



# Agri-Tech Week : Use of crop sensing in field vegetable and potato crops

Monday 9th November 2020



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# Agri-Tech Week 2020



**“Soil health and the circular economy;  
A sustainable future for agriculture”**  
13<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am – 12.30pm



**“Back to reality?  
Pushing the  
boundaries in agri-  
tech and innovation”**  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 16.30pm



**“Use of crop sensing in field vegetable  
and potato crops”**  
9<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30-11am



**Agri-TechE**  
**REAP conference**  
**“From micro-scape to landscape:  
Innovating at the Frontiers”**  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov all day



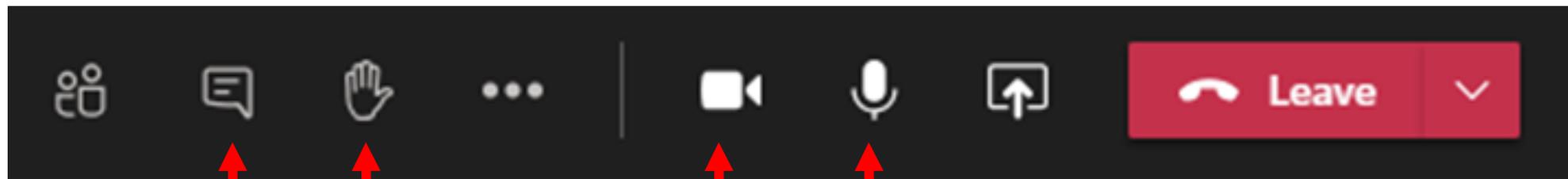
**Crops and non-chemical pest control  
– genetics, environment and  
biodiversity**  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am - 2pm



**“Technologies to enhance soil monitoring  
and crop management”**  
11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 14.30pm – 17.30pm

## Some 'housekeeping' rules

- Please turn your audio and video off unless you are speaking
- Raise your hand to ask a question
- Use the meeting chat to ask questions and for discussion during the meeting
- The meeting will be recorded
- 2 BASIS points are available – put your name in the chat & visit <https://www.agri-tech-e.co.uk/agri-tech-week-basis-points/>



Chat

Raise  
hand

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# Forum for the meeting on the INNO-VEG website

The screenshot shows the INNO-VEG website interface. At the top left is the logo for Interreg 2 Seas Mers Zeeën INNO-VEG. To the right are navigation links: Home, About, and Innovation network. The main content area is titled "Agri-Tech Week 2020" and features a post by "Admin" dated 03 November 2020. The post text reads: "As part of Agri-Tech Week with AgriTechE, ADAS are hosting an online meeting on the use of crop sensing in field vegetable and potato crops. The meeting includes speakers from the UK, Belgium and the Netherlands as well as presentations from precision farming & data companies Hummingbird, Solvi and Uvue. In this forum the different topics that will be covered during these presentations are introduced with space for comments, questions and interaction. To register for the event click [here](#)". Below the post are two buttons: "← Back to forums" and "+ Add topic". At the bottom, there is a table with two columns: "Topic" and "Post". The table contains one entry with the topic "Remote sensing as a driver for innovation and profitability gains in agriculture? What do you think?" and a post snippet: "Remote sensing technologies offers exciting opportunities to help us better understand and manage our crops. Is it all it's cracked up to be? Are we making the most of the technology? What are the opportunities? What is holding us back?". A comment icon with the number 3 is visible next to the post snippet.

- Links to information presented
- Links to slides next week
- Register to add comments/ask questions
- <https://www.inno-veg.org/en/Forum>

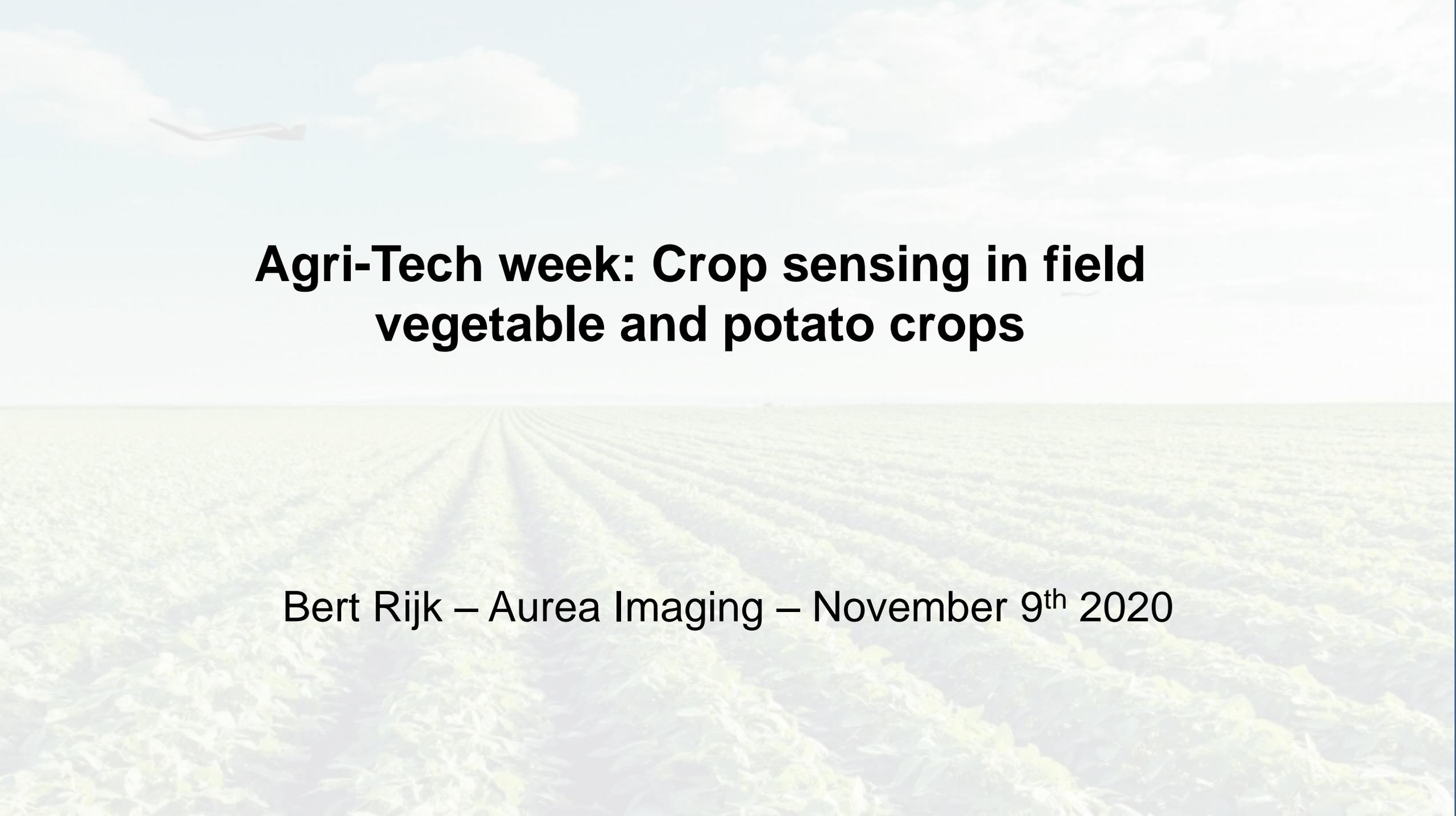
# Agenda



- Theory and practice: How to use Ag-tech in the real world? (Bert Rijk, Aurea Imaging, The Netherlands)
- Analysis of field scale crop reflectance data using ADAS Agronomics data analysis methods (Susie Roques, ADAS, UK)
- Crop sensing making sense? (Jacob van den Borne, Van den Borne Farm, The Netherlands)
- Validating precision ag tech for vegetables (Julie O'Halloran, Queensland University, Australia)
- Industry view – short presentations from commercial companies working in this area (Hummingbird, Solvi, Uvue)
- Questions and discussion

## Discussion: Remote sensing as a driver for innovation and profitability gains in agriculture?

1. What are the biggest opportunities for remote sensing in agriculture in the next 5-10 years?
2. What are the main trends driving progress in the remote sensing sector?
3. What are the biggest challenges yet to be overcome?



# **Agri-Tech week: Crop sensing in field vegetable and potato crops**

Bert Rijk – Aurea Imaging – November 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

# Aurea

Drones, sensors & Crop Intelligence



# Team



93% MSc or PhD degrees



14 employees



Self-funded



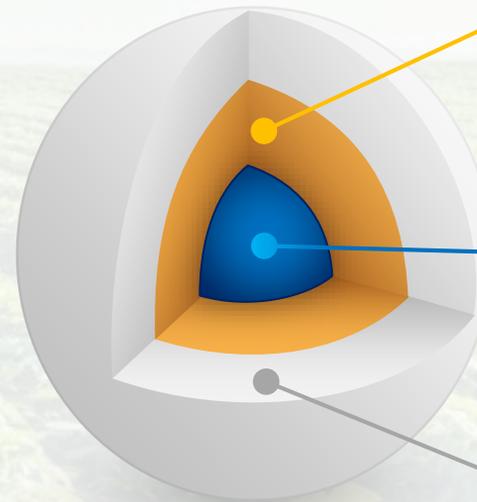
In-house AI development

# What we do

Scalable data acquisition with unique analytics



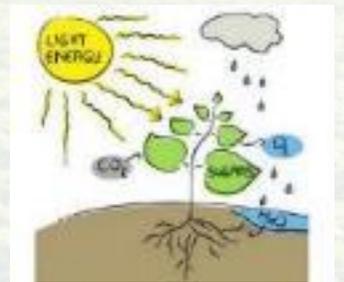
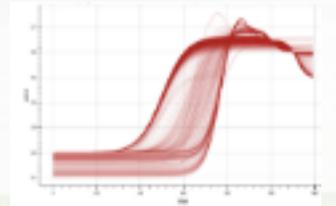
'Uber' for drone pilots



Agronomy

Physics

Big data



Crop Intelligence

# Drones



Fixed wing & copter drones

Different sensors

- Visual
- Multispectral
- Thermal

Start simple!



# RTK Precision

Perfect georeferencing

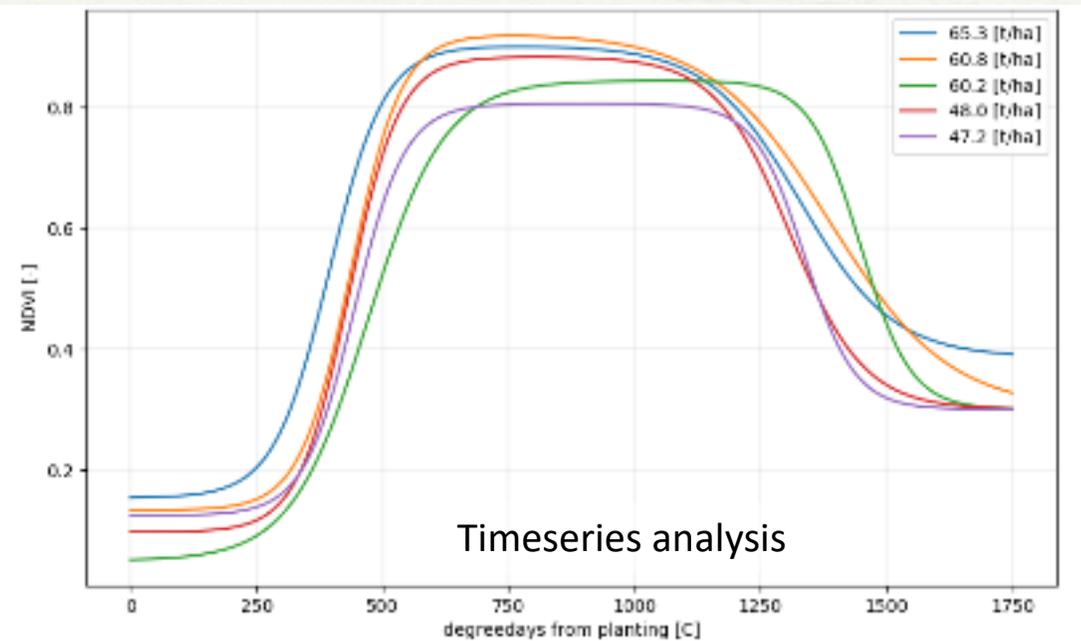


# Data & tools

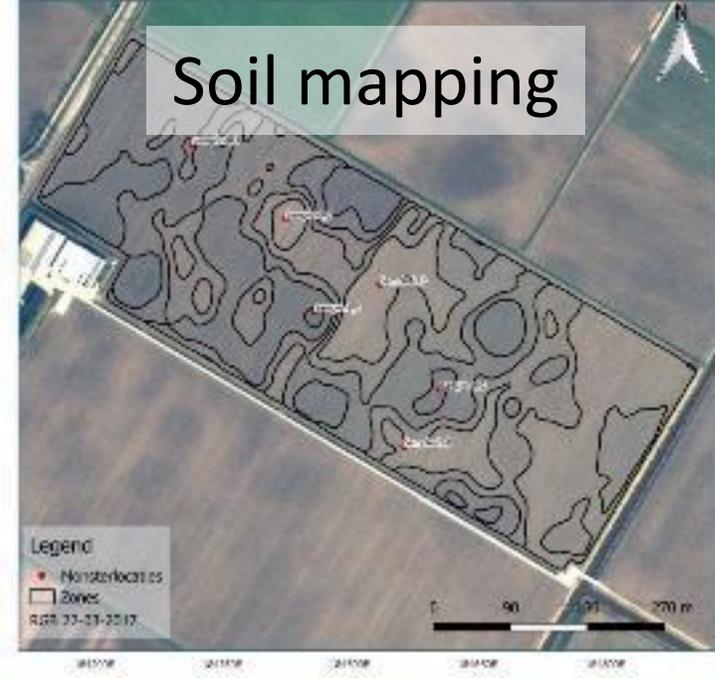
Deep learning tools



Point clouds

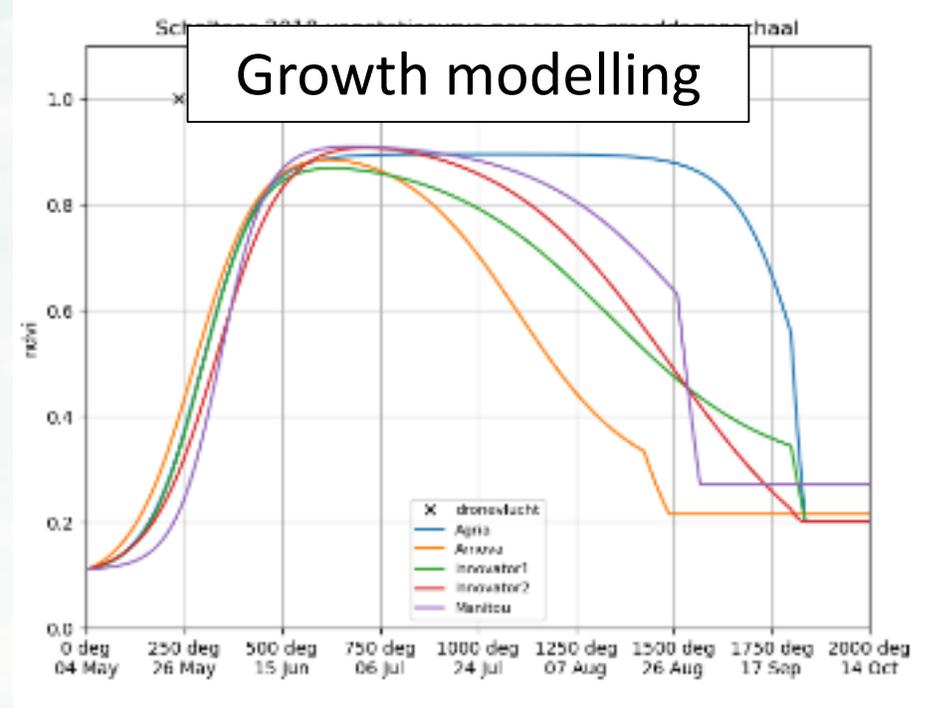


## Soil mapping

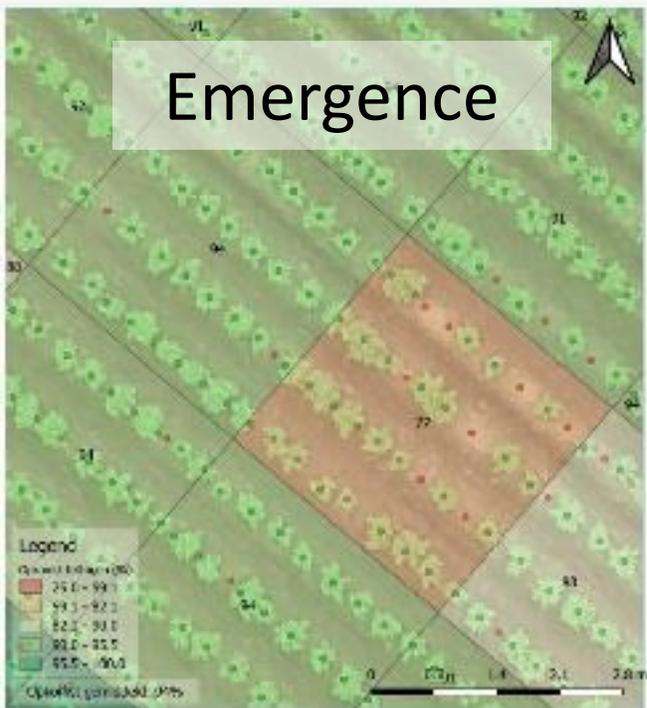


# Potato

## Growth modelling

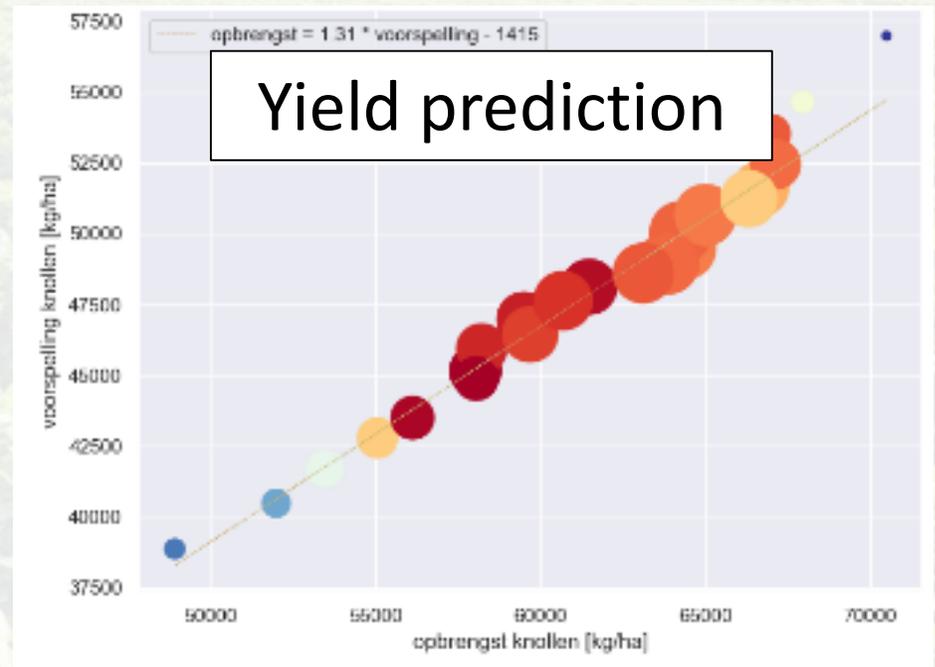


## Emergence



What can farmers manage?

## Yield prediction



# Precision orchard management

Management on tree level



Compost spreading

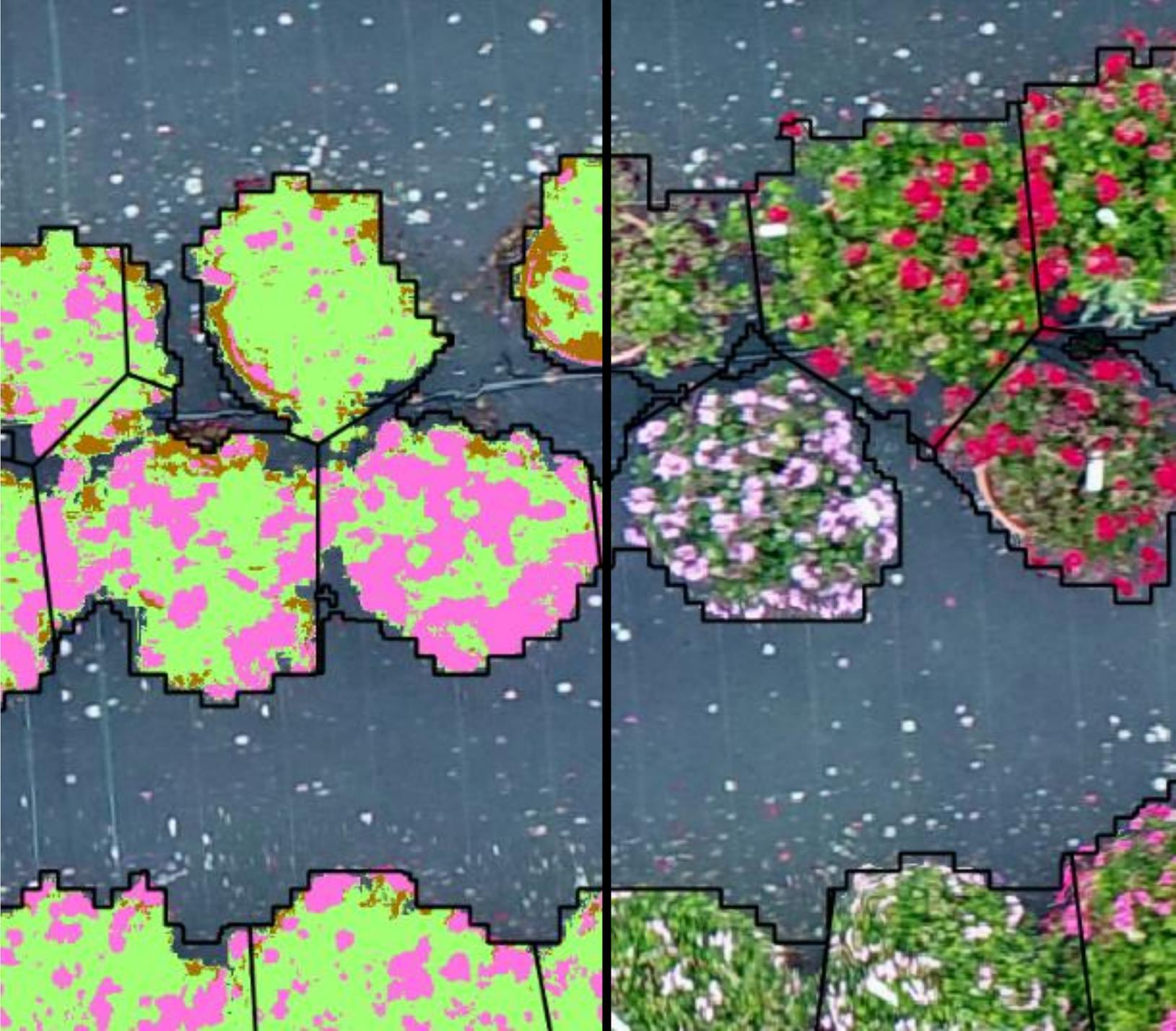


Blossom thinning



Growth regulation

# Flower breeding



# Lessons learned

- Business first
- Don't overpromise
- Focus
- Measure what you can manage



# Precision horticulture 'ecosystem'

**BORECO**

**ABEMEC**  
Continu in beweging



**AUREA IMAGING**  
the crop intelligence company



**GPX**  
Solutions BV

**RAVEN**

**WAGENINGEN**  
UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH

**Delphy**

# Future: Digital Twins

- Towards a 'Digital Twin' of the field: IoT + AI
- Further understanding of field characteristics & plant physiology variation
- Agronomic advice on fertilizer & irrigation
- Automated Decision Support





