

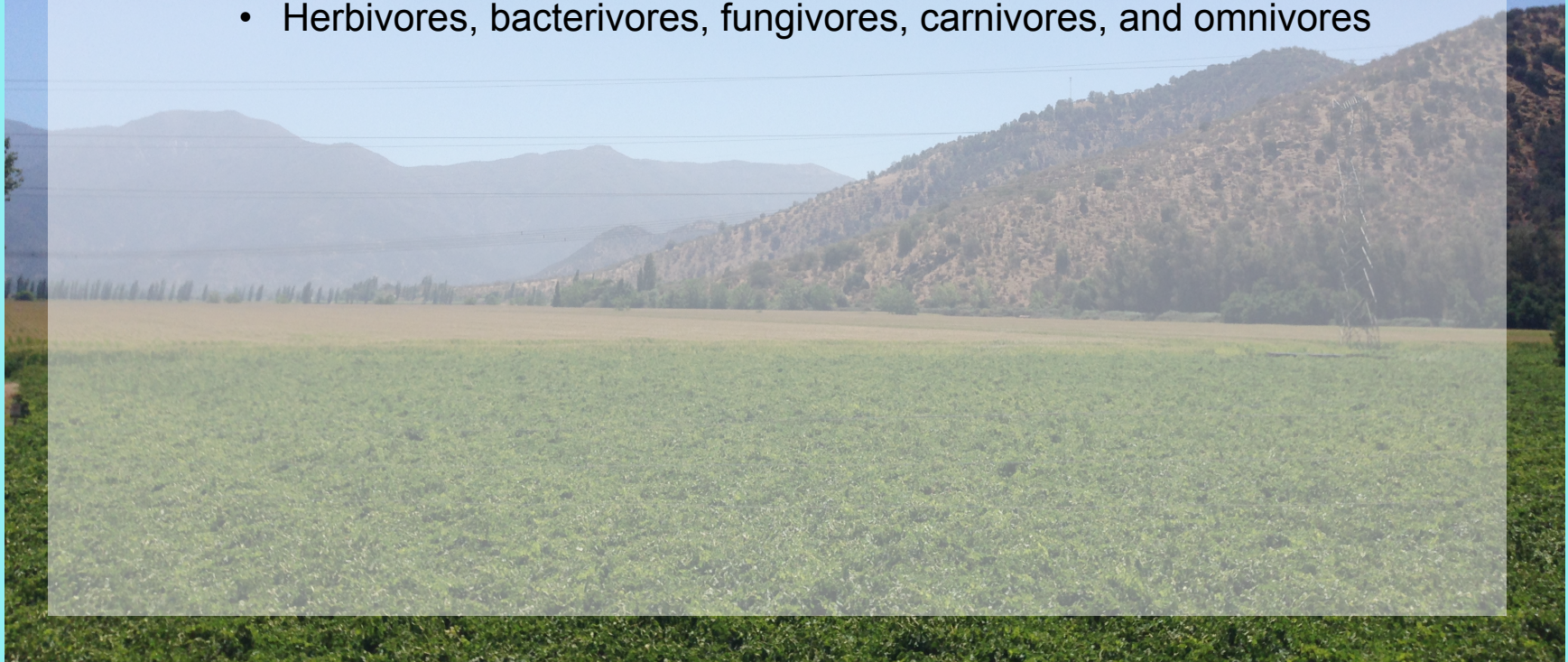


# **Orchard Nematodes and Soil Health**

**Marisol Quintanilla**  
**University of Hawaii**  
**July, 2016**

# Outline

- Introduction: Marisol Quintanilla, Ph.D., new applied nematologist at MSU
- What are nematodes?
  - The bad, the good...
    - Herbivores, bacterivores, fungivores, carnivores, and omnivores



# Outline

- What are nematodes?
  - The Bad
    - Herbivores – plant parasitic nematodes affecting orchard crops
    - Replant problem
    - Nematode management strategies
      - Exclusion
      - Soil Health
      - Chemical control
- Research suggestions and needs?
- Conclusion
- Questions?

# Introduction

## Marisol Quintanilla joins Department of Entomology as new applied nematologist

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The Department of Entomology welcomes Marisol Quintanilla as MSU's new applied nematologist. Quintanilla earned her master's and doctoral degrees at MSU with nematologist George Bird. After leaving MSU, she spent two years at Northern Marianas College and then moved to the University of Hawaii. While in that role, she has collaborated with the University of Maryland with nematode identification and analysis of trials with Koon-Hui Wang and gained extensive experience in working with specialty crop growers. Most recently, she has studied nematode community structure, soil health and pest management in edible crops as part of her research and extension work.

"It is exciting for me to come back to my beloved Michigan State University and what an honor it is for me to work with its excellent faculty," Quintanilla said. "I look forward to contributing to Michigan's agriculture."

Quintanilla begins her new position at MSU Jan. 15, 2017, and plans to collaborate with faculty in finding applied solutions to plant parasitic nematode problems in the state's key crops. Nematodes are microscopic



# The “Bad”

*Paratylenchus*

Head-esophagus, 100x

Kellogg Biological Station/LTER

Hickory Corners, MI

Treatment: Zero input corn/soybean/wheat

legume cover - tilled (T4-5)

Soil sampling date: 12-12-07

Marisol Quintanilla Tornel &

Lesley Schumacher, 2008

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# *Herbivore*

25  $\mu$ m





The image shows a long, slender, tapered nematode tail, likely of the genus *Aphelenchoides*. The tail is filled with numerous small, developing larvae, which are visible as small, rounded structures within the body cavity. The tail tapers to a point on the right side. The background is a uniform light brown color.

