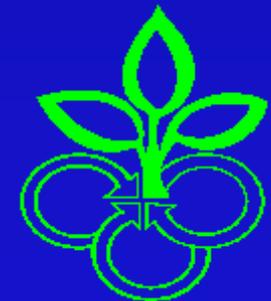


# Nutrient - Disease - Herbicide Interactions

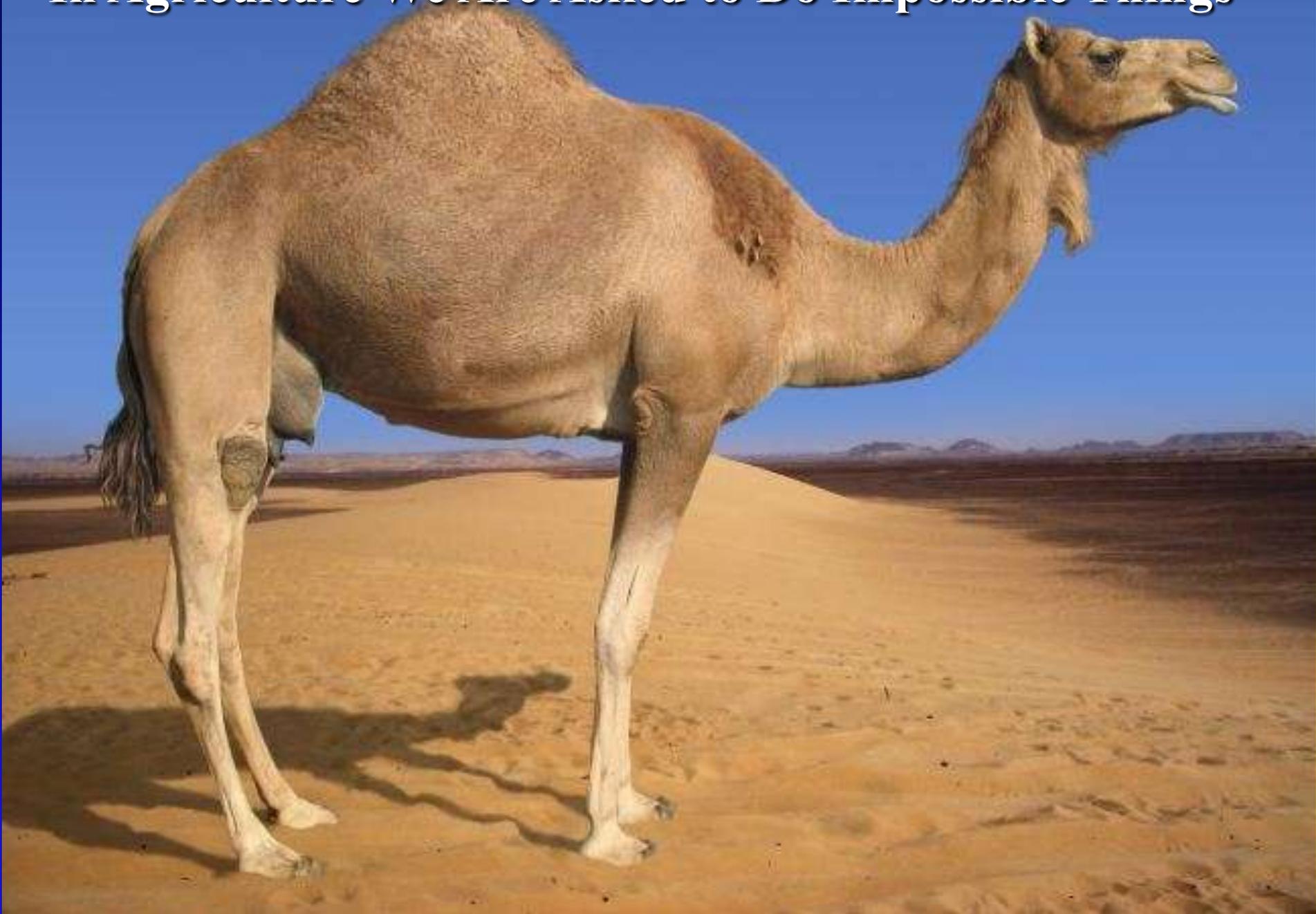
Brown Seed Field Day  
September 9, 2011

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**In Agriculture We Are Asked to Do Impossible Things**



# Parenting skills

Look back and take inventory once in a while!



**Anticipate!**

**Hesitate!**



**AVOID HAZARDS**



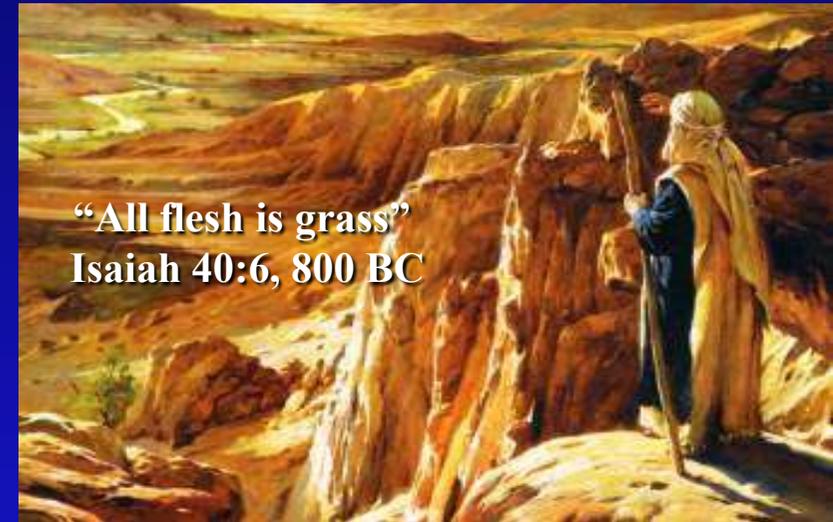
**← Bad Parenting!**

Look back and take inventory once in a while!

# Understanding Glyphosate and Glyphosate-resistant Crops Impact on Nutrition, Disease & Sustainability

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- **Background**
- **Understanding glyphosate**
  - What it is and how it works
- **Understanding glyphosate-resistance**
  - What it is and what it doesn't do
- **Recognizing the interactions**
  - Symptoms - nutrition, disease
- **Remediation**
- **The bigger picture - Food/Feed nutrition and safety**



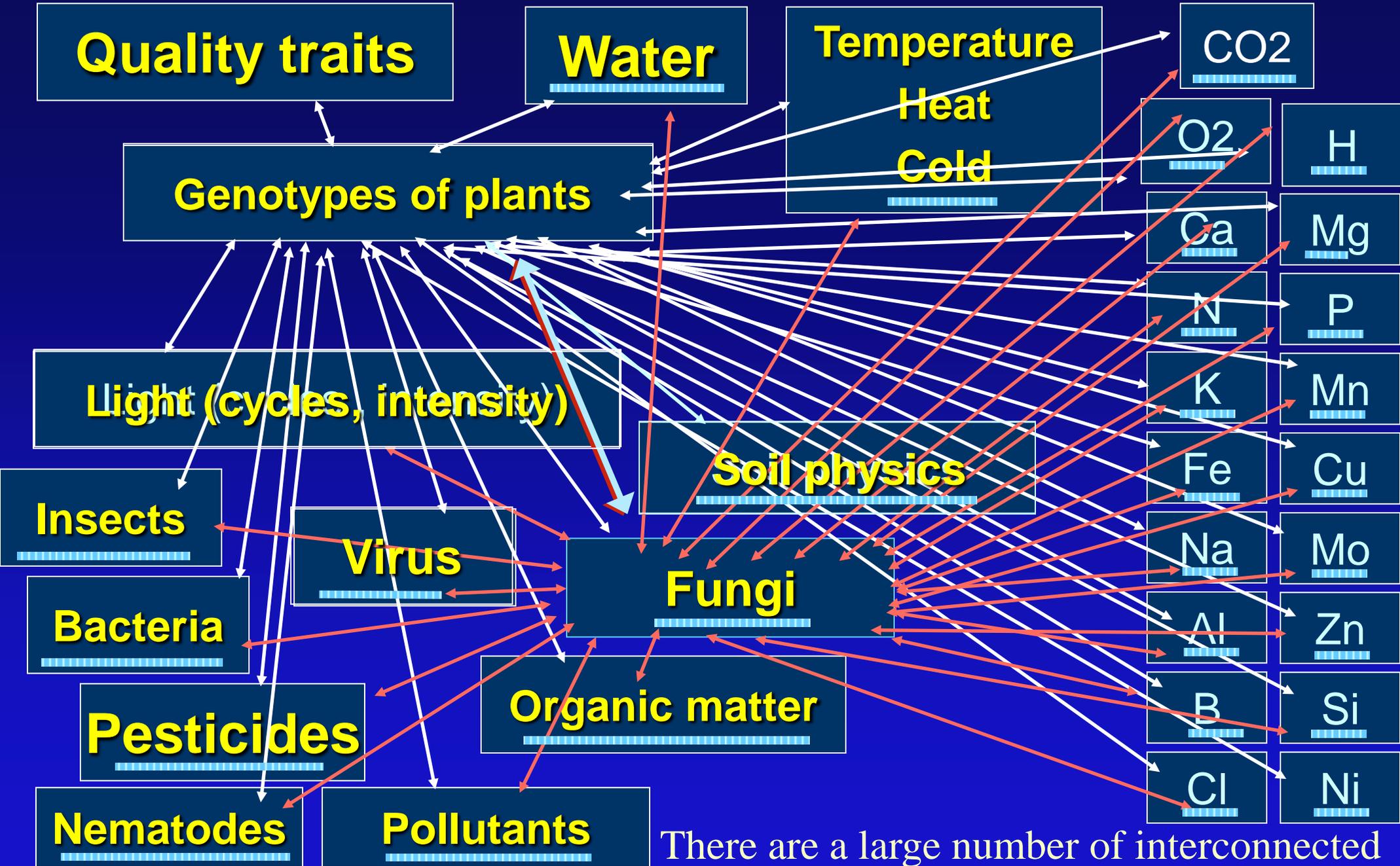
# The Importance of Reducing Stresses

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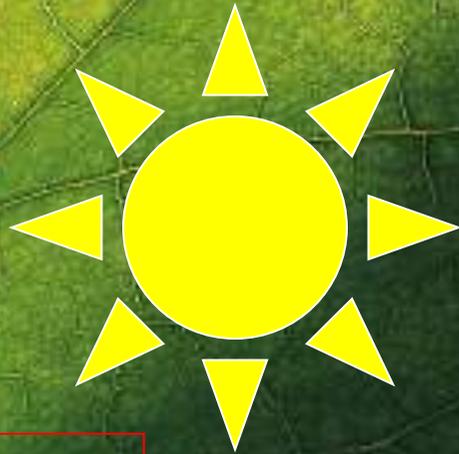
$$\text{Potential} - \text{Stresses} = \text{Yield}$$

There is no free lunch!



There are a large number of interconnected plant properties and responses to physical and biological environmental factors.

# Photosynthesis and N-fixation



**Mn<sup>+2</sup>**

**N, P, Ca, Fe, Ni, B, Co, Cu, Mo, Zn**



**Chloroplast**  
**Mg<sup>+2</sup>**



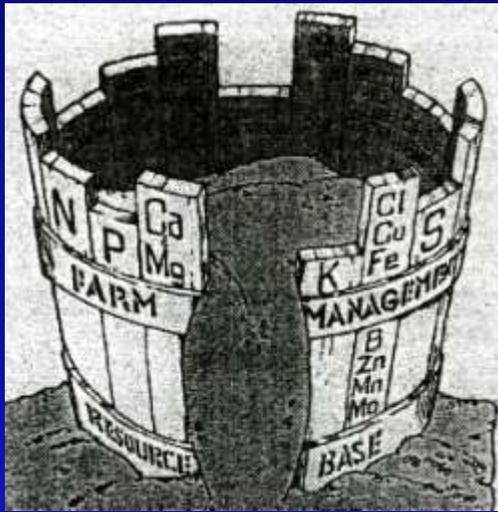
The Harvest is **SUGAR**

and **PROTEIN**

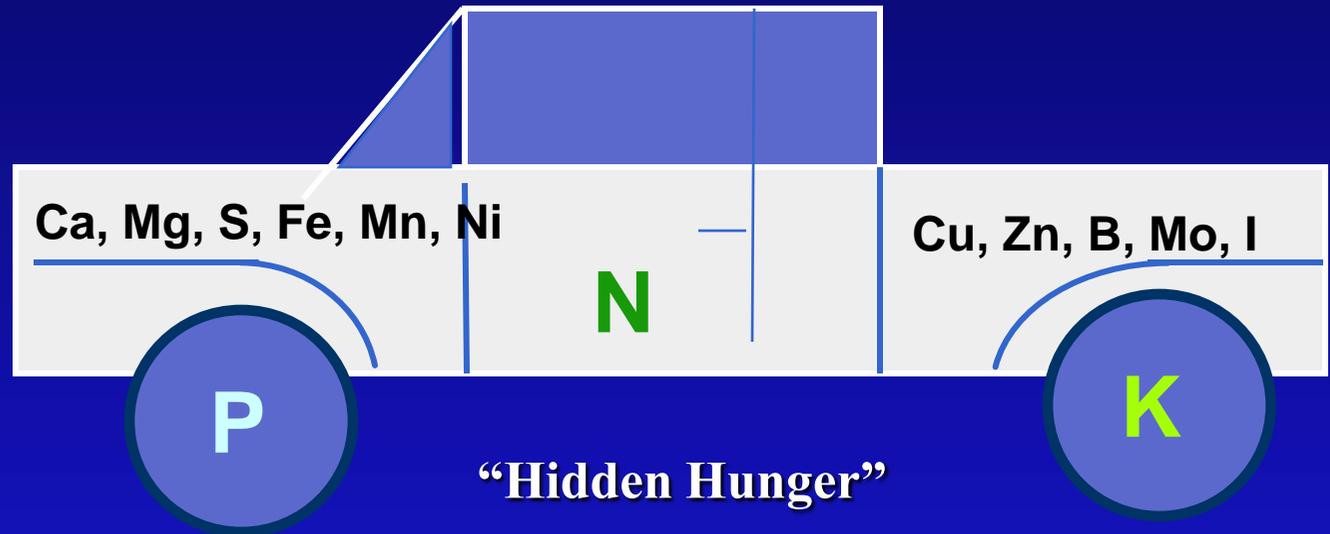
**N<sub>2</sub>**

**NUTRIENT BALANCE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE EACH ELEMENT FUNCTIONS AS PART OF A DELICATELY BALANCED, INTERDEPENDENT SYSTEM WITH THE PLANT'S GENETICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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“Law of the minimum”

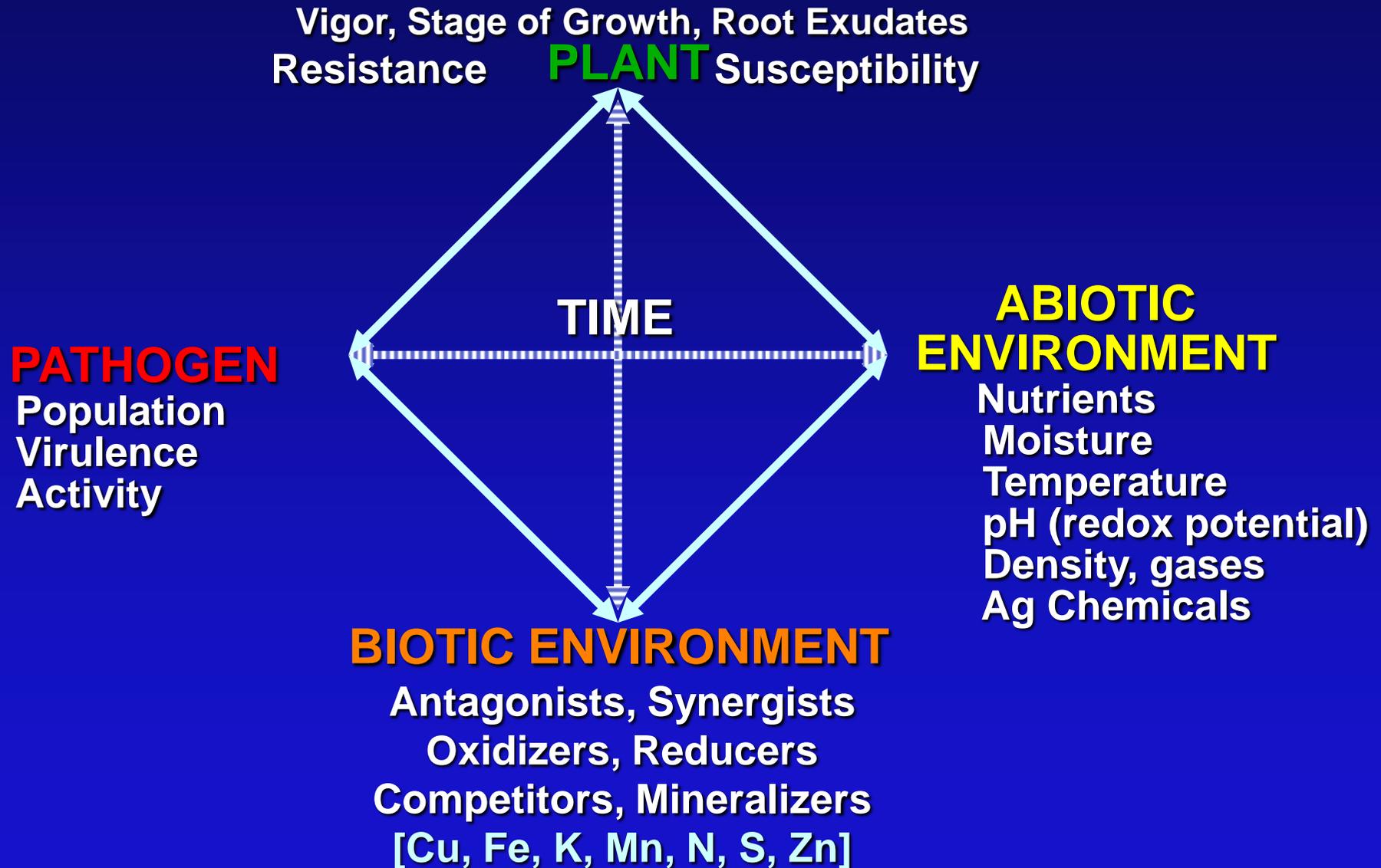


**Nutrient *BALANCE* may be a matter of root function!**

***“The roots may be the root of the problem!”***

***“The weak link may be underground!”***

# Interacting Factors Determining Nutrient Availability and Disease Severity



# Changes in Agricultural Practices Change the Interactions

## Crop Sequence

Biotic environment  
Nutrition  
Nitrification  
Organic matter

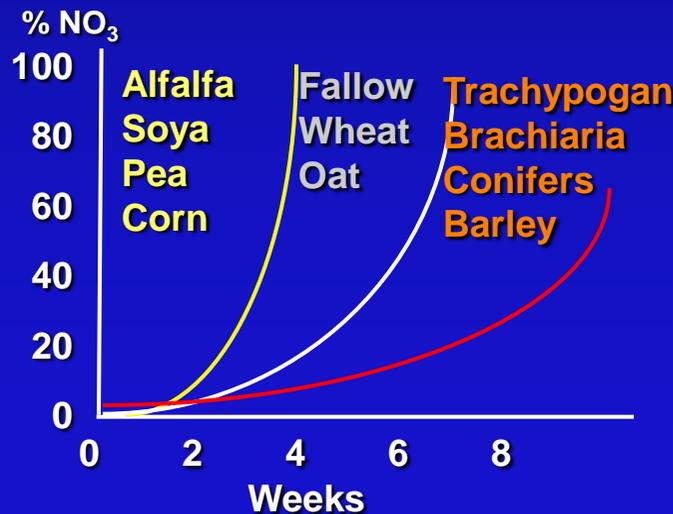
## Tillage/No-till

Residue break down  
Soil density/aeration  
Pathogen survival  
Nutrient distribution  
Denitrification  
Herbicide usage

## Fertilization

Rate/form  
Time applied  
Source/assoc. ions  
Inorganic  
Organic

Effect of crop residue on nitrification

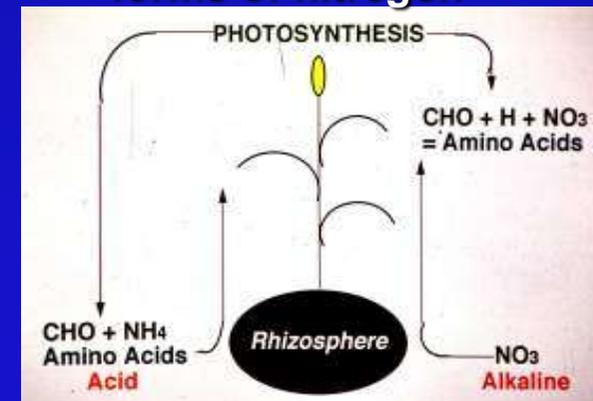


Crop sequence effect on Mn<sup>+2</sup>

Rotation	Extractable Mn
Continuous Corn	130 ppm
Continuous soybeans	64 pp,
Soybean, wheat, <u>corn</u>	91 ppm
Wheat, corn, <u>soybean</u>	79 ppm
Fall chissel	126 ppm
No-till	80 ppm



Metabolism of different forms of nitrogen



# Factors Affecting N Form, Mn Availability and Severity of Some Diseases\*

Soil Factor or Cultural Practice	Nitrification	Effect on: Mn Availability	Disease Severity
Low Soil pH	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Green Manures(some)	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Ammonium Fertilizers	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Irrigation (some)	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Firm Seed bed	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Nitrification Inhibitors	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Soil Fumigation	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Metal Sulfides	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
<b>Glyphosate</b>	----	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Increase</b>
High Soil pH	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Lime	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Nitrate Fertilizers	----	Decrease	Increase
Manure	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Low Soil Moisture	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Loose Seed bed	Increase	Decrease	Increase

\*Potato scab, Rice blast, Take-all, Phymatotrichum root rot, Corn stalk rot

# Mn Sufficiency\* Range for Agronomic Crops

Crop	Range	Crop	Range
Barley	25-100	Sorghum	6-190
Bean	20-100	Soybean	20-100
Canola	25-250	Sugar beets	26-360
Corn	15-300	Sugar cane	25-400
Cotton	25-350	<b>Sunflower</b>	<b>50-1000</b>
<b>Oats</b>	<b>25-100</b>	Tobacco	26-400
Peanut	60-350	Tomato	25-35
Rice	150-800	Wheat, spring	25-100
<b>Rye</b>	<b>14-45</b>	Wheat, Winter	16-200

\* Depends on: cultivar efficiency, growth stage, soil physical and biological environment  
After Bennett, 1994; Mills and Jones, 1996

# Understanding the Characteristics of Glyphosate

## Glyphosate has Changed Agriculture for 30+ Years

- A strong chemical chelator

Chelates minerals in the **spray tank**

Chelates minerals in the **plant**

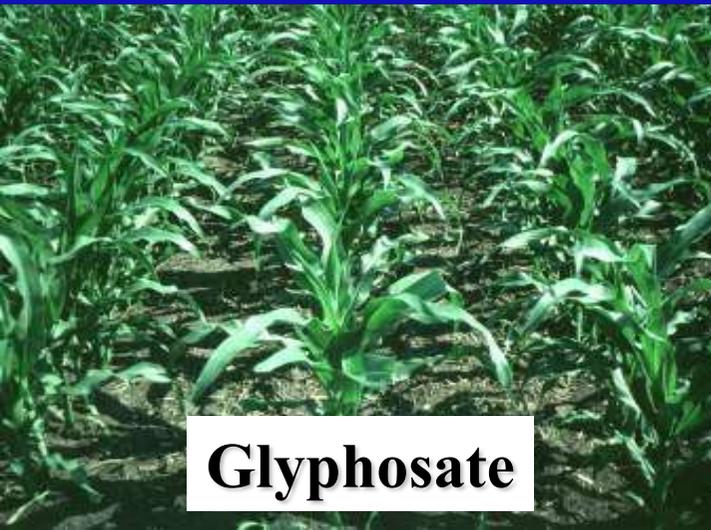
Chelates minerals in the **soil**

Reduces: B, Ca, Co, Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Ni, Zn

- Non-specific herbicidal effect**

### Chelating stability constants of glyphosate

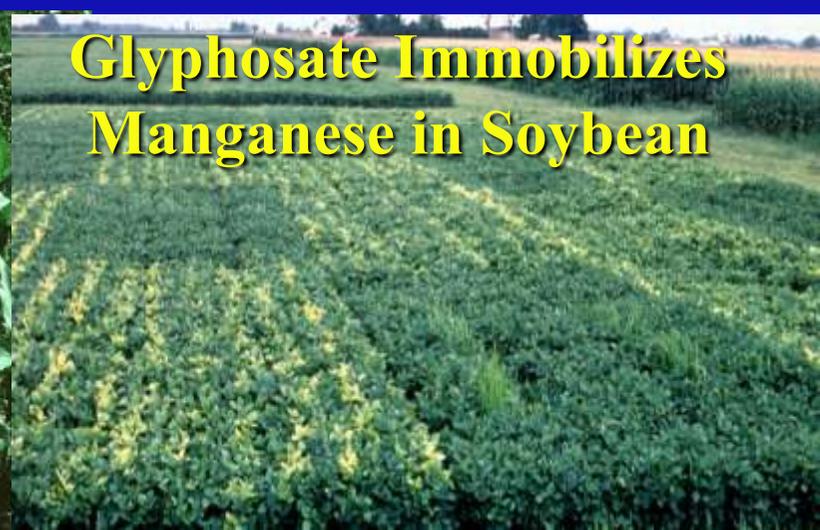
Metal ion	[ML]	[MHL]	[ML <sub>2</sub> ]
	[M][L]	[M][H][L]	[M][L <sub>2</sub> ]
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	3.31	12.12	5.47
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	3.25	11.48	5.87
<b>Mn<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>5.47</b>	<b>12.30</b>	<b>7.80</b>
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	6.87	12.79	11.18
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	11.93	15.85	16.02
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	16.09	17.63	23.00



**Glyphosate**



**Glyphosate + Zn tank mix**



**Glyphosate Immobilizes Manganese in Soybean**

# Nutrients are:

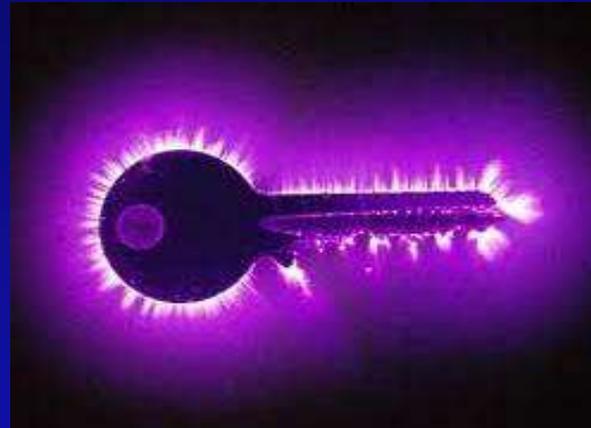
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Components of plant parts as well as

Activators,

Inhibitors,

and Regulators

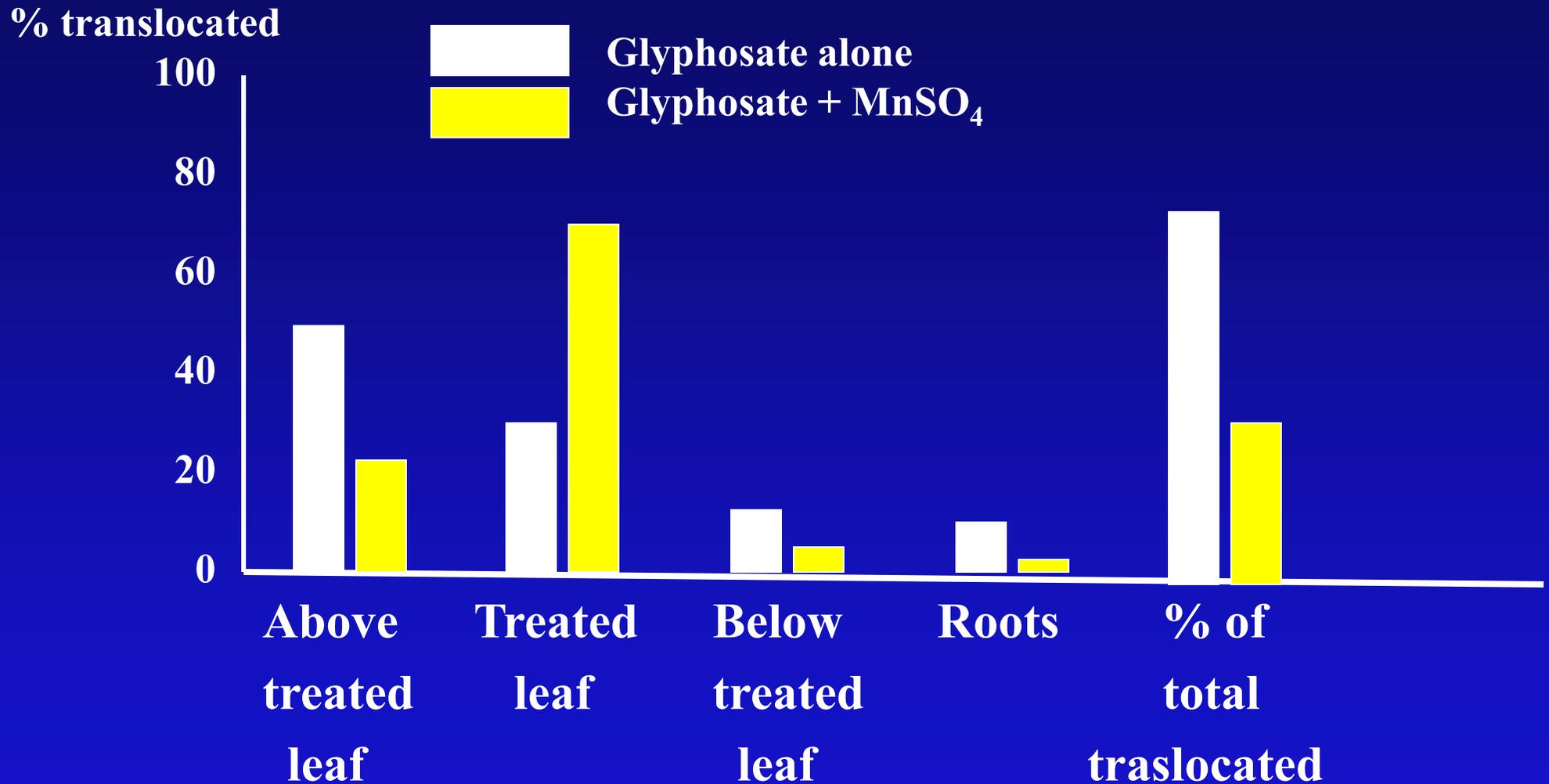


of Physiological Processes

Many herbicides and pesticides are chelators

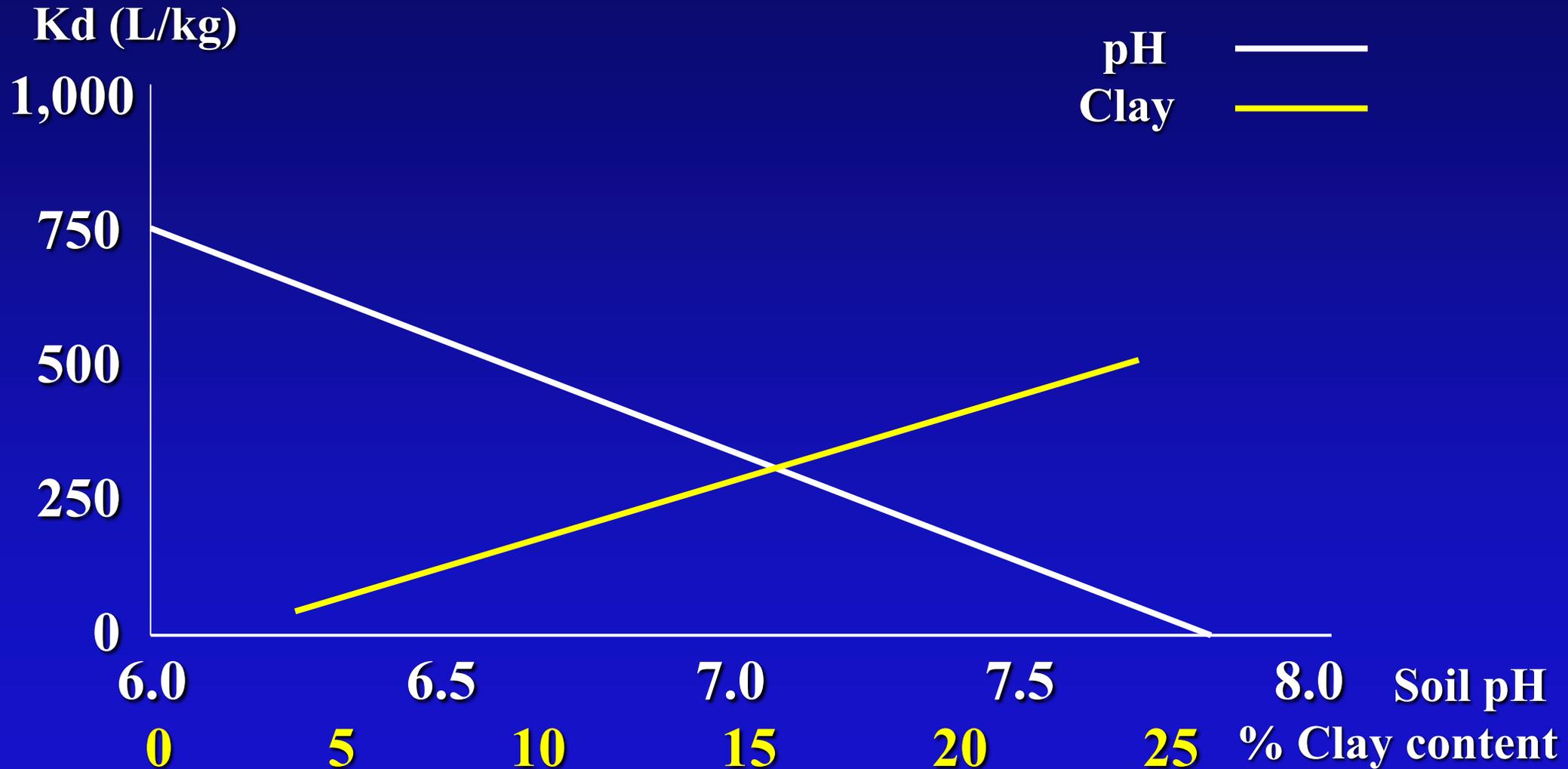


# Effect of Mn\* on translocation of Glyphosate



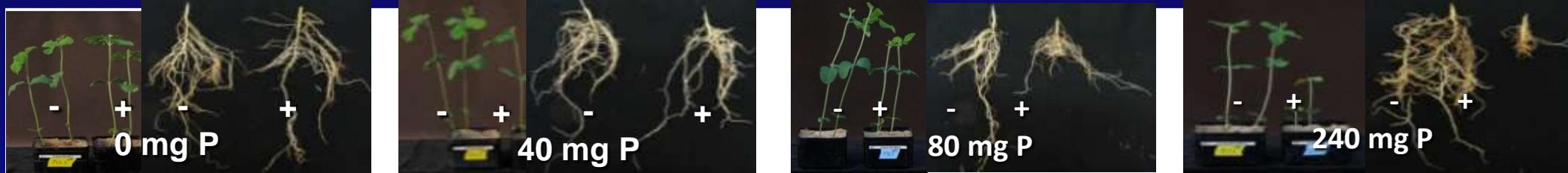
\*Tank-mix with AMS - 48 hours after treatment - C<sup>14</sup> glyphosate

