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Consultant resilient growing

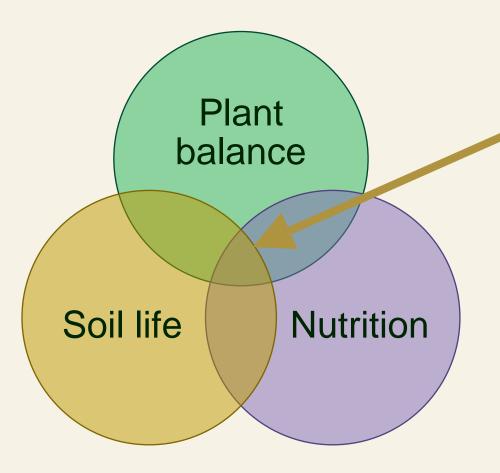




Resilient growing

Resilience against (soil) diseases and pests

• Plants own defence = not crop protection





Roots

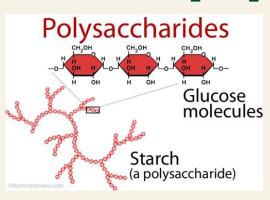


Soil life

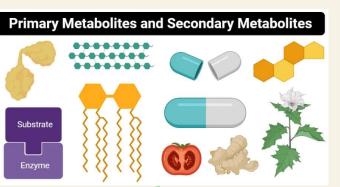


How to help plants to become resilient?





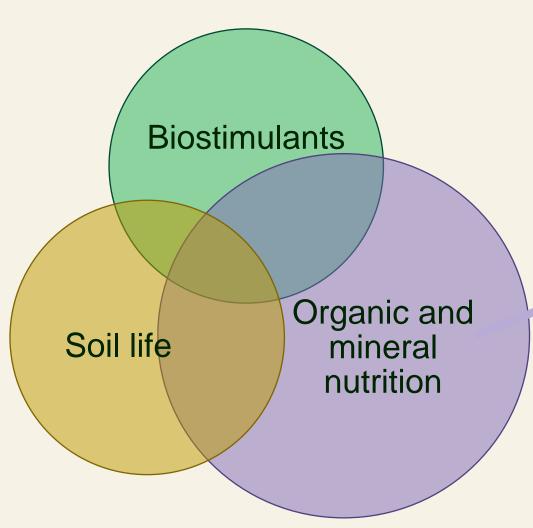
Plants own defence



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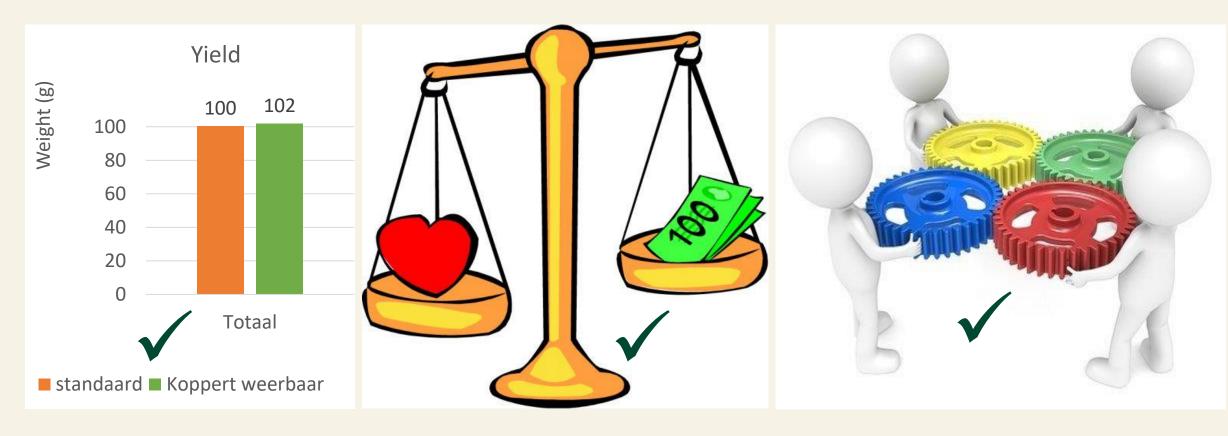
Resilient growth

