







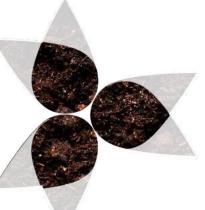
# **GLOBAL AGRICULTURE TODAY**



- Increased need for sustainable farming practices
- Biological products are a viable strategy against higher ground costs
- Dirty water run-off costs growers money & positive perception
- Water is becoming a scarce resource
- Organic food consumption is impacting both organic & conventional growing strategy

- Early harvests make or break a grower's ability to capture early labor crews & higher dollar early markets
- More crop weight is a critical value point in competitive markets
- Biological products are an important part of the solution for growers vs common crop stressors
- Biological products are projected at 12.9 billion globally by 2022





# **HOW IT ALL BEGAN**











A family passion for global sustainability

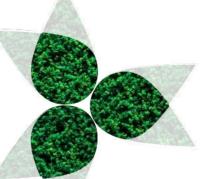
ASU's strong knowledge of algae

- A desire to create sustainable solutions using microalgae innovation.
- •• Methodical testing, learning & results by hundreds of scientists, PhDs & dedicated associates through the years.
- Microalgae delivering superior results vs macroalgae and being the more sustainable option.
- More than 80(14 issued) patents that have led Heliae down the path focusing on agriculture.
- Non-wavering devotion of a passionate family and other select investors.
- ► Global demand for agricultural products that are clean, natural, and proven to perform both conventionally and organically.



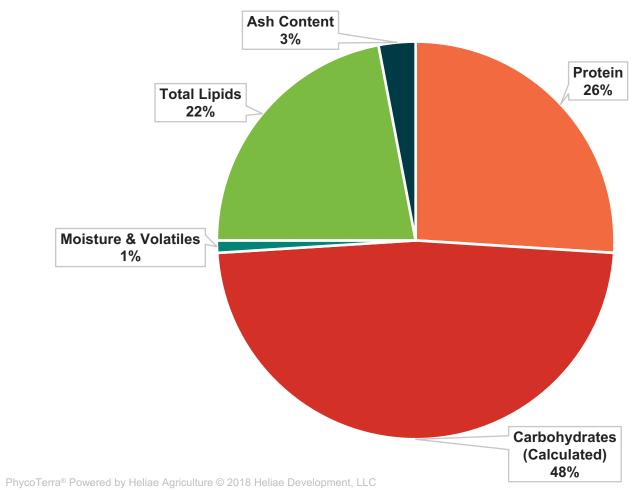






# PRODUCT BREAKDOWN

#### **AVERAGE MICROALGAE COMPOSITION**



MACRONUTRIENTS N-P-K (% of Sample)					
Nitrogen (N)	≥ 0.30				
Phosphorus (P)	≥ 0.30				
Potassium (K)	≥ 0.10				
MICRONUTRIENTS					
Calcium	0.01-0.10%				
Iron	10 – 100 ppm				
Magnesium	0.0075-0.035%				
Manganese	1-10 ppm				
Zinc	1-10 ppm				
Chloride	40 – 200 ppm				
Sodium	0.01-0.1%				
Sulfur	0.01-0.1%				
Boron	0.2-2 ppm				



# **COMMON APPLICATIONS**

- **●** GROUND PREP
- **●** ROOT DIP and DRENCHING
- **●** IN-LINE DRIP APPLICATION
- OVERHEAD IRRIGATION OR DIRECT SPRAY AFTER SEEDING
- **►** FURROW APPLIED or SHANKED INTO THE SEED FURROW
- SIDE-DRESSED / BANDED
- **FOLIAR**

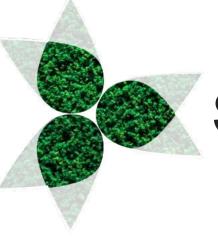






# **KEY VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

**Stress** Cleaner Increased **Tolerance** Whole CA Water Yield & Canopy Cell Leafy **Run-Off** Growth **Product** Green **Batch** Req. **Tested** Increased **Water Use POINTS OF** WE Multiple **Efficiency DIFFERENCE** Soils & **DELIVER** Crops Reduced **Vertically** Soil Integrated **Erosion Increased Pasteurized** Soil **Microbiome** Fruit Carbon & **Enhancement Ecosystem Shelf Life** Nitrogen Healthy Safe Soil **Root Health** 



# SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

A PLAN THAT FOCUSES ON DOING WHAT'S RIGHT, NOT JUST DOING BETTER, MEANS...

- Healthy Soil
- Healthy Plants
- Healthy People
- → Healthy Planet

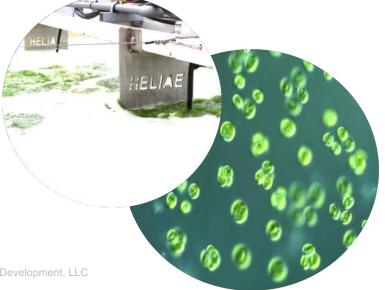


# MICRO vs MACRO

#### **MICROALGAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Single Cell Algae

- Proprietary technology for less variability
- Controlled agriculture
- Small footprint using non arable land
- Ecosystem-safe



#### WHAT IS MACROALGAE?

Seaweed/Kelp





# WHY IS OUR MICROALGAE BETTER?

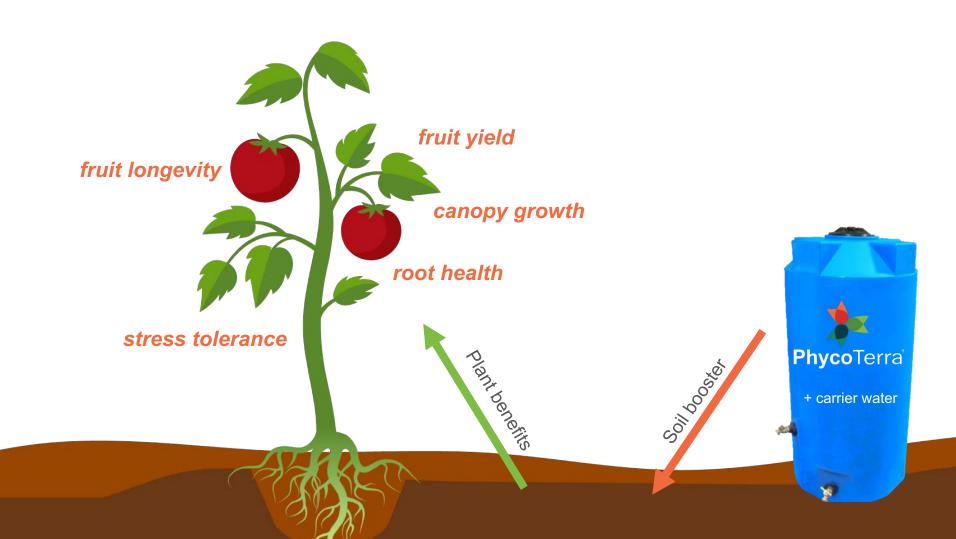
- Grown to satisfy a personalized solution or need.
- Best **sustainable** algae product option.
- Our scientists and agronomists collaborated directly with growers to bring you PhycoTerra<sup>®</sup>.
- Vertically integrated production facility with vast expansion capabilities already in place.
- Demonstrated **vivid benefits in a variety of crops**, regions, and soils.
- **►** Every batch is tested for efficacy and safety on crops.
- The whole cell, pasteurized difference.





