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# Don't Let the Root Rots Beat your Beets

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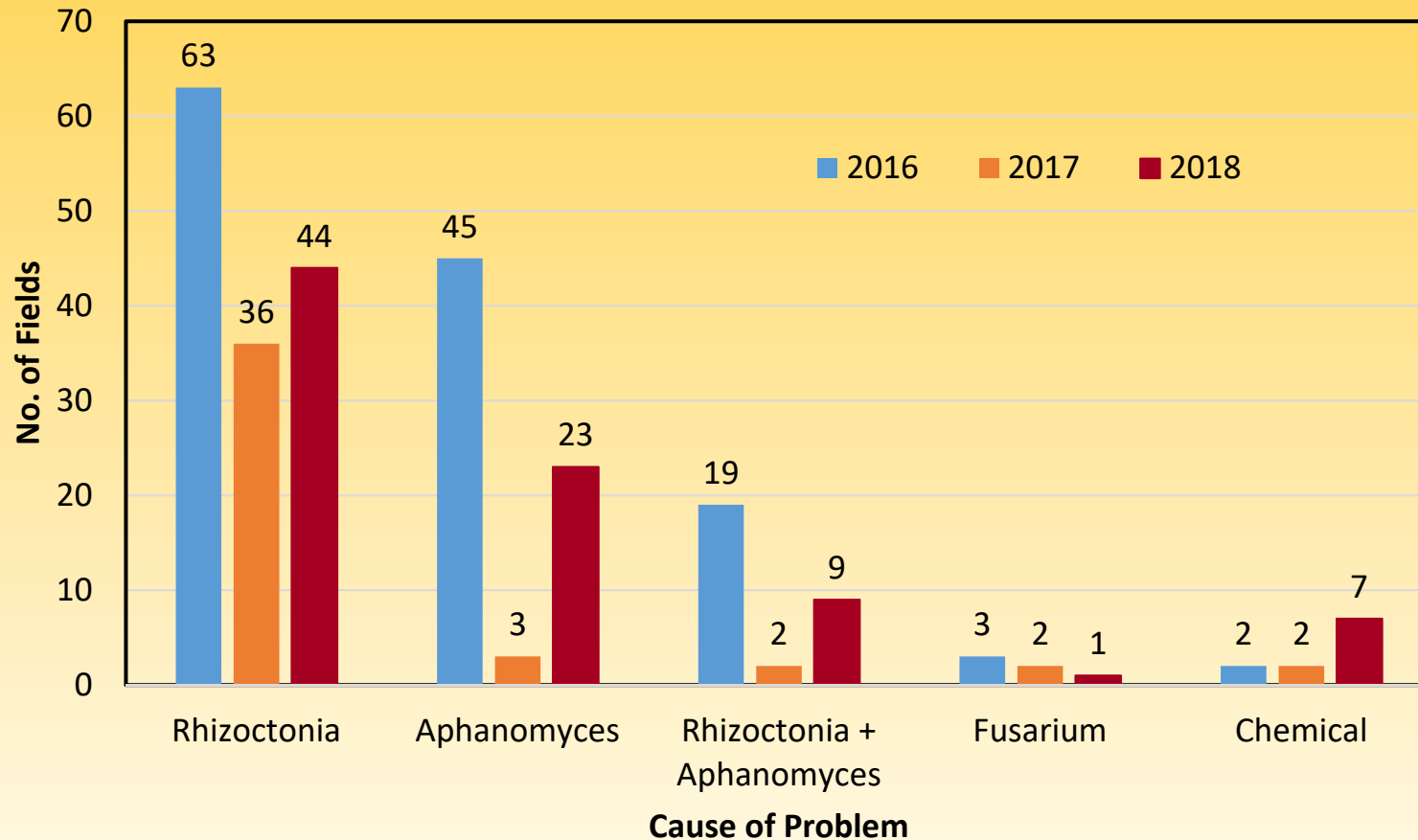
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# Summary of Field Samples 2016 - 2018





# Rhizoctonia + Aphanomyces

July 21, 2015



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# Damping-off



# Rhizoctonia



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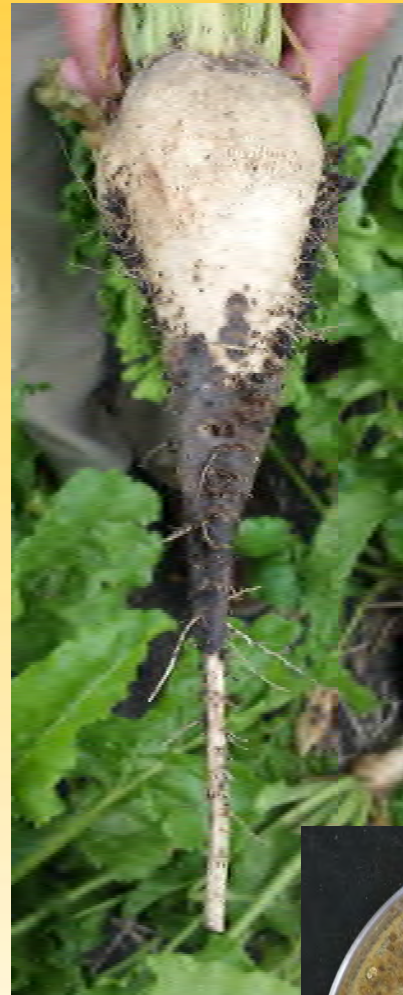
# Crown and Root Rot



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# Crown and Root Rot



# Management of Rhizoctonia

- Early planting



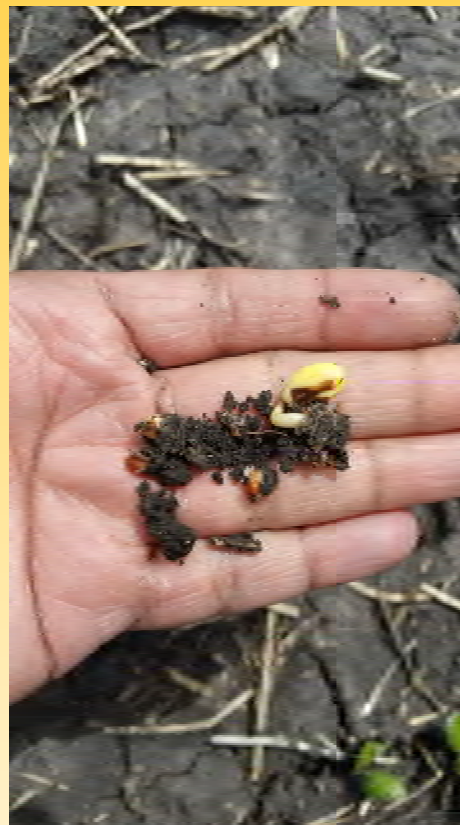
# Management of Rhizoctonia

- Early planting
- Crop Rotation
  - Length of rotation
  - Weed control
  - Crop choice





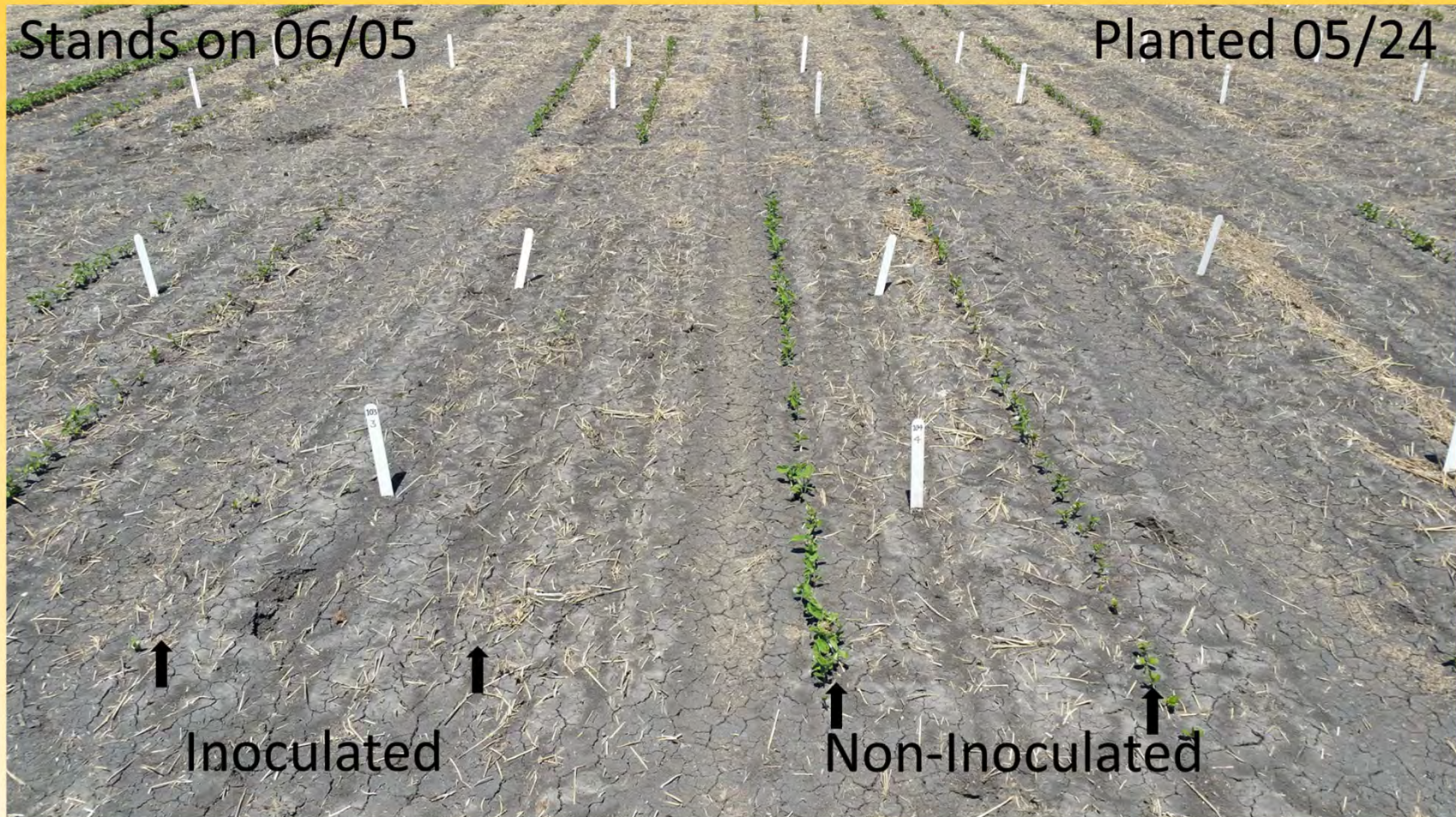
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# Management of Rhizoctonia

- Early planting
- Crop Rotation
  - Crop choice
  - Length of rotation
  - Weed control
- Resistant varieties





