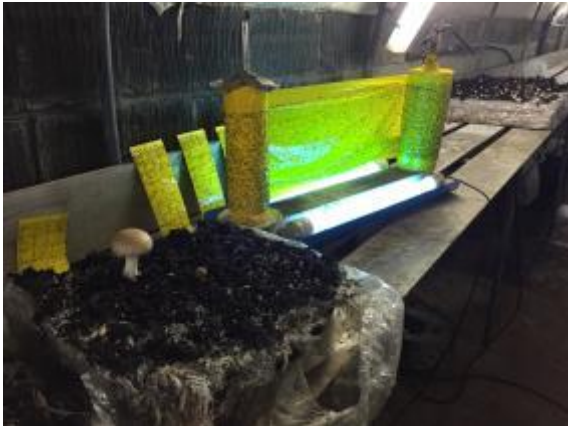


Mushroom Pest Control

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Sciarid (*Lycoriella* species) and phorid (*Megaselia* species) flies can be significant pests of mushroom crops, particular during summer and autumn months. They can pose a major threat to mushroom cropping and farm hygiene, spreading diseases such as dry bubble within contaminated rooms and to new crops. Microbiotech have mushroom growing and insect rearing facilities for testing the efficacy of biocontrol and pesticide products for control.



Sticky traps showing severe infestation of mushroom sciarids



Experiment for testing the efficacy of sciarid control products