CONSIDERATIONS FOR PLANTING NEW WALNUTS

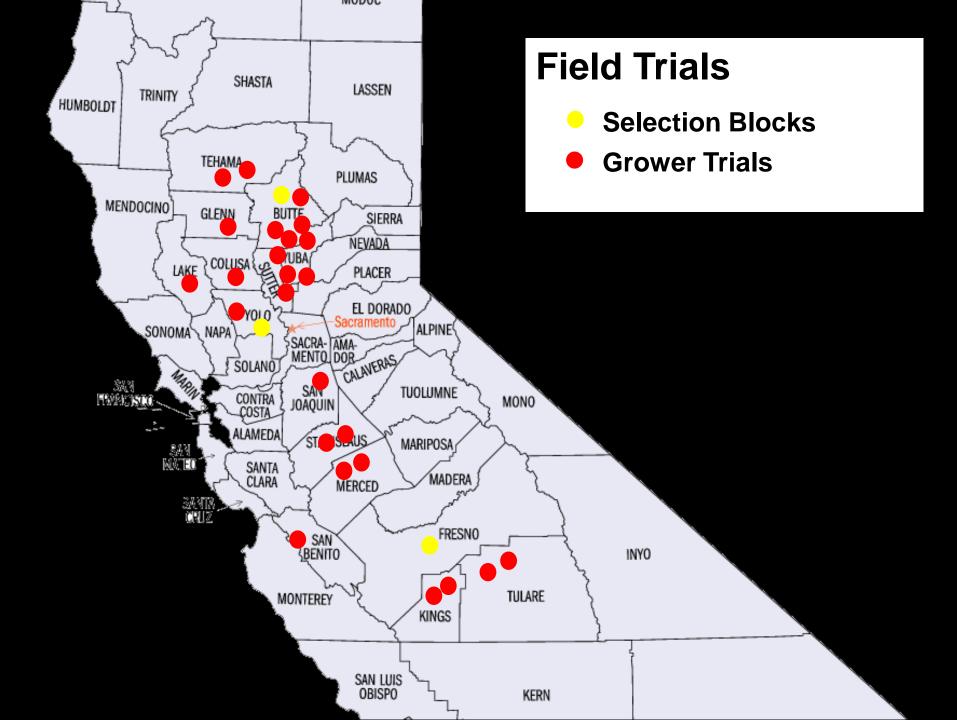
DO WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING??

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# New Varieties and Clonal Rootstocks

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## Ivanhoe (95-11-14)



- Very early harvest date (Payne/Serr)
- Light kernel color
- High yield
- Blight susceptible
- Nut –smooth shells, watch size
- Growth habit small stature, may stress Grow on Paradox
- Kernel 57%, 7.6g, easy halves



# **Field Data Comparison**

Trait	Ivanhoe	Serr	Chandler
Leafing date	3/19	3/18	4/03
Peak female	3/28	4/06	4/22
Peak male	4/08	3/31	4/11
Harvest	9/13	9/17	10/07
Yield	7	5	7
Blight	*		

# Nut Data Comparison

Trait	Ivanhoe	Serr	Chandler
In shell wt. (g)	13.3 g	14.6	13.4 g
Kernel wt (g)	7.6 g	8.2	6.7 g
Percent kernel	57 %	56.1%	49 %
% Extra light	41 %	7%	53 %
% Light	51 %	70%	41 %



# Ivanhoe 2009

1<sup>st</sup> Shake:

Edible: 55% RLI: 54.0

2<sup>nd</sup> Shake:

% Edible: 53.4% RLI: 52.3 Jumbo sound: 93% ExL: 33% Light: 45% Nut wt.: 13.2 g





# **Ivanhoe** (95-011-14)

## Released: January 2010 Nurseries are licensed to sell





## **SOLANO: 95-011-16**

# **SELECTED 2003**





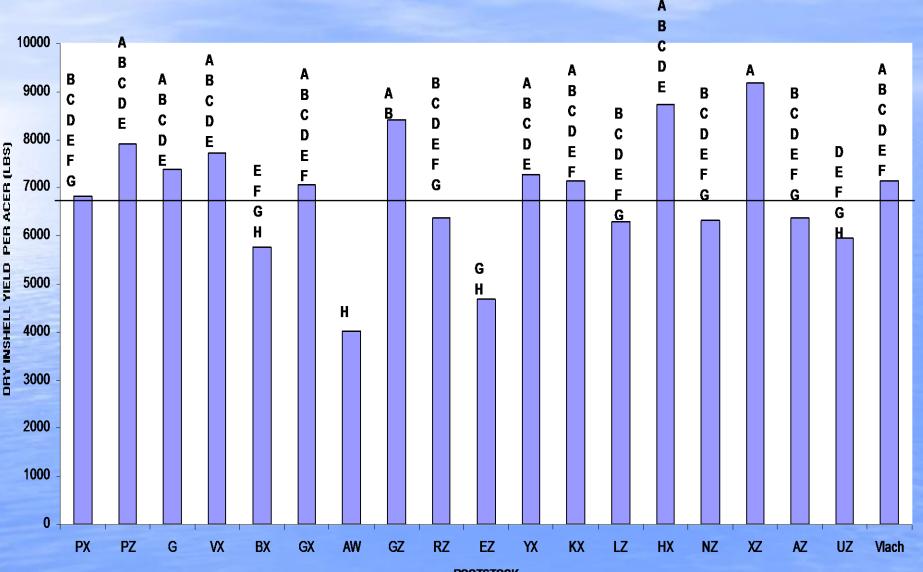
## SOLANO CHARACTERISTICS