

Evaluation of Chemigation Treatments  
& Composted Poultry Manure  
on  
Premature Vine Senescence  
of  
Processing Tomatoes

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## **Situation/Issues:**

- Buried drip irrigation continues to increase
- Rotations to tomato are more concentrated
- Incidence of soilborne pathogens is increasing





Verticillium



Southern blight



Phytophthora root rot



Corky roots



Fusarium crown & root rot



Fusarium wilt

2011	Woodland Field			Dixon Field			
	Chemigation Treatment	Yield tons/A	Vert %	Fusarium %	Yield tons/A	Vert %	Corky root severity
1	Control	34 b	20	21	46	50	89
2	Vapam 15 gal	35 b	15	28			
3	Tenet	34 b	18	22	48	45	86
4	Vapam + Tenet	34 b	19	26			
5	Quadris + Ridomil	33 b	17	27	47	34	84
6	Vapam + Quad + Ridomil	36 b	15	33			
7	Serenade Soil	38 b	18	22	45	47	89
8	Serenade + Quad + Rid				46	47	88
9	Vapam + Serenade	36 b	13	25			
10	Chicken manure	<b>45 a</b>	15	19	<b>52</b>	48	89
11	Tenet + Serenade				46	49	90
12	SoilGard				44	45	93
			NS	NS	NS	NS	NS



Fusarium crown & root rot  
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## 2012 Treatments

Control

Quadris + Ridomil

Vapam highest rate (15 gal in 2011)

Serenade soil

Actinovate

*Streptomyces*

Chicken manure - 10 tons

Chicken manure - 20 tons

Potassium - high rate







chems & biologicals  
multiple apps

2011 #1    2011 #2    2012 #1    2012 #2

Yield (tons/A)

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Serenade Soil	38 b	45	40 b	41
Serenade + Quad + Rid		46		
Vapam + Serenade	36 b		42 b	38
Chicken manure 10 tons	45 a	52	56 a	55
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# Sustaining Plant Health with Composted Poultry Manure





