

Combining biofertilizer application with precision agriculture technologies

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Date	Name of the lecture
19 June Monday	Introduction to biofertilizers in the context of soil ecology
20 June Tuesday	The need for biofertilizers: a market perspective
21 June Wednesday	From microbes to biofertilizers
22 June Thursday	Techincal and legal issues, the business plan associated with biofertilizers
23 June Friday	Alternatives to biofertilizers

Works on Biofertilizers

26 June Monday27 June Tuesday28 June Wednesday29 June Thursday

Black soldar fly as a soil stimulant *Campo (Alvalade do Sado; Herdade dos Conqueiros)* Precision agriculture and biofertilizers, results from field assays



30 June Friday

Biofertilizers in precision agriculture: round table



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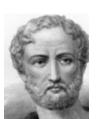
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Humus Theory rejection



1888 – Hellriegel and Wilfarth

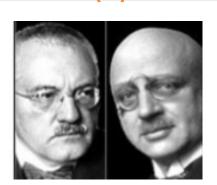
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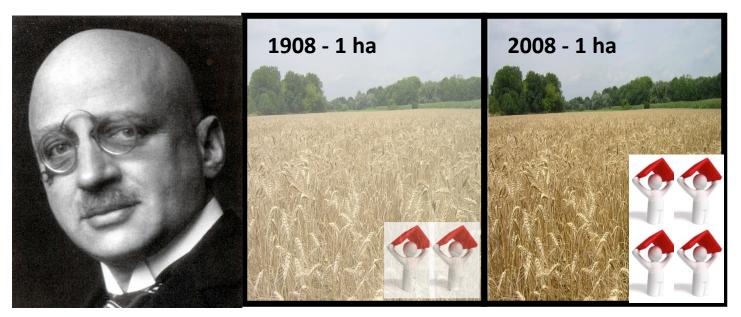
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SYNTHETIC NITROGEN FERTILIZERS



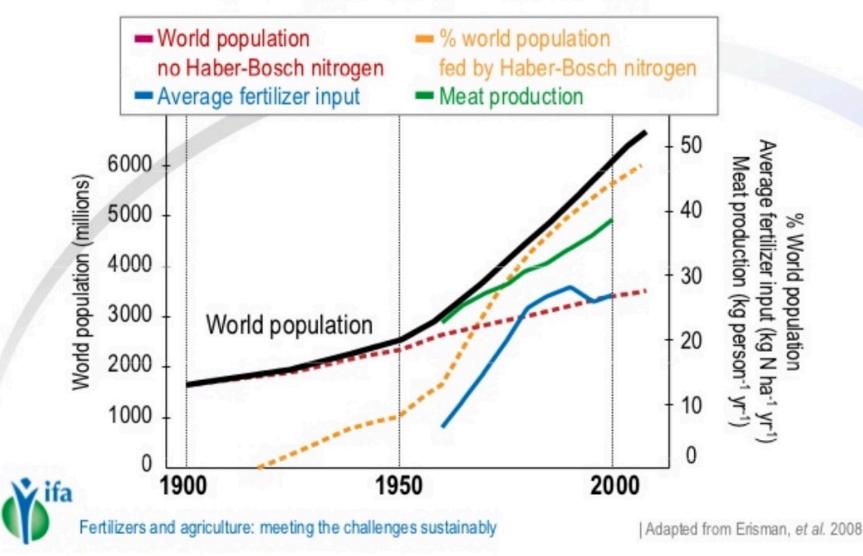
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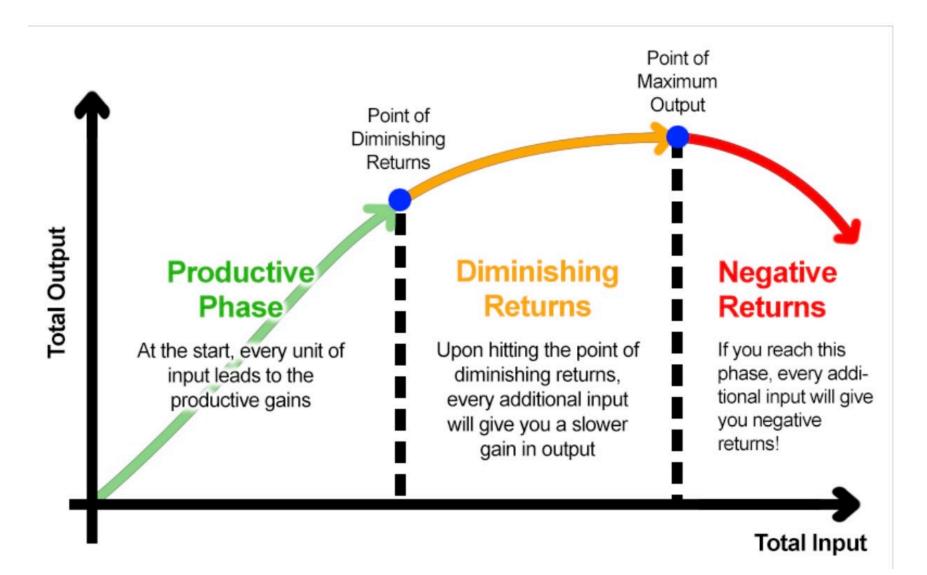