# Effect of pH on Soil Sorption of Glyphosate (After Farenhorst et al, 2009)

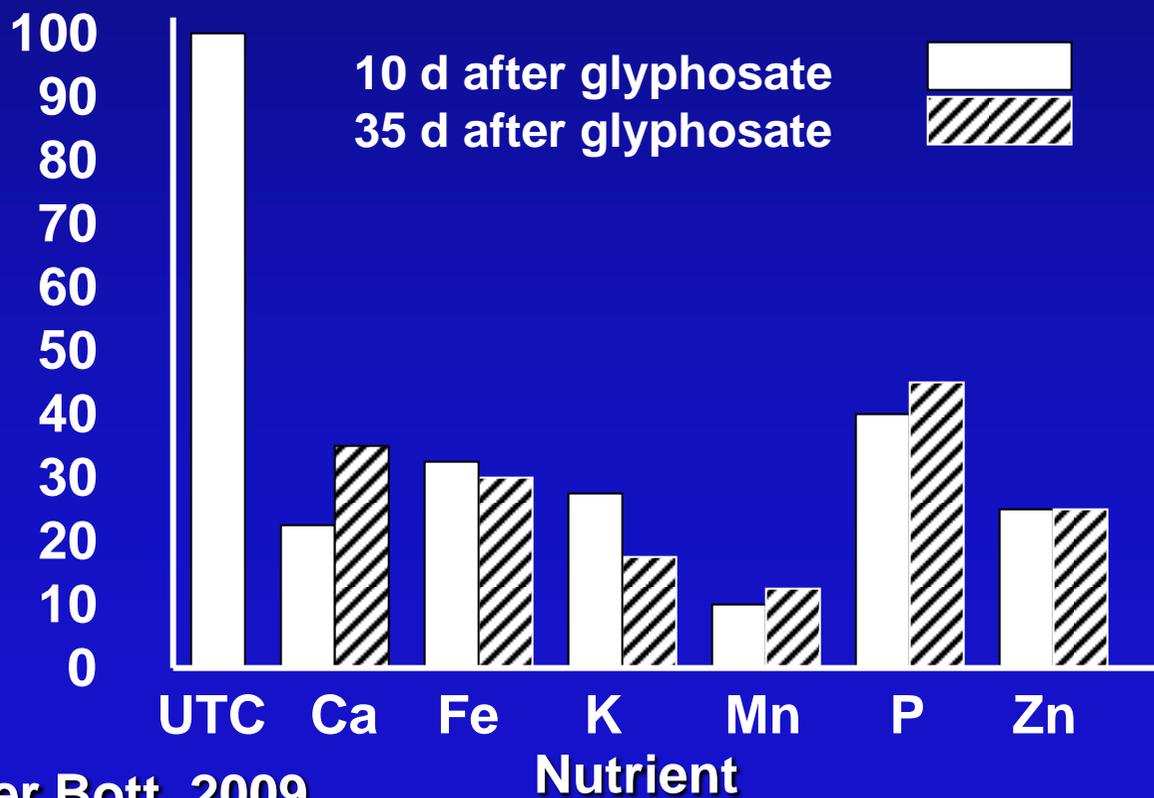


Glyphosate kd values = 19 - 547; 2,4-D kd values = 0.12 - 2.61

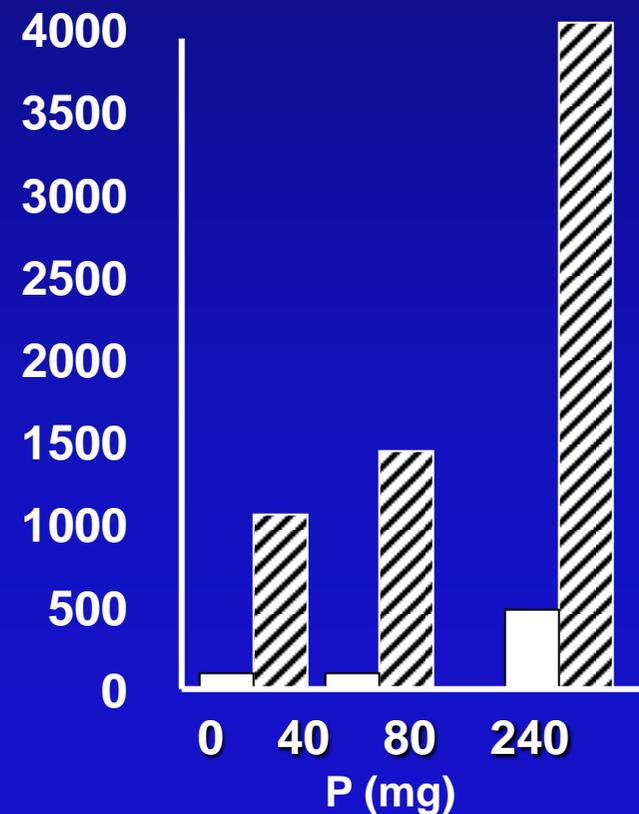
# Effect of Phosphorus Desorption of Glyphosate in Soil on Soybean growth and Nutrient Content



% of UTC

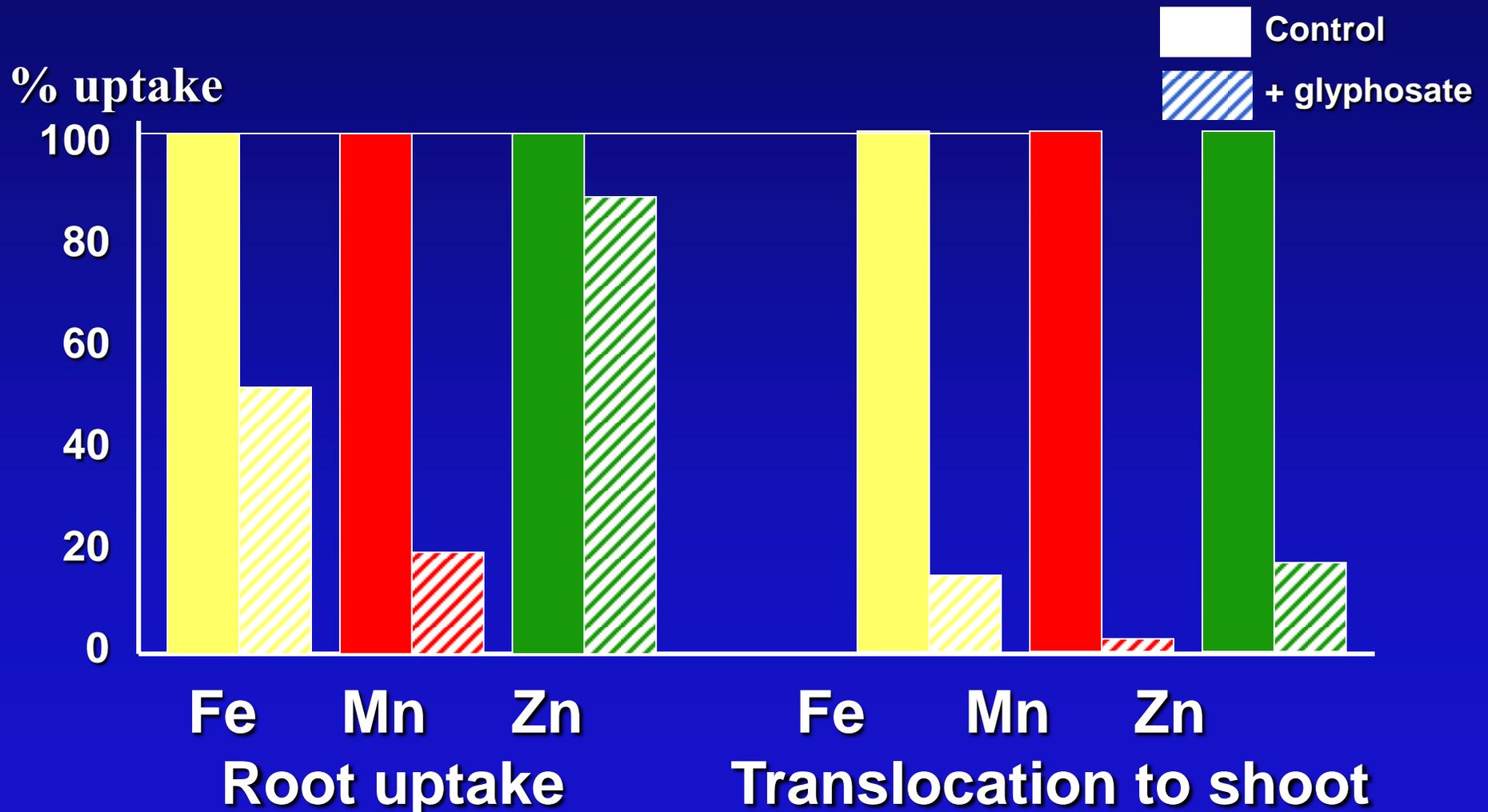


Shikimate (ug/g FW)



# Effect of Residual or 'drift' Glyphosate on Percent Nutrient Uptake and Translocation by Plants

After Eker et al 2006\*



\* 1/40th of recommended herbicidal rate = 0.4 oz/a = 12 g/a

# Foliar application of glyphosate

Systemic movement  
throughout the plant

Chelation of micronutrients

Intensifies stress

Accumulation of glyphosate in  
meristematic tissues (shoot,  
reproductive, and roots)

Translocation of glyphosate from  
shoot to root and release  
into the rhizosphere

Accumulation of glyphosate in soil  
(fast sorption; slow degradation)

Desorbed by phosphorus

Residual soil and residue effects

Glyphosate toxicity to:

- N-fixing microbes
- Bacterial shikimate pathway
- Mycorrhizae
- Biological control organisms
- Earthworms
- PGPR organisms

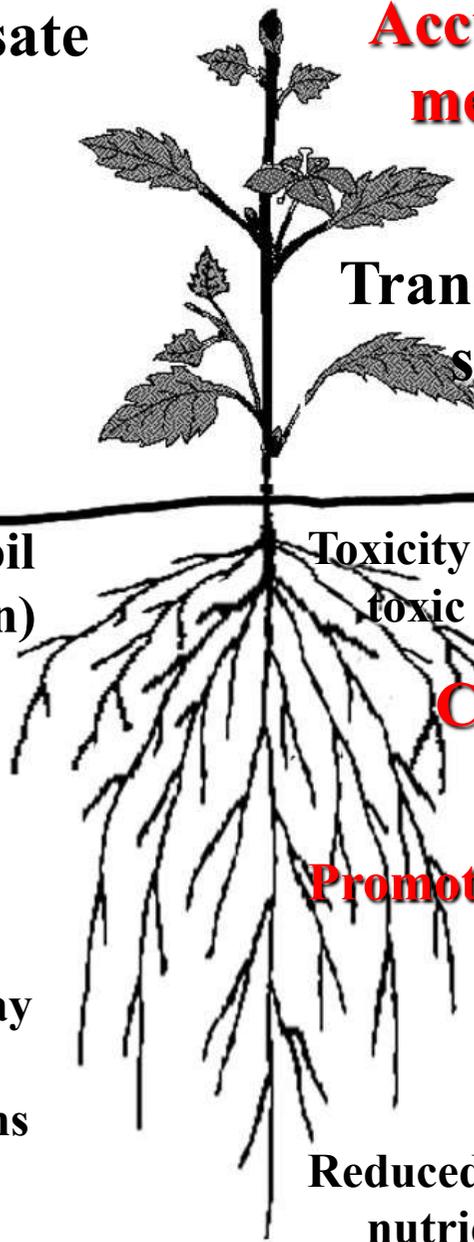
Toxicity to root tips by glyphosate or its  
toxic metabolites (e.g. AMPA)

Compromise of plant  
defense mechanisms

Promotion of soil-borne organisms:

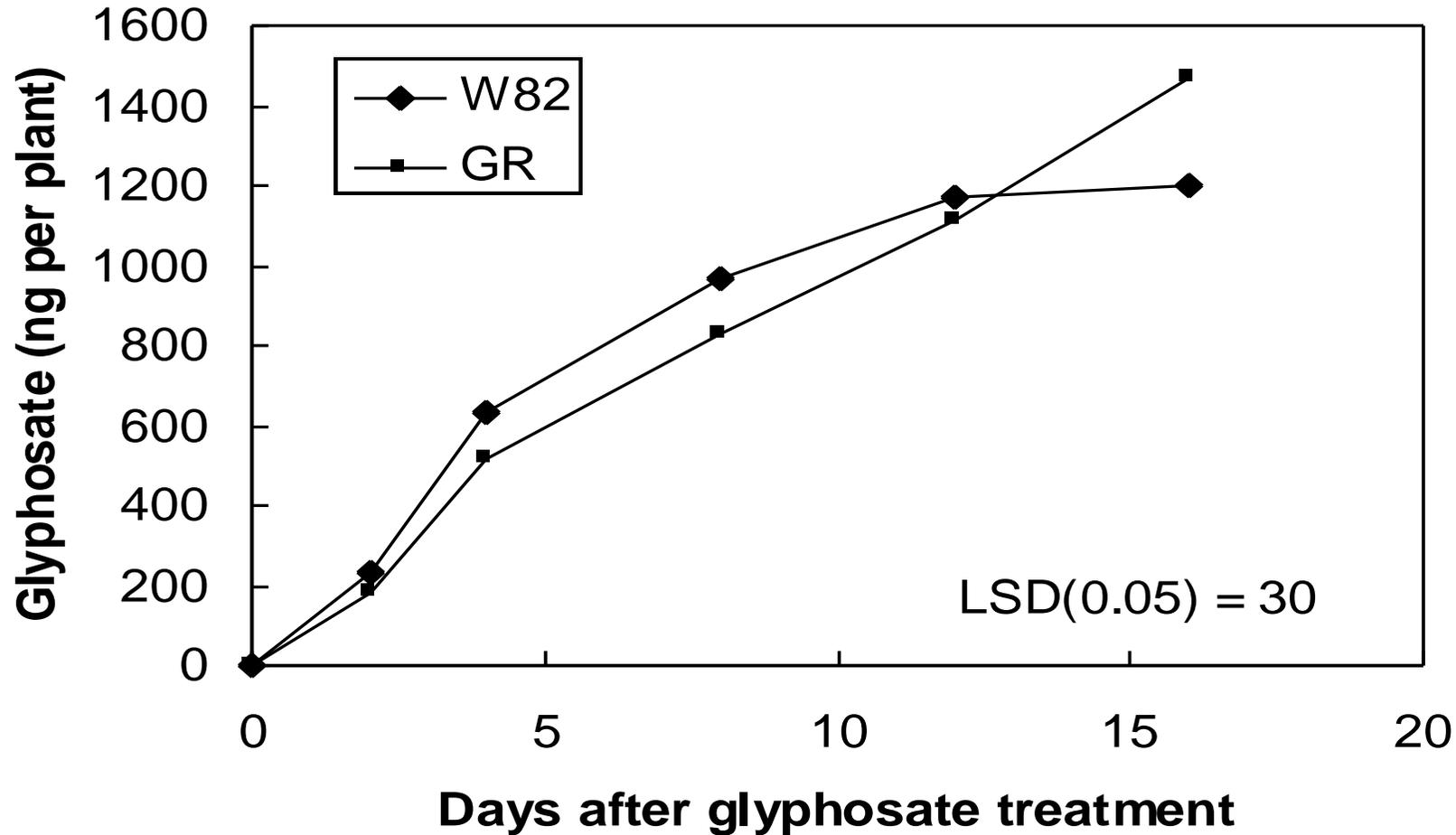
- Soilborne pathogens - DISEASE
- Nutrient oxidizers (Fe, Mn, N)
- Microbial nutrient sinks (K, Mg)

Reduced availability or uptake of essential  
nutrients (Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, N, Zn)



Schematic of glyphosate interactions in soil

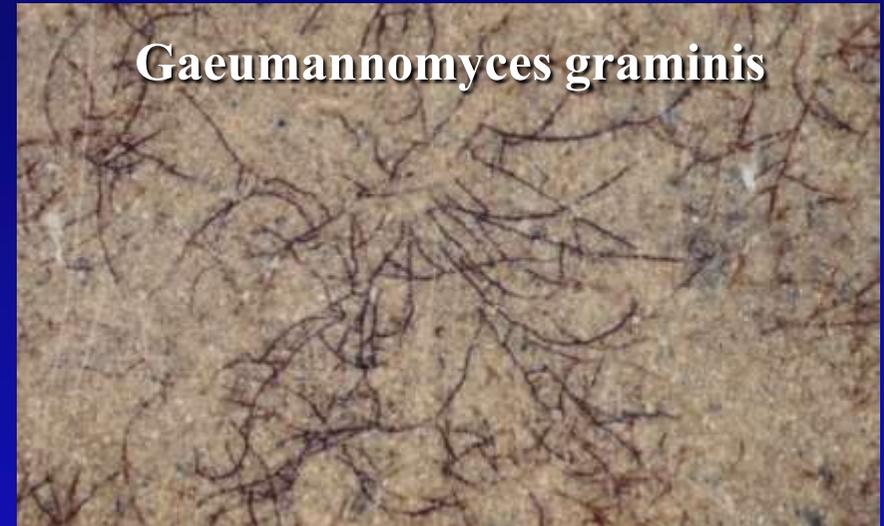
# Cumulative glyphosate release in root exudates of GR Soybean



# Mn Oxidation/Reduction in Soybean Rhizosphere Soil



# Fungal Mn oxidation in soil (increased virulence)



## Manganese Oxidation in Soybean Rhizosphere

- In soybean rhizosphere soil (3 wks after glyphosate applied):

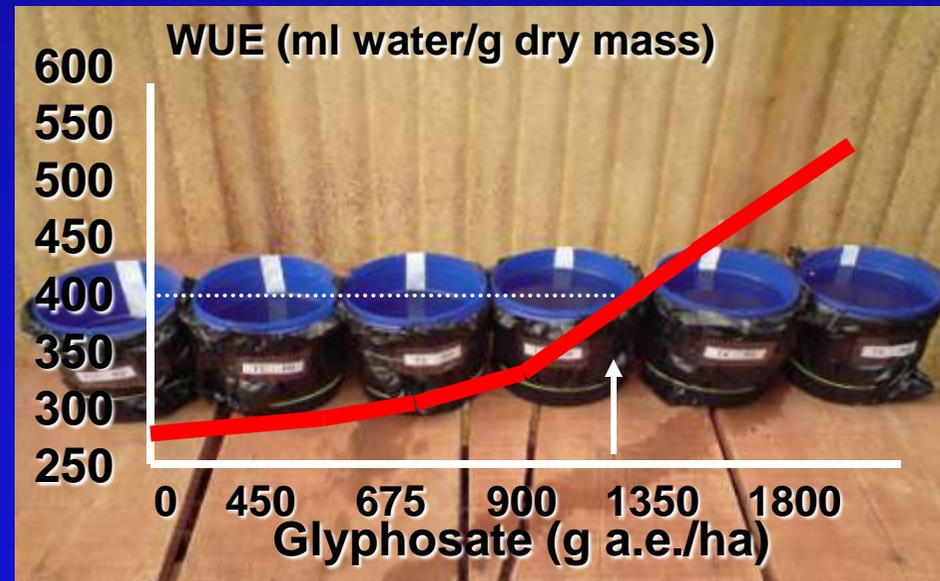
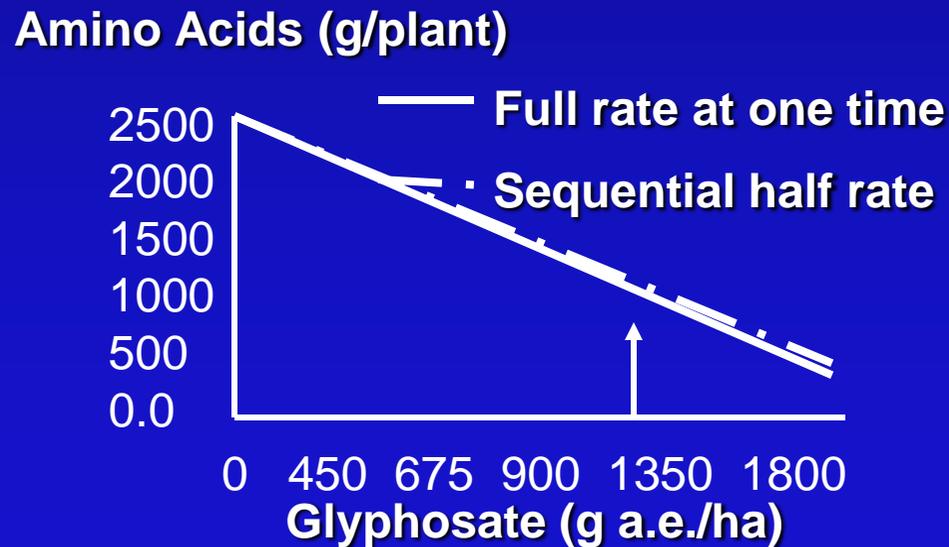
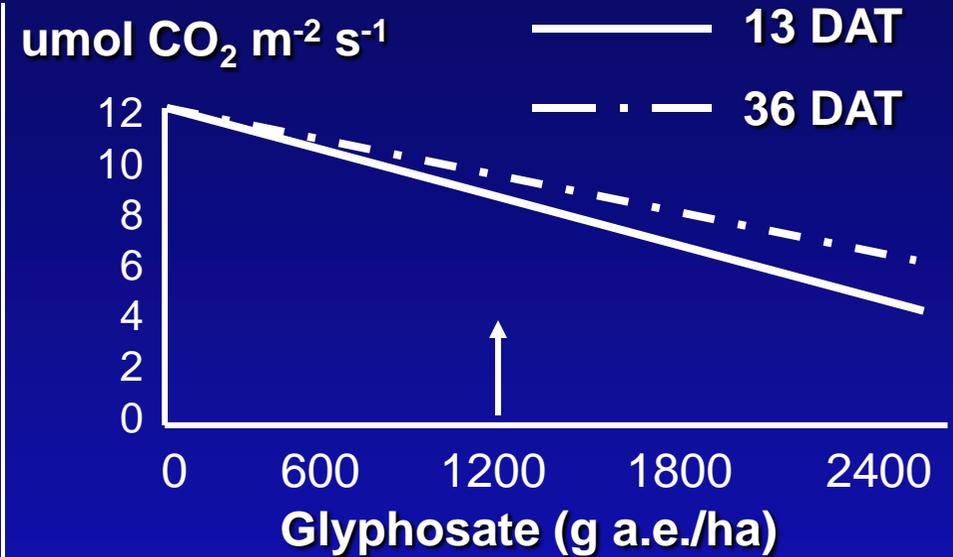
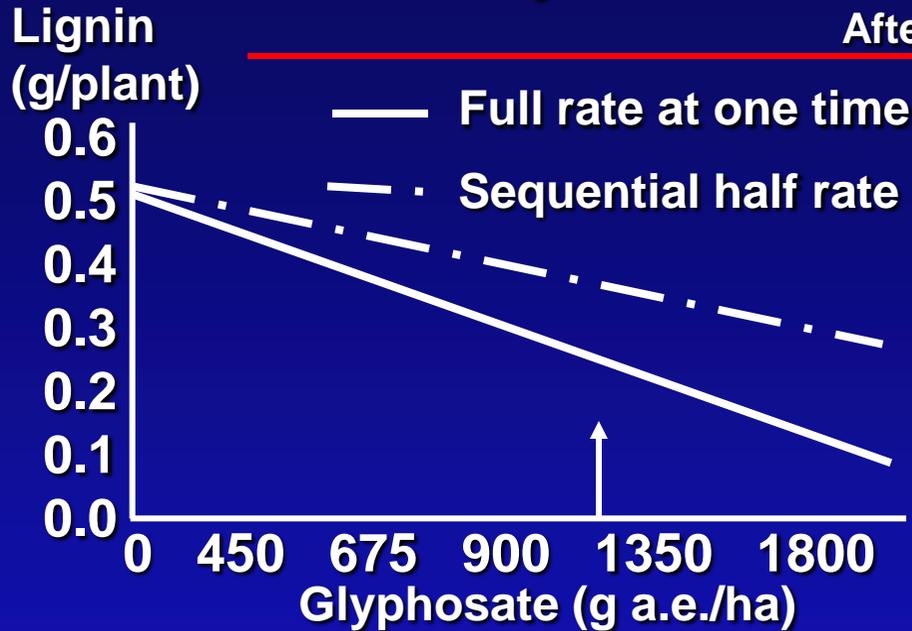
	Mn Reducing Organisms	Oxidizing Organisms
Control (no glyphosate)	7,250*	750
+ Glyphosate	740	13,250