# Rhizoctonia rating scale



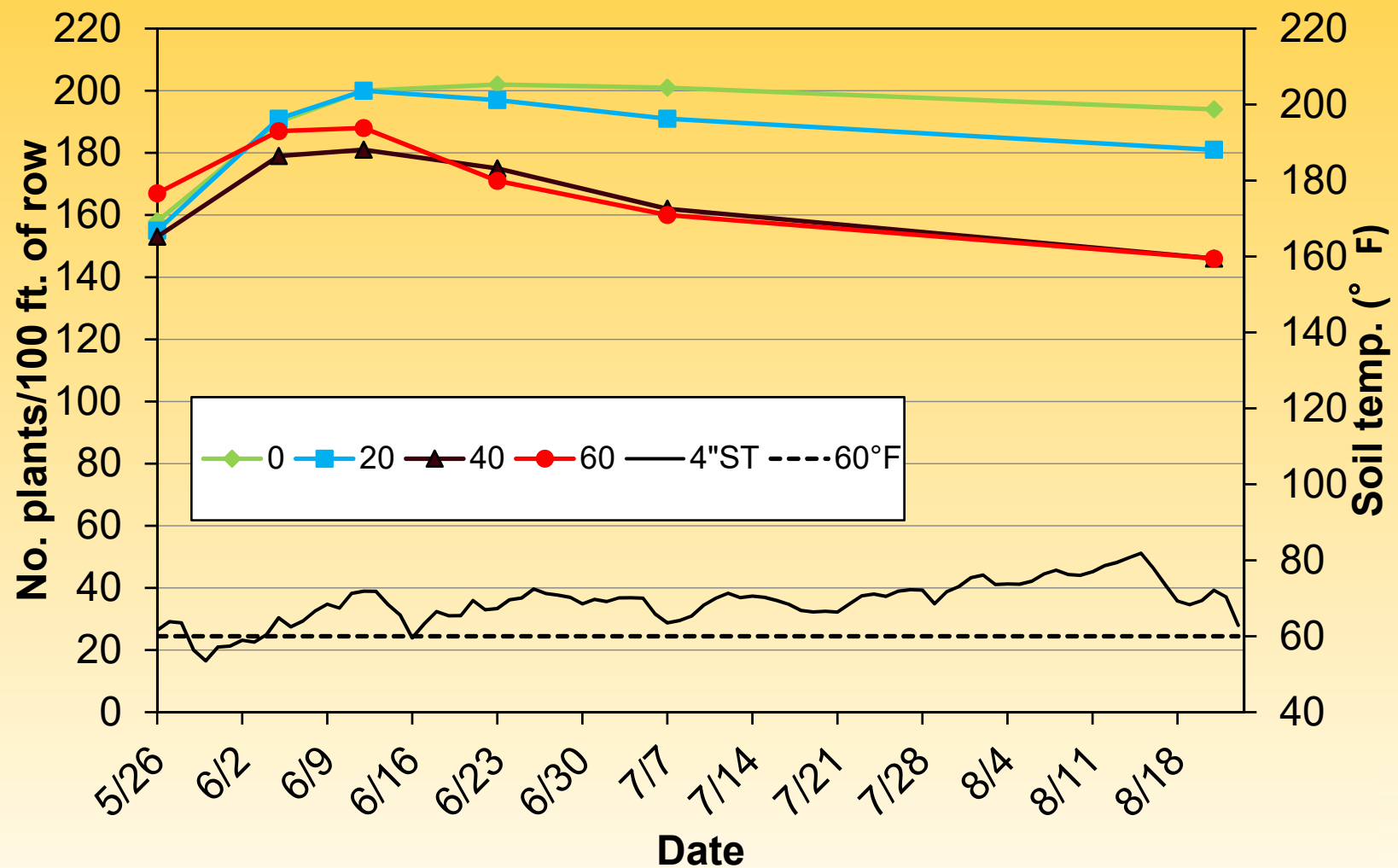
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Reynolds et al.



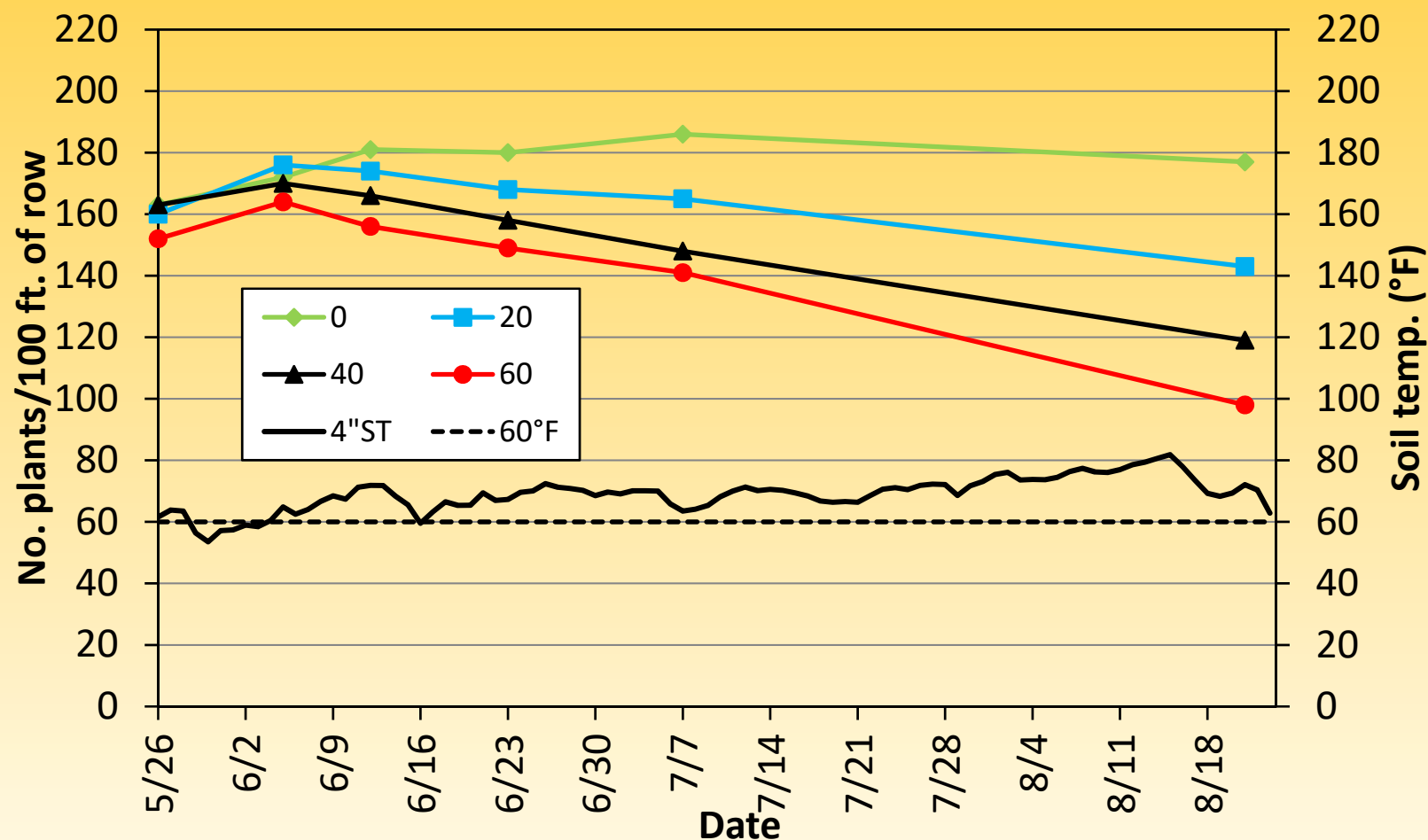
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## Rhizoctonia & Resistant Variety (~3.4)