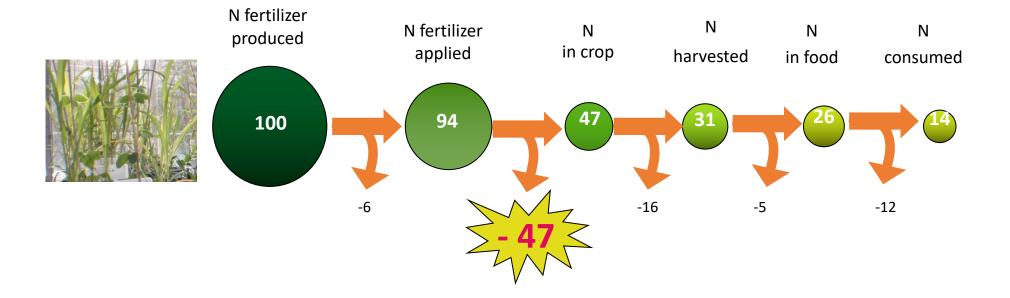
Population trends and nitrogen use during the 20th century



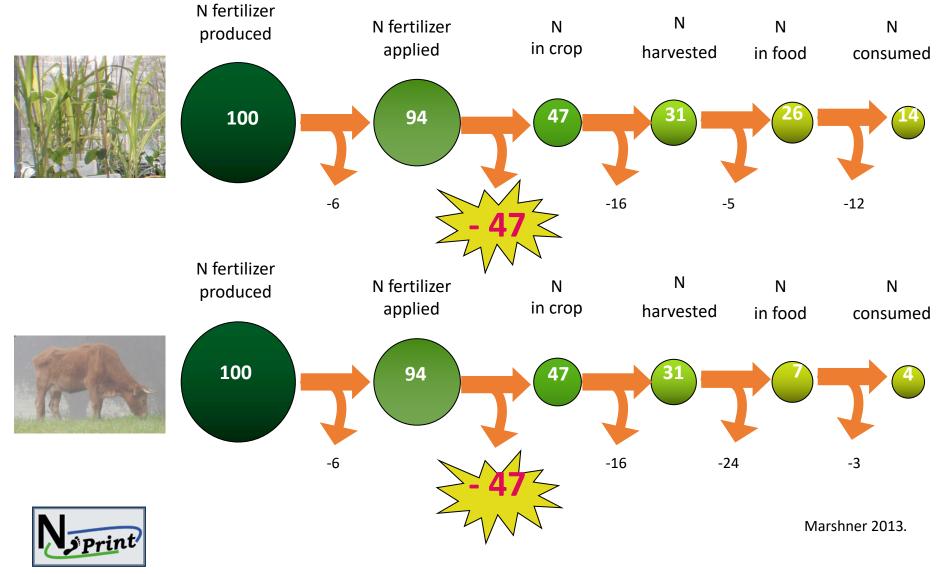




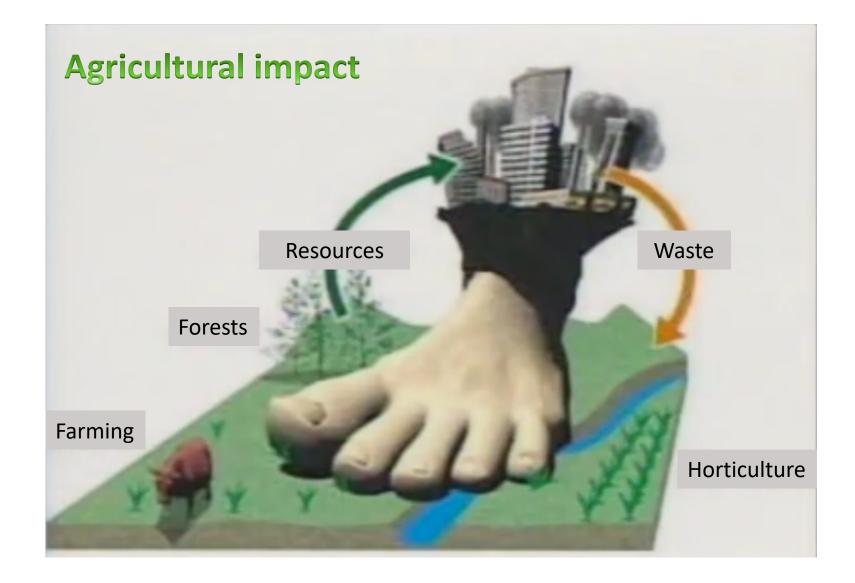














1.SOIL HEALTH

Introduction to biofertilizers in the context of soil ecology

 Soil health is the capacity of soil to function within ecosystem and land use boundaries, to sustain productivity maintain environmental quality, and promote plant and animal health.





2.EFFECT ON WATER

- Water become unfit for drinking.
- The runoff of agrochemicals into streams, lakes, and other surface waters can increase the growth of algae.