***The “Good”***

***Fungivores***

*Aphelenchoides*

Female tail, larvae inside body , 60x

Kellogg Biological Station/LTER

Hickory Corners, MI

Treatment: High input corn/soybean/wheat  
conventional till (T1-4)

Soil sampling date: 12-12-07

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50  $\mu$ m



Rhabditidae

Female head, esophagus; 60x

Kellogg Biological Station/LTER

Hickory Corners, MI

Treatment: Successional grasses and for

historically tilled (T7-4)

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***Bacterivore***

# Omnivore

*Discolaimus*

Female stylet, 40x

Inverted microscope, Nikon TS100

Kellogg Biological Station/LTER,

Hickory Corners, MI

Treatment: Deciduous Forest (DF3-1)

Sampling date: 12-12-07

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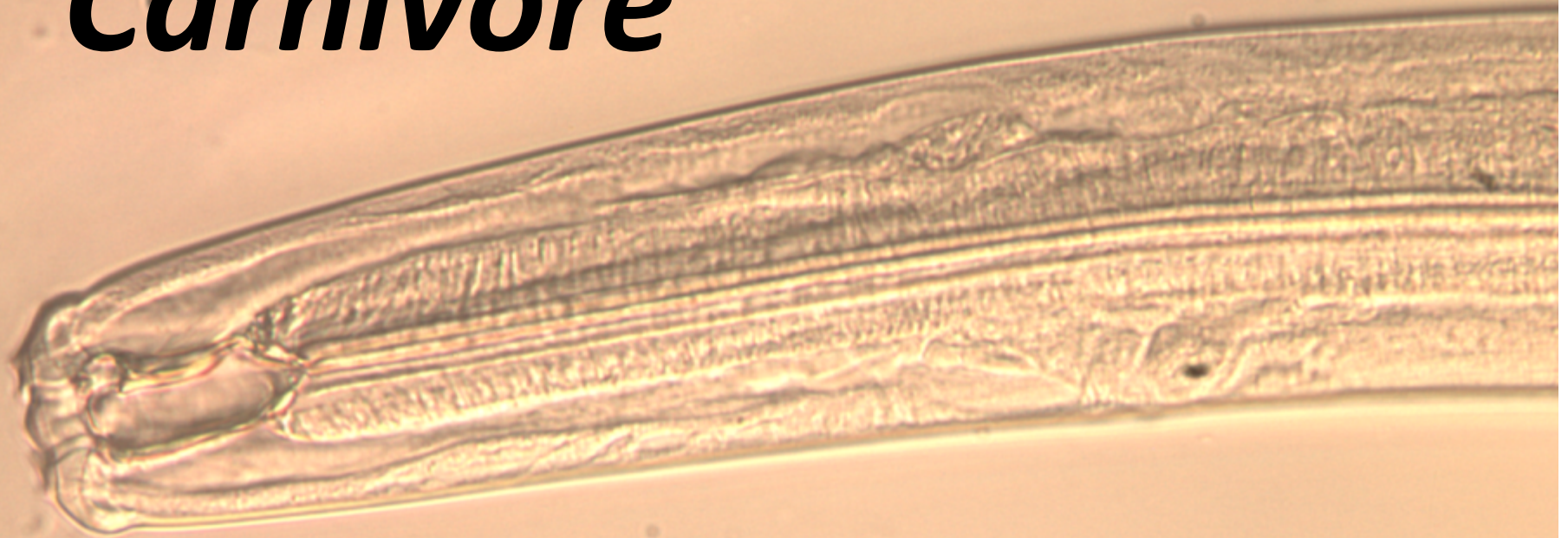
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# *Carnivore*



