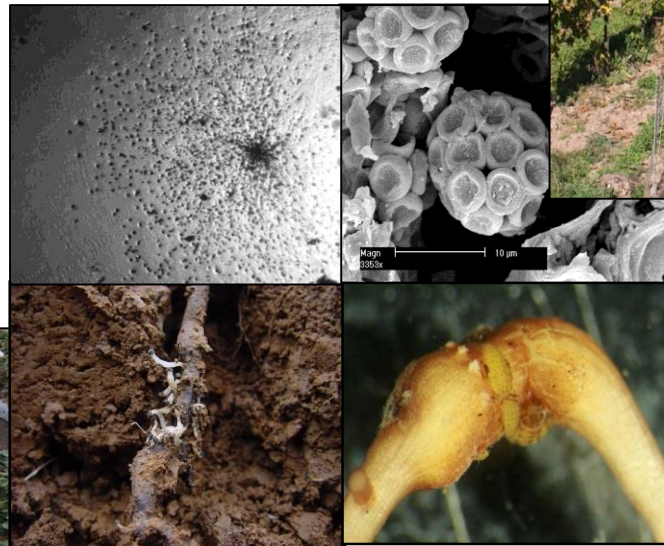


# Soil-borne Pest Management in Grape and Berry Production

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***Visions, Research and Future Prospects***

# Overview

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## 2.) Research

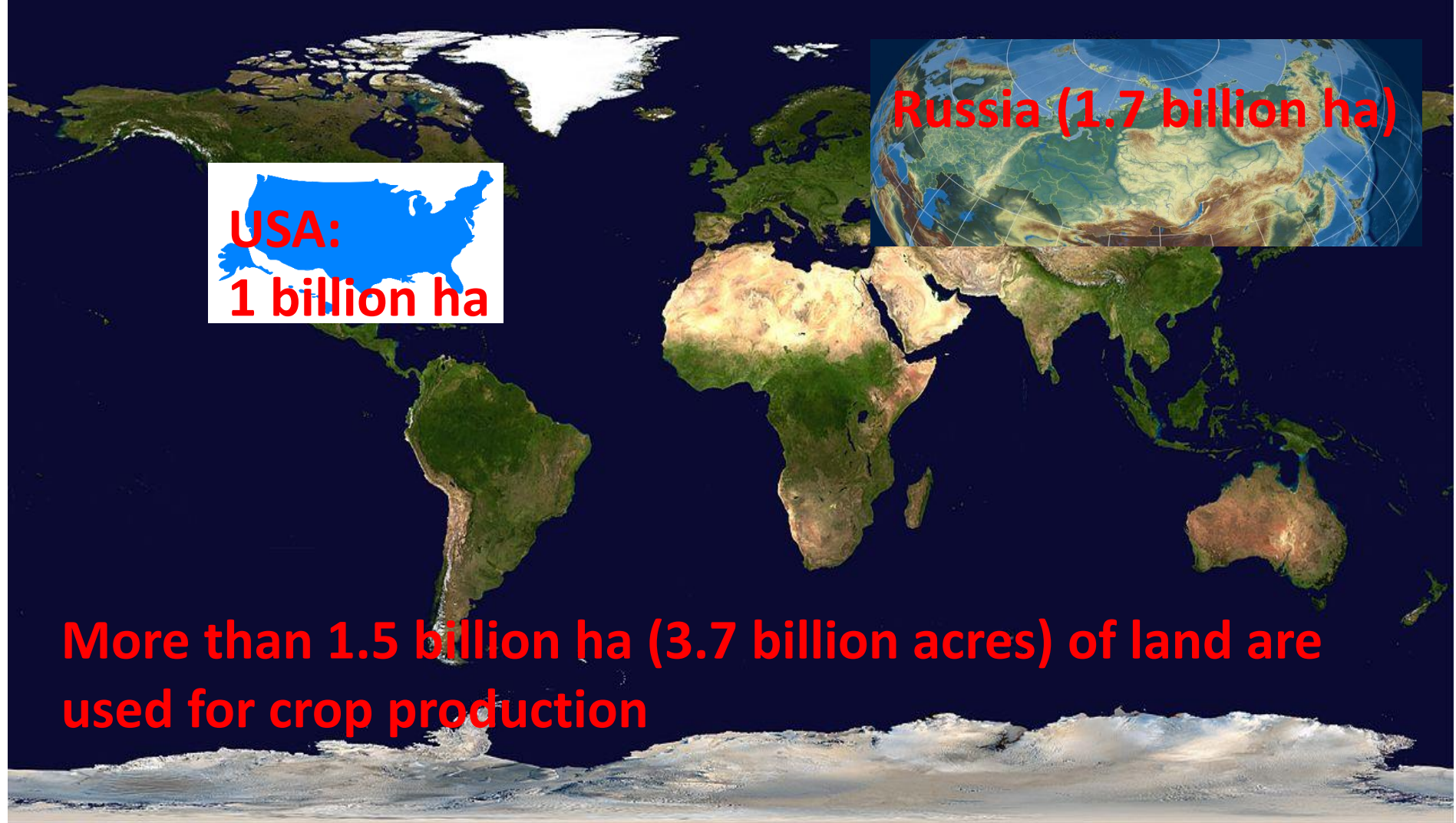
Approaches of non-chemical control of soil-borne pests and pathogens in  
**German Viticulture**

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Short and Long-term Goals as Extension Specialist in New Mexico

# Introduction



**USA:**  
**1 billion ha**

**Russia (1.7 billion ha)**

**More than 1.5 billion ha (3.7 billion acres) of land are used for crop production**



# Introduction

## Soil – Limited Resource

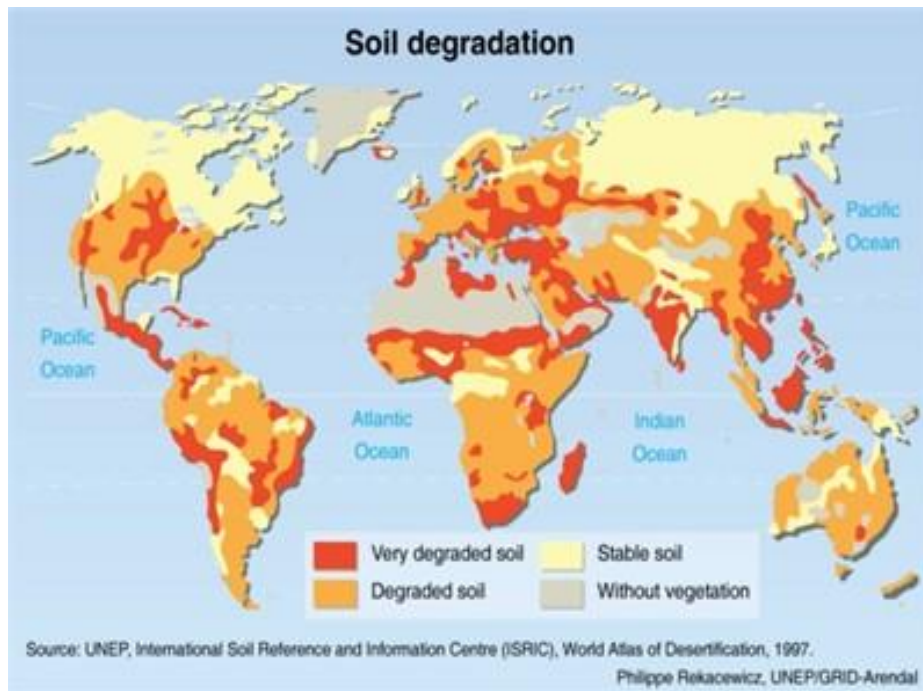


Modernfarmer.com

Limited amount of land  
Slow building process  
Significant link in  
environment

# Introduction

## Soil – Limited Resource



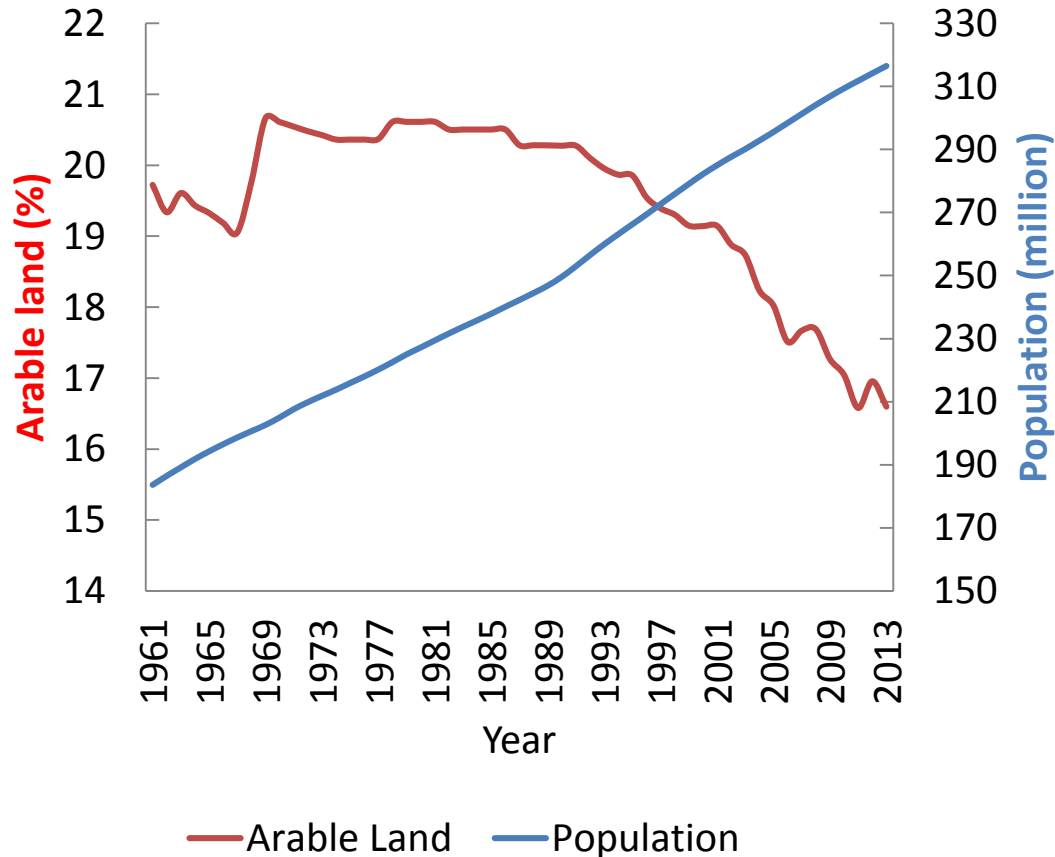
UNEP 1997: World Atlas of Desertification

**USA:** farmland  
degradation: 10 times  
faster than regeneration  
**World:** Estimated loss of  
arable land:  
Approx. 0.7%/year  
**Approx. 30%/40 years**

(FAO & Pimentel & Burgess 2013)

