



# “Living Soil”—The Secret to Healthy Food and Healthy You (The Green Hills Farm Project)

# GHFP Schedule

- 0900-0950: Part 1—Health & Soil
- 1000-1050: Part 2—Soil Deeper Dive
- 1:00-1:50: Part 3—Application Examples
- 2:00+: Q&A

# HUGE Topic!!!

- [www.Libertytracefarm.com](http://www.Libertytracefarm.com)
- References “Books and Resources” Tab
- These Slides “Living Soil” Tab
- Links Past Presentations (2024)
  - (Beginner & Advanced)

# Objectives—Part 1

- Human Health
- Soil
- Dirt vs Soil



# 30 YEARS (1985-2015)

- Degrees in Electrical Engineering
- Technology solves problems!



"More than a terrific movie—it's an important movie."

—Owen Gleiberman, Entertainment Weekly

YOU'LL NEVER LOOK AT DINNER  
THE SAME WAY AGAIN



# FOOD, INC.

A ROBERT KENNER FILM

本章将介绍如何使用TensorFlow的高级API来构建深度学习模型。

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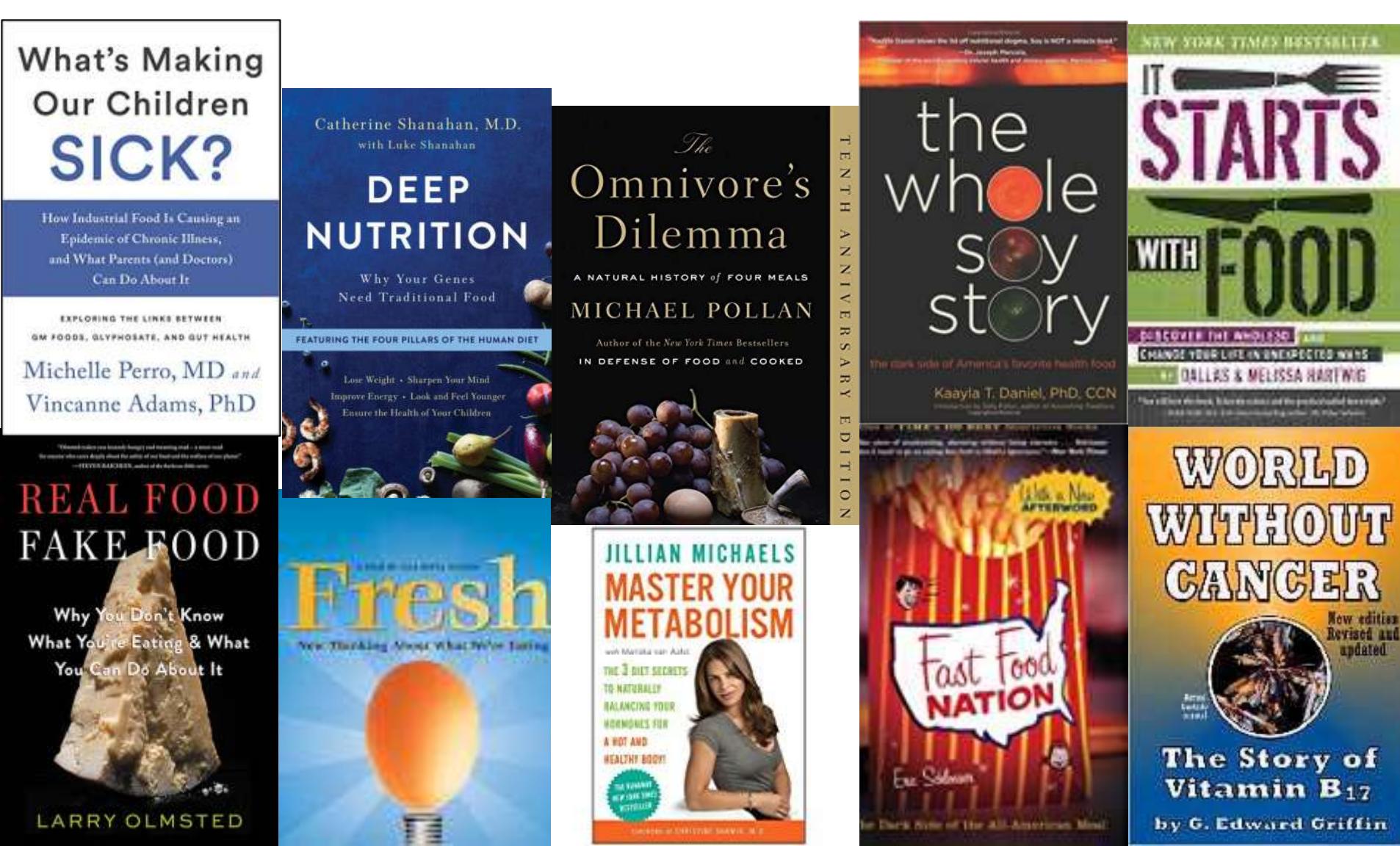
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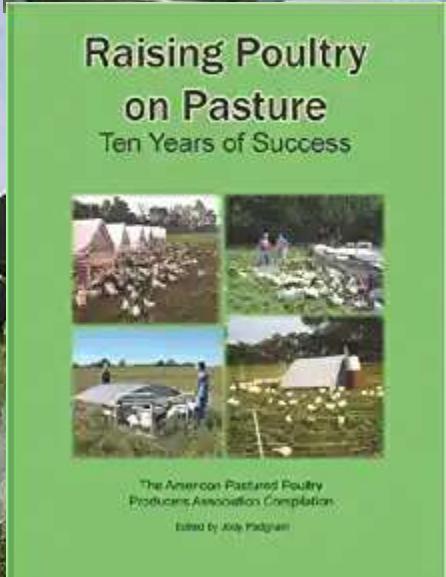
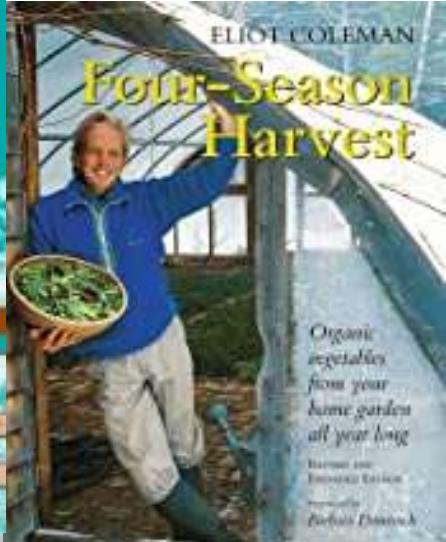
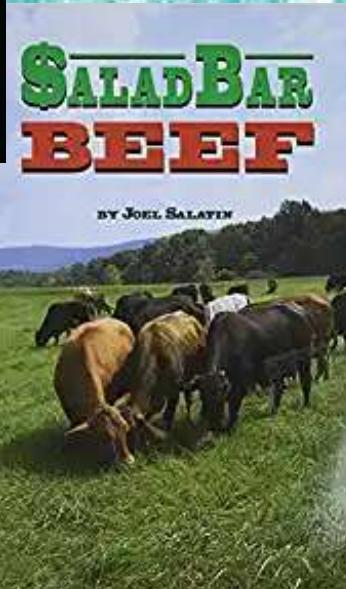
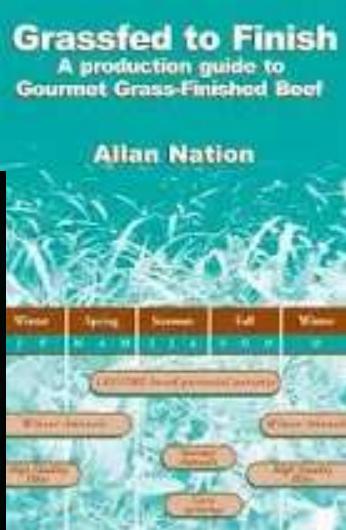
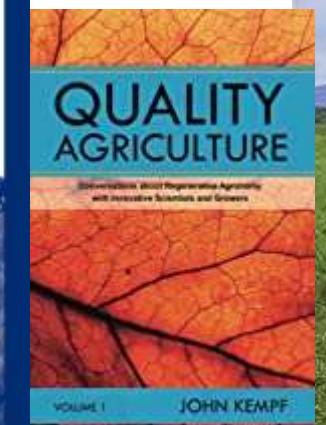
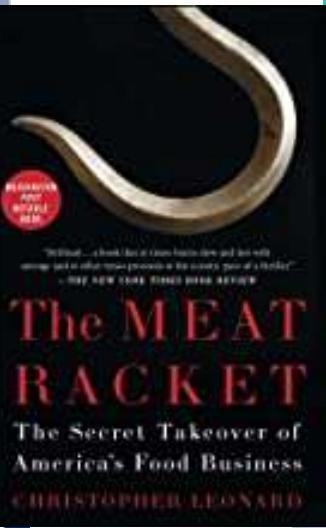
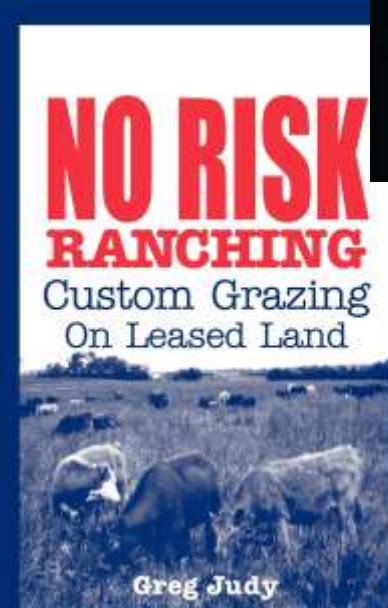
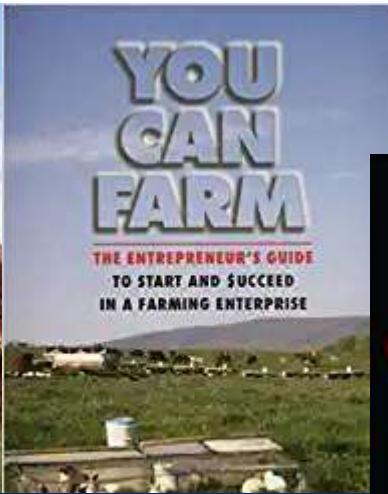
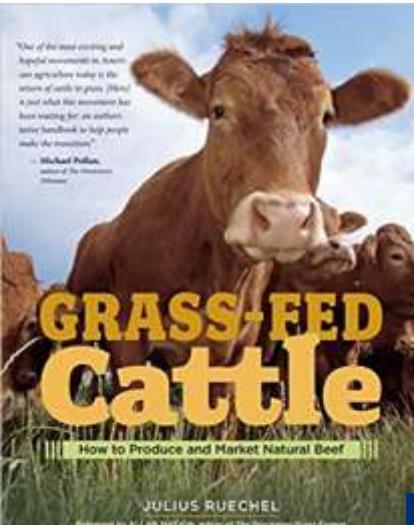
# Joel Salatin—Polyface Farm



# 2008 and Every Day Since...



# Let's Start a Farm!





# Hmmm..."Blinders" Came Off!

- “Diseases” never heard of as a kid
  - Obesity, Autism, Alzheimers, Parkinsons, Dementia, Diabetes, Cancer, Leaky Gut Syndrome, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Celiac, Crohn’s, Autoimmune Illnesses, Restless Leg Syndrome, Chronic Dry Eye, etc, etc.
- 50% Pharmaceutical Ads
  - “Talk to my doctor about this drug”



# We're Not Healthy

- 2017: 75% of our youth 17-24 unqualified to join military
- 1965: 4% of our population had a chronic disease
  - Today 46% of our children have a chronic disease
- 2006: MS only state above 30% obesity--today 41 states
- US spent \$5.3 Trillion on healthcare in 2024
  - We spent \$3.65 Trillion in 2018 (+45%)
  - 6x times Defense Budget (\$962 Billion in 2025)
  - We spent \$6 Trillion on WWII (2024 dollars)
- What's a Trillion?? (\$1M/day how long?)

# What's Going On????

## What's Making Our Children **SICK?**

How Industrial Food Is Causing an  
Epidemic of Chronic Illness,  
and What Parents (and Doctors)  
Can Do About It

EXPLORING THE LINKS BETWEEN

GM FOODS, GLYPHOSATE, AND GUT HEALTH

Michelle Perro, MD *and*  
Vincanne Adams, PhD

## UNSTOPPABLE



Transforming Sickness and Struggle into Triumph,  
Empowerment, and a Celebration of Community

**Zen Honeycutt**

Founding Executive Director, Moms Across America

Foreword by JIR C. CARWATHES, MD, ABFM, ABHM, FIMCP  
Former Executive Physician, Department of Family & Developmental  
Pediatric Cancer and Critical Care Services, Mayo Clinic

# MOMS ACROSS AMERICA



## 100% of Top Twenty Fast Food Brands Positive for Glyphosate Herbicide 76% Positive for Harmful Pesticides

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### Top Twenty Fast Food Brands Glyphosate and Pesticide Testing Report

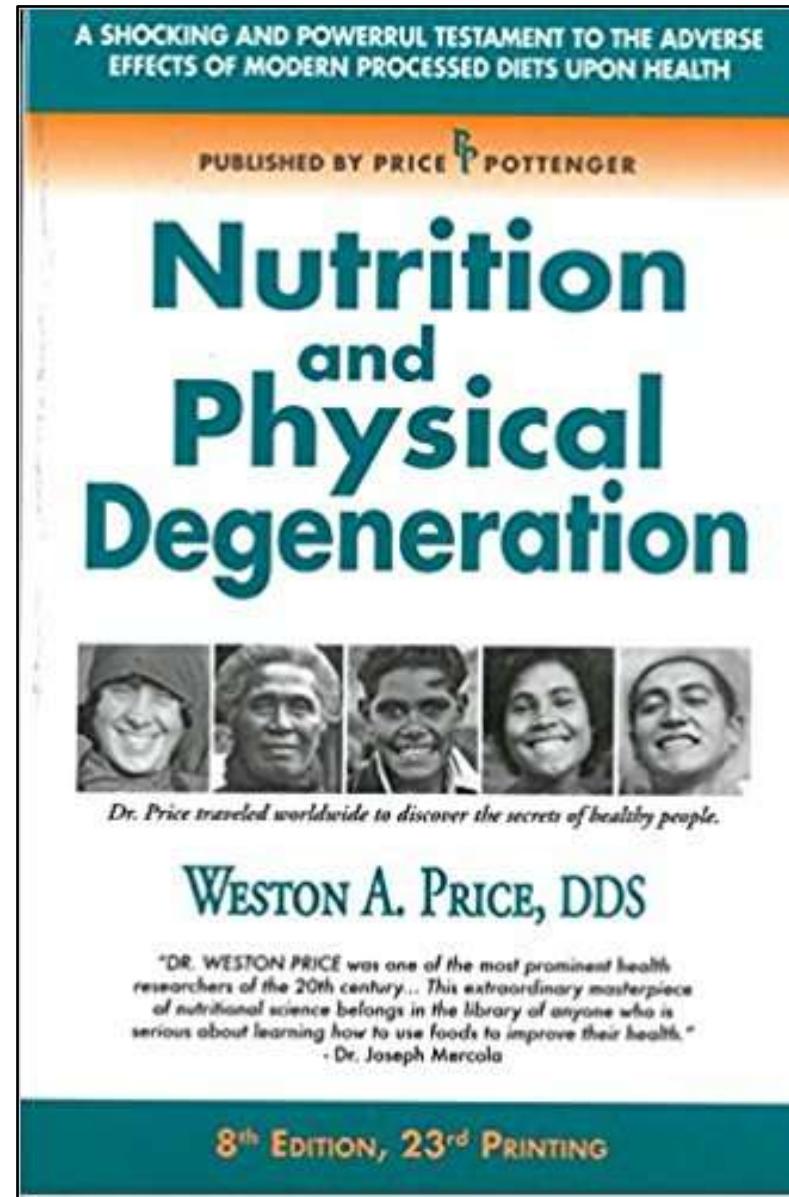
Moms Across America, a nationwide non-profit, has initiated an extensive testing program on the top twenty fast food brands in America, plus one restaurant, California's In-N-Out Burger. Forty-two samples of 21 brands were tested for the most widely used herbicide in the world, glyphosate, 236 agrochemicals, 4 heavy metals, PFAS, phthalates, and mineral content. The top ten brands were additionally tested for 104 commonly used veterinary drugs and hormones, B Vitamins and calories.



# 1930s--Dr Weston A. Price



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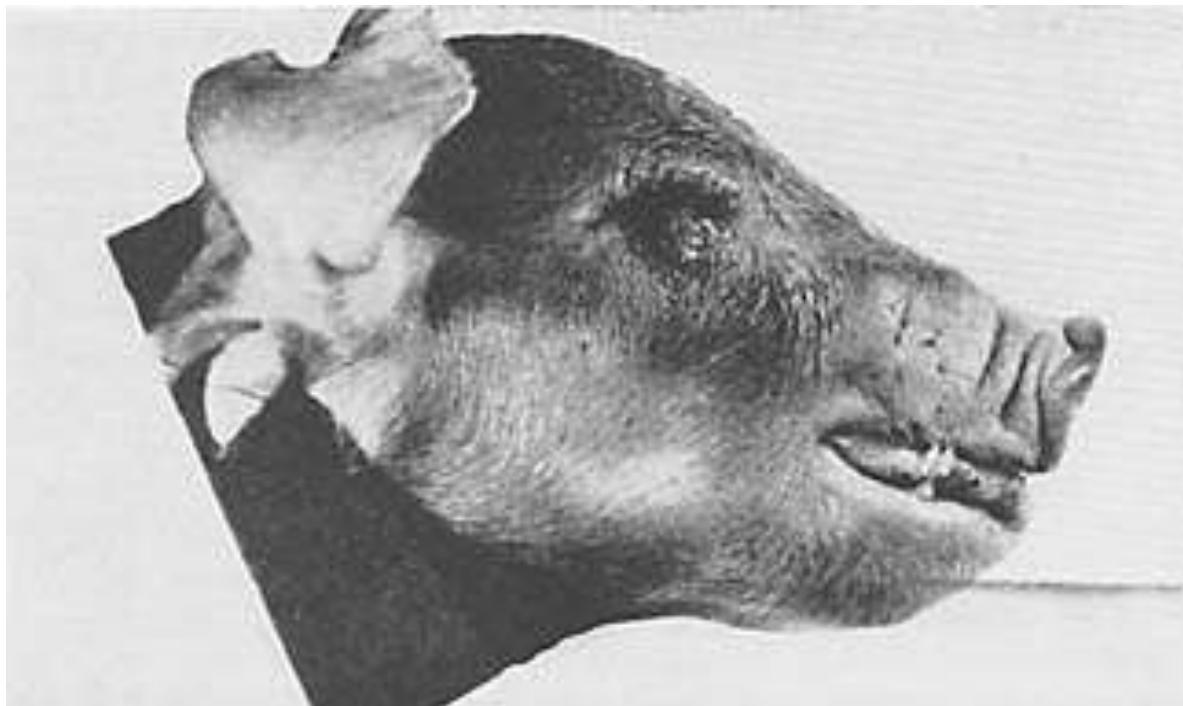
# Dr. Price's Findings

- All ate NUTRIENT DENSE foods
  - Vitamins, Minerals, Enzymes, Amino Acids
- Modernized/processed foods brought dental decay and disease
- ABSENCE of nutrients can cause disease!



# You Are What You Eat—Pigs (Or Don't Eat)

- 1935 Professor Fred Hale—TX Ag
  - Vitamin A Deficient



# Homestead Example

- “Curled Toe Disease”—Vitamin B



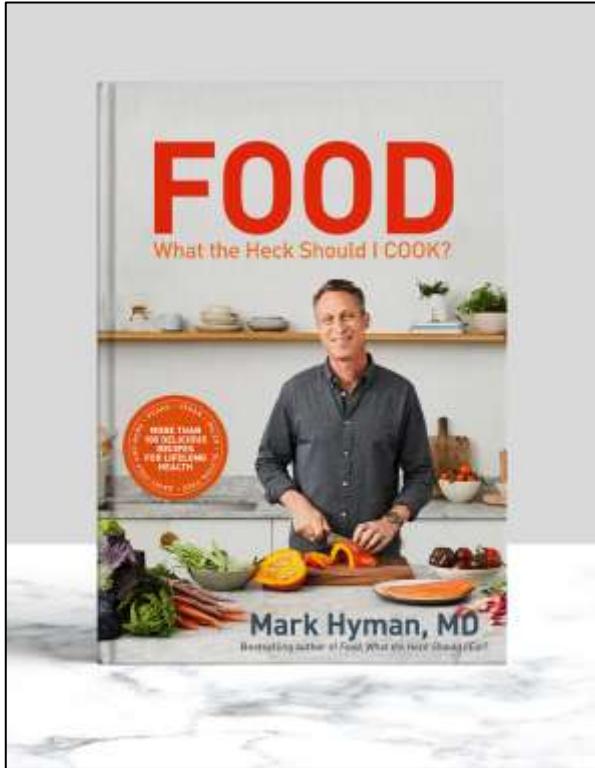
# Human Examples

- Scurvy
  - Vitamin C deficiency
- Rickets
  - Vitamin D deficiency
- Goiter
  - Iodine deficiency
- OTHER ????
  - XXXXXX ???

# WWII Study: Dutch & Nazi Blockade

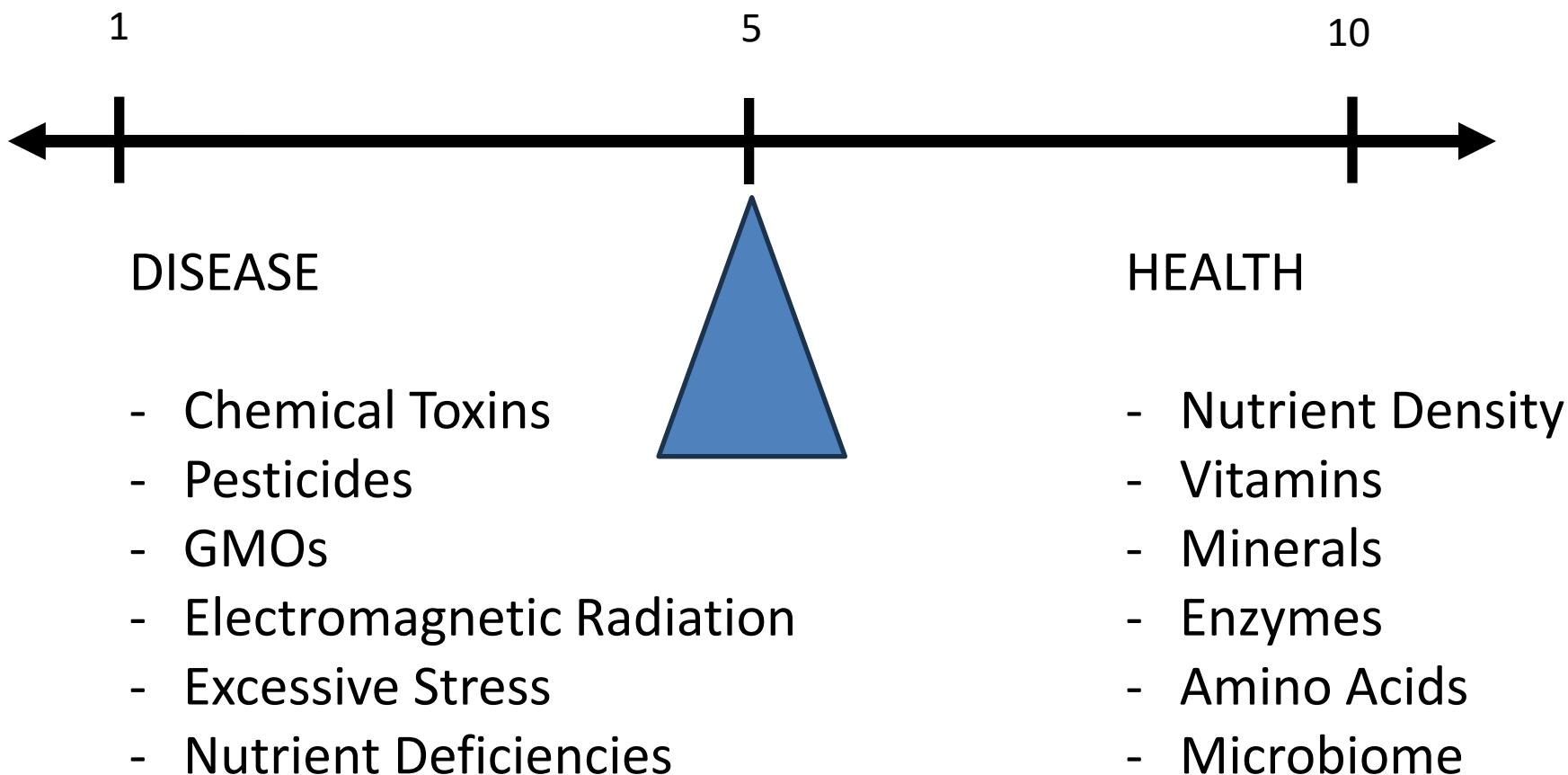
- Human Mother is Nutrient Deficient
  - 1st, 2d, 3d trimester
- Babies as Adults: Epigenetics
  - 1st: Cardiovascular; High Cholesterol, Obesity
  - 2d: Glucose Intolerant; Kidney Disease
  - 3d: Asthma

# 2024--Dr Mark Hyman



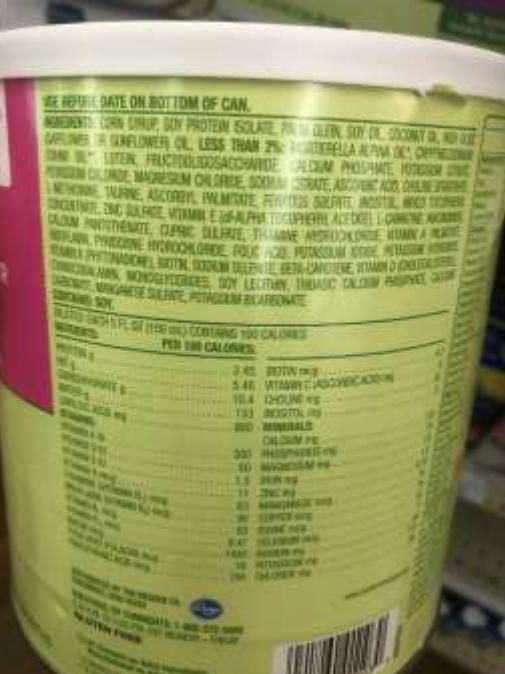
**“80%+ of all chronic disease is preventable”—  
through diet!**

# Health Range (1-10)



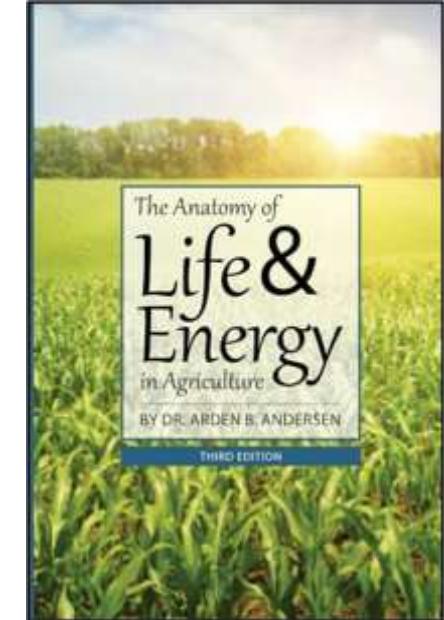
# What's "NUTRIENT DENSE" Here?







# Dr Arden Andersen



- Up to 38% decline in nutrients (1950-1999)
  - Protein, Ca, Vit C, P, Fe
  - USDA Data; Davis, Epp & Riordan JACN
- Avg 63% decline (1941-2001)
  - Fe, Zn, Cu, Mn, Se
  - Huling, Dec 2001; Thomas, Analysis of UK, 2003



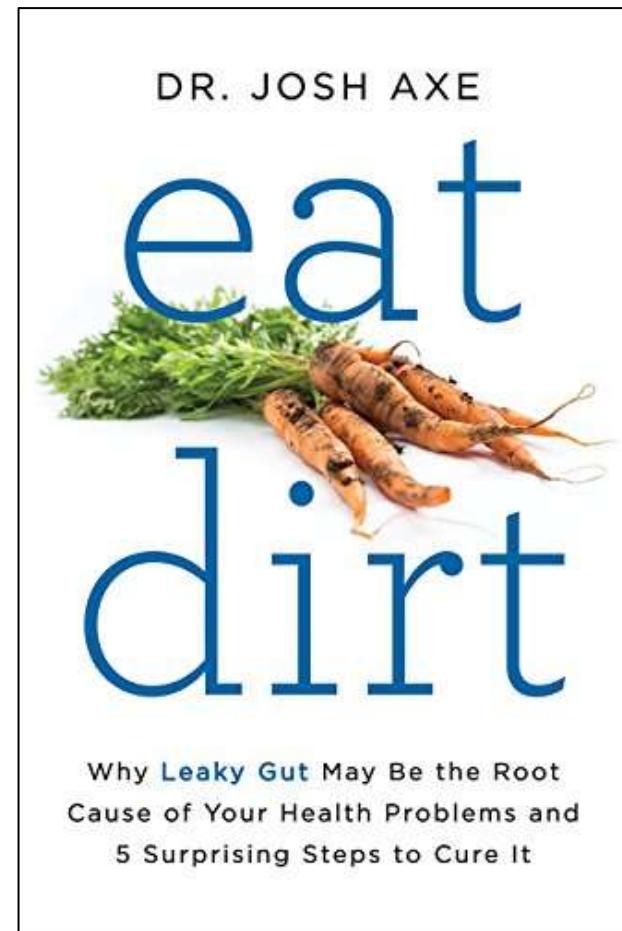
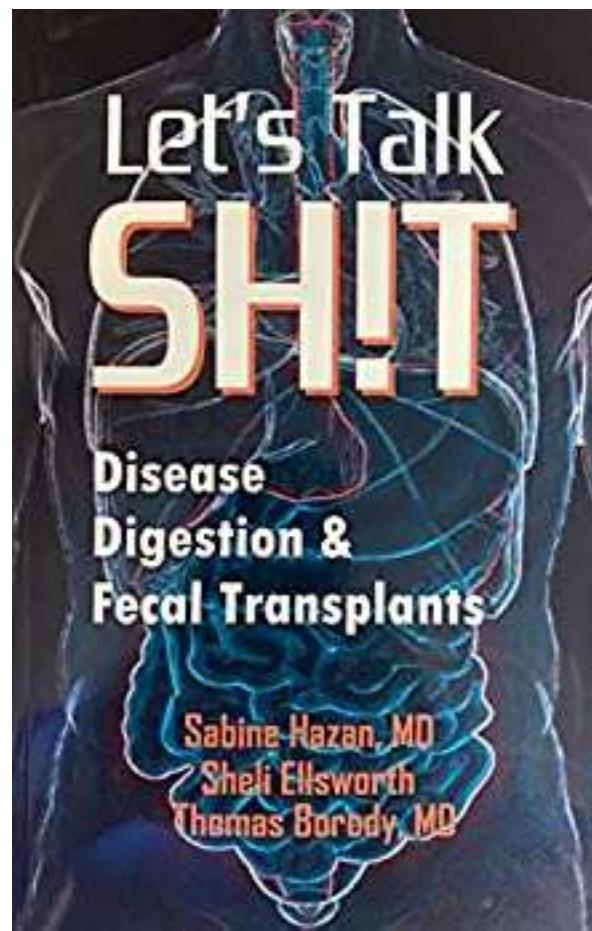
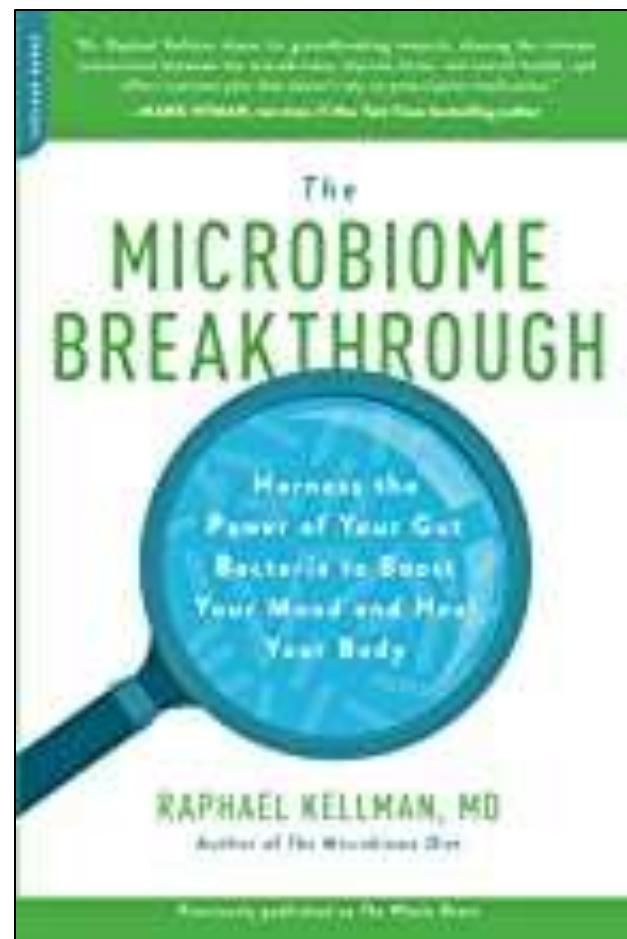
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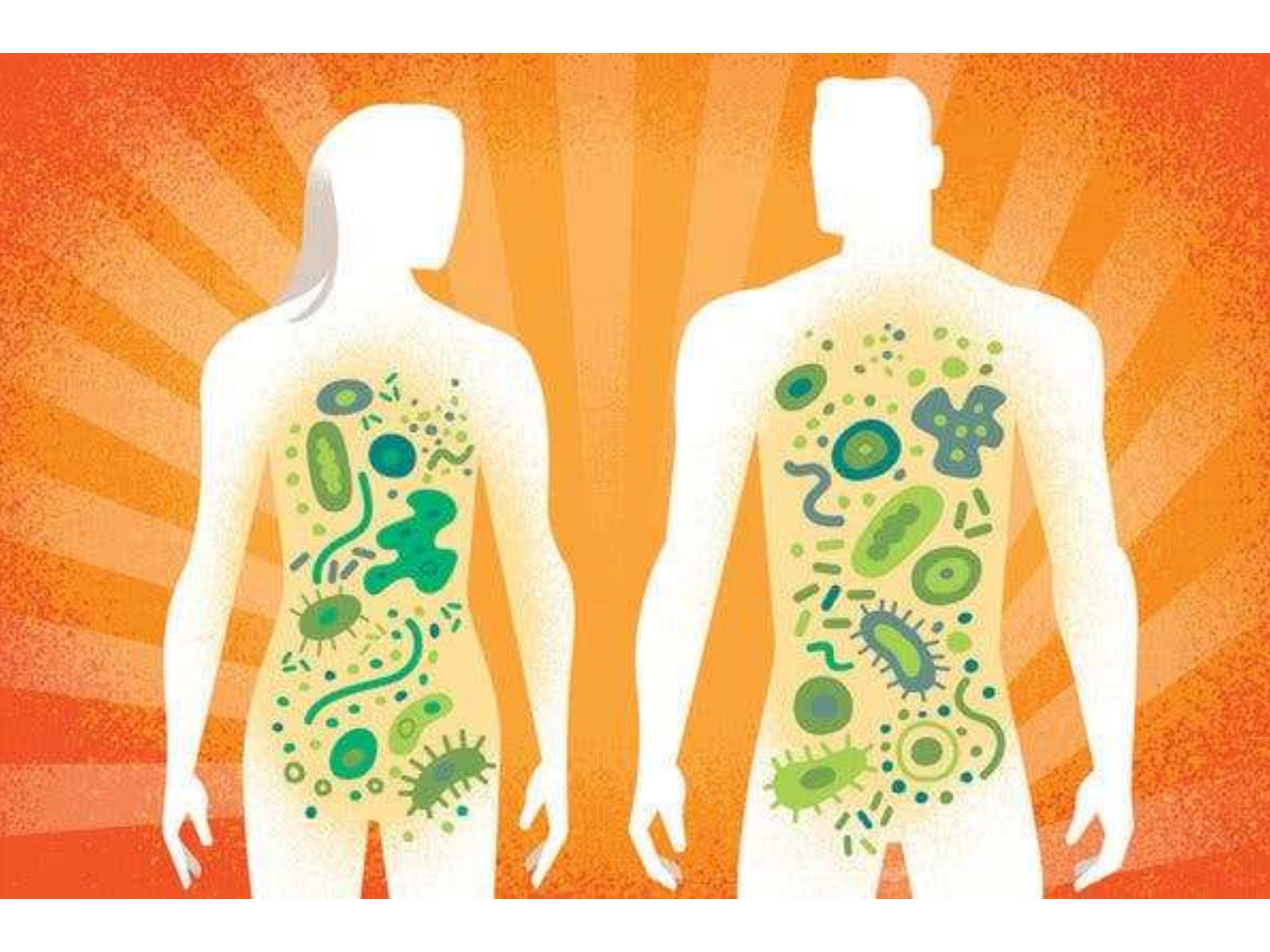
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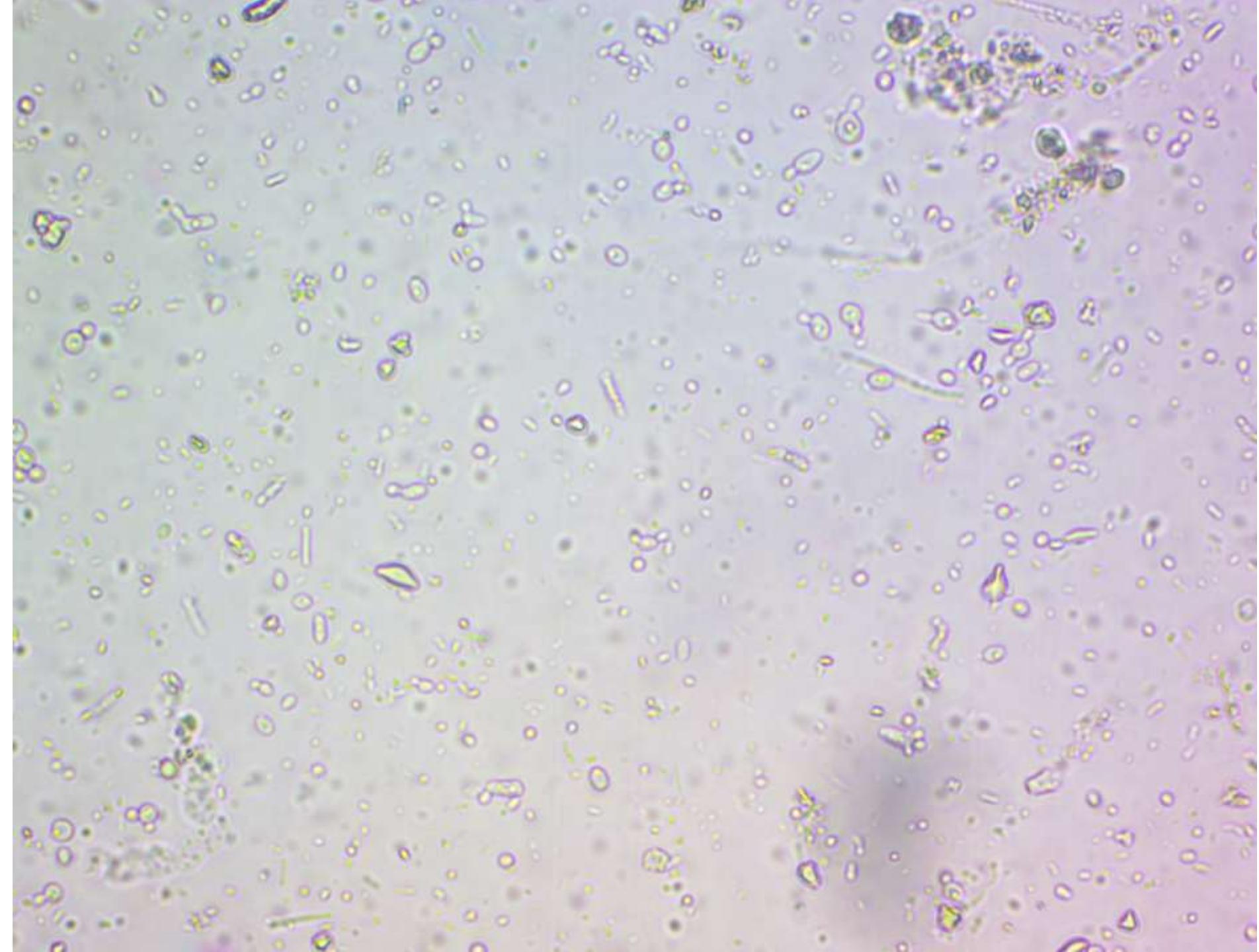
# 2016 Human Microbiome

- Very Small Life—can't see with naked eye
- 10X more critters living in/on you than human cells









# Two Keys to Human Health

✓ **Nutrient Dense Food**

✓ **Healthy Microbiome**

- So...where do they come from?

