How much Fusarium in soil can my strawberry handle?

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2000 CFUs per gram (4),
1000 CFUs per gram (3),
500 CFUs per gram (2),
100 CFUs per gram (1),
0 CFU (just sand) (0).
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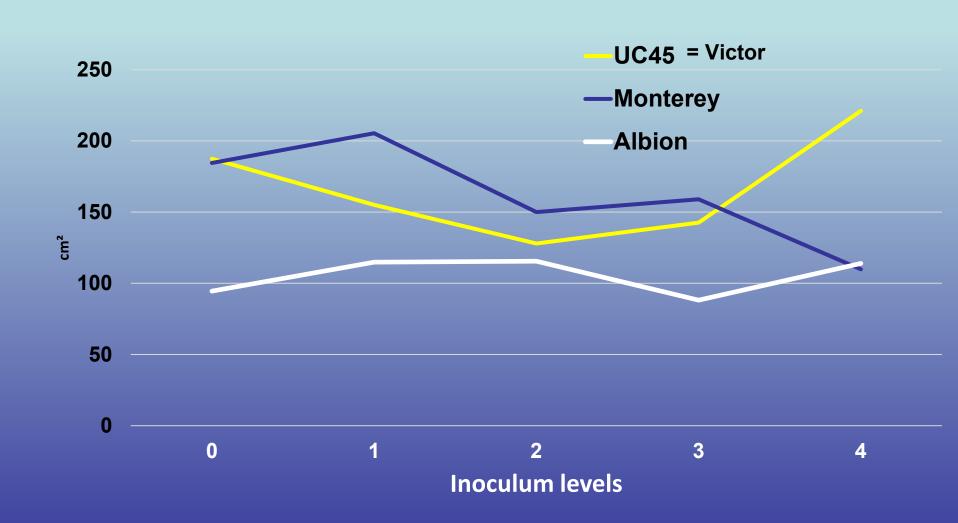
Treatments

- Soil excavated from planting holes (1L) is mixed with Fusarium-inoculated sand (0.1L) and returned to planting holes
- 3 cultivars planted in RCBD plots with 4 reps:

Victor (resistant),

Monterey (moderately susceptible)
Albion (susceptible)

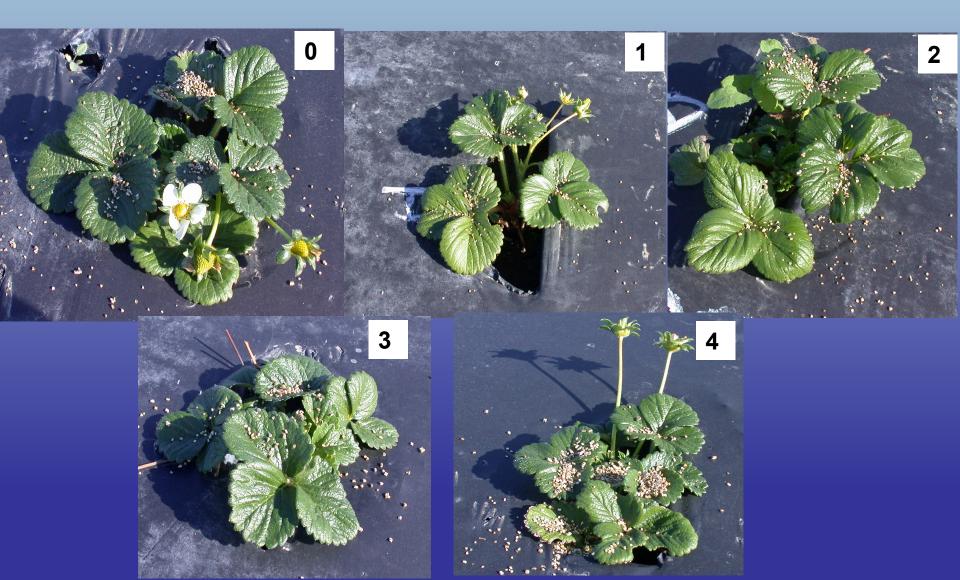
Plant size in response to Fusarium (01/05/2018)