 Eutrophication- Change in quality and composition of aquatic ecosystems by accumulation of excessive chemicals in water bodies.



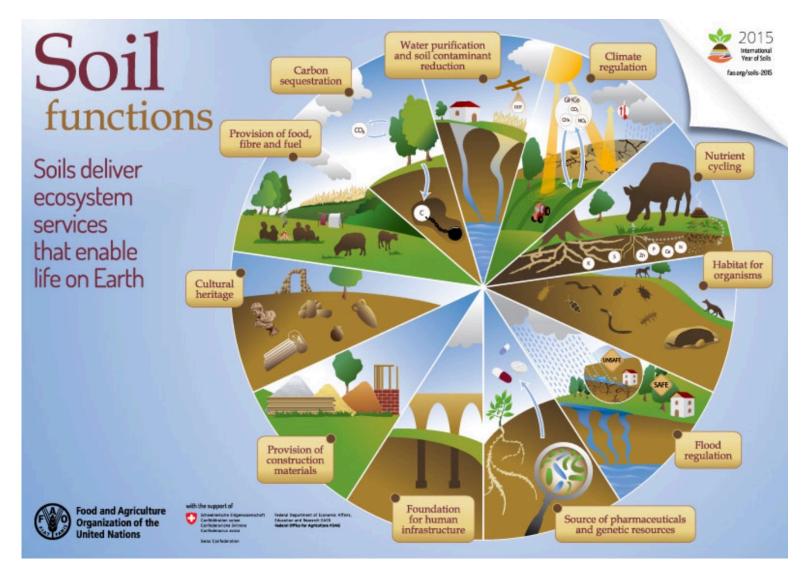
- Polluted water leading to the death of fish and other aquatic animals.
- Excessive use of agrochemicals has led to the contamination of groundwater.













Soil: natural capital



INTEGRATING PLANT AND SOIL MICROBIOME IN PLANT NUTRITION AND THE



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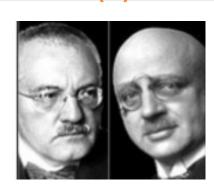
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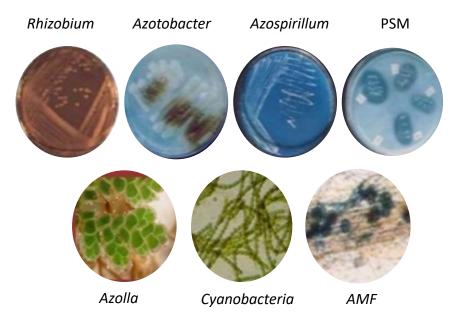


What is a biofertilizer?

