

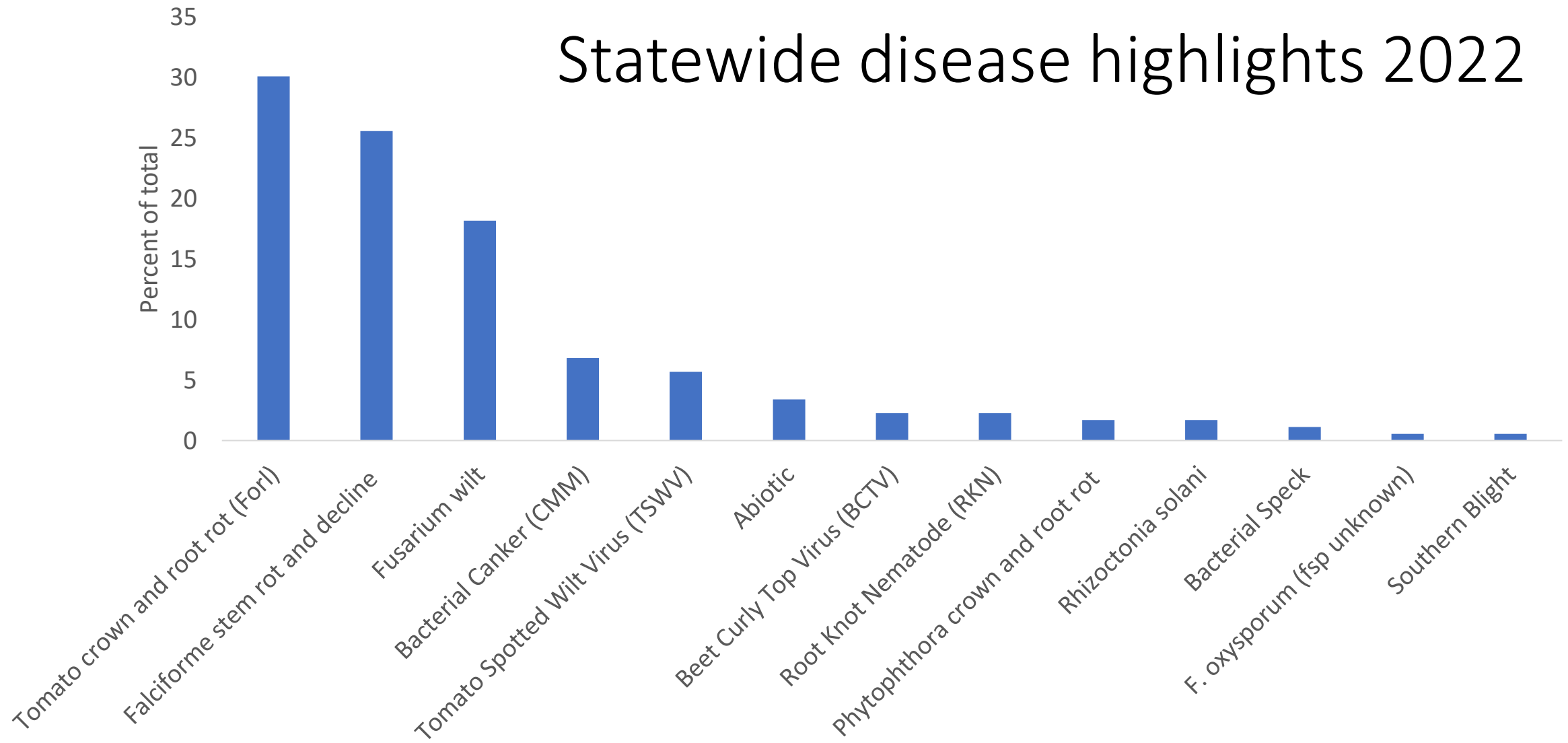
# Statewide tomato disease patterns with updates on resistance-breaking pathogens

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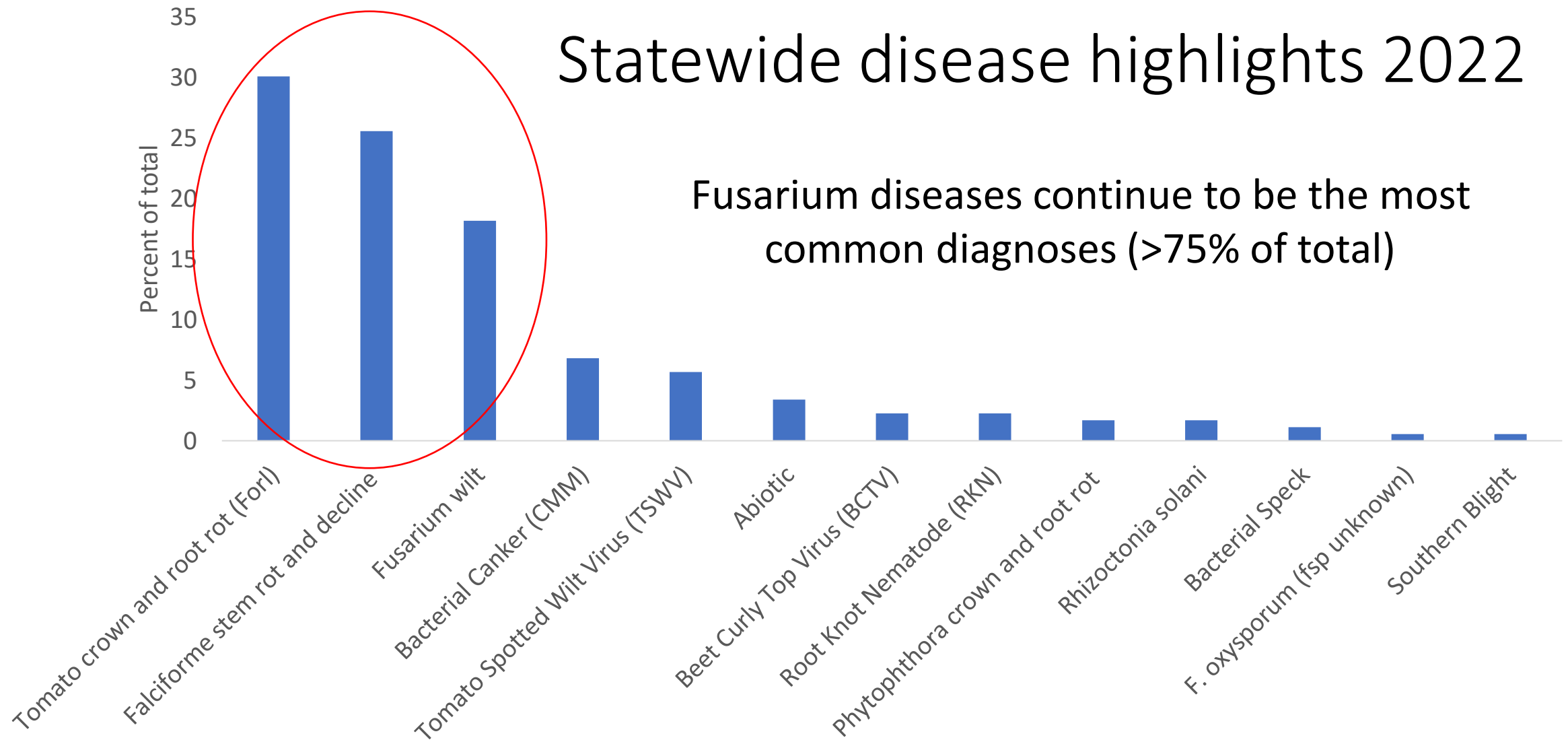


