
	0.16	$88 \pm 8.37a$	100b	100b	100b
Malathion	0	6 ± 8.94a	24 ± 11.40b	$98 \pm 4.47c$	100c
	0.0019	$10 \pm 10.00a$	$30 \pm 14.14b$	$96 \pm 5.48c$	100c
	0.0038	$8 \pm 13.04a$	$48 \pm 17.89b$	$96 \pm 5.47c$	100c
	0.019	$22 \pm 13.04a$	$84 \pm 13.42b$	$98 \pm 4.47c$	100c
	0.038	$30 \pm 10.00a$	$96 \pm 5.48b$	100c	100c
	0.19	$62 \pm 16.43a$	100b	100c	100c
			Toxoptera citricida		
Dimethoate	0	$4 \pm 5.48a$	$54 \pm 5.48b$	$94 \pm 8.94c$	100c
	0.0021	$2 \pm 4.47a$	$16 \pm 8.94b$	$80 \pm 10.00c$	100c

Table 1. Residual toxicity of insecticides to aphids at 24 hr intervals after exposure in dip tests.

	0.0042	$4 \pm 5.48a$	$22 \pm 10.95b$	$90 \pm 7.07c$	100c
	0.021	$6 \pm 5.48a$	$72 \pm 19.23b$	100c	100c
	0.042	$18 \pm 13.04a$	$98 \pm 4.47b$	100b	100b
	0.21	$50 \pm 20.00a$	$94\pm4.47b$	100b	100b
Diazinon	0	0a	$38\pm8.37b$	100c	100c
	0.0016	$2 \pm 4.47a$	$36 \pm 20.74b$	100c	100c
	0.0032	$4 \pm 8.94a$	$44 \pm 18.17b$	100c	100c
	0.016	$42 \pm 4.47a$	$98 \pm 4.47b$	100b	100b
	0.032	$50 \pm 10.00a$	$98 \pm 4.47b$	100b	100b
	0.16	$62 \pm 13.04a$	100b	100b	100b
Malathion	0	0a	$80 \pm 12.25b$	100c	100c
	0.0019	$2 \pm 4.47a$	$72 \pm 8.37b$	100c	100c
	0.0038	$4 \pm 5.48a$	$70 \pm 15.81b$	100c	100c
	0.019	$30 \pm 7.07a$	$98 \pm 4.47b$	100b	100b
	0.038	$34 \pm 8.94a$	$98 \pm 4.47b$	100b	100b
	0.19	94 ± 5.48a	100b	100b	100b

Mean mortalities (%) followed by the same lowercase letter in the same row are not significantly different, based on analysis of transformed data, P > 0.05, LSD, Velleman (1997).

levels exceeded 90% after 72 hours and was 100% in all treatments, including distilled water controls, after 96 hours.

Based on results from residual toxicity experiments, a 24 hour post-exposure interval was determined the most appropriate for comparing insecticide susceptibility in the various aphid populations collected from Guam. The LD<sub>50</sub> and LD<sub>90</sub> with associated lethal dose ratios (LDR) are shown for each aphid species examined (Tables 2, 3, 4) as are 95% confidence levels.

The lethal dose response was similar for the two *A. gossypii* populations exposed to dimethoate and collected from the same taro field a week apart (Table 2). Differences were observed in *A. gossypii* survivorship in response to exposure to diazinon. *Aphis gossypii* collected from eggplant in Toto was significantly more susceptible than those collected from taro in Talofofo and from the exotic weed, eupatorium (*Chromolaena odorata*) in Yona. Similarly, *A. gossypii* collected from eupatorium in Yona were less susceptible to malathion than populations collected from taro in Barrigada. Analysis of the slopes of the probit regressions show that the regression lines were the same for the two *A. gossypii* collections from taro in Barrigada ( $\chi^2 = 0.14$ , df = 2, P > 0.05), while the regression lines computed for *A. gossypii* exposed to malathion were parallel ( $\chi^2 = 4.45$ , df = 3, P > 0.05). However, slopes of regression lines for *A. gossypii* populations exposed to diazinon were not parallel ( $\chi^2 = 9.55$ , df = 4, P ≤ 0.05).

There were significant differences in susceptibility for *A. craccivora* collected from beans at various sites on Guam (Table 3). Aphid populations collected from University of Guam research plots in Mangilao were significantly less susceptible than aphid populations from Talofofo, Malojloj or Barrigada. There were also significant differences in susceptibility to diazinon between *A. craccivora* collected at Talofofo and Barrigada, and from two separate sites at Talofofo.