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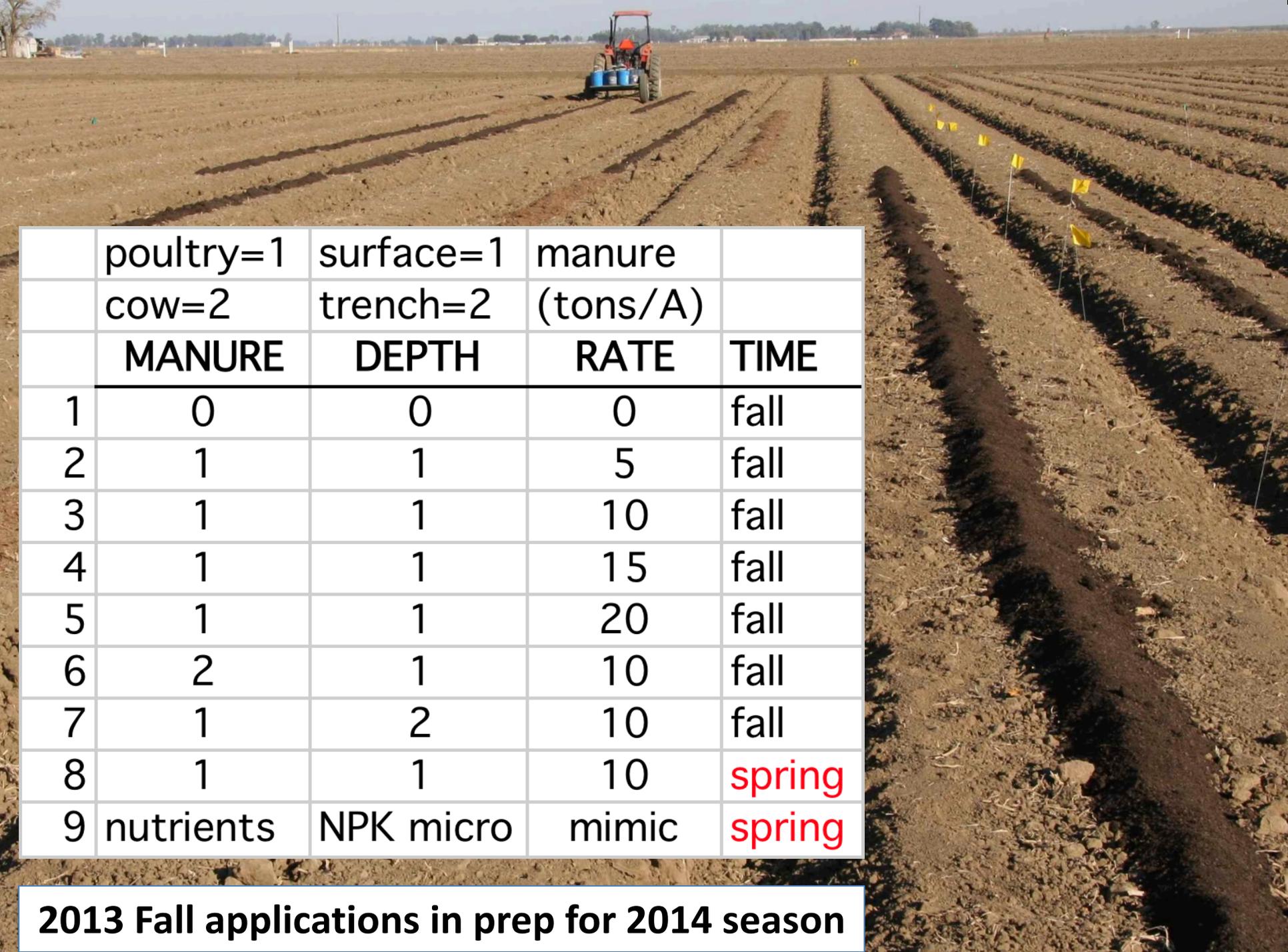
treatment	15-Aug yield tons		Brix	7-Aug necrosis
1 Manure 10 tons	71.2	a	5.1	28
2 nutrients (compost mimic)	68.0	a	5.0	18
3 manure 5 tons	64.3	b	5.0	25
4 nutrients luxury	61.9	bc	5.4	13
5 vermicompost	60.4	cd	4.8	32
6 Regalia @ 1 gpa	58.2	d	4.9	39
7 JH BioTech Promot	57.8	d	5.1	39
8 LH Organics Soil Sytem 1	57.4	d	4.9	39
9 Non treated	57.0	d	4.8	39
LSD@5% (probability)	3.5		0.3	13
% CV	4		4	29

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CLASS COMPARISONS		Yield
I. biologicals vs		57.8
nontreated control		57.0
Probability		NS
II. composts vs		65.3
nontreated control		57.0
Probability		0.000
III. composts vs		65.3
supplemental fertilizers		64.9
Probability		0.03
IV manure rate: probability		
linear		0.00
quadratic		NS



	poultry=1 cow=2	surface=1 trench=2	manure (tons/A)	
	MANURE	DEPTH	RATE	TIME
1	0	0	0	fall
2	1	1	5	fall
3	1	1	10	fall
4	1	1	15	fall
5	1	1	20	fall
6	2	1	10	fall
7	1	2	10	fall
8	1	1	10	spring
9	nutrients	NPK micro	mimic	spring