# ADVANCING THE FUTURE OF ALGAE





NATIVE SOIL CONTENTS (#/g)
Bacteria 109

Fungi 10<sup>6</sup>

Microalgae 10<sup>5</sup>

+ CLEANER WATER RUN-OFF

+ MICROBIOME ENHANCEMENT

+ REDUCED WATER USE

+ REDUCED SOIL EROSION

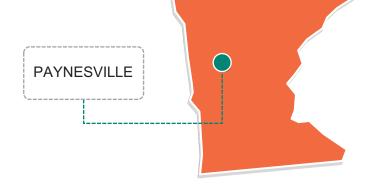
+ INCREASED SOIL CARBON & NITROGEN



#### Our products...

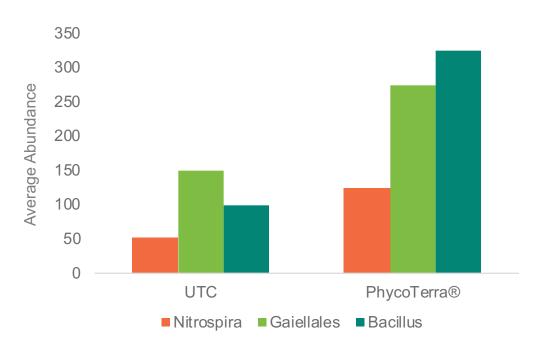
### STIMULATE SOIL MICROBIOMES

Paynesville, MN (Sweet Corn, Snap Peas & Snap Beans) Estherville Sandy Loam









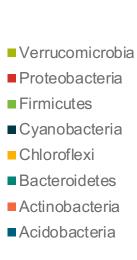


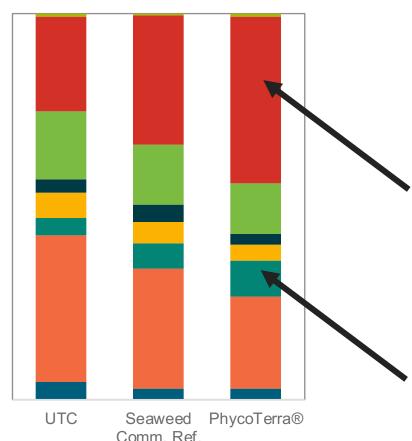


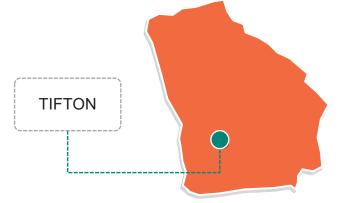
### **ENRICHED SOIL MICROBIOME**

Tifton, GA - Peanut









AVG 14.6% more Proteobacteria - <u>Burkholderia</u> (Proteobacteria) 5 fold increase over UTC, noted PGPR (Poupin et al 2013, PlosOne)

AVG 5% more Bacteroidetes
- <u>Sphingobacterium</u>
(Bacteroidetes) 6.5 fold increase
over UTC, noted PGPR (Marques
et al. 2010 Soil Biol. Biochem.)



#### SOIL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT



**Loamy Sand** 

Loam

**Silty Clay Loam** 

Loam

**Fine Sand** 

**Loamy Fine** 

Sand



### Soil Aggregation Increase with PhycoTerra® Organic

#### Pictures taken 40 Days after 1st application of 3 total applications

**KY Hammack-baxter Silty Clay Loam** 



**SC Williman Loamy Fine Sand** 



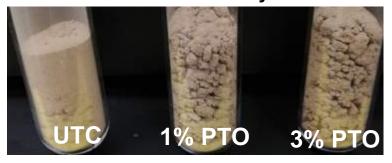
**GA Alapaha Loamy Sand** 



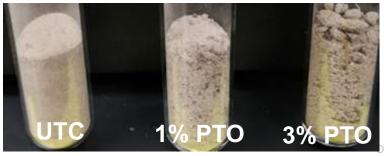
**MS Dundee Loam** 



**AL Heidel Sandy Loam** 



**FL Hurricane Fine Sand** 



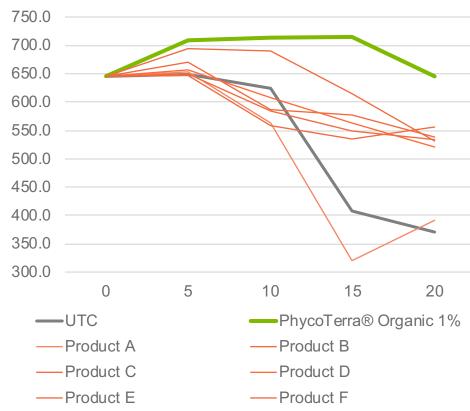


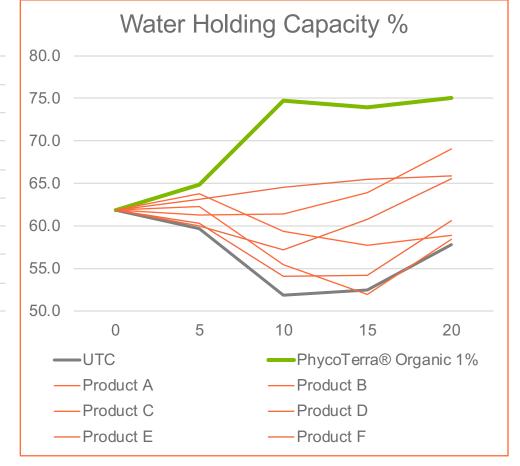


### **Product Comparison at Label Rate**

**Greenhouse: Significant increase in soil health compared to products with similar soil health claims** 







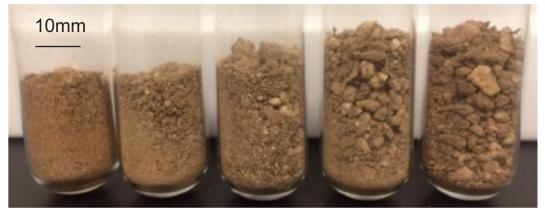




# **SOIL STRUCTURE & WATER QUALITY**

#### **POSITIVE RESULTS**

- Increased aggregation and soil structure, after 1<sup>st</sup> application
- ► 6 times less soil particle run-off
- Total dissolved solids reduced from "brackish" to EPA "drinking water" standards
- Increased water retention in soil



INITIAL

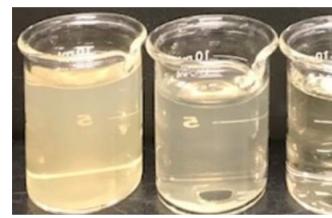
UTC – WATER ONLY

SEAWEED CONTROL

0.3%

PHYCOTERRA® 0.3%

PHYCOTERRA® 3%



FERTILIZER ONLY

SEAWEED CONTROL

PHYCOTERRA® 1%

PHYCOTERRA® ORGANIC 1%





### WATER RETENTION

#### **POSITIVE RESULTS**

In a specific farm trial, 1mL reduction in height equates roughly to the capacity of the soil to hold onto 24,000 more gallons of water per acre.



Fertilizer Only

Seaweed Control 1%

PhycoTerra® ORGANIC 1%

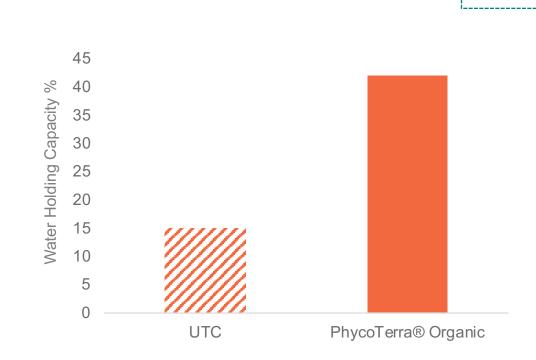




# SOIL WATER HOLDING CAPACITY

Yuma, AZ (Bell Pepper) Indio Silt Loam







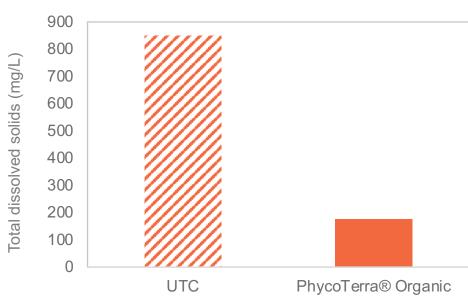
YUMA

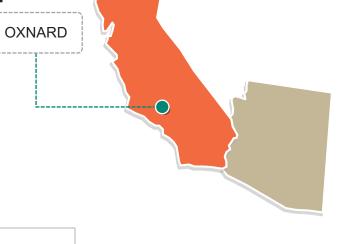


# **DISSOLVED SOLIDS - RUN-OFF**

Oxnard, CA (Strawberry) Cropley Clay





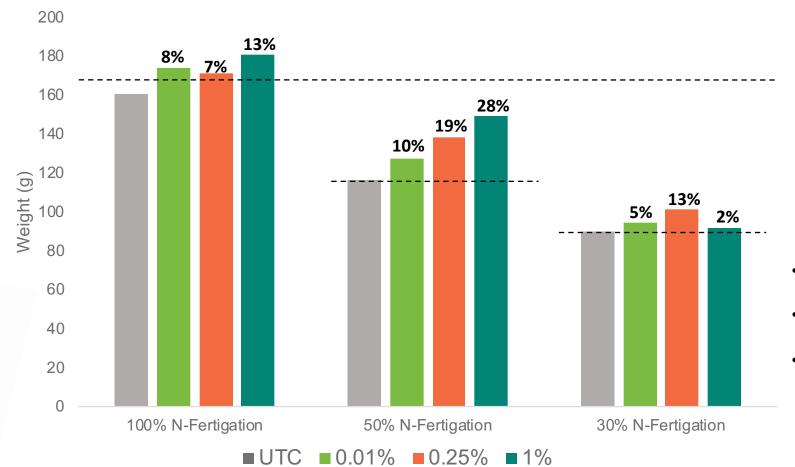




# **NITROGEN REDUCTION CAPABILITY**

PhycoTerra® improved harvest weight despite nitrogen deficiency

#### Weight of Romaine Shoot Biomass



UTC

100% N



**50% N** PhycoTerra® 1%

- Harvested 65 days after seeding.
- First two weeks received corresponding fertilizer.
- Week 3 PhycoTerra®
   application until harvest (7 times).