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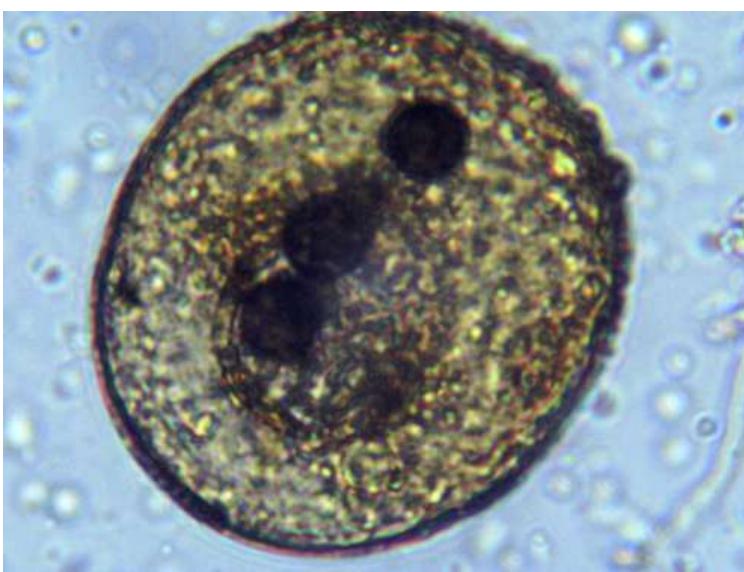
TIME





# 2019 Dr. Elaine Ingham (PhD in 1981)

- Soilfoodweb School
  - Fundamental Courses
  - Certified Lab-Tech
  - Consultant Training Program
    - Microbiome
    - Make biological amendments
    - Microscopy
    - Turn dirt to soil

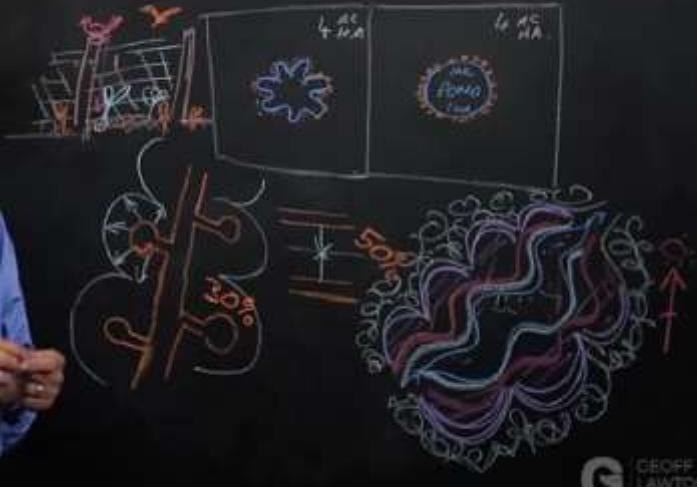


- Korean Natural Farming—Chris Trump
- **Biology is most important ingredient**
  - N, P, K not enough...plants need all nutrients
    - Plant “blood” 1:30 dilution of sea water



# Periodic Table of the Elements

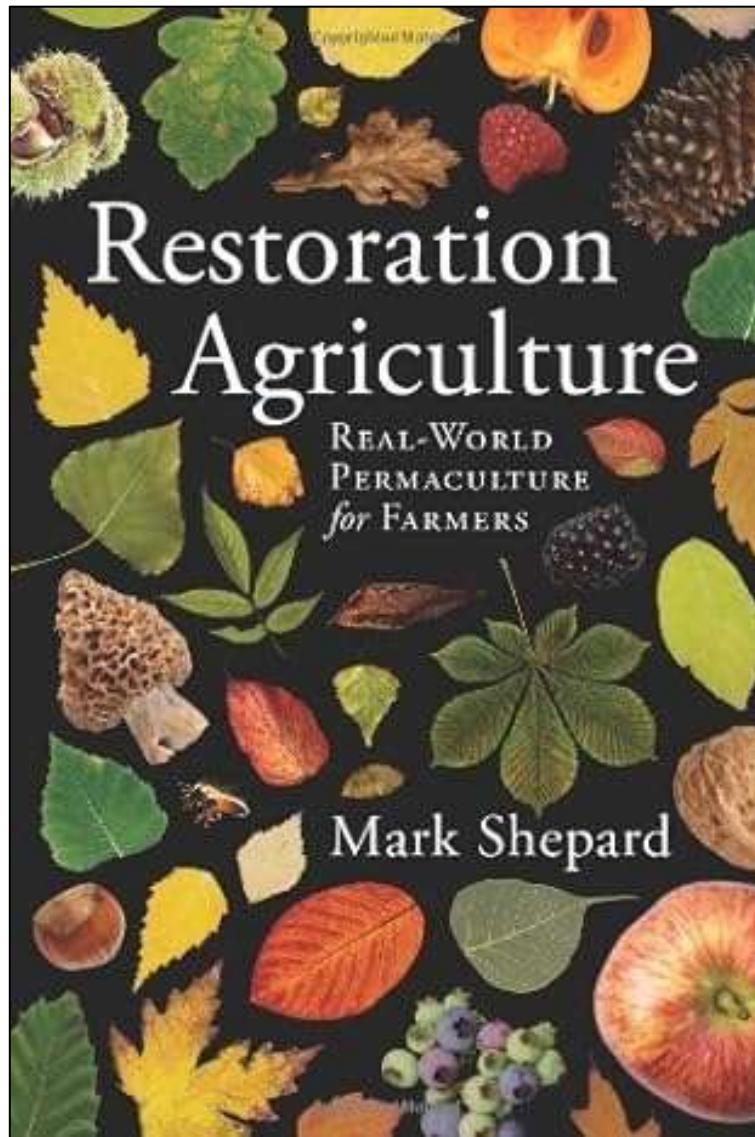
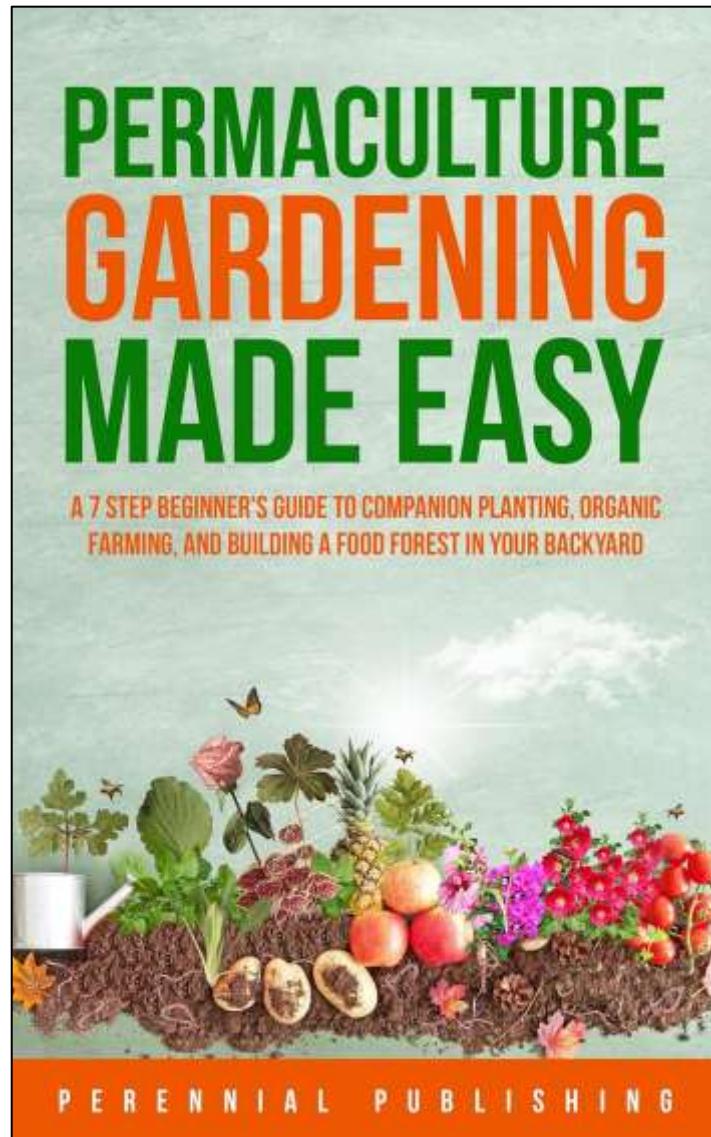
## THE HARMONICS AND GEOMETRY OF BOUNDARIES



# Geoff Lawton's Permaculture Design Certification

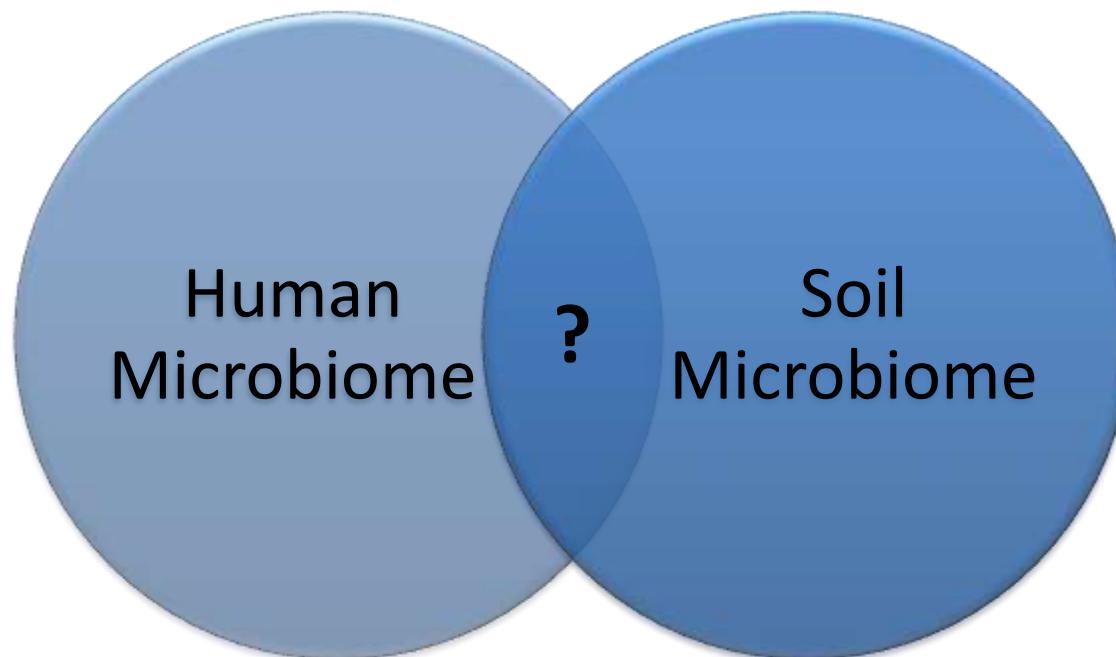


# Permaculture for the Homesteader



# Where Do They Come From?

- The Soil!!
- Nature's perfect plan where life promotes life



# 90 Years Ago!!

## Cosmopolitan—Jun 1936

- US Senate Document #264 (Jun 36)
- Dr Charles Northen, MD

“Healthy plants mean healthy people. We can’t raise a strong race on weak soil.”

# Dirt vs Soil

- Dirt—physical rocks, sand, silt & clay
- Soil—living skin of the planet
  - Handful of healthy soil has more critters in it than people on planet earth
  - Not just there for the “hell of it”



# But, Dirt's Taking Over

- Modern agriculture focused on “chemistry”
- What kills biology?
  - Excessive Tillage
  - Chemical/Synthetic Fertilizers (N, P, K)
  - “icides”...Herbicides & Insecticides

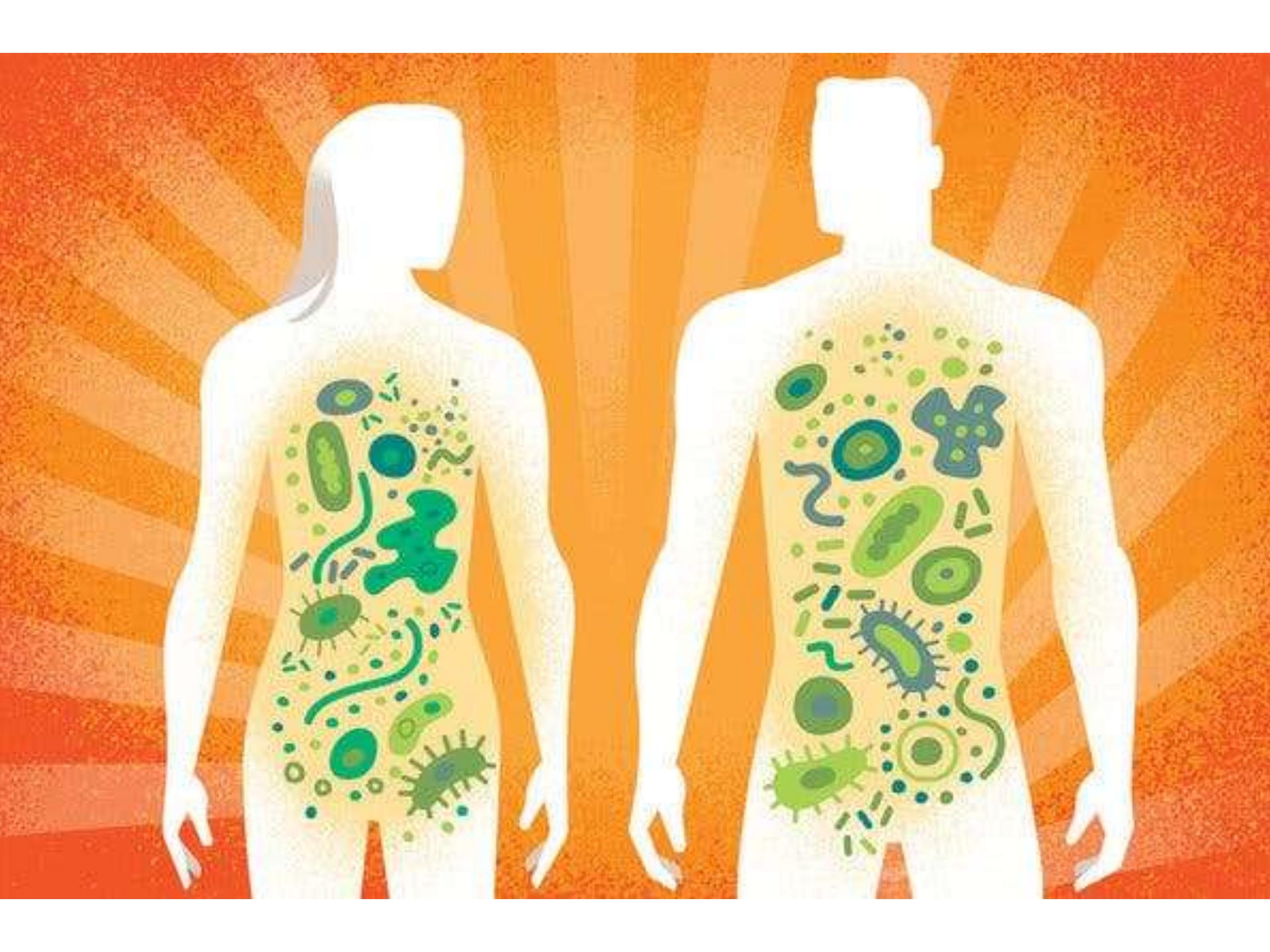




# Symptoms of “Dirt”

- Sick plants—reduced yield/quality
- Pests (weeds, insects, diseases)
  - Need lots of “inputs” and \$\$
- Poor water infiltration
- Erosion

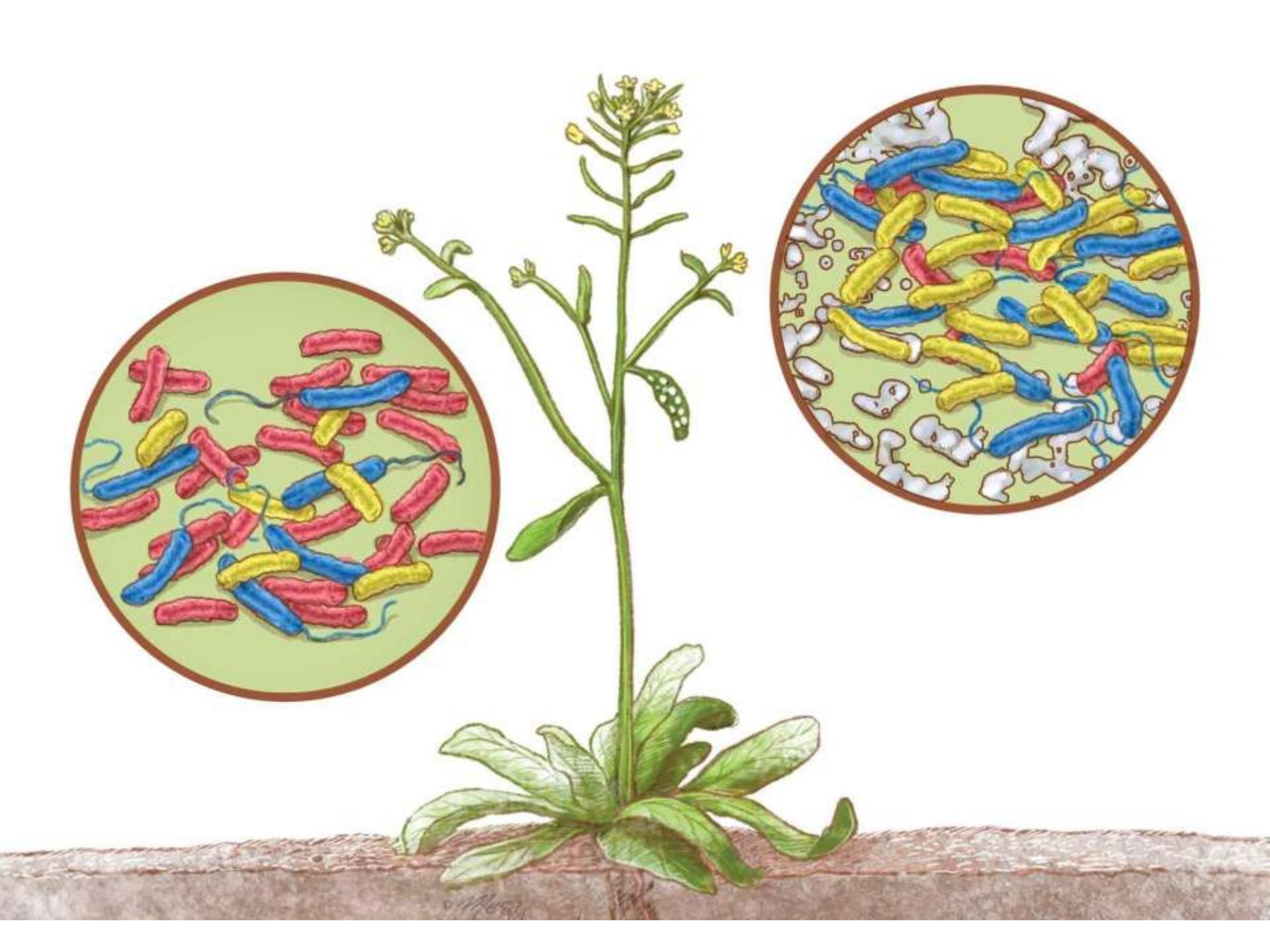




(Patterns of Nature)

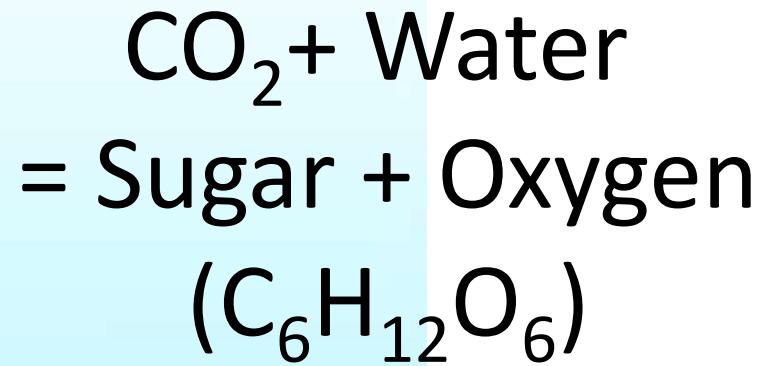
# Plants have Microbiome Too!!

- Caretakers of the plants
  - Live on and inside
  - Recycle nutrients (dead plants/animals)
  - Harvest minerals from sand, silt, clay
  - Make Vitamins & Enzymes plant can't
- Inject Nutrient Density at bottom of food chain

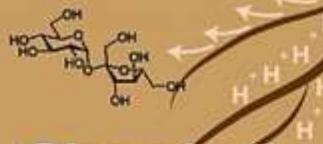




Photosynthesis



**(A) Root System Architecture**



**(B) Chemical Gradients**

**(C) Nematodal interactions**

Spatially distinct communities

**(E) Bacterial associations**

**(D) Mycorrhizal interactions**



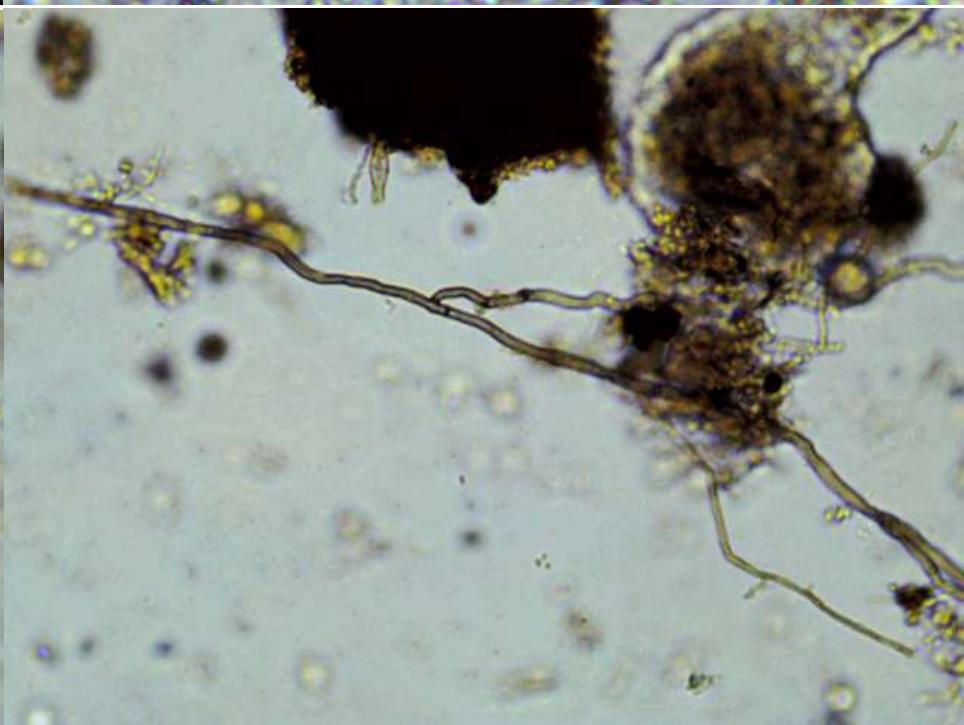
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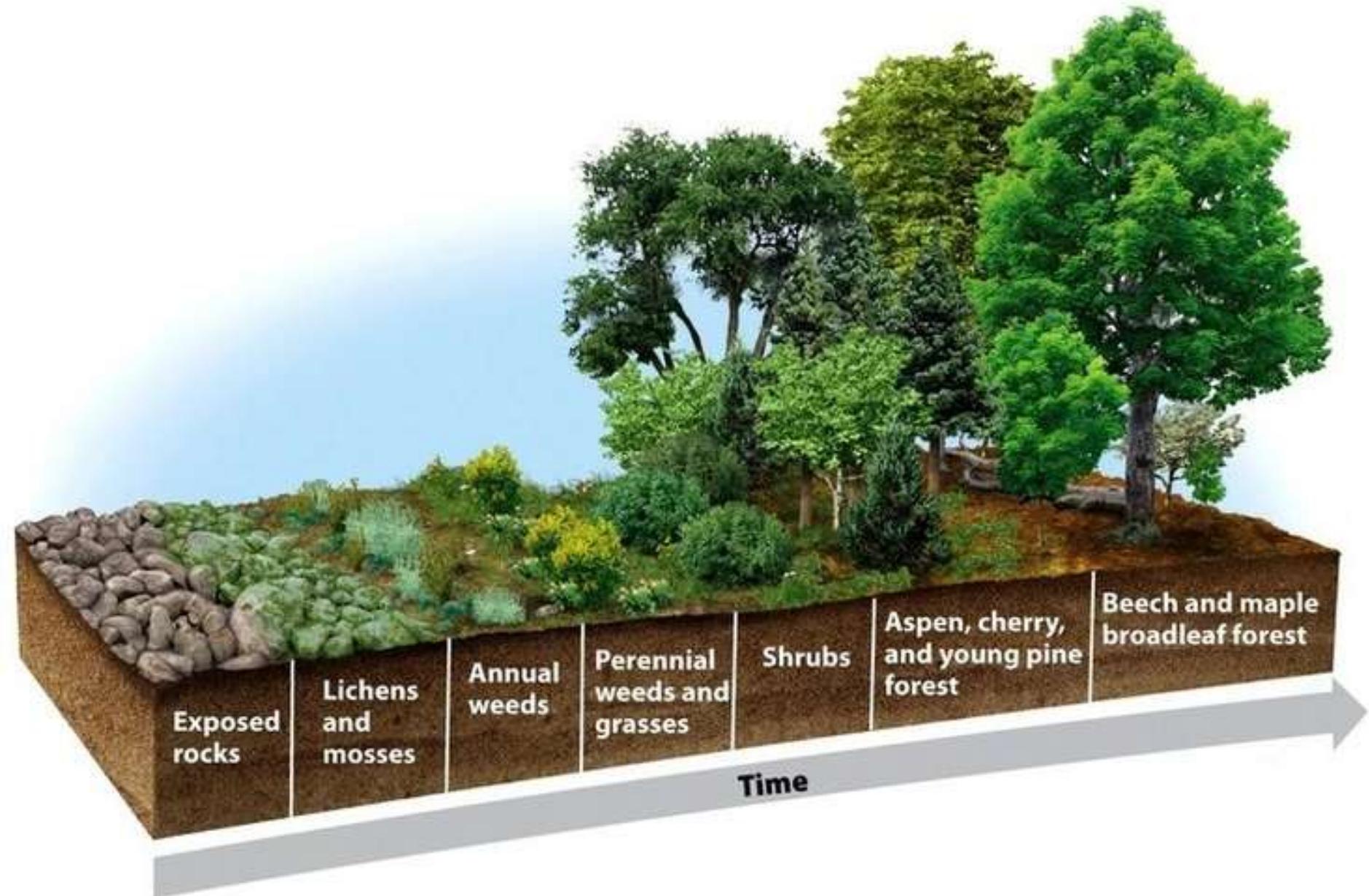
# Periodic Table of the Elements

This image is a detailed Periodic Table of the Elements. It includes the following features:

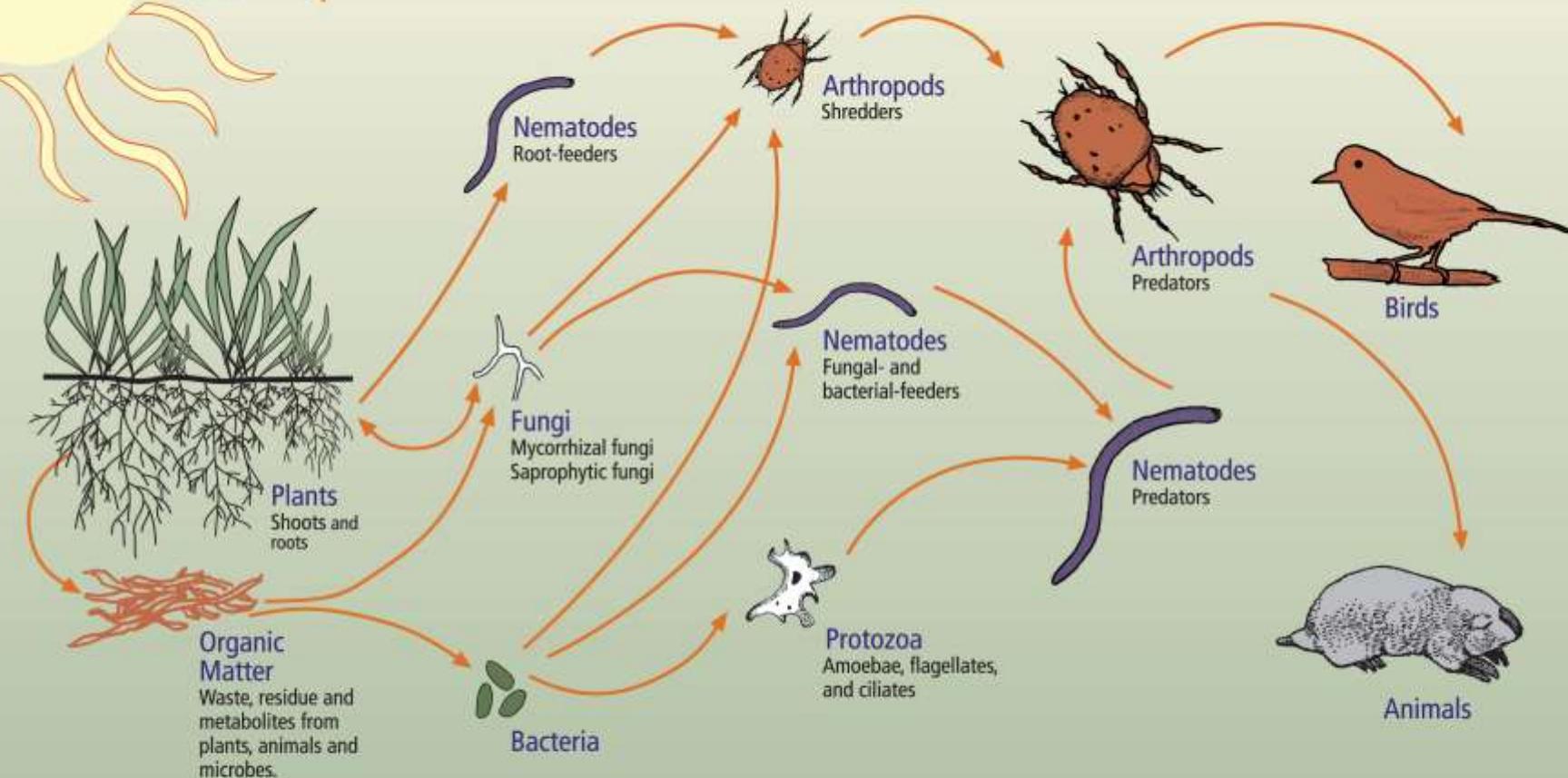
- Header:** Shows the atomic number (1-118), symbol, name, and atomic weight for Hydrogen (H).
- Color Coding:** Elements are color-coded based on their category:
  - Alkali metals (Group 1): Red
  - Alkaline earth metals (Group 2): Orange
  - Post-transition metals (Group 3-12): Blue
  - Transition metals (Group 13-18): Light blue
  - Actinides (Group 13): Dark blue
  - Post-actinides (Group 14-18): Green
  - Halogens (Group 17): Yellow
  - Heavier elements (Group 18): Purple
  - He (Group 18): Pink
- Periodic Trends:** Includes a legend for the following periodic trends:
  - Melting point of metals (red)
  - Density (blue)
  - Electronegativity (green)
  - Atomic radius (yellow)
  - Magnetic moment (light blue)
  - Redox potential (purple)
  - Electron affinity (orange)
  - Ionization energy (pink)
  - Electrochemical properties (grey)
- Group and Period Labels:** Shows group numbers (1-18) and period numbers (1-7).
- Table Rows:** The table is organized into rows corresponding to the seven periods of the periodic table.

