



## 2024 OKSIR

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## 2024 Field Season Results

The SIR Program continues to work with growers and residents to keep codling moth populations at extremely low levels. Over half the orchards have no detectable codling moths and 91% had extremely low ( $\leq 0.2\%$ ) levels of infested fruit.

Wild codling moth captures in pheromone traps were up this year compared to last; however, these results are in line with the averages for the past nine years. Wild captures were up for four reasons:

- 1) Improvements to the trapping system this year resulted in better data collection.
- 2) The record setting heat in 2023 contributed to a larger than usual 3rd generation and subsequent overwintering population coming out in the spring of 2024.
- 3) A small number of badly infested orchards contributed disproportionately to the growth and spread of codling moth.
- 4) The movement of infested apple bins contributed to population growth in new areas.

Despite the overall increase in wild captures throughout the season, the proportion of orchards with infested fruit did not increase. The South Okanagan and Similkameen is where SIR detected more orchards with increased codling moth captures and fruit damage. Reductions in codling moth damage occurred in the North and Central Okanagan this season. The program will add resources to manage those problems in the South Okanagan and Similkameen in 2025.

## Urban SIR Program

The Urban SIR Program continues to keep infestations in backyard apple and pear trees low. This part of the SIR Program helps commercial growers' crops from being damaged by urban codling moth infestations. 82% of the urban properties visited in 2024 were codling moth free.

## OKSIR sets 2025 Grower Parcel Tax at \$169.19/acre

The 2025 increase of the grower parcel tax is set at \$169.19 per acre. This is a 4% increase from the 2024 parcel tax rate. A 4% increase matches the approved 4% increase to the land value tax passed by the SIR Board for 2025 as well.

Sales revenues have been growing and contribute impactfully to covering part of the Program's expenses, but tax increases continue to be needed this year and into the future to cover the costs of the program.

The next regular meeting of the OKSIR Board will be 10:30 a.m. on **Friday, January 31, 2025**, in the RDCO Woodhaven Boardroom, with option for online participation.

