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It Works

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Why don't we use it?

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Greenhouses

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(that was 2006, in 1999 it was 300,000 ha)

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In 1970 there were suppliers were providing biocontrol agents to 200 ha of ...
to 2000 ha ...

Australia

Complementary biological control agents are starting to be more and more common

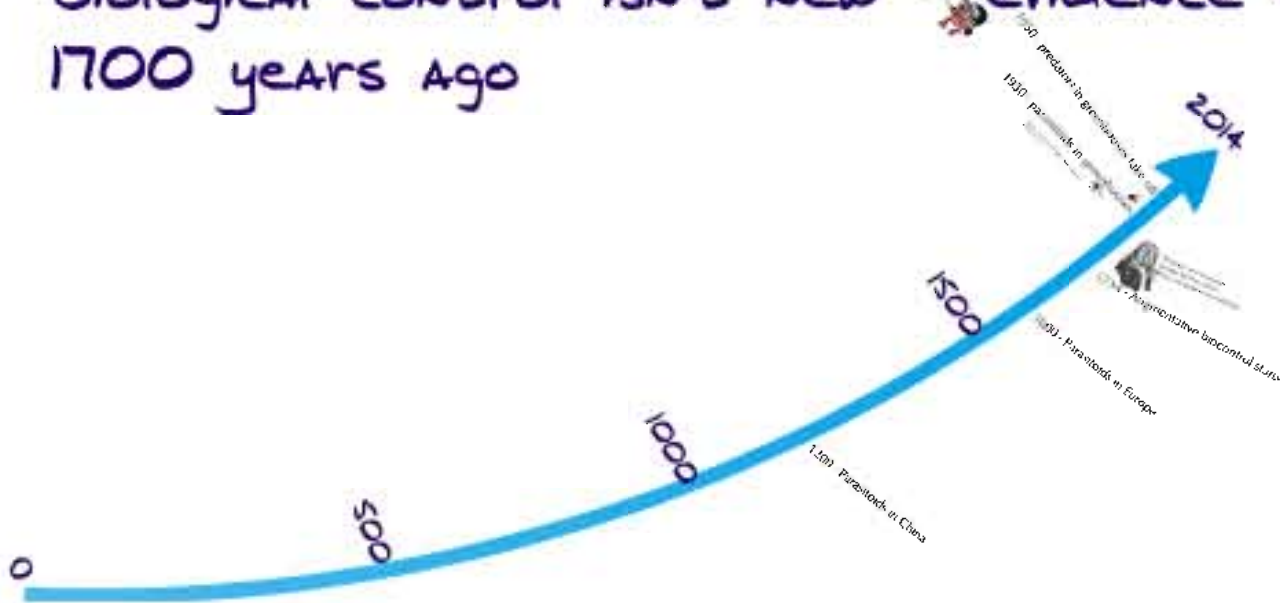
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- dropping away

the producers

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300 - evidence of field biocontrol



1200 - Parasitoids in China

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1600 - Parasitoids in Europe

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Réaumur and lacewings
Darwin and hoverflies
Kirby and Spence and ladybirds

1734 - Augmentative biocontrol starts

1800 - Parasitoids in Europe



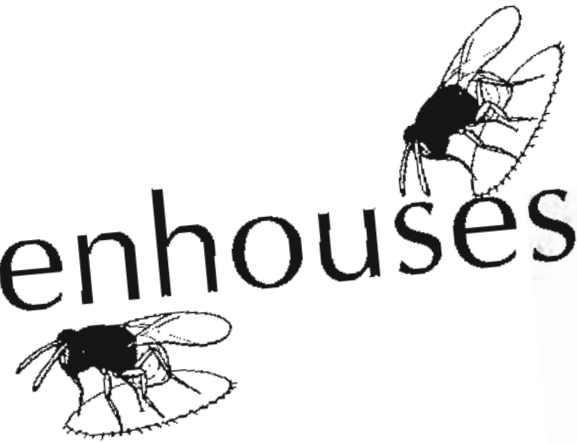
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1930 - parasitoids in greenhouses