Framework  
conditions  
for innovation

## Analysis of field scale crop reflectance data

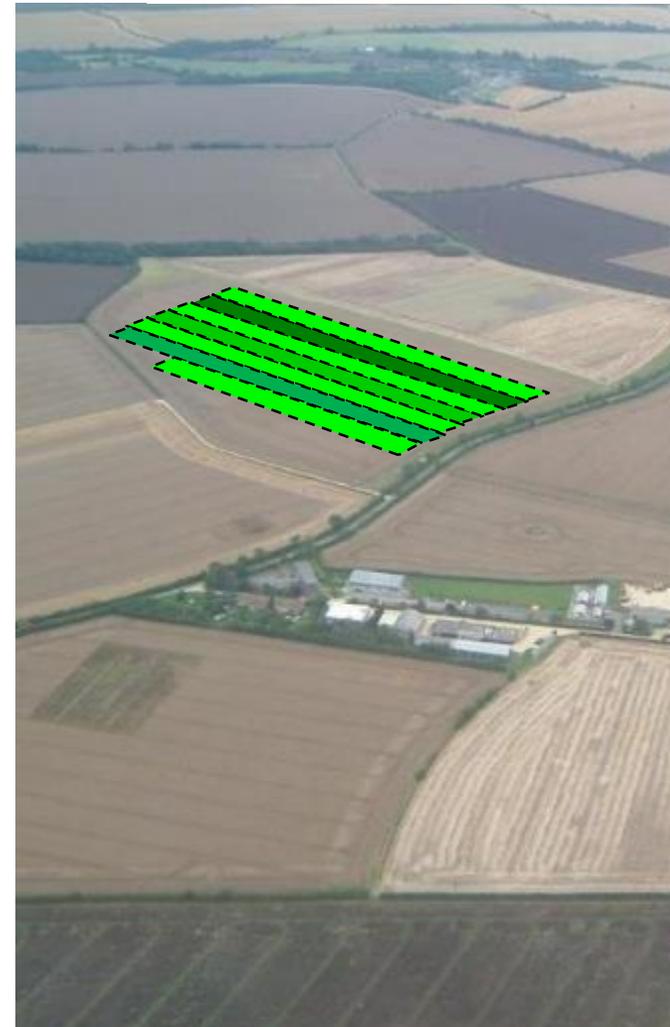
Susie Roques, ADAS



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## Agronomics field scale experimentation

- Agronomics approach developed 2013-2017 for cereal yield maps
- New statistics to model treatment effects, after accounting for underlying spatial variation
- New software to clean, process and analyse yield map data
- Statistics and software also work for other spatial data, e.g. drone/satellite crop reflectance

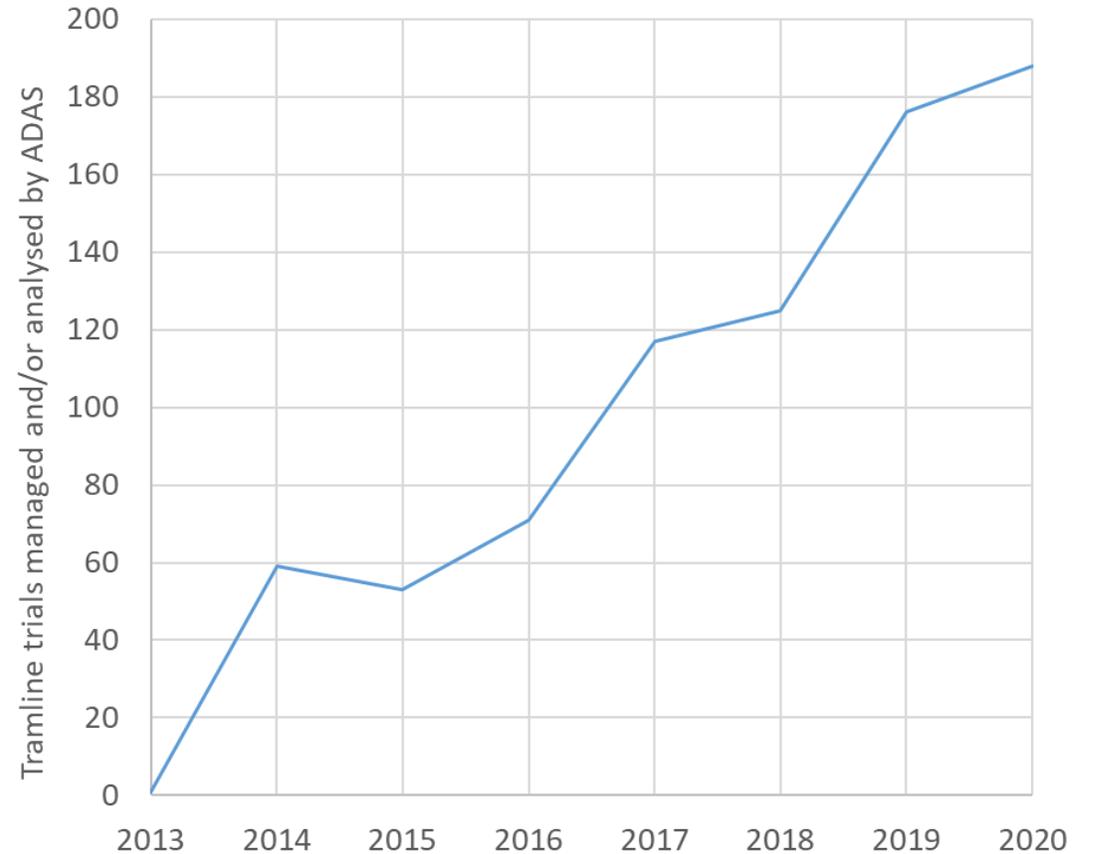


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Technology Strategy Board



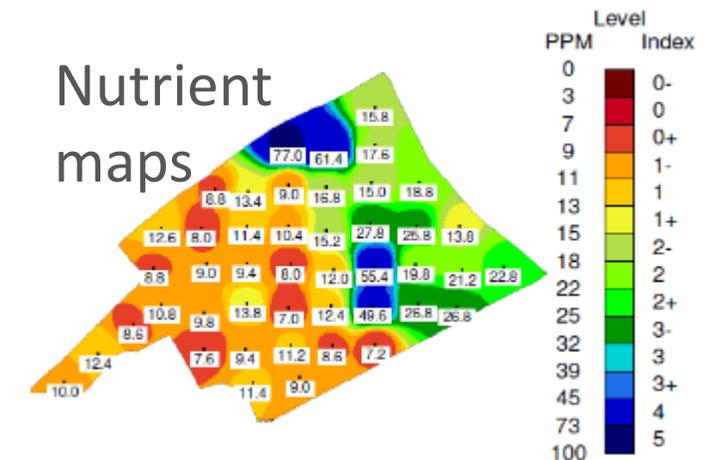
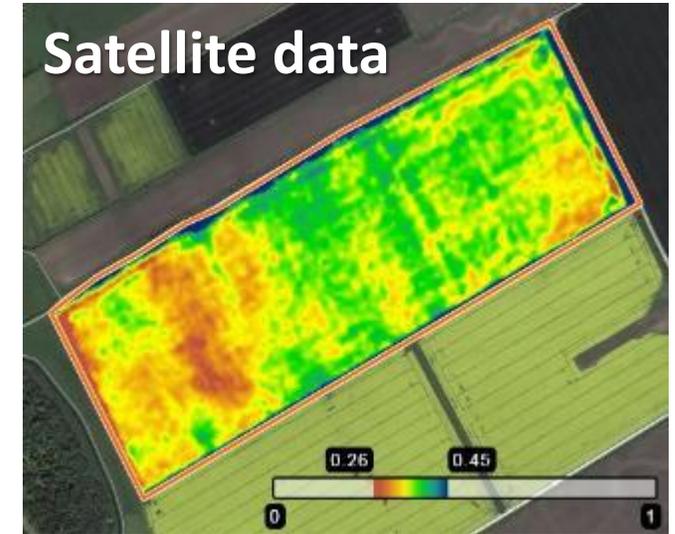
# Growth of Agronomics

- Crops include WW, WB, SB, triticale, OSR, forage maize, grass silage, grass seed, vining peas, onions
- Topics include fungicides, herbicides, fertilisers, VR N, VR PGR, VR drilling, biostimulants, cover crops, cultivations
- Data types include yield maps, quality maps, satellite NDVI, drone NDVI



# Field choice

- Even fields give more precise results
- Variation across the tramlines is acceptable
- Variation in line with the tramlines is a problem



# Trial design

- Avoid confounding treatments with underlying variation
- Best to test fewer treatments
- Replication improves precision / confidence

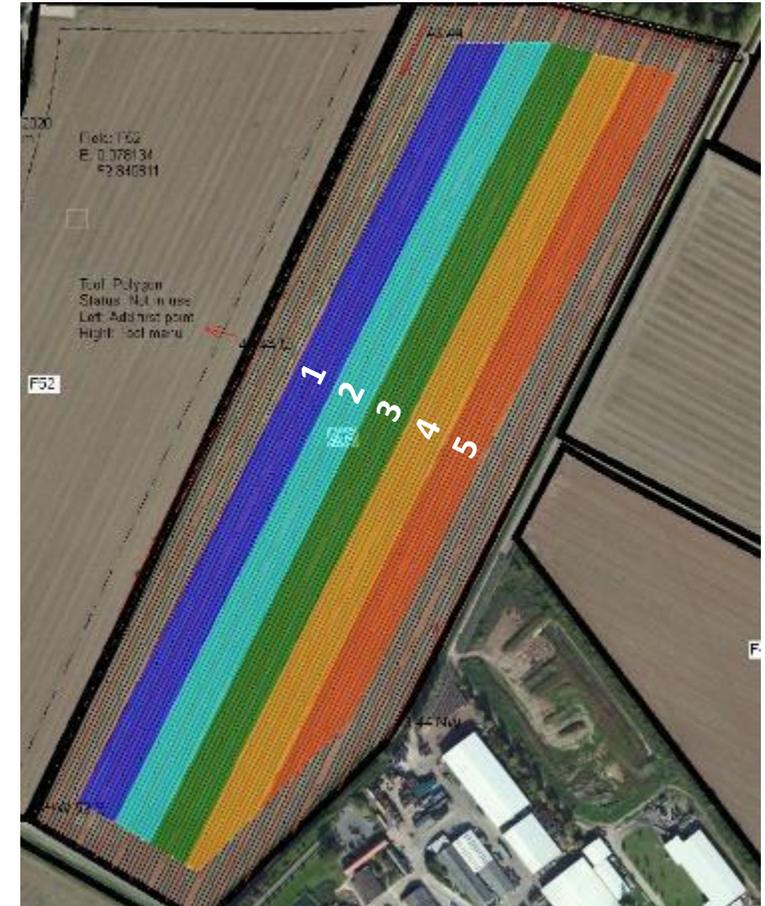
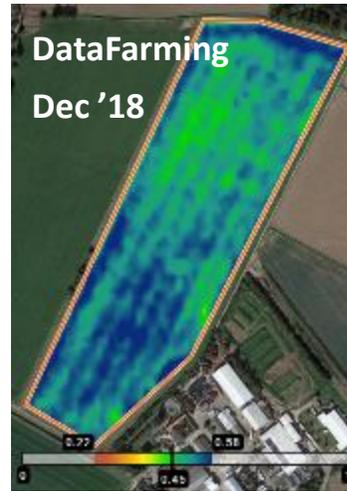
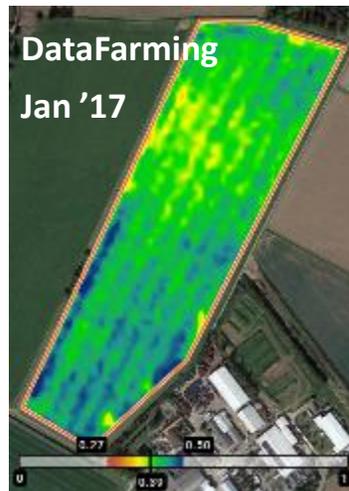


Two test treatments interspersed with farm standard

# Case study 1: vining peas – trial design

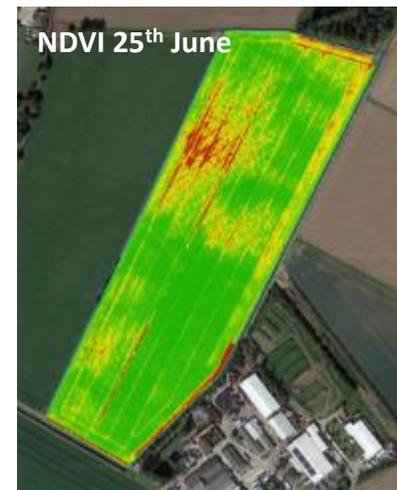
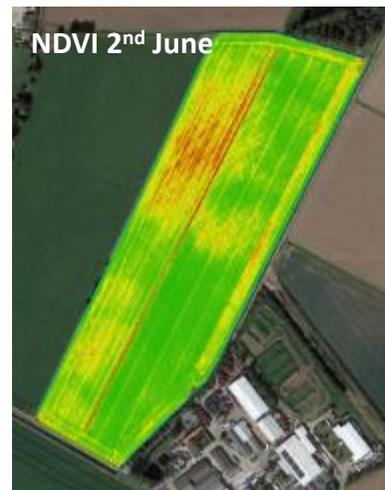


- Five unreplicated fertiliser treatments
- Plots one tramline (36m) wide
- RGB and NDVI images of previous crops show persistently poor area in NW corner



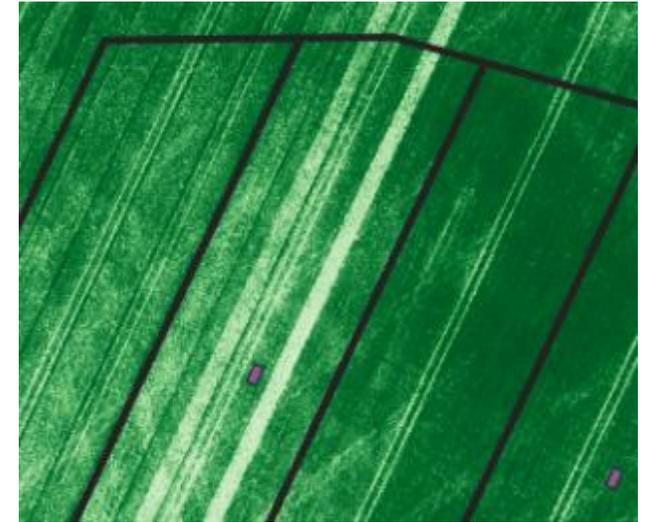
## Vining peas – new drone imagery

- Poor patch in northwest corner persisted in 2020
- Additional variation not noted in previous crops: low NDVI coinciding with treatments 1 & 2
- Multispectral images 9<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> June included reflectance at five wavelengths (MicaSense Red Edge drone mounted sensor)

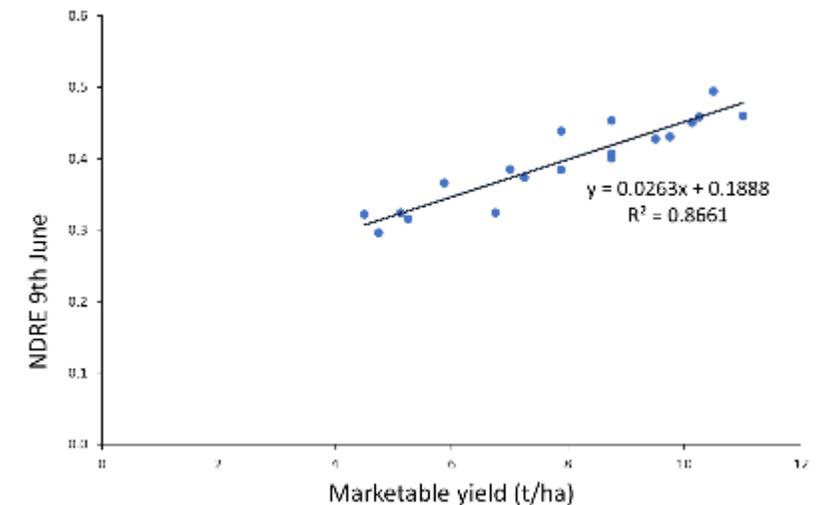


## Vining peas – ground truthing

- 20 yield validation plots (4 per treatment); 2m x 4m
- Sampled mean MS bands for each sample plot
- Calculated VIs from averaged MS bands
- Correlated VIs with sample plot marketable yields



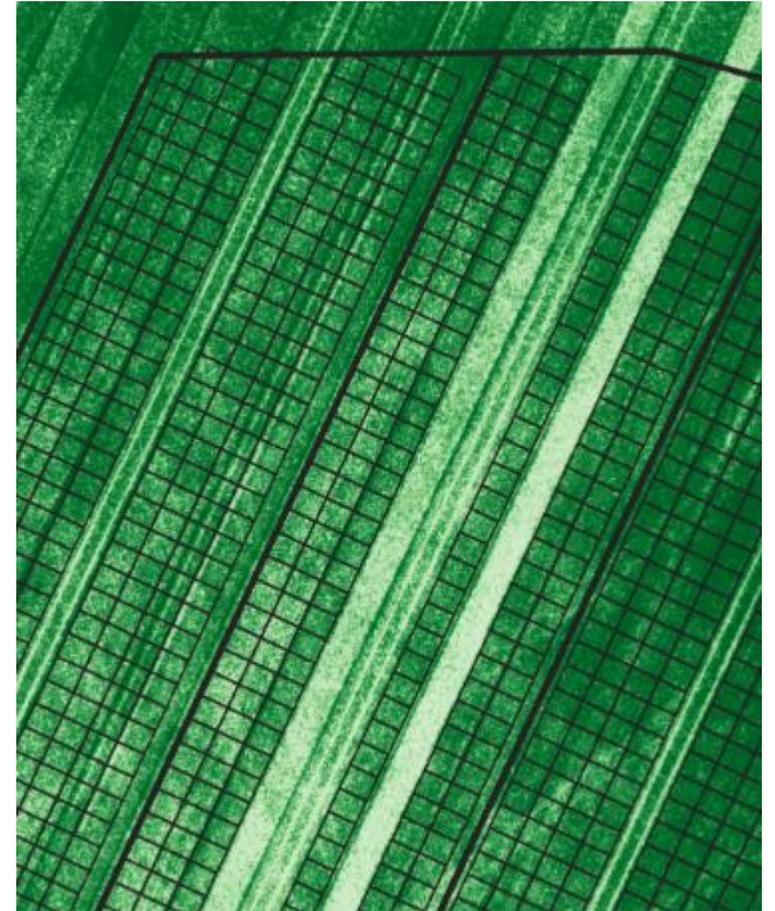
	1 <sup>st</sup> flight (9 June)	2 <sup>nd</sup> flight (25 June)
NDVI	0.86	0.70
MCARI2	0.83	0.77
Clgreen	0.85	0.71
Clrededge	0.85	0.71
MTCI	0.81	0.67
NDRE	0.87	0.70
REIP	0.85	0.62



## Vining peas – data processing

Agronomics analysis requires point data, with rows of points in line with treatments

1. Created grid of cells 3.5m wide x 3m long
2. Four rows of cells placed in each half tramline, avoiding wheelings, drill misses and treatment boundaries
3. Mean values for each wavelength calculated for each cell, then converted to points
4. Vegetation indices calculated from averaged data



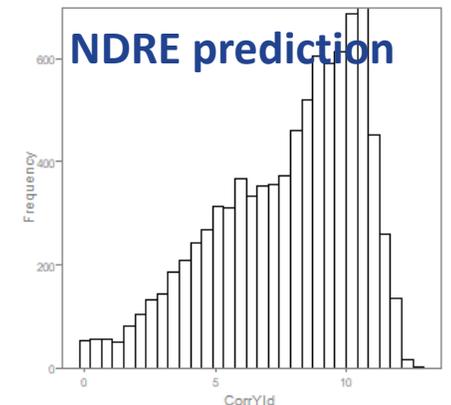
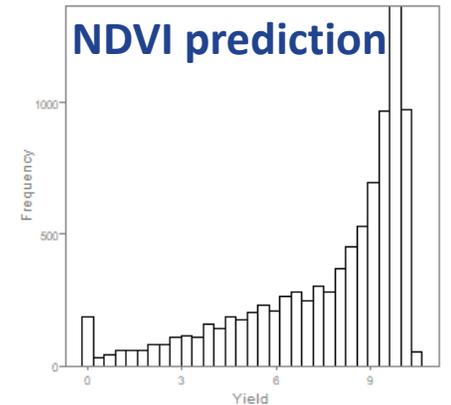
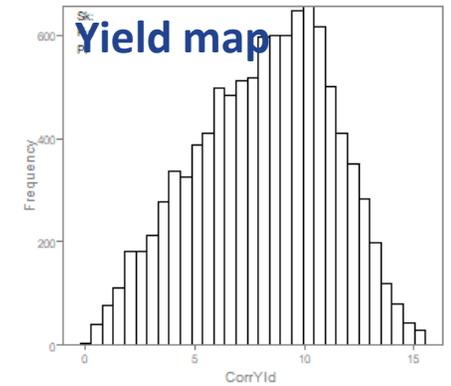
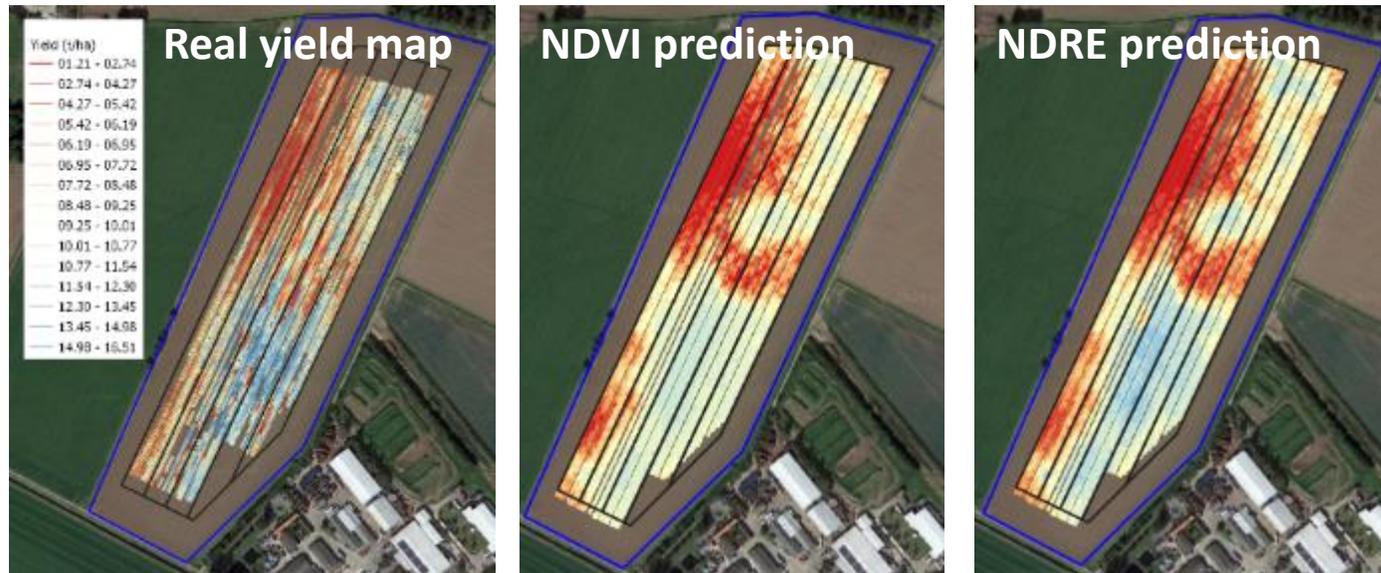
## Vining peas – trial results

- Yield map supplied by farmer, using fleet of bespoke yield mapping viners.
- Predicted yield maps created from NDRE and NDVI (first drone flight), according to correlations with sample plot yields.
- Results very similar, but far more precise with predicted yields

Treatment	Yield from yield map	
	Mean	Modelled difference from trt 3, with 95% confidence interval
1		-3.29 ± 1.44
2		-1.25 ± 1.35
3	9.76	
4		0.41 ± 1.31
5		0.03 ± 1.39

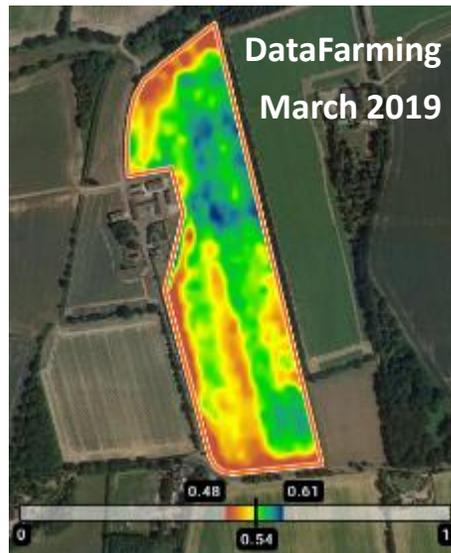
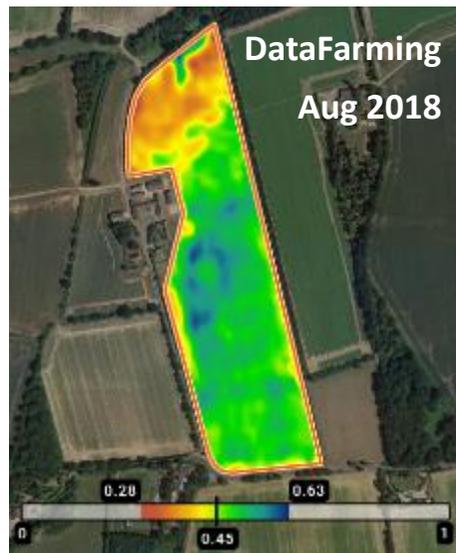
# Vining peas – real vs predicted yield maps

- Real yield map may overestimate field average, as data cleaning removes wheelings, poor patches, etc.
- NDVI prediction underestimates high yields due to saturation.
- NDRE prediction appears closest to real yield map.