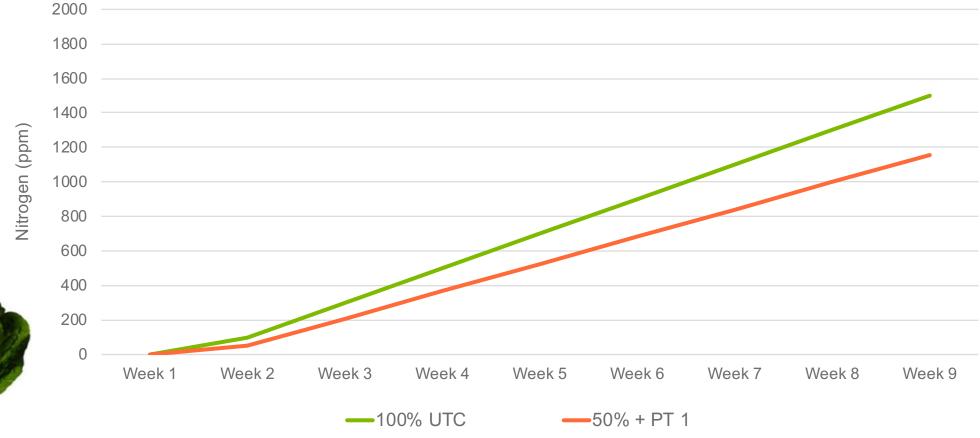




# **NITROGEN REDUCTION CAPABILITY**

PhycoTerra® 1% weekly application allowed similar harvest rates with 50% less nitrate input

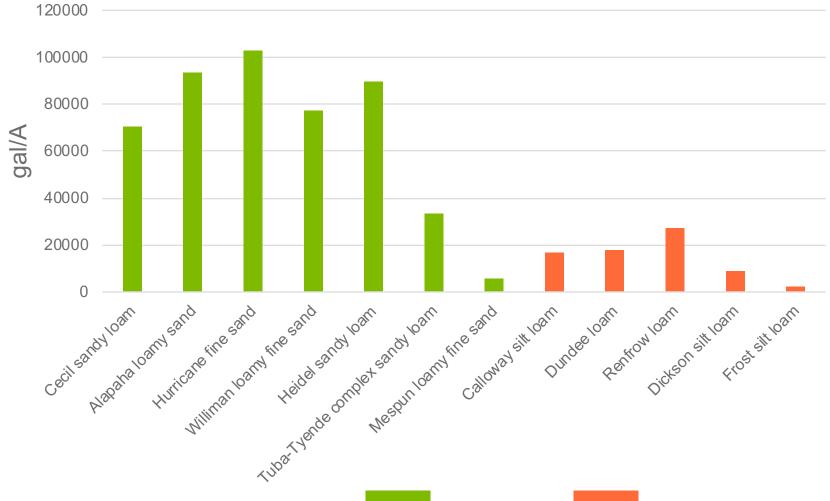
#### Total Nitrogen Input







# POTENTIAL WATER SAVED WITH PHYCOTERRA® ORGANIC





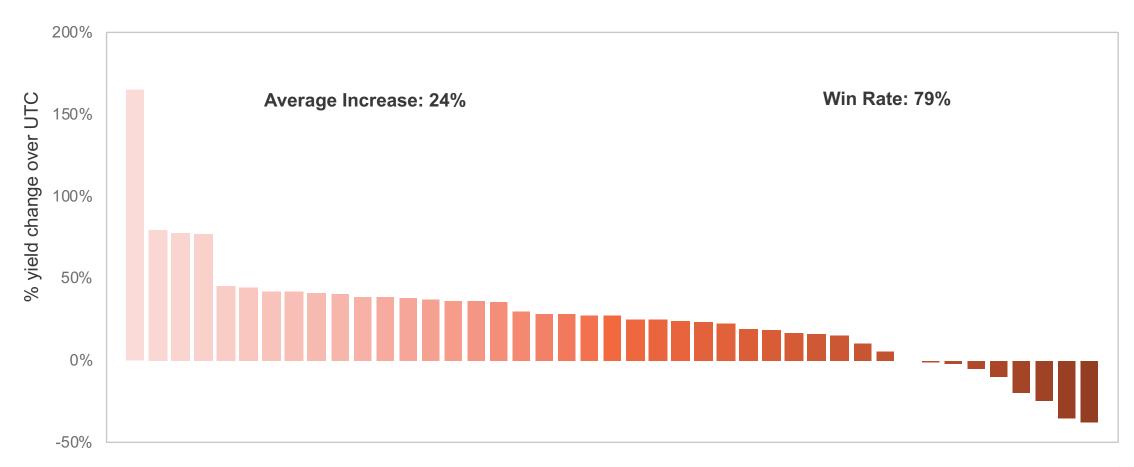






### **SUCCESS IN STRESSED CONDITIONS**

Win rate = yield increase of at least 1% over standard practice in 43 field trials



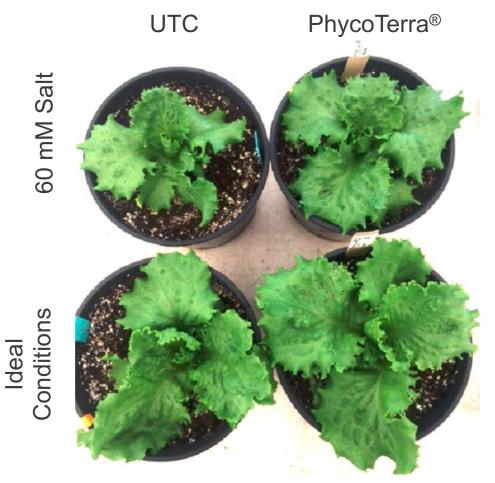


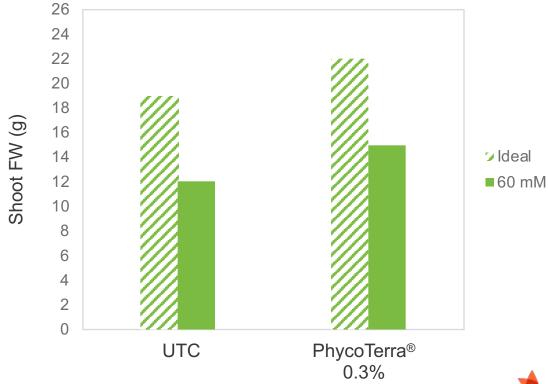




### NATURAL PLANT RESILIENCE TO COMMON STRESSORS

SALT STRESS REDUCTION - Heliae Greenhouse, March 2017



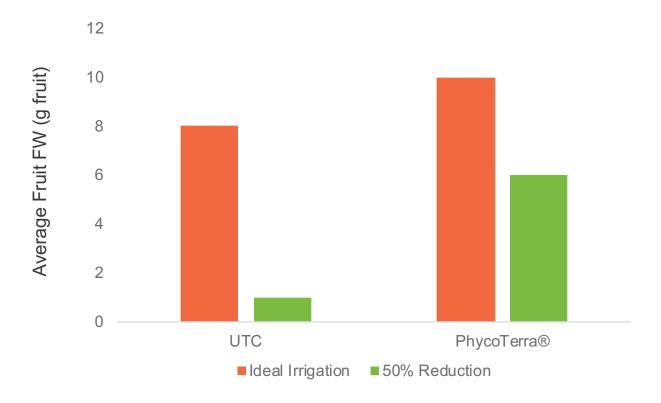






### NATURAL PLANT RESILIENCE TO COMMON STRESSORS

DROUGHT STRESS REDUCTION- University Greenhouse



# University Greenhouse Trial 10 weeks post transplant

#### **Ideal Irrigation**



> 50% Reduction in Soil Water Content



UTC PhycoTerra® (0.6 mL/pl)