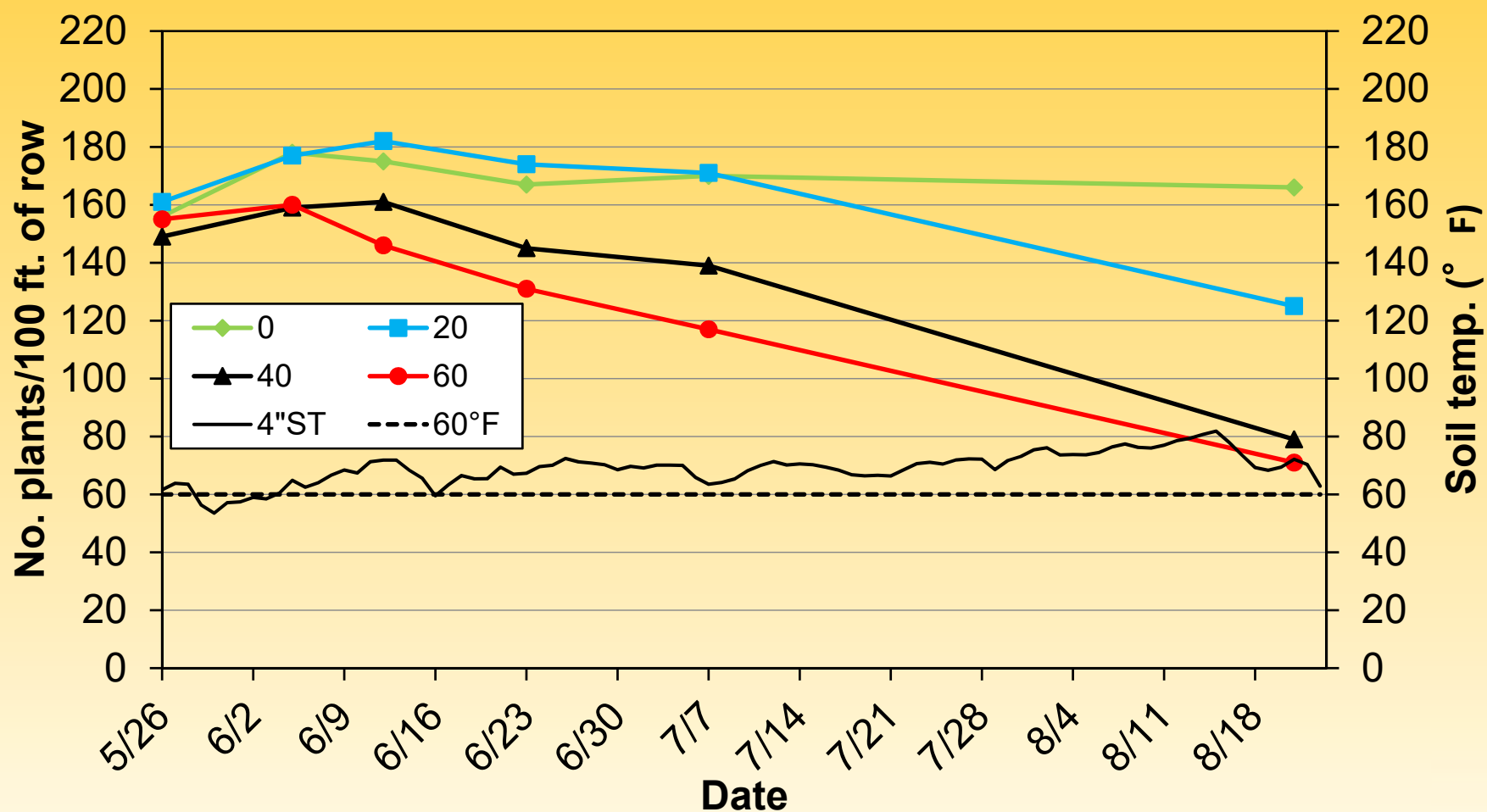




# Rhizoctonia & Moderately Resistant Variety (~4.0)

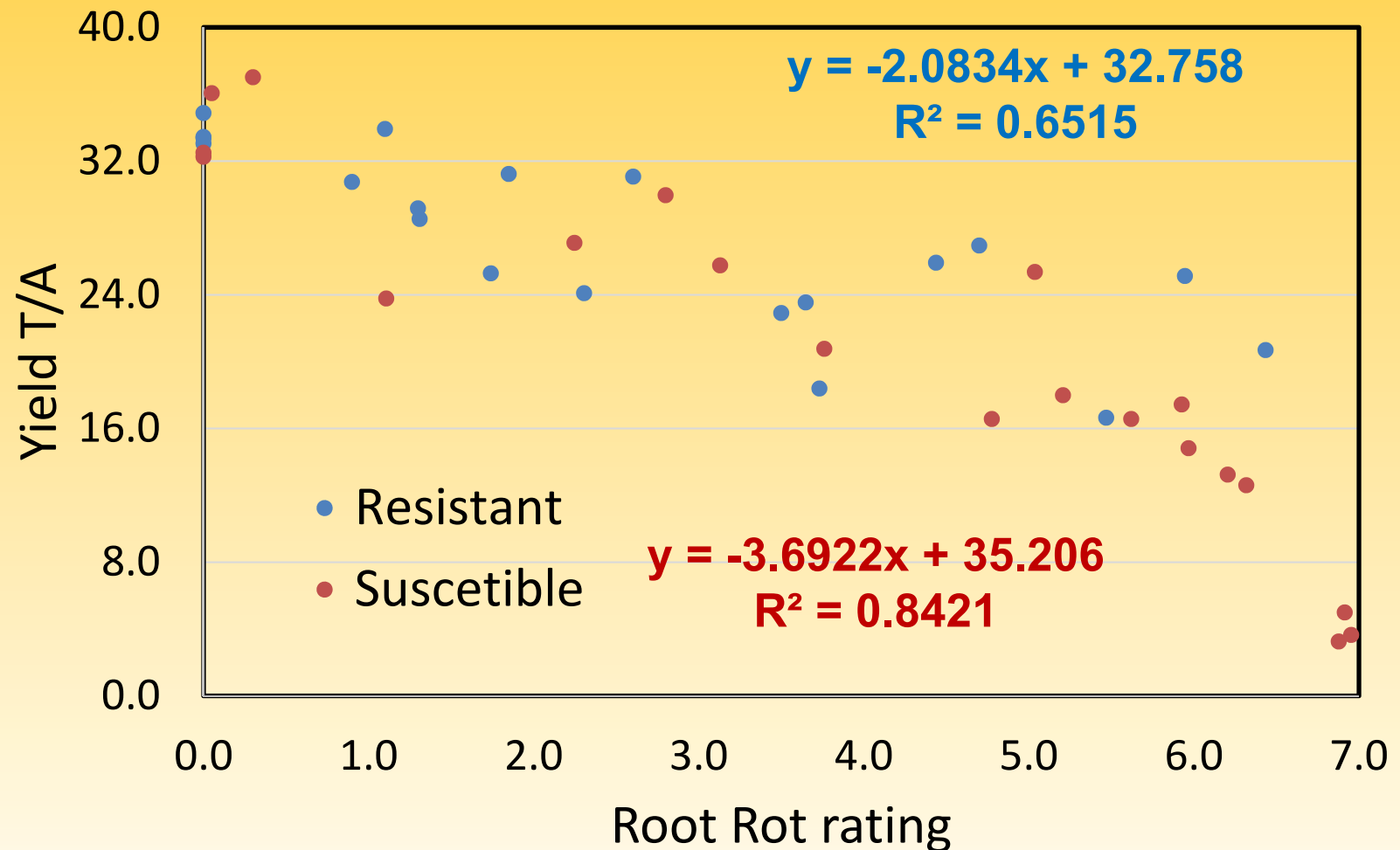


# Rhizoctonia & Susceptible Variety (~5.3)





# Rhizoctonia affects Yield



# Management of Rhizoctonia

- Early planting
- Crop Rotation
  - Crop choice
  - Length of rotation
  - Weed control
- Resistant varieties
- At-planting fungicides
  - Seed treatment





# Seed treatments

- SDHI class of fungicides
- Single site of action (**S**uccinate **D**e**H**ydrogenase **I**nhibitor)
- Inhibit fungal respiration



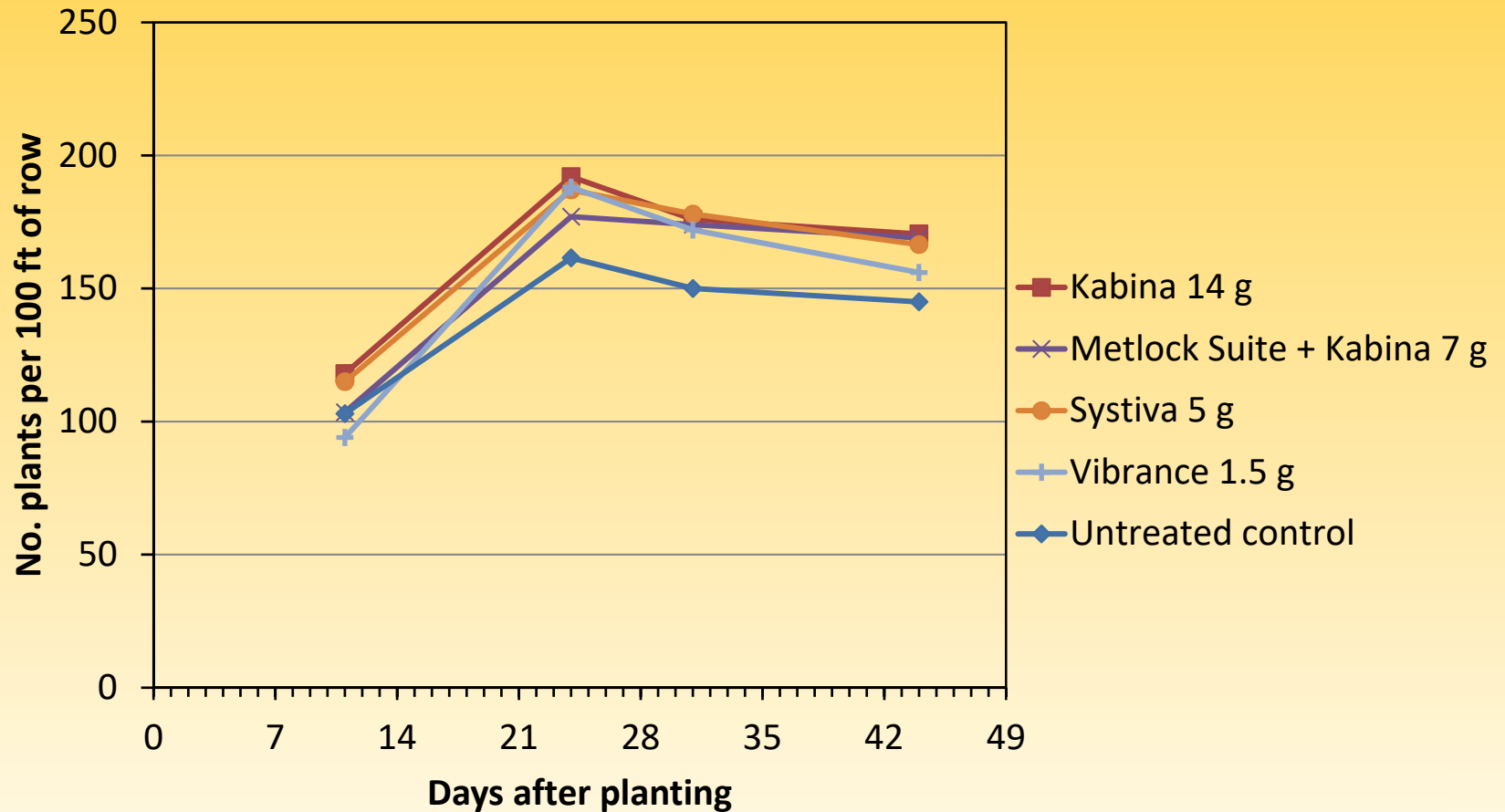
# Seed treatments

- Kabina 14 g (Penthiopyrad, 2014)
- Vibrance 1.5 g (Sedaxane, 2016)
- Systiva 5 g (Fluxapyroxad, 2017)
- Metlock Suite [Metconazole + Rizolex) + Kabina 7g (Penthiopyrad), 2014)
- Since 2017, 100% seed is treated for Rhizoctonia and treatment depends on the seed companies' choice





# Seed treatments – 2016



# Benefits of seed treatments

- Sugarbeet seedlings are very susceptible to Rhizoctonia early on
- Genetic resistance is not expressed until 6-8 leaf stage
- Effective protection of seedling (4-5 weeks)
- Ease of use -It comes with seed
- Safety
- No plugged nozzles





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- Early planting
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  - Seed treatment
  - In-furrow application