## Case study 2: onions – trial design

- Two replicated N rate treatments, applied to pairs of 24m tramlines
- Trial focused in south end of field as more even

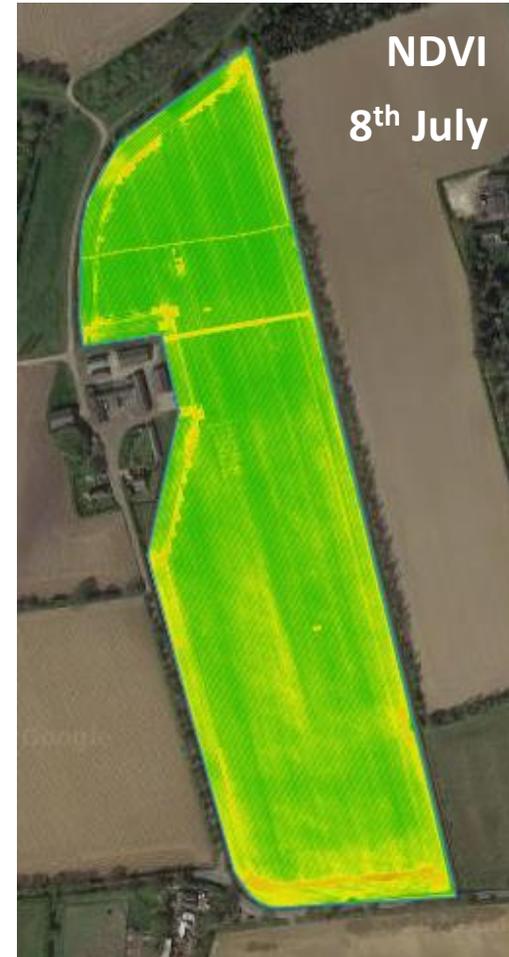


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# Onions – new drone imagery

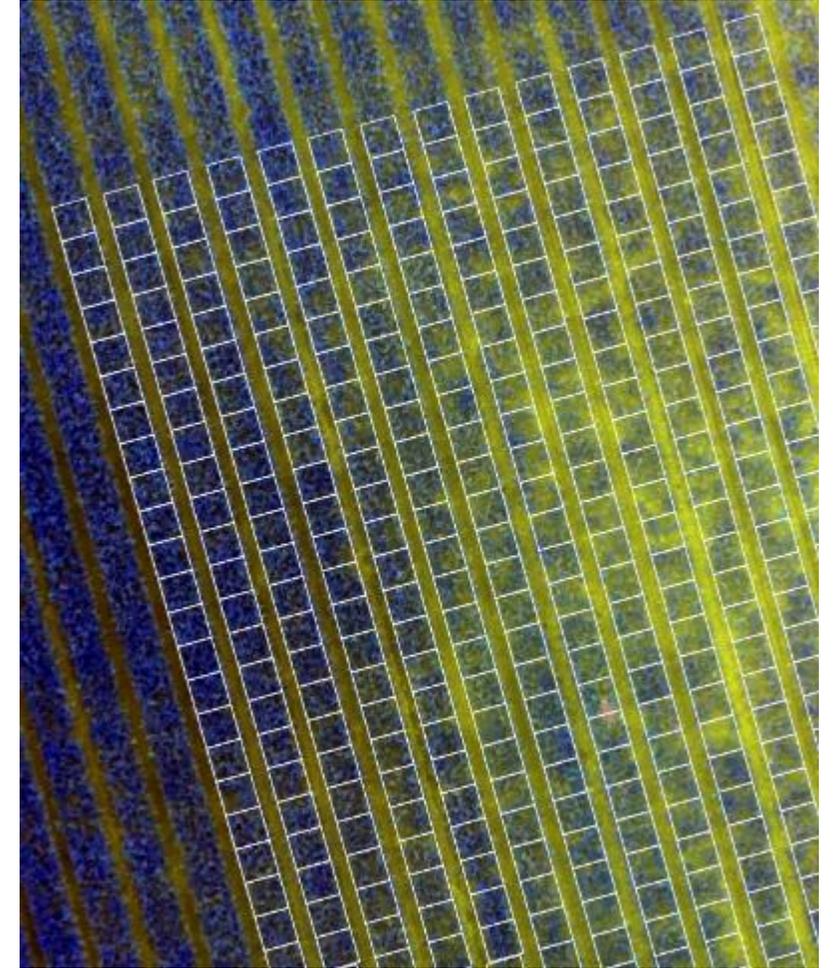
- Multispectral images supplied for 8<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> August (MicaSense Red Edge drone mounted sensor)
- Low N areas visible as lower NDVI



## Onions – data processing

Crop grown in beds 1.5m wide with 0.5m gaps

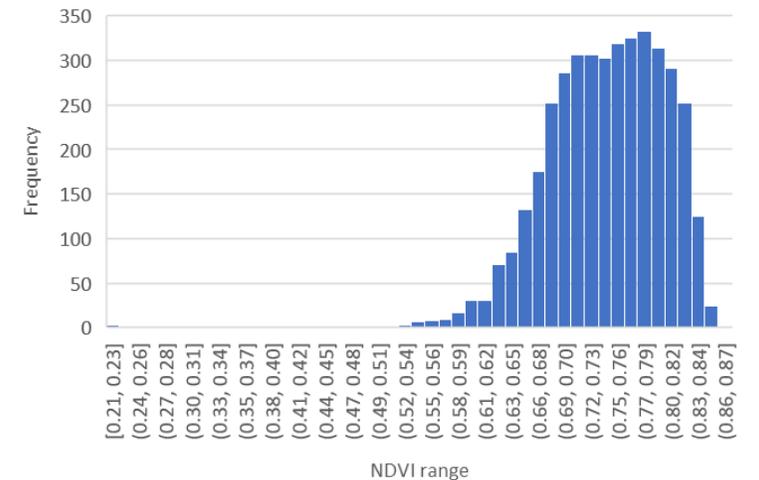
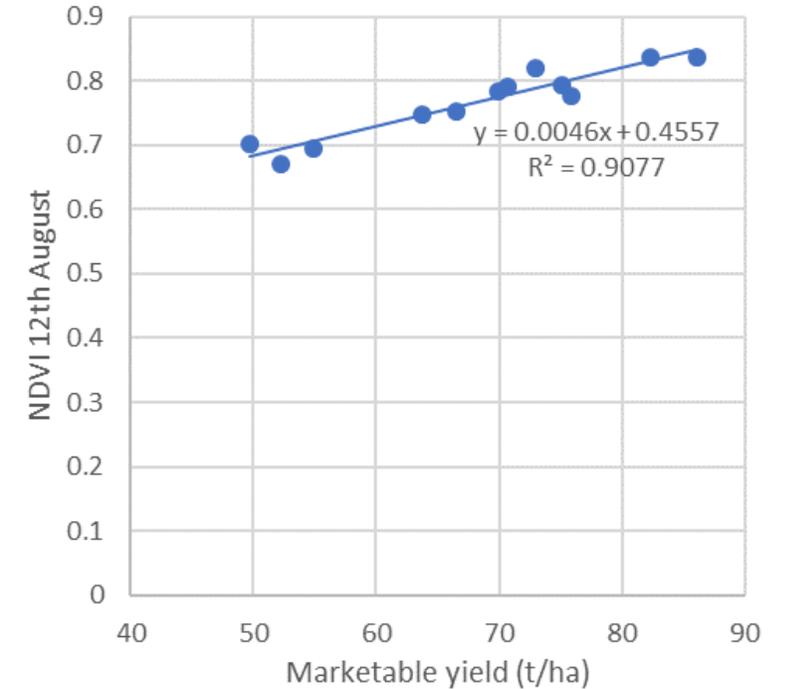
1. Created grid of cells 1.3m wide x 1.3m long
2. Placed cells along beds, avoiding bare soil
3. Mean values for each wavelength calculated for each cell, then converted to points
4. Vegetation indices calculated from averaged data



# Onions – ground truthing

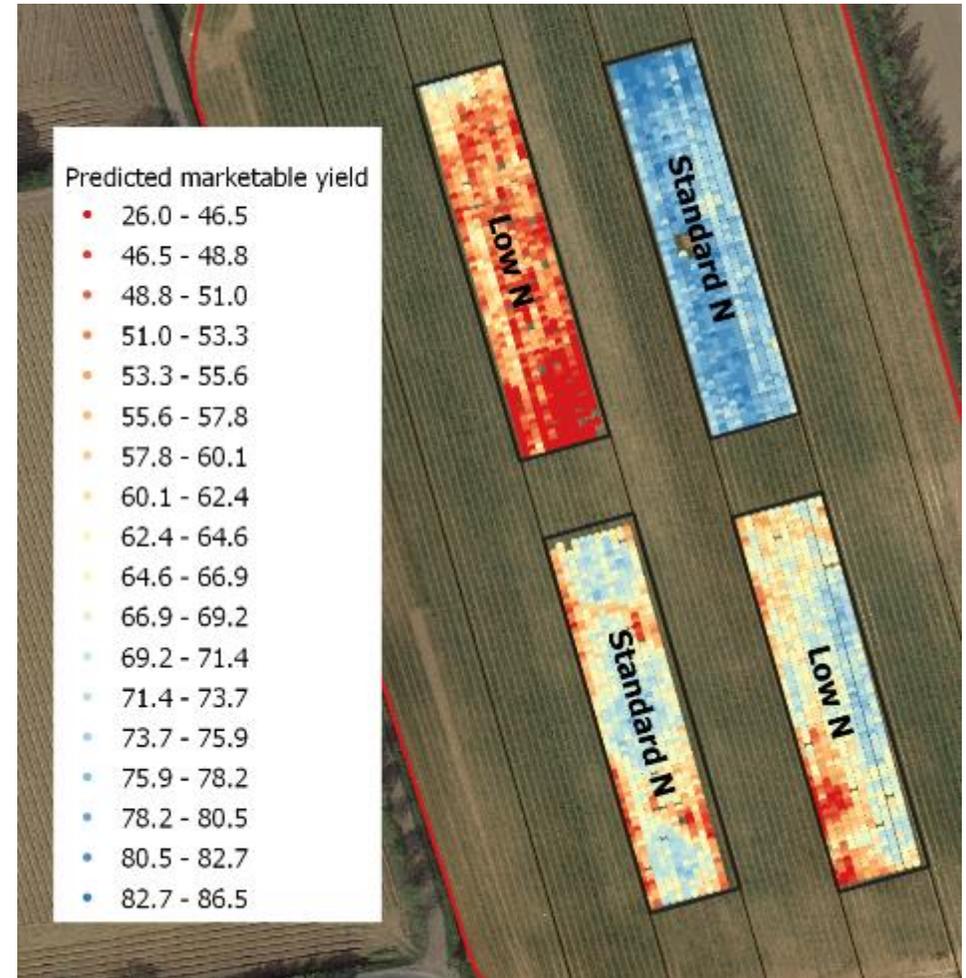
- 12 yield validation plots (3 per plot); 1 bed x 8m
- Sampled mean MS bands for each sample plot
- Calculated VIs from averaged MS bands
- Correlated VIs with marketable yield

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MTCI	0.84	0.50
NDRE	0.89	0.86
REIP	0.89	0.48



# Onions – trial results

- Predicted yield map created from NDVI (second drone flight), according to correlation with sample plot yields.
  - Average yield at standard N: 71.2 t/ha
  - Yield benefit of standard N rate over low rate: 12.9 t/ha  $\pm$  1.4 (95% confidence interval)
- Vegetation indices also analysed directly
  - All VIs from both flights significantly higher for standard N rate than low rate



# Conclusions

- Crop reflectance data can correlate well with marketable yield
- Field scale experiments can be assessed accurately and efficiently using remote sensing data and Agronomics statistics
- Trials should be laid out with reference to underlying soil variation
- Treatments should be replicated where possible



Questions?

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aardappelen**



# The company

VAN DEN BORNE AARDAPPELEN



- Arable farming , Sandy soil



- Reusel, Noord-Brabant - The Netherlands, 80% fields Belgium 20% fields The Netherlands



- 6 co-workers



- 180 fields, average size 3ha, average of 6 corners per field = 13 % overlap
- Precisiontechnology since 2006, Precision Farming since 2009
- Main crop potatoes, storage capacity of 32.000 tonnes





# What is the definition of precision Farming ?



Time (interval)



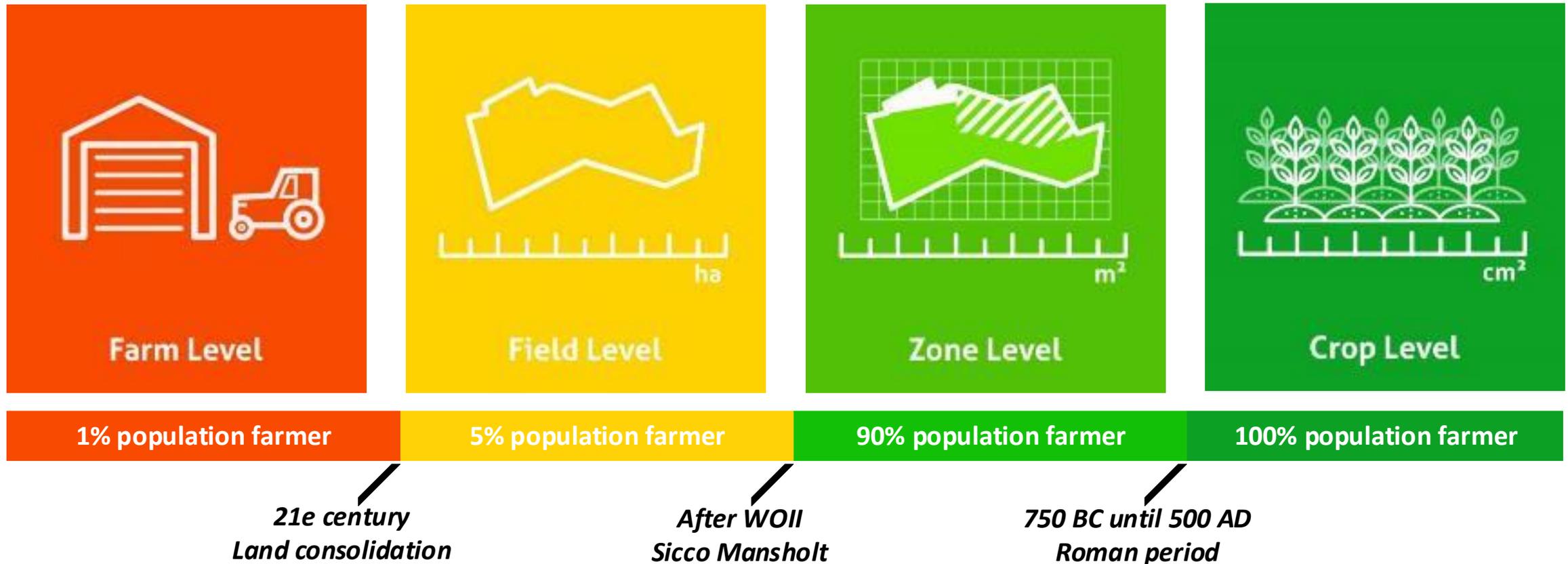
Location (GPS)



Application (VRA)



# Accuracy of Precisionfarming ?



# Precision farming cycle

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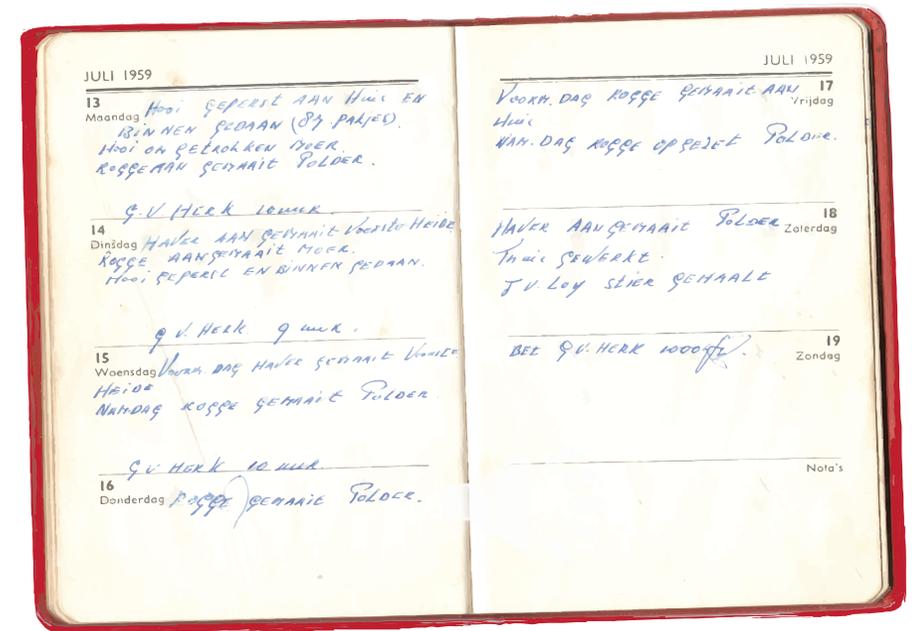
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Sensor data



Remote sensing



UAV sensing



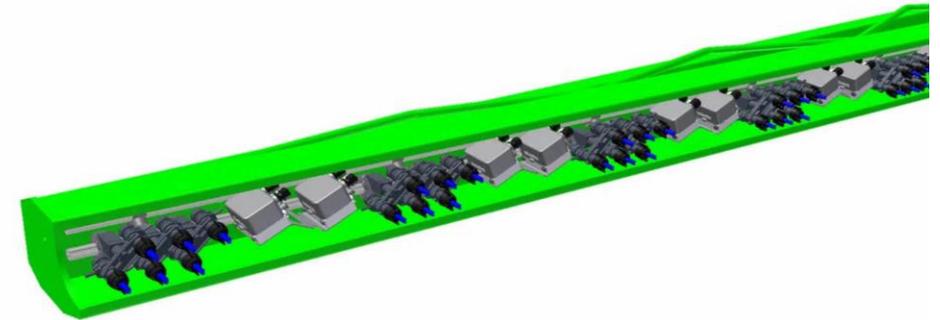
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watchIT grow beta 2019

TAASKAARTEN

PERCEEL: POTENTIAL - VDB 2019

### Taaskaarten - Nieuwe kaart aanmaken

Stap 1: Ras type | Stap 2: Vul gegevens in | **Stap 3: Rasverdeling** | Stap 4: Opslaan & exporteren

**Dosis voor de verschillende zones:**

Normale dosis (t/m<sup>2</sup>):