# Introduction

## Soil – Limited Resource

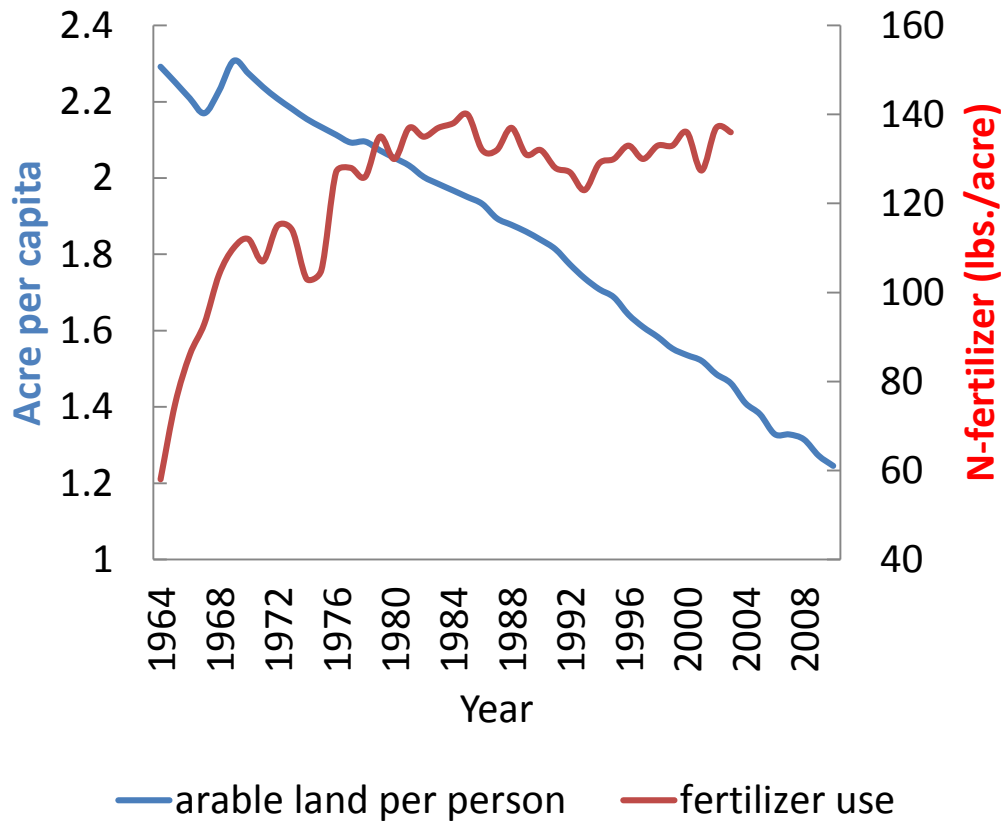


**USA:**

Increasing Population  
Increasing demand  
Loss of arable land  
(urban growth, soil degradation)

# Introduction

## Soil – Limited Resource

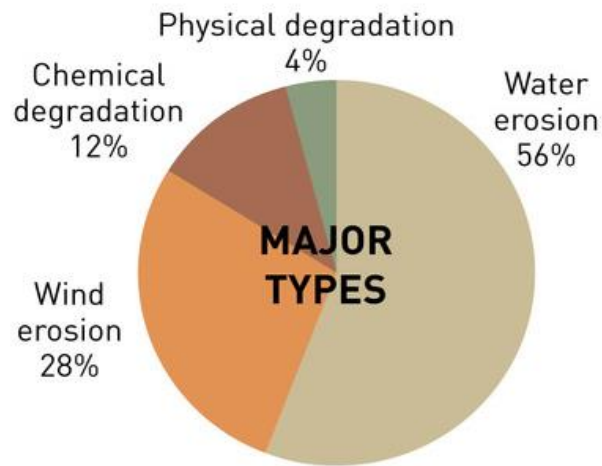


Estimated loss in revenue due to **Soil Erosion** for USA:

\$ 100 million/a - \$ 44 billion/a

# Introduction

## Soil – Degradation



Degradation of Soil  
Health → **Biological  
Degradation**

**27 %** due to agriculture



# Introduction

## Healthy Soil



Millions of bacteria  
Several thousands of fungi  
Thousands of protozoa  
Hundreds of invertebrates

‘Healthy’ Soil → Healthy  
Plants

# Introduction

## Soil Management – Precise and Integrated Future



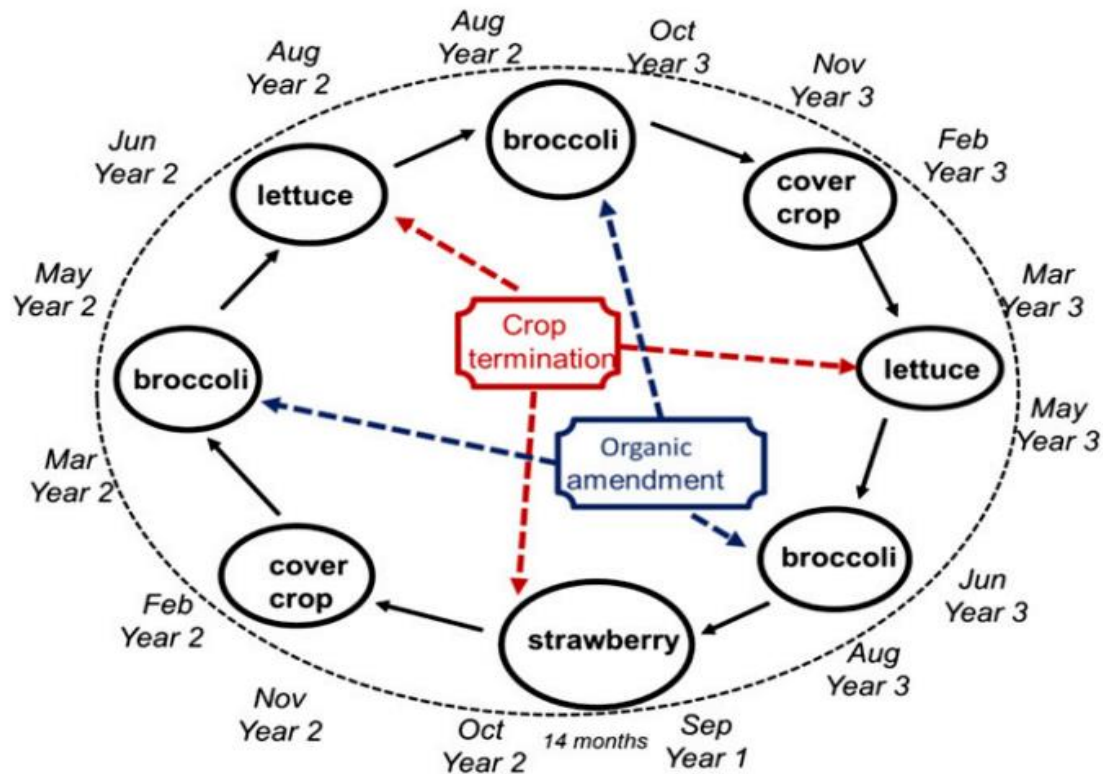
Teachhub.com

Build and maintain healthy soil  
by precise soil management

- Development of tools
- Integration of disciplines
- Adding value to land
- Education

# Introduction

## Soil Management is Complex

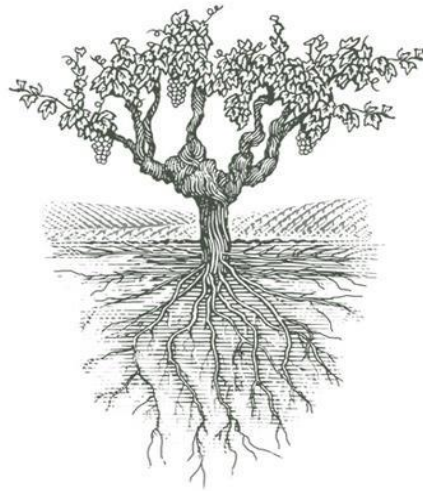


## *Verticillium dahliae* Control in the Salinas Valley

# Research

# Research

## Soil-borne Pest Management in **Viticulture**



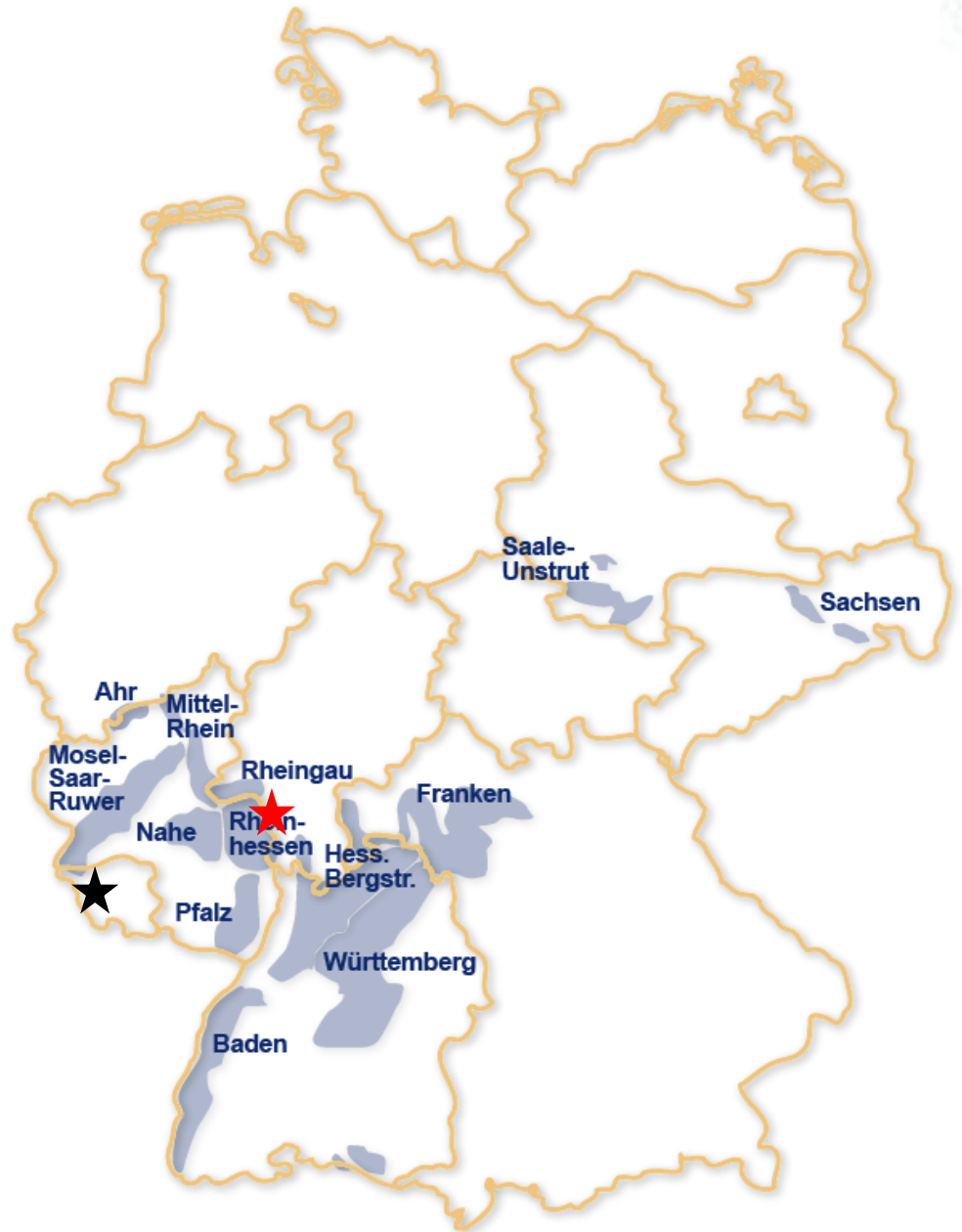
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- ❖ Grape Phylloxera
- ❖ Conclusions