# In-furrow fungicides – 2016

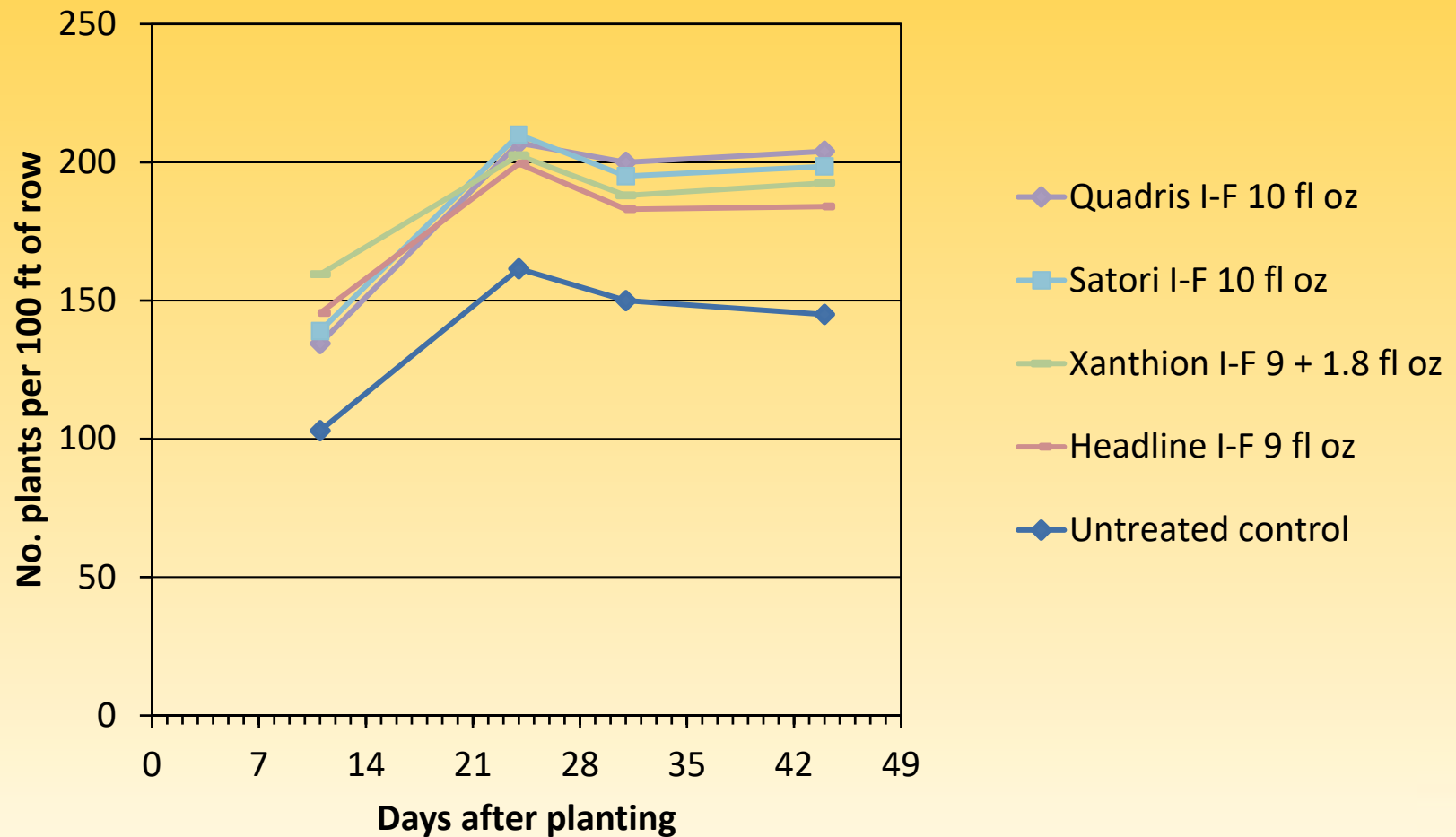


- Via Drip Tube
- Fungicide in 3 gal Water and add to 3 gal. 10-34-0





# In-furrow fungicides – 2016



# In-furrow fungicides

- Benefits
  - Sanitizing the furrow (seedling + soil)
  - More effective than seed treatments – longevity up to 8-10 weeks (Windels, 2010)
- Risks
  - Phytotoxicity
    - cool weather, dry conditions and light soils
    - Mixing with starter fertilizer and other chemicals
  - Plugged nozzles





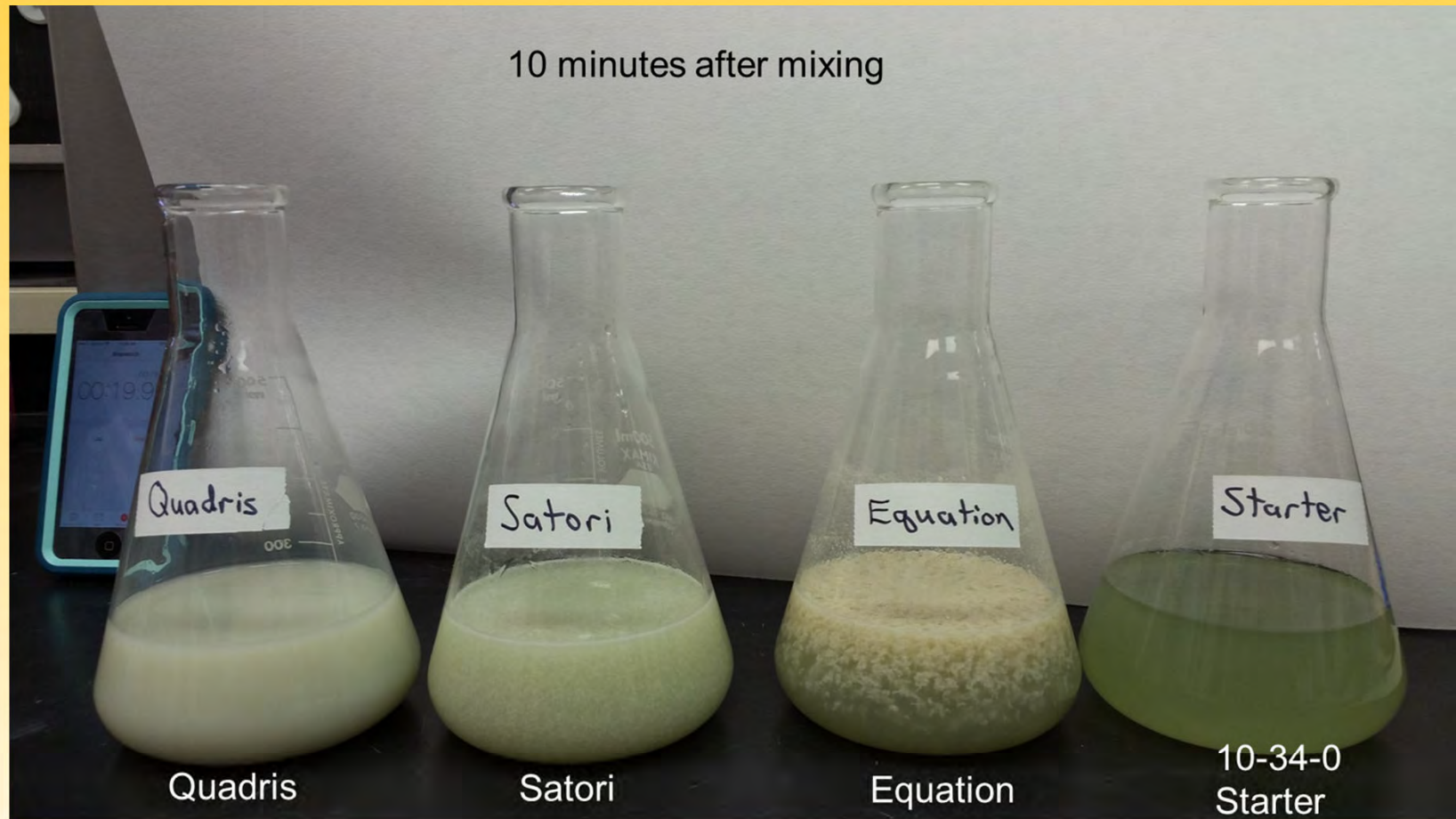
# 10-34-0 + azoxystrobin

Just after mixing



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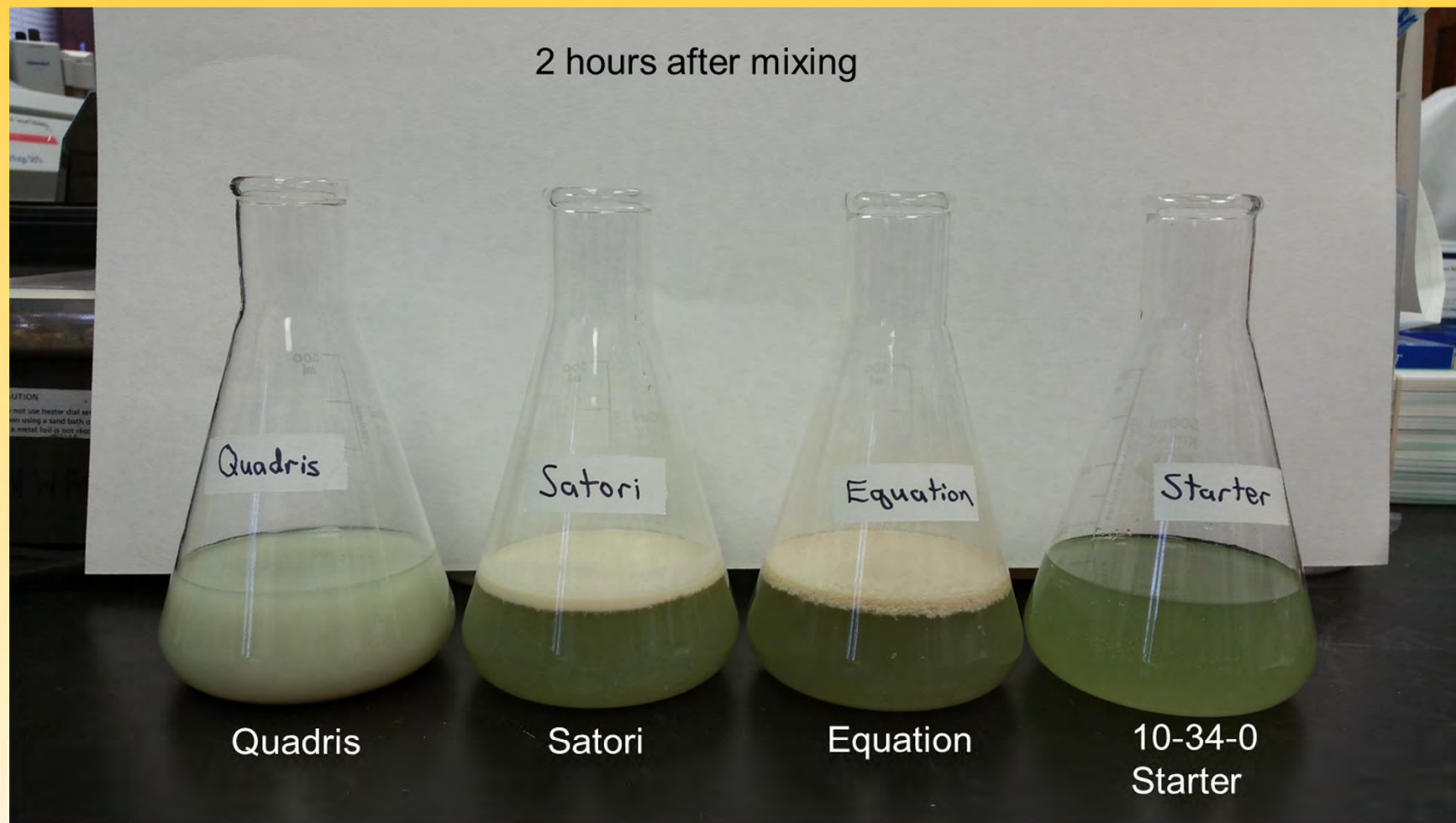
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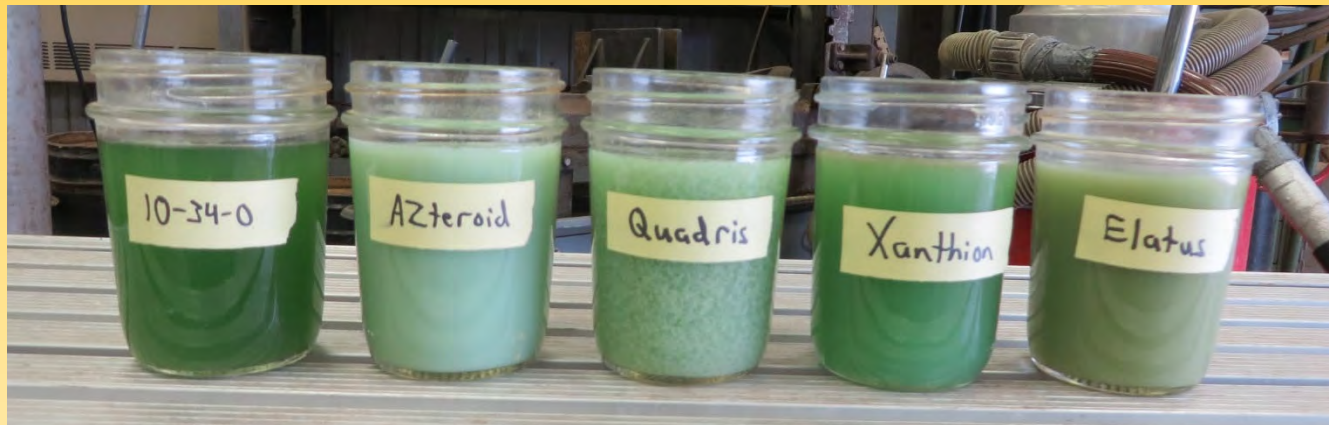
# 10-34-0 + azoxystrobin

