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### Variety Performance over Three North San Joaquin Valley Counties

Maxwell Norton, Merced County Richard Molinar, Fresno County Benny Fouche, San Joaquin County UC Cooperative Extension Planted Fall 2005 SJ County: mid-August Merced Co: 10 August Fresno Co: 14 Sept

To be harvested Spring 2006

#### Varieties tested:

Andana Aromas Camarosa Camino Real Chandler Festival Treasure CG5 12

Frigo plants, black plastic

#### **Test Plots:**

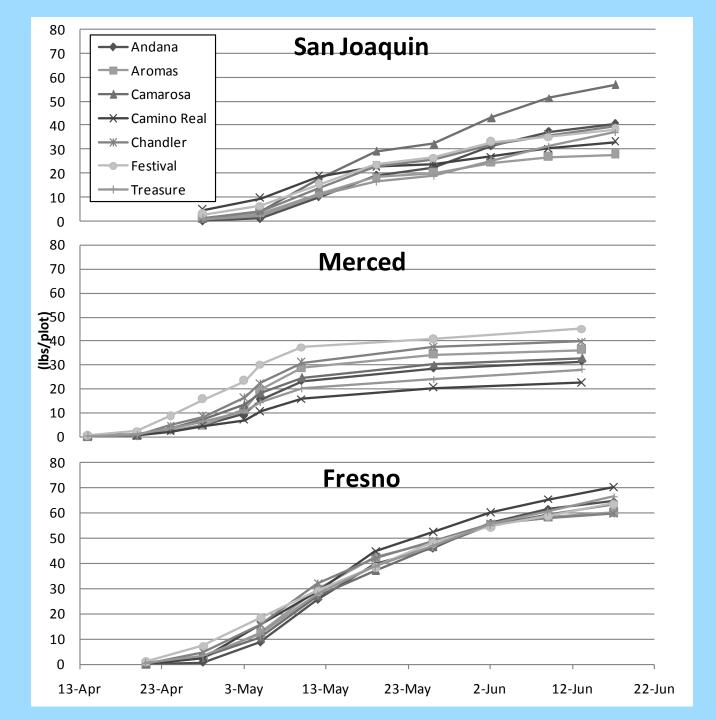
#### 25 feet long 4 replications of each variety Randomized across planted area

19,360 plants per acre



#### Harvest began:

Merced County: 14 April Fresno County: 21 April SJ County: last week of April



#### The perfect variety:

Large size

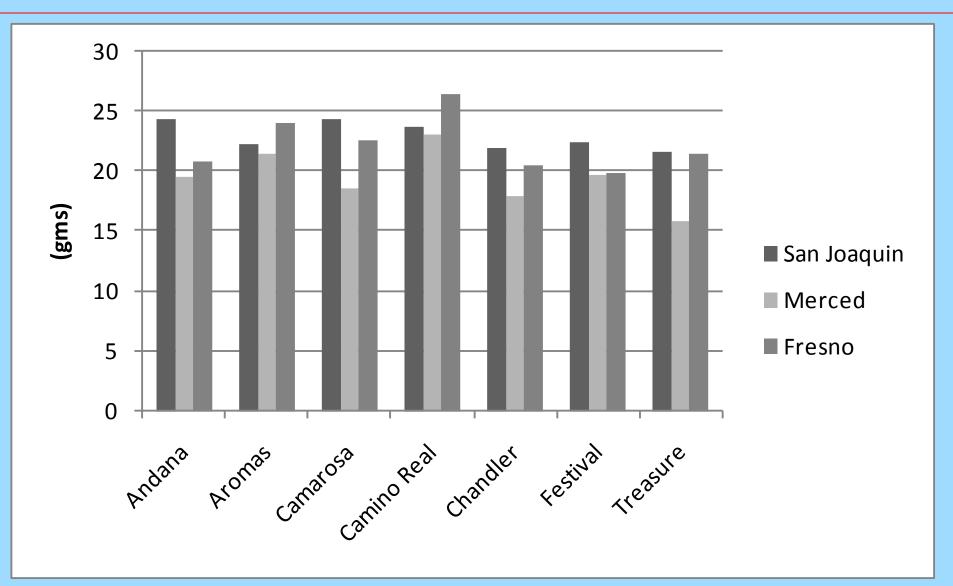
High yield per acre

High sugar and taste

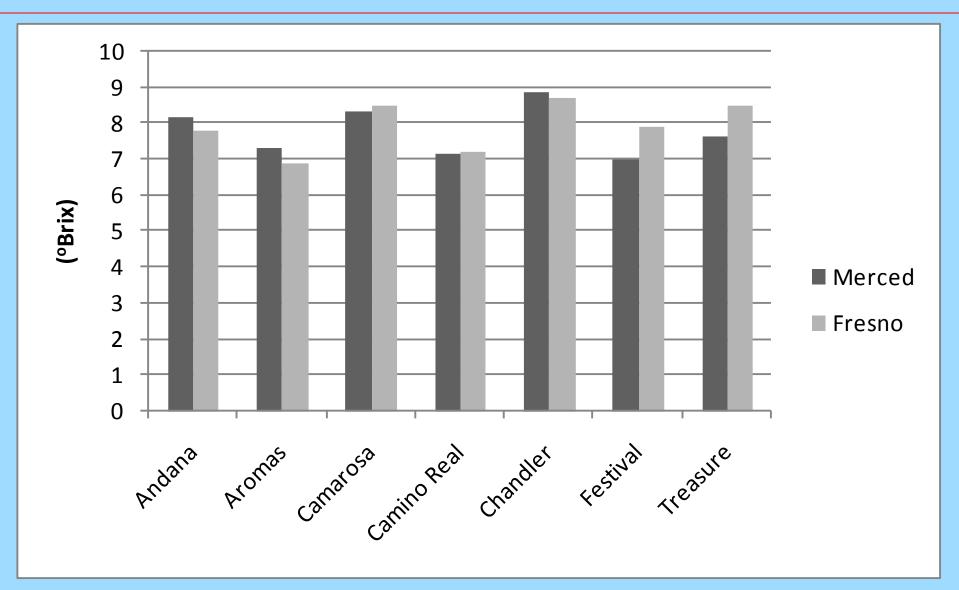
#### Pounds/acre

	S Joaquin	Merced	Fresno
Andana	15,685 b	11,658 bc	25,005
Aromas	10,827 c	13,440 ab	23,402
Camarosa	22,052 a	11,949 bc	24,502
Camino Real	12,827 bc	11,368 bc	27,174
Chandler	15,327 b	14,804 a	23,116
Festival	14,854 b	15,617 a	24,665
Treasure	14,401 b	10,409 c	25,729

#### Berry size averaged over all harvests Camino Real biggest in Fresno & Merced



## Sugar Content averaged over all harvestsChandler & Camarosa were sweetest





 $\rightarrow$ El Camino fruit was big but yield was low in SJ and Merced

→ Aromas had large fruit but......
Aromas & Camino Real had lowest sugar

Chandler & Camarosa are sweet and usually yield well

#### Notes:

→ Festival & Camino Real produced the most during the first few pickings – try a few rows of Festival for the fruit stand – (Camino was not very sweet)

CG5 did very poorly in all sites – don't try

Talk to your processor before selecting a variety.

### Thank you to the Strawberry Commission for funding this project



# Thank you to the growers for hosting the test plots!

