

**FIELD EVALUATIONS OF SELECTED BAITS AGAINST FORAGING
YELLOWJACKETS, *Vespula pensylvanica*, LOCATED IN CENTRAL
CALIFORNIA**

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Field evaluations of selected wasp baits were conducted on endemic populations of the Western yellowjacket, *Vespula pensylvanica* located in Central California (Mariposa Co). The studies were conducted over a two year period from 2000-2001 to determine bait acceptance, worker recruitment and reduction of foraging yellowjacket populations around human habitations. Yellowjacket populations were monitored using traps with untreated bait for a period of 4 weeks. Various formulations were evaluated as single applications using bait dispensers designed to minimize exposure to non-target species. Several formulations demonstrated >90% reduction of foraging yellowjacket populations after a single baiting for the 4 week evaluation period. Baits appear to be an efficient method for managing nuisance populations of *V. pensylvanica* around structures where these stinging arthropods may negatively affect human activity.