2 hours after mixing



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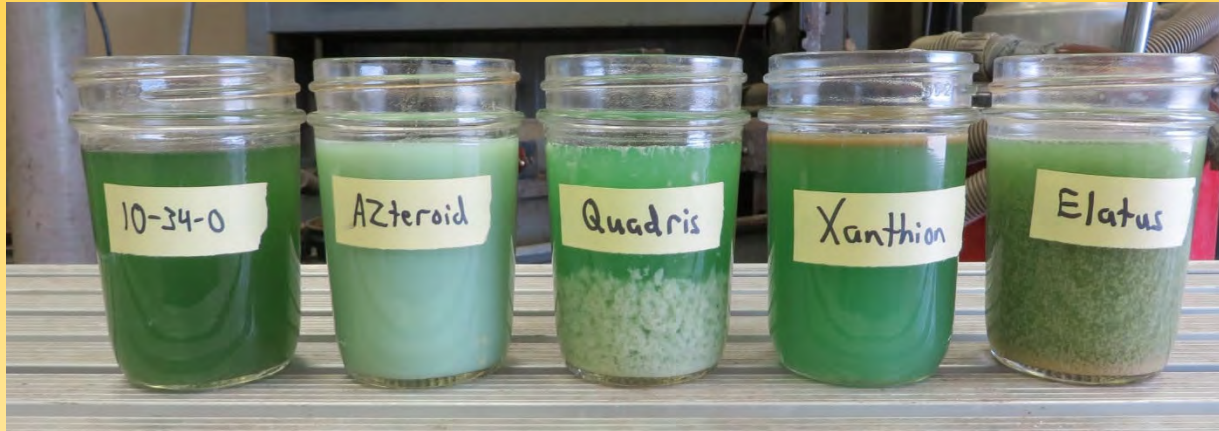
10-34-0 + Fungicides: 0 minutes (shaken and poured in to a jar after sitting for 6 hours after mixing and application in the field)



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# 10-34-0 + Fungicides: 10 minutes



# Seed vs In-furrow fungicides - 2015

Treatment	No. harv. Roots/100 ft.	RCRR (0-7)	Yield	RSA
Seed treatments	98	3.9	20.1	6181
In-furrow treatments	<b>127</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>7772</b>
Contrast analysis <i>p</i> - value	0.001	0.006	0.0032	0.0148

## Seed Treatments

14 g Kabina ST  
Metlock Suite  
Met. Suite + 7 g Kabina  
7 g Kabina ST  
2 g Vibrance

## In-furrow

12 fl oz Headline IF  
10 fl oz Quadris IF  
**10 fl oz Equation IF**  
**10 fl oz Satori IF**

NS = not  
significantly  
different



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# Seed vs In-furrow fungicides - 2018

Treatment	No. harv. roots/100 ft	RCRR (0-7)	Yield ton A <sup>-1</sup>	RSA
Seed treatments	151	0.7	32.8	10440
In-furrow treatments	141	0.4	32.2	10528
Contrast analysis P-value	0.01	0.01	0.5	0.5
			<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>

## Seed Treatments

14 g Kabina ST  
 Met. Suite + 1 g Vibrance  
 Met. Suite + 7 g Kabina  
 5 g Systiva  
 1.5 g Vibrance

## In-furrow

9.5 fl oz Quadris  
 11.9 fl oz AZteroid  
 Xanthion (Headline + Integral, 9 + 1.8 fl oz/A)  
Elatus 9.5 fl oz (\* not registered for sugarbeet)

**NS = not significantly different**



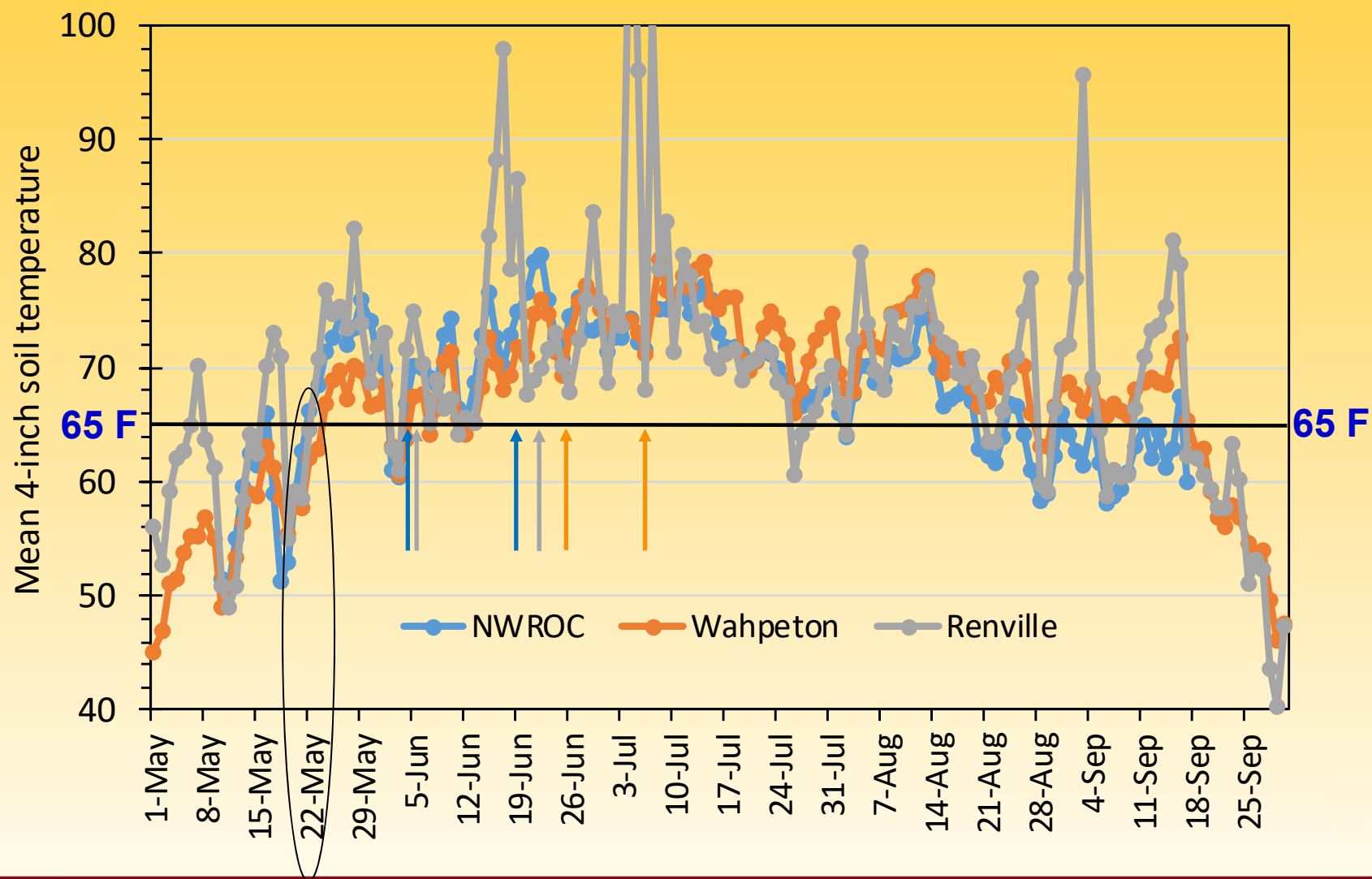
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# Management of Rhizoctonia

- Early planting
- Crop Rotation
  - Crop choice
  - Length of rotation
  - Weed control
- Resistant varieties
- At-planting fungicides
  - Seed treatment
  - In-furrow application
- Postemergence fungicides



