Comments Sought on European Paper Wasps and Asian Ladybugs (Lady Beetles) in Fruit in Colorado

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Good morning IPM Centers,

The following question was asked of AI at a meeting with EPA folks. I have not heard anything about either pest but then again I do live inside the Beltway so probably don't hear much related to reality.

EPA: "I've heard rumblings of research needed in the area of European Paper Wasps and Asian Ladybugs in Fruit -- apparent threats to Colorado grape, peach, and cherry harvests. Don't have much more than that."

Al: " I will check with my crack entomologist"

Which is what he did and I am asking "have you heard anything about these two pests?"

Thanks for your help and I hope all is well with you.

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