







# Soil Health Dilemma and Opportunities: Defining the Road map

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# Soil Health: The Field Perspective

Dan Stahl Head of Biologics AMVAC/Agrinos







- Joined AMVAC in October 2017
- Responsible for AMVAC Biologics and OHP, a leading supplier to the Greenhouse & Nursery marketplace
- Support the integration of Biologic technologies and creation of the AMVAC Global Biologics network





### Focus on Soil Health Farmer Incentive

- Economic
- Stewardship
- Passion





Companies seek to increase sustainability

Microsoft, ADM, Corteva Agriscience, Bayer among companies announcing sustainability plans; lawmakers introduce Growing Climate Solutions Act.



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CCAs and PCAs obtain 12 CEUs (Continuing Education Units)

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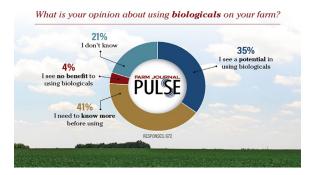
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### Focus on Soil Health Tools

- Products
- Programs
- Training/Education
- Hardware & Software Technology



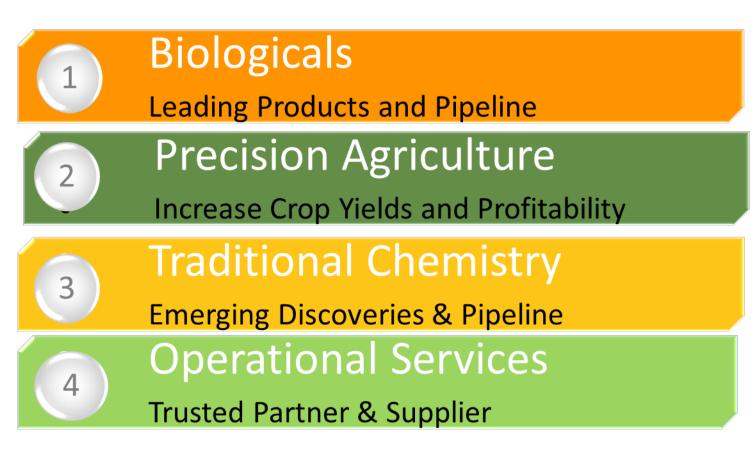








Focus on Soil Health The Future







# Working with Nature

Alan Boyce Executive Chairman Materra Farming Company



Soil – A living carbon sink

- World: 4+ billion hectares of cropland and pastures
- Organic Matter: 1-6%; 50% is carbon
- 1 gram of soil: 10 billion microorganisms
- Roots: 30% of aerial biomass
- Cultivation destroys the carbon and then entire soil biome



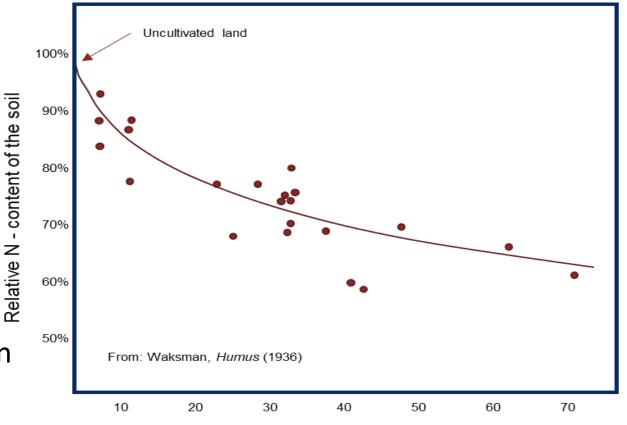




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# No Till – Promoting soil health

- Enhancing:
  - Organic matter content
  - Water infiltration capacity
  - Carbon sequestration
- Reducing:
  - Erosion risks (wind, rains)
  - Use of agrochemicals
  - Use of diesel
  - Reverse damage from cultivation





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- Boosting organic matter build-up
- Helping with pest control
- Improving water infiltration
- Multispecies preferred
- Commercial species (pennycress, Brassica carinata)
- No open fields fills the vacuum







# Innovation – Novihum Humus

- Humus effect is 10 times higher than manure
- Free from odors, pathogens, pollutants, salts and nitrate
- Patented manufacturing process
- Raw materials: lignite, ammonia, oxygen
- Improves fertilizer and water use efficiency of the crop