**hoeveelheid water**

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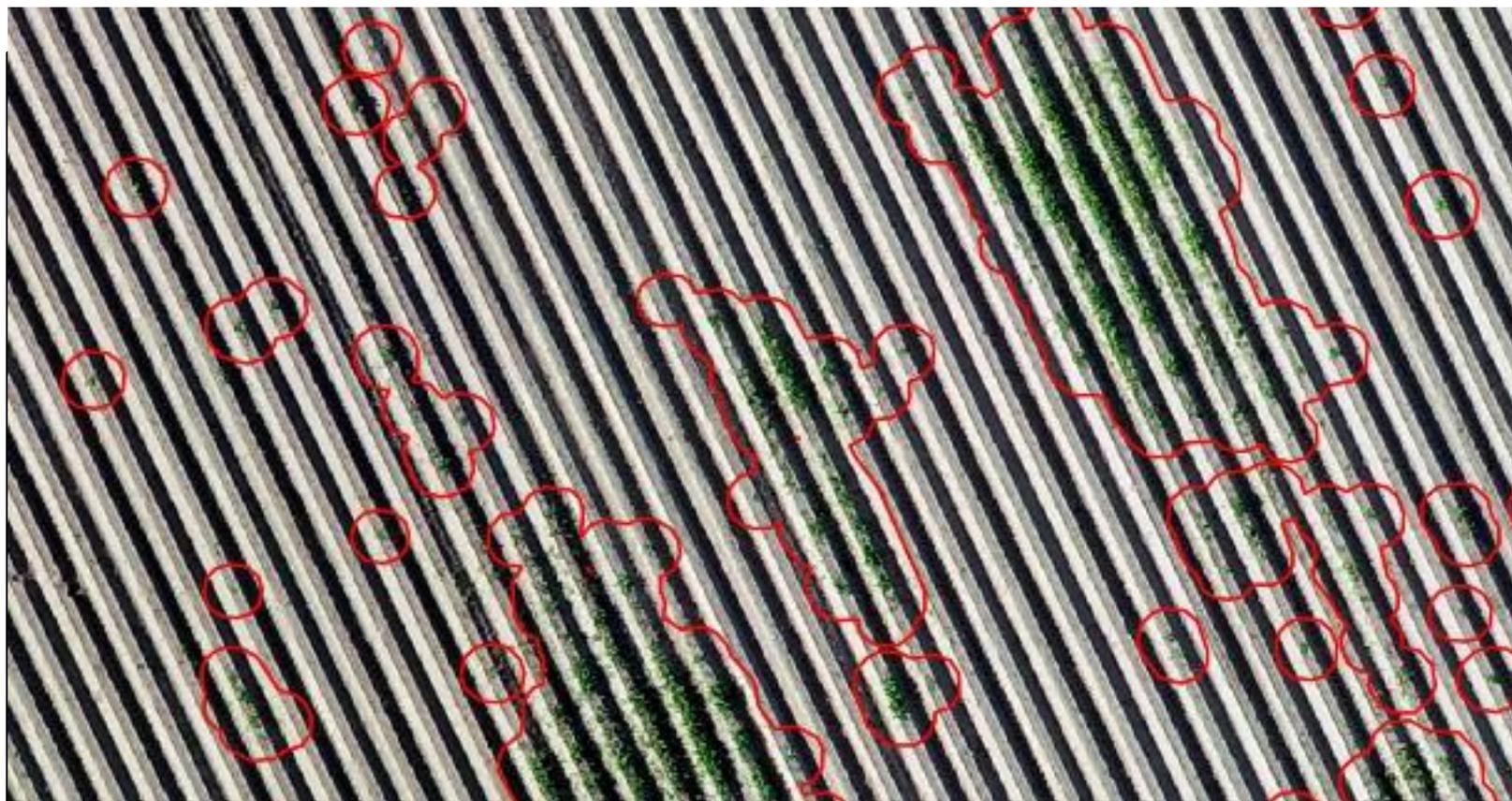
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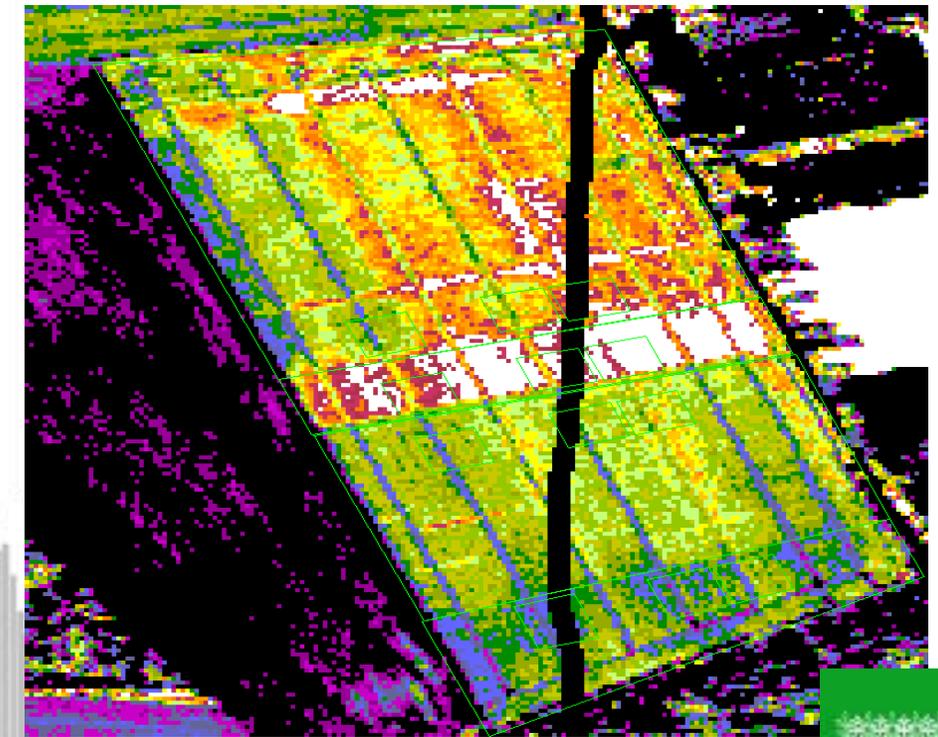
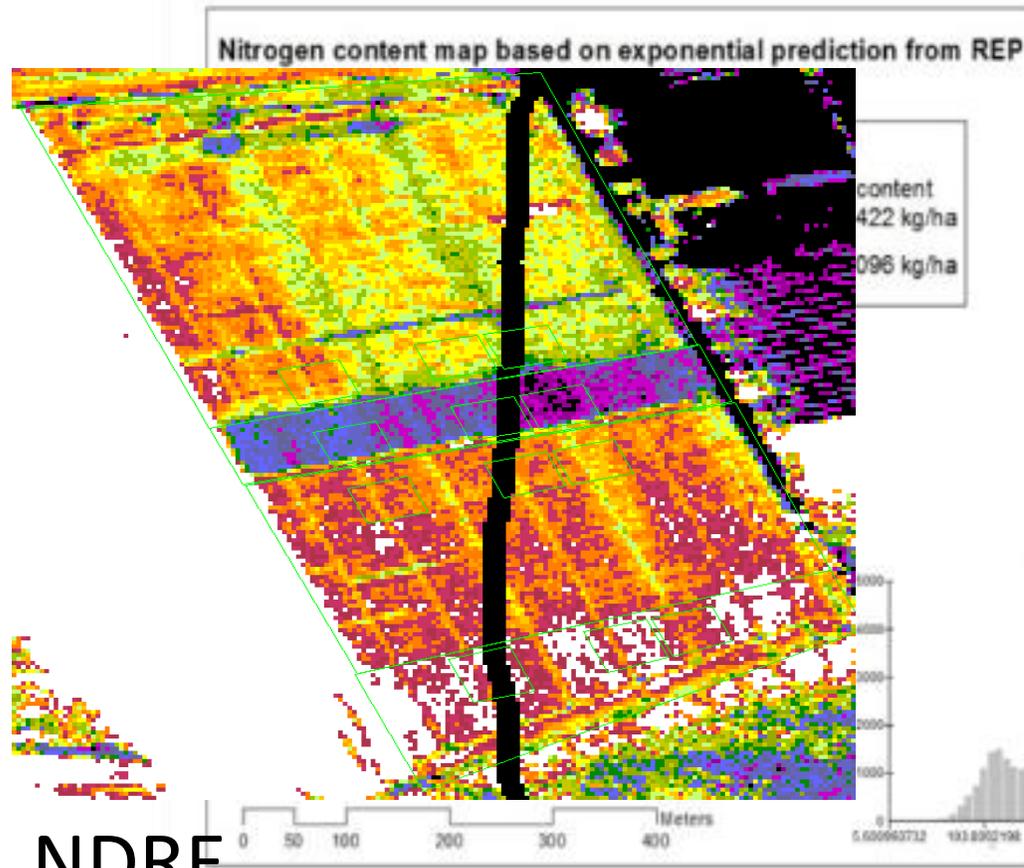
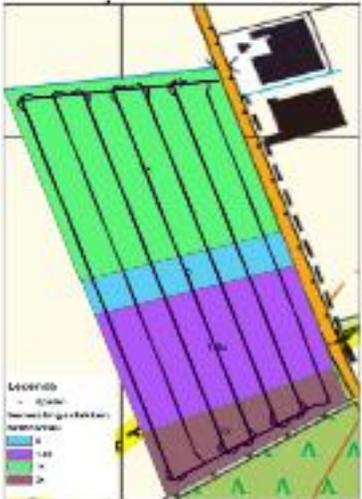
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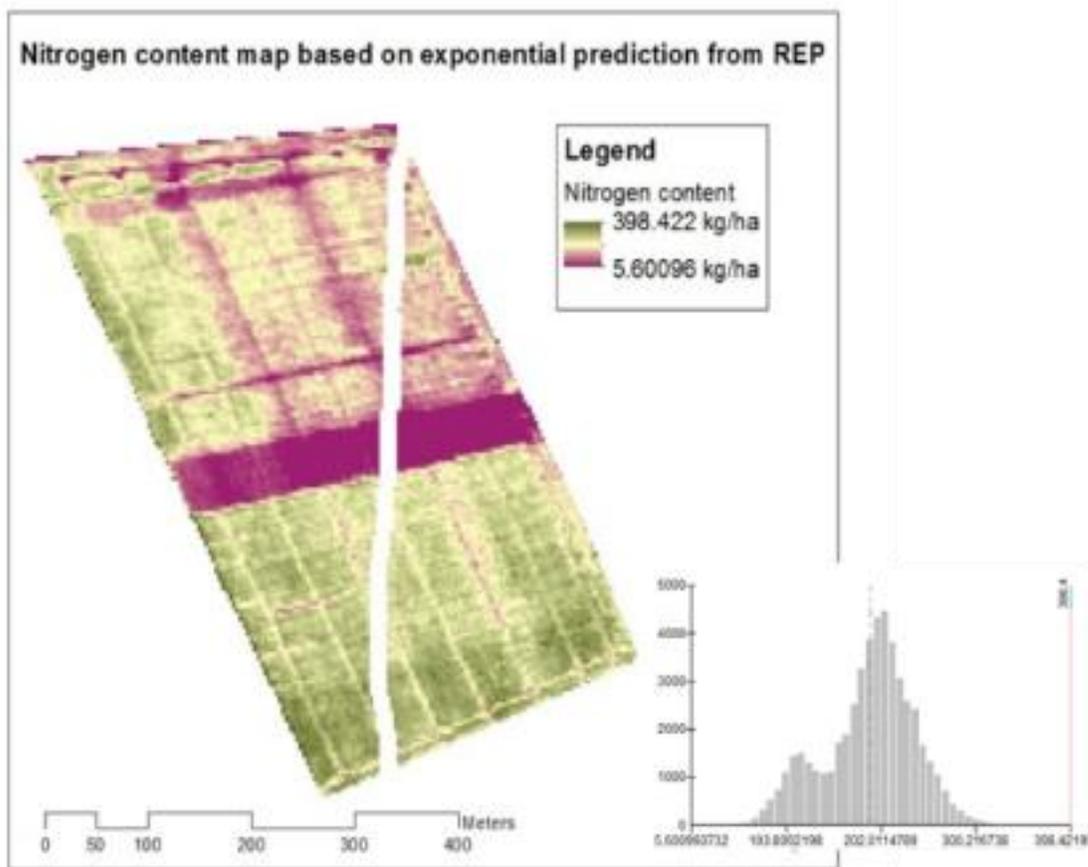
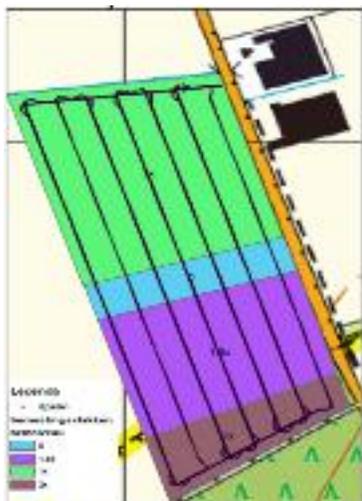
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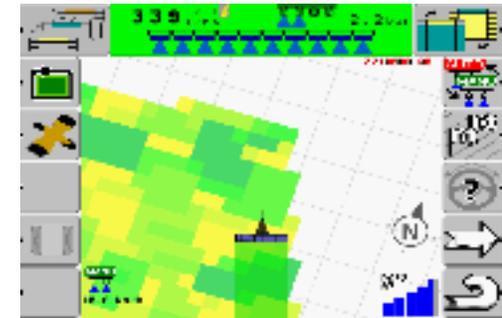
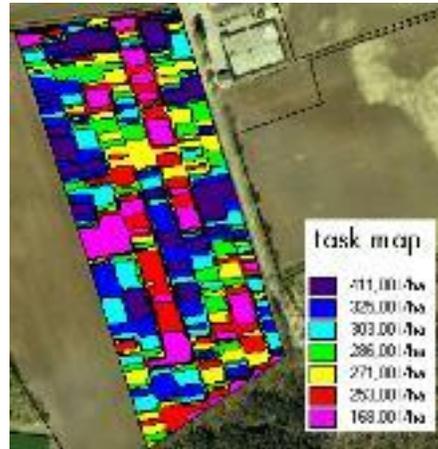
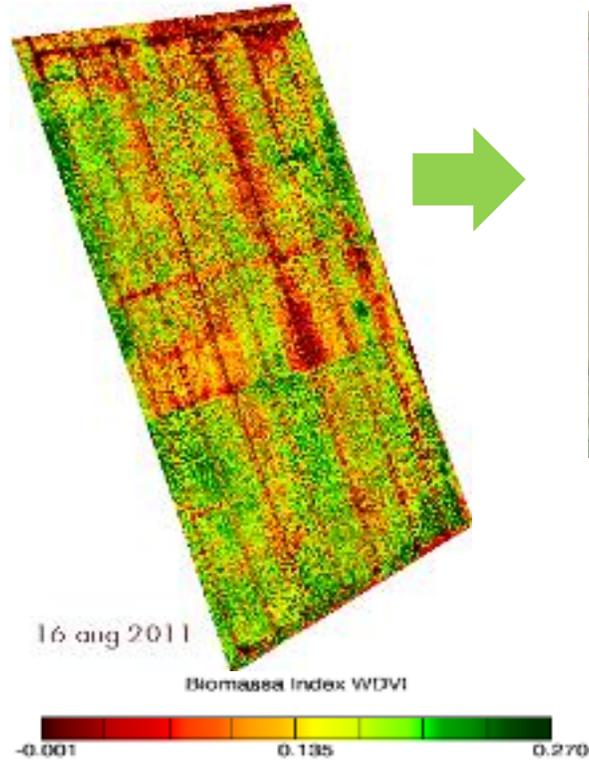
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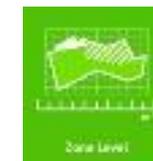
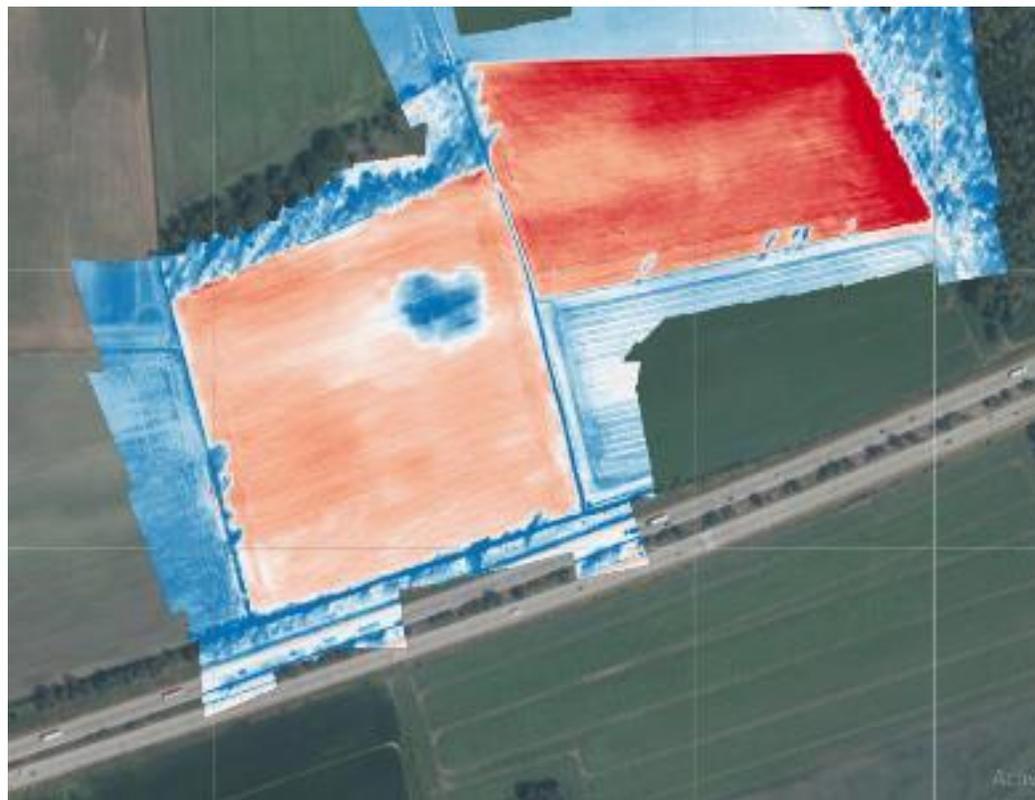
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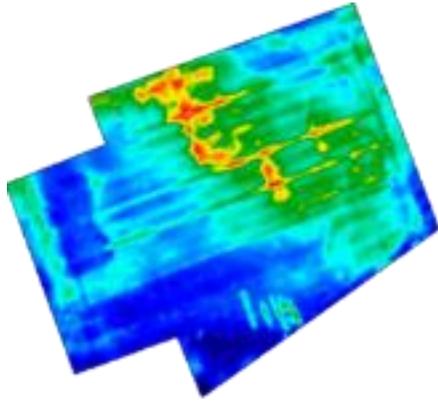


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Irrigation



Soil conductivity



Soil moisture



Weather data



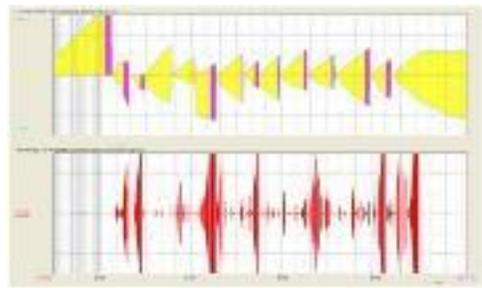
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Crop spraying



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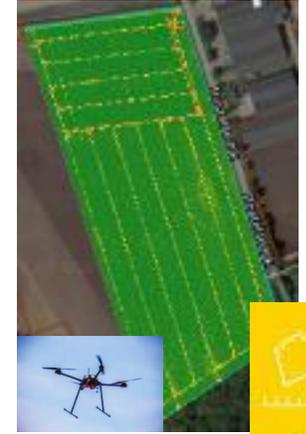
Sensor data

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# Crop spraying



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# Crop measuring

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## Crop measuring



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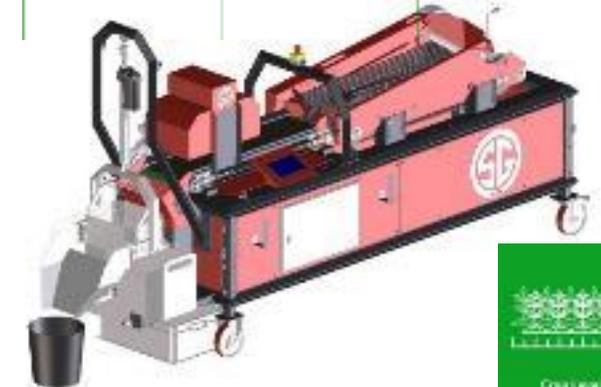
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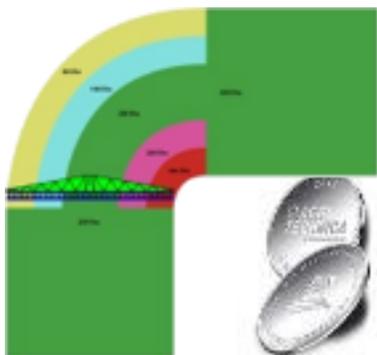
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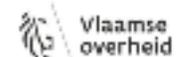
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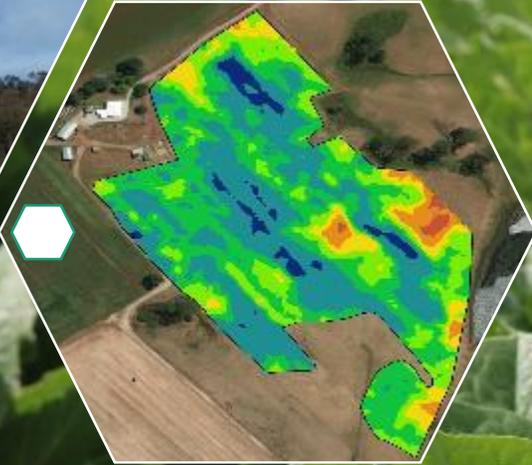


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# Validating precision ag tech for vegetables



Julie O'Halloran, Senior Development Horticulturist  
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# Precision systems technology in vegetable production



Collaboration with growers  
Farm action plans

Soil sensing  
Crop sensing  
Variable rate  
Precision drainage  
Drone applications  
Yield mapping

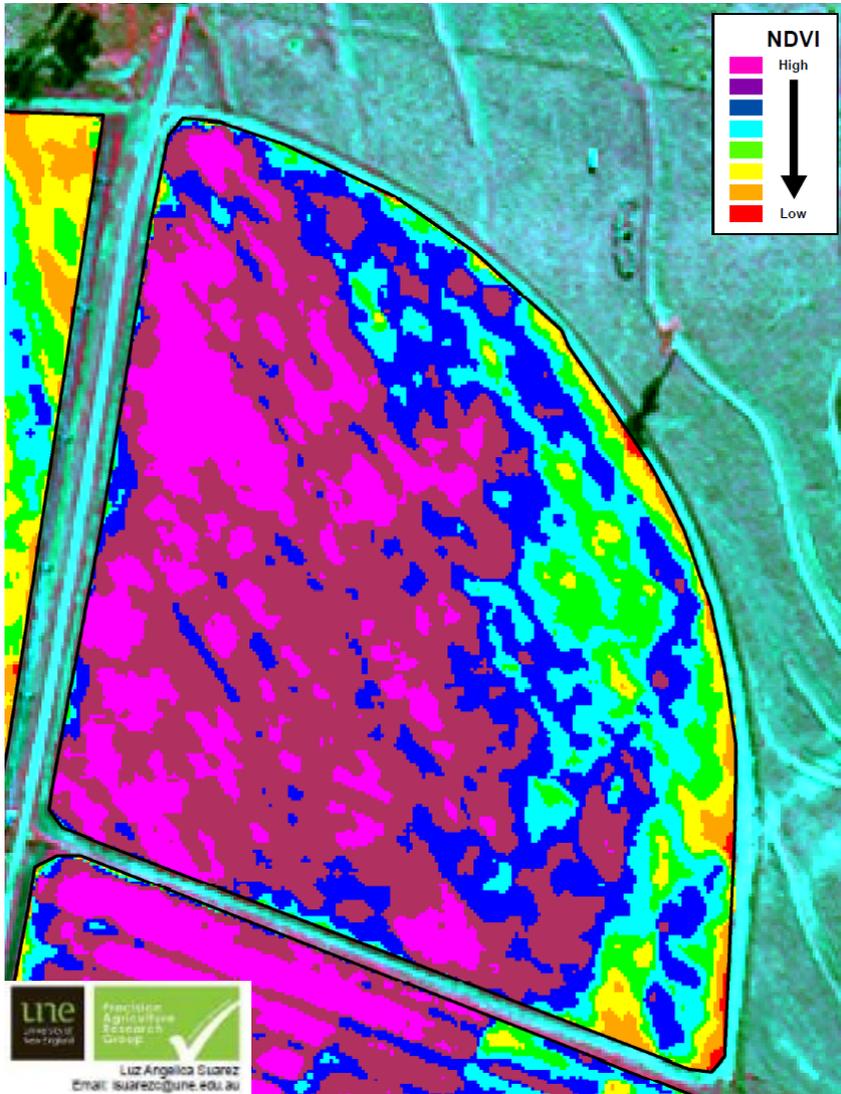
Collaboration with service providers and industry operators  
Linkages with VegNET and SPAA for comms and extension

Carrots  
Sweet corn  
Brassicas  
Beans  
Lettuce  
Chilli  
Asian vegetables

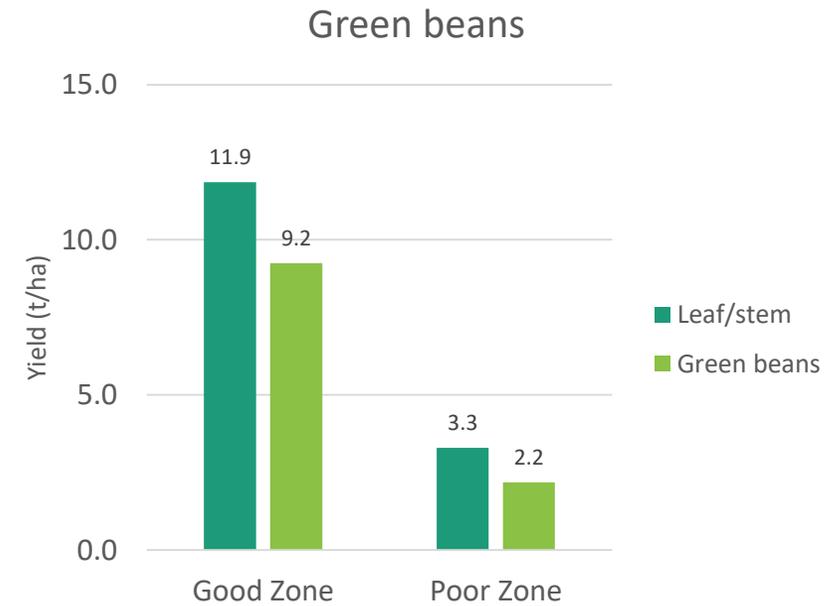
Yield prediction from satellite imagery  
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Tasmania  
Western Australia  
New South Wales