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Fusarium diseases continue to be the most common diagnoses (>75% of total)



## *Fusarium oxysporum*

Fusarium wilt  
*f. sp. lycopersici*  
Fol (race 3)

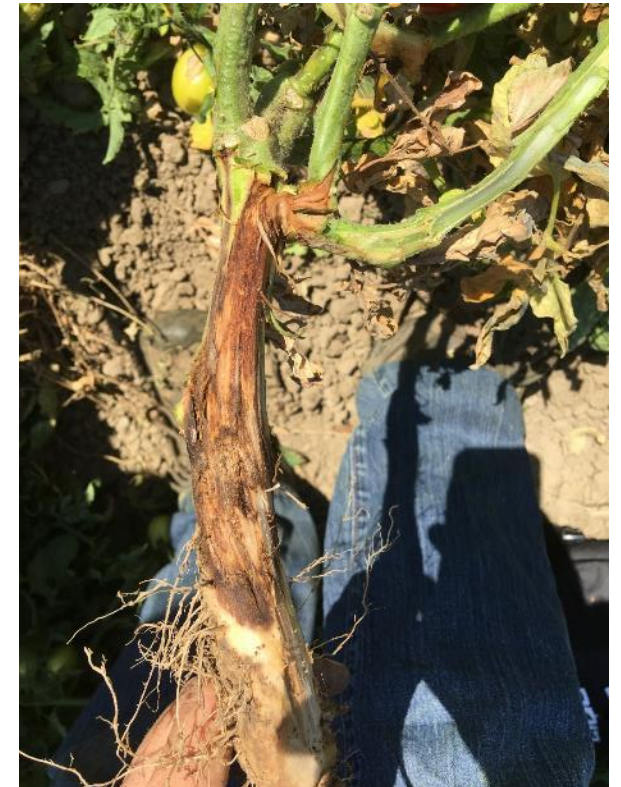


Fusarium crown and  
root rot  
*f.sp. radicis-lycopersici*  
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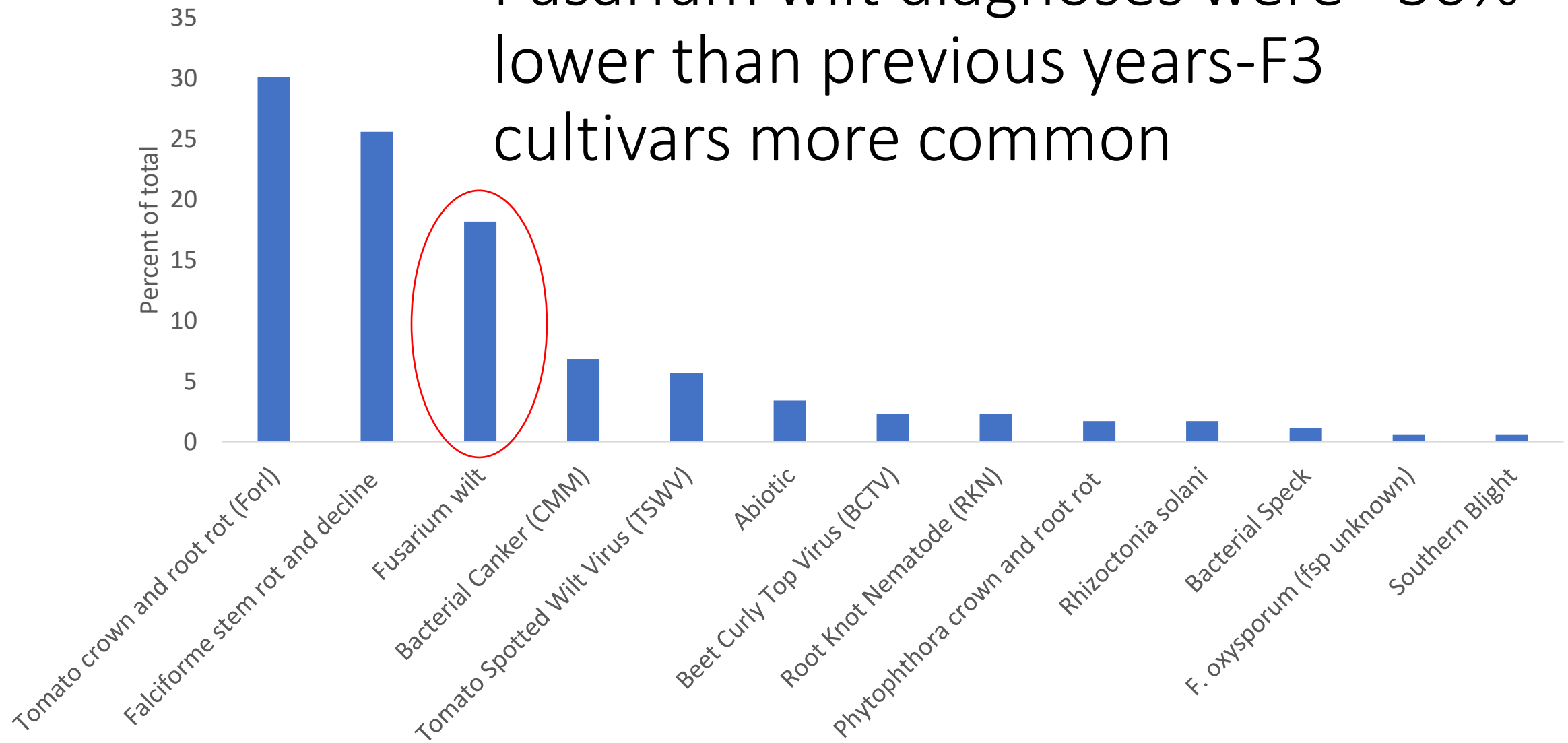