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				Dime	thoate				
Collection Site	u	slope $\pm$ SE	Lethal	Dose	95% CI	$\chi^{_2}$	Lethal D	ose Ratio	95% CI
Barrigada (taro)	30	$1.041 \pm 0.199$	$\mathrm{LD}_{50}$	0.076	0.044 - 0.140	8.937	I	I	I
1-Apr-99			$LD_{90}$	1.286	0.495 - 9.116		I	Ι	I
Barrigada (taro)	30	$1.012 \pm 0.158$	$\mathrm{LD}_{\mathrm{50}}$	0.069	0.043 - 0.125	7.419	$LDR_{s0}$	1.094ns	0.516 - 2.321
7-Apr-99			$LD_{90}$	1.277	0.508 - 6.608		LDR <sub>90</sub>	1.007ns	0.173 - 5.855
				Diaz	zinon				
Talofofo (taro)	30	$1.025\pm0.270$	$LD_{50}$	0.157	0.084 - 0.510	20.620	I	Ι	Ι
15-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	2.584	0.693 - 112.289		I	Ι	I
Yona (Chromolaena)	30	$1.699 \pm 0.585$	$LD_{50}$	0.145	0.086 - 0.375	17.048	$LDR_{50}$	1.076ns	0.426 - 2.713
16-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.826	0.339 - 55.944		LDR <sup>90</sup>	3.123ns	0.271 - 36.026
Toto (eggplant)	30	$0.960 \pm 0.209$	$LD_{50}$	0.129	0.070 - 0.356	11.436	$LDR_{50}$	1.218ns	0.426 - 3.481
26-Jan-99			$LD_{90}$	2.783	0.761 - 60.013		LDR <sup>90</sup>	0.929 ns	0.063 - 13.701
Toto (eggplant)	30	$1.421\pm0.165$	$LD_{50}$	0.045	0.022 - 0.073	10.167	$LDR_{50}$	$3.511^{*}$	1.397 - 8.821
11-Jan-99			$LD_{90}$	0.463	0.211 - 4.060		LDR <sub>90</sub>	5.583ns	0.574 - 54.293
Toto (eggplant)	30	$1.723\pm0.227$	$LD_{50}$	0.022	0.016 - 0.030	15.785	$LDR_{50}$	7.157*	3.155 - 16.233
21-Jan-99			$LD_{90}$	0.121	0.080 - 0.228		LDR <sup>90</sup>	21.275*	2.802 - 161.553
				Mala	athion				
Yona (Chromolaena)	30	$1.539 \pm 0.536$	$LD_{50}$	0.313	I	31.888	I	I	I
23-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	2.126	I		I	I	I
Yona (Chromolaena)	30	$0.987\pm0.352$	$LD_{50}$	0.192	0.102 - 1.326	20.509	$LDR_{50}$	1.630 ns	0.526 - 5.049
18-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	3.811	0.780 - 21232.364		LDR <sup>90</sup>	0.559 ns	0.019 - 16.084
Barrigada (taro)	30	$1.263 \pm 0.402$	$LD_{50}$	0.129	0.070 - 0.325	19.385	$LDR_{50}$	2.425ns	0.898 - 6.545
23-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	1.334	0.448 - 107.907		LDR <sup>90</sup>	1.595ns	0.111 - 22.770
Barrigada (taro)	30	$1.950 \pm 0.509$	$LD_{50}$	0.088	0.045 - 0.146	26.021	$LDR_{50}$	3.542*	1.435 - 8.745
30-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	0.401	0.215 - 2.790		LDR <sup>90</sup>	5.303ns	0.607 - 46.303

Table 2. Toxicity of dimethoate, diazinon and malathion to Aphis gossypii.