#### NATURAL PLANT RESILIENCE TO COMMON STRESSORS

University - Observed Reduction in Leaf Spot and Stem Rot

UTC PhycoTerra®



Barley and <u>Leaf Spot</u> (*Bipolaris sorokiniana*) **Soil Drench Application** 

UTC PhycoTerra®

Canola and <u>Stem Rot</u> pathogen (*Sclerotinia*) **Soil Drench Application** 





### NATURAL PLANT RESILIENCE TO COMMON STRESSORS

Laboratory-Observed - Green bean bioassay with single application of PhycoTerra® Organic

#### **California Organic Farm Macrophomina infested soil** Decay **Arizona** of Lesions/cm **Organic Farm** Healthy Good ■UTC ■ PhycoTerra® Organic 0.5% ■ PhycoTerra® Organic 1% ■ PhycoTerra® Organic 3% ■ PhycoTerra® Organic 2.5% ■ PhycoTerra® Organic 5%

Infected crown

3% PhycoTerra® Organic







#### Grower-observed greater resilience of his plants to verticillium – SALINAS, CA



UTC Planted 11/14/2017

PhycoTerra® **Applications Started 5/22/2018** 

Not infected with Verticillium Wilt



Infected with Verticillium Wilt

Infected with Verticillium Wilt

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- UTC (3 acres)
- PhycoTerra® (3 acres)
  - 1 gal/A, every 2 weeks

	UTC		PhycoTerra <sup>®</sup>	
Random Sample Section	No. Healthy Plants	No. Infected Plants	No. Healthy Plants	No. Infected Plants
1	35	18	52	2
2	37	4	53	2
3	32	12	48	5
4	35	12	42	7
5	39	13	50	2
Total	188	59	245	18
Average	37.6	11.8	49	3.6
Percent Infected Plants		31.4%		7.3%

#### **RESULTS**

Grower observed reduction in occurrence of verticillium

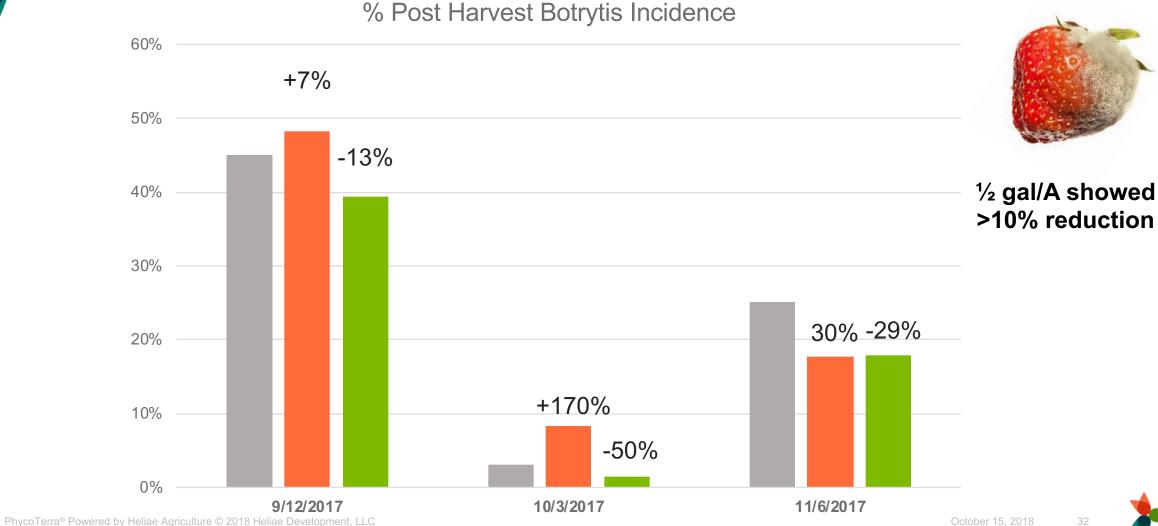




### NATURAL PLANT RESILIENCE TO COMMON STRESSORS

■PTO 0.5 gal/A

Grower-Observed – Bi-weekly drip applications. Three holding tests completed, 6-10 days in cold storage



Microbial like-product

**■**UTC



>10% reduction

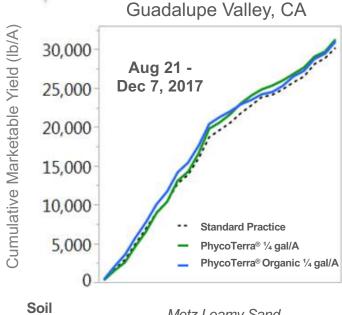




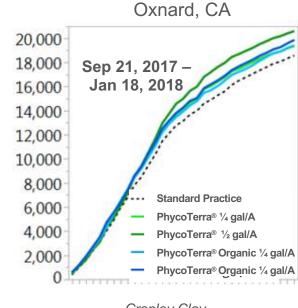
Classification

# **Strawberries**

#### HIGHER CUMULATIVE YIELDS var. Portola (all trials)



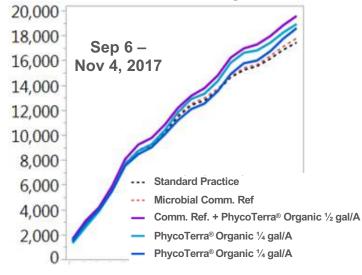
Metz Loamy Sand



Cropley Clay



Santa Maria, CA Organic



Corralitas Sandy Loam

PER ACRE	GUADALUPE	OXNARD	SANTA MARIA
Additional Sales	\$1200-1500	\$1100-3400	\$4000-5800
Cost of PhycoTerra®	\$130-163	\$130-325	\$125-250



# Strawberries

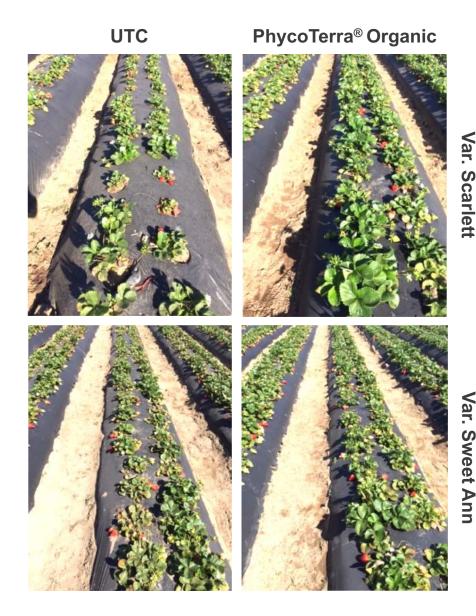
Salinas, CA (Organic) – Fast Help for Strawberry Growers

#### **2 VARIETY TRIAL**

- Scarlett
- Sweet Ann

#### **AFTER 2 APPLICATIONS**

- 1st App = 3qts/A
- 2nd App = 2qts/A





# Strawberries

Heliae Greenhouse – Jan-Apr 2018, New Root Growth After PhycoTerra® Organic Application



Control



PhycoTerra® Organic 5% Root Dip

#### PHYCOTERRA® ORGANIC INCREASED NEW ROOT GROWTH IN MONTERREY STRAWBERRIES CROWN

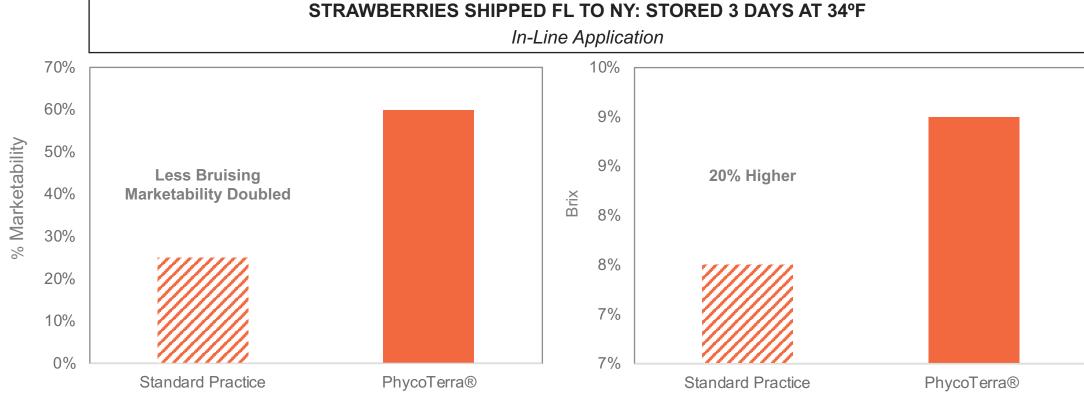
Application rate: PhycoTerra® Organic at different concentrations (5%,10%, and 50%) was applied in strawberry crowns by dipping roots before transplanting to pots.