\*Colonies per gram of soil



# Effect of Glyphosate on Lignin, AA, Water Use Efficiency, and Photosynthesis of 'Glyphosate-Resistant' Soybeans

After Zobiolo, 2009



# Effect of a 50 mph Wind on Corn in Iowa 2010

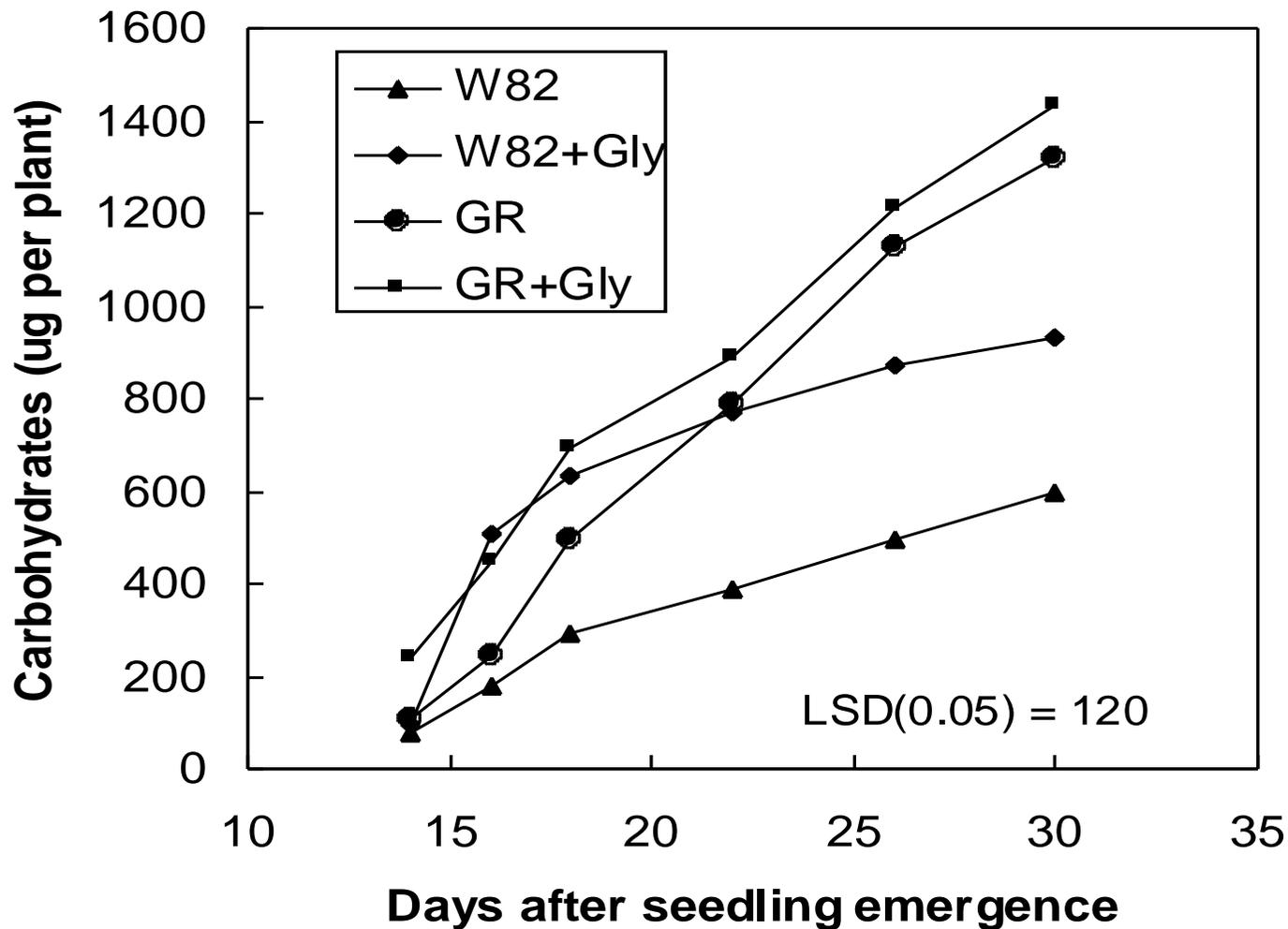


**Normal**

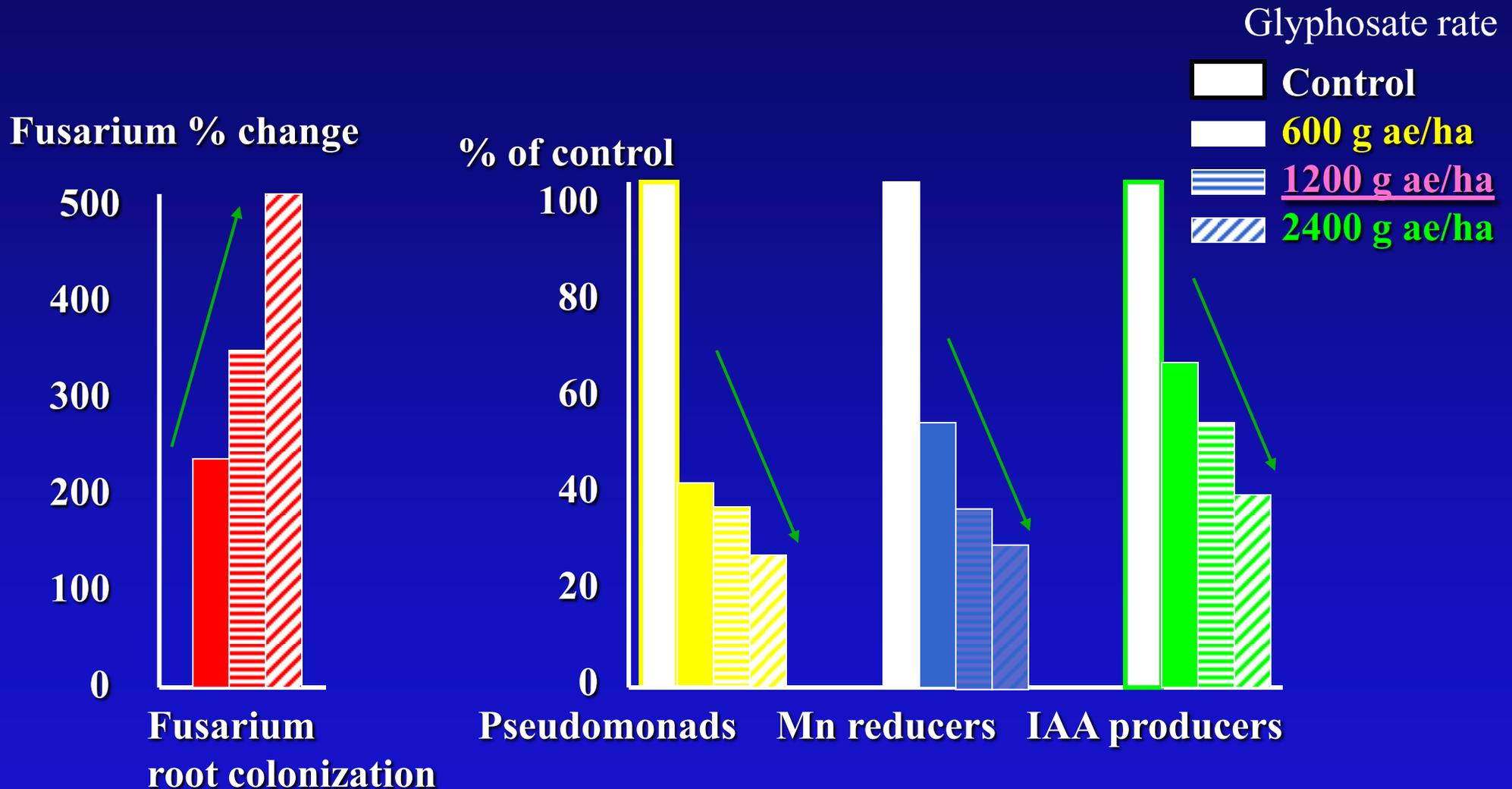
**Roundup Ready®**

7/15/2010

# Cumulative carbohydrate released in exudates by GR soybean



# Microbiocidal Activity of Glyphosate



After Zobiole et al., 2010

# Effect of the RR Gene & Herbicide on Root Nodule Mass

After Kremer & Means, 2009

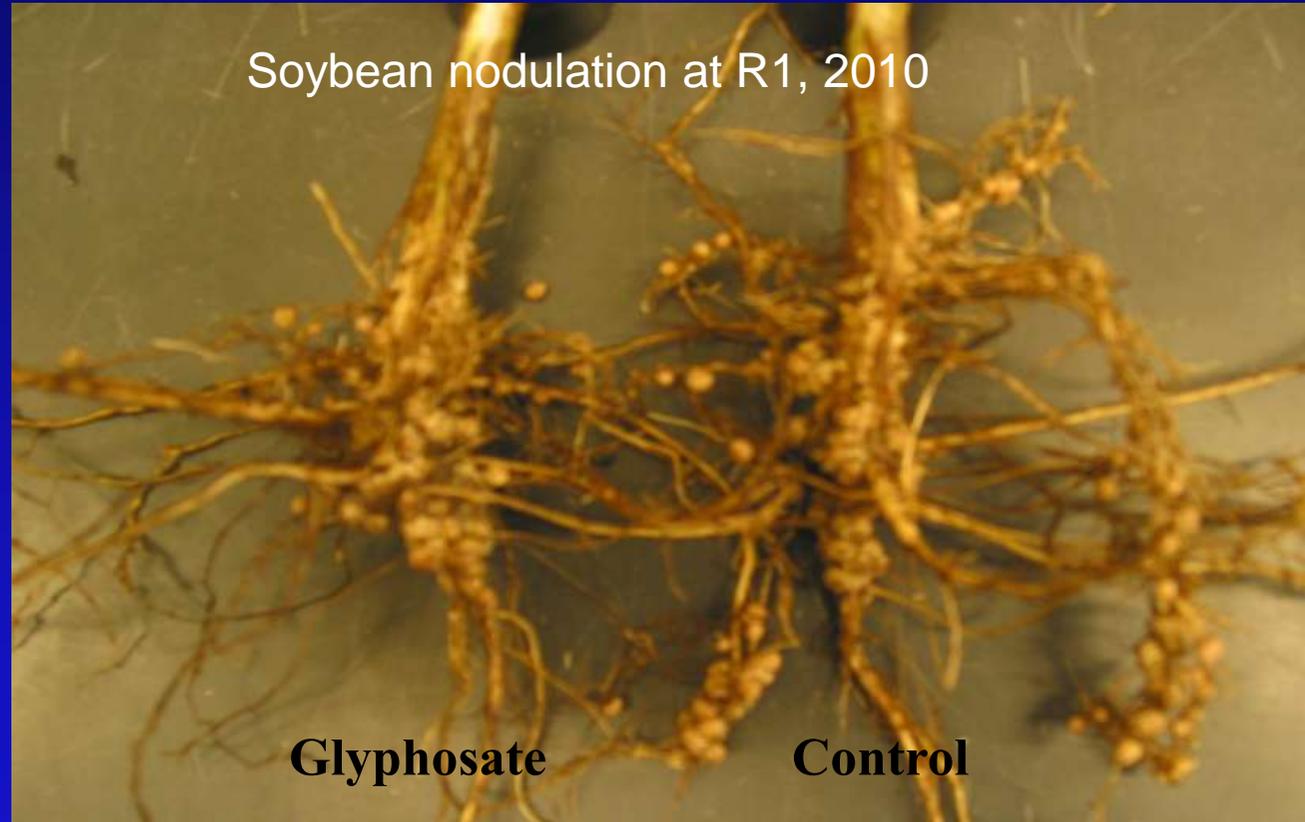
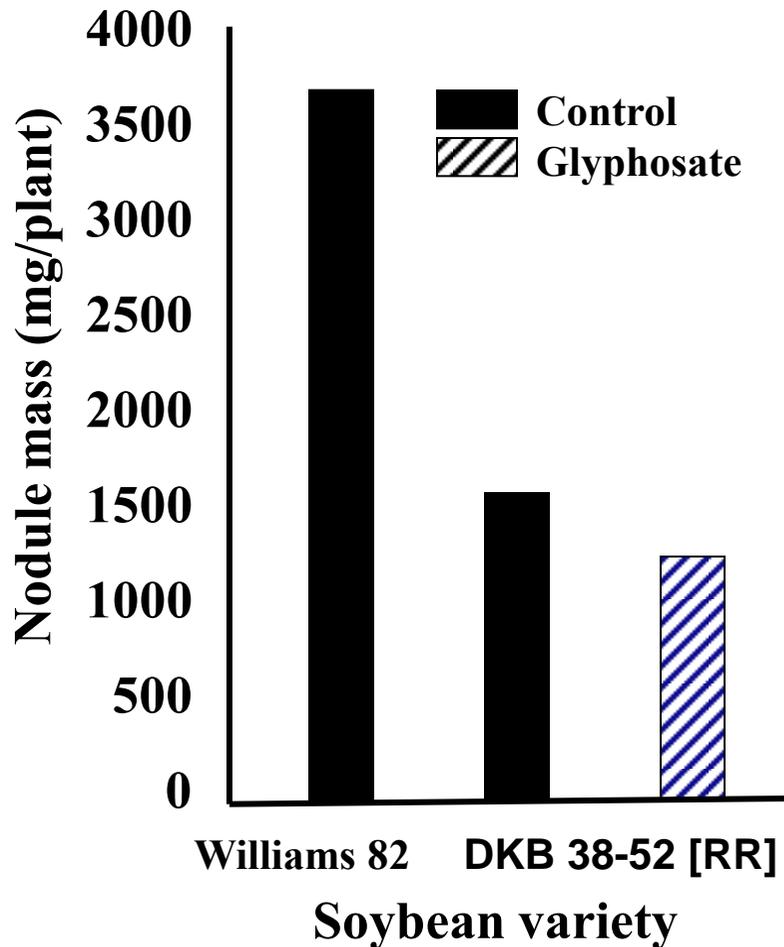
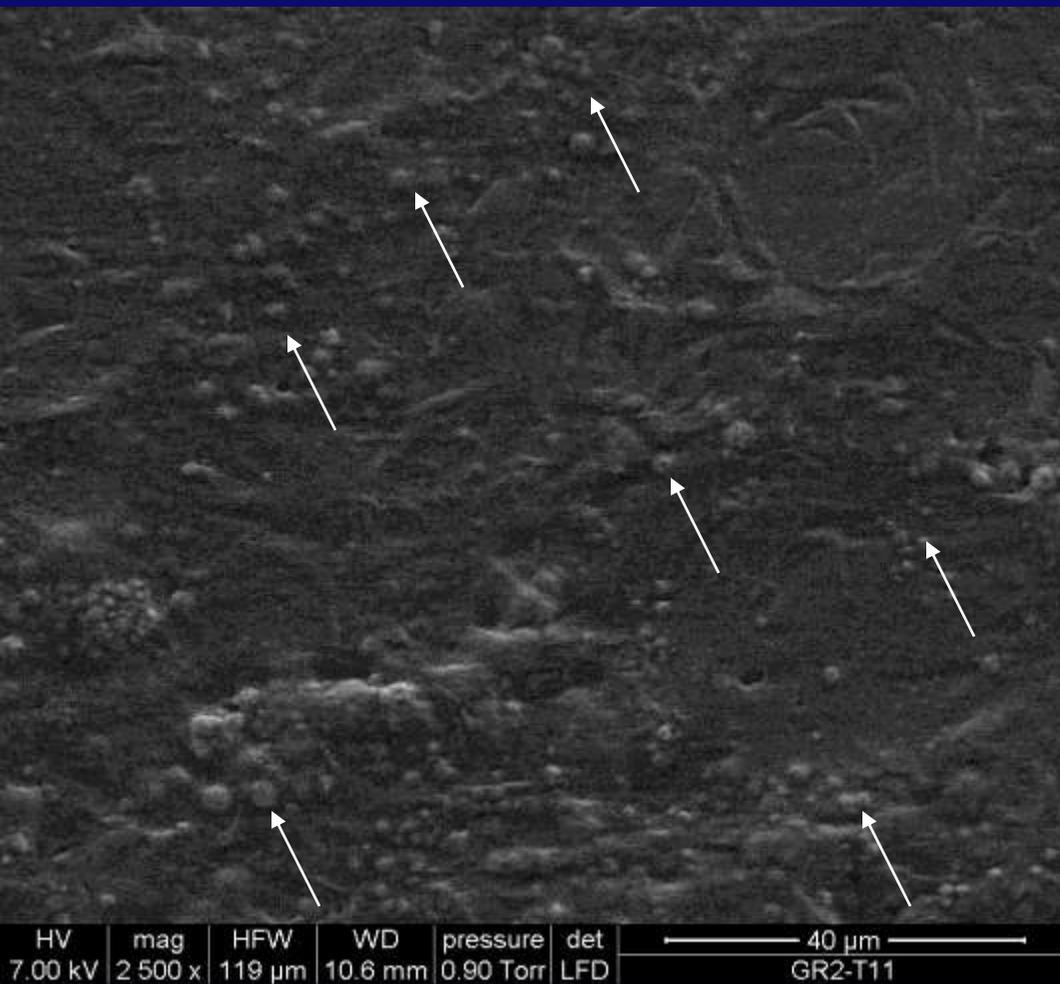
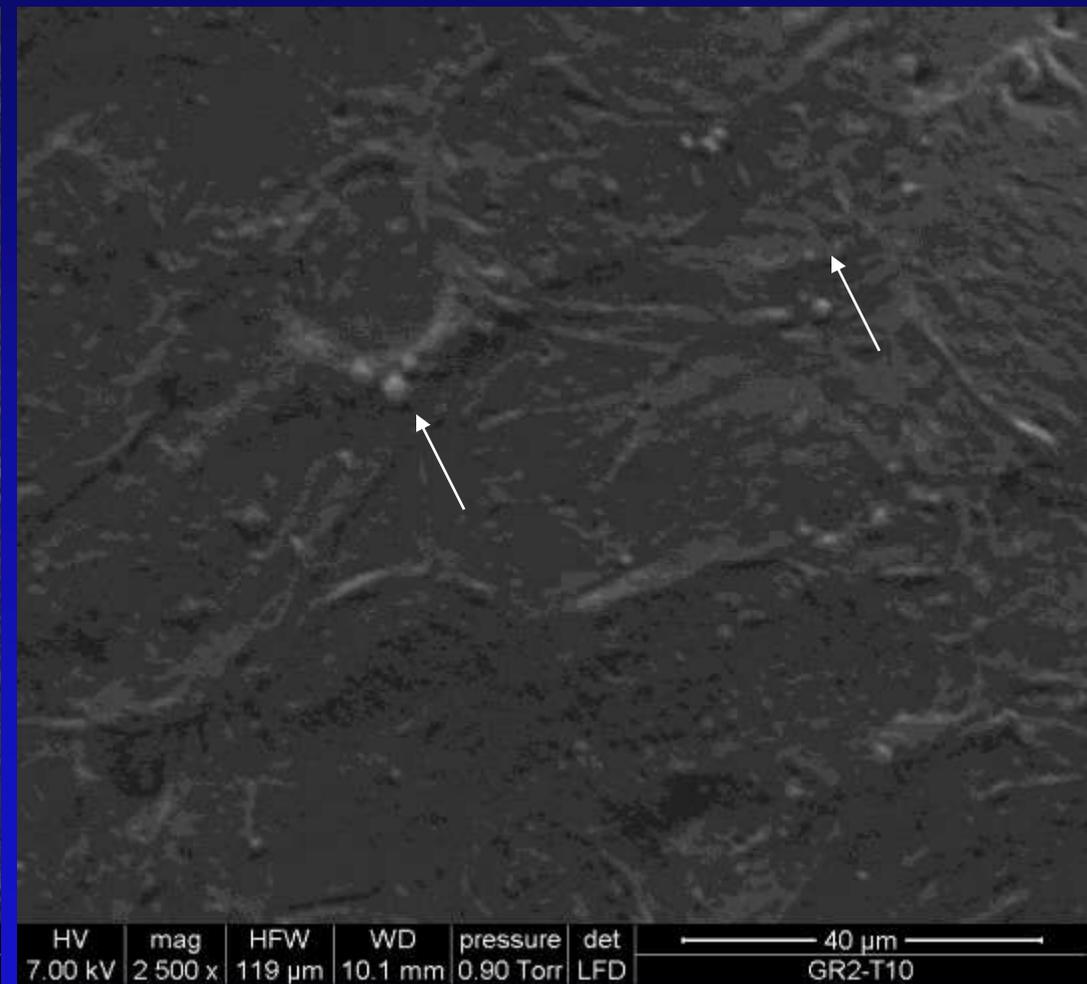


Photo by R. Kremer

# Effect of Glyphosate on Nodule *Bradyrhizobium* on Roundup Ready® Soybeans



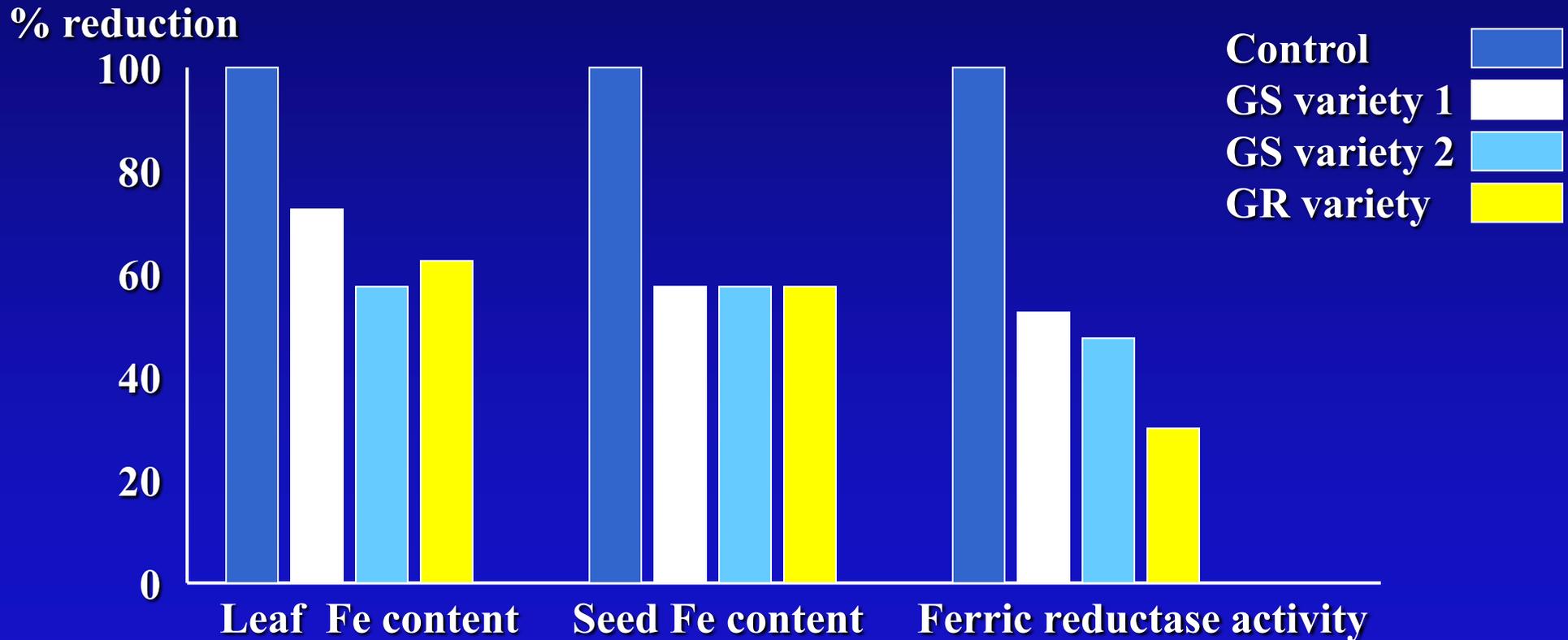
**Normal nodule with many bacteria**



**Nodule after foliar glyphosate**

After Zobiolo et al., 2010

# Effect of Glyphosate Drift\* on Soybean Leaf and Seed Iron & Ferric Reductase Activity



\*Drift rate = 12.5 % of herbicide rate = 56 g/a

After Bellaloui et al, 2009

# Reduced Nutrient Efficiency of Isogenic RR Soybeans (After Zobiolo et al, 2008, 2009)

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<b>Isoline</b>	<b>Tissue:</b>	<b>Mn</b>	<b>Zn</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Normal</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Roundup Ready©</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>RR + glyphosate</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>45</b>

**Copper, iron, and other essential nutrients  
Were also lower in the RR isoline and reduced  
further by glyphosate!**

# % Mineral Reduction in Tissue of Roundup Ready® Soybeans Treated with Glyphosate

Plant tissue	Ca	Mg	Fe	Mn	Zn	Cu
Young leaves	<u>40</u>	<u>28</u>	7	<u>29</u>	NS	NS
Mature leaves	<u>30</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>27</u>
Mature grain	<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>45</u>		

## Reduced:

Yield 26%

Biomass 24%

After Cakmak et al, 2009

Low-boron seeds



normal  
seeds

## Importance of High Nutrient Seed

After Andre Comeau, 2008

Glycolysis  
PEP pyruvate

Pentose cycle  
Erythrose-4-PO<sub>4</sub>

**Glyphosate**

**Shikimate**

**One missing micronutrient = damage to a whole pathway**

Adapted from Graham & Webb 1991

Chorismate

**Phenolics**

Prephenic

Anthranilate

Tryptophan

**Phenylalanine**

Tyrosine

Cyanogenic glycosides

IAA  
Indolacetic acid

IAA degradation

Cinnamic

Coumaric

Caffeic

Ferulic

Quinones

**Phytoalexins:  
Phenylpropanoids  
Salicylate & SAR  
PR Proteins**

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Coumaryl OH

Sinapyl OH

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Coniferyl OH

Monocot

Gymnosperms

Dicots

**LIGNIN**

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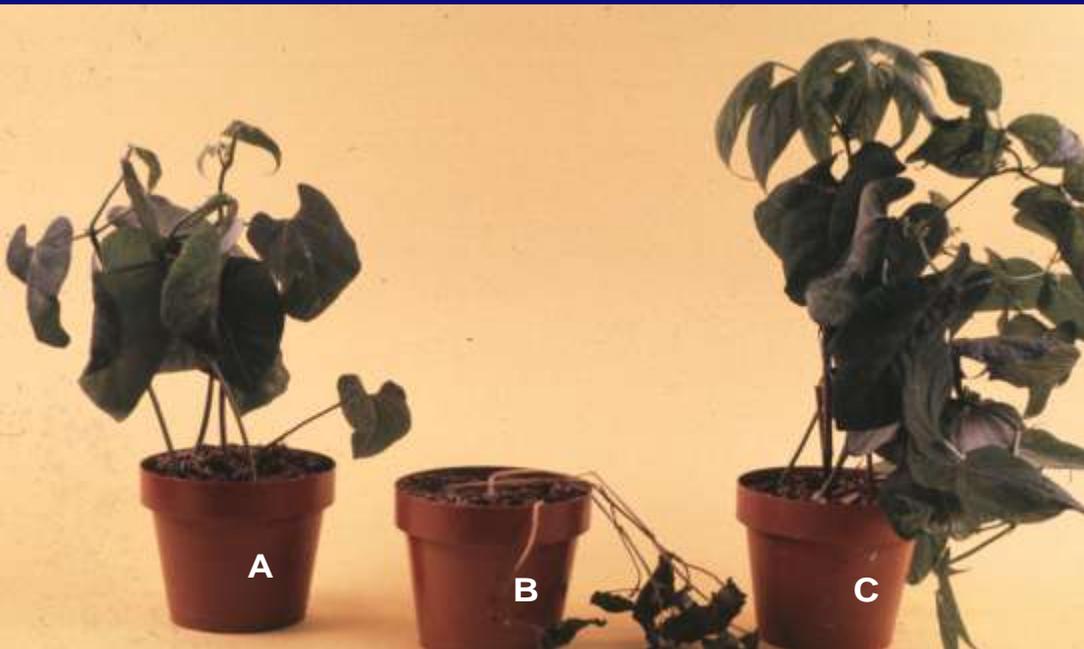
**CELL WALLS**

*Monocot:  
Salicyl+>SAR  
PR2 PR5  
= susceptible*

*Jasmonique  
PR1 PR3  
PR5 PR9  
= résissant*

# Herbicide action is by soil-borne fungal pathogens

## Glyphosate Increases Disease Susceptibility



**Glyphosate**   **Glyphosate**   **No glyphosate**  
**Sterile soil**   **Field soil**   **Control**



**Effect of glyphosate on susceptibility to anthracnose. A) hypersensitive response; B) non-limited response after glyphosate is applied.**

After Rahe and Johal, 1988; 1990; See also Johal and Huber, 1999; Schafer et al, 2009.

# Role of Soil Pathogens in Response to Glyphosate

- *Fusarium* and *Pythium* readily colonized susceptible giant ragweed roots when treated with glyphosate
- Resistant Giant Ragweed in unsterile soil were killed by a 4x rate of glyphosate, yet susceptible biotypes were not killed with the same rate in sterile soil.
- Dry weight of susceptible biotypes treated with Ridomil Gold was not changed by glyphosate
- Resistant giant ragweed biotypes were resistant to *Pythium*
- Glyphosate increased susceptibility to *Pythium*

Glyphosate susceptible biotype 4 DAT



Pythium  
Control

Pythium +  
glyphosate

Glyphosate  
control

Glyphosate treated

Susceptible biotype

Resistant biotype



Ridomil

Ck

Ridomil

Ck

Fungicide

# Some Plant Pathogens Increased by Glyphosate

## Pathogen

Increased:

*Botryospheara dothidea*

*Corynespora cassicola*

*Fusarium spp.*

*Fusarium avenaceum*

*F. graminearum*

*F. oxysporum f. sp cubense*

*F. oxysporum f.sp (canola)*

*F. oxysporum f.sp. glycines*

*F. oxysporum f.sp. vasinfectum*

*F. solani f.sp. glycines*

*F. solani f.sp. phaseoli*

*F. solani f.sp. Pisi*

*Gaeumannomyces graminis*

*Magnaporthe grisea*

## Pathogen

*Cercospora spp.*

*Marasmius spp.*

*Monosporascus cannonbalus*

*Myrothecium verucaria*

*Phaeomoniella chlamydospora*

*Phytophthora spp.*

*Pythium spp.*

*Rhizoctonia solani*

*Septoria nodorum*

*Thielaviopsis bassicola*

*Xylella fastidiosa*

*Clavibacter nebraskensis*

*Xanthomonas sterwartii*

(“Emerging” and “reemerging diseases”)

Abiotic: Nutrient deficiency diseases; bark cracking, mouse ear, ‘witches brooms’

# Some Diseases Increased by Glyphosate

Host plant	Disease	Pathogen
Apple	Canker	<i>Botryosphaeria dothidea</i>
Banana	Panama	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f.sp. <i>cubense</i>
Barley	Root rot	<i>Magnaporthe grisea</i>
Beans	Root rot	<i>Fusarium solani</i> f.sp. <i>phaseoli</i>
Bean	Damping off	<i>Pythium</i> spp.
Bean	Root rot	<i>Thielaviopsis bassicola</i>
Canola	Crown rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.
Canola	Wilt	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Citrus	CVC	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>
Corn	Root and Ear rots	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.
Cotton	Damping off	<i>Pythium</i> spp.
Cotton	Bunchy top	Manganese deficiency
Cotton	Wilt	<i>F. oxysporum</i> f.sp. <i>vasinfectum</i>
Grape	Black goo	<i>Phaeomoniella chlamydospora</i>
Melon	Root rot	<i>Monosporascus cannonbalus</i>
Soybeans	Root rot, Target spot	<i>Corynespora cassicola</i>
Soybeans	White mold	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>
Soybeans	SDS	<i>Fusarium solani</i> f.sp. <i>glycines</i>
Sugar beet	Rots, Damping off	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> and <i>Fusarium</i>
Sugarcane	Decline	<i>Marasmius</i> spp.
Tomato	Wilt (New)	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f.sp. <i>pisi</i>
Various	Canker	<i>Phytophthora</i> spp.
Weeds	Biocontrol	<i>Myrothecium verucaria</i>
Wheat	Bare patch	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
Wheat	Glume blotch	<i>Septoria</i> spp.
Wheat	Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.
Wheat	Head scab	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>
Wheat	Take-all	<i>Gaeumannomyces graminis</i>



Fusarium scab



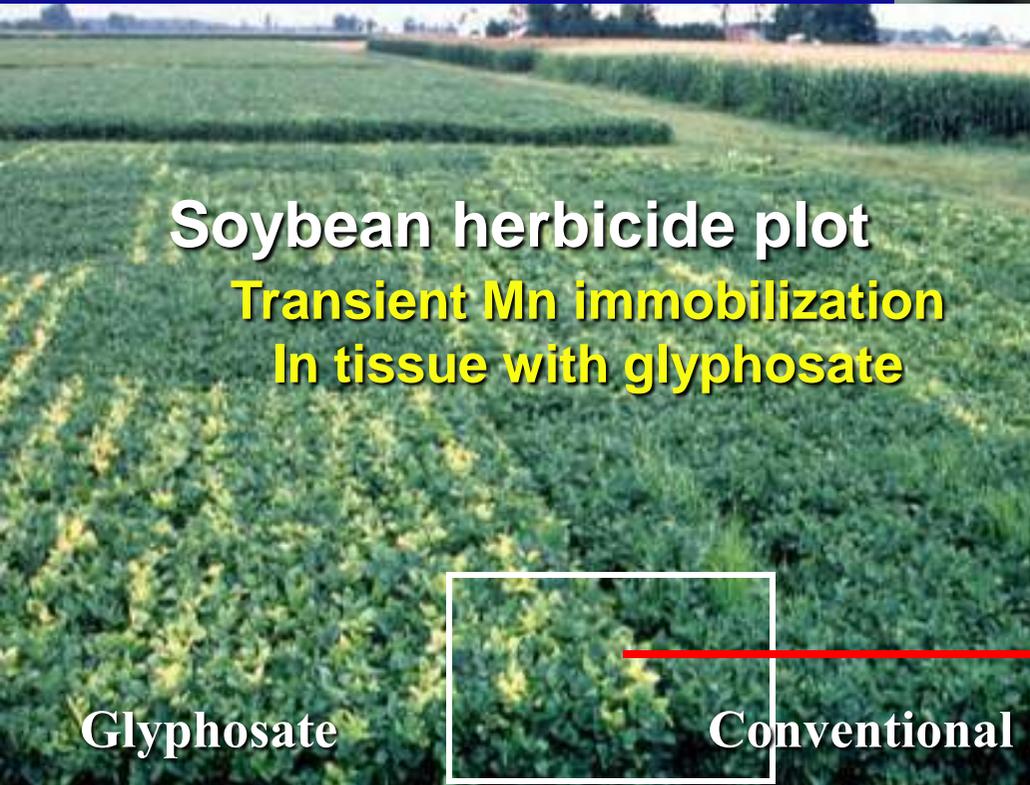
Take-all root rot

# Effect of Glyphosate on Soybean Root Colonization by Fusarium (observed consistently, 1997-2007)



After Kremer, 2010

# Impact of Glyphosate on Take-all



Winter wheat grown after RR soybeans

# Impact of Glyphosate on Take-all

Take-all of wheat after glyphosate to RR beans



After glyphosate

No glyphosate



# Factors Predisposing to Fusarium Head Scab

(*Fusarium* spp.; *Gibberella zeae*)



- ✓ **Environment** was the most important factor in FHB development in eastern Saskatchewan, from 1999 to 2002
- ✓ **Application of glyphosate formulations** was the most important agronomic factor associated with higher FHB levels in spring wheat
- ✓ Positive association of glyphosate with FHB was **not affected by environmental conditions** as much as that of other agronomic factors...

(Fernandez et al. 2005, *Crop Sci.* 45: 1908-1916)

(Fernandez et al., 2007, *Crop Sci.* 47:1574-1584)

<b>Number of glyphosate applications the <u>previous three years</u></b>	<b>% Increase in head scab</b>
None	00
1 to 2	152 ***
3 to 6	295 ***

# Glyphosate Predisposition to SDS, IA, 2010

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**No Glyphosate burn down**

**Glyphosate burn down**

# Effect of Residual Glyphosate on RR2Y Soybeans, 2010\*

2010 Soybean (– Osage County, MO)

Scenarios -  
Substrates &  
glyphosate  
release from  
grass roots; soil  
fungi proliferate  
on grass AND  
soybean  
seedling roots;  
effects of soil  
residual  
glyphosate.