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				Dime	thoate				
Collection Site	u	slope $\pm$ SE	Lethai	Dose	95% CI	$\chi^{_2}$	Lethal D	ose Ratio	95% CI
Mangilao (beans)	30	$0.886\pm0.144$	$LD_{50}$	0.171	0.094 - 0.453	12.340	I	I	I
6-Apr-99 Talofofo (heans)	30	$1 184 \pm 0.215$	LD‰	4.794 0.077	1.330 - 53.472 0.048 - 0.130	7 966	- LDR	2.235ns	- 0 934 $-$ 5 347
5-Apr-99	2		LD%	0.927	0.410 - 4.621	000.1	LDR <sub>90</sub>	5.169ns	0.685 - 38.955
Malojloj (beans)	90	$0.921\pm0.078$	$LD_{50}$	0.051	0.039 - 0.069	52.931	$LDR_{50}$	3.358*	1.522 - 7.412
6-Apr-99			$LD_{90}$	1.256	0.687 - 2.855		LDR <sup>90</sup>	3.815ns	0.605 - 24.053
Barrigada (beans)	30	$0.887\pm0.126$	$LD_{50}$	0.032	0.020 - 0.053	13.200	$LDR_{50}$	$5.421^{*}$	2.272 - 12.936
31-Mar-99			$LD_{90}$	0.880	0.355 - 4.102		LDR <sup>90</sup>	5.450ns	0.697 - 42.626
				Diaz	zinon				
Talofofo (beans)	90	$1.148\pm0.090$	$LD_{50}$	0.075	0.059 - 0.102	51.612	I	I	I
29-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.986	0.584 - 1.983	I	Ι	Ι	
Barrigada (beans)	30	$2.963 \pm 0.660$	$LD_{50}$	0.033	0.024 - 0.044	20.120	$LDR_{50}$	2.269*	1.524 - 3.379
31-Mar-99			$LD_{90}$	0.090	0.063 - 0.194		LDR <sup>90</sup>	$10.944^{*}$	5.042 - 23.755
Talofofo (beans)	30	$1.204\pm0.146$	$LD_{50}$	0.009	0.006 - 0.012	11.706	$LDR_{50}$	8.768*	5.595 - 13.742
10-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.100	0.059 - 0.222		LDR90	$9.886^{*}$	4.073 - 23.993
				Mala	ithion				
Talofofo (beans)	30	$0.845\pm0.184$	$LD_{50}$	0.069	0.034 - 0.161	15.942	Ι	I	I
12-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	2.275	0.636 - 43.691		I	Ι	I
Toto (beans)	60	$2.254\pm0.270$	$LD_{50}$	0.040	0.030 - 0.051	73.887	$LDR_{50}$	1.736ns	0.823 - 3.665
7-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.147	0.104 - 0.262		LDR <sup>90</sup>	15.388*	2.487 - 95.222
Yona (candlebush)	30	$0.881\pm0.142$	$LD_{50}$	0.023	0.013 - 0.041	18.726	$LDR_{50}$	2.970*	1.209 - 7.296
18-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	0.663	0.263 - 3.490		LDR <sup>90</sup>	3.433ns	0.398 - 29.595
Toto (beans)	30	$0.579 \pm 0.131$	$LD_{50}$	0.013	0.005 - 0.030	19.276	$LDR_{50}$	5.320*	1.757 - 16.105
30-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	2.118	0.432 - 100.909		LDR <sub>90</sub>	1.076ns	0.060 - 19.326

Table 3. Toxicity of dimethoate, diazinon and malathion to Aphis craccivora.