# **Strawberries**QUALITY, YIELD, CONSISTENCY, VALUE High Brix, Decreased Bruising



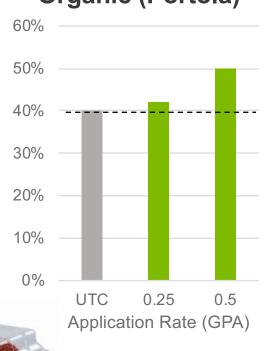




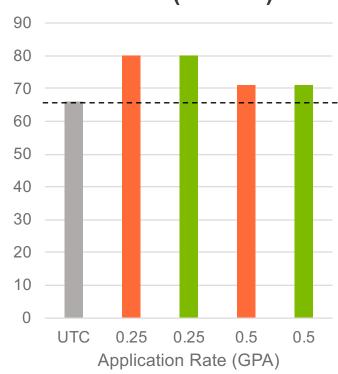
# **LESS BRUISING**

2018 Strawberry Field Trials - 30% Increase in Marketability

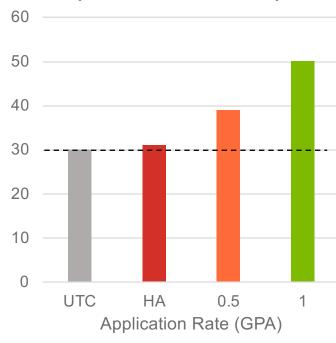
### **Santa Maria Organic (Portola)**



# Oxnard (Portola)



### **Salinas Organic** (Well-Pict PS9271)







UTC

PhycoTerra®





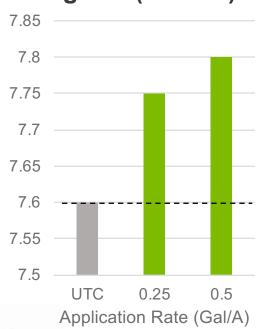




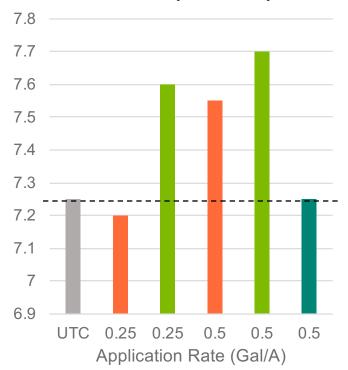
# PERCENTAGE OF BRIX

2018 Strawberry Field Trials – 13-18% Increase from Bi-Weekly Applications

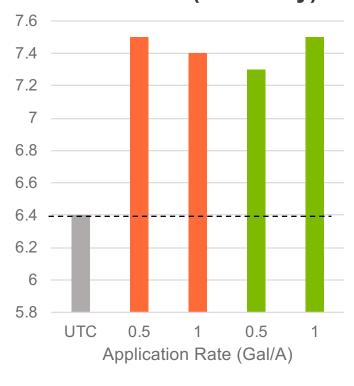
### **Santa Maria Organic (Portola)**



### Oxnard (Portola)



### **Watsonville (Monterey)**





UTC



PhycoTerra® Organic

Seaweed comm. Ref

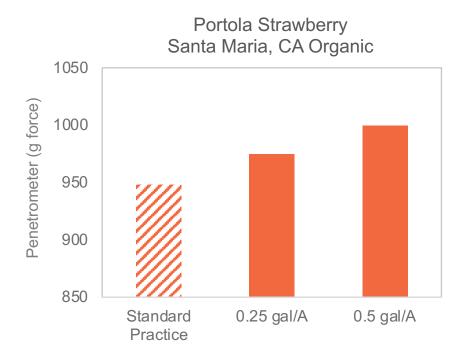


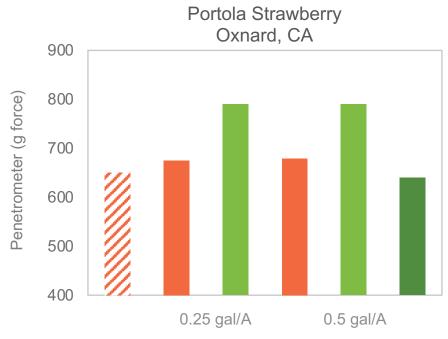


# Strawberries

Berry Firmness Post-Storage









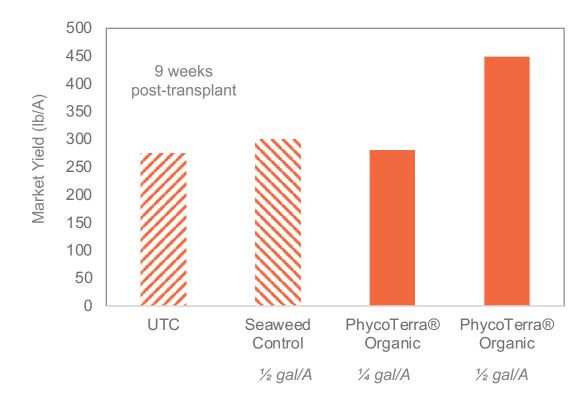


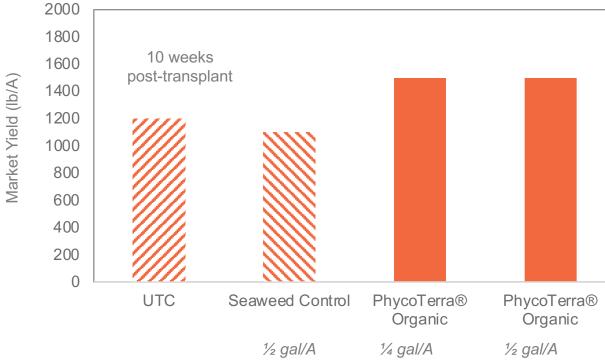


# **Strawberries** YIELD: 1st & 2nd HARVEST

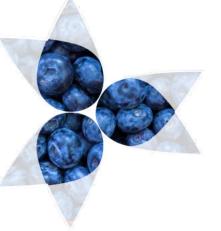
Guadalupe, CA – Summer 2017 \*Significant advantage over control (standard practice) by Dunnet's p<0.05
Higher Early Yields











# **Blueberries**



A common trend

across trials with

PhycoTerra® is larger

fruit size





Focus: size, yield, sweetness and shelf-life



Organic Blueberries - Central WA

- ✓ Apply at 1 gal/A via drip irrigation at 50% bloom + 1 week later

  Focus on cell division during early fruit set number of cell divisions during cell division establishes later berry size potential
- ✓ Apply at 0.5 gal/A every 2 weeks after bloom to harvest

  Maintain strong soil/plant health to assure highest quality fruit development, taste and shelf-life
- ✓ After harvest, two applications at 0.5 gal/A prior to fall leaf senescence

  Optimize plant carbohydrate reserves for strong early season growth



# COMPLETED BLUEBERRY TRIAL Variety: Emerald

WE RESCUED A STRUGGLING ORGANIC BLUEBERRY CROP - OXNARD, CÁ

#### **UTC**



#### PhycoTerra® Organic



#### **CHALLENGE:**

Help requested on stressed block 2 weeks into fruit harvest.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- 1. UTC (3 acres)
- 2. PhycoTerra® Organic (3 acres)
  - 1 gal/A by drip every week for 5 weeks straight (\$250/Acre)

#### **RESULTS**

✓ Crop turnaround by late harvest

Photo taken 6 weeks after 1st application





#### Rainier Cherries must reach a brix 17 before harvesting





#### **APPLICATIONS**

PhycoTerra® Organic

- 1 gal/A for 2 consecutive weeks starting at 50% bloom
- 1 gal/A post bloom every 2 weeks until harvest (3 applications)

## Year One Results (PhycoTerra® Organic)

✓ Brix of 17 achieved 5 days earlier than Control.