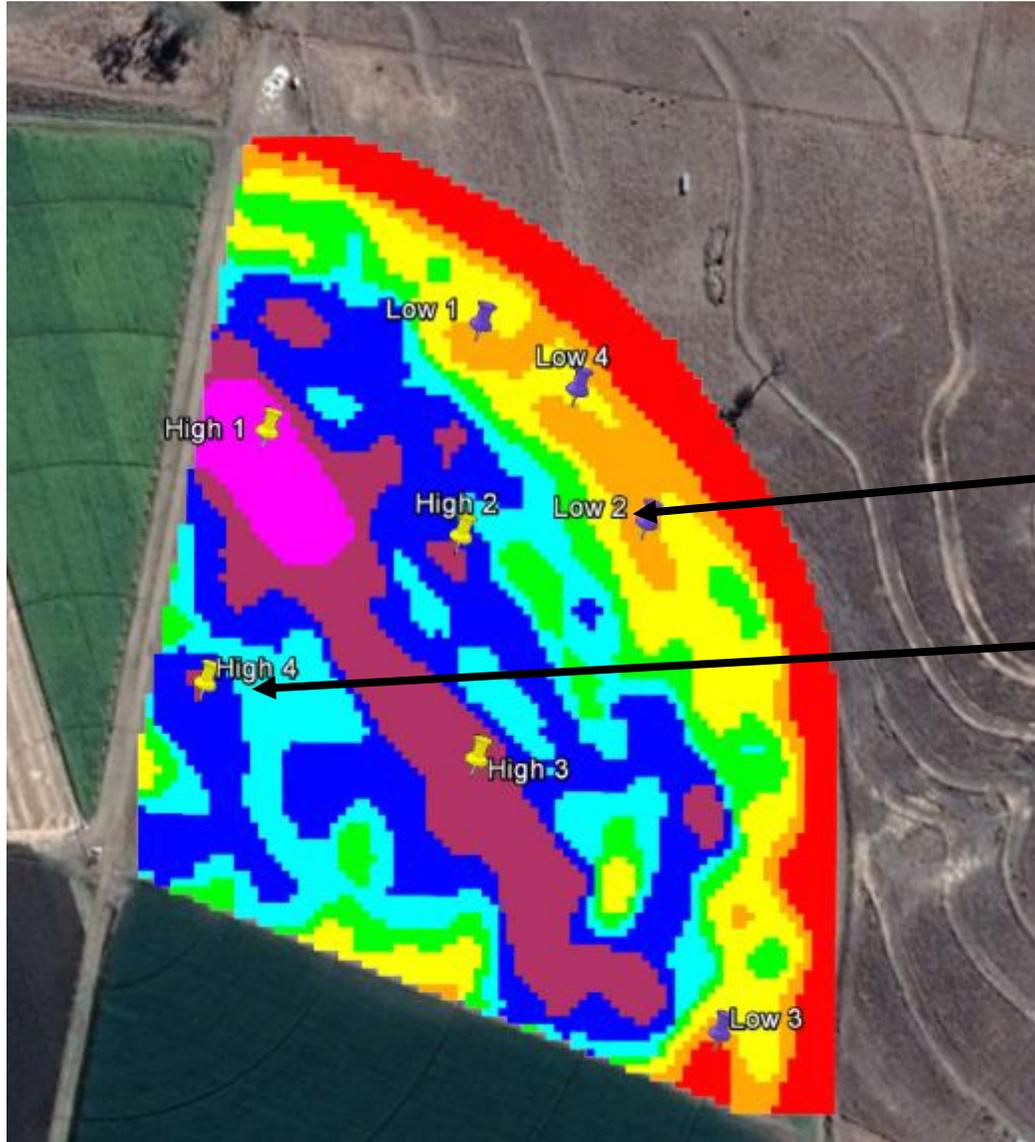
# Spatial variability



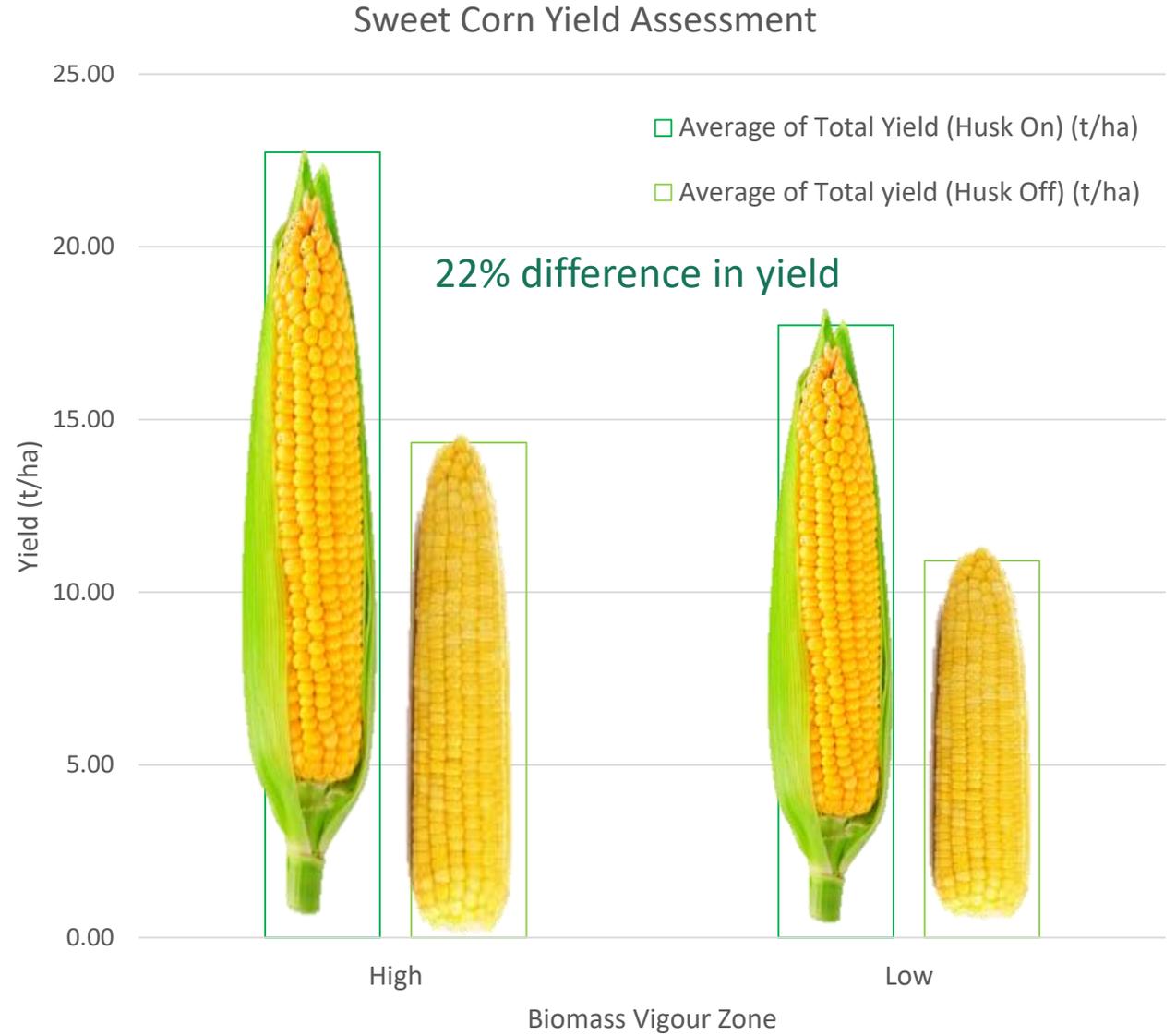
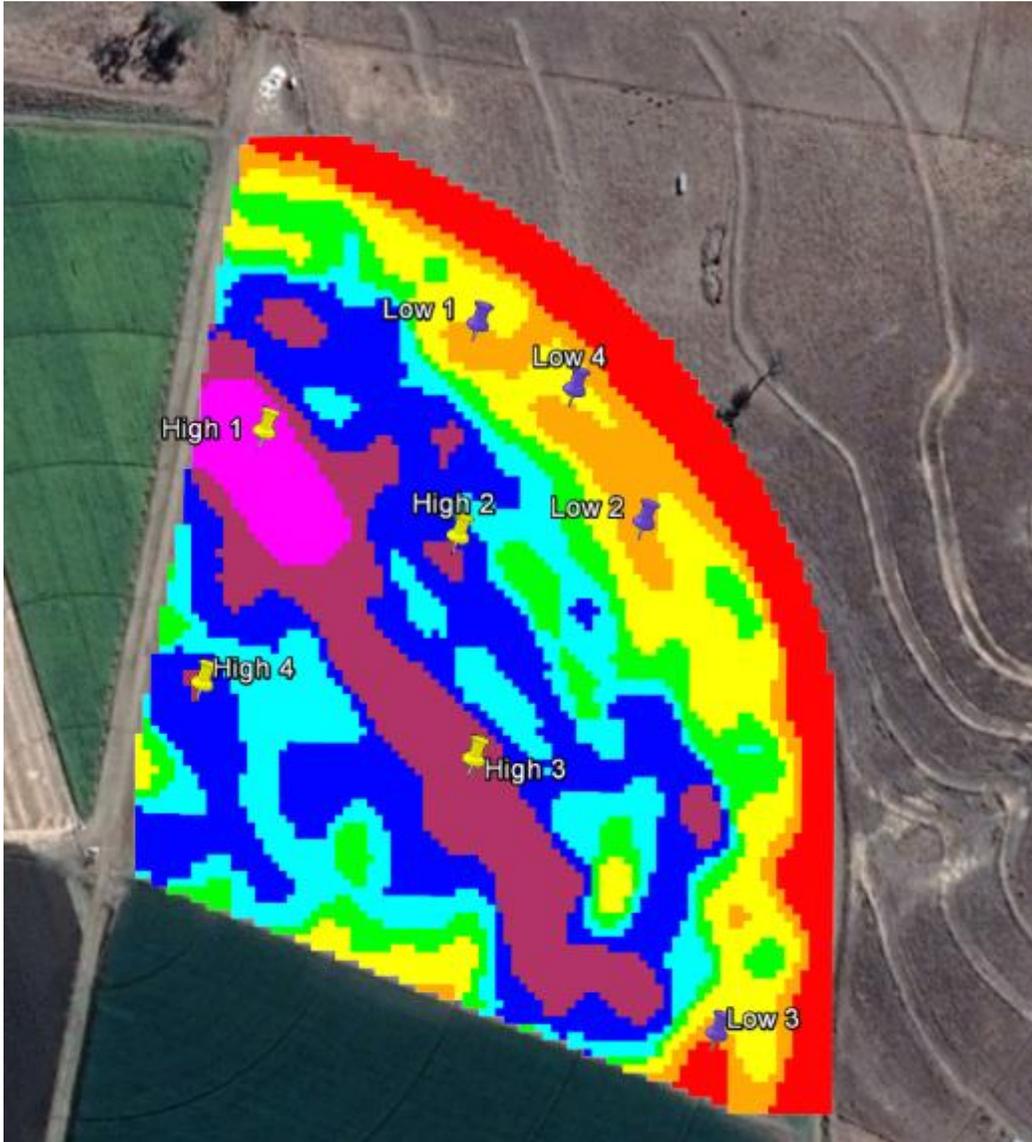
Visual differences in green bean growth at harvest in a good and poor crop growth zone.



# Similar spatial patterns over time



# Similar spatial patterns over time



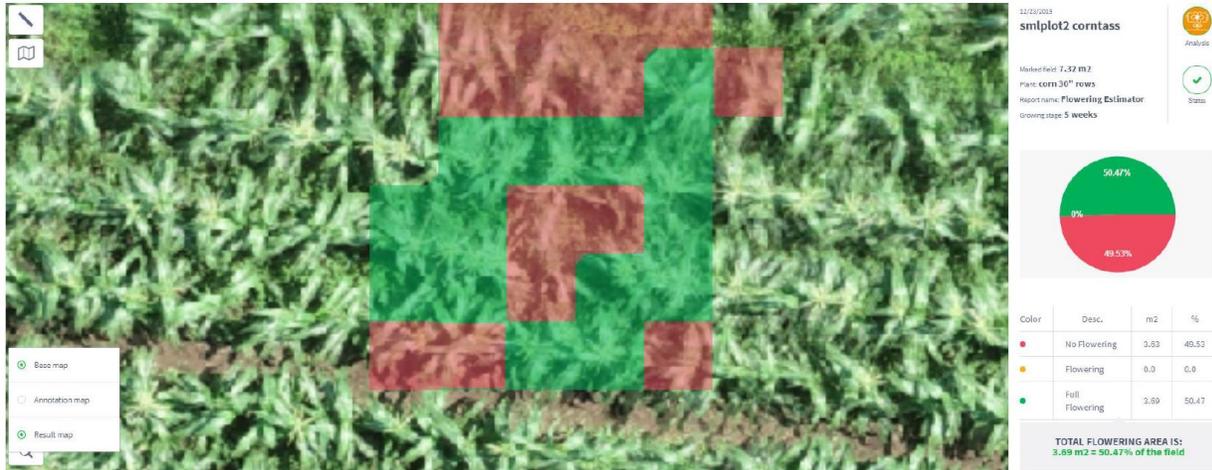
# Yield monitoring in carrots

- Load-cell yield monitors retro-fitted to carrot harvesters
- Calibration a key factor in accurate data
- Exploring best output format for growers
- Useful for temporal and spatial variability monitoring

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# Flowering/ tasselling area

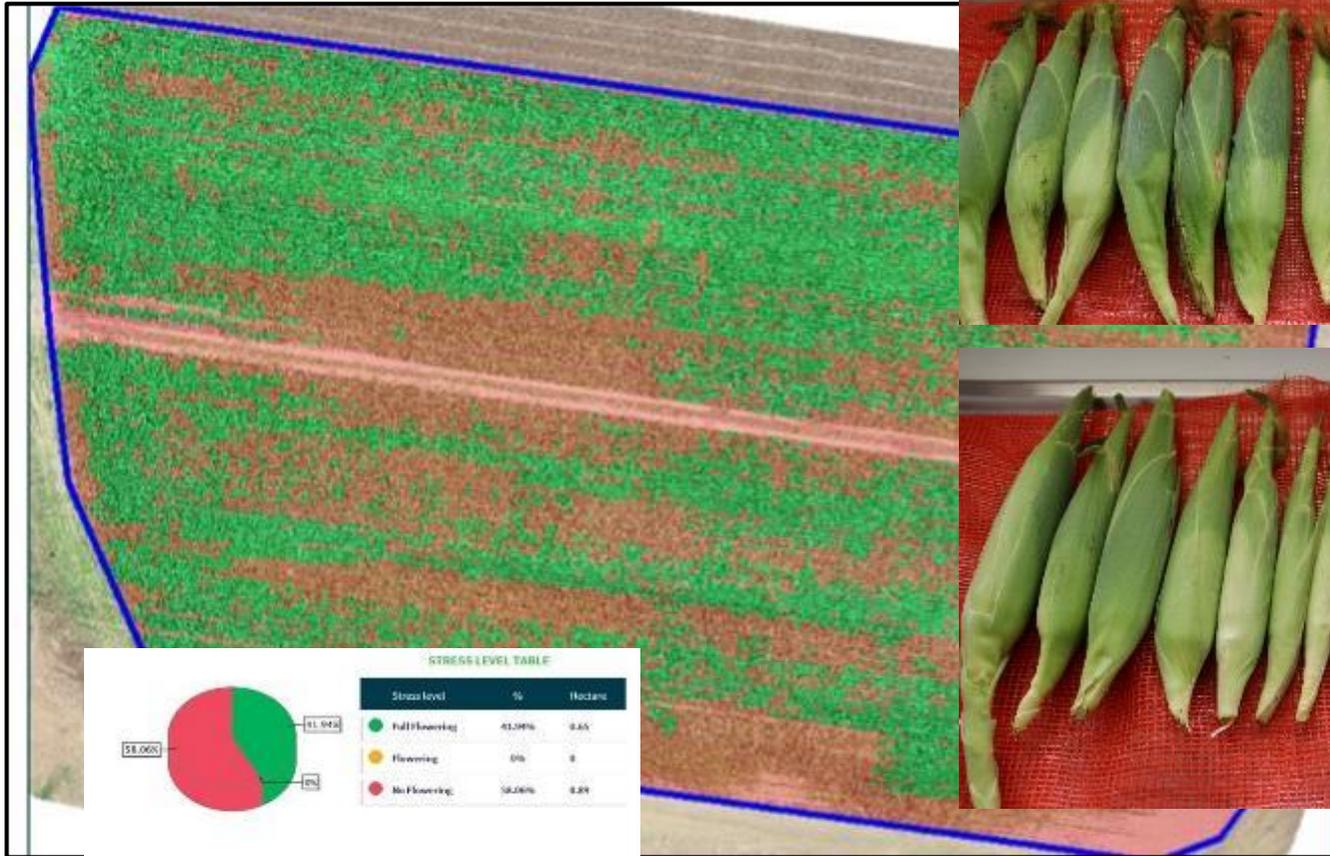


- Original objective to count flowers for yield estimation
- Agremo algorithm processed image to obtain flowering area
- Data can be used to plan spray schedule around tasselling



High Res RGB  
0.5cm ground resolution

# Flowering/ tasselling area



Total area FLOWERING:  
**41.94% field**

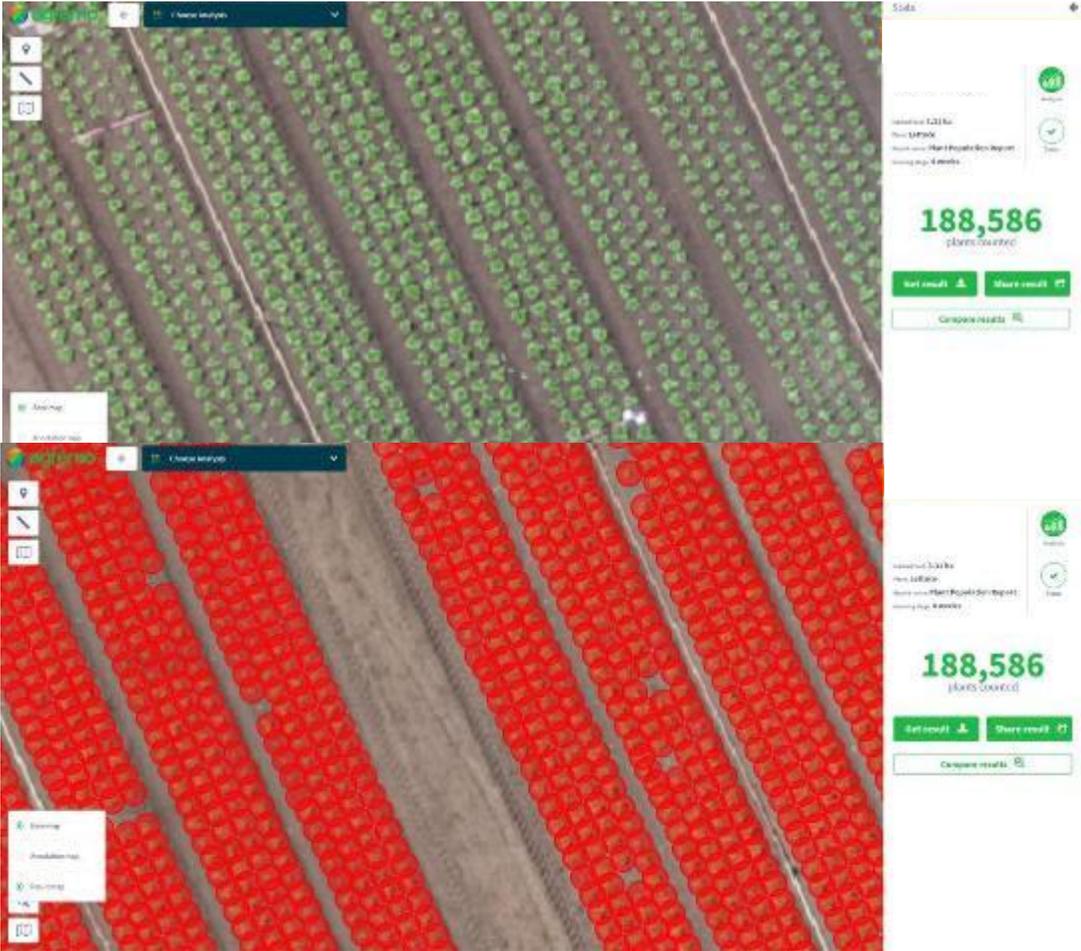
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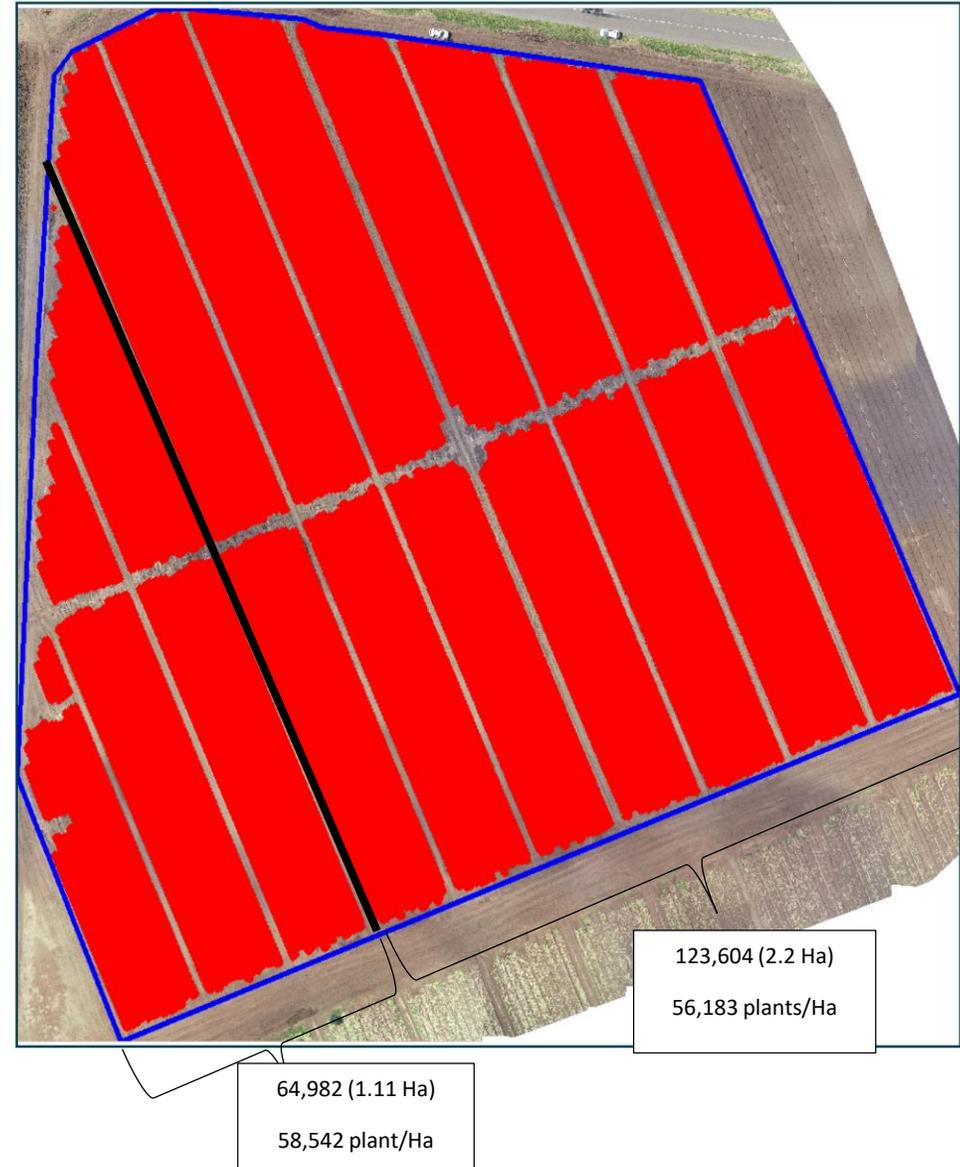


Survey Date: 11-04-2019



# Plant counts

- Plant count algorithms appear to be 99% or greater accuracy compared with manual counts
- Useful for benchmarking potential yield early in growing period
- Compare with packout to measure 'Field Recovery' or possibly waste as plants left in the field
- Up to 40% discrepancy between planted and packed out product



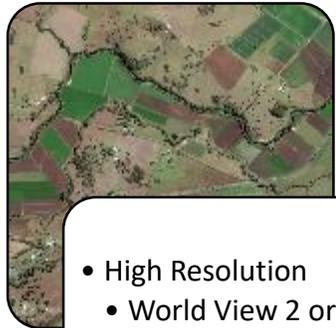
# Yield prediction from remote sensing imagery

- Is it possible to forecast crop yield from satellite imagery?
- How accurate can this approach be?



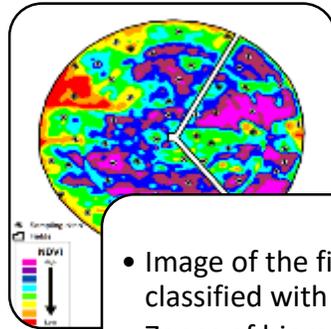
# Yield prediction approach

## Satellite Capture



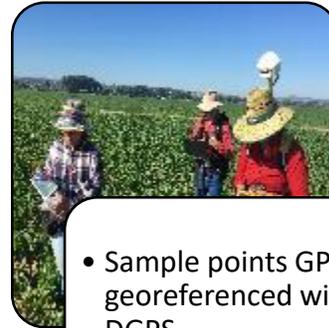
- High Resolution
  - World View 2 or 3.
- Low Resolution.
  - PlanetScope.
  - Sentinel-2.

## Processing the image for field work



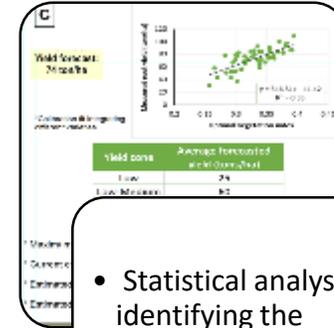
- Image of the field is classified with NDVI
- Zones of biomass vigour identified.
- Sampling sites/points located in the field to represent Low, Medium and High vigour zones.
- Replicated sample points created within each zone.