## *Fusarium* *falciforme*

Stem rot and vine  
decline

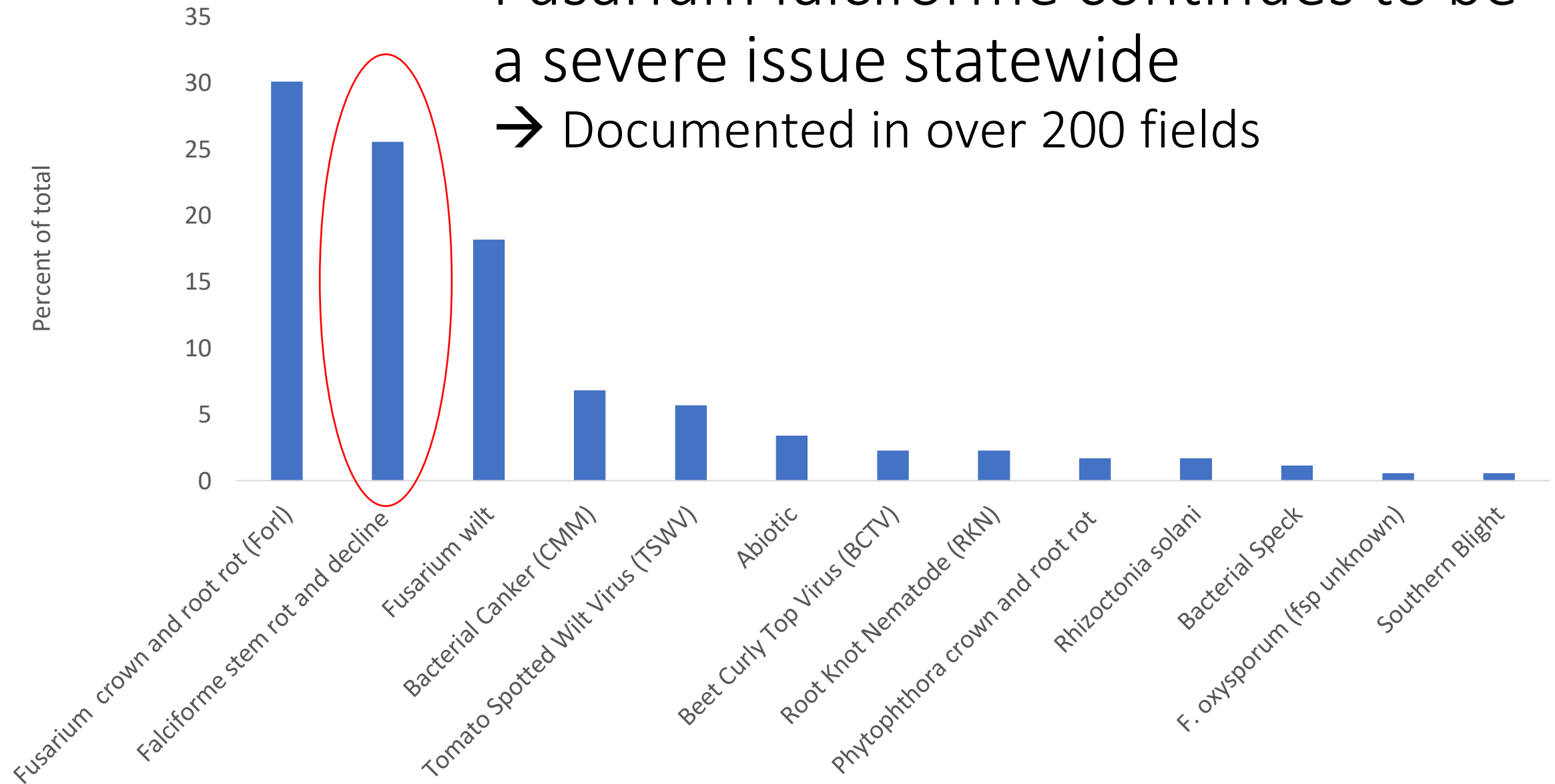


Fusarium wilt diagnoses were ~30% lower than previous years-F3 cultivars more common

