

# A Handy Tool: New methods in Monitoring Grape Powdery Mildew.

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# Disease - Grape Powdery Mildew

Pathogen -  
*Erysiphe necator*

‘Polycyclic’ disease

- A fresh disease colony can produce new spores  $\geq 5$  days

Grows on green, living tissue

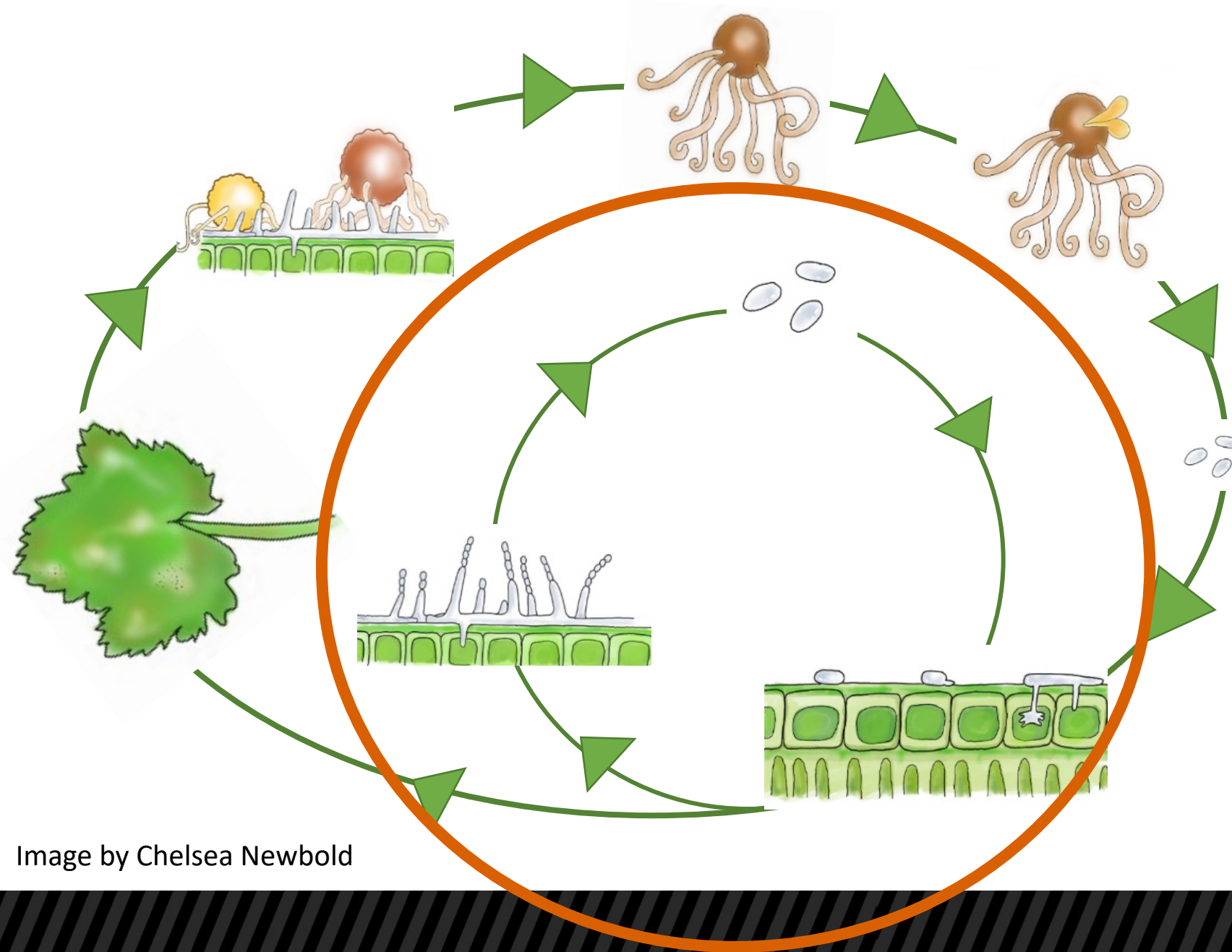


Image by Chelsea Newbold



# Simulated disease development (untreated block)

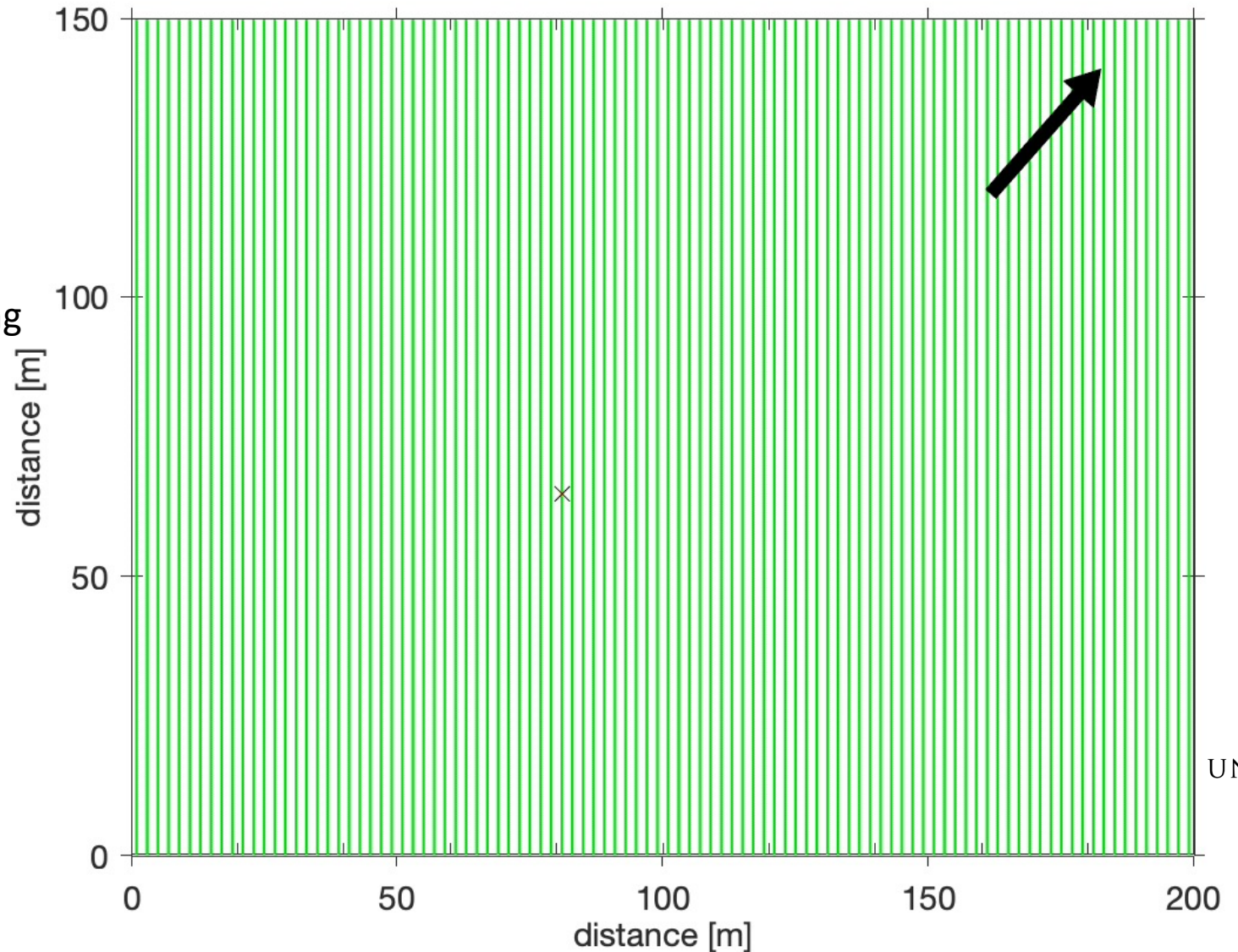
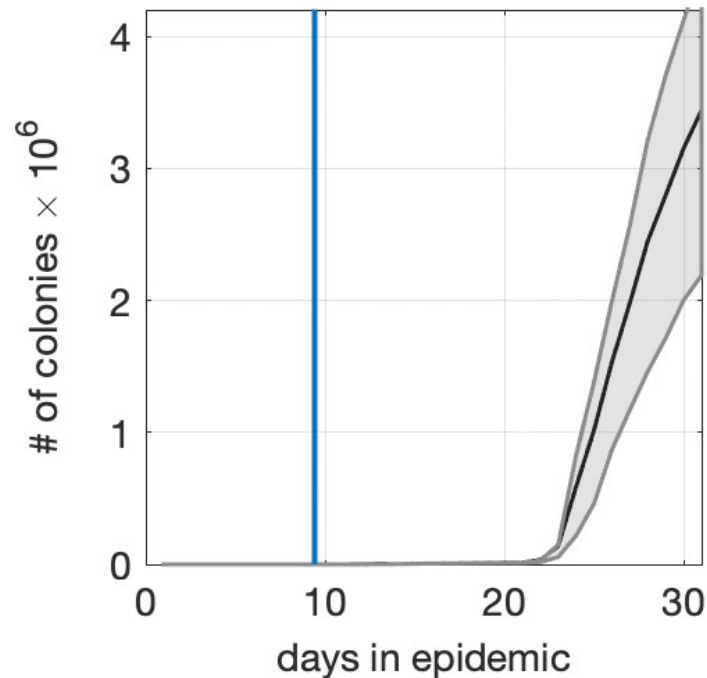
Pathogen spread simulation

