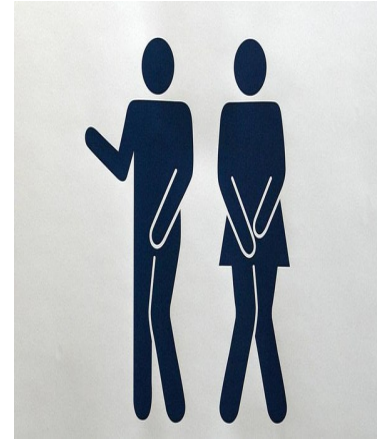


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Housekeeping



@Cereals_NE

@potatoes_north

A vibrant landscape of a green field at sunset. A path leads from the foreground towards the horizon where the sun is setting, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with colorful clouds, and the field is lush and green. A decorative graphic of several thin, curved white lines is positioned in the lower foreground.

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Improving Nitrogen Use Efficiency: Environmental Perspective

Dr. Sajjad Awan

Environment and Resources Scientist

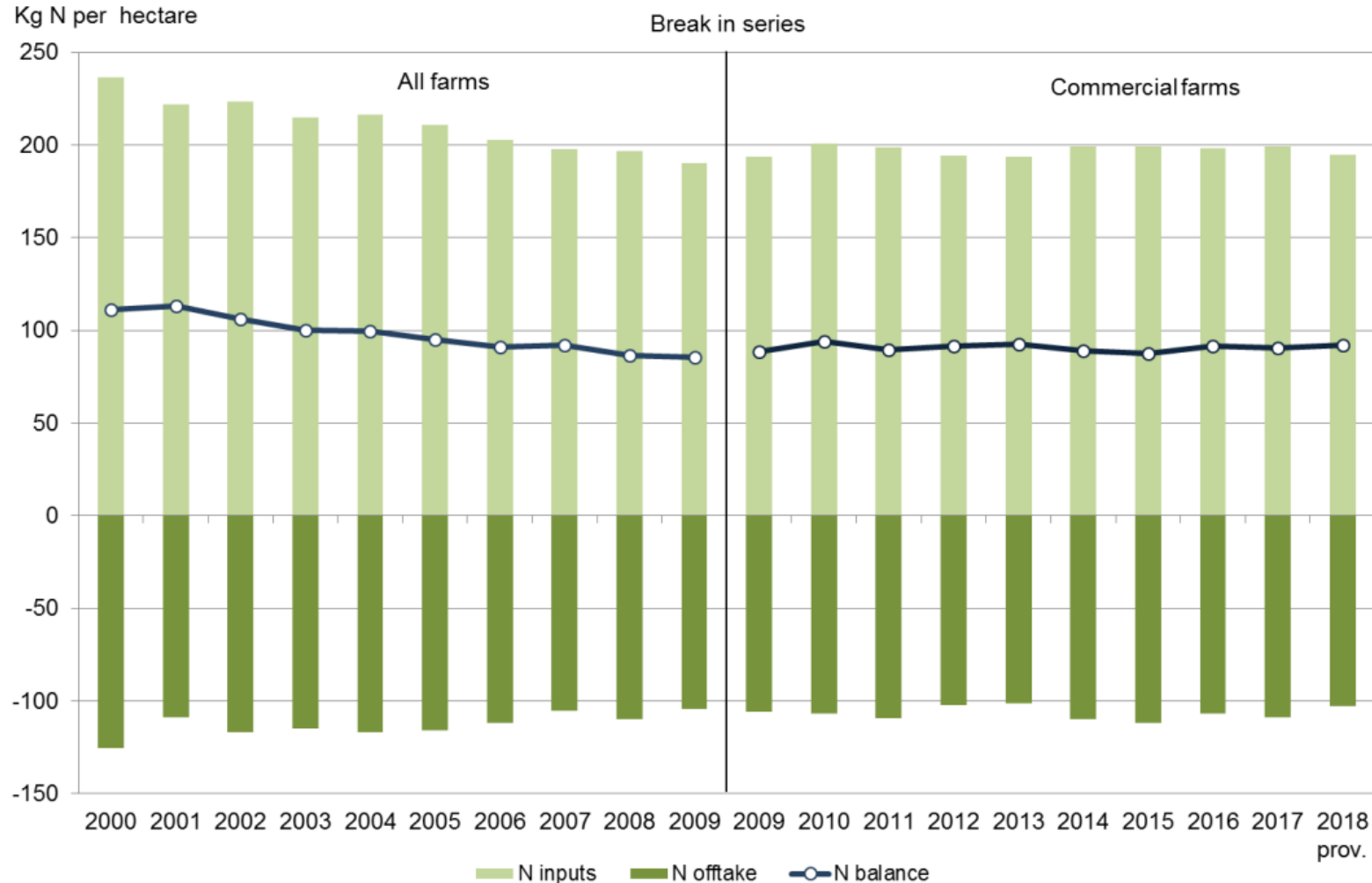
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Presentation Summary

- **Nitrogen use in the UK agriculture**
- **How efficient is our Nitrogen use**
- **Measures to improve Nitrogen use efficiency**
- **Clean Air Strategy 2019; 25 year environment plan**
- **An update on RB209-New edition**

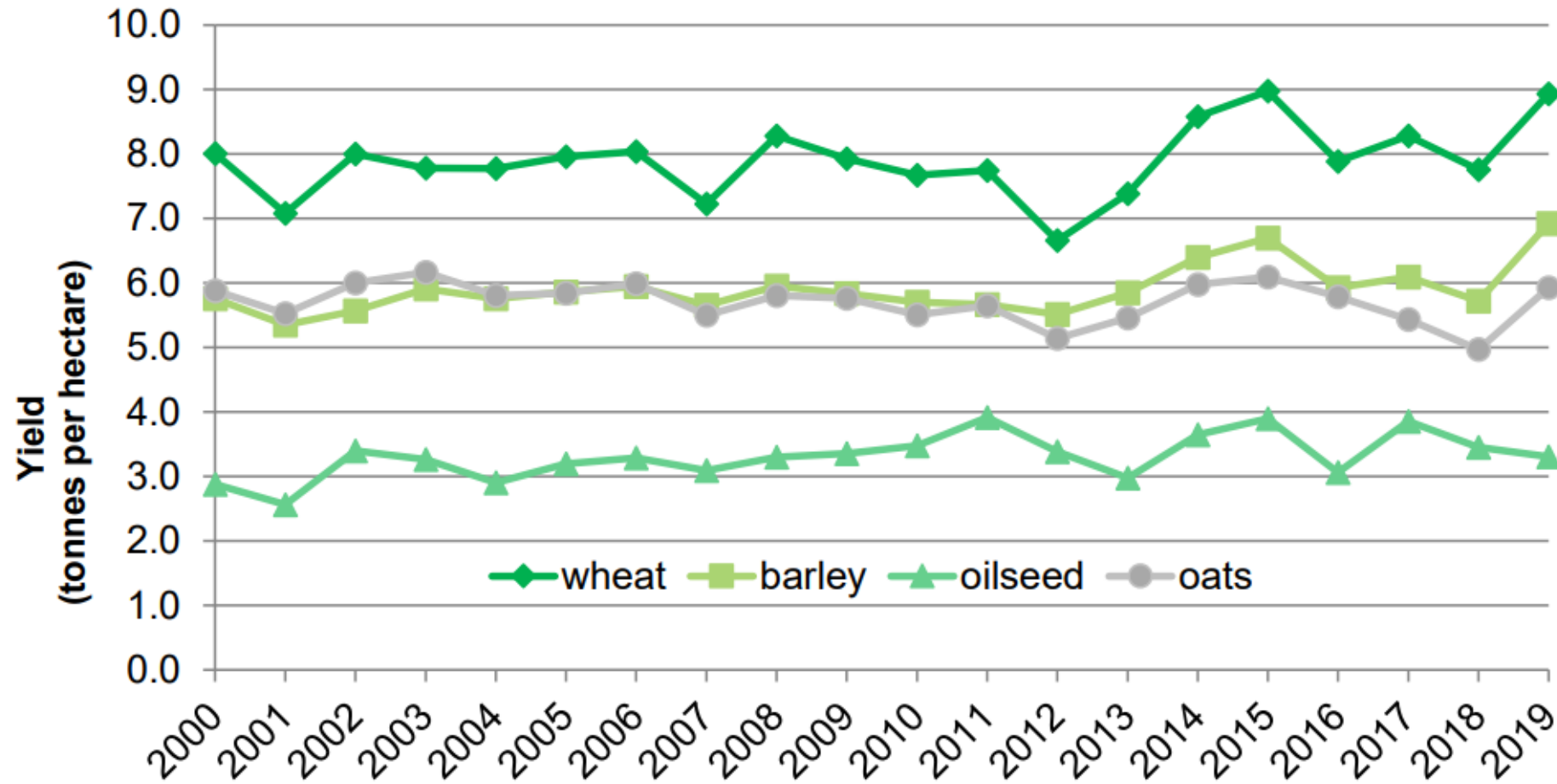
UK Farm Nitrogen Balance



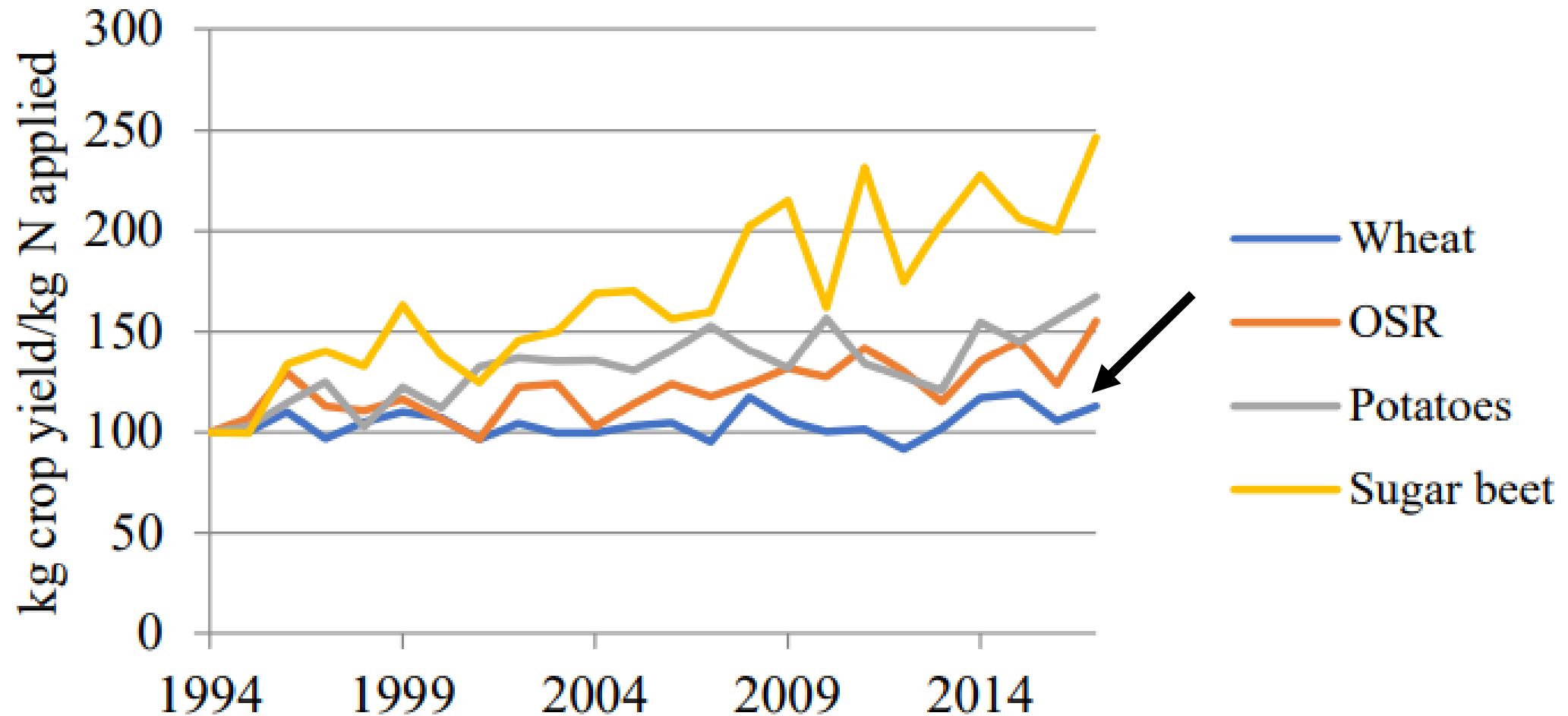
A 17% decrease in the total N surplus (111 kg/ha to 92 kg/ha):

- **Lower inorganic (manufactured) fertilisers and**
- **Lower manure production (the result of lower livestock numbers)**

Long term crop yield (2000-2019)



Nitrogen Use Efficiency- arable crops



Can we improve Nitrogen Use Efficiency

1. Right source

2. Right rate

3. Right time

4. Right place



Nitrogen fertiliser sources

- **Organic;**

- Farmyard manure
- Green manure
- Slurries
- Digestate
- Biosolids etc



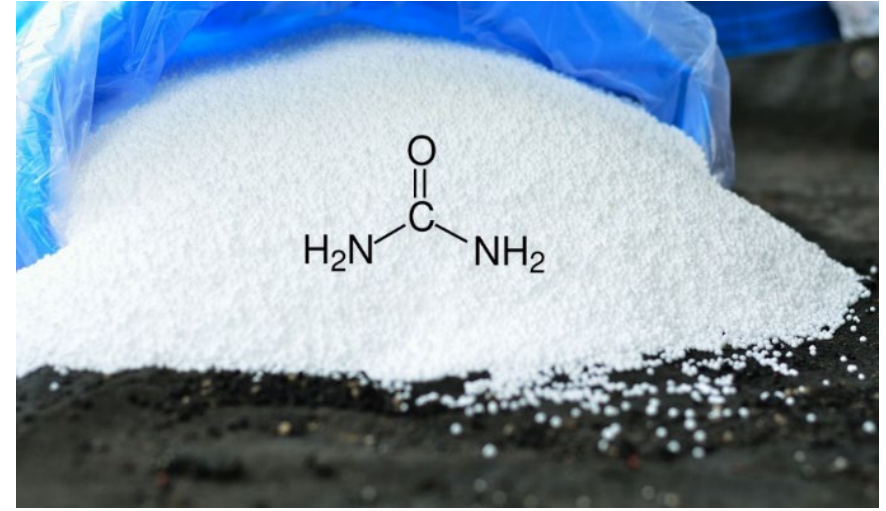
- **Inorganic**

- Nitrate fertilisers
- Urea
- Sulphates etc



Urea fertiliser

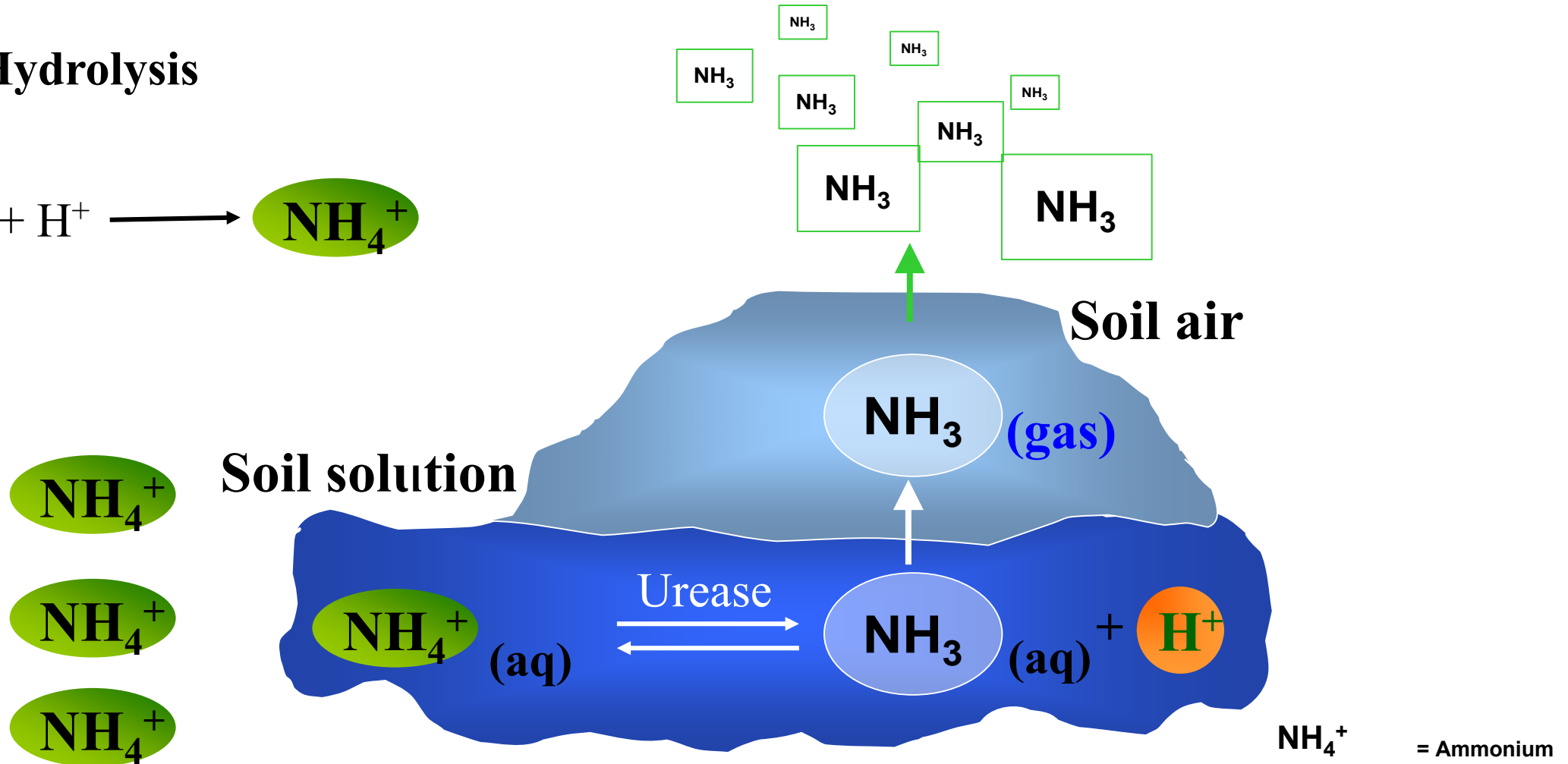
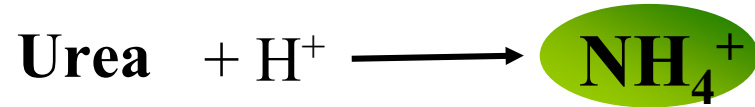
- **Approximately 22% of N used as urea**
- **Concentrated N (46%)**
- **Easy to store and use**
- **Cheaper than other N sources**
- **Environment losses are higher compared to ammonium nitrate**



Credit: Tim Scirvener

Urea volatilisation

Hydrolysis

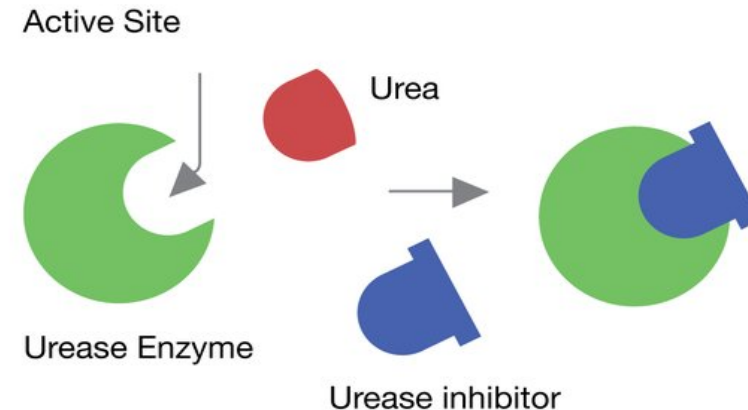


Urease Inhibitors

- Urease produced by plants and microbes in the soil



- Urease Inhibitors slow down the conversion of Ammonium to Ammonia
- Ammonium can stay in the soil for several weeks



Urease inhibitor

Crop residue

Urea

Urea

Urea

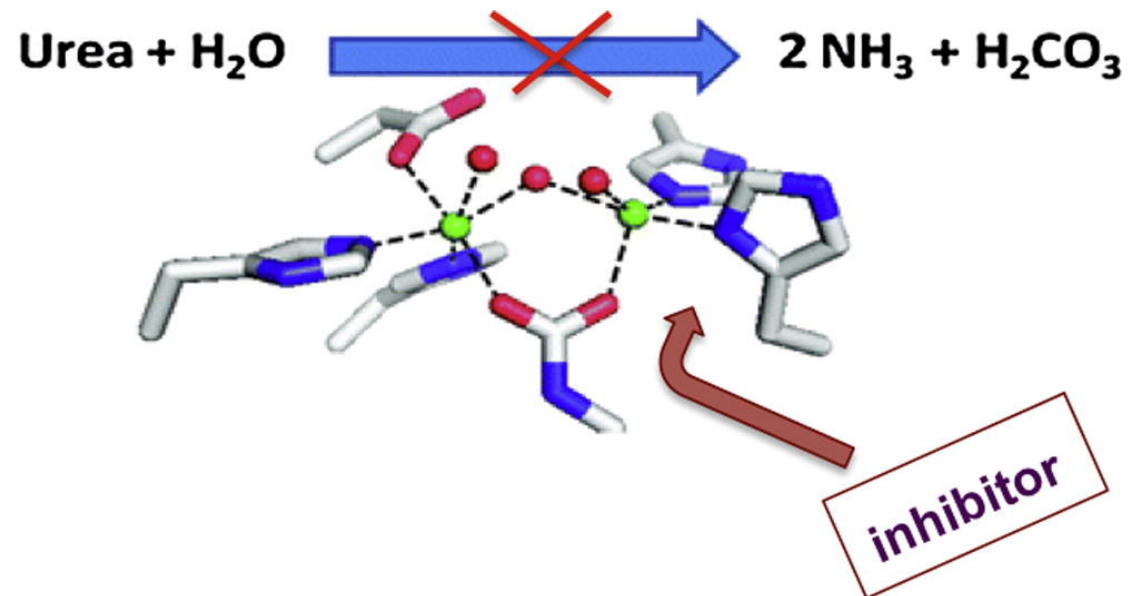
Urea

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Urease Inhibitors

- **Phosphoramidate compounds are extremely potent inhibitors**
 - NBPT (n-butyl thiophosphoric triamide) marketed as **Agrotain**
 - Phenyl phosphorodiamidate (PPDA) is also a strong UI
 - 2-NPT (2-nitrophenyl) phosphoric triamide is a mixture of NBPT and NPPT
- Heavy metals
- Nutrisphere™



Right time of application

- Apply when the crop is growing at its fastest rate!
- N recovery;
 - Autumn applications ~ 10%
 - Spring applications ~ 55%
- For inorganic fertilisers such as UAN and Urea, careful planning is essentials
- Nitrogen use efficiency for grain protein boost is around 12-15%



In NVZs highly readily available N should not be applied during close periods

Clean Air Strategy 2019

Why to focus on environment?

- Environment will be the cornerstone of agricultural policy in England
- Delivery of clean air, water and habitat —→ Environment Land Management Schemes (ELMs)
- Direct payment schemes to be replaced by ELMs
- Capital grants for land managers ;
 - to improve sustainability and
 - reduce negative environmental impacts





HM Government

A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment



25 Year Environment Plan

Sustainable growth

Improve resource use efficiency

- (soil, water and air)

Improve environment & economy

- Working with farmers to use fertilisers efficiently

Provide clean air and water

1. Sustainable Growth for future generations



2. Improve resource use efficiency

Soil



Improve Soil Health

Water



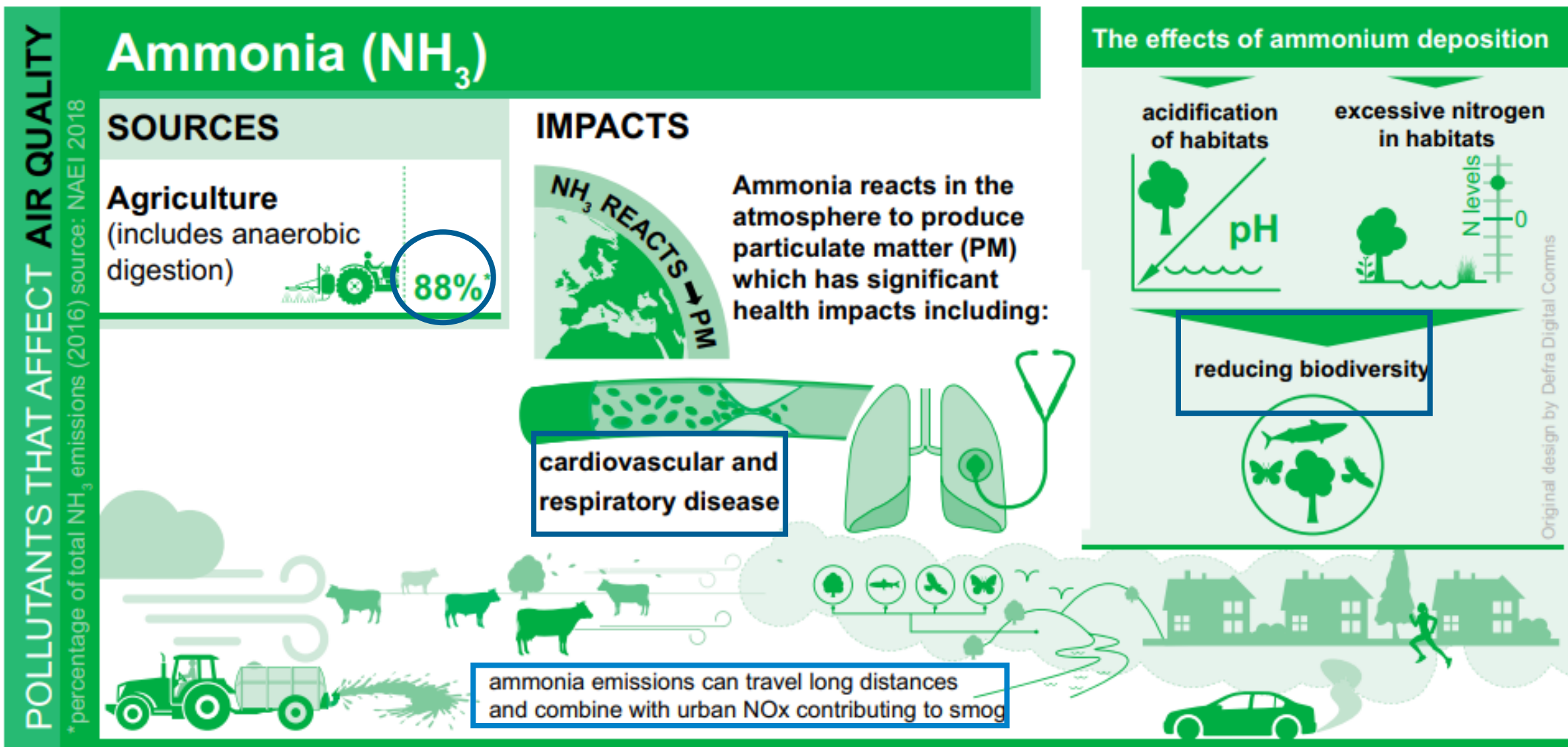
Aquatic life/drinking water

Nutrients



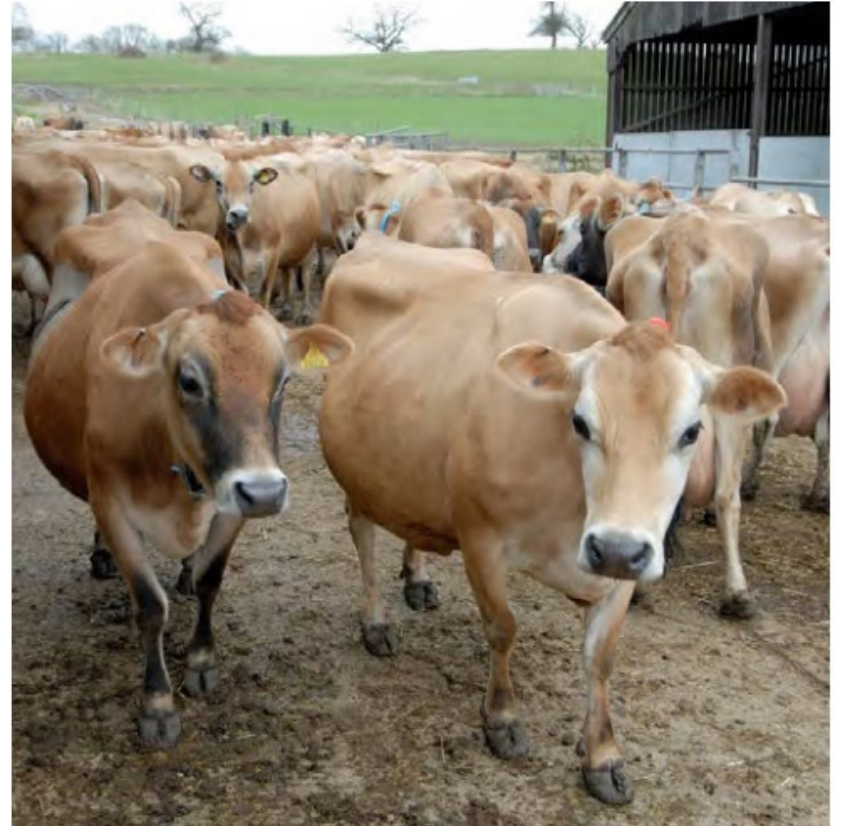
Nutrient use efficiency

3. Clean Air and Water

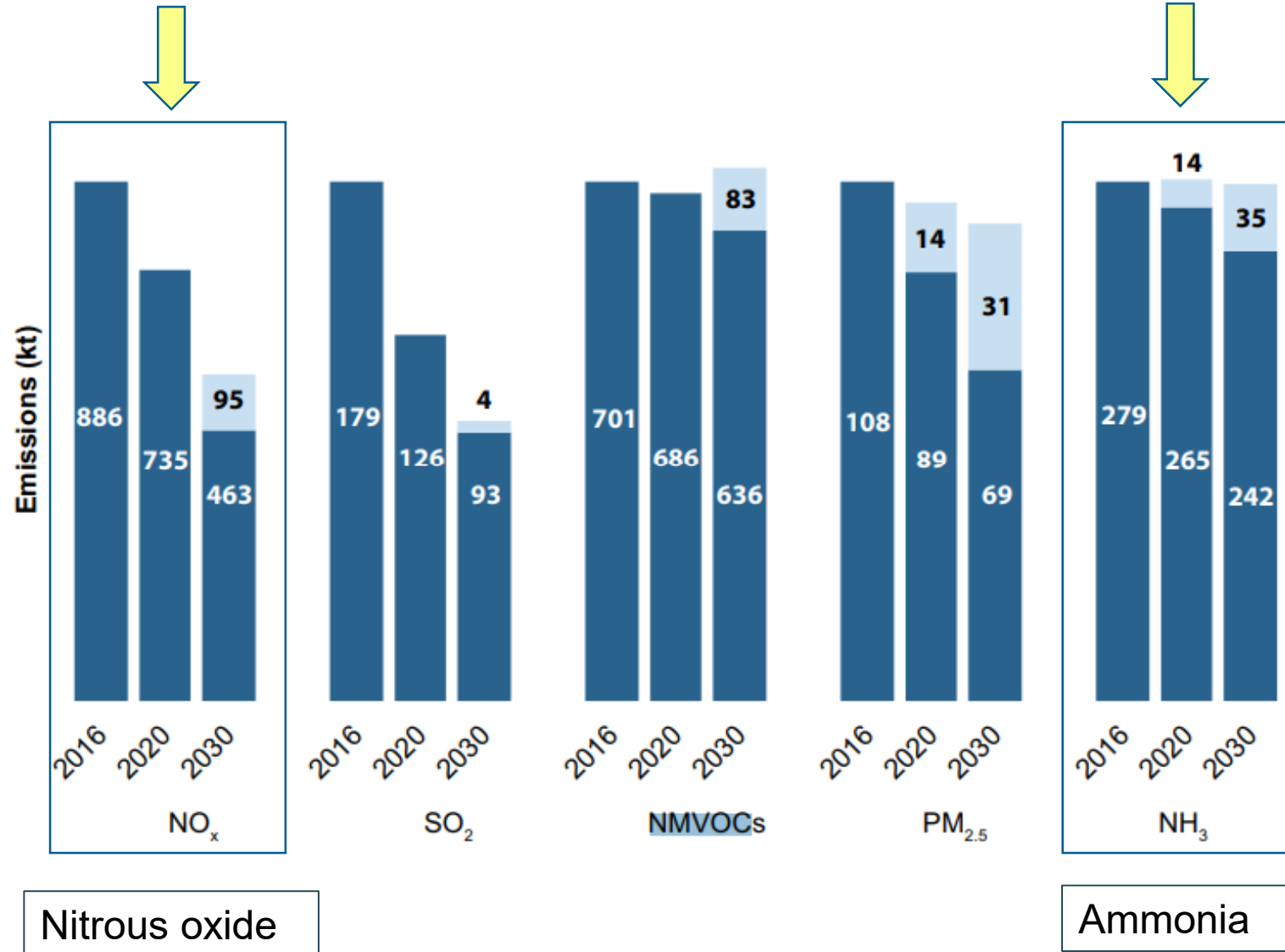


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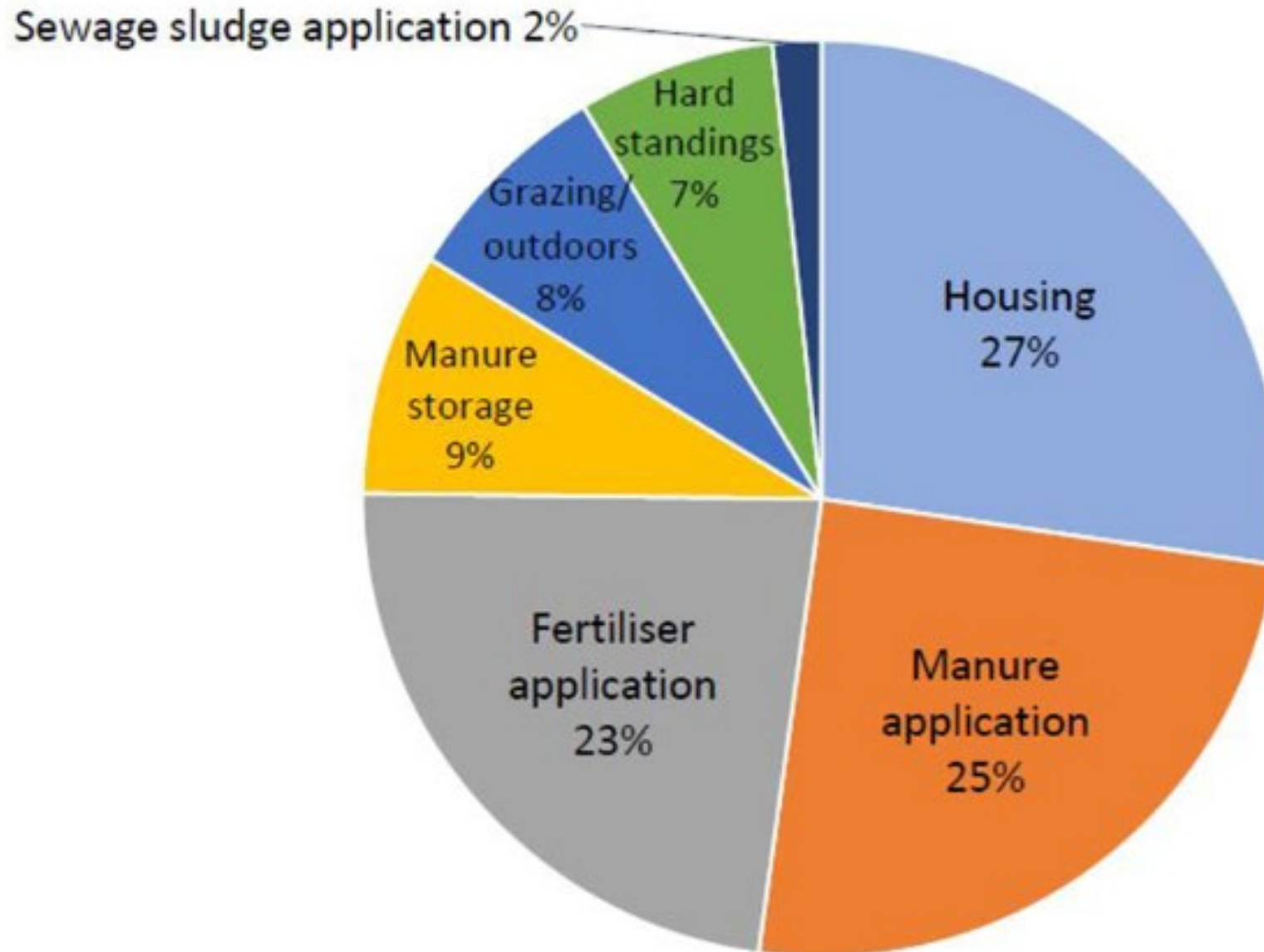
- **Methane from livestock:**
 - **51% methane from agriculture**
 - **14% NMVOC** (Non-methane volatile organic compounds)
 - **Both create ozone, harmful for humans/habitats**
 - **Ozone on average reduces yield by 5% in Cereals & oilseeds**