**2013 Fall applications in prep for 2014 season**

# Verticillium wilt

*Verticillium dahliae*

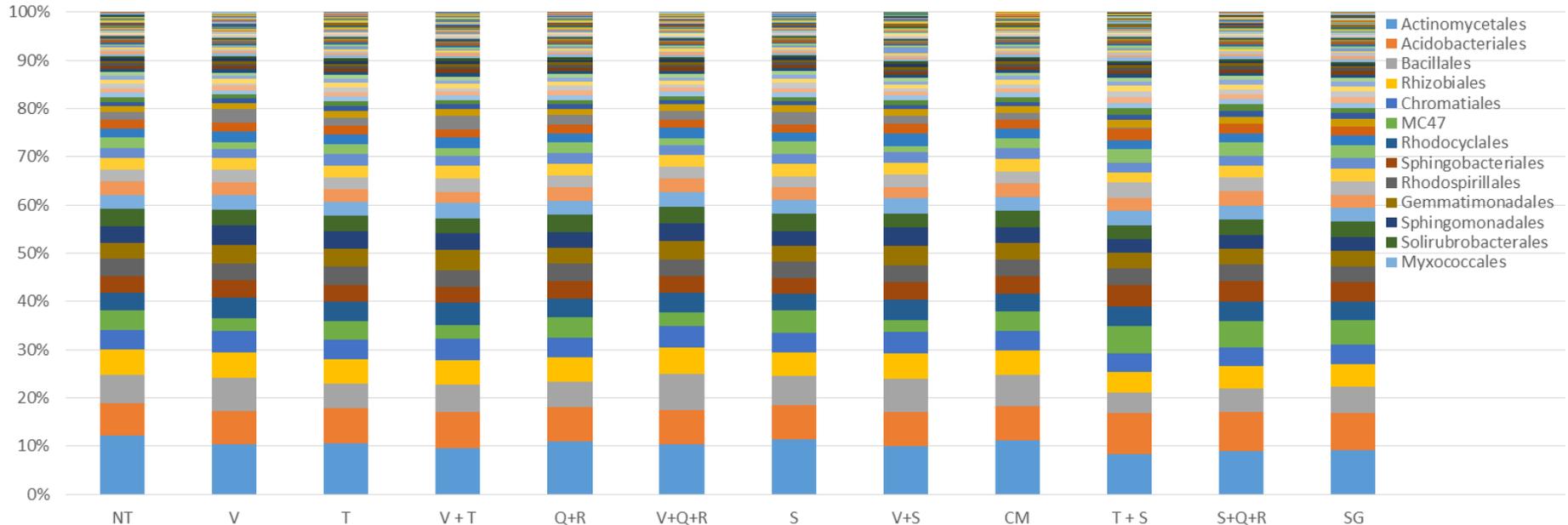


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# Impact of Management: chemicals/biologicals

