

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





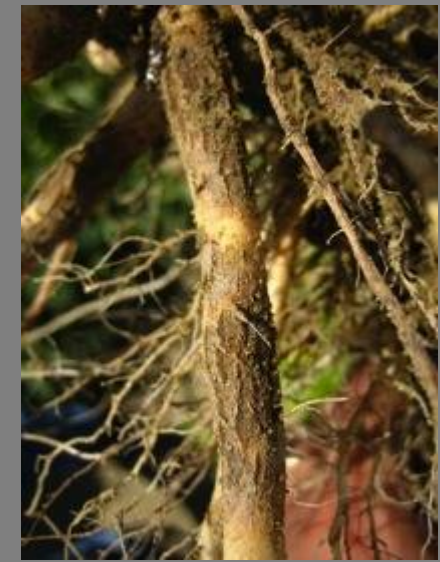
Verticillium



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







chem & biologicals  
multiple applications

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

Yield (tons/A)

Control	34 b	46	39 b	43
Vapam/Kpam 15 gal	35 b		44 b	40
Tenet	34 b	48		
Vapam + Tenet	34 b			
Quadris + Ridomil	33 b	47	40 b	43
Vapam + Quad + Ridomil	36 b			
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
Chicken manure 20 tons			61 a	40
Tenet + Serenade		46		
SoilGard		44		
Potassium			38 b	41
Actinovate			38 b	

NS

NS

# Sustaining Plant Health with Composted Poultry Manure







# Chemigation and composts, JH Meek and Sons, Woodland, 2013



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Supplemental 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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Supplemental  
treatment