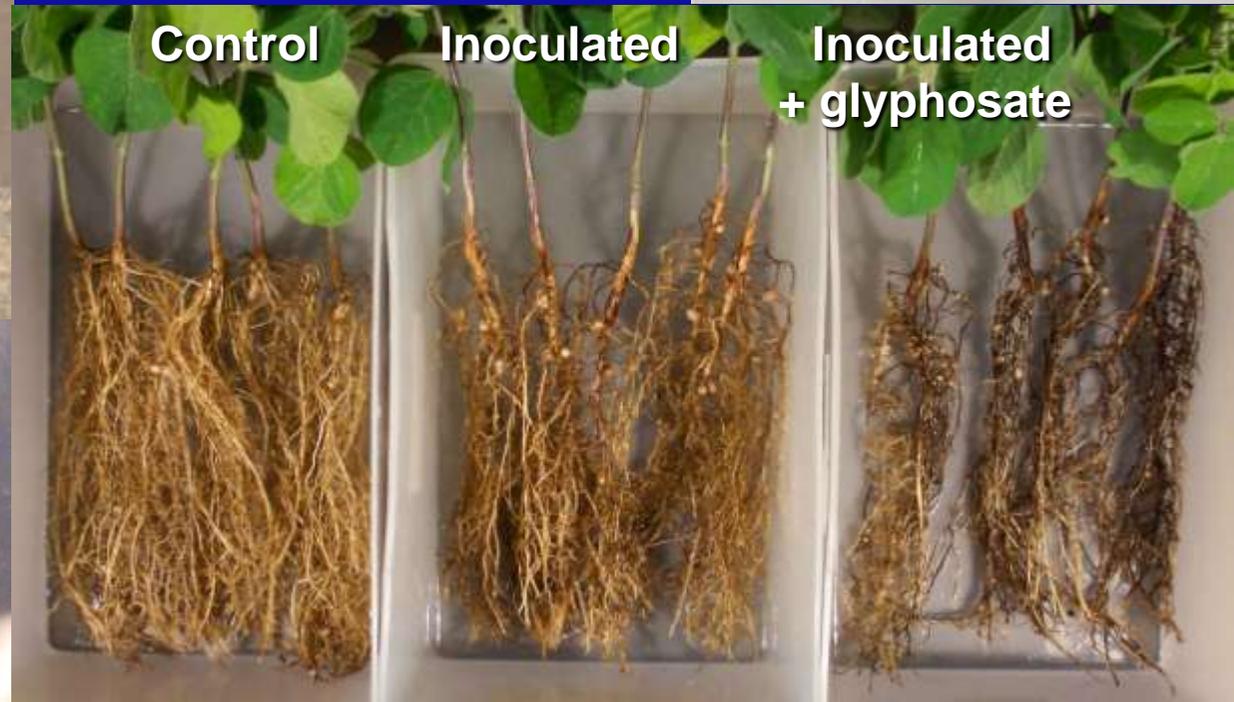
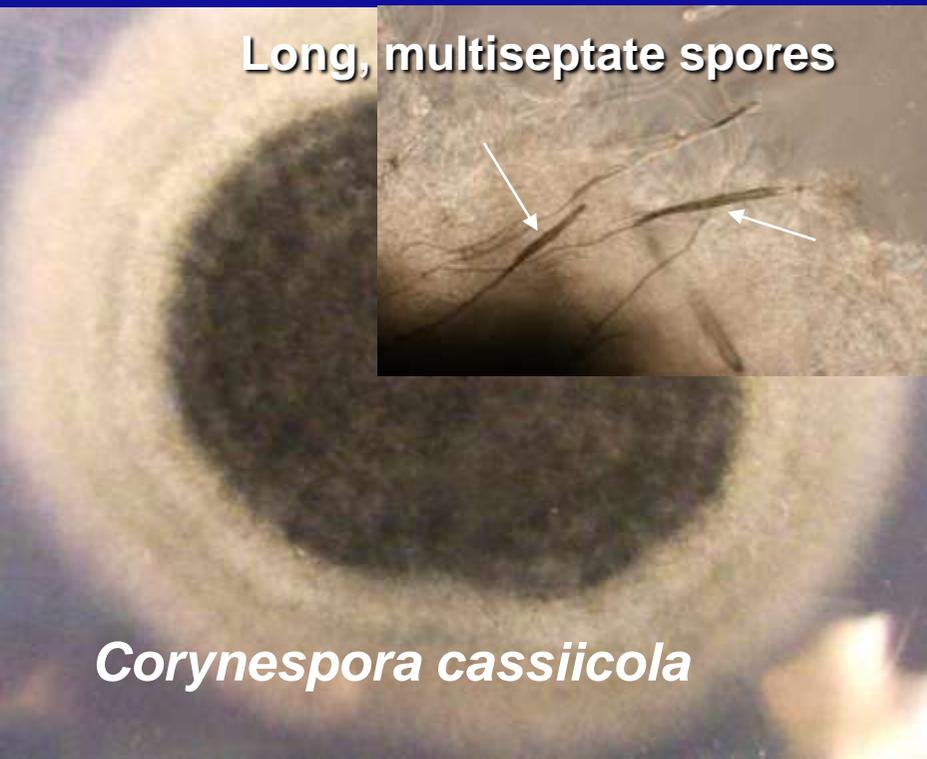


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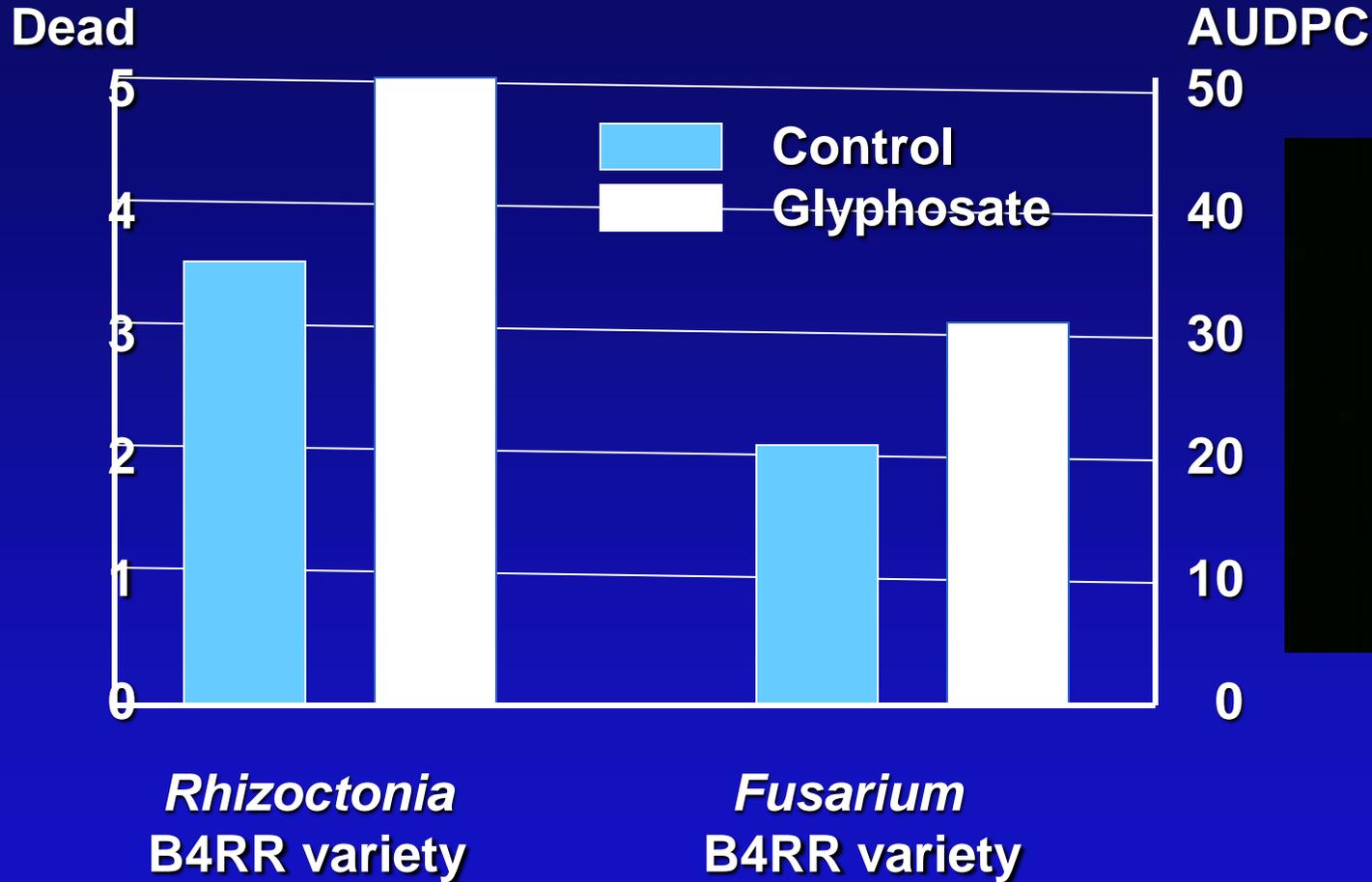
After Kremer, 2010

# Corynespora Root Rot

- ❖ An extensive dark brown to black rotting of small lateral roots
- ❖ Generally considered a root “nibbler”
- ❖ Severe with glyphosate and especially near weeds killed by glyphosate



# Impact of Glyphosate on Sugar Beet Resistance



**“Precautions need to be taken when certain soil-borne diseases are present if weed management for sugar beet is to include post-emergence glyphosate treatments.” Larson et al., 2006**

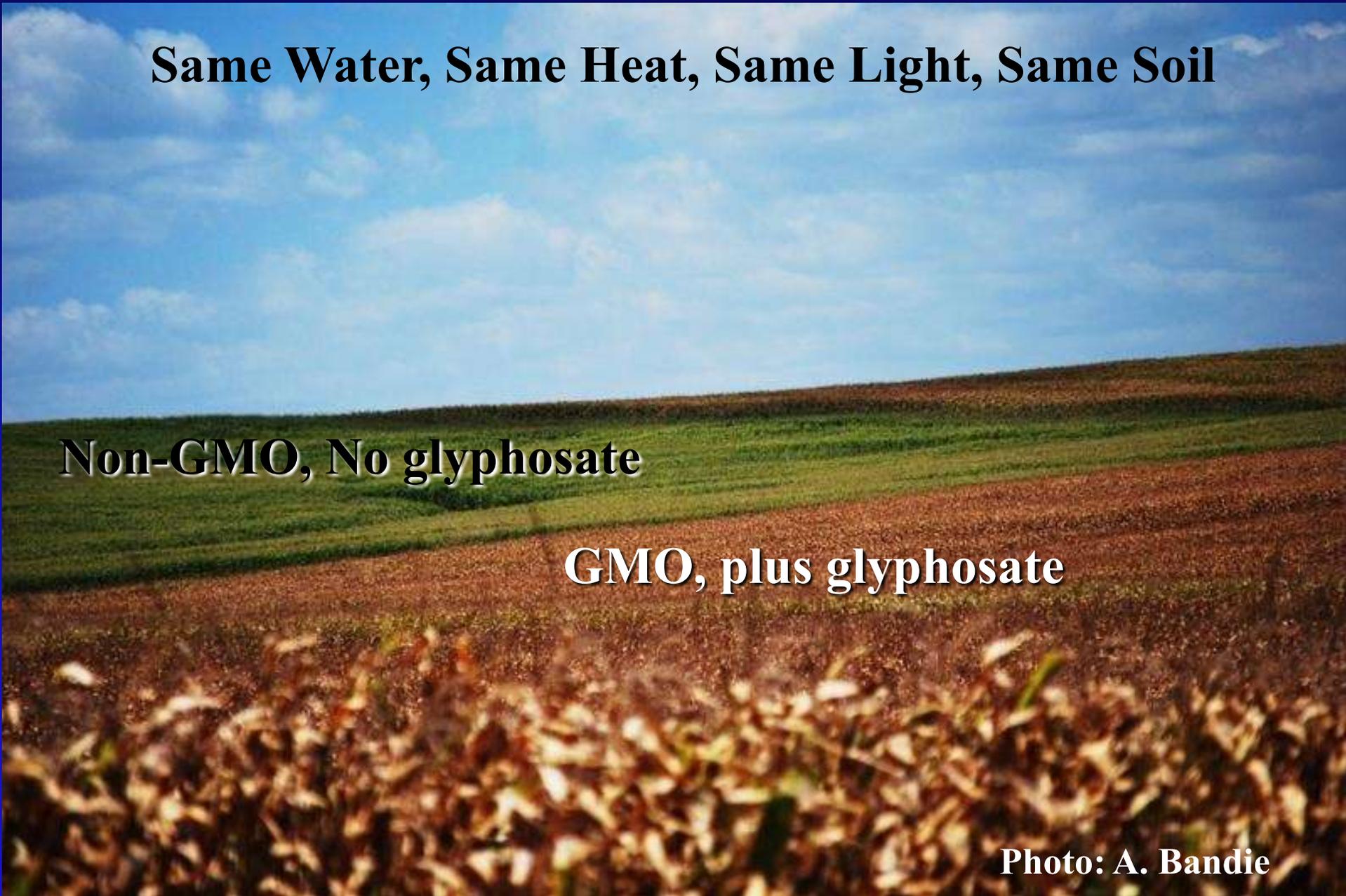
# **A Rose Amongst the Thorns” - SDS of Soybeans, 2010**

**Same Water, Same Heat, Same Light, Same Soil**

**Non-GMO, No glyphosate**

**GMO, plus glyphosate**

**Photo: A. Bandie**

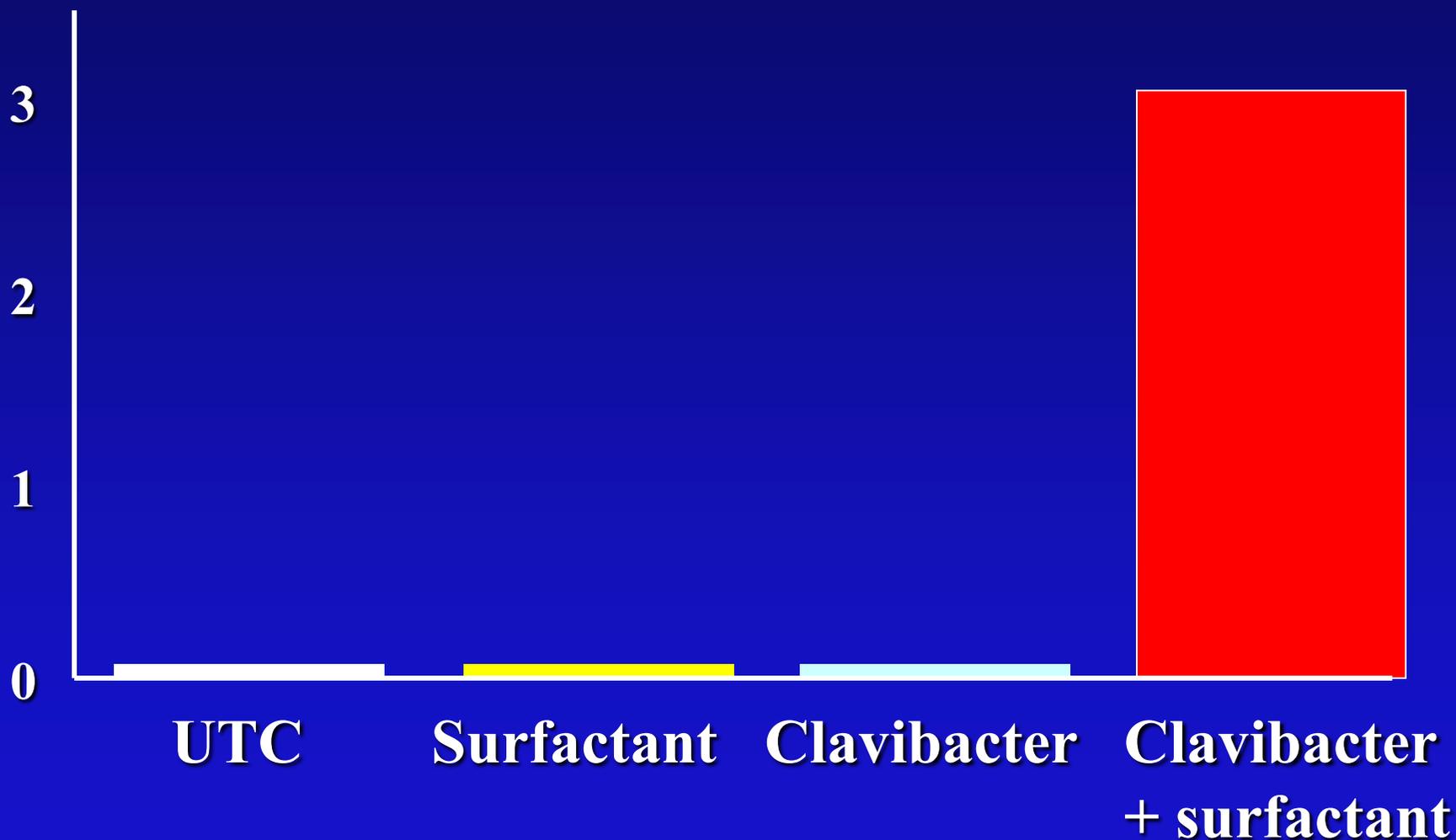


# Effect of Surfactant on Goss' Wilt Infection

(Goss' wilt resistant corn hybrid)

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Lesion index

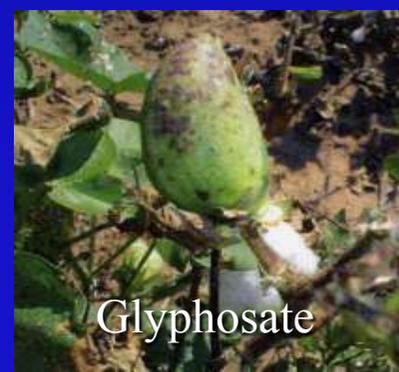
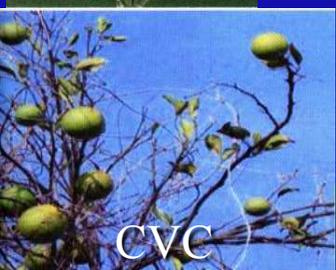




# Recognizing

# the

# Interactions



# Some SYMPTOMS of Glyphosate Damage

(Sub-herbicidal depending on rate and length of exposure)

- ✓ Low vigor, stunting, slow growth
- ✓ Leaf chlorosis (yellowing) - complete or between the veins
- ✓ Leaf mottling - sometimes with necrotic flecks or spots
- ✓ Leaf distortion - small, curling, strap, wrinkling, 'mouse ear'
- ✓ Abnormal stem proliferation ('witches broom')
- ✓ Bud, fruit abortion
- ✓ Retarded regrowth after cutting (alfalfa, perennial plants)
- ✓ Lower yields, lower mineral value
- ✓ Predisposition to infectious diseases - NUMEROUS!
- ✓ Predisposition to insect damage
- ✓ Induced abiotic diseases - drought, winter kill, sun scald
- ✓ Root stunting, poor growth, inefficient N-fixation and uptake
- ✓ Bark cracking *after Univ. of Hawaii; Univ. of Connecticut, Ohio State University*

# Effect of Late Application of Glyphosate

“Bubble kernel”



After E. Nafziger, Univ. Illinois, 2010

**Close up of field symptoms of plant damage in treatments with short waiting times (1 d) after Glyphosate pre-crop application**



**Needle-shaped leaf deformations**

**Growth inhibition**

**Severe chlorosis**

**Feld trial Großrinderfeld (8 weeks after sowing)**

**After Roemheld et al, 2009**

# Effect of Planting Delay after Glyphosate (Residual Glyphosate in Soil)

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## Winter Wheat



# Effect of Residual Soil Glyphosate on Wheat, WI, 4-27-11

(Adjacent fields, same variety, planted same day, same fertilizer)



**Organic Field**



**Six years of glyphosate 'burndown' use**

# Long-term Effect of Glyphosate

Field observations in winter wheat production systems in 2008 & 2009 point to potential negative side-effects of long-term glyphosate use.

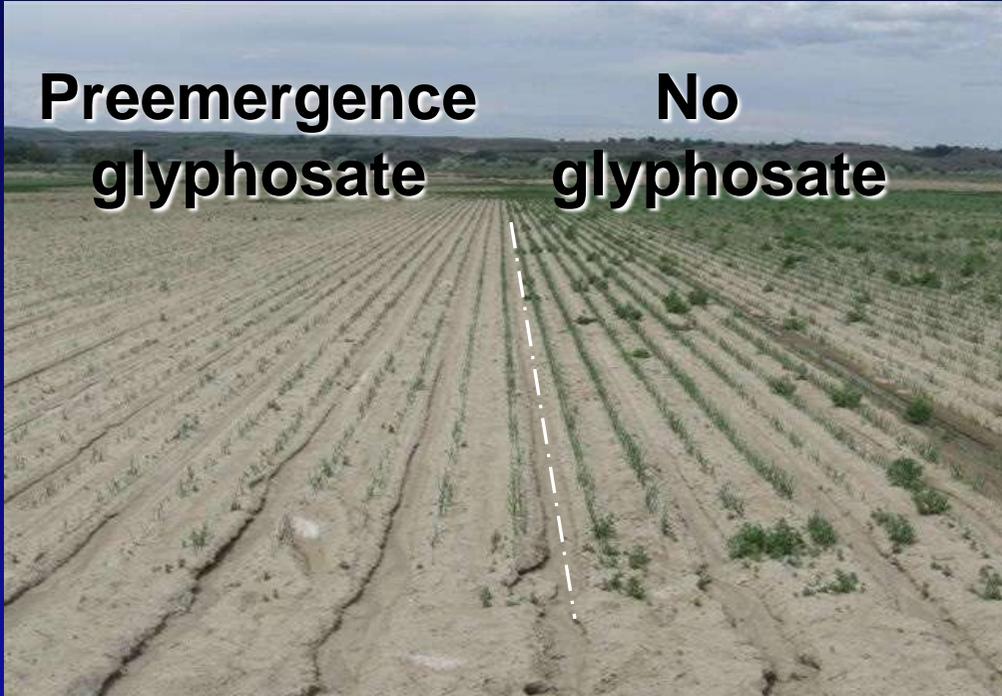
**Short-term glyphosate use (1year)**



**Long-term glyphosate use (10 years)**

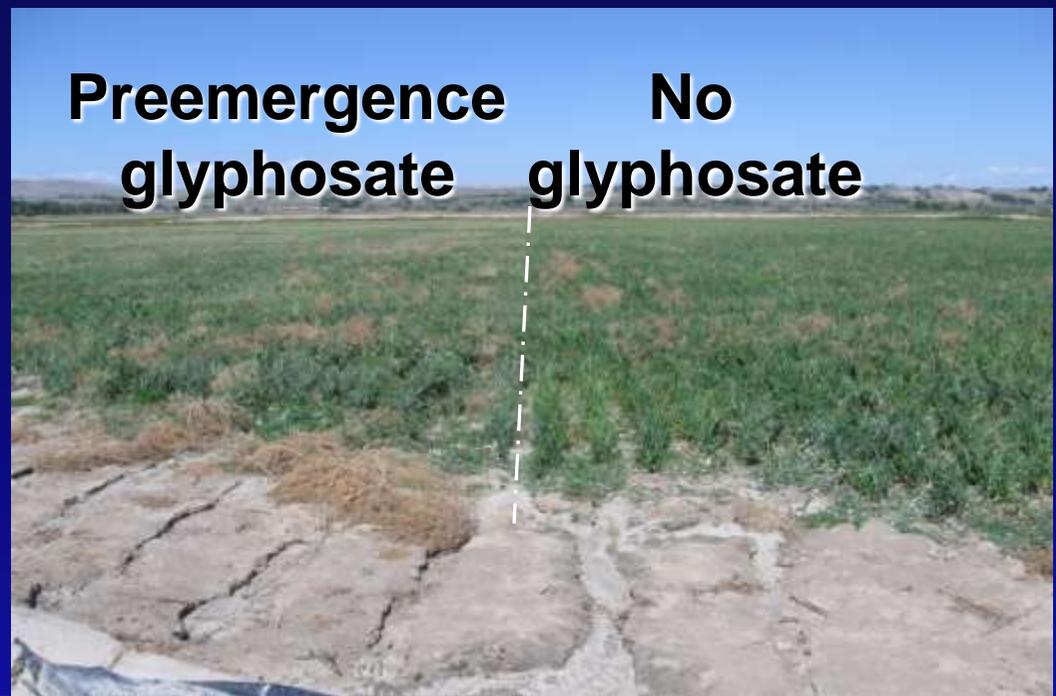


after Roemheld et al., 2009



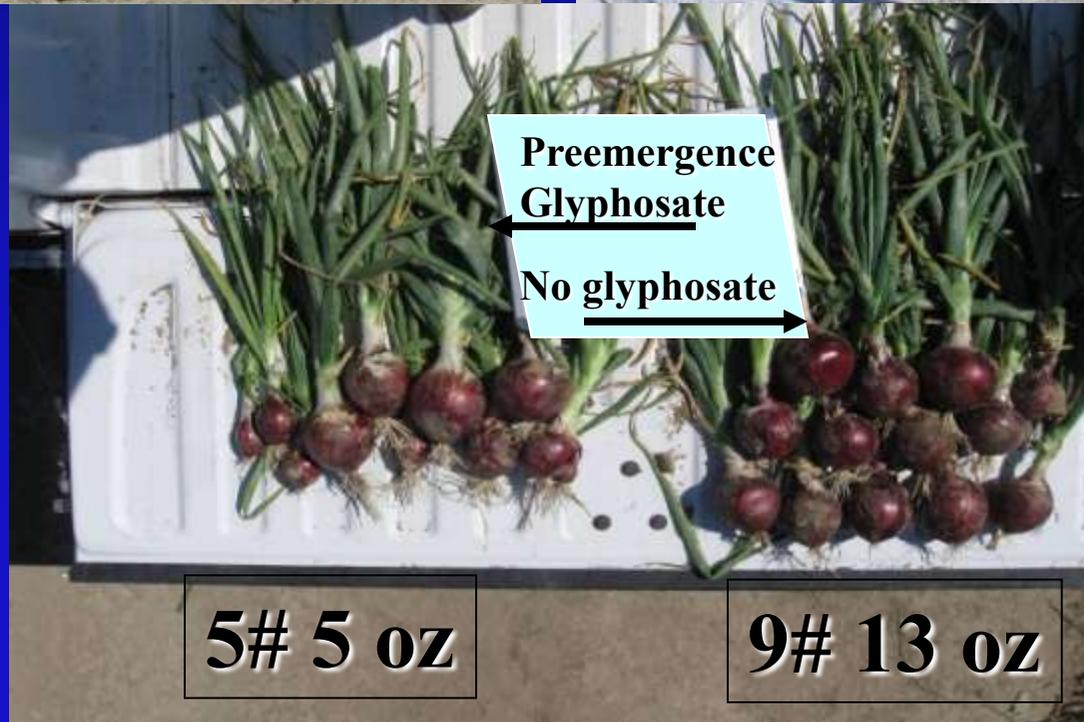
**Preemergence  
glyphosate**

**No  
glyphosate**



**Preemergence  
glyphosate**

**No  
glyphosate**



**Preemergence  
Glyphosate**

**No glyphosate**

**5# 5 oz**

**9# 13 oz**

**Poor**

**Bulking**

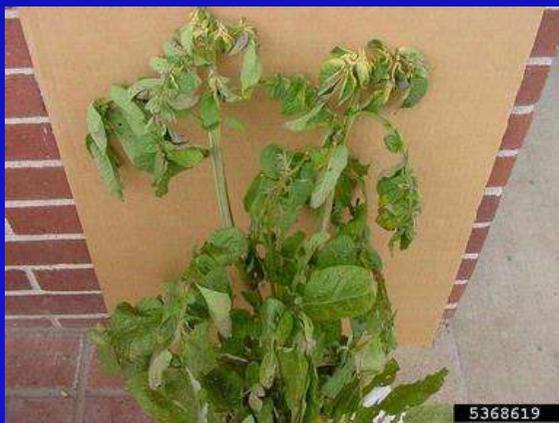
# **Effect of Residual Glyphosate in Soil on Plant Growth**

- Soybeans and potatoes on the left side were planted after hand weeding;
- Soybeans and potatoes on the right side were planted six days after glyphosate was applied to hand weeded soil.



# Failure to 'Bulk' of Russet Potatoes

Glyphosate frequency	How applied	No. growers	% Potatoes over 10 oz
None in the previous 2 yrs	None	5	35.3
1-2 in the previous 2 yrs	Burn down	17	20.2
Preceding year	RR crop	5	5.4



Parent plant with glyphosate drift



Daughter seed pieces



# Special Considerations in Fertilizing RR Crops

## Two factors: 1) Chemical; 2) gene

### 1. Providing nutrient availability for yield and quality

Compensate for reduced plant efficiency

Compensate for reduced soil availability

[Timing and formulation are important]

### 2. Detoxifying residual glyphosate

In meristematic root, stem, flower tissues, etc.

In soil [Ca, Co, Cu, Mg, Mn, Ni, Zn]

### 3. Restoring soil microbial activity

Nutrient related (N-fixation, Fe, Mn, Ni, S, Zn, etc.)

Disease control related (nutrition, pathogen antagonists, etc.)

Biological amendment (N-fixers, PGPRs, etc.)

### 4. Increasing plant resistance to diseases and toxins

Nutrient-related pathways (Shikimate, AA, CHO, etc.)

### 5. Judicious use of glyphosate



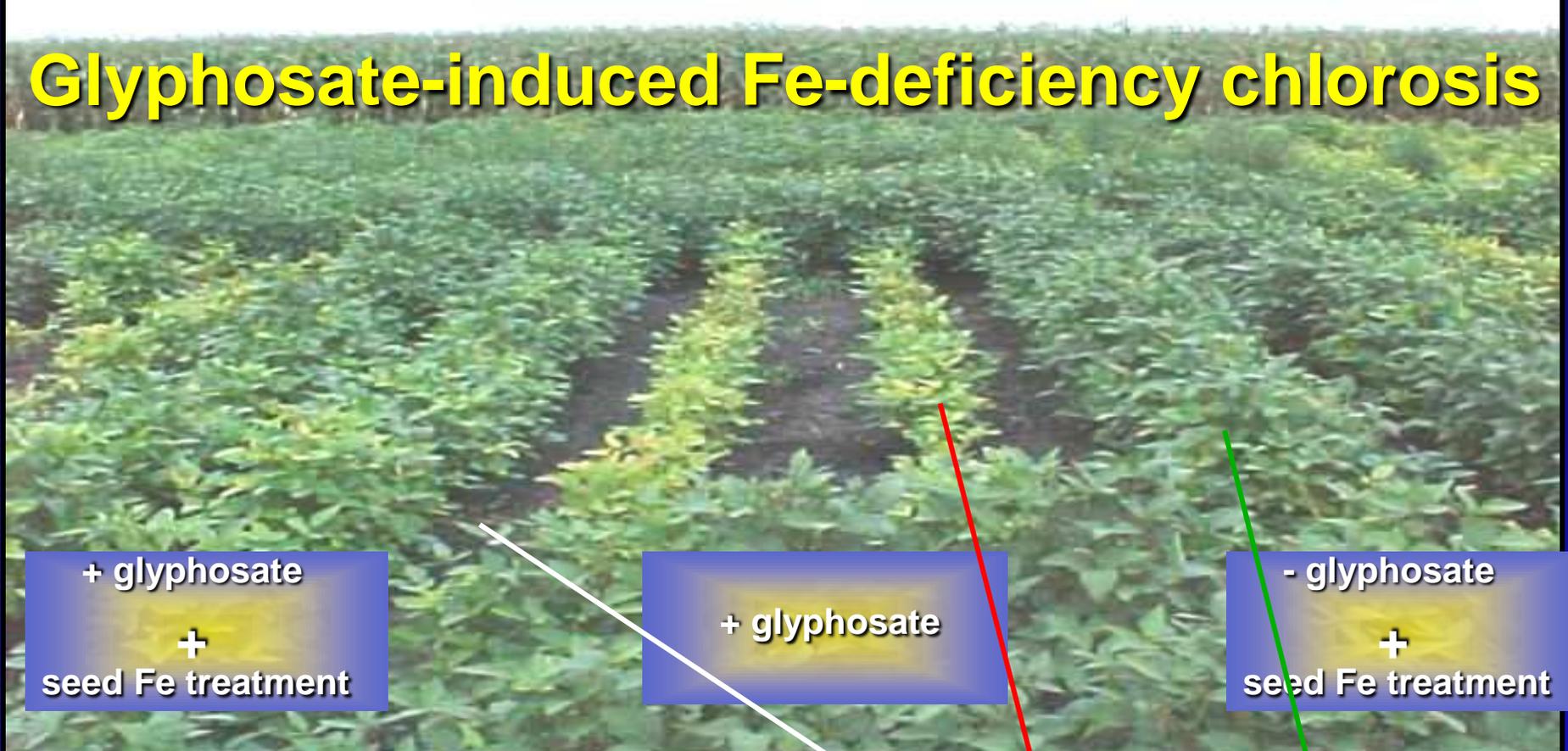
# Yield Response of Roundup Ready® Soybeans to Micronutrients

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Treatment	Indiana	Michigan	Kansas	Minnesota
	Yield (bu/a)			
Untreated	46	24	77	33
Glyphosate only	57	33	65	8
Glyphosate + Micronutrient	75 Mn	56 Mn	78 Mn	19 Fe

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# Glyphosate-induced Fe-deficiency chlorosis



Interaction of seed-applied Fe and glyphosate application on Fe deficiency chlorosis in soybeans; Minnesota, USA

Treatment	Visual chlorosis score [1 = green; 5 = yellow]		Grain yield (bu/a)	
	- Fe	+ Fe	- Fe	+ Fe
Control (no herbicide)	3.1	2.8	33	56
Glyphosate	3.7	3.3	8	19

# Effect of Glyphosate on Roundup Ready© Corn

## Colorado State University, 2007

Mike Bartolo, Sr. Res. Scientist

Treatment	Yield (bu/a)	% of control
Untreated*	234 a	100
Glyphosate**	195 d	83
Glyphosate + Zn, Mn	221 b	94
Glyphosate + Mn, Zn, Fe, B	208 c	89

\*Hand weeded, \*\*1 lb a.i. + 1 pt AMS per acre

Notes: UTC = genetic potential (with RR gene)

Glyphosate reduces genetic potential 39 bu/a

Application of high Mn & Zn recovers some genetic potential, lower Mn & Zn recovers less

## Response of Roundup Ready© Corn to Zn & Mn, 2007\*

NDSU Carrington

Treatment	Yield (bu/a)
<b>Glyphosate control</b>	<b>144</b>
Zn seed Treatment	156
Foliar applied Zn	158
<b>Foliar applied Zn+Mn</b>	<b>173</b>
Seed + Foliar Zn	175
Soil granular Zn sulfate	167

\* All treatments received glyphosate

# Herbicide Affects on RR Corn Yield

## Indiana, 2010

Herbicide	RR Corn Hybrid			
	6733HXR	6179VT3	5442VT3	5716A3
Surestart (11")	<b>266*</b>	216	<b>223</b>	<b>219</b>
Cadet (V6)	227	219	219	213
Laudis (V6)	224	218	214	214
Integrity (pre-E)	231	217	215	204
<b>Glyphosate (V6)</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>210</b>
Steadfast (V6)	207	204	201	196
Status (V6)	187	195	193	192

\*125.6 % of glyphosate yield (yields in bu/a - rounded)

All plots were hand weeded

# Glyphosate & Manganese Effects on Cotton



Untreated Check (conventional herbicide)



Glyphosate @ 22 oz/ac plus ammonium sulfate (AMS)



Glyphosate @ 22 oz/ac plus AMS + Manganese

Effect of glyphosate and Manganese on Cotton Yield (Texas)

Treatment	% chlorotic plants	# seed cotton
Conventional herbicide	5	4885
Glyphosate	97	2237
Glyphosate + Mn, Zn	2	4693

after Ronnie Phillips, 2009

# Effect of Tillage on Glyphosate Injury & Yield

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**Field History: 8 years Cons. Res. Program**

**2 qt glyphosate burndown 2008**

**1 qt glyphosate on RR corn 2009**

**1 qt glyphosate burndown 2010**

**No-till**

**Fall chisel**

**Yield: 40 bu/a**

**60 bu/a**



**Photos: Nesters Farm Services**

# Food and Feed Safety Concerns

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## ➤ Increased levels of mycotoxins

- Fusarium toxins (DON, NIV, ZEA)
- Aflatoxins

Aris & Leblanc, 2011

Benachour et al, 2007

Carmen, et al., 2011

Fernandez, et al., 2009

Gasnier, et al., 2009

Heiman, 2010

Matzk et al, 1996

Seralini et al., 2010, 2011

Smith, 2010

Walsh, et al., 2000

Watts, 2009

## ➤ Nutrient deficiency

- Cu, Fe, Mg, Mn, Zn

## ➤ Gene flow

- Weeds
- Soil microbes
- Intestinal microbes

## ➤ Direct toxicity of residual glyphosate

- Infertility - endocrine system
- Birth defects, teratogenicity
- Cell death - Disease resistance