# Research

## Viticulture in Germany

Total: 260,000 acre  
52 – 66 Million gal/a



# Research

## Soil-borne Threats

### Grape Root Rot (*Roesleria subterranea*)



Infects healthy  
roots: plugs Xylem

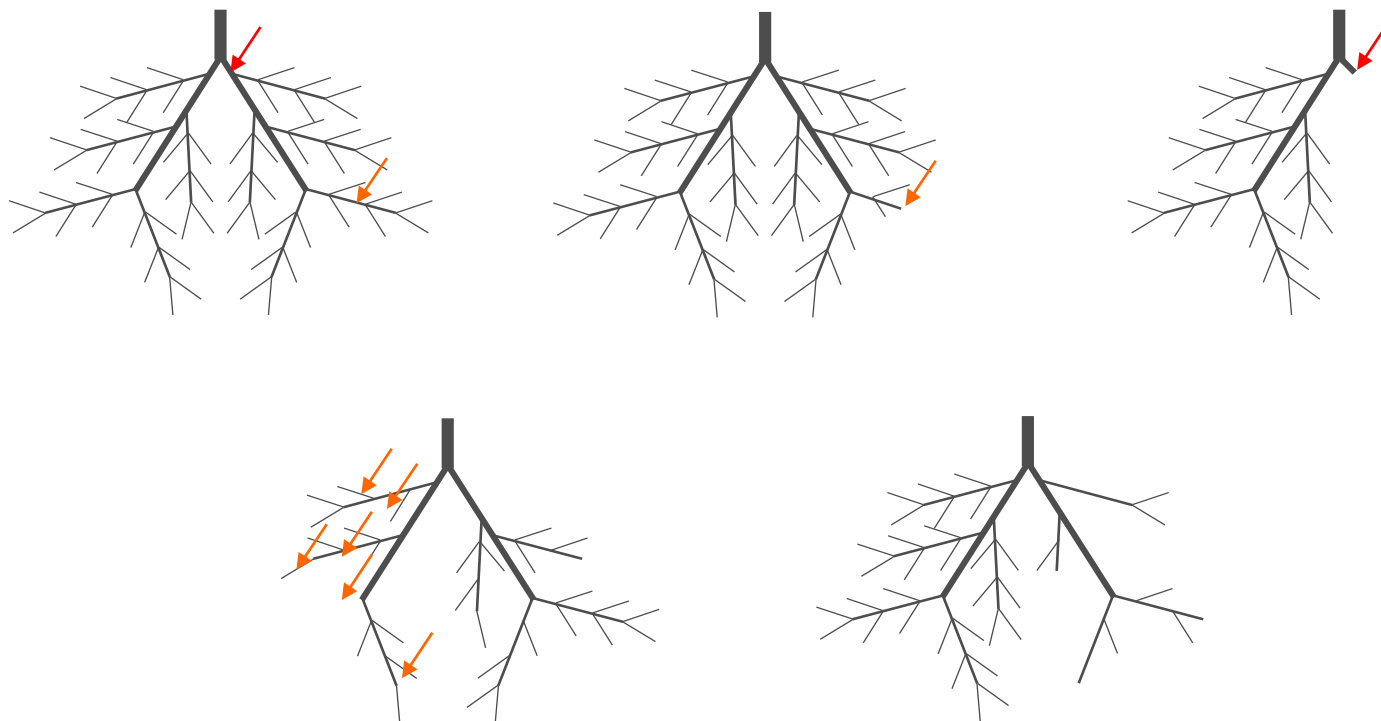
Leads to die back  
and dead of plant

Lives as saprophyte  
and parasite

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## Grape Root Rot – Mechanism



# Research



## Grape Root Rot – Dieback in mature vineyards

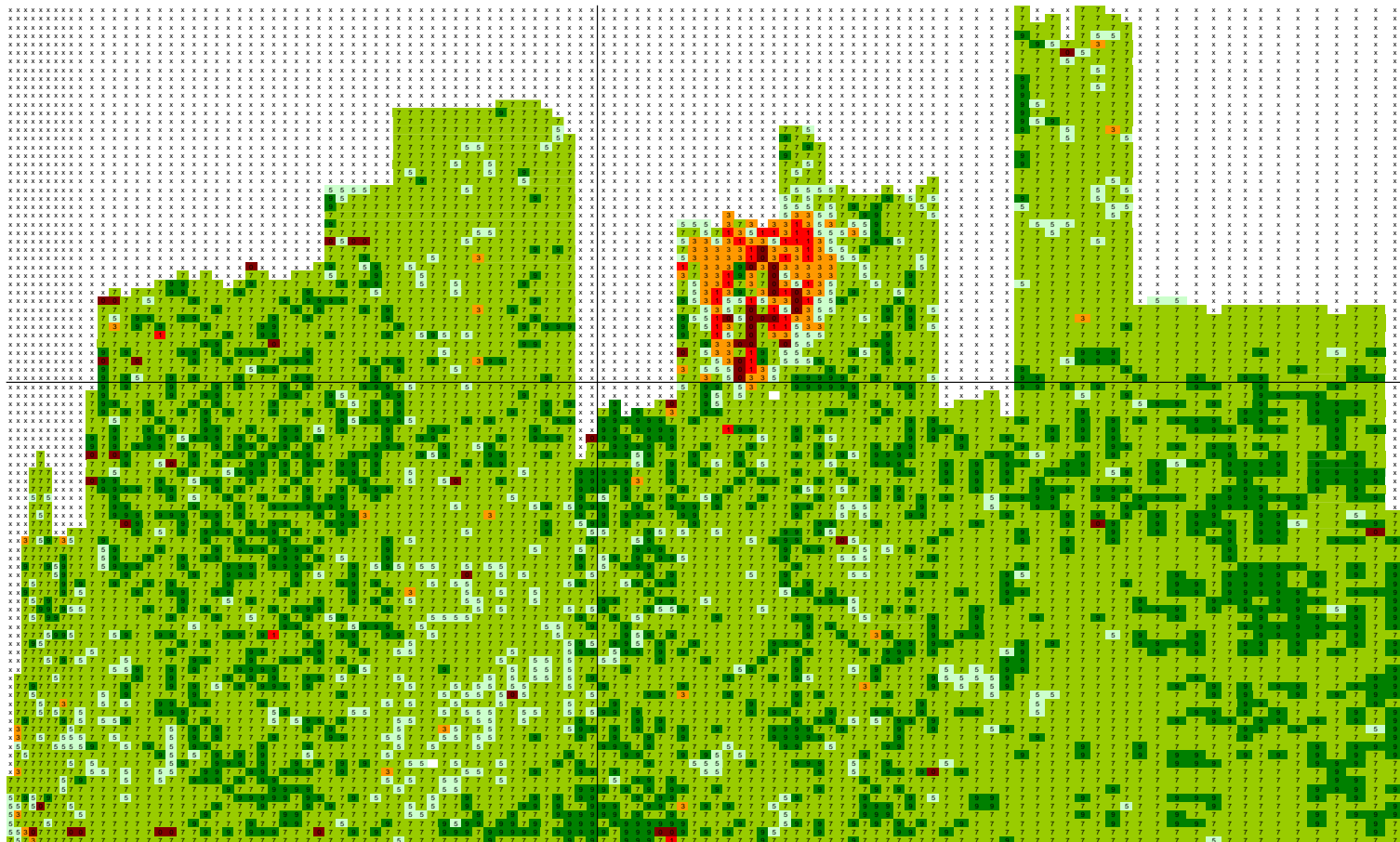


Wiltingen, Mosel, Germany, 2008

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## Grape Root Rot – Dieback in mature vineyards





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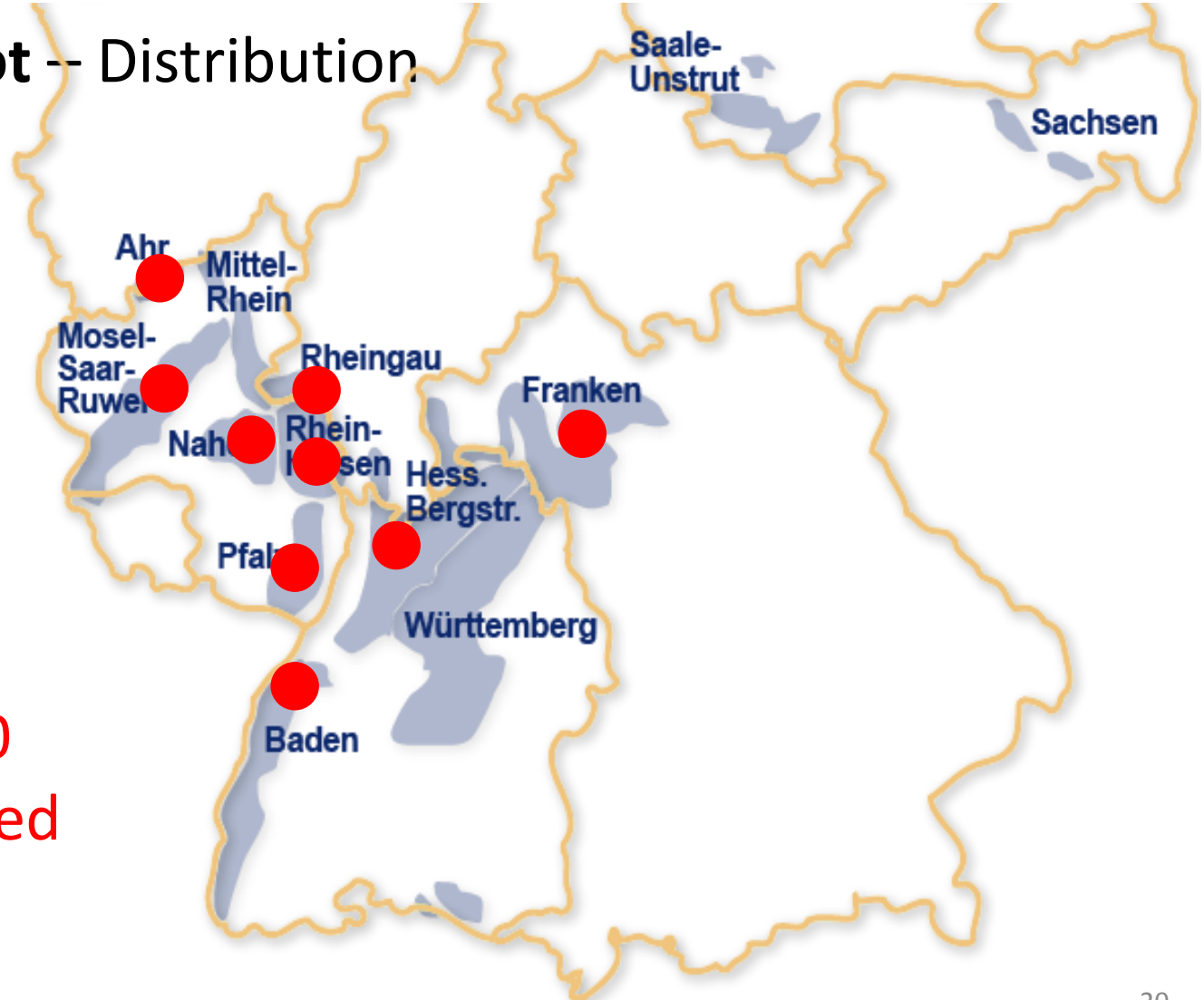
## Grape Root Rot – Replant Disease