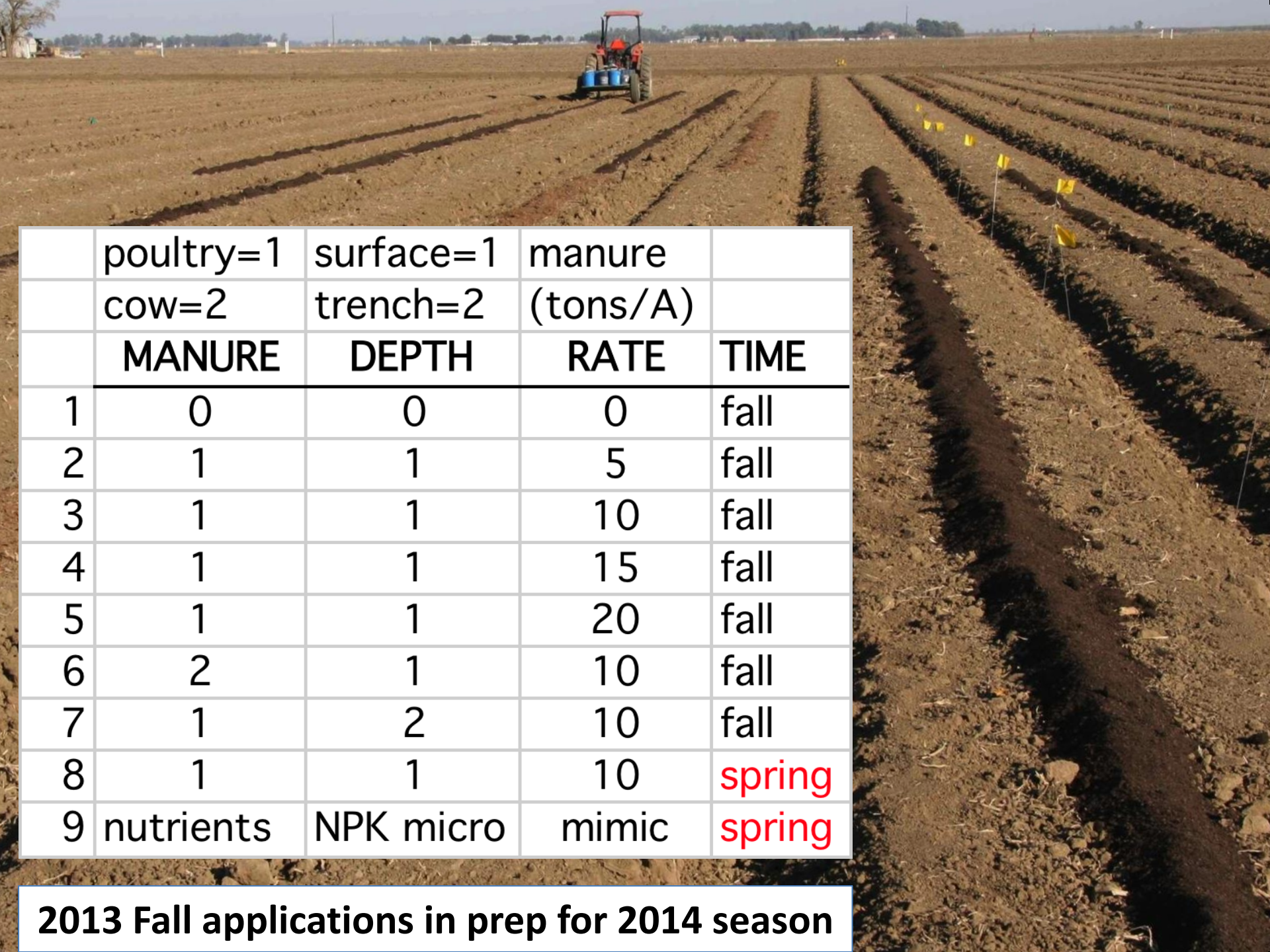
15-Aug  
yield to

7-Aug

## CLASS COMPARISONS

Yield

1 Manure 10 tons	71.2	I. biologicals vs nontreated control	57.8
2 nutrients (100-400-480)	68.0	Probability	57.0
3 manure 5 tons	64.3		NS
4 nutrients luxury	61.9	II. composts vs nontreated control	65.3
5 vermicompost	60.4	Probability	57.0
6 Regalia @ 1 gpa	58.2		0.000
7 JH BioTech Promot	57.8	III. composts vs supplemental fertilizers	65.3
8 LH Organics Soil Sytem 1	57.4	Probability	64.9
9 Non treated	57.0		0.03
LSD@5% (probability)	3.5	IV manure rate: probability	
% CV	4	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*

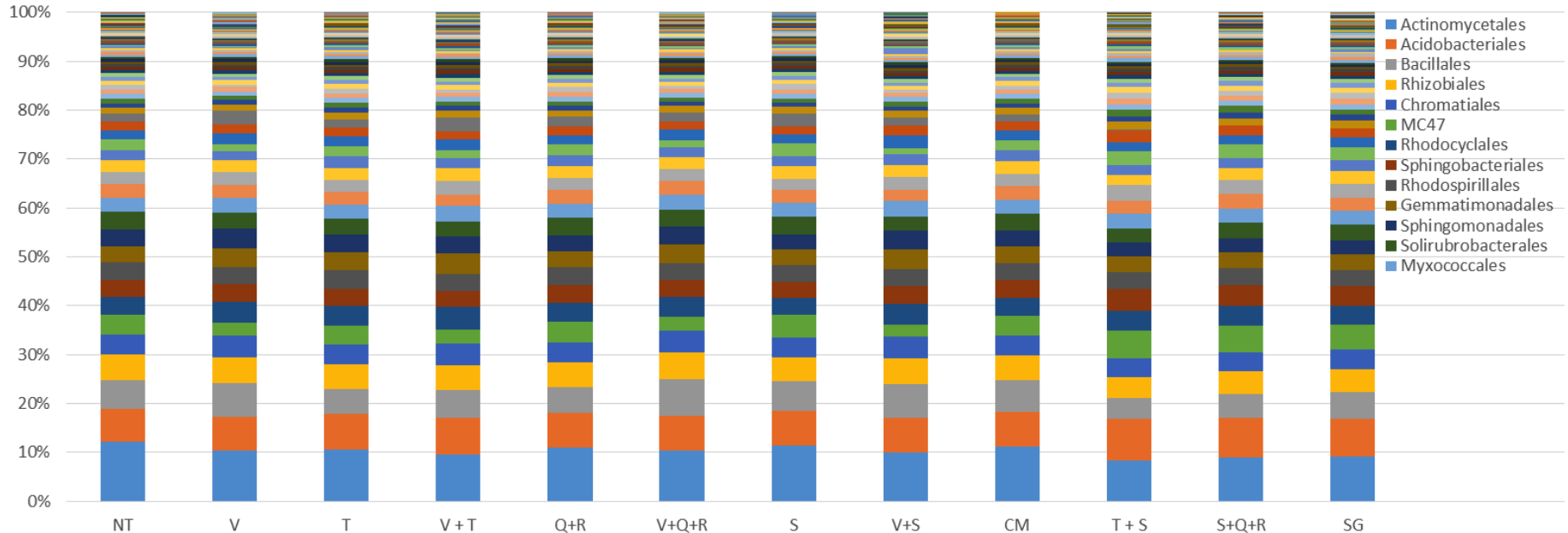


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# Impact of Management: chemicals/biologicals