# COMPLETED WATERMELON TRIAL Variety: Wonderland

**INCREASED YIELD AT FIRST HARVEST** - HEMET, CA

UTC





## **Application**

PhycoTerra® - 4 drip applications at 1 gal/A

- 5 days prior to transplant
- Once every 3 weeks except during flowering (3 total)

PhycoTerra®





#### Results

- ✓ Grower-observed natural plant resilience to common crop stressor in PhycoTerra® section
- √ 10% yield advantage at first harvest

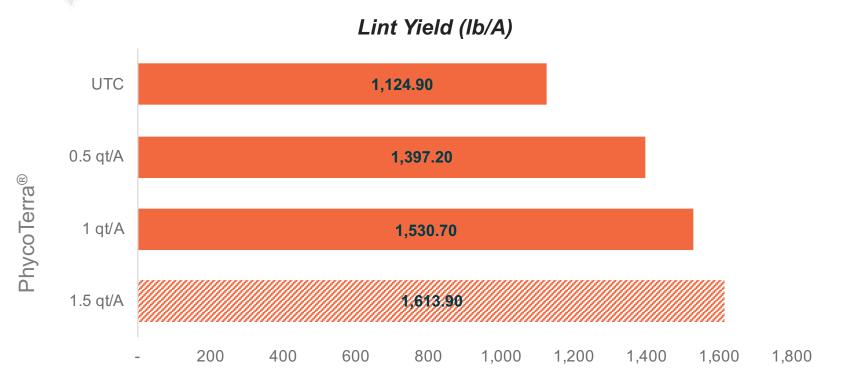


Photos taken 1 week before harvest





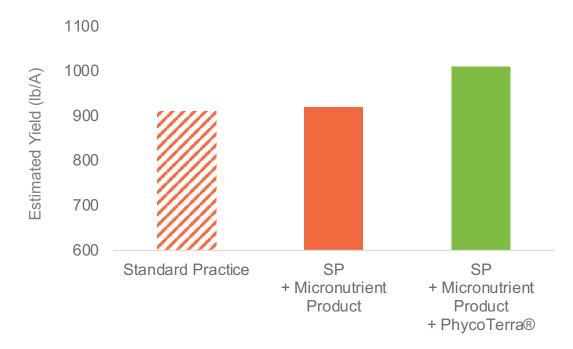
# **Cotton**Safford, AZ – Yield & Fiber Quality from Customer-Based Trials











Improved yield by 12%









#### Thonotosassa, FL- PhycoTerra® Improves Early Field Establishment of Tomato

**Application** 

Seed Drench

Transplant

Drench

**Methods** 

#### An independent research organization trial

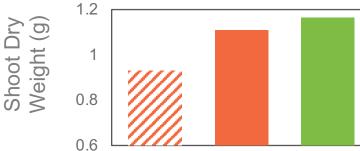
Variety: Charger

Flat Mix: Speedling Germination Mix Field Soil: 99.5% sand, 0.5% clay

Trial Design: Randomized Complete Block Design

#### **Results** (two weeks after field transplant)

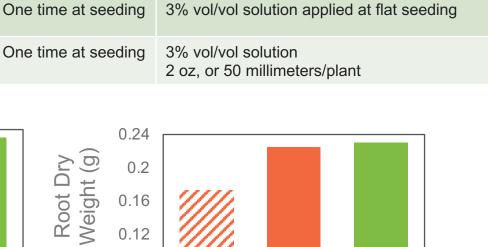
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Plant H	15			
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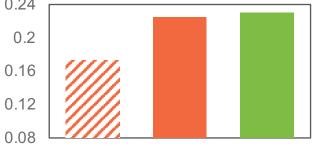
Seed Drench



Frequency



Rate





# Tomatoes

Thonotosassa, FL- Increases Harvest Tomato Number and Weight

#### An independent research organization trial

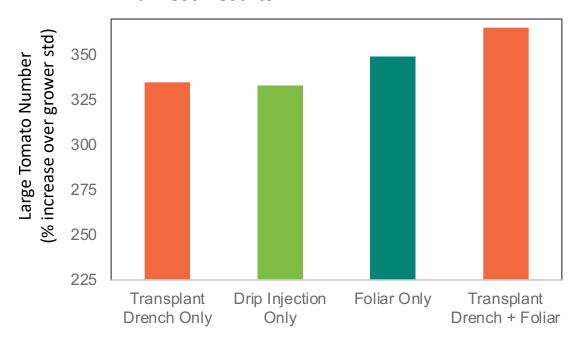
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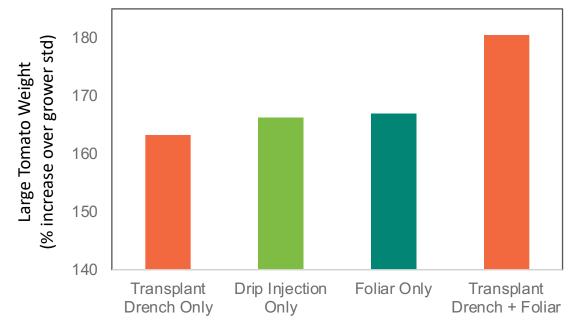
Field Soil: 99.5% sand, 0.5% clay

Trial Design: Randomized Complete Block Design

#### **Harvest Results**



Application Methods	Frequency	Rate
Transplant Drench	One time	3% vol/vol solution 2 oz, or 50 millimeters/plant
Drip Irrigation	Every two weeks	1 gal/A
Foliar Spray	Every two weeks	1% vol/vol solution at 25-50 gal/A





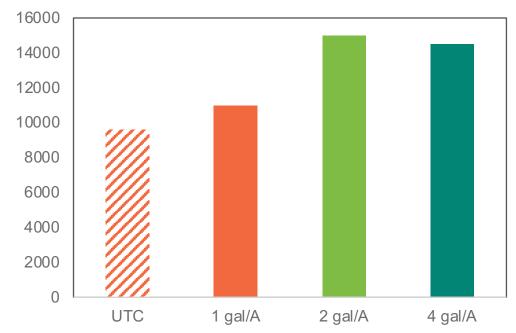


# **Tomatoes**

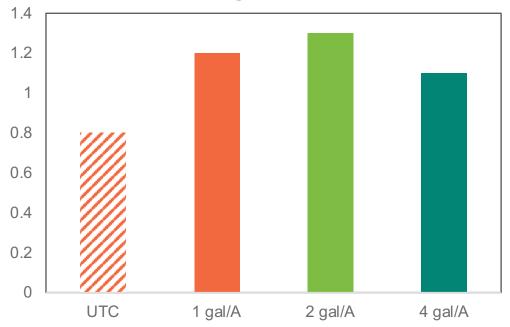
Fresno, CA – We increase tomato size



Yield of Large Reds (lbs/A)



Ratio of Large: Small Red Fruit

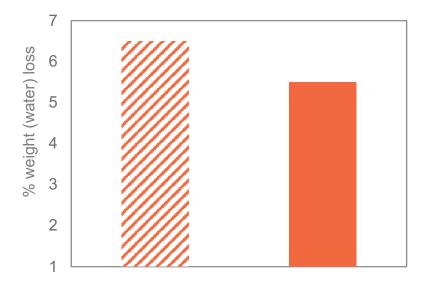






# **Tomatoes**Fruit Water Retention Post-Storage

#### Espresso Tomato Gilbert, AZ







**Standard Practice** 

PhycoTerra® Organic









## Our products...

# **DEMONSTRATED MORE BIOMASS**

Heliae Greenhouse – Dec 2017, 45% More Biomass in Greenhouse Compared to a Customer's Program!