# 4-inch soil temp daily means





# Postemergence Application - 2017



4-leaf stage  
June 12

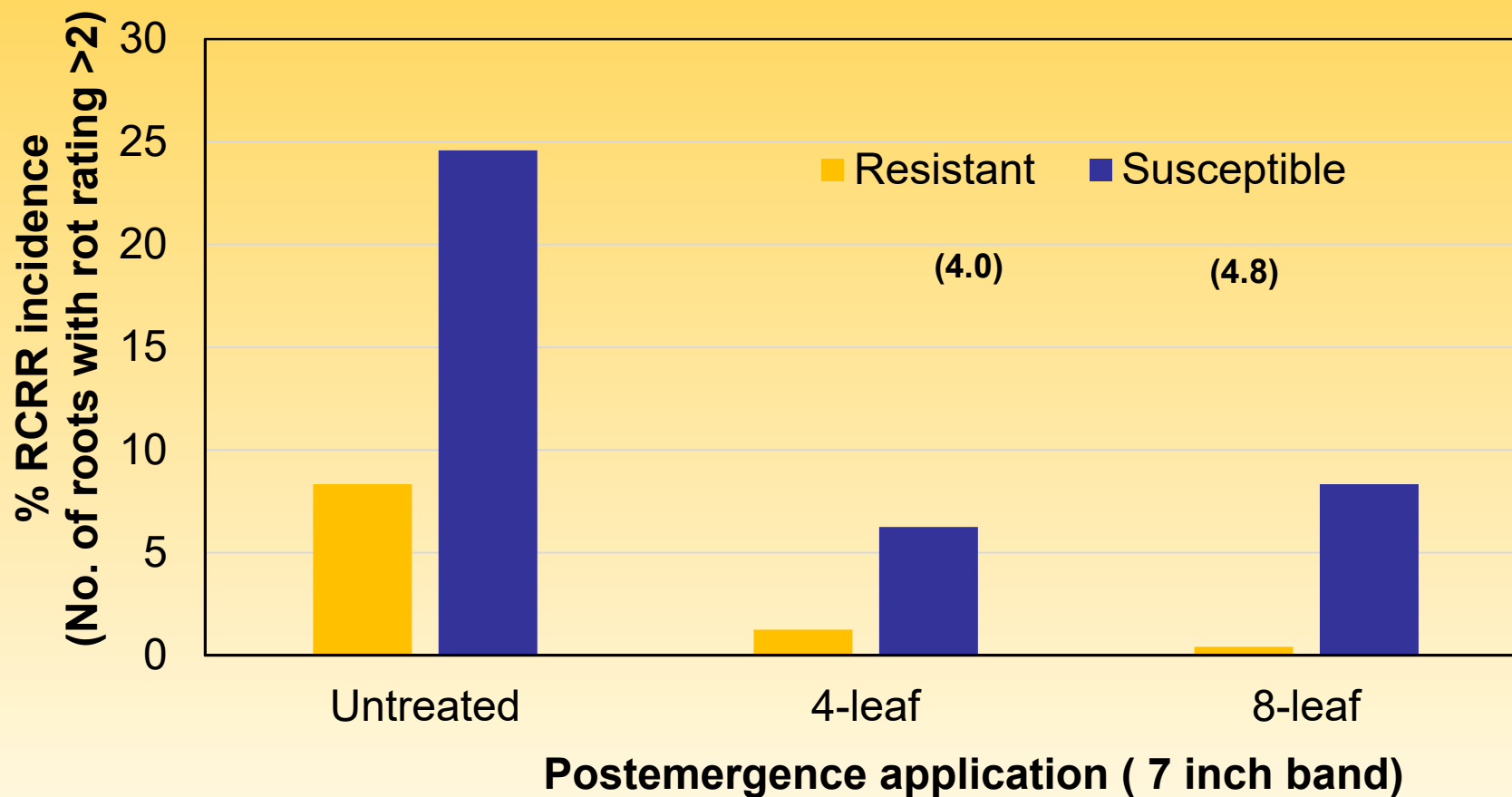


8-leaf stage  
June 20

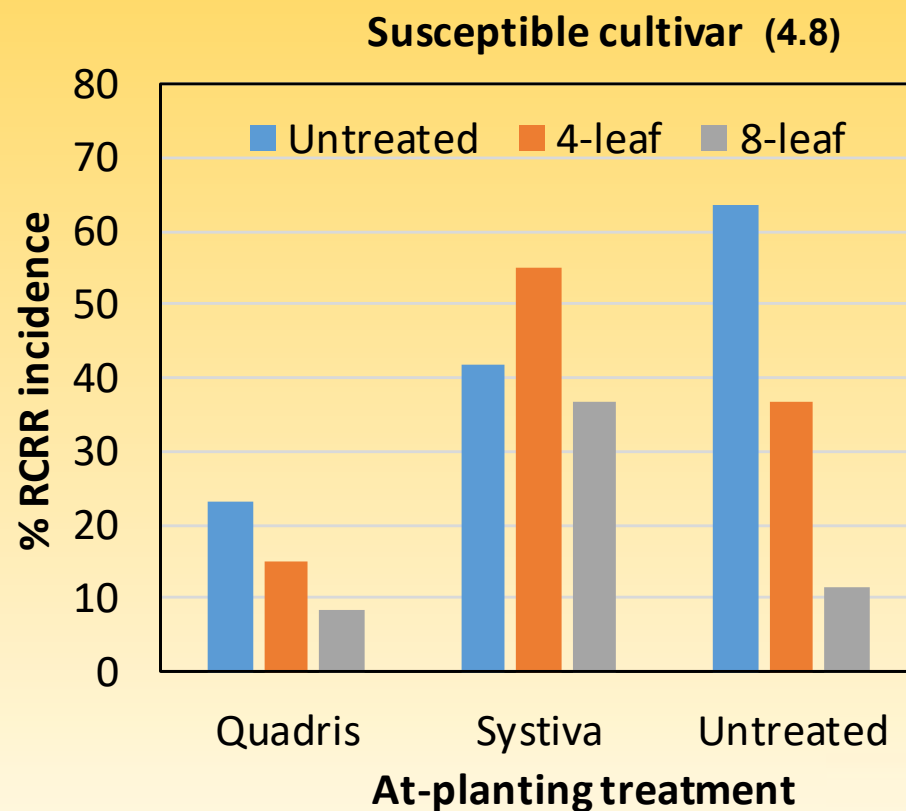
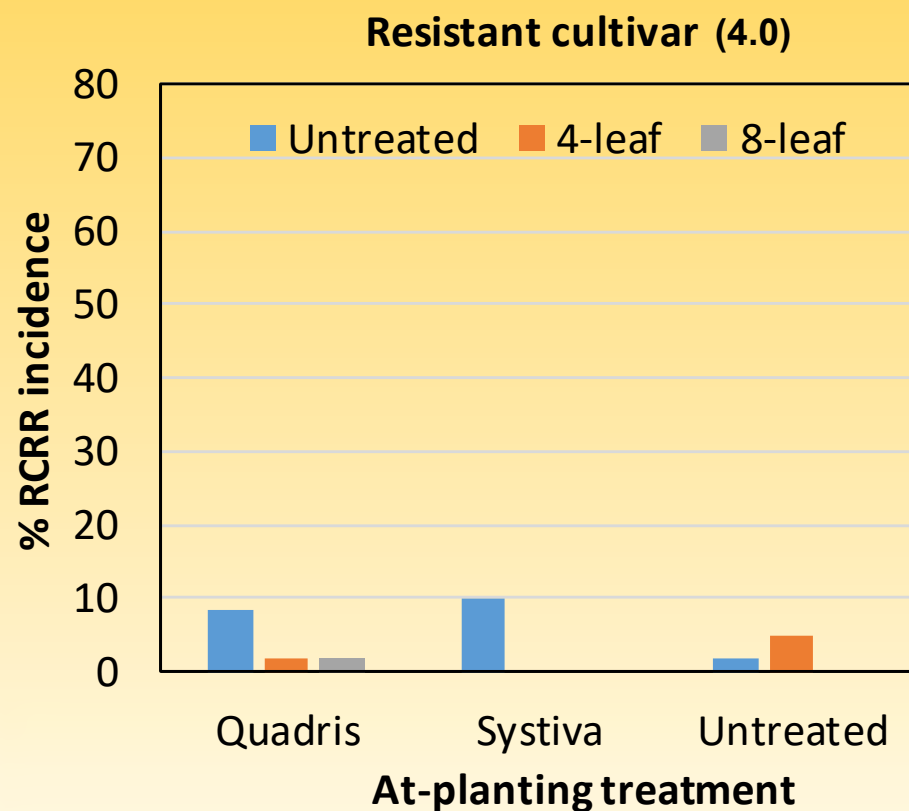


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# Cultivar x postemergence interaction on disease incidence - NWROC



# Cultivar x at-planting x postemergence (7 inch band) interaction on disease incidence - SMBSC





# Postemergence fungicides – 2015

## Quadris vs Generics

Treatment	RCRR (0-7)	Yield T/A	RSA
Non-inoculated			
No-fungicide control	3.4	24.3	6263
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<i>R. solani</i> -inoculated			
Equation @ 14 fl oz/A	1.9 d	31.0 a	8066 a
Quadris @ 14 fl oz/A	2.4 d	29.9 a	7908 a
Satori @ 14 fl oz/A	2.4 d	29.6 a	7790 a
<b>No-fungicide control</b>	<b>5.5 a</b>	<b>14.0 c</b>	<b>3411 c</b>
ANOVA <i>P</i> -value	0.0001	0.004	0.002
LSD ( <i>P</i> = 0.05) <sup>z</sup>	1.4	8.3	2284



# Postemergence fungicides

- Benefits
  - If you are doing a row cultivation--throwing soil onto crowns
  - Late season disease control (rain aug-sept)
  - If sugarbeets are following Rhizoctonia-susceptible crops in a rotation
  - **Band application (preferred)** – severe disease pressure
  - Broadcast application – low disease pressure
- Risks
  - Work better if applied before infection



# Rhizoctonia plan for 2019

Past Rhizoctonia pressure (beets/100 ft. row at harvest)	Variety (Your Choice)	Seed treatment	In-furrow treatment	Postemergence treatment
Low (170-200)	Moderate Weak	Yes Yes	No No	No Yes

**Specialty < 4.0 Rhizoctonia rating**  
**Moderate 4.0 – 4.4**  
**Weak > 4.4**





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Low (170-200)	Moderate Weak	Yes Yes	No No	No Yes
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Past Rhizoctonia pressure (beets/100 ft. row at harvest)	Variety (Your Choice)	Seed treatment	In-furrow treatment	Postemergence treatment
Low (170-200)	Moderate Weak	Yes Yes	No No	No Yes
Moderate (130 – 170)	Specialty Moderate Weak	Yes Yes Yes	No No Yes/No (History)	Yes/No (History) Yes Yes
Severe (less than 130)	Specialty Moderate <b>Weak?</b>	Yes Yes Yes	No Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes



# Summary- Rhizoctonia Management

- Seed treatments provide excellent early-season protection
- In-furrow applications
  - Similar to seed treatments under low disease pressure
  - Better than seed treatments under high disease pressure
  - May reduce stands under cool and dry soil conditions
- Seed/in-furrow treatments can broaden the window to apply postemergence application (4 to 8 leaf stage)
- Postemergence application is most beneficial under moderate to heavy disease pressure, especially if beets are following soybeans or edible beans
- Generic formulations of azoxystrobin are effective





# Aphanomyces



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# *Aphanomyces* can be a full-season pathogen