# Roadmap – Working with Nature

- Imitate natural ecosystems
- Keep something growing all year-around
- Increase diversity of crops
- Replace agrochemicals with biobased products
- Promote carbon sequestration
- Mother Nature is your friend









# SOIL HEALT DILEMMA & OPPORTUNITIES: DEFINING THE ROADMAP

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Senior Vice President Kimitec







- 15+ years working with conventional and natural solutions
- Focused on forging global alliances with other technology providers and marketers, large growers, and retail (CPG) partners
- Responsible for Kimitec's entry in the USA







## The Agrobiotic Movement



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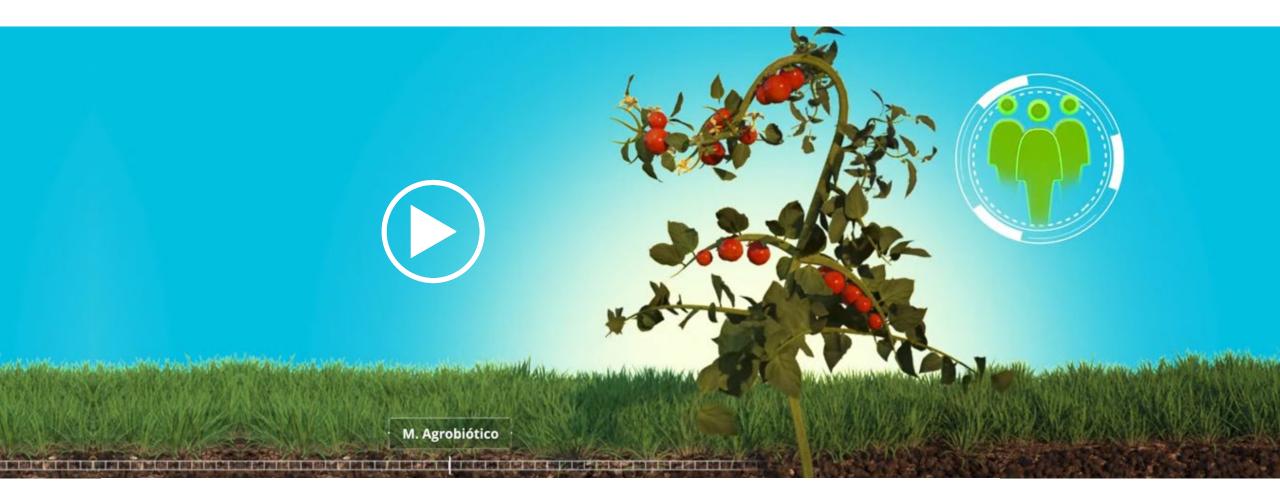
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# Pre & Probiotics – A Tool For ISHM

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- 3. Phyllosphere Inoculants.
- 4. Obliged Symbionts.

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#### **KEY AREAS OF INTEREST**

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- 2. Improve vegetative growth.
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- 6. Increase of fruit antioxidants.
- Improve fruits' chemopreventive potential.

