Like Pie at Thanksgiving? ou can squash that!

Without crop protection products, Thanksgiving might have to find a new dessert.

Squash bugs are the leading pests of both squash and pumpkins and can destroy an entire crop if not controlled. These "sap suckers" damage plants by removing sap and if populations are large enough, can cause a pumpkin crop to collapse.*

But here's something every pumpkin pie lover can be thankful for: insecticides and fungicides, protect pumpkins from squash bugs and also prevent fungal diseases, like powdery mildew,

blight, and black rot, that can reduce pumpkin yields by 25-30 percent and more.**

So go ahead, have seconds. Thanks to modern agriculture innovations, there's plenty to go around.

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