# Research



## Grape Root Rot – Distribution (2010-2011)



More than 50  
fields identified

# Research



## Grape Root Rot – Control and Prevention

- ❖ **Monitoring:** molecular detection in root material (cost intensive) / visual survey of root material between October and January (no costs).
- ❖ **Prevention:** Clean machinery before entering another field. Remove infected plants NOT between September and February.
- ❖ **Control:** No established control method. Mature vineyards: Organic Material, intensive Monitoring, cover crops. Young vineyards: no replanting



# Research



## Grape Root Rot – Outreach between 2010-2011



- ❖ **Print and online guidelines** for growers to identify grape root rot in field\*
- ❖ Call service to schedule appointments for identification purposes
- ❖ 4 publications in grower magazines
- ❖ 2 Grower meetings and field days



# Research

## Grape Root Rot – Outlook?

- ❖ **Biocontrol?** Screening of *Trichoderma* species
- ❖ **Trap Plants?** Field trial with young peach plants
- ❖ **Cover Crop?** Field trials with Mustards
- ❖ **Control via Soil Management?**





# Research

## Soil-borne Threats

Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*)



Aphid

Host-specific to *Vitis spec.*

Native North America

**Root and Foliar Pest**



# Research

## Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*) Population Dynamics

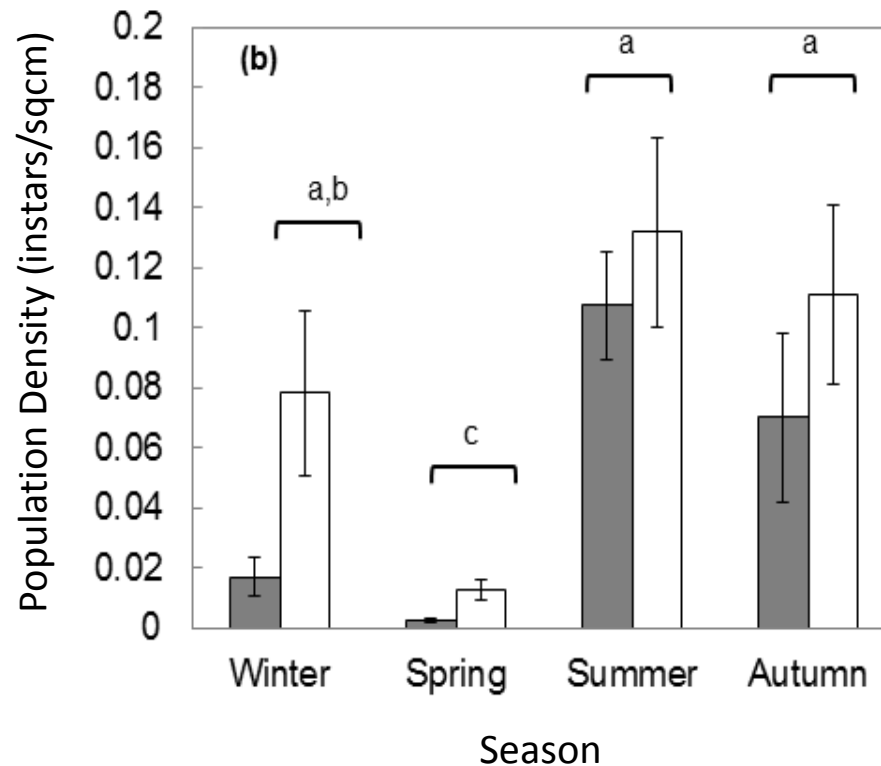
Three stages of population dynamics:

- ❖ Winter to Spring: **Depletion**
- ❖ Summer to Fall: **Reproduction**
- ❖ Fall to Winter: **Overwintering**



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## Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*) Population Dynamics



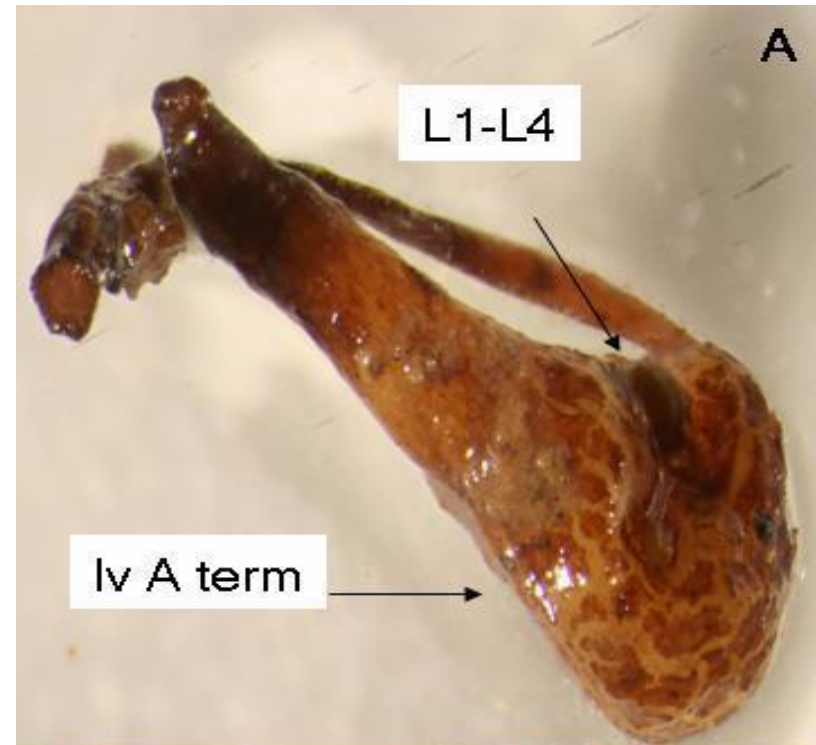
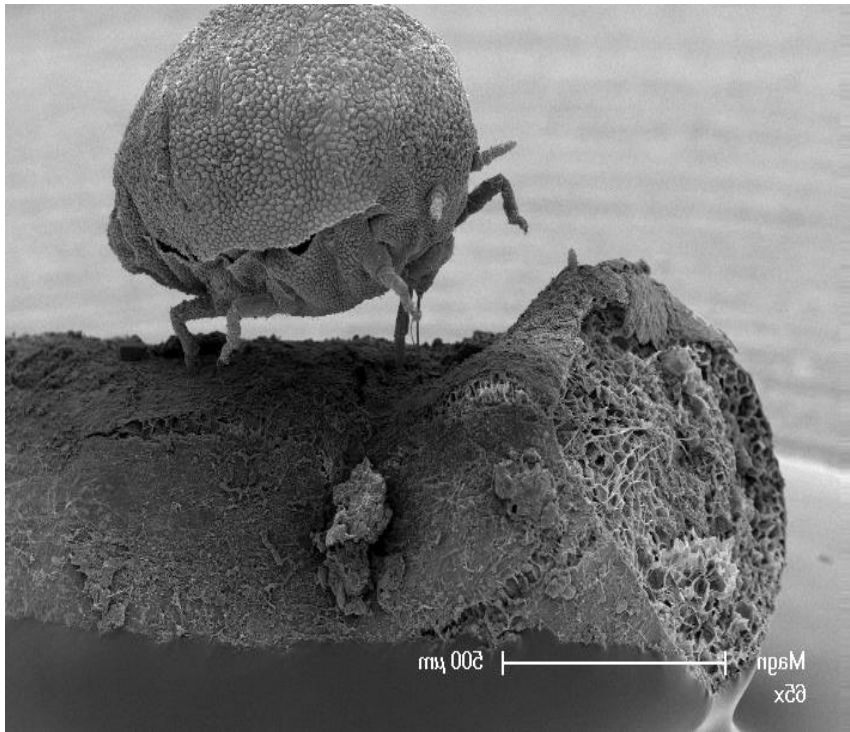
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## Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*) Mechanism



# Research

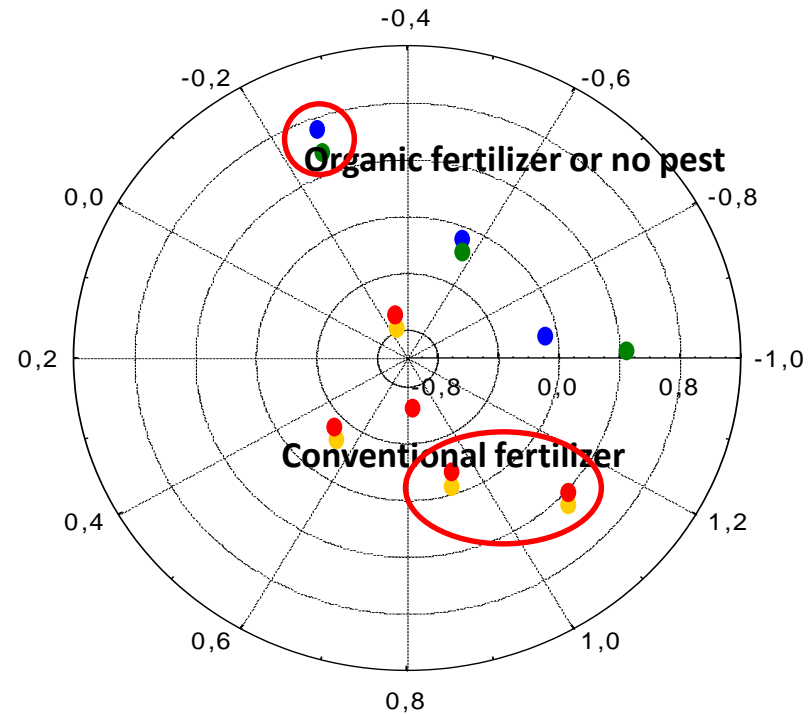


## Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*)

### Fungal Community: Species Composition

#### Field Sites:

| Color | Management   | Phylloxera  | Growth        |
|-------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| ●     | Conventional | Not present | No depression |
| ●     | Organic      | Present     | No depression |
| ●     | Conventional | Present     | No depression |
| ●     | Conventional | Present     | Depression    |