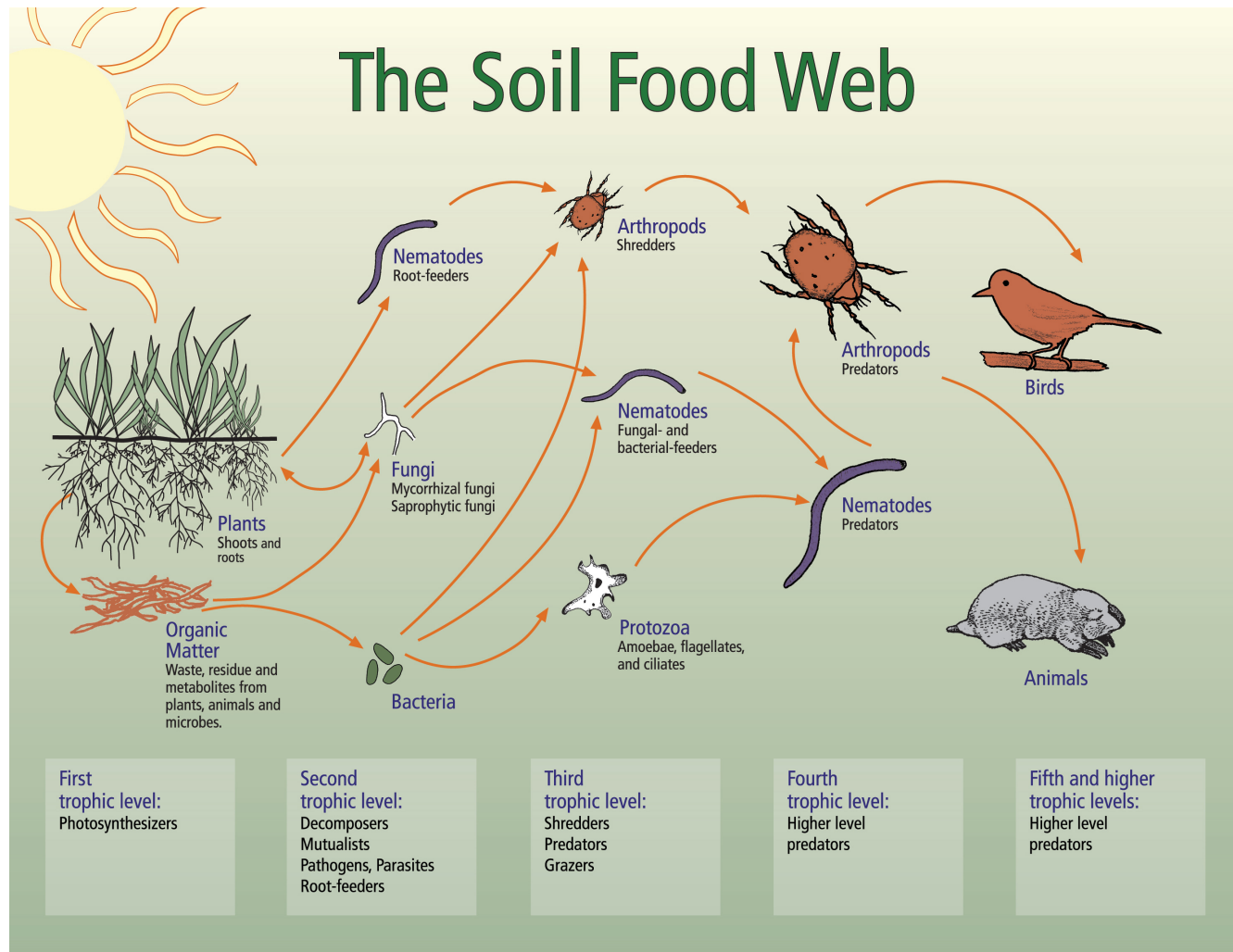
100  $\mu\text{m}$

*Mononchus*  
head 400x  
Kellogg Biological Station  
Hickory Corners, MI  
T2 (no till)

Quintanilla, M., Schumacher, L. 2007

- Why are Nematodes excellent organisms to:
- determine soil health
- study ecosystem disturbance, diversity, structure, and function?

# What is Soil Health?



[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_MEDIA/nrcs142p2\\_049822.jpg](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_MEDIA/nrcs142p2_049822.jpg)

# Plant Parasitic Pest of Orchard Crops

- Root lesion (*Pratylenchus penetrans*)
- Dagger (*Xiphinema americanum*) – vector viruses such as tomato ring spot virus (stem pitting in peach and cherries, and brown ring union necrosis in apples)
- Ring (*Criconemella xenoplax*) – damage predisposes to disease – canker, winter injury in stone fruit
- Root-knot (*Meloidogyne hapla*)
- Stubby-root (*Paratrichodurus minor*)
- Lance (*Hoplolaimus galeatus*)
- Needle (*Londidorus elongatus*)

# Northern Root Knot Nematode in Michigan

*Meloidogyne*

Head-esophagus, 40x

Inverted microscope (IM), Nikon TS100

Kellogg Biological Station/ LTER,  
Hickory Corners, MI

Treatment: Deciduous Forest (DF2-5)

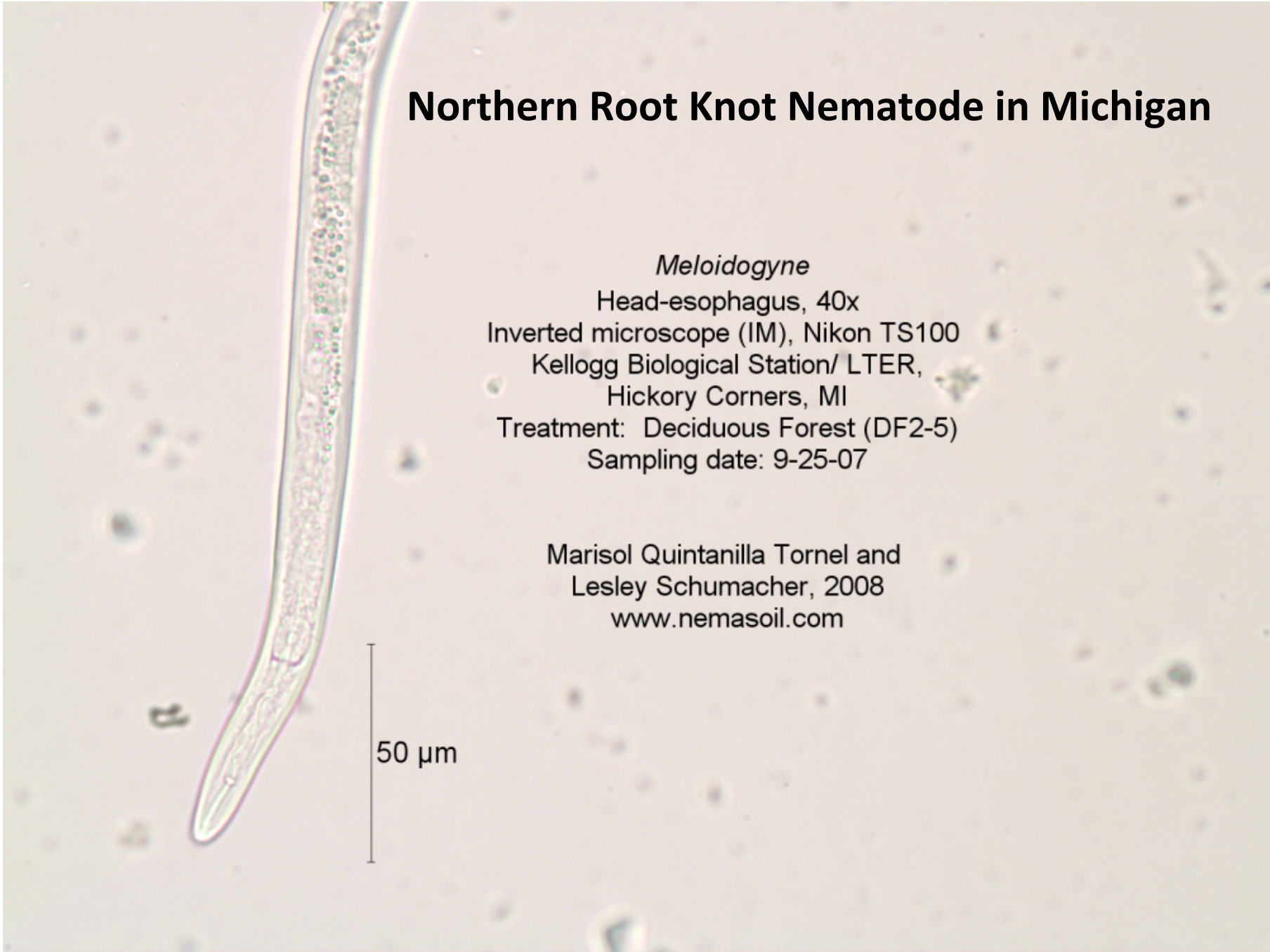
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# American Dagger Nematode