soil microbiota of processing tomatoes, 2011 field study

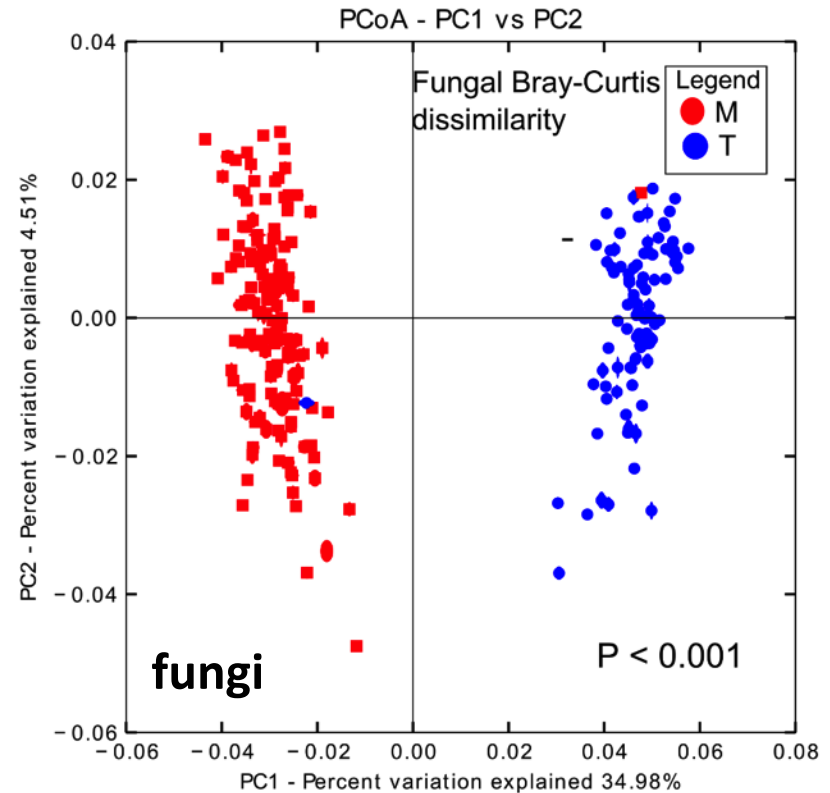
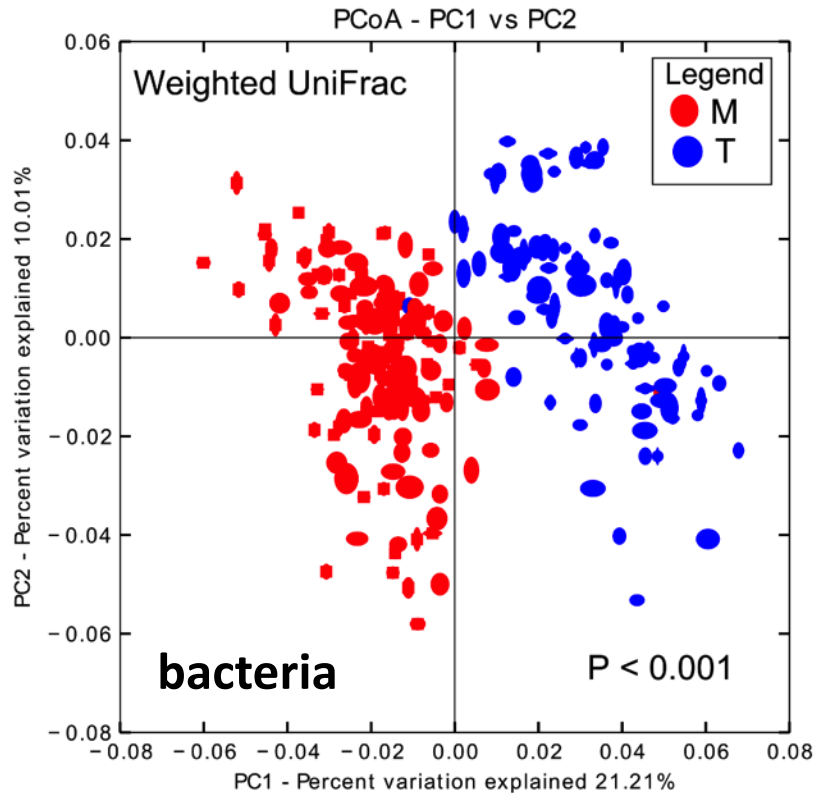