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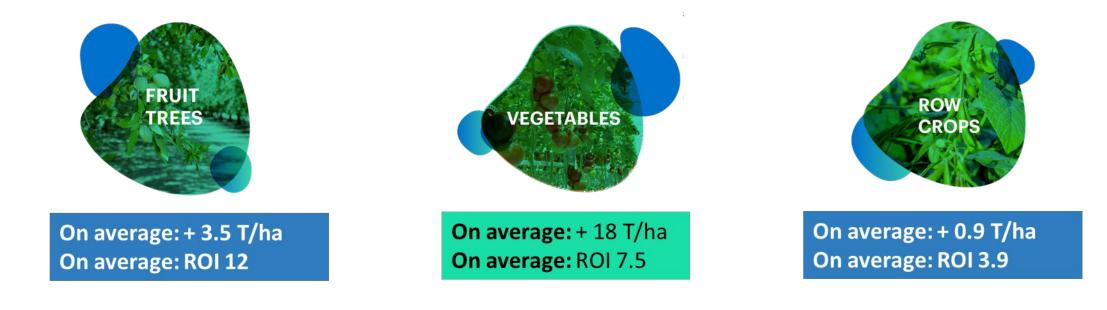
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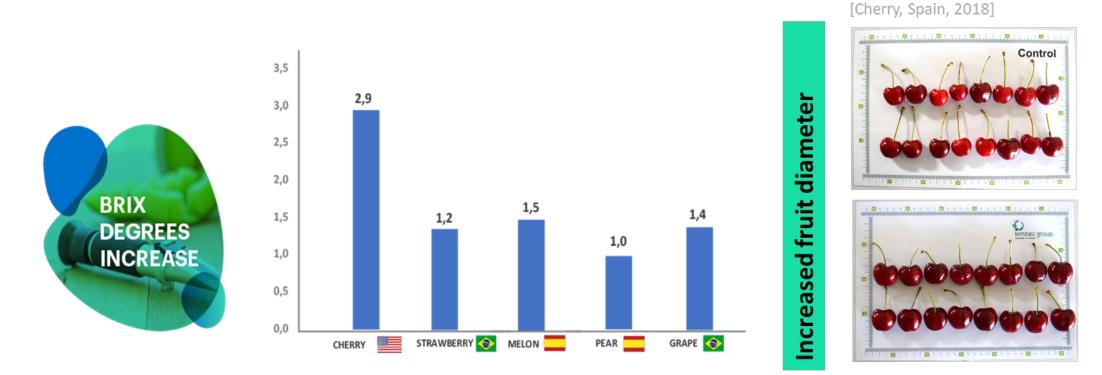
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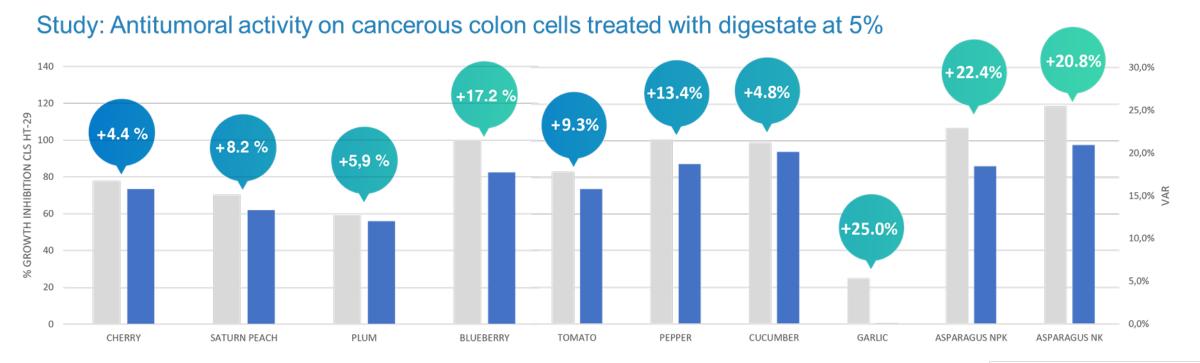
