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- Control of weeds and integrated management
- Economic considerations
- Effects of plant growth regulators
- Environmental benefits of reduced pesticide use
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- Epidemiology of pests and diseases
- In relation to control GM Crops, and genetic engineering applications
- Importance and control of postharvest crop losses
- Integrated control
- Interrelationships and compatibility among different control strategies
- Invasive species as they relate to implications for crop protection
- Pesticide application methods
- Pest management
- Phytobiomes for pest and disease control
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Molecular Biology, particularly of insects and plants. This covers straight molecular biology and extends to plant and some insect transgenesis together with the expression and analysis of the expression of introduced genes. I have some experience of Biochemistry but do not consider myself an expert. I have a blind spot with Statistics and am most definitely not an expert. I have worked with insect viruses, insect symbionts and insect cell lines for baculovirus expression and other studies. Most of my work has been in the field of Plant Insect interactions looking at this from both sides and usually with a focus on crop protection.

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