Based on isolations and classification



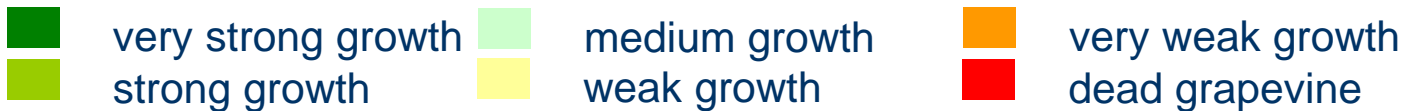
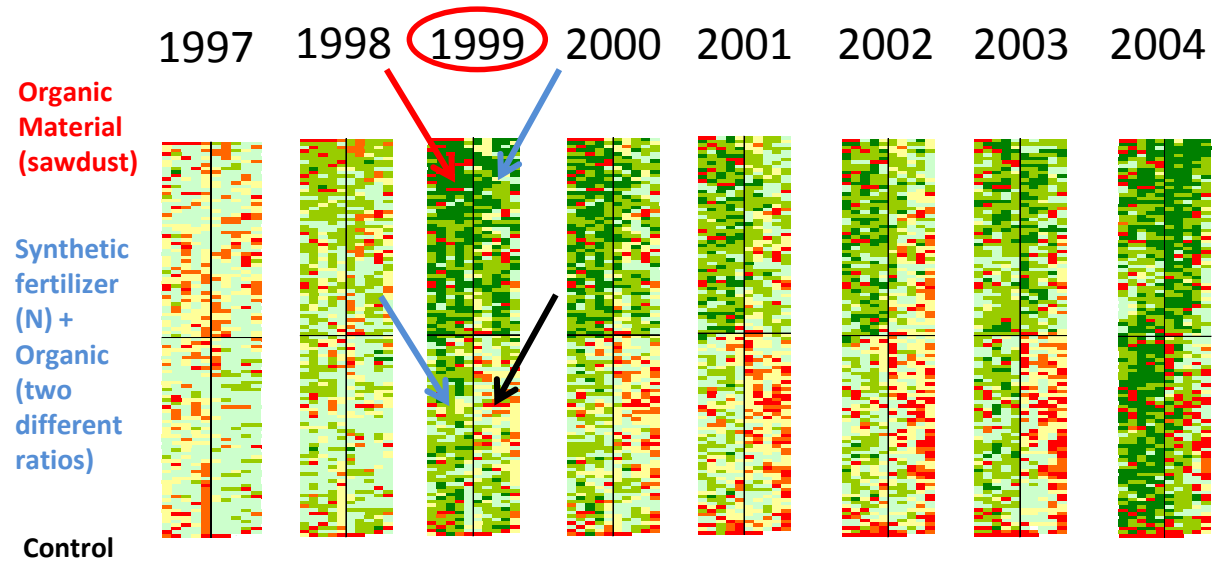
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## Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*)

### Effects of Soil Management: Plant Vigor

Non-organic;  
Phylloxera present at roots;  
Disease symptoms;





# Research

## Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*)

### Conclusions

Conventional soil management:  
higher abundance of **secondary pathogens**  
→ More growth depression

Organic soil management:  
higher abundance of **antagonists**  
→ Less growth depression



# Research

## Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*)

### Conclusions

Damages in grafted vineyards are not related to grape phylloxera *per se*, but to **soil microbial community!**

**Soil management** can alter soil microbial community and decrease aboveground damages in grape phylloxera infested vineyards



# Research

## Soil-borne pest control in viticulture

Can damages related to grape root rot be managed with soil management methods?

Is precise management of root feeding grape phylloxera possible?

# Research

## Weed and Pathogen Control with Steam in CA Strawberry Production



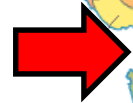
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- ❖ Conclusions

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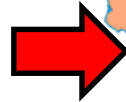


## California – Production

Watsonville/Salinas



Santa Maria



Oxnard







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## California – Why need of non-chemical Alternatives?

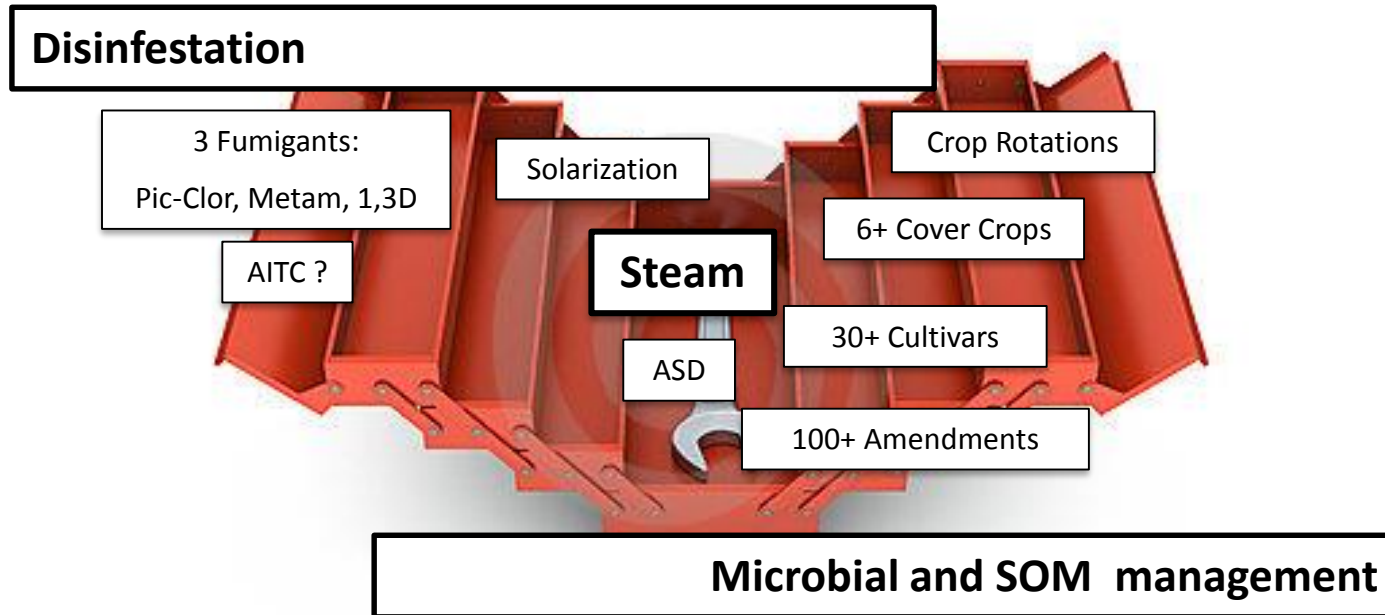
Buffer-zones  
Fumigant Regulations  
Organic Production



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## California – Tools in the Toolbox



[dreamstime.com](http://dreamstime.com)



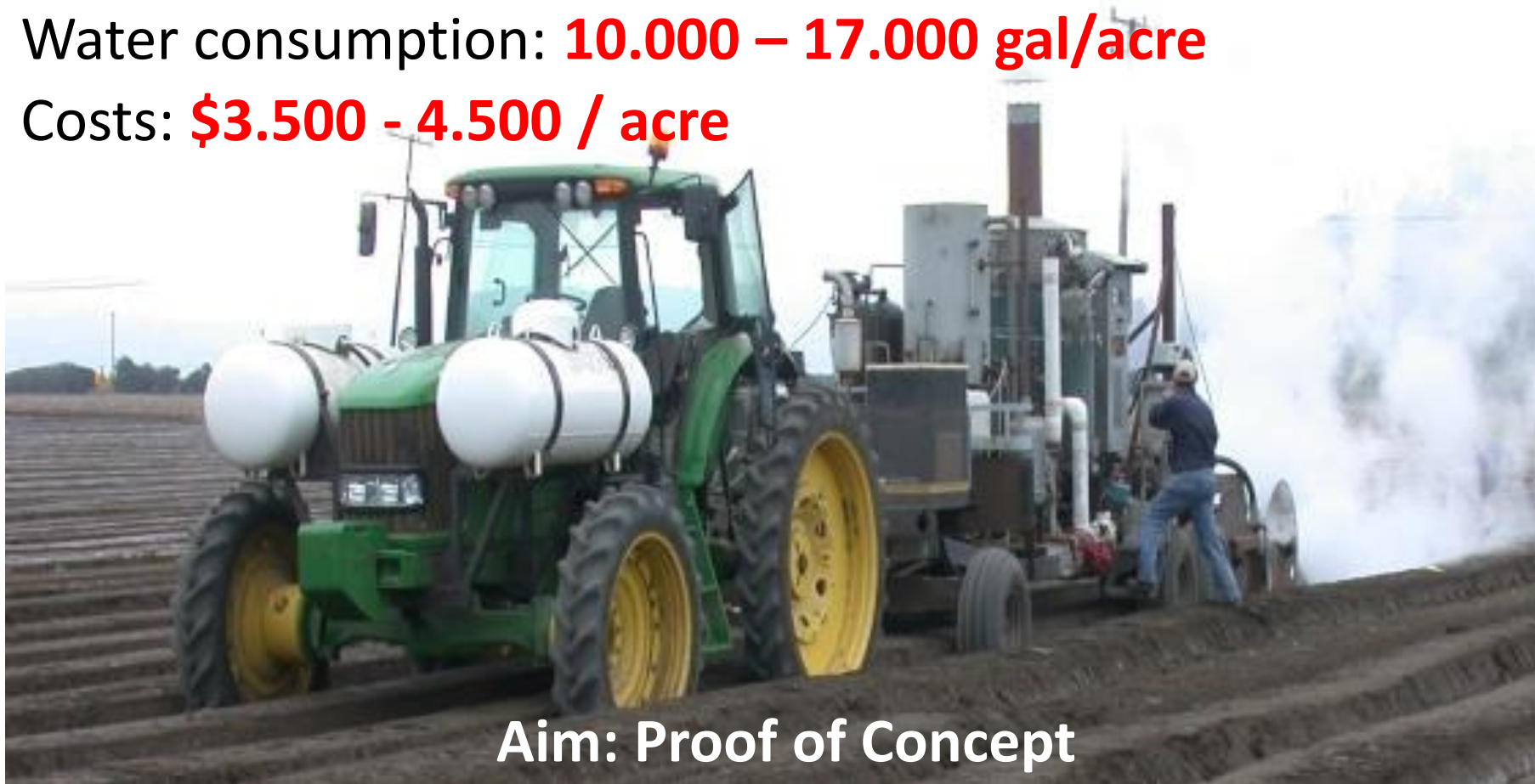
# Research – Prototype I (2011-2015)

