

# **Fusarium wilt experience: varietal differences & observations**



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# Verticillium wilt

*Verticillium dahliae*



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# Fusarium wilt, race 3



# Symptoms of Fusarium wilt of tomato



- ✓ Yellowing of branches and leaves
- ✓ Vascular discoloration
- ✓ General wilting often leading to necrosis/death



# Fusarium wilt

*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici*



# Fusarium Wilt Race 3

Australia 1978

Florida 1982

California 1987

Mexico 1996

# Fusarium wilt race 3

Sutter Co.

Colusa Co.

Yolo Co.

Sacramento Co.

Solano Co.

San Joaquin Co.









# Fusarium wilt, race 3





		9-Jul	
		Fusarium	%
		infected	Fusarium
	treatment	# plants/plot	infected
1	control	42	52
2	Caliente 119C mustard	57	70
	LSD 5%	4	
	% CV	7	



# FUSARIUM WILT





# Varietal susceptibility to Fusarium wilt, race 3,

## Woodland, 2013

Variety		30-Aug Yield tons/A		19-Jul ~% Fusarium wilt	28-Aug % canopy necrosis	% sun burn	% rots
1	N 6407	VFFNPtsw	55.1 a	16	69	8	4
2	SV 0335	VFF <b>F3</b> NPsw	54.8 ab	2	10	2	9
3	CXD 282	VFF <b>F3</b> NP	54.6 ab	0	10	2	6
4	AB 311	VFFNPtsw	51.5 abc	13	46	2	6
5	H 2401	VFFNP	48.3 bcd	7	57	5	4
6	DRI 319	VFFNPsw	48.0 cd	13	60	5	10
7	AB 2	VFFP	46.5 cd	8	39	4	5
8	H 1175	VFFN	46.0 cd	27	64	12	2
9	H 5608	VFFNPsw	45.5 cd	22	60	8	4
10	H 8504	VFFNP	45.0 cd	18	68	12	3
11	HM 1892	VFFNP	42.2 de	23	76	11	6
12	N 6366	VFFNP	38.0 e	30	89	17	8
13	BQ 268	VFFNP	30.6 f	23	89	17	6
14	N 6404	VFFNPsw	25.1 f	35	91	29	6
15	HM 7883	VFFNP	16.5 g	37	98	40	6
LSD 0.05		6.5		11	21	9.1	NS
CV		11		41	24	55	54

- Resistance works well
- Yield outcome influenced by other factors

# 2007 variety field test, Elkhorn: 11 days before harvest






# 2007 variety field test, Elkhorn: 1 day before harvest



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Variety		3-Jul # Infected	19-Aug # Infected	Yield tons/A	
1 CXD 242	VFFF3NP	0	0	50.3	a
2 AB 2	VFFP	6	55	48.3	ab
3 CXD 221	VFFF3NP	0	0	48.2	ab
4 HMX 4798	VFFF3NP	0	0	48.1	ab
5 PS 438	VFFF3P	0	0	42.9	abc
6 CXD 246	VFFF3NP	0	1	42.8	abc
7 Heinz 9663	VFFNP	19	54	40.7	bc
8 HMX 5883	VFFF3NP	1	2	36.2	c
9 HMX 4802	<del>VFFF3NP</del>	15	48	35.2	c
LSD 5%		4.7	13.9	8.3	
% CV		71	54	13	



Evaluation of Chemigation Treatments  
on  
Premature Vine Senescence  
of  
Processing Tomatoes  
in  
California's Sacramento Valley