Emissions of key pollutants



Ammonia emissions (2016): Management Category



Reduction of ammonia emissions from farming

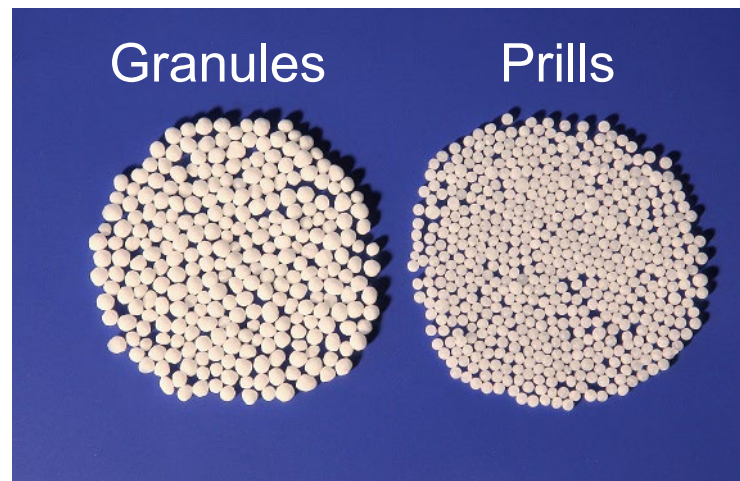
1. Introduce rules on specific emissions

- Reduce emissions from urea-based fertilisers (ASAP)
- Solid manure/digestate spread to bare land- incorporate within 12 hours, except no-till land (ASAP)



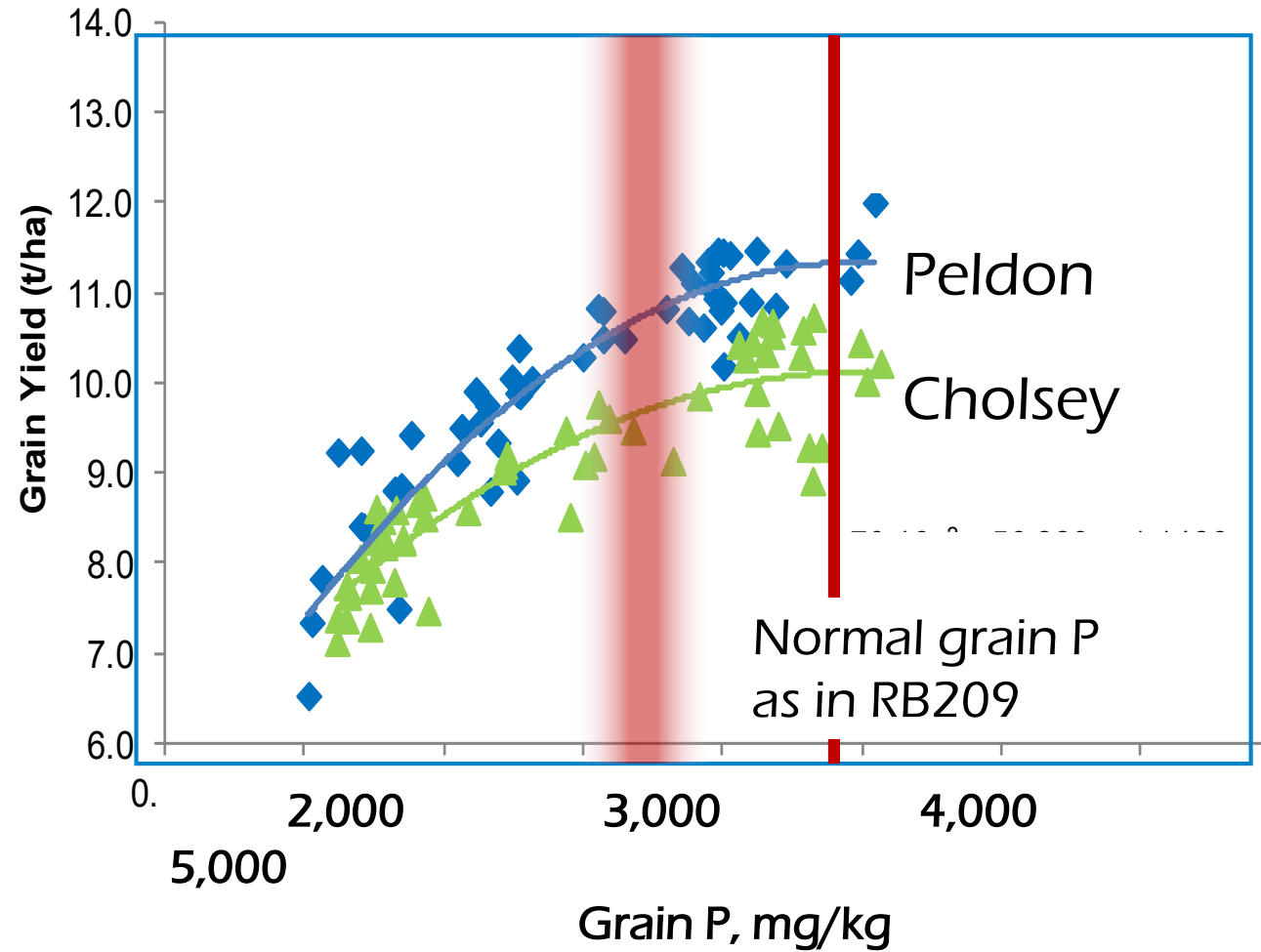
2. Regulation to minimise pollution from organic and inorganic fertiliser use

- Introduce limits on N rich fertilisers
- Consultation is proposed with growers, agronomists, scientists, academics



Updates on RB209

2020 revision of RB209



Olsen-P and grain-P tests, better indicators of soil P availability
Recommendation to test grain and soil

One more message!

Sulphur for optimum yield and proteins



High sulphur deficiency in lighter soils with high rainfall

Thanks for your attention!

Questions

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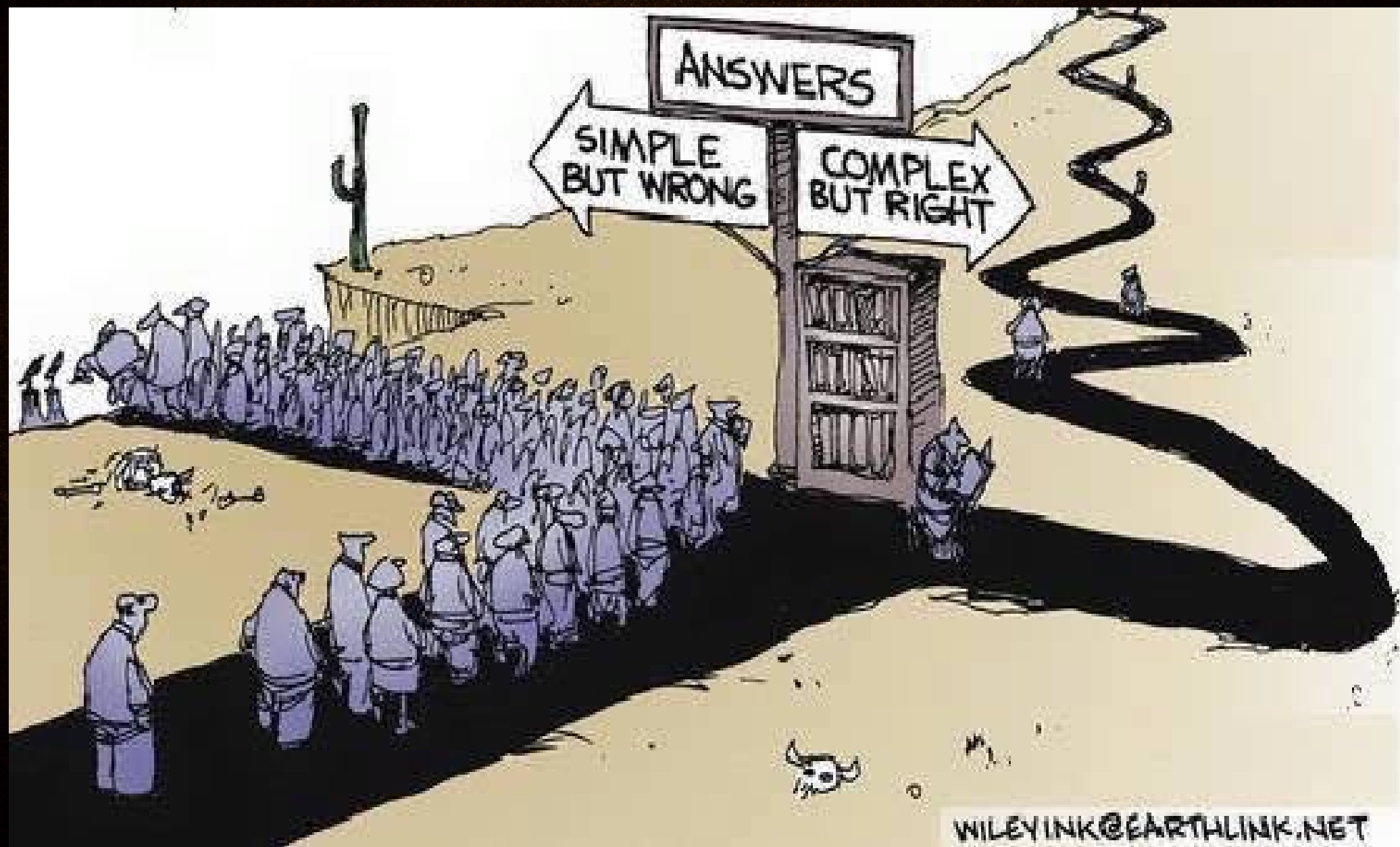
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The Potential for Intercropping in the UK

Reducing Our Reliance on Herbicides

by Andy Howard



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**A clear solution
for farmers**

CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING

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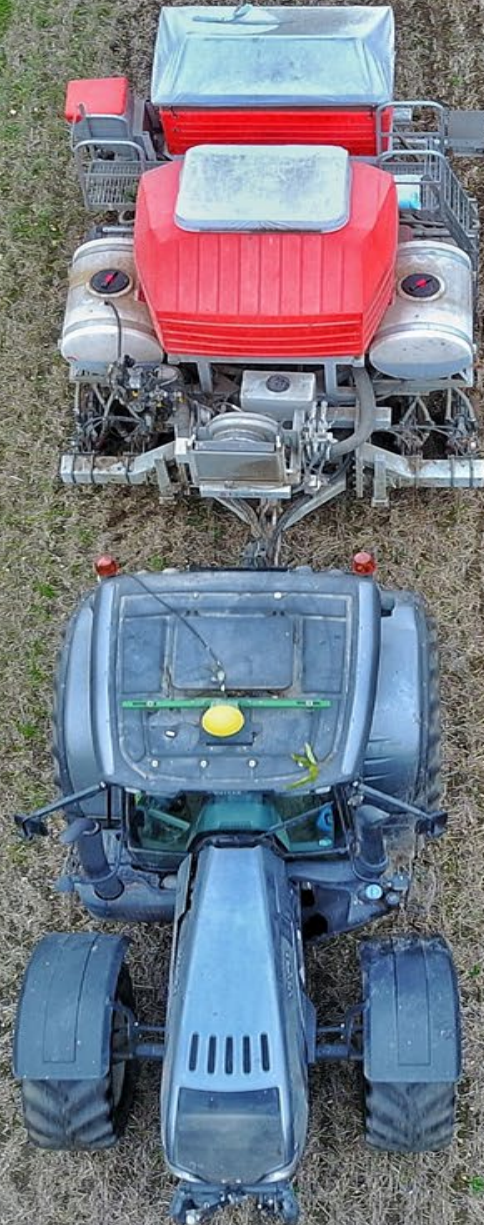
- **300 ha Family Farm**
- **No-Till Since 2011**
- **Soil Type –varied**
- **Rainfall - 700-800ml**
- **Topography: rolling, small, irregular shaped fields, wooded**



**advice
that
counts**

Cropping 2019

- Winter Wheat
- Herbage Seed
- Winter Beans
- Spring Barley
- Spring Bean/Oats
- Spring Linseed
- Lentils
- Marrowfat Peas/SOSR
- Stewardship Legume Fallow
- 11 ha Solar Farm



Cropping 2020

- Winter Wheat
- Herbage Seed
- Spring Beans
- Winter Barley
- Spring Bean/Oats
- Spring Oat/Beans
- Lentils/ Oats
- Marrowfat Peas/ ?
- Stewardship Legume Fallow
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Long Term Goal



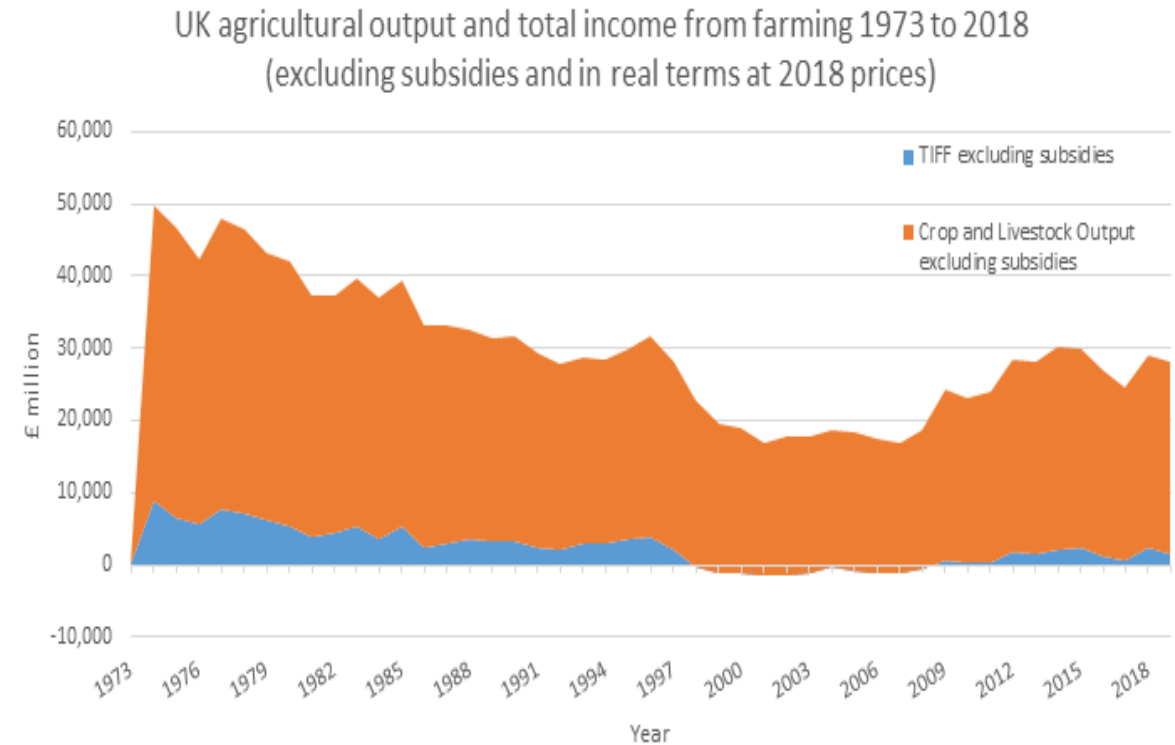
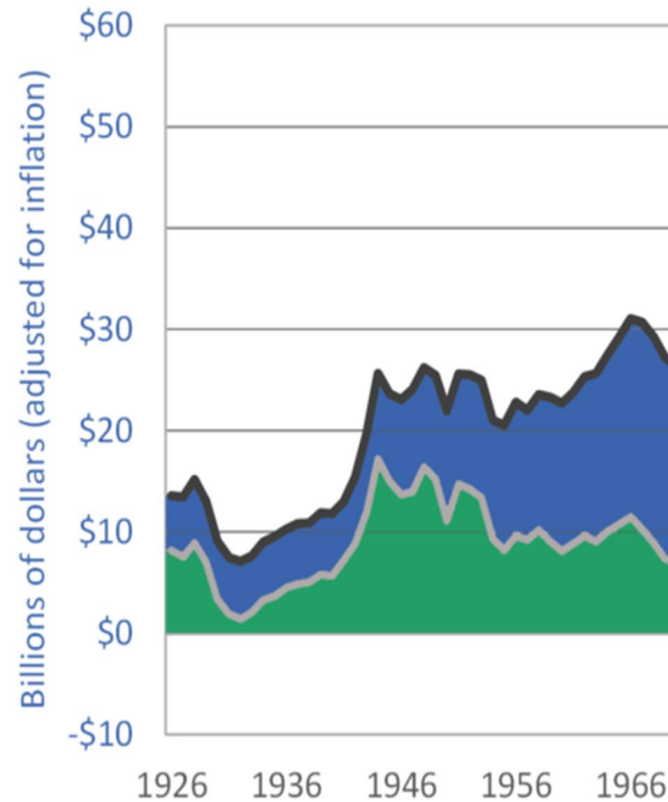
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DIVERSITY

Design a Farm system that can thrive with minimal
human and outside inputs

5 Year Plan: reduce inputs by 50%

- Reduce
- Reduce
- Eliminate
- Holistic



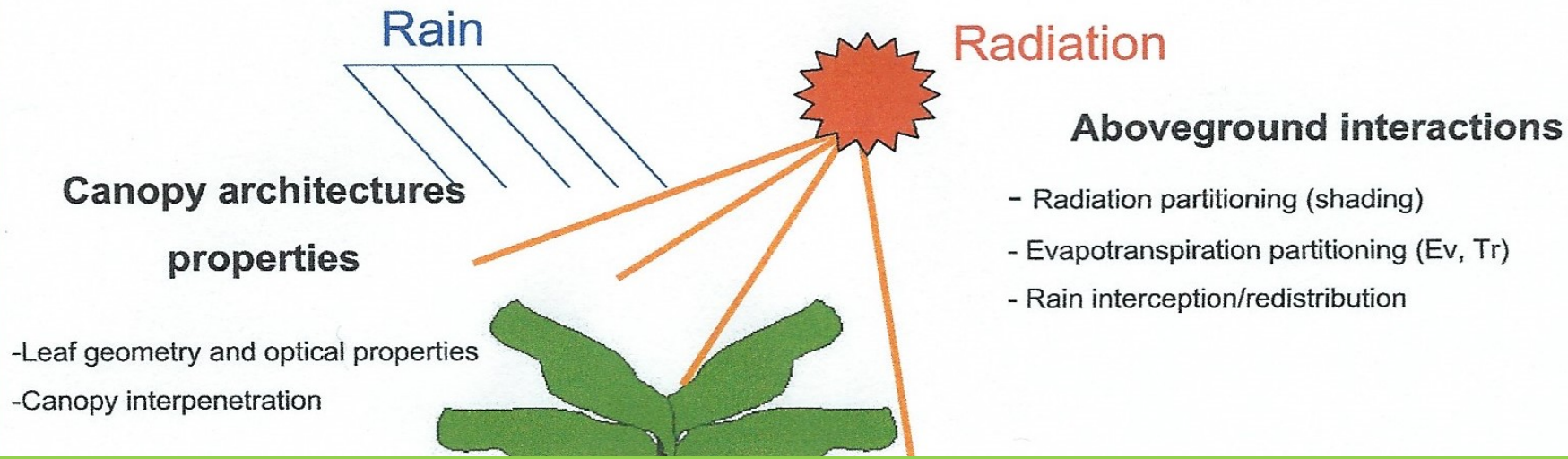
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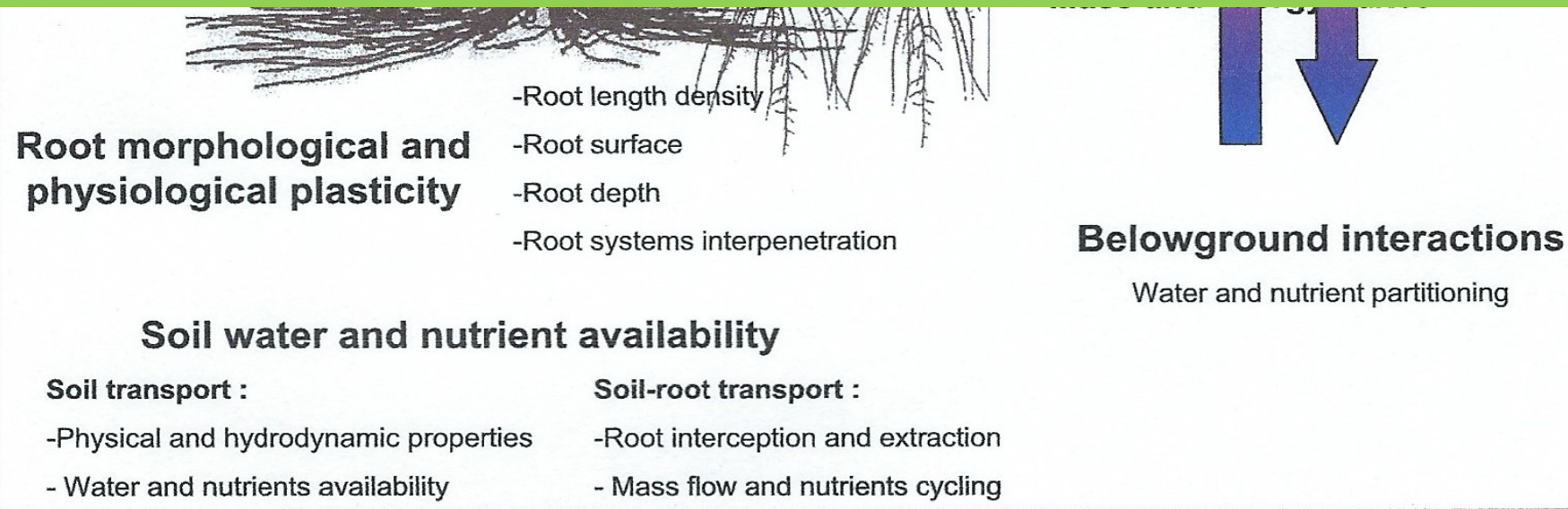
It all starts with the soil!!

Definition of Intercropping

“The growing of two or more crop species where part or all of their crop cycle overlaps temporally and/or spatially, where one or more of the component species is taken to harvest”



Getting the benefits of Cover Crops into your cash Crops





Pasture Cropping



East Sussex

Crop Species

Black Oats

Crimson Clover

Buckwheat

Early English Vetch

Yellow Trefoil

Forage Pea

Berseem Clover

Stubble Turnip

Fodder Radish

White Millet

Westerwold Rye Grass

Hairy Vetch



Full Season Intercrop



Peola

Analysis Results (LEAF)

Customer BOCKHANGER FARMS LTD
OAKLANDS FARM
HOTHFIELD
ASHFORD
KENT
TN26 1ER

Distributor INDEPENDENT SOIL SERVICES
HARVEST HOUSE
NEW ROAD
CRIMPLESHAM
DOWNHAM MARKET
NORFOLK
PE33 9FH

Sample Ref GODINGTON
Sample No E229306/04
Crop OILSEED RAPE

Date Received 06/06/2017
Area 10

Analysis	Result	Guideline	Interpretation	Comments
Nitrogen (%)	4.31	4.00	Normal	Adequate Level.
Phosphorus (%)	0.47	0.35	Normal	Adequate Level.
Potassium (%)	1.55	2.80	Low	PRIORITY FOR TREATMENT.
Calcium (%)	1.99	1.00	Normal	Adequate Level.
Magnesium (%)	0.19	0.25	Slightly Low	Consider foliar applications of MAGNESIUM
Manganese (ppm)	35.7	30.0	Normal	Adequate Level.
Boron (ppm)	44.8	30.0	Normal	Adequate Level.
Zinc (ppm)	36.3	25.0	Normal	Adequate Level.
Iron (ppm)	48	30	Normal	Adequate Level.
Copper (ppm)	4.2	5.0	Slightly Low	Low priority. See comments below.
Molybdenum (ppm)	1.66	2.00	Slightly Low	Consider foliar applications of MOLYBDENUM.
Sulphur (%)	0.55	0.40	Normal	Adequate Level.

Additional Comments

Please note: Any indicated guidelines are intended for early to mid-season sampling. For any product applied, always refer to manufacturers advice for rates and timing of application. PLEASE NOTE : The guideline levels quoted should be regarded as the absolute minimum at which crop yield or quality may be affected. Treatment of deficient low priority nutrients may be beneficial if all sensitive nutrients are adequate.

Please Note

Whilst every care is taken to ensure that the Results from Analysis are as accurate as possible, it is important to note that the analysis relates to the sample received by the laboratory, and is representative only of that sample. No warranty is given by the laboratory that the Results from Analysis relates to any part of a field or growing area not covered by the sample received. It is important to ensure that any soil, leaf, silage or fruitlet sample sent for analysis is representative of the area requiring analysis and that samples are obtained in accordance with established sampling techniques. A leaflet containing instructions on how to take soil, leaf, herbage, silage and fruit samples for analysis is available from the laboratory on request.

AMMONIA EMISSIONS

Companion Cropping Wheat

Plot

Species

Seed Rate (kg/ha)

Seeds per M2

Reasons:

- Aphid confusion
- Scavenge Nitrogen (~ 15kg/ha)
- Increase Yield
- Increase Protein Content
- Weed Suppression?
- Improve rooting
- Add Diversity

Crimson Clover

2

87

Radish

5

42

Winter Linseed

5

71

Mix (CC, R, WL, CV)

8.1 (0.6, 1.5, 1.25, 5)

66 (26,12,18,10)

Common Vetch

15

28

Spring Beans

80

15

- No need for pre-em herbicide
- Cranesbill suppression: reduced biomass from 285g/m² to 86g/m²

Temporary Intercropping

CSFB

Costs £/Ha

Seed £30

**Net
Benefit
£35/Ha**

Savings £/Ha

Herbicide £35

Fertiliser £25

Insecticide £5

Flax Flea Beetle Trial in Linseed

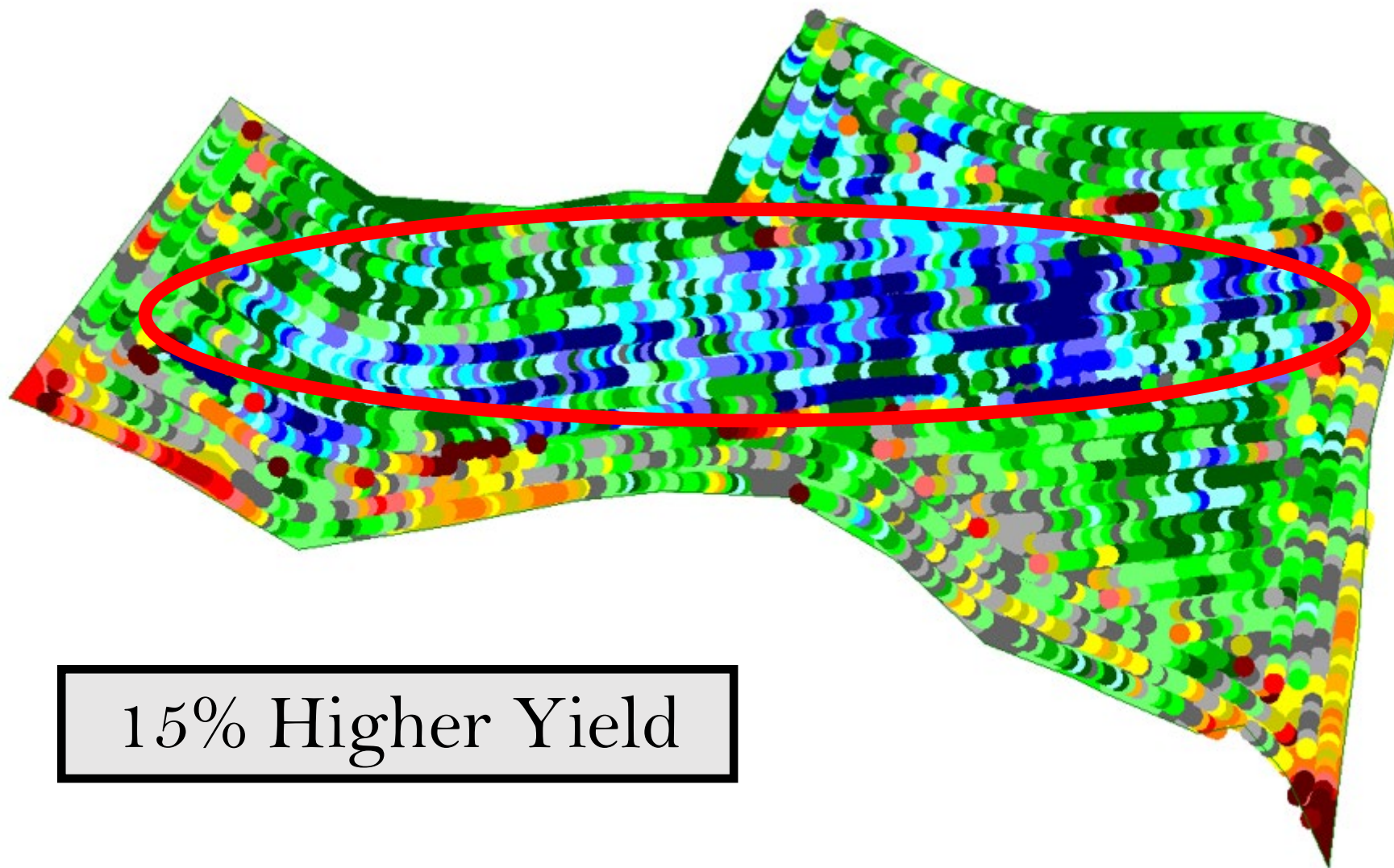
Treatment	Avg. Yield as a percentage of control
Linseed Only	100 %
Linseed plus Oats (70 plants/m ²)	118.3%
Linseed plus Oats (140 plants/m ²)	119.4%

reorder(treatment, -(LinFC))

9 (0.54)

700

140
(76kg/ha)



15% Higher Yield

FAB-Oats

Bean Oat trial 2019

Plot	Mix	Area (ha)	Beans (seed per m2)	Oats (seeds per m2)
1	Bean mono	0.83	50 (256kg /ha)	0
2	Bean Oats	0.76	45 (230kg /ha)	70 (38kg/ ha)
3	Oats	0.67	0	300 (163kg /ha)
4	Bean Oats	0.58	50 (256Kg /ha)	50 (27/kg /ha)
5	Bean Oats	0.50	35 (180kg /ha)	125 (68kg/ ha)

LER					
(Sown 29 th of March 2019)		Plants Established per M2			
Treat	Gross output Beans £190/t	Gross output Oats £140/t	Total Gross output £	Variable cost £	Gross output-variable £
1. SB50	902.50	0.00	902.50	240.63	661.87
2. SB45 SO 70	528.20	649.60	1177.80	241.41	936.39
3. SO 250	0.00	905.80	905.80	245.00	660.80
4. SB45 SO45	556.70	539.00	1095.70	247.25	848.45
5. SB35 SO125	307.80	826.00	1133.80	232.36	901.44