Input:





Requirements growers

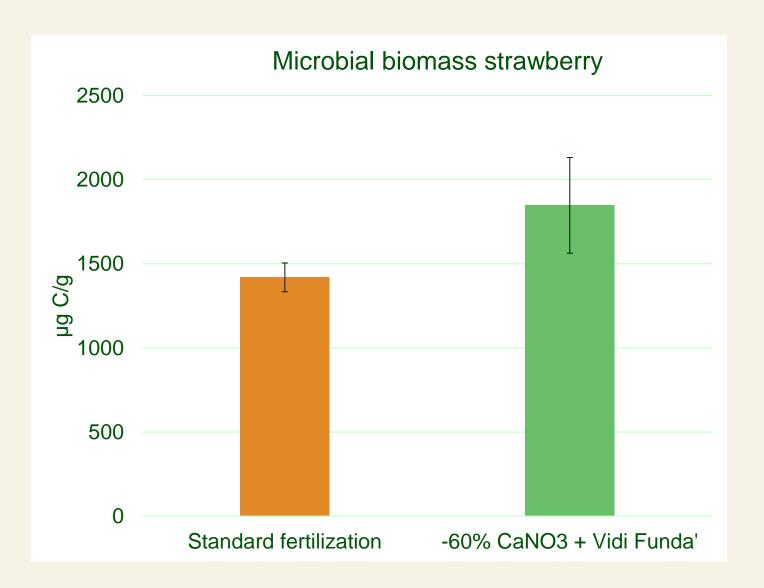


Increase of soil life

Effect of organic and mineral plant nutrition, combined with 60% less NO₃

In trials and practice:

- Strawberry (grown in org. substrate)
- Chrysanthemum (grown in soil)



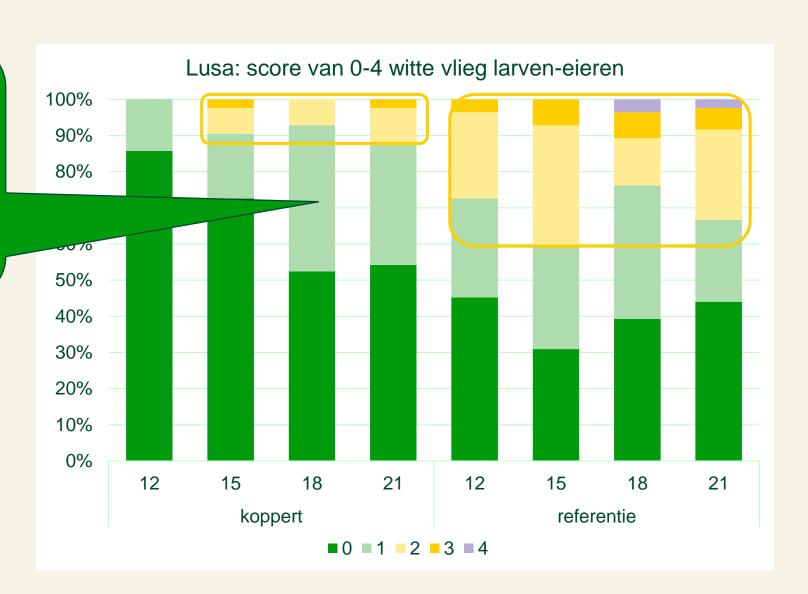
Practice white fly strawberry

Resilient (less attractive for pests)

- Less pest pressure at the farms
- Control with beneficials easier
- ✓ Less chemical treatments