#### **GREENHOUSE COMPARISON**

Customer Soil + Inputs to PhycoTerra® Organic

5% PhycoTerra® Organic Only

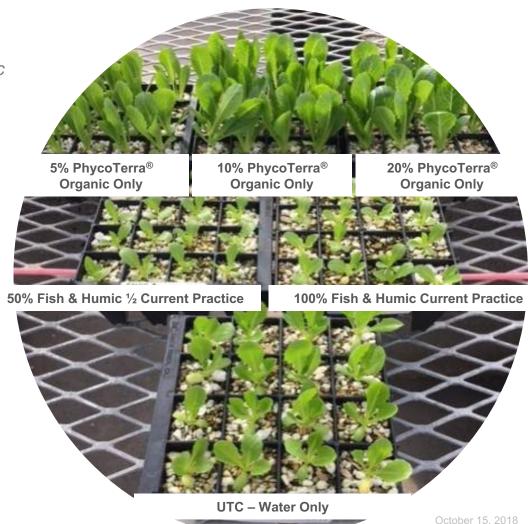
10% PhycoTerra® Organic Only

20% PhycoTerra® Organic Only

50% Fish & Humic 1/2 Current Practice

100% Fish & Humic Current Practice

UTC - Water Only







# Red Romaine

AZ Organic Grower Test – One Application of PhycoTerra® Organic Following Seeding Increased Fresh Weight



We moved the trial into a 7 acre field test



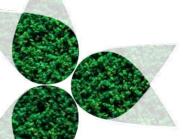
Control 3% 6% PhycoTerra® Organic Organic

Harvest Results - 6 weeks after seeding



23% Increase in fresh weight/A = \$1780 value/acre for this grower test





# **ROI CALCULATOR**

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Input		Cost	EST LB Yield Per Acre	9,000			Input	Cost	EST LB Yield Pe Acre
Fish EM	\$	10.00	EST AVE ANNUAL \$ PER LB	\$ 1.10	23%	AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE INCREASE	Fish EM		EST AVE ANNUAL \$ PER LB
Humic Acid	\$	10.00					Humic Acid		
Compost	\$	-	AVE Crop REVENUE/ Acre	\$ 9,880			Compost	\$ -	AVE Crop
Other	\$	-					Other	\$ -	
Other							PhycoTerra <sup>®</sup> Organic	\$ 80.00 REVENU	REVENUE/ Acre
Total Input Cost	\$	20.00					Total Input Cost	\$ 80.00	
#1 Accum	00.4	anrov (	on after seedin	a applicati	on mathad		Value Increase	per Acre	\$

- #1 Assumes spray on after seeding application method
- #2 Assumes two applications during crop
- #3 Assumes blended average of harvested trial blocks
- #4 Assumes yield & Price/lb are average USDA Values
- #5 No incremental application costs

2,197

1,099

11,070

1.10

\$ 12,077

Advantage Demonstrated with PhycoTerra<sup>®</sup> Organic

WHAT IF 1/2 Value Increase/

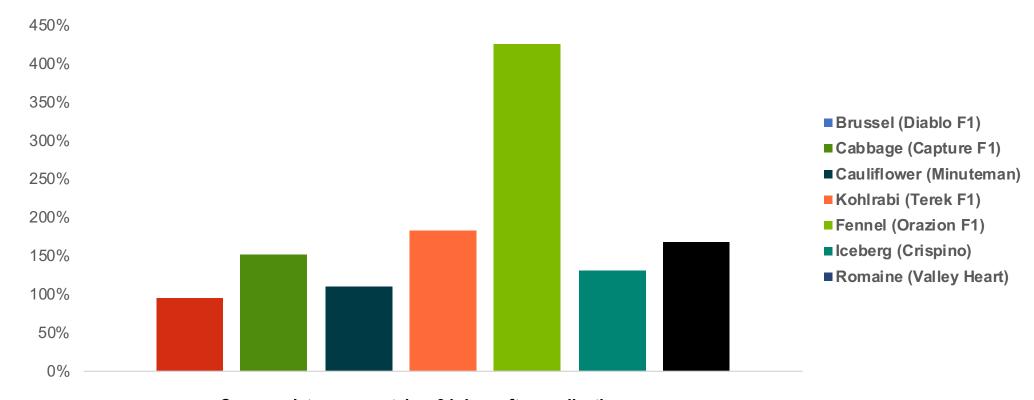
Acre is realized



# **DIRECT EFFECT ON SHOOTS**

Leafy Vegetables – One Time Application at Seed of PhycoTerra® Organic

### **% Advantage over Fertilizer Alone**



Canopy pictures were taken 24 days after application.

They received only one application of 5% v/v at seeding.

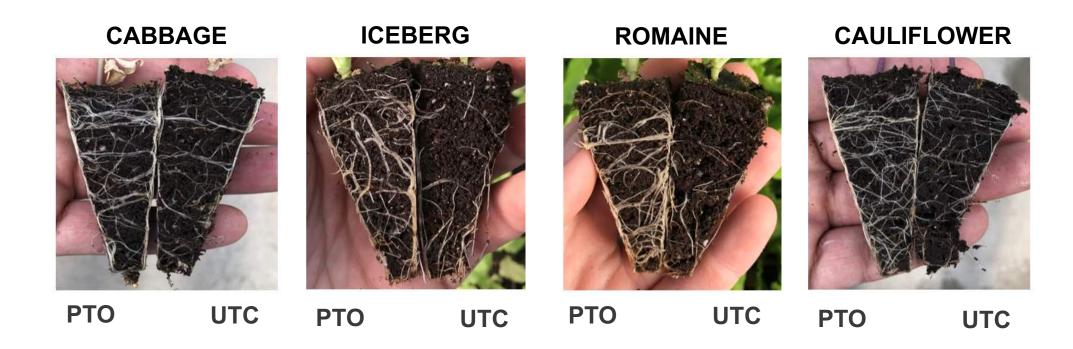
Phytamin (156ml/L) fertilizer was applied 12 days after product application, twice per week.





# DIRECT EFFECT ON SHOOTS

One Time Application at Seed of PhycoTerra® Organic



## One application of PhycoTerra® Organic increased root growth in different crops

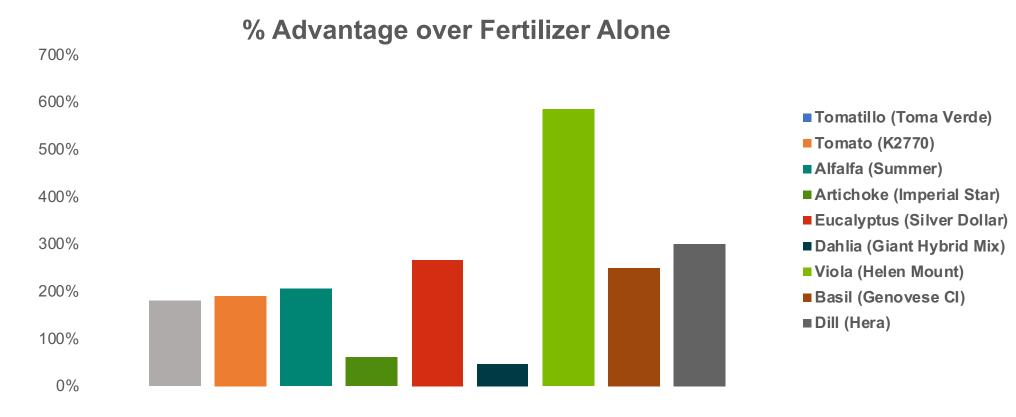
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# DIRECT EFFECT ON SHOOTS

One Time Application at Seed of PhycoTerra® Organic



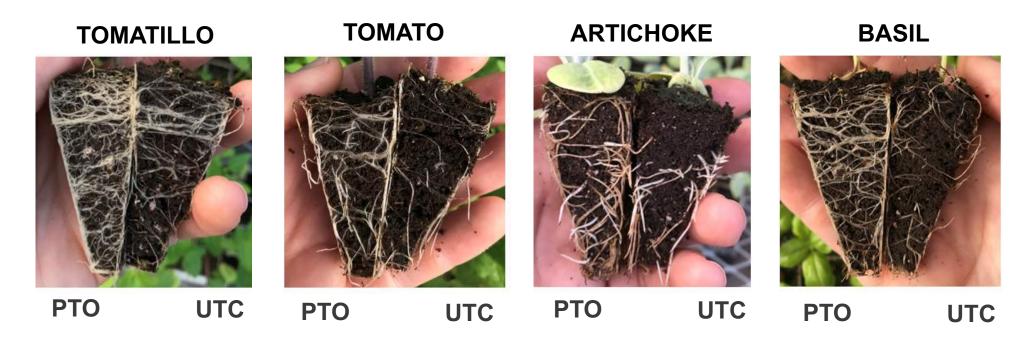
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# **DIRECT EFFECT ON ROOTS**

One Time Application at Seed of PhycoTerra® Organic



### One application of PhycoTerra® Organic increased root growth in different crops

Pictures were taken 24-30 days after application. They received only one application of 5% v/v at seeding. Phytamin (156ml/L) fertilizer was applied 12 days after product application, twice per week.