A <u>biofertilizer</u> is a substance which contains <u>living microorganisms</u> which, when applied to

- seeds
- plant surfaces
- soil

colonizes the rhizosphere or the interior of the plant and <u>promotes growth</u> by increasing the supply or availability of primary nutrients to the host plant.





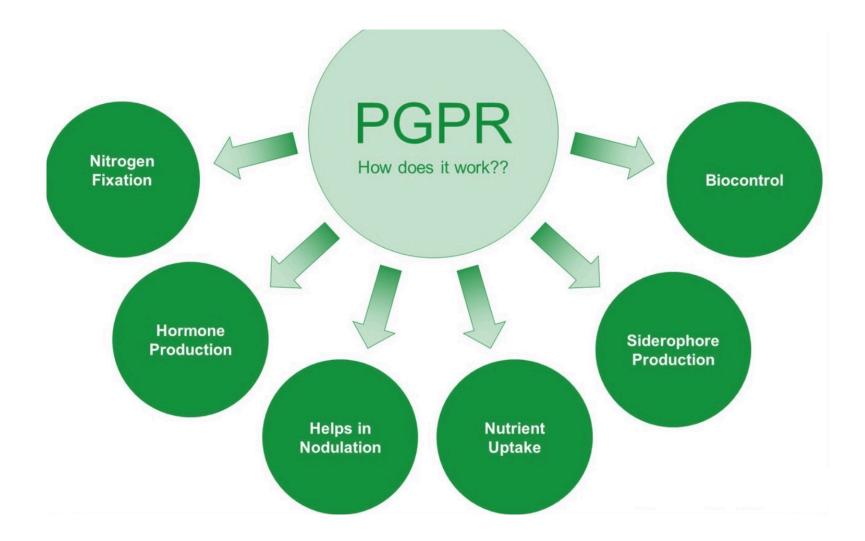
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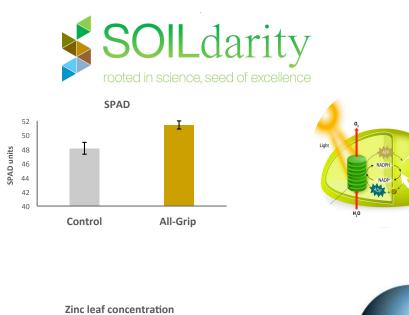
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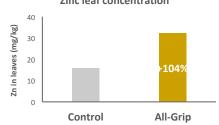
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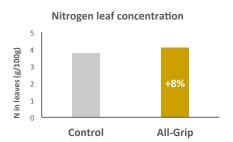
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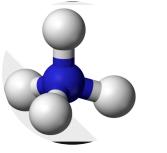




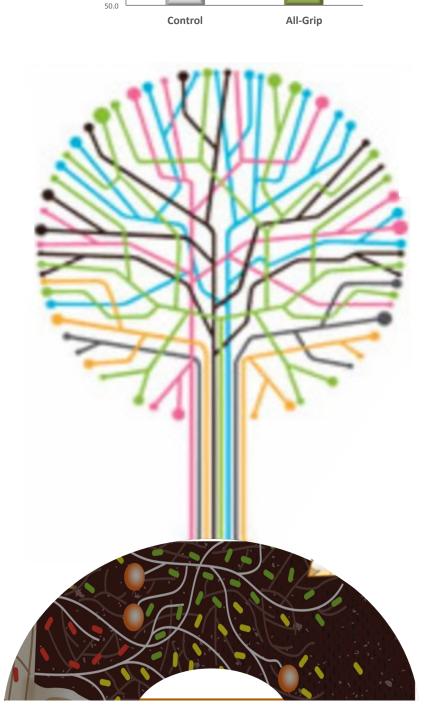




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Biofertilizer