Living Mulch

15%



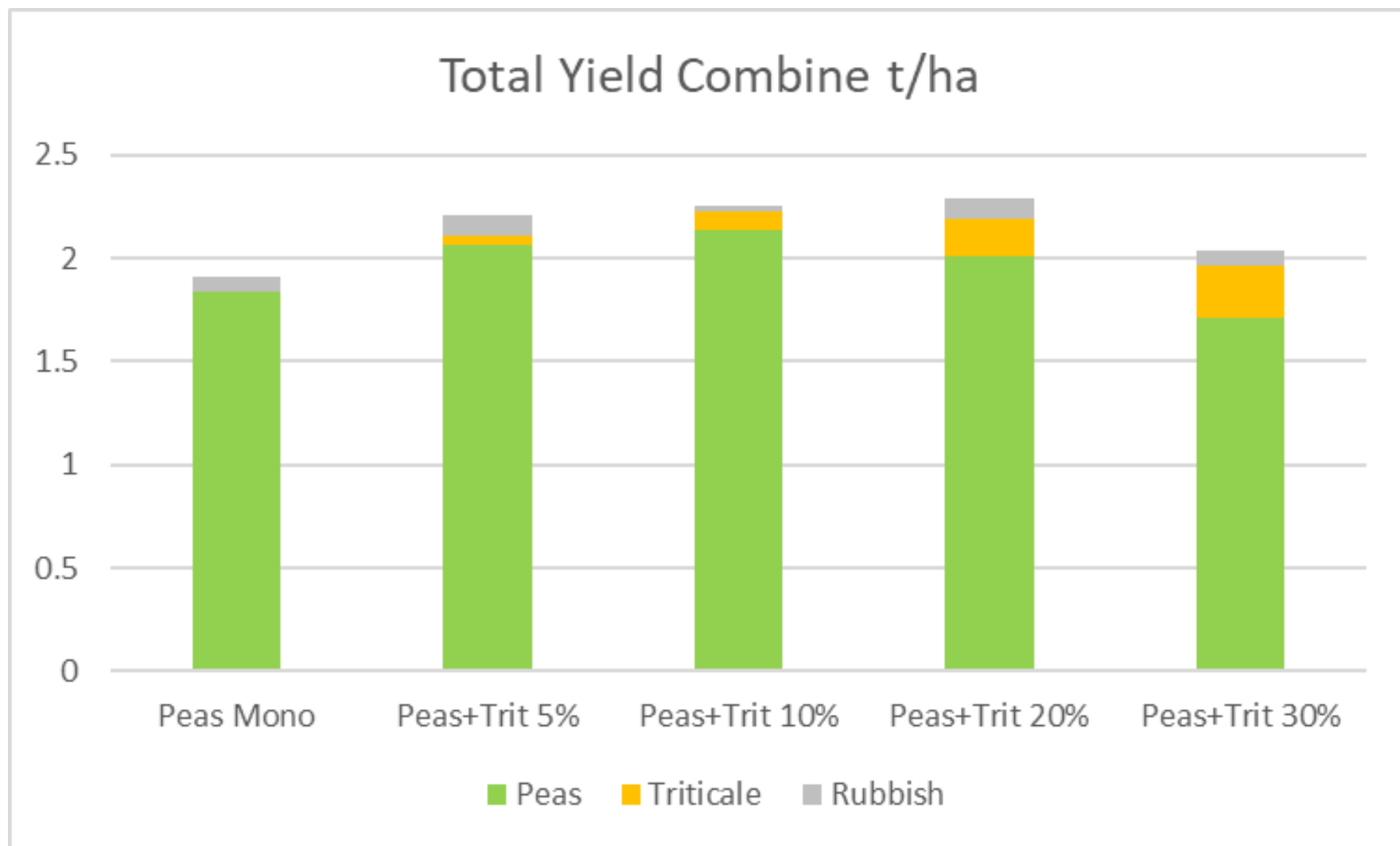
Carlin Peas and Triticale, Green Acres Farm, Shropshire



Spring Carlin Peas and Triticale, Green Acres Farm

Peas 250kg/ha	Peas 250 Trit 5% RD (12.5kg/ha)	Peas 250 Trit 10% RD (25kg/ha)	Peas Trit 20% RD (50kg/ha)	Peas Trit 30% RD (75KG/HA)
1ha, 12m strips		Drilled 25th April in two passes		

Motivations – structural support for peas, pea quality, weed suppression, triticale for animal feed (possibly human consumption)



Wheat-Beans, James Hares, Roundhill Farm, Wilts



Wheat and Beans, Roundhill Farm, Wilts

Wheat 175kg/ha
Beans 125kg/ha

Beans 125kg/ha



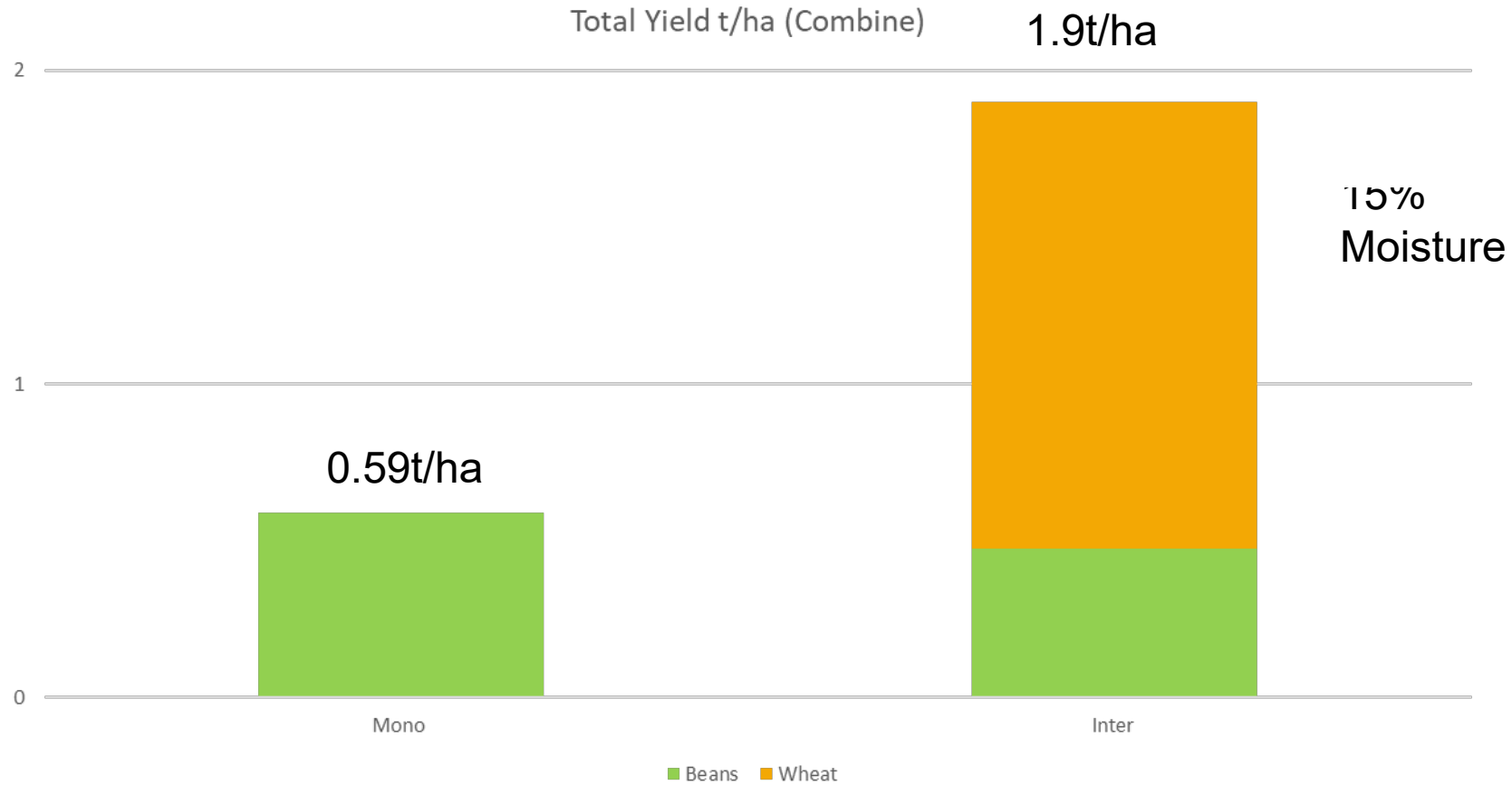
Motivations: Weed control (organic), mixed higher protein animal feed, use up left over wheat, wheat not too competitive

1ha

1ha

Total Yield Combine – 24th August

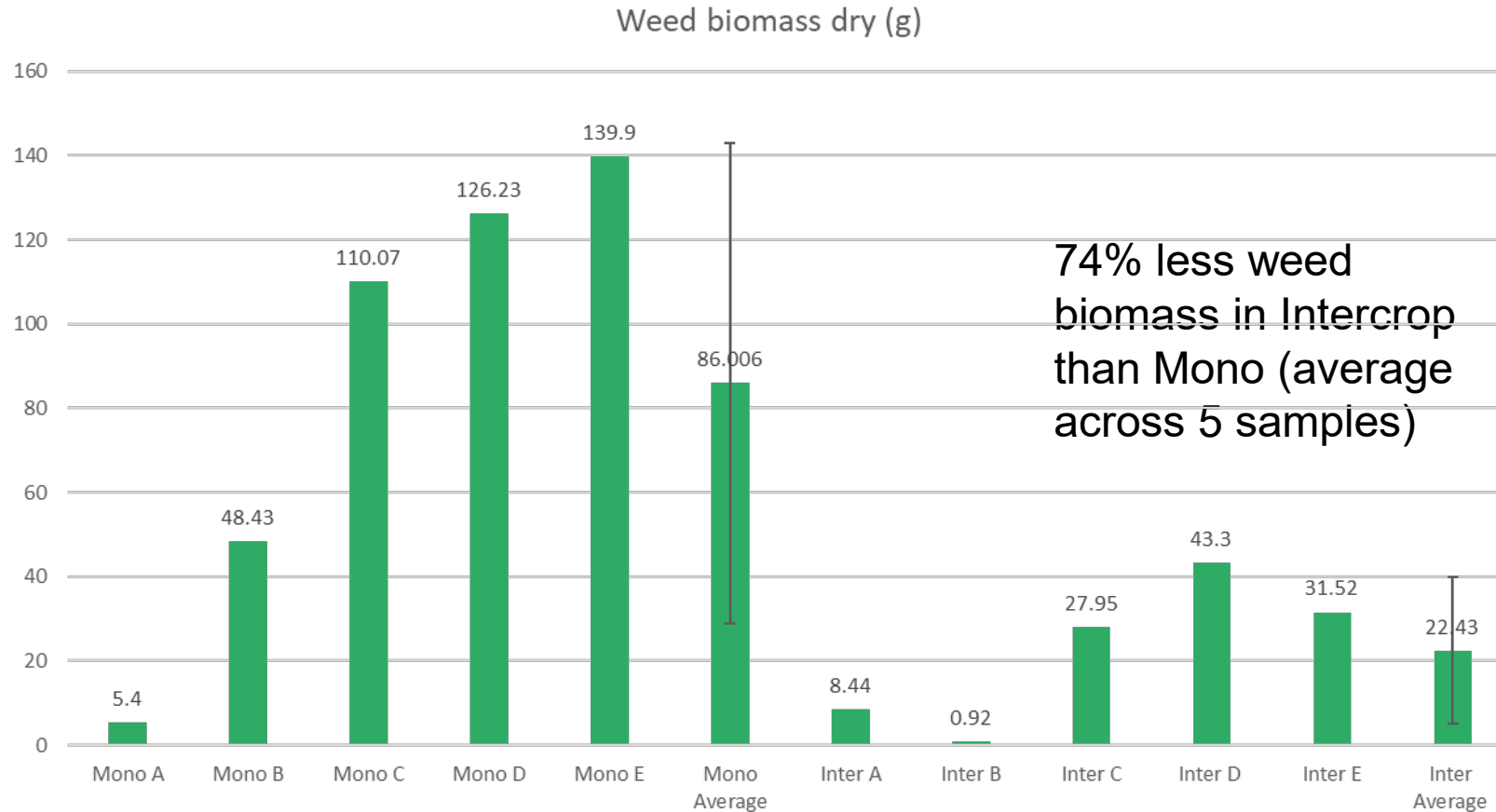
222% increase in total yield



WEEDS



Weed biomass – 0.5m quadrat cuts, June 18



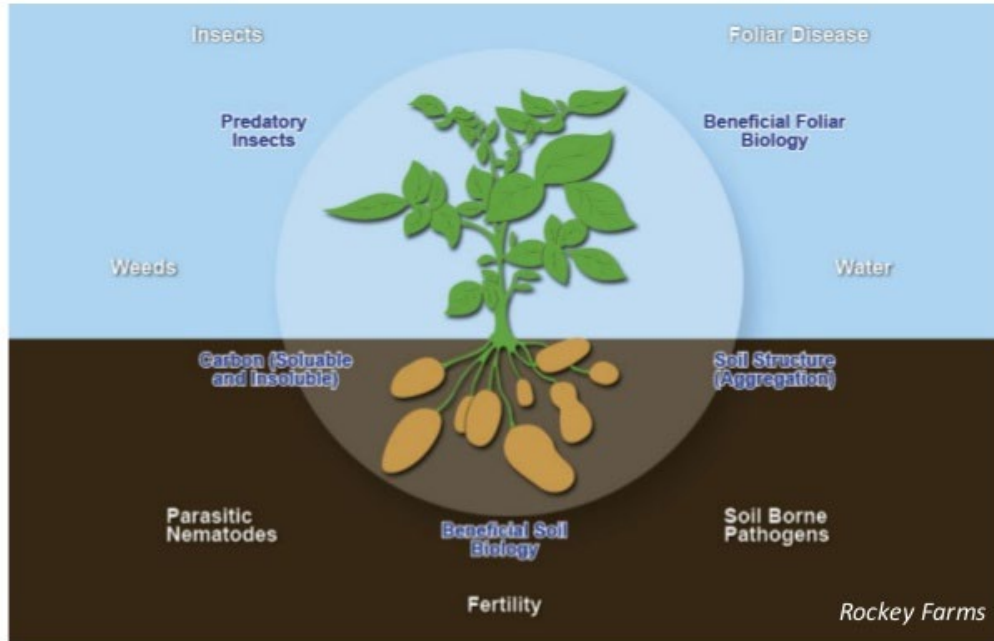
Reflects findings in previous studies



Companion Cropping

Potatoes

Rockey Farms Pro-Biotic Approach



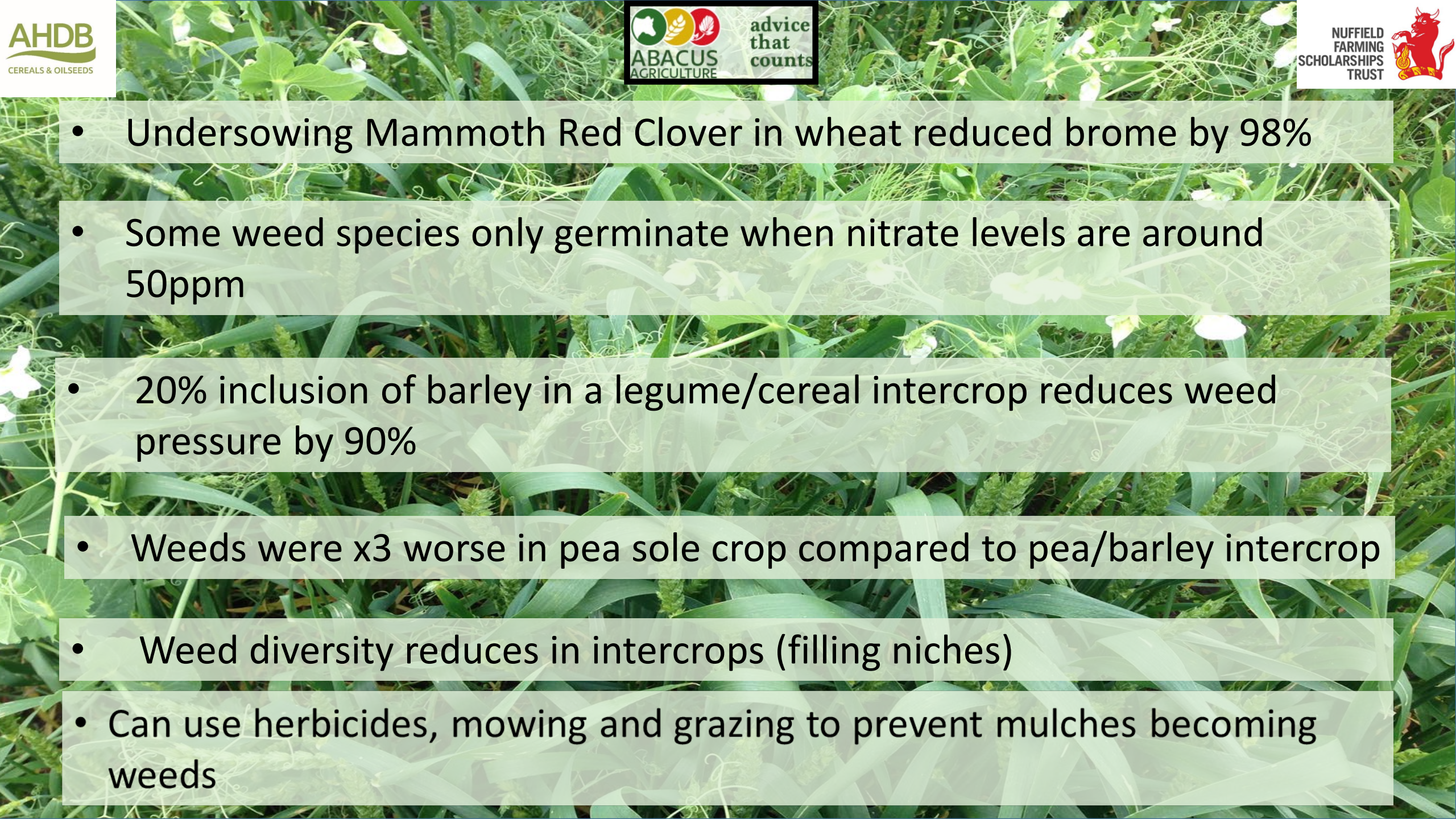
Intercrops and Weeds

Cover crop or Intercrop?

Do weeds know the difference?

How do Cover Crops and Companion Crops affect Weeds?

- Allelopathy
- Shading (competition for radiation) reduce amount reaching the soil by 30%
- Competition for nutrient and water
- Encourage/protect weed seed predators (increase predators x3)
- Improve soil characteristics (change microbial communities)



- Undersowing Mammoth Red Clover in wheat reduced brome by 98%
- Some weed species only germinate when nitrate levels are around 50ppm
- 20% inclusion of barley in a legume/cereal intercrop reduces weed pressure by 90%
- Weeds were x3 worse in pea sole crop compared to pea/barley intercrop
- Weed diversity reduces in intercrops (filling niches)
- Can use herbicides, mowing and grazing to prevent mulches becoming weeds

RECENT RESEARCH

Effect of drought on weed emergence and growth vary with the seed burial depth and presence of a cover crop – Stephane Cordeau et al (2018)

- Tested eight different weed species
- Unburied seeds had 26% lower emergence
- Cover crop reduced emergence by 17% overall
- Unburied seeds under drought stress had 45% less emergence compared to buried seeds with no drought stress
- All weed growth measurements decreased in the presence of a cover crop

Are there practical alternatives for terminating cover crops?

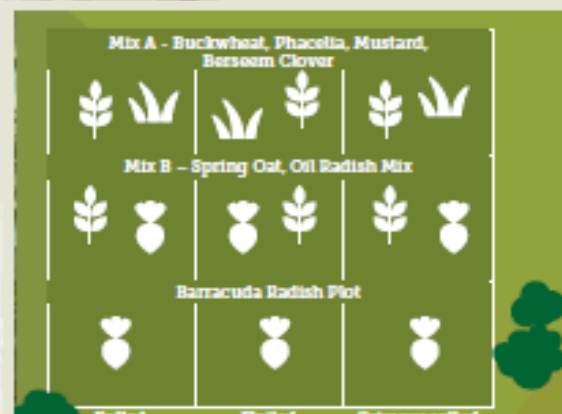


David White, Hawk Mill Farm

Why

A growing body of evidence is showing the benefits of cover crops for both soil health and productivity. But currently there are limited tools for destroying them prior to establishing a cash crop. The options are generally ploughing if farming organically, or glyphosate for non-organic and no-till farmers. Now, a group of organic and non-organic arable farmers are looking to add to the toolbox by assessing a range of alternative methods, including flailing, roller crimping, grazing and rolling, and comparing how effective they are against their normal practices.

Trial Design



7 farms took part in the trial. Each using a range of cover crop mixes and destruction techniques.

At Hawk Mill Farm:

- Cover crops drilled early and destroyed on 25 November to take advantage of frost.
- A second field of beans and phacelia was rolled and flailed.
- After destruction a crop of spring barley was sown.

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Sponsor

5

Number of triallists

Soil
Action

Coordinator
Liz Bowles

£9,600

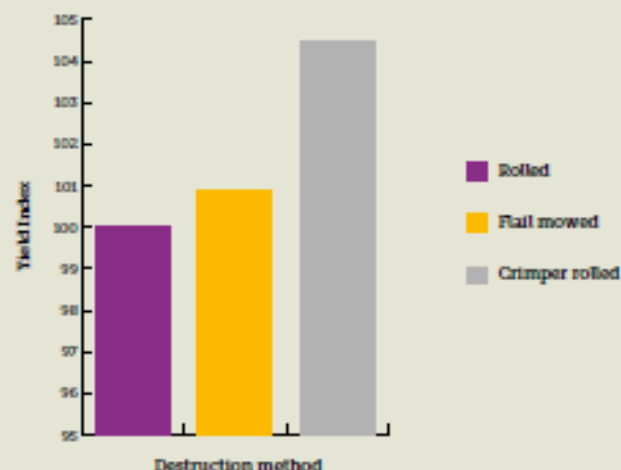
Amount invested

ADAS

Researcher
Helen Holmes

The Results

Variation in yield by destruction method



- The yield data are indicative of the potential for other destruction methods. However, they also reflect in-field variation as well as the success of the different techniques. Yield assessments could have been affected by some areas of the field that were waterlogged at establishment due to the wet spring of 2018.
- The group reported that they learned significantly more about cover crop selection, establishment and destruction methods from doing the trial – both in relation to their own farms, and from each other.
- "The main conclusion from this trial for this season is that there is scope to destroy cover crops in a variety of ways and not impact on yields of the following spring crop." – Helen Holmes

David's Analysis

As a group, we've learned a lot this year about cover crops. There are so many variables, and good destruction is all about getting the species and the timing right. Destroying on 25 November felt a little early, but we wanted to take advantage of the effects of the frost plus the mustard was starting to set seed.

When it comes to the different destruction methods, it was a case of the right tool for the right crop. The Cambridge roller was pretty consistent though, and as we've already got one on the farm, that's what I'd be most likely to use in the future. At a field scale I'd give it two passes, the first along the tramlines and the second at a 30 degree angle. If I had the right cover crops in, this would mean I could halve my



Options for Maize



Catch Crops









Questions?

@FarmerAndyH



Thank you

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Cereal and Oilseed market outlook

James Webster, Senior Analyst



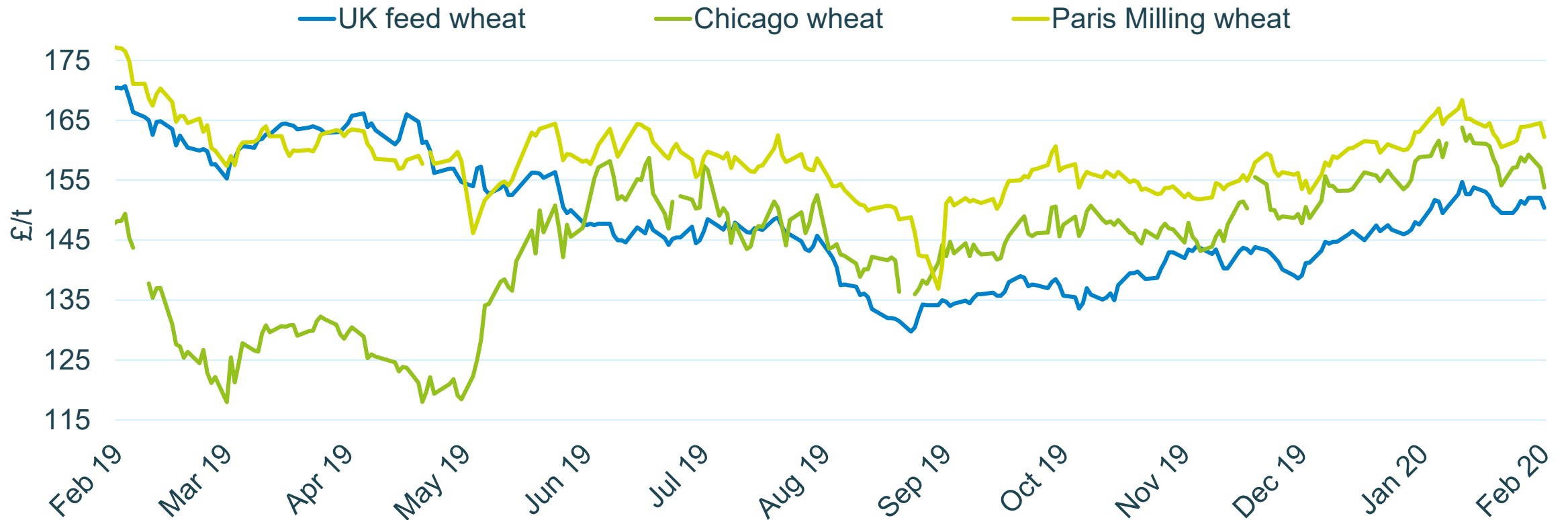
Global market

The global drivers for the rest of this season and beyond.



Early signs of large crops giving way to new crop concerns

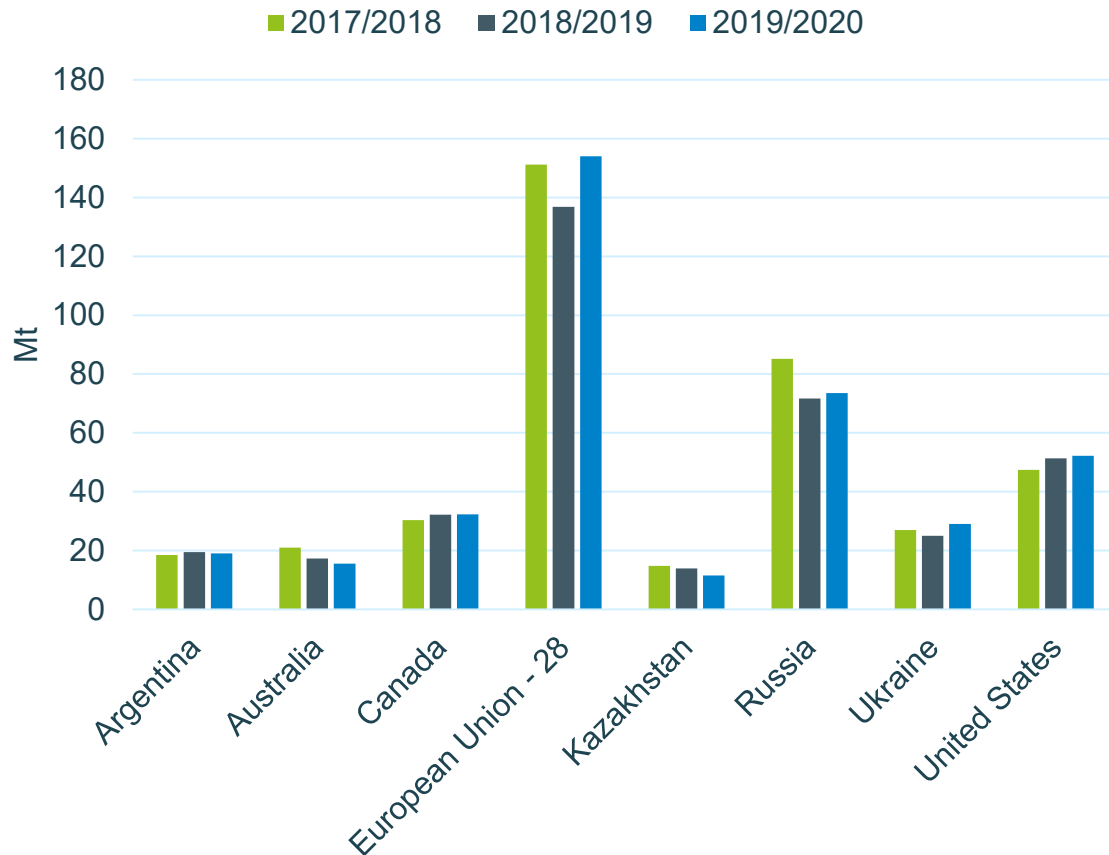
Nearby wheat futures



Source: Refinitiv

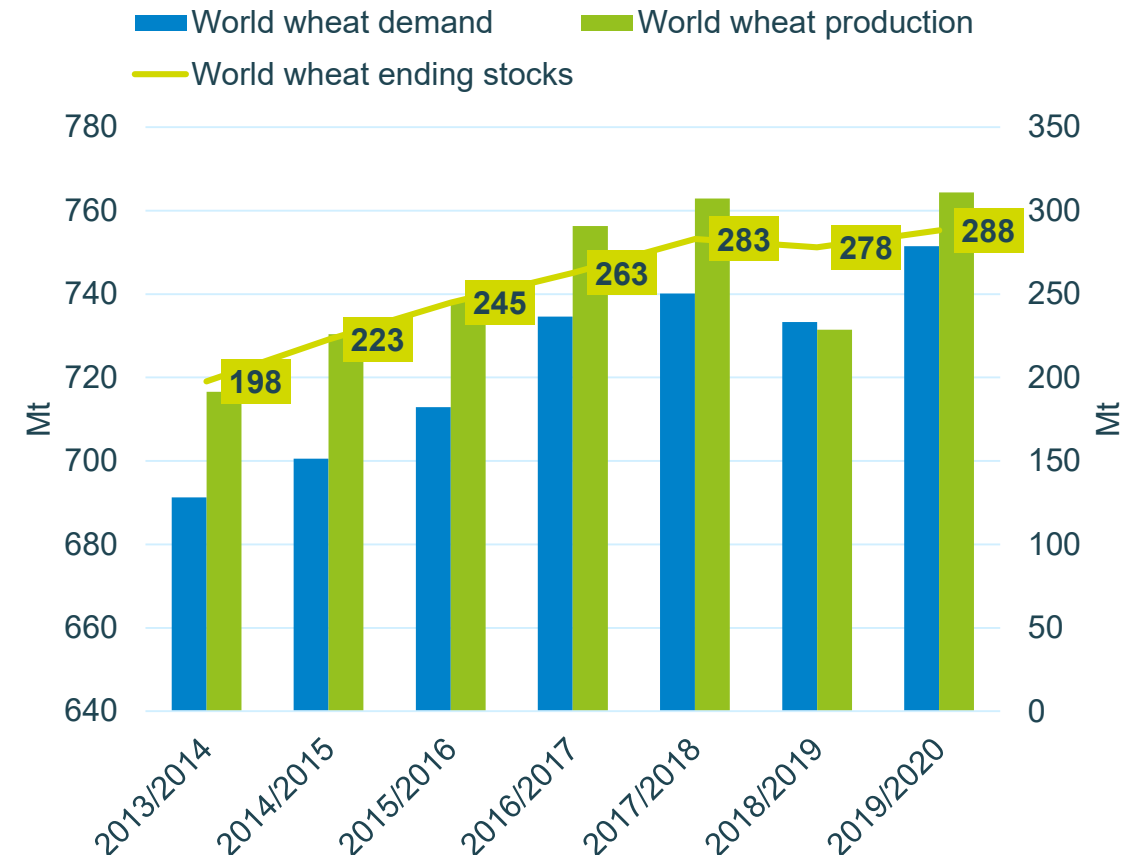
Major exporter production up in 2019/20, stocks grow again

Major exporter wheat production



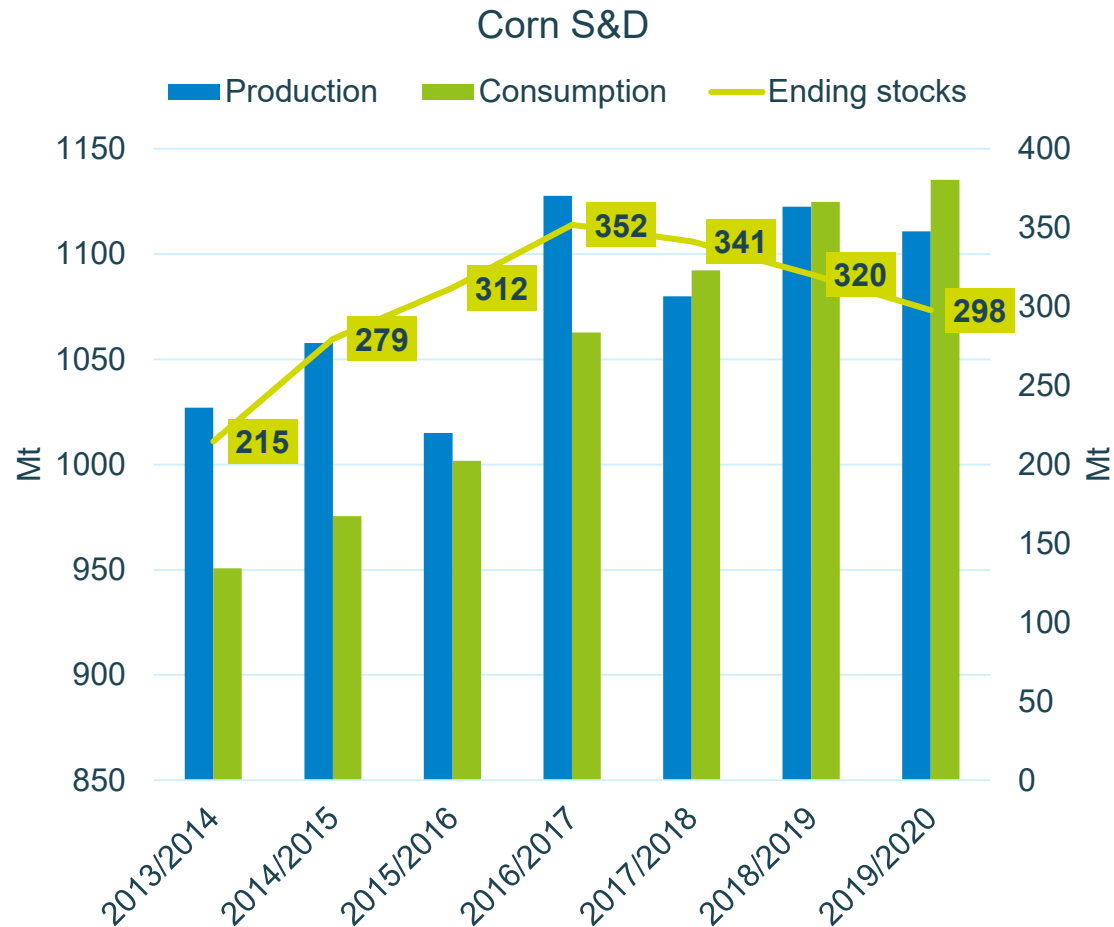
Source: USDA

World wheat S&D



Source: USDA

Tighter maize picture, still comparatively huge stocks



Source: USDA



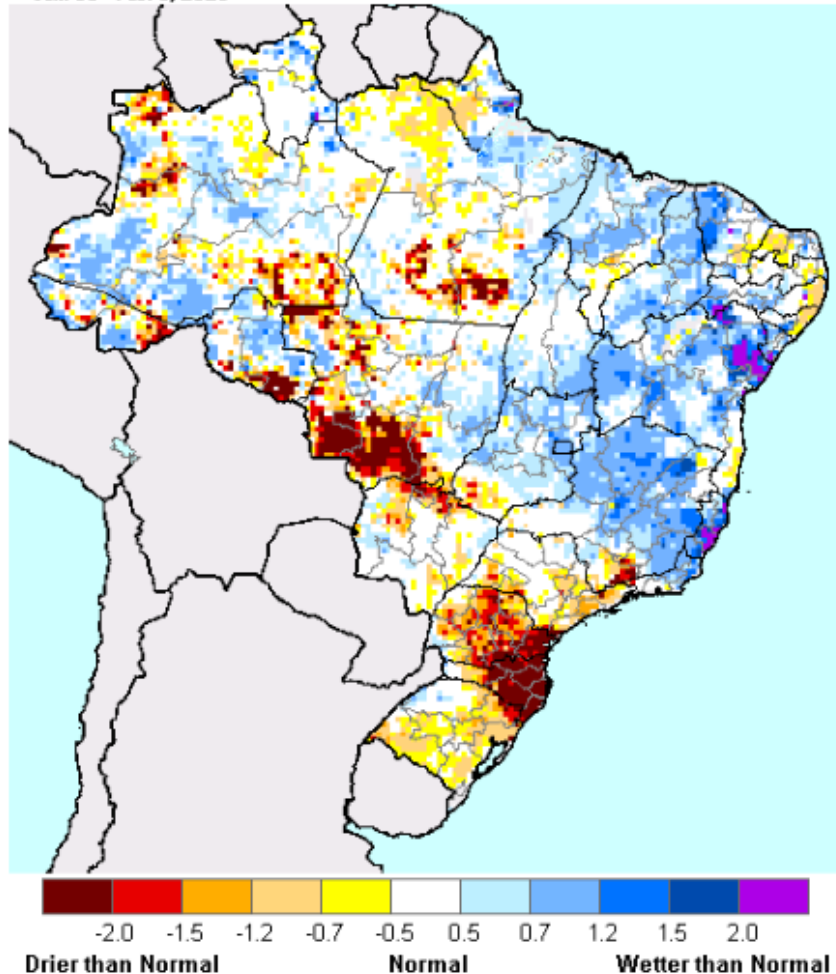
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We are in a weather market