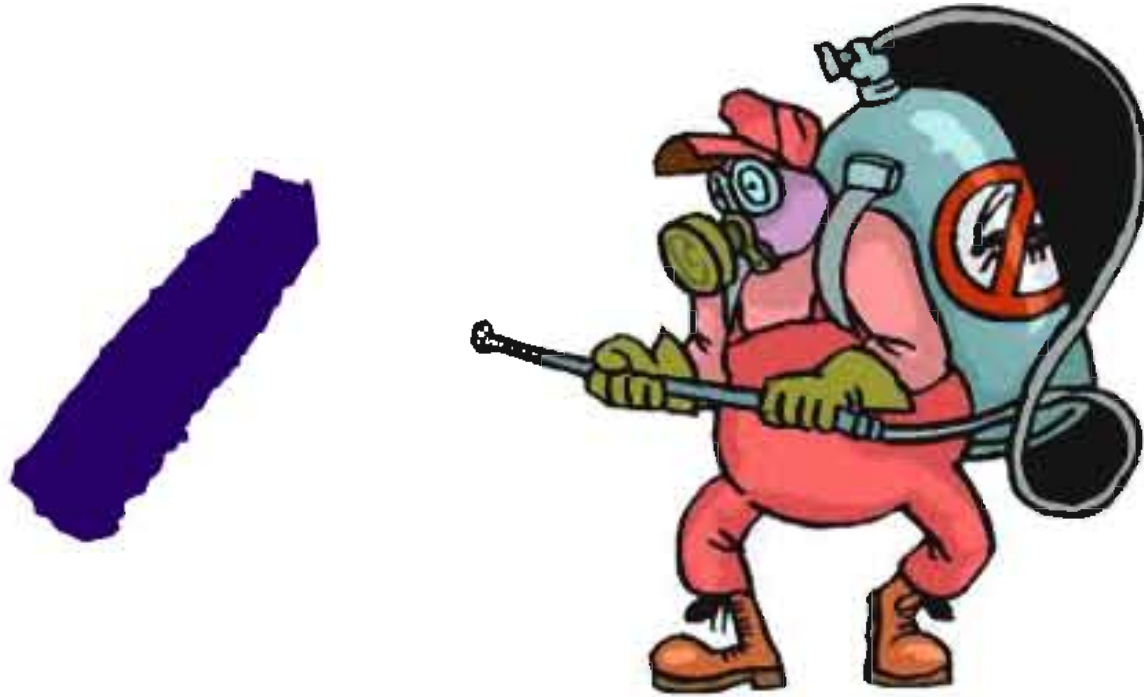
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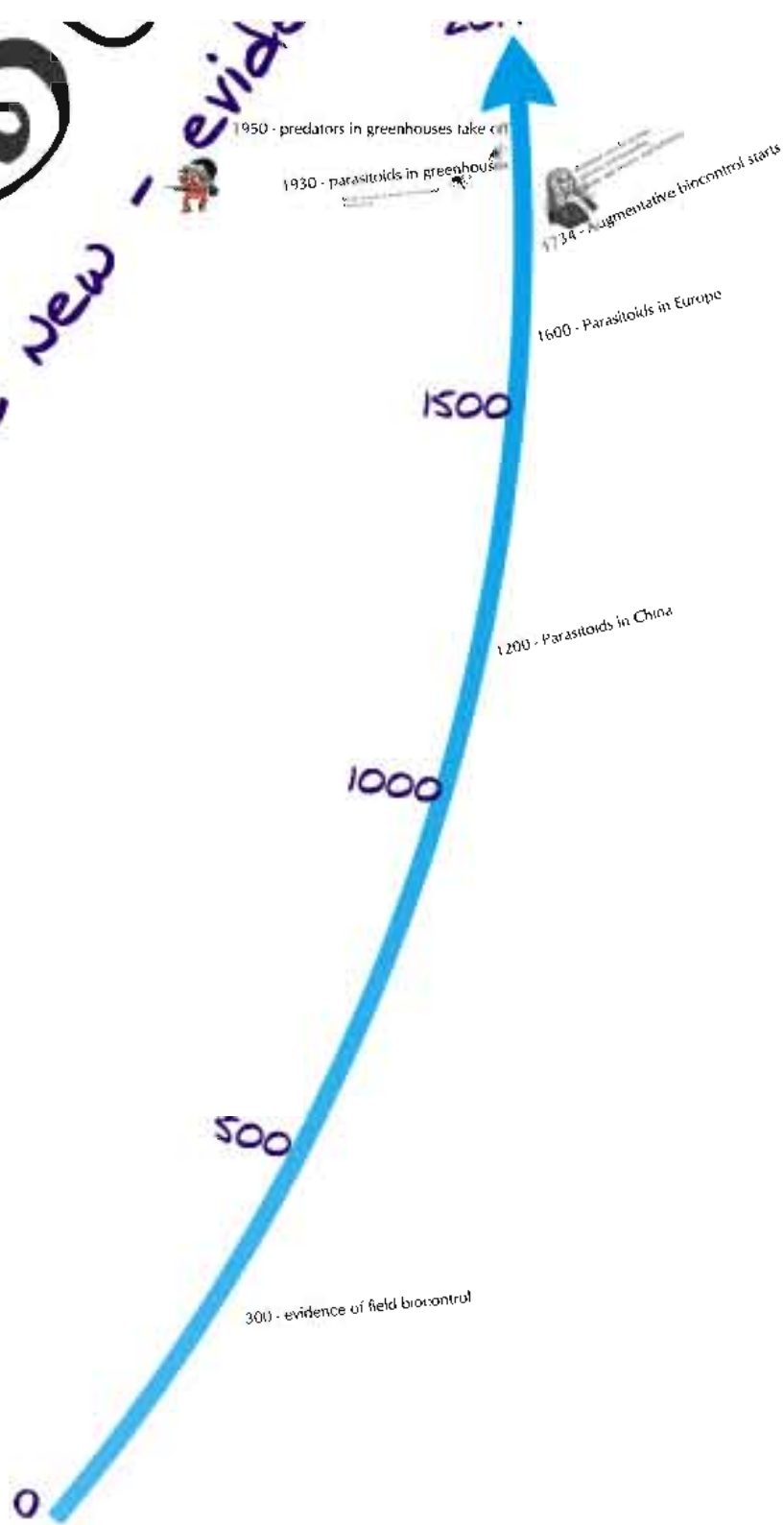
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100% success rate
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Why don't we use it?