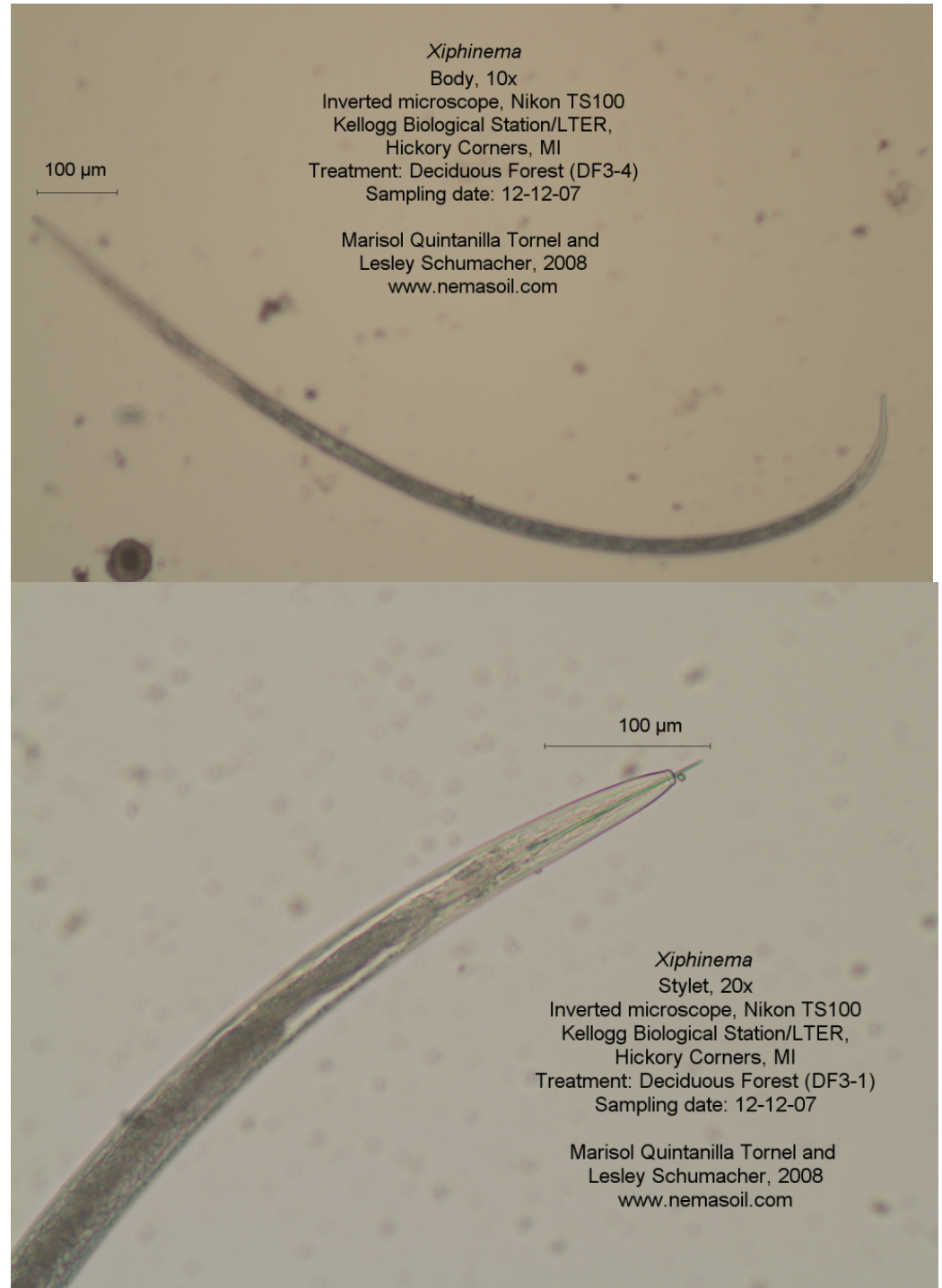
In tart cherries, the American dagger nematode (*Xiphinema americanum*) vectors tomato ring-spot virus that causes pitting (Bird and Warner, 2014)