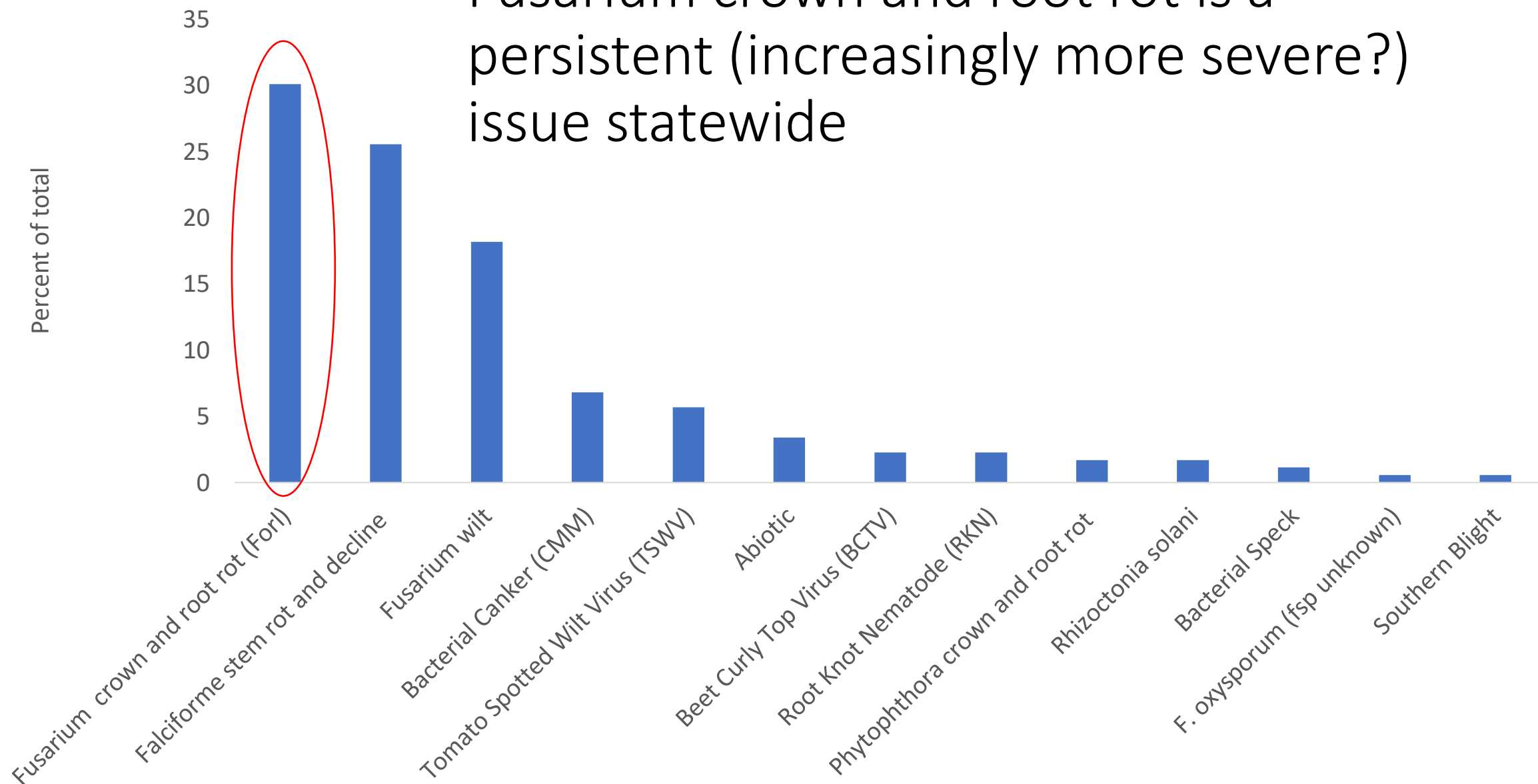


Fusarium falciforme continues to be  
a severe issue statewide

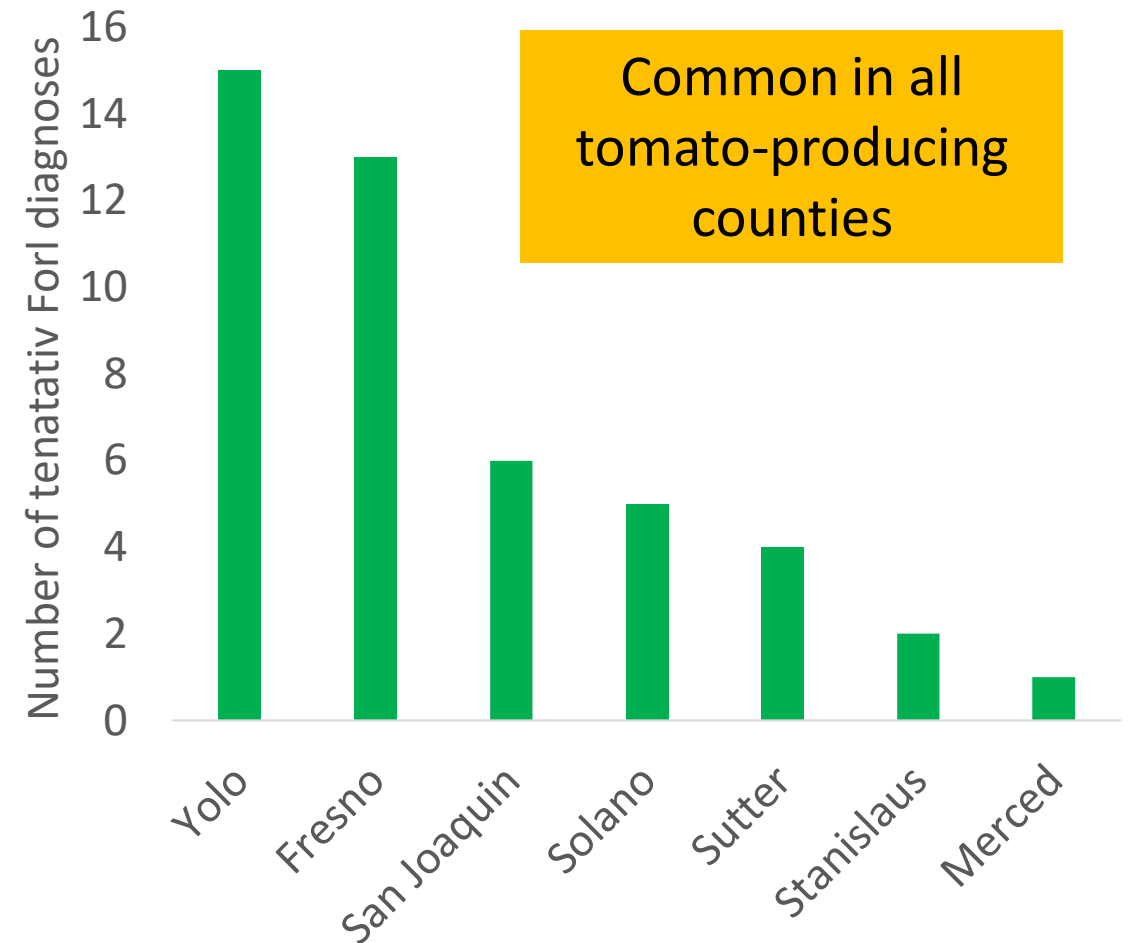