1	IA	H	Hydrogen	1.008
2	IIA	Be	Boron	9.012
3	IIIA	Li	Carbon	6.941
4	IVIA	Be	Nitrogen	10.81
5	VA	Na	Oxygen	22.99
6	VIIA	Mg	Fluorine	30.973
7	IIIB	K	Neon	40.08
8	IVIB	Ca	Argon	53.998
9	VIB	Sc	40.08	
10	VIIB	Ti	40.08	
11	VIB	V	50.94	
12	VIIB	Cr	51.996	
13	VIB	Mn	54.938	
14	VIIB	Fe	55.845	
15	VIB	Co	58.933	
16	VIIB	Ni	58.933	
17	VIB	Cu	63.546	
18	VIB	Zn	65.39	
19	IIIB	Ga	69.72	
20	IVIB	Ge	72.61	
21	VIB	As	74.92	
22	VIIB	Se	78.96	
23	IIIB	Br	80.00	
24	IVIB	Kr	83.80	
25	IIIA	Rb	84.79	
26	IVIA	Sr	87.62	
27	IIIA	Y	88.91	
28	IVIA	Zr	91.22	
29	IIIA	Nb	92.91	
30	IVIA	Mo	95.94	
31	IIIA	Tc	98.00	
32	IVIA	Ru	101.09	
33	IIIA	Rh	102.90	
34	IVIA	Pd	106.42	
35	IIIA	Ag	107.87	
36	IVIA	Cd	112.41	
37	IIIA	In	114.82	
38	IVIA	Sn	118.71	
39	IIIA	Sb	121.76	
40	IVIA	Te	127.60	
41	IIIA	I	126.90	
42	IVIA	Xe	131.30	
43	IIIA	Cs	132.91	
44	IVIA	Ba	137.34	
45	IIIA	Hf	138.91	
46	IVIA	Ta	139.90	
47	IIIA	W	144.29	
48	IVIA	Re	144.91	
49	IIIA	Os	151.90	
50	IVIA	Ir	152.90	
51	IIIA	Pt	157.82	
52	IVIA	Au	169.66	
53	IIIA	Hg	180.50	
54	IVIA	Tl	182.20	
55	IIIA	Pb	183.84	
56	IVIA	Bi	187.50	
57	IIIA	Po	190.23	
58	IVIA	At	192.22	
59	IIIA	Rn	195.90	
60	IIIA	Fr	199.90	
61	IVIA	Ra	226.00	
62	IIIA	Rf	257.80	
63	IVIA	Db	259.85	
64	IIIA	Sg	251.00	
65	IVIA	Bh	251.00	
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77	IIIA	La	55.85	
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80	IIIA	Nd	144.91	
81	IIIA	Pm	147.91	
82	IIIA	Sm	150.36	
83	IIIA	Eu	151.90	
84	IIIA	Gd	157.25	
85	IIIA	Tb	158.93	
86	IIIA	Dy	162.50	
87	IIIA	Ho	164.93	
88	IIIA	Er	167.25	
89	IIIA	Tm	168.93	
90	IIIA	Yb	173.04	
91	IIIA	Lu	174.96	
92	IIIA	Ac	196.64	
93	IIIA	Th	232.00	
94	IIIA	Pa	231.00	
95	IIIA	U	231.00	
96	IIIA	Np	233.00	
97	IIIA	Pu	239.00	
98	IIIA	Am	243.00	
99	IIIA	Cm	243.00	
100	IIIA	Bk	247.00	
101	IIIA	Cf	250.00	
102	IIIA	Es	251.00	
103	IIIA	Fm	253.00	
104	IIIA	Md	253.00	
105	IIIA	No	255.00	
106	IIIA	Lr	255.00	





# The Soil Food Web



First  
trophic level:  
Photosynthesizers

Second  
trophic level:  
Decomposers  
Mutualists  
Pathogens, Parasites  
Root-feeders

Third  
trophic level:  
Shredders  
Predators  
Grazers

Fourth  
trophic level:  
Higher level  
predators

Fifth and higher  
trophic levels:  
Higher level  
predators

# Standard Soil Test

Lab Number: 602069

Sample Name: TEST2

Farm Name:

## Soil Results

pH		Phosphorus	Potassium	Calcium	Magnesium	Zinc	Iron	Manganese	Boron	Sodium
Soil pH	Buffer Value	P	K	Ca	Mg	Zn	Fe	Mn	B	Na
Pounds per acre - Mehlich 1										
6.65		25 M	84 L	1842 S	140 S	2.3 S	17 S	20 S	0.5	12

Crop/plant Interpretation ranges on last sheet

L = Low, M= Medium, H=High, V= Very High, S = Sufficient

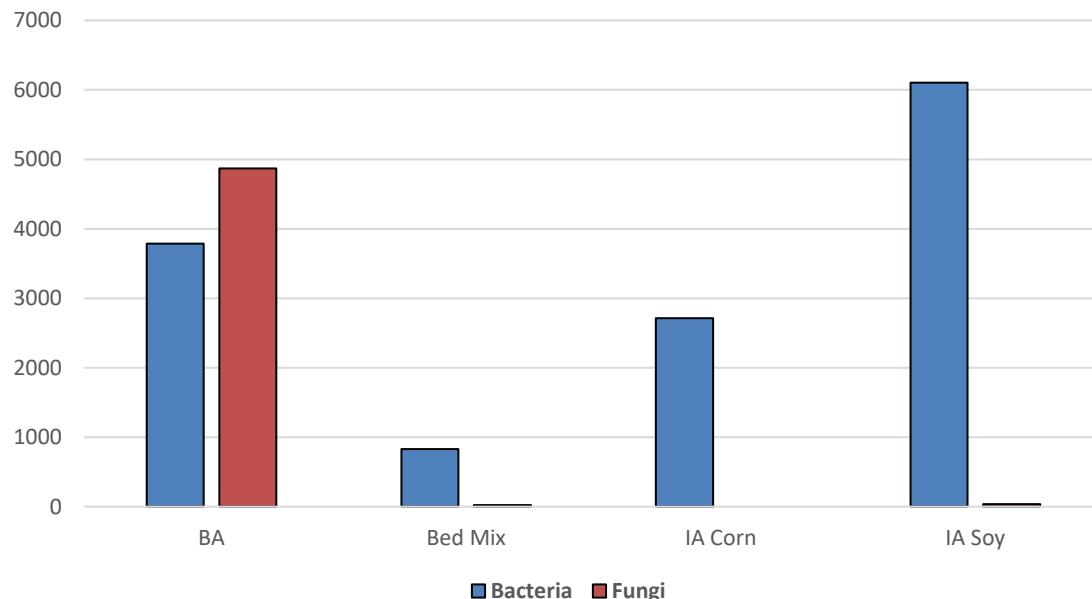
### *Additional tests, if they were requested*

Sulfur	Nitrogen			Carbon	C/N Ratio	Organic Matter	Soluble Salts	Particle Size Analysis - Hydrometer Method			
LBS/ACRE	NH4-N ppm	NO3-N ppm	Total N %	%	%	%	dS/m	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay	Soil Texture
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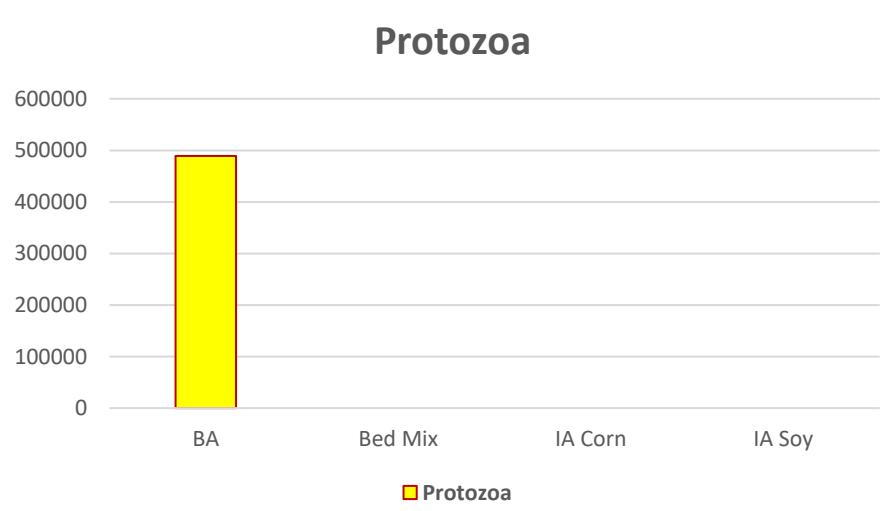
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Beneficial Microorganisms	Sample Results
Bacterial Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	724.142
Bacterial Standard Deviation Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	87.835
Bacterial Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	12.10%
Actinobacterial Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	0.167
Actinobacterial Standard Deviation Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	0.16
Actinobacterial Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	95.90%
Fungal Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	851.77
Fungal Standard Deviation Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	882.451
Fungal Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	103.60%
Fungal Average Diameter - Weighted Mean ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	6.881
F:B Ratio	1.176
Total Beneficial Protozoa ( number/g )	136953
Flagellates ( number/g )	61629
Flagellates Standard Deviation ( number/g )	19519
Flagellates Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	31.70%
Amoebae ( number/g )	75324
Amoebae Standard Deviation ( number/g )	22968
Amoebae Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	30.50%
Bacterial-feeding Nematodes ( number/g )	21
Fungal-feeding Nematodes ( number/g )	0
Predatory Nematodes ( number/g )	0
Detrimental Microorganisms	
Oomycetes Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	0
Oomycetes Standard Deviation Biomass ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	0
Oomycete Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	0.00%
Oomycetes Average Diameter - Weighted Mean ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	0
Ciliates ( number/g )	3424
Ciliates Standard Deviation ( number/g )	4688
Ciliates Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	136.90%
Root-feeding Nematodes ( number/g )	0
Total Beneficial Protozoa Standard Deviation ( number/g )	35807
Total Beneficial Protozoa Standard Deviation as Percentage of Mean	26.10%

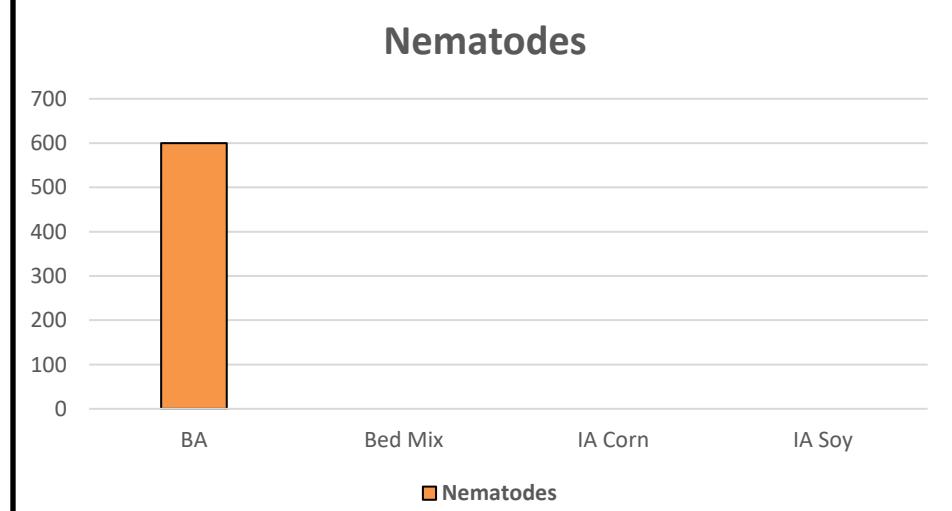
## Bacteria & Fungi



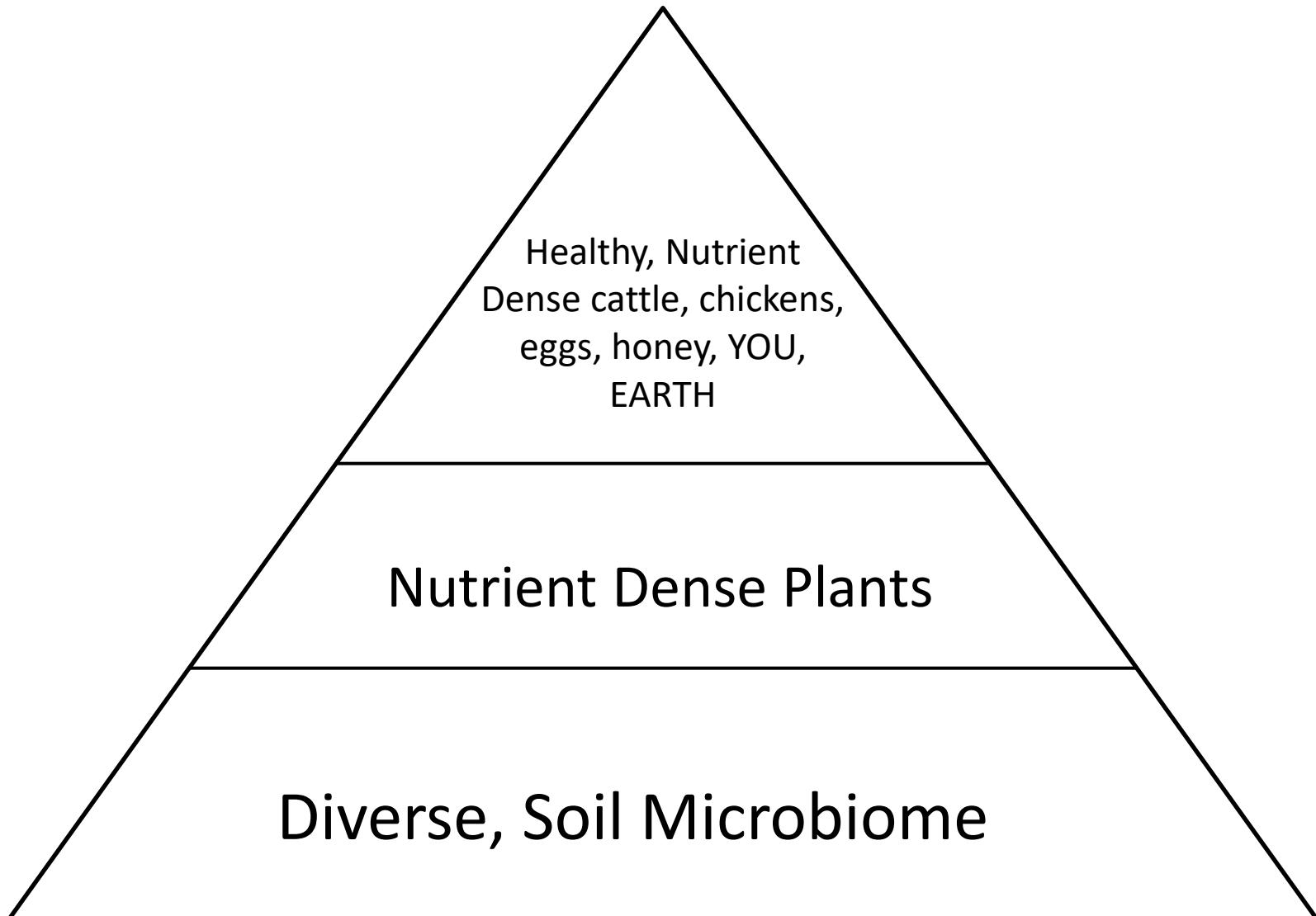
## Protozoa



## Nematodes



# The Foundation--Microbiome



# Congratulations!

- ✓ First Step—You Know Why!!!!
  - Most important Step!!

# **BREAK TIME!**



## Part 2—“Living Soil” Deeper Dive

# Objectives—Part 2

- Truth
- Nutrient Density & Brix
- Biology, Chemistry & Physics

# Grounded in a Quote

- “When you start to question where your food comes from, you begin to question everything.”

Joel Salatin



# #1 Lesson: Be Skeptical

- *How Do You Know That to Be True?*
- “Without data, you’re just another person with an opinion” (W. Edward Deming)
- But, be open minded!!!



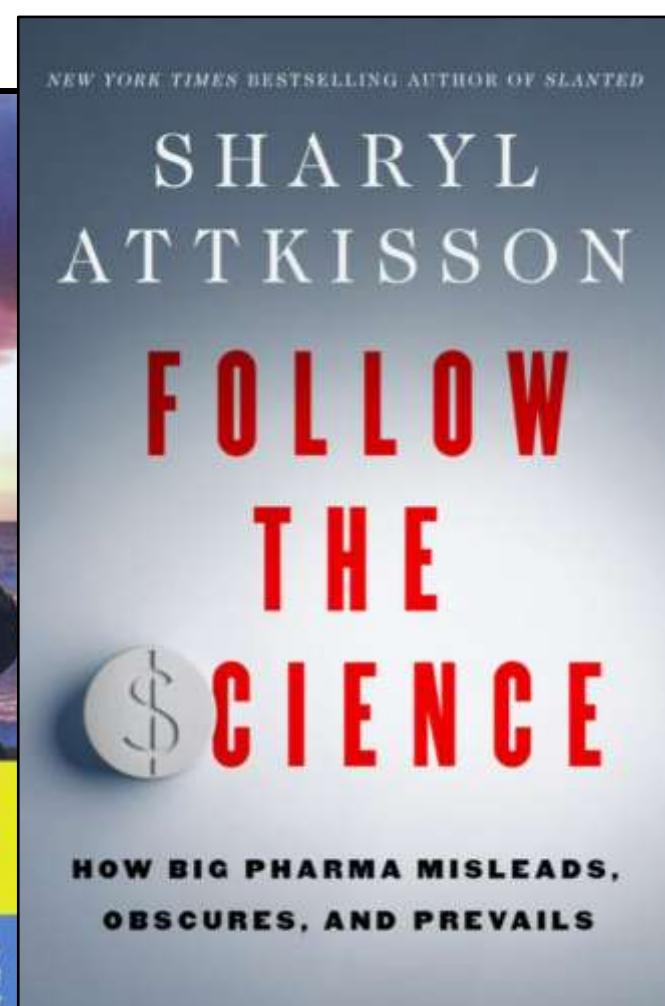
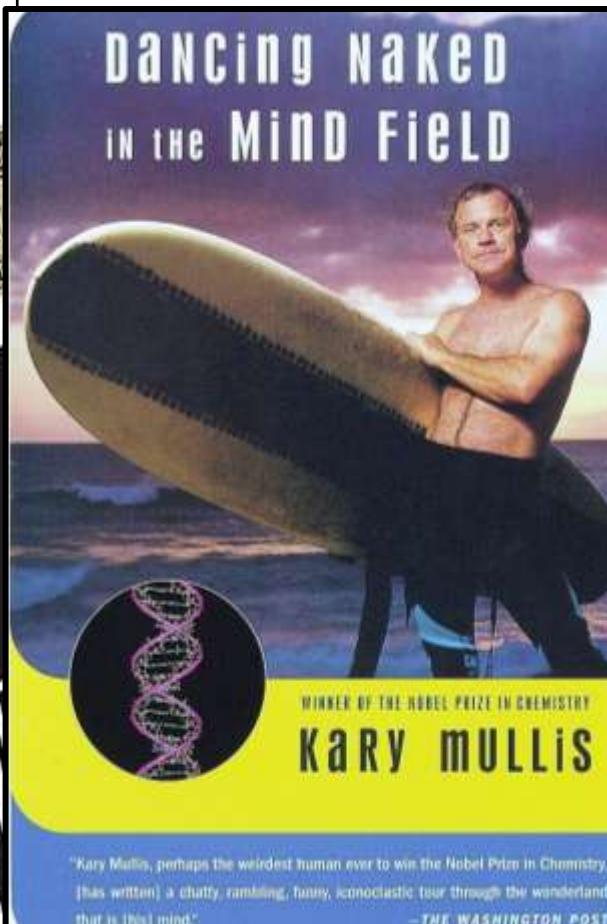
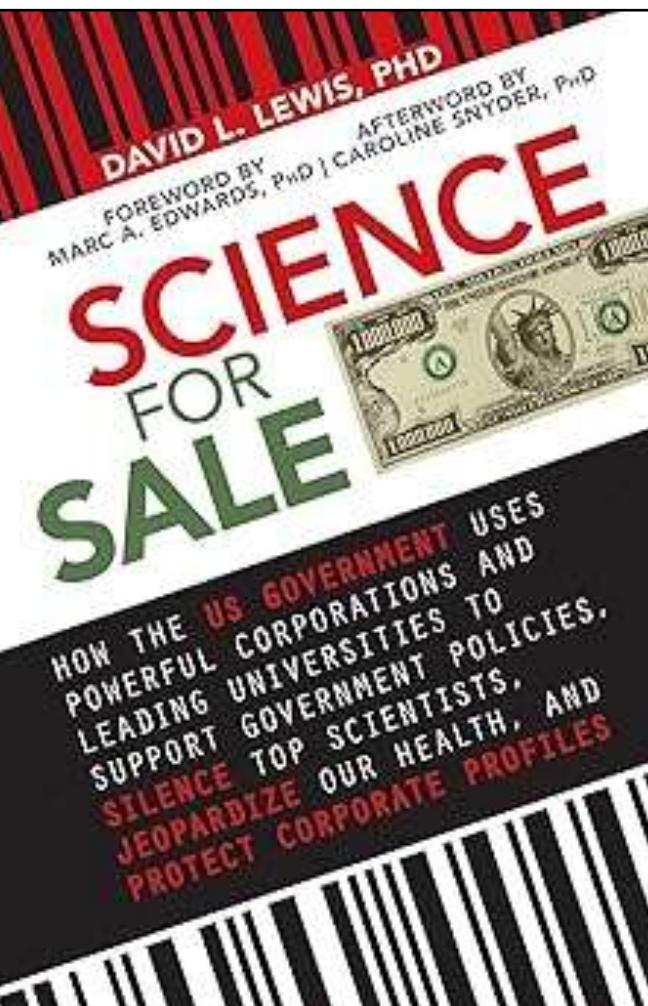
# Follow the Science!

- Easy for “Physical” Science



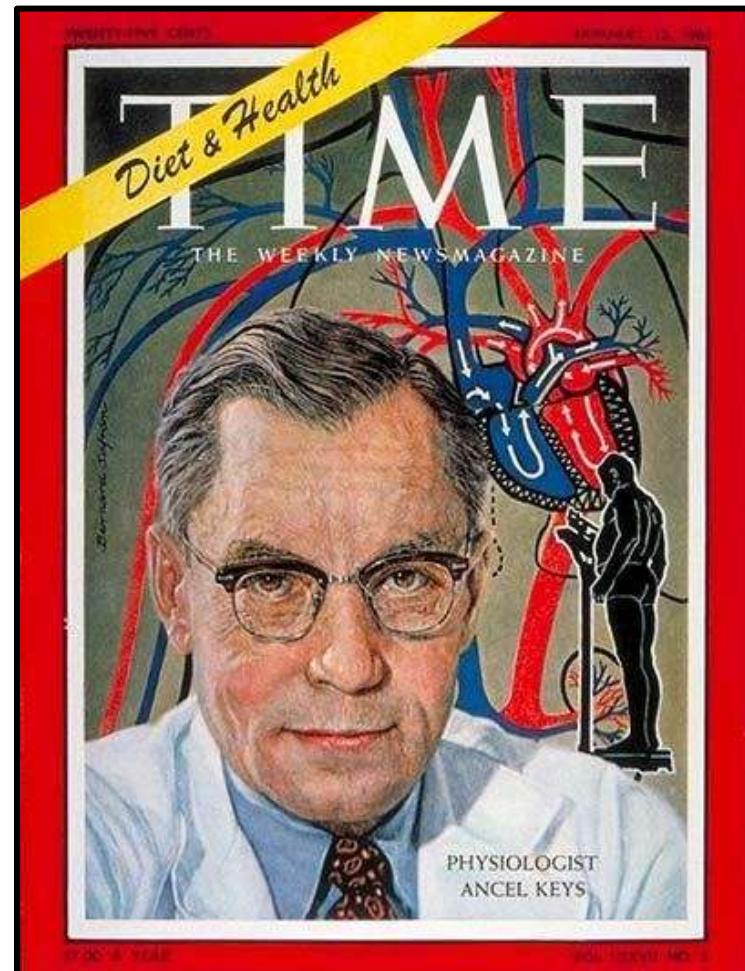
# Follow the Science—Ha!!

- “Probably the most important scientific development of the 20<sup>th</sup> century is that economics replaced curiosity as the driving force behind research”

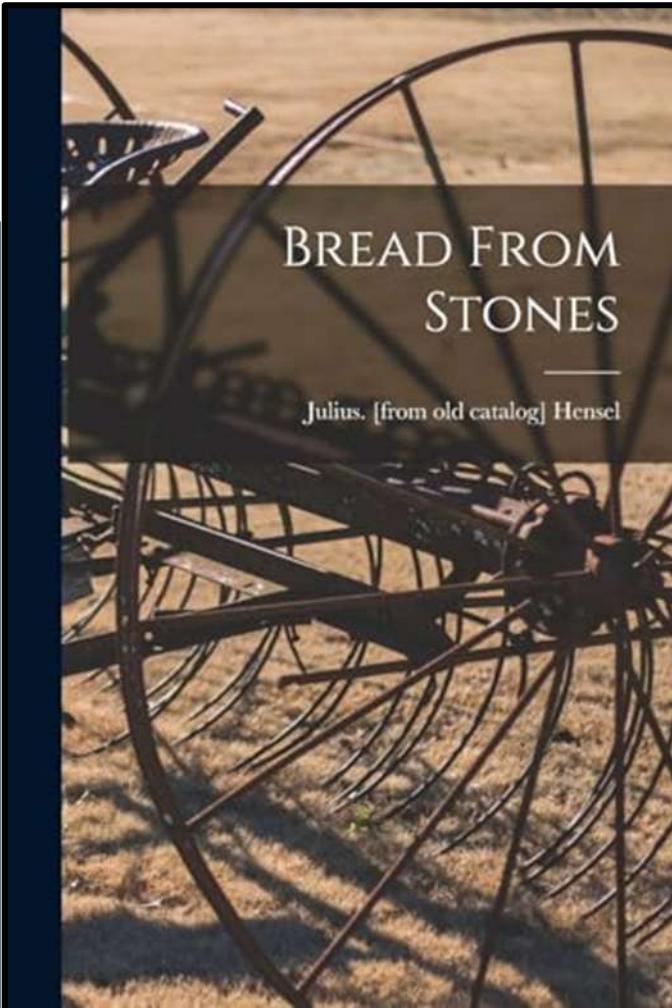
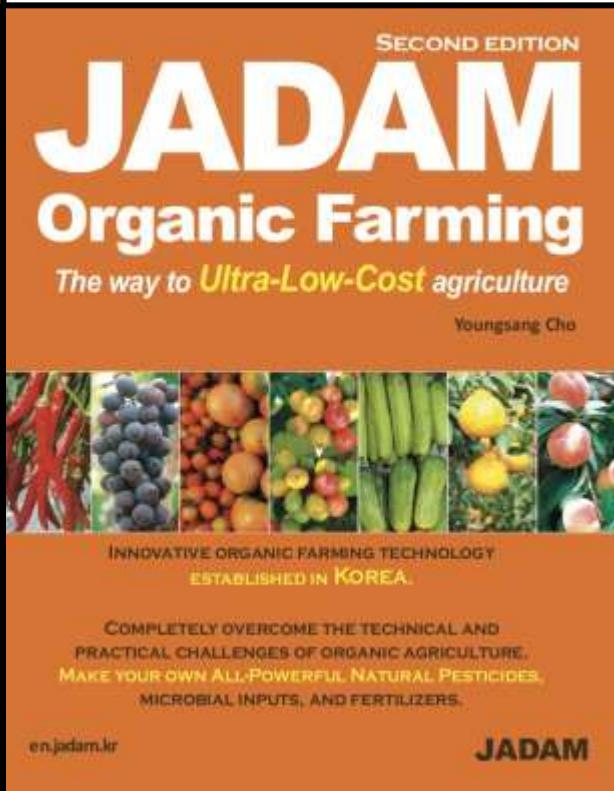
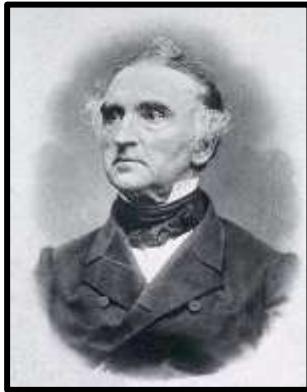
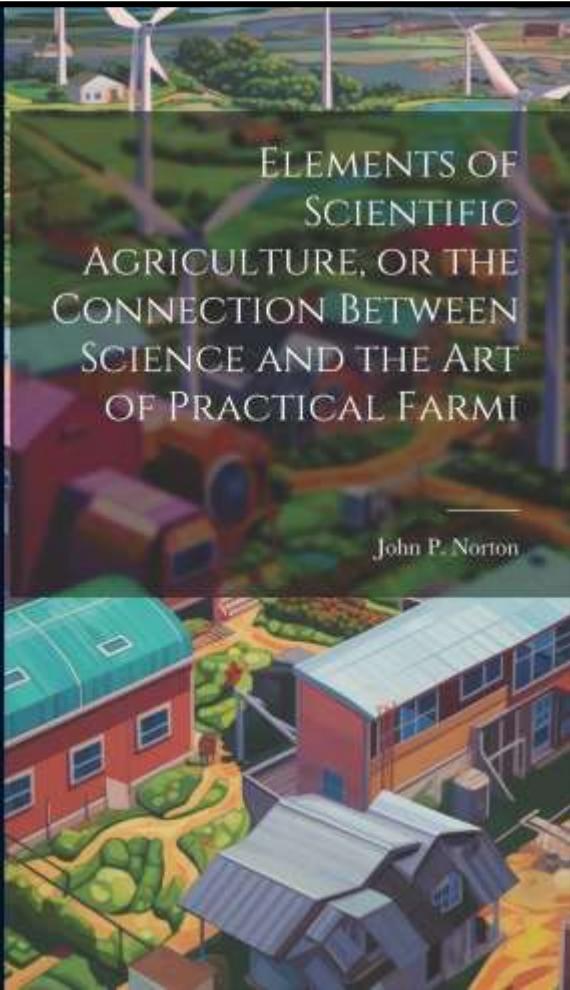


# Hmmm—"No Fat/Low Fat"

- OMG—FAT & CHOLESTEROL!!
- No butter—Margarine!
- No egg yolks—Eggbeaters!
- No whole milk—Skim!
- No animal fats—Veg Oils
- Low Fat Carbs!!

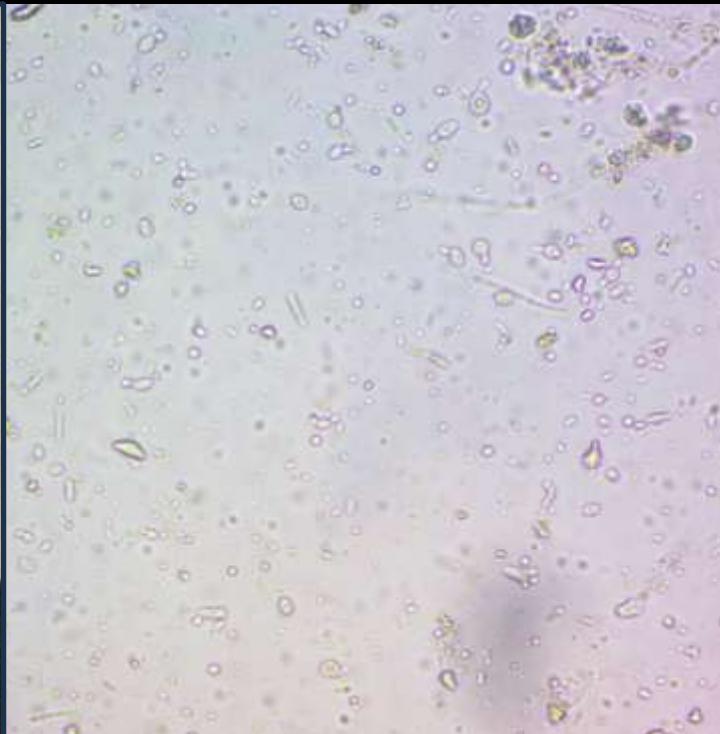
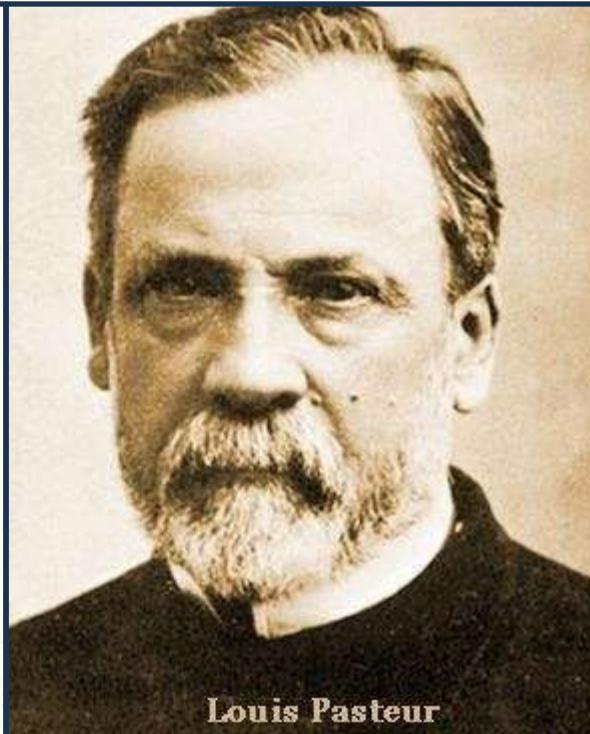
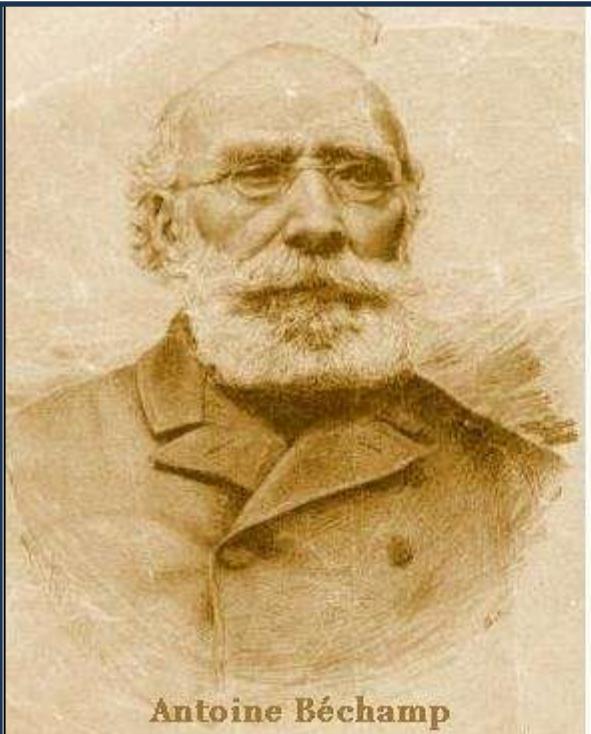


# Hmmm—"N-P-K Fertilizer"



# Hmmm—"Germs"

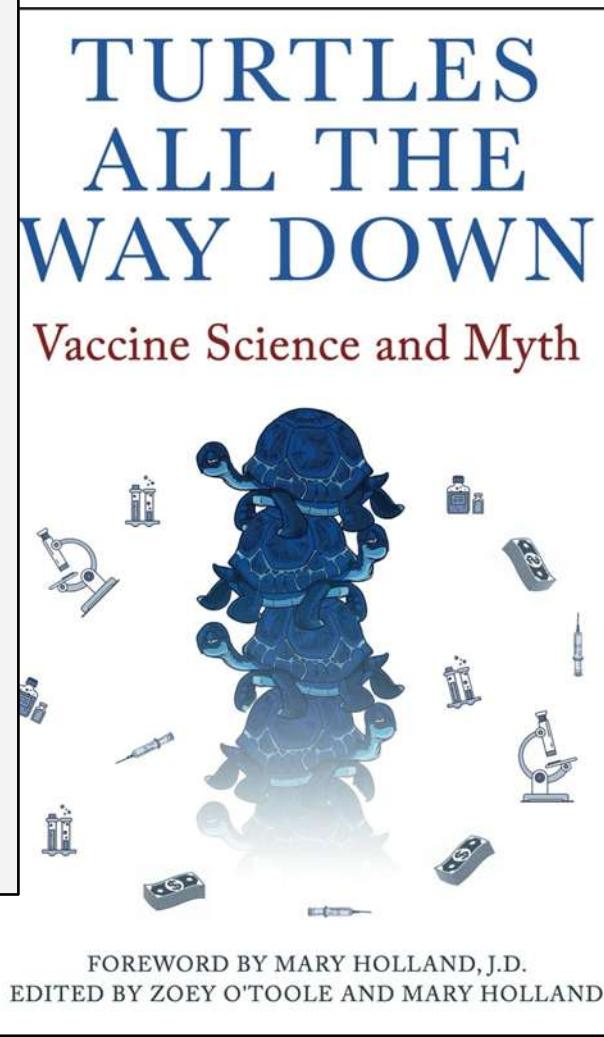
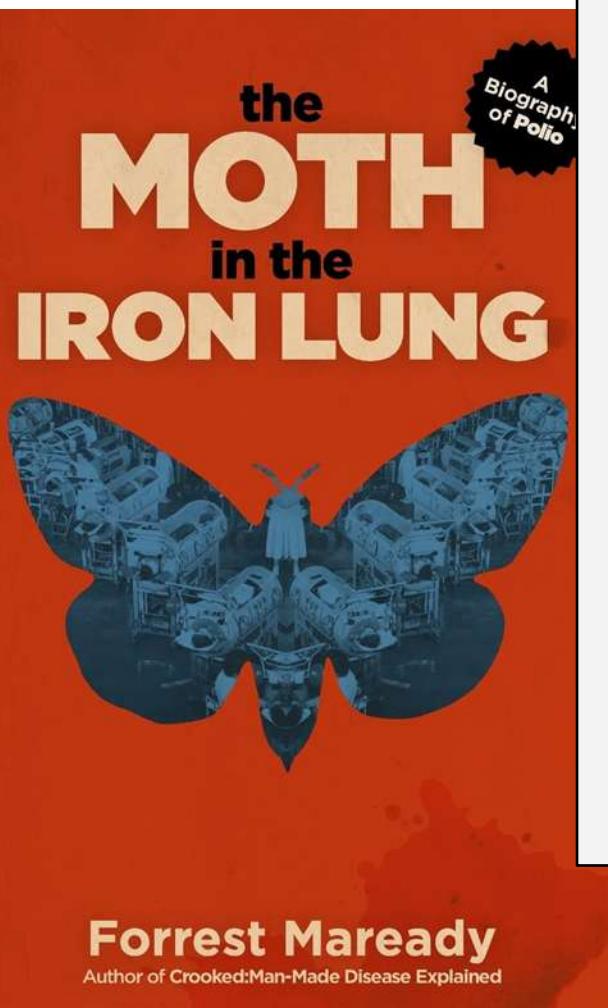
- Dr Louis Pasteur—"Germ Theory"



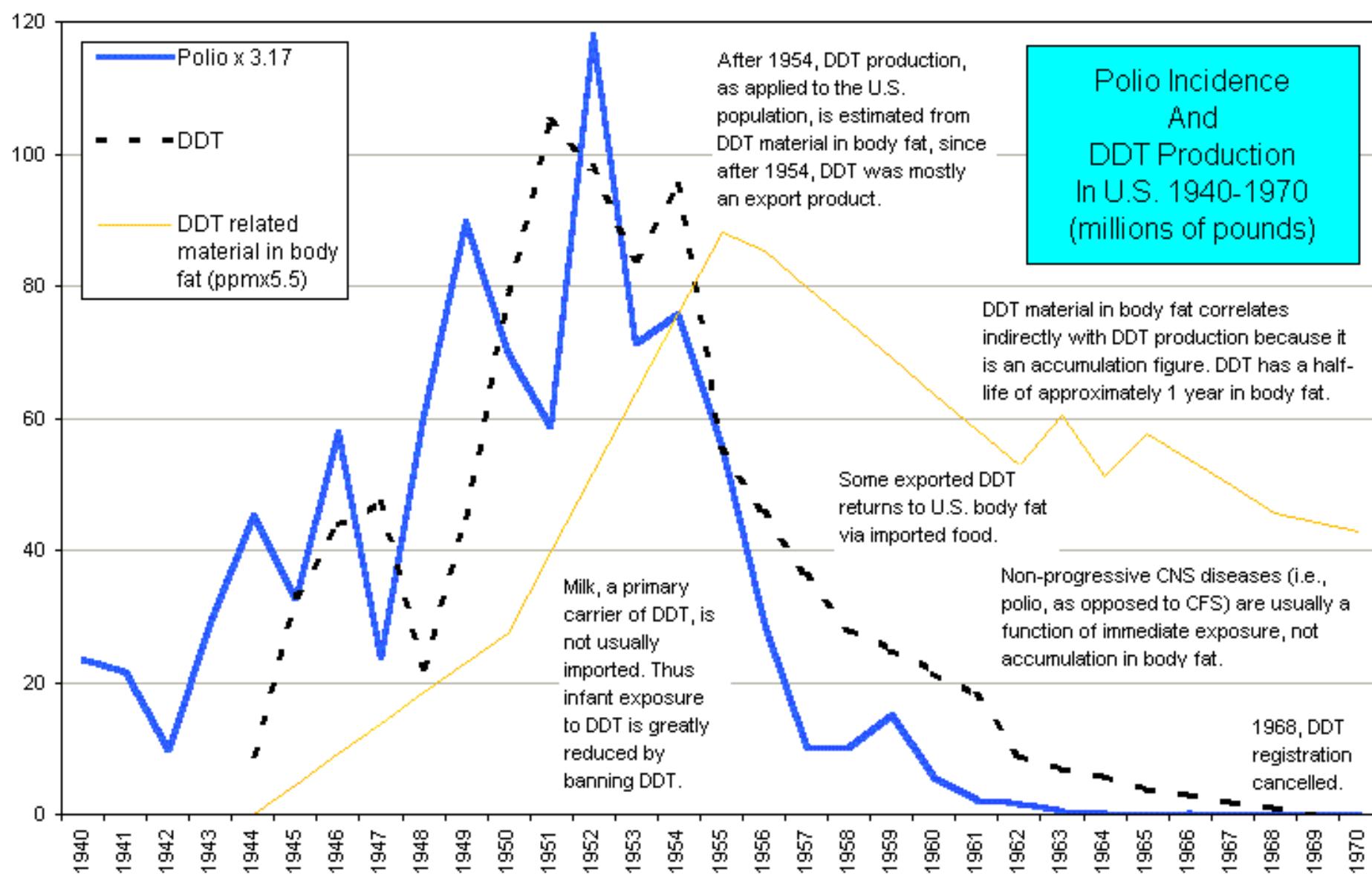
Antoine Béchamp

Louis Pasteur

# Hmmm—“Diseases”



# Polio vs DDT



# Your Office is “Nature”

- Nature— infinite, interconnected variables & “miracles” are normal
- Holistic Generalist vs Expert



# THE HISTORY OF MODERN LIVESTOCK COMPRESSED INTO 24 HOURS

**12:01 just past midnight** — Ancestors of cattle and other livestock are developing.

**3:00 mid-afternoon** — First humans start scavenging meat as small part of their diet.

**4:45** The most recent cycle of great ice ages begins.

**5:42 almost dinnertime** — Humans learn to hunt and become active predators; meat becomes a significant part of their diet.

3:00

6:00

9:00

NOON

3:00

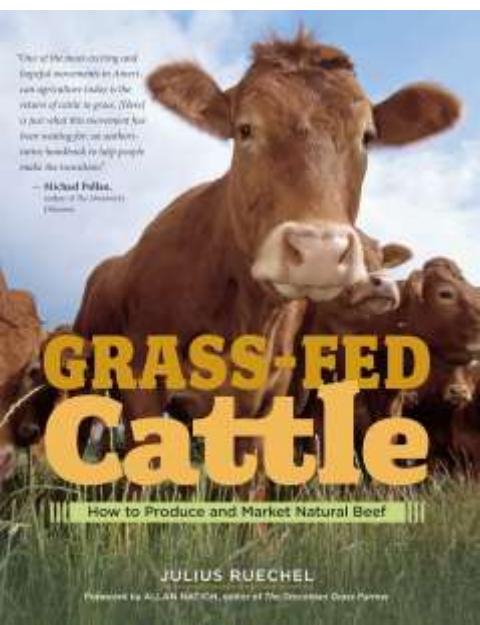
6:00

**11:51** First modern human ancestors (Cro-Magnons — early *Homo sapiens*) paint on cave walls in France.

**11:57** Last ice age ends; glaciers retreat; mammoths go extinct.

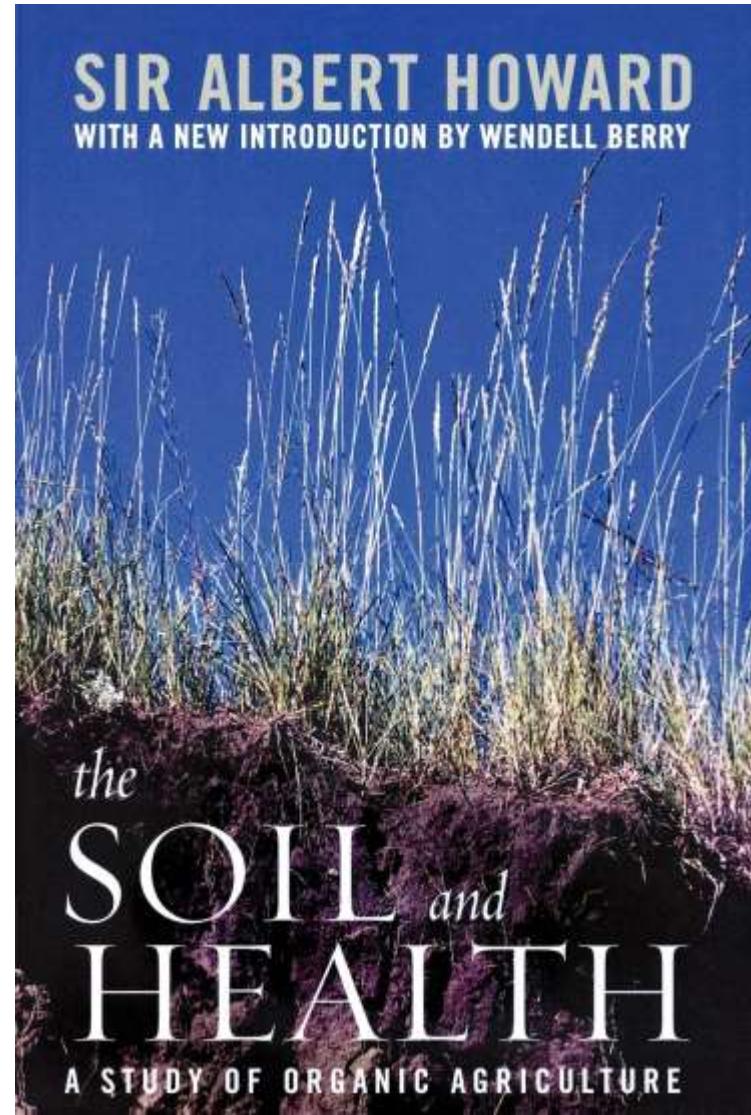
**11:57:50 just over 2 minutes till midnight** — Earliest known domestication of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, and grains; transition from hunting culture to pastoralism and agriculture, from predator to shepherd and farmer.

**11:59:58.25 the last 1 1/4 seconds** — Industrial Revolution; petrochemical industry; antibiotics, vaccines, pharmaceuticals; synthetic fertilizers; grain surpluses become animal feed; the feedlot industry emerges.



# Sir Albert Howard (1947)

- 1910: “Healthy, well-fed animals failed to react to this disease...”
- Nutrient Density Again!



# Is it Nutrient Dense?

- Taste
- \$20 Brix Meter/Refractometer
- Dr Carey Reams (1903-1985)



# Refractive Index of Crop Juices -- Calibrated In % Sucrose Or °Brix

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
<b>FRUITS</b>				
Apples	6	10	14	18
Avocados	4	6	8	10
Bananas	8	10	12	14
Blueberries	8	12	14	18
Cantaloupe	8	12	14	16
Casaba	8	10	12	14
Cherries	6	8	14	16
Coconut	8	10	12	14
Grapes	8	12	16	20
Grapefruit	6	10	14	18
Honeydew	8	10	12	14
Kumquat	4	6	8	10
Lemons	4	6	8	12
Limes	4	6	10	12
Mangos	4	6	10	14
Oranges	6	10	16	20
Papayas	6	10	18	22
Peaches	6	10	14	18
Pears	6	10	12	14
Pineapple	12	14	20	22
Raisins	60	70	75	80
Raspberries	6	8	12	14
Strawberries	6	8	12	14
Tomatoes	4	6	8	12
Watermelons	8	12	14	16
<b>GRASSES</b>				
Alfalfa	4	8	16	22
Grains	6	10	14	18
Sorghum	6	10	22	30

Within a given species of plant, the crop with the higher refractive index will have a higher sugar content, higher mineral content, higher protein content and a greater specific gravity or density. This adds up to a sweeter tasting, more minerally nutritious food with lower nitrate and water content, lower freezing point, and better storage attributes.

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Asparagus	2	4	6	8
Beets	6	8	10	12
Bell Peppers	4	6	8	12
Broccoli	6	8	10	12
Cabbage	6	8	10	12
Carrots	4	6	12	18
Cauliflower	4	6	8	10
Celery	4	6	10	12
Corn Stalks	4	8	14	20
Corn (Young)	6	10	18	24
Cow Peas	4	6	10	12
Cucumbers	2	3	4	5
Endives	4	6	8	10
English Peas	8	10	12	14
Escarole	4	6	8	10
Field Peas	4	6	10	12
Garlic, Cured	28	32	36	40
Green Beans	4	6	8	10
Hot Peppers	4	6	8	10
Kale	8	10	12	16
Kohlrabi	6	8	10	12
Lettuce	4	6	8	10
Onions	4	6	8	10
Parsley	4	6	8	10
Peanuts	4	6	8	10
Potatoes	3	5	7	8
Potatoes, Sweet	6	8	10	14
Romaine	4	6	8	10
Rutabagas	4	6	10	12
Spinach	6	8	10	12
Squash	6	8	12	14
Sweet Corn	6	10	18	24
Turnips	4	6	8	10



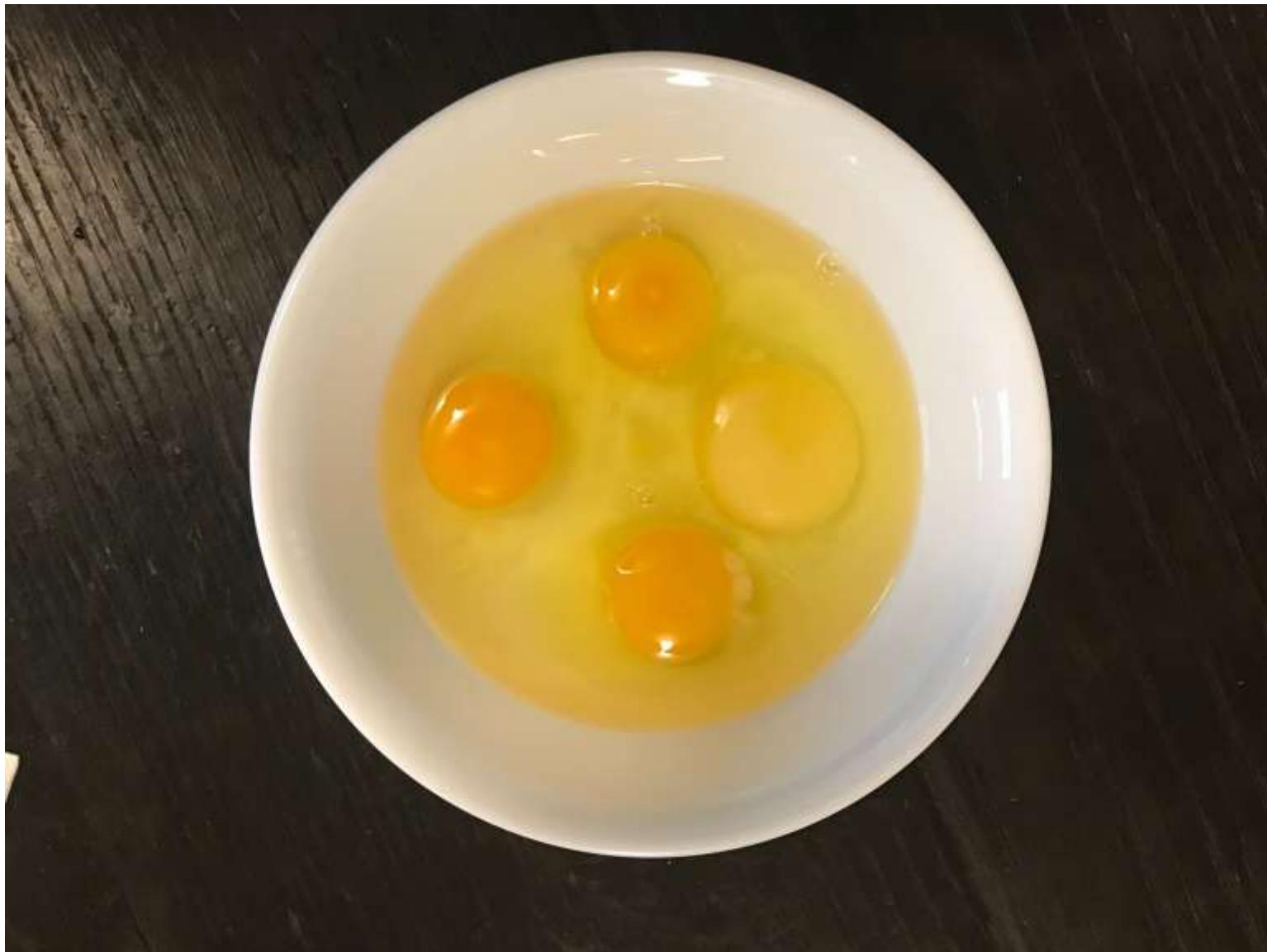
DATE	ITEM	SOURCE	BRIX		POOR	AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENT
NA	Distilled Water		0					
2-Apr-23	Organic Spring Mix	Kroger	2		4	6	8	10
2-Apr-23	Organic Living Butter Lettuce	Kroger	2		4	6	8	10
2-Apr-23	Organic Honeycrisp Apple	Kroger	11.5		6	10	14	18
4-Oct-23	Sweet 100 Tomato	Garden	10		4	6	8	12
18-Jan-24	Organic Fuji Apple	Kroger	15		6	10	14	18
24-Jan-24	Non Organic Mandarine Orange	Kroger	15.5		6	10	16	20
16-Apr-24	Black Seeded Simpson Leaf Lettuce	Garden	6		4	6	8	10
24-Apr-24	Organic Mandarine Orange	Kroger	8		6	10	16	20
27-Aug-24	Cherry Tomato Lasagna	Garden	11.5		4	6	8	12
29-Aug-24	Fuji Apple	Garden	18.5		6	10	14	18
29-Aug-24	Grape Tomato Lasagna	Garden	10		4	6	8	12
8-Oct-24	Organic Grape Tomato	Kroger	4.5		4	6	8	12
18-Apr-25	Spinach	Garden	6		6	8	10	12
26-Apr-25	Spinach	Garden	10		6	8	10	12

Kroger

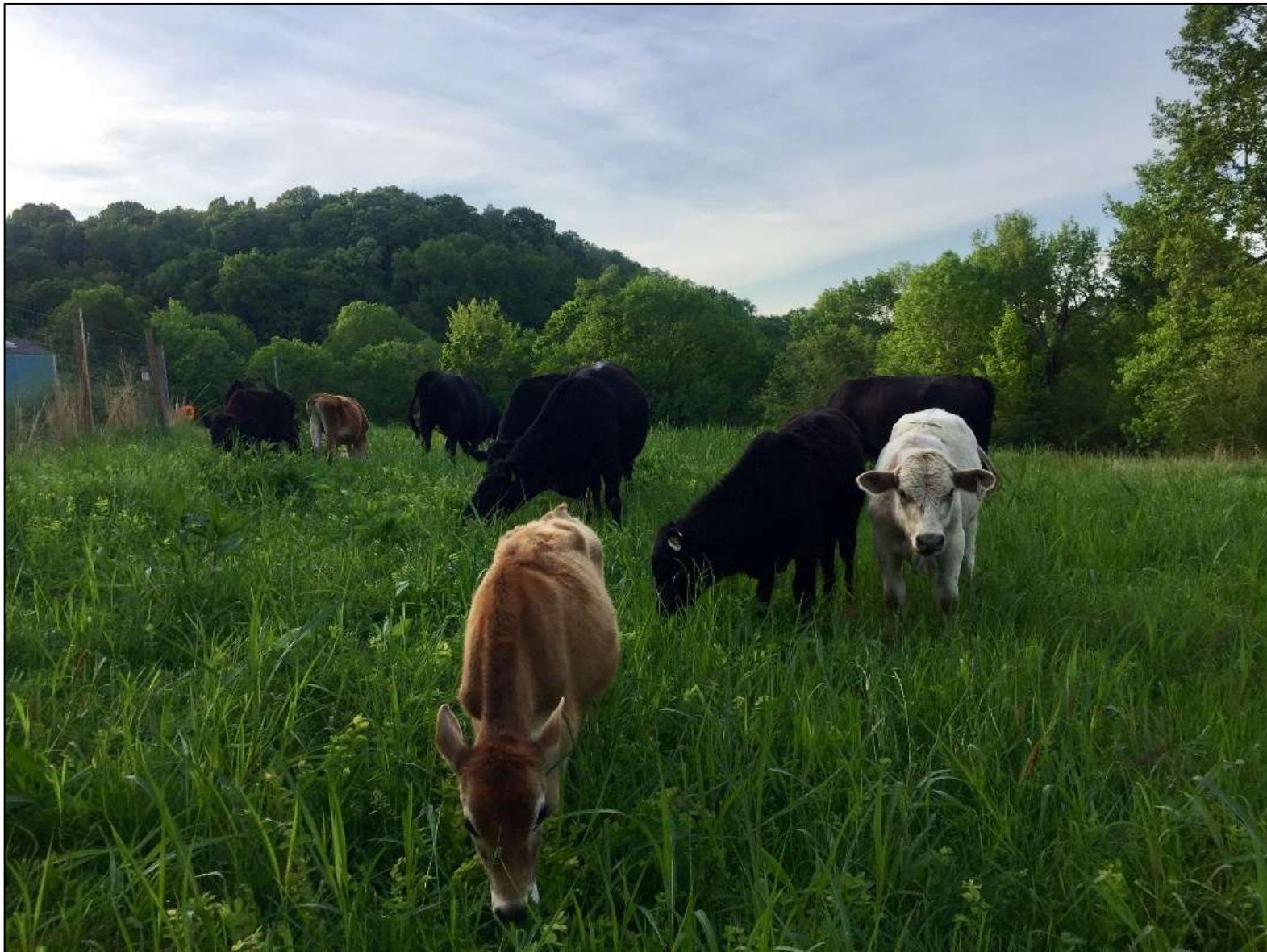
Garden

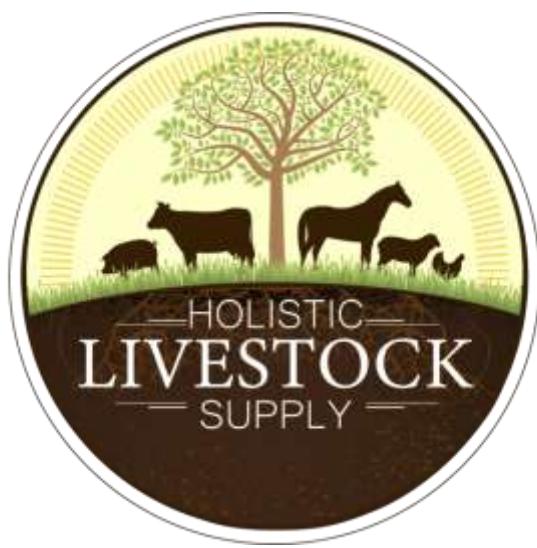
Conventional vs Organic

# You Are What You Eat Eats Too



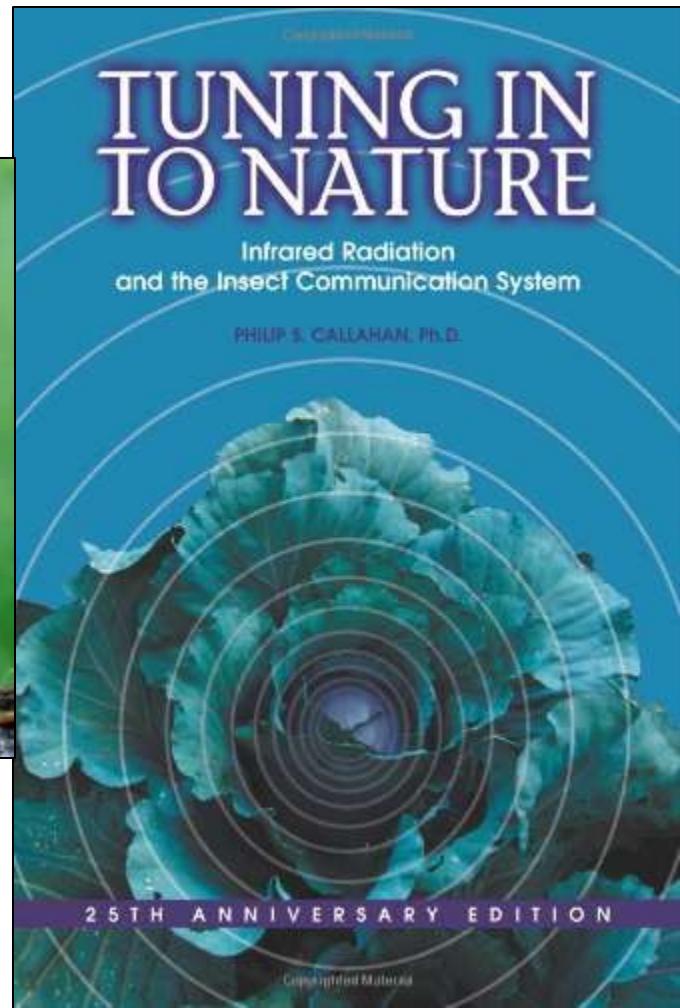
# Soil to Grass to Beef to Me





# Nutrient Density & Insects

- Nature's garbage collectors
  - Sick plants radiate off-frequency
  - Get Brix  $\geq 12$



# Dr Tom Dykstra

“Insects only feed upon food that is considered unfit, nutritionally poor, dead or dying”

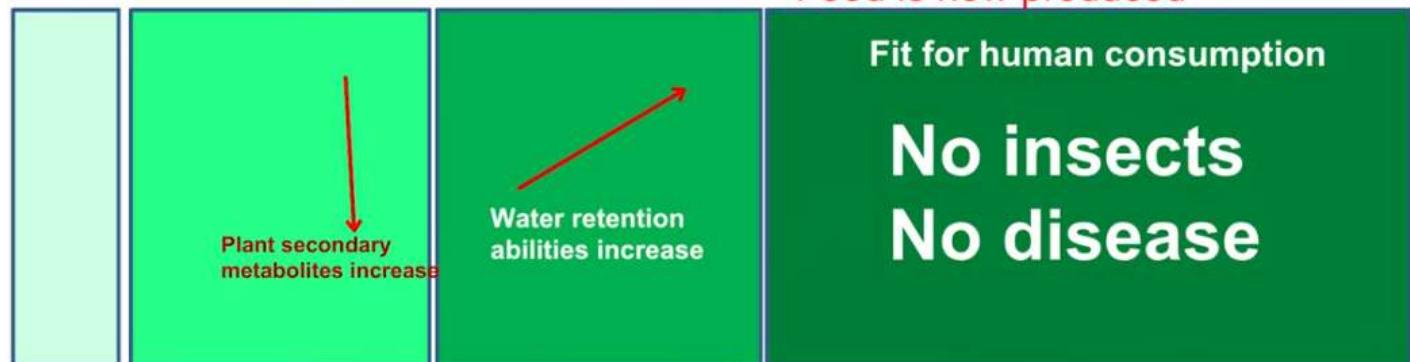


## Leaf Brix chart: generalized markers

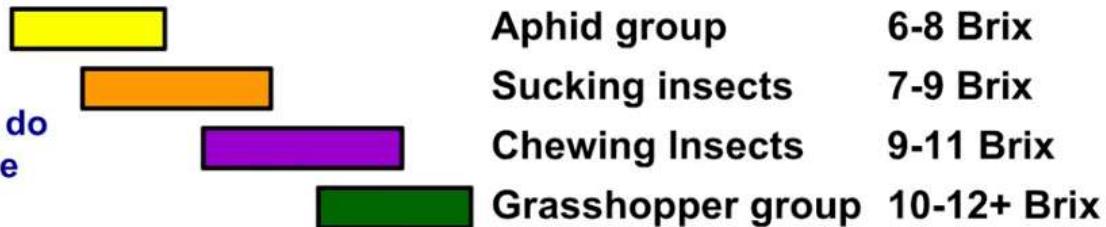
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20+

Insect resistance begins

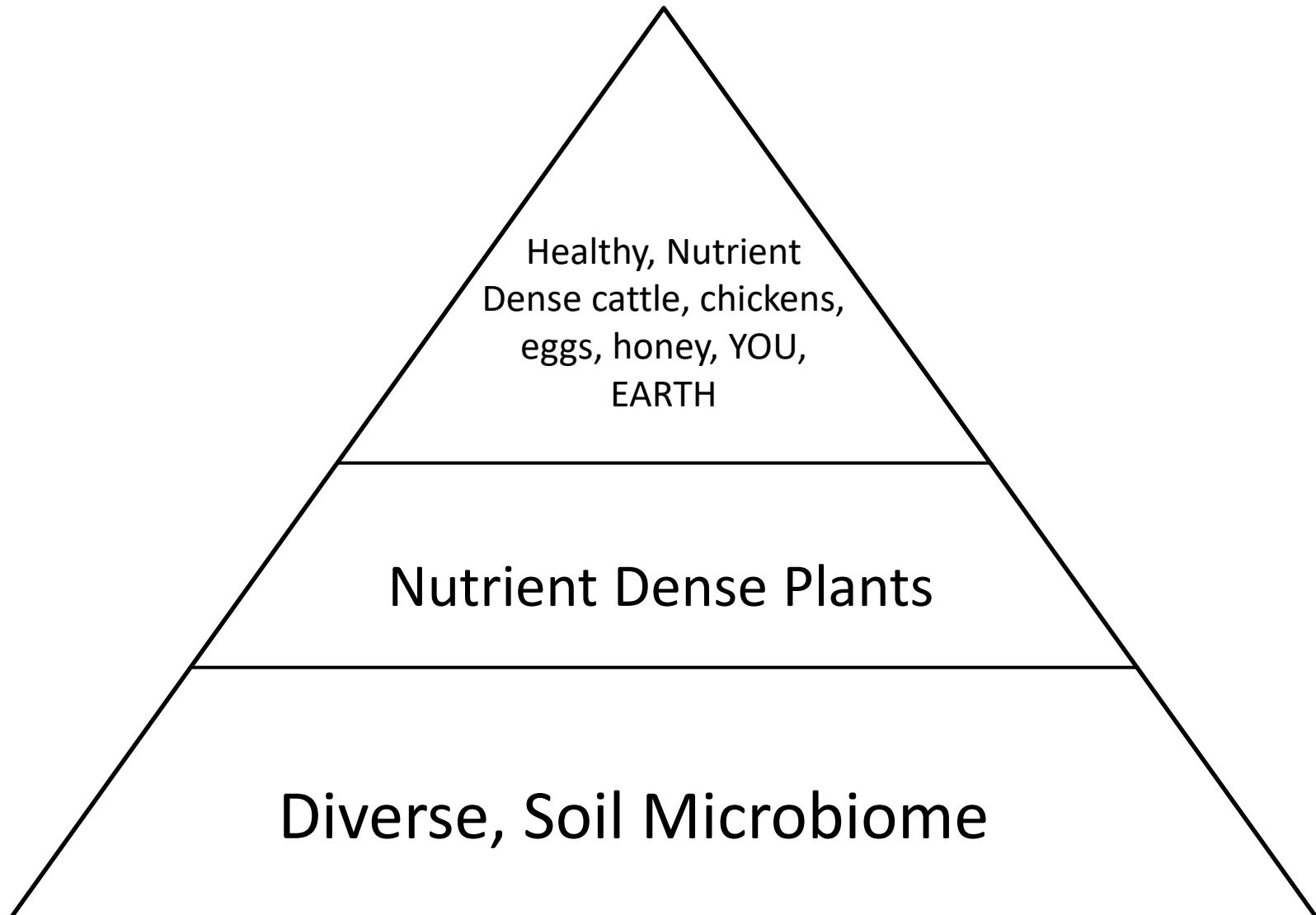
Food is now produced



At what Brix levels do various insects lose interest in plants?



# The Foundation--Microbiome

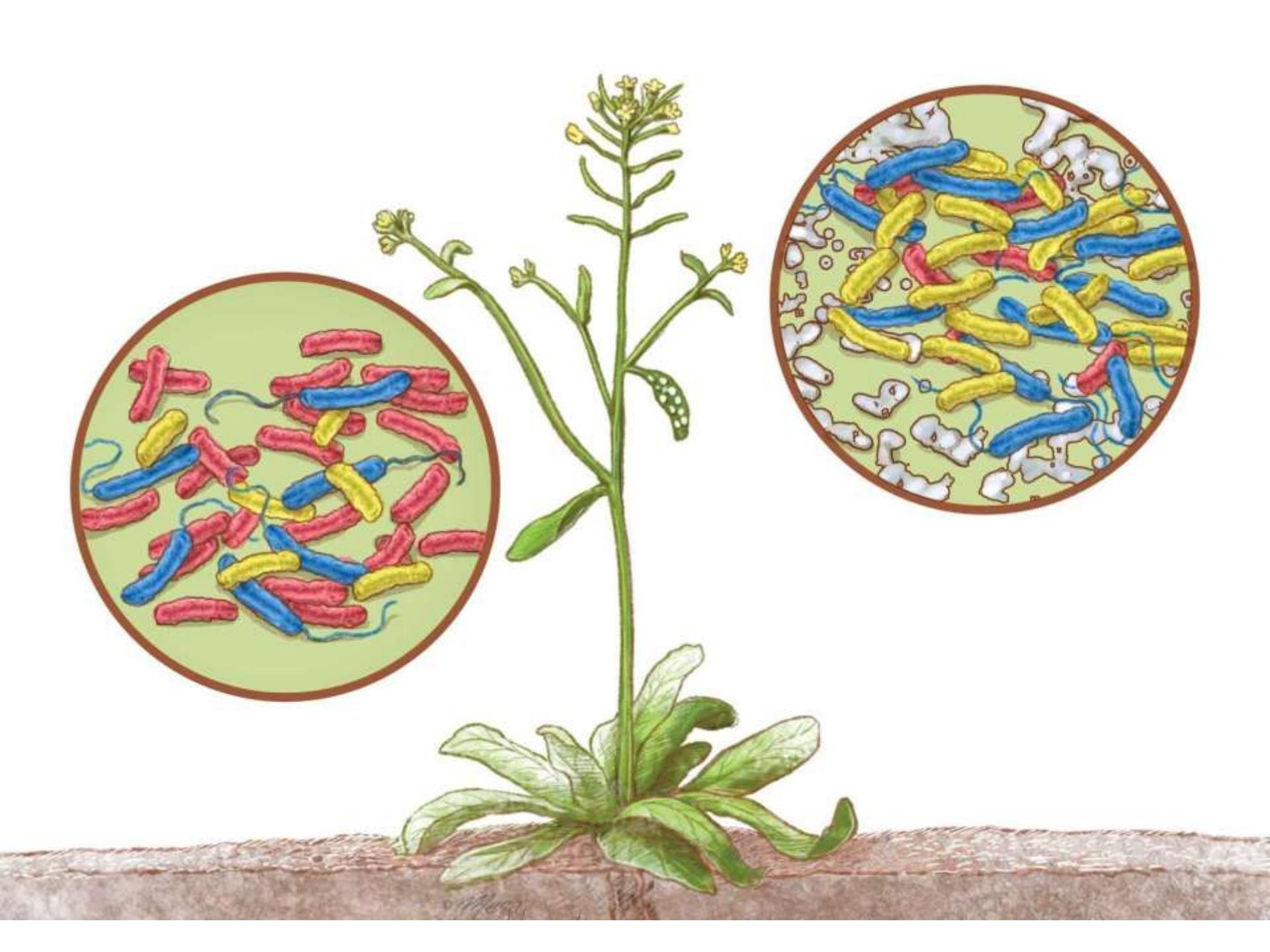


# Team Effort!

- Biology—microbiome workers
  - Leverage chemistry & physics to care for the plant
- Chemistry—minerals & chemical reactions
  - Ca, P, K, NO<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>
- Physics—electrical energy
  - Sunlight, moonlight, + ions, - ions

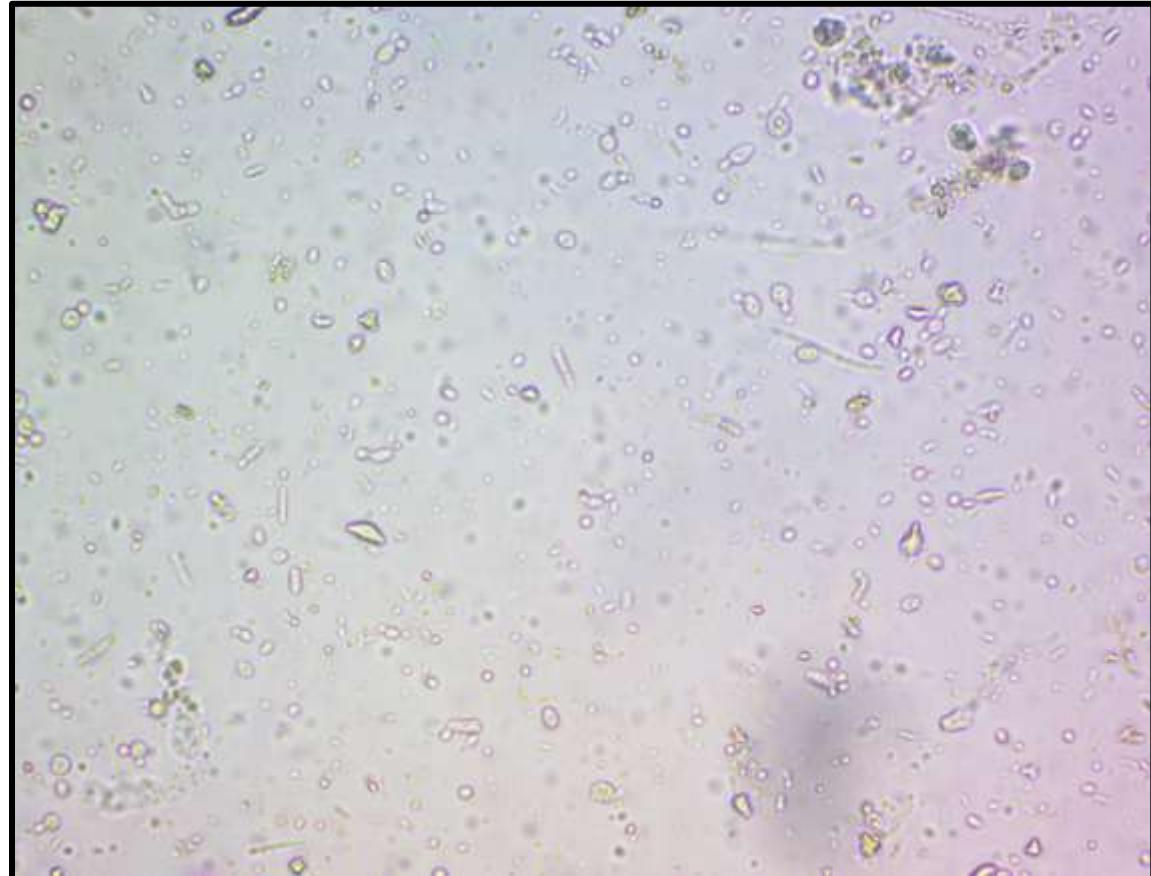
# What's In This Stuff??





# Bacteria

- Recycle simple organic matter
  - Manure, alfalfa, green grass (Green, high nitrogen)
  - Fix nitrogen





# Fungi

- Recycle more complex organic matter
  - Wood chips, leaves, straw, etc (woody, high Carbon)





NON-MYCORRHIZAL  
ROOTS



ROOTS WITH  
MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI

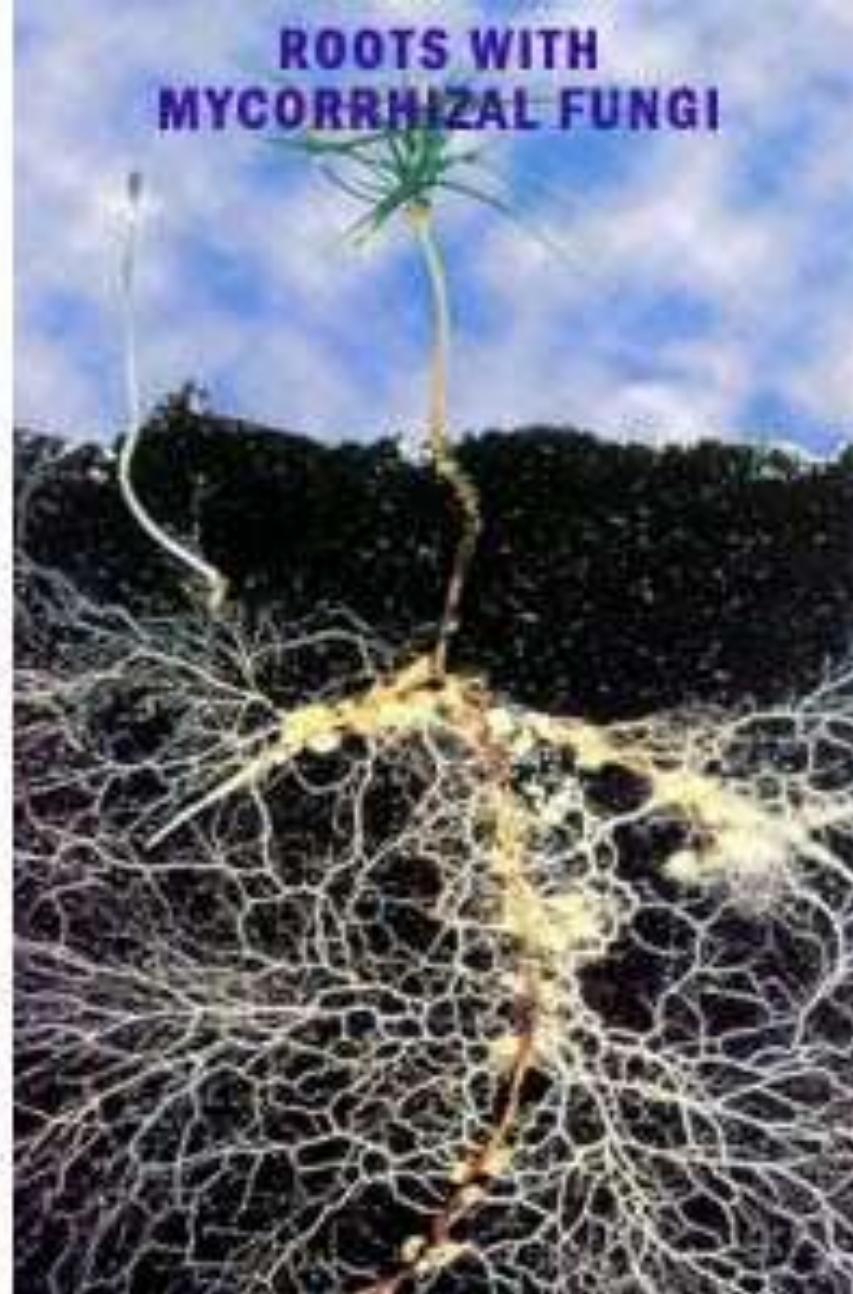
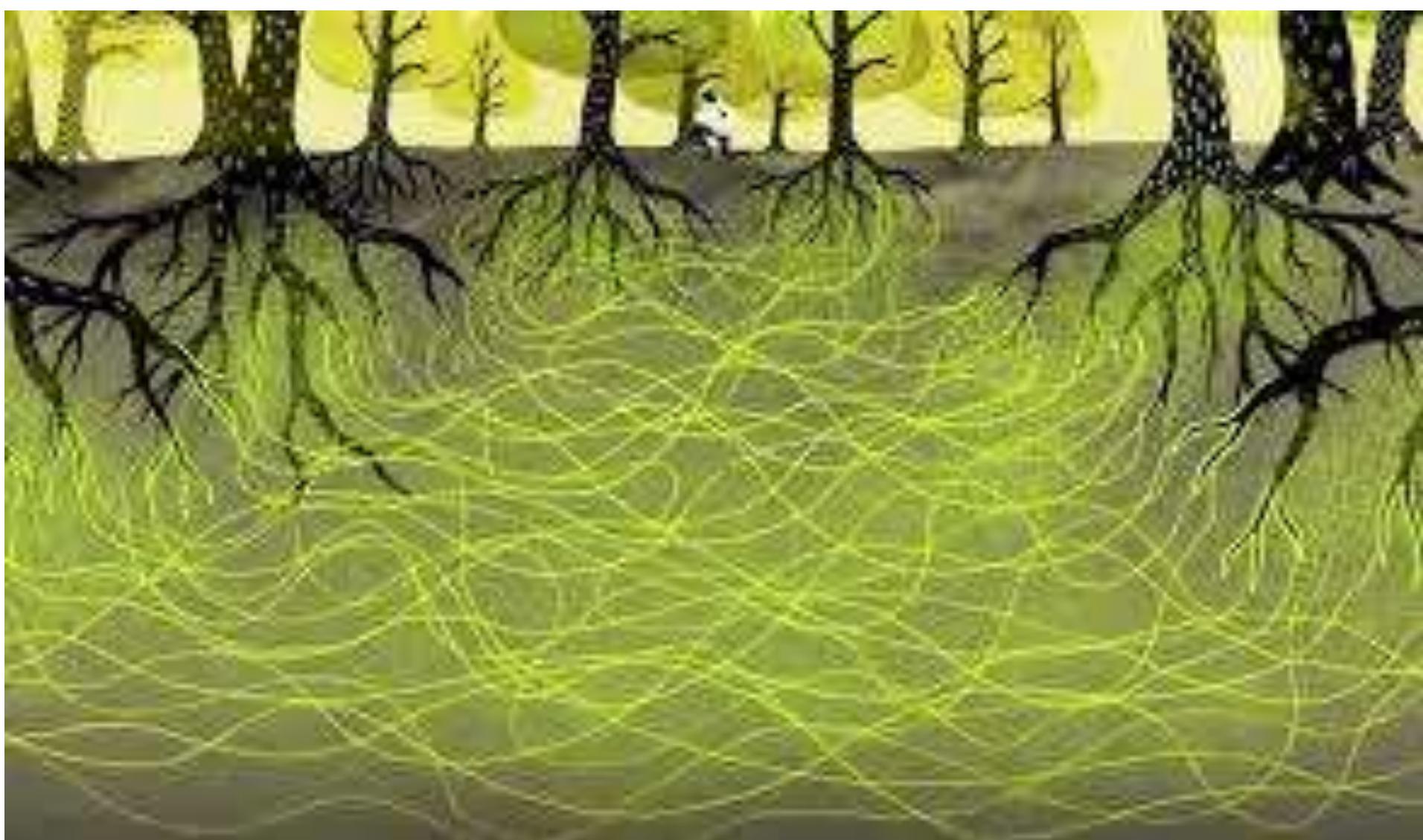
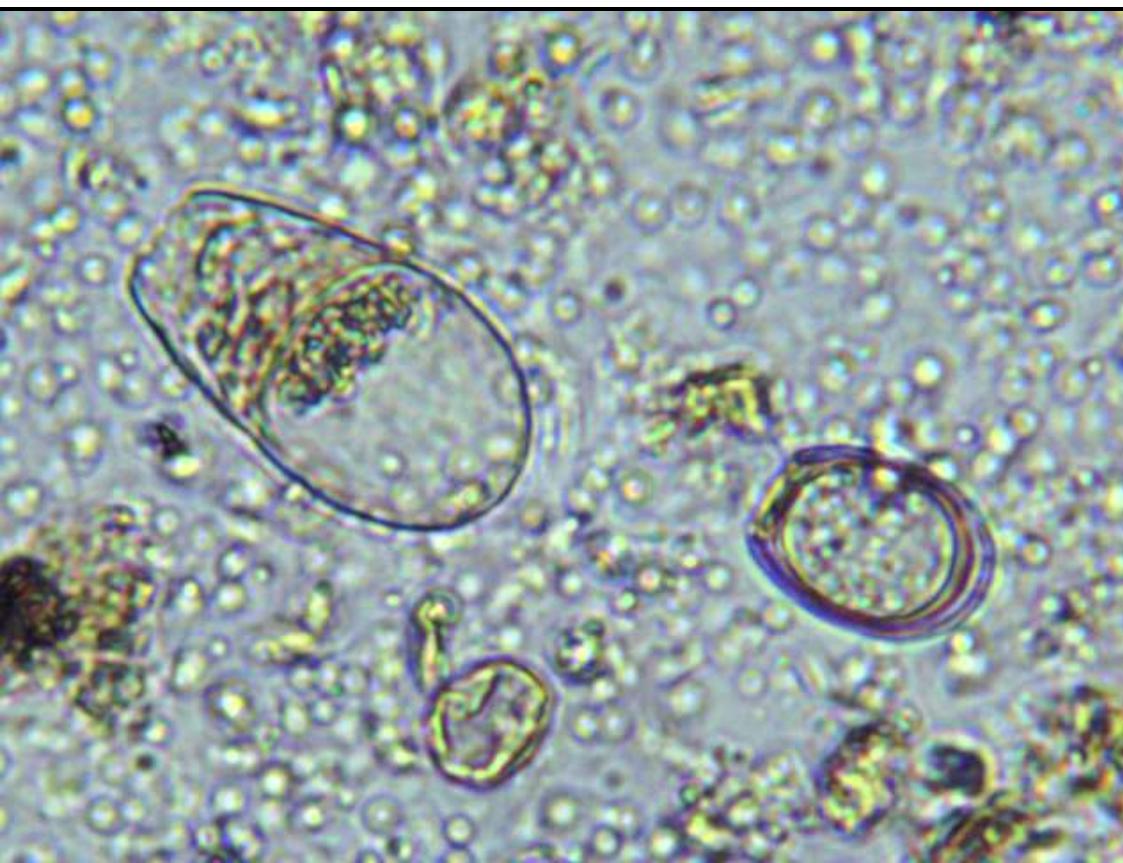


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# Protozoa--Predator



# Nematodes--Predator



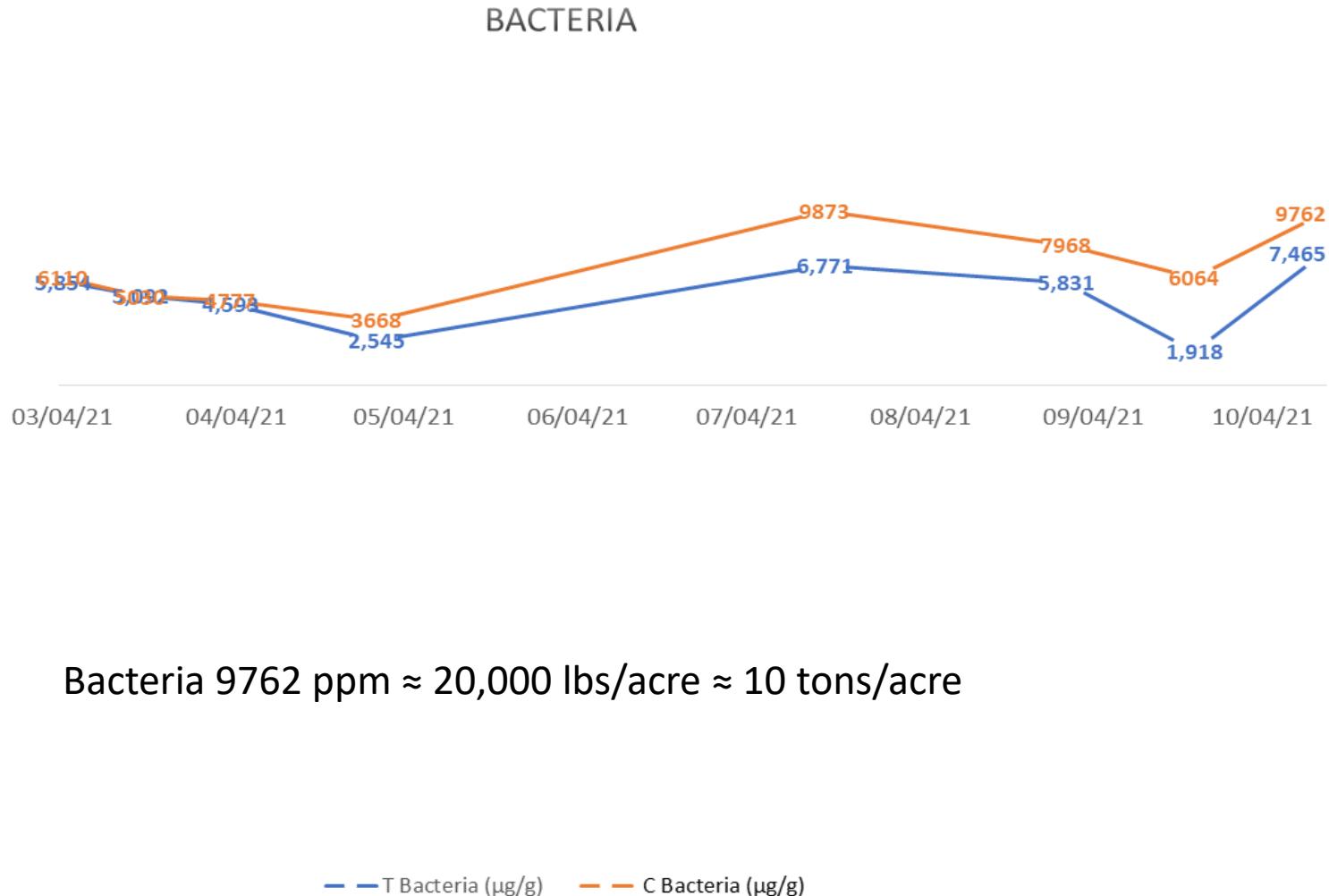
# There's So Much More!

- 3.5-4.5 tons Bacteria/acre
- Reproduce 6-10x/season
- Team Bacteria/Fungi/Algae
  - Auxins (Growth Hormones)
  - Alpha & Beta Carotenes
  - Vitamins B<sub>1,2,3,6,7,9,12</sub>, C/D/K
  - Enzymes
  - Amino Acids
  - Antibiotics
  - **Need Diversity & Balance!!!!**



SOIL  
MICROORGANISMS  
AND HIGHER PLANTS  
*N. A. Krashil'nikov*

# Pasture Testing Bacteria



# Chemistry

# Periodic Table of the Elements

The figure is a detailed periodic table of elements. At the top, a legend defines the color-coding for element categories: 
 

- Hydrogen:** Green box with 'H' and '1'.
- Alkaline metals:** Red box with 'Li' and '3'.
- Alkaline earth metals:** Orange box with 'Be' and '4'.
- Alkaline earth metalloids:** Yellow box with 'B' and '10'.
- Alkaline metalloids:** Teal box with 'C' and '14'.
- Alkaline metals:** Light green box with 'N' and '15'.
- Alkaline earth metals:** Light green box with 'O' and '16'.
- Alkaline earth metalloids:** Light green box with 'F' and '17'.
- He**: Pink box with 'He' and '18'.

 The table includes the following sections:
 

- Period 1:** Hydrogen (H).
- Period 2:** Helium (He), Lithium (Li), Beryllium (Be), Sodium (Na), Magnesium (Mg), Potassium (K), Calcium (Ca), Rubidium (Rb), Strontium (Sr), and Cesium (Cs).
- Period 3:** Scandium (Sc), Titanium (Ti), Vanadium (V), Chromium (Cr), Manganese (Mn), Iron (Fe), Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni), Copper (Cu), Zinc (Zn), Gallium (Ga), Germanium (Ge), Arsenic (As), Sulfur (S), Chlorine (Cl), and Argon (Ar).
- Period 4:** Yttrium (Y), Zirconium (Zr), Niobium (Nb), Molybdenum (Mo), Technetium (Tc), Ruthenium (Ru), Rhodium (Rh), Palladium (Pd), Silver (Ag), Cadmium (Cd), Indium (In), Tin (Sn), Antimony (Sb), Tellurium (Te), Iodine (I), and Xenon (Xe).
- Period 5:** Hafnium (Hf), Tantalum (Ta), Tungsten (W), Rhenium (Re), Osmium (Os), Iridium (Ir), Platinum (Pt), Gold (Au), Mercury (Hg), Thallium (Tl), Lead (Pb), Bismuth (Bi), Polonium (Po), and Astatine (At).
- Period 6:** Lanthanum (La), Cerium (Ce), Praseodymium (Pr), Neodymium (Nd), Promethium (Pm), Samarium (Sm), Europium (Eu), Gadolinium (Gd), Terbium (Tb), Dysprosium (Dy), Holmium (Ho), Erbium (Er), Thulium (Tm), Ytterbium (Yb), and Lutetium (Lu).
- Period 7:** Actinium (Ac), Thorium (Th), Protactinium (Pa), Uranium (U), Neptunium (Np), Plutonium (Pu), Americium (Am), Curium (Cm), Bcurium (Bk), Cf, Es, Fm, Md, No, and Lr.

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 A note at the top left indicates 'Mass of outermost shell' and 'Atomic Number'.

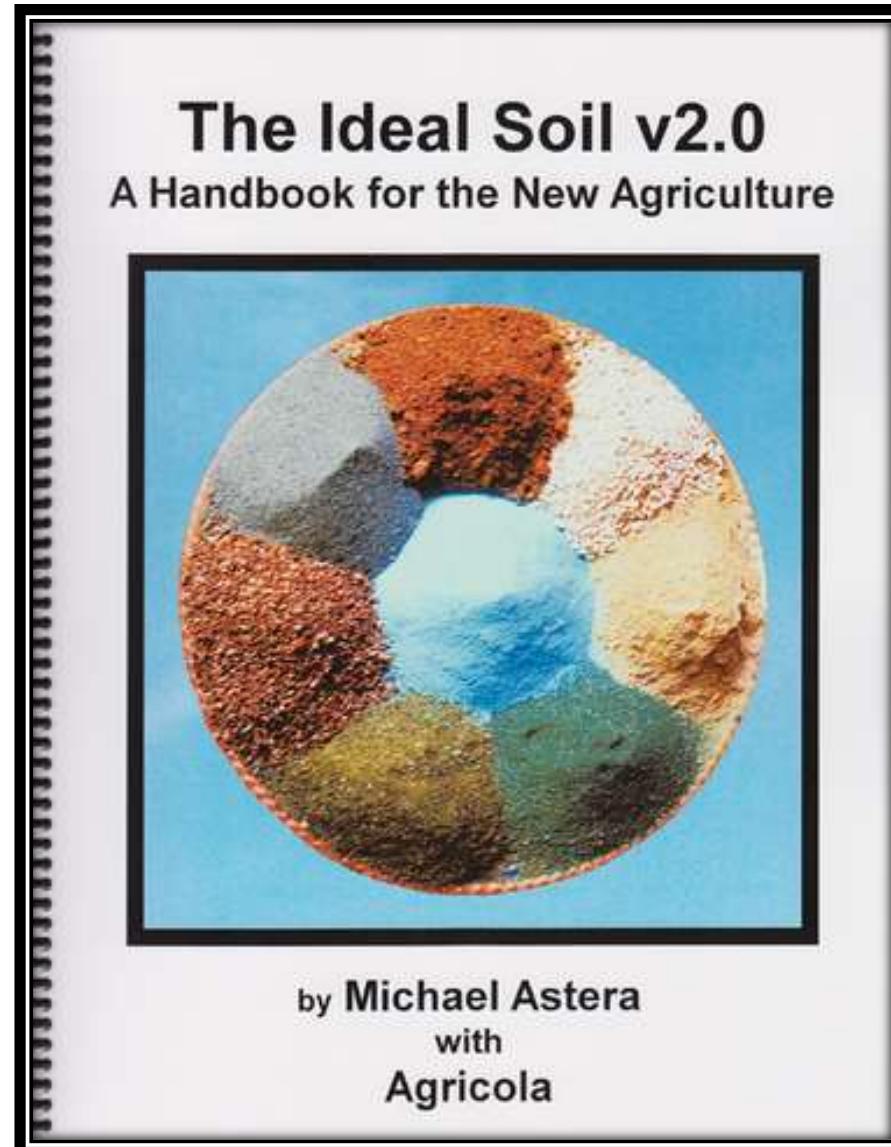
# Dr William Albrecht



University of Missouri

1920s-1960s

“...I could help more people through soil science because of the link to health than I could from becoming a medical doctor.”



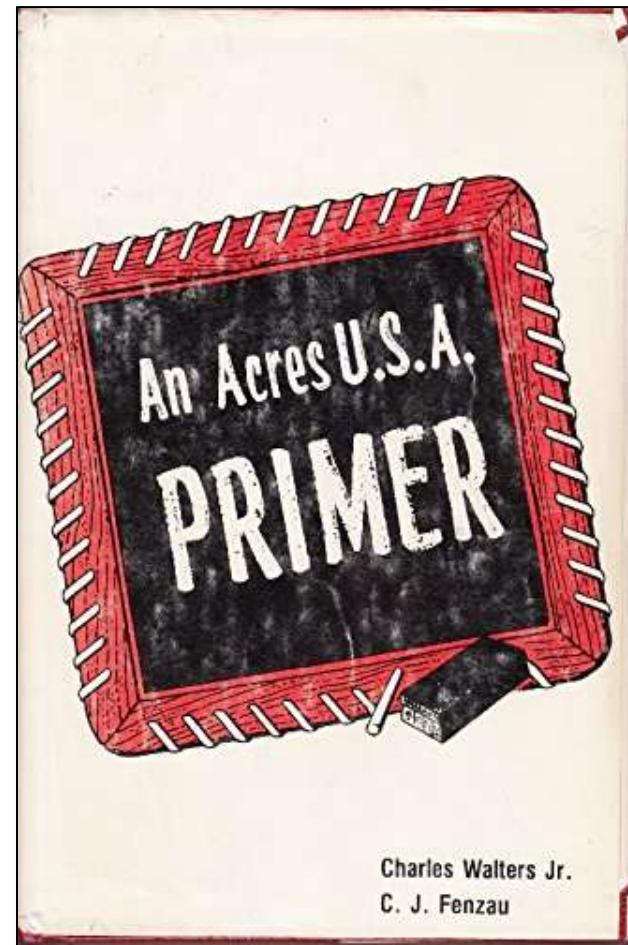
**The Ideal Soil Chart (Agricola's Best Guess v 2.0 January 2014)**  
Based on a Soil Test using the Mehlich 3 method

Organic Matter (OM)	2% — 10%	Depending on climate
pH	6.4 — 6.5	Balance the minerals and pH will take care of itself
<b>Primary Cations as % of Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) See appendix "Calculating TCEC" p 125</b>		
Calcium (Ca)++ min 750ppm	60% — 85% (Ideal 68%)	Ca & Mg together should add to 80% of exchange capacity in most agricultural soils pH 7 and lower
Magnesium (Mg)++ min 100ppm	10% — 20% (Ideal 12%)	
Potassium (K)+ min 100ppm	2% — 5% (Ideal 4%)	See Phosphorus (P)
Sodium (Na)+ min 25ppm	1% — 4% (Ideal 1.5%)	Essential for humans and animals
Hydrogen (H)+	5% — 10% (Ideal 10%)	A lone proton. The "free agent"
<b>Primary Anions</b>		
Phosphorus P- min 100ppm	P = <b>Ideal K</b> by weight (ppm) <b>BUT: phosphate (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)</b> should be ~2X <b>potash (K<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	Needs a highly bio-active soil to keep it available.
Sulfur S - min 50 ppm	1/2 x <b>Ideal K</b> up to 300 ppm	Need for Sulfur amino acids Conserves soil N and Carbon
<b>Secondary elements</b>		
Iron(Fe) + min 50ppm Manganese(Mn) + min 25ppm Zinc (Zn) + min 10ppm Copper (Cu) + min 5ppm	Fe: 1/3 to 1/2 x <b>Ideal K</b> Mn: 1/3 to 1/2 x Fe Zn: 1/10 x P (up to 50ppm) Cu: 1/2 x Zn (up to 25ppm)	Iron and Manganese are twins/opposites and synergists, as are Copper and Zinc.
Boron B <sup>3+</sup> or <sup>-</sup> (cation or anion) min 1ppm	1/1000 of Calcium (max 4 ppm)	Essential for Calcium utilization. Calcium transports sugars
Chlorine (Cl)- min 25ppm	1x to 2x Sodium	Essential, but ages clays rapidly when used in large amounts
Silicon Si <sup>4+</sup> or <sup>-</sup> (cation or anion)	Ideal unknown. Si is the most abundant mineral in most soils. Active soil biology and balanced mineral chemistry will ensure availability.	
<b>Micro (trace) Elements</b>		
Chromium Cr- Cobalt (Co)+ Iodine (I)- Molybdenum Mo- Selenium (Se)- Tin (Sn)+ Vanadium (V) + Nickel (Ni) + Fluorine (F) -	All of these are essential in small amounts. 0.5 - 2ppm is enough. Some of the micro elements (e.g. Mo, Se) can be toxic to plants and soil organisms in quantities above 1-2ppm. Use Caution when applying micro/trace elements in purified forms	There are probably 30 or so other elements needed to grow fully nutritious food. Sources are amendments such as seaweed, rock dust, ancient seabed or volcanic deposits, rock phosphate, greensand etc

Plants need at least 17 of the 23 elements listed above, as well as Nitrogen, Carbon, Hydrogen, and Oxygen.

# Cation Exchange Capacity

- CEC: Measure of soil's ability to hold and release various elements and compounds
  - Milligram equivalents (meq)
- Dirt to Soil: 1-80 meq (p 121 Primer)
- Sand/Gravel: 0 meq
- Clay: 10-80 meq
- Humus: 100-200 meq
- Biochar: 22-138 meq (p 105 Ideal)



# Biochar

- Like charcoal, but pyrolysis process
- Not a fertilizer but a facilitator
  - “Coral Reef” for microbes & minerals
- Terra Preta soils in Amazon Basin (213 meq)



# Mehlich 3 (pH 2.5)

Lab Number: 602069

Sample Name: TEST2

Farm Name:

## Soil Results

pH		Phosphorus	Potassium	Calcium	Magnesium	Zinc	Iron	Manganese	Boron	Sodium
Soil pH	Buffer Value	P	K	Ca	Mg	Zn	Fe	Mn	B	Na
Pounds per acre - Mehlich 1										
6.65		25 M	84 L	1842 S	140 S	2.3 S	17 S	20 S	0.5	12

Crop/plant Interpretation ranges on last sheet

L = Low, M= Medium, H=High, V= Very High, S = Sufficient

Additional tests, if they were requested											
Sulfur	Nitrogen			Carbon	C/N Ratio	Organic Matter	Soluble Salts	Particle Size Analysis - Hydrometer Method			
LBS/ACRE	NH4-N ppm	NO3-N ppm	Total N %	%	%	%	dS/m	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay	Soil Texture
					3.3		0.03	20	64	16	Silt Loam

# Chemistry--Minerals

- Dr Carey Reams (1903-1985)
  - Calcium: 2000 (lbs/acre)
  - Phosphorus: 400
  - Potassium: 200
  - Sulphur: 200
  - Nitrates: 300
  - Ammonium: 40
  - Iron: 40





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# Morgan (pH 4.8)

NAME:	Kevin Krause	DATE:	02/12/24
ADDRESS:	4447 Dry Fork Road	SAMPLE TESTED:	TA1 Bottom Bio/Clean
CITY/STATE:	Hampshire, TN 38461	Plot Size:	1 Acre Sq. Ft.
		2023 CROP GROWN:	Very Little Bermuda
		2024 CROP:	Mix Clover, Chicory, Brome
		LAB TEST#	<b>299</b>

## SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT

	UNIT	DESIRED RATIO	DESIRED LEVEL	LAB RESULTS	Soil Index
HUMUS			30-40	3	
NITRATES	lbs. / Acre		40	8	
AMMONIA	lbs. / Acre		40	6	
PHOSPHORUS	lbs. / Acre	1P:1K	174	7	0.03 : 1 P to K Ratio
POTASSIUM	lbs. / Acre		167	214	
CALCIUM	lbs. / Acre	7 Ca : 1 Mg	3000	1104	16.24 : 1 Ca to Mg Ratio
MAGNESIUM	lbs. / Acre		429	68	
SODIUM	PPM		<35	6	
ERGS	µS / Centimeter		200	144	
ORP			28	22	
pH			6.5	5.7	
COPPER	PPM		0.8-2.5	0.5	
IRON	PPM		10 50	69.2	
ZINC	PPM		1-6	2.1	
MANGANESE	PPM		10 50	21.5	
BORON	PPM		0.8-1.2	Not Tested	
SULFUR	PPM		30	Not Tested	
ORGANIC MATTER	%		4%	Not Tested	
FORMAZAN	PPM		600	Not Tested	

**Broadcast:**

1 ton Soft Rock Phosphate  
1 ton Low Magnesium Limestone  
500 lbs. Gypsum  
125 lbs. 11-25-0  
125 lbs. Ammonium Sulfate  
50 lbs. Magnesium Sulfate  
40 lbs. Copper Sulfate

**When Cattle Are Removed in Fall Apply:**

2 qt. Z-Hume  
2 lbs. Dextrose  
20 gallons water  
**Note:** This will help jump start trash decomposition.

# Mineral Sources

- Rock--Sand, Silt, Clay
- Rock dust (Soft Rock Phosphate, Basalt, Azomite)
- Blood meal & Bone meal
- Sea salt (90 minerals)
- Organic matter (leaves, wood chips, etc)
- Commercial products—Good & Bad (N, P, K)
  - Potash (Potassium Chloride)
    - 60-125 lbs/acre = 15-31 ppm Chlorine (2-4 ppm pool)

**Typical Mineral Content of USDA Organic Fertilizer Ingredients (%)**

Animal Source	N	P as P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K as K <sub>2</sub> O	S	Ca	Mg	Fe	Tr
Fish Bone	4	20		0.6	19	0.3		Tr
Fish Meal	10	4.5		0.6	2.3	0.3		Tr
Crab Shell	3	3.25	0.3	0.2	23	0.3		Tr
Blood Meal	13	1						
Feather Meal	12	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6		
Bone Meal	3	15			20	0.4		

**Mineral Amendments and Kelp**

	N	P as P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K as K <sub>2</sub> O	S	Ca	Mg	Fe	Tr
Ag Lime					32-40	1-5		
Dolomite Lime					22	13		
Gypsum*				16	22			
Oyster shell					36	0.3		
Epsom salt**				14		10		
Potash sulfate**			51	17.5				
TN brown phos	3 (23% total)				40			Tr
Calphos	3 (20% total)				20			Tr
K Mag*			22	22		11		
Greensand	1	7			1.3	2.2	9	Tr
Kelp Meal	1	0.7	3	2	2	0.7		Tr

Tr = Good source of micro (trace) minerals

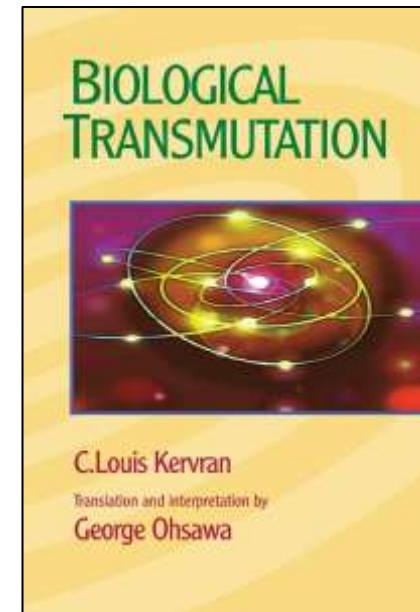
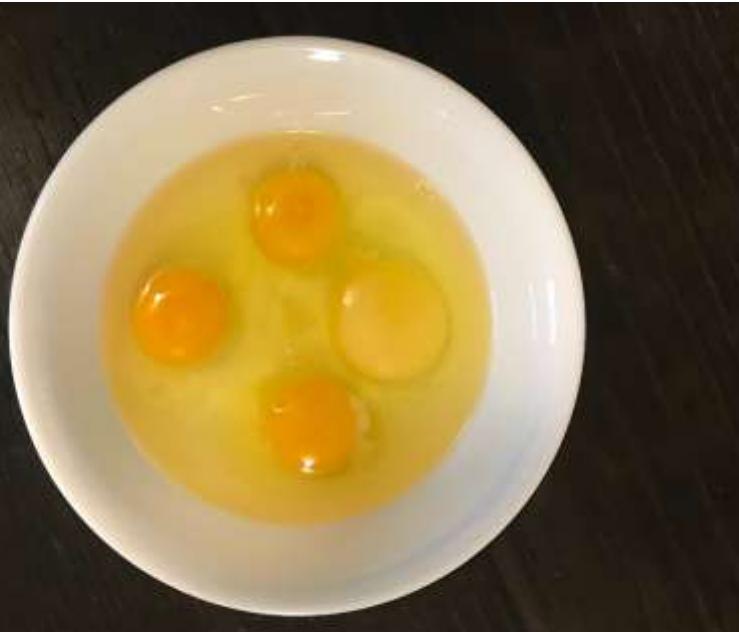
Purified Source	Sulfur S	Boron B	Iron Fe	Mang. Mn	Copper Cu	Zinc Zn
Ag Sulfur	90-100					
Borax**		9				
Solubor™**		20.5				
Fe sulfate 1H <sub>2</sub> O	18		30			
Fe sulfate 7H <sub>2</sub> O**	11.5		20			
Mn sulfate 1H <sub>2</sub> O*	19			32		
Cu sulfate 5H <sub>2</sub> O**	12.5				25	
Zinc sulfate 1H <sub>2</sub> O*	17					35
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\*\*Highly soluble in H<sub>2</sub>O

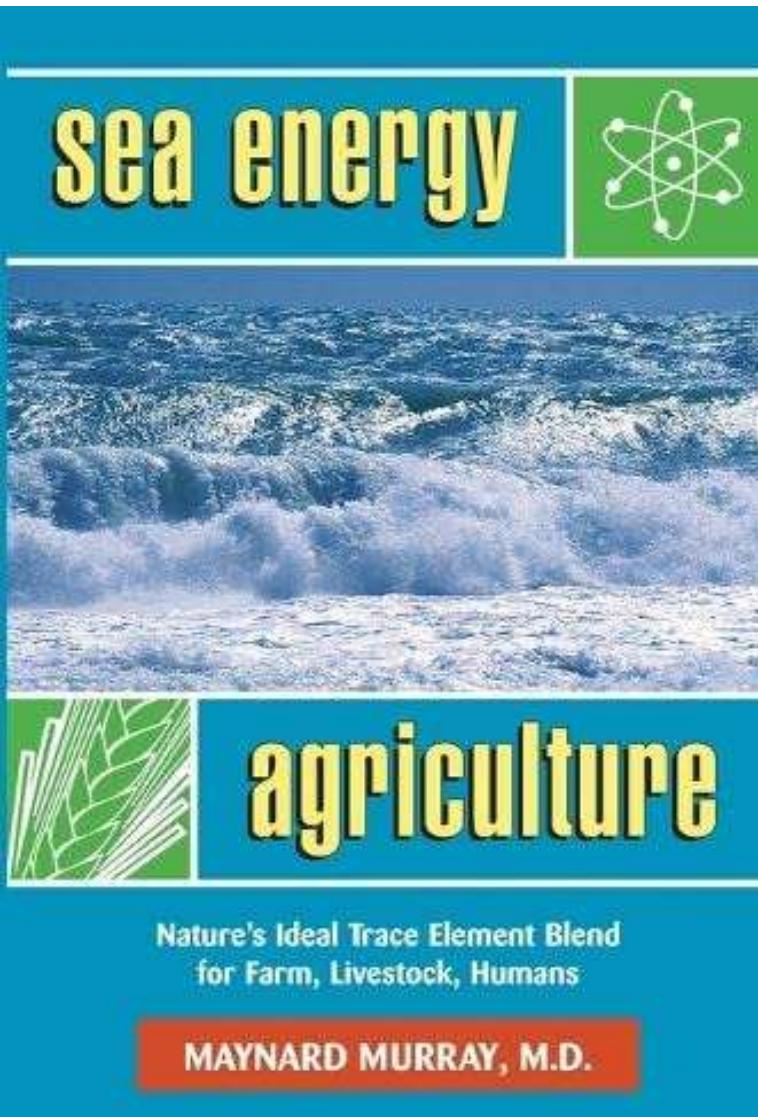
\*Varies in solubility in H<sub>2</sub>O

# Biological Transmutation?

- Silicon to Calcium???



# Sea Water Minerals

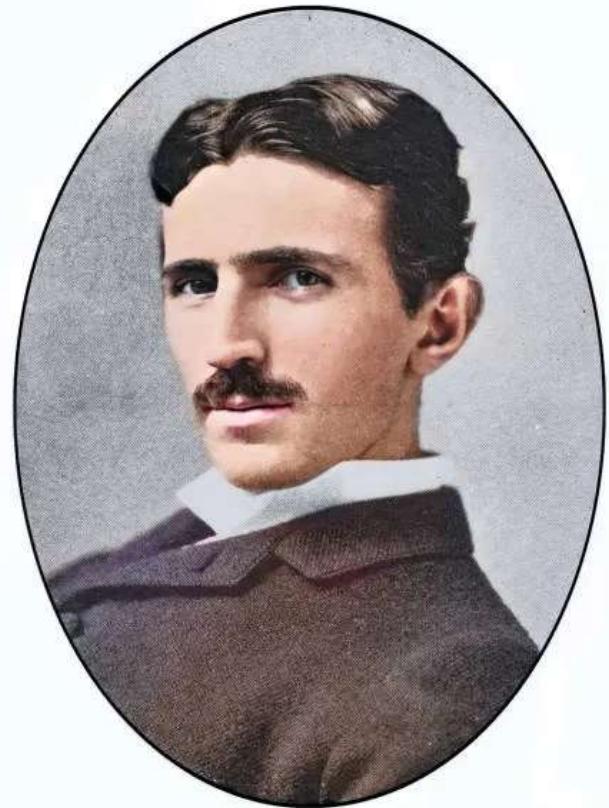


- Redmond or Sea 90
- 200-2200 lbs/acre
- [HighBrixGardens.com](http://HighBrixGardens.com)
  - 43 lbs/acre
  - 43 oz/acre (water)

# Physics

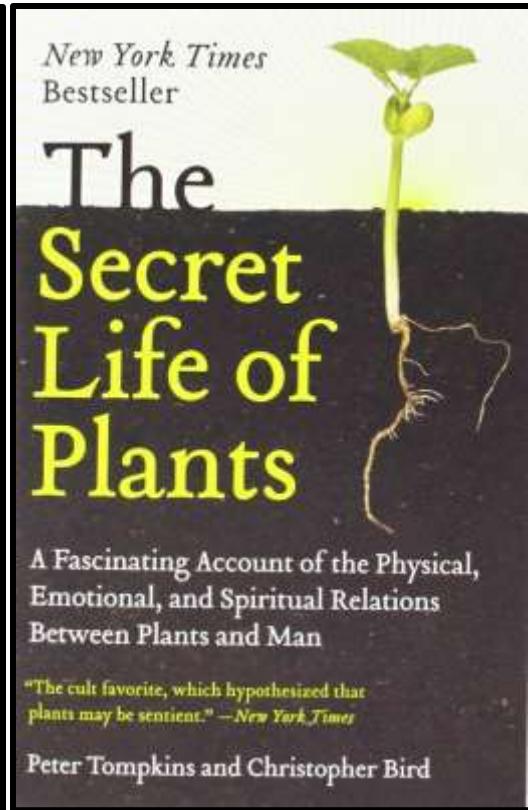
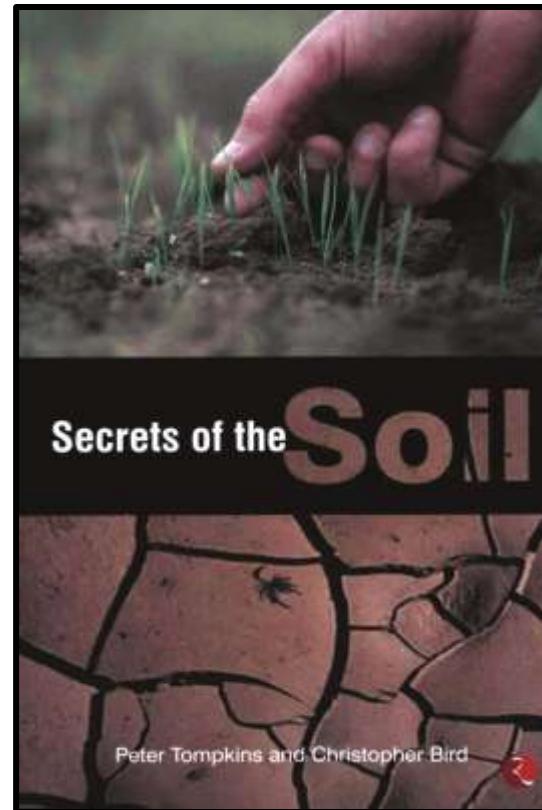
*“If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency, and vibration.”*

Nikola Tesla

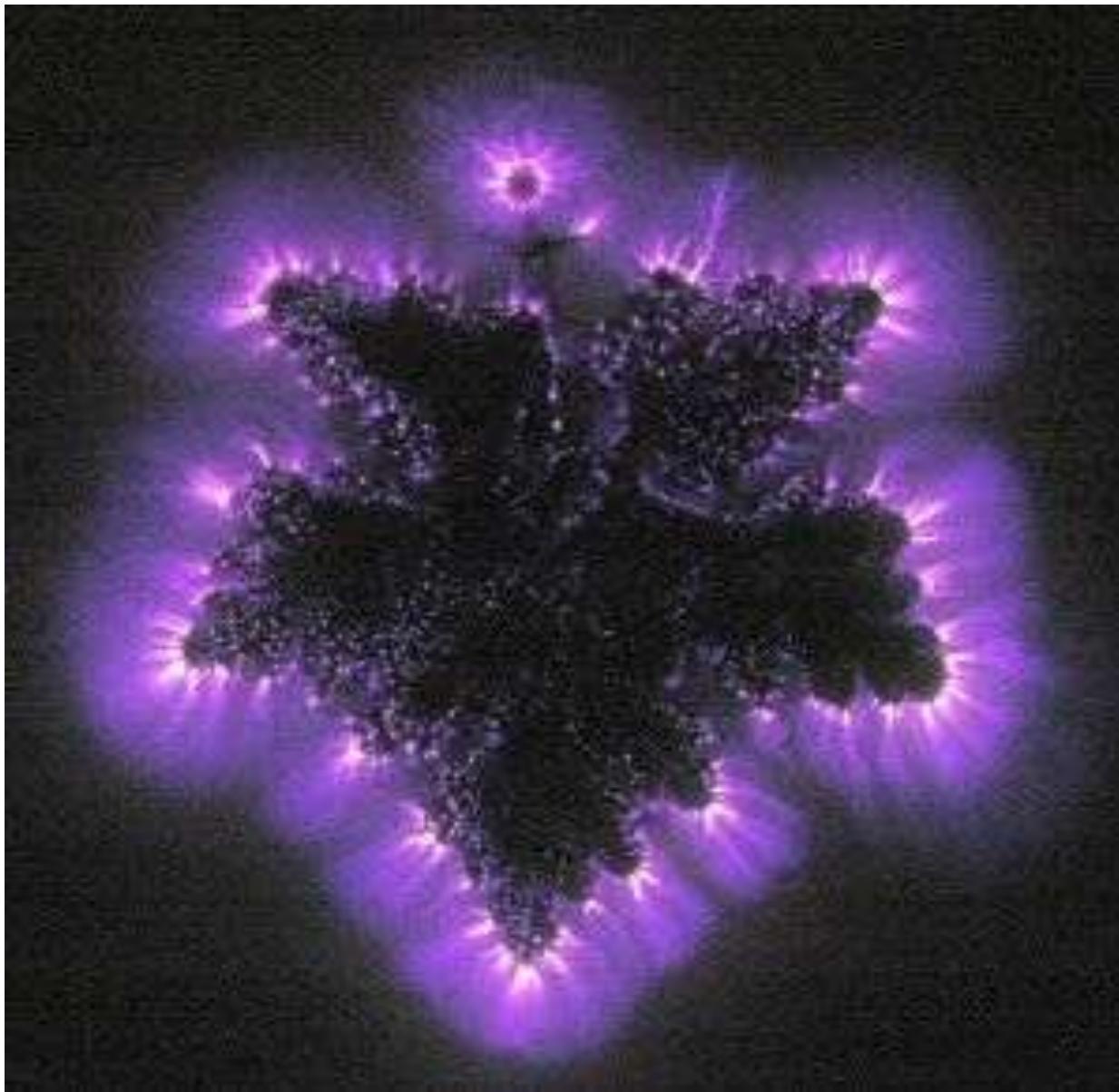


# Physics

- Sun, Moon, Stars, Planets
- Earth's Magnetic Field (N/S)
- Song birds
- Music
- Your energy



# “Kirlian” Leaf Photo



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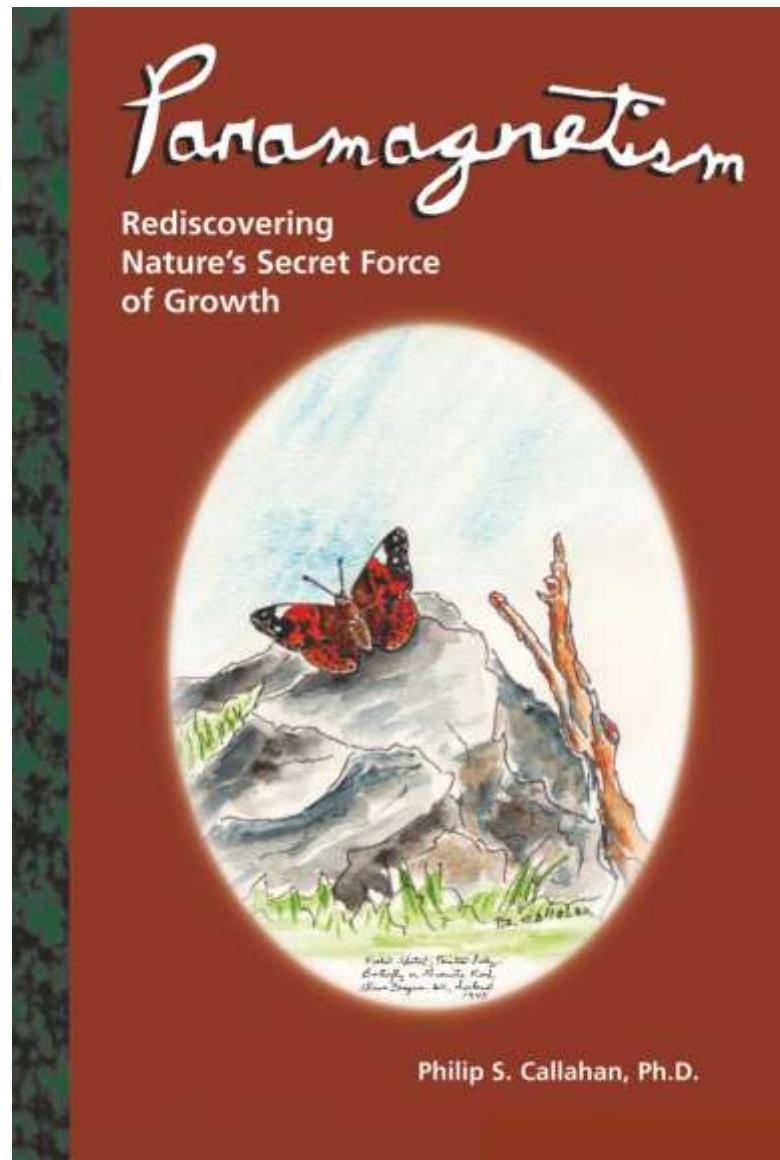


# Tree Roots to Magnetic North



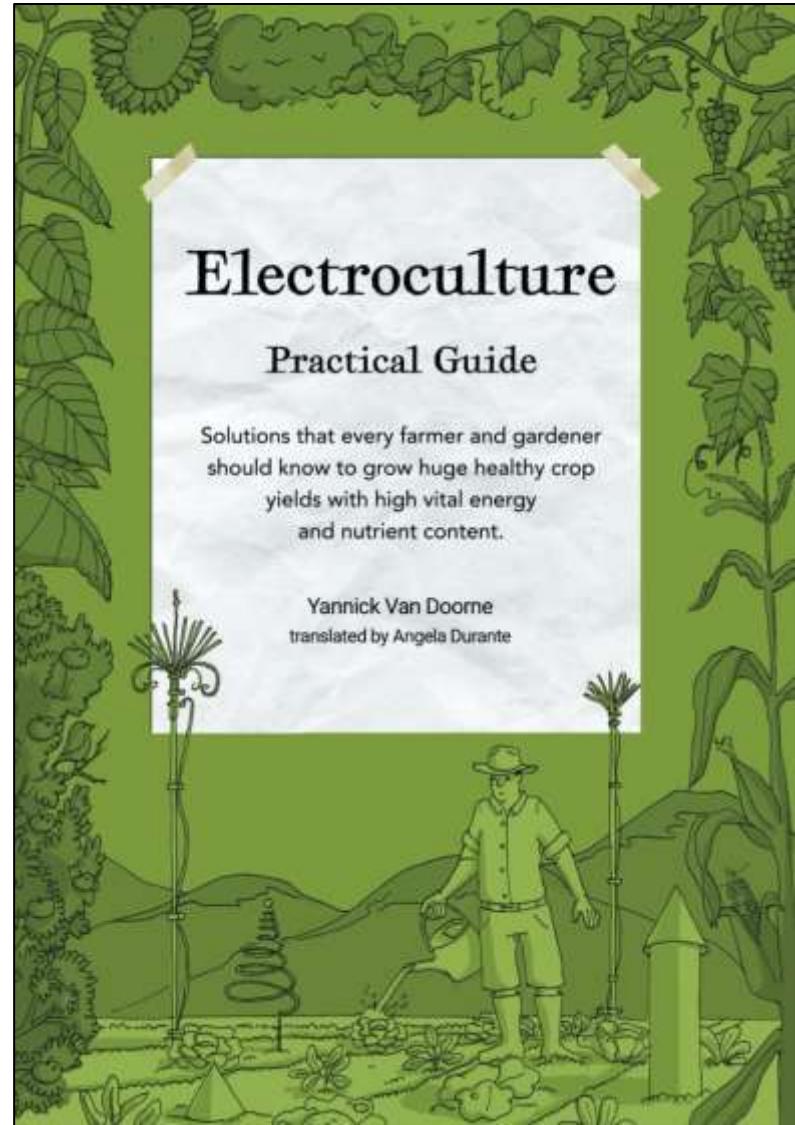
# Paramagnetism

- Best soils are Volcanic
- Volcanic rock dust
  - Basalt
  - Granite
- Oxygen



# Electroculture

- Concentrate Cosmic & Earth Energies
- Antennas, Coils, Magnets, Pyramids





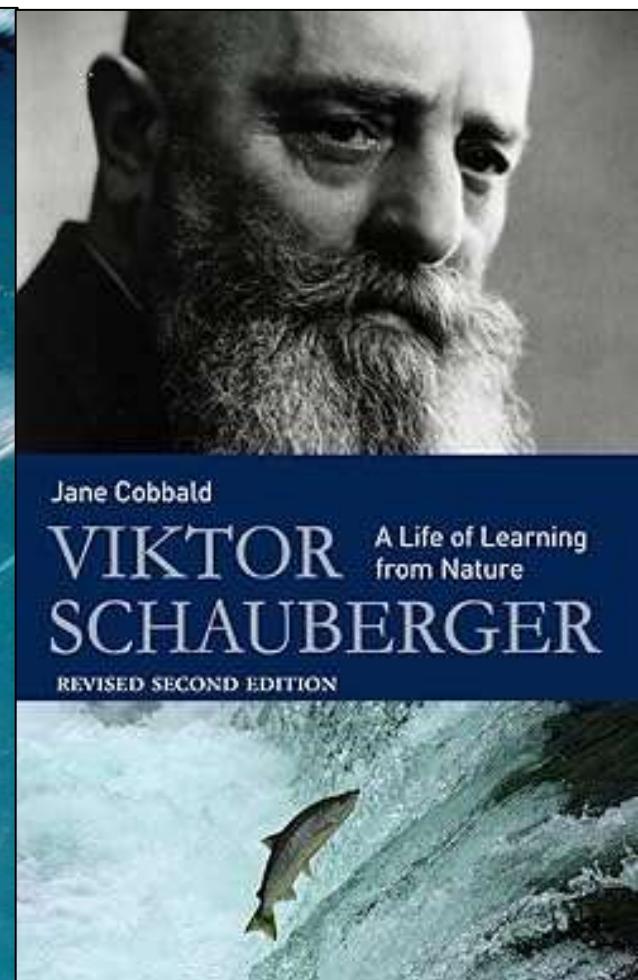
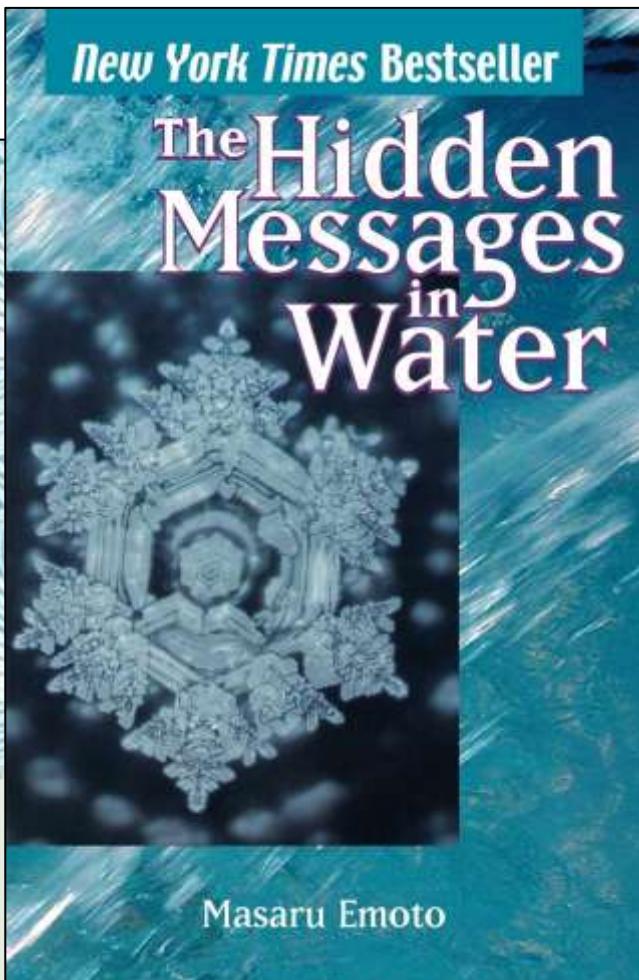
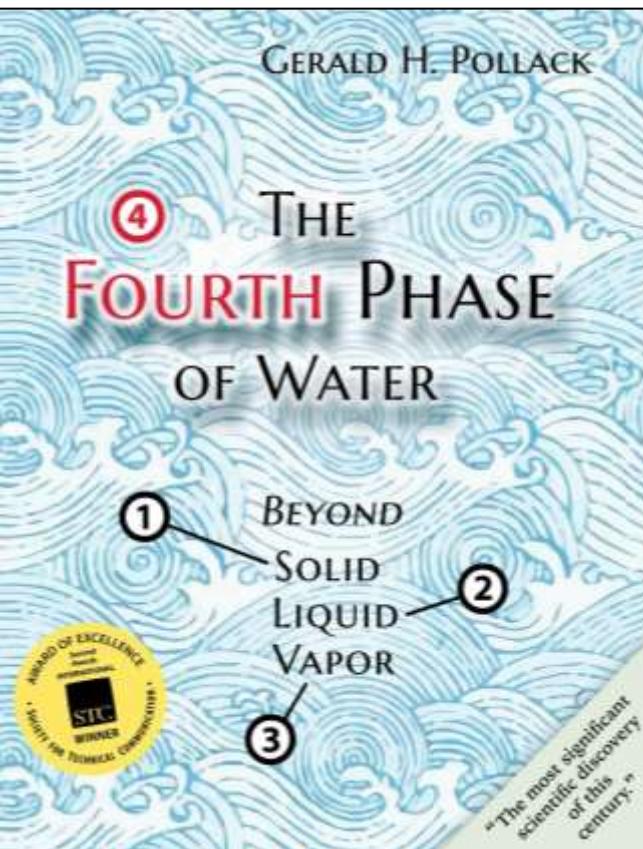


# Homeopathy-1796

- Samuel Hahnemann, German Physician
- Dilutions of medicines

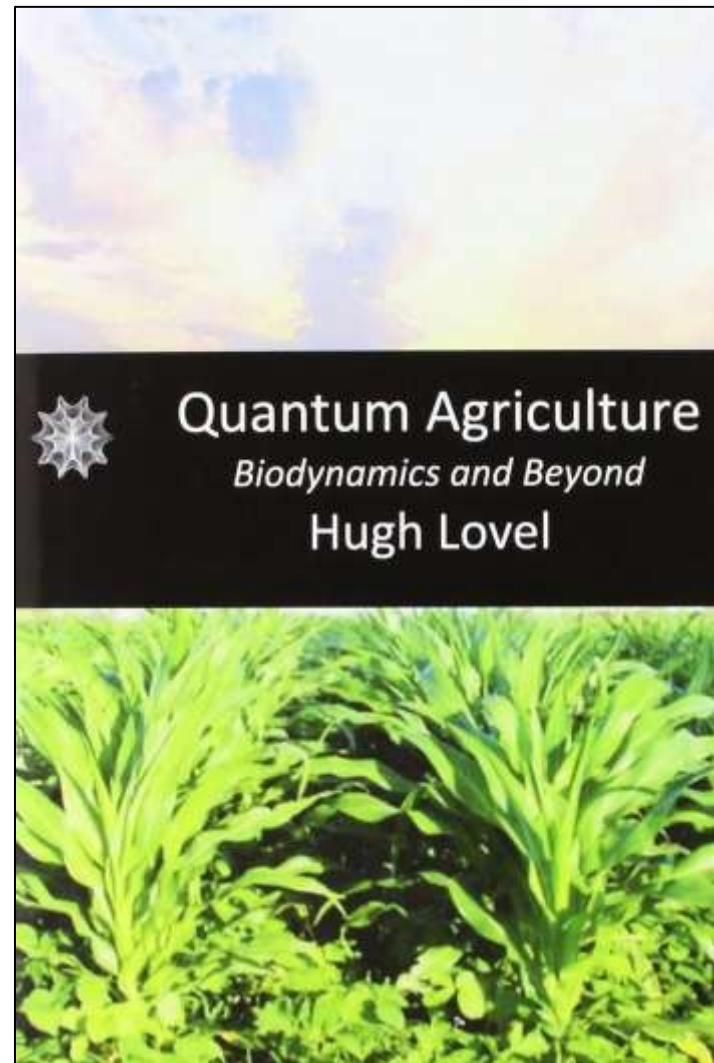
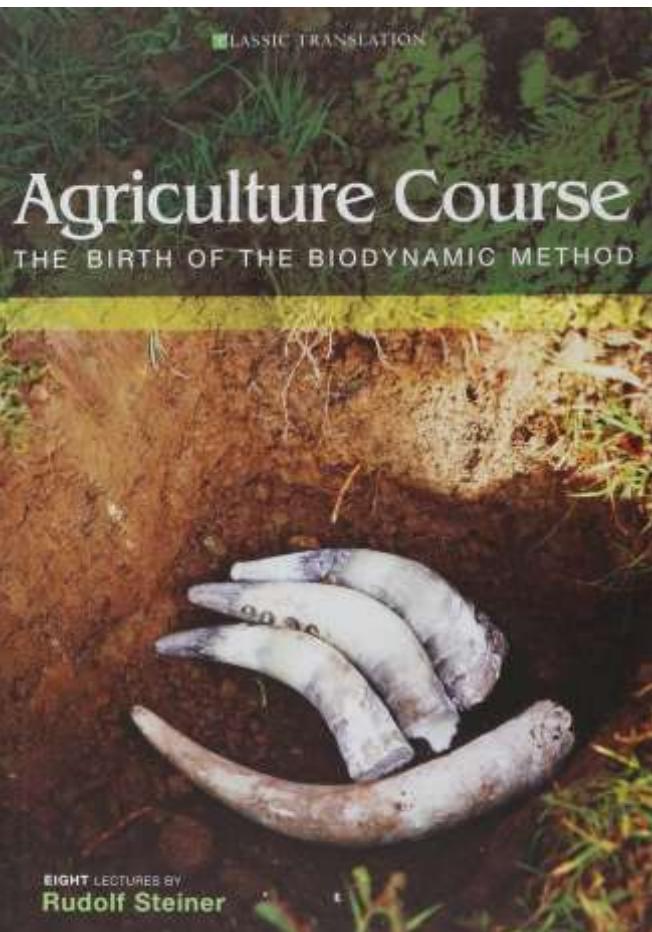


# “Magical” Water



# Biodynamic Farming

- Homeopathic treatments
  - BD 500-507



# What Can Be In This Stuff??



Minerals?  
Rock Dust?  
Fungal Spores?  
Energized Water?  
Homeopathic Water?



# **BREAK TIME!**



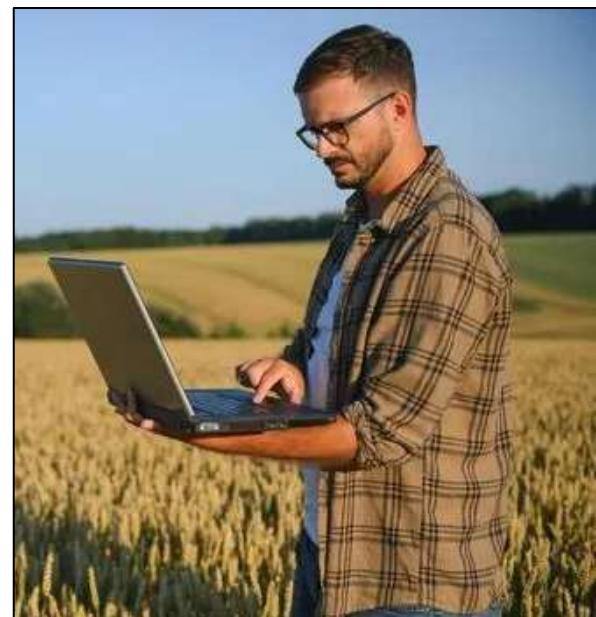
## Part 3—Now What??

# Objectives—Part 3

- Now What??
- Scientist & Microbe Farmer
- Real World Examples

# Be Your Own Scientist!

- Science: The study of nature through observation and experimentation.
- Farmers were the original scientists “observing” every day.
- Become a SOIL SCIENTIST!



# Become a Microbe Farmer!

- Microbiome Needs...
  - Air
  - Water
  - Food
  - Comfort (Shelter)

# Bread Dough

- You've been a MICROBE FARMER!!
- Microbes +
  - Air
  - Water
  - Food (Sugar & Flour)
  - Comfort (Warm Place to rise)



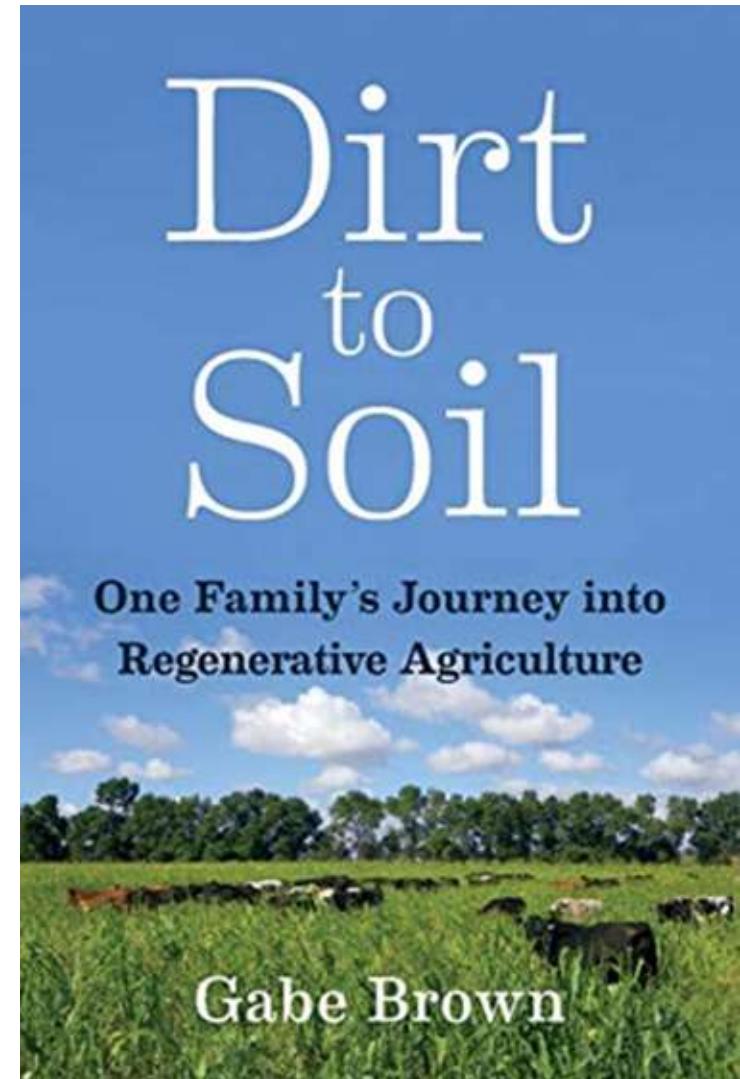
# What Not to Do!





# Apply the Principles

- Farming & grazing principles:
  - Context
  - Limit Disturbance
  - Armor the Soil Surface
  - Build Diversity
  - Keep Living Roots in Soil
  - Integrate Animals
- Urban Landscaping Too!!







# Utopia—Nonstop Party!!

- Aerobic, mineral rich, humus laced, high Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) soil substrate
- Thriving, aerobic, symbiotic, diverse Soilfoodweb
- Dynamic earth, cosmic, and life force energy

- Like a trip to Nashville, every journey will be different.



# Mehlich 3 Soil Test

Lab Number: 602069

Sample Name: TEST2

Farm Name:

## Soil Results

pH		Phosphorus	Potassium	Calcium	Magnesium	Zinc	Iron	Manganese	Boron	Sodium
Soil pH	Buffer Value	P	K	Ca	Mg	Zn	Fe	Mn	B	Na
Pounds per acre - Mehlich 1										
6.65		25 M	84 L	1842 S	140 S	2.3 S	17 S	20 S	0.5	12

Crop/plant Interpretation ranges on last sheet

L = Low, M= Medium, H=High, V= Very High, S = Sufficient

Additional tests, if they were requested											
Sulfur	Nitrogen			Carbon	C/N Ratio	Organic Matter	Soluble Salts	Particle Size Analysis - Hydrometer Method			
LBS/ACRE	NH4-N ppm	NO3-N ppm	Total N %	%	%	%	dS/m	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay	Soil Texture
					3.3		0.03	20	64	16	Silt Loam

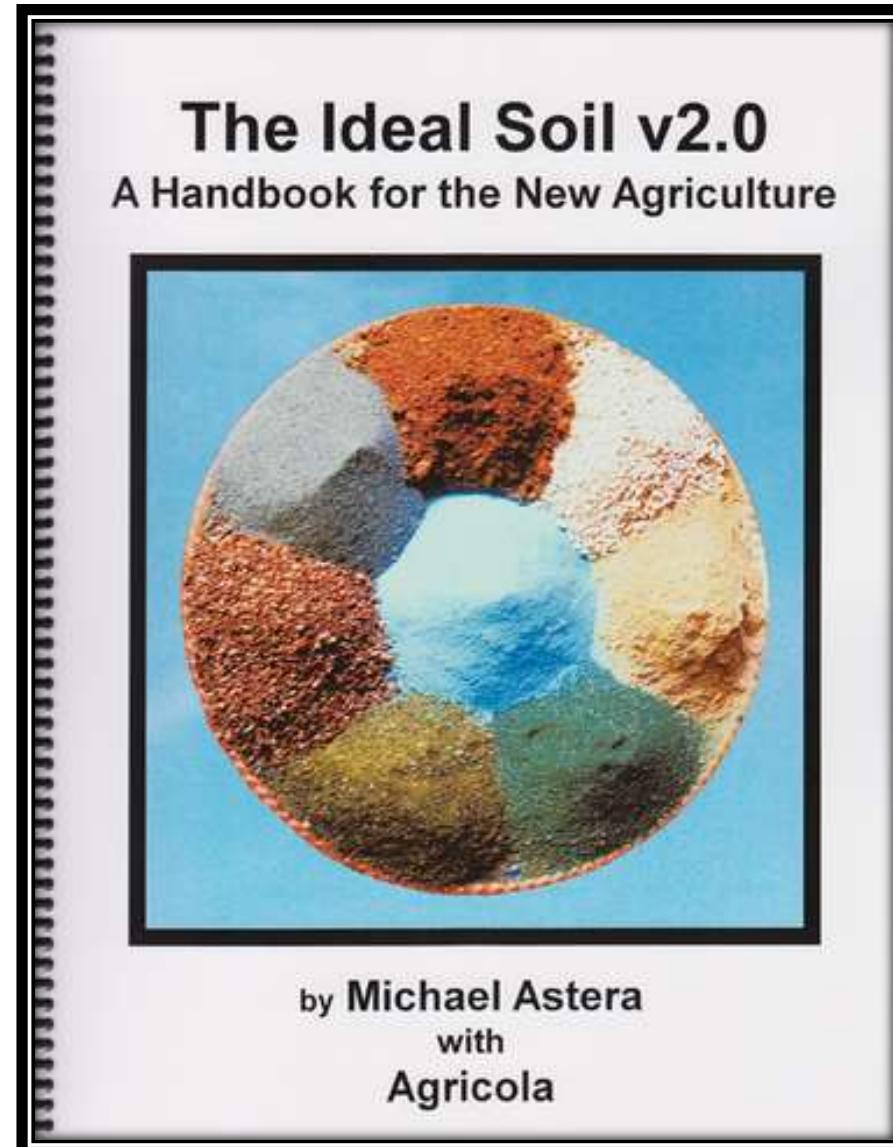
# Dr William Albrecht



University of Missouri

1920s-1960s

“...I could help more people through soil science because of the link to health than I could from becoming a medical doctor.”



# Chemistry--Minerals

- Dr Carey Reams (1903-1985)
  - Calcium: 2000 (lbs/acre)
  - Phosphorus: 400
  - Potassium: 200
  - Sulphur: 200
  - Nitrates: 300
  - Ammonium: 40
  - Iron: 40



# Sources of Microbes (Yeast)

- Livestock & Manure
- Earth Worms
- Static Composting (Leaves, grass clippings)
- Vermicomposting (Red Wiggler Worms)
- Thermophilic Composting
- Dr David Johnson/Su Bioreactor
- Korean Natural Farming
- Raw Milk
- Commercial Products





# Extract Demo





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# Examples

- From Theory to Real World



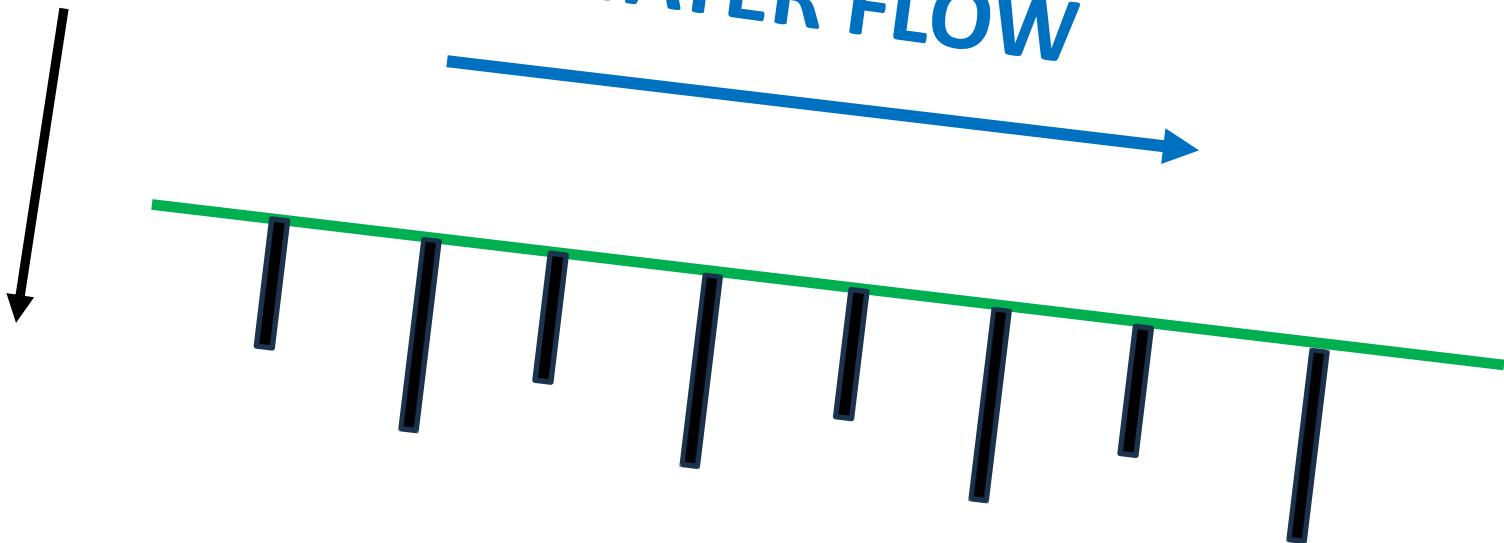
- Teejet Lawn Spray Gun
  - 1.5 & 3.0 gpm
  - Seaflo 3.0 gpm diaphragm pump (12V DC)





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# Subsoiler



Product Weight: 635 lb.



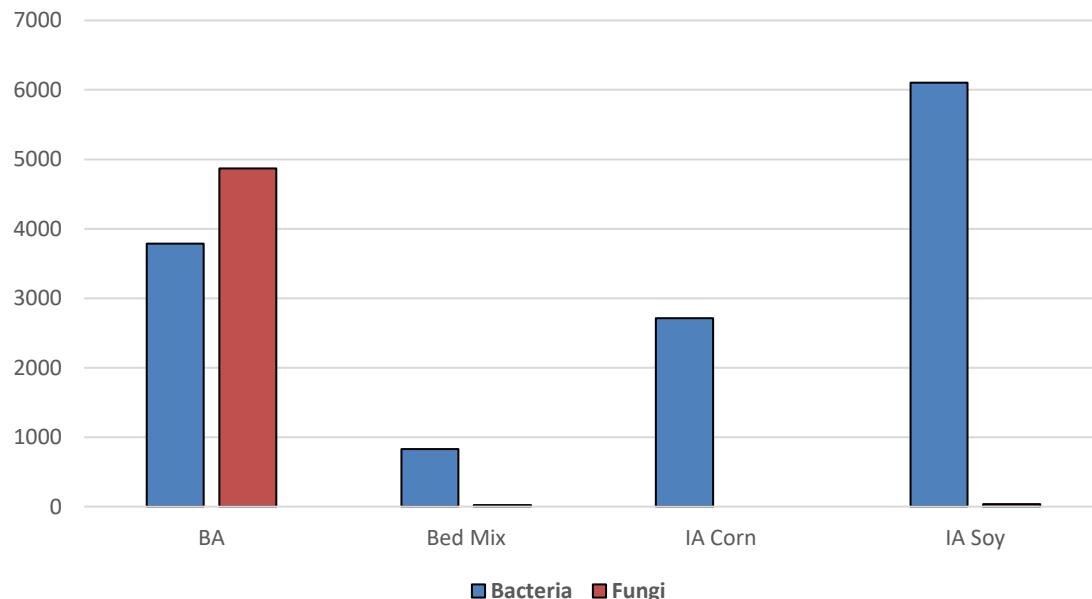




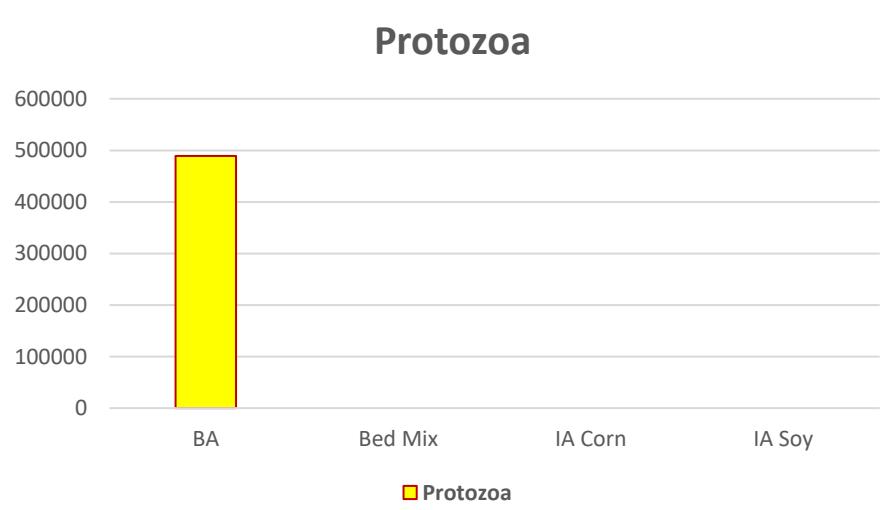
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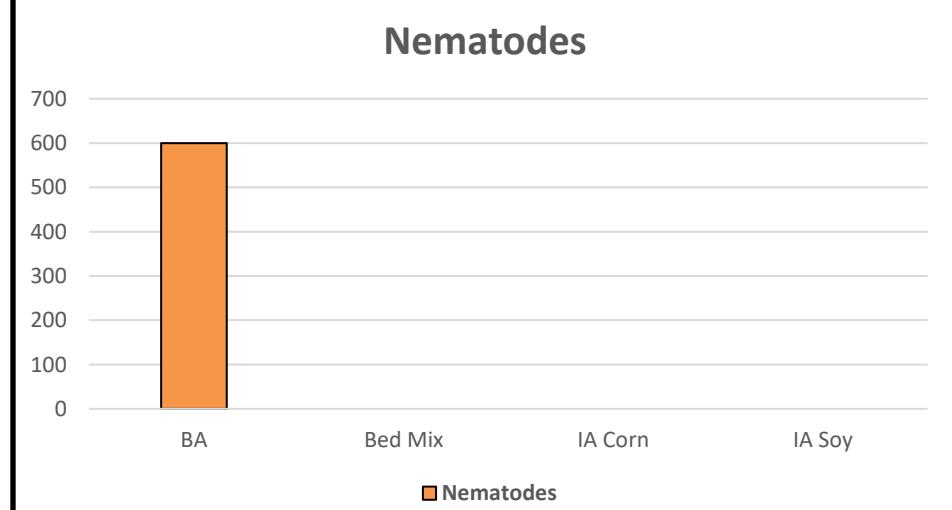
## Bacteria & Fungi



## Protozoa



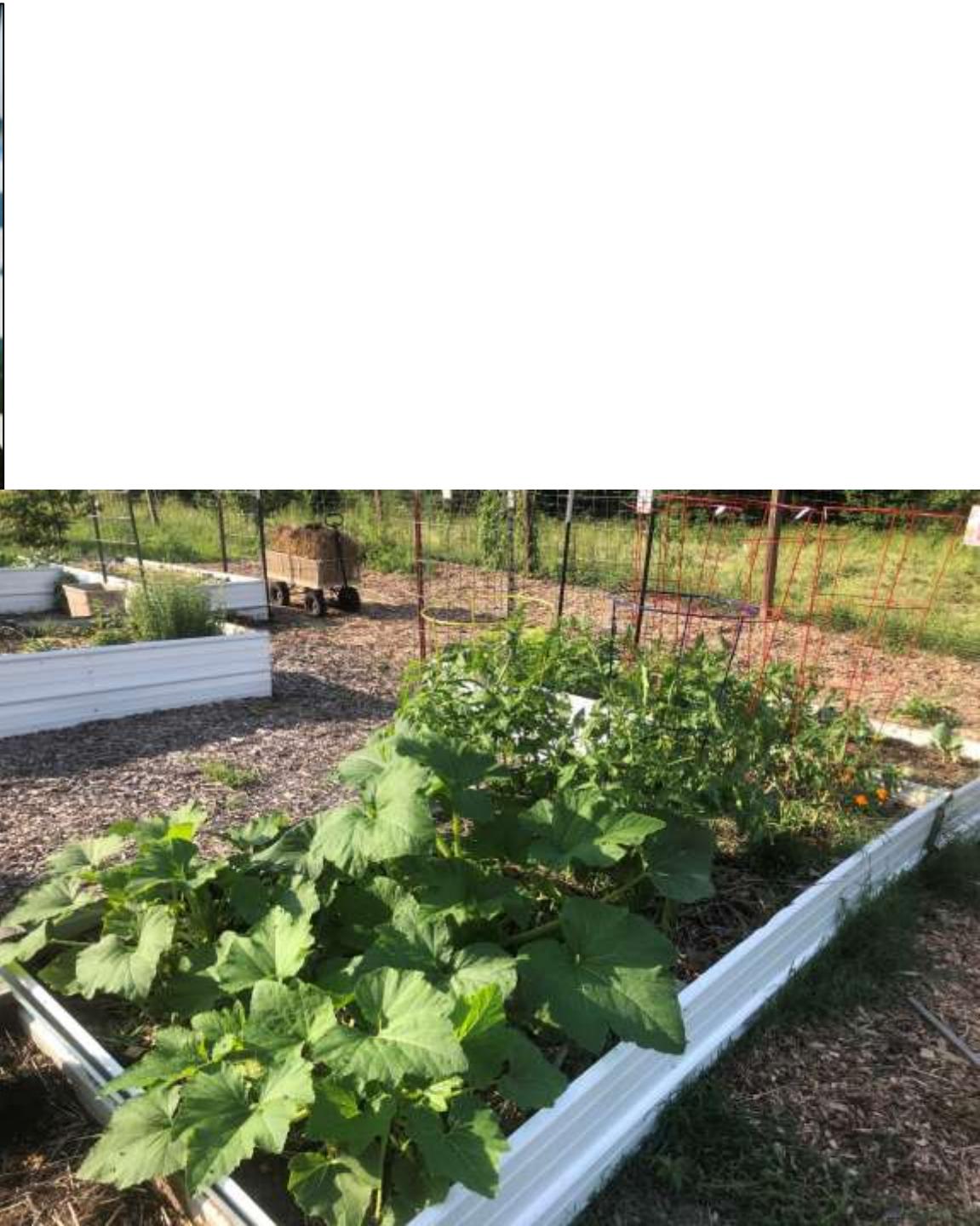
## Nematodes



# Garden Repair (Fall 2021)

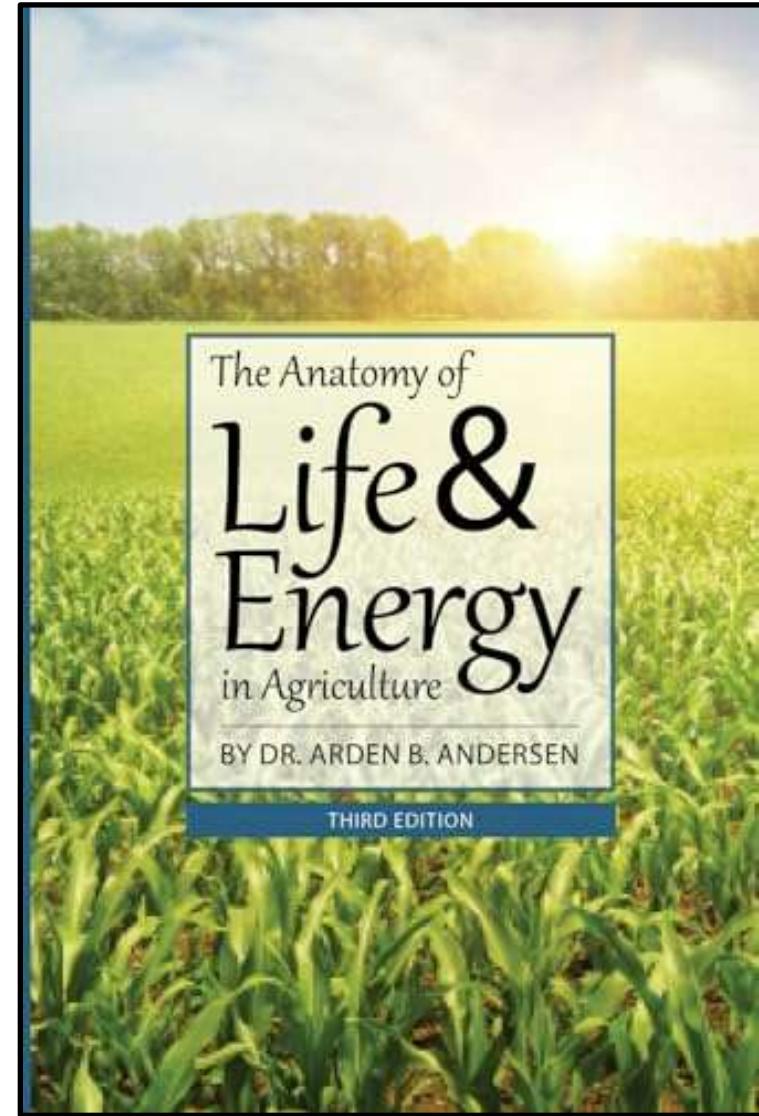






# Dr Arden Andersen

- (All per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- Soft Rock Phosphate      12 lbs
- High-calcium lime      23-46 lbs
- Ammonium sulphate      2.3 lbs
- Compost      12-184 lbs



# Foliar Sprays--KNF







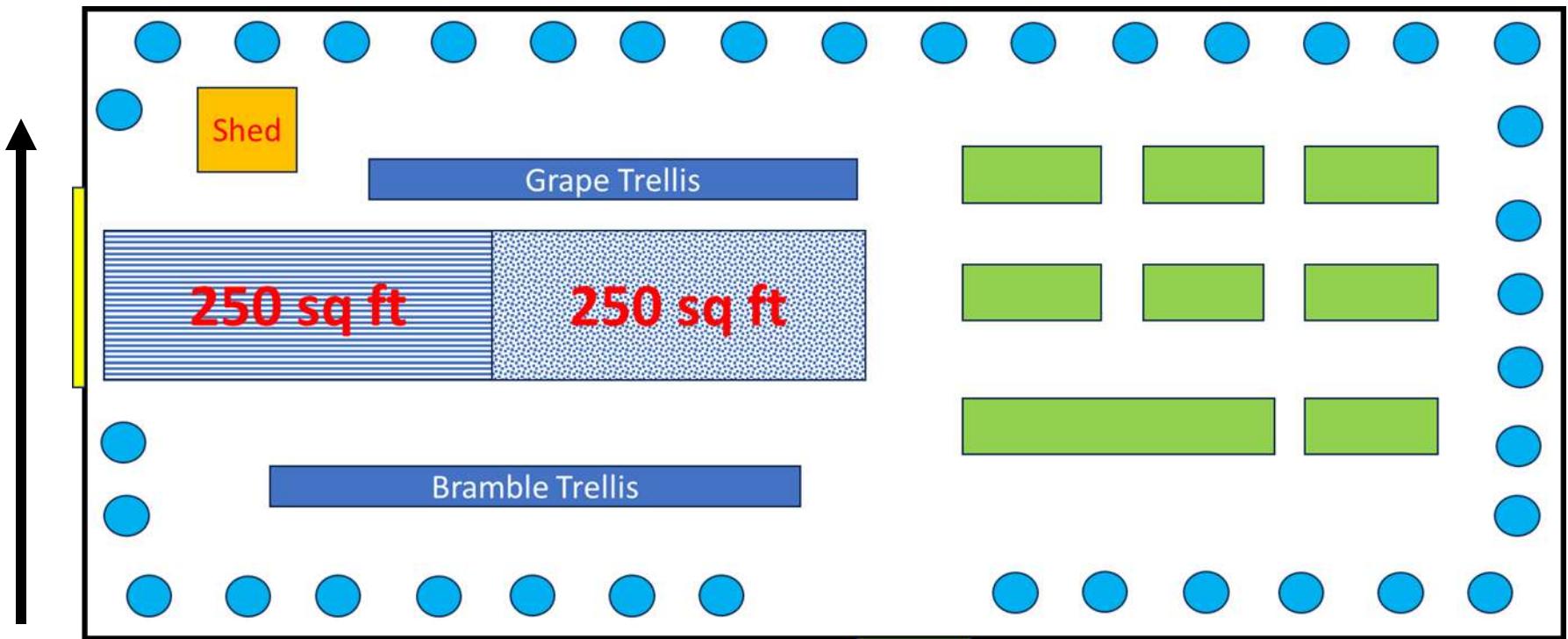
# Garden Example

## (21 Apr 25)



# Garden Example

- Context: Mowed pasture, compacted, no chemicals or fertilizers in recent history
  - Nutrient Dense Fruits & Veggies
  - Healthy Living Soil, Aerated, Mineral Rich



# What's in Your Toolbox?

- \$ or \$\$\$\$\$?
- Lots of time or no time?
- Wood chipper or tree service delivery?
- Pitch fork or tractor?
- Hand seeder or no-till drill?
- Livestock?

# TIMELINE (5 Jun 24)

- 8" wood chips; Apr 21
- 12" moldy hay; Nov 22
- 12" moldy hay; Mar 23
- Corn & Other; Apr 23
  - Poor results
- Covers Rye/Vetch; Dec 23
- Egg Mobile; Feb 24
- 2x Tilled Bermuda; Apr 24
- Soil Drench w/2 lbs; Apr 24
  - Redmond 9 oz
  - Dextrose 10 oz
- Planted; Apr 24
  - Sweet Corn
  - Dent Corn
  - Milpa (GreenCover)



# Caution for Materials

- Gather “organic” foods
  - If it’s lived once, it can live again!
- Bacteria & Fungi take it from there!
- CAUTION—Persistent Herbicides
  - NC State “Herbicide Carryover in Hay, Manure, Compost, & Grass Clippings”

# Persistent Herbicides

- Corteva's Grazon® (Aminopyralid)
  - Broadleaf weed control in pasture





## TIMELINE (24 Jun 24)

- Growing well
- Corn Earworms





## TIMELINE (11 Sep 24)

- Harvest Dent Corn
- Mowed Residues

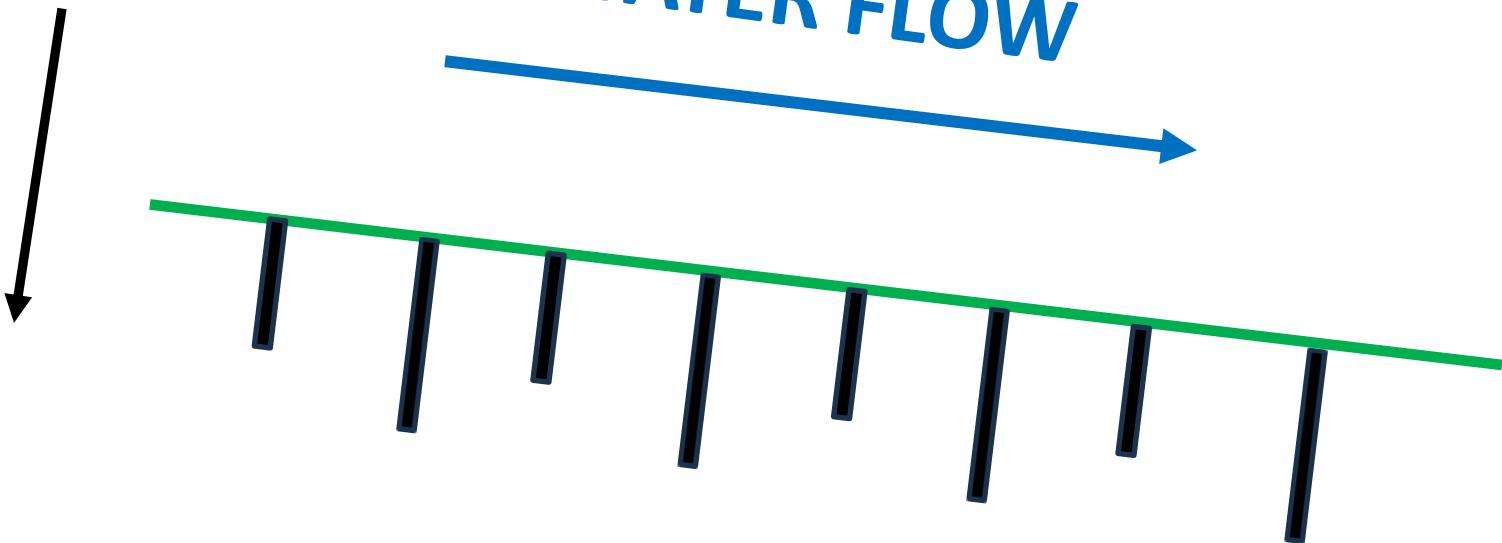


# Penetrometer--Compaction



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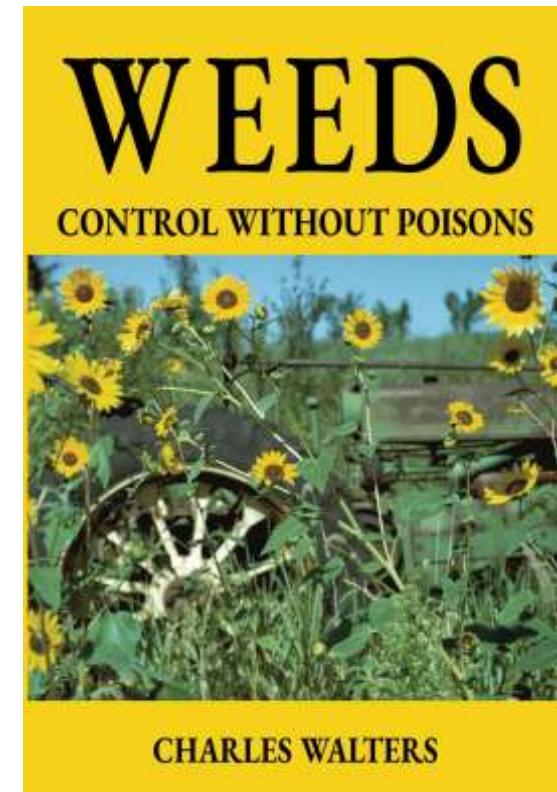
## TIMELINE (16 Oct 24)

- Compaction
  - 150 psi—3.8”
  - 300 psi—4.5”
- Subsoiler & Biology
- Covers Rye/Wheat
- Soil Drench (3 lbs/12 gal)
- 2.5 lbs Calusolv East
  - (10 lbs/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- 1 lb Redmond West
  - (4 lbs/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>)



# CaluSolv ([www.calusolv.com](http://www.calusolv.com))

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# Hand Seeders—Seed or Minerals



# Watering Can—Biology or Minerals



# Hand Sprayer Foliars

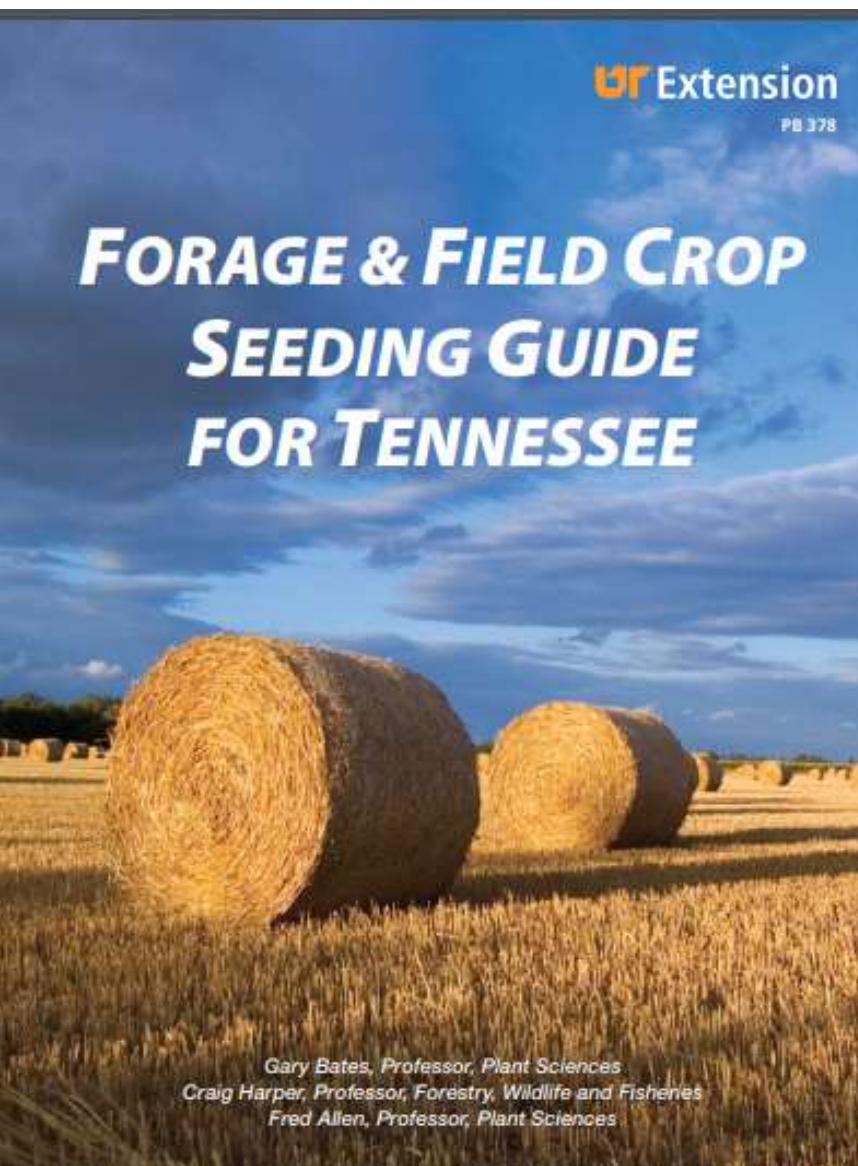


## TIMELINE (24 Dec 24)

- Cover Plants (Rye & Wheat)
- Collecting Solar Energy
- Sugar to biology all winter



# Cover Plant Diversity



# Dr Ream's 80/20 Rule

- 80% of plant mass comes from the air
- 20% from the soil

Organic Matter:  
100 lbs above & 100 lbs below  
- 160 lbs air & 40 lbs soil

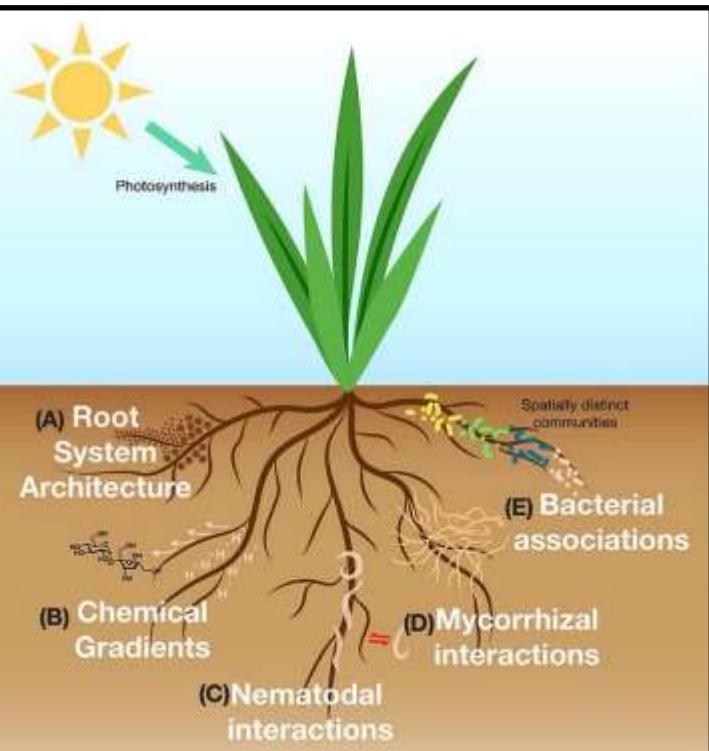




Photo Source: Soil Science Society of America

# My Favorites

- Cool Season
  - Hairy Vetch, Austrian Winter Peas
  - Red & White Clover (4 & 2 lbs/acre)
  - Cereal Rye & Wheat
  - Orchardgrass
- Warm Season
  - Sorghum/Sudan
  - Buckwheat
- Green Cover ([Greencover.com](http://Greencover.com))



# Green Cover (Greencover.com)

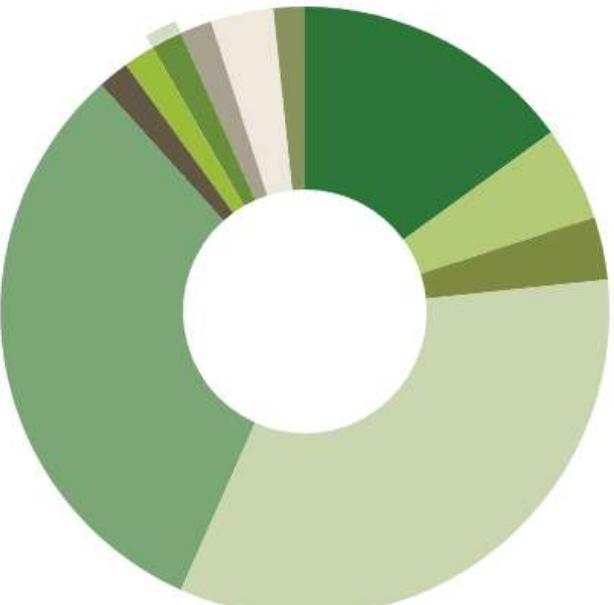
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What are you looking for?

Seed Food Plots Mixes Milpa Inoculants Resources SmartMix Calculator Merch

\*OMRI Certificates: [OMRI Certificate for Elevate'd Fungi](#); [OMRI Certificate for RhizoBac X-Tend](#)

## What's in the Mix



- Spring Forage Pea
- Common Vetch
- Crimson Clover
- Spring Oats
- Beardless Spring Forage Barley
- Rapeseed
- Radish
- Brown Mustard
- Black Oil Sunflower
- Brown Flax
- Phacelia



# TIMELINE (10 Feb 25)

- Integrate Livestock
- Egg Mobile Grazing



## TIMELINE (26 Feb 25)

- Tarped Area
- Terminate Covers



# TIMELINE (8 Apr 25)

- Uncovered
- Compaction; Oct 24
  - 150 psi—3.8"
  - 300 psi—4.5"
- Compaction (Apr 25)
  - 200 psi—8.7"
  - 300 psi—13.9"
- Soil Samples; 13 Apr 25



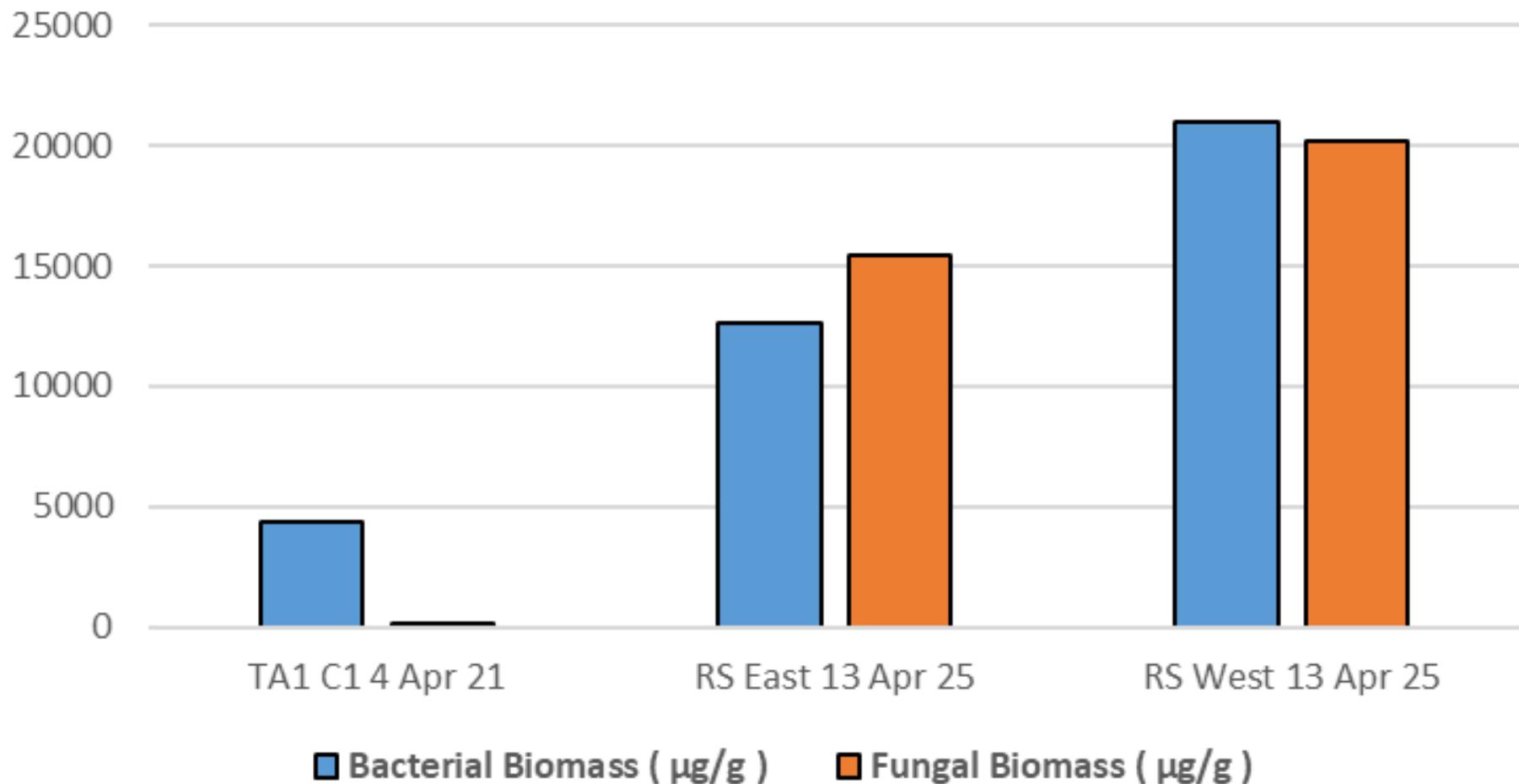
# TIMELINE (8 Apr 25)

- Shovel Test



# Soil Samples (Apr 13, 2025)

## Bacteria & Fungi



## TIMELINE (14 Apr 25)

- Straw
- 2.5 lbs Calusolv East
  - (10 lbs/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- 1 lb Redmond West
  - (4 lbs/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>)



20 Apr 25



# TIMELINE (20 Apr)

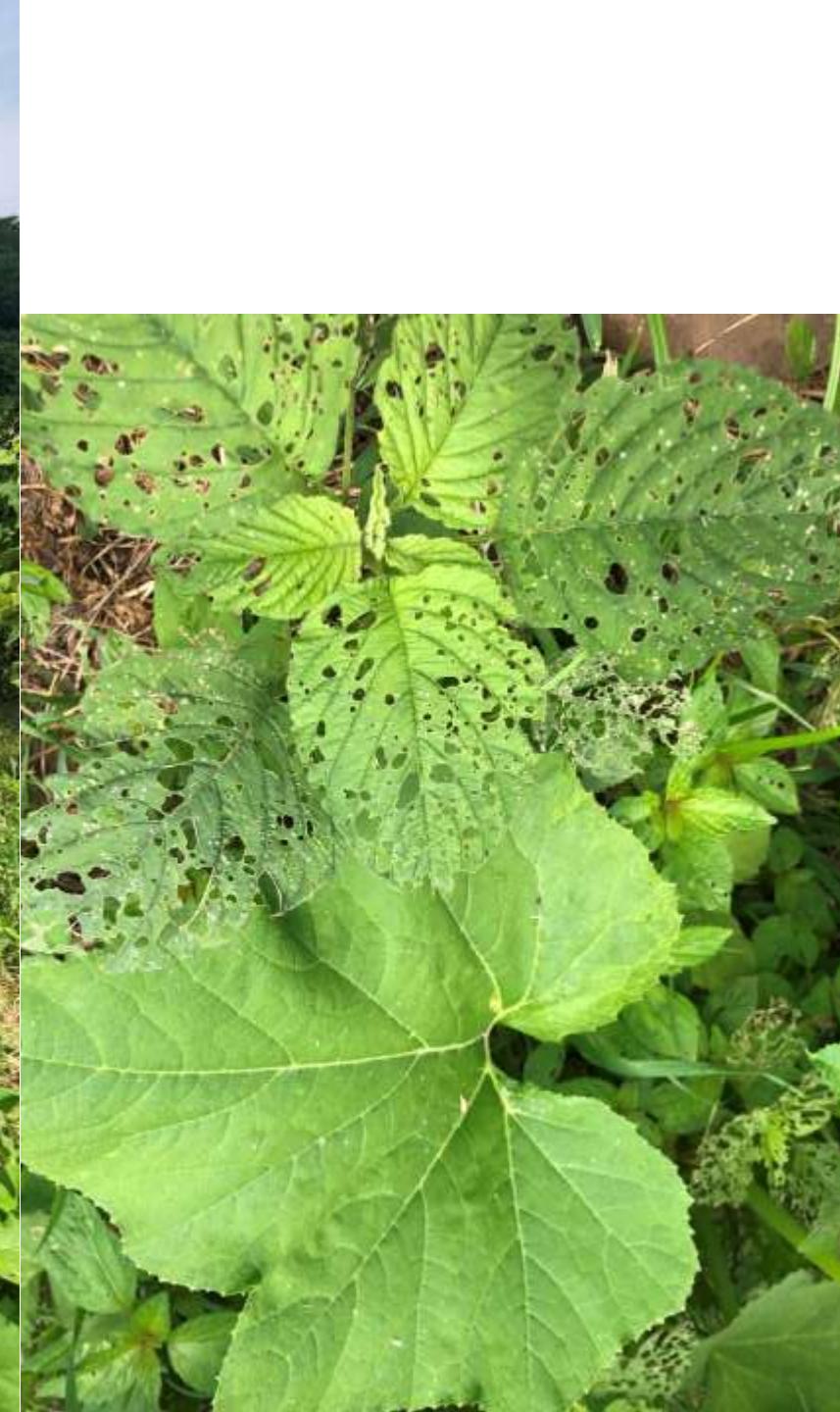
- Raked Straw Back
- Tilled 1x
- Planted Variety
  - Milpa (Green Cover)
  - Sweet Corn
  - Melons
  - Squash
- Amendments (Wet)
  - Extract (1.5 lbs)
  - Molasses (2 TBSP)
  - Agribio Ca 7% (2 TBSP)
  - Borax--9% Boron (4 g)



# TIMELINE (20 Apr)

- Amendments (Dry)
  - Sand (1 Qt)
  - Biochar (1/2 cup)
  - IMO-4 (1/2 cup)
  - Myco Bliss (2 TBSP)
  - Basalt Dust (2 TBSP)
- Rain 0.7" (21 Apr 25)!!

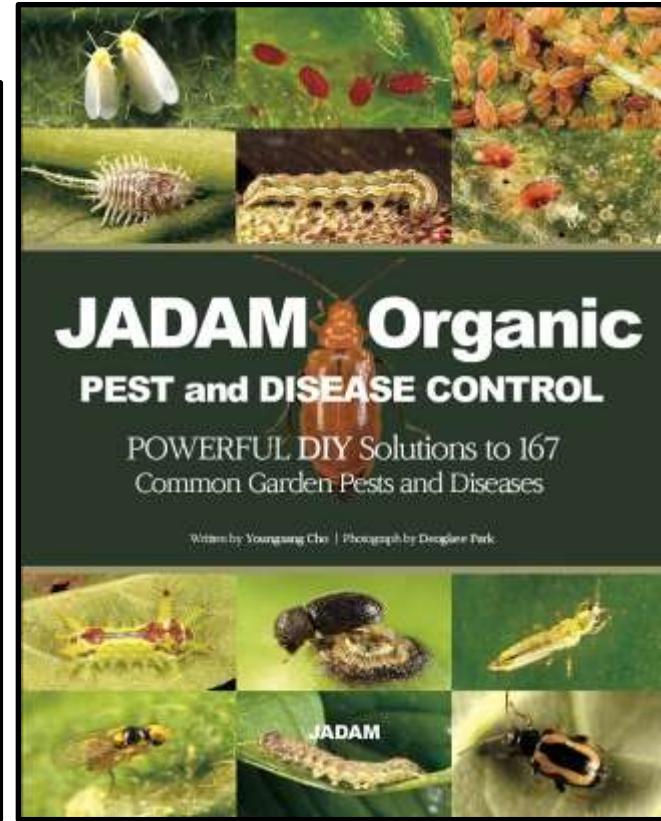
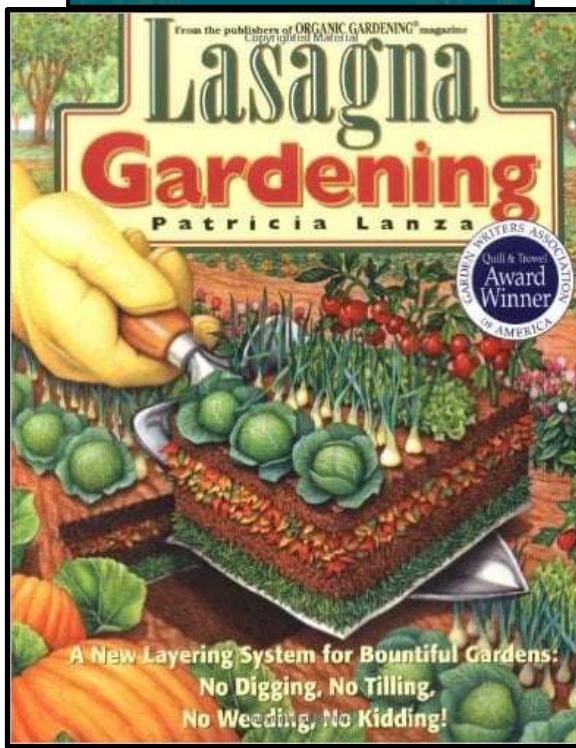
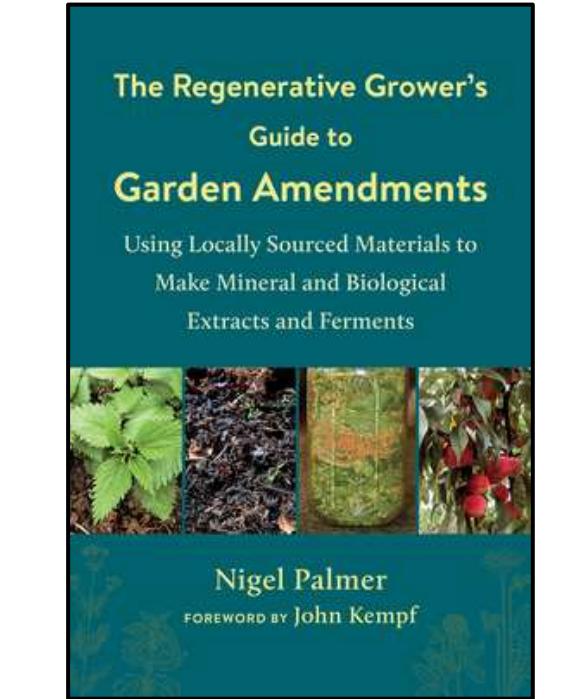
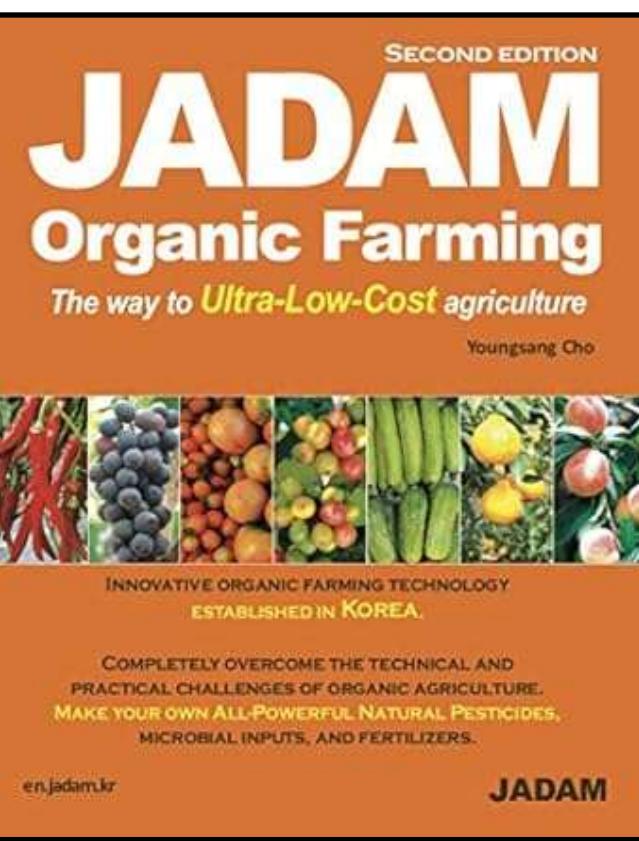






# 22 Nov 25 & 23 Jan 26

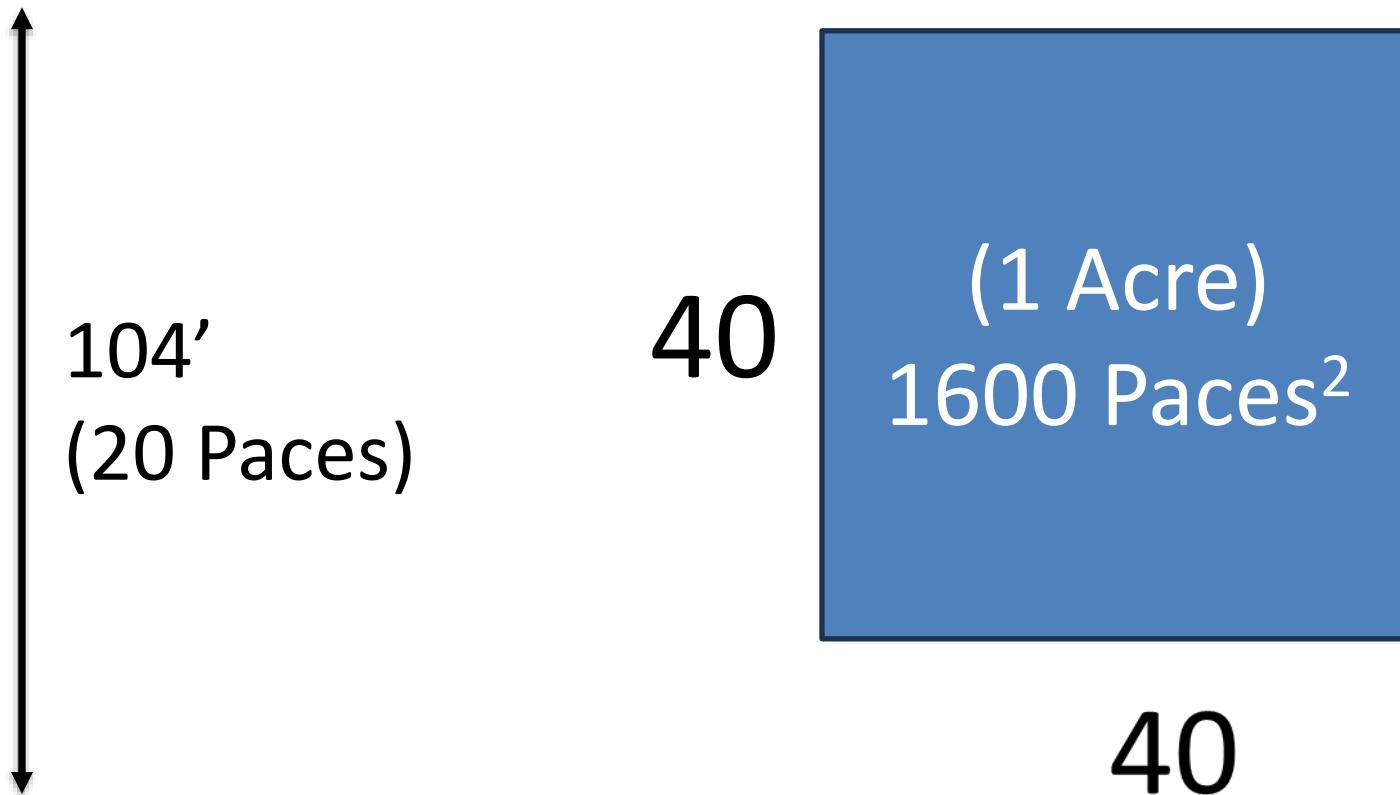




# Pasture Example



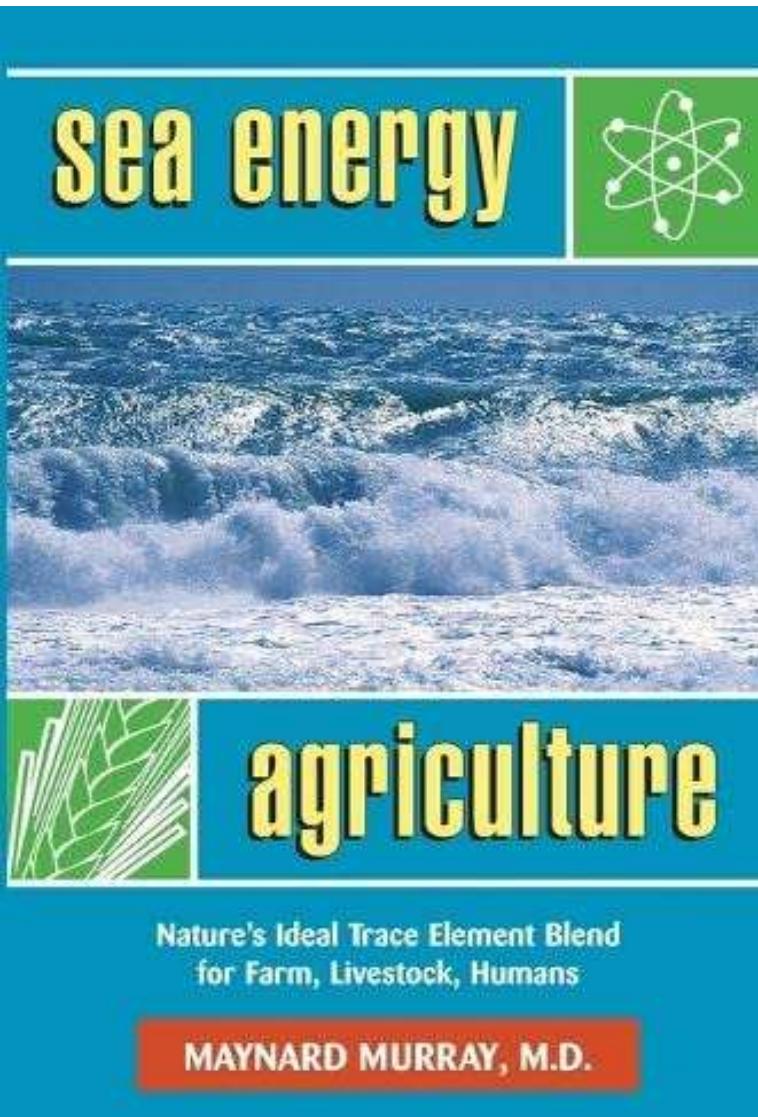
# Pace Count



# Context (2015-2020)

- $\approx 1/3$  acre pasture terrace
  - Rotationally grazed
  - Planted some covers
  - Biology treatments
  - No recent chemicals
  - Compacted
- Goals
  - Nutrient Dense Forage for Cattle
  - Healthy Living Soil
  - Aerated
  - Mineral Rich

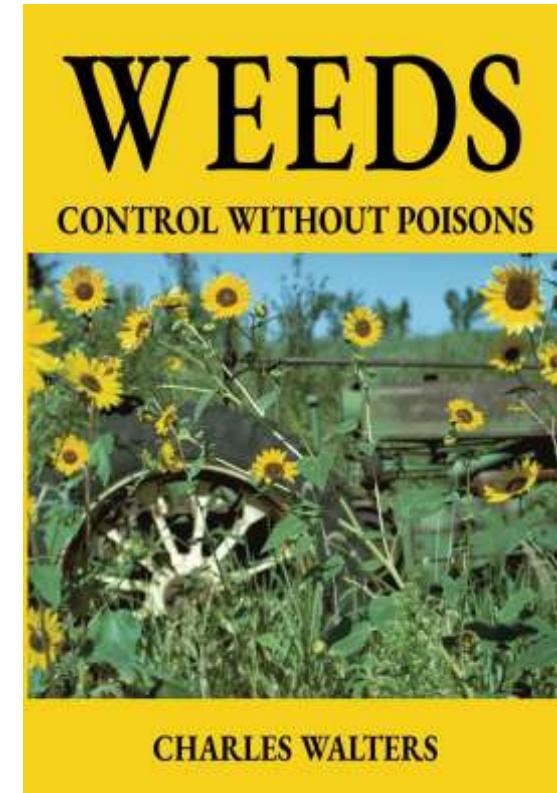
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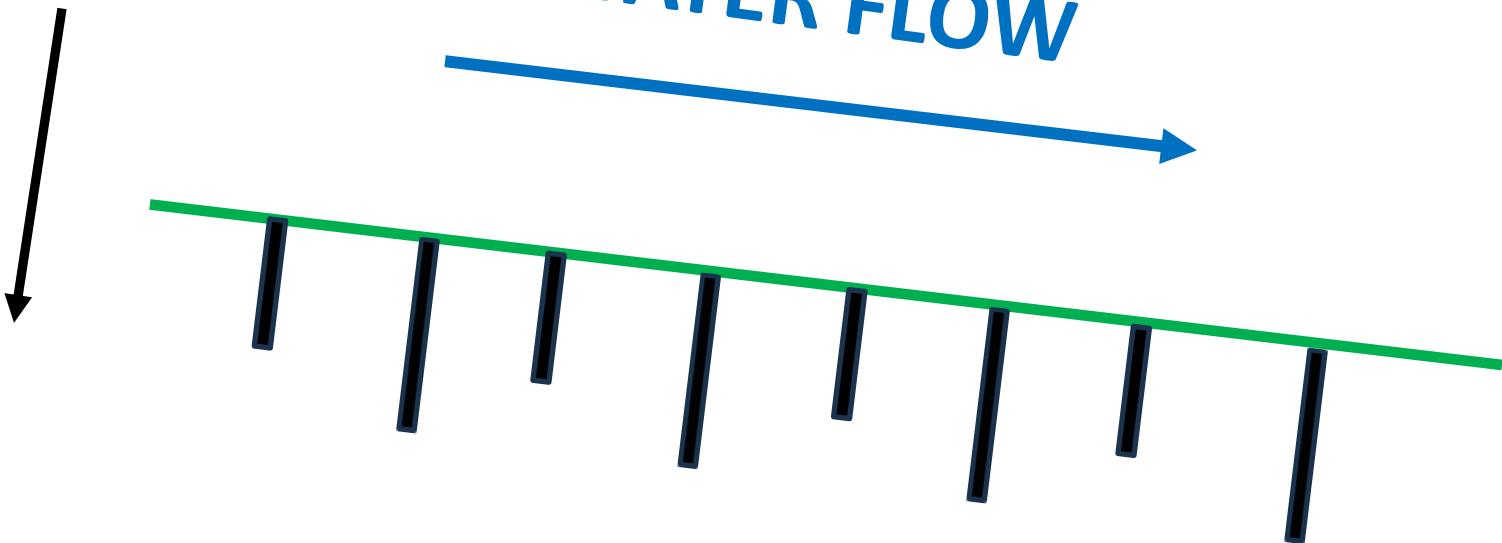
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**SUBSOILER CUTS**



# Hand Seeders







**GREENSCAPE 600**  
CONSERVATION SEEDER



# Pasture Tests (8 Plots)



Subsoiler+	Redmond (1600 lbs)	Redmond (800 lbs)	Redmond (400 lbs)	Redmond (200 lbs)	Calusolv (348 lbs)	Redmond (100 lbs)	Calusolv (348 lbs)
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Small plots 1000 sq ft

Subsoiler plot 5500 sq ft

Acre = 43560 sq ft

# Timeline

- TT1-TT7
  - 15-21 Oct 24—Bush hogged
  - 15-21 Oct 24—Applied Redmond & Calusolv
  - 22 Oct 24—Planted Cereal Rye & Wheat (3 lbs) w/seed coat
  - 28 Oct 24—Top cover with Greenscape Planter w/seed coat
- TT8 (5500 sq ft)
  - 2 Nov 24—Subsoil with Extract (2 lbs/50 gal)
  - 3-5 Nov: Plant Rye/Wheat—w/seed coat
  - 5 Nov: Soil Drench (2 lbs/60 gal)
  - 11 Nov: Sprayed Extract (2 lbs/60 gal) + Redmond (2.75 lbs); Dextrose (2.75 lbs); Apple Cider Vinegar (1.4 cups)



# Timeline (Cont)

- TT1-TT7 &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of TT8
- 20 Mar 25—Grazed with 10 cattle
- 22 Mar 25—Applied Calusolv on TT1/TT3
- 28 Mar 25—Grazed rest of TT8 with 10 cattle
- 23 Apr 25—Grazed all with 13 head cattle
- 30 Apr 25—Planted 8 lbs Warm Season Grazing Mix (Green Cover)









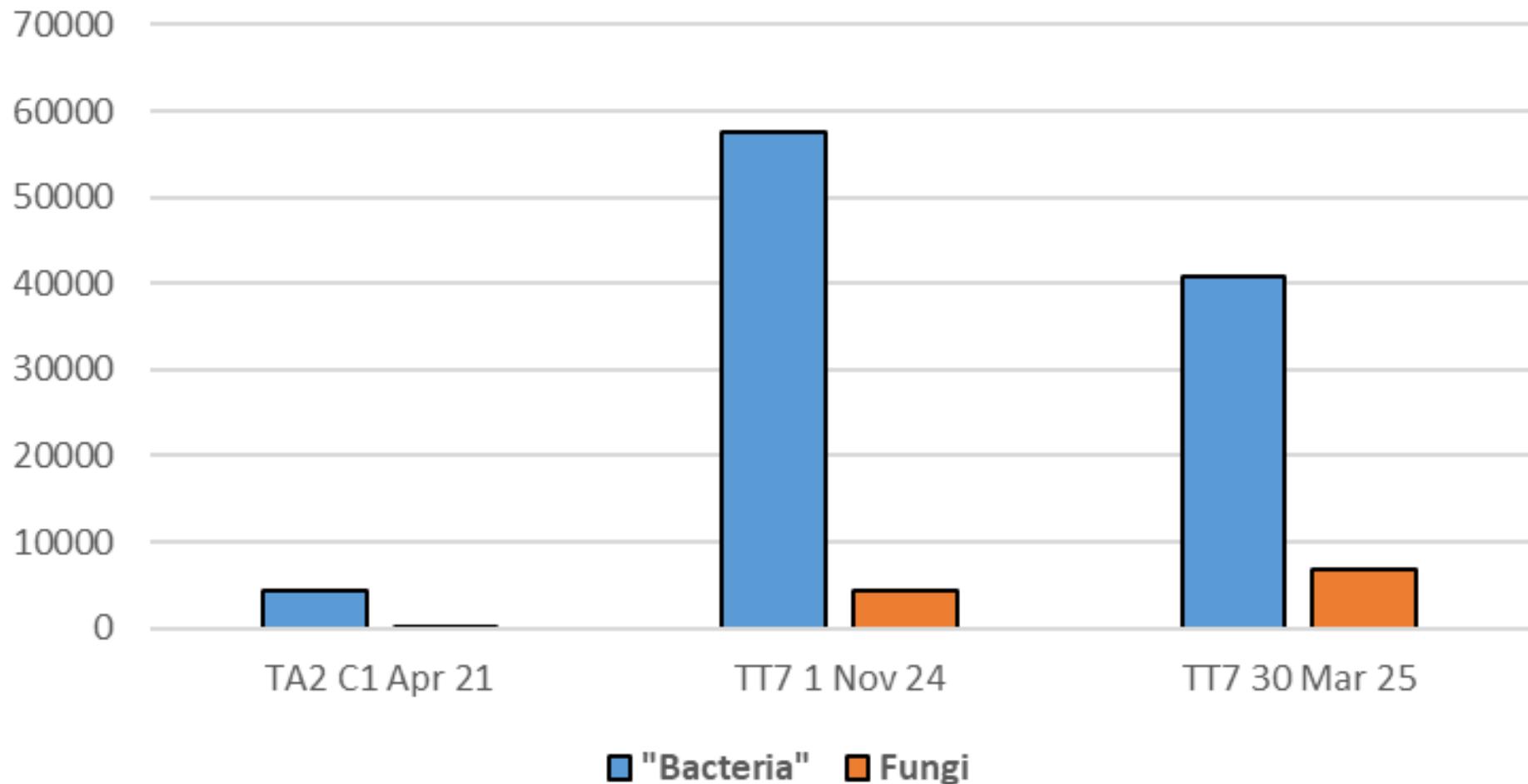
## TIMELINE (8 Apr)

- Shovel Test



# Soil Samples (Apr 13, 2025)

## TT7 Bacteria & Fungi (1600 lbs/acre)



13 Apr 25



23 Apr 25



# Brix Results

DATE	TT8	TT7	TT6	TT5	TT4	TT3	TT2	TT1
	Misc	Redmond 1600	Redmond 800	Redmond 400	Redmond 200	Calusolv 348	Redmond 100	Calusolv 348
19-Mar-25	11.8	12.5	11.2	10.6	11.8	14.3	12.3	15.5
19-Apr-25	11.0	8.8	7.5	7.8	11.0	11.3	10.5	9.5
<b>AVG</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>

19-Apr-25	
Rye Gone to Seed Leaf	8.25
Rye Gone to Seed Stem	4.5

# What Do They Think?



# Cattle Preference (23 Apr 25)



# Cattle Preference (20 Mar 25)

DATE	TIME	TT8	TT7	TT6	TT5	TT4	TT3	TT2	TT1
		Misc	1600	800	400	200	Calusolv	100	Calusolv
20-Mar-25	0:10	1	1		1	2	3	1	3
	0:15				2	2	2	1	3
	0:20	8	2						
	0:22							6	4
	0:30					2	1	4	2
	1:15		2			4	2	2	
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>

# Cattle Preference (23 Apr 25)

DATE	TIME	TT8	TT7	TT6	TT5	TT4	TT3	TT2	TT1
		Misc	1600	800	400	200	Calusolv	100	Calusolv
23-Apr-25	0:05						5	5	3
	0:15							4	9
	0:18					2	2	5	4
	0:20								
	0:22	8	1	1		1	1		
	0:24	12				1			
	0:30	13							
	0:35								
	0:41				2		5	2	3
	0:45	4	1				3	3	2
	0:52	10					2		
	1:23	6				2	2	2	1
	2:00	13							
	3:02	1			1		6		
	3:53							7	6
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>



# Unsung Heroes

- You're joining something bigger than yourself
- Our farmers/ranchers are unsung heroes
- What's more noble than growing our food?
- But, the health of your fellow citizens is in your hands

# What If?

- Chronic disease rates in our children 40%+
- Autism rates in young children 1/36+
- Obesity rates in citizens 42%+
- Cancer rates 1/2
- Affect our military age youth such that 3/4 couldn't join the military
- Spend WWII (\$5.3 Trillion+) every year

# 1937



“The nation that  
destroys its soil  
destroys itself.”

- President Franklin Roosevelt

# Soil Enlistment “Oath”

“To the best of my ability, I vow to help promote, and build soil instead of dirt.”

# More Info

- [www.Libertytracefarm.com](http://www.Libertytracefarm.com)
- References “Books and Resources” Tab
- These Slides “Living Soil” Tab
- Links Past Presentations (2024)
  - (Beginner & Advanced)

# More Info (Cont)

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(<https://www.westonaprice.org/>)
- Childrens Health Defense  
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