Increasing soil health, using cover crops can reduce nematode populations and increase plant resiliency ([https://www.glexpo.com/summaries/2014summaries/Tart\\_Cherry.pdf](https://www.glexpo.com/summaries/2014summaries/Tart_Cherry.pdf))

Several plant extracts reduce populations (Insunza et al., 2001)

Resistant rootstock

Nematicides



# Replant problem

# Management Strategies


- Exclusion
- Soil health
- Fumigation
- Pasteurized covered seed – some positive results in the literature, but also mixed results (Kokalis-Burelle, 2015)
- Manures
- Increasing soil health and biocontrol organisms
- Solarization
- Cover crops and/or trap crops
- New nematicides and biorational products



# Past Research - Mulch, insectary plants, and soil improvement

# Hawaii

## Mulch-based Sustainable Pest Management

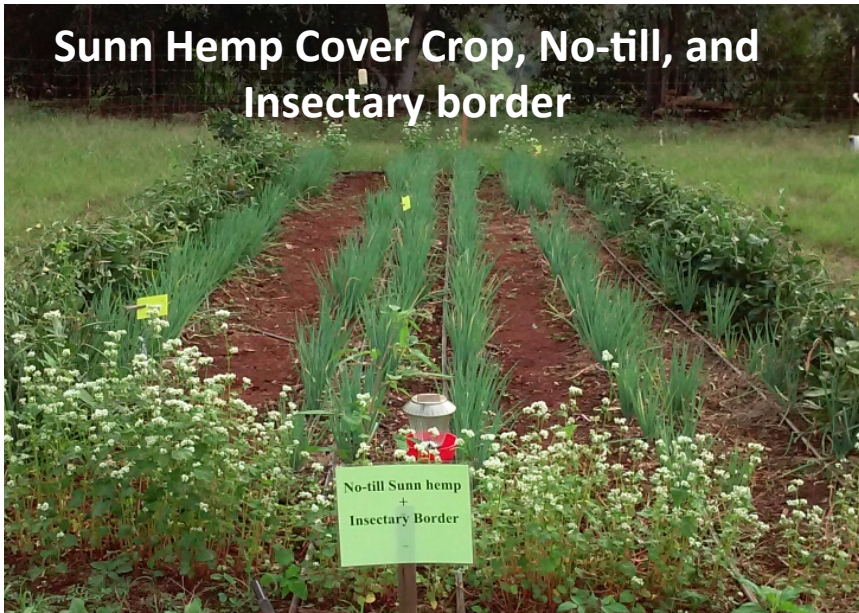