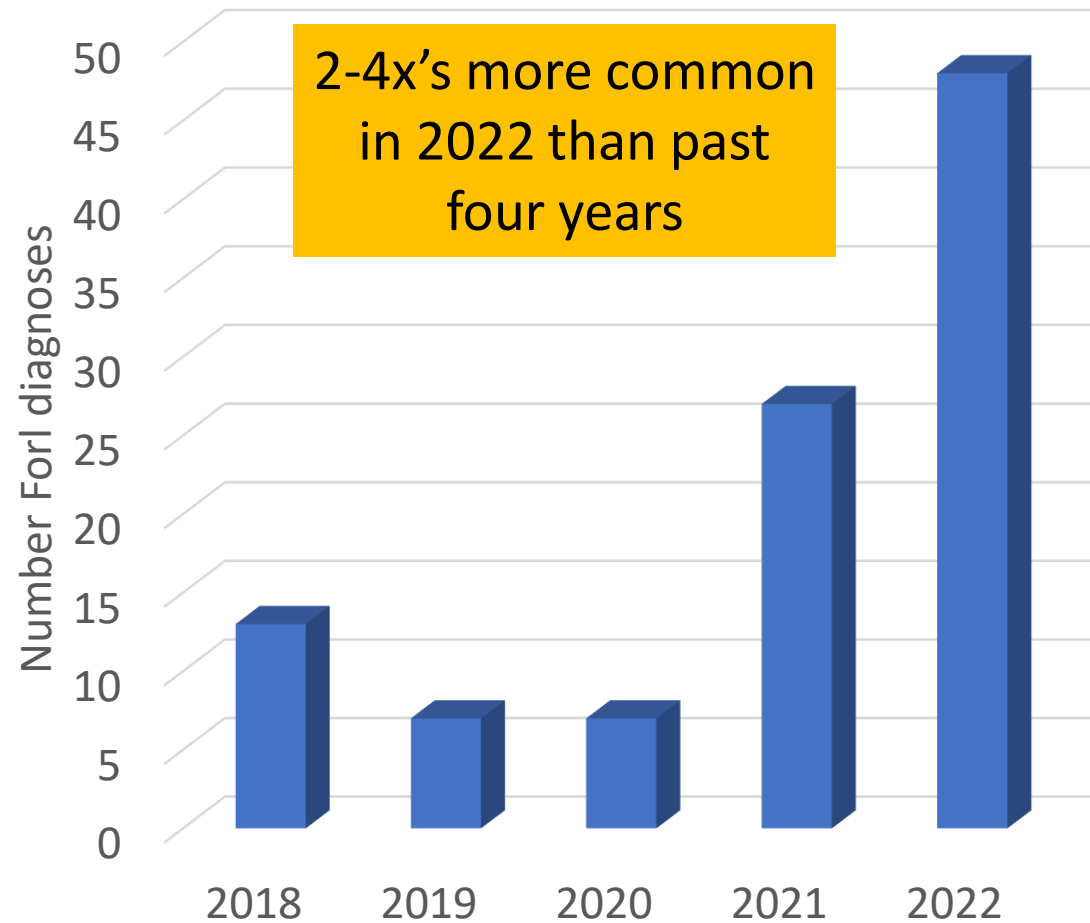
→ Documented in over 200 fields



Fusarium crown and root rot is a persistent (increasingly more severe?) issue statewide