## Field work



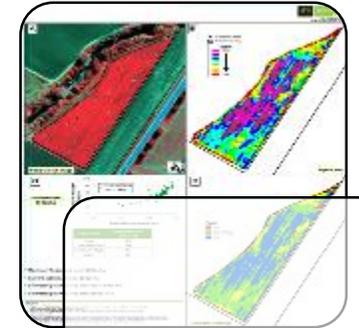
- Sample points GPS georeferenced with DGPS.
- Yield, soil and plant tissue samples collected from each sample site.
- Yield samples graded to a standardized protocol using supermarket specification.

## Image Analysis



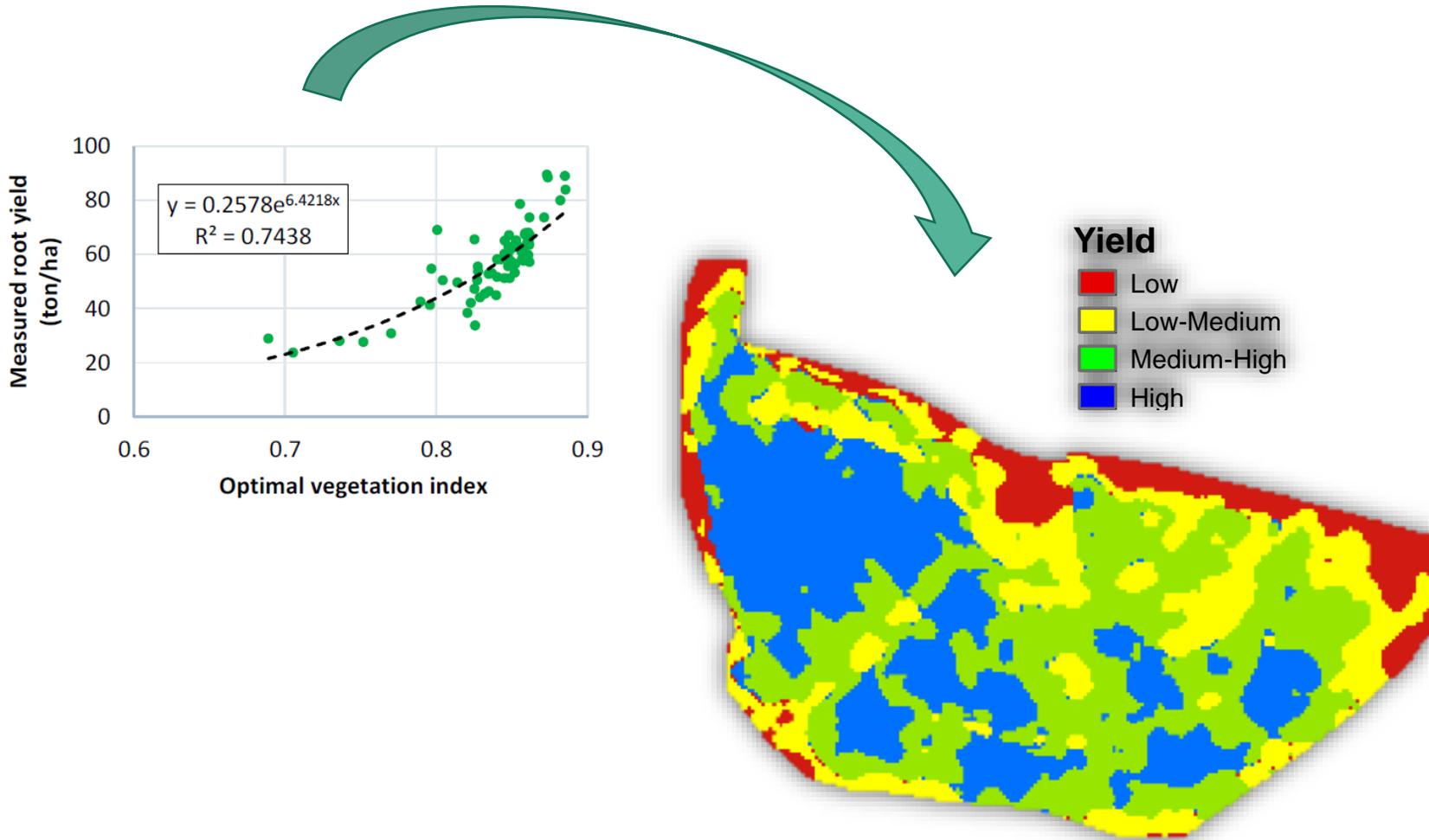
- Statistical analysis identifying the optimal regression fit and vegetation index (OPV) for yield forecasting..
- Transforming pixel values into yield
- Analysis of potential loss per performing zone.

## Forecasted Yield Map



Grower product

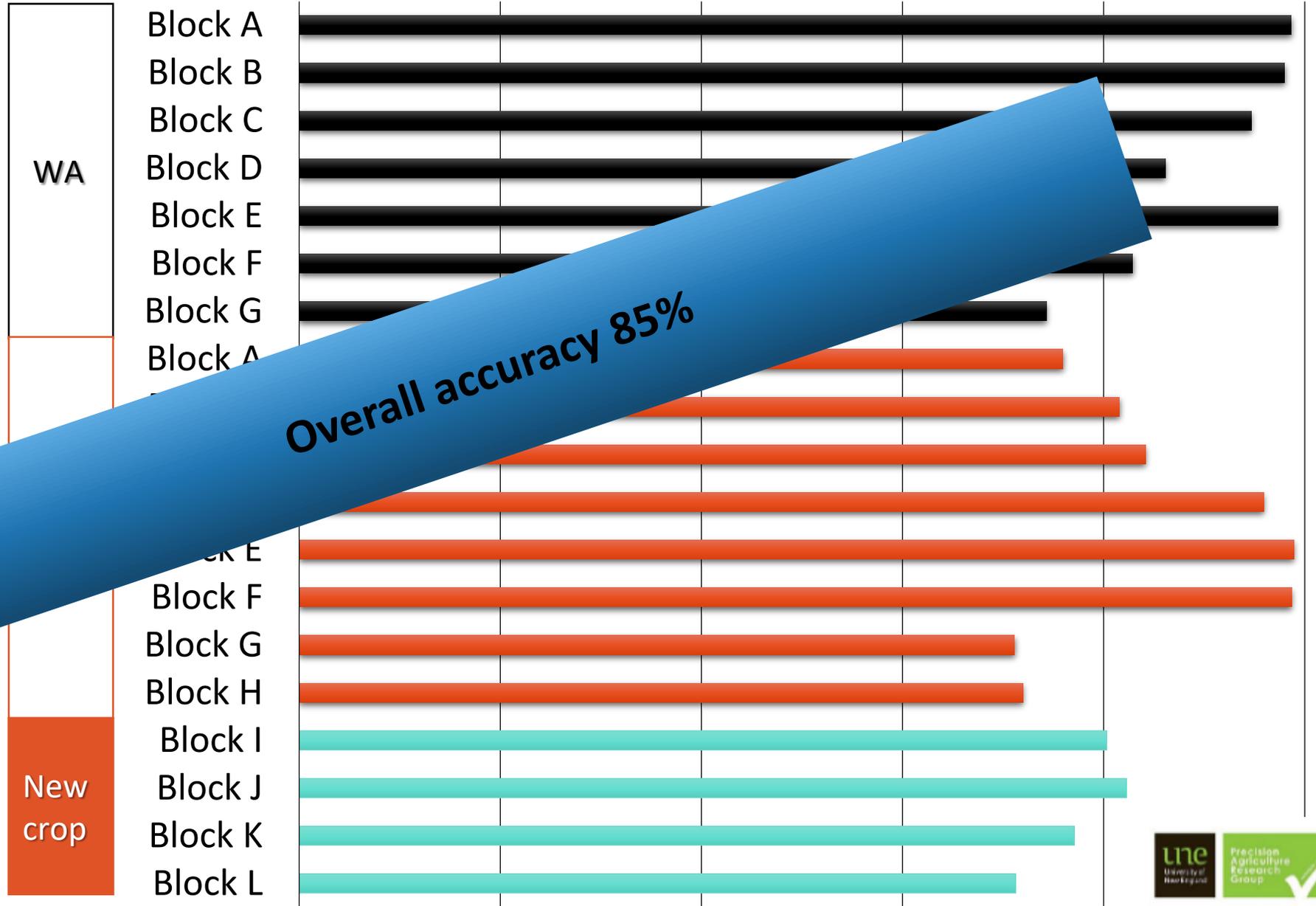
# Image analysis



Yield class	Forecasted yield (t/ha)
Low	26
Low-Medium	46
Medium-High	55
High	62
<b>Average</b>	<b>56</b>

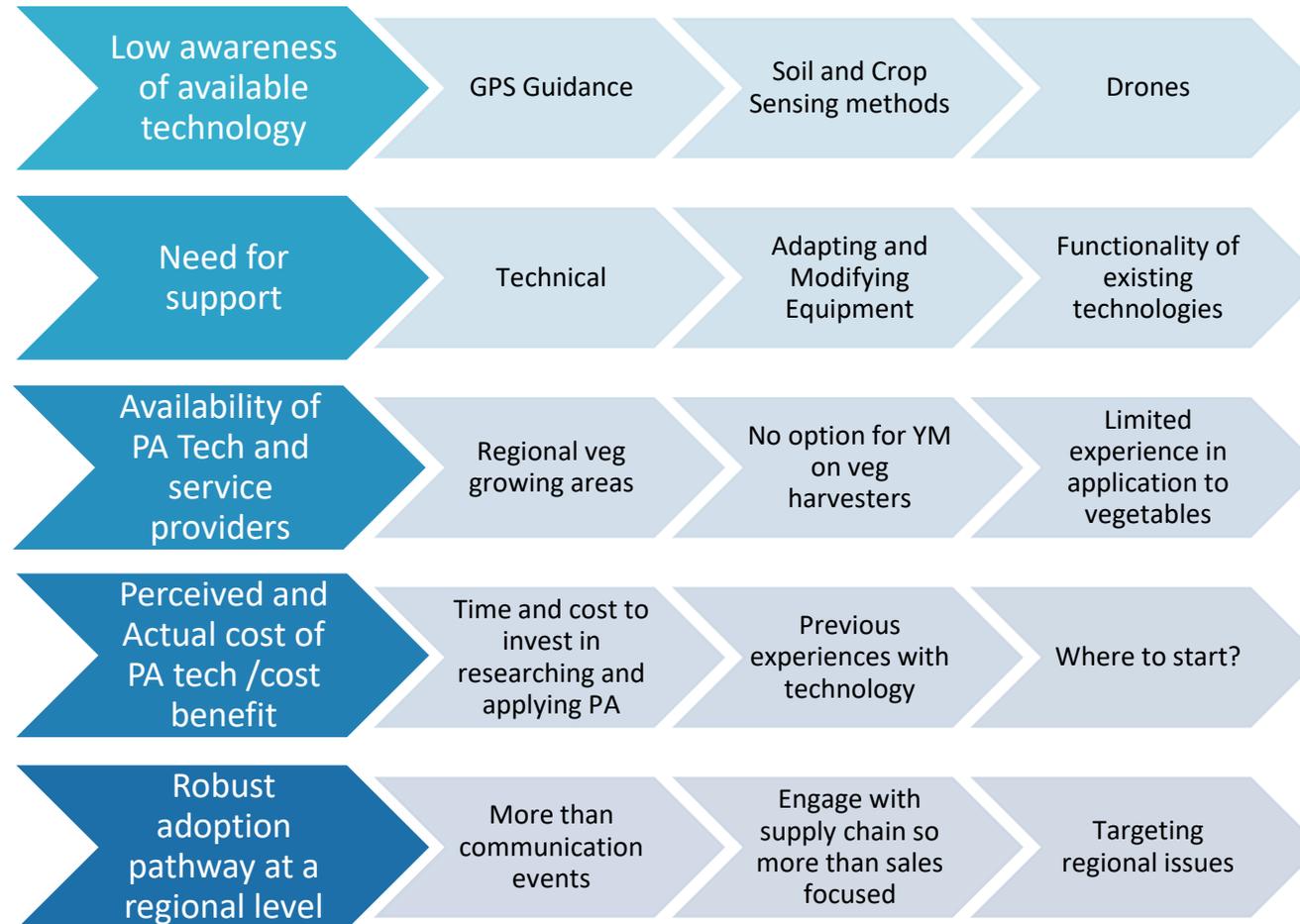
# Accuracies

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



Overall accuracy 85%

# Barriers to precision agriculture adoption in vegetables



With the current level of technology why do we still have issues achieving streamlined systems for industry and limits to functionality?

# Resources

**Soil mapping technologies**  
*Precision agriculture in vegetable systems*  
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**Drones in vegetable farming**

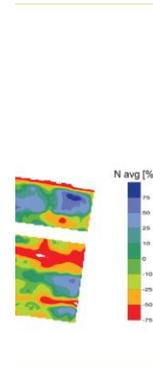
- Sampling and ground-truthing
- Tow-behind sensor plus soil samples for laboratory analysis
- On-the-go sensing plus soil samples for calibration through laboratory analysis
- On-the-go sensing plus on-board soil cores collected for laboratory analysis
- On-the-go sensing plus soil samples for laboratory analysis
- Samples collected for each grid point for laboratory analysis

The data collected by soil sensors is processed to generate a spatial map showing variability in soil characteristics within a field.  
 A level of interpolation is required to 'fill the gaps' between sample points on maps prepared from grid or zone sampling.

Targeted and replicated soil sampling and analysis is required to ground-truth and calibrate the data collected using soil sensing systems. This sampling can confirm the reasons for variability or identify other factors that may influence crop performance.

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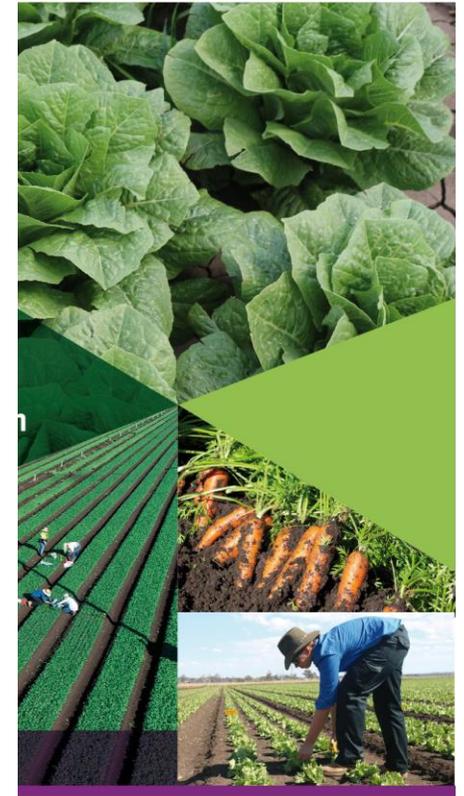


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Videos available on You tube: Queensland Agriculture channel

Factsheets and case studies available on <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/agribusiness/agtech-vegetables>

# Key Messages

- All tech in these examples are commercially available (with the exception of yield prediction)
- PA implementation in vegetables should be problem or issue focused initially for maximum cost benefit
- There are low cost options to get started in PA
- Lots of resources are available on PA to get started
- **Always GROUND TRUTH the imagery!**



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Framework  
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## Industry view

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# **HUMMINGBIRD TECHNOLOGIES**

**Solving problems - adding value**

## Awards



Best Tech Startup



Best Global AI for Agriculture



AgriTech Innovator of the Year



One to Watch



Multiple Grants



Fast Track 100

We provide **advanced crop insights** to farmers using imagery analytics from drones, satellites and machine learning (ML)

No 1. Remote Sensing + Image Analytics Player Globally

Operating in **6 continents** and **10+ countries**

**B2B** relationships across all the 10+ countries

Specific solutions across **multiple crops**

Average ROI of between **15%** to **50%** across all geographies

**62 in team:** led by PHD level data scientists

15 Engineers with over 10 years' **experience**

**90%** customer retention with **50%** upsell across customer base

**Multiple awards** from industry leaders in science, agriculture, finance, business and government

BACKERS



Imperial College  
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Beeswax Dyson  
Farming



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# HUMMINGBIRD MISSION TO SOLVE 4 KEY PROBLEMS AND OUR DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

“Our mission, through sophisticated modelling and predictive analytics, is to measure sustainability, optimise food production and push the boundaries of science and technology”

## REDUCE YIELD LOSSES

- Manage large holdings
- AI driven plant monitoring
- P&L benefit
- Predictive analytics

## REDUCE INEFFICIENT INPUTS:

- Targeted treatment  
Lower chemicals, water and seed inputs where possible
- Prevent overspraying
- Manage resistance
- P&L saving

## IMPROVE UNSUSTAINABLE PRACTICES:

- Measure it (remote sensing)
- Monitor it (carbon reports)
- Facilitate it (VR maps)
- Report it (stakeholders)
- Avoid wastage (food/input)

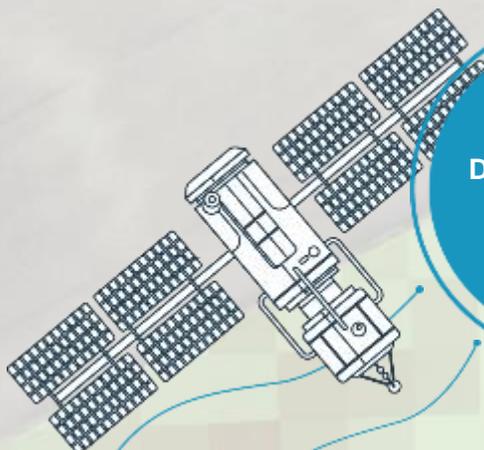
## IMPROVE POOR DECISION MAKING:

- Technology to save time
- Actionable insights
- Integrated data
- Earlier decisions
- Forward plan
- Better management

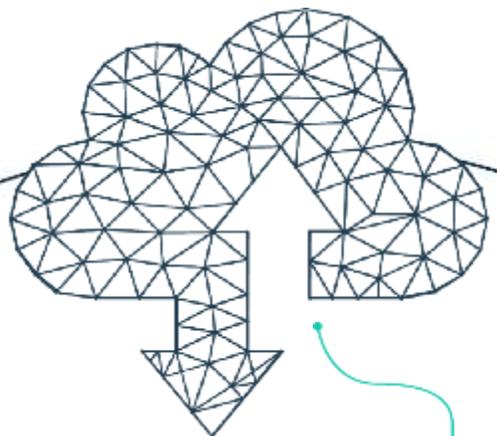


# OUR PROCESS

**1.**  
DATA SOURCED  
VIA REMOTE  
SENSING



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Cloud based artificial  
intelligence platform where  
multiple layers  
of data are ingested  
and analysed

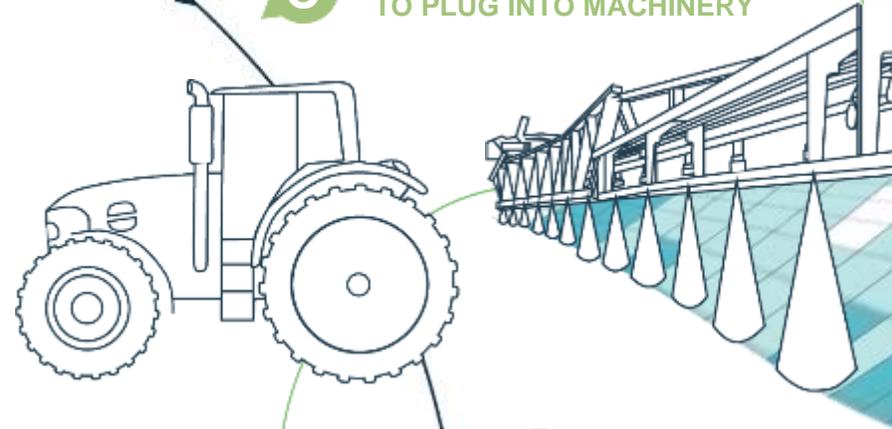


- AI
- DEEP LEARNING
- SOIL DATA
- WEATHER DATA
- HISTORIC YIELD

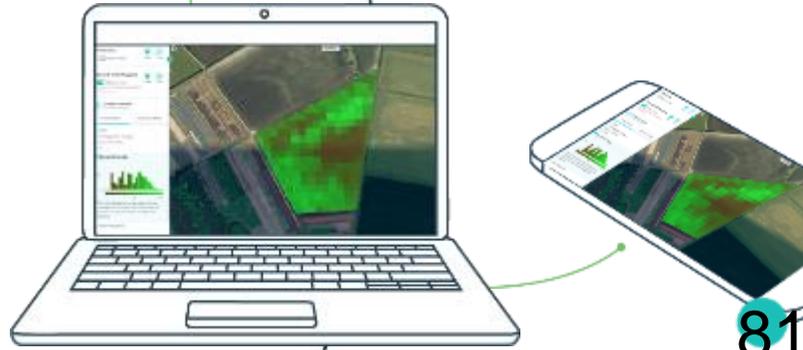
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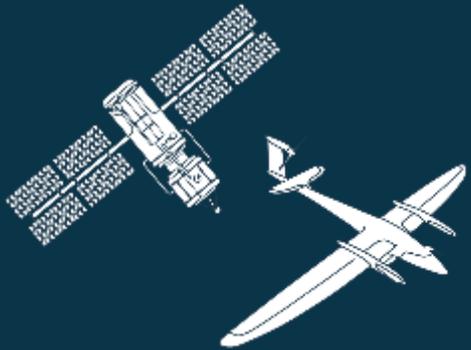
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“WE ARE  
DATA SOURCE  
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“AVERAGE  
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TIME IS <24 HOURS”

# 2020 CAPABILITIES



	WHEAT	BARLEY	OSR/ CANOLA	MAIZE	POTATO	SOYBEAN	SUGAR BEET	SUGAR CANE	SUN FLOWER	LETTUCE	COTTON	GRASSLAND	PEAS & BEANS
NDVI, VARIABILITY, BMARKING	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SEEDING	●	●	●										
NUTRITION - VRN	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	
PLANT PROTECTION - PGR	●	●	●										
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DESICCATION	●	●	●	●	●	●			●				●
PLANT PROTECTION - FUNGICIDE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●				
CANOPY COVERAGE			●		●	●	●		●				●
PLANT POPULATION					●		●		●				
PLANT COUNTING SIZING AND GRADING					●					●			
PATCH AND GAP DETECTION							●	●	●				
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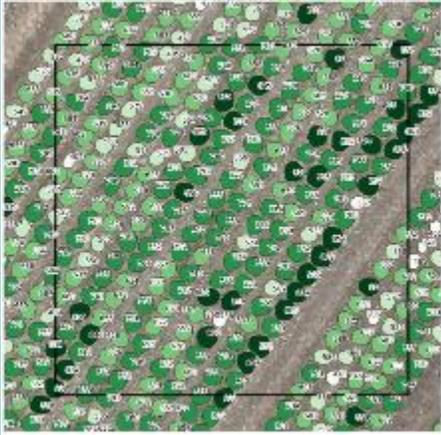
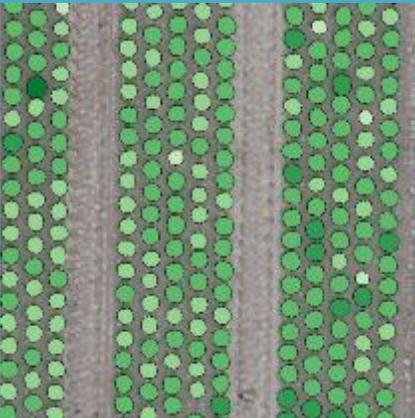
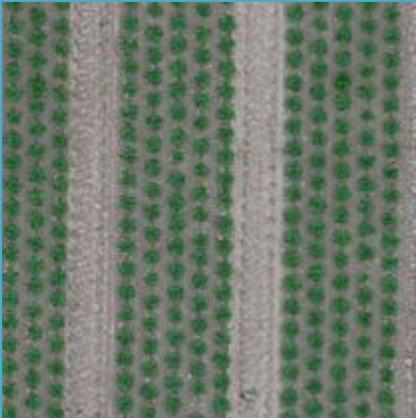
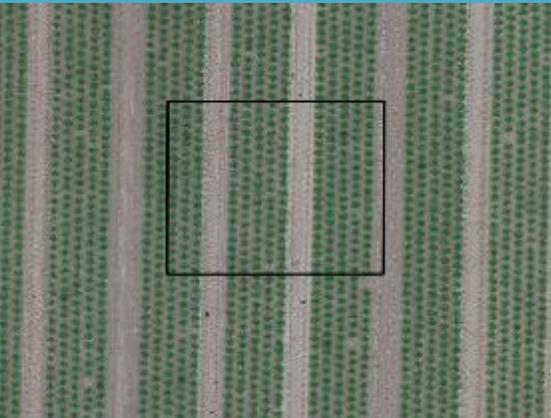
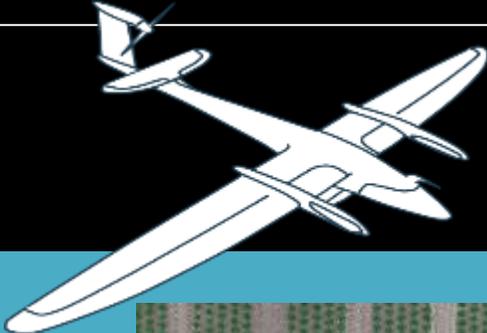
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## WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR USING THIS TECHNOLOGY?