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				D	imethoate				
Collection Site	u	slope $\pm$ SE	Lethal	Dose	95% CI	$\chi^{_2}$	Lethal I	Dose Ratio	95% CI
Yona (citrus) 27_Ian-99	30	$2.874 \pm 0.639$	$LD_{50}$	0.036	0.027 - 0.047	9.983	1 1		1 1
Dededo (citrus) 11_I_Ian_00	30	$1.402\pm0.163$	LD <sup>30</sup>	0.015	0.010 - 0.021 0.010 - 0.021	21.655		2.470* 0.847ms	1.595 - 3.823
11-Jau-77			1 <b>7</b> %	, 171.0	0.770 - 010.0			0.042112	
Dededo (citrus)	30	$1\ 000 + 0\ 355$	$1.D_{50}$	0 221	Diazinon 0 113 – 2 708	16 142	I	I	I
11-Dec-98	2		LD‰	4.234	0.784 - 35880.701		I	I	I
Toto (citrus)	30	$1.245 \pm 0.214$	$LD_{50}$	0.075	0.049 - 0.130	17.851	LDR <sub>50</sub>	2.939*	1.019 - 8.475
21-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.806	0.358 - 3.797		LDR <sub>90</sub>	5.252ns	0.247 - 111.730
Barrigada (citrus)	60	$1.264 \pm 0.109$	LD50	0.045	0.035 - 0.060	31.327	LDR50	4.903*	1.821 - 13.206
4-Jan-99	0		LD%	0.466	0.286 - 0.905			9.088ns	0.491 - 168.223
Dededo (citrus)	30	$1.577 \pm 0.242$	$LD_{50}$	0.019	0.012 - 0.027	8.206	LDR50	$11.536^{*}$	4.116 - 32.330
4-Jan-99	4		LD <sup>90</sup>	0.125	0.079 - 0.261		LDR <sup>50</sup>	33.934*	1.836 - 627.325
Toto (citrus)	60	$1.550 \pm 0.152$	LD50	0.017	0.013 - 0.022	29.910	LDR50	13.116*	4.877 - 35.274
I4-Dec-98	0		LD%	0.113	0.081 - 0.1/8			37.371*	2.081 - 6/1.226
Yona (citrus)	30	$1.474 \pm 0.214$		0.003	0.002 - 0.004	5.122		/6.269*	26.775 - 217.250
16-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.021	0.014 - 0.041		LDR <sup>90</sup>	197.059*	10.759 - 3609.306
				V	<b>Aalathion</b>				
Dededo (citrus)	30	$1.274\pm0.317$	$LD_{50}$	0.049	0.022 - 0.084	13.881	I	Ι	Ι
1-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.497	0.229 - 3.547	Ι	Ι	Ι	
Dededo (citrus)	30	$2.351 \pm 0.389$	$LD_{50}$	0.041	0.029 - 0.055	24.236	$LDR_{50}$	1.206ns	0.629 - 2.311
17-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	0.143	0.096 - 0.292		LDR <sup>90</sup>	3.478*	1.055 - 11.464
Yona (citrus)	30	$2.941 \pm 0.596$	$LD_{50}$	0.035	0.026 - 0.047	16.196	$LDR_{50}$	1.387ns	0.726 - 2.646
2-Dec-98			$LD_{90}$	0.096	0.068 - 0.193		LDR <sup>90</sup>	5.144*	1.566 - 16.898
Barrigada (citrus)	30	$7.453 \pm 1.293$	$LD_{50}$	0.025	0.022 - 0.028	11.019	$LDR_{50}$	$1.948^{*}$	1.071 - 3.544
10-Nov-98			$LD_{90}$	0.037	0.033 - 0.046		LDR <sup>90</sup>	13.257*	4.376 - 40.163

Table 4. Toxicity of dimethoate, diazinon and malathion to Toxoptera citricida.

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Similarly, there were significant differences in susceptibility to malathion among populations of *A. craccivora* on beans and candlebush, *Senna alata*. Regression lines were parallel for *A. craccivora* exposed to diemthoate ( $\chi^2 = 2.55$ , df = 3, P > 0.05), but not parallel for those exposed to diazinon ( $\chi^2 = 13.81$ , df = 2, P ≤ 0.05) or to malathion ( $\chi^2 = 51.30$ , df = 3, P ≤ 0.05).

*Toxoptera citricida* populations differed in susceptibility to dimethoate (Table 4), with aphids from Yona significantly less susceptible than aphids collected from Dededo. Populations of *T. citricida* also differed in susceptibility to diazinon with Dededo aphids being less susceptible than those collected from Toto, Barrigada, or Yona. Barrigada populations of *T. citricida* were significantly more susceptible to malathion than populations collected from Dededo or Yona. Probit regression slopes were parallel only from *T. citricida* exposed to diazinon ( $\chi^2 = 6.45$ , df = 5, P > 0.05), while regression line slopes were not parallel for *T. citricida* exposed to dimethoate ( $\chi^2 = 8.74$ , df = 1, P ≤ 0.05) or to malathion ( $\chi^2 = 32.37$ , df = 3, P ≤ 0.05).

### Discussion

Hardman et al. (1959) and Kuperman et al. (1961) suggested that the slope of the probit regression reflects the quality of the enzyme systems that detoxify insecticides in an insect's body. Populations of insects having parallel probit regression slopes may have qualitatively similar detoxification systems, while those that do not may differ qualitatively as well as quantitatively. Populations of the same species of aphids collected from the same site at different dates would be expected to have equal regressions, as did *A. gossypii* collected from Barrigada and tested against dimethoate. Other aphid populations of the same aphid species collected from similar plants or in the same vicinity would be expected to show quantitative differences but have parallel probit regression lines, as did *A. gossypii* tested against malathion, *A. craccivora* tested against dimethoate, and *T. citricida* tested against diazinon.