Day 9 Hour 9:00 of epidemic

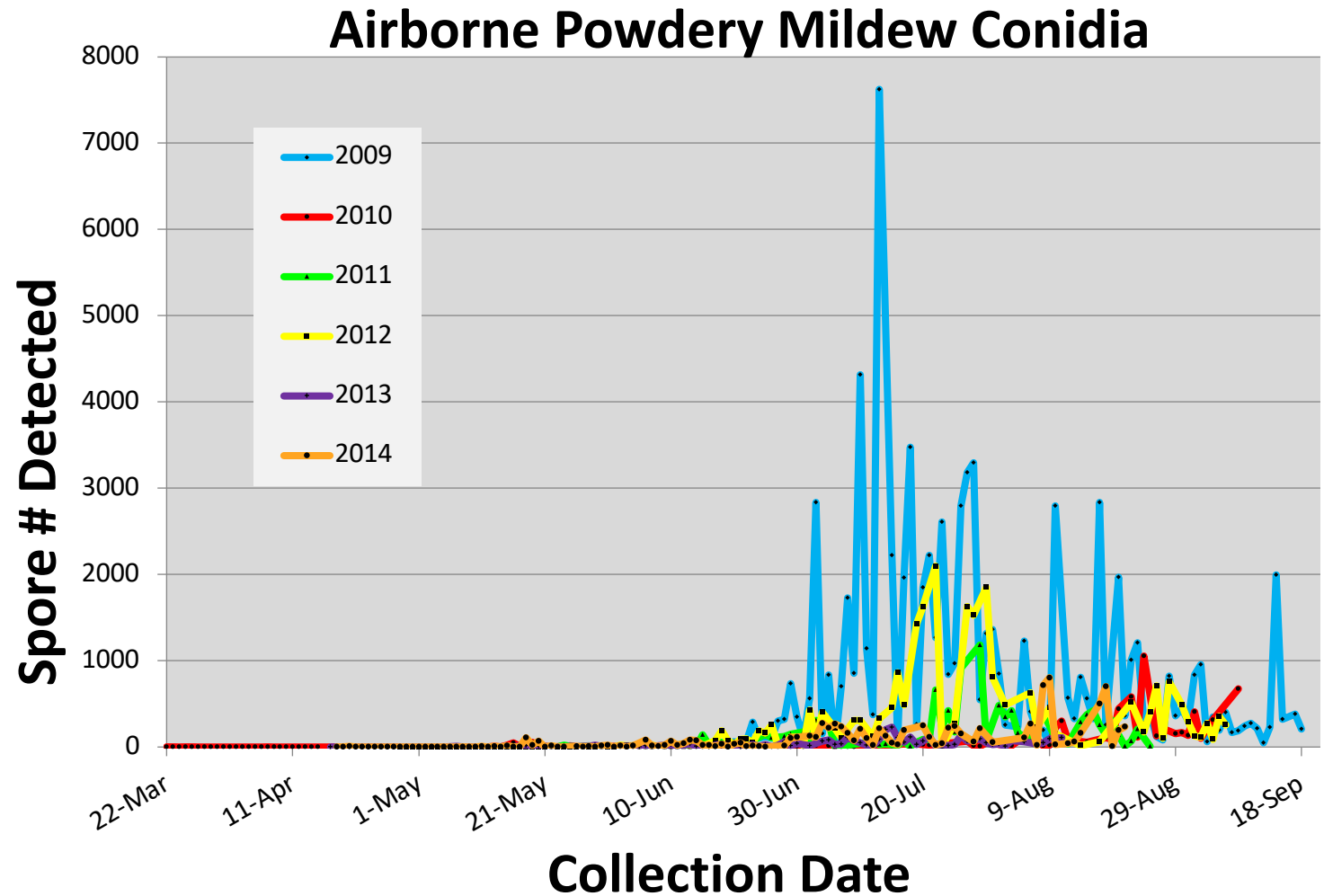
Wind speed = 0.68 m/s

Wind direction = 221°

7.4-acre block with 5' x 7' vine spacing

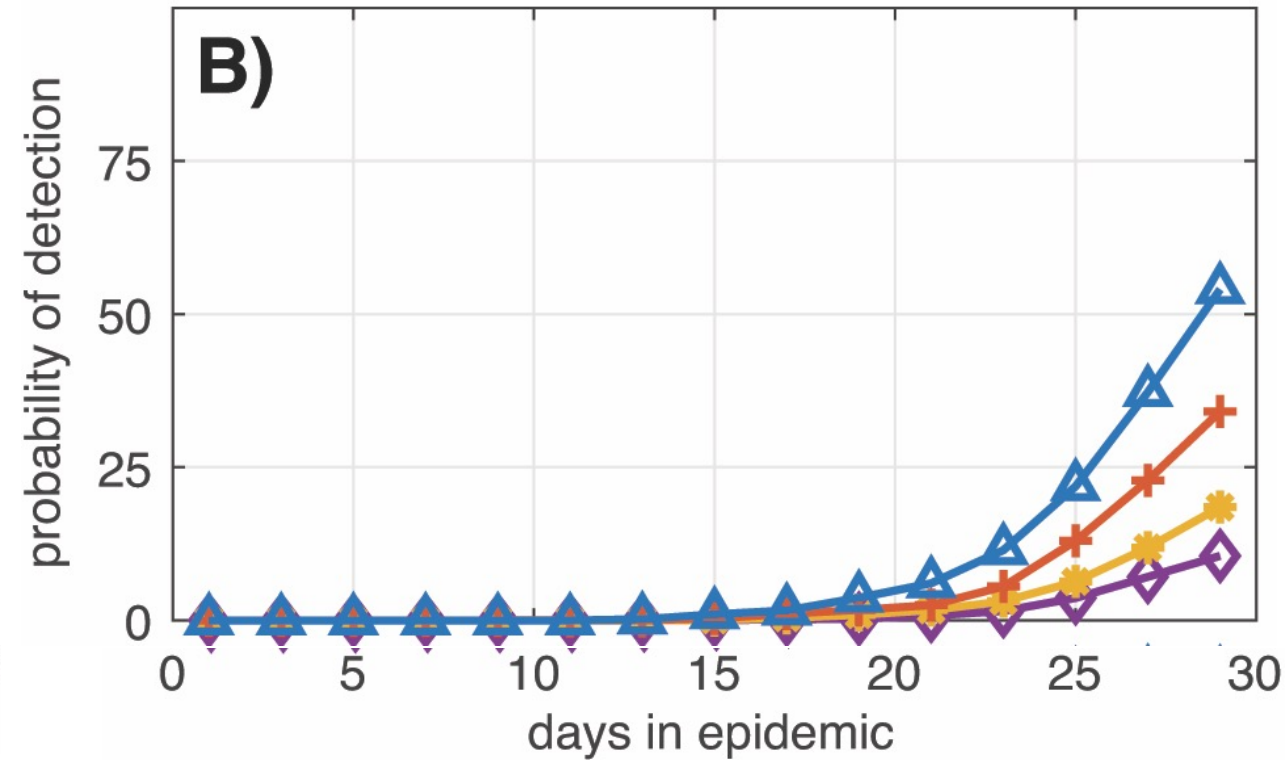
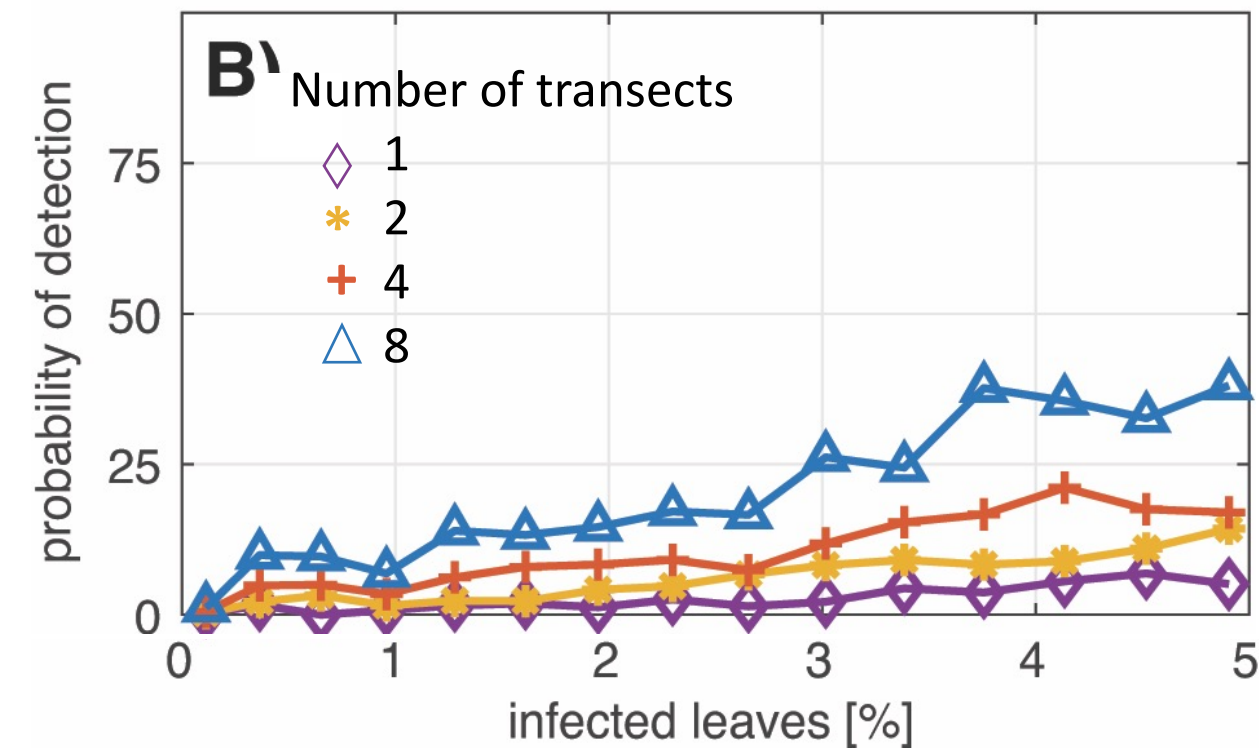


# Seasonal risk changes!



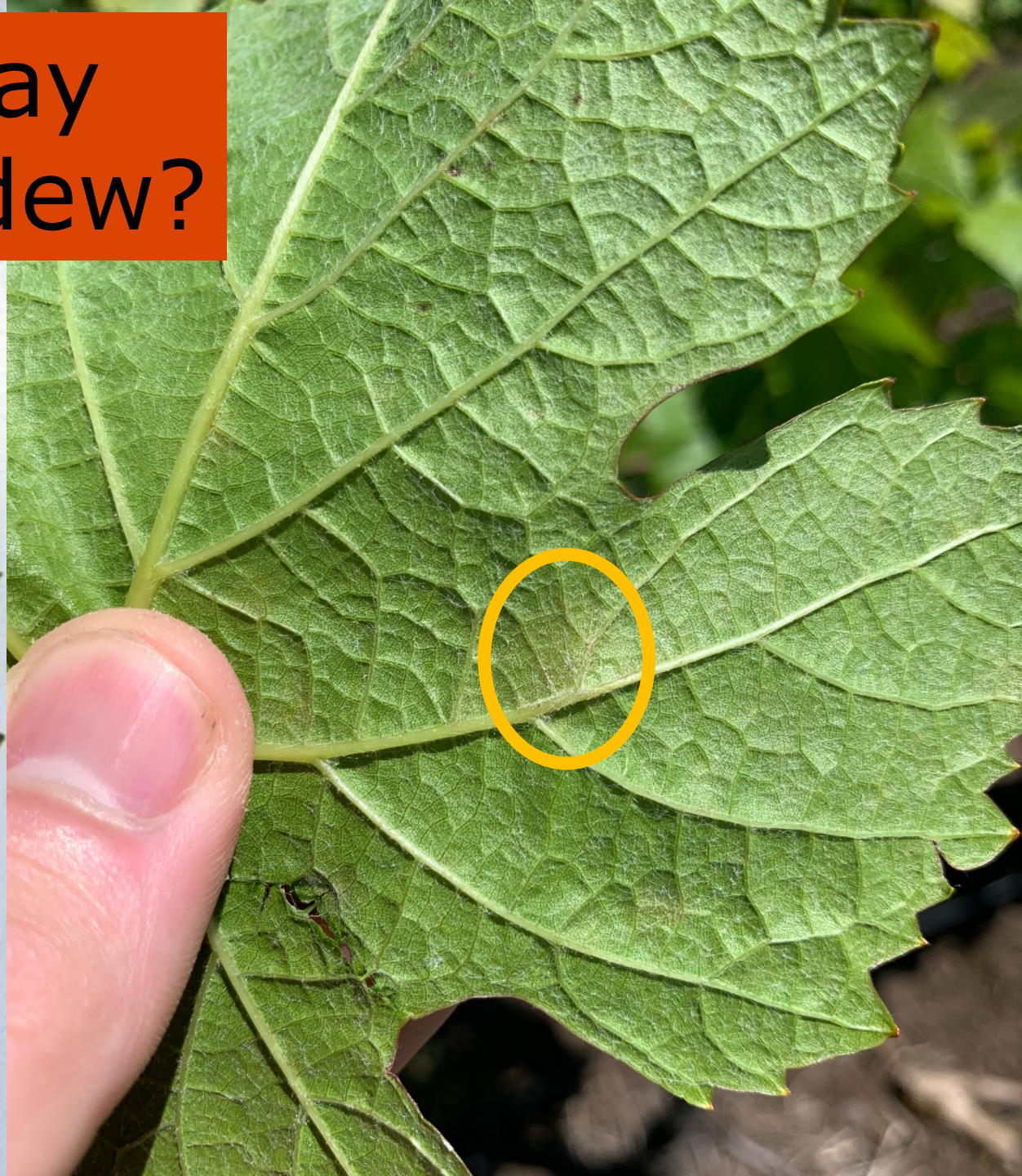


# But it can be hard to find...





Want to play  
spot the mildew?





How do we increase our odds?





# Types of spore samplers



- Leaf Swabs



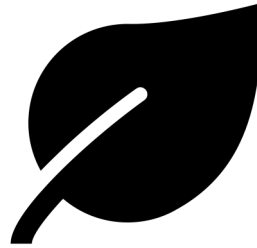
- Spore Traps



- Glove Swabs

# Types of spore samplers

- Leaf Swabs
- Impaction Traps
- Glove Swabs



“Leaf Swab” - After visual assessment, collection of purported *E. necator* from leaf tissue using a cotton swab

(+) Visual Assessment AND  
(+) qPCR result  
= (+) Leaf swab sample



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Impaction “Spore Trap”  
air samplers  
to collect airborne spores

- Commercially available service





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Workers manipulate the canopy throughout season

Question:

Can swabbing worker gloves can be a viable way to collect information on the disease quickly and inexpensively in the field?



Photo: Heather Daenitz

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## Leaf swab vs. Glove swab

Collected 2018-2020 from 12, 24, and 7 blocks, respectively in OR, WA (2019), and CA (2019)

## Spore trap vs. Glove swab

Collected 2019-21 from 12, 19, and 15 sites, respectively in OR.



Photo: Heather Daenitz



# How to take Glove Swabs:

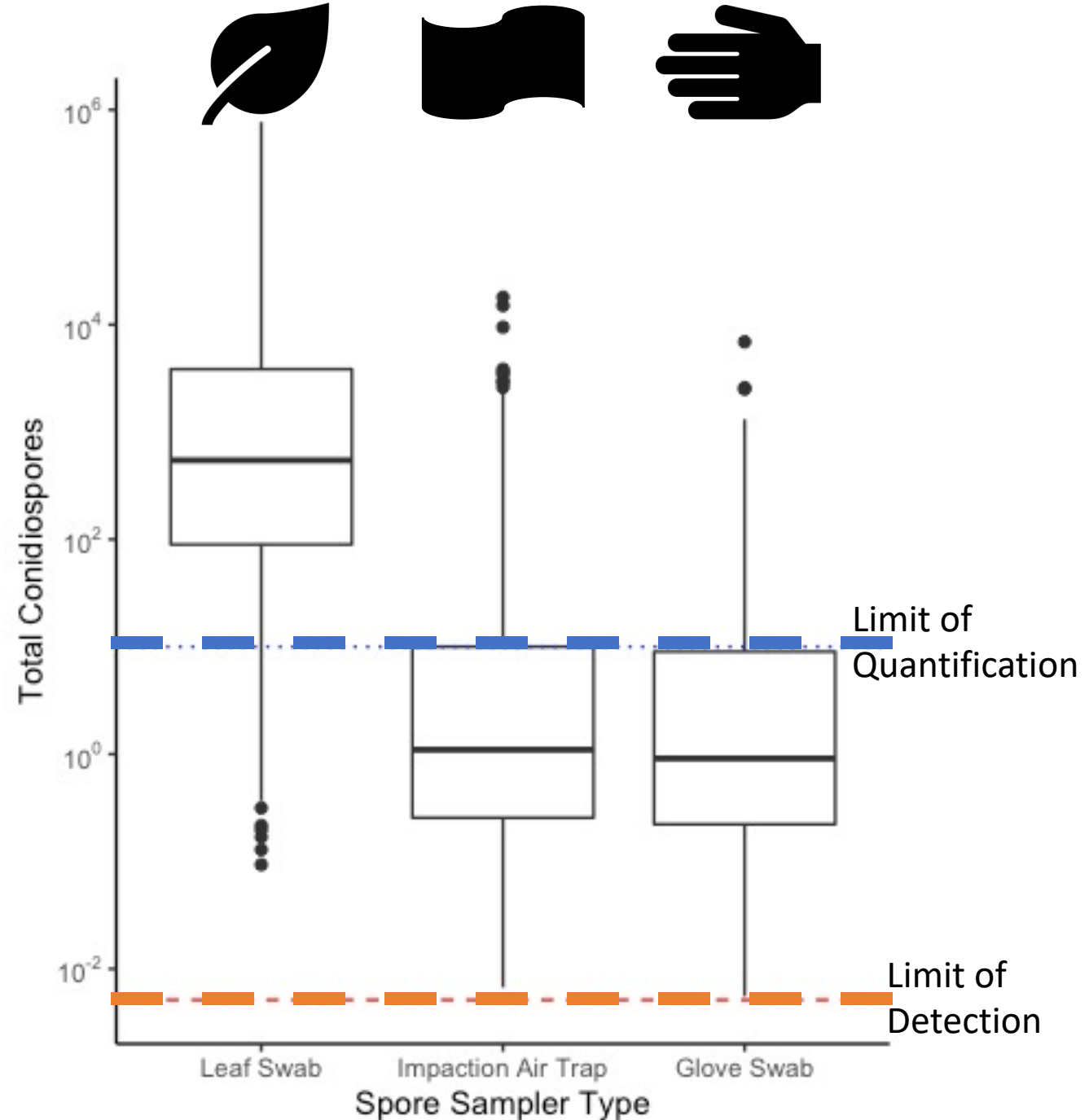
1. Rustle leaves along the row with your hands with your hands
2. Label sample
3. Push swab out of protector and
4. rub cotton tip over hands
5. over hands
6. Rinse hands with spray bottle of water and dry
7. Repeat for additional glove samples