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# Premature vine senescence

66 days before harvest



18 days before harvest



8 days before harvest



manufacturer	material	active ingredient	product rate/A	# applications	year	yield (% of control)	conditions	
Agrinos	HYT A	mixture of soil microbes	0.25 gpa	4	2014	103	Vert & F. wilt	Muller
CA Safe Soils	H2H	digested food waste	15 gpa pre	1 pre & 4 post	2014	100	Vert & F. wilt	Muller
			shank fb 10					
PureAg	Simple Soil Solutions	various mycorrhizae and <i>Bacillus species</i>	1 gal volume	1 pre & 5 post	2014	98	Vert & F. wilt	Muller
			per 100 acres					
LH Organics	Soil System 1	various mycorrhizae and <i>Bacillus species</i>	1 gal volume	root dip plus 10 apps	2013	104	Fusarium solani	Beeman
			per 100 acres					
JH BioTech	Promot		0.5 gpa	root dip plus 5 apps	2013	104	Fusarium solani	Beeman
Converted Organics	LC 1-1-1	composted food waste		5	2013	103	Fusarium solani	Beeman
LH Organics	Soil System 1	various mycorrhizae and <i>Bacillus species</i>	1 gal volume	10	2013	101	Vert	Meek
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JH BioTech	Promot		0.5 gpa	5	2013	101	Vert	Meek
Marrone Bio Innovations	Regalia	<b>Extract of <i>Reynoutria sachalinensis</i></b>	1 gpa	6	2013	102	Vert	Meek
AgraQuest								
Bayer	Serenade Soil	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.5 gpa	5	2012	101	Vert	Payne
Bayer	Vapam f.b.							
AgraQuest	Serenade Soil	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.5 gpa	5	2012	105	Vert	Payne
Natural Industries	Actinovate	<i>Streptomyces lydicus</i>	12 oz f.b. 6 oz thereafter	5	2012	96	Vert	Payne
AgraQuest							Vert &	
Bayer	Serenade Soil	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.5 gpa	4	2012	96	Fusarium wilt	Harlan #5
Bayer	Vapam f.b.						Vert &	
AgraQuest	Serenade Soil	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.5 gpa	4	2012	90	Fusarium wilt	Harlan #5
			2.5 & 2				average of 4	Button &
Agrinos	HYT A & HYT B	mixture of soil microbes	liter/acre	2	2012	94	treatments	Turkovich
Gowan	Tenet	<i>Trichoderma sp.</i>	2.5 lbs	4	2011	99	FORL & vert	Meek
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AgraQuest	Serenade Soil	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.5 gpa	4	2011	110	FORL & vert	Meek
Bayer	Vapam fg							
AgraQuest	Serenade Soil	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.5 gpa	4	2011	105	FORL & vert	Meek
							Vert & corky	
Gowan	Tenet	<i>Trichoderma sp.</i>	2.5 lbs	4	2011	104	root	Timothy
Bayer							Vert & corky	
AgraQuest	Serenade Soil		1.5 gpa	4	2011	97	root	Timothy
Gowan &	Tenet &	<i>Trichoderma sp.</i> plus	2.5 & 1.5 gpa, respectively	4	2011	99	Vert & corky	Timothy
AgraQuest	Serenade Soil	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>		4	2011		root	Timothy
Bayer	Serenade Soil						Vert & corky	
AgraQuest	& Quadris	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.5 gpa	4	2011	100	root	Timothy
							Vert & corky	
Certis, USA	SoilGard	<i>Gliocladium virens</i>	5 lbs/A	4	2011	94	root	Timothy



## 2012 Treatments

Control

Quadris + Ridomil

Vapam highest rate (15 gal in 2011)