- Lettuce Plant Counting and Sizing
  - Traditional process is manual, time consuming, tedious and error-prone.
  - Technology solutions have failed to materialise into simple, accurate and reliable solutions.
- Unlock Management Decisions
  - Limited capacity to plan and forecast the harvesting numbers required to send to their customers.
  - Flat rate nitrogen sprayed across the fields ignores size differences, reducing efficiency & increasing cost
- Ability to create customised solutions for any problems specifically noted by the grower

# HUMMINGBIRD AI SOLUTION



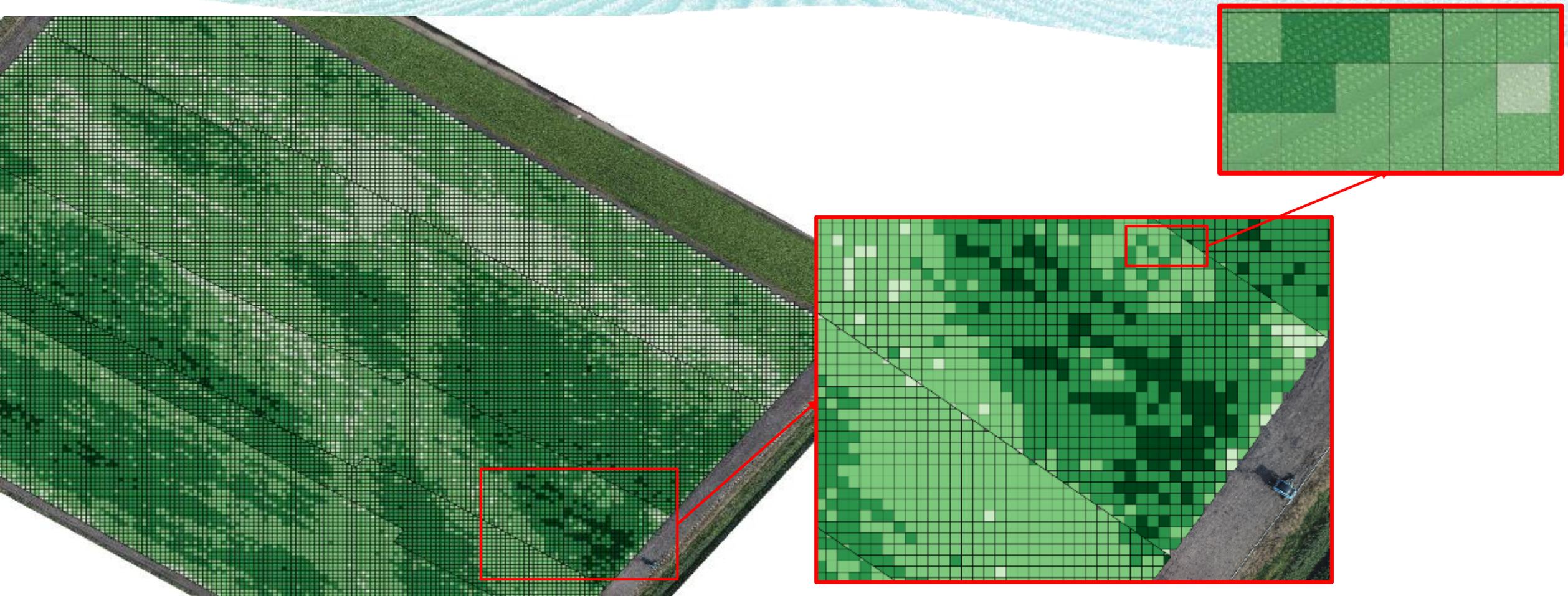
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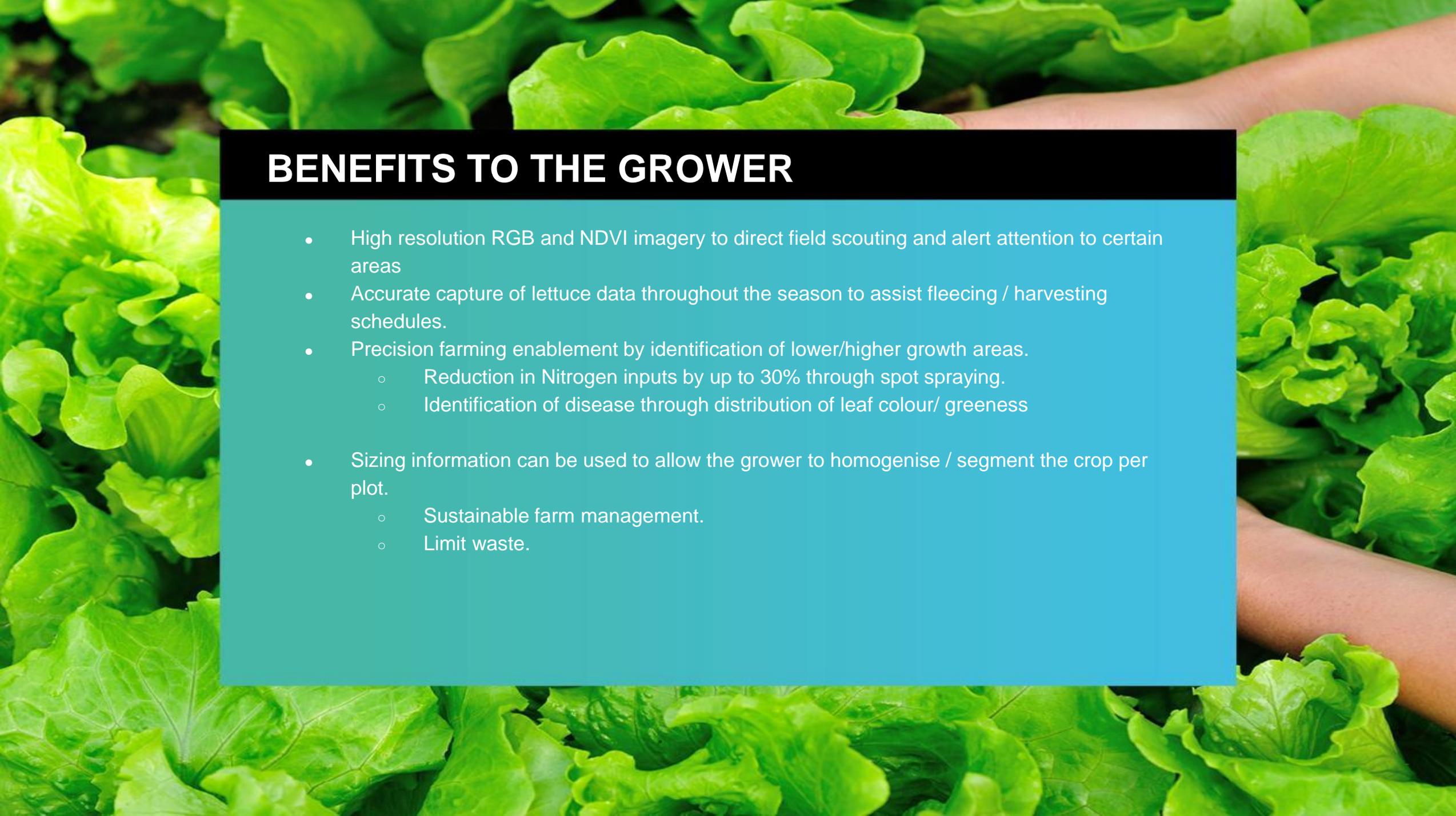
# Per Variety Plot Size Map

Darker cell colour corresponds to larger average size, lighter colour to smaller size.

Example application:

- Cells are grouped in size bands for harvest scheduling.
- Bands are used to determine spot spray Nitrogen strategy (spray OR no-spray).





## BENEFITS TO THE GROWER

- High resolution RGB and NDVI imagery to direct field scouting and alert attention to certain areas
- Accurate capture of lettuce data throughout the season to assist fleecing / harvesting schedules.
- Precision farming enablement by identification of lower/higher growth areas.
  - Reduction in Nitrogen inputs by up to 30% through spot spraying.
  - Identification of disease through distribution of leaf colour/ greenness
- Sizing information can be used to allow the grower to homogenise / segment the crop per plot.
  - Sustainable farm management.
  - Limit waste.

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uVue drones

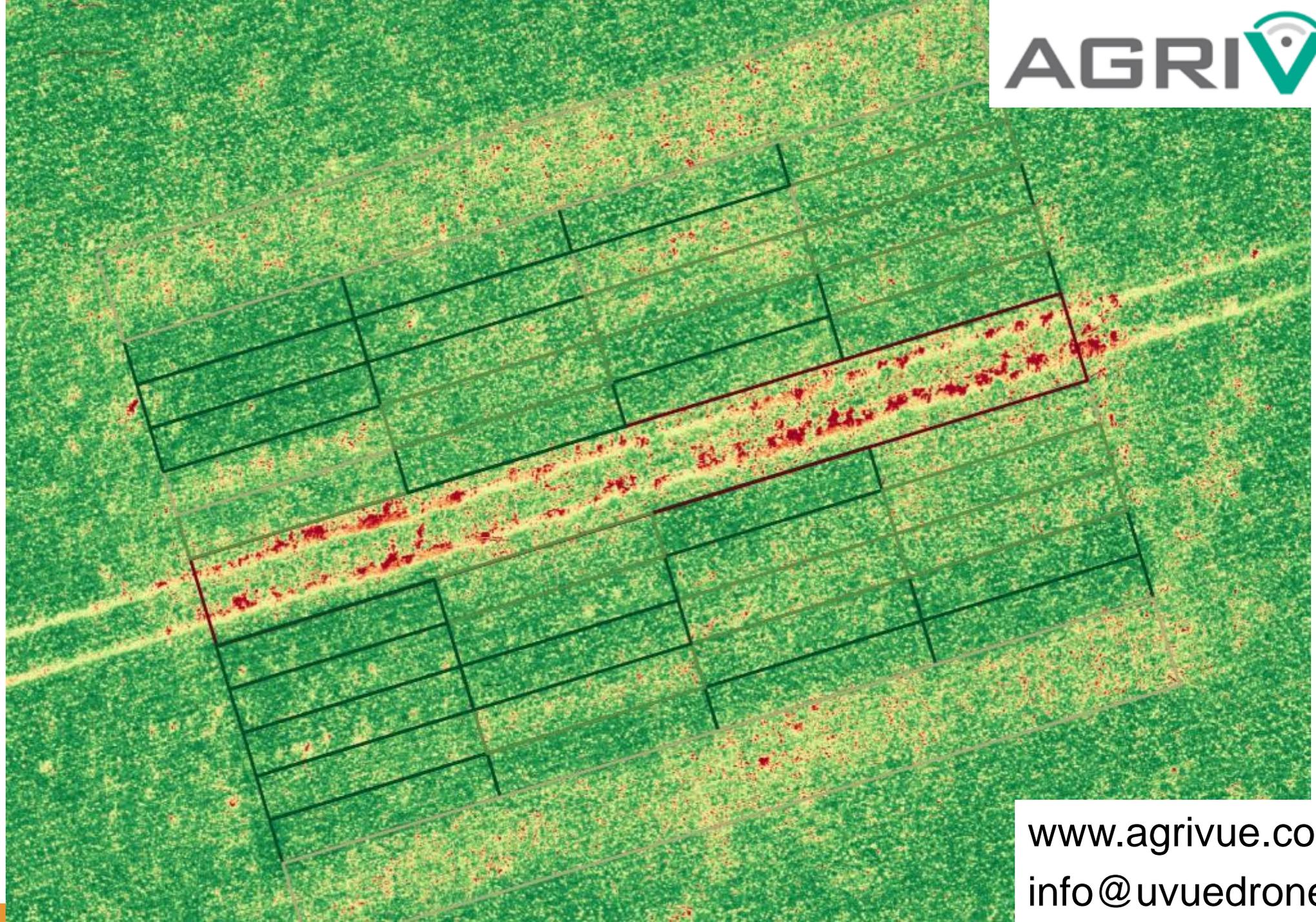
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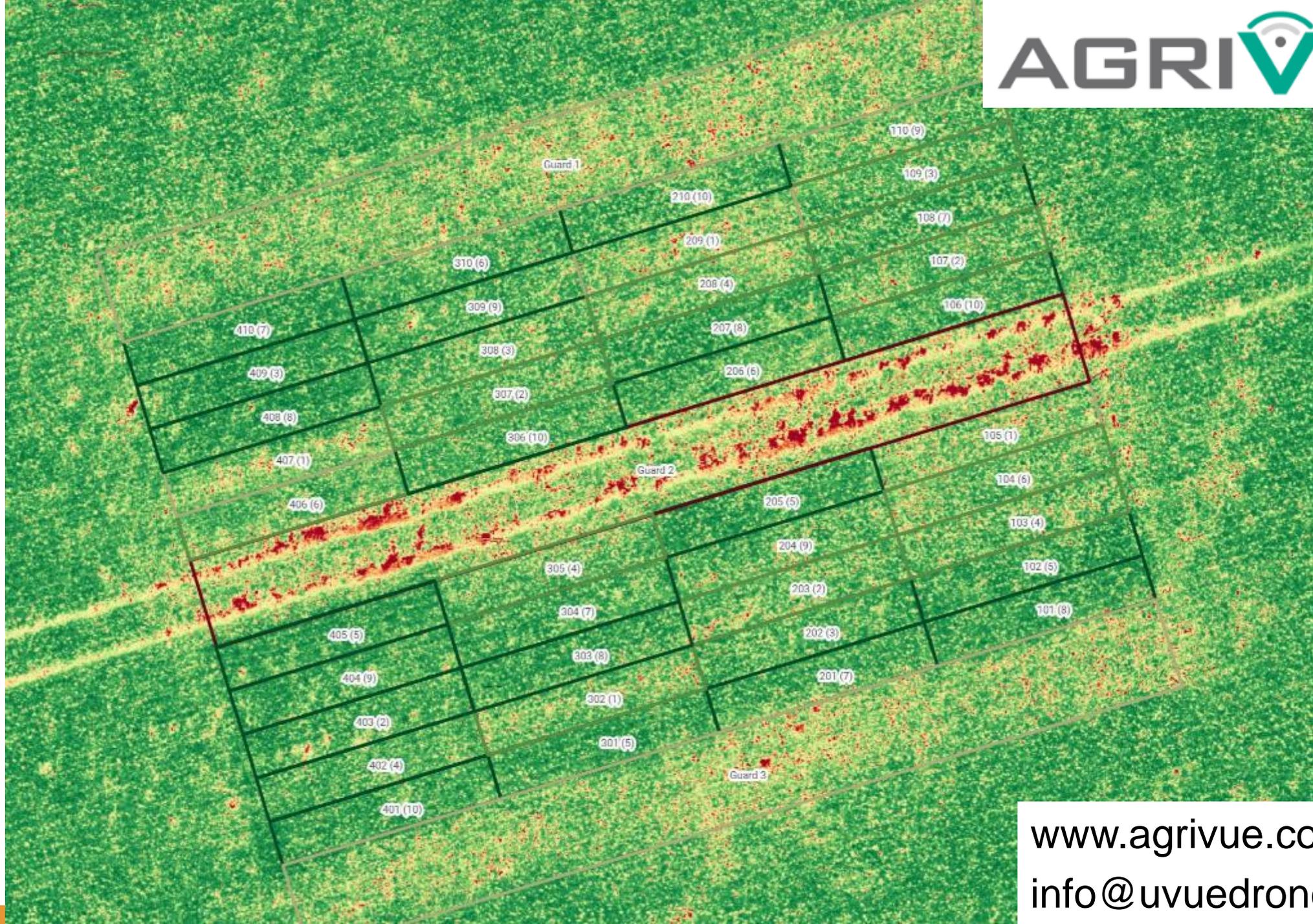
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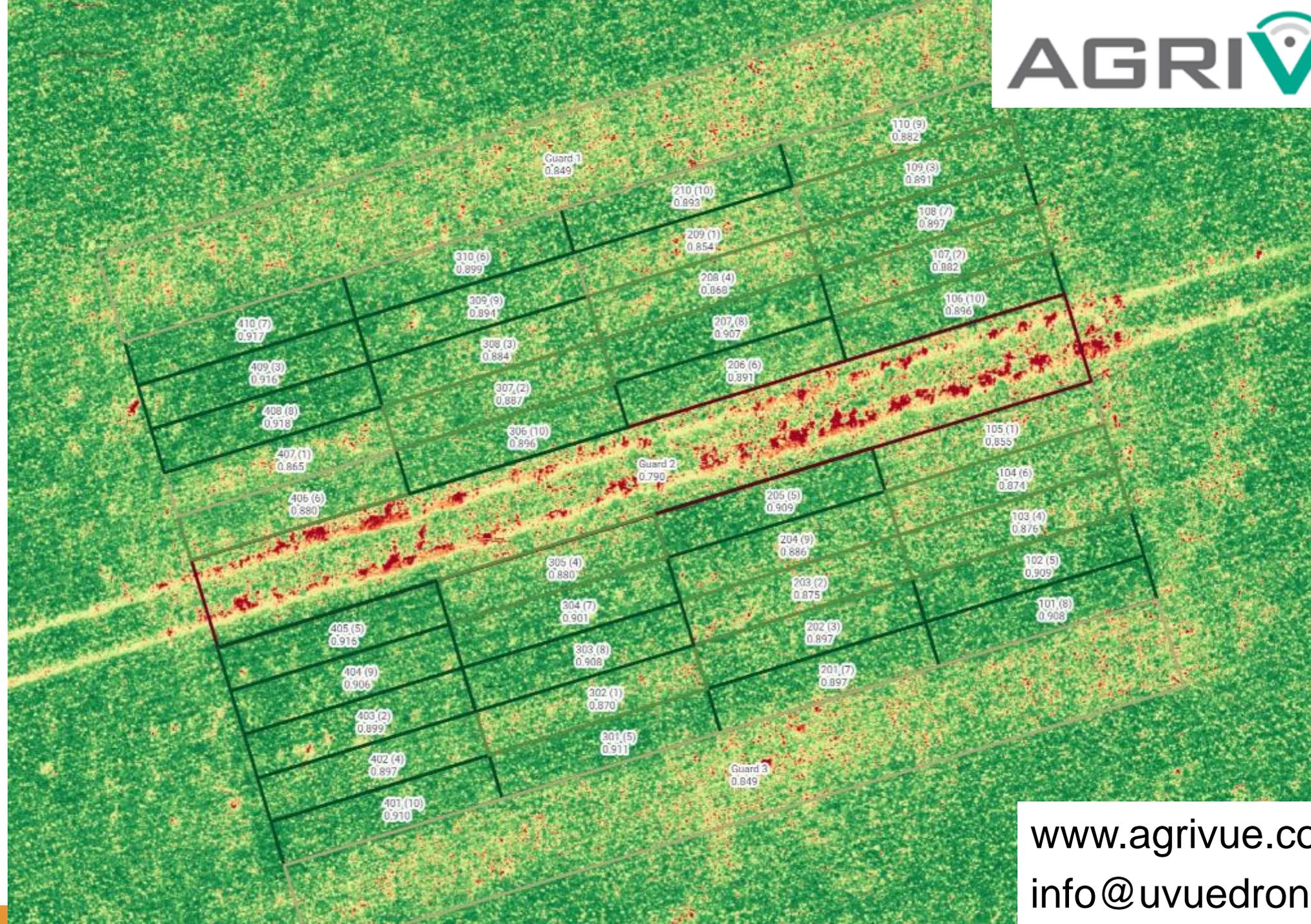
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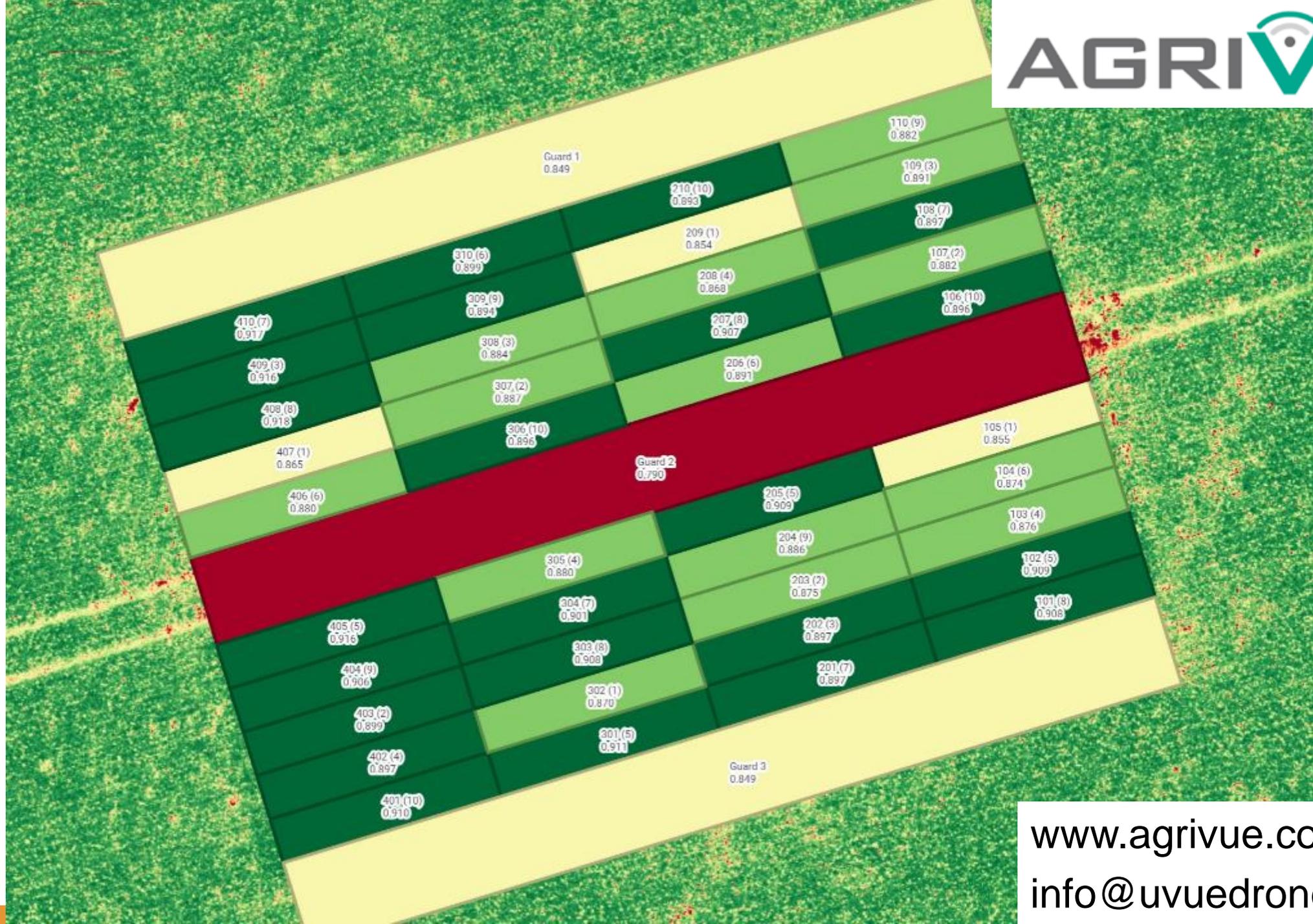
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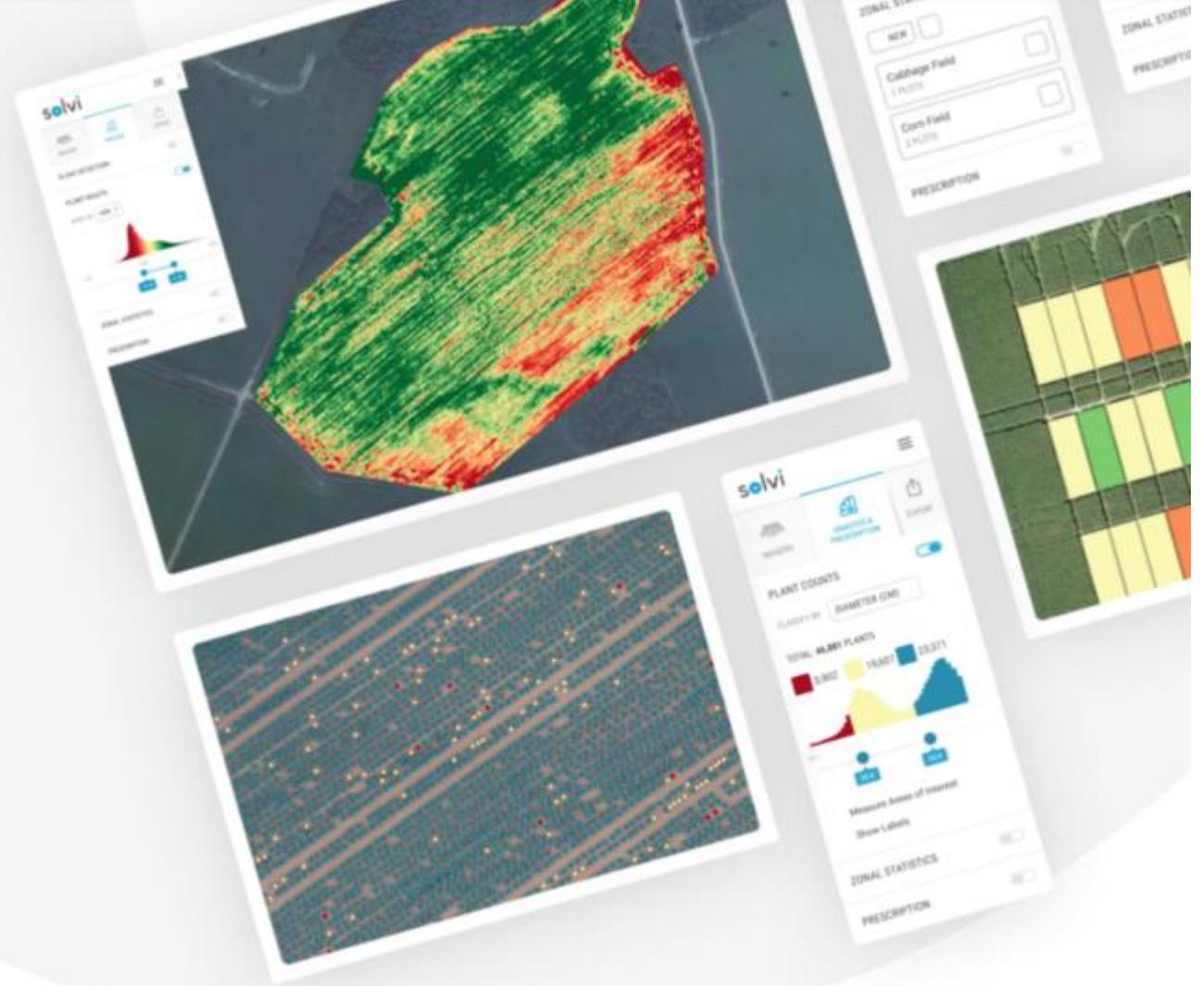
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# Get to know your crops with drone imagery