soil microbiota of processing tomatoes, 2011 field study

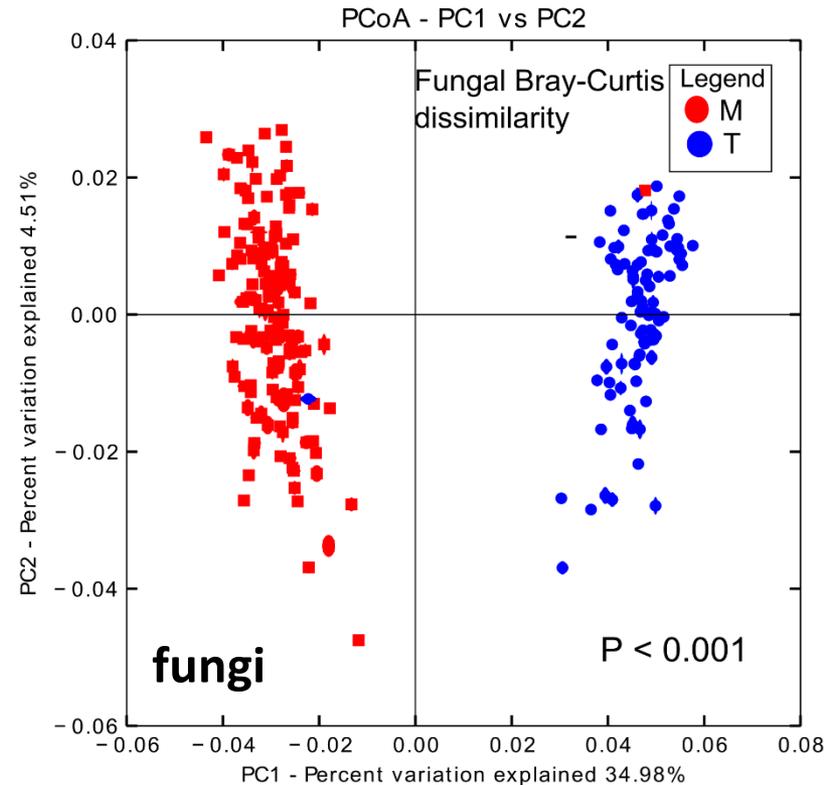
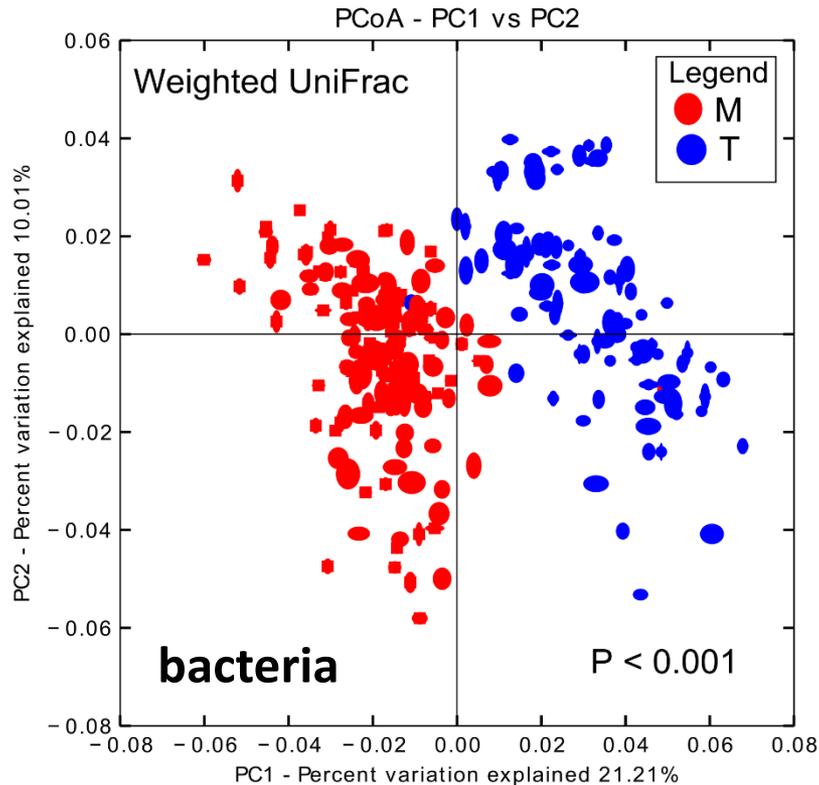


NT nontreated  
V Vapam  
Q Quadris  
R Ridomil Gold  
S Serenade Soil (*Bacillus*)  
T Tenet (*Trichoderma*)  
SG SoilGard (*Gliocadium*)  
CM composted chicken manure