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Australia	Winter	H	H		P	P	P	P			H	H	H
Canada	Winter				P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H	H
	Spring				P	P			H	H	H		
EU	Winter						H	H	H	P	P	P	P
	Spring		P	P	P	P		H	H	H			
Kazakhstan	Spring					P			H	H			
Russia	Winter							H	H	P	P		
	Spring				P	P			H	H			
Ukraine	Winter							H	H	P	P		
	Spring		P	P	P			H	H				
USA	Winter						H	H		P	P	P	
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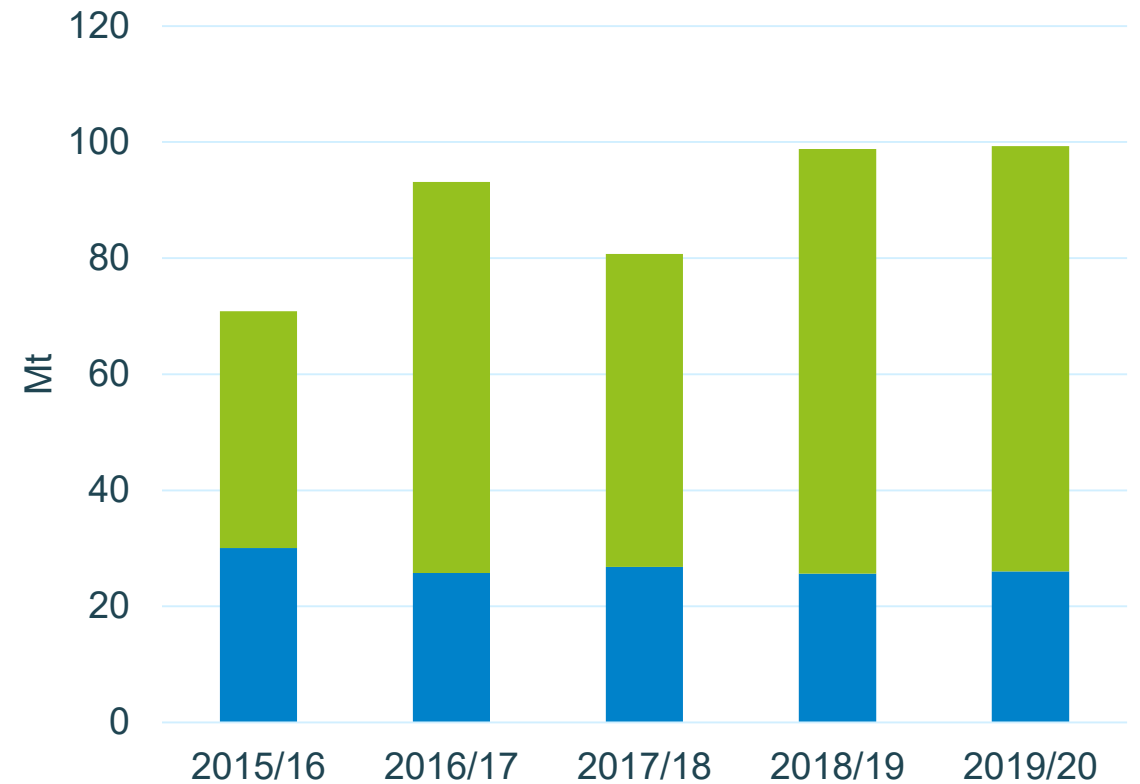
Weather in South America a key watch point

Subsurface Soil Moisture Anomaly (SMAP)
Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2020



Brazilian maize production

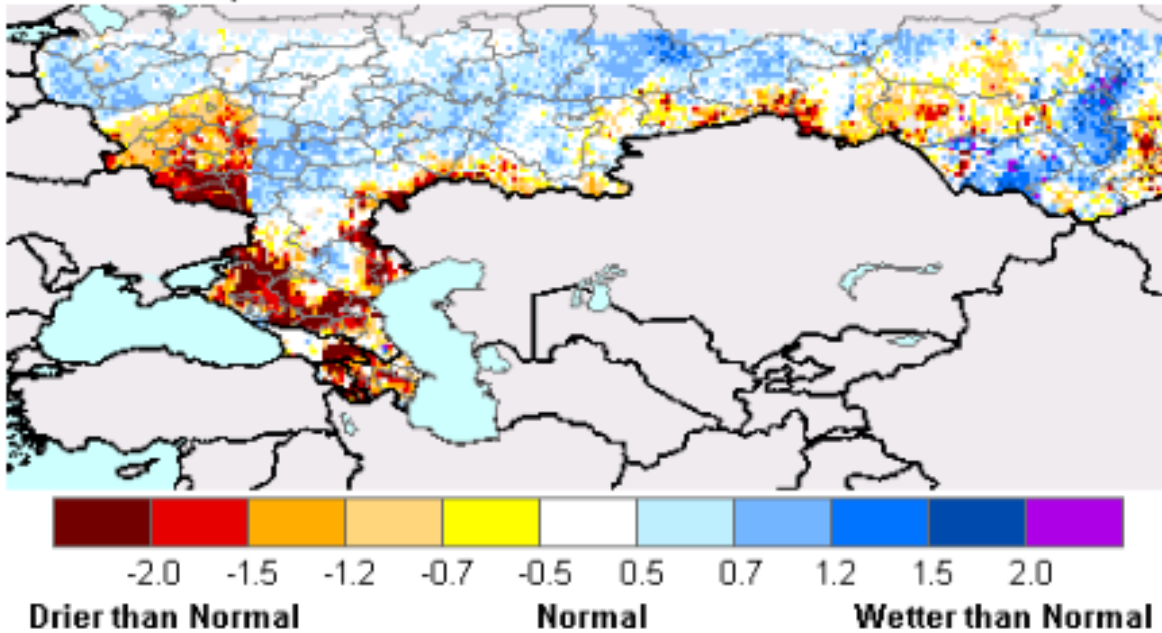
■ First harvest ■ Second harvest



Source: Conab

Russian weather and trade important

Subsurface Soil Moisture Anomaly (SMAP)
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USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
Global Market Analysis
International Production Assessment Division

Source: 2-layer Palmer Soil Moisture Model
(corrected with SMAP imagery)
NASA/GSFC/HSB; USAF 557th WW

Russian milling wheat (FOB, Novorossiysk)



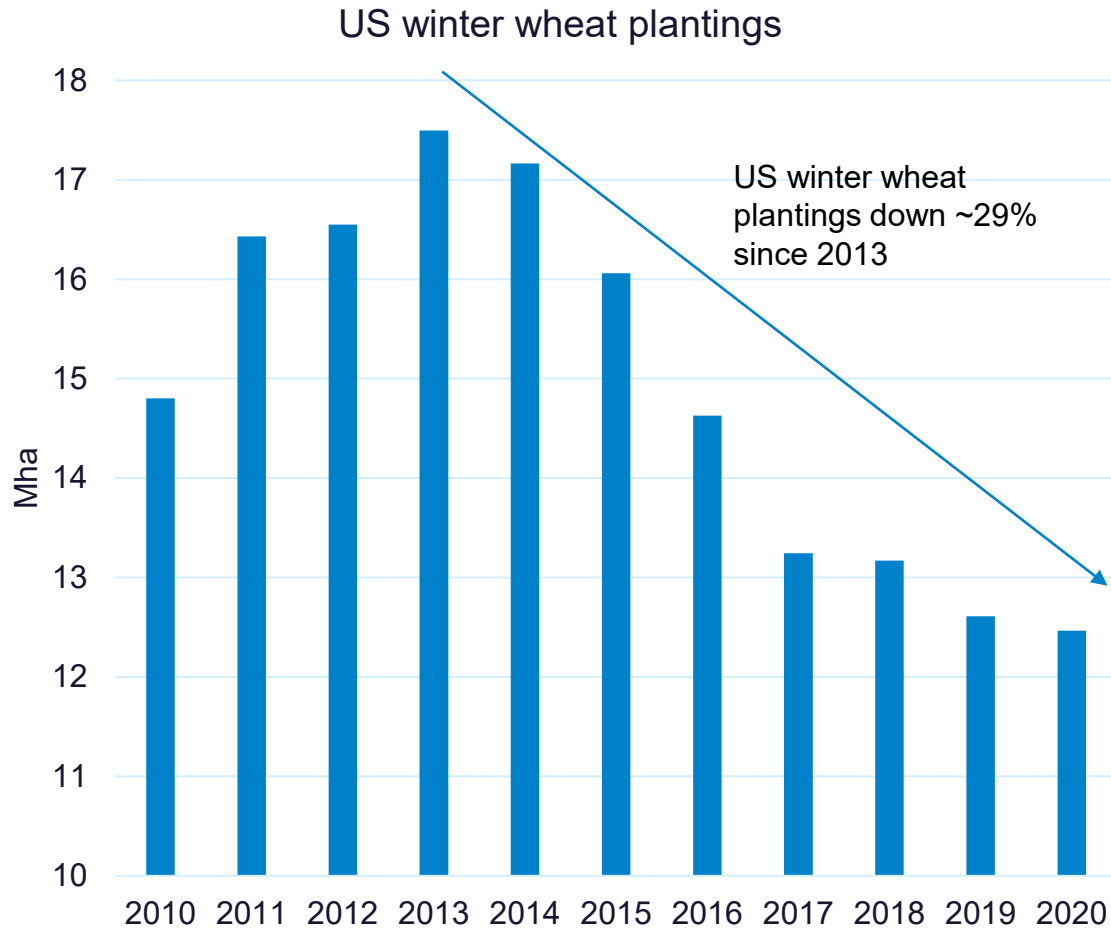
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Global new crop

What do we know so far?

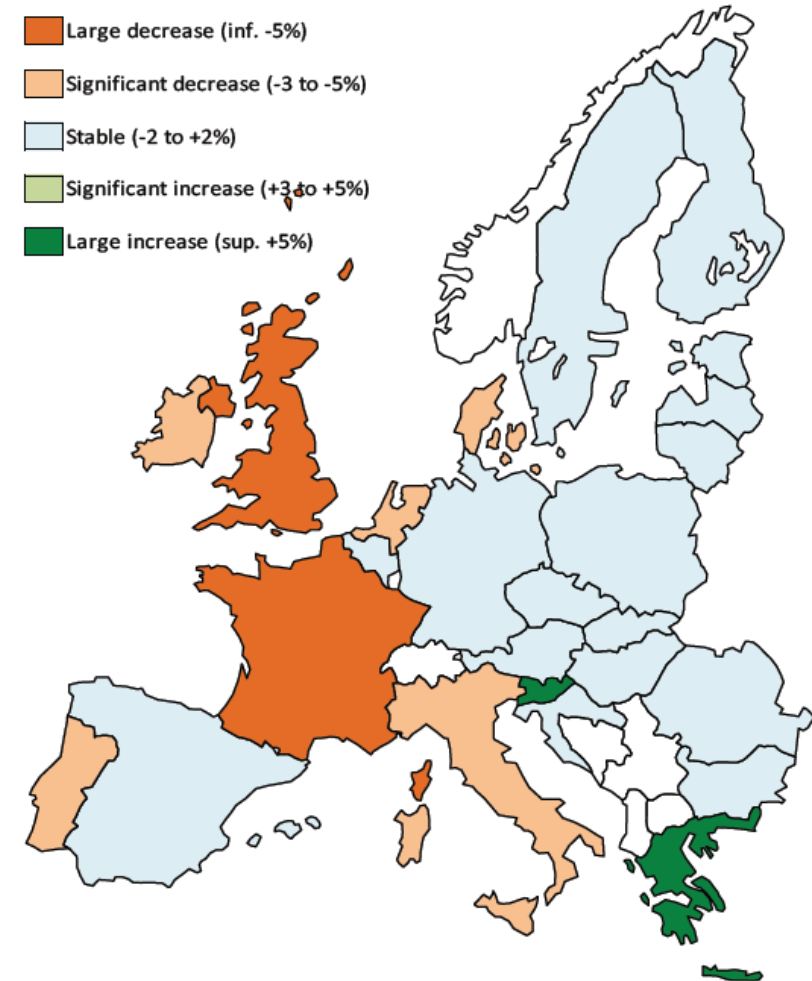


Further signs of potential tightness for US and EU



Source: USDA

Change in wheat acreage - 2020 v 2019

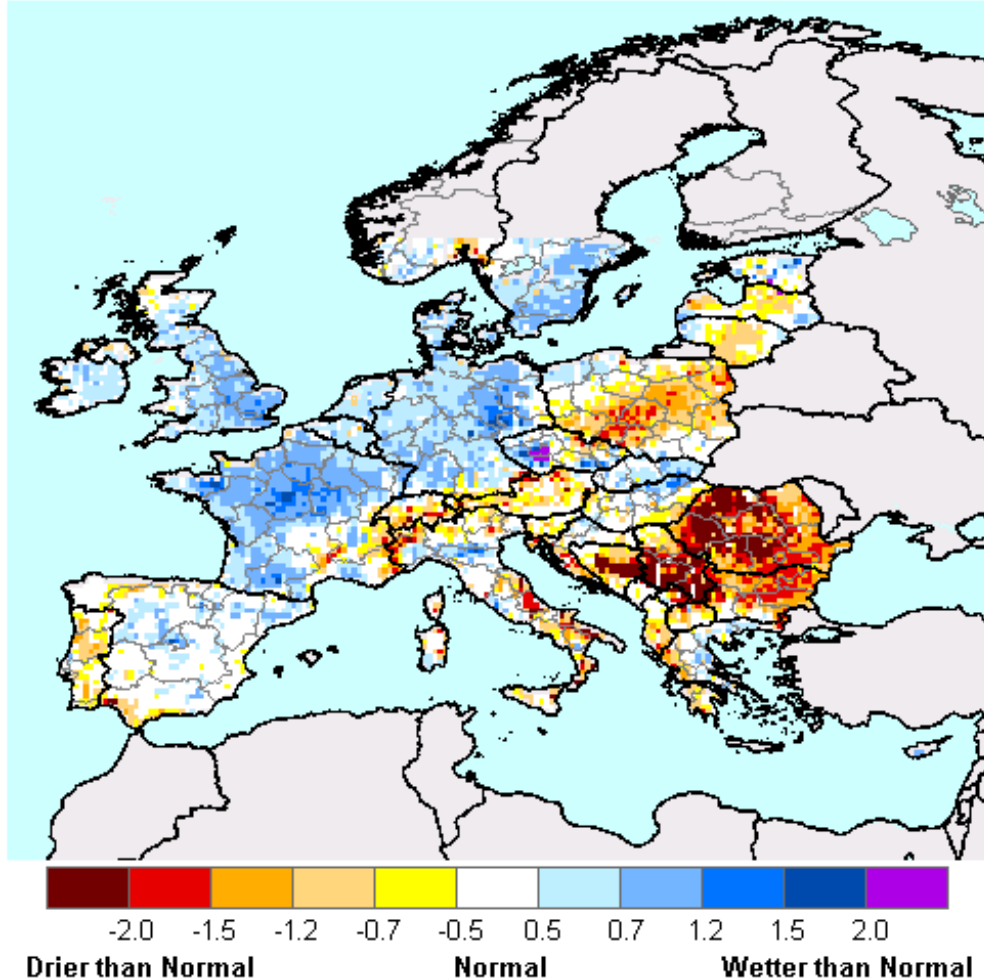


Source: Stratégie Grains

EU 2020/21 outlook

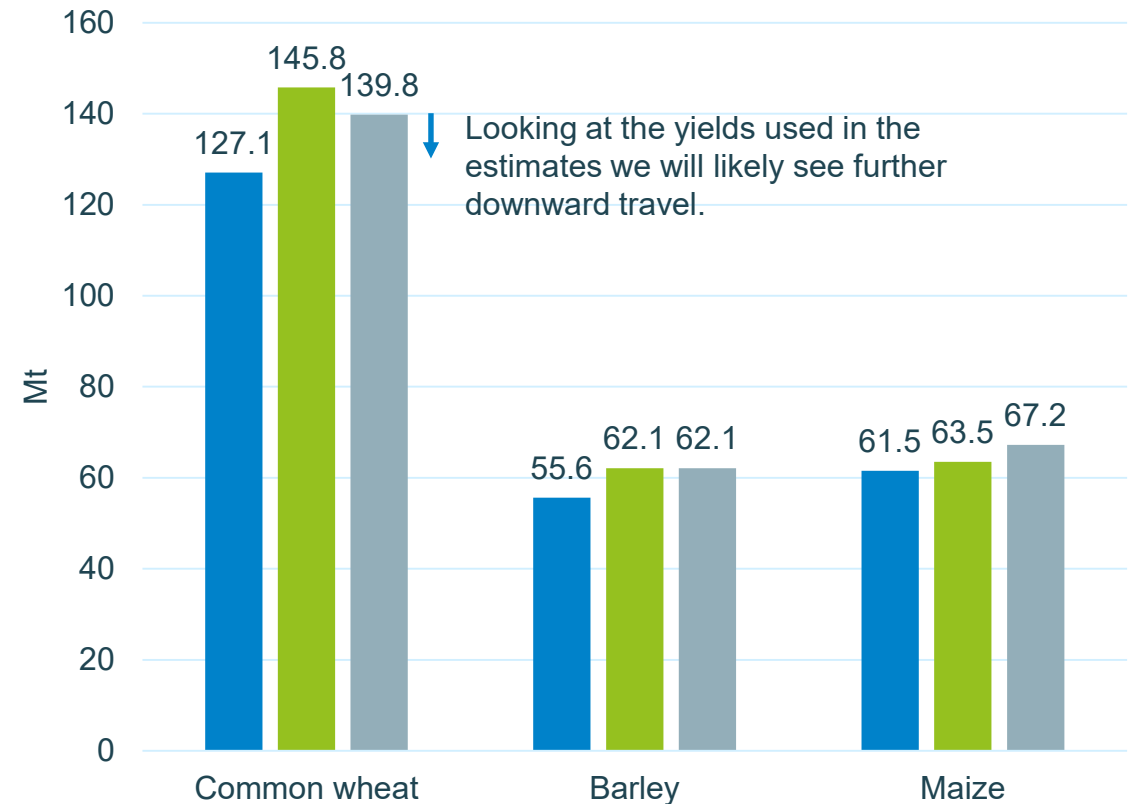
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Jan. 9 - Jan. 11, 2020



EU production of major cereal crops

■ 2018/19 ■ 2019/2020 ■ 2020/21 f'cast

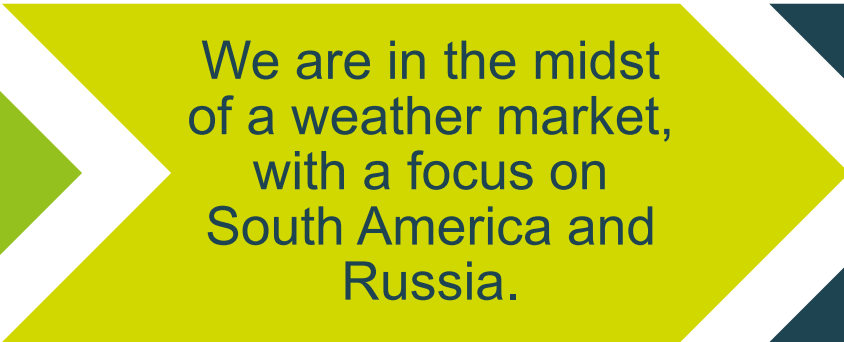


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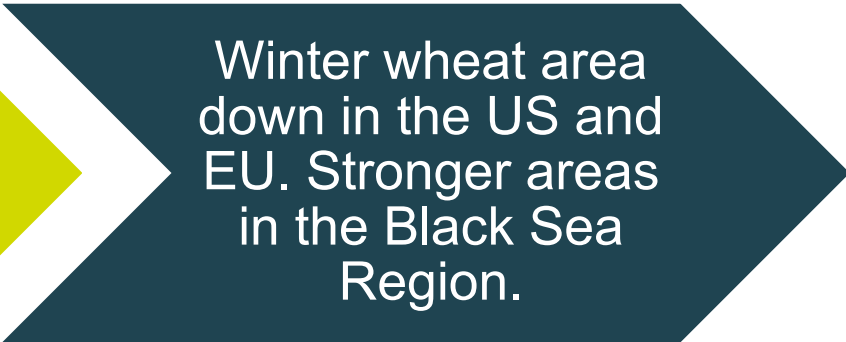
Global summary



Large supplies
pressured early
market, before
giving way to new
crop concerns



We are in the midst
of a weather market,
with a focus on
South America and
Russia.

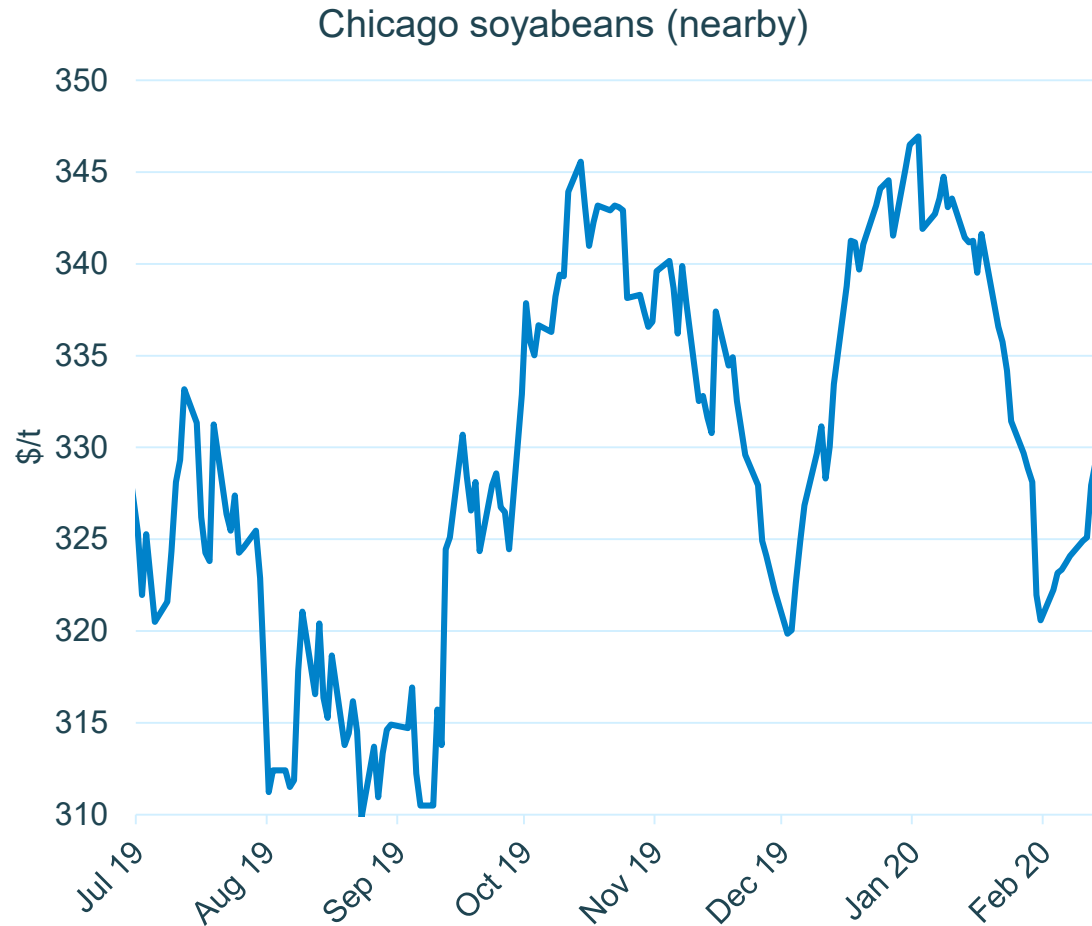


Winter wheat area
down in the US and
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Region.

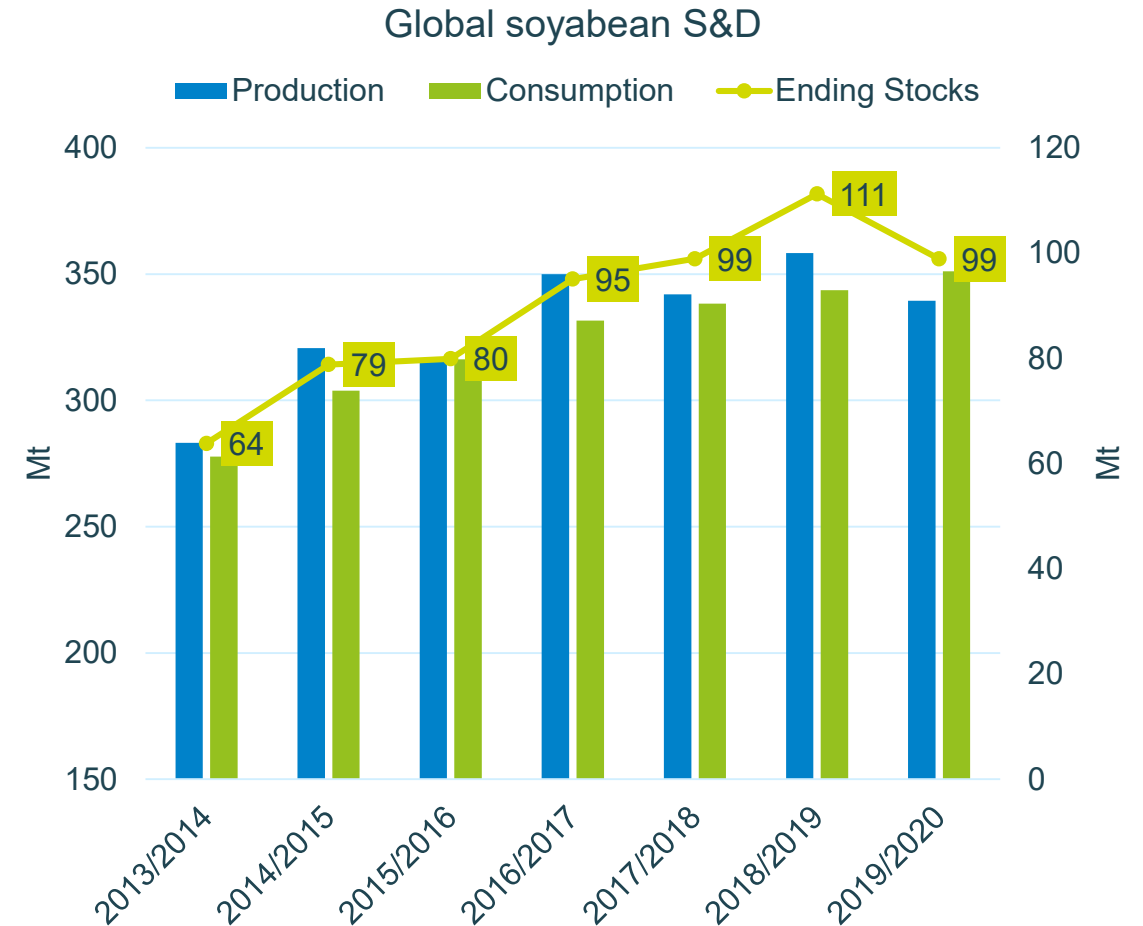
Oilseed volatility



Soyabeans tighter year-on-year but China key

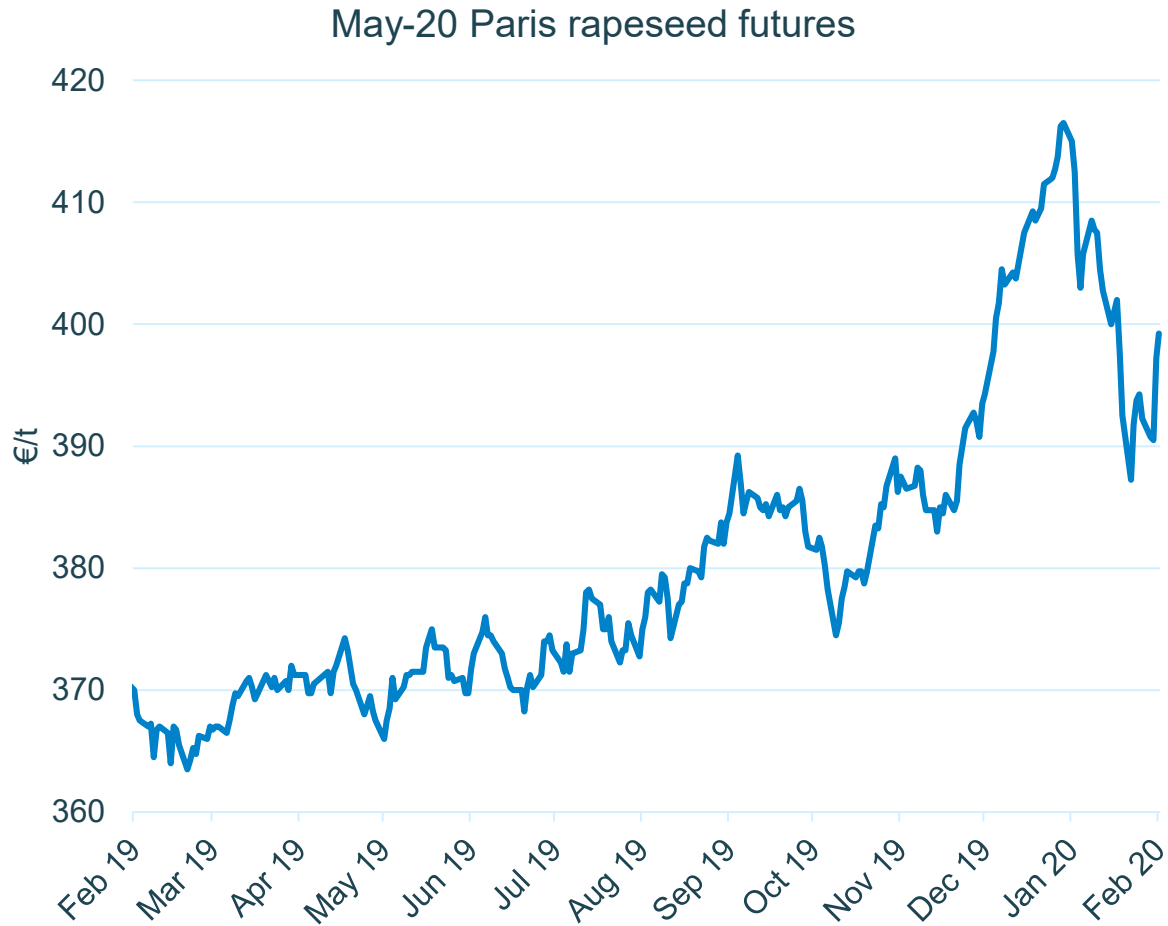


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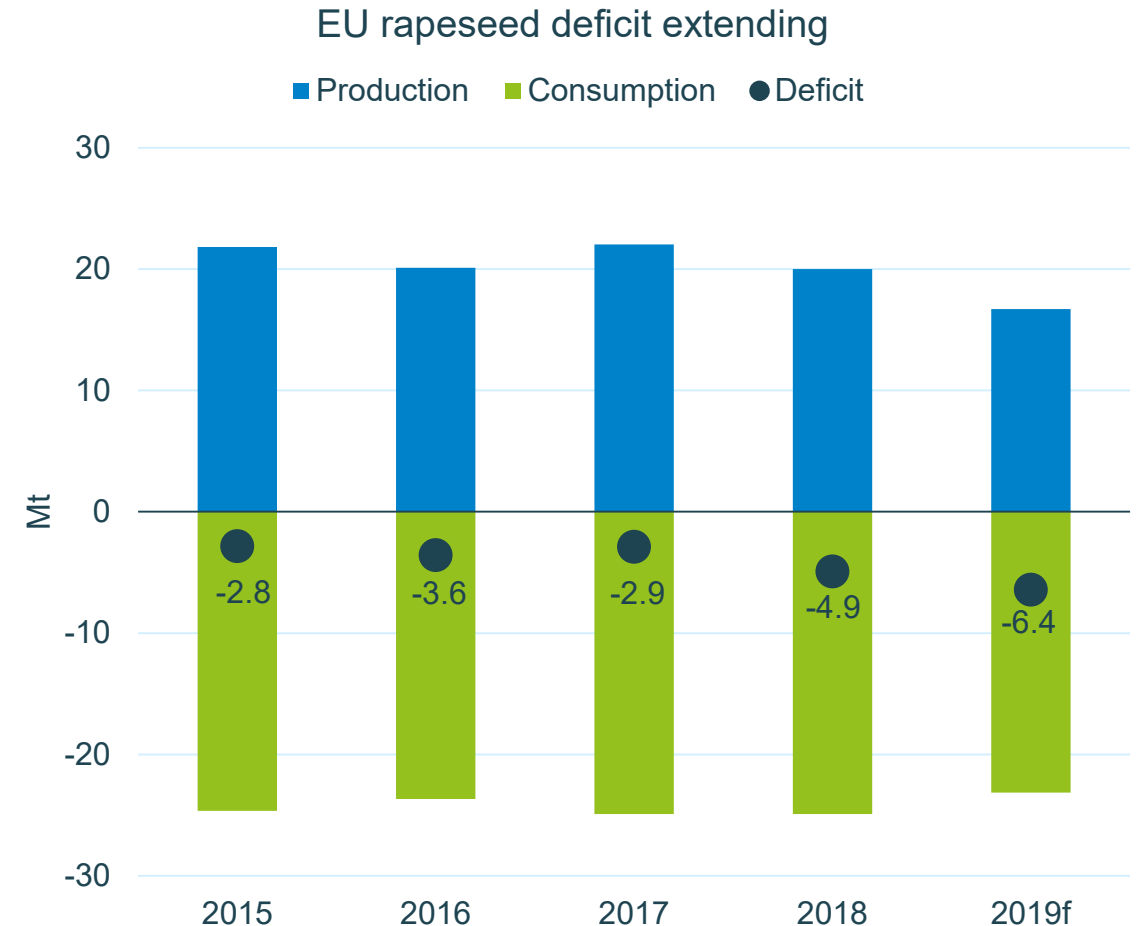


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EU rapeseed deficit growth continues



