Table 5. Effect of minimum tillage and tarping on swede midge emergence, Cornell HTC Vegetable Research Farm, 2016: Treatments







Cabbage harvested Aug 10 & 17	No Tillage (re-growth of cabbage, SM pupae undisturbed)	Fall Minimum Tillage (No re-growth of cabbage, SM pupae disturbed)	No Tillage with Tarp (re-growth of cabbage, SM pupae undisturbed)
Fall 2015 Post-harvest (cabbage)	 Cabbage residue cut at soil line and removed. Re-growth occurred – potential host for SM. 	 Cabbage residue removed by brush hogging – Destroy SM larvae in plants. Rototilled cabbage 4 inches – displace SM pupae deeper into soil profile and decreased SM emergence. 	 Cabbage residue removed by brush hogging – Destroy SM larvae in plants. Some re-growth of cabbage.
	Oats 100 lb/A + forage peas 50 lb/A drilled		
			Tarps laid Nov 16
Spring 2016	 Overwintered cabbage removed by hand. No-till bed prep with wheel hoe. No tillage could have allowed SM pupae to remain in top 1 inch. 	 No over-wintered cabbage. No-till bed prep with wheel hoe. Tine-weed to incorporate fertilizer and kill weeds. 	 Tarps removed May 31. No soil disturbance prior to planting
	Winter squash planted on Jun 6		