## ➤ Allergenic reactions to foreign proteins

# Mycotoxins in Straw and Grain

- ✓ *Fusarium* spp. act synergistically to cause death of glyphosate-treated plants
- ✓ Glyphosate-induced root colonization by *Fusarium* spp.
- ✓ Toxins (DON, ZEA) produced in roots is translocated to stem and grain - Well above 'clinically significant' levels!
- ✓ Toxin concentrations not always correlated with *Fusarium* damaged grain (FDG) - [Strobilurin fungicides increase mycotoxins]
- ✓ Head must be protected for 18 days (10 days after anthesis)



## Deoxynivalenol and Zearalenone Concentrations in plant parts

Toxin (ppm)	Grain	Chaff	Straw
Deoxynivalenol	4.7	16.9	3.5
Zearalenone	4.4	42.9	55.5

Proc. Natl. FHB Forum  
2009, Orlando, FL

# **% Reduction in Alfalfa Nutrients by Glyphosate\***

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<b>Nutrient</b>	<b>% reduction compared with Non-RR</b>
<b>Nitrogen</b>	<b>13 %</b>
<b>Phosphorus</b>	<b>15 %</b>
<b>Potassium</b>	<b>46 %</b>
<b>Calcium</b>	<b>17 %</b>
<b>Magnesium</b>	<b>26 %</b>
<b>Sulfur</b>	<b>52 %</b>
<b>Boron</b>	<b>18 %</b>
<b>Copper</b>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>49 %</b>
<b>Manganese</b>	<b>31 %</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>18 %</b>

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\*Third year, second cutting analysis; Glyphosate applied one time in the previous year

# Manganese Sufficiency in Bovine Fetus Livers

(After Schefers, 2011)

Fetal development	Mn mean	Manganese level*		
		Deficient	Normal	Above
Deformed	0.88 ppm	100 %	0	0
'Normal'	1.2 ppm	63 %	29 %	7 %

\*Reference range: 1.75-2.8 ppm wet weight

Feed Analysis:	Mean Mn	Range of samples
Shelled corn	15 ppm	0.01 - 57.65 ppm
Corn silage	37 ppm	0.01 - 89.43 ppm
Grass hay	50 ppm	0.01 - 125.20 ppm
Mixed haylage	57 ppm	0.55 - 113.45 ppm

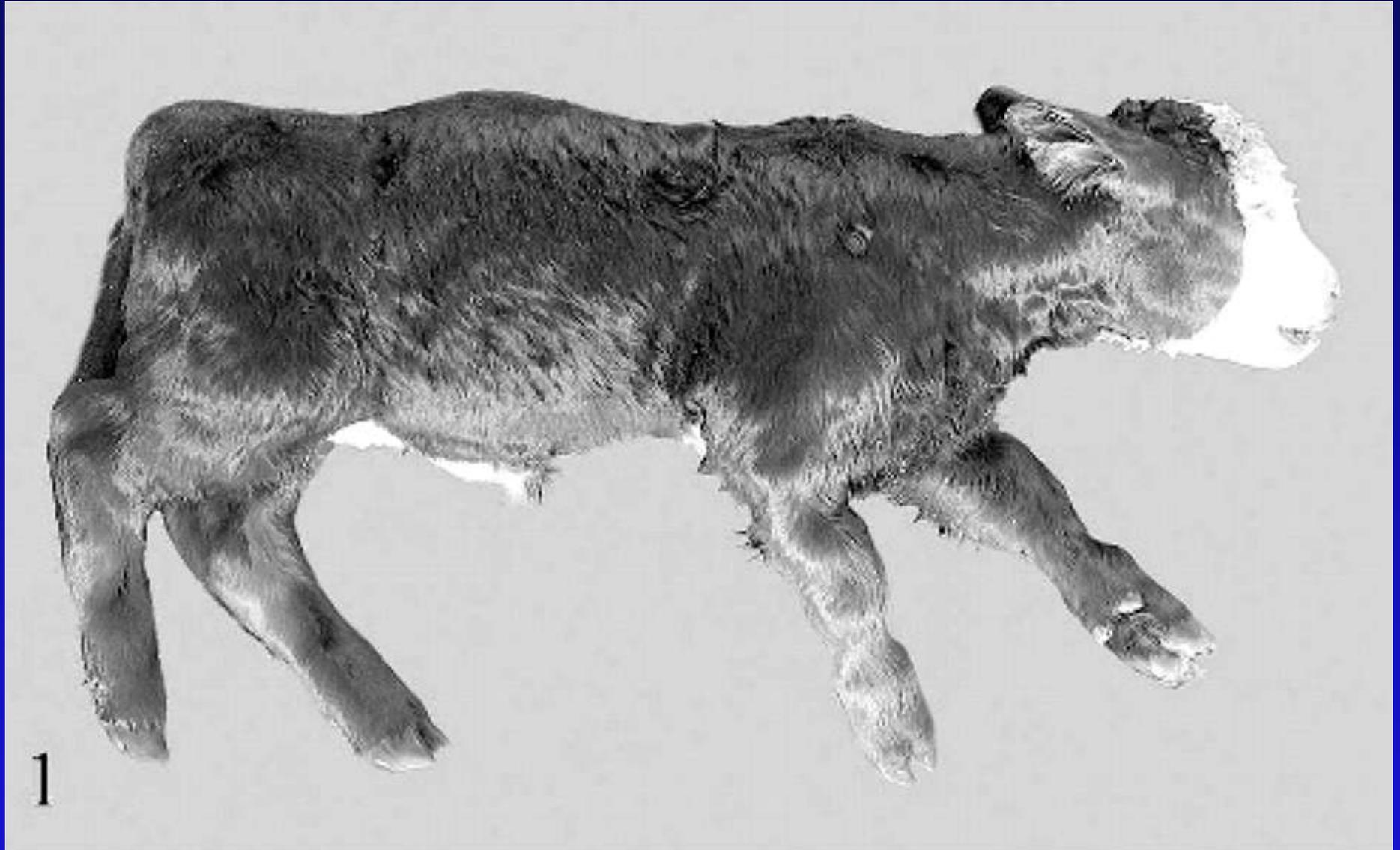
# **Percent Decrease in Mineral Nutrients in Corn Silage - 2000 to 2010, Dairy One\***

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<b>Mineral nutrient</b>	<b>Percent decrease</b>
<b>Calcium</b>	<b>22.0 % lower</b>
<b>Phosphorus</b>	<b>3.8 % lower</b>
<b>Magnesium</b>	<b>11.4 % lower</b>
<b>Potassium</b>	<b>16.1 % lower</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>5.2 % lower</b>
<b>Copper</b>	<b>9.6 % lower</b>

**\*Based on 1629 samples**

# Stillborne Calf from Manganese Deficiency



# **U.S. Cattlemen's Association Statement to Congress**

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**“Cattle ranchers are facing some puzzling - and, at times, economically devastating problems with pregnant cows and calves. At some facilities, high numbers of fetuses are aborting for no apparent reason. Other farmers successfully raise what look to be normal young cattle, only to learn when the animals are butchered that their carcasses appear old and, therefore, less valuable.”**

**“The sporadic problem is so bad both in the United States and abroad that in some herds around 40-50 percent of pregnancies are being lost.”**

**“Many pesticides and industrial pollutants also possess a hormonal alter ego.”**

**“The viability of this important industry is threatened.”**

**Source: Testimony of the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America, to the Senate Agriculture Committee July 24, 2002.**

# Effect of the GM “Gene” Proteins in Corn/Soybeans on Pig Stomachs

After Carman et al., 2011

**Non-GMO Feed**



**Normal color**

**GMO Feed**



**Inflamed, irritated**

# Feed Source Effect on Stomach Liner Color, Carmen et al, 2010



# And the Mice Prefer.....



**Non-GMO  
Corn**

**GMO  
Corn**

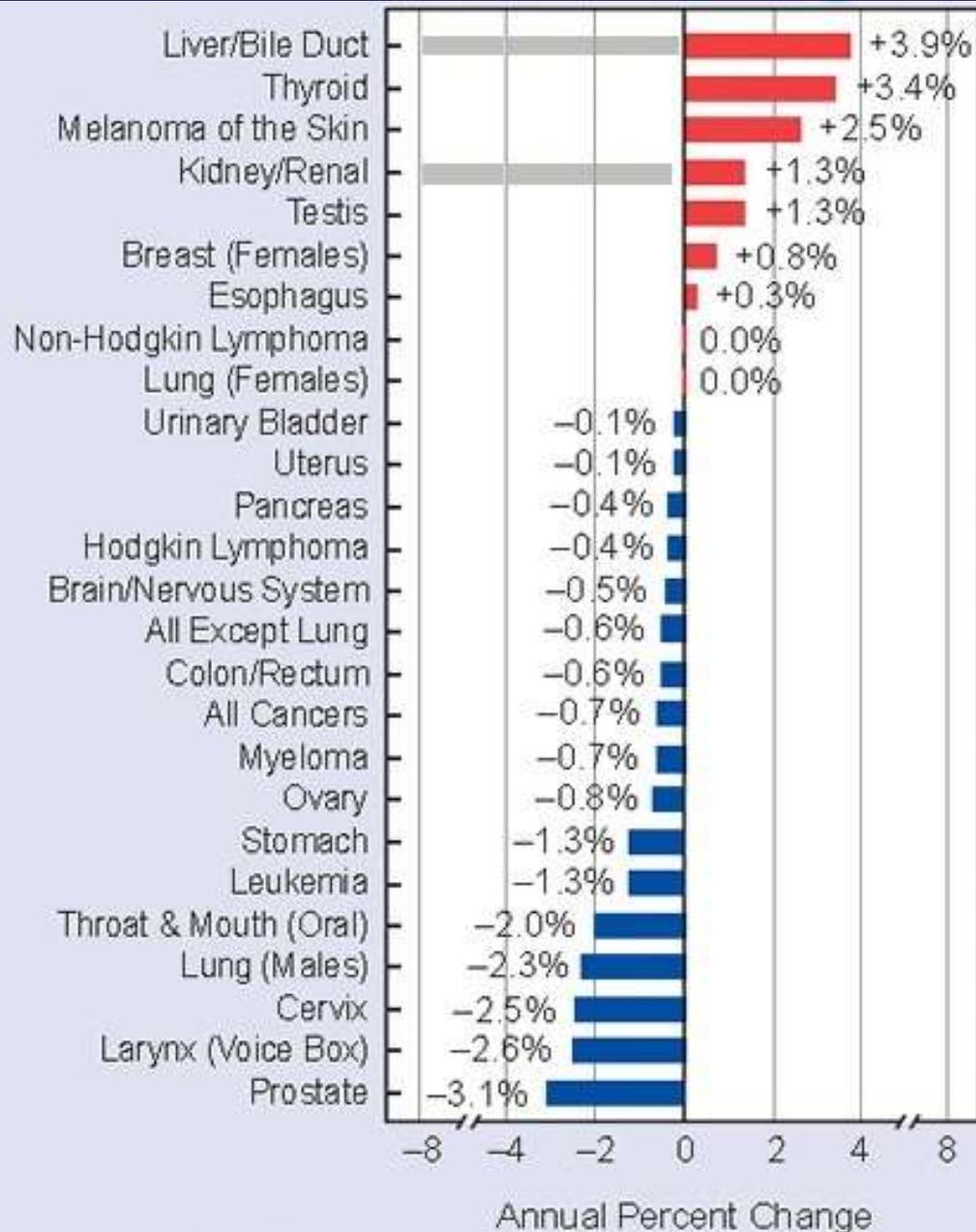


Photos: Gilbert Hostetler

# Direct Toxicity of Glyphosate

Rate (ppm)	System affected	Reference
0.5	Human cell endocrine disruption	Toxicology 262:184-196, 2009
0.5	Anti-androgenic	Gasner et al, 2009
1.0	Disrupts aromatase enzymes	Gasnier et al, 2009
1-10	Inhibits LDH, AST, ALF enzymes	Malatesta et al, 2005
1-10	Damages liver, mitochondria, nuclei	Malatesta et al, 2005
2.0	Anti-Oestrogenic	Gasnier et al, 2009
5.0	DNA damage	Toxicology 262:184-196, 2009
5.0	Human placental, umbilical, embryo	Chem.Res.Toxicol. J. 22:2009
10	Cytotoxic	Toxicology 262:184-196, 2009
10	Multiple cell damage	Seralini et al, 2009
10	Total cell death	Chem.Res.Toxicol. J. 22:2009
All	Systemic throughout body	Andon et al, 2009
1-10	Suppress mitochondrial respiration	Peixoto et al, 2005
	Parkinson's	El Demerdash et al, 2001
	POEA, AMPA even more toxic	Seralini et al, 2009

# Annual % Change in Cancers



Target Tissues for glyphosate;

**Liver**

**Kidney**

**Testicle**

**Hormone system**

**Bone (Ca, Mn chelation?)**

**Thyroid (Mn chelation?)**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a veterinarian in Michigan.

I am working with a sow herd that has had elevated death loss for over two years and very poor reproductive performance for the last 6-8 months. I have done extensive diagnostics (primarily at Iowa State) and can find nothing infectious that is routinely found to explain the problem.

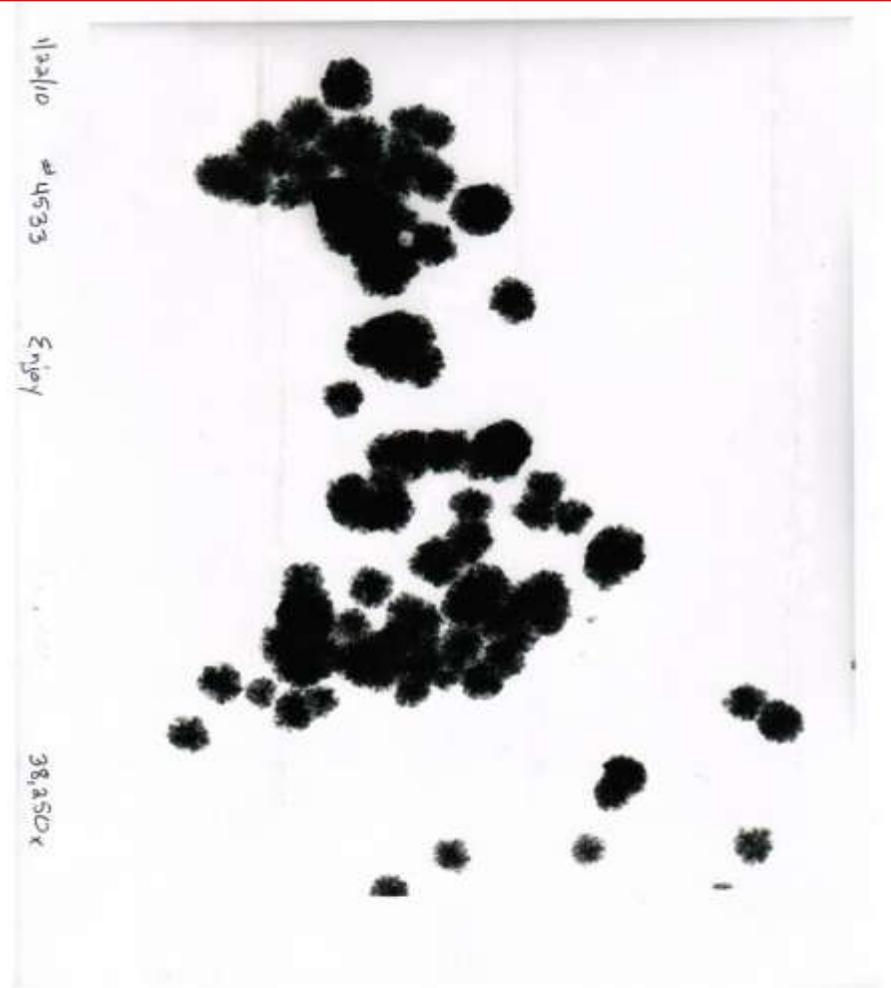
I suspect there is a toxin involved; I have done extensive testing on liver, feed, and water but can find no evidence of those compounds either. We have had a few individuals mention that the use of GMO crops could be contributing to these problems.

The producer recently saw your article to the secretary of agriculture and forwarded it to me. We are very intrigued by the organism you mention. Could you tell me if any laboratory is looking for this agent? How do we go about finding it? *We are at the end of our rope and cannot figure this out.* Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

**Late term  
'Spontaneous  
Abortion'  
(Miscarriage)**

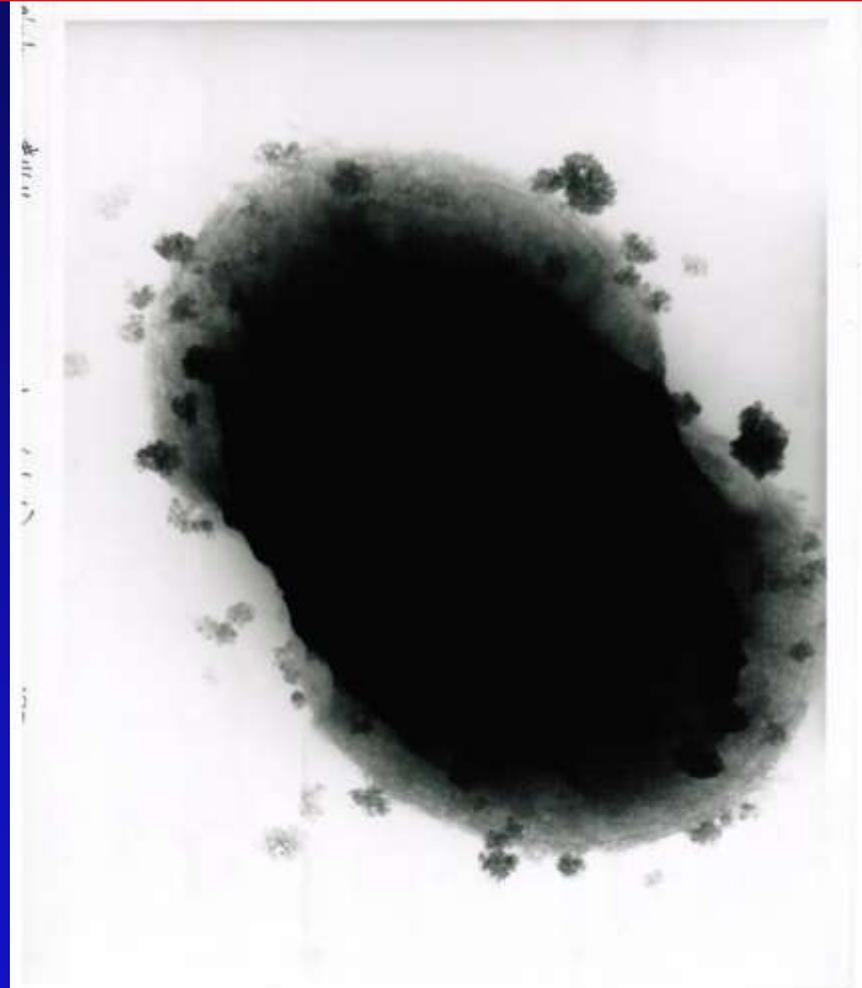


# 'Fungus-like' Growth (transmission EM)



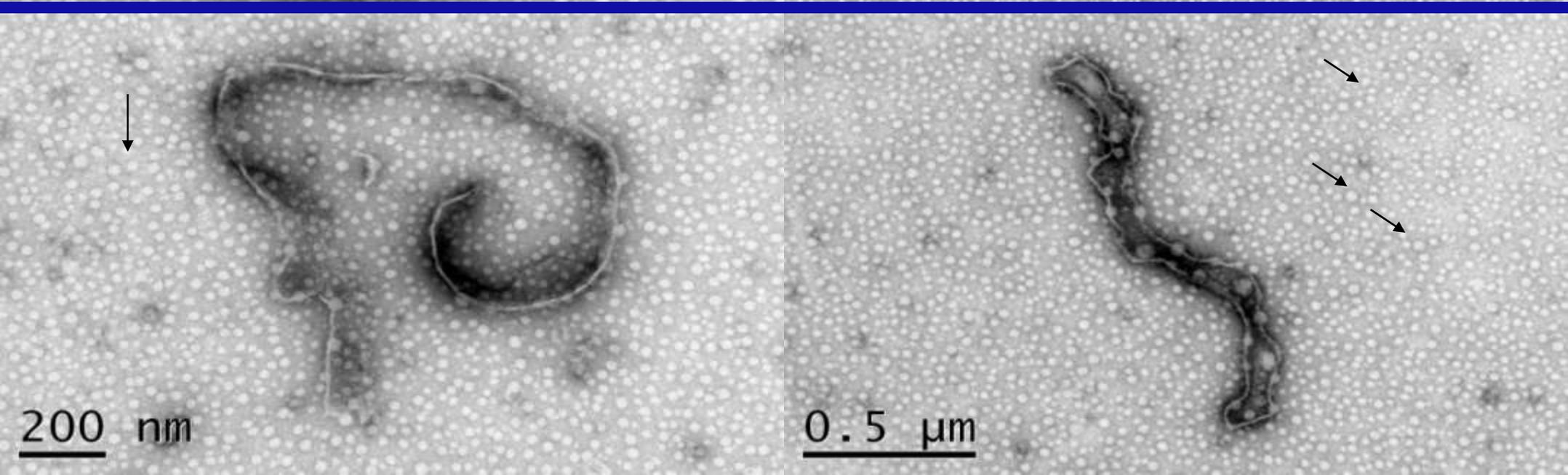
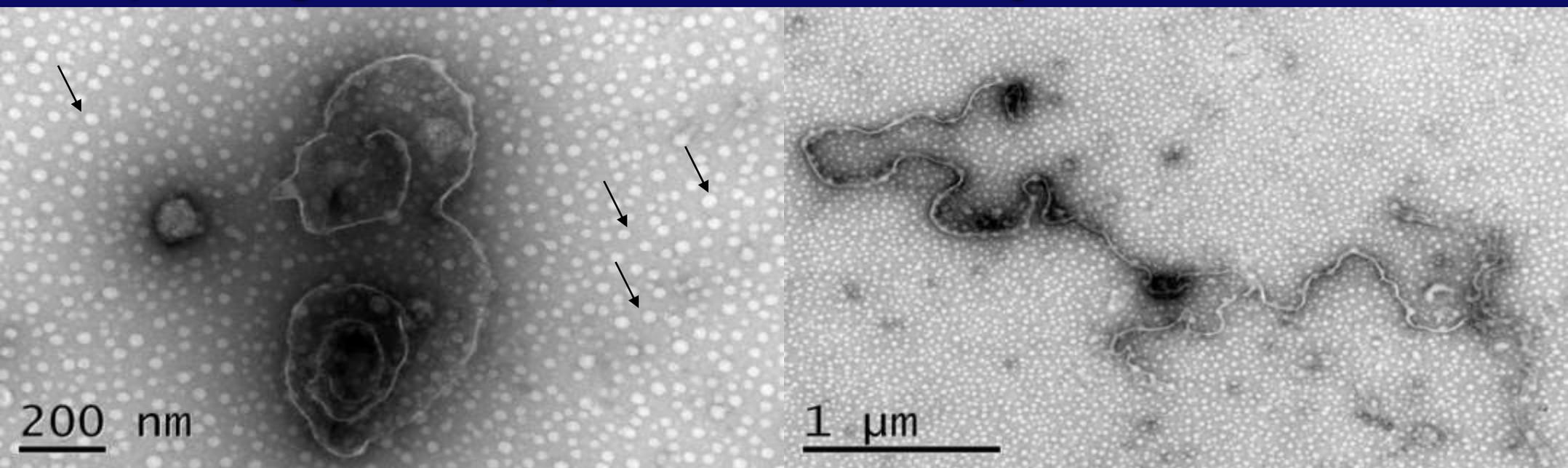
38,250 X magnification

# Size of organism compared with alfa-*Streptococcus*

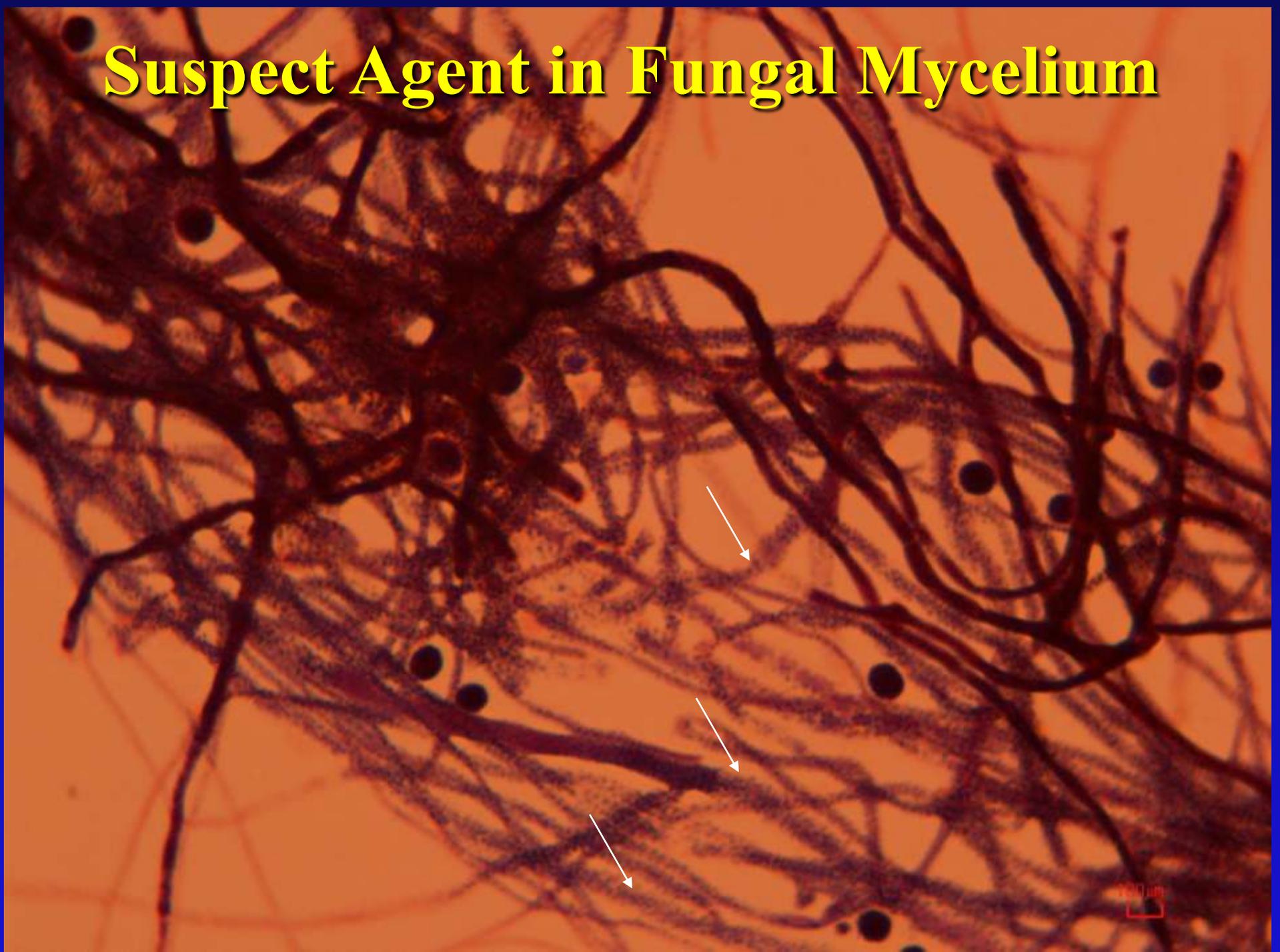


Size relative to gram<sup>+</sup> bacterium

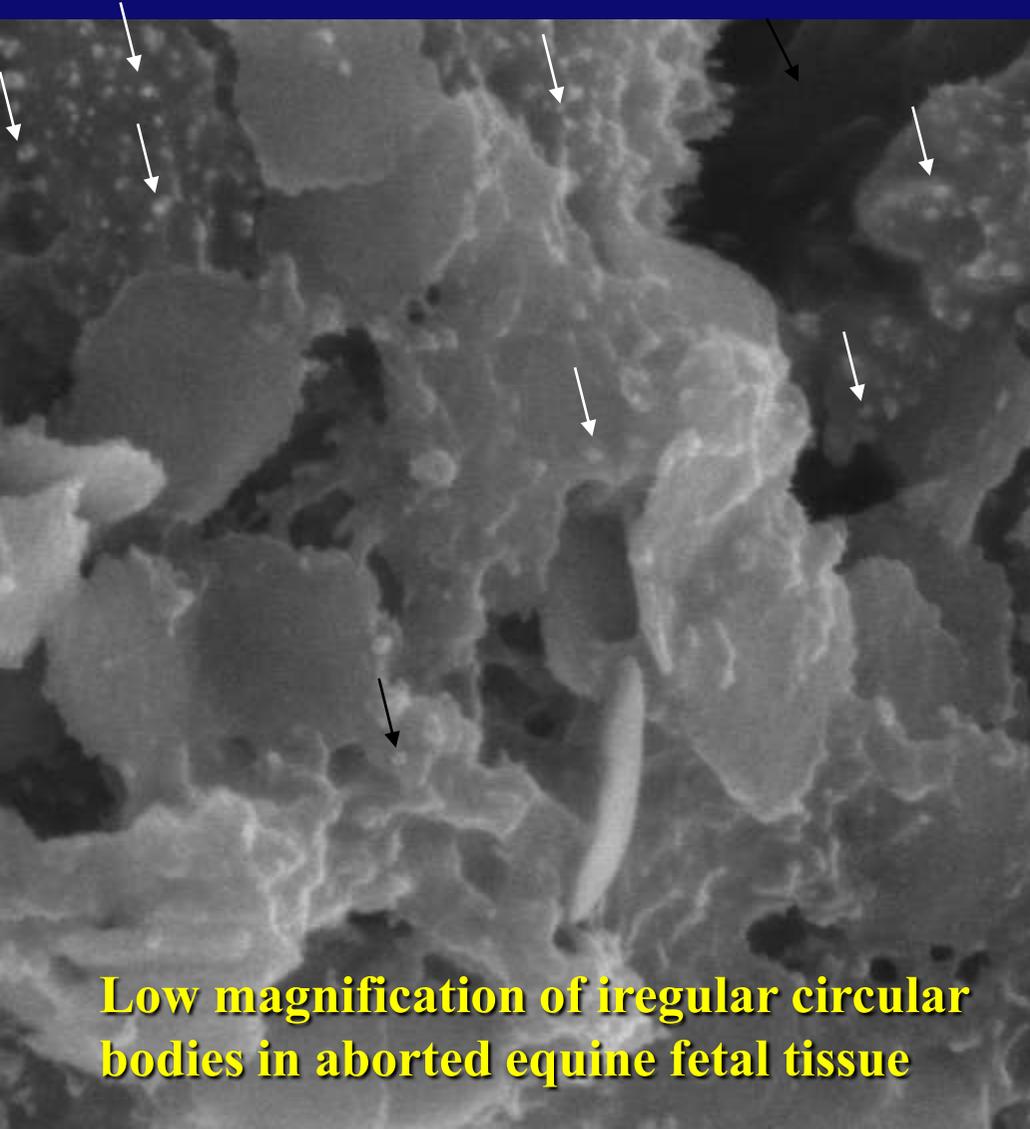
# Suspect agent in Exported U.S. RR Soybean, 25,000X, 2010



# Suspect Agent in Fungal Mycelium



# Scanning Electron Microscope Image of the Suspect Agent from a 60-day old Equine Fetus with Classic Symptoms of the Abortion Syndrome