# Fusarium crown and root rot: an increasing statewide issue





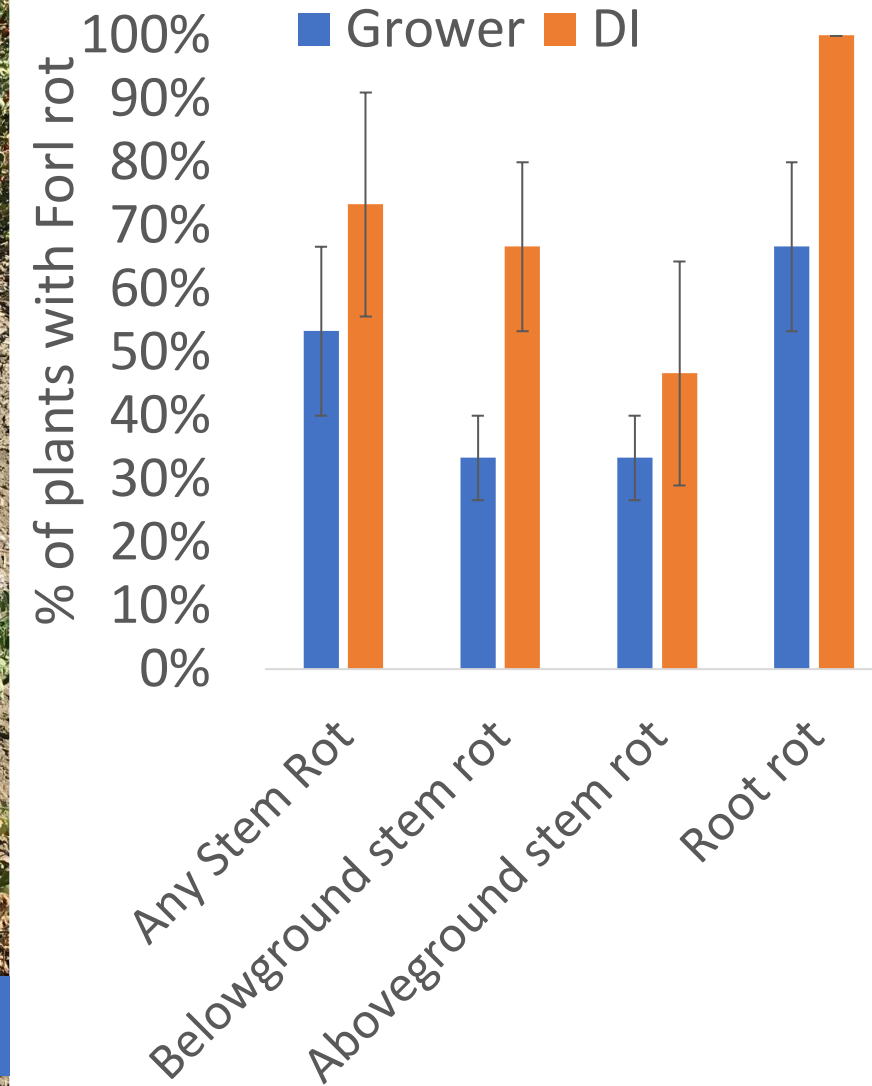
# Irrigation shifts may in part underly increased occurrence



Grower standard-well watered (at least 100% ET)

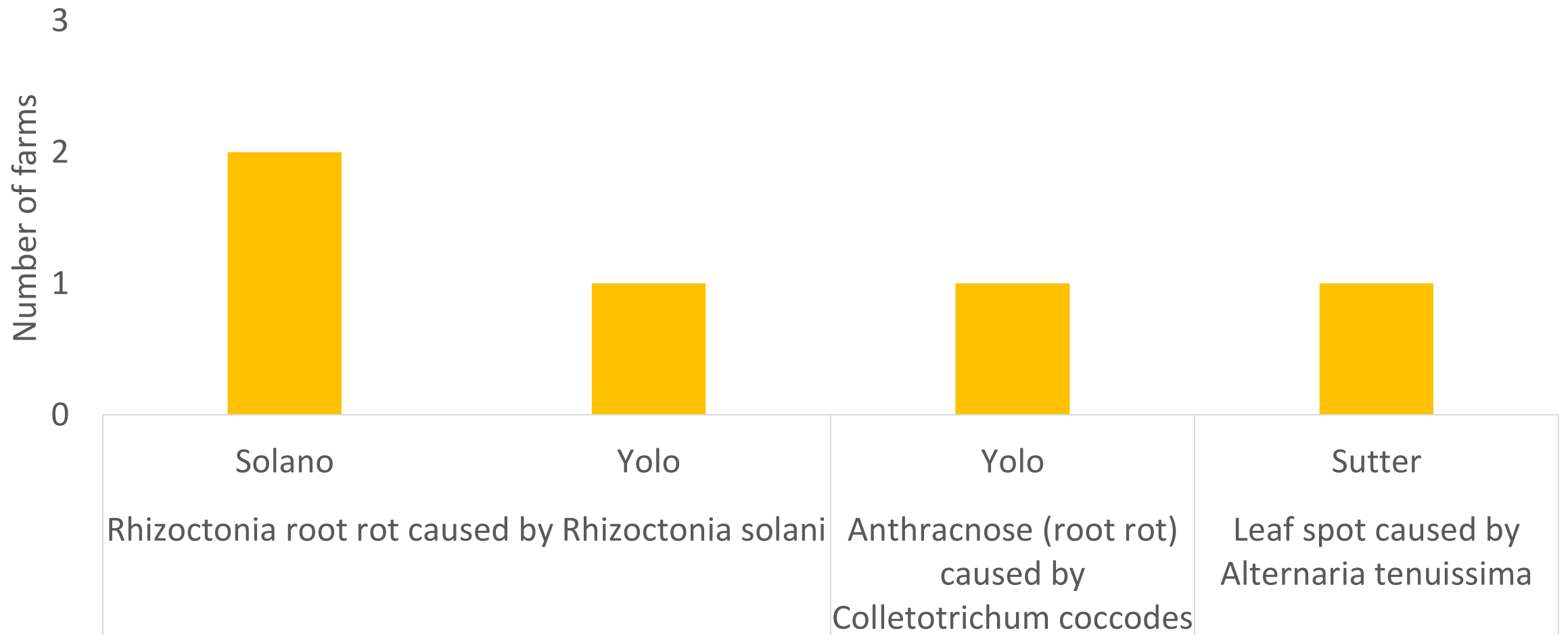


Deficit irrigated at 60%ET





# Putative new diseases detected in 2022



# Upcoming: new UC IPM tomato disease diagnosis field guide

Diagnosing vine decline  
and rot diseases of  
tomatoes in the field

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## Curly top disease (CTD)-beet curly top virus (BCTV)

Vector: beet leafhopper

Symptoms

Observed early in the season

often in fields near foothills

Plants are stunted and dull-green

Leaves: dull-green to yellow, crumple,  
curl upward or even roll, and swollen  
purple veins

Fruits: small and ripen prematurely

CTD is sporadic but can cause economic  
loss in bad years; no resistant varieties  
but known risk factors