Albion in response to Fusarium (12/02/2018)



Monterey in response to Fusarium (12/02/2018)



Victor in response to Fusarium (12/02/2018)



Albion without Fusarium - May



Albion in response to Fusarium - May





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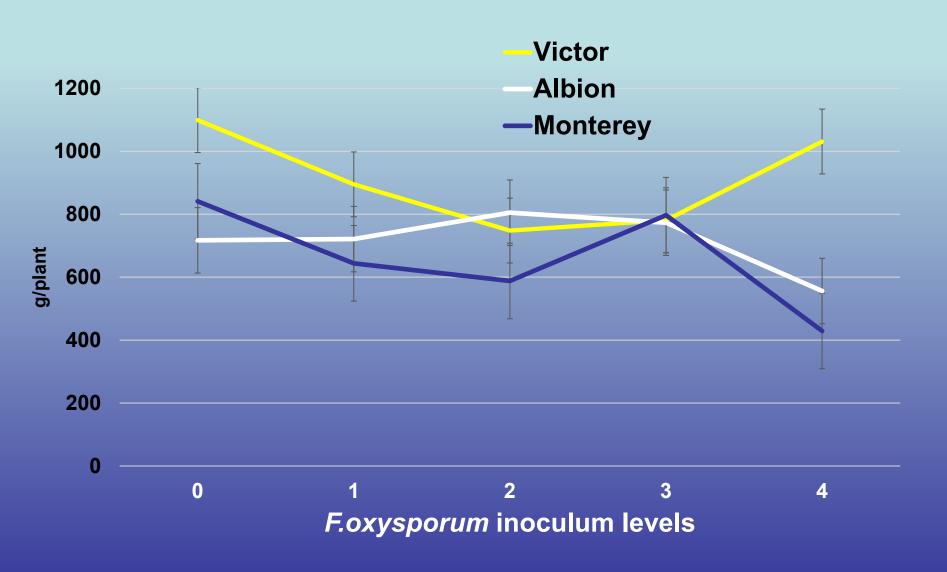
Albion in response to Fusarium - May



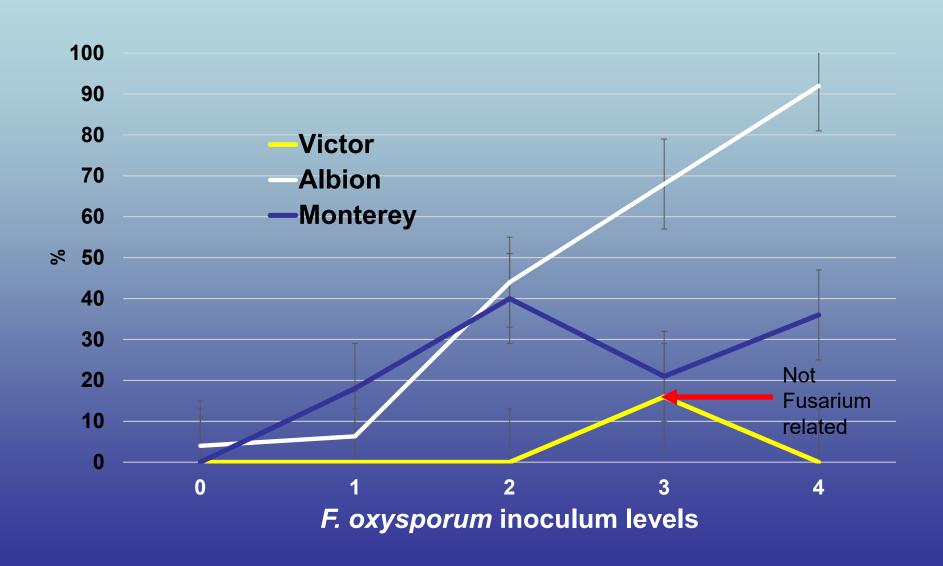


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Fruit yield (total) in response to Fusarium



Percent mortality due to Fusarium, 07/05/2019



What's next?

- Another season of data to help deign prediction models = relationship of pathogen density with cultivar performance
- Do the same for Macrophomina phaseolina (charcoal rot pathogen)