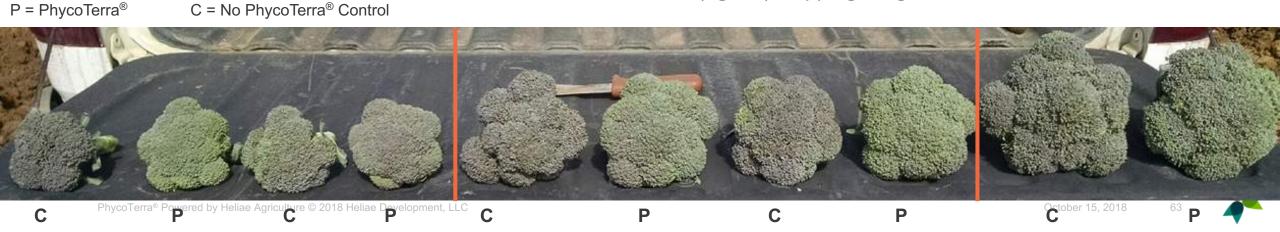
# Final yield increase 202 CARTONS PER ACRE

PhycoTerra® 470 Cartons/A 1st Cut Yield

Control
358 Cartons/A 1st Cut Yield



2X Side Dress (1gal/A) 5-6 Leaf Stage + 2 XFoliar (1gal/A) Cupping Stage







PhycoTerra® Organic

#### **APPLICATIONS**

#### **Conventional Trial**

- 1. UTC (8 rows)
- 2. PhycoTerra® (2 acres) 1 drip application at 1gal/A (\$40/A)
  - 3 weeks prior to harvest

#### **Organic Trial**

- 1. UTC (8 rows)
- 2. PhycoTerra® Organic (2 acres) 1 drip application at 1gal/A (\$40/A)
  - 3 weeks prior to harvest

#### **RESULTS**

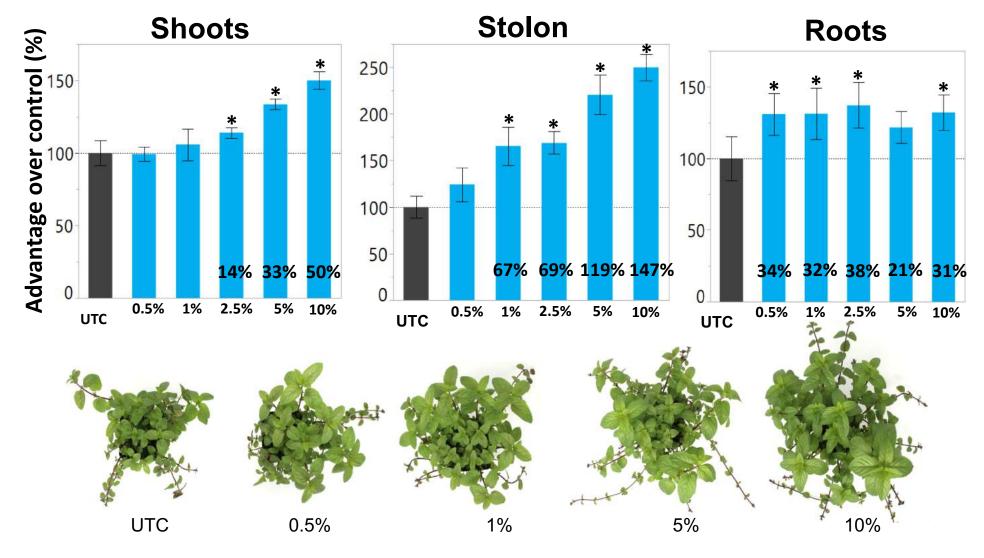
- ✓ More flowers and extended flowering interval
- √ 4 harvests from PhycoTerra<sup>®</sup> Organic and PhycoTerra<sup>®</sup> compared to 2 harvests from respective UTC rows





# HELIAE AG SCIENCE MINT TRIAL

PHYCOTERRA® ORGANIC AS SOIL DRENCH







# **IMPROVED SOYBEAN YIELD**

5.7 Bushels Per Acre Increace – Van Buren, AR

#### **Bushels Per Acre**





"Treated acres had better stand and beans appeared to hold up better in heat and drought conditions"

– TN grower

Rate: 0.5 Gal/A in-furrow

Frequency: Single Application at seeding

**UTC**: none, planting followed wheat





# TRANSPLANT PRODUCTION

Only one application at seeding!

#### **EARLY EMERGENCE GROWTH**

2 months after seeding/application



Marigolds



**Impatiens** 

#### Romaine Lettuce, var. Valley Heart



**Fertilizer Only** 

Fertilizer + 3% PhycoTerra® Organic

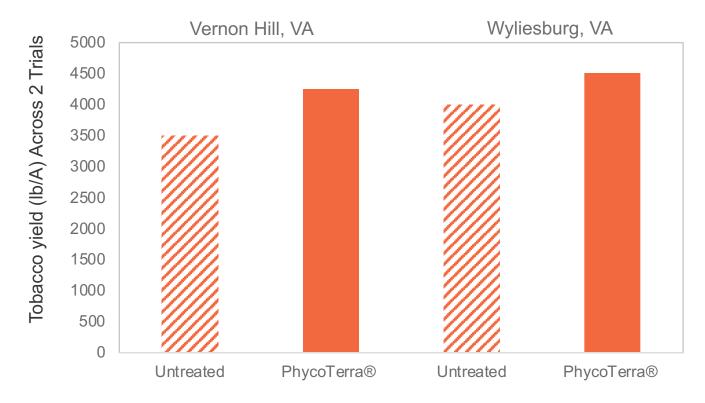
Fertilizer + 5% PhycoTerra® Organic

5 weeks post seeding/application





Vernon Hill & Wyliesburg, VA - Increased Weight, One Application at Transplant



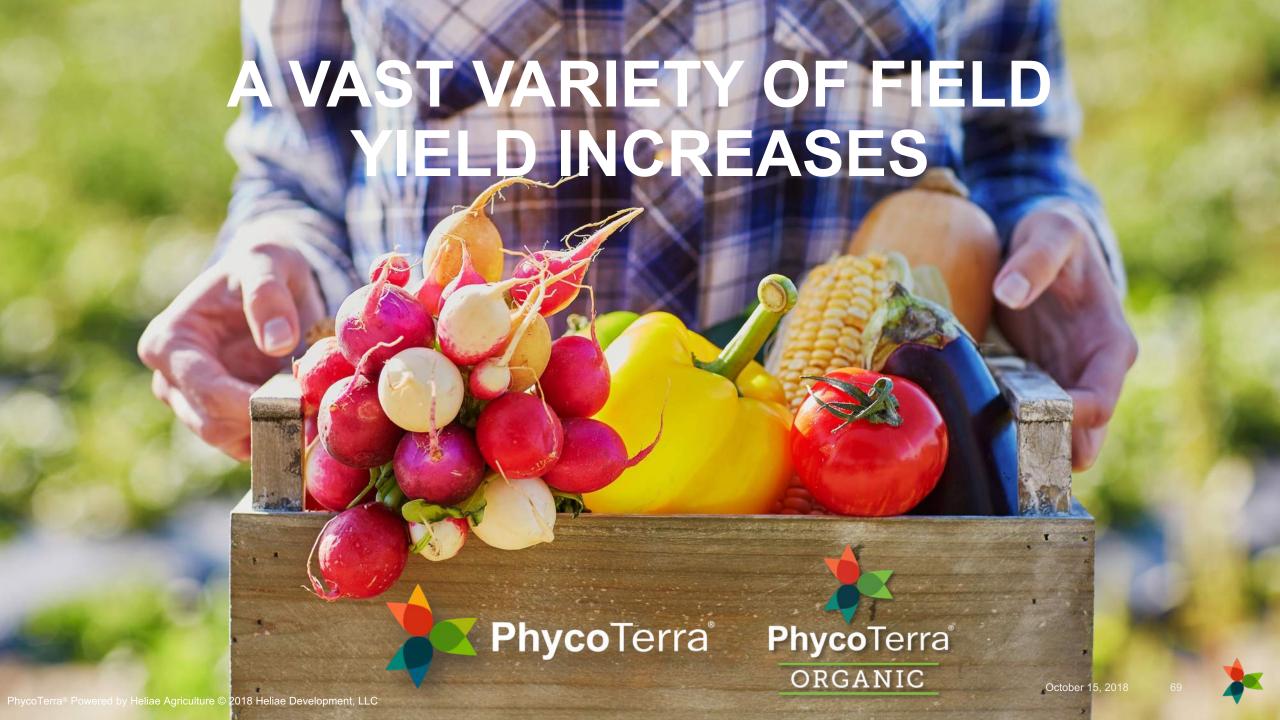


\$1500-3000 more per Acre (200% increase in quality score for 1st harvest)













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