NT nontreated  
V Vapam  
Q Quadris  
R Ridomil Gold  
S Serenade Soil (*Bacillus*)  
T Tenet (*Trichoderma*)  
SG SoilGard (*Gliocadium*)  
CM composted chicken manure

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# IMPACT OF LOCATION

## SOIL MICROBIOTA OF PROCESSING TOMATOES, 2011

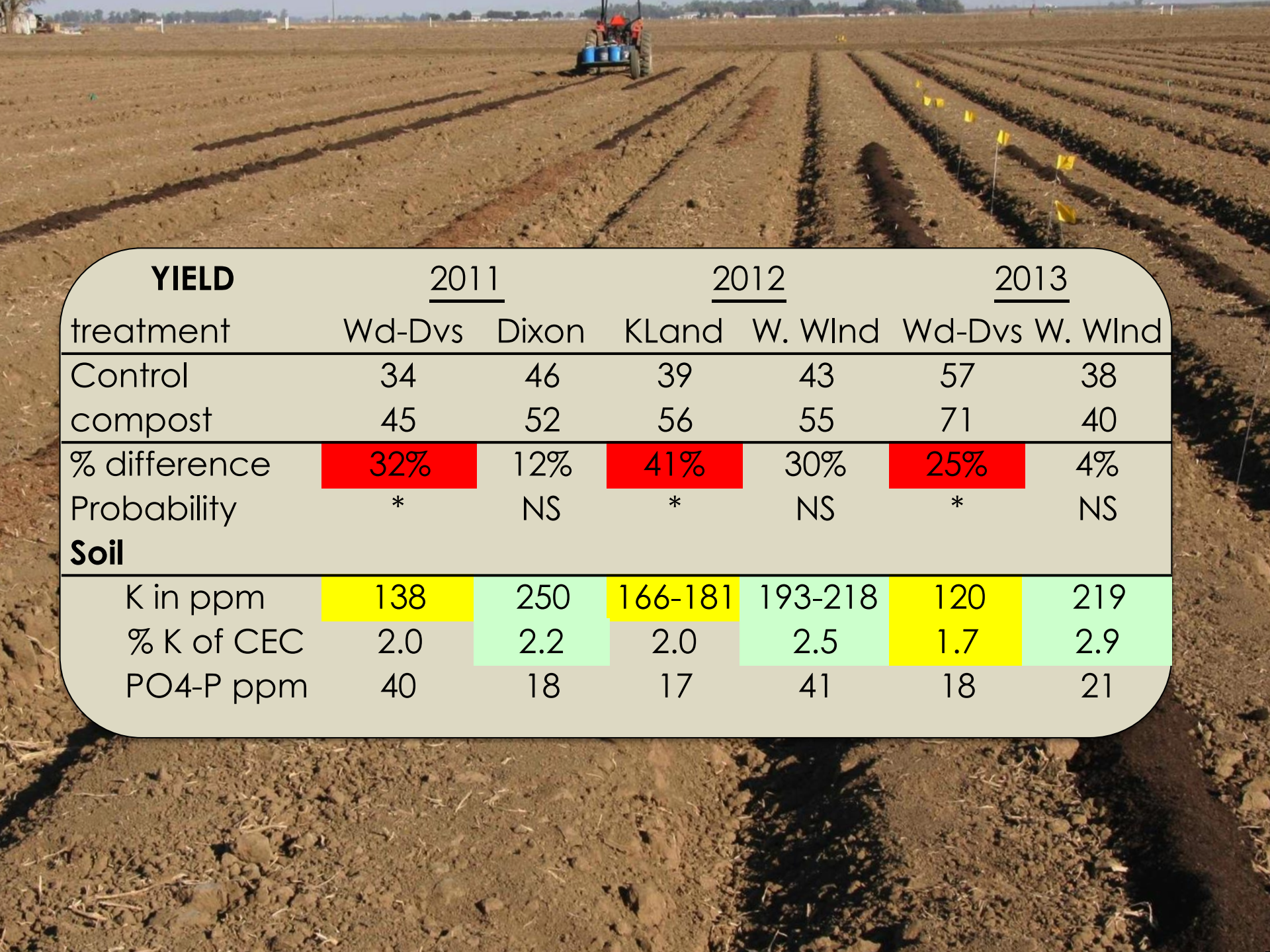


Meek (shop) Woodland: Yolo silt loam

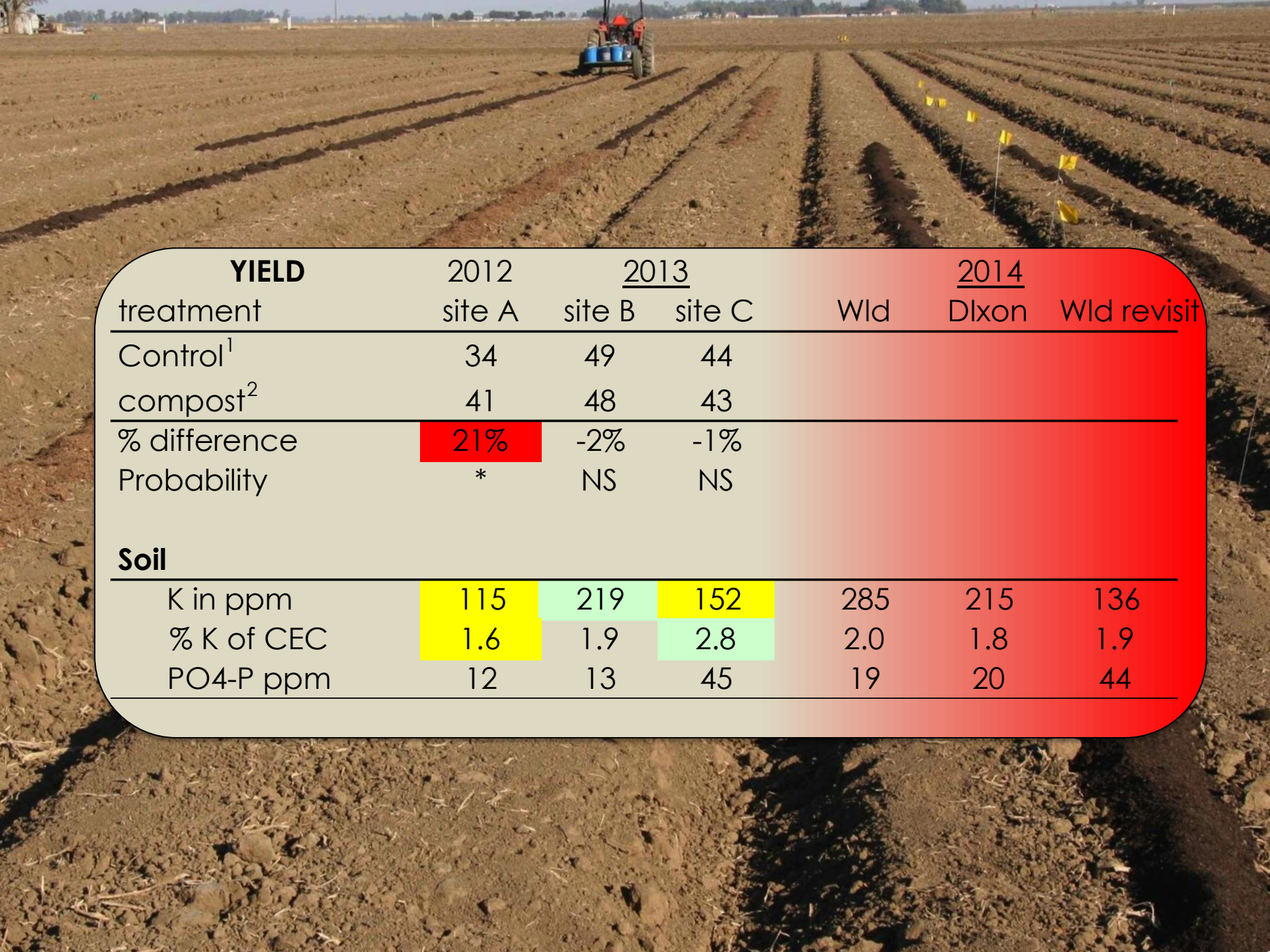
Timothy-Viguie (shop) Dixon: Yolo silty clay loam