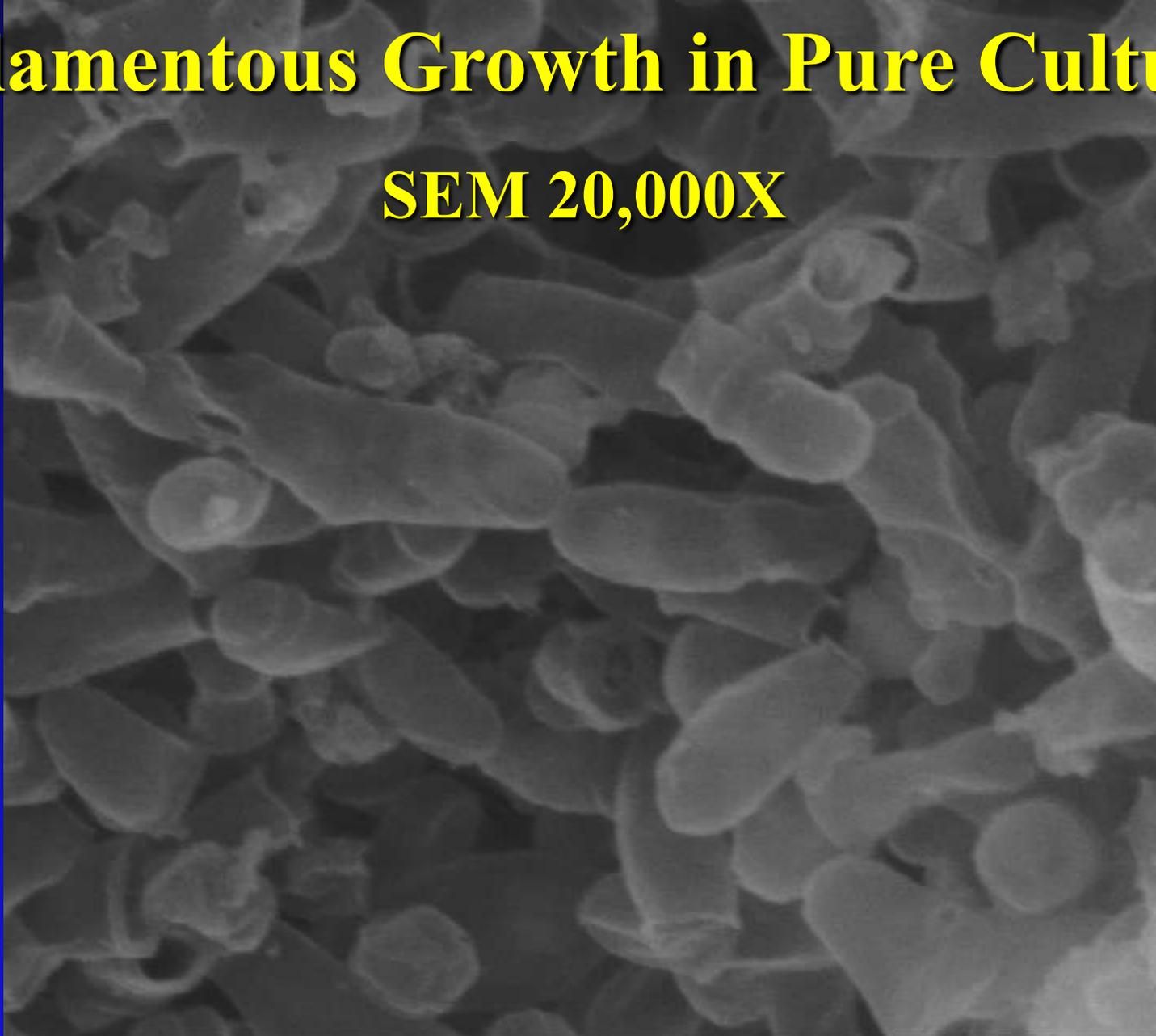
**Low magnification of irregular circular bodies in aborted equine fetal tissue**



**High magnification of irregular circular bodies in aborted equine fetal tissue**

# Filamentous Growth in Pure Culture

SEM 20,000X

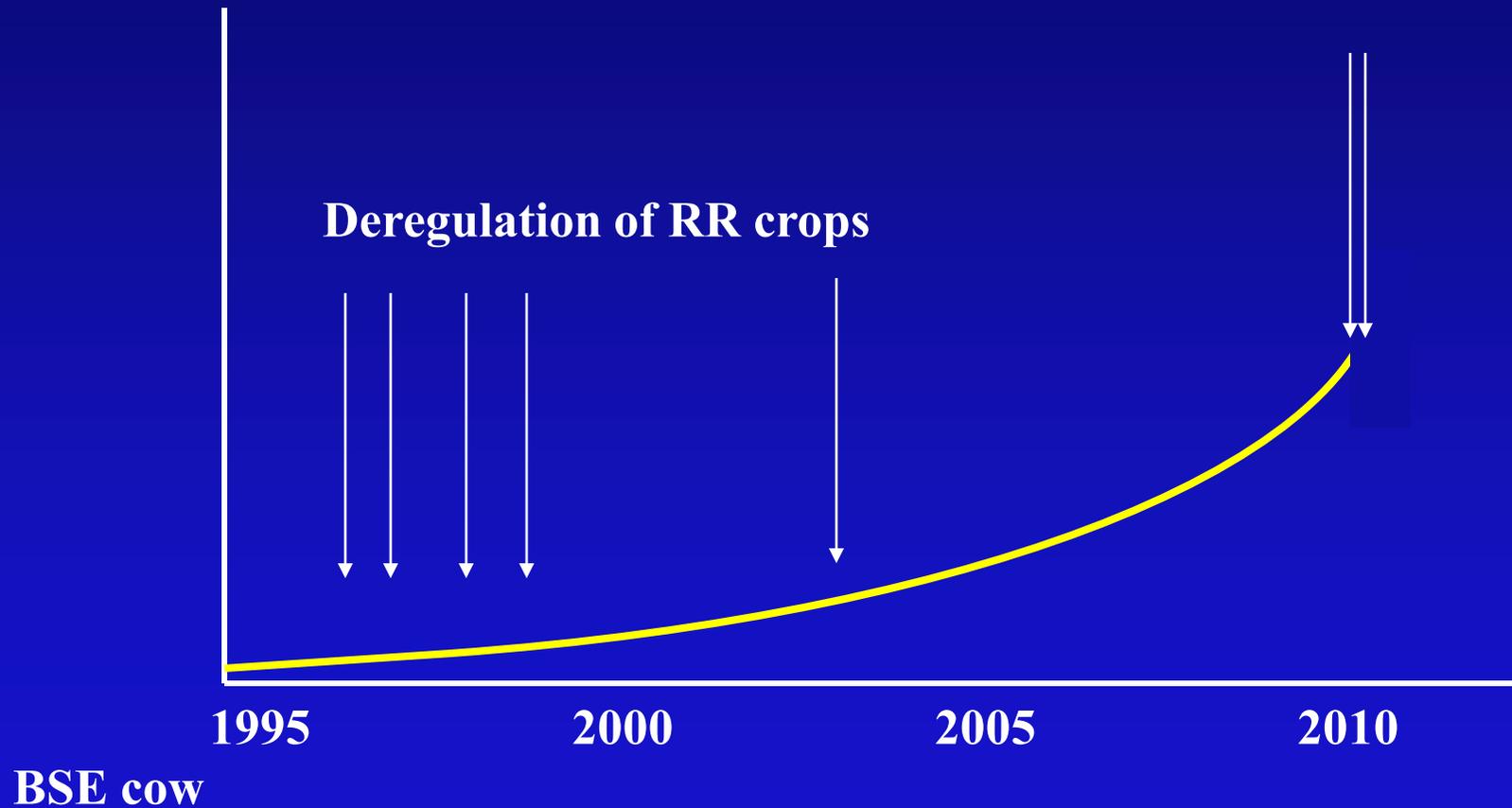


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# Generalized Graph of Incidence

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# Occurrence

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- **Verified in IA, IL, KY, MI, NE, ND, SD, WI**

- **Sources: 'Environmental'**

**Soybean meal**

**Wheatlage, haylage, silage**

**Corn leaves and silage**

**SDS Soybean plants**

**Oak 'scorch' leaves**

**Manure**

**Soil**

***Fusarium solani* fsp *glycines* mycelium**

- **Animal tissue**

**Placental tissue**

**Amniotic fluid**

**Semen**

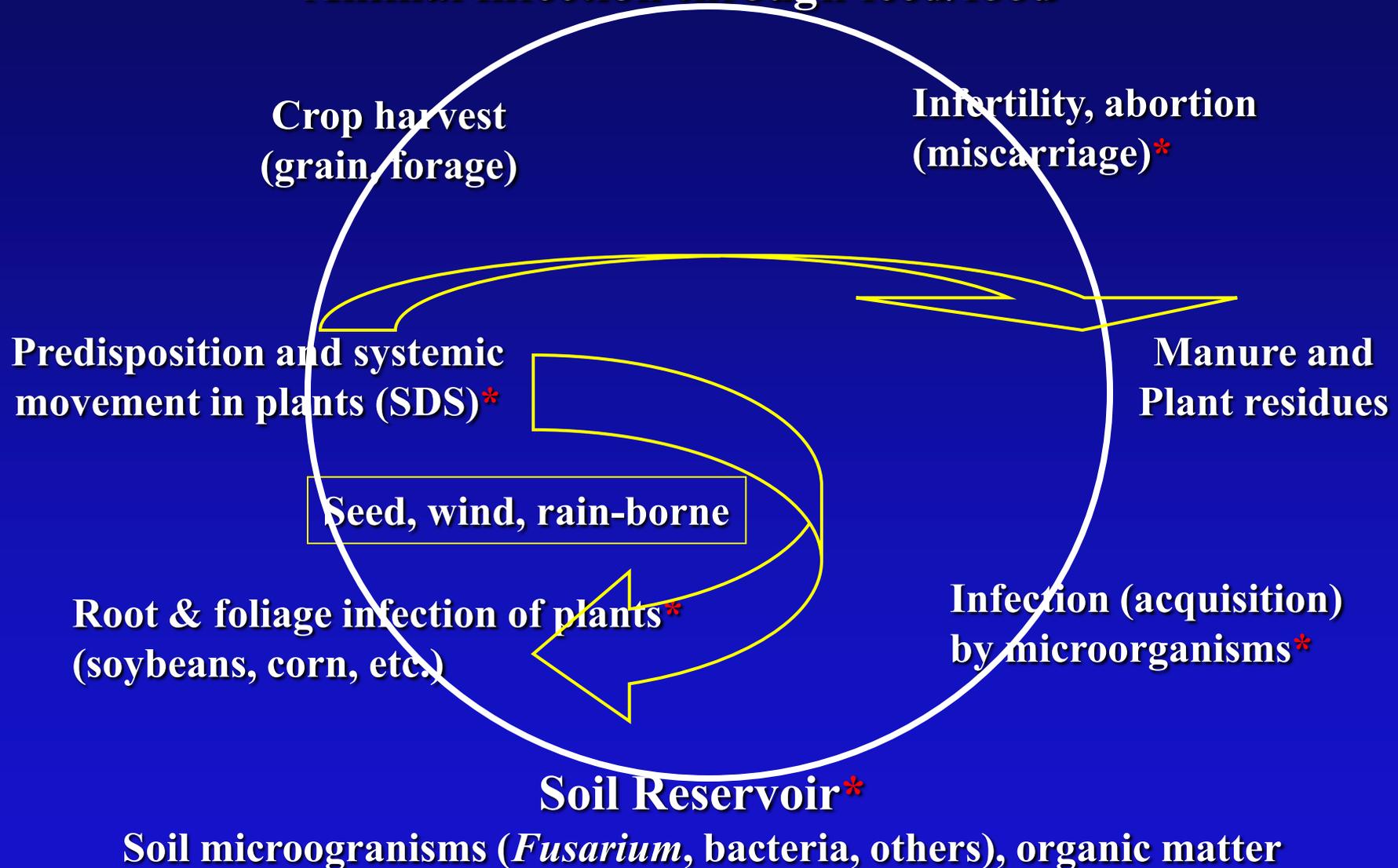
**Stomach contents**

**Eggs**

**Milk**

# A Postulated Disease Cycle

Animal infection through feed/food\*



\* Areas where glyphosate could impact

# **Potential Interactions of 'new organism' with Glyphosate**

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- **Glyphosate affects plants (predisposes):**
  - Inhibits plant defenses
  - Reduces nutrient content and efficiency [chemical and RR gene(s)]
  - Increases root colonization
  - Increases membrane permeability
  - Surfactant affect for penetration of natural openings and wounds
- **Glyphosate affects animals (predisposes):**
  - Inhibits aramatosse system – endocrine hormone system
  - Toxic to liver, placental, testicular, and kidney cells
  - Reduced defense - liver function [from lower Mn, etc. in feed]
- **Glyphosate affects pathogens:**
  - Stimulates growth and virulence (direct/indirect)
  - Favors synergism, infection (as a carrier)
  - Increases movement into plant tissues (water film for plant infection)
- **Glyphosate affects the environment:**
  - Toxic to soil microbes that constrain plant pathogens
  - Micronutrient availability reduced

# What has Changed?

- **Change:**

  - Increased disease

  - New diseases

  - Low mineral nutrition

  - Resistant weeds

- **Precedent:**

  - Victoria blight (oats)

  - H. carbonum disease (toxin)

  - Texas male-sterile gene (corn leaf blight epidemic)

  - Glyphosate-resistance gene?????

  - Glyphosate nullifies genetic resistance in sugar beets

- **Why (vulnerability)?**

  - Predisposition

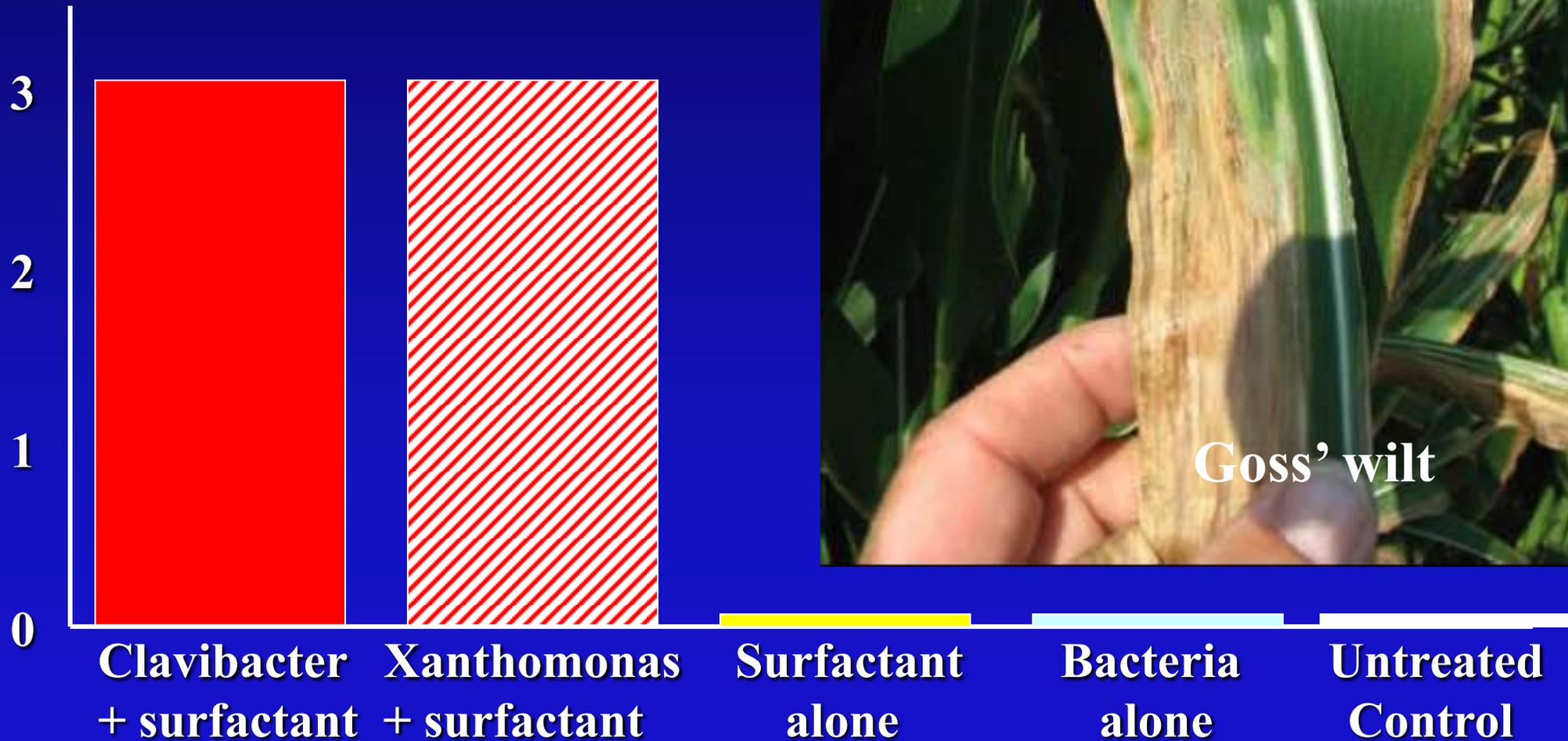
  - Direct toxicity

  - Gene flow

  - No relief - single source approach

# Effect of Surfactants on Goss' & Stewart's Wilt\*

Lesion index



# Bacterial wilt of Alfalfa - *Clavibacter insidiosus*



# Potential Far-Reaching Impact of Glyphosate

## Human

Mineral malnourished,  
Allergies, Fertility, Disease  
**MYCOTOXINS**

Alzheimer's, gout, diabetes, viruses, Parkinson's, etc.

## Vegetables, fruits, grains

Lower nutrient minerals  
(Cu, Fe, Mg, Mn, Zn)  
Carriers for epiphytes  
(E. coli, etc.)  
(Changed epiphytic flora)

Glyphosate

Mn

Glyphosate

(Chelation)

## Plants, feed

Lower nutrient minerals  
(Cu, Fe, Mn, Zn)  
Disease predisposition  
(Scab, take-all, CVC)  
Mycotoxins, glyphosate

## Animals

Mineral malnourished  
Slow growth, Allergies, Disease  
**MYCOTOXINS**

Scours, death, BSE, wasting, predisposition

## Environment

Biological imbalance  
N fixation, Mn availability  
Potassium immobilization  
Biological controls  
**GLYPHOSATE ACCUMULATION**





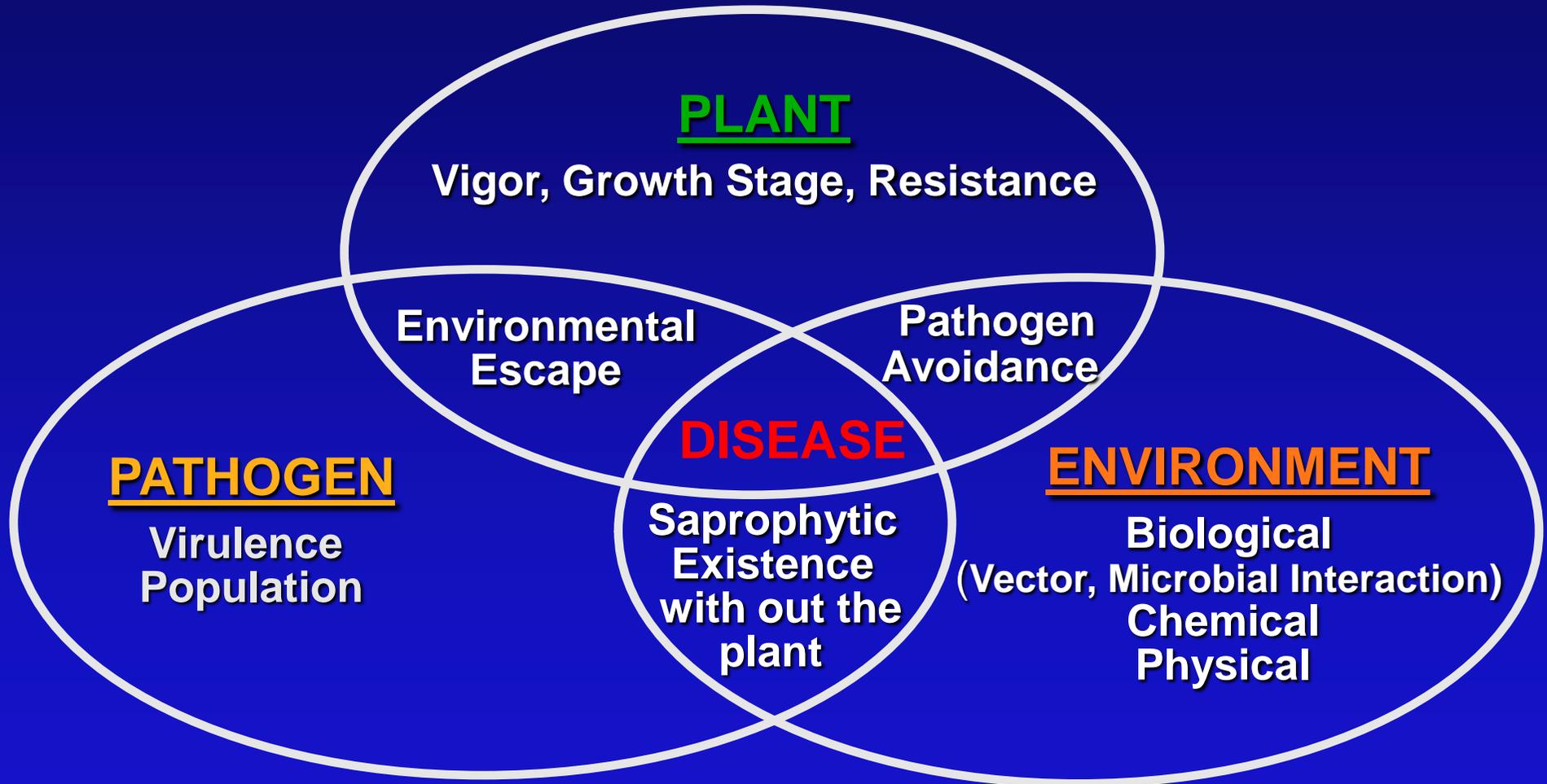
# Make Sure You Provide the Food!





# The Interaction of Three Factors Over Time Determines if a Disease will be Latent or Severe

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# **Tough Love Alternative to Spanking**

**When it comes to child discipline, most of us are looking for positive alternatives to spanking.**

**One that worked well when our child was having “one of those moments” was to take them for a car ride.**

**Some say it’s the vibration from the car; others that its the time away from distractions such as TV, etc.**

**Either way, our kids usually calm down and behave after our car ride together.**

**Eye-to-eye contact helps a lot too as you can see from one of our sessions.**



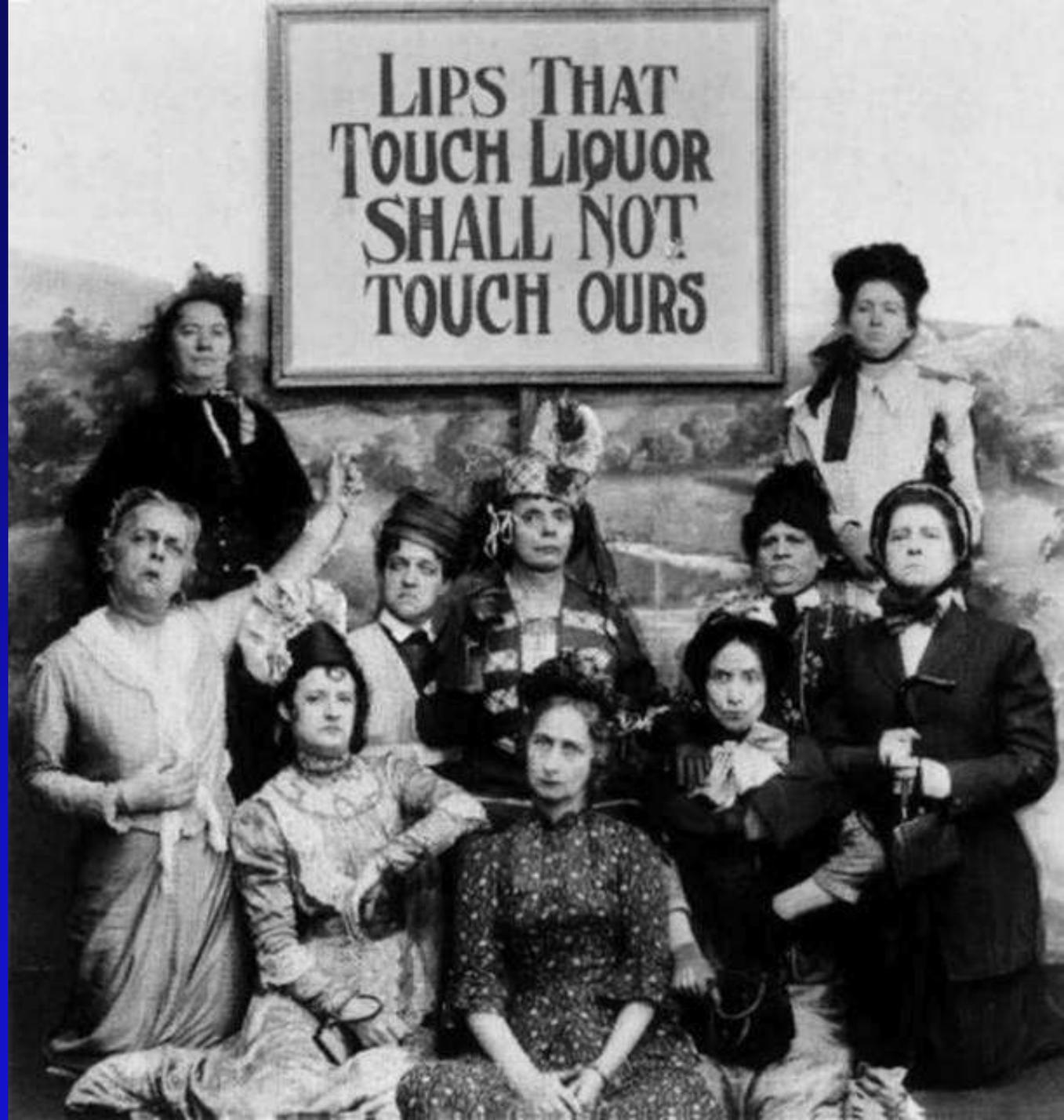
**This works with grandchildren, nieces and nephews as well!**

**Ever Wondered if You were Your Mother's Favorite**



**If you came upon  
this ad in 1919,**

**Wouldn't you  
just keep drinking?**



# Women's Soccer Team Trip

**Blondes**

**Brunettes**



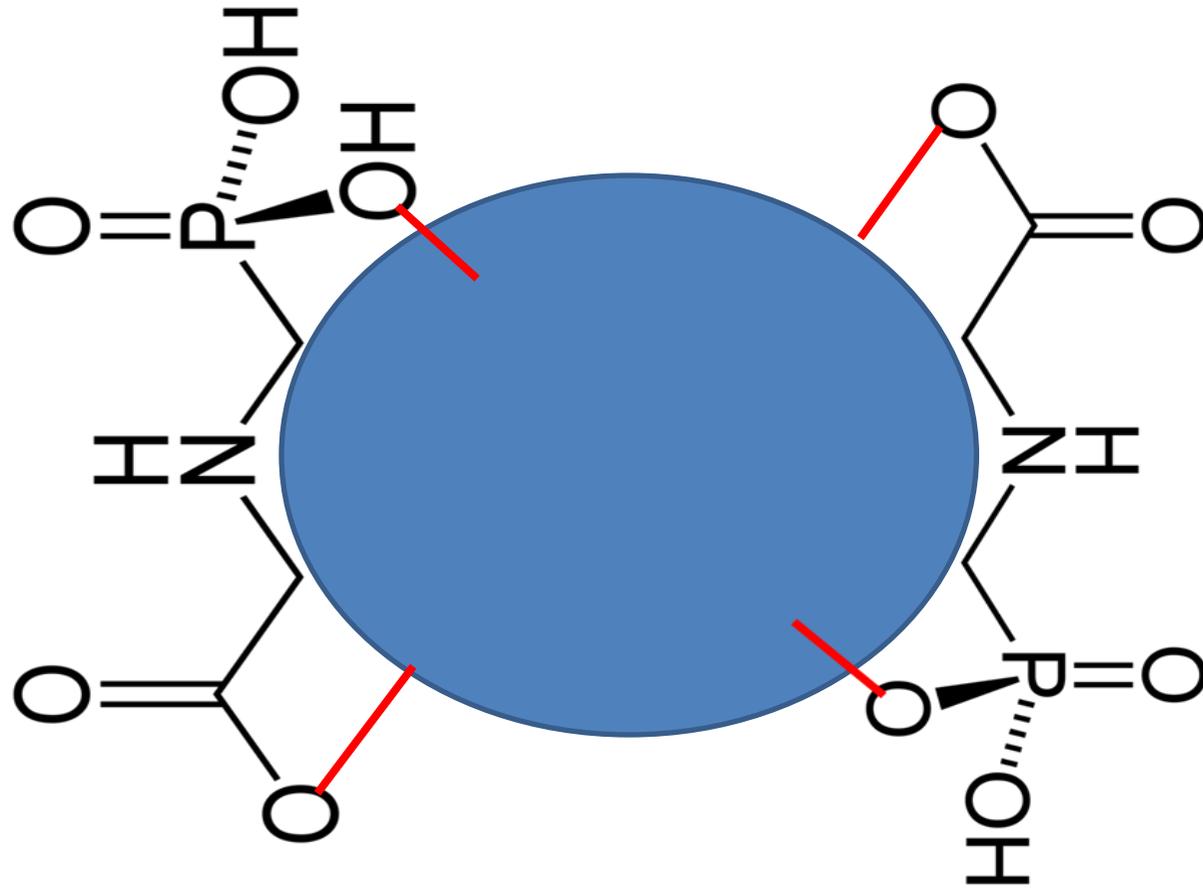
# New Boat and Pickup - New Experience



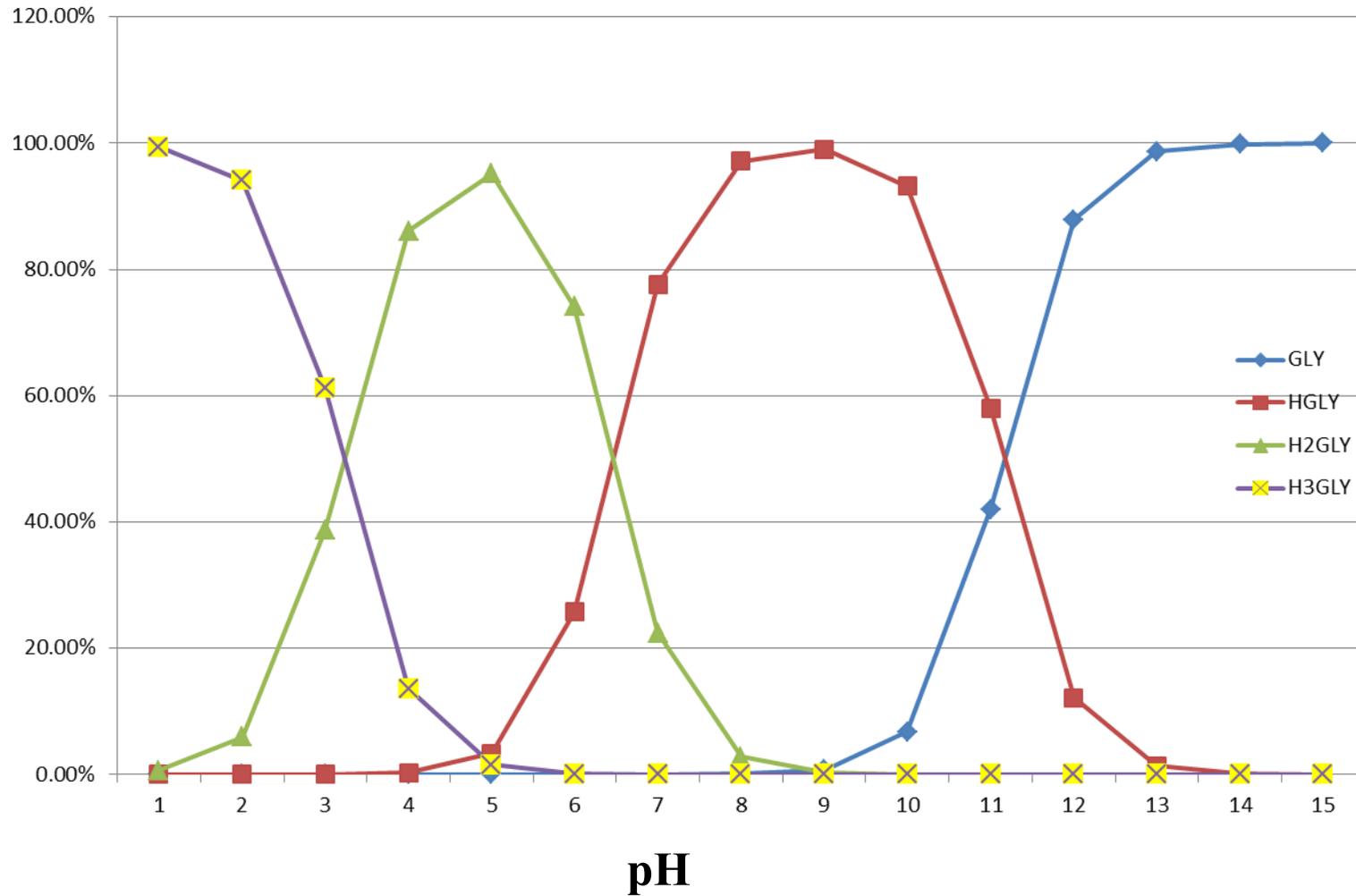
His friend said, “Don’t get the boat too far in the water before unhooking from the trailer”