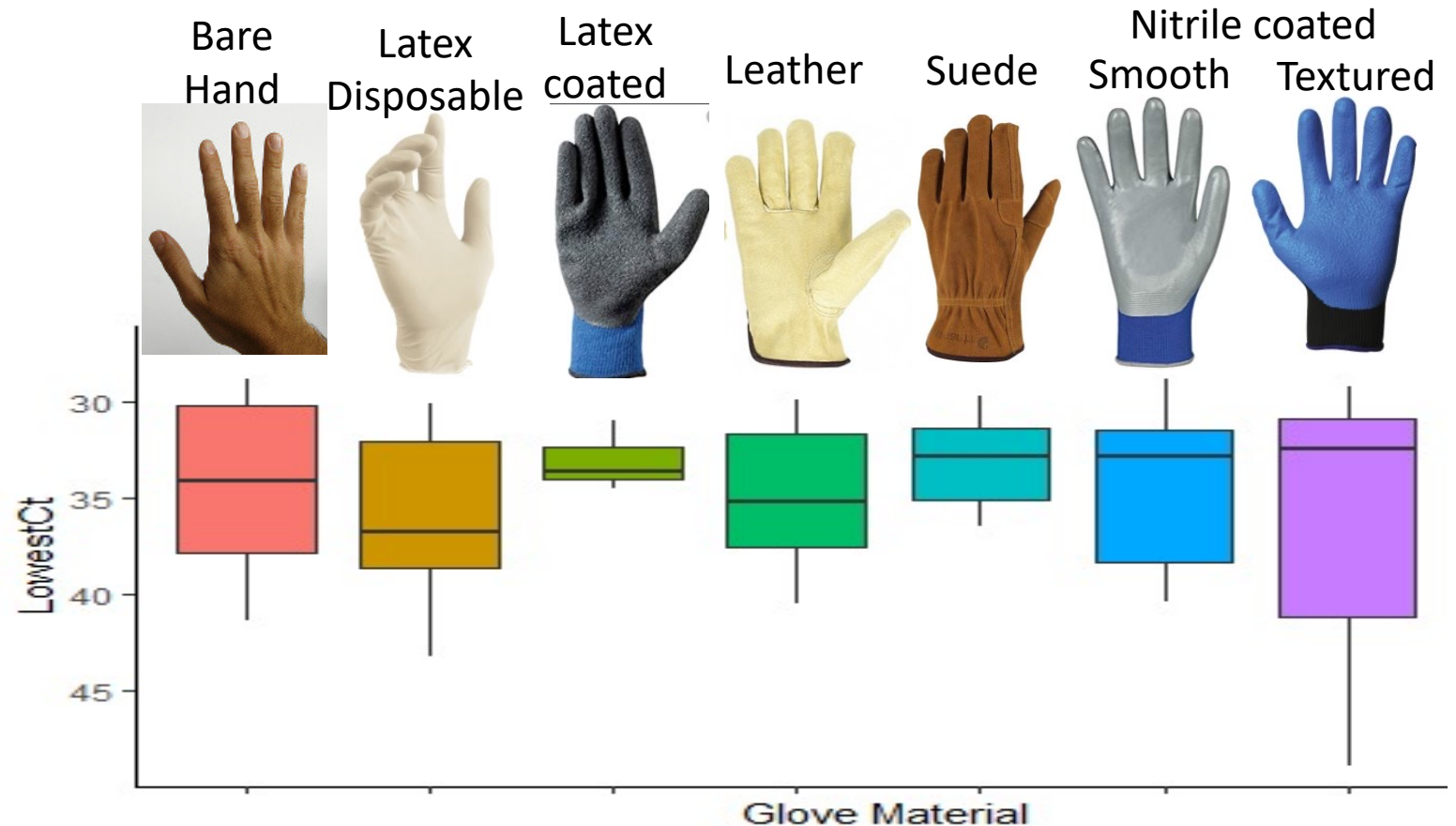
# Spore sampler, spore quantification

- Field collected sample comparison
- Subset of samples run on *Unc* qPCR assay (Thiessen et al., 2016)
- Quantification threshold is ~ 10 spores



# Does the glove material matter?

- No significant difference between glove materials!
- Only differences came from location (ANOVA  $p=0.7$ )
- Less ripped and cleaner gloves may help, though!



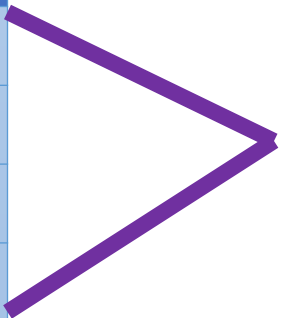
# Latent Class Analysis (LCA)

- Goal: Evaluate of diagnostic assays without known 'true' disease status
- LCA statistically constructs a reference standard to estimate:
  1. Latent class membership ← (*E. necator* presence OR absence)
  2. Technique sensitivity ← (rate of false negatives)
  3. Technique specificity ← (rate of false positives)
- Assumes the 'true' disease status are linked to diagnostic index tests.



# Latent Class Analysis (LCA)

Year	Leaf Swab	Glove Swab	Count
2018	+	+	92
2018	+	-	9
2018	-	+	102
2018	-	-	123
2019	+	+	120
2019	+	-	7
2019	-	+	221
2019	-	-	110
2020	+	+	78
2020	+	-	8
2020	-	+	21
2020	-	-	24

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1. Cannot estimate 2x2 tables
  2. Year treated as independent populations
  3. Disease incidence different each year, estimates for each year were allowed to be freely estimated



# Latent Class Analysis (LCA)

Glove vs. Leaf Swabs

## Disease Incidence

Year	n	LCA Est. Disease Incidence	SEM
2018	326	57%	25%
2019	458	51%	50%
2020	136	64%	15%

## Sensitivity and Specificity

Leaf Swabs 				Glove Swabs 			
Sensitivity	SEM	Specificity	SEM	Sensitivity	SEM	Specificity	SEM
0.67	0.36	0.96	0.06	0.95	0.04	0.67	0.36
0.51	0.46	0.97	0.06	0.97	0.05	0.51	0.46
0.85	0.12	0.88	0.23	0.94	0.08	0.74	0.12

LCA Model fit statistics:  $G^2 = 4.04$ , AIC = 58.04, BIC = 188.15, df = 8



# Latent Class Analysis (LCA)

Glove vs.  
Spore Trap

## Disease Incidence

Year	n	LCA Est. Disease Incidence	SEM
2019	31	100%	-*
2020	131	66%	19%
2021	44	47%	25%

## Sensitivity and Specificity

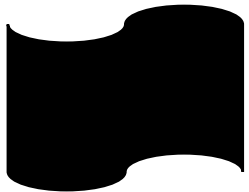
Spore Traps				Glove Swabs			
Sensitivity	SEM	Specificity	SEM	Sensitivity	SEM	Specificity	SEM
0.84 =	-	0.69 ↓	-	0.84 =	-	0.93 ↑	-
0.90 ↓	0.18	0.81 ↑	0.18	0.96 ↑	0.08	0.65 ↓	0.3
0.96 ↑	0.09	0.6 ↓	0.25	0.84 ↓	0.34	0.88 ↑	0.12

\*Could not calculate

LCA Model fit statistics:  $G^2 = 4.68$ , AIC = 58.68, BIC = 148.66 , df = 8

# Conclusions

- Glove swabs are more sensitive than leaf swabs
- Glove swabs provide very similar to information impaction spore traps



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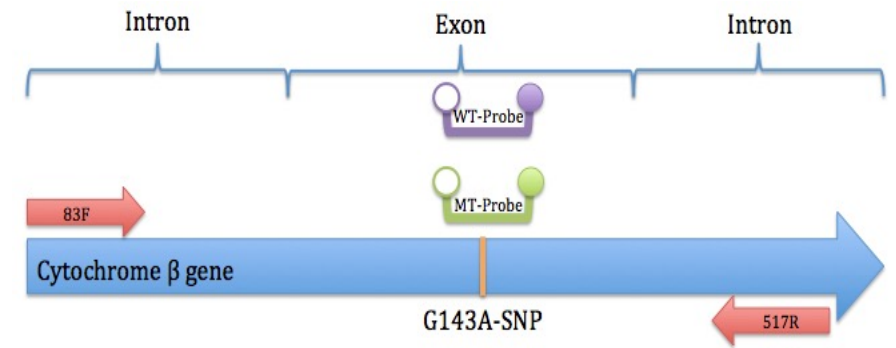
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# Molecular identification – G143A for QoI/Strobilurin fungicide resistance

- G143A mutation is the only mutation found in GPM for FRAC 11 resistance
- 100% agreement with QoI resistance bioassays
- Sensitive to a single spore



Miles, et. al. 2021

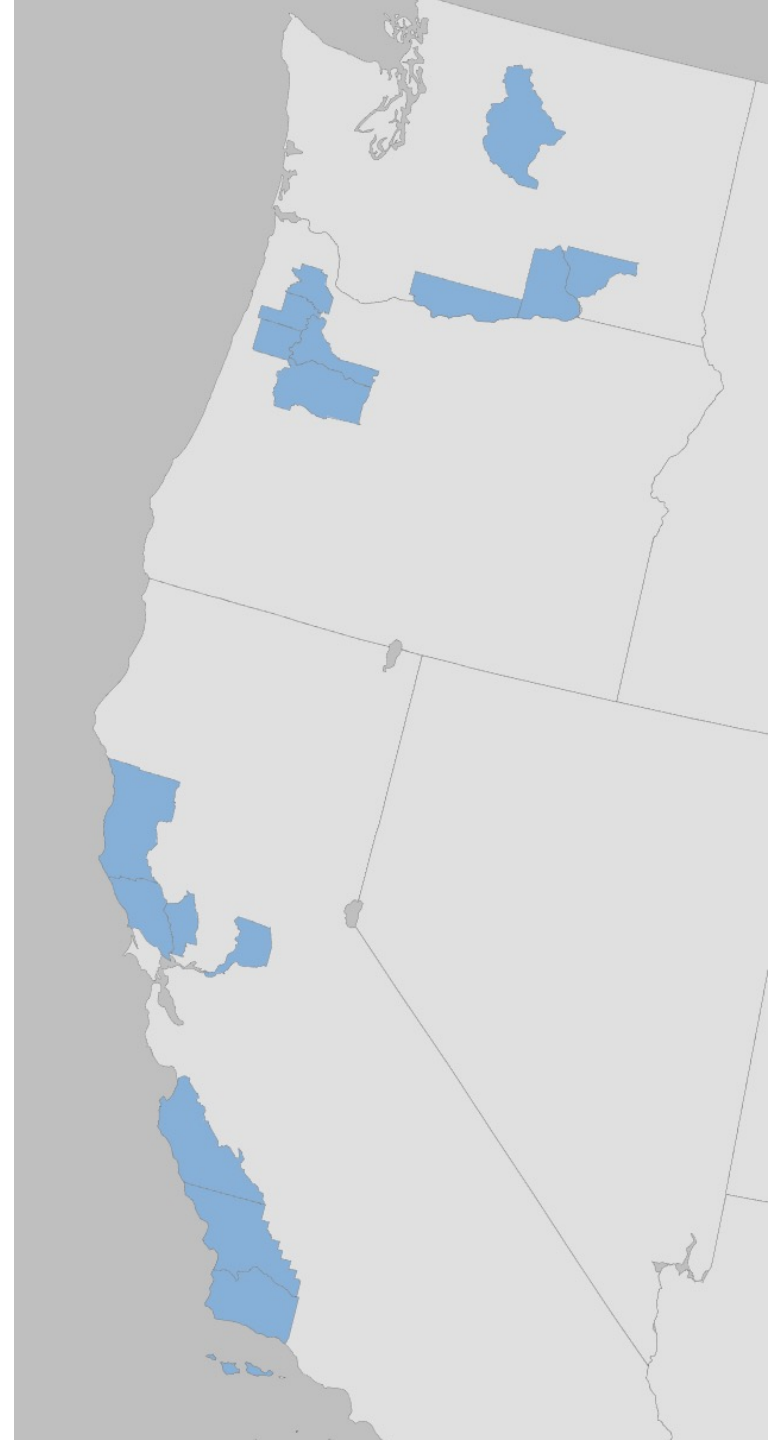
Resistant

Mixed (Resistant AND Susceptible)