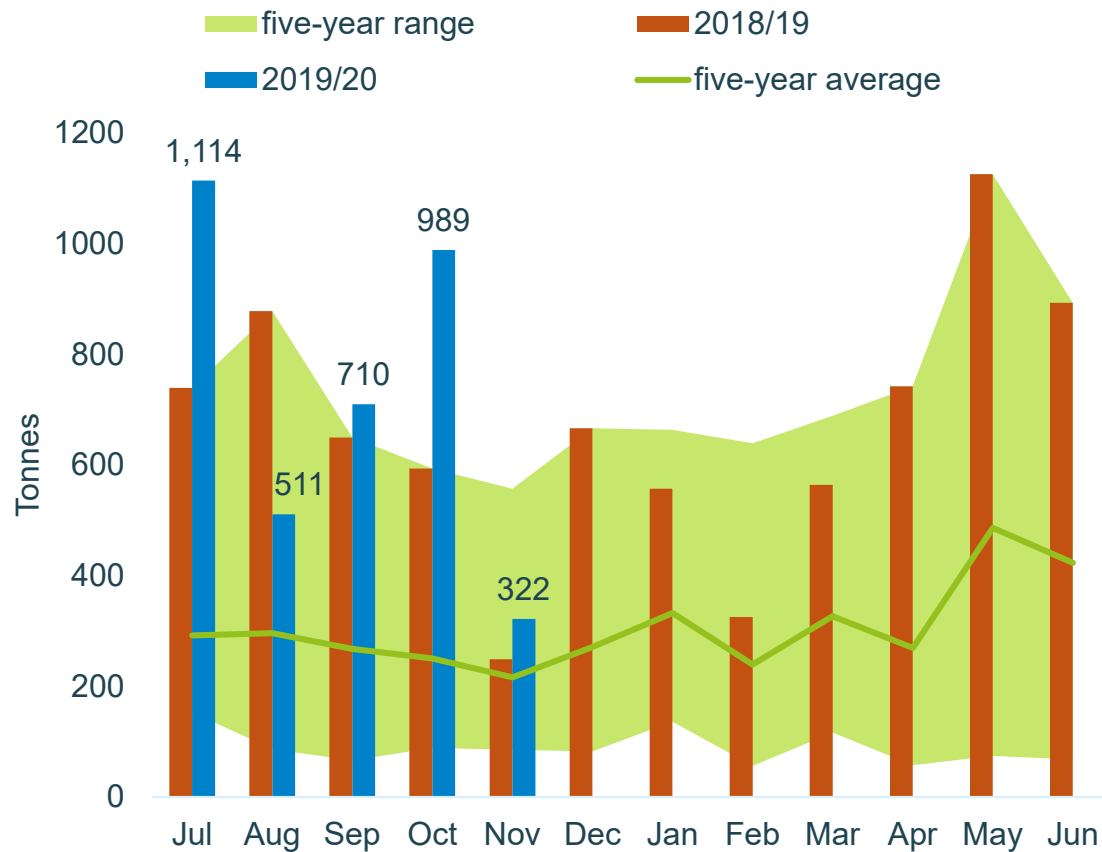
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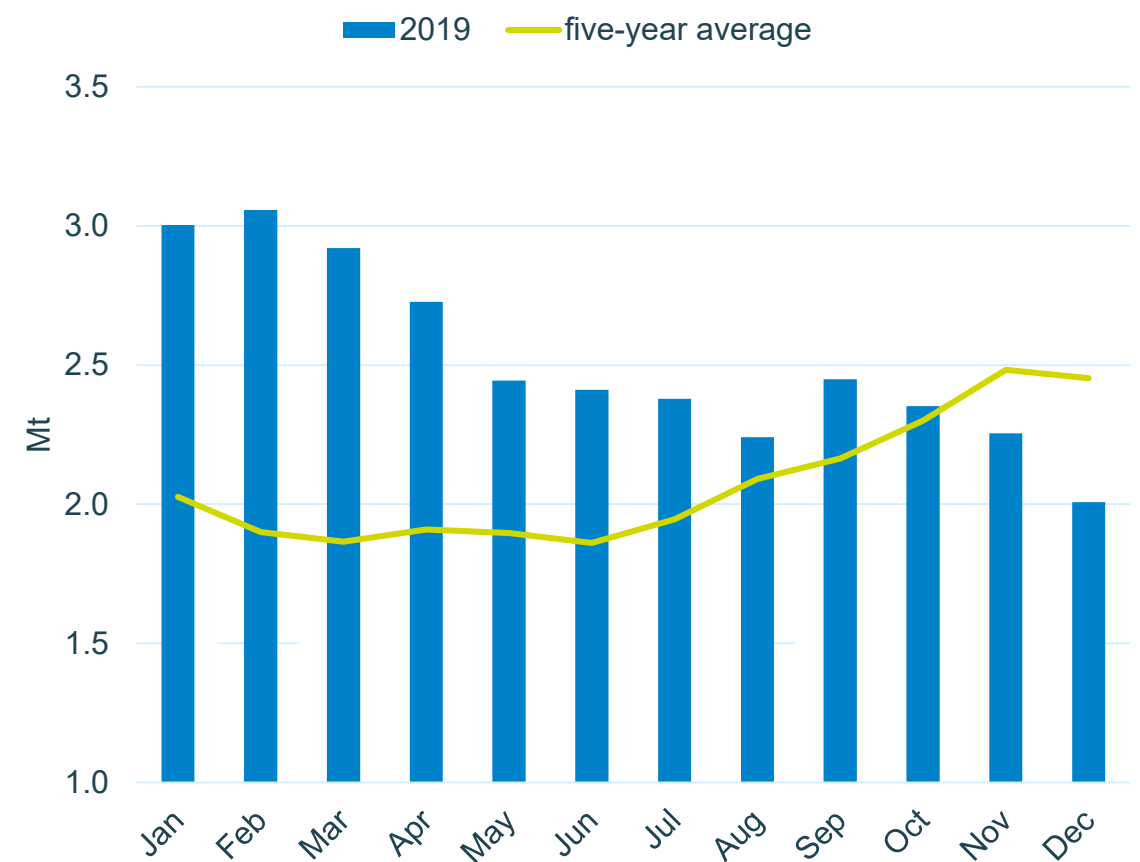
Vegetable oil and biodiesel market trends

EU-28 imports of biodiesel from third countries



Source: Eurostat

Monthly palm oil ending stocks in decline



Source: Malaysian Palm Oil Board

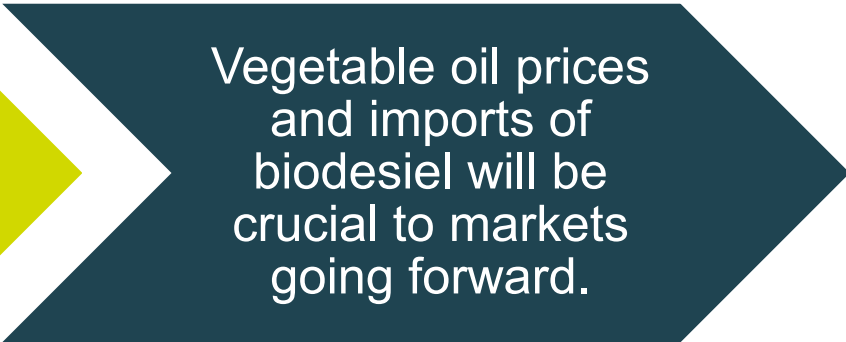
Oilseed summary



Soyabeans have been volatile on the back of Chinese demand and coronavirus concerns.



.EU oilseed deficit continues to grow, however, market now heavily dictated by import prices



Vegetable oil prices and imports of biodiesel will be crucial to markets going forward.

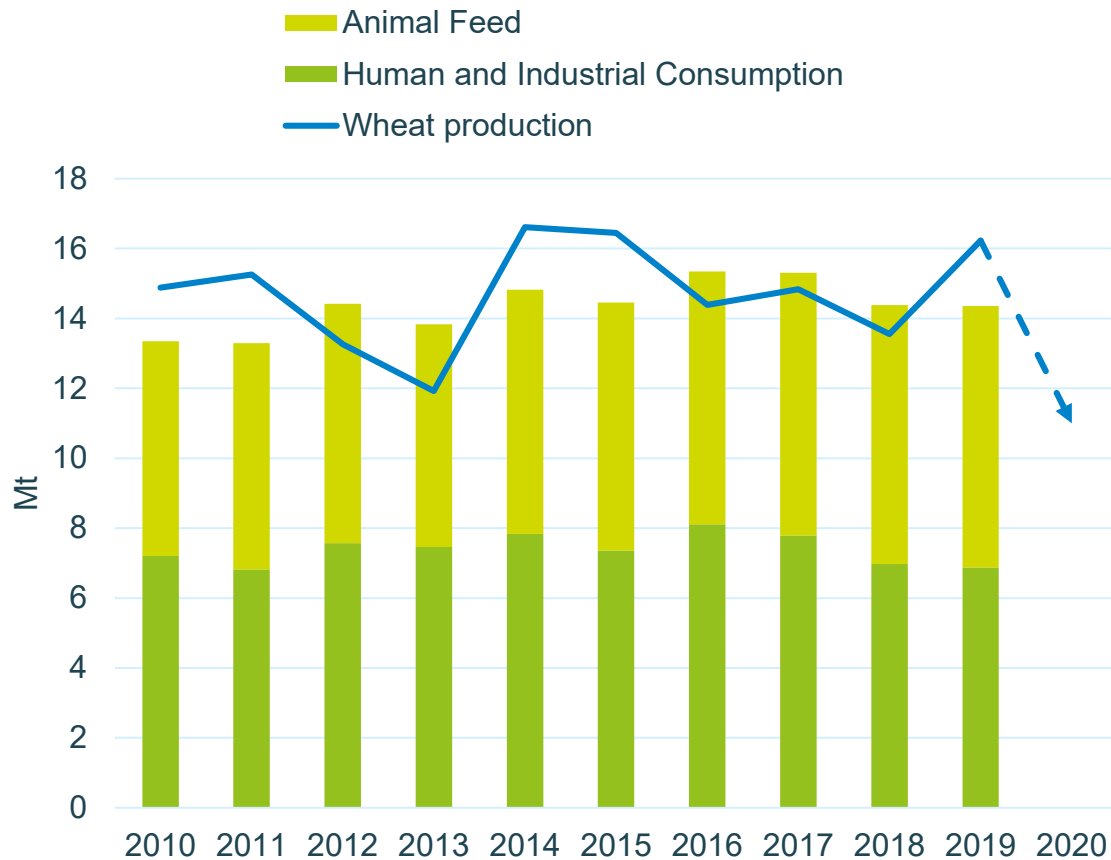
Domestic market

What can we expect in domestic markets over the next 12 months?



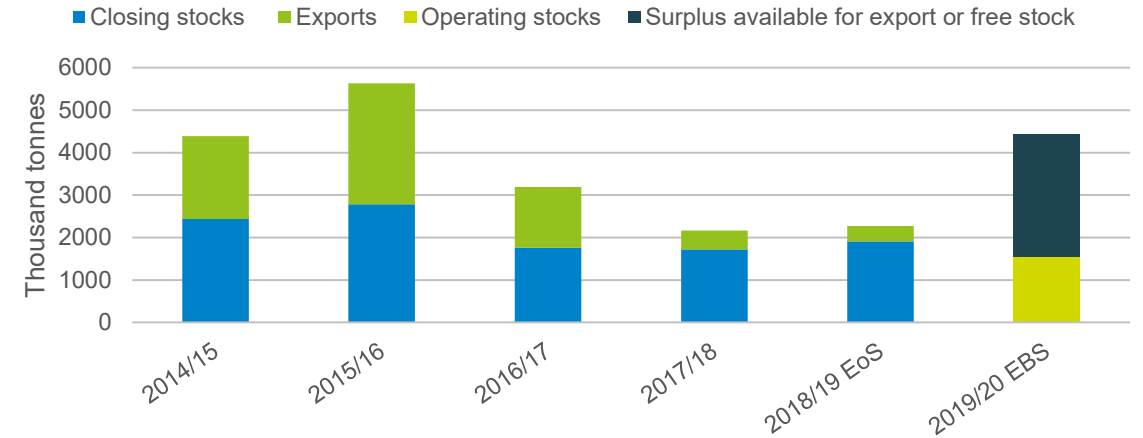
UK Wheat S&D

UK production and domestic demand

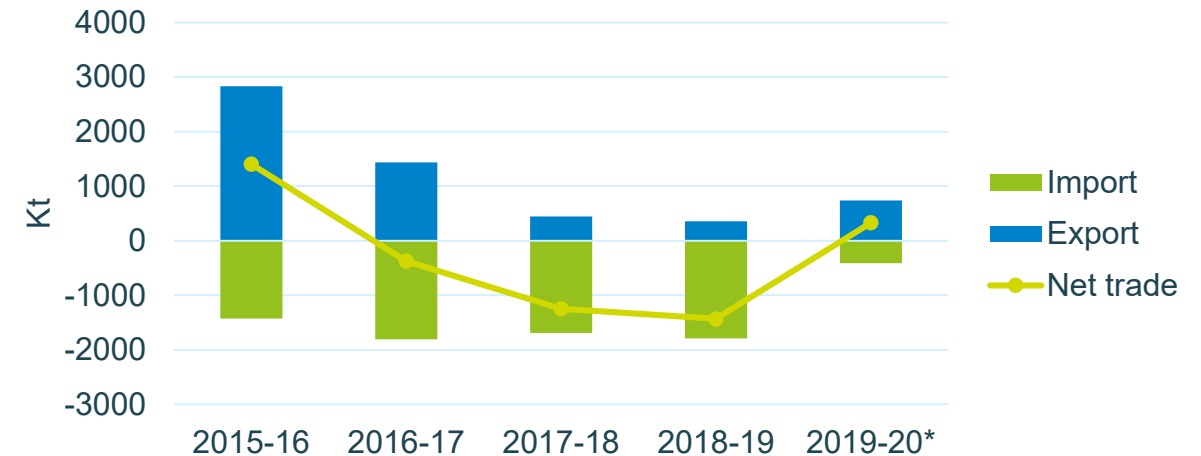


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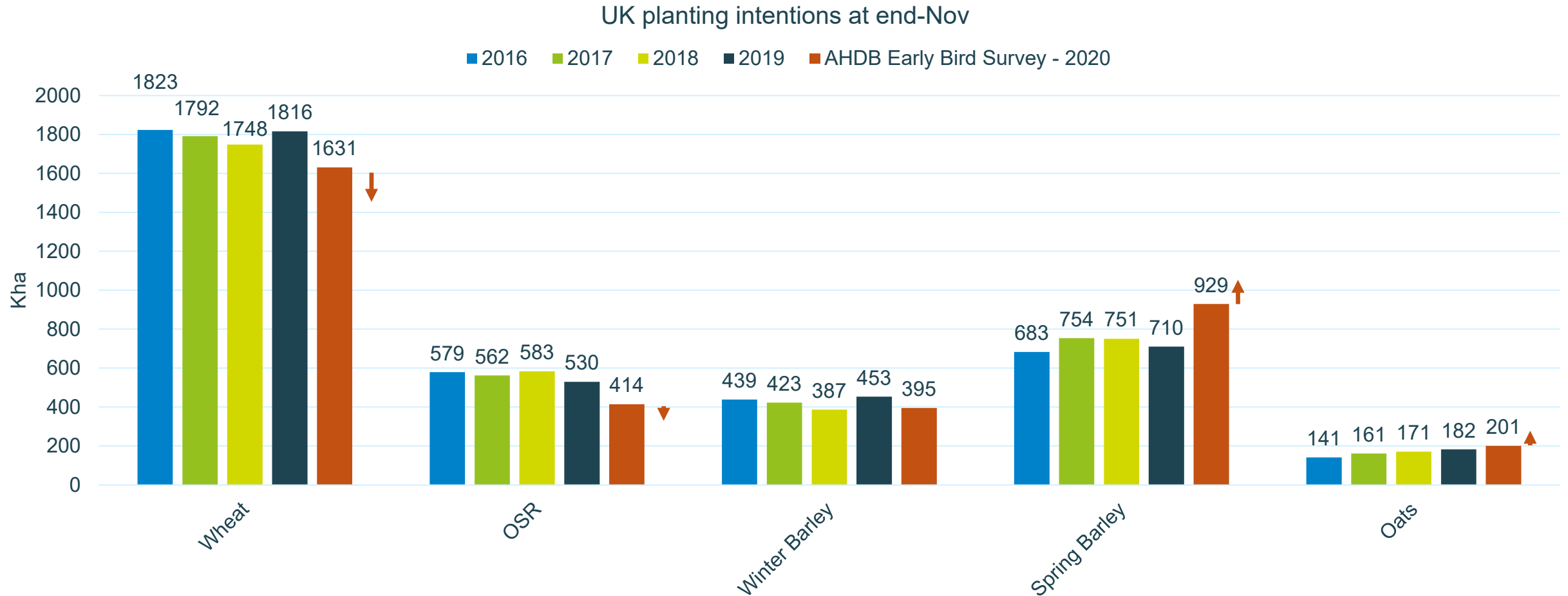
UK volume of wheat for free stock or export



UK net wheat trade

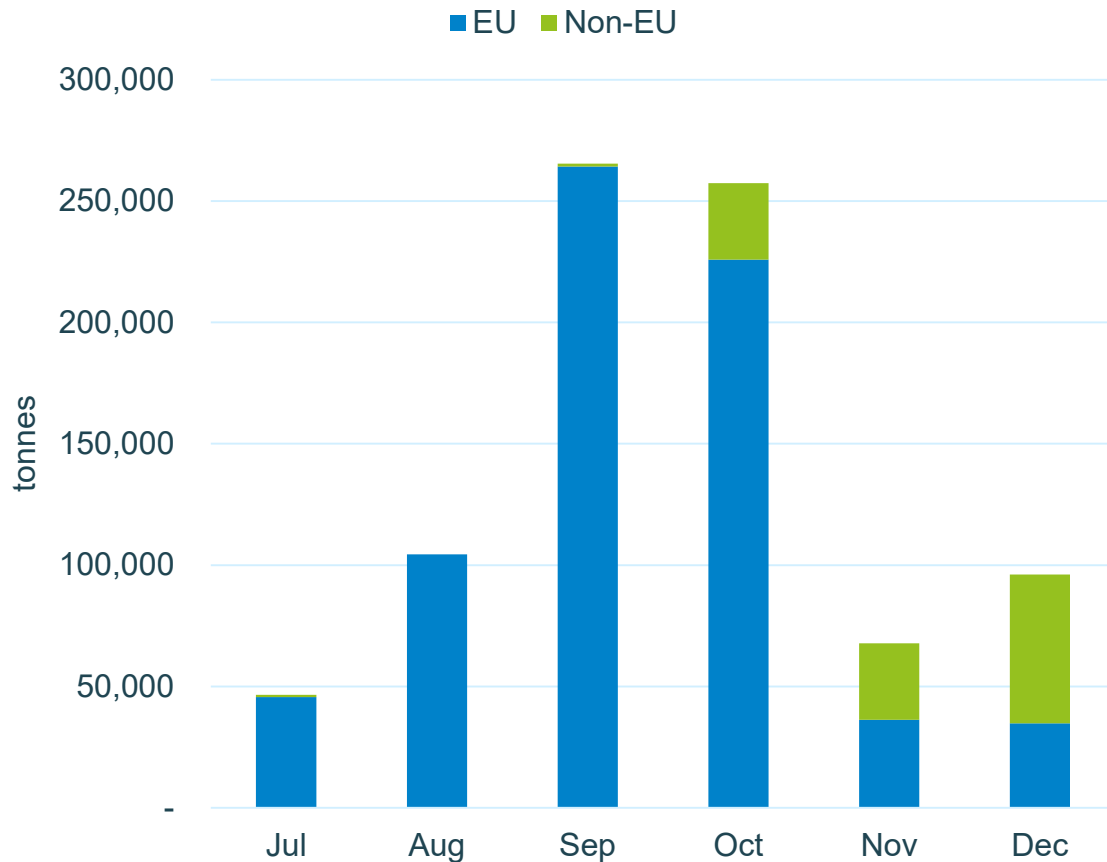


UK Early Bird Survey results



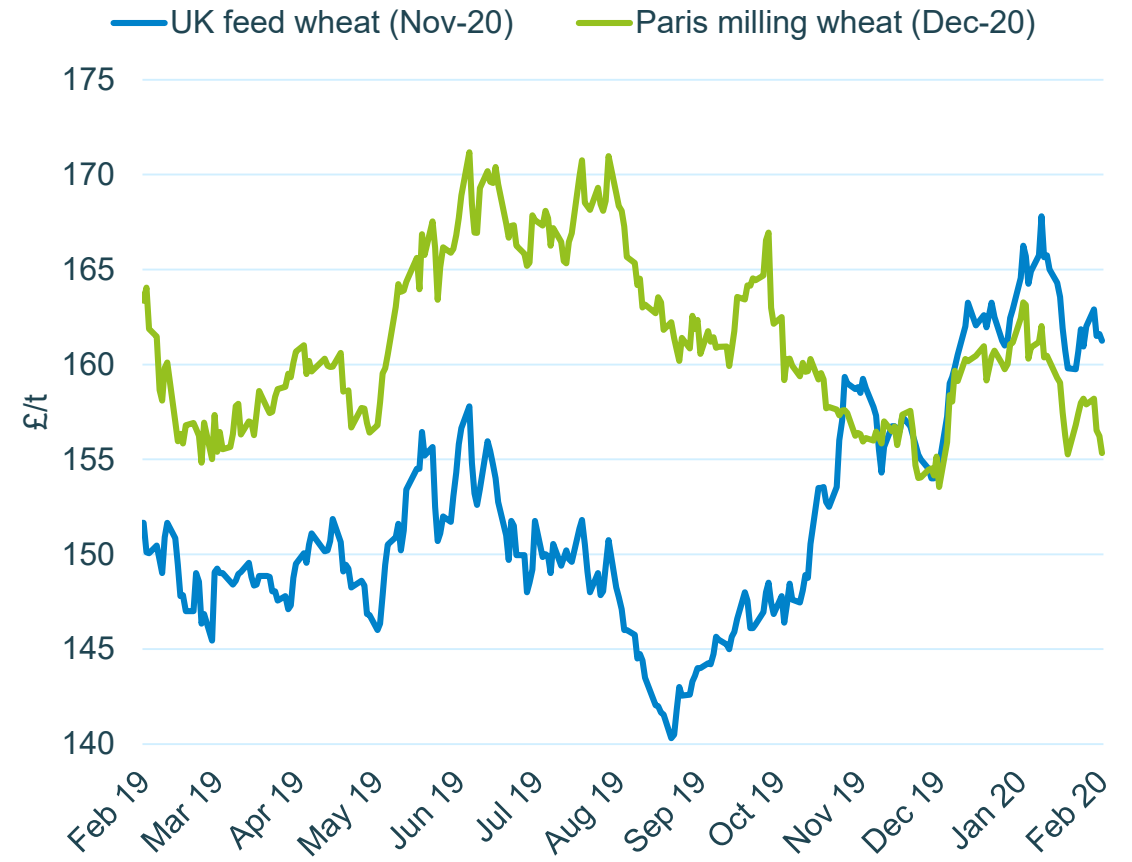
Is the UK market already reaching it's peak?

UK wheat exports



Source: HMRC

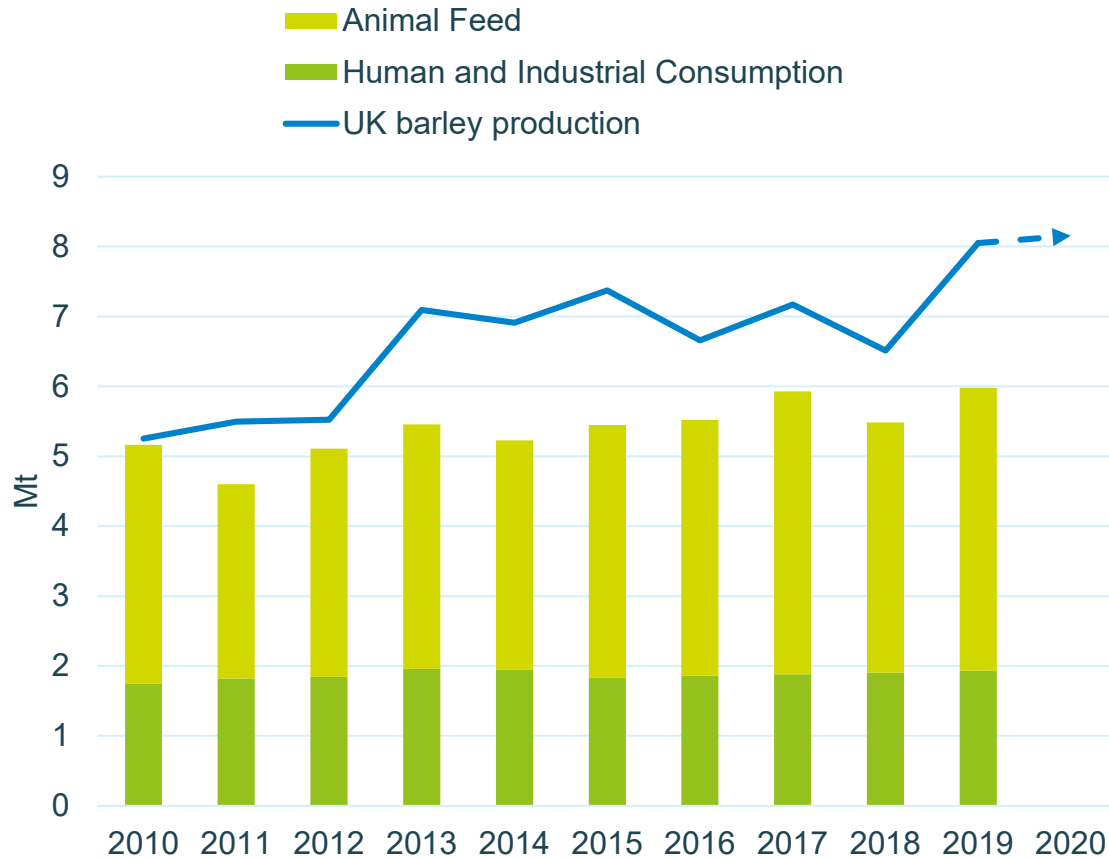
UK wheat futures at import parity



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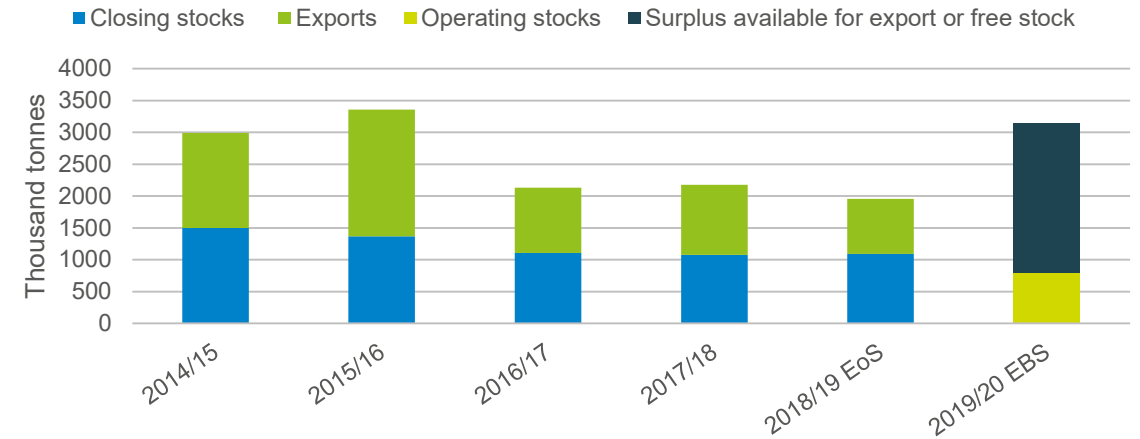
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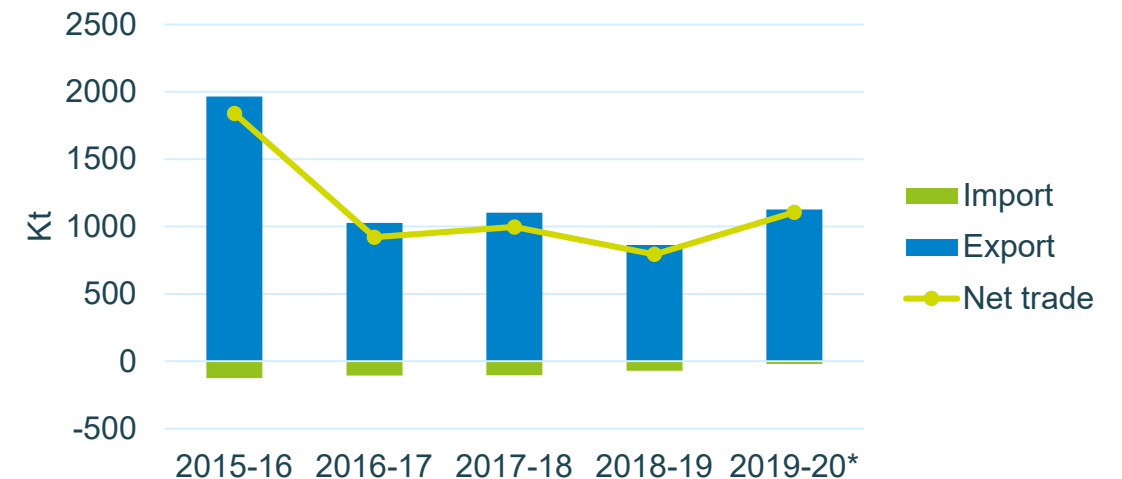


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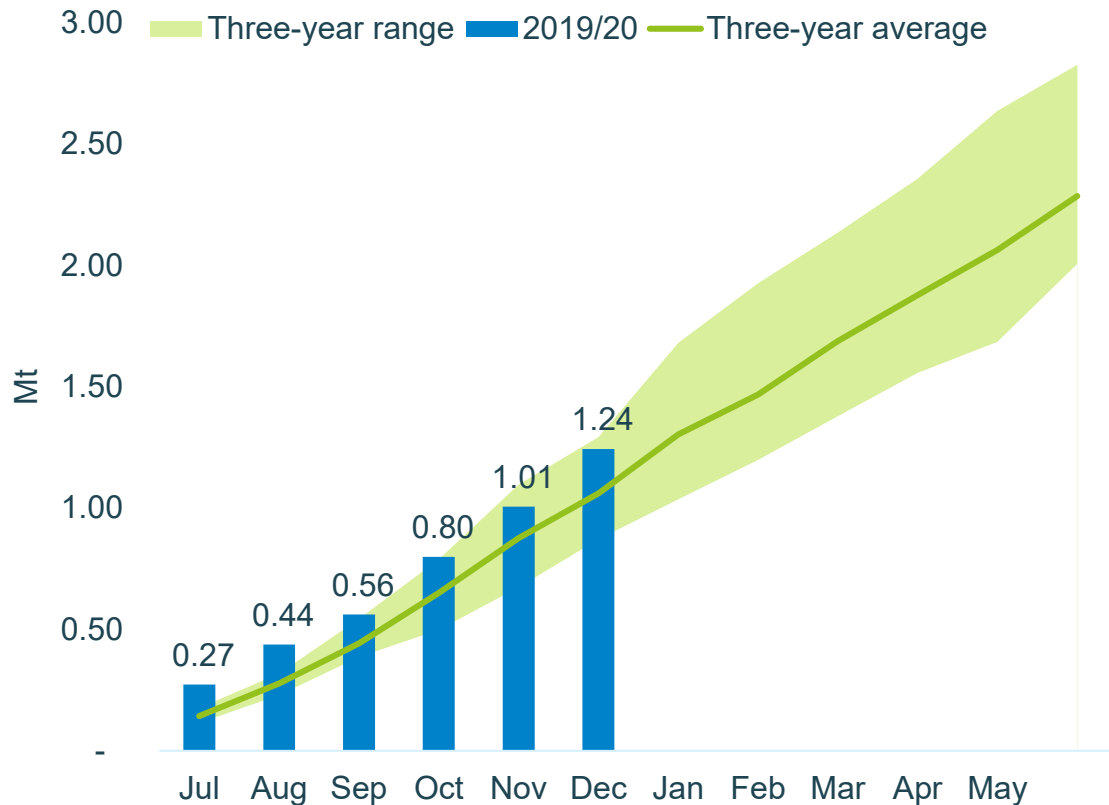


UK net barley trade



Discount of barley growing with maize also a pressure

Strong maize imports continue

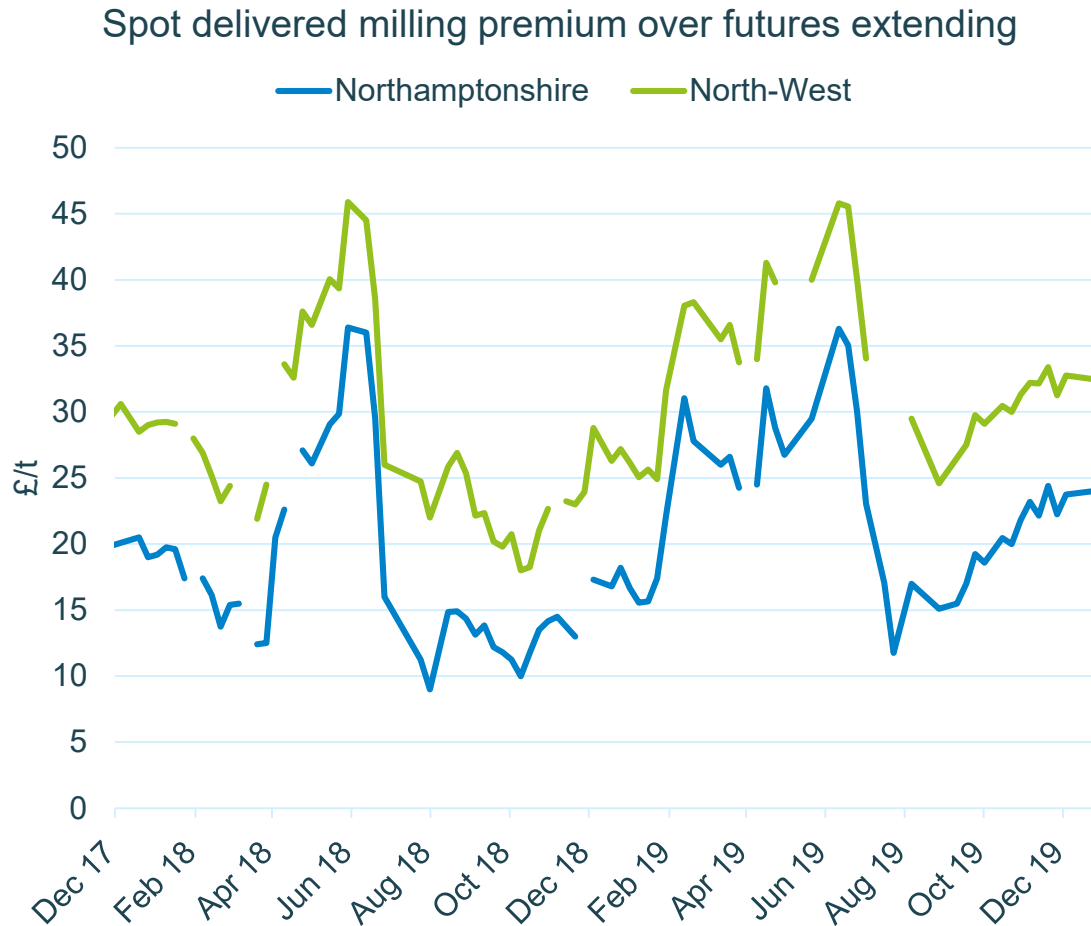


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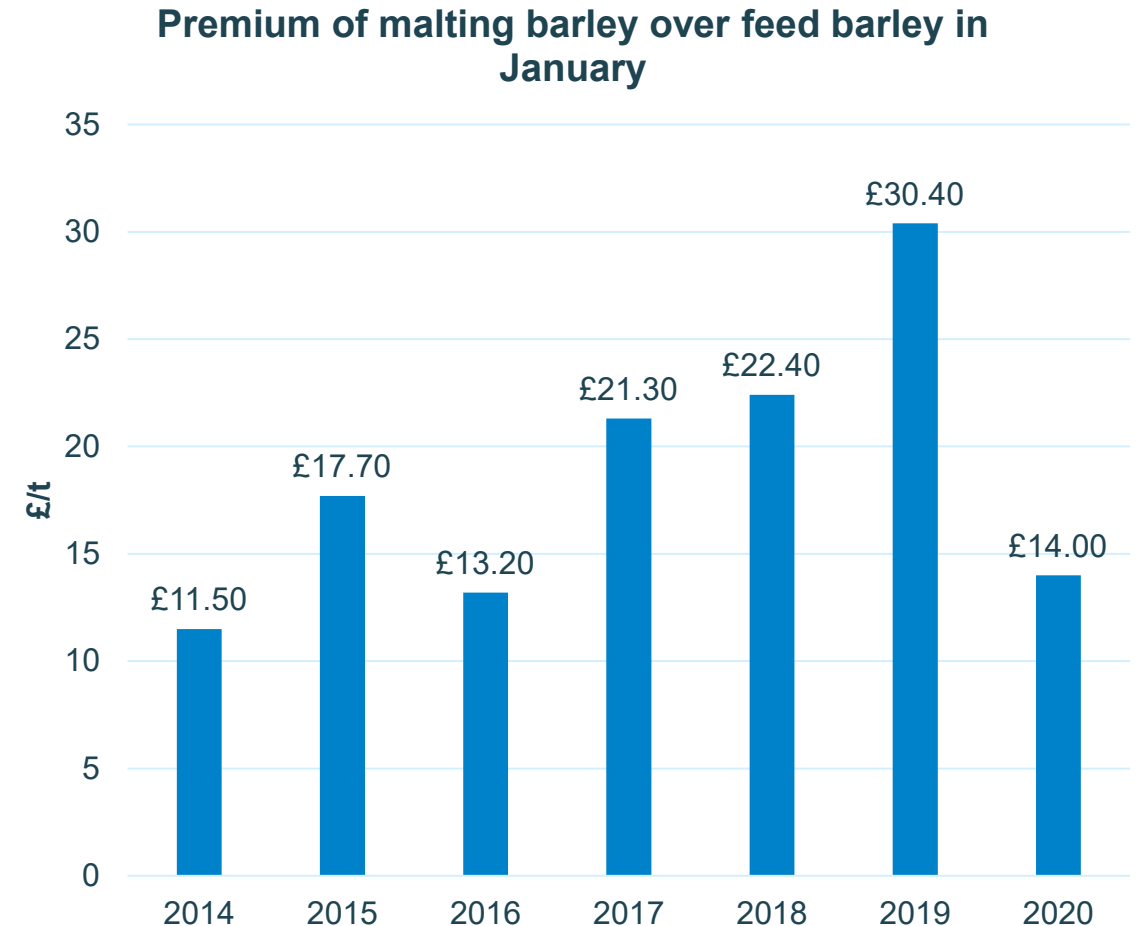
Discount of feed barley to feed wheat



What about premium markets?