Heavily polluted with honey dew

No white fly



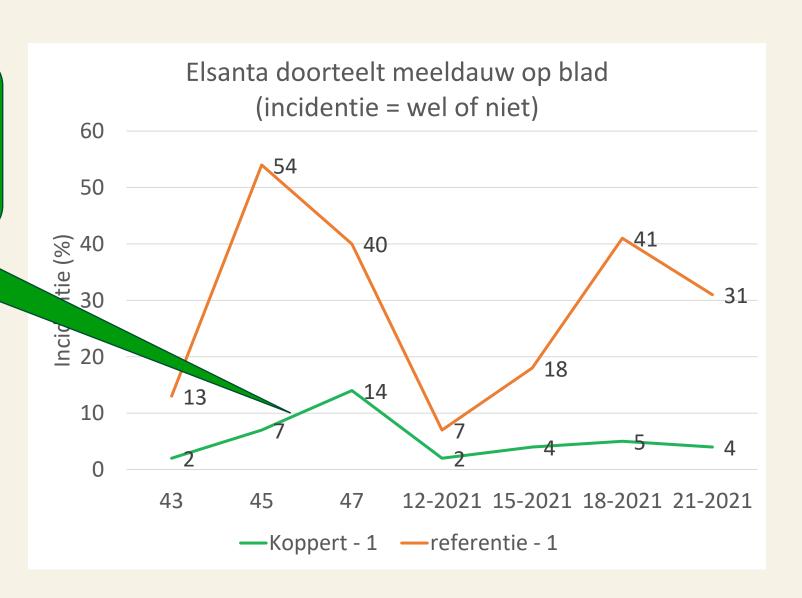
Practice powdery mildew strawberry

Resilient:

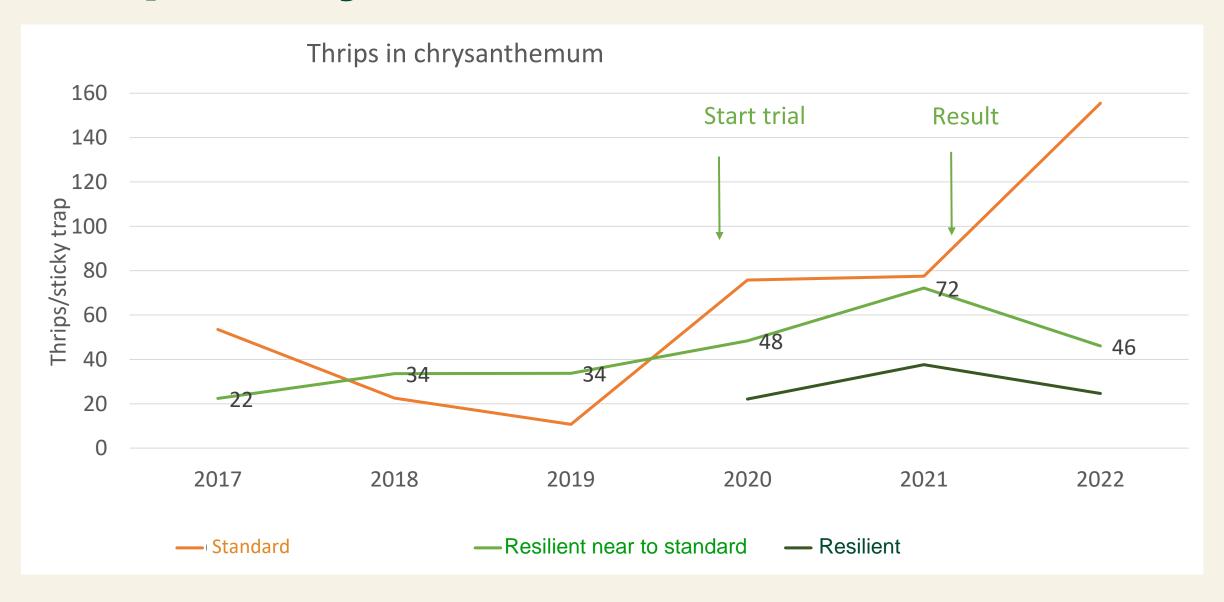
- ✓ 2 sprays less
- ✓ On average 83% less infected leaves

Score on leaves

- No mildew
- Mildew



Thrips chrysanthemum



Resilience = plants own defense

HOW to realise resilience:

- Integrated nutrition (organic + mineral)
 - Low dosage NO₃ and P
 - Improve soil life
- Steer on leafsap analysis (and soil analysis)



Resilience = plants own defense

WHAT are the results:

- Less powdery mildew, aphids, white fly, thrips
- Less losses by Phytophthora cactorum
- Yield and quality equal or better

Other benefits

- Less mineral fertilizers
- Better control / less residue?
- Shelf life equal or better
- No soil steaming?
- Stress resistant



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Thanks for your attention



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