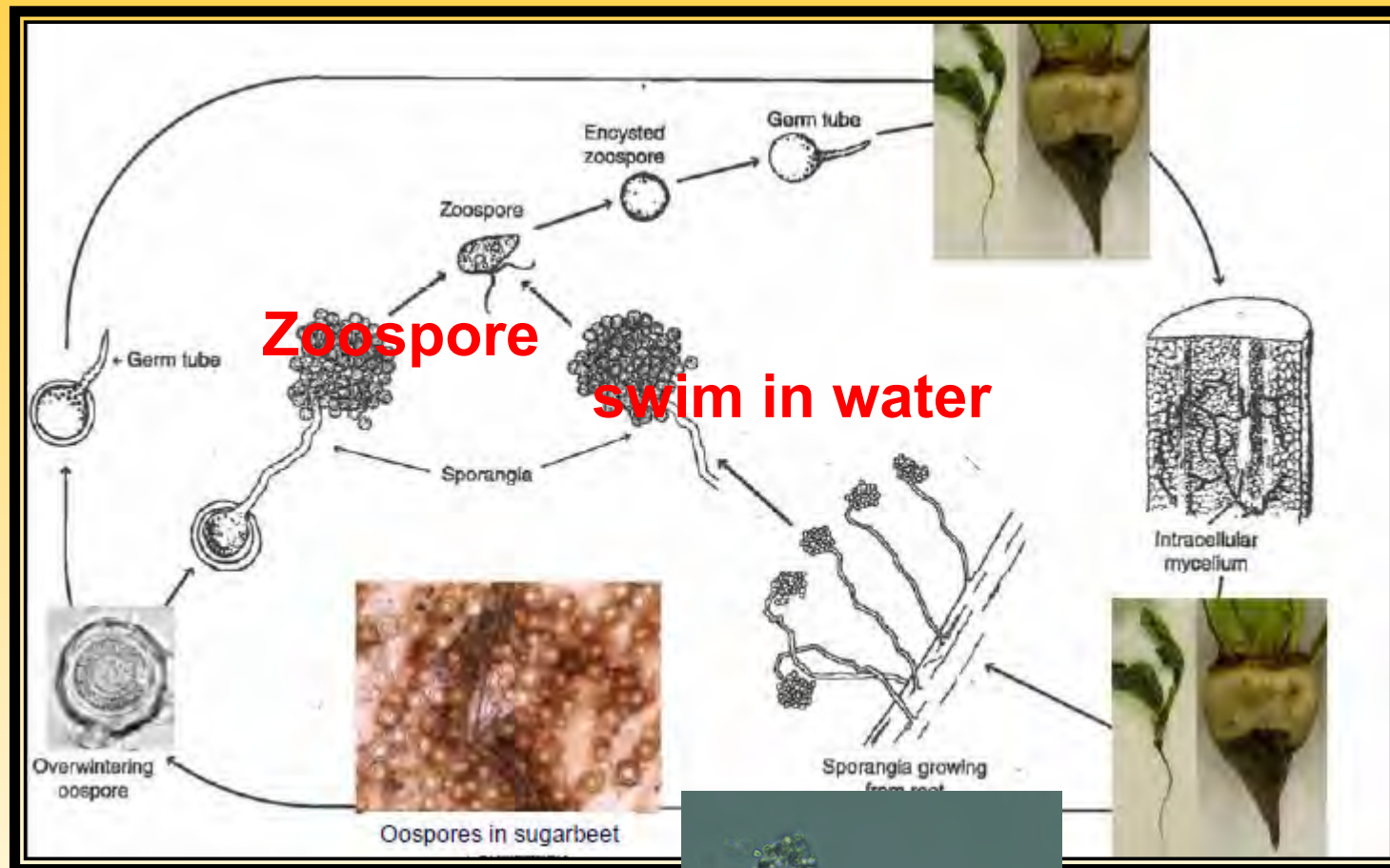
*Aphanomyces* damping-off



*Aphanomyces* root rot



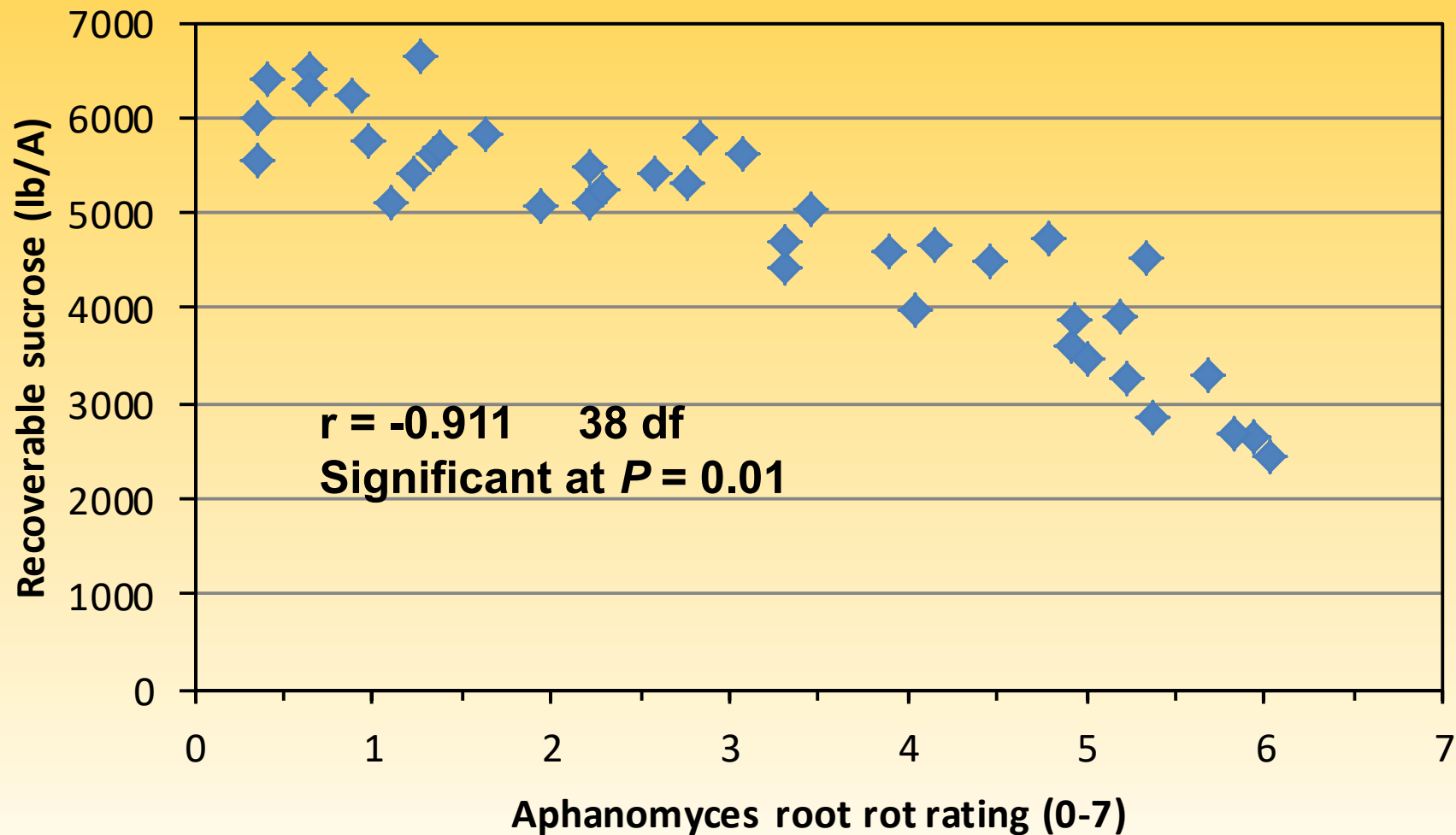
# Life Cycle of *Aphanomyces cochlioides*



C. Windels, 2012



# Correlation of sugar yield with Aphanomyces root rot



# Integrated Management of Aphanomyces

**Early planting**



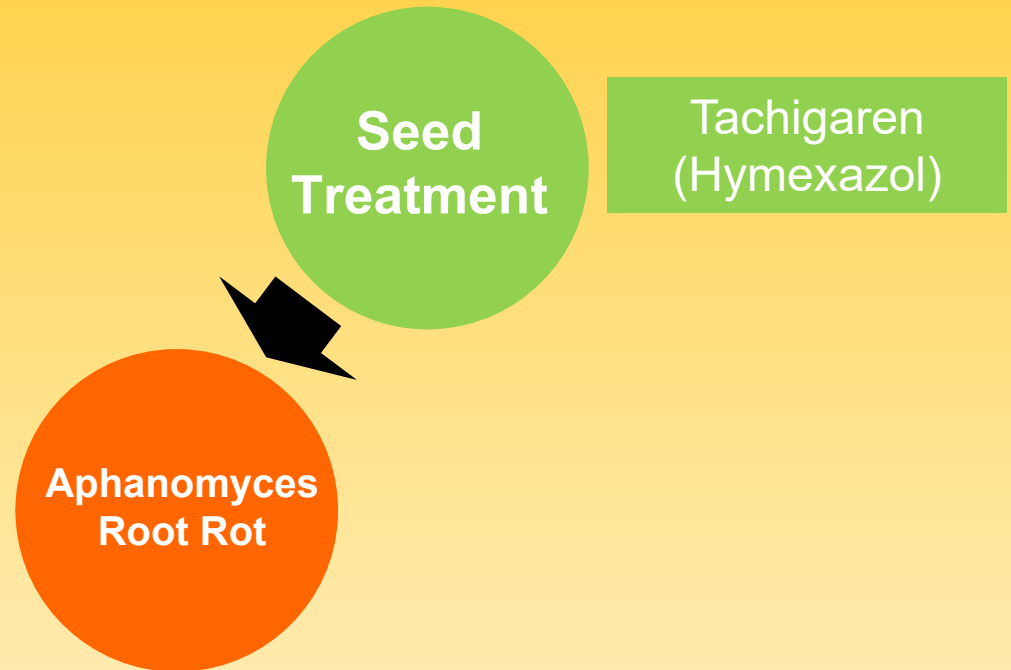
**Aphanomyces  
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# Integrated Management of Aphanomyces

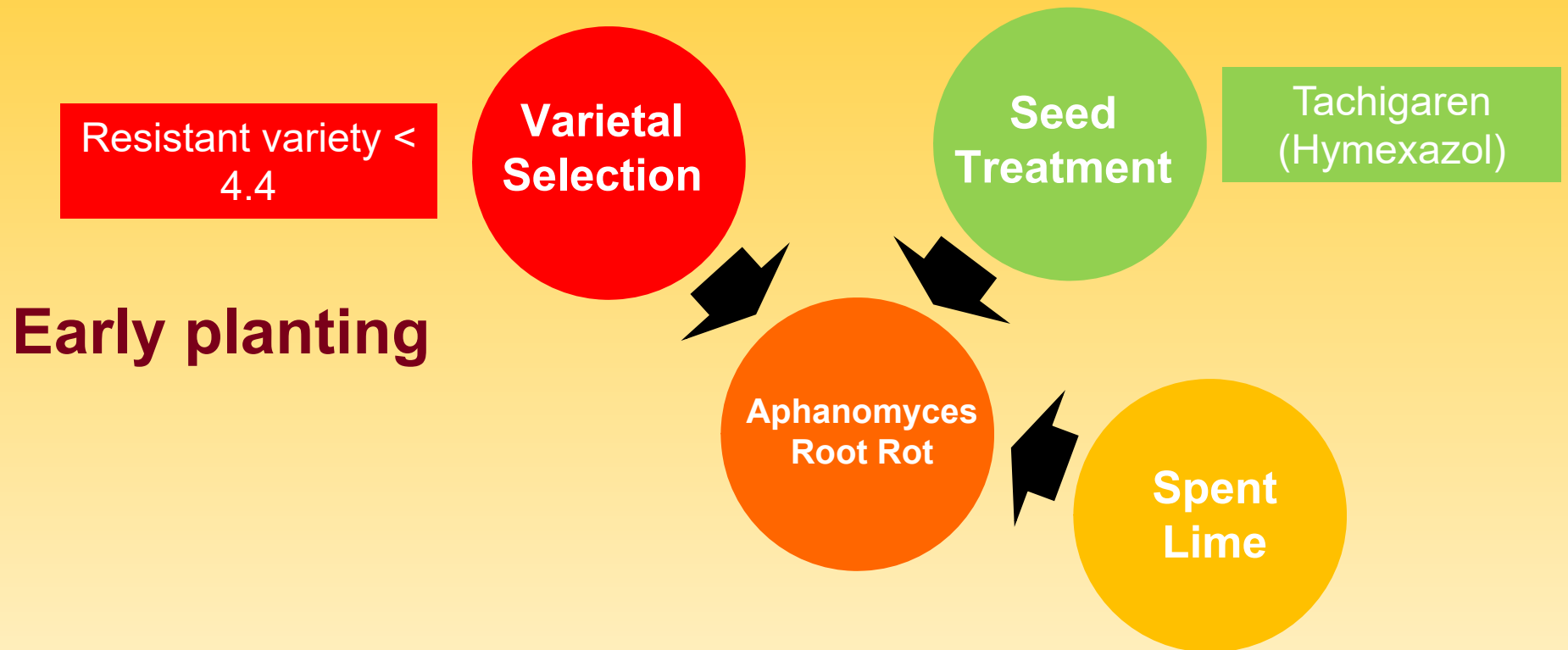
**Early planting**



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# Integrated Management of Aphanomyces