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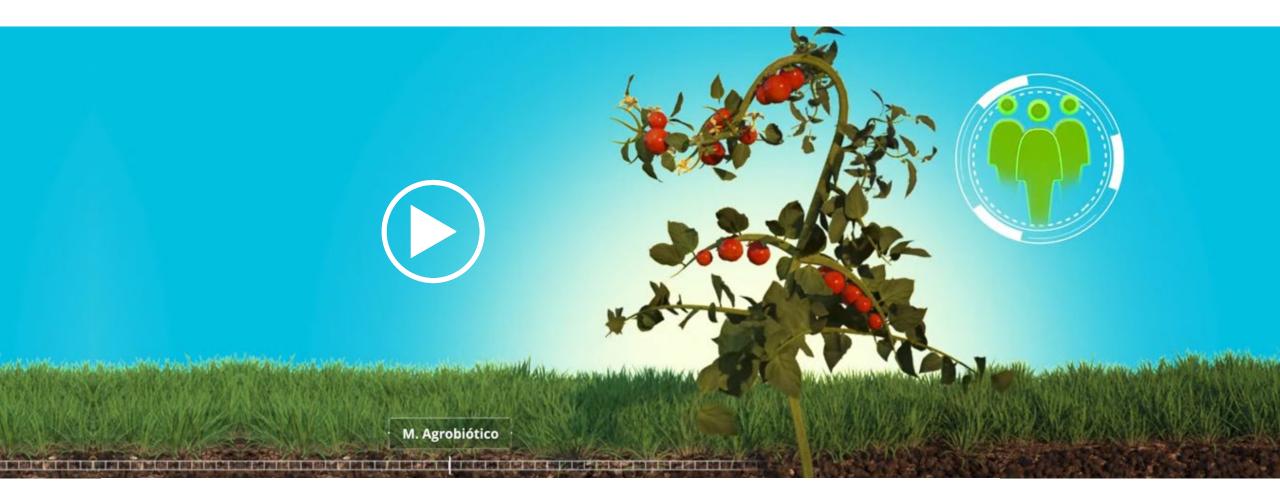
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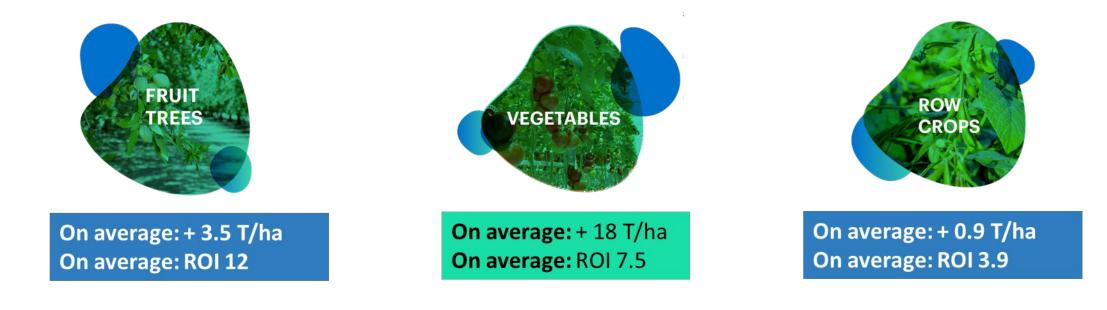
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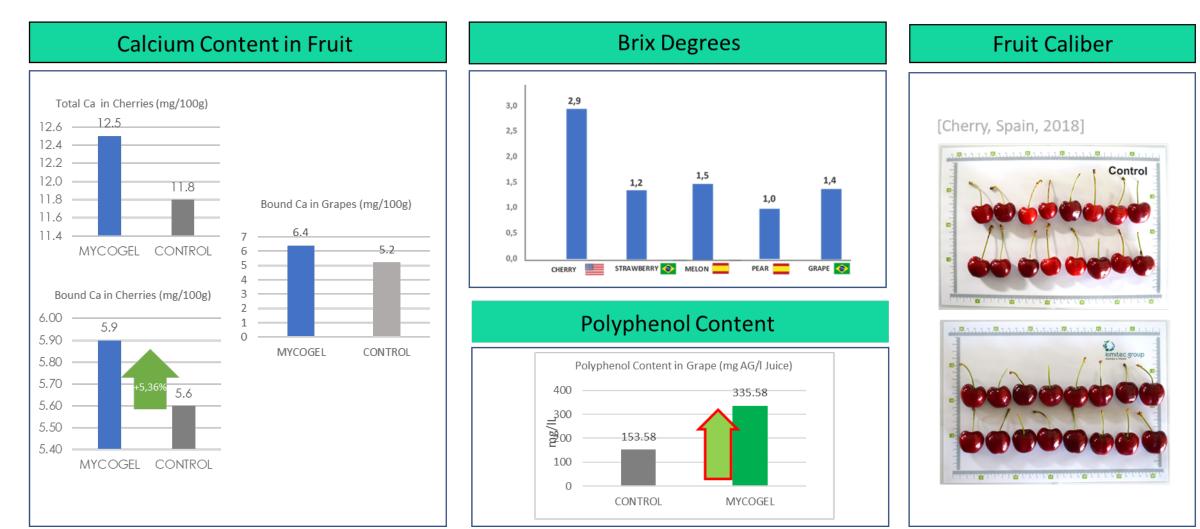
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