Speed: **31 – 51 hours/acre**

Propane consumption: **1500 – 2500 gal/acre**

Water consumption: **10.000 – 17.000 gal/acre**

Costs: **\$3.500 - 4.500 / acre**

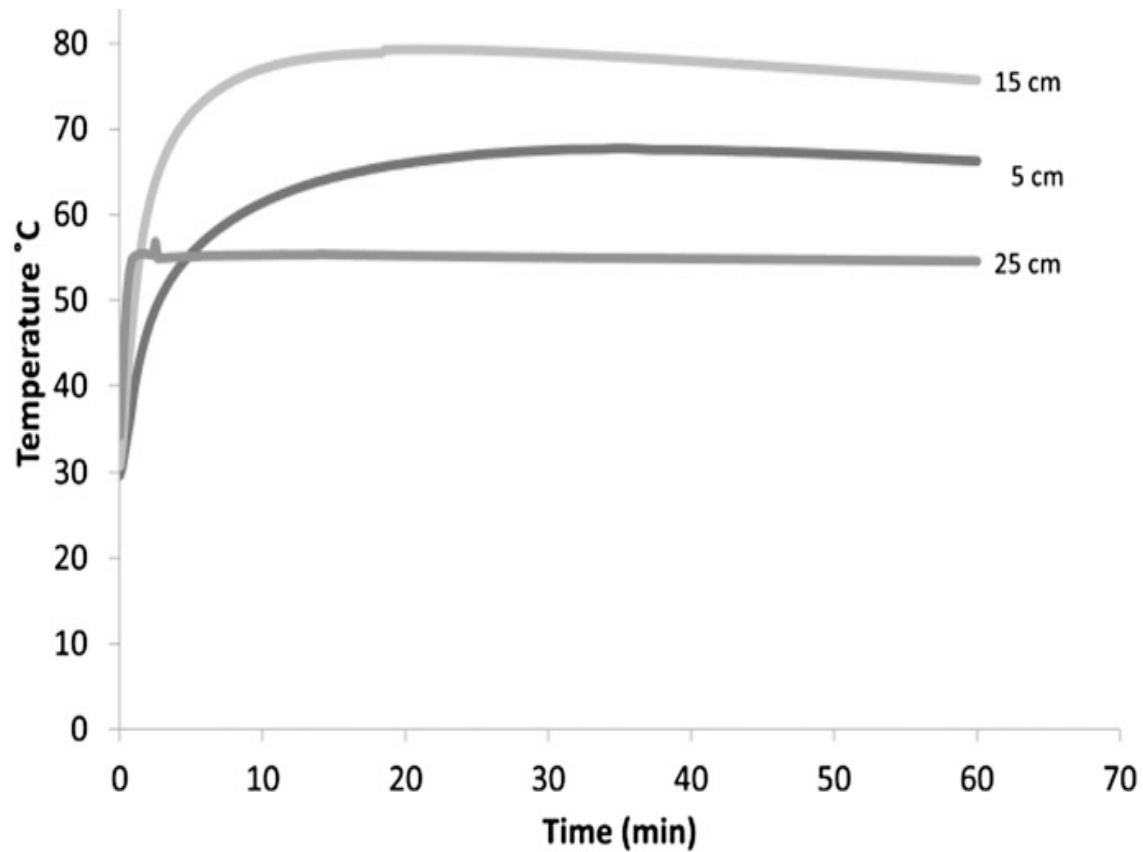


**Aim: Proof of Concept**

# Research – Prototype I (2011-2015)



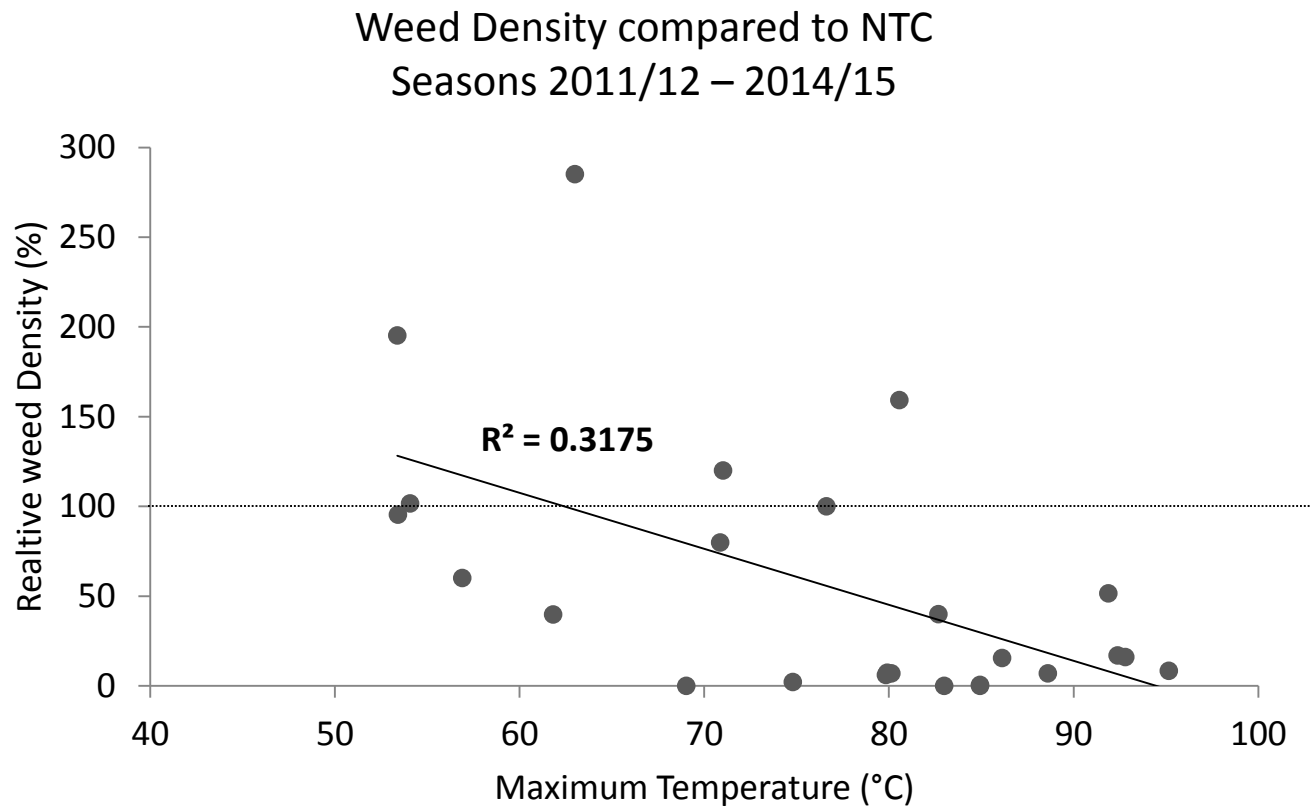
## Temperatures



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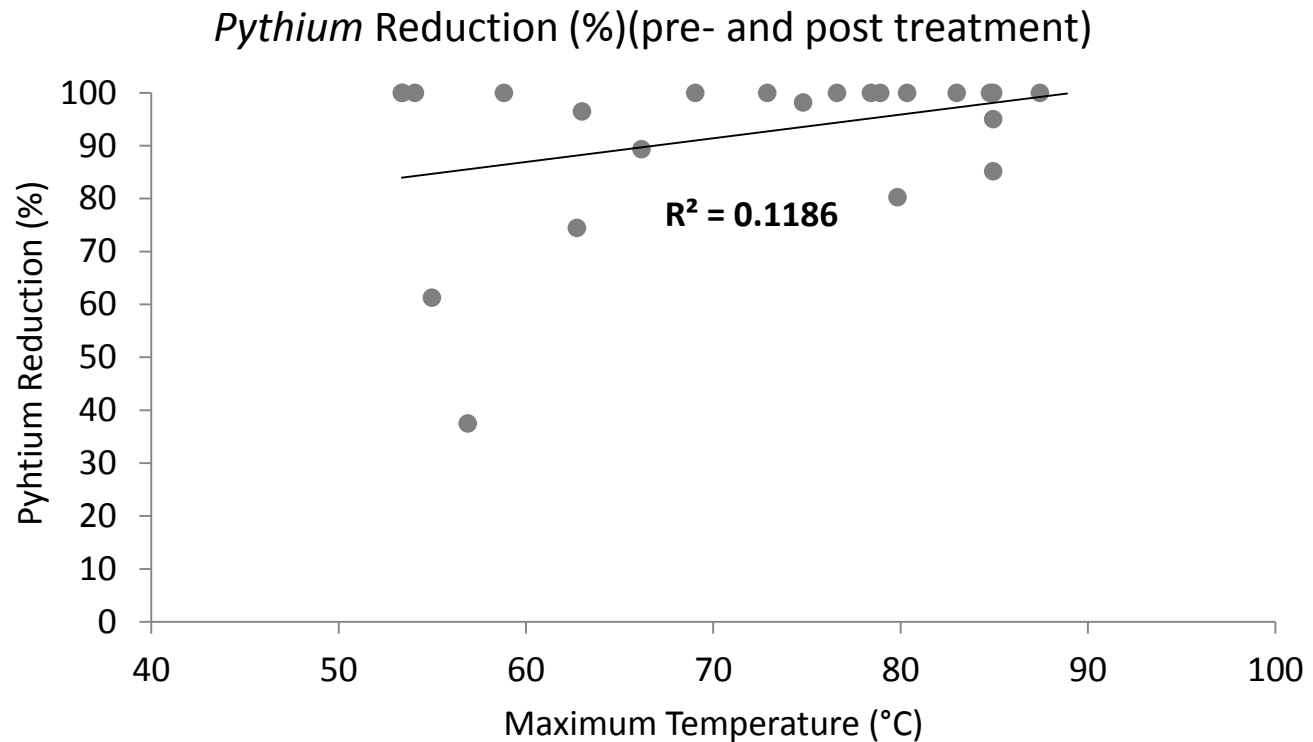
## Weed Control



# Research – Prototype I (2011-2015)



## Pathogen Control

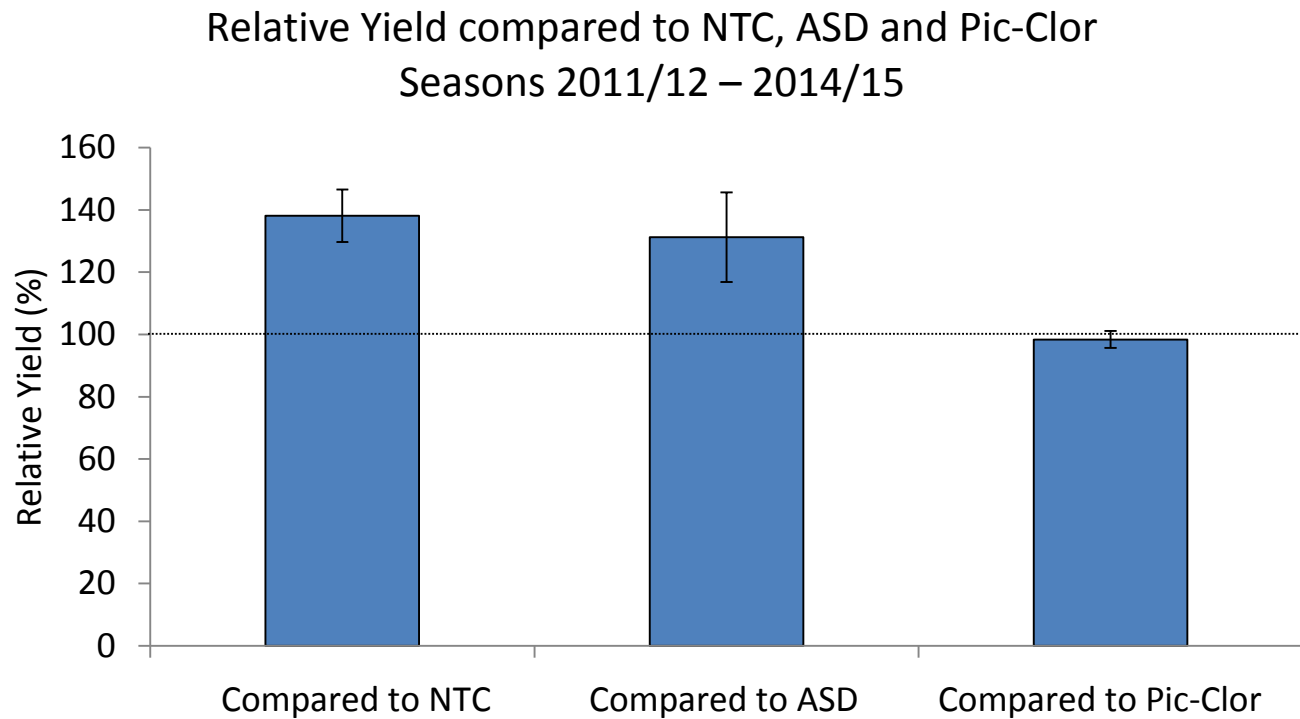






# Research – Prototype I (2011-2015)

## Yields





# Research – Prototype I (2011-2015)

## Conclusions

### Proof of Concept:

Weed Control, Pathogen Control, Yield Improvement  
with Steam in CA Strawberry

Make the application more efficient!