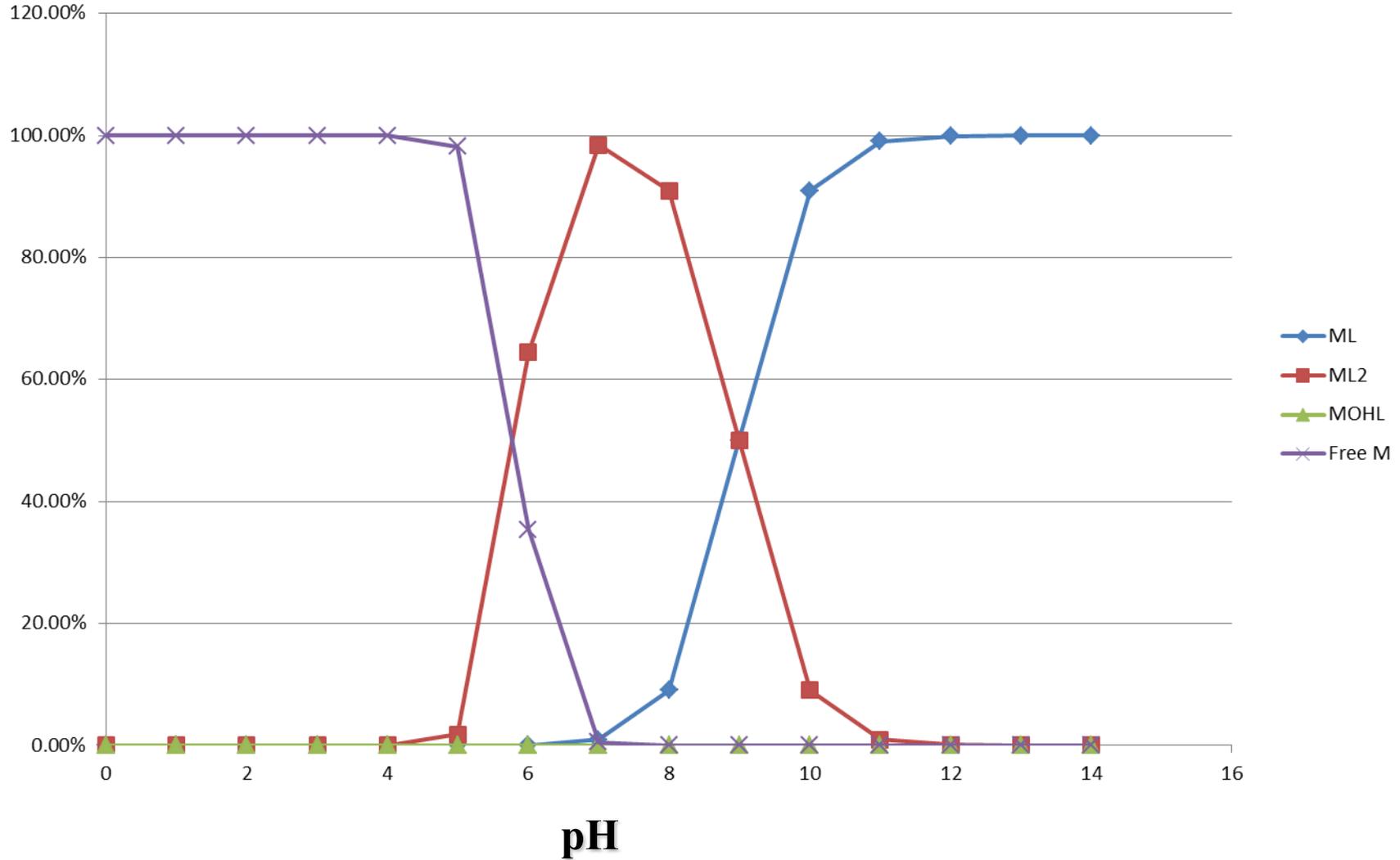
# Glyphosate Chelate (Complex)



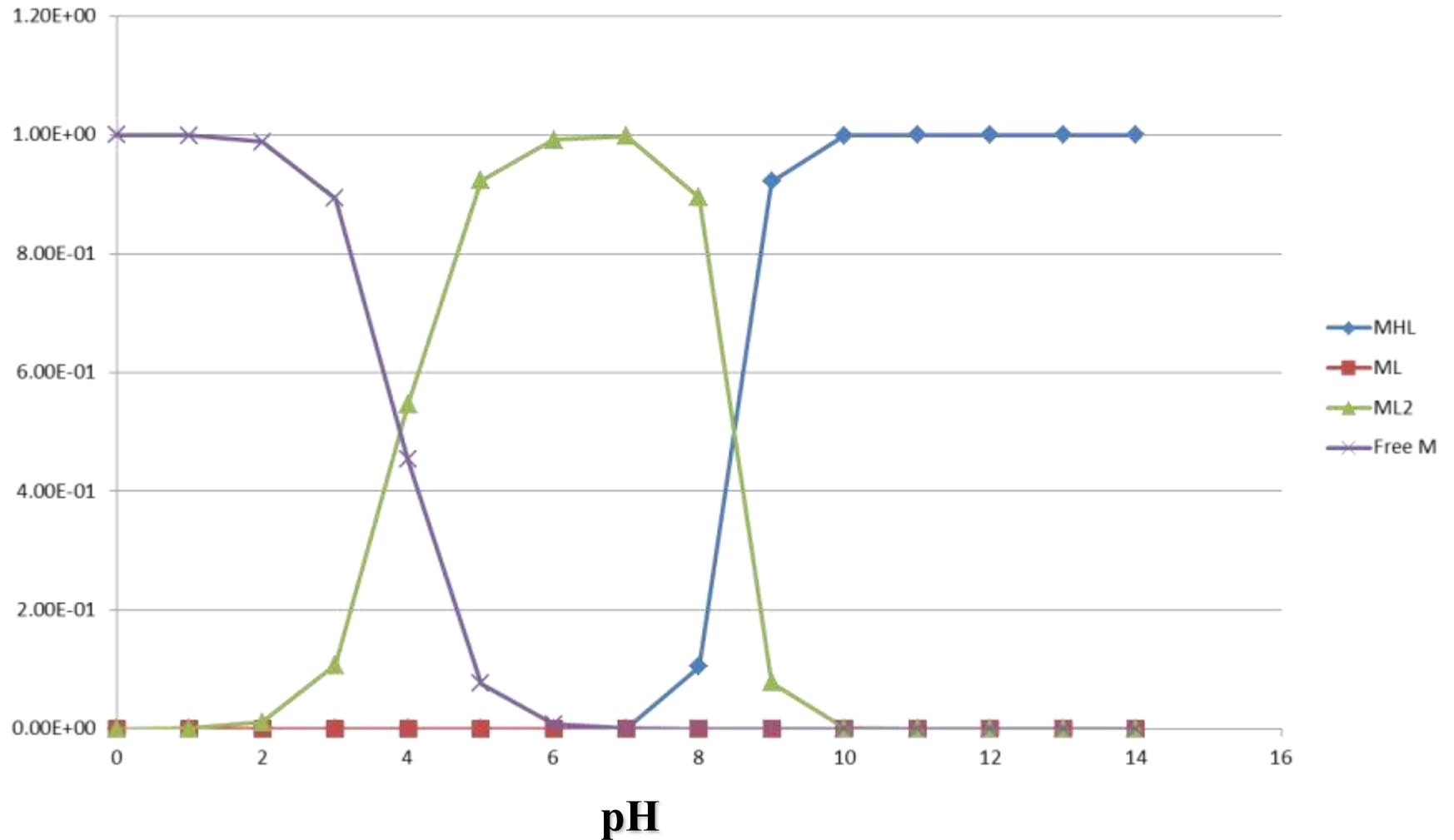
# Glyphosate Species



# Zinc Glyphosate Chelate



# Copper Glyphosate Chelate



# Where's the Yield?



Photo: B. Streit

# Mn Sufficiency\* Range for Agronomic Crops

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Crop	Range	Crop	Range
Barley	25-100	Sorghum	6-190
Bean	20-100	Soybean	20-100
Canola	25-250	Sugar beets	26-360
Corn	15-300	Sugar cane	25-400
Cotton	25-350	<b>Sunflower</b>	<b>50-1000</b>
<b>Oats</b>	<b>25-100</b>	Tobacco	26-400
Peanut	60-350	Tomato	25-35
Rice	150-800	Wheat, spring	25-100
<b>Rye</b>	<b>14-45</b>	Wheat, Winter	16-200

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\* Depends on: cultivar efficiency, growth stage, soil physical and biological environment

# Types of Physical Stress

Stress effect on nutrition	STRESS	Nutrition effect on stress
Solubility	WATER DEFICIT	Ca, Fe, Mn, Mg N, Zn
Microbial activity (form)	WATER EXCESS	Root growth, physiology
Root growth, N-loss		Microbial activity
Microbial activity, N-loss	COMPACTION	Fe, Mn, Mg, Ca, S
Root growth, uptake, O <sub>2</sub>	(GAS EXCHANGE)	Availability, resistance
Availability, uptake	pH	Ca, Fe, Mg, Mn, Mo, S, Zn
Microbial activity		Microbial activity
Translocation	LOW TEMPERATURE	Cu, Mn
Respiration	and	Physiology, hardiness
Microbial activity	HIGH TEMPERATURE	Co, Cu, Mg, Mn, Ni
Metabolism	LIGHT	Ca, Cu, Fe, Mn, S
Respiration		N-form, Ni

# Types of Chemical Stress

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<b>Stress effect on nutrition</b>	<b>STRESS</b>	<b>Nutrition effect on stress</b>
<b>Chelate, immobilize</b>	<b>MICROBIAL METABOLITES</b>	<b>Fe, Mn, N, etc.</b>
<b>Chelate, complex Microbial activity Uptake, efficiency</b>	<b>AGRIC. CHEMICALS HERBICIDES</b>	<b>Specific to general N, Cu, Fe, Mn, Zn</b>
<b>Physiology, root growth</b>	<b>ALLELOPATHIC</b>	<b>Cu, Fe, Mn, S</b>
<b>Reduced availability</b>	<b>PLANT COMPETITION (weeds)</b>	<b>Most</b>
<b>Microbial activity, chelate</b>	<b>ORGANIC MATTER</b>	<b>B, Cu, Fe, Mn, Mo, Zn</b>
<b>Deficiency Amount, form, time available</b>	<b>NUTRIENT DEFICIENCY</b>	<b>All, physiology, resistance Specific to general</b>

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# Micronutrients: Needs and Function

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Symbol	Name	Need	Some functions
B	Boron	4-100	Carbohydrate met, cell wall, pollen germ.
Co	Cobalt	Trace	Carbohydrate, N-fixation
Cu	Copper	5-15	Protein, sugar, pollination, defense-stress
Fe	Iron	20-50	Photosynthesis, energy, N-fix., ox-red
Mn	Manganese	18-50	Photos, ox-red, AA, energy, TCA, defense-stress
Mo	Molybdenum	0.5-1	Sugar, AA, N-fix., N-red.
Ni	Nickel	Trace	N-metabolism, germination, yield
Zn	Zinc	20-150	Respir, hormone, AA, ox-red, permeability, stress

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# Micronutrient Deficiency Symptoms

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Micro	Symptom
<b>B</b>	Stunting, die-back, cracking, poor flowering, yellows
<b>Co</b>	Slow growth, poor nodulation
<b>Cu</b>	Stunting, yellow, rolled leaf, die-back, poor flowering, disease
<b>Fe</b>	Stunting, yellow, few nodules
<b>Mn</b>	Stunting, Interveinal yellow, leaf spots, malformed leaves
<b>Mo</b>	Stunting, interveinal yellow, mottling, necrosis, no nodules
<b>Ni</b>	Small leaves, slow growth, bud drop
<b>Zn</b>	Stunting, rosette, yellow, necrosis, twisting

## **Nutrient    Soil Conditions Inducing Nutrient Deficiency**

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<b>N</b>	<b>Leaching, low OM, residue burning, denitrification, microbial sinks</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Acid, organic, leached &amp; calcareous soils; excess liming</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Sandy, organic, leached, eroded soils, intensive cropping</b>
<b>Ca</b>	<b>Acidic, alkali, or sodic soils</b>
<b>Mg</b>	<b>Low clay content, sodic low Mg soils</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Low organic matter soils, high use of N and P</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Sandy, acidic leached soils, alkaline soils with free lime</b>
<b>Cu</b>	<b>High pH, low or high organic soils</b>
<b>Fe</b>	<b>Calcareous soils, high P, Mn, Cu, or Zn; excess liming</b>
<b>Mn</b>	<b>Calcareous silt and clays, high organic matter, oxidative organisms</b>
<b>Mo</b>	<b>Highly podzolized soils, well drained calcareous soils, low pH</b>
<b>Zn</b>	<b>Highly leached acidic soils; well drained calcareous soils</b>

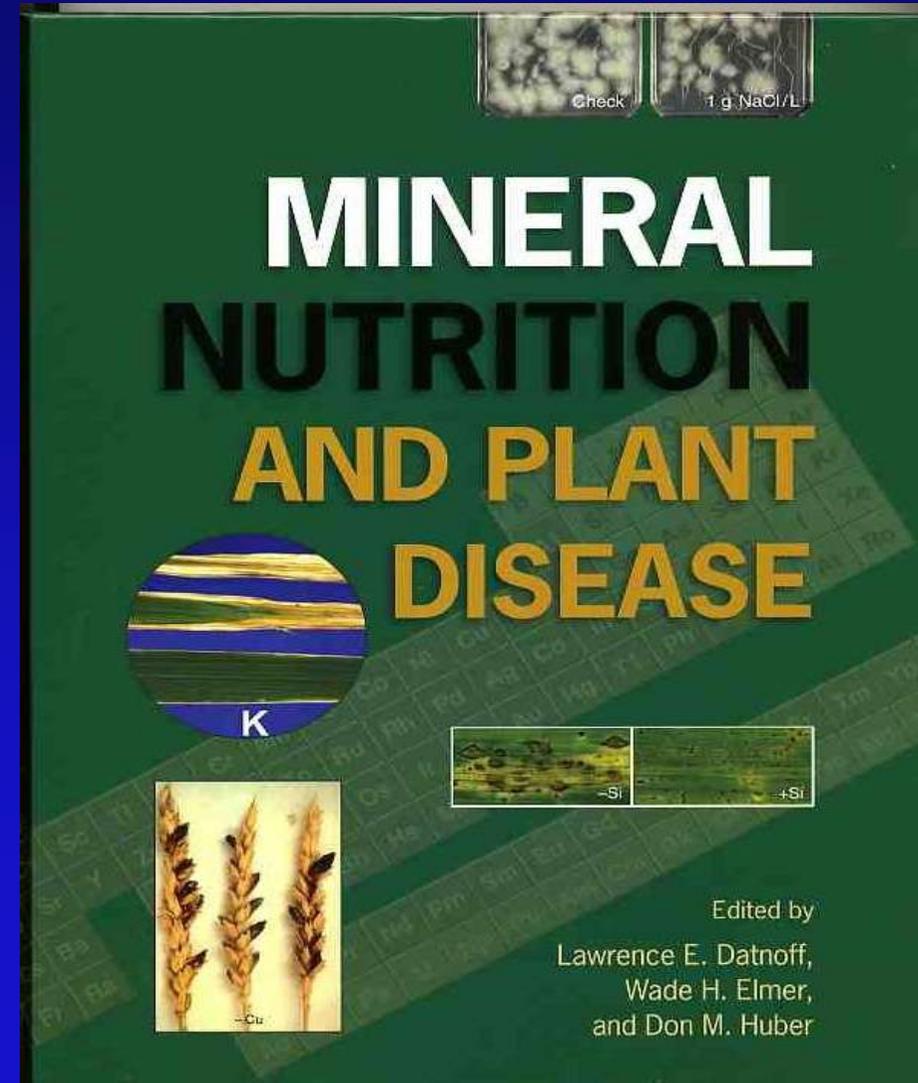
# Root exudation of organic compounds from cotton, wheat and apple with different Zn levels

Zn Treatment	Amino acids	Sugars	Phenolics
( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ root $6\text{h}^{-1}$ )			
<b>COTTON</b>			
<b>-Zn</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>+Zn</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>WHEAT</b>			
<b>-Zn</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>+Zn</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>APPLE</b>			
<b>-Zn</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>+Zn</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>103</b>

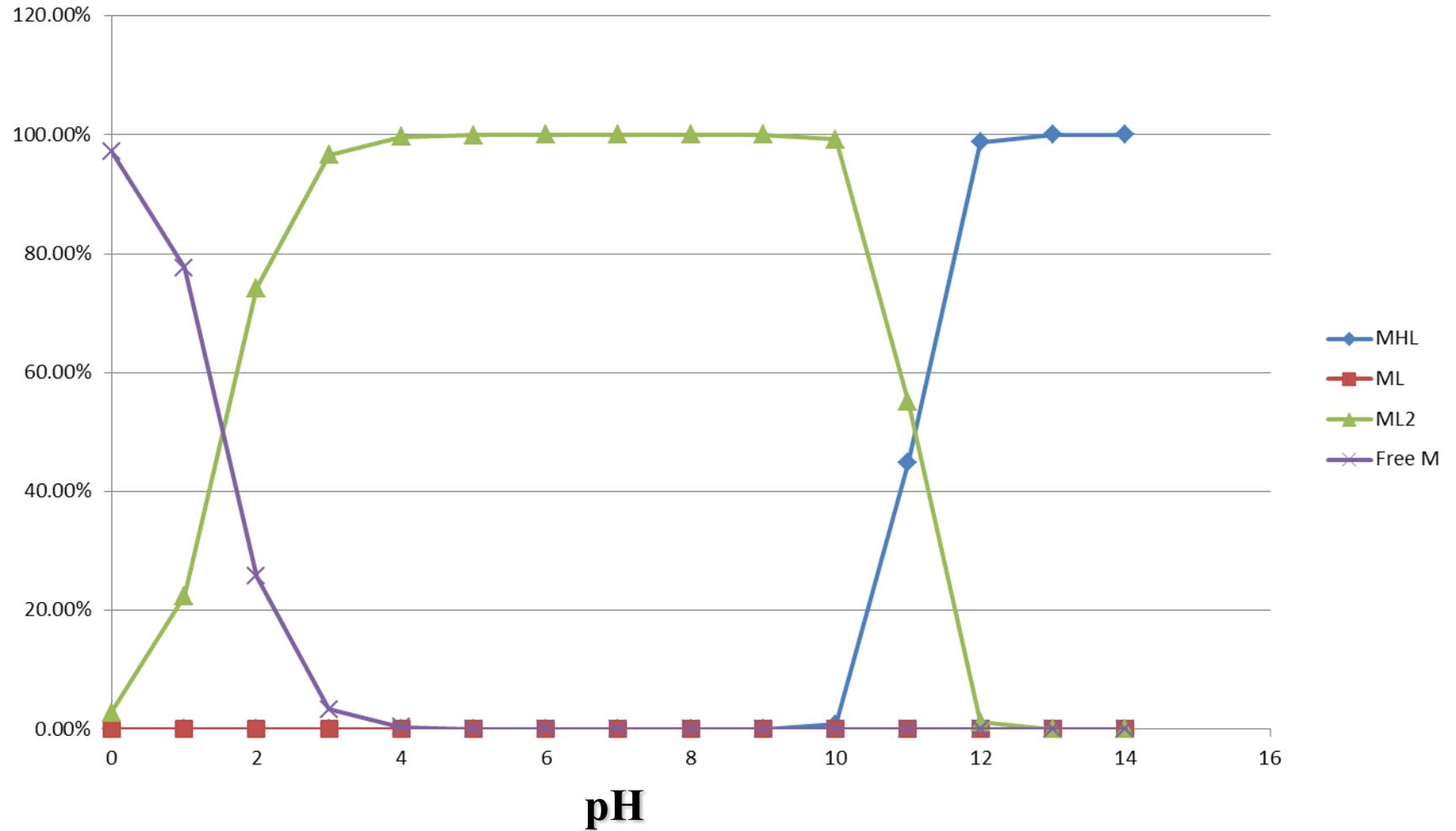
Cakmak and Marschner, 1988, J. Plant Physiol.

# Nutrition Changes the Host Environment

- Specific nutrients
- Form of nutrient - esp. N
- Time applied
- Rate applied
- Nutrient interactions
- Herbicide interactions



# Iron Glyphosate Chelate



# **Evaluation of Roundup Ready® Yield Drag**

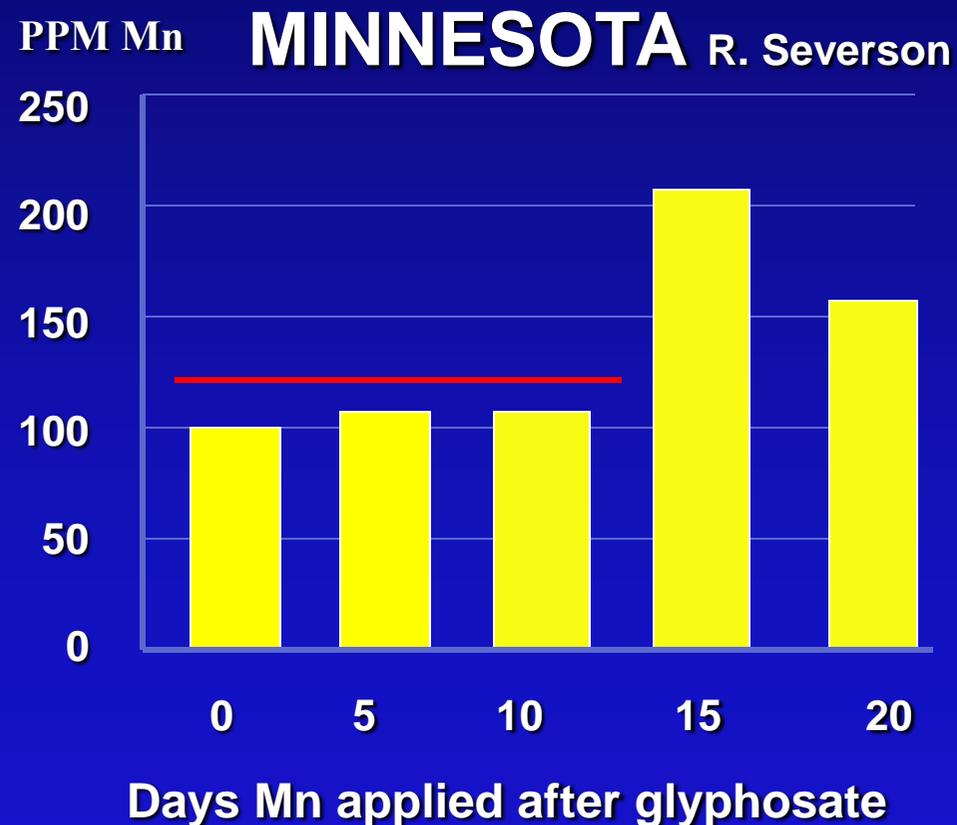
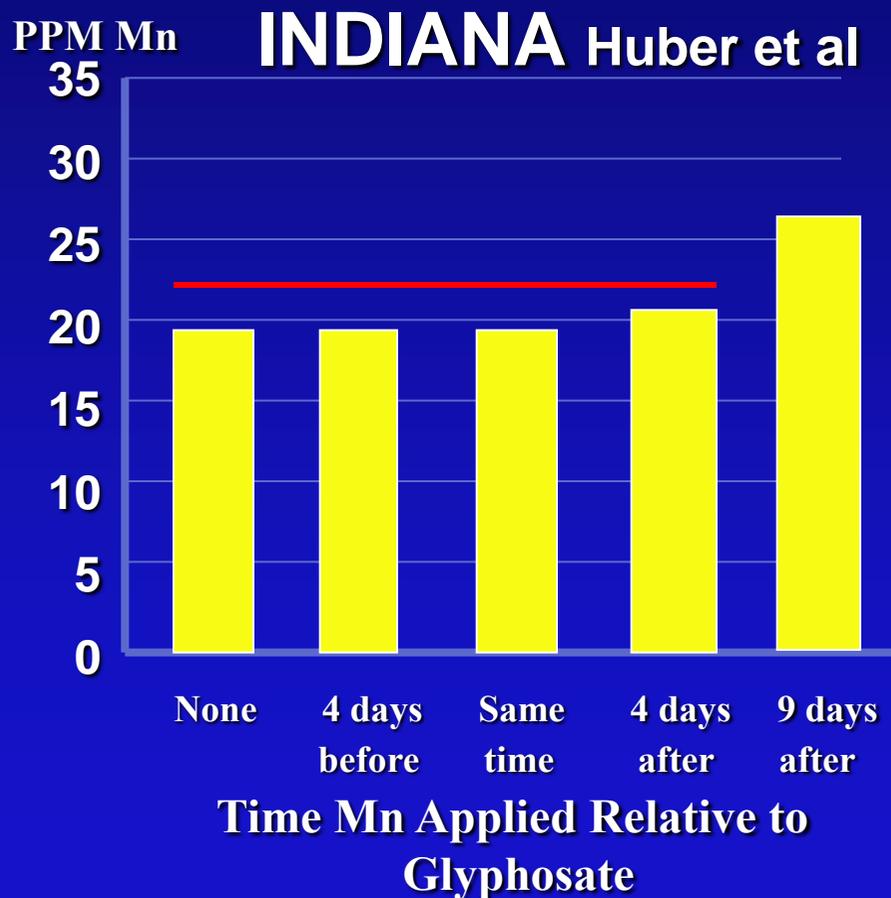
## **An Evaluation of 8,200 University-based Soybean Varietal Trials**

Source: Benbrook. Ag Biotech Info. Net. Tech. Paper No. 1

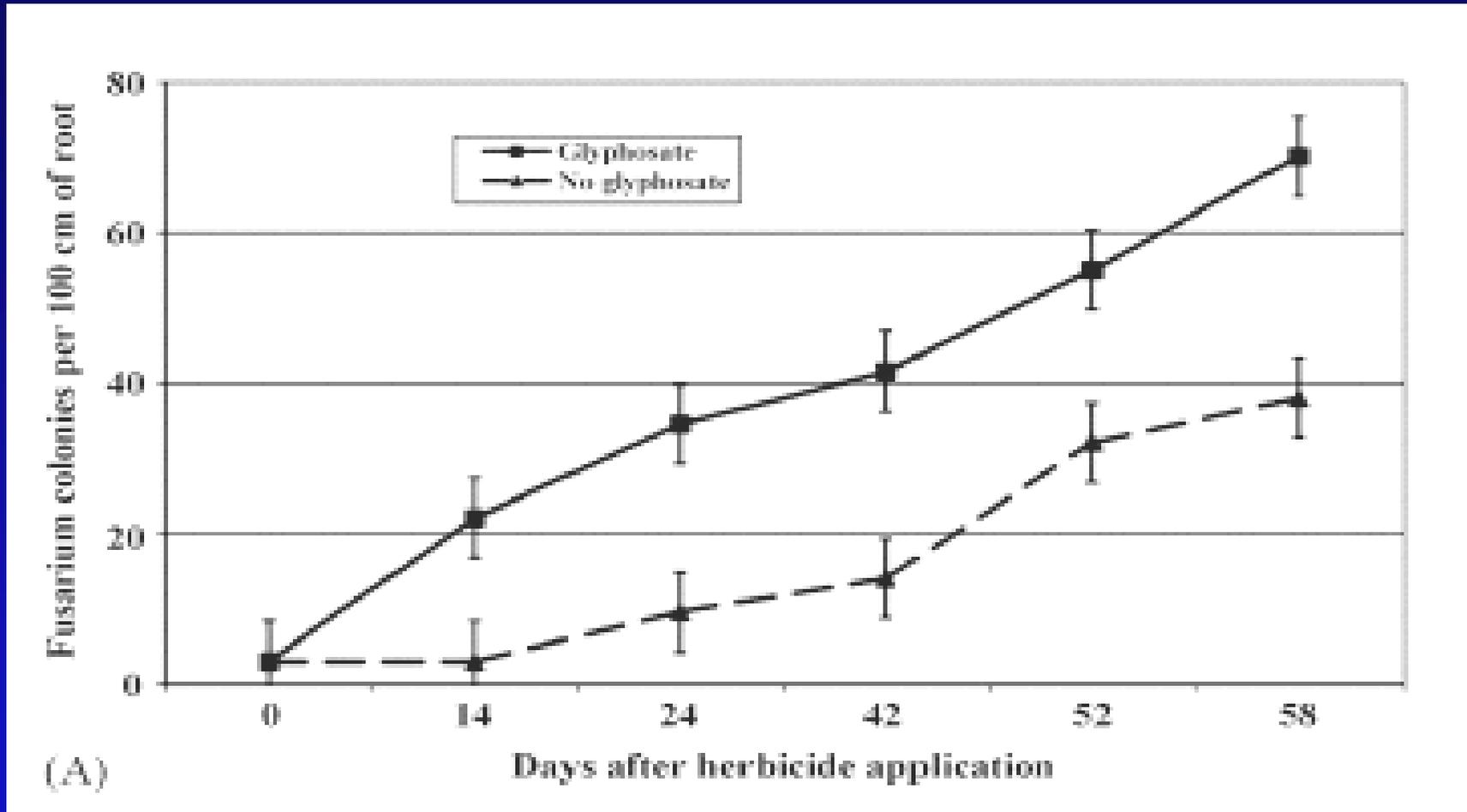
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- **93 % showed lower yields for RR than non-GMO**
  - **RR averaged 6.7 % lower than non-GMO**
  - **RR were 10 % lower than best Midwest varieties**
- **RR yield drag could result in a 2.0-2.5 % lower national yield**
  - **Potentially the most significant decline in a major crop ever associated with a single genetic modification**
- **RR uses 2 - 5 times more herbicide than conventional**
  - **10 times more than multitactic**
- **RR yield drag and Tech fee impose an indirect tax**
  - **as much as 12 % of gross income per acre**

# Effect of Time of Mn Application AFTER Glyphosate on Tissue Mn

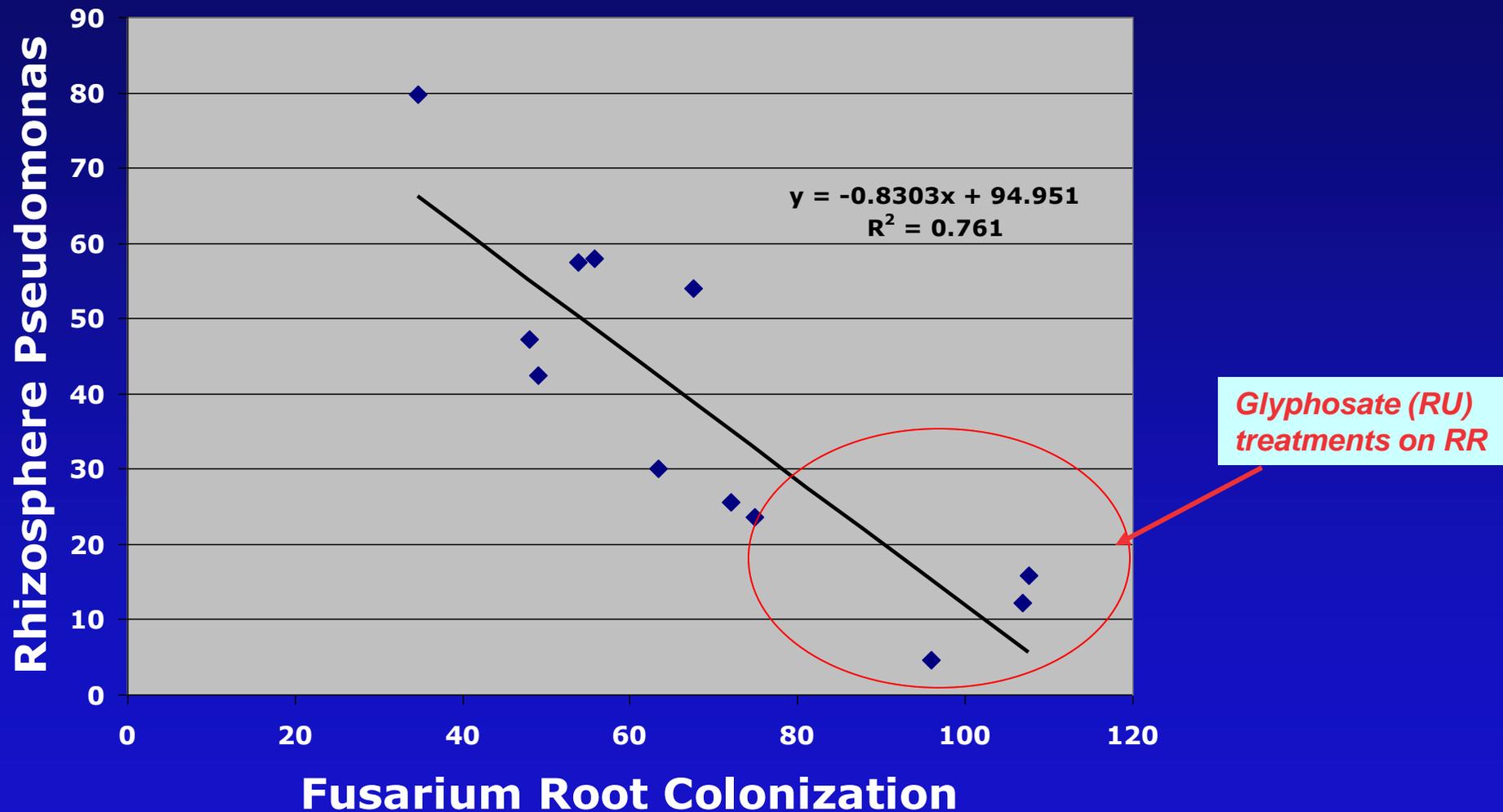


# Typical trend in Fusarium colonization of RR roots



Glyphosate applied at 0.84 kg a.e./ha (0.75 lb/A) on Pioneer 94B01 Roundup Ready® soybean variety at the V4 growth stage, 1998 (Kremer & Means 2009)

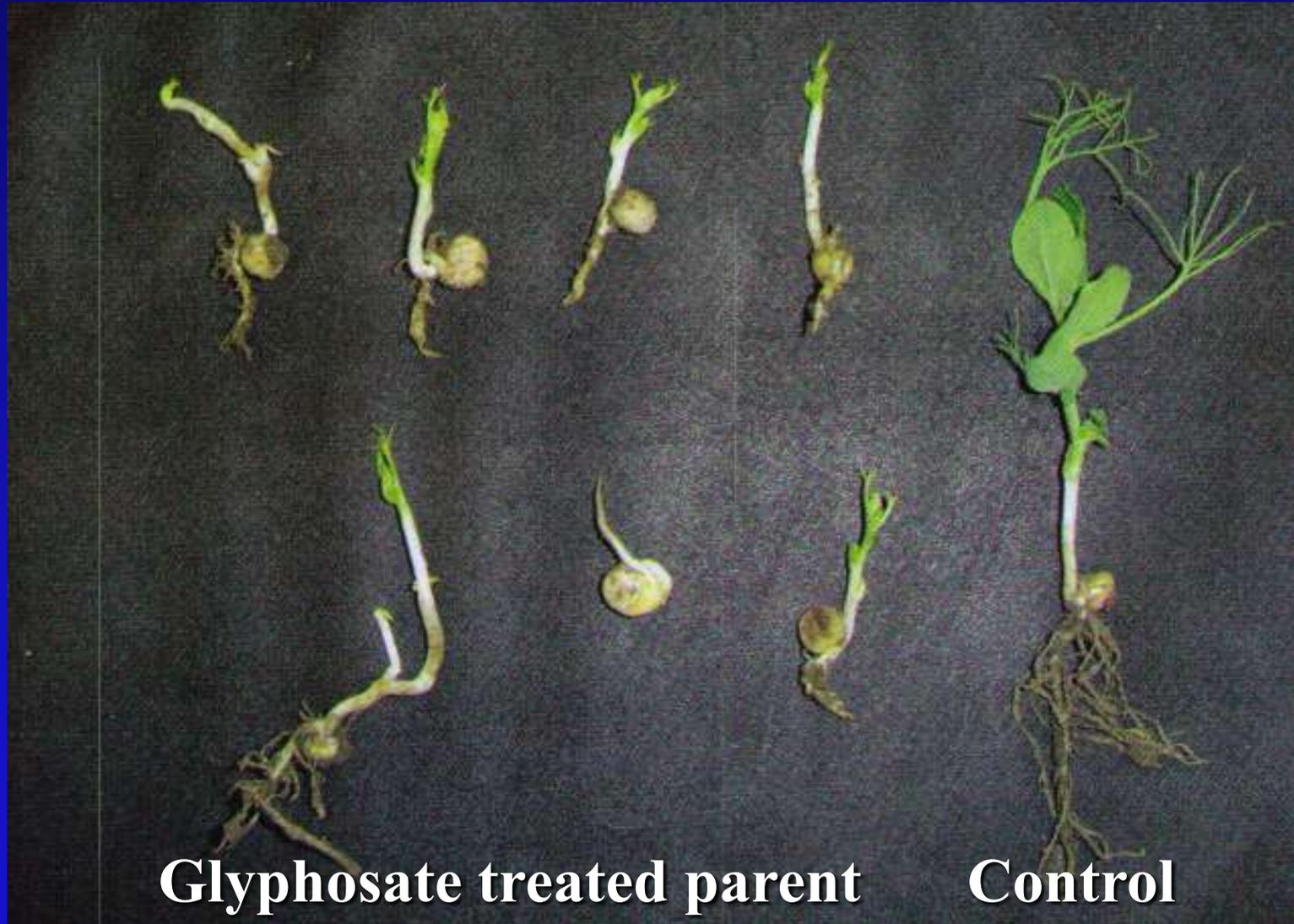
# Relationship Between Colonization of Soybean Roots by Fluorescent *Pseudomonas* spp. and by *Fusarium* spp.