The global synthetic pesticide industry is worth around [US\$31 billion]

150 spp. Available

Success

30 spp. Account for 80%

That 80% accounts for 90% of revenue

sweet pepper in Spain

% IPM

Access

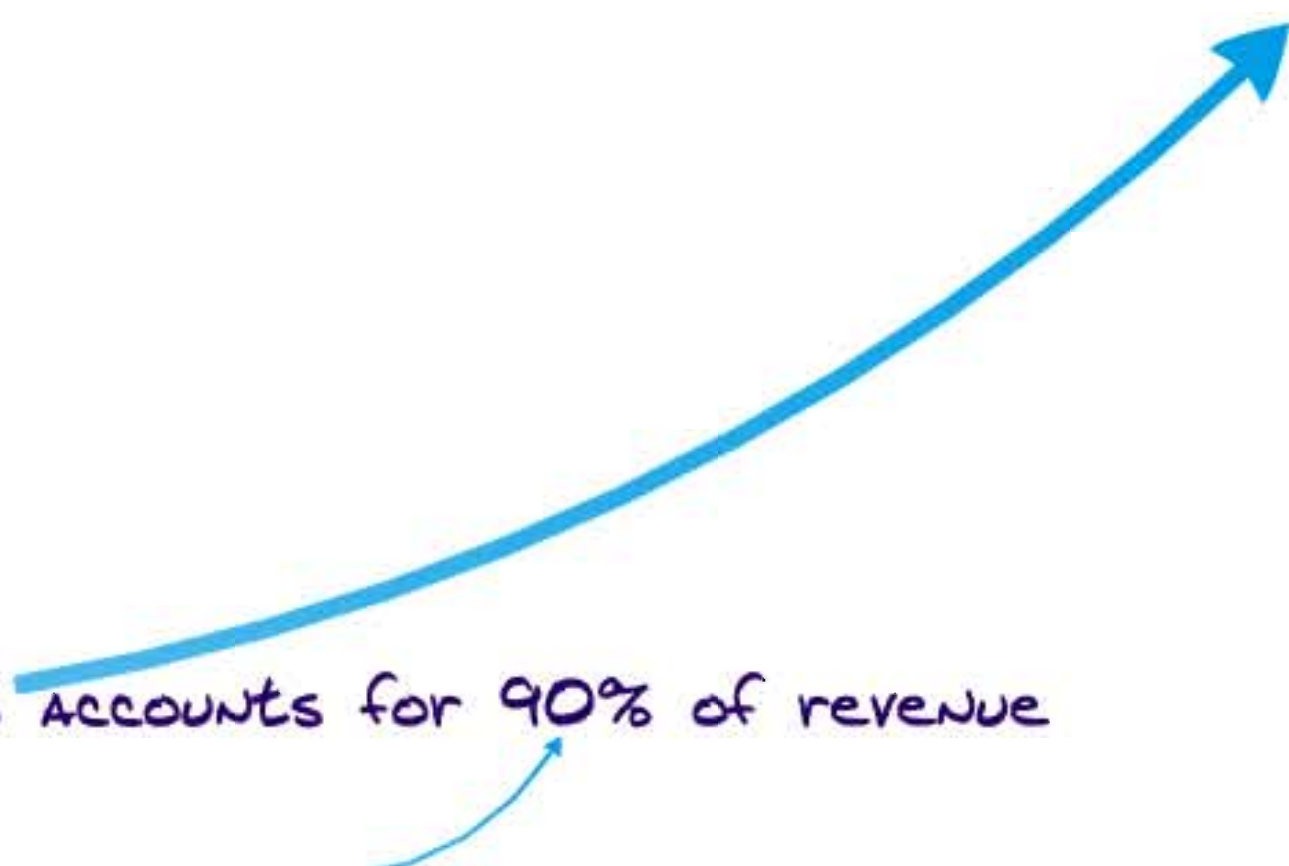
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8,000 ha, 1998, 1999, 2000
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Why don't we use it?

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US\$ 31,000,000,000....

While growers have access to cheap, readily available and effective pesticides they will use them

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How do we measure [success] of biocontrol?

100% success
20% success for 40%

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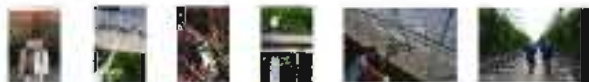
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Pesticides are dropping away

Suppliers are producing several generalist predators with good promise

Diverse greenhouse industry with a range of tech levels















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