# Research – Prototype II (2015-2016)

Speed: **10 – 15 hours/acre**

Propane consumption: **800 – 900 gal/acre**

Water consumption: **10.000 gal/acre**

Costs: **\$2.500 / acre**



Aim: Improve efficacy



# Research – Prototype II (2015-2016)

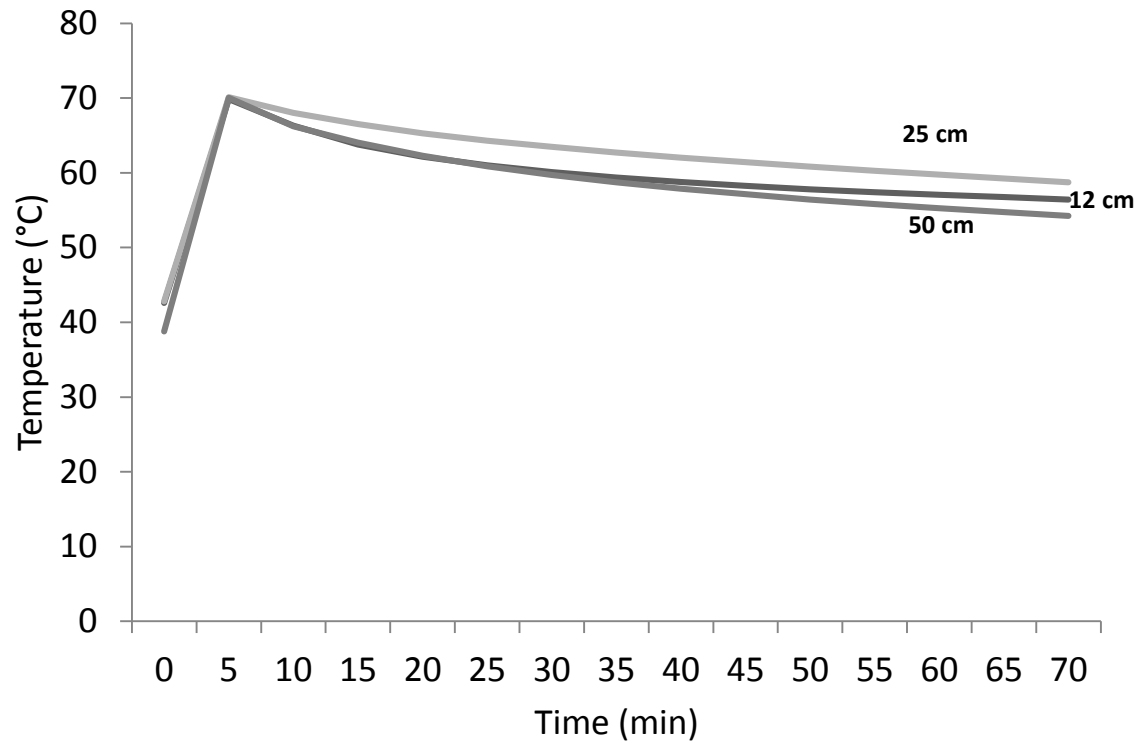
Prototype II v.1.0 (October 2015)

Test Run  
in Field

# Research – Prototype II (2015-2016)



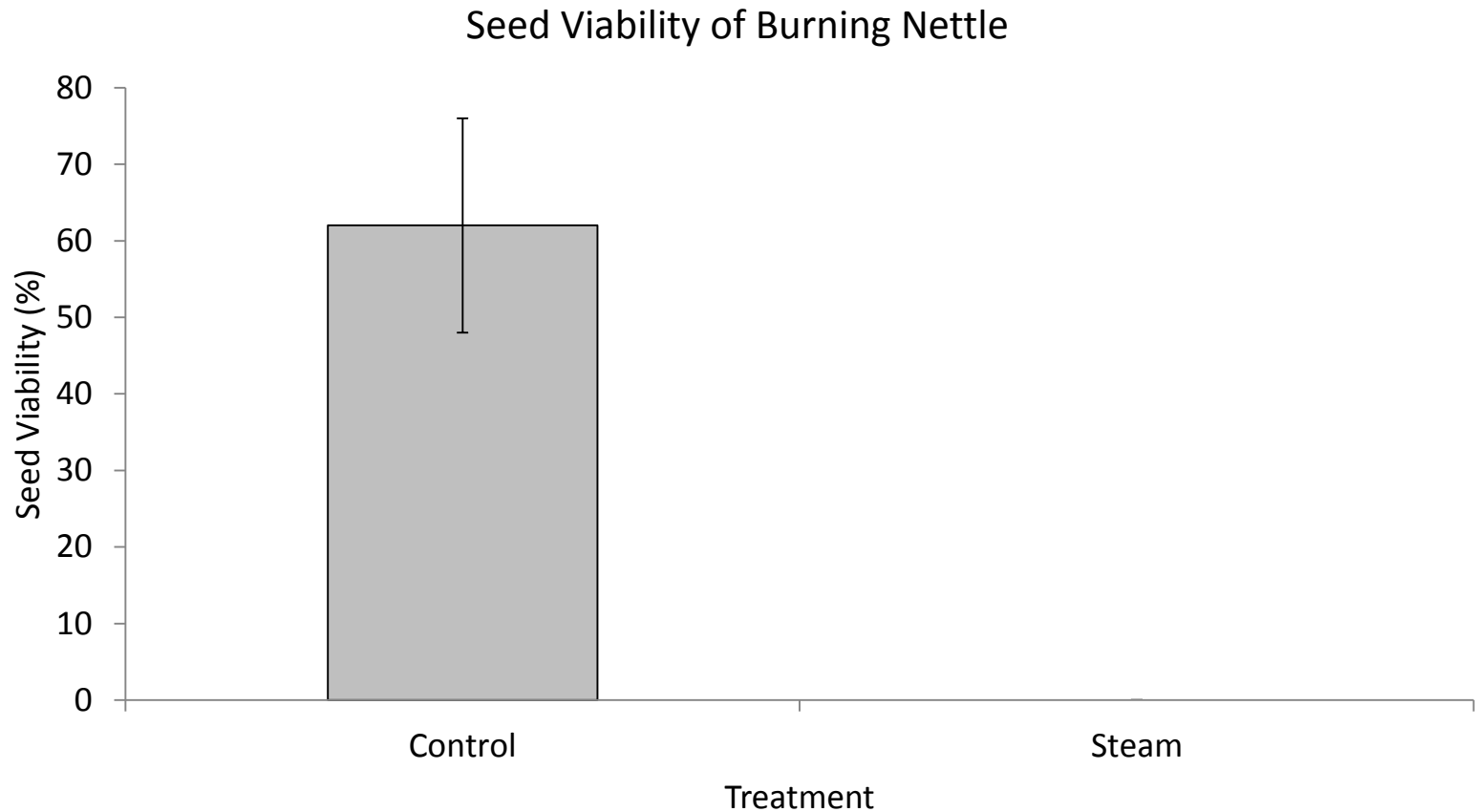
## Temperatures



# Research – Prototype II (2015-2016)



## Weed Control







# Research – Prototype II (2015-2016)

## Prototype Development (October 2015 – current)

Fuel efficacy: 855 gal/a (\$ 440 per acre)

Improvement:

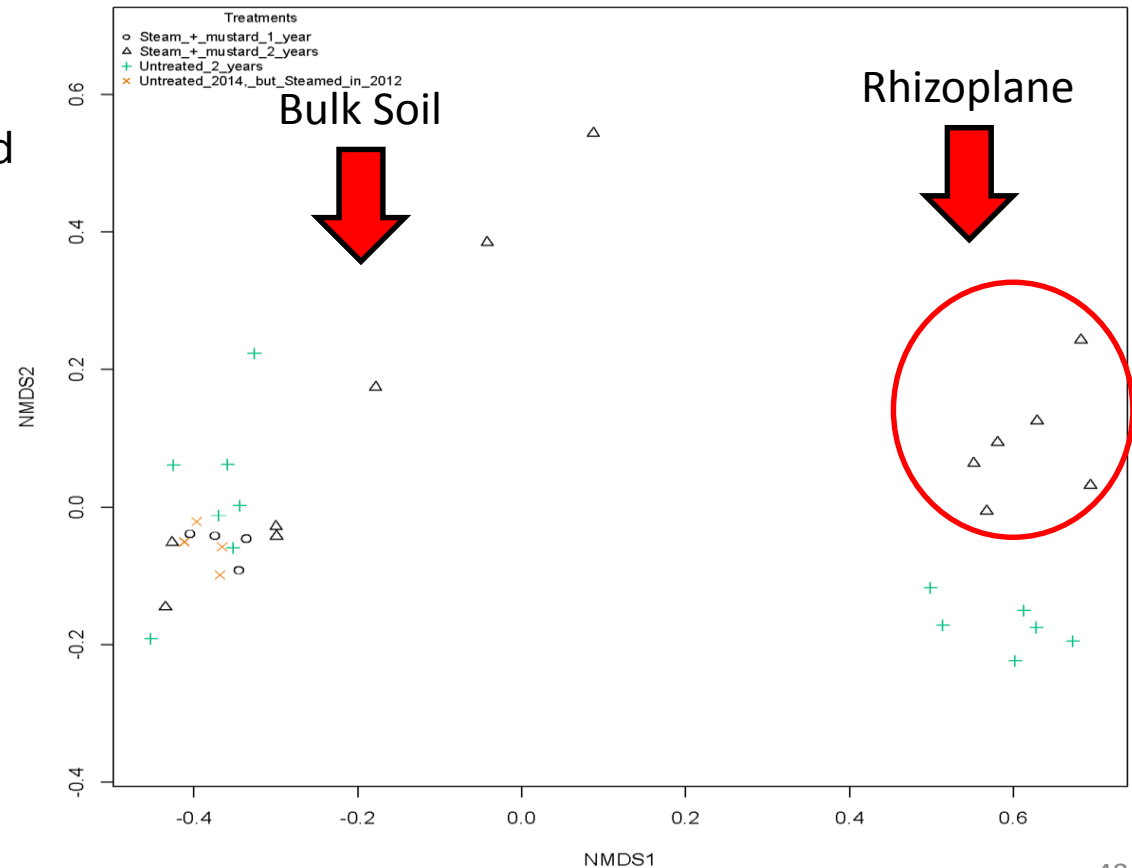
- ❖ Energy distribution
- ❖ Heat trapping
- ❖ Speed
- ❖ Water amount and field preparation



## Steam + Mustard Seed Meal (MSM) – Microbial Community – 16S Deep Sequencing

**Rhizoplane** associated included  
*Novosphingobium*,  
*Sphingomonas*,  
*Phenylbacterium*

**Bulk soil** associated included  
*Kaistobacter*,  
*Arthrobacter*,  
*Thermomonas*



# Research



## Strawberry – Summary

- ❖ **Proof of concept** over four seasons of steam applications with Prototype I
- ❖ **Improvement of application** efficacy by engineering Prototype II
- ❖ Differences in plant development and bacterial community due to soil treatments with steam + MSM