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# IMPACT OF LOCATION

## SOIL MICROBIOTA OF PROCESSING TOMATOES, 2011

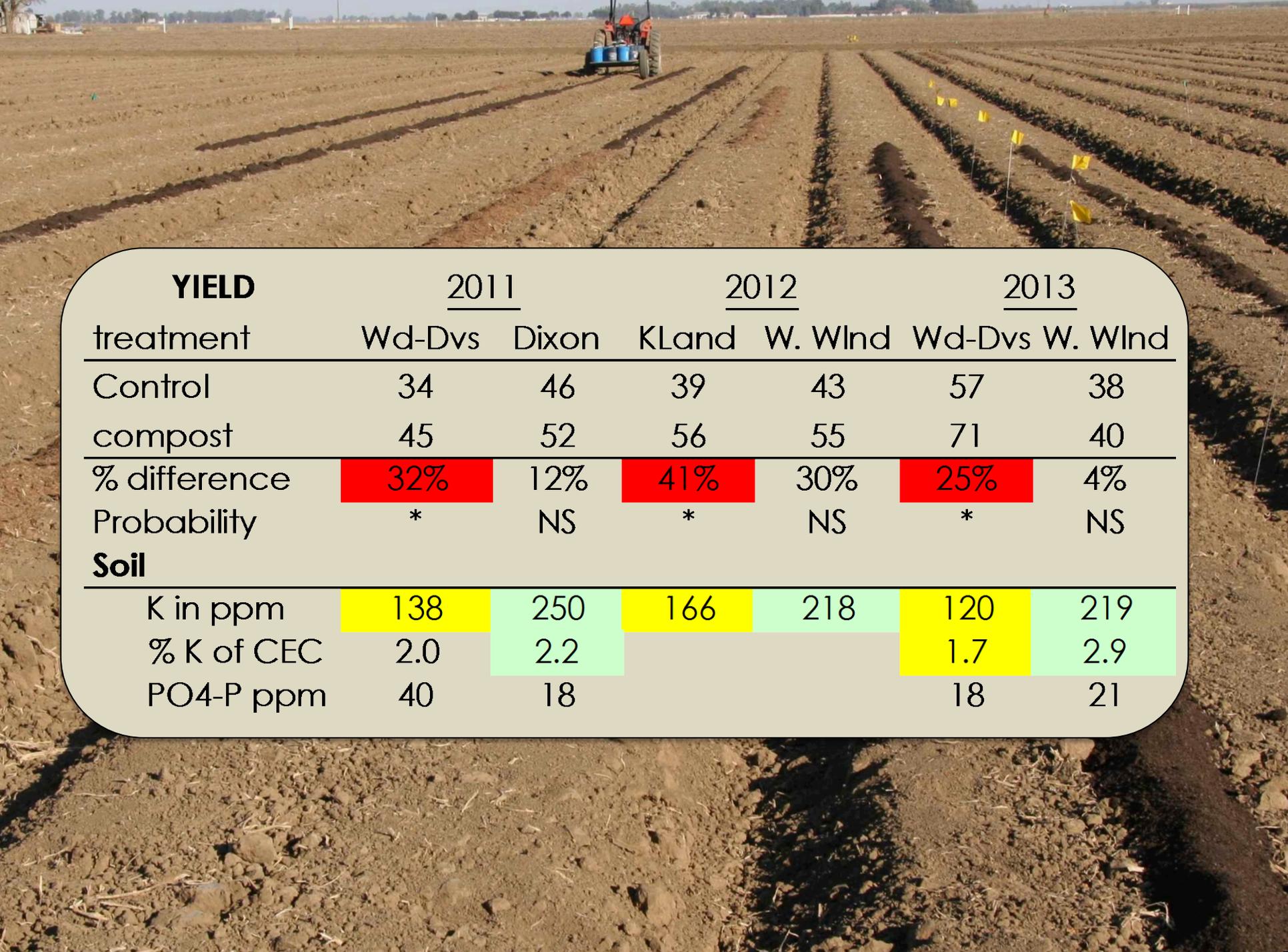


Meek (shop) Woodland: Yolo silt loam

Timothy-Viguie (shop) Dixon: Yolo silty clay loam

both sites had tomatoes the previous year

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<b>YIELD</b>	<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>	
treatment	Wd-Dvs	Dixon	KLand	W. WInd	Wd-Dvs	W. WInd
Control	34	46	39	43	57	38
compost	45	52	56	55	71	40
% difference	32%	12%	41%	30%	25%	4%
Probability	*	NS	*	NS	*	NS
<b>Soil</b>						
K in ppm	138	250	166	218	120	219
% K of CEC	2.0	2.2			1.7	2.9
PO4-P ppm	40	18			18	21

YIELD treatment	2012	2013		2014		
	site A	site B	site C	Wld	Dlxon	Wld return
Control <sup>1</sup>	34	49	44			
compost <sup>2</sup>	41	48	43			
% difference	21%	-2%	-1%			
Probability	*	NS	NS			
<b>Soil</b>						
K in ppm	115	219	152	285		
% K of CEC	1.6	1.9	2.8	2.0		
PO4-P ppm	12	13	45	19		