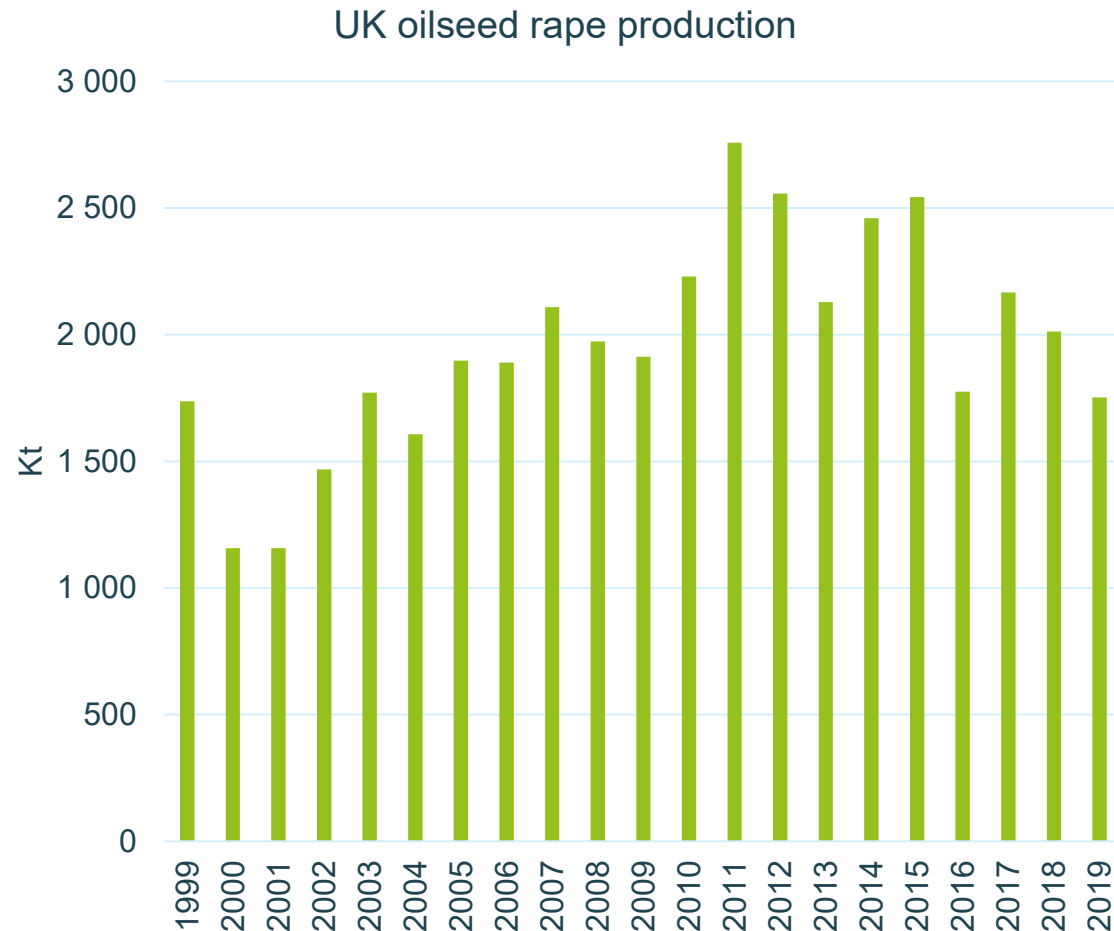


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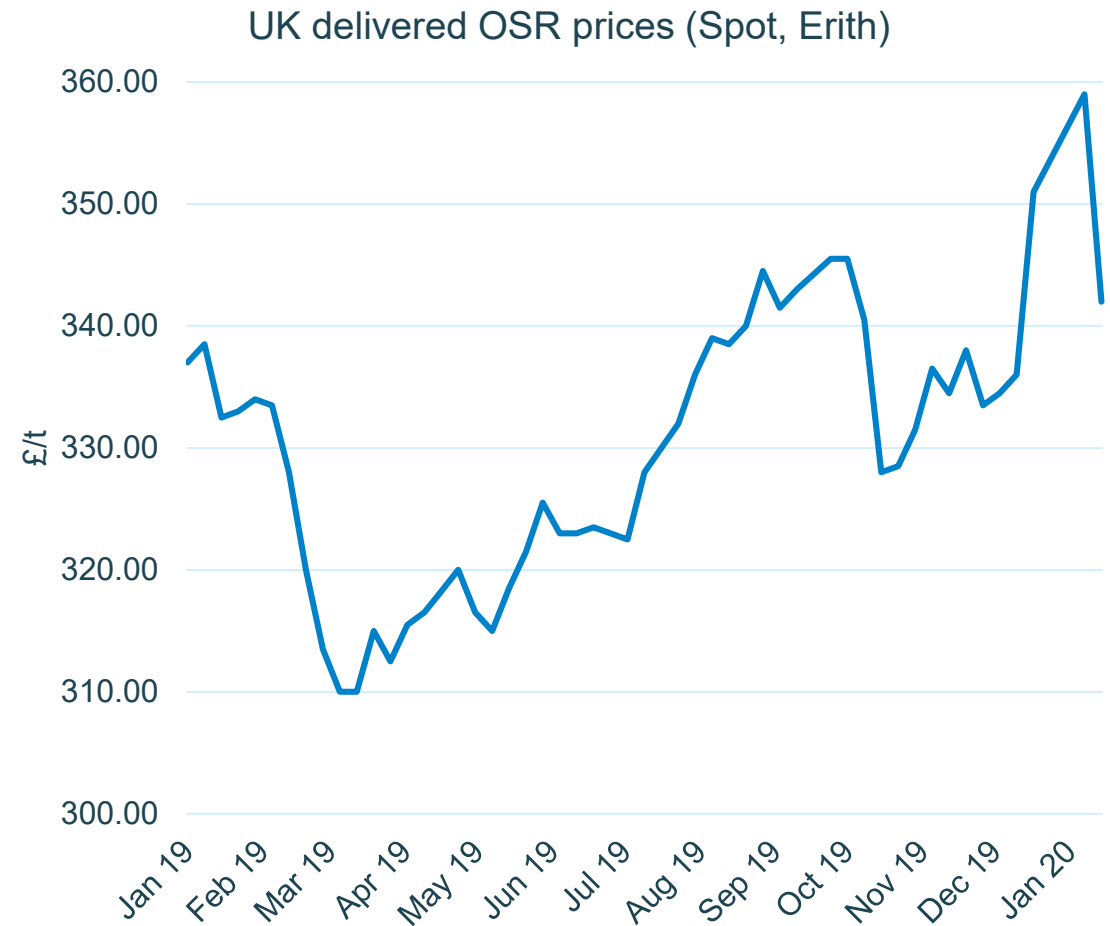


Source: AHDB Corn Returns

Domestic oilseed rape deficit, prices dictated by the global market.

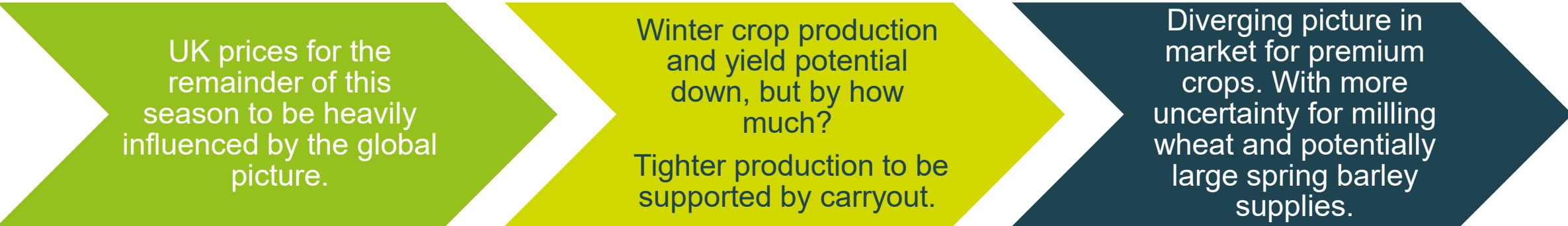


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Source: AHDB Delivered Survey

UK summary



UK prices for the remainder of this season to be heavily influenced by the global picture.

Winter crop production and yield potential down, but by how much?

Tighter production to be supported by carryout.

Diverging picture in market for premium crops. With more uncertainty for milling wheat and potentially large spring barley supplies.

Questions?

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A vibrant landscape of a green field at sunset. A path leads from the foreground towards the horizon where the sun is setting, creating a warm glow. The sky is filled with colorful clouds. In the foreground, there are decorative white wavy lines.

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Agronomy North East

Variety selection as the basis of IPM

Bastiaan Brak (AHDB)



- Demo of new RL Variety Selection Tool(s)
- Demonstrate the value of '*treatment benefit*' (yield response to fungicide) when considering varieties and fungicide input
- Corroborate with field-based results from AHDB Strategic Farm East (data courtesy of Brian Barker)



Scenario for WW Variety Selection Tool demonstration

- End-use group: Group 4 wheat
- Yellow Rust rating: at least 7.5
- Latest safe sowing date: mid / end Feb

Note: Least Significant Difference for Yield, scale of Agronomic Merit

<https://ahdb.org.uk/vst>

Filter varieties ¹

Calc. Agronomic Merit on X-axis ²

End-use group

All

Variety

All

Septoria tr. rating *i*

4.3 8.2

Yellow rust rating *i*

4.5 8.9

Brown rust rating *i*

2.8 8.4

Mildew rating *i*

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Fusarium rating *i*

5.2 7.0

Eyespot rating *i*

3.2 7.1

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Sprouting rating *i*

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Yield (heavy soils) *i*

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Yield (2nd cereal) *i*

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HFN *i*

151 321

Specific weight *i*

73.8 80.7

Protein (milling) % *i*

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UK distilling suitability

All

Export suitability

All

Ripening days *i*

All

Latest safe sowing date *i*

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Height (-PGR) *i*

80 92

OWBM resistance *i*

All

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Last year data

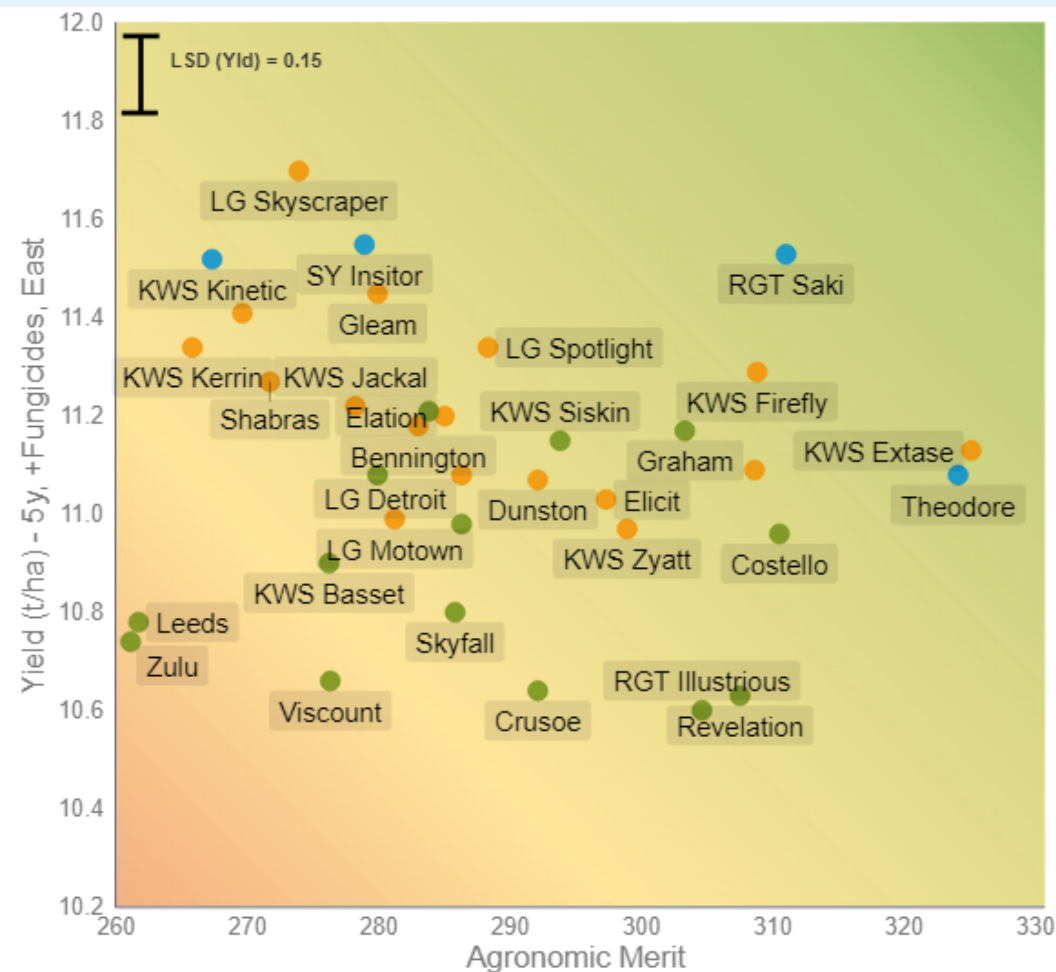
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Distinguish variety points in graph by ⁵

Years on RL

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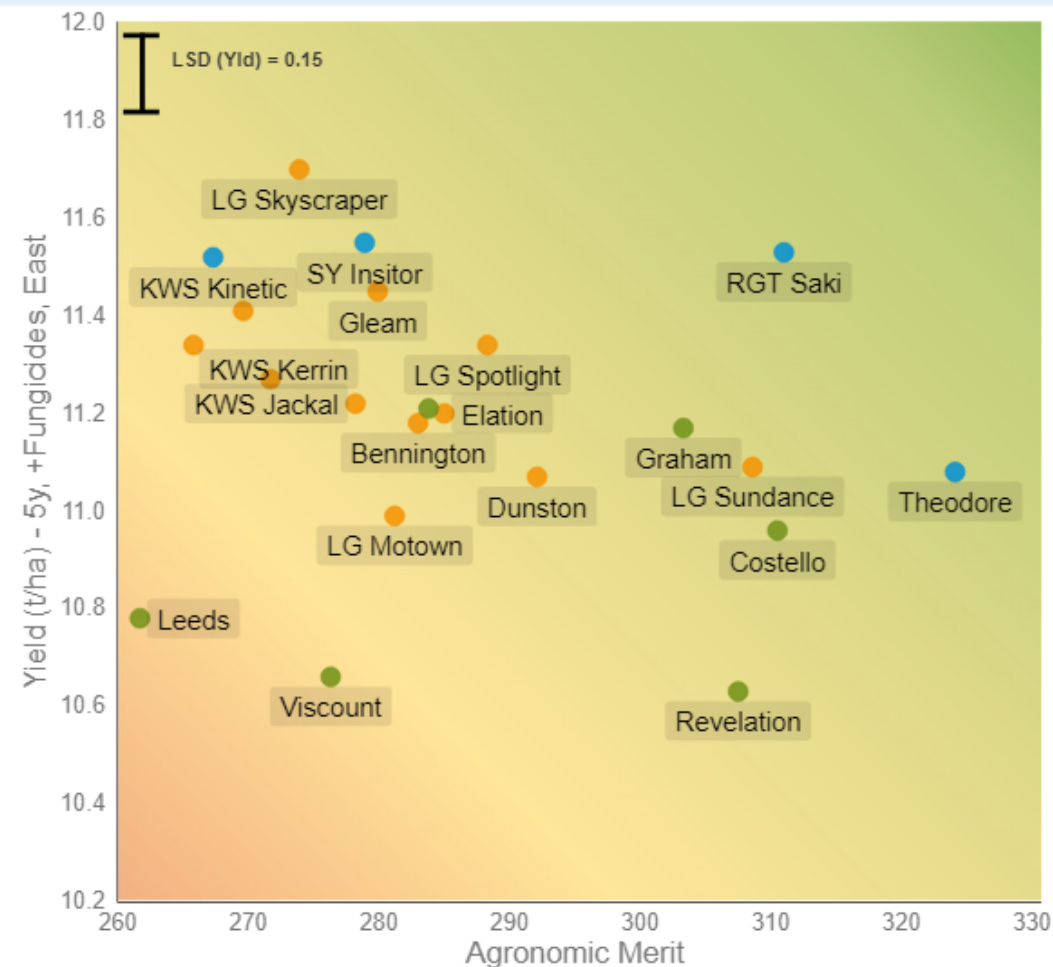
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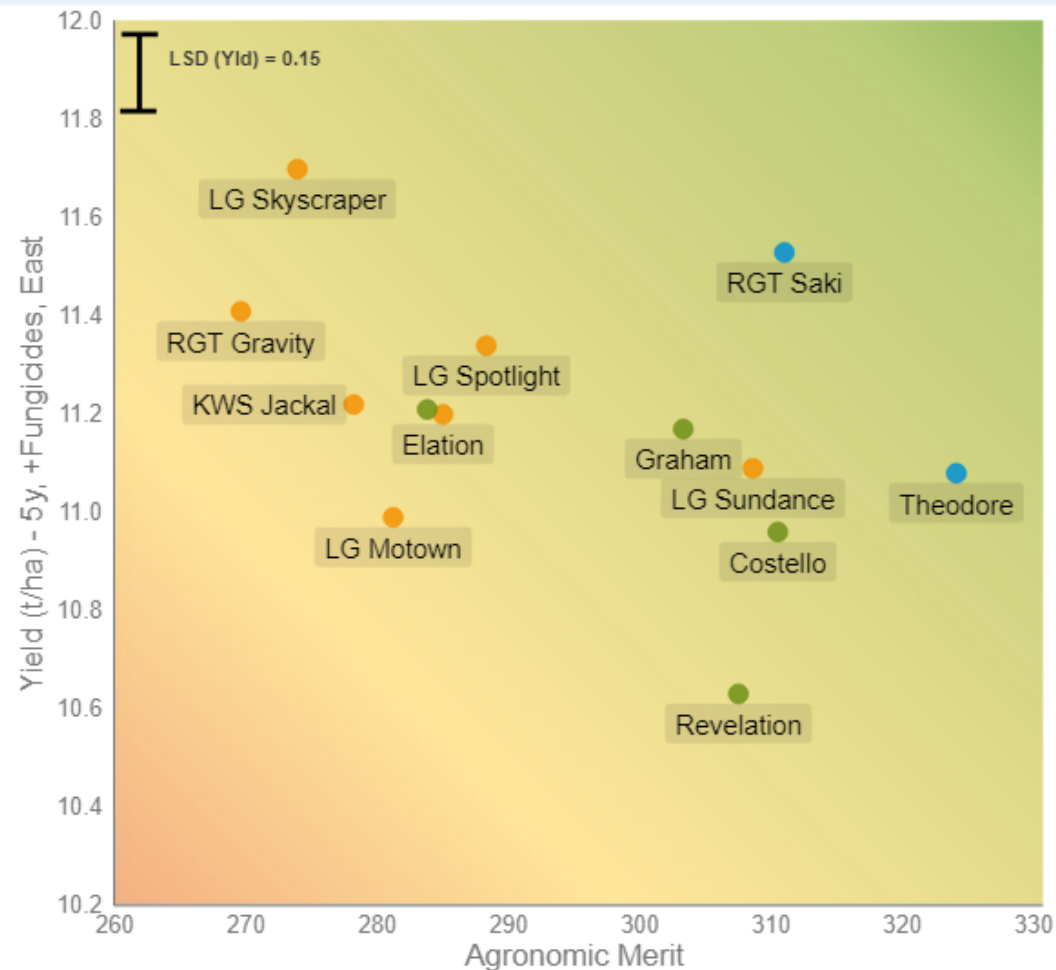
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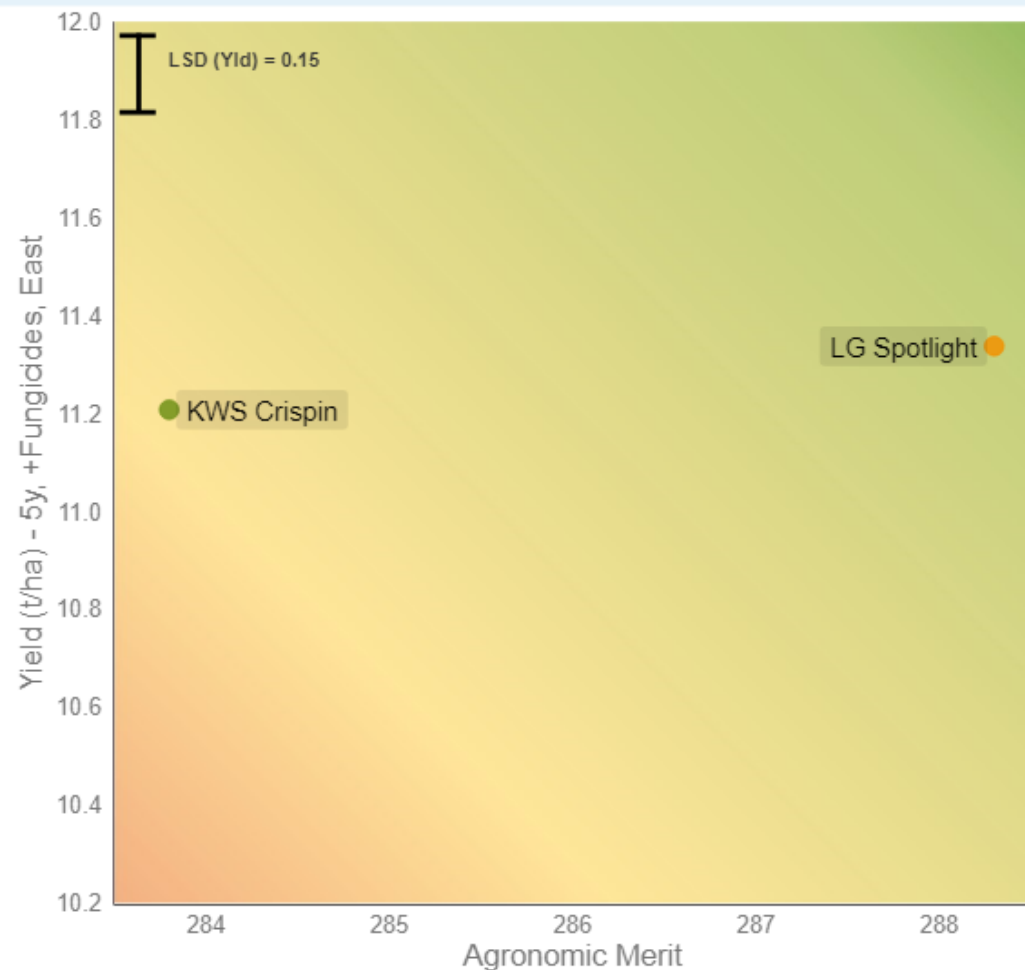
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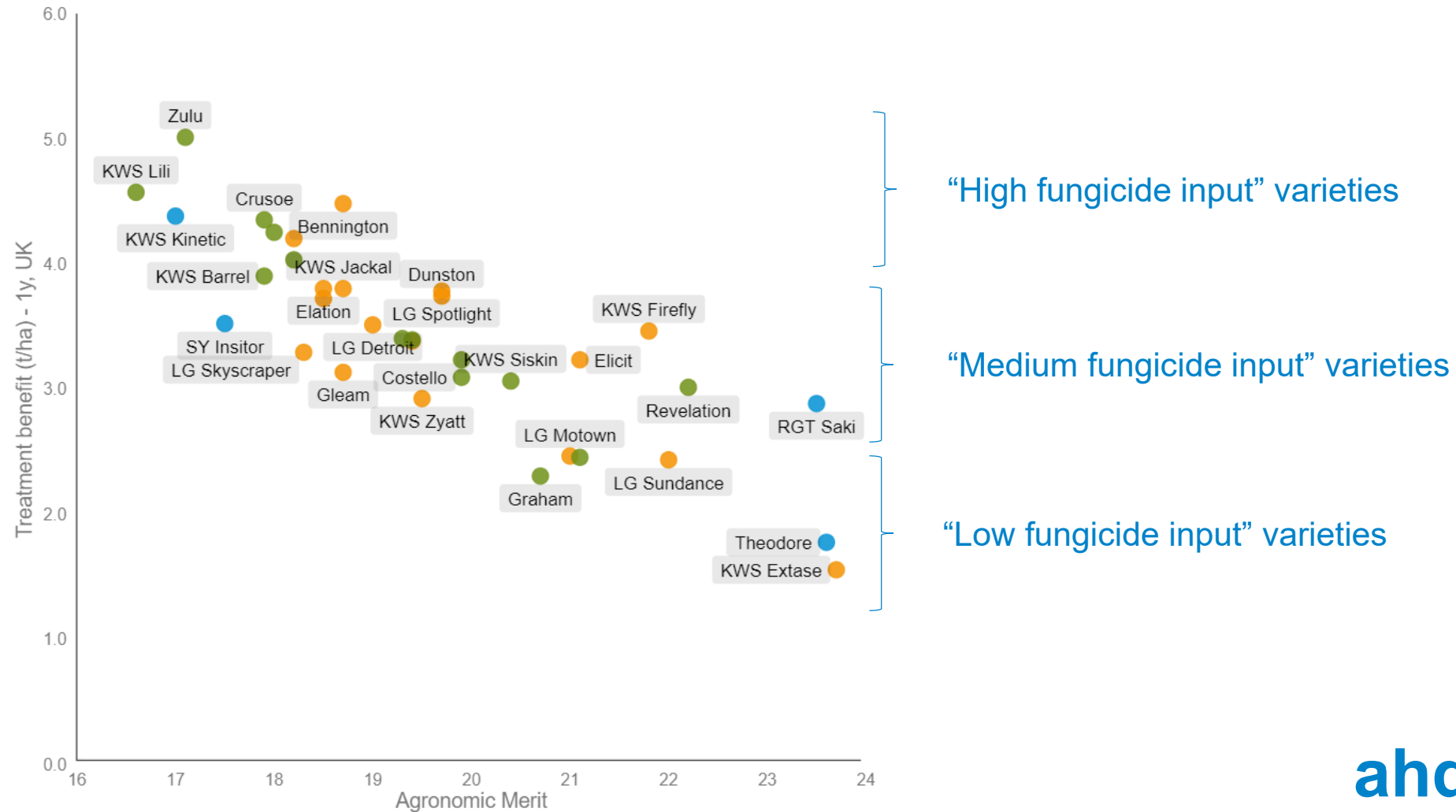
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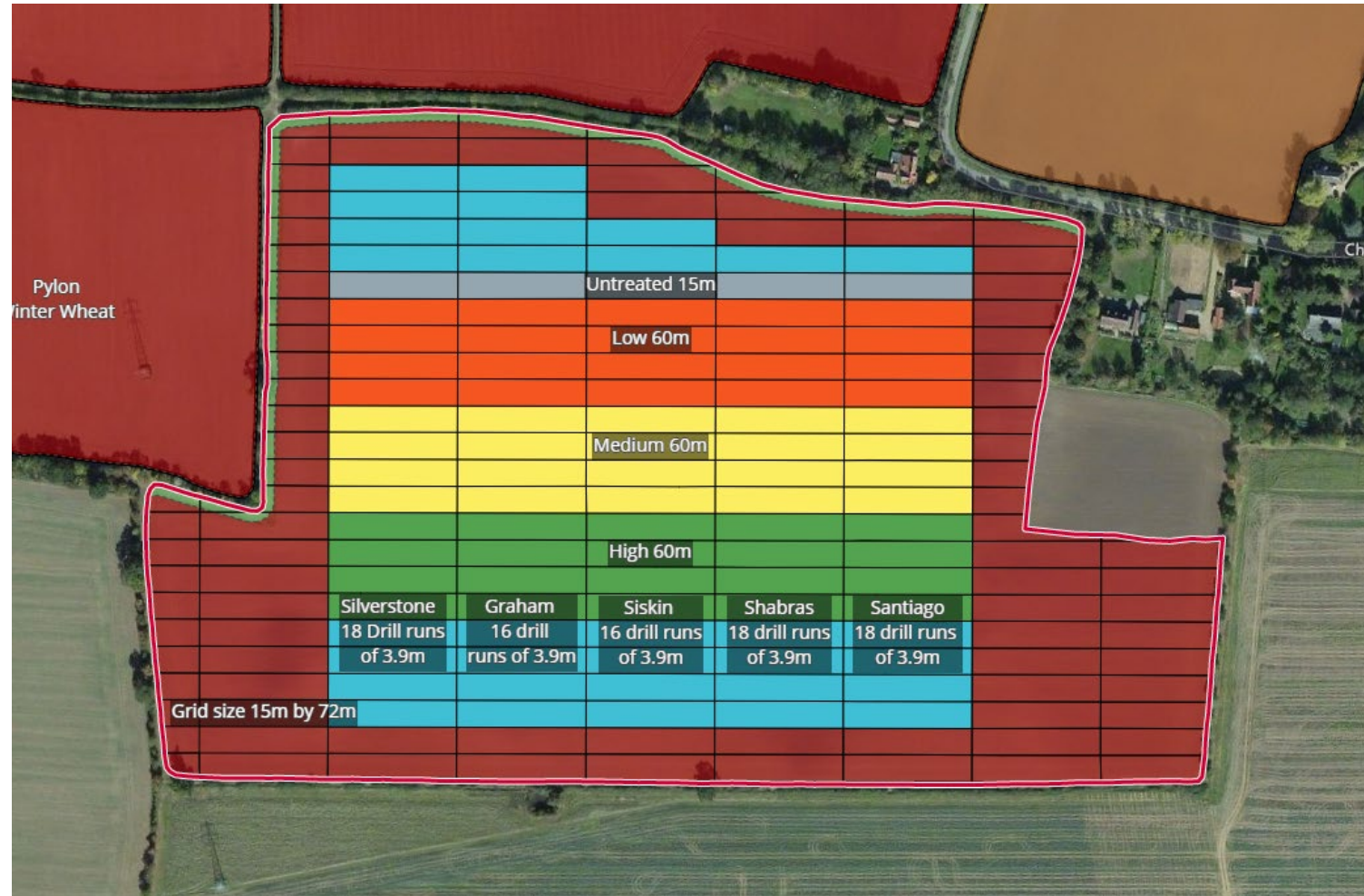
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Treatment benefit: Yld (+F) – Yld (-F)



Demonstration layout



Input costs: fungicides, PGRs & micronutrients

	Untreated	Low	Medium	High
T0	-	£6.99	£17.32	£17.32
T1	-	£27.31	£29.73	£42.18
T2	-	£9.00	£36.12	£53.90
T3	-	-	£9.20	£29.00
Total input costs	£0.00	£43.30	£92.37	£142.40

Required yield increase (£129 / tonne):