both sites had tomatoes the previous year

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<b>YIELD</b>	<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	Wd-Dvs	Dixon	KLand	W. WInd	Wd-Dvs	W. WInd
treatment						
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	166-181	193-218	120	219
% K of CEC	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.5	1.7	2.9
PO4-P ppm	40	18	17	41	18	21



<b>YIELD</b>	2012	<u>2013</u>		Wld	<u>2014</u>	
	site A	site B	site C		Dixon	Wld revisit
treatment						
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	215	136
% K of CEC	1.6	1.9	2.8	2.0	1.8	1.9
PO4-P ppm	12	13	45	19	20	44

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

## Evaluation of K from soil:

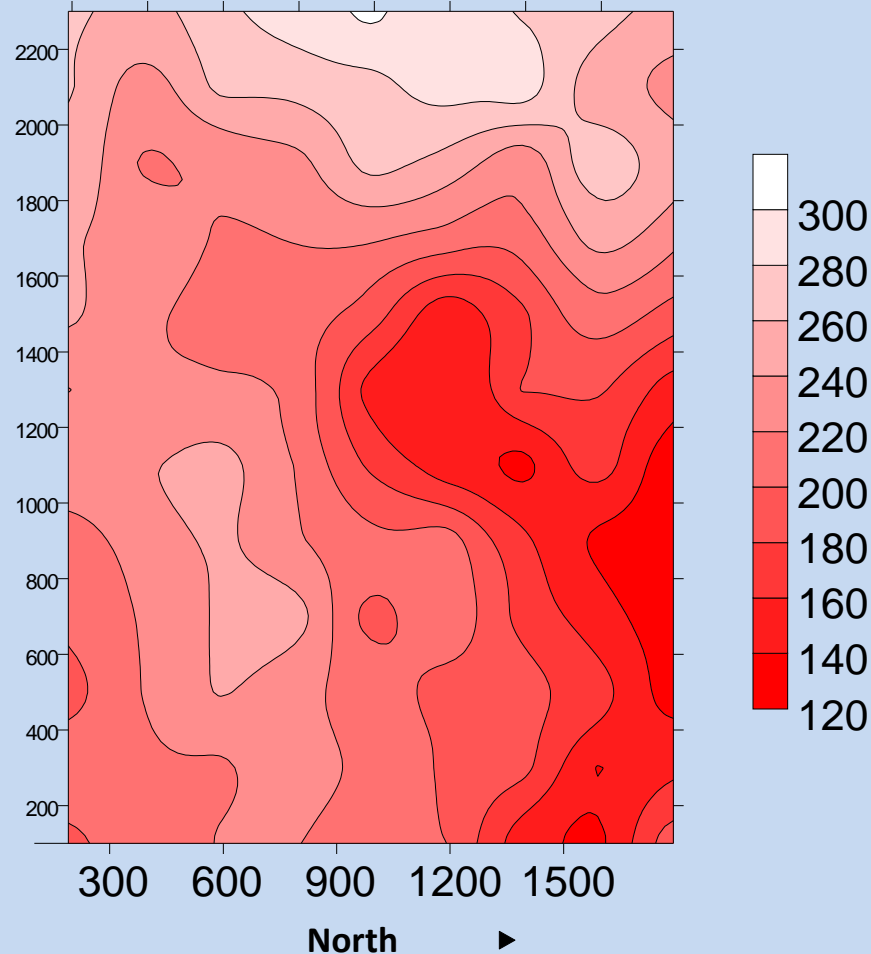
less than ~180 ppm K (ammonium acetate extraction method)  
< 2% K of the cation exchange capacity (CEC)



# 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?*