# Yield increase from compost may be related to a potassium (K) response

## Evaluation of K from soil:

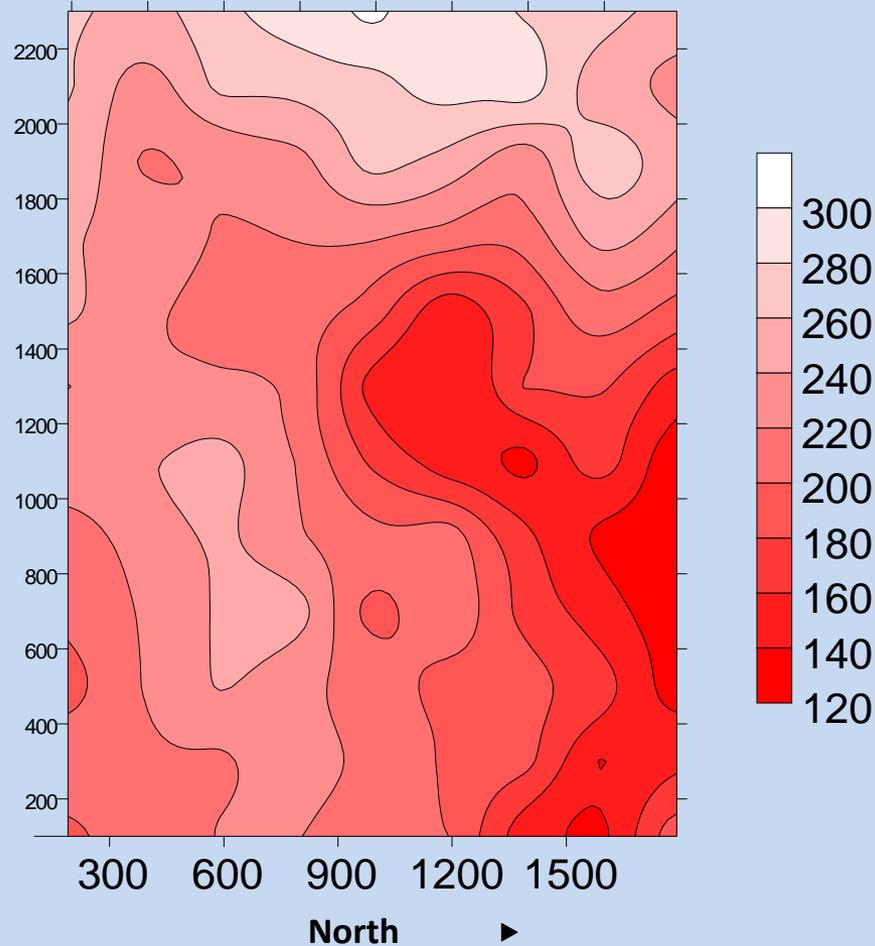
less than ~180 ppm K (ammonium acetate extraction method)  
< 2% K of the cation exchange capacity (CEC)



# Spatial variability is REAL!

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Soil test K (ppm)  
in 108 acre tomato field



derived from 200 x 200 ft  
grid samples

Unpublished data, Pettygrove, Plant et al. 1997



## Progress Report Summary: Disease Control Evaluations for 'vine decline'

- ✓ No demonstrated effectiveness of chemicals & biologicals through drip irrigation... yet.
- ✓ *Value of composted chicken manure...  
...may be related to fertilizer K response?*



# MOVEMENT OF *FUSARIUM OXYSPORUM* VIA EQUIPMENT

## Fusarium wilt, race 3



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# FUSARIUM WILT



# Fusarium wilt: 'Mechanical spread'

moving infected stem pieces...