No-till Sunn hemp  
+  
Insectary Border

Marisol Quintanilla and Koon-Hui Wang  
University of Hawaii

# Methods: Four Green Onion Systems in Hawaii Trials on 2013 and 2014

Sunn Hemp Cover Crop, No-till, and  
Insectary border



Sunn Hemp Cover Crop, Till,  
Solarization, and Insectary border

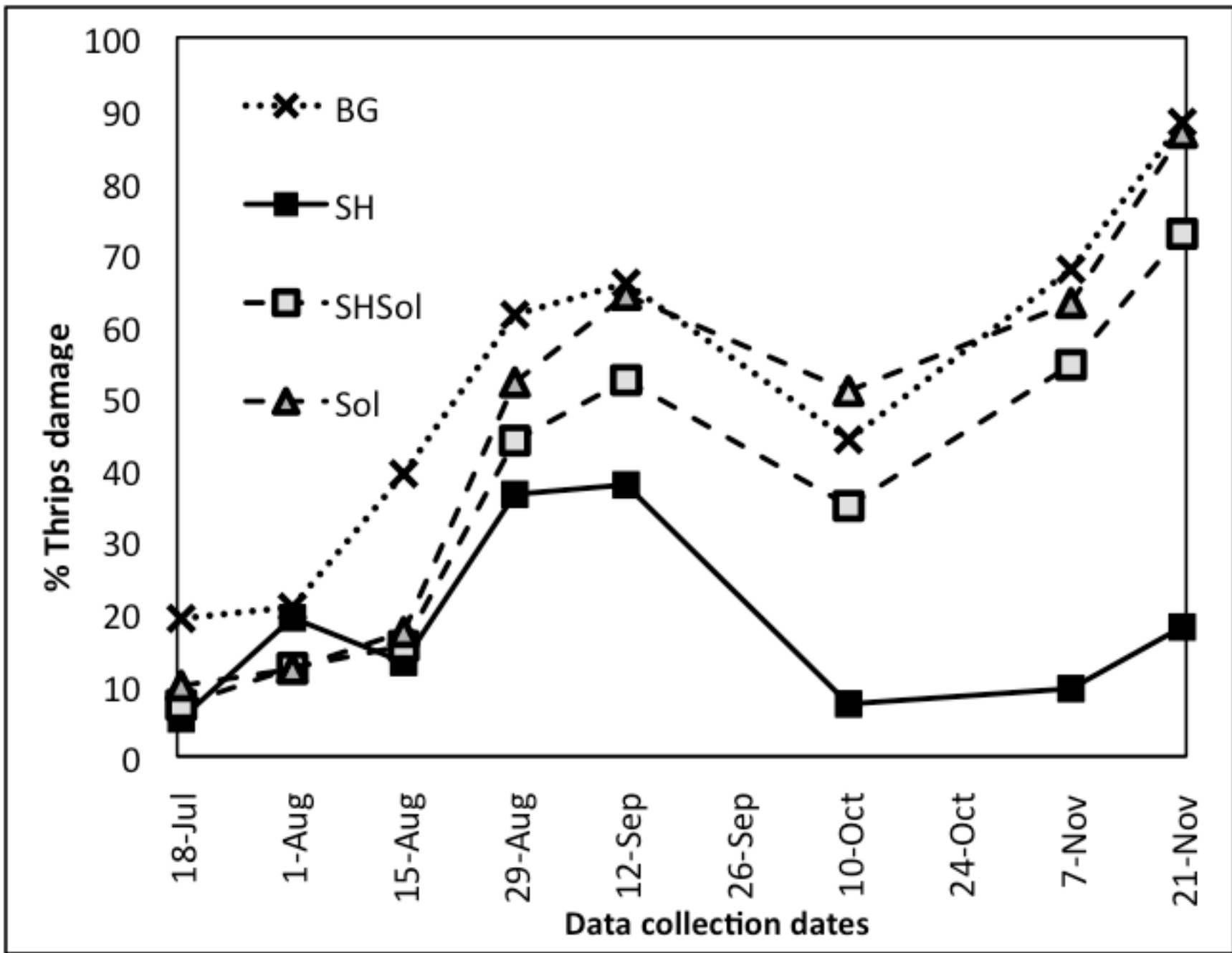


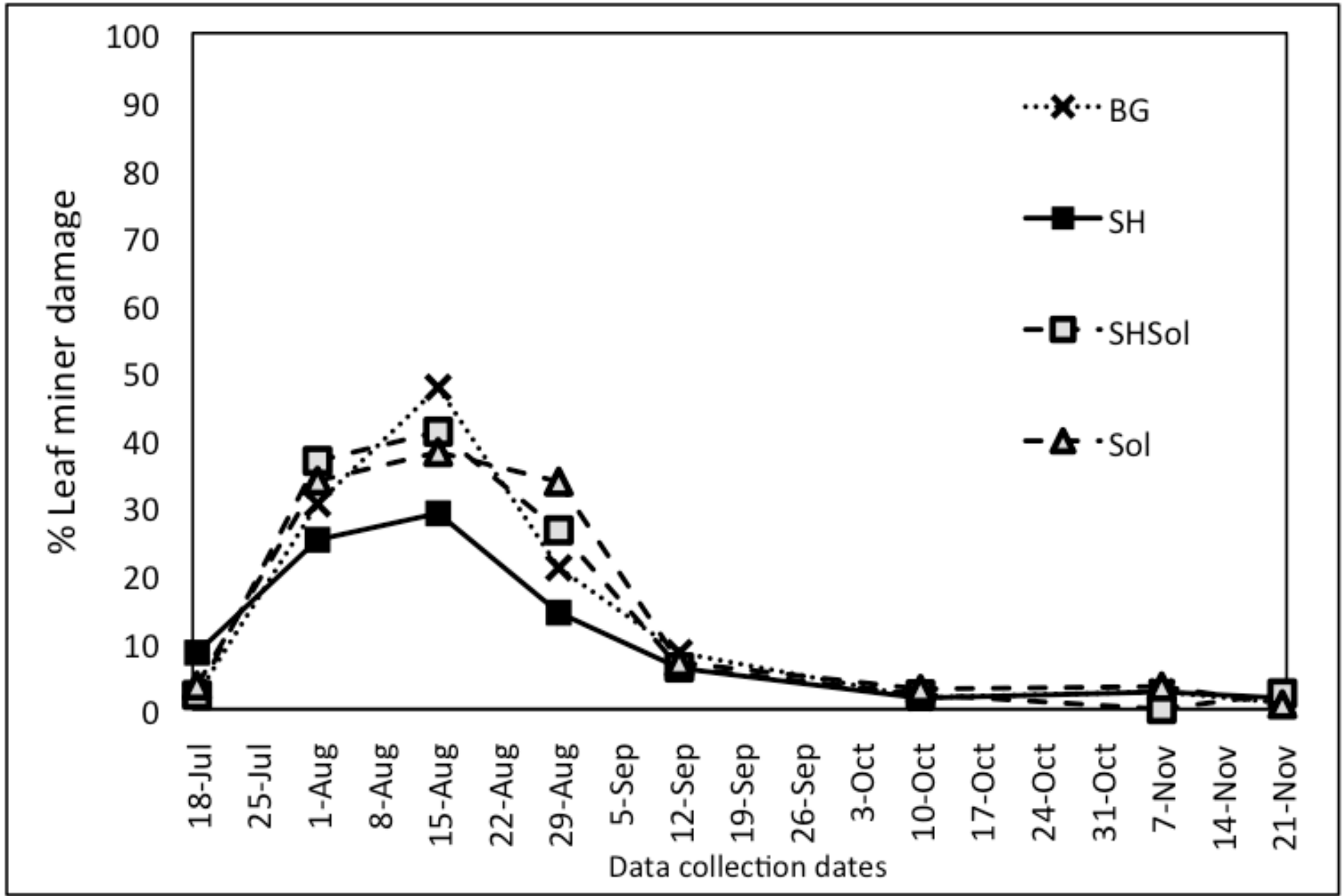
Bare Ground, Till, Insecticides  
(Conventional)



Bare Ground, Till, and  
Solarization







% damage	Treatments				Contrast analysis		
	BG <sup>z</sup>	SH	SHSol	Sol	SH vs no SH	Sol vs no Sol	Till vs no Till
2013							
Thrips	45.47 <sup>y</sup>	41.76	48.38	54.31	NS <sup>x</sup>	@	@
Leaf miner	7.13	5.38	10.52	9.27	NS	*	*
2014							
Thrips	50.80	18.29	36.62	44.50	**	NS	**
Leaf miner	14.31	11.05	14.62	15.35	NS <sup>y</sup>	@	*
Purple blotch	39.56	20.69	33.54	38.27	*	NS	*