Apparent antagonism of *Fusarium* growth by *Pseudomonas* spp., Kremer & Means 2009

# Effect of Pre-harvest Glyphosate on Pea Seed Germination

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**Glyphosate treated parent**

**Control**

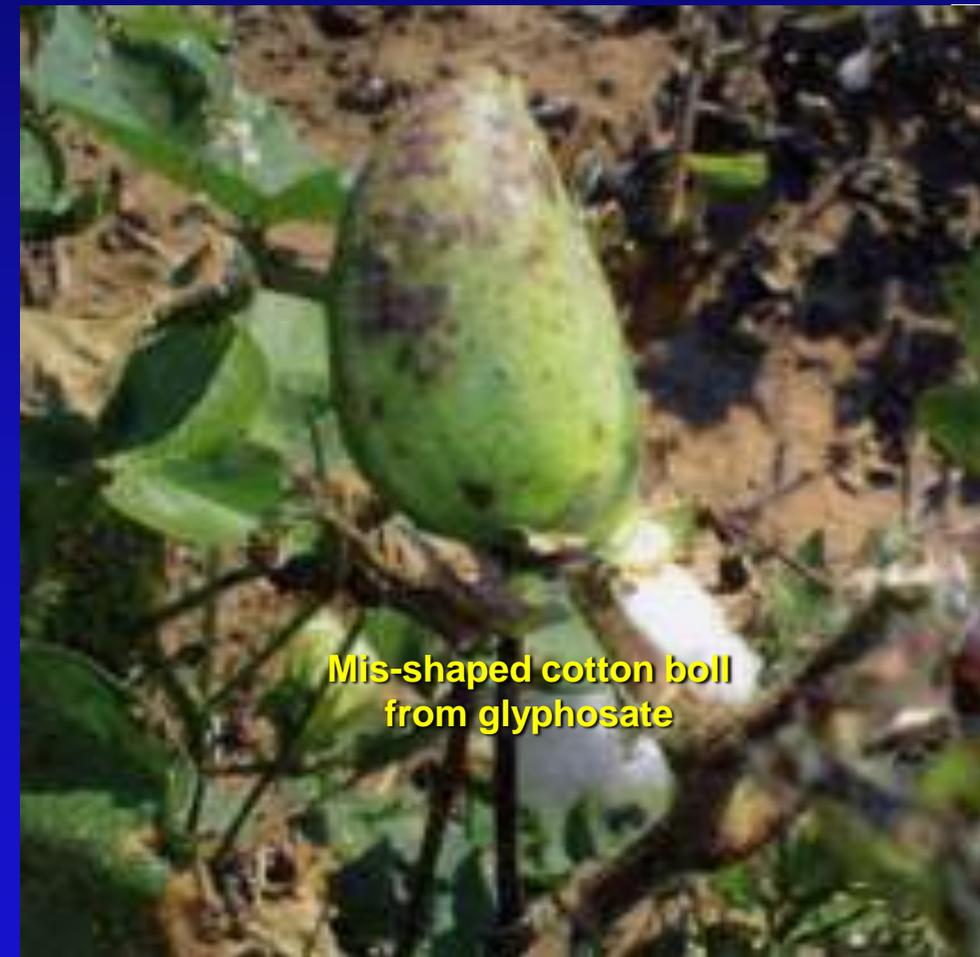
# Remember

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- 1. Glyphosate kills weed plants by increasing disease**  
*Optimize crop nutrients for sufficiency*
- 2. Glyphosate-tolerant plants are less nutrient sufficient**  
*Compensate for reduced efficiency*
- 3. Learn to recognize symptoms of glyphosate damage**  
*Minimize by plant delay and detoxification*  
*Avoid interactions for other crops in the rotation*
- 4. Use glyphosate judiciously!**

# Poor Boll Retention, Sterile Locules in RR Cotton. WHY?

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Mis-shaped cotton boll  
from glyphosate



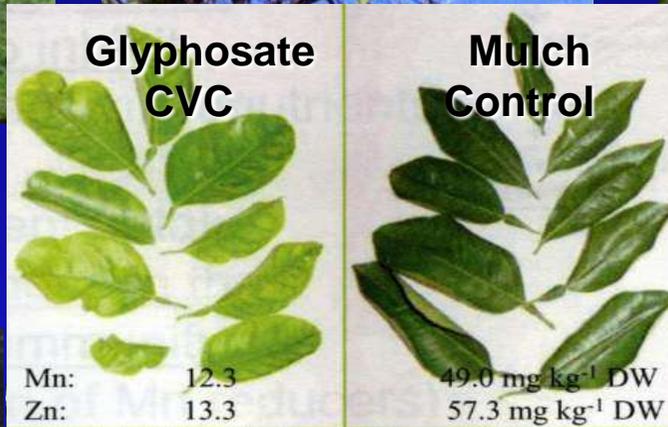
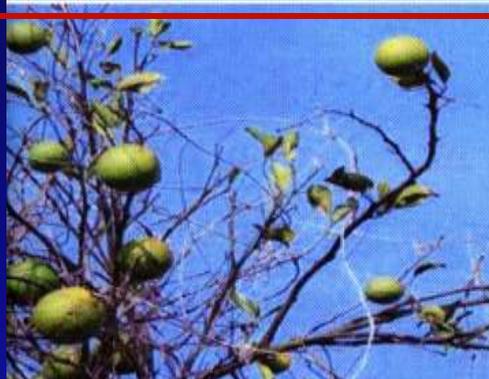
Glyphosate+Mn

Glyphosate

# Citrus Variegated Chlorosis

Predisposition to CVC (*Xylella fastidiosa*) by glyphosate

CVC with  
typical glyphosate  
weed control



Alternative mulch  
program of  
T. Yamada

Grass mulch under trees

After T. Yamada



# Glyphosate Resistant Weeds

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It starts this way >>>> and >>>> Develops into this



# Increased Disease on Crops in the Rotation

- **Beans (*P. vulgaris*) after RR sugar beets**
  - Fusarium root rot
  - Rhizoctonia hypocotyl rot
- **Alfalfa after RR corn or RR soybeans**
  - Fusarium root and crown rot
  - Phytophthora root and crown rot
  - Aphanomyces root rot
- **Wheat after RR canola**
  - Fusarium root and crown rot
  - Fusarium head scab
- **Potatoes after RR corn (RR sugar beets?)**
  - Verticillium wilt
  - Fusarium dry rot
  - Rhizoctonia stolon canker
  - Common scab

# Residual Soil & Crop Sequence Effects of Glyphosate

Severe Verticillium wilt  
after 1 year of RR corn  
(left) Idaho, 2009

Mild Verticillium  
after wheat (no  
Glyphosate, right)

## Crop sequence effect on $Mn^{+2}$

Rotation	Extractable Mn
Continuous Corn	130 ppm
Roundup Ready® corn	60 ppm
Continuous soybeans	64 ppm
Soybean, wheat, <u>corn</u>	91 ppm
Wheat, corn, <u>soybean</u>	79 ppm

# Remember

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- 1. Glyphosate reduces nutrient efficiency**  
*Compensate for reduced nutrient availability & efficiency*
- 2. Glyphosate accumulates in growth points**  
*Detoxify glyphosate in plant tissues and soil*
- 3. Glyphosate has strong biological activity**  
*Manage soil microflora, inoculate legumes*
- 4. Residual glyphosate affects other crops in the rotation**  
*Manage diseases, weeds, pests effectively*
- 5. Glyphosate and glyphosate tolerance can reduce crop quality**  
*Compensate for lower nutrients by fertilization*  
*USE glyphosate judiciously*

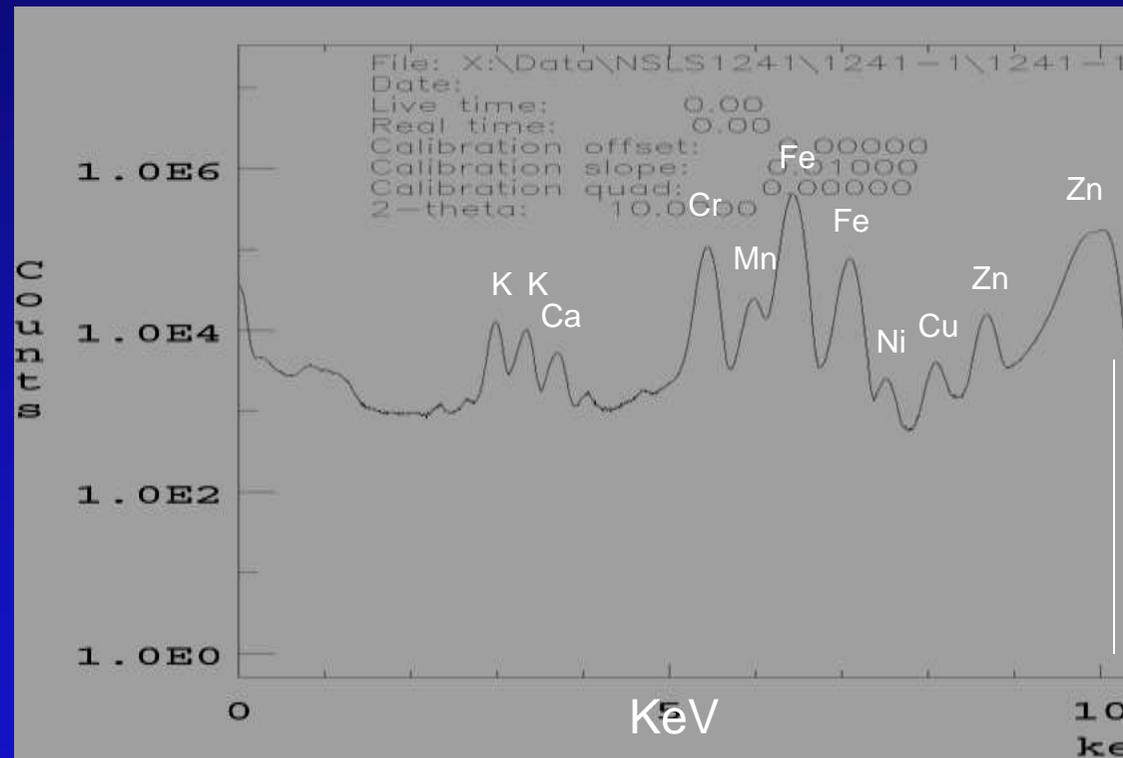


# Mineral Composition of ‘New’ Organism\*

Mineral	Wet sample	Dry sample
K	2.1	3.2
Ca	1.4	4.2
Mn	0.4	2.5
Fe	15.9	74.2
Cu	2.5	6.7
Zn	4.9	19.6
Ni	---	1.9
Cr	0.5	8.3

\*,'Swabbed' from agar surface

# Fluorescent Spectra for Dried Sample



# What is Known About the Organism

## ➤ Characteristics

- Very small (EM visible at 38,000 X) - (size of a virus)
- Filterable - passes through a bacterial filter
- Culturable - self replicating
- Common in nature (ubiquitous? - in soil) - IA, IL, KY, MI, NE, ND, WI
- Unknown taxonomic position (genetic sequencing in progress)
- Synergist with bacteria (gram+, e.g. alfa-Streptococcus) and other microbes

## ➤ Infectious nature - infects animals, plants, fungi (systemic)

## ➤ Affect in animals (horses, cattle, pigs, poultry)

- Causes infertility
- Causes spontaneous abortions (miscarriage-man)
- Death of chicken embryos
- In milk from cows fed high infected feed

## ➤ Affect in plants

- High population in 'scorch' type diseases
- 'Extends' symptoms of Goss' wilt (corn) and SDS (soybean)
- Seed-borne (?) - in soybean seed and feed/food products

# What Does it Mean to You?

## La Niña Corn Yield Risk

Yield per acre risk computed by Elwynn, Likely harvest price on DEC contract is derived from Wisner "Balance" sheet of 20 Apr 2011. Risk zones are sized assuming that La Niña conditions persist into July.

Dr. Wisner's projections: 151Bu:\$7.70, 161Bu:\$6.05, 168Bu:\$5.25

**Using the Wheel**  
If the DEC contract is trading @ \$6.65 1/2 ▼, there is a 66% chance that the harvest price (for DEC corn) will be higher. (Assuming a persisting La Niña)



Trend yield (30-yr USDA linear regression) is at yellow-blue contact. Green represents the (7%) chance of US corn yield exceeding the trend by more than 10%. Red represents the (30+%) chance of yield 10% (or more) below the trend ("legal" drought). [During a "normal" year the trend point is located near the bottom of the wheel (50/50 chance of yield being above or below the trend)] The most likely La Niña yield is 148BPA.

**About \$0.15/bushel difference**

The electronic DEC corn market (9AM 4/22/2011) assumes a US yield of 157BPA



Photo: B. Streit

# Remember

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- 1. Genetic potential & nutrient sufficiency are reduced by glyphosate**  
*Optimize crop nutrients for yield and quality*
- 2. Nutrition is important for disease and stress resistance**  
*Optimize crop nutrients for yield and quality*
- 3. Recognize symptoms of glyphosate damage**  
*Minimize by plant delay and detoxification*  
*Avoid interactions for other crops in the rotation*
- 4. There are health and safety concerns with glyphosate use**  
***USE GLYPHOSATE WISELY and JUDICIOUSLY!***

# Conclusions & Recommendations

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- 1.** The glyphosate-resistance gene selectively reduced Mn uptake  
*Select cultivars with highest Mn efficiency*
- 2.** Application of glyphosate reduced Mn translocation in tissues  
*Apply micronutrients 8+ days after glyphosate*
- 3.** Glyphosate formulation and nutrient source influence uptake  
*Select formulations that are compatible for uptake*
- 4.** Changes in rhizosphere biology are accumulative  
*Use cultural practices that minimize glyphosate impact*
- 5.** Glyphosate reduces root growth  
*Detoxify glyphosate in roots and rhizosphere*
- 6.** Disease severity increases  
*Use alternate weed control -Minimize glyphosate use*

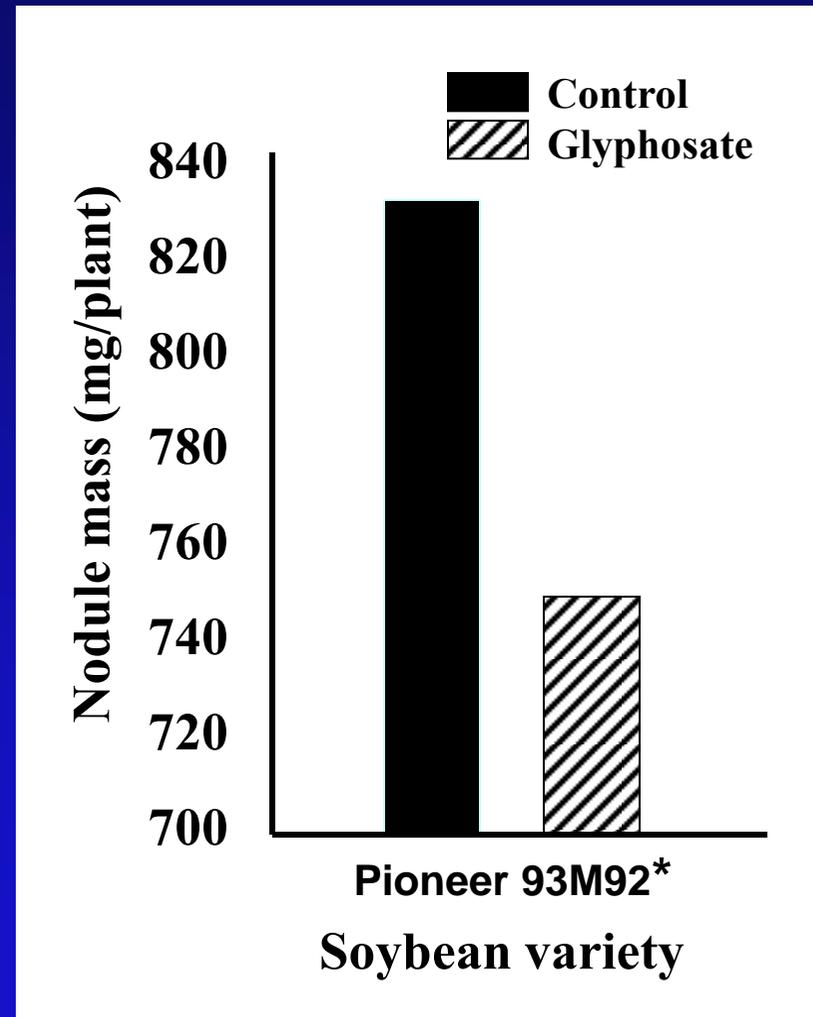
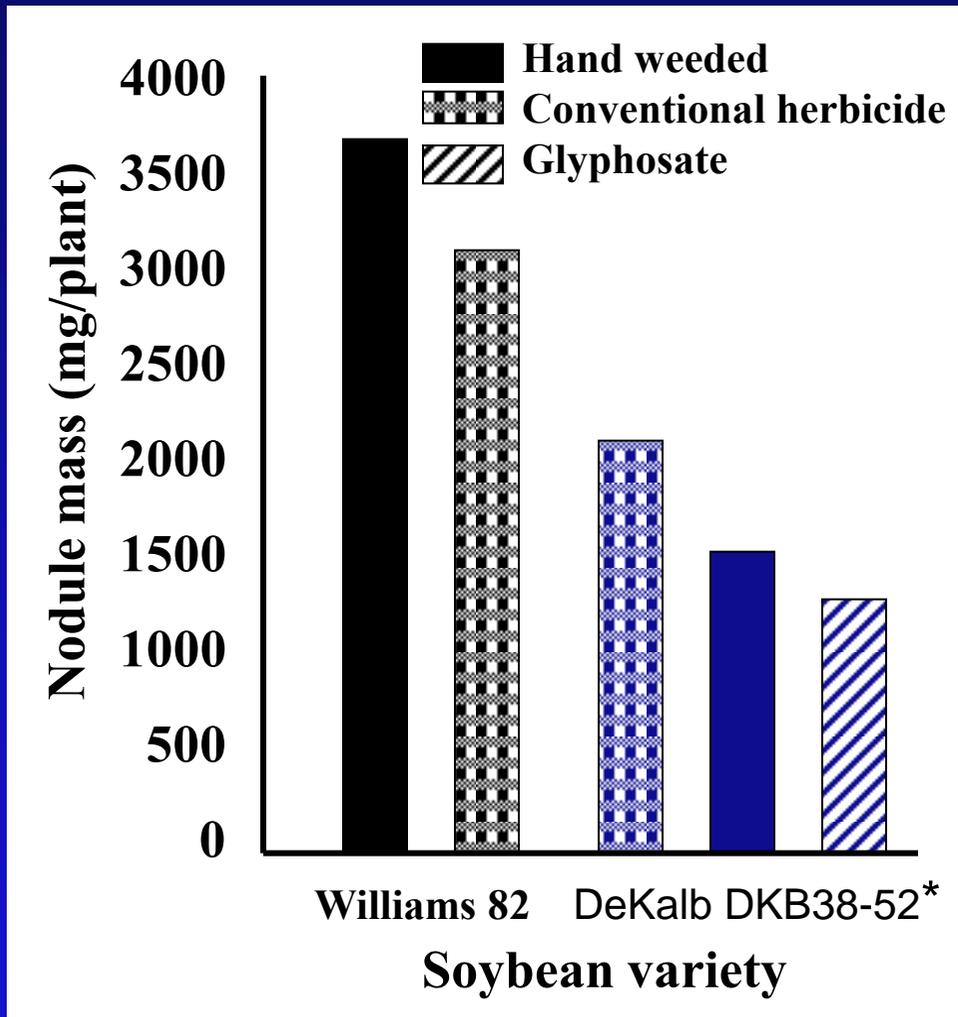
# Remember

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- 1. Nutrient sufficiency is critical for efficient crop production**  
*Determined by the interactions of the plant, environment and microbes*  
*Balance the nutrients to meet the plant needs*
- 2. Know your soil, Know your seed**  
*Soil and tissue test as needed, keep records*
- 3. Glyphosate is a strong nutrient immobilizer to influence function**  
*Select cultivars with highest nutrient efficiency*
- 4. Glyphosate is released in root exudates to reduce microbe populations**  
*Consider inoculation of legumes and stimulating beneficials*
- 5. Insertion of the glyphosate tolerance genes result in a yield drag**  
*Compensate for the reduced nutrient efficiency*

# Effect of the RR Gene & Herbicide on Root Nodule Mass

After Kremer & Means, 2009

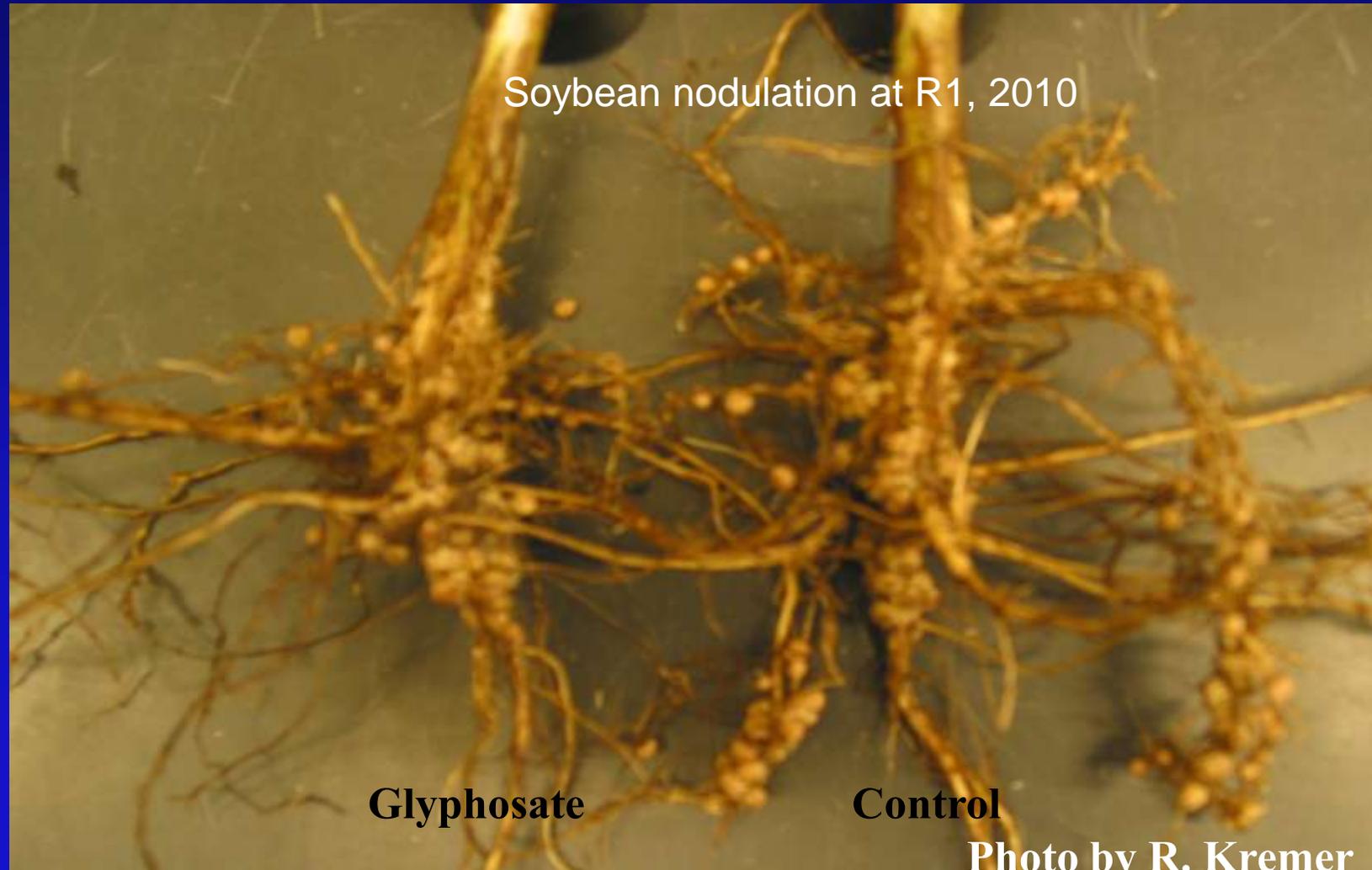


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# Effects on Nitrogen Fixation

(After Kremer, 2010, Zobiolo et al, 2010)

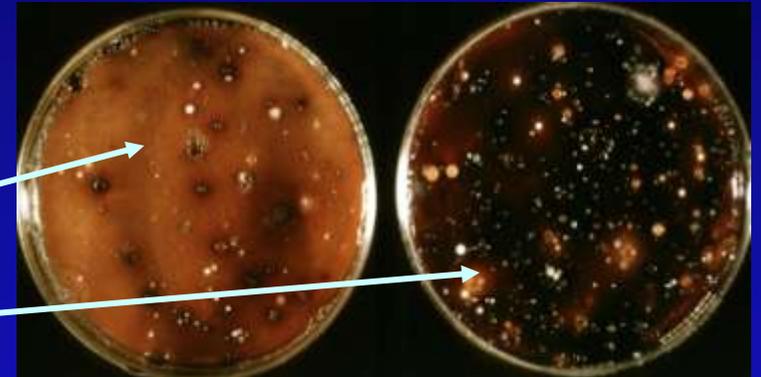
Soybean obtains 25 – 75% of its N from N<sub>2</sub> fixation; the remaining is from soil N (Heatherly & Elmore 2004). Under some conditions, soil N may be depleted, requiring greater reliance on biologically fixed N – residual glyphosate in GR plants and that released into the rhizosphere affects efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> fixation!



# Take-all and Populations of Mn-oxidizing Rhizosphere Bacteria



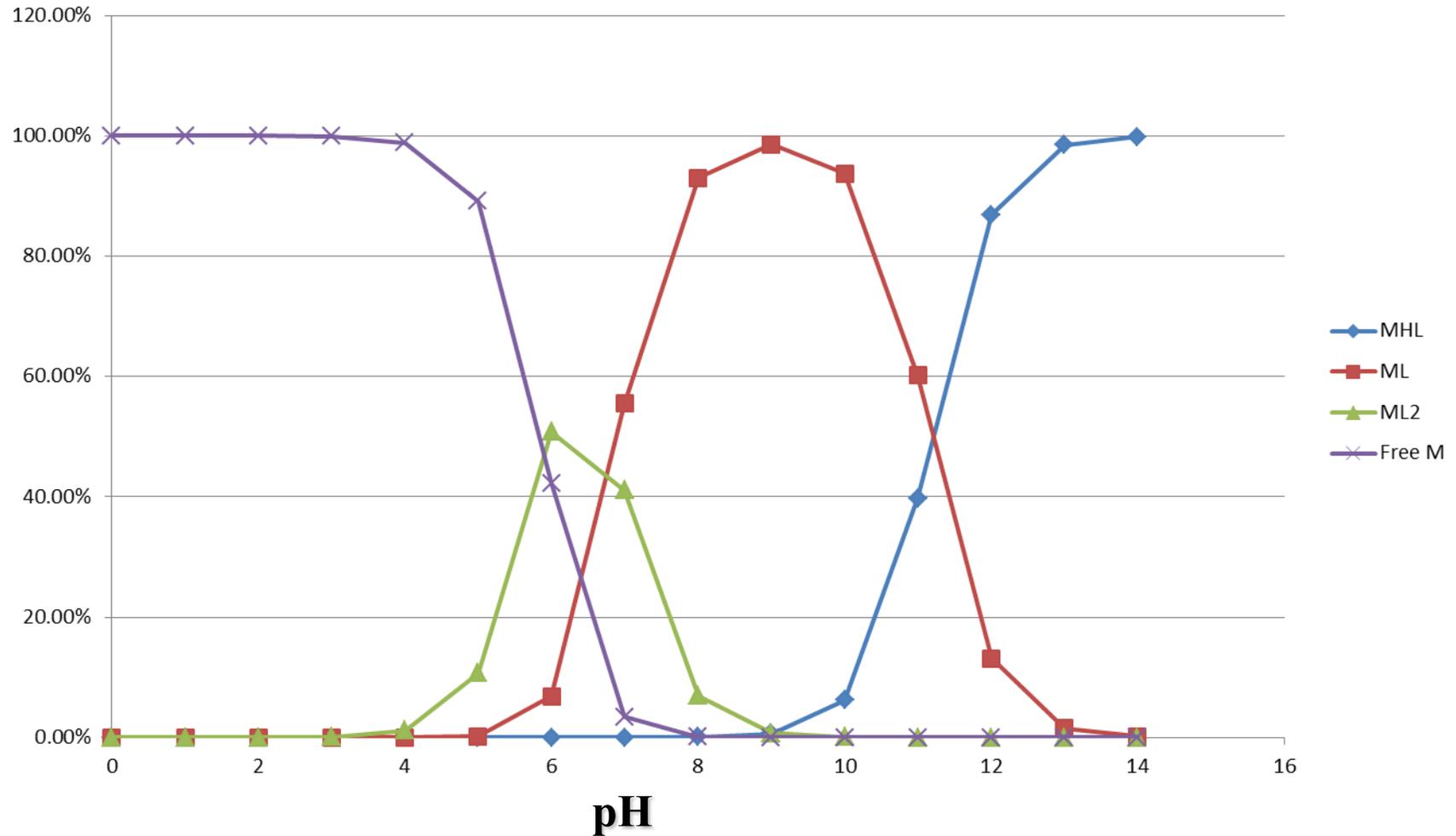
Cattle  
dung  
(manure)



## Mn Availability & Biological Activity

pH:	5.2	←—————→	7.8
Mn form:	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	<b>Biological Activity</b>	Mn <sup>+4</sup>
Available:	Yes		No

# Manganese Glyphosate Chelate



Yellowing of leaves ('flashing' in GR soybean after glyphosate application suggests:

- 1) Immobilization of essential nutrients for chlorophyll development & photosynthesis; or
- 2) Toxicity of glyphosate breakdown product (AMPA)



(Bott et al. 2008, Neumann et al. 2006, Sprankle et al. 1975)

**Chlorosis on Asgrow AG3539 soybean ("second generation")  
after glyphosate application at V4 growth stage**

(Zobiolo et al. 2011. J. Plant Nutr. Soil Sci.)

# Poor Bud Break, Small Leaves, Stem Epinasty Nickel Deficiency

**Plus Ni** (pre bud break)

**No Ni**

Pecan

Same symptoms from glyphosate  
on coffee, blue berries, etc.

after B. Wood, 2007