0.34 t / ha



0.38 t / ha



0.39 t / ha

IPM: Yield optimum vs Gross Margin optimum

Varieties

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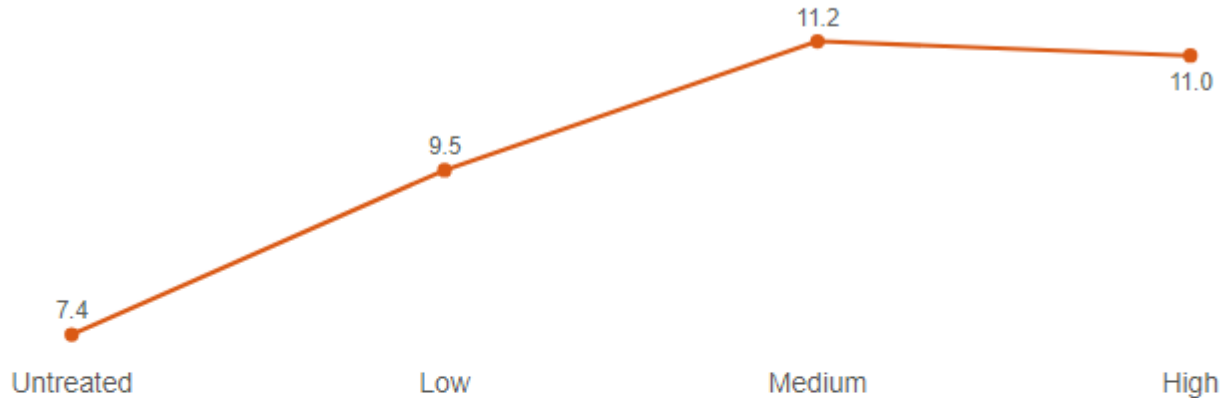
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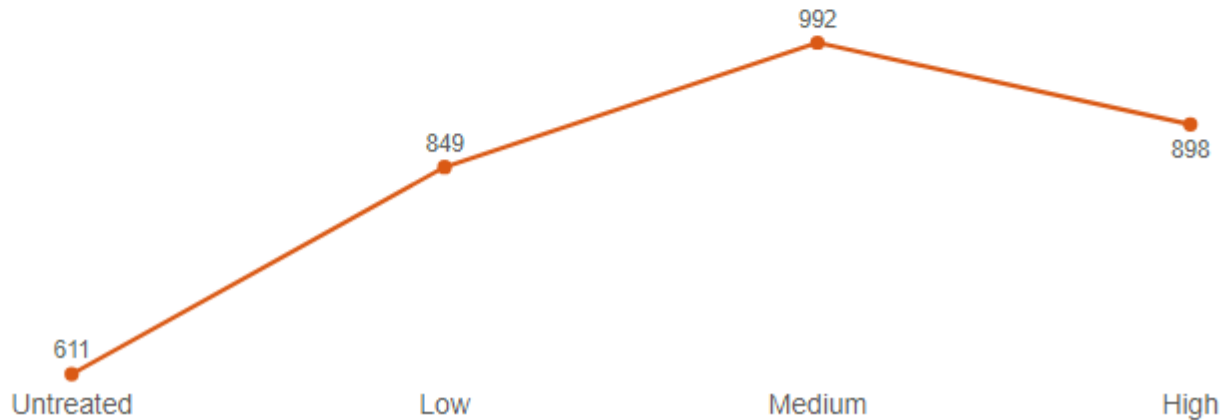
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Yield (t/ha)

—●— KWS Santiago



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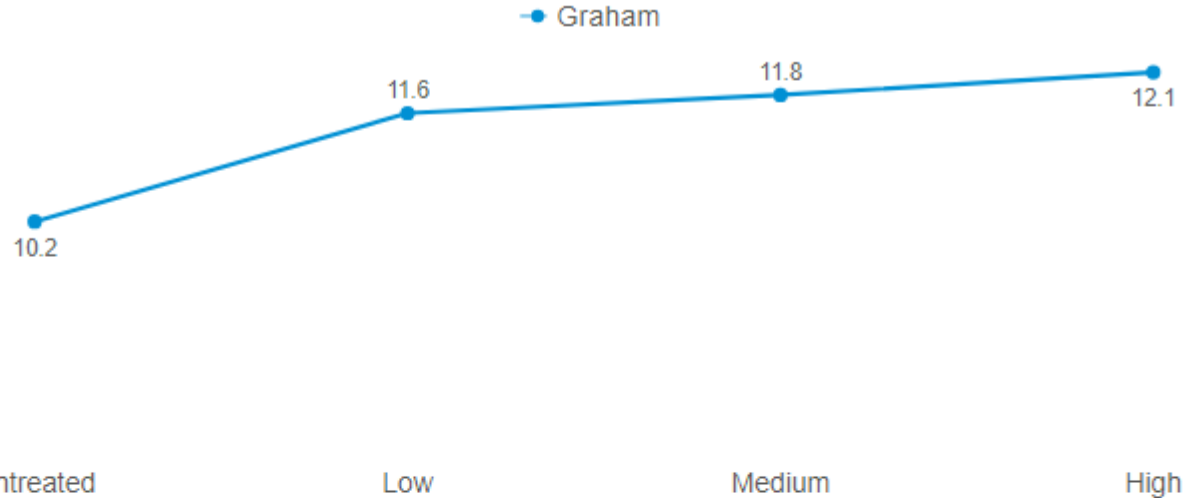
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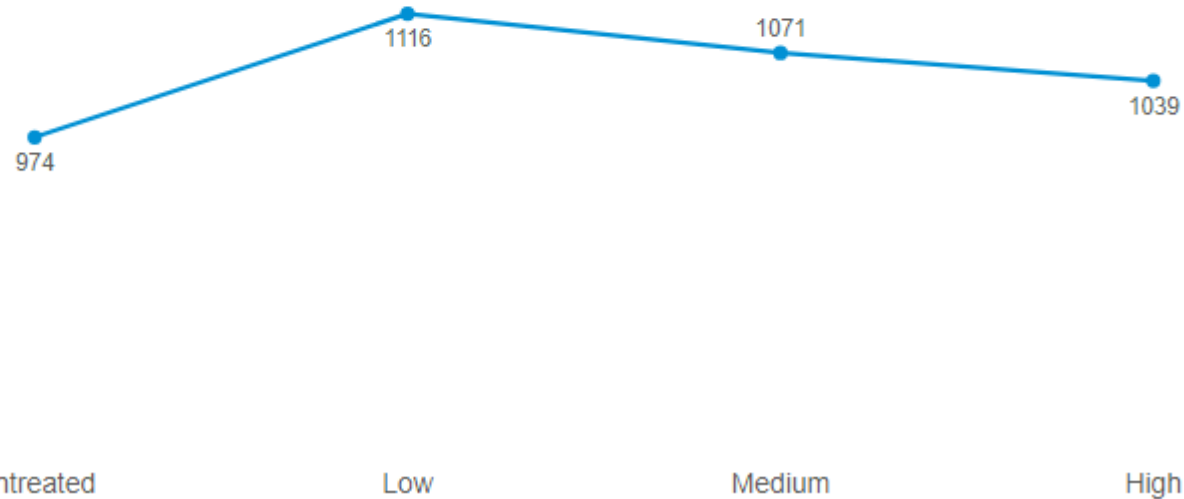
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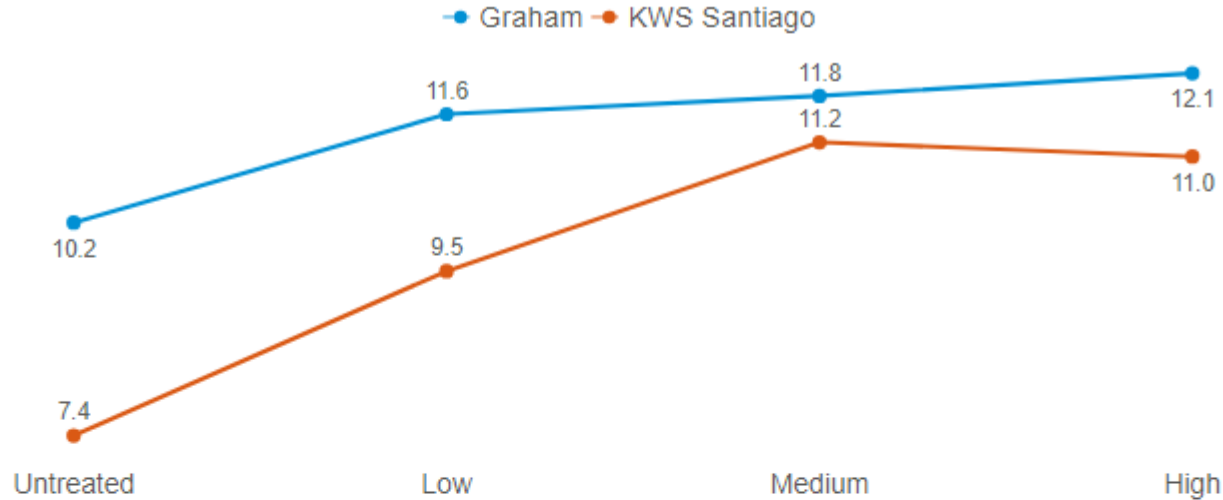
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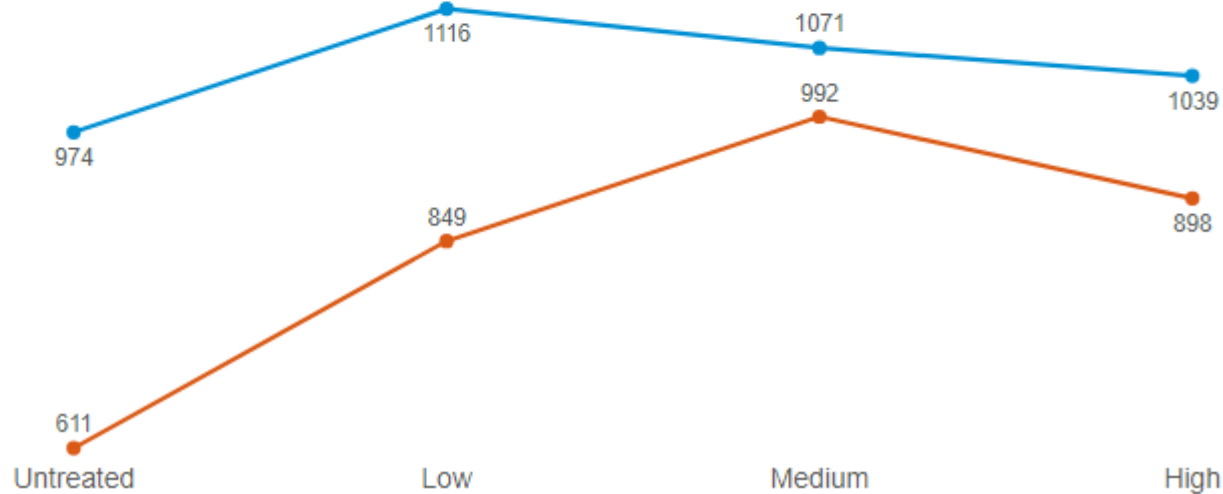
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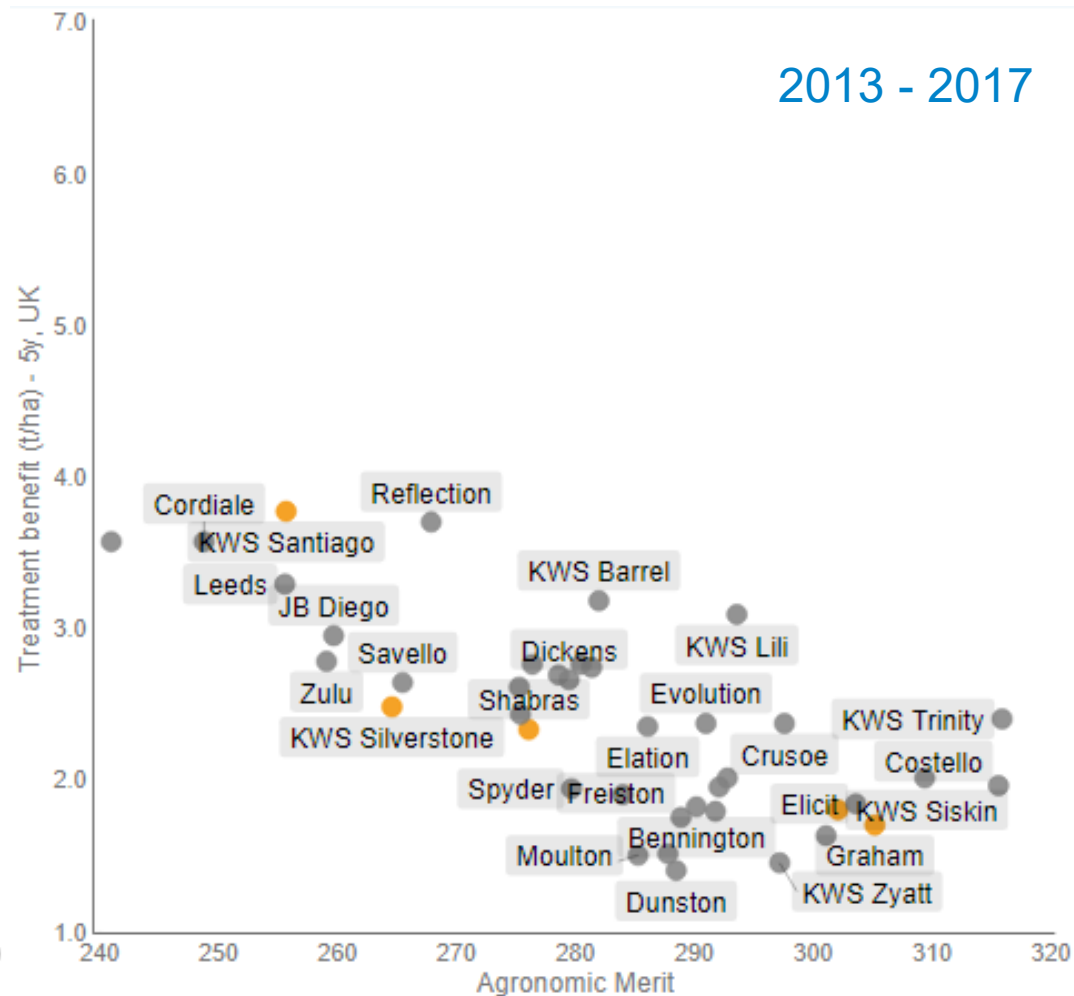
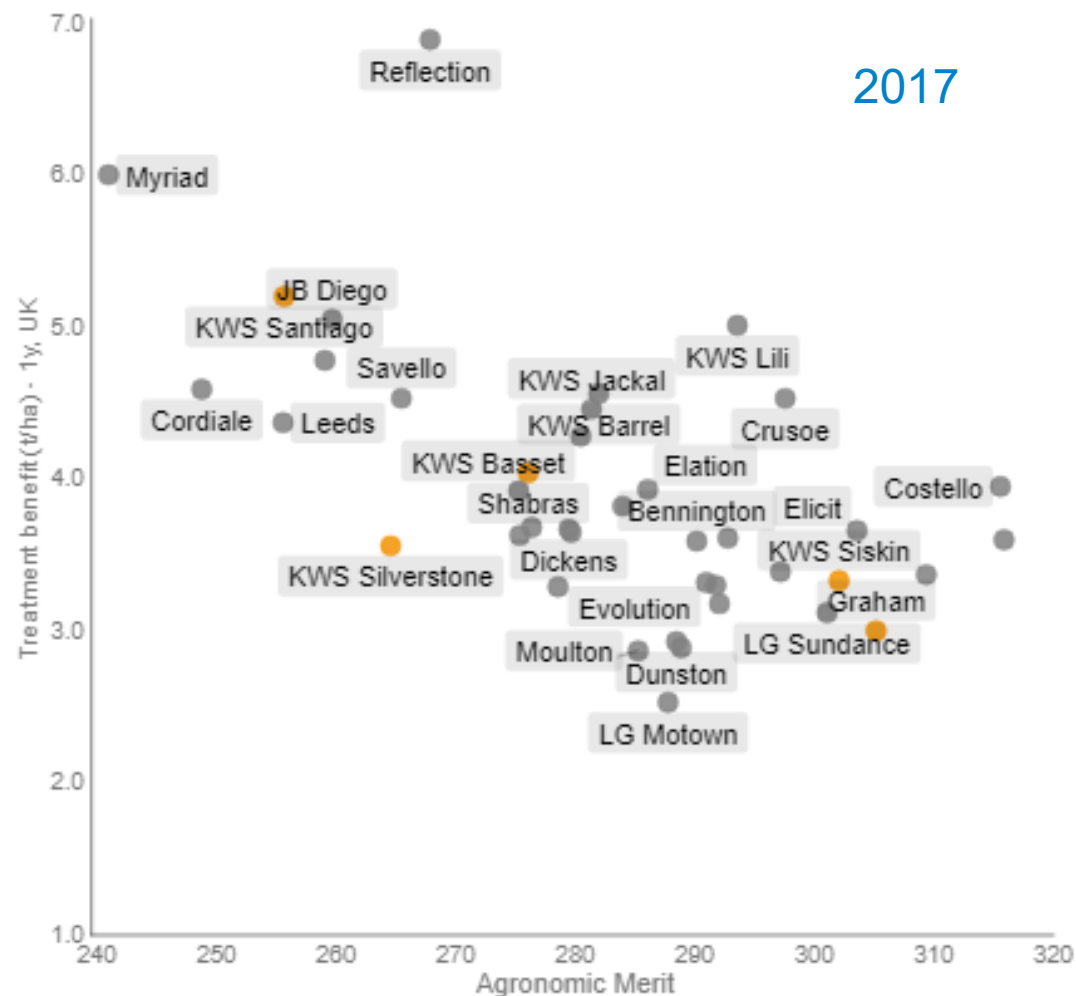
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Treatment benefit



Take home message

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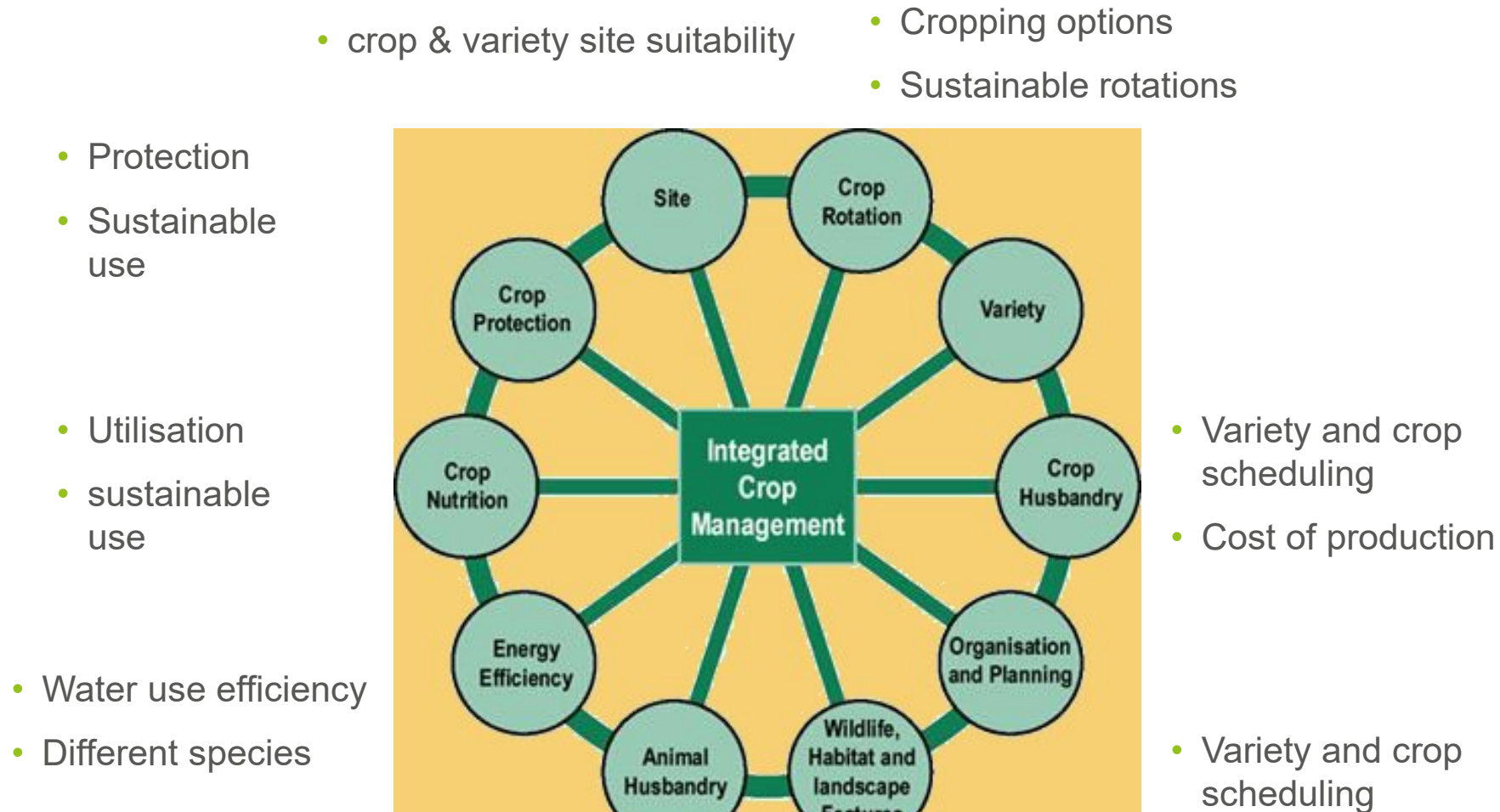
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The role of plant breeding in ICM

John Miles KWS UK

Genetics, one spoke in the wheel?



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IPM: what's it all about?

Tuesday, 23 July 2019

Integrated pest management (IPM) is a hot topic, but it's not a new idea.

In this podcast episode we find out who's doing what, and why, along the road towards integrated pest management. We hear from Warwickshire arable farmer Rob Fox, AHDB's Jon Knight, Emma Hamer from the NFU and Alison Stewart, all the way from New Zealand's Foundation for Arable Research.

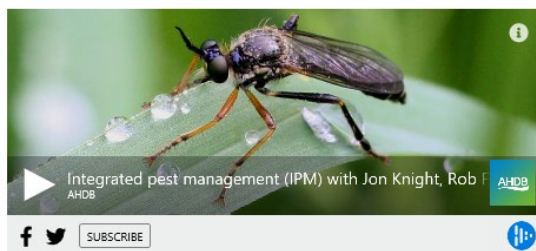


Image: Natural enemy Asilidae Diotctria rufipes, by Ian Andrews. The larvae predate the larvae of other insects and the adults predate other insects on the wing. Find out more in the [Encyclopaedia of pests and natural enemies](#)

[View AHDB resources on IPM](#)

- Sustainable use Directive sets out the principles of IPM
- Varieties have an important part to play
- A greater role for genetics moving forward

What does IPM mean?

'Integrated Pest Management' is the careful consideration of all available plant protection methods and subsequent integration of appropriate measures that discourage the development of populations of harmful organisms and keep the use of plant protection products and other forms of intervention to levels that are economically and ecologically justified and reduce or minimise risks to human health and the environment.

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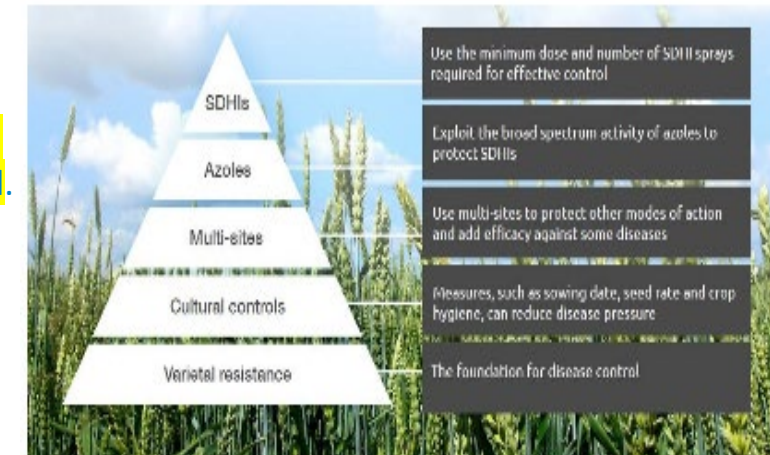
Q What is Integrated Pest Management (IPM)?

A The Sustainable Use Directive defines IPM under the following 8 headings the VI believes that most UK growers will be implementing some if not all of these measures depending upon the farm enterprise.

Source <https://voluntaryinitiative.org.uk/schemes/integrated-pest-management/>

- crop rotation,
- cultivation techniques,
- use of resistant/tolerant cultivars and standard/certified seed/planting material,
- use of balanced fertilisation, liming and irrigation/drainage practices,
- hygiene measures (e.g. cleansing of machinery)
- protection and enhancement of important beneficial organisms,
- Monitoring of Harmful organisms
- Application of plant protection based on monitoring data
- Use of biological, physical and other non-chemical methods must be preferred to chemical methods if they provide satisfactory pest control.
- Application of pesticide should be as Targeted as possible.
- The professional user should keep the use of pesticides and other forms of intervention to levels that are necessary and that do not increase the risk for development of resistance in populations of harmful organisms.
- Anti-resistance strategies should be applied to maintain the effectiveness of the products.
- Review the success of plant protection measures.

Integrated pest management (IPM)

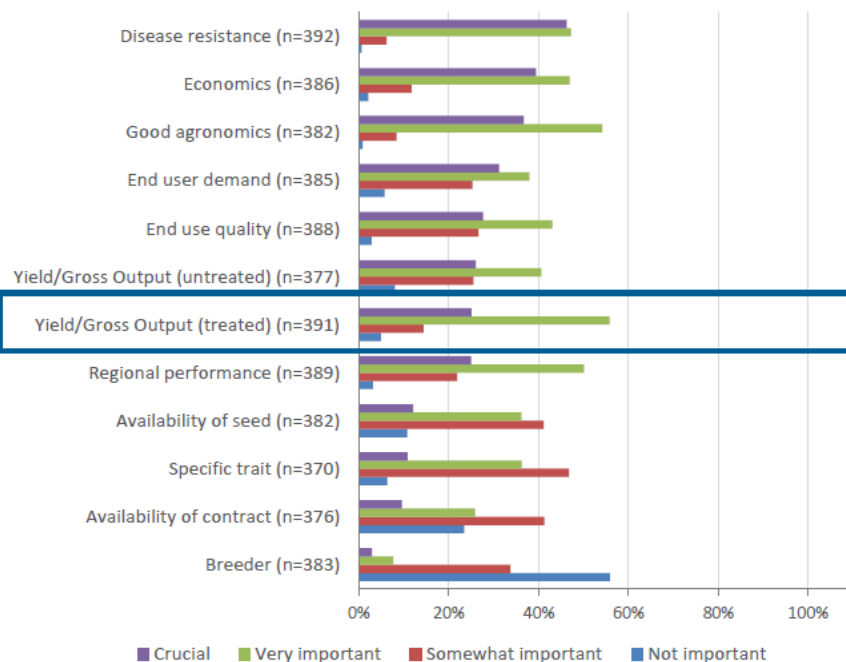


Use a pyramid of control measures to manage disease. An appropriate variety (to resist the main diseases present) and a well-designed rotation (to minimise disease pressure) are at the heart of IPM

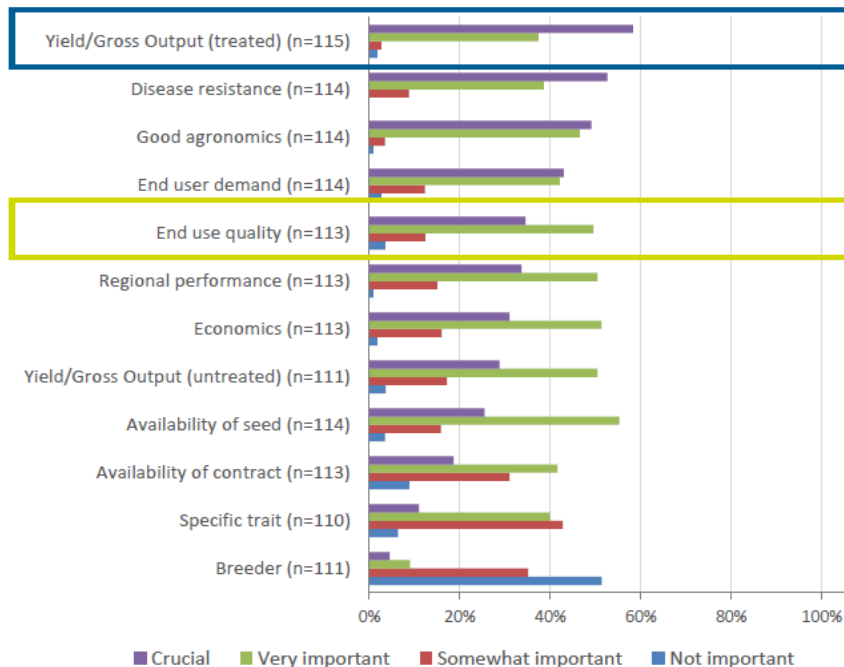
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What characteristics are important to growers?

Grower & Agronomist response



Other stakeholder response



Most crucial for millers

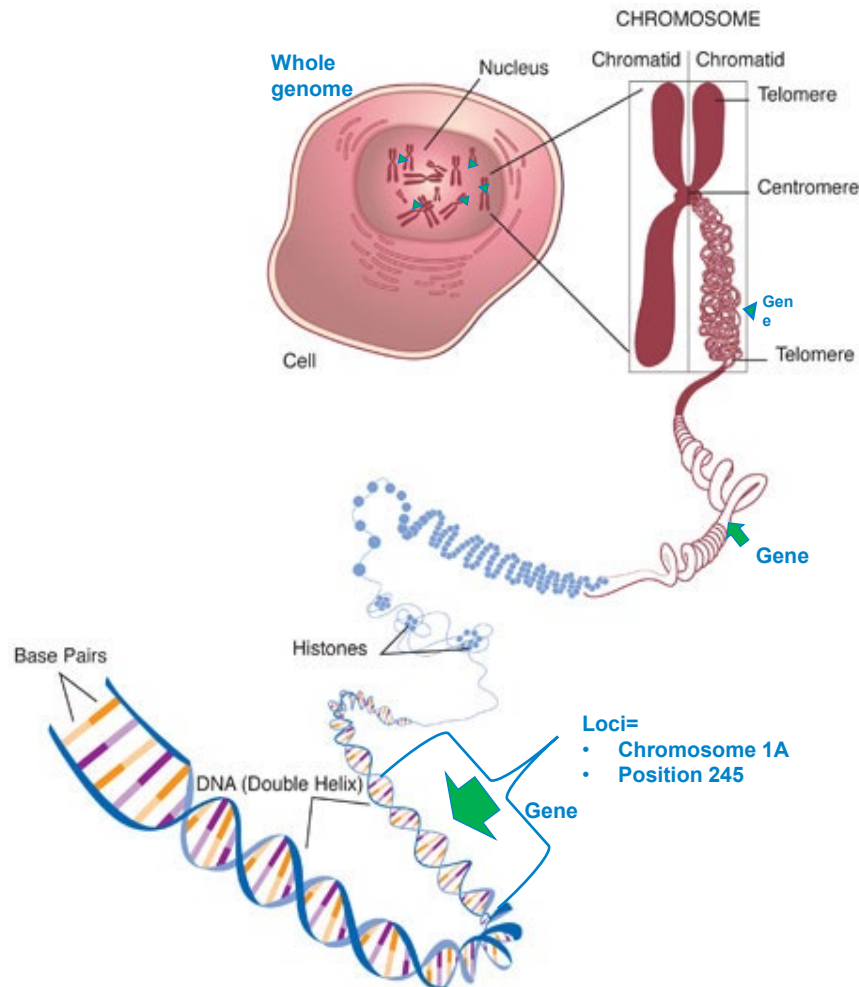
Principles

- Resistance genetics allow plant to withstand levels of infection from a pathogen
- Mechanisms of resistance will work in a number of ways
 - restricting pathogen growth- methods by which may not clearly known
 - Septoria
 - Light leaf spot
 - Interrupting a life cycle
 - OWBM
- RL varieties have differing levels of disease resistance
 - None are immune but some show very few symptoms.
- Two types of Resistance:
 - Genetic
 - Adaptive resistance (Avoidance)

Resistance through adaptation (*Zymoseptoria tritici*)

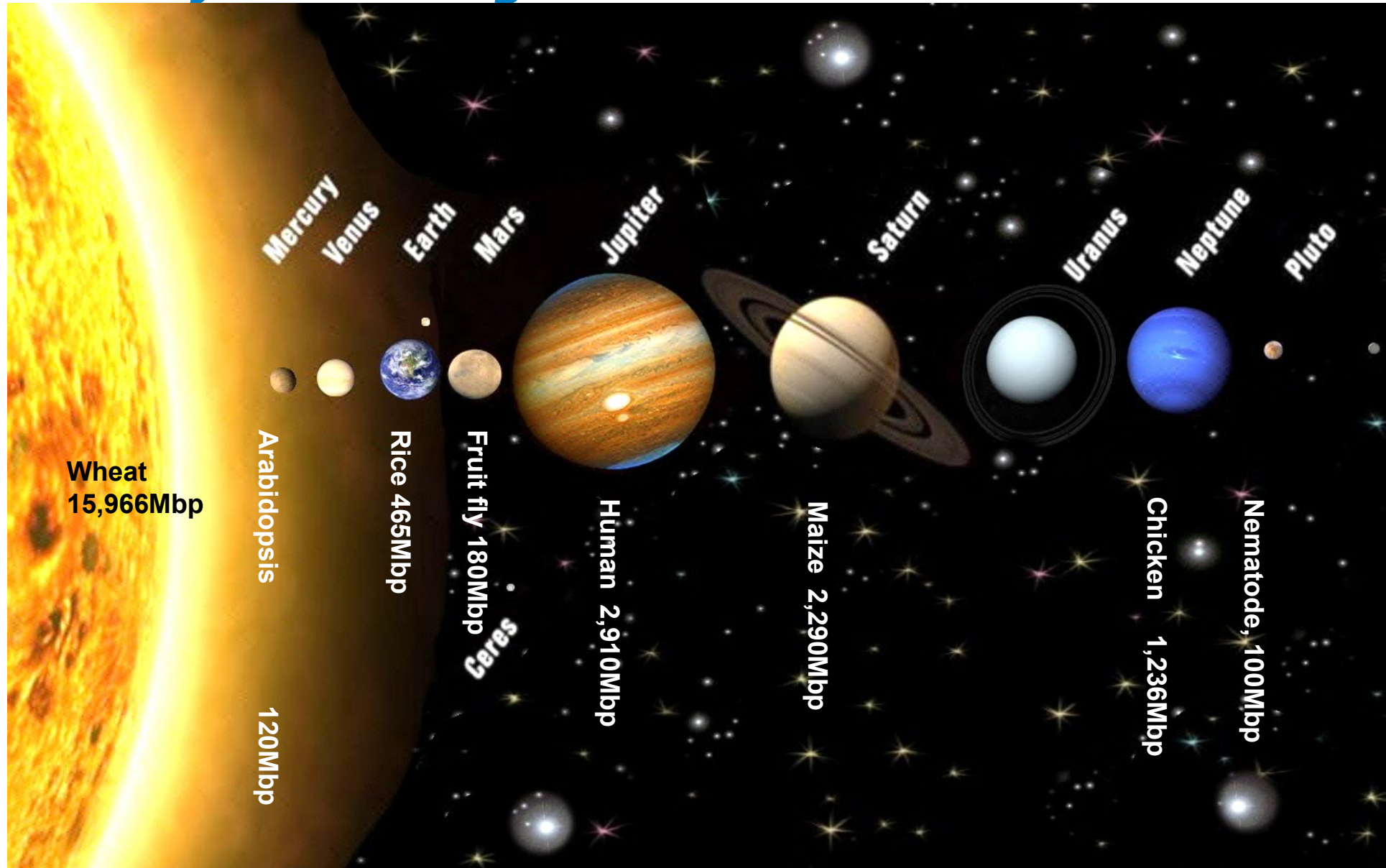
- Septoria is dispersed through water droplets. Rain splashes move Septoria up the plant.
- Taller lines show less disease symptoms.
 - Speed of movement in the spring
 - Proximity of early leaf layers
- Leaf morphology is also indicated in disease avoidance
 - Smaller leaves
 - Lower stomatal density
 - Altered stem to leaf angle

