

Meeting Cropmix

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"Resilient plants and sustainable cultivation systems in agri- and horticulture with biology as basis"

- ✓ Working with nature
 - ✓ Biological Buffering / Standing Army
 - ✓ Natural protection of crops
 - ✓ Inspiration for a healthy future for: society | the environment | farmers & growers

Global developments



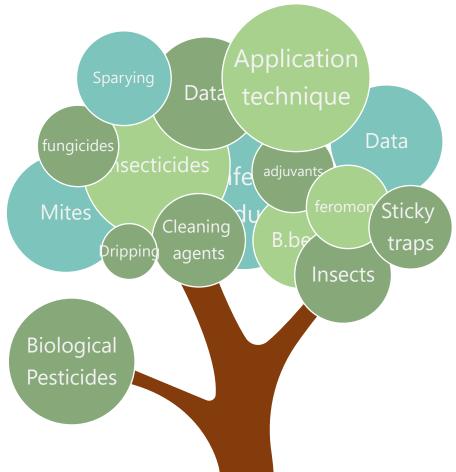


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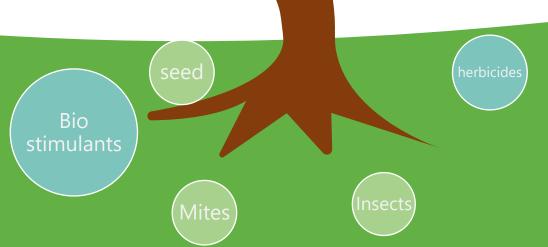
...we need to move towards a

SYSTEM APPROACH









Transition to resilient plants and cultivation systems





Biology as basis

The transition, based on biology, is essential to meet societal demands for sustainability



Alternatives

Chemical Plant Protection Products cannot be fully replaced by one alternative



System approach

Resilient Plants in combination with biology and technology

Biology as basis

Semio-Chemicals: feromonen en vluchtige stoffen





Natuurlijke en natuuridentieke stoffen Plantenextracten



Micro-organismen Schimmels, bacteriën en virussen





Macro-organismen:
Insecten, mijten &
nemathoden

Biological controllers in greenhouses

- 1920 Whitefly in tomato => Encarsia formosa
- 1960 Integrated crop protection Spider mite control in cucumber Predatory mite *Phytoseiulus persimilis*
- 1980 Mass production biocontrol with bran and prey mites
- 1990 Expansion of biocontrol with various types of biological control Specialists and generalists => multiple pests

 Building up and establishment in the absence of the pest via supplementary feeding with e.g. mites, pollen and shrimp eggs
- 2020 Approx 350 biological controllers worldwide and more than 200 registered microbial BCA's



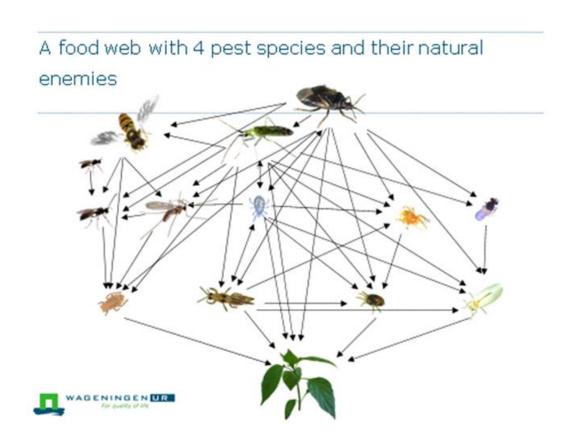
Biological controllers in greenhouses

Standing Army of biological controllers

- => From curative to preventive
- => Macro and micro organisms
- => Ecosystem with food and hiding places

Technological developments:

- => Real-time data collection
- => Data-driven IPM / ICM
- => Robotisation







Biological controllers in open field

Bloemrijke randen ondersteunen bestrijders en bestuivers dmy nectar en pollen

Bestrijders en bestuivers vinden beschutting en alternatieve prooien in hagen



Gereduceerde uitstroming van gewasbeschermingsmiddelen verhoogt de kwaliteit van het oppervlaktewater

Bron: Studie UvA





Biological controllers in strip cropping

Natural biological control

Biological control (BC)

=> Conservation BC

=> Classical BC

=> Augmentative BC

=> Inundative BC

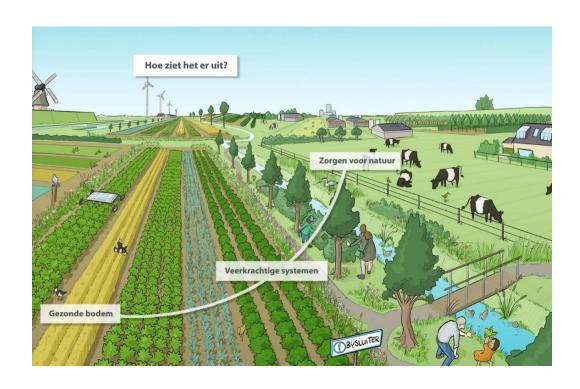
=> Inoculative BC







Transition to resiliant cultivation systems



Agro ecologie met hightech

ondersteuning Bron: WUR

Natuurinclusieve landbouw

Bron: WUR





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