However, localized insect populations may possess subtle and unique genetic and physiological characteristics that play a role in determining the slope of the probit regression line. These include such characteristics as the ability to absorb specific compounds through the gut wall, the ability to excrete those compounds, and the target specificity of a compound. This may explain in part why some of the probit regressions performed on the same species of aphids collected at different dates and sites in this study were neither equal nor their slopes parallel.

The results of this study suggest that resistance levels to dimethoate, diazinon, and malathion are generally low, although there are localized susceptibility differences among aphid populations on Guam that may be problematic in the future (Table 5). These differences in susceptibility may be due to variation in dosage rate and frequency of application of applied pesticides by different farmers.

Because most of Guam's farms are small, family-owned family operations, farm income is generally used to supplement retirement pensions, or other income

# Miller: Pesticide Toxicity to Aphids

Aphis gossypii				
		Dimethoate		
Collection Site	LD <sub>50</sub>	(Range)	$LD_{90}$	(Range)
Barrigada (taro)	0.073	(0.069 - 0.076)	1.282	(1.277 - 1.286)
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		Diazinon		
Talofofo (taro)	0.157	—	2.584	-
Yona (Chromolaena)	0.145	_	0.826	-
Toto (eggplant)	0.065	(0.022 - 0.129)	1.122	(0.121 – 2.783)
		Malathion		
Vona (Chromolagna)	0.253	(0.102 - 0.313)	2 060	(2 126 - 3 811)
Barrigada (taro)	0.233	(0.192 - 0.313) (0.088 - 0.120)	2.909	(2.120 - 3.011) (0.401 - 1.334)
Dalligada (talo)	0.109	(0.088 - 0.129)	0.808	(0.401 – 1.554)
Aphis craccivora				
		Dimethoate		
Mangilao (beans)	0.171	_	4.794	_
Talofofo (beans)	0.077	_	0.927	_
Malojloj (beans)	0.051	_	1.256	_
Barrigada (beans)	0.032	_	0.88	_
		Diazinon		
Talofofo (beans)	0.042	(0.009 - 0.075)	0.543	(0.100 - 0.986)
Barrigada (beans)	0.033	-	0.09	_
		Malathion		
Talofofo (beans)	0.069		2 275	_
Toto (beans)	0.007	(0.013 - 0.040)	1 133	(0.663 - 2.118)
Yona (beans)	0.027	(0.015 - 0.040)	0.663	(0.005 - 2.110)
Tona (ocans)	0.230		0.005	
Toxoptera citricida				
		Dimethoate		
Yona (citrus)	0.036	_	0.102	-
Dededo (citrus)	0.015	-	0.121	_
		Diazinon		
Dededo (citrus)	0.120	(0.019  0.221)	2.18	(0.125  4.234)
Toto (citrus)	0.120	(0.019 - 0.221) (0.017 - 0.075)	2.18	(0.123 - 4.234) (0.113 - 0.806)
Barrigada (citrus)	0.040	(0.017 - 0.073)	0.40	(0.113 - 0.800)
Vona (citrus)	0.043	—	0.400	_
Tolla (cluus)	0.003	—	0.021	_
		Malathion		
Dededo (citrus)	0.045	(0.041 - 0.490)	0.32	(0.143 - 0.497)
Yona (citrus)	0.035	· _ /	0.096	- '
Barrigada (citrus)	0.025	_	0.037	_

Table 5. Mean lethal doses of insecticides for aphids collected at various sites on Guam.

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from non-farm related employment. As a result there are few economic incentives for pesticide suppliers to provide local farmers with the wide range of products available to the agricultural community in the mainland United States. The relatively few agricultural pesticides available to Guam's farmers are determined by the market for such products to large-scale users such as golf courses or tourist hotels. Product availability may also be determined by the demand for over-thecounter home and garden products. Such limited access to new products, and limited pest management budgets of small-scale farm operations make it imperative that those products currently available to Guam's farmers not be lost due to loss of efficacy or use restrictions. Farmer education programs encouraging use of such integrated pest management strategies as pesticide rotation, biological control, and insect-resistant varieties may arrest the development of insecticide resistance before lack of efficacy among currently used insecticides becomes apparent.

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