## Tomato necrotic spot disease- tomato necrotic spot (ToNSV)

A windborne pollen-transmitted virus  
introduced to tomato via thrips feeding

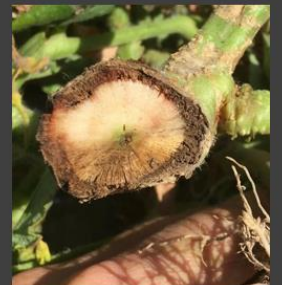
Symptoms

- Generally seen early in the season
- Leaves are distorted and show brown necrotic spots and stems are necrotic
- Not economically important: tomato plants recover (defense response) and there is little within field spread
- More common in Northern Counties in 2022
- Detected with RT-PCR test

Fusarium falciforme en cultivares con pudrición de  
pie severa, sin moteado



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Marchitamiento por Fusarium



Igual en:  
Toxicidad de  
boron y  
salinidad

# Statewide monitoring of resistance-breaking strains

Diseases managed by single gene resistance

- TSWV (Sw5 gene)
  - Known to have resistance breaking strains (Gilbertson, Turini)



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# Root knot nematode resistance breaking common statewide-2021 survey (Hodson, Swett)

## Statewide:

- RKN recovered from 27 fields planted to resistant cultivars
- 100% of tested isolates (18) were resistance-breaking (controlled temp)

		% Root galling	
		Celebrity' (Mi+)	Rutgers' (Mi-)
County	Isolate		
<i>M. incognita</i>	Yolo	139	33
	Yolo	140	44
	Yolo	143	23
	Yolo	144	35
	Yolo	145	19
	Yolo	146	30
	Yolo	213	6
	Yolo	R-R	43
	Solano	212	4.6
	Fresno	157	30
	Fresno	158	26
	Fresno	208	24
	Fresno	207	28
	Fresno	151	34
	Merced	183	28
<i>M. javanica</i>	Sutter	A-S	46
	Yolo	184	19
	Stanislaus	C-L	0

### Controls

<i>M. incognita</i>	Hr3	36	29
<i>M. incognita</i>	I3	0	47
<i>M. javanica</i>	VW5	33	25
<i>M. javanica</i>	VW4	5	42



# Statewide monitoring of resistance-breaking strains

Diseases managed by single gene resistance

- TSWV (SW5 gene)
- **Root knot nematode (Mi gene)**
  - Resistance breaking is widespread
  - This is not a temperature-related issue-GH studies controlled for temperature
  - 60% of RB-RKN-infested fields also had one or more Fusarium disease
    - There are likely RKN interactions with Fusarium diseases

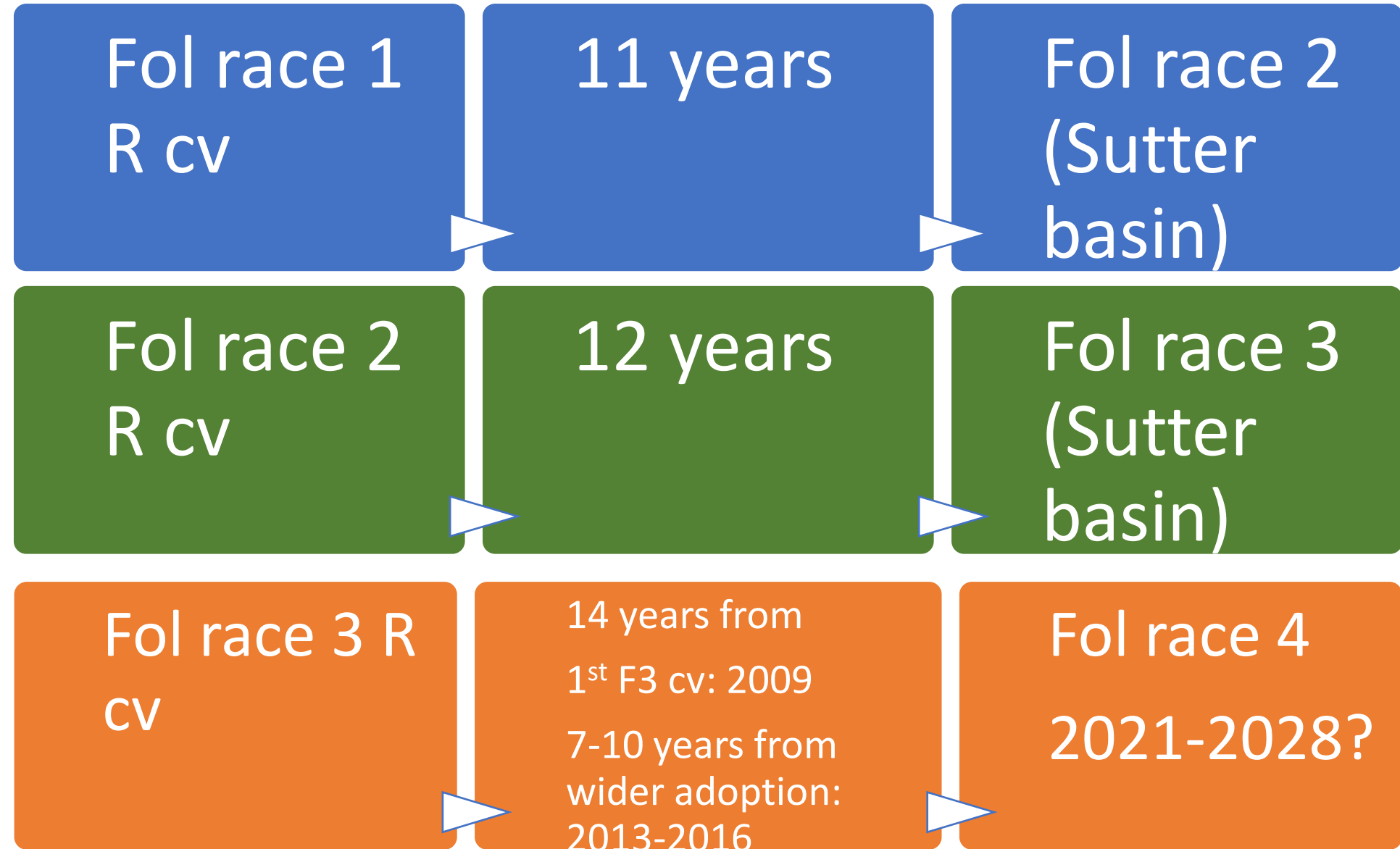
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  - No resistance-breaking race 4 known to be present in the state
  - Monitoring efforts aim to detect early emergence of race 4