...moving infested soil

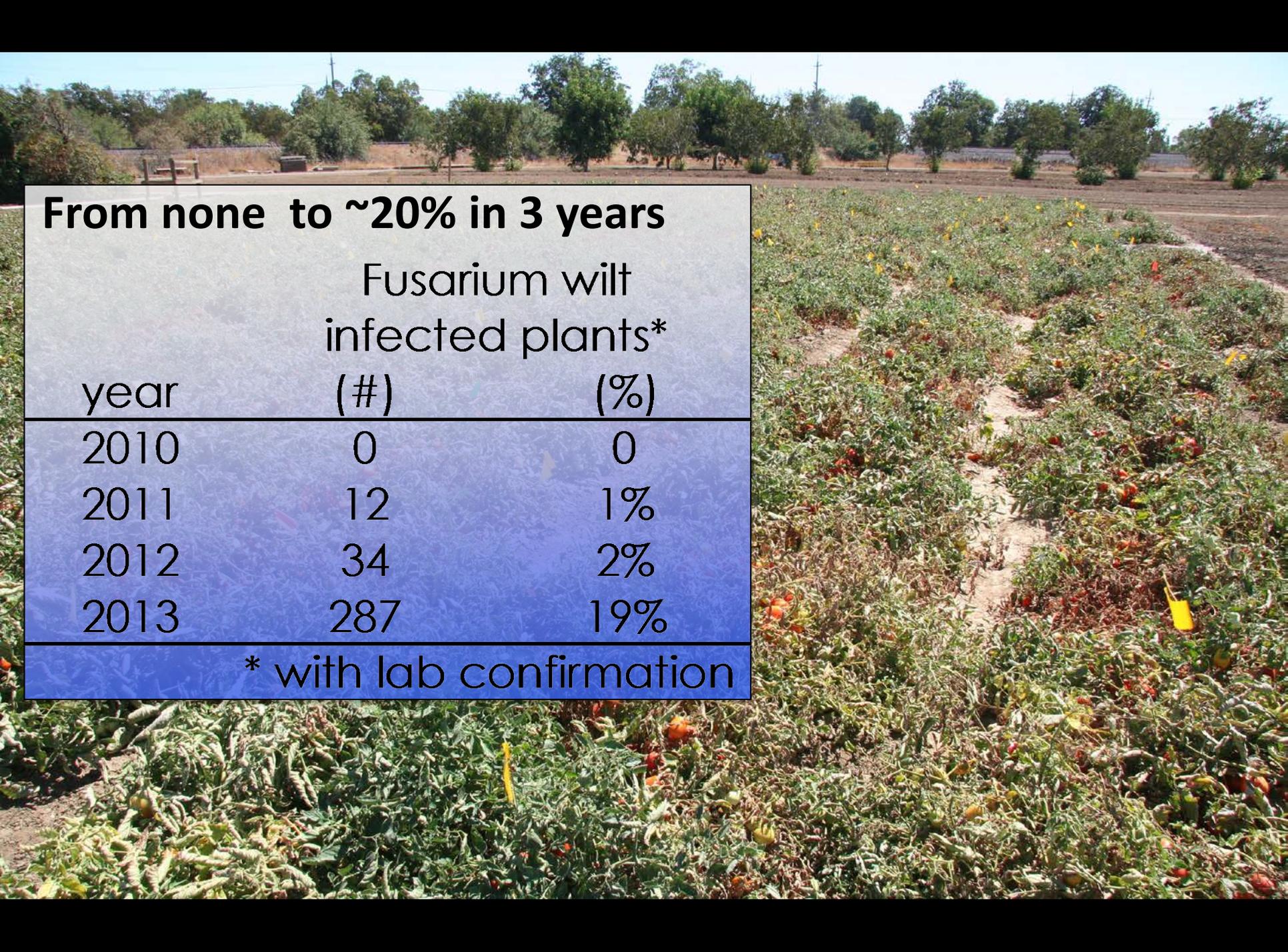




1<sup>st</sup> Year 2011

Fusarium wilt: 'Mechanical spread'



A photograph of a tomato field showing the progression of Fusarium wilt. The plants in the foreground are healthy and green, while those in the background are increasingly wilted and yellowed. A dirt path runs through the field. In the distance, there are trees and a fence under a clear blue sky.

**From none to ~20% in 3 years**

Fusarium wilt  
infected plants\*

year	(#)	(%)
2010	0	0
2011	12	1%
2012	34	2%
2013	287	19%

\* with lab confirmation





## Summary:

Spread of *Fusarium oxysporum* with  
infected plant tissue

- ✓ Fusarium easily established
- ✓ Fusarium can spread quickly & remains long-lived in soil



**The End**