Why is genetic Resistance complicated



- Genes are situated on specific locations in the genome – **loci**.
- **Single gene Traits (Major gene)** are traits that often show big phenotypic effects
- e.g. yellow rust genes, OWBM, RLM 7
 - Controlled by one gene at a single loci
 - Simpler to breed for, clear phenotypical differences
- **Quantitative Traits (Minor gene)** are traits that show small effects singularly if found, strength is in the sum of parts
- e.g. Yield, Septoria
 - Controlled by many genes at different loci
 - Difficult to breed for, needles in haystacks

The difficulty in working with wheat



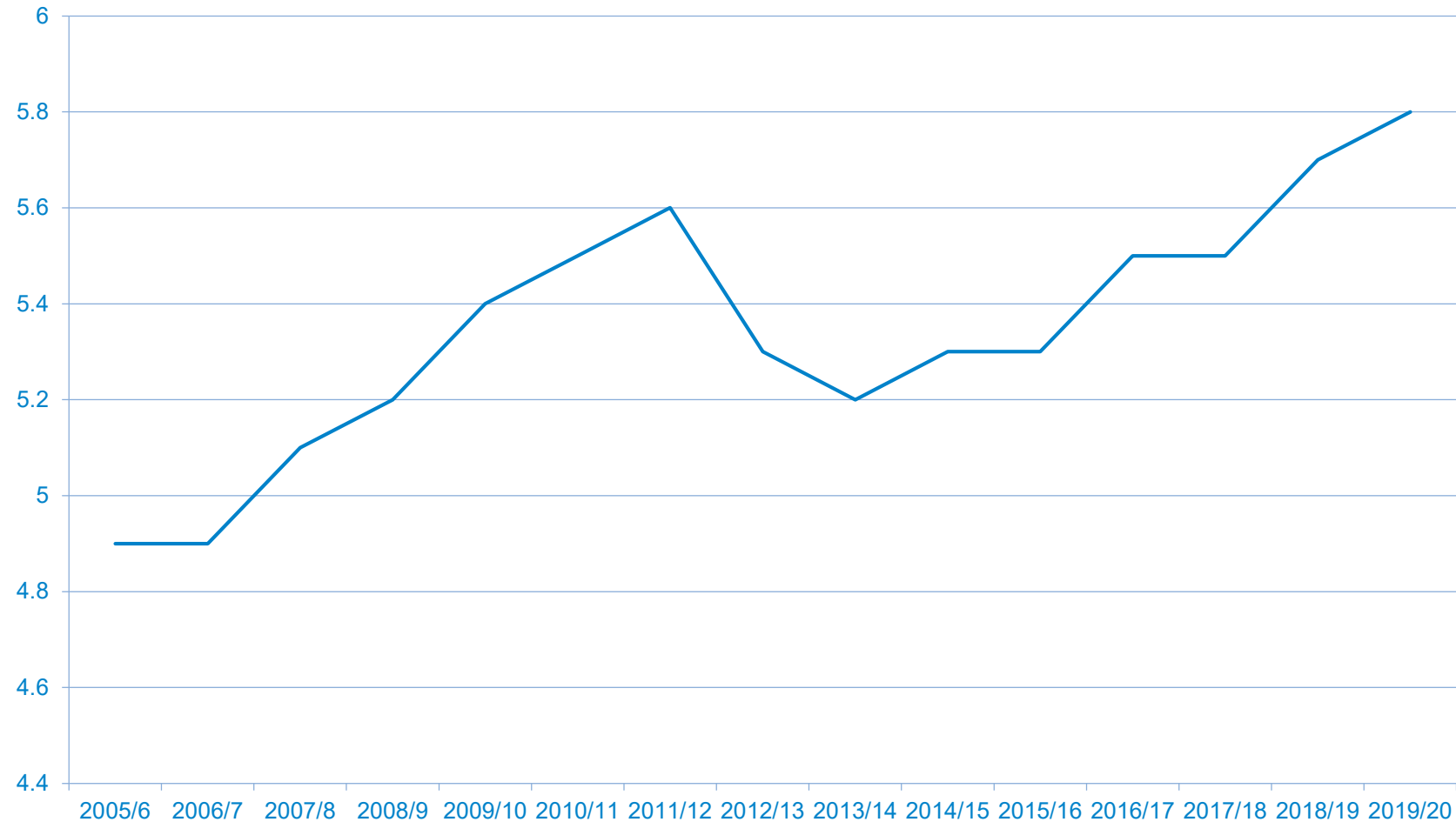
Genetic disease Resistance (*Zymoseptoria tritici*)

- 20 major resistance genes have been mapped
- Many genes have been identified over the years conferring isolate specific resistance
- Major genes can be risky
 - They work very well providing strong resistance
 - Often breakdown after 'short' period of time with potentially severe consequences.
- Partial resistances have much smaller effects but are additive.
- Most RL varieties are relying on partial resistance.
- One study identified over 50 genes involved directly in either resistance or susceptibility.
- Adult and Juvenile resistance genes

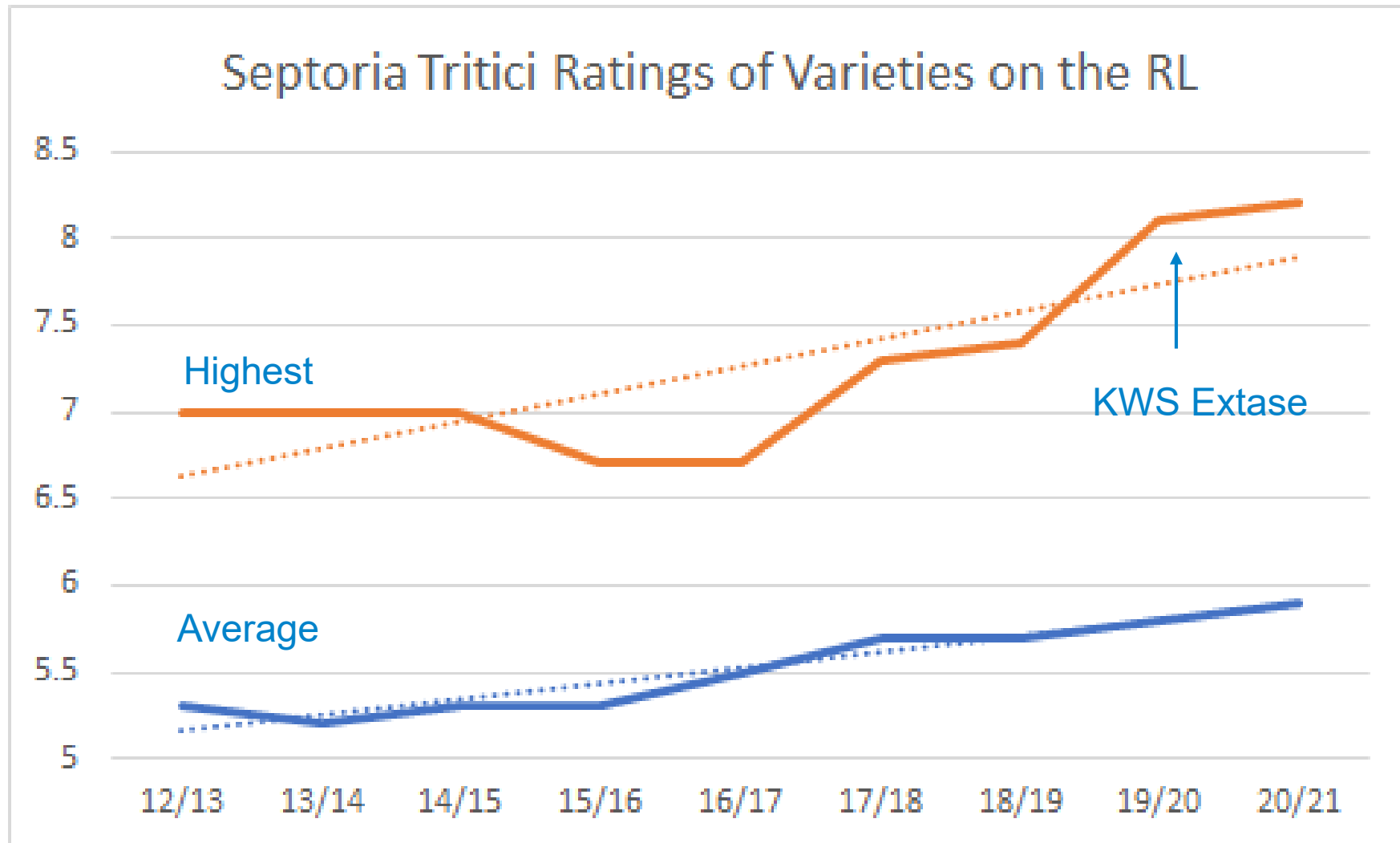
Current status

- Currently overall ratings for Septoria are as high as they have been in the last 15 years
- Much more of a focus area for breeding community
- Major gene resistances are present in current RL varieties but history shows these major genes can breakdown
- Protecting and utilising current genetic resistances is of extreme importance
- Adequate fungicide control can assist with longevity of effectiveness
- In most cases major genes are identified after field resistance breakdown has started

Recommended list average Septoria score



The Highest resistances available



RL response to fungicides

Variety	Untreated	Treated	<i>Septoria tritici</i> score	Yield difference
	(T/Ha)	(T/Ha)		(T/Ha)
Theodore	10.1	11.2	8.2	1.1
KWS Extase	10.6	11.3	8.1	0.7
LG Sundance	9.5	11.2	7.9	1.7
KWS Firefly	9.4	11.4	7	2.0
RGT Saki	9.6	11.6	6.8	2.0
Graham	9.9	11.4	6.8	1.6
KWS Siskin	9.3	11.3	6.6	2.0
SY Insitor	9.2	11.8	6.6	2.6
KWS Zyatt	9.3	11.1	6.4	1.8
Gleam	9.4	11.5	6.3	2.1
Crusoe	8.0	10.8	6.2	2.8
Costello	9.1	11.1	6.1	2.0
KWS Crispin	9.3	11.3	5.9	2.0
Skyfall	8.7	10.9	5.8	2.1
KWS Parkin	9.1	11.4	5.5	2.4
LG Skyscraper	9.3	11.8	5	2.5
KWS Barrel	8.1	11.2	4.3	3.1



Combining agronomy, variety and chemistry to maintain control of septoria tritici in wheat

Start date:01/08/2015, End date: 31/03/2019

Factors being investigated:

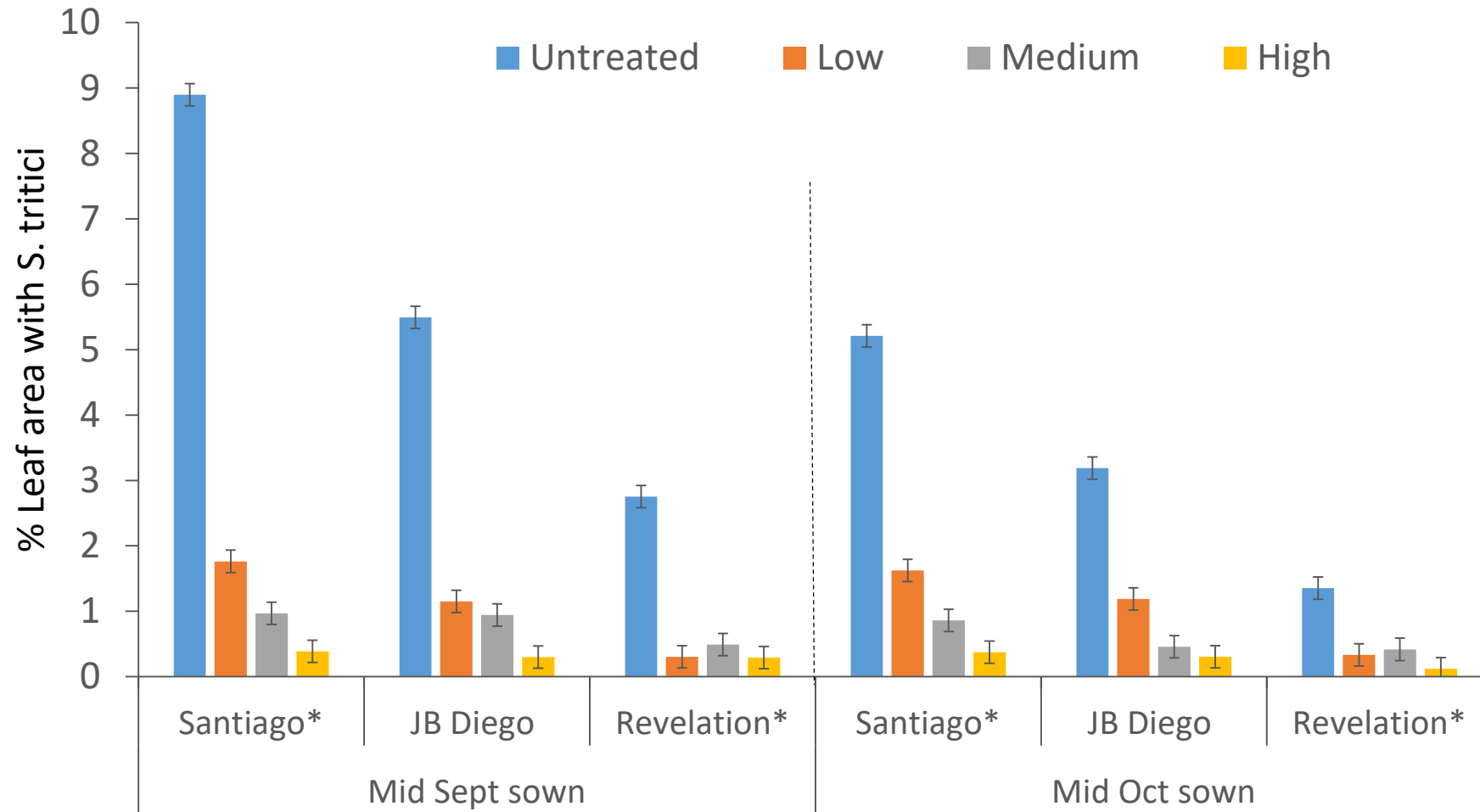
- Varieties: 3 with different Septoria susceptibility
- Two sowing dates and seed rates targeting:
 - 80 or 160 plants/m² (mid Sept)
 - 160 or 240 plants/m² (mid Oct sown)
- Four fungicide treatments:



Treatment	T1 – GS32	T2 – GS39
Nil	Untreated	Untreated
Low	CTL 1.0	CTL 1.0
Medium	Brutus 1.5 + CTL 1.0	Brutus 2.25 + CTL 1.5
High	Brutus 1.5 + CTL 1.0 + Imtrex 1.0	Brutus 2.25 + CTL 1.5 + Imtrex 1.5

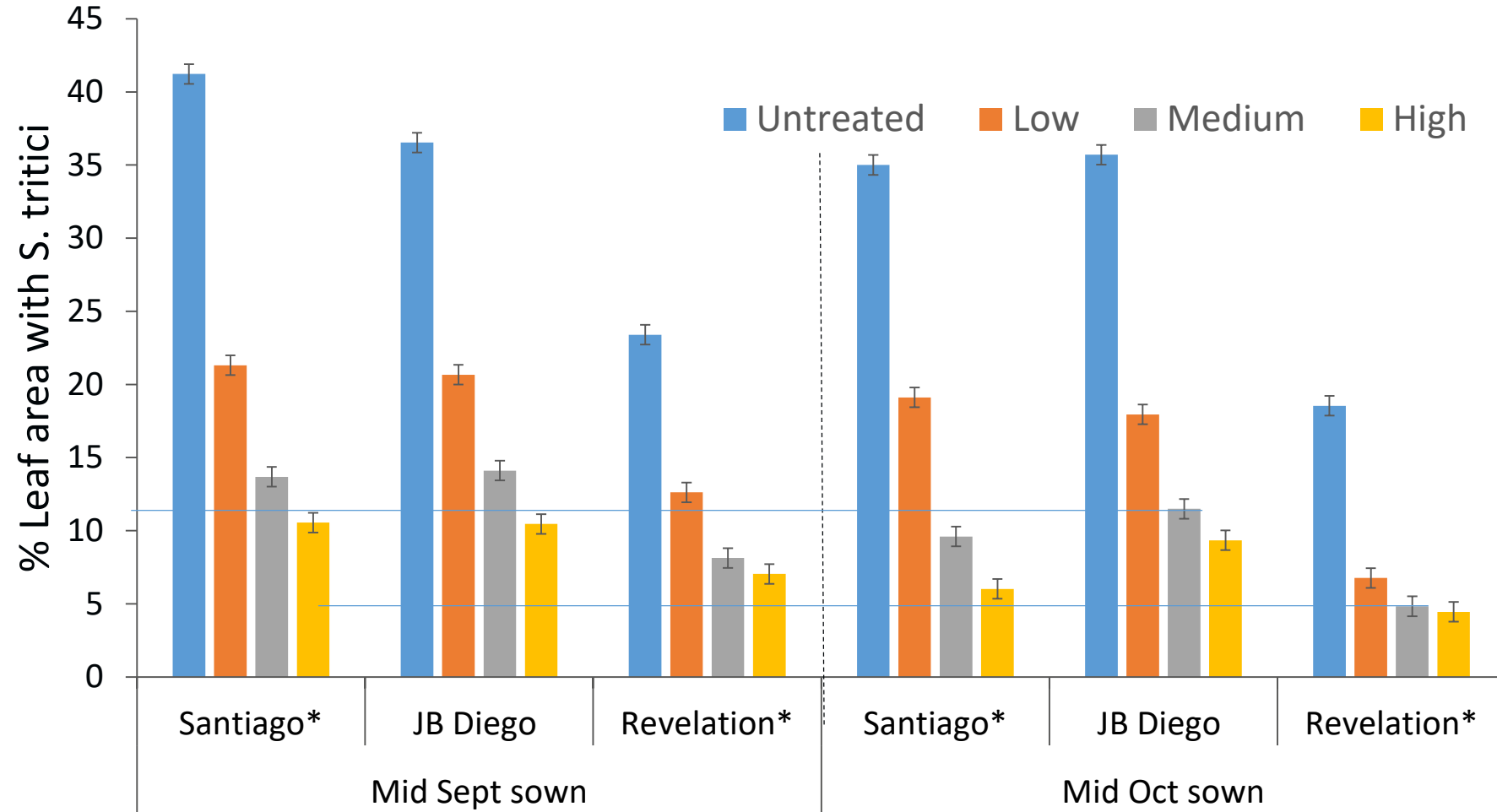
Brutus = epoxiconazole + metconazole Imtrex = fluxapyroxad CTL = chlorothalonil
 Low, Medium and High input strategies also received T0 – CTL 1.0, and T3 – Folicur
 Additionally to control rusts, strobilurins were applied across all plots when rust was detected

Sowing date, Variety and fungicide impact on Septoria 3-4 weeks post T2 (Mid June)



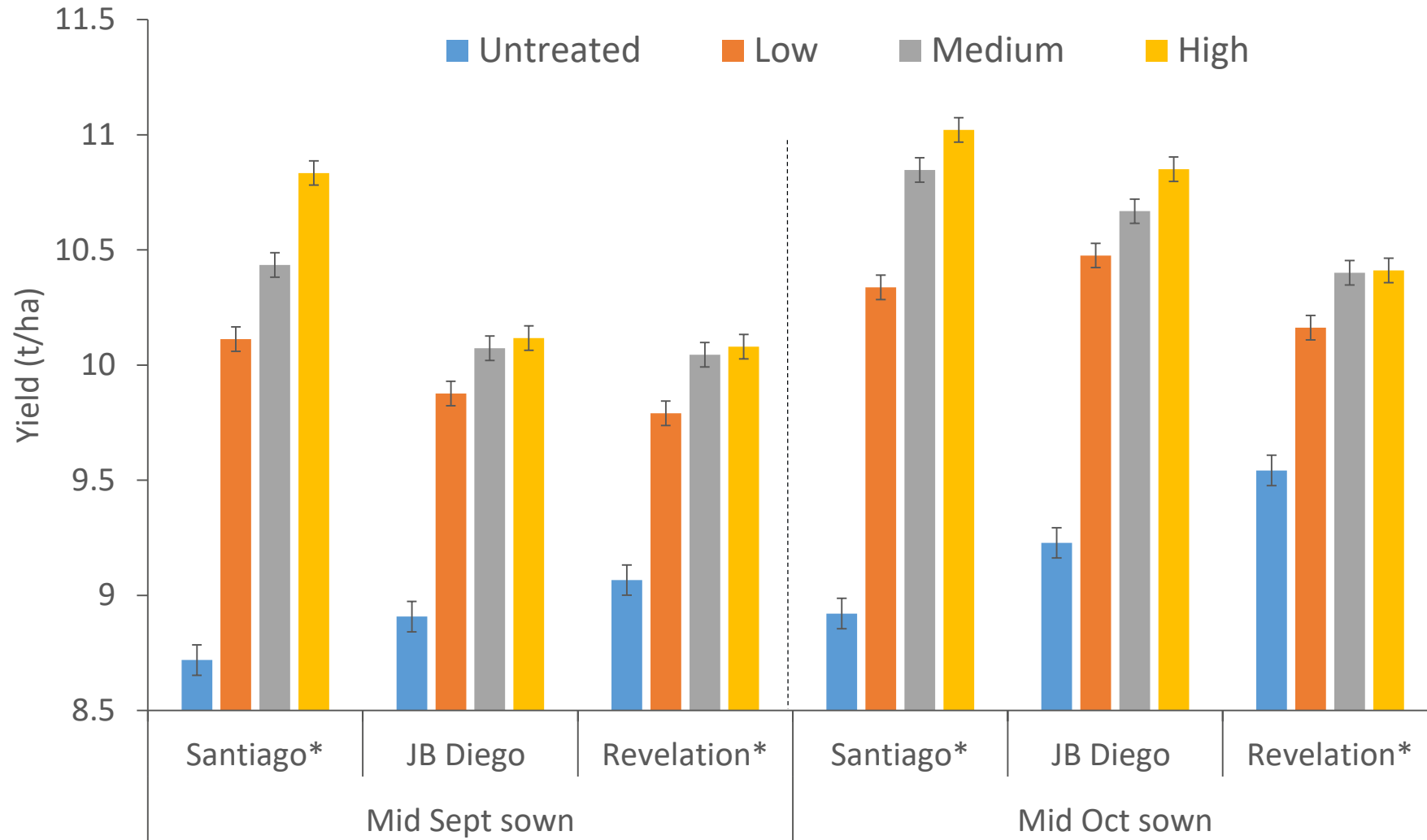
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Sow date, Variety and fungicides impact on Septoria 6-8 weeks post T2 (Early July)



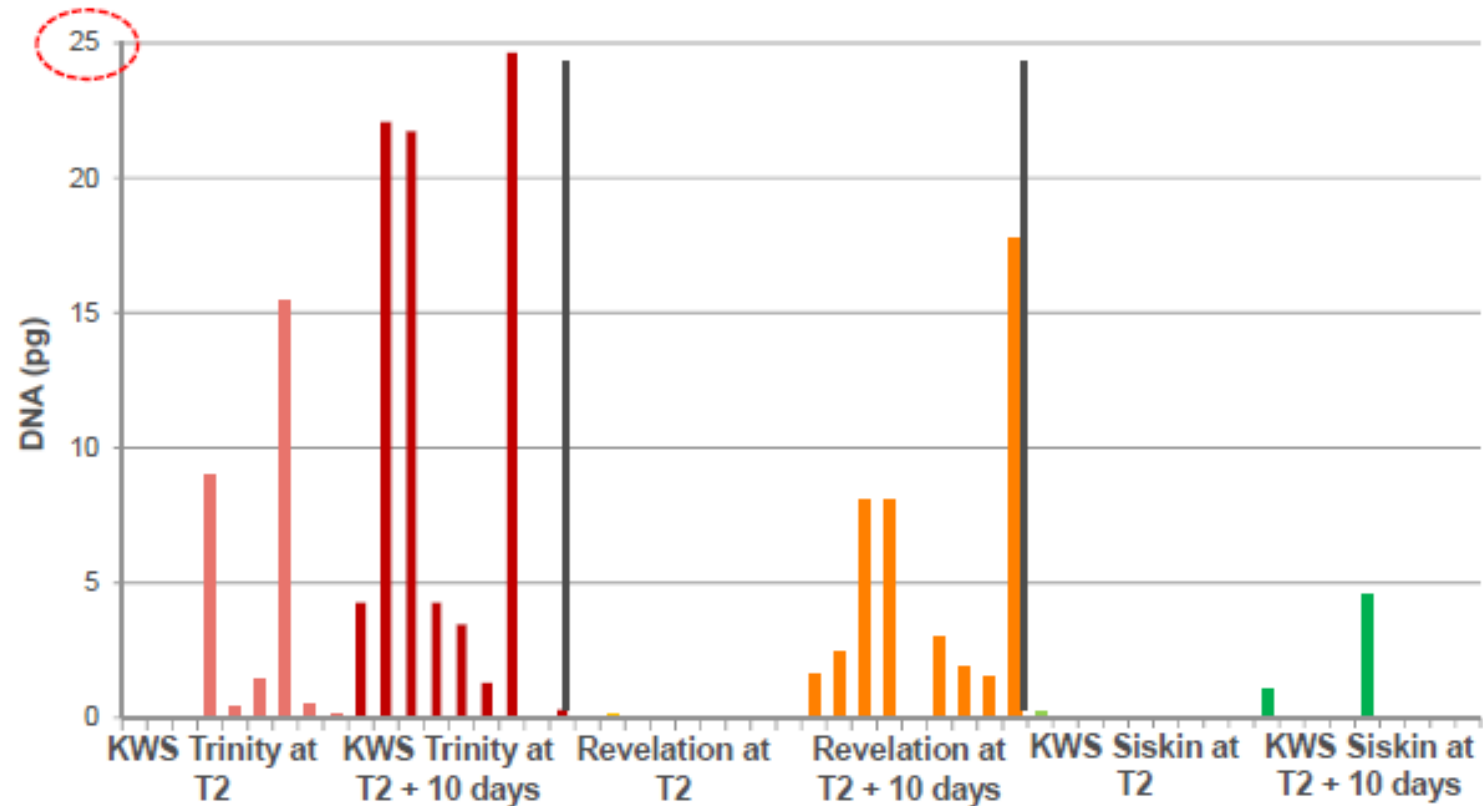
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Yield response t/ha by agronomic factor (9 sites) 2016 & 2017



Progression of Septoria in 2017

...How much time does varietal resistance buy you

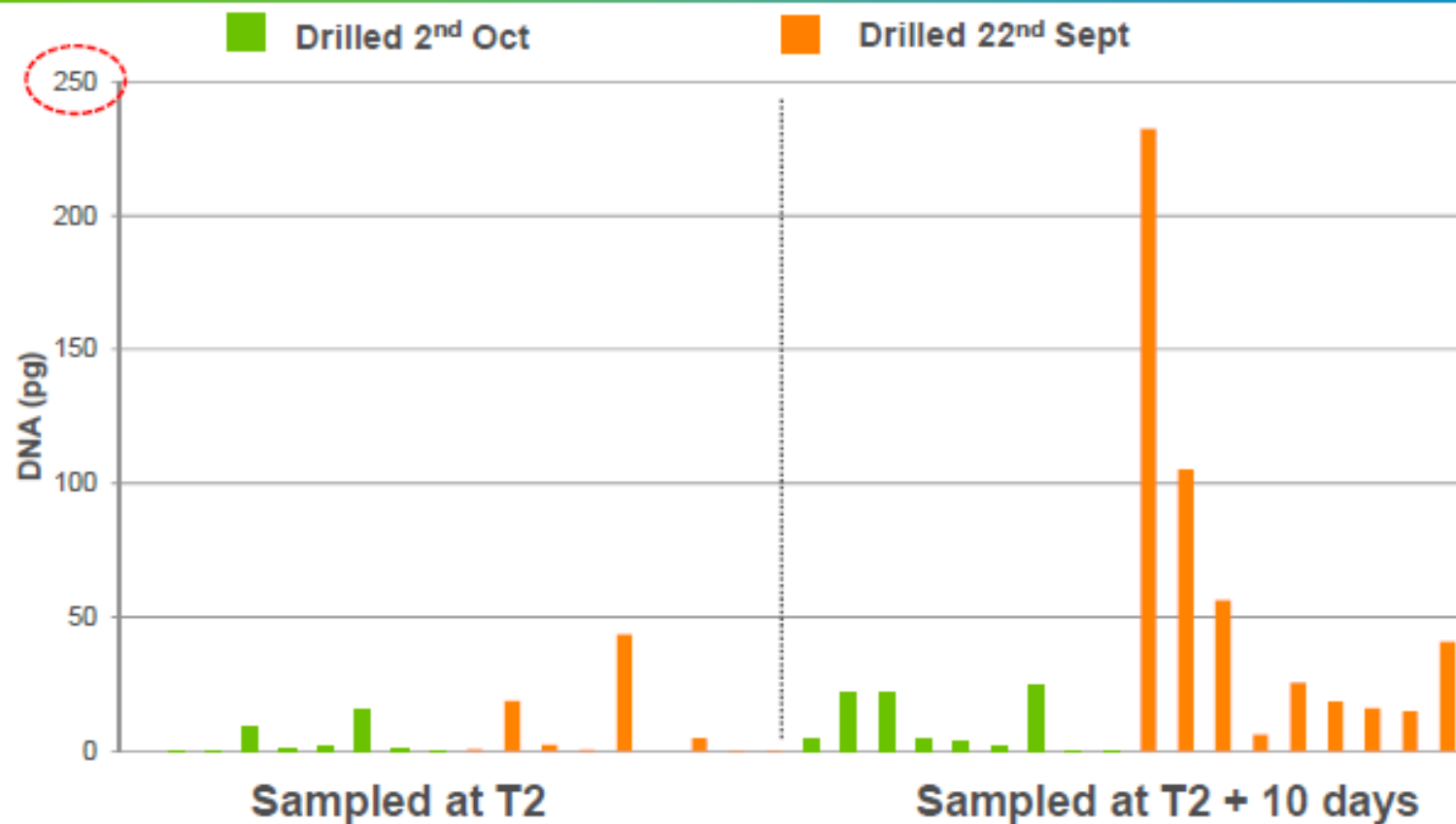


Callow. Leaf 2 sampled from untreated plots immediately prior to T2 application and 10 days later



Impact of drilling date and the latent period on disease pressure in 2017

KWS Trinitiy Septoria rating 5.3



Callow. Leaf 2 sampled from untreated plots immediately prior to T2 application and 10 days later



2021 Septoria control and role of more resistant varieties

- More choice with exciting new levels of resistance (6-8)
- Varieties with resistance of 6 and above offer opportunities to save some fungicide costs especially in lower risk seasons and localities, later drillings.
- Help deliver effective disease control in high disease seasons when critical fungicide timings might be compromised
- Variety resistance will help fill the role of lost multisite chemistry
- Don't forget rusts!

Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus



- Challenges
 - Aphid resistance
 - Loss/restriction of chemistry
 - Need to start sowing in September
- Solutions
 - Varieties
 - Tolerance
 - Delay drilling

Yd2 -BYDV tolerance

- Discovered in several Ethiopian spring barley accessions in 1950's.
- Been used for the past 50 years in many varieties



- True 'tolerance'. BYDV virus grows and multiplies in plant just as in a susceptible line.
- No (or very little) effect on plant growth and yield
- Any yield penalty is disappearing with new material

Amistar- early sown natural infection trials, Thriplow 2018

2018	+ Insecticide	- Insecticide	% yield secured
ORWELL REDIGO DETER	11.6	10.6	91.6
FUNKY REDIGO DETER	11.3	10.6	93.6
AMISTAR REDIGO DETER	11.3	10.9	96.6
ORWELL SINGLE PURPOSE RAXIL	11.5	9.6	83.8
FUNKY SINGLE PURPOSE RAXIL	11.1	9.9	89.2
AMISTAR SINGLE PURPOSE RAXIL	11.1	10.6	95.6

- Very little visible infection, located next to breeding nursery
- Large amounts of BYDV nearby in breeding material

Amistar- early sown natural infection trials, Thriplow 2019

2019	+ Insecticide	- Insecticide	% yield secured
Orwell (Redigo Deter)	10.2	10.2	99.2
Orwell (SPD)	10.4	10.1	97.4
Amistar (SPD)	10.7	10.6	99.1

- No visible infection
- BYDV present in nearby in breeding material

- In three years of naturally infected field trials with low infection levels
 - KWS Orwell has lost on average 9% yield without Insecticide protection.
 - Amistar has lost 3% yield.
 - Tolerance offers protection for 6% of yield

Gross margins

Gross Margin Analysis -								
	Amistar	Amistar	Orwell	Orwell		Orwell	Orwell	Orwell
Price (£/t)	£135	£135	£135	£135		£135	£135	£135
Yield (% controls)	98	100	100	100		98	96	94
ave controls (t/ha)	10	10	10	10		10	10	10
	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.00		9.80	9.60	9.40
Total Output / ha	£1,323.00	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	£1,350.00		£1,323.00	£1,296.00	£1,269.00
Variable costs	1 x spray	1 x spray	2 x spray	3 x spray		2 x spray	2 x spray	2 x spray
Seed SPD	112	112	87	87		87	87	87
Sprays Insecticides	13	13	26	39		26	26	26
Total Variable Costs	584	584	572	585		572	572	572
Gross Margin / Ha	£739.00	£766.00	£778.00	£765.00		£751.00	£724.00	£697.00
Margin over input	£1.27	£1.31	£1.36	£1.31		£1.31	£1.27	£1.22

How do we use BYDV Tolerance

Aphids control will be required in :

- High risk sites and seasons
- Aphid numbers are likely to create significant 2nd generation wingless offspring
- Over wintered aphid numbers are likely to create a significant generation of winged aphids.

BYDV Tolerance offers an option to reduce insecticidal inputs in some situations

BYDV Tolerance is a risk reduction tool for aphid prone areas such as headlands beside margins or areas of application difficulties such as water courses

BYDV Tolerance offers growers the opportunity to drill earlier or continue with traditional September sown by mitigating risk

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