Serenade soil

Actinovate

*Streptomyces*

Chicken manure - 10 tons

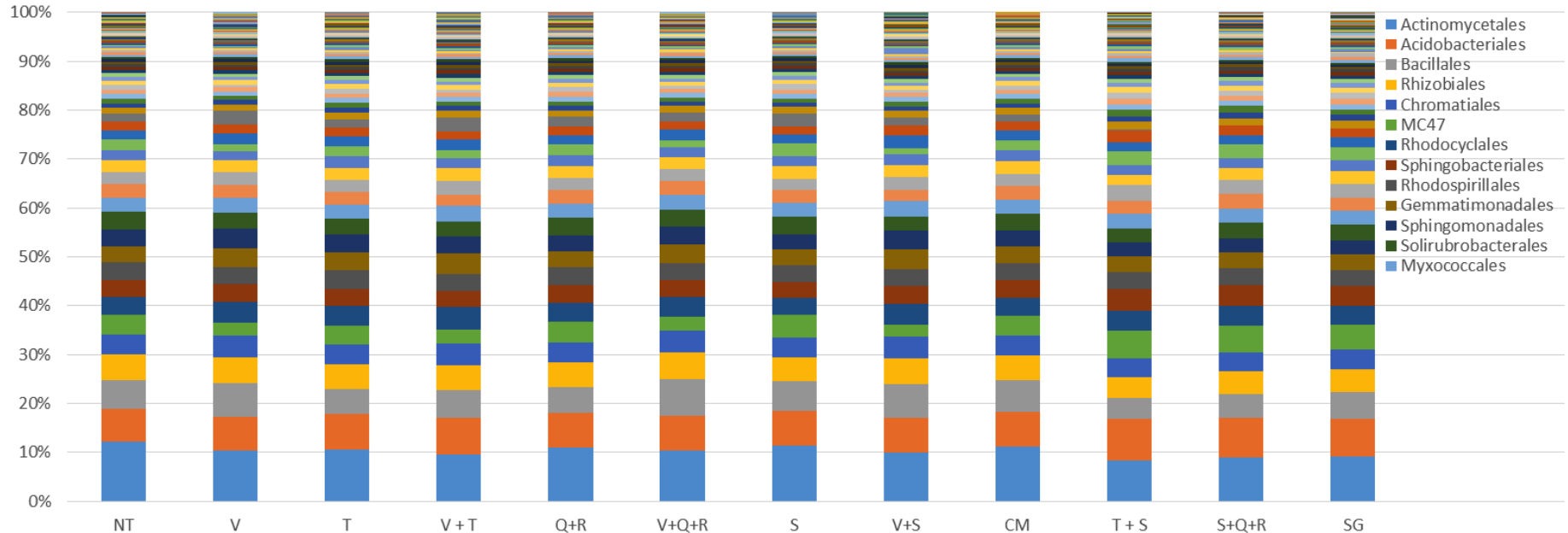
Chicken manure - 20 tons

Potassium - high rate



# Impact of Management: chemicals/biologicals

soil microbiota of processing tomatoes, 2011 field study

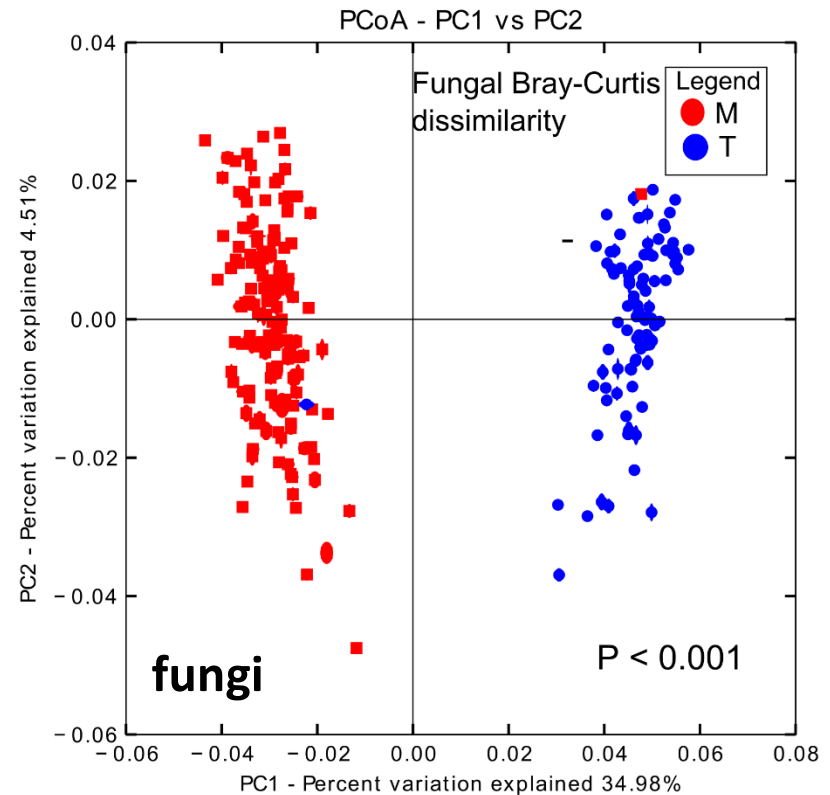
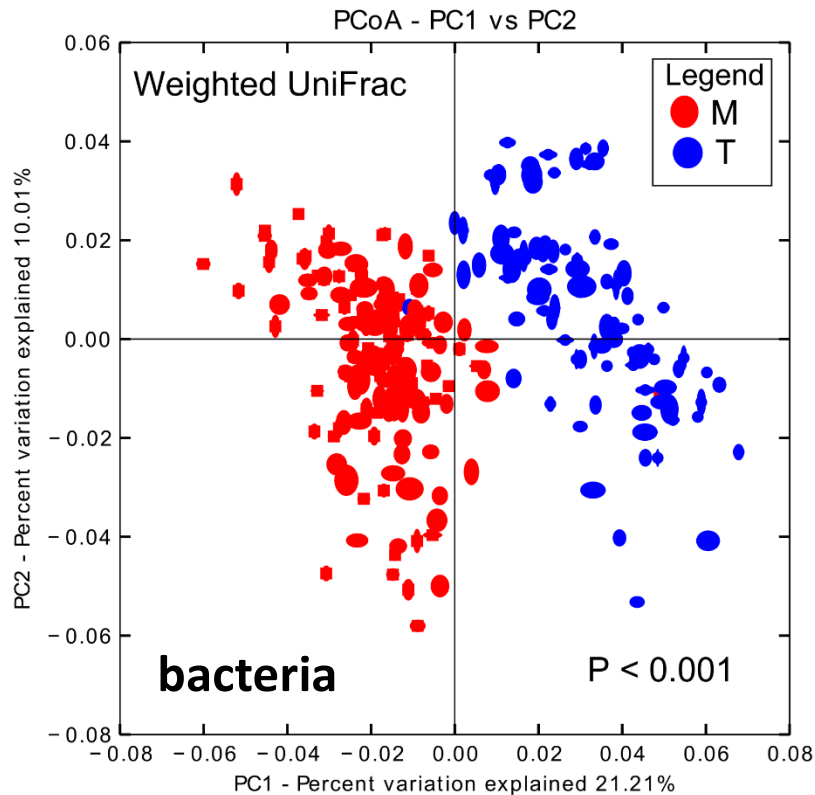


NT nontreated  
V Vapam  
Q Quadris  
R Ridomil Gold  
S Serenade Soil (*Bacillus*)  
T Tenet (*Trichoderma*)  
SG SoilGard (*Gliocadium*)  
CM composted chicken manure

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# IMPACT OF LOCATION

## SOIL MICROBIOTA OF PROCESSING TOMATOES, 2011



Meek (shop) Woodland: Yolo silt loam

Timothy-Viguie (shop) Dixon: Yolo silty clay loam

both sites had tomatoes the previous year

distance between sites = 10.2 miles

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# MOVEMENT OF *FUSARIUM OXYSPORUM* VIA EQUIPMENT

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# Fusarium wilt: 'Mechanical spread'

moving infested stem pieces...



...moving infested soil






1<sup>st</sup> Year 2011

Fusarium wilt: 'Mechanical spread'



A photograph of a tomato field showing the progression of Fusarium wilt. The plants are in various stages of decline, with some showing yellowing and wilting. A dirt path runs through the field. In the background, there are trees and a fence under a clear sky.

## From none to ~20% in 3 years

Fusarium wilt  
infected plants\*

year	(#)	(%)
2010	0	0
2011	12	1%
2012	34	2%
2013	287	19%

\* with lab confirmation





## Summary:

- ✓ Fusarium wilt, once **introduced**, can establish easily
- ✓ Fusarium wilt can spread quickly
- ✓ Fusarium is long-lived







# Three Common Fusarium Diseases in Calif.

**Fusarium wilt**  
*F. oxysporum*



**Fusarium crown & root rot**  
*F. oxysporum f. sp. radicis-lycopersici*



**Fusarium foot rot**  
*F. solani*



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**The End**