# Fusarium wilt resistance-breaking race timeline



# Fusarium wilt in resistant cultivars

17 F3 fields in 5 years had Fol

All were Fol race 3

\*Efforts are opportunistic: lack rigorous surveys\*

		No fields (percent)					
		Fol					
Year	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	Forl	Non-Path
2017	2	0	0	2 (100%)	0	0	0
2018	11	0	0	11 (100%)	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	2	0	0	2 (100%)	0	0	0
2021	2	0	0	2 (100%)	0	0	0
Total	17	0	0	17 (71%)	0	0	0

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- TSWV (SW5 gene)
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- **Fusarium wilt race 3 (I3 gene, F3 cultivars)**
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  - Early detection critical to mitigate spread, preserving efficacy of F3 cultivars and providing time for development of new resistant cultivars

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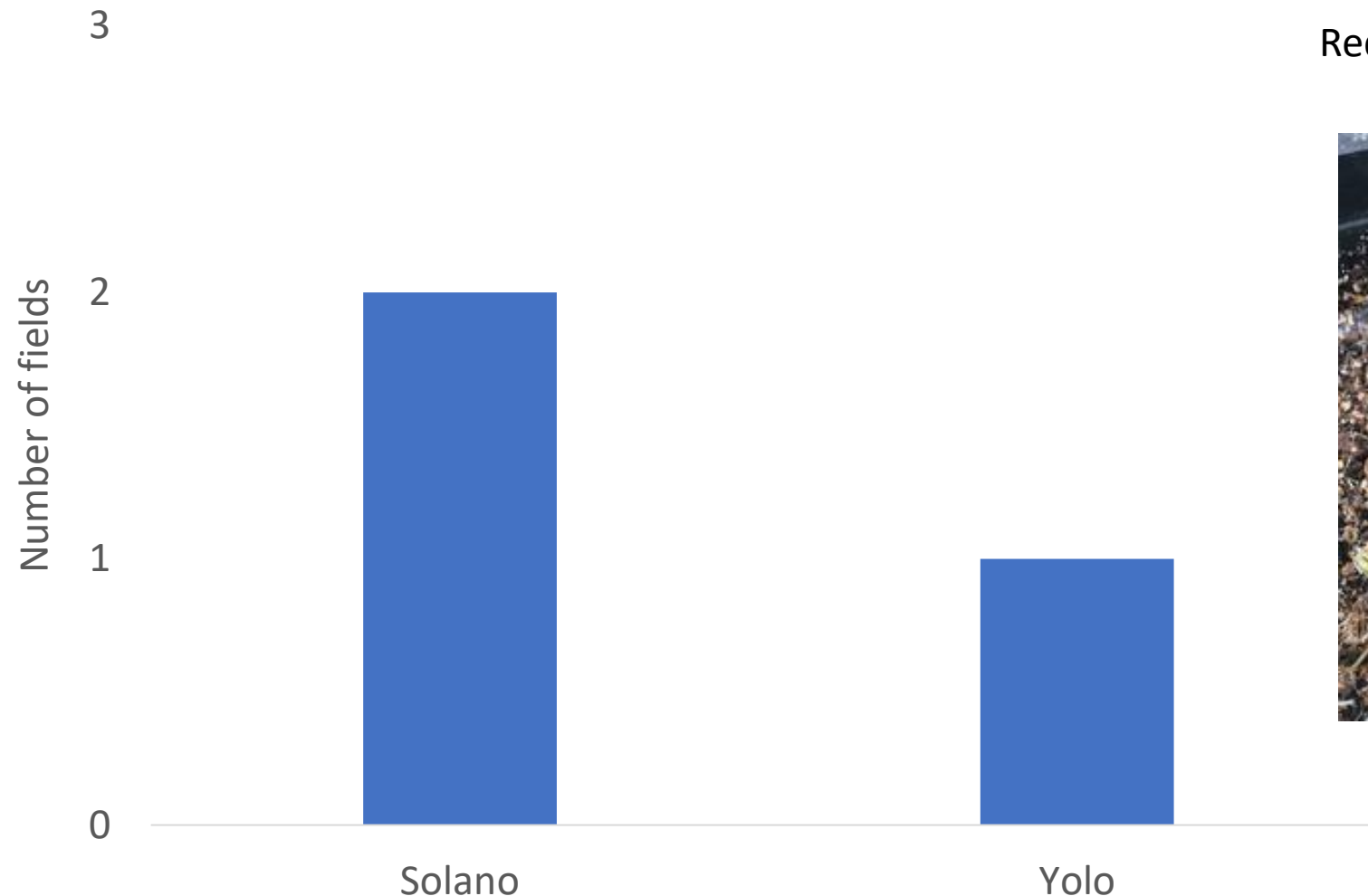
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# Potential Forl resistance-breaking detected for the first time

3 fields, H5522: the primary Fr CV in 2022



Requires in-planta phenotyping to confirm resistance breaking



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- **Fusarium crown and root rot (Frl gene, Fr cultivars)**
  - Might have possible Forl race 2 (Frl resistance breaking race)
  - Testing is needed-may be non-pathogenic F. oxysporum

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Early identification of resistance breaking is critical  
Use of sanitation and other management methods will be important  
to slow spread statewide  
Enabling the breeding industry to develop new resistant materials



# Questions?

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