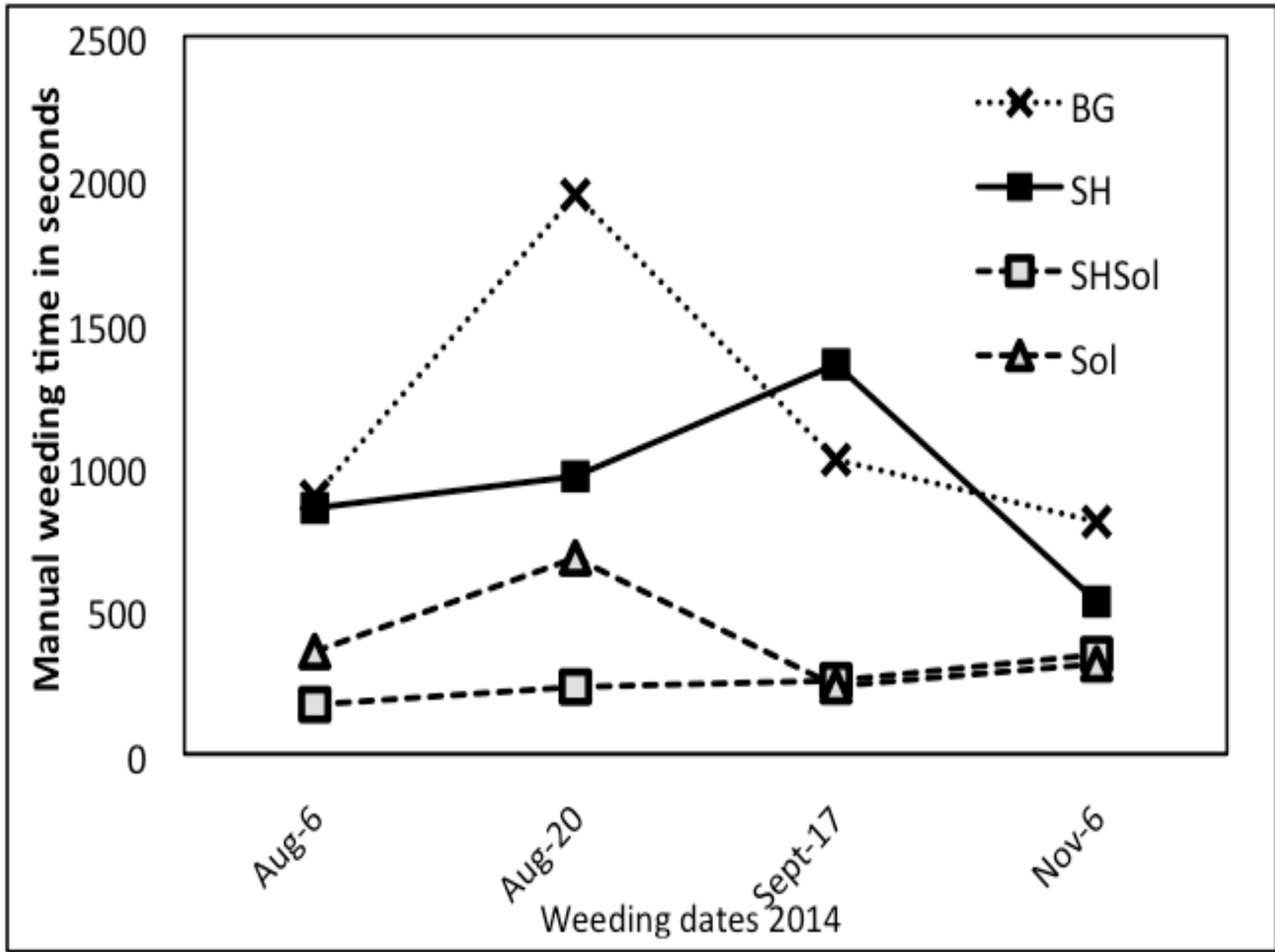
# Weed Control - Solarization







**Bare ground,  
Tilled +  
Insecticides**



## Insect Diversity in Yellow Sticky Traps

	Treatments				Contrast analysis <sup>y</sup>		
	BG <sup>z</sup>	SH	SHSol	Sol	SH vs no SH	Sol vs no Sol	Till vs no Till
Arthropods <sup>z</sup>							
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	2013						
Herbivores	28.22 <sup>y</sup>	29.13	20.57	24.33	NS <sup>x</sup>	*	@
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	2014						
Herbivores	17.37	28.35	24.16	20.72	**	NS	**
Predators	0.47	0.95	0.99	0.52	**	NS	NS
Parasitoids	8.46	11.33	11.99	9.03	**	NS	@
Detritivores	0.98	2.37	2.62	1.28	**	NS	*
Richness	11.02 <sup>w</sup>	12.62	12.38	10.58	**	NS	**
Diversity	5.88	5.93	6.35	5.14	@	NS	NS