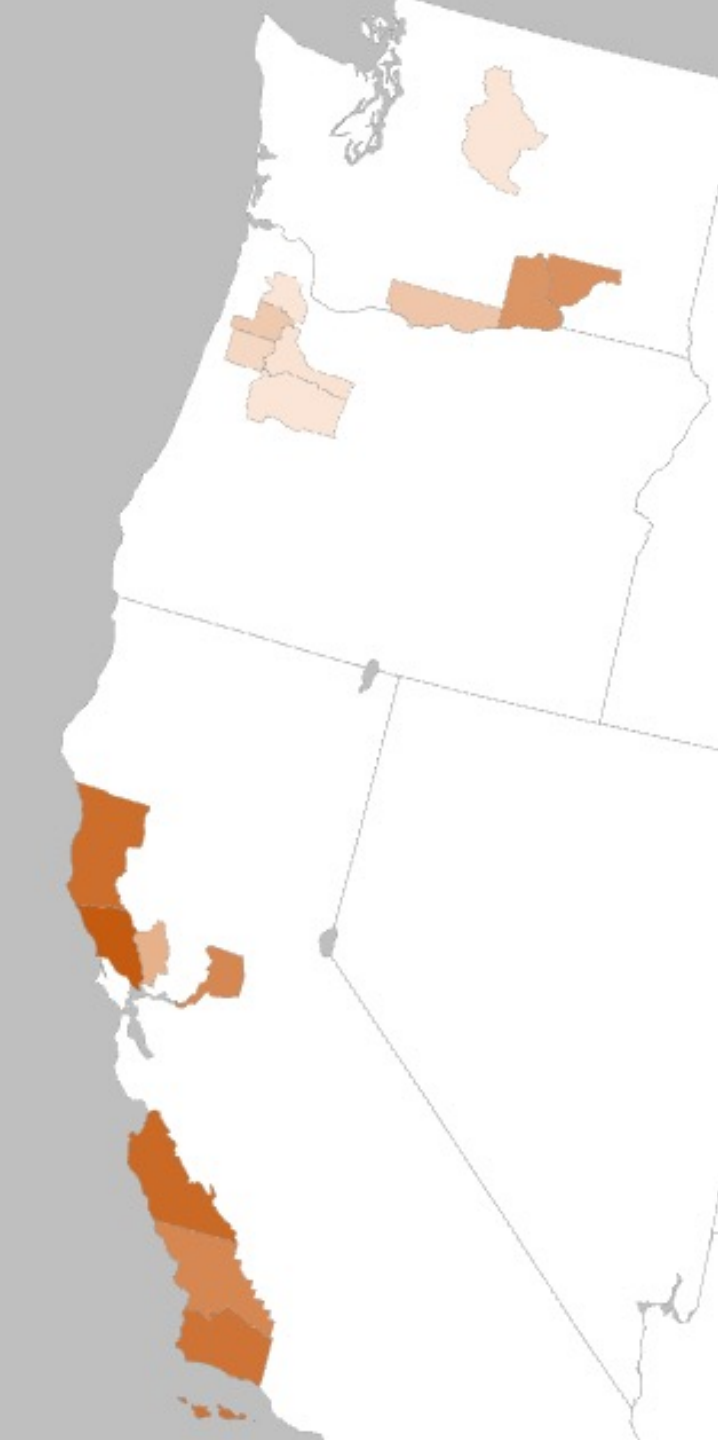
Susceptible

# Glove Swab Samples

State	County	Vineyards	# Organic	Years Sampled
Washington	Benton	14	1	2019-20
	Chelan	4	2	2019-20
	Franklin	5	1	2019-20
	Klickitat	1		2019
	Morrow	1		2019
Oregon	Linn	2		2019-20
	Marion	17		2018-20
	Polk	12	6	2018-20
	Washington	1		2019
	Yamhill	11	2	2018-20
California	Mendocino	1		2019
	Monterey	6		2019
	Napa	3		2019
	Sacramento	1		2019
	San Luis Obispo	12		2019-20
	Santa Barbara	16		2019-20
	Sonoma	3		2019







## Resistance Frequency across the Western US Counties sampled

107 vineyards

4857 samples

17 Counties in CA, OR, WA

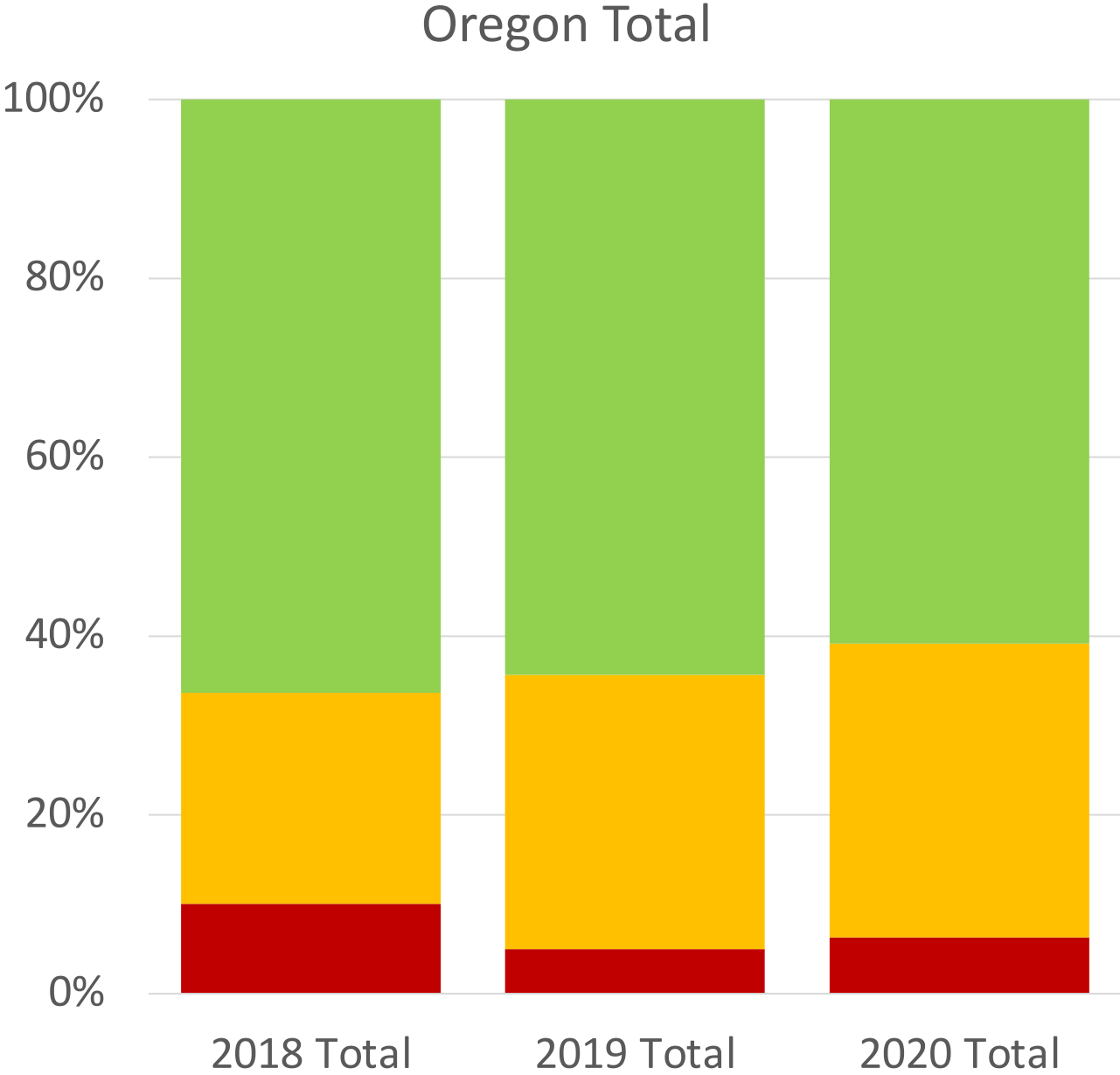
2018-2020

Frequency Resistant



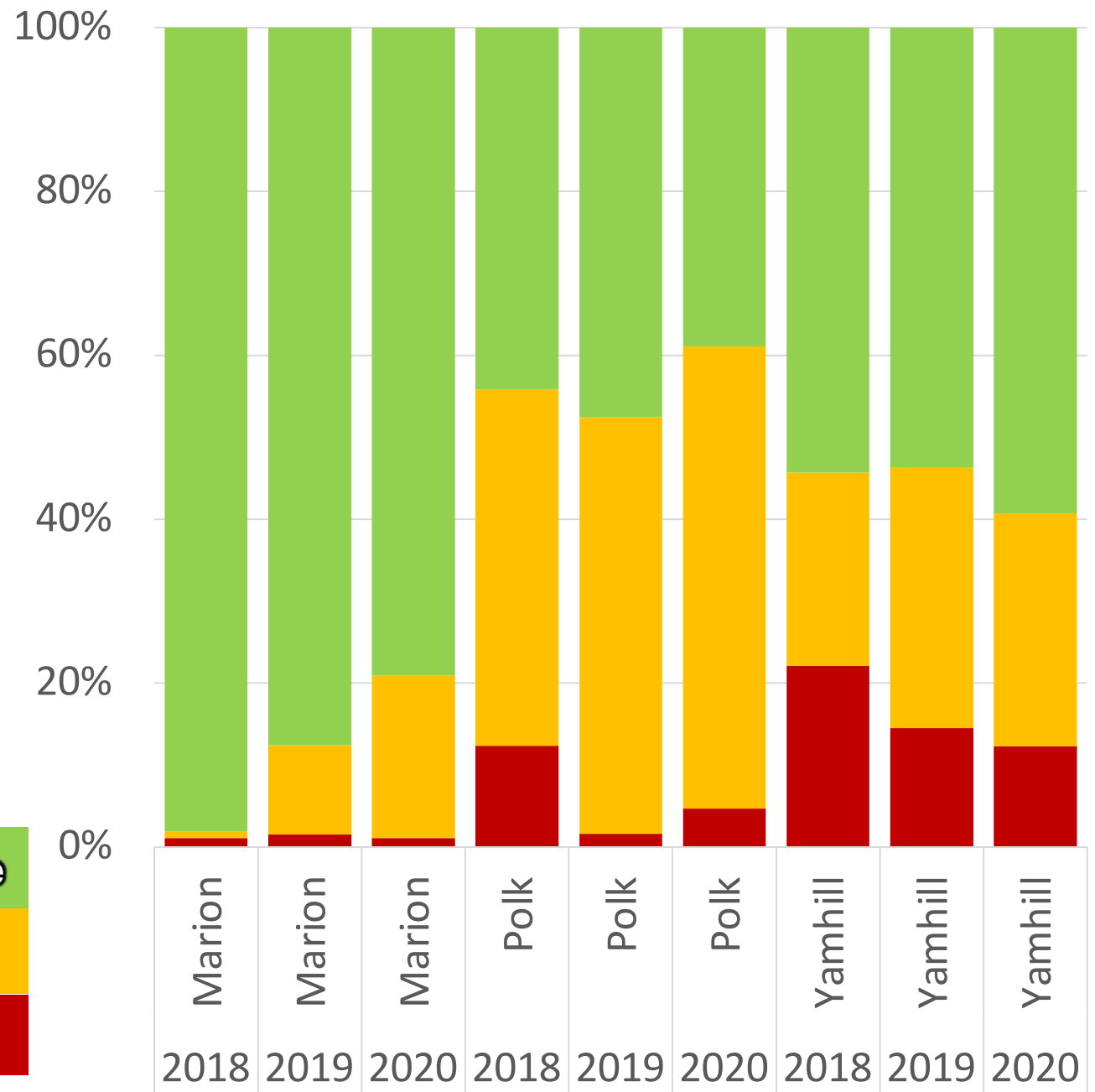
# G143A Frequency over the years in Oregon

11 vineyards  
N = 2418



# G143A Frequency over the years in Oregon

11 vineyards  
2418 samples





# G143A Frequency over the years

Washington:

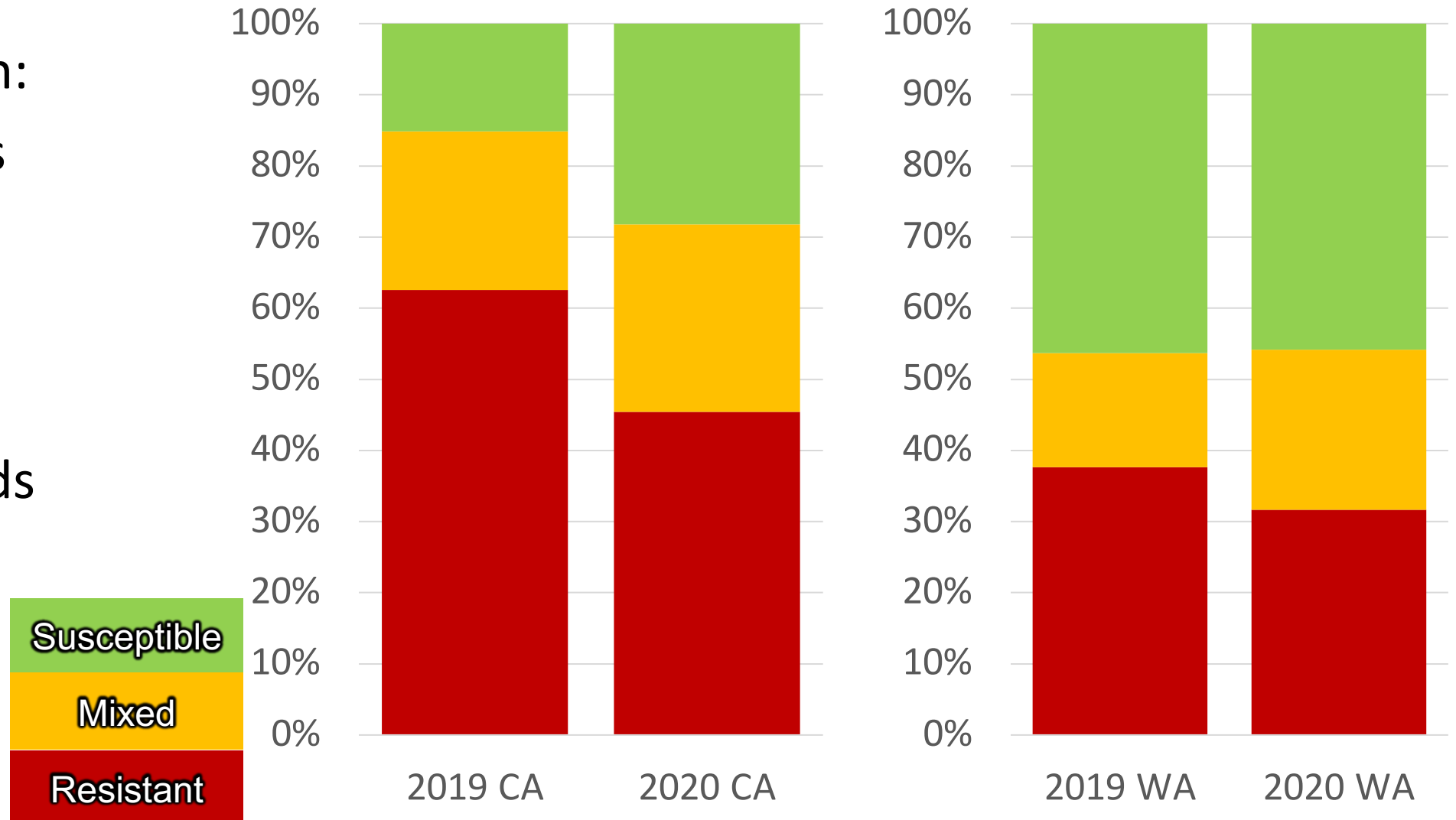
5 Vineyards

N = 250

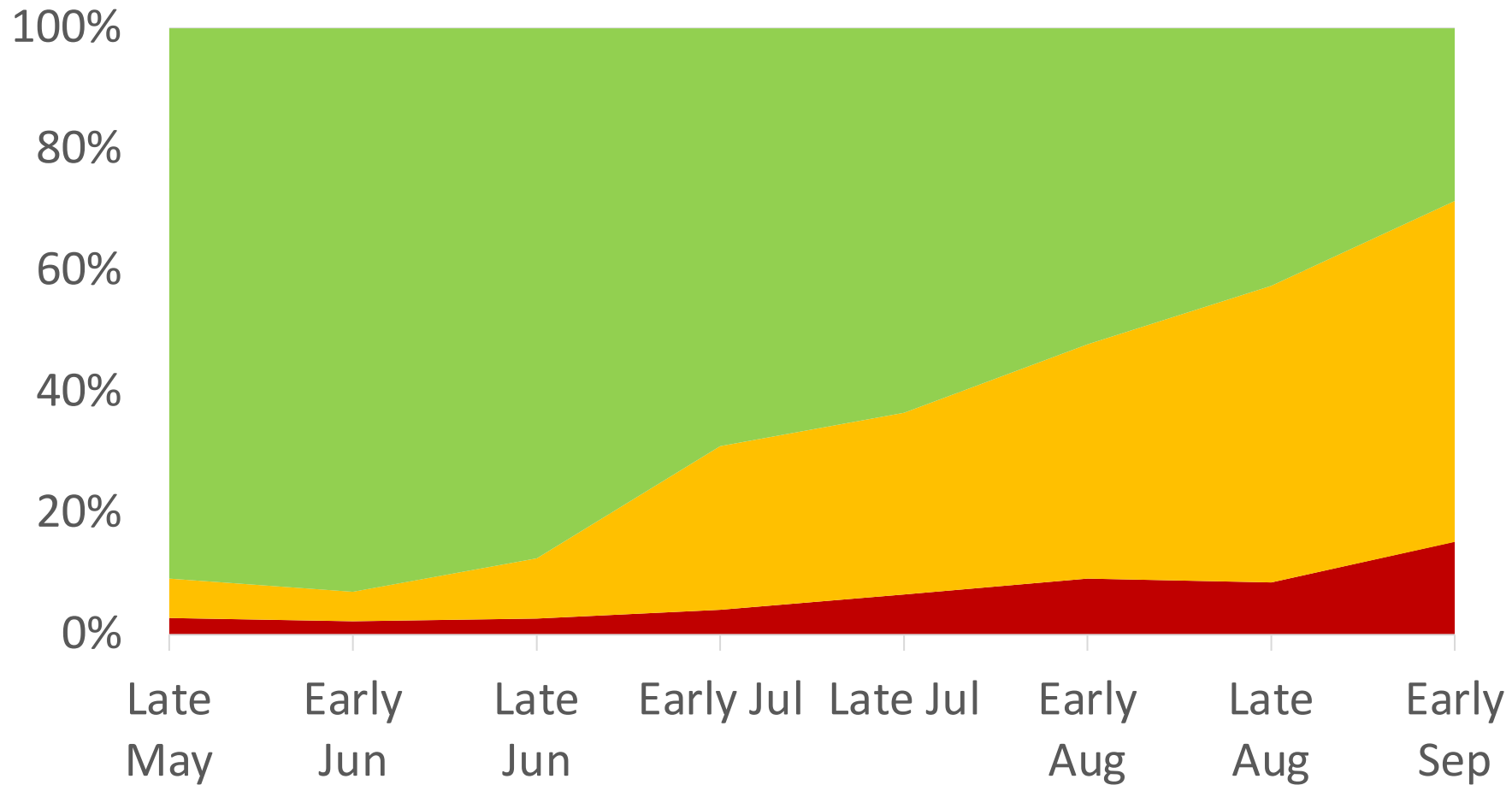
California:

12 Vineyards

N = 493



# G143A Frequency within the season



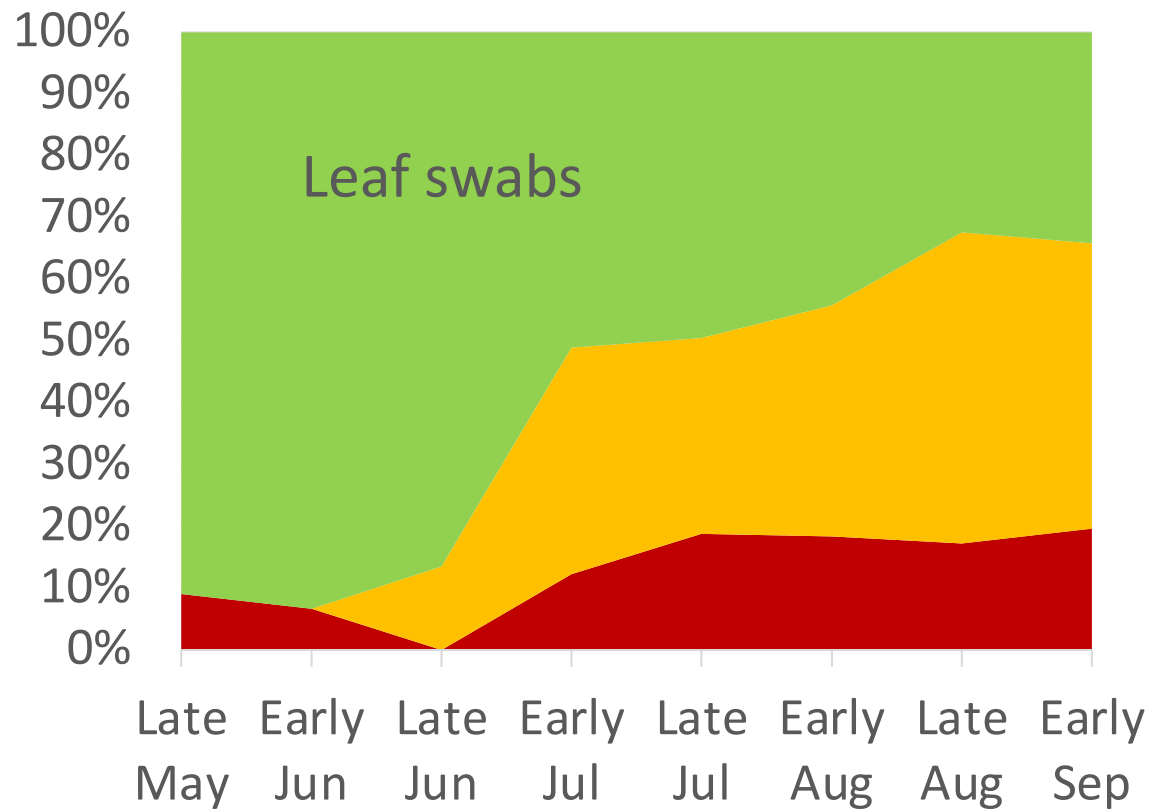
All of Oregon  
Samples  
N=3117

Resistant

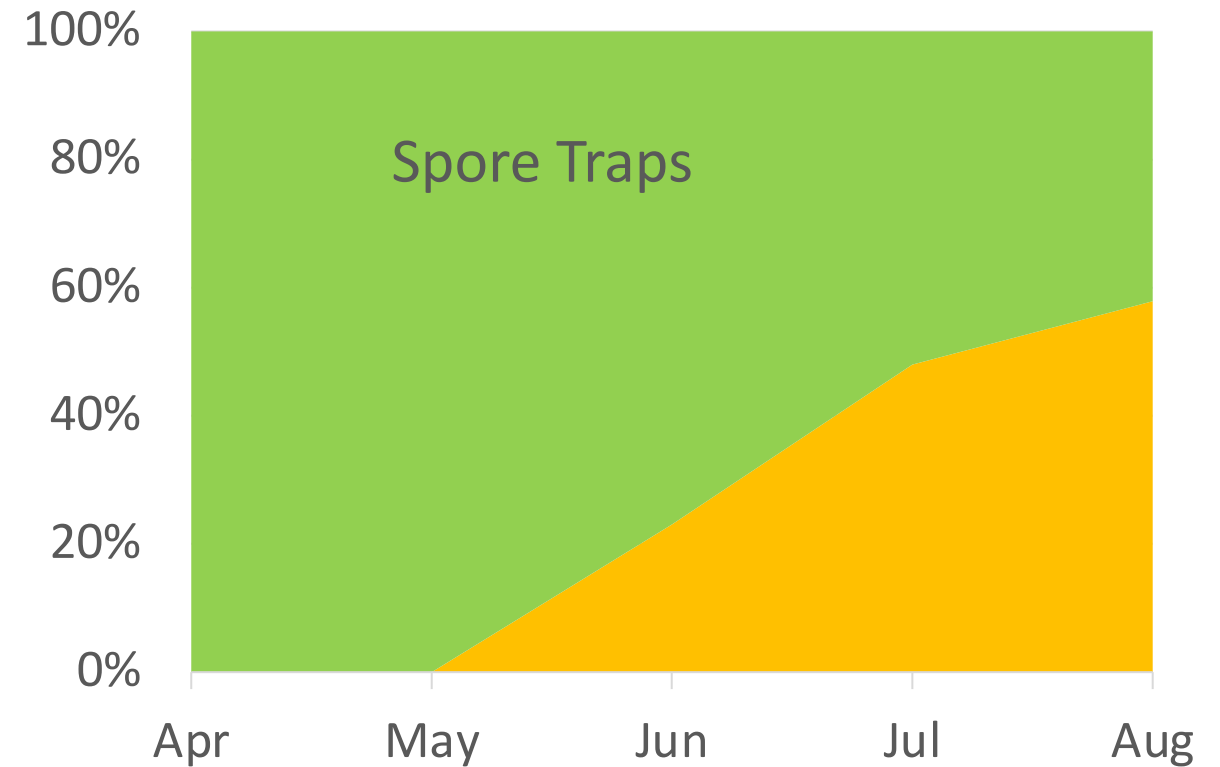
Mixed

Susceptible

# G143A Frequency within the season by sample type



N=1179



N=86

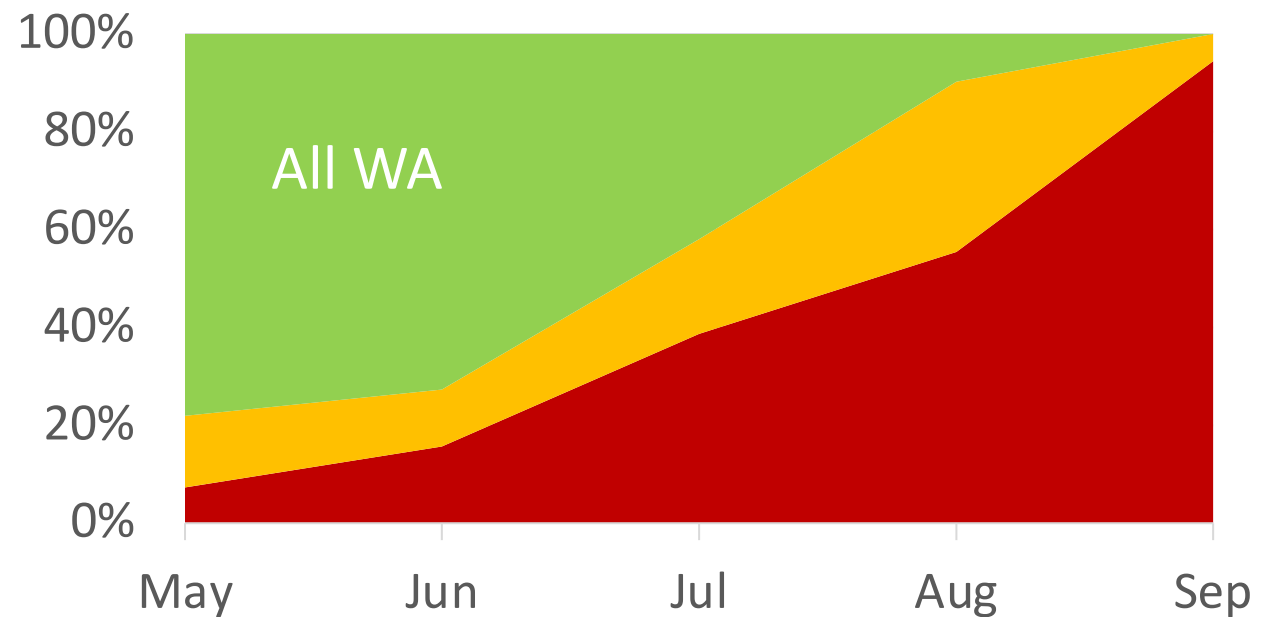
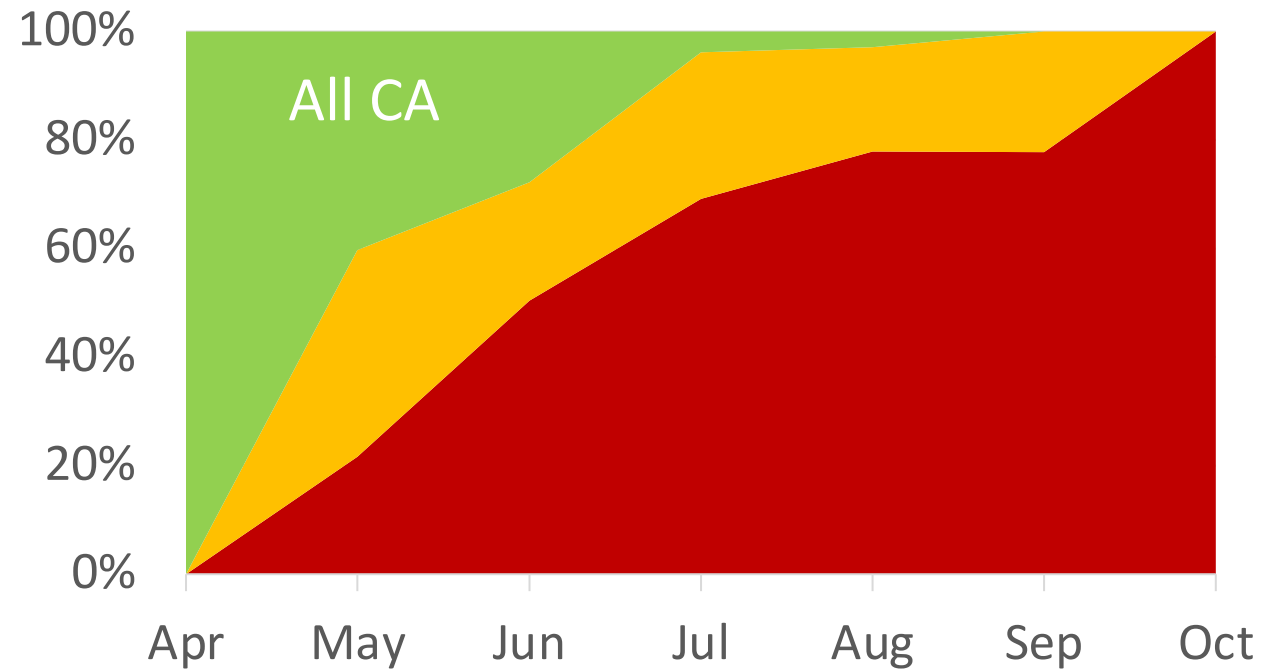
Resistant

Mixed

Susceptible



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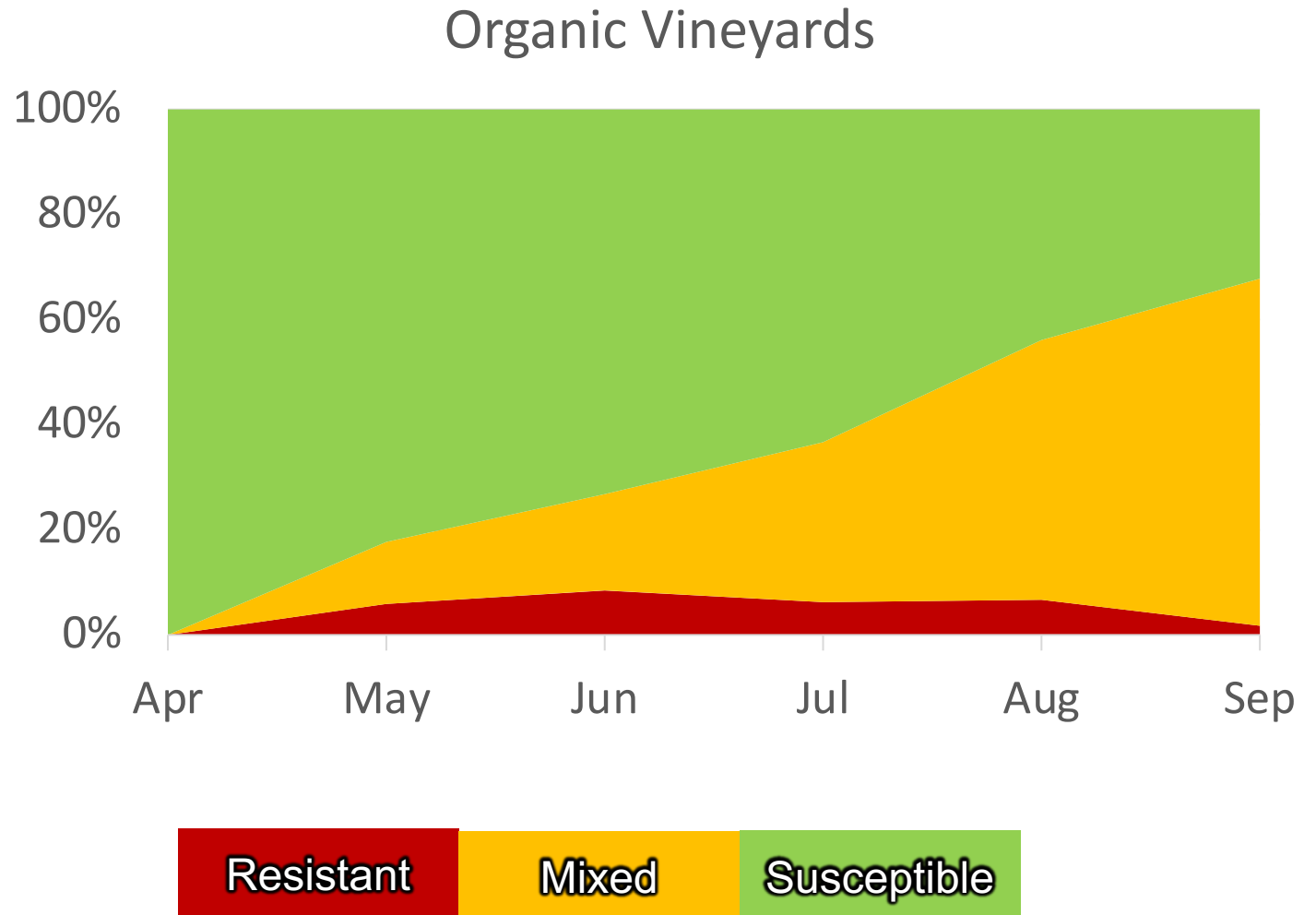


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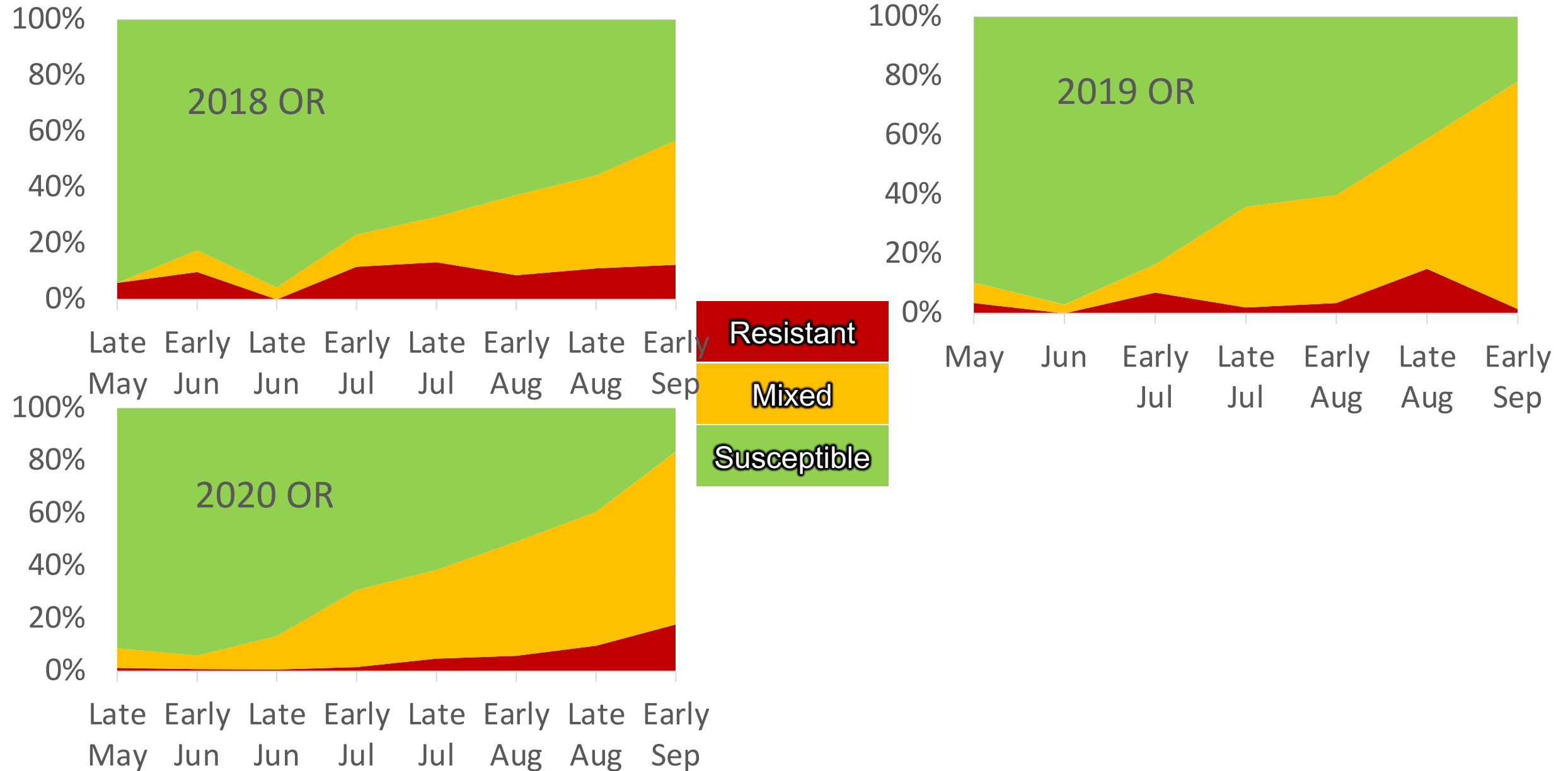
8 vineyards in OR

4 vineyards in WA

729 samples

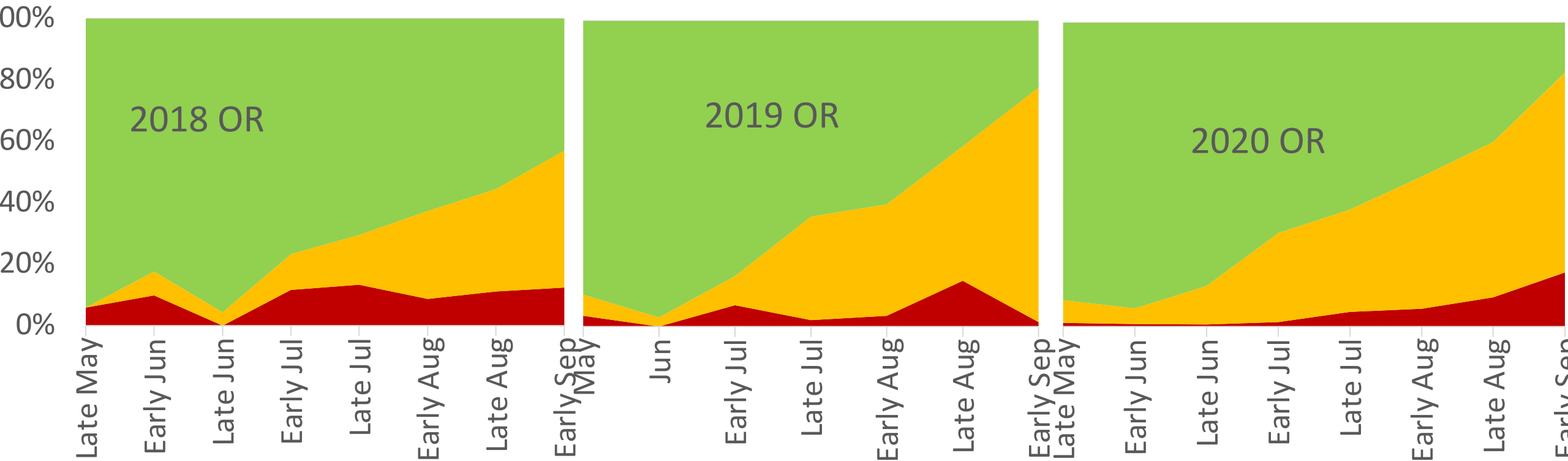


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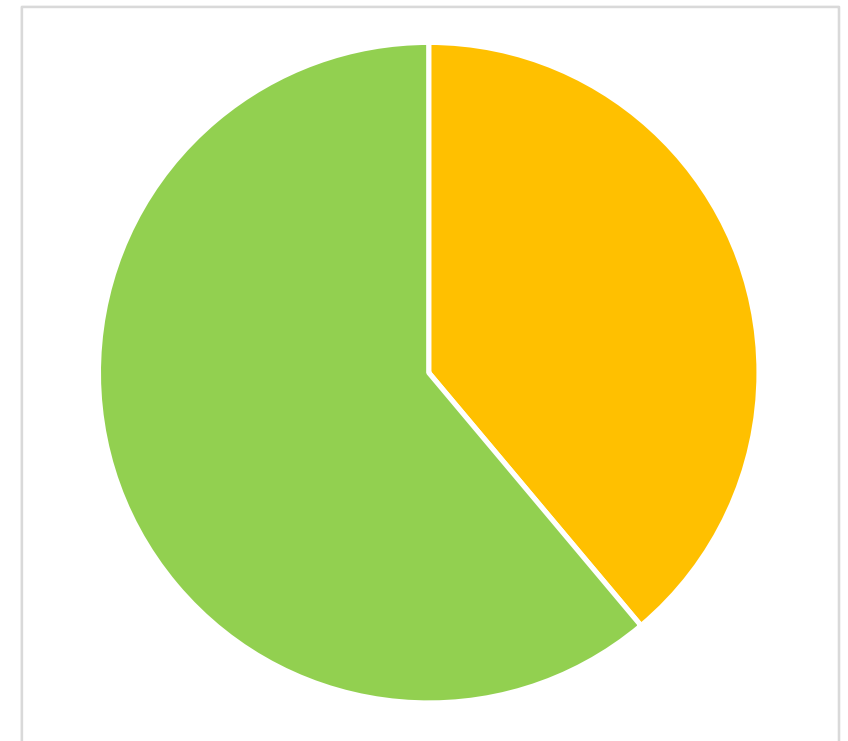
# Monitoring after Qol use