Solvi offers a complete solution for drone-based crop monitoring so you can make better decisions about your crops.



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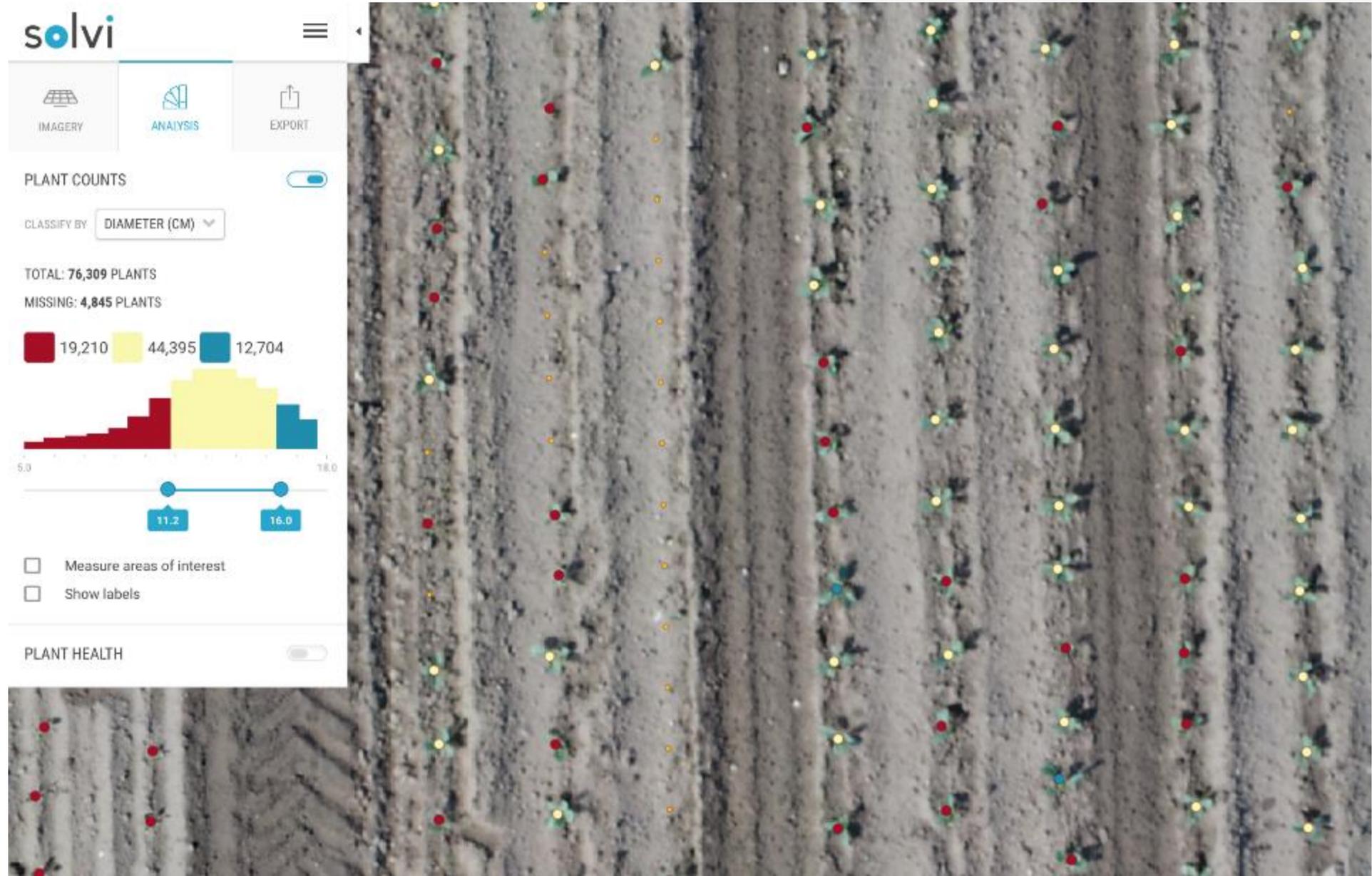


Drone imagery helps  
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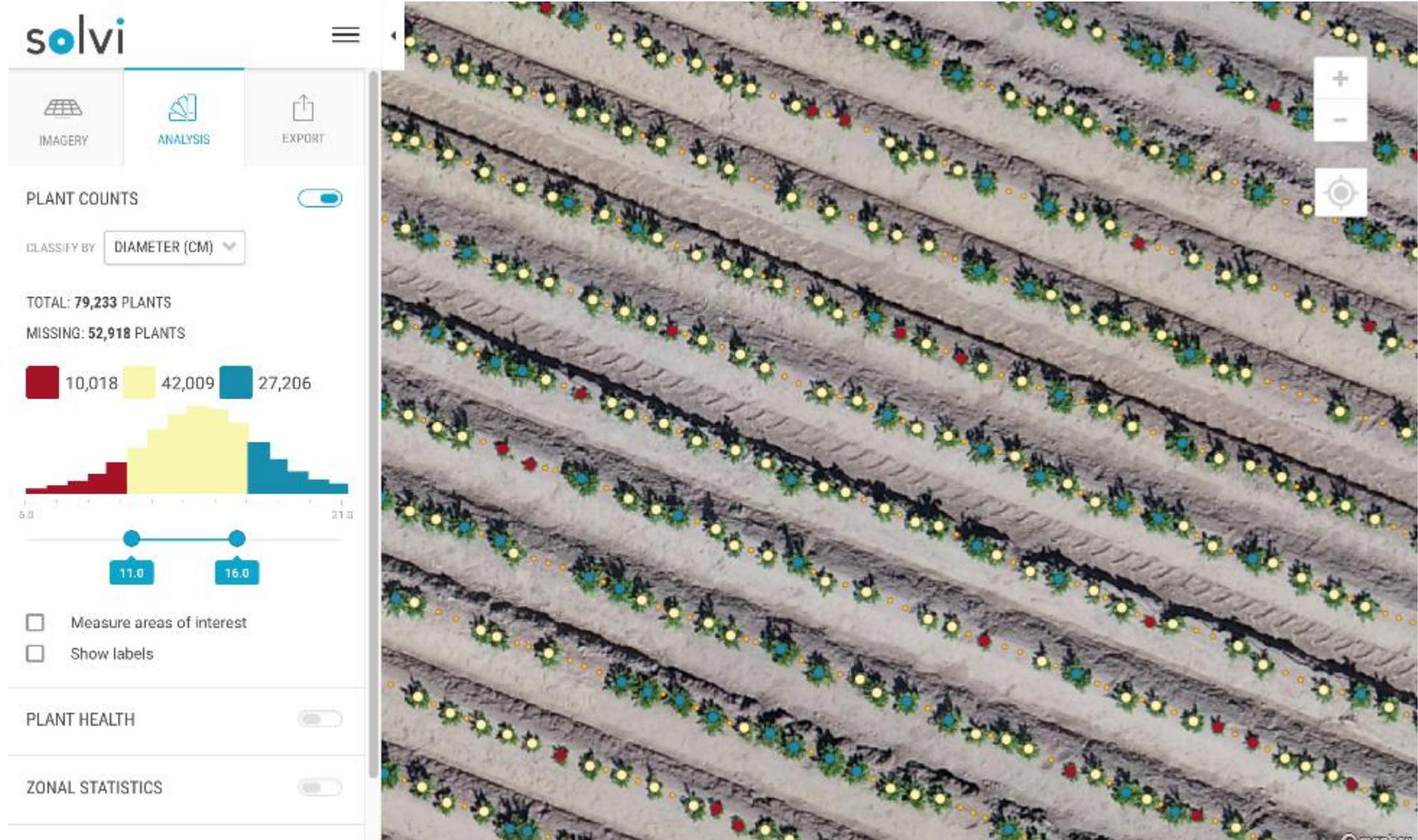


# 1. Crop establishment after planting

# Crop establishment in vegetables



# Crop establishment in potato



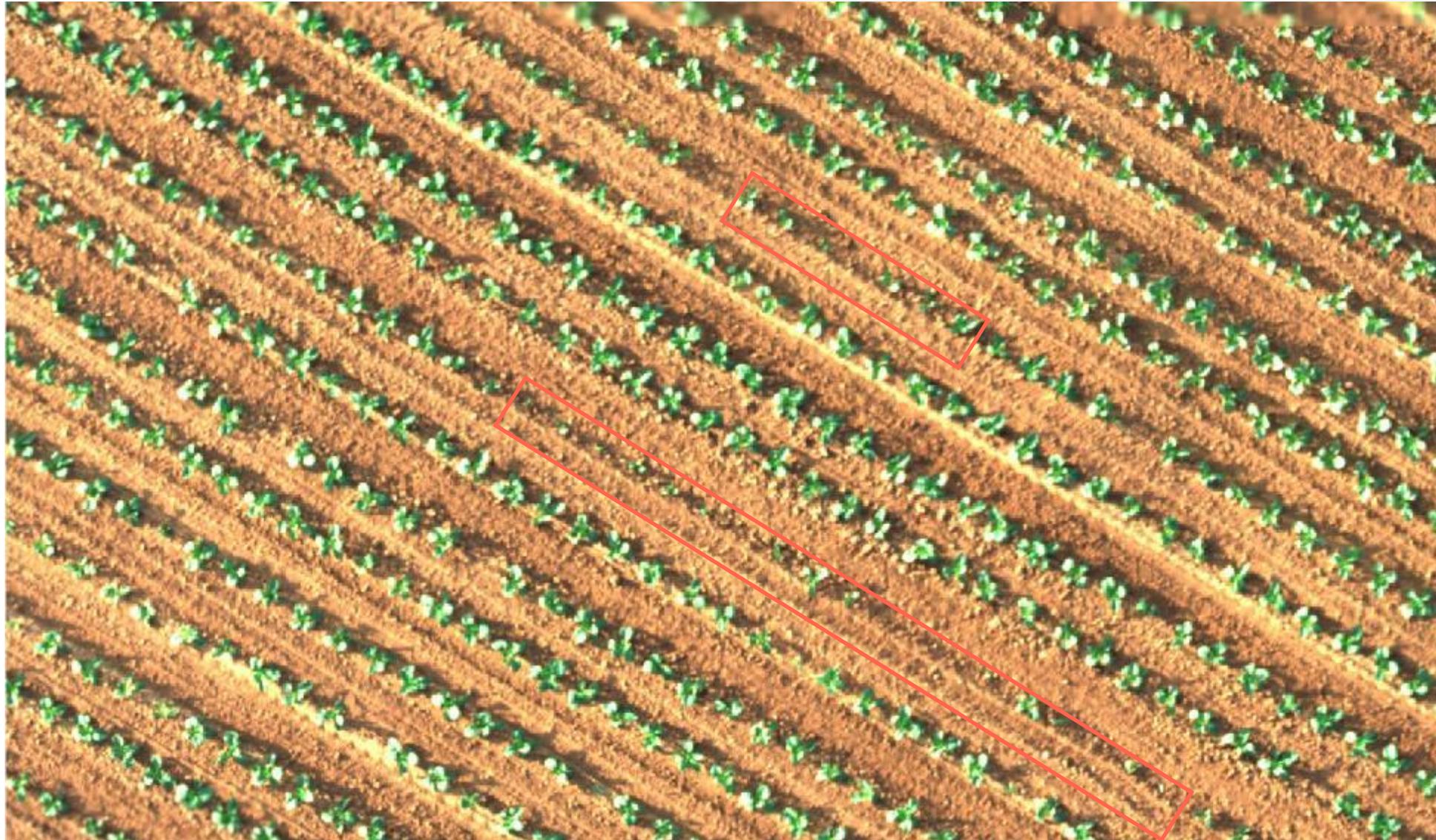


## 2. Monitoring and management of weeds, pests and diseases

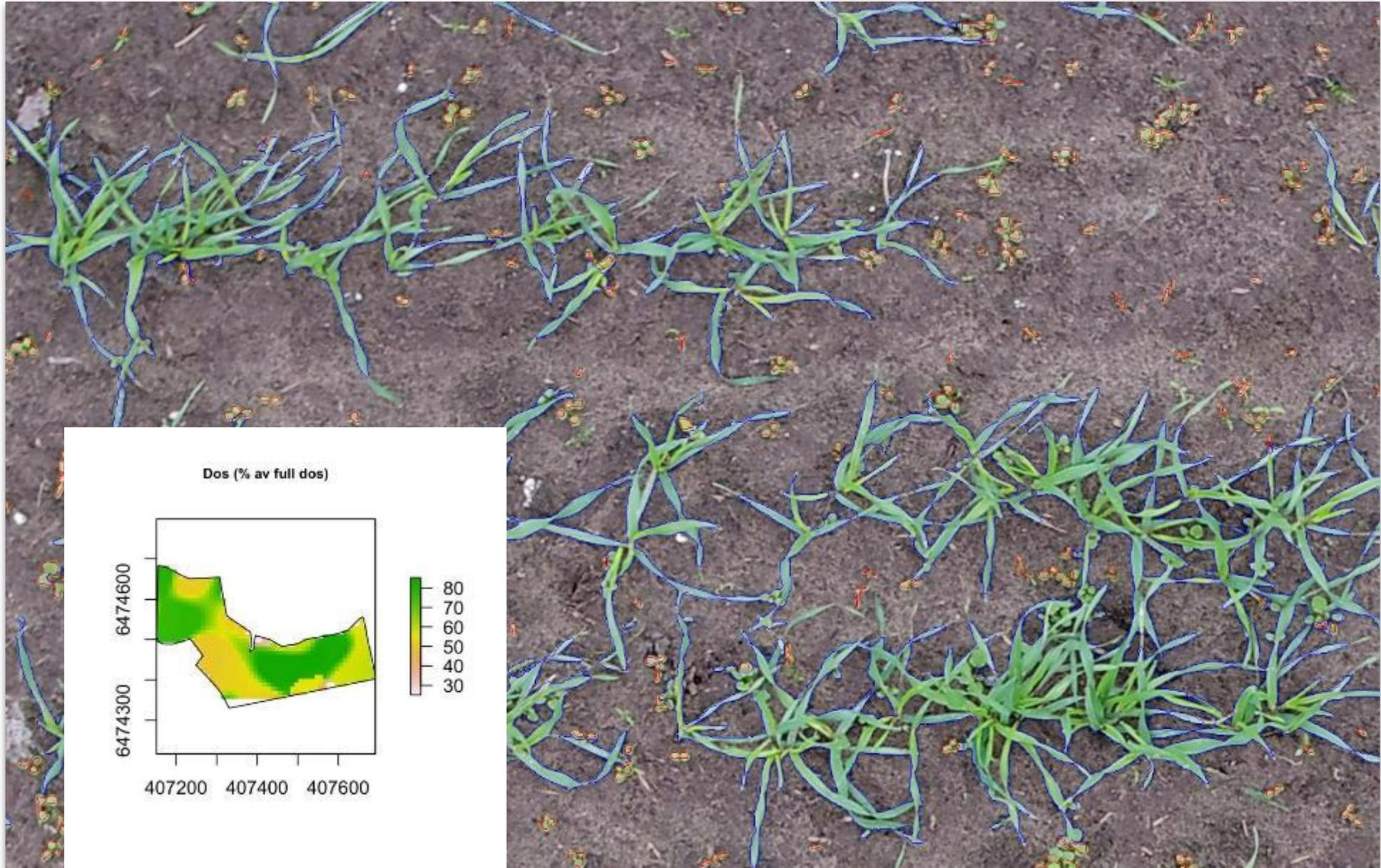
# Evaluate weed management



# Evaluate mechanical weed control



# Variable rate weed-spraying



# Pests and diseases





### 3. More accurate yield estimations

# Yield Estimation, cabbage

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MAPPINGS

Planting Date: 20 May 2020  
Crop: Vitkál  
Sort: Impala  
Nr of plants planted: 21000

26 AUG 2020

18375 PLANTS

Week 13

LOSS 12%

YIELD ESTIMATION DETAILED

0 - 11.7 CM	1.1 TONS (1146 PLANTS)
11.7 - 15.3 CM	8.4 TONS (6582 PLANTS)
15.3+ CM	13.8 TONS (10647 PLANTS)

ESTIMATED YIELD: 23.4 TONS

4 AUG 2020

19655 PLANTS

Week 10

LOSS 6%

8 JUN 2020

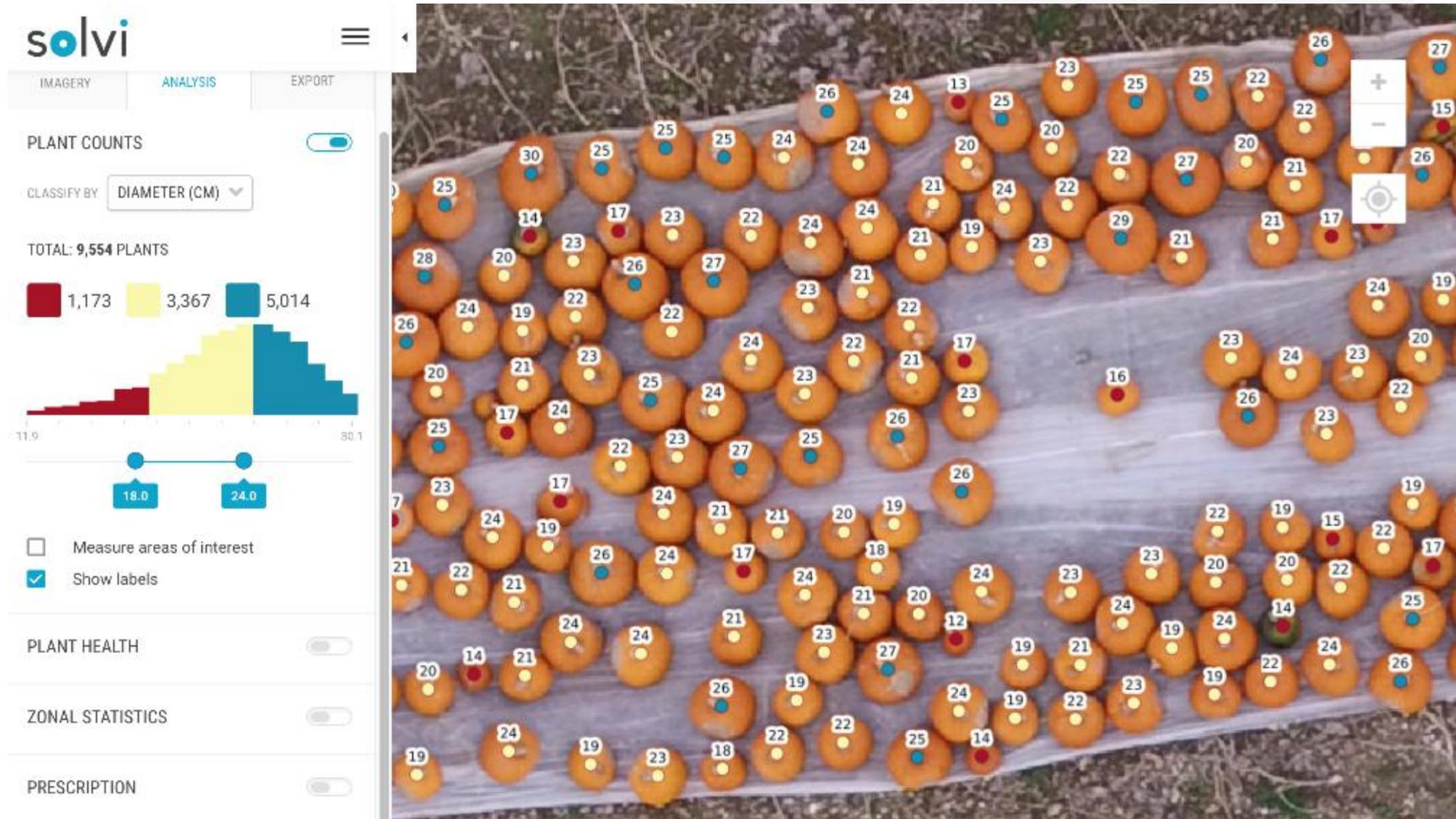
20257 PLANTS

Week 2

LOSS 4%



# Yield Estimation, pumpkins





1. Crop establishment after planting
2. Monitoring and management of weeds, pests and diseases
3. More accurate yield estimations

The logo for Solvi, featuring the word "solvi" in a sans-serif font. The "o" is a solid blue circle, and the "i" has a blue dot above it. The background of the slide features a large, light gray, semi-transparent circular graphic on the right side.

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## Questions & discussion

### **Remote sensing as a driver for innovation and profitability gains in agriculture? What do you think?**

1. What are the biggest opportunities for remote sensing in agriculture in the next 5-10 years?
2. What are the main trends driving progress in the remote sensing sector?
3. What are the biggest challenges yet to be overcome?

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