# Nematode diversity

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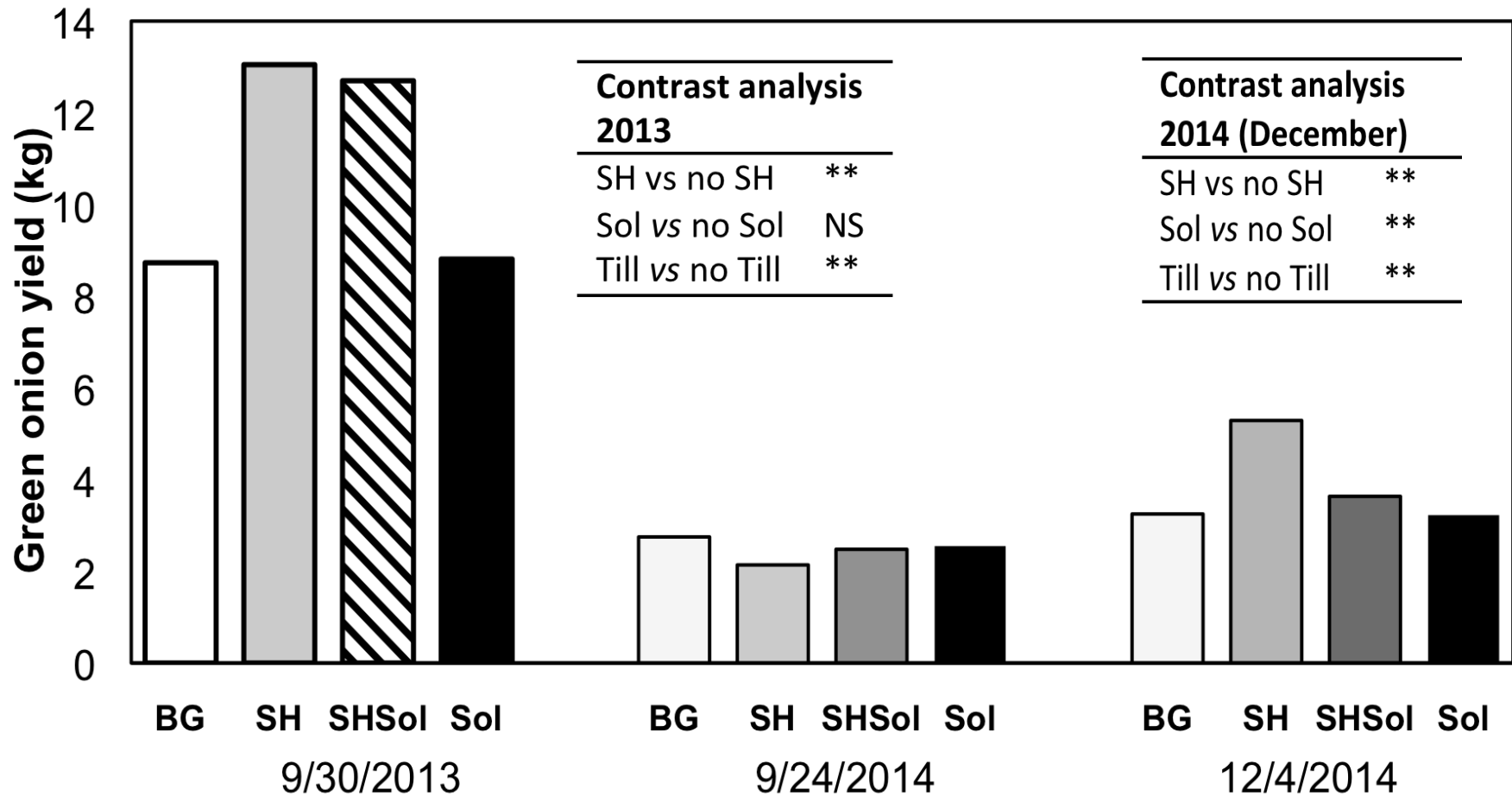
*Mononchus*  
head 400x

Carnivore

Effects of mulching on nematode communities on green onion in the 2014 trial.

Nematodes <sup>z</sup>	Treatments				Contrast analysis F values <sup>x</sup>		
	BG <sup>y</sup>	SH	SHSol	Sol	SH vs no SH	Sol vs no Sol	Till vs no Till
Herbivores <sup>z</sup> (5/27)	292.50	1060.00	80.00	217.50	0.06 <sup>w</sup>	7.22*	6.02*
Herbivores (10/8)	1085.00	1975.00	640.00	855.00	0.27 <sup>w</sup>	2.68	4.09 <sup>@</sup>
Herbivores (12/4)	950.00	1030.00	1410.00	2550.00	0.31 <sup>w</sup>	3.72 <sup>@</sup>	0.48
<i>Repeated measure of 5/27, 10/8, and 12/4</i>							
Bacterivores	358	558	438	358	0.57 <sup>w</sup>	2.52	3.42 <sup>@</sup>
Fungivores	79	167	68	52	3.68 <sup>@w</sup>	9.96**	7.04*
Omnivores	41	58	34	38	0.78 <sup>w</sup>	2.06	2.05
Predators	0	0	1	1	0.00 <sup>w</sup>	1.95	0.65
Richness	12	13	10	9	0.67	11.29**	6.87*
Diversity	4.43	3.26	3.52	3.24	0.91	1.03	0.76
Maturity Index	2.08	1.93	2.20	2.07	0.01	1.28	2.01
Enrichment Index	46.8	56.14	35.55	37.17	0.29	4.52*	3.91 <sup>@</sup>
Structure Index	30.19	30.39	38.28	24.16	1.25	0.01	0.08
Channel Index	39.18	28.51	58.80	46.00	0.01	3.22 <sup>@</sup>	2.67

# Water Management, Yield, and Marketability



# Conclusions

- **No-till mulch systems had the highest yield and marketable yield**
- **No-till mulch systems had lower pest and disease damage**
- **Insectary plants and mulch systems increased diversity of above and below ground beneficial organisms**
- **Soil solarization decreased weed pressure**

No-till Sunn hemp  
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# Research Suggestions and Needs?





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- Thank you for attending.
- I look forward to answering your questions