# Breckenridge lime trial: 2014

Lime rate	Aphanomyces rating (0-7)		Recoverable sucrose (lb/A)	
	Res. + Tach	Susc. No Tach	Res. + Tach	Susc. No Tach
0	3.6	5.8	5656	4007
5	2.6	5.2	7123	6034
10	2.5	4.6	7211	6473
15	2.2	3.5	8408	8109
20	2.2	3.5	8631	8352
Linear	**	***	***	***
Quadratic	NS	NS	NS	NS

\* = significant at  $P = 0.05$

\*\* = significant at  $P = 0.01$

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NS = not significant

Planting: May 22

Harvest: September 22



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# Breckenridge lime trial: 2012

Lime rate	Aphanomyces rating (0-7)		Recoverable sucrose (lb/A)	
	Res. + Tach	Susc. No Tach	Res. + Tach	Susc. No Tach
0	1.7	4.2	8684	5301
5	1.4	2.8	8857	8806
10	1.6	2.4	9395	9164
15	1.2	1.6	9318	9698
20	1.3	1.7	9367	10506
Linear	**	***	NS	***
Quadratic	NS	*	NS	**

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Planting: April 26

Harvest: September 28



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# Breckenridge lime trial: 2011

Original Lime rate	Aphanomyces rating (0-7) (Res. + Susc. varieties)	Recoverable sucrose (lb/A) (Res. + Susc. varieties)
0	5.6	738
5	5.1	1966
10	4.8	2380
15	4.2	3258
20	4.3	3404
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Linear	***	***
Quadratic	NS	NS

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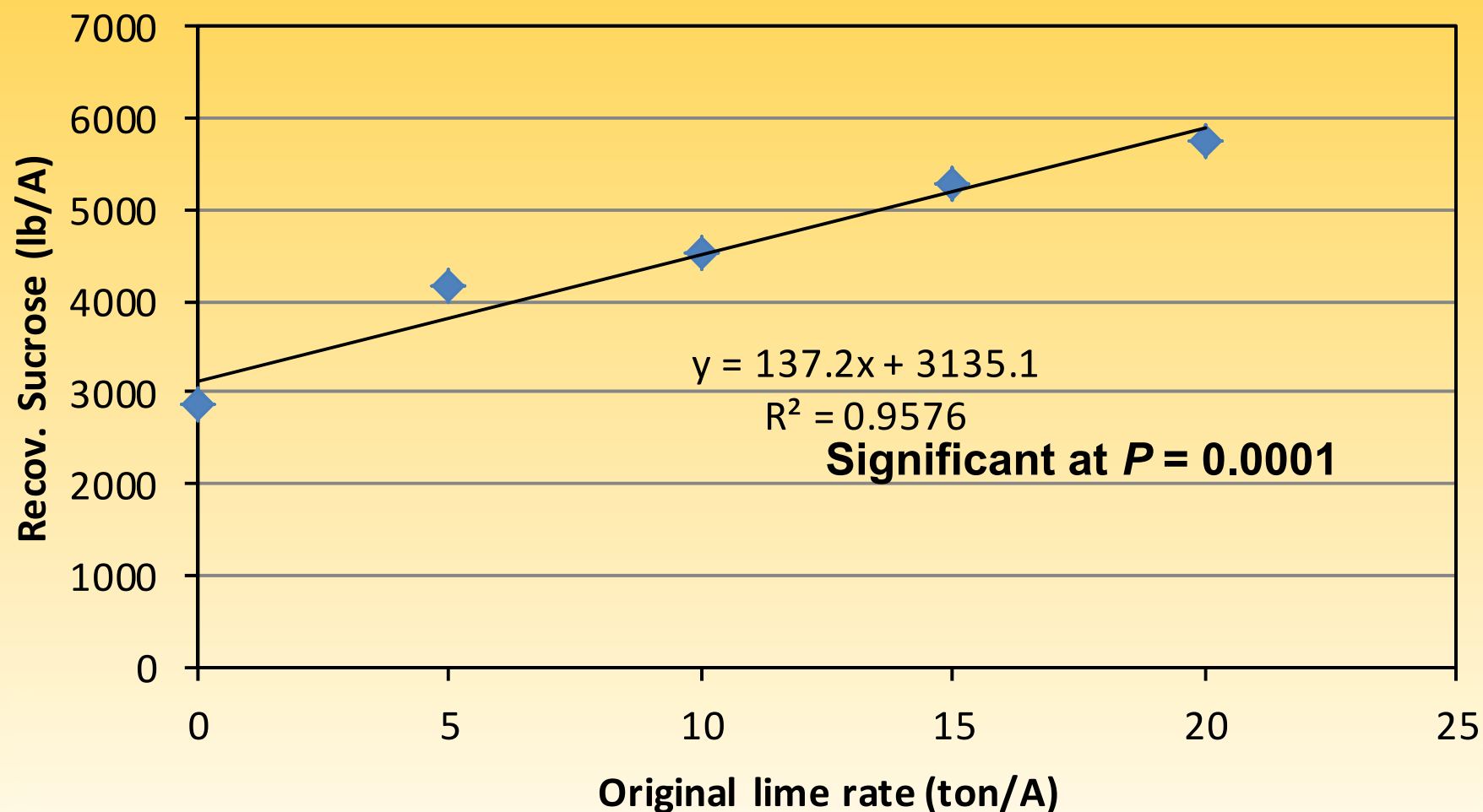
Planting: May 06

Harvest: Sept 26



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# Breckenridge lime trial: 2016



# Benefit of additional 5 T/A lime after 2 years

Supplemental lime	Soil Ca (ppm)	Stand at 7 weeks (per 100 ft)	Harvested roots (per 100 ft)	Aph RRR (0-7)	Yield (ton/A)	Sucrose (%)
None	4132	115	101	3.5	20.3	12.6
5 ton/A	4696	133	122	2.6	22.9	12.8
Significance	***	**	**	**	**	NS

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# Aphanomyces Plan for 2019

## Current lime rate



- Add 5-10 ton/A spent lime



- Add 5 ton/A spent lime

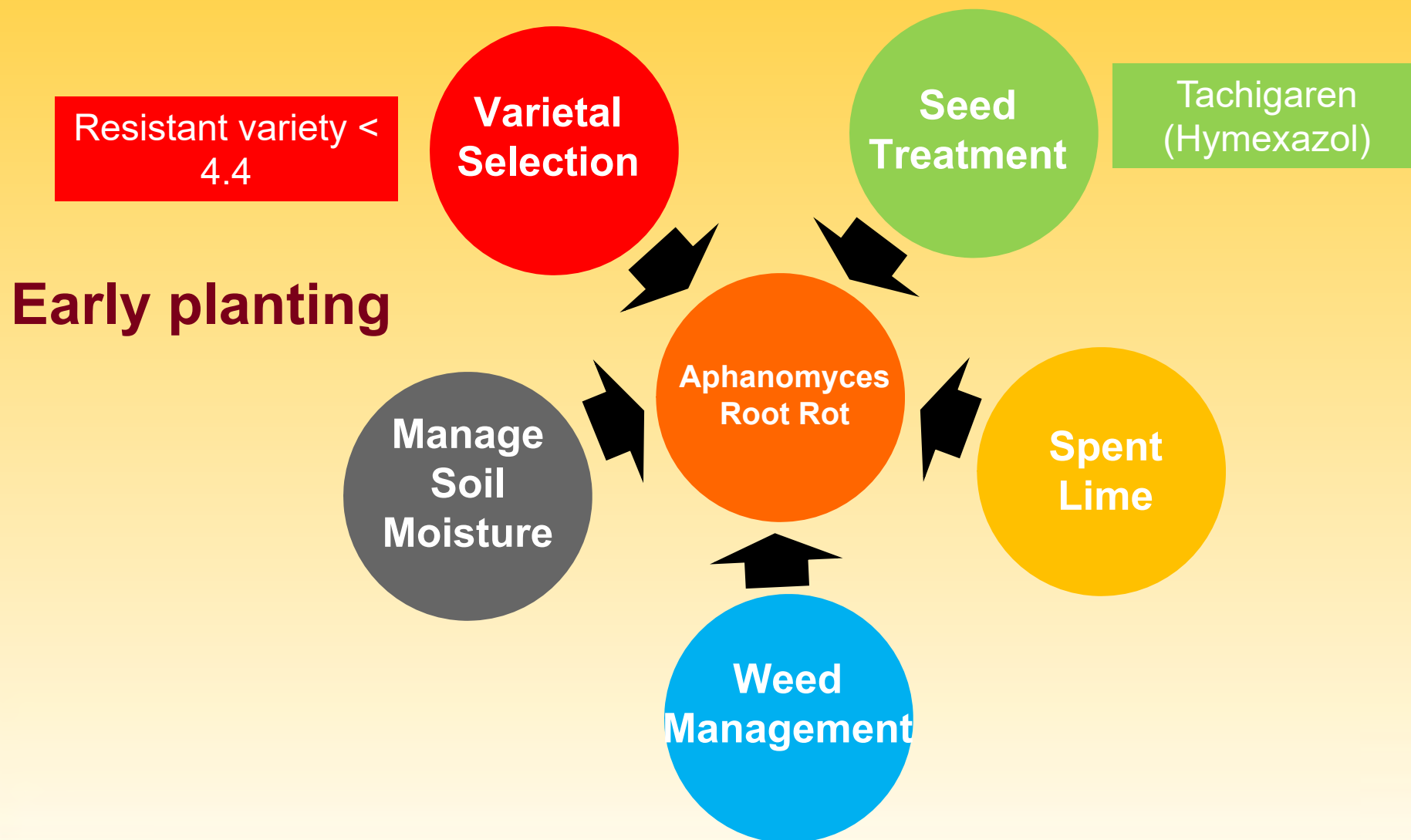


- Apply based on field history





# Integrated Management of Aphanomyces



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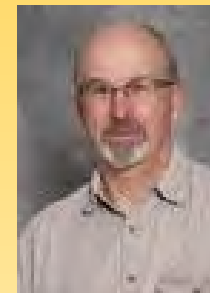


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