# Research

## Strawberry – Conclusions

Steam: a valuable addition to the California soil management toolbox

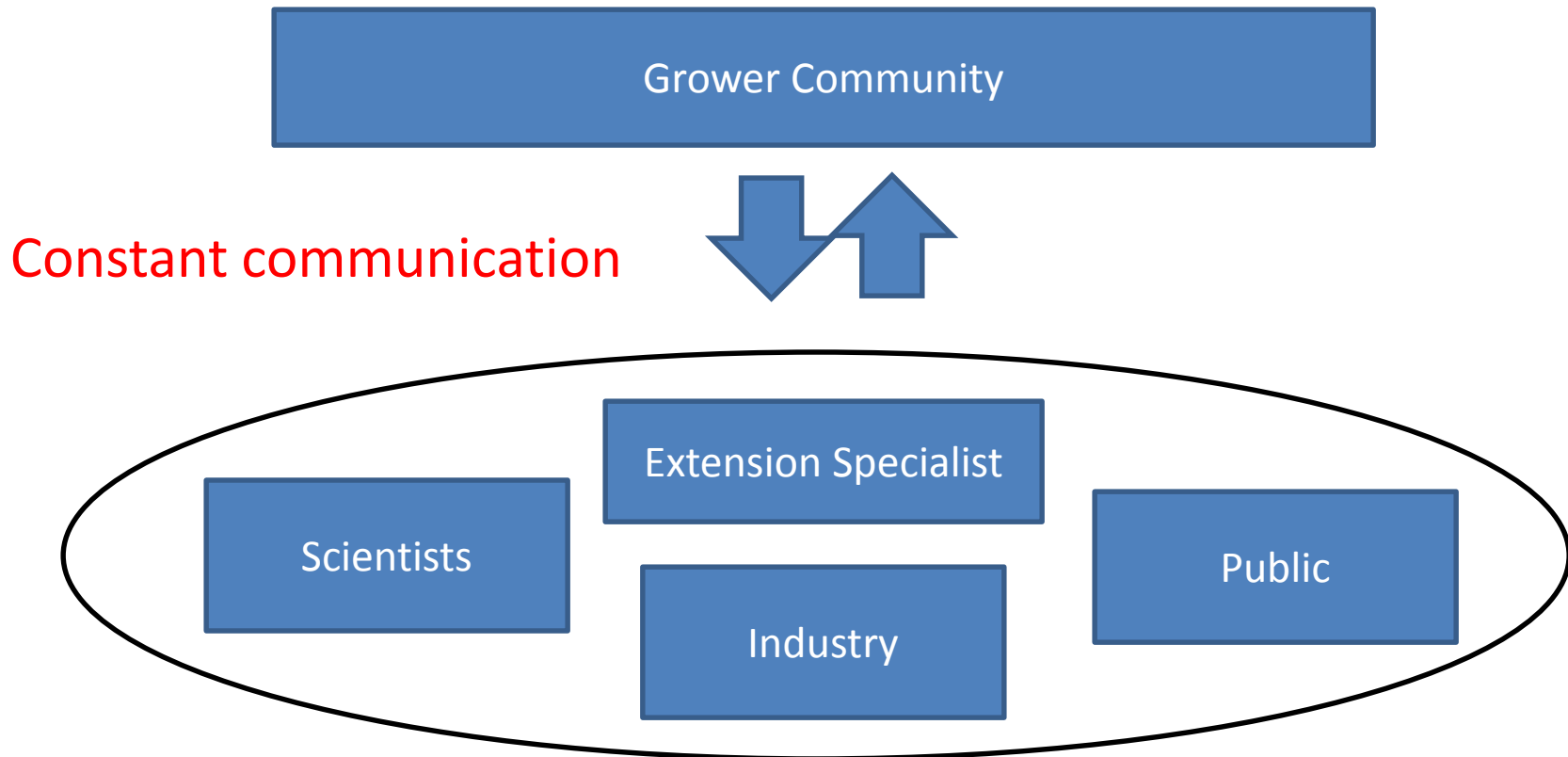
# Outlook

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## Viticulture in NM

Where I see myself





# Outlook



## Viticulture in NM

### Personal Guidelines

- ❖ Build **trust and value** in community
- ❖ Serve to the **needs** as part of a **team**
- ❖ Contribute with **dedication** and **innovation**
- ❖ Get things done

# Outlook



## Viticulture in NM

### Visions – Team Work

Precise sustainable management systems

Weeds, diseases and pests with focus on plant health, yield quality and water usage

Statewide seminar and outreach system

Vineyard establishment, management and wine-making

Media based disease management decision tool

Help to make decisions on sprays, pruning, new establishment of vineyards etc.

# Outlook



## Precise Sustainable Management

### Short-Term Goals

- ❖ Establish grower and science collaborations
- ❖ Integrate into a team and explore needs!
- ❖ Establish laboratory and research program with focus on horticulture and disease detection/management
- ❖ Variety selection trials

**Potential future threats:** GWSS and Pierce Disease, SWD screening, *Armillaria* root rot

**SOM Management** for young and mature vineyards (amendments, cover crops)

**Collaboration** with Geisenheim

# Outlook



## Precise Sustainable Management

### Long-Term Goals

- ❖ Establishing a functional and quick early disease detection and warning system for viticulture in NM
- ❖ Developing precise and simple management systems, using robotic and engineering skills
- ❖ International variety selection program

**Early detection and warning:** Web based, GIS, Data-Analysis, Modeling, Grower input.

**Precise Management:** Developing robotic techniques for e.g. detection of nutrient deficiency pruning, picking etc.

# Outlook



## Statewide Seminar and Outreach Program

### Short-Term Goals

- ❖ Discussion forums with growers, scientists and other stakeholders: needs, feedback, etc.
- ❖ Establishment of frequent seminars, field days and an interactive web based education and discussion forums

How? Advertisement, Collaboration with Tech at Universities.

Outcome: Constant exchange with grower community.

# Outlook



## Statewide Seminar and Outreach Program

### Long-Term Goals

- ❖ State wide outreach and seminar program with participating of national and international specialists

**Brings constant information and value to community.**



# Outlook



## Media based Disease Management Decision Tool

### Short-Term Goals

- ❖ Establishing regional grape pest and pathogen data base
- ❖ Collaborating with data-analysts to establish short-term prediction models
- ❖ Collaborating with specialists to include diseases and pests

# Outlook



## Media based Disease Management Decision Tool

### Long-Term Goals

- ❖ State-wide web and app based prediction tool to help grower community decide on spray, management and replanting

# Outlook



## Media based Disease Management Decision Tool Example from North Carolina

LINKS (1/2)

[New Growers](#)

[NC Plant Disease & Insect Clinic](#)

[Strawberry Fruit Infection Risk Tool](#)

[— Fruit Infection Risk Tool Instructions](#)

[NC Strawberry Diagnostic Key](#)

[SRSFC IPM Guide \(PDF\)](#)

[Small Fruit & Specialty Crop IPM Blog](#)

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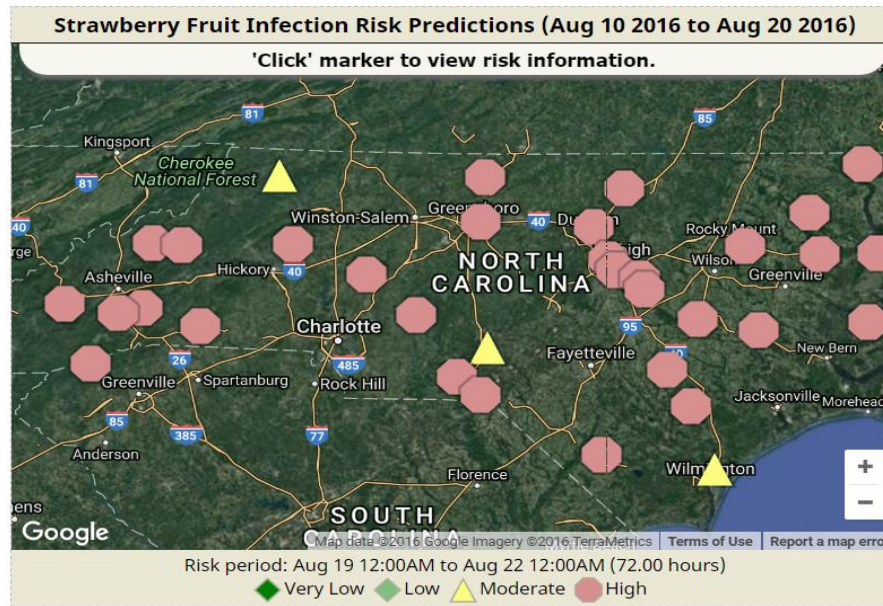
Tweets from our team

ExtensionVoices

### Strawberry Fruit Infection Risk Tool

Weather-based decision support system to optimize spray timing for Botrytis and Anthracnose fruit rots throughout North Carolina.

*Please give the map and data a second to load.*




# Outlook



## Media based Disease Management Decision Tool Example from North Carolina

**DEPARTMENTS**

- Crop Science
- Entomology
- Horticulture
- Plant Pathology



**Tweets from our team**

**ExtensionVoices**  
A Twitter list by @ExtensionVoices  
Tweets from NC Cooperative Extension and colleagues, nationwide.

**4-H @4H**  
Here are some important questions to ask yourself before the first day of school: [shout.it/bH61V](#) @STEM\_jobs

Anthracnose (*Colletotrichum acutatum*)
FLSAS **High**

Grey Mold-Rot (*Botrytis cinerea*)
FLSAS **Low**

**Anthracnose (*Colletotrichum acutatum*)  
Florida Strawberry Advisory System Model (FLSAS)**

If flowers and/or fruit are present and the last fungicide application was more than 7 days ago, a fungicide application is recommended. For more information read [Southeast Regional Strawberry IPM Guide](#).

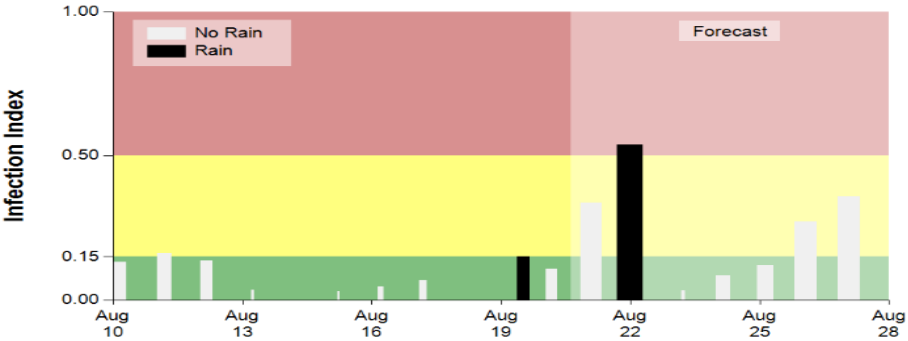
**Infection Events**  
Past 10 Days

| Type     | Count | Start          | Hours |
|----------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Moderate | 2     | Aug 19 08:47AM | 7.00  |
| High     | 0     |                |       |

**Forecast**  
Next Event

| Type     | Count | Start          | Hours |
|----------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Moderate | 3     | Aug 20 08:30PM | 11.00 |
| High     | 1     | Aug 21 04:30PM | 14.00 |

NC Climate Office: Aug 10 12:00AM - Aug 20 03:05PM  
NOAA's NWS Forecast: Aug 20 03:00PM - Aug 27 02:00PM  
All times Eastern Standard (EST).



# Outlook

## Viticulture in NM Conclusions



Dreamstime.com

- ❖ Personal values and team effort
- ❖ Creating positive, creative and productive work environment
- ❖ Grower serving systems
- ❖ Inclusion rather than exclusion

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