- 2020 Flint Extra was sprayed on July 7<sup>th</sup>, on blocks 1 and 2, with Vivando on blocks 3 and 4



Tank mixed with  
3lbs of sulfur

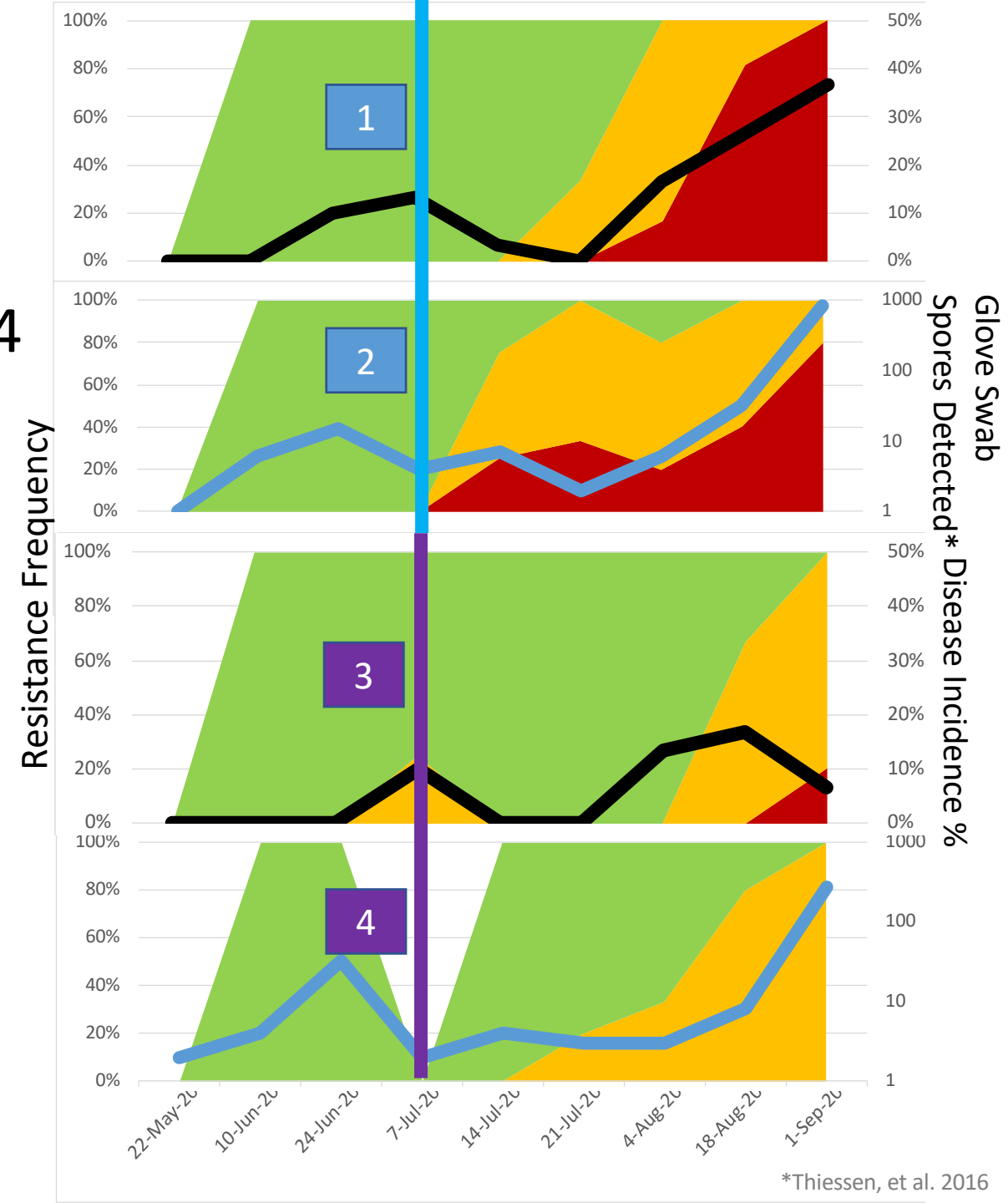
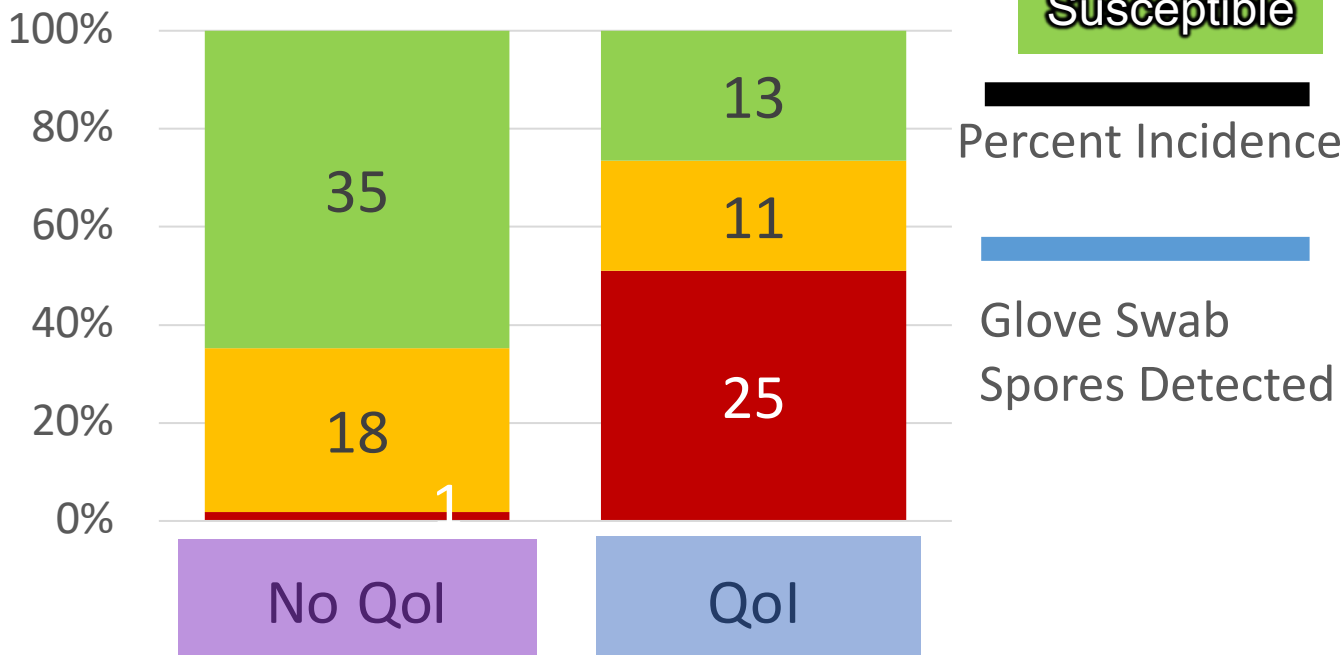
## Field 2019 Resistance



N=18

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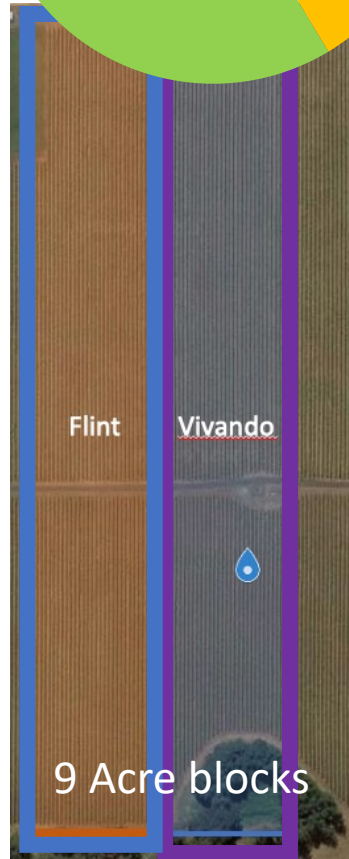
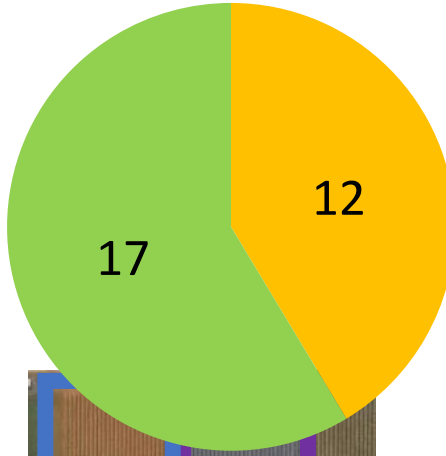
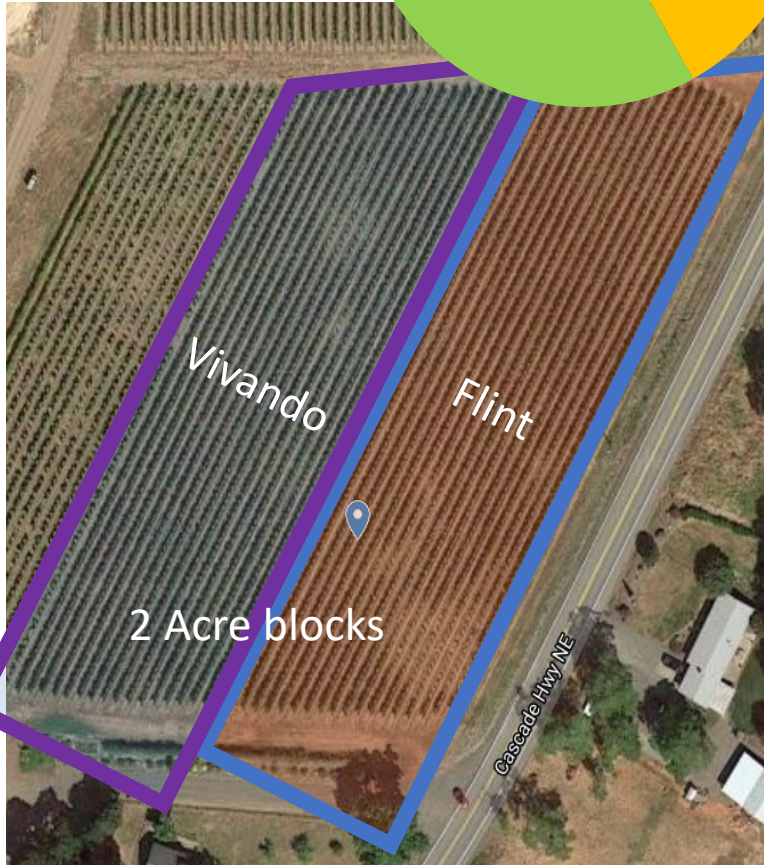
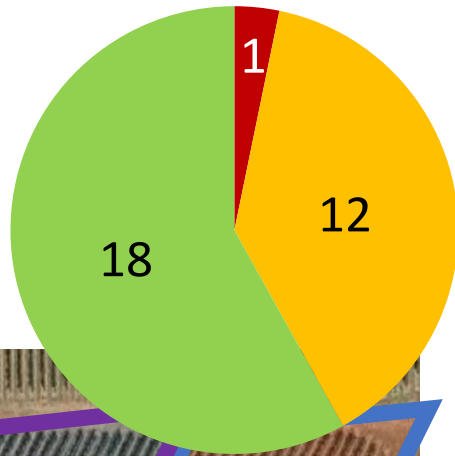
- Flint Extra was sprayed on blocks 1 and 2, with Vivando on blocks 3 and 4
- Disease was very low in all the blocks



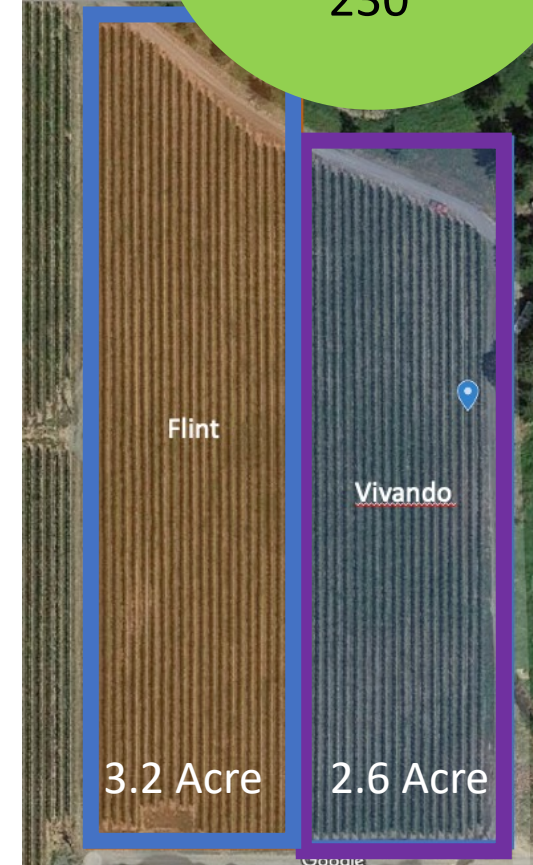
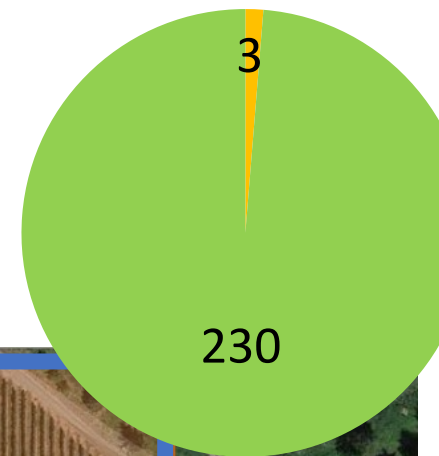
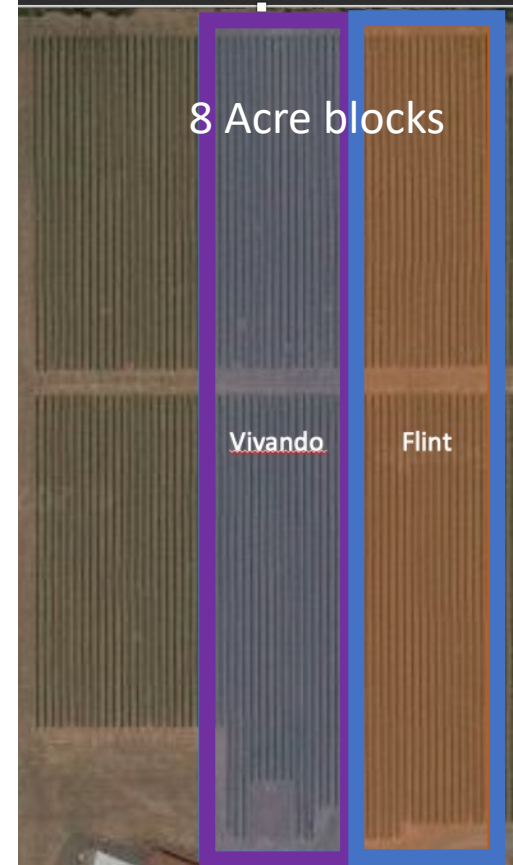


# What happens when you spray a Qols? 2021

2020 Field  
Resistance



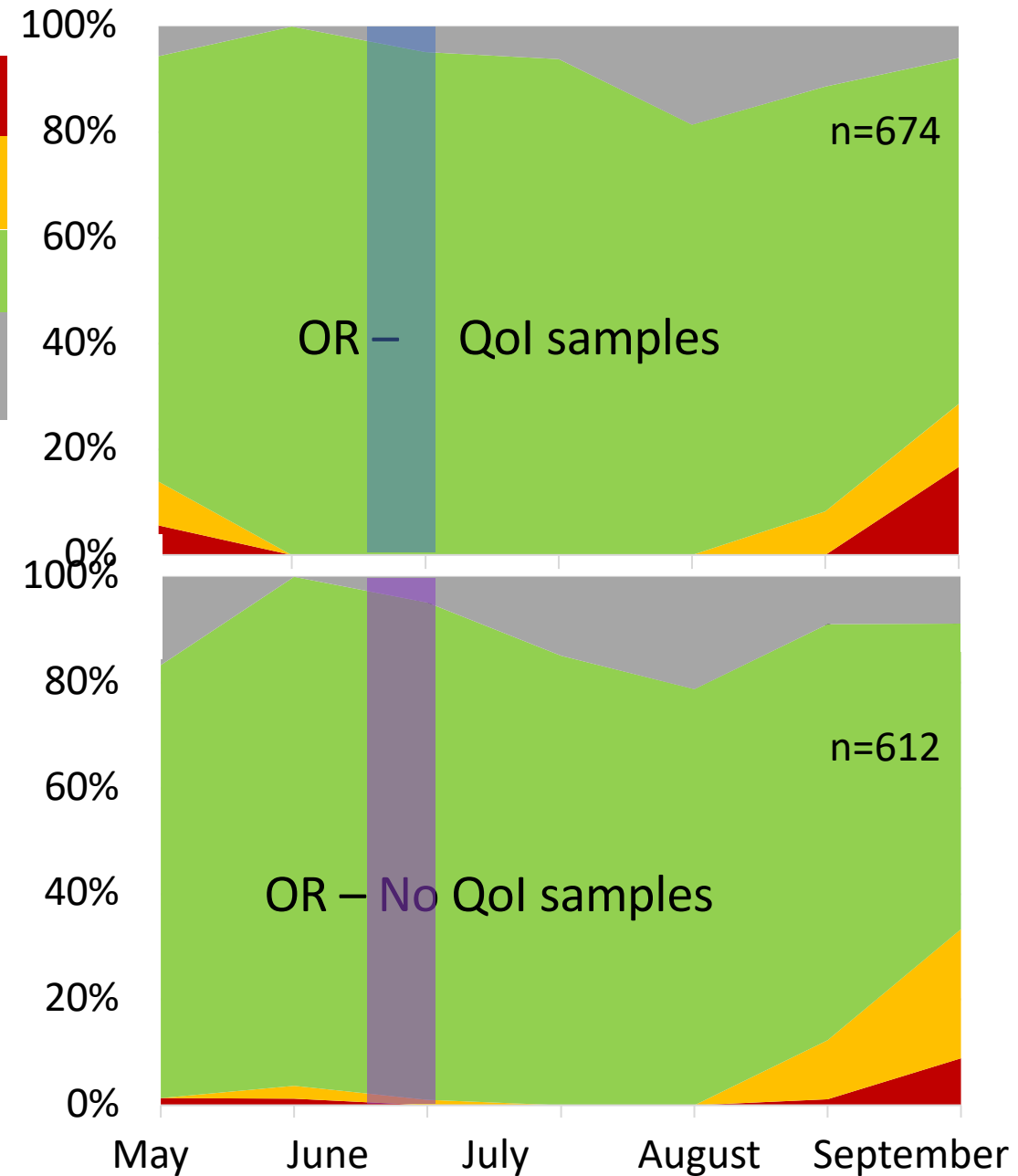
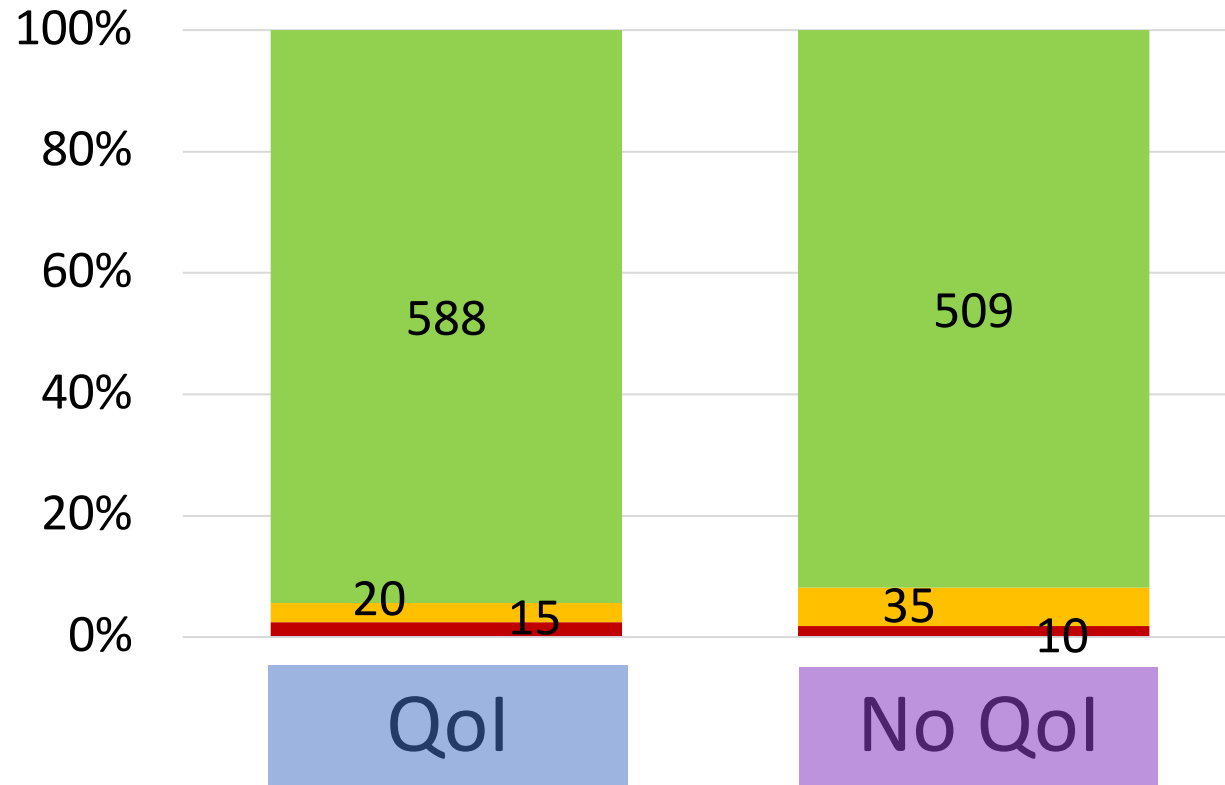
No 2020 data for  
this field



# 2021 OR Blocks – 4 fields combined



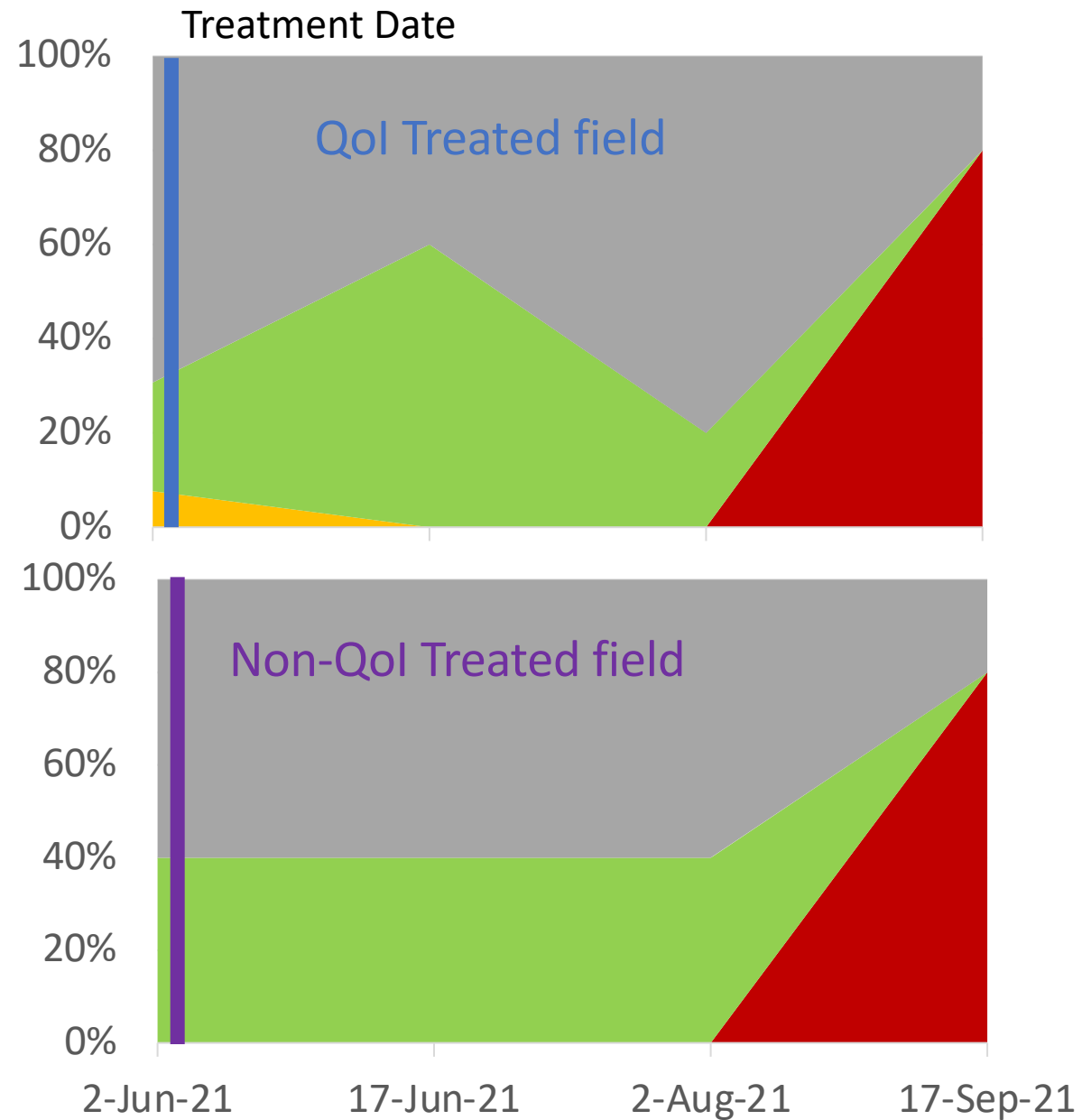
Total of season



# San Joaquin, CA field site



- 5 glove swabs at 4 sampling times  
+ a couple leaf swabs on 2 Jun QoI block
- **Pristine**
  - Boscalid FRAC 7
  - Pyraclostrobin FRAC 11
- **Inspire Supra**
  - Cyprodinil FRAC 9
  - Difenoconazole FRAC 3
- Blocks >12 Acres each



Samples collected by Paul Walgenbach, Bayer, Inc.

# Take Home Messages:

- Oregon has the lowest levels of Qol/group 11 resistance (so far)
- Qol resistance increases within a field season, but there is a decline during dormancy for not much visible change between field seasons
- Qols can still be used successfully! But you may want to monitor your resistance levels





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