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Abstract

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Tests were conducted to determine if stable flies responded to the height of sticky traps when flying, whether traps should be set a certain distance from the ground or from the top of the vegetation. Stable flies did not change their flight due to height of the traps. It was found that trap height should be constant with vegetation (20 cm above grass) and not ground level.

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found in the grasses washed up by storms, far enough above the tide mark to not be submerged each day. The other major breeding site was found to be piles of peanut litter left after harvesting of peanuts. It was estimated that over 100,000 piles of peanut litter were distributed over the 1,000,000 acres of peanuts harvested in the region, and most were breeding sites of stable flies.

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Compared the frequency of nectar feeding and blood feeding in rural and urban populations of stable flies. Flies caught on Alsynite sticky traps were analyzed for the presence of sugar using the anthrone assay. Sugar was detected in more flies collected in the urban areas than in rural areas. In rural areas, more flies collected in pastures had fed on sugar than those in cropland, with those adjacent to feedlots having fed on nectar the least. The frequency of flies with blood detected in the gut was also higher in the urban environment. There was no difference in the frequency of blood or sugar feeding between male and female flies. It was concluded that stable flies are opportunistic nectar feeders, and there is a positive interaction between blood feeding and sugar feeding, perhaps because feeding on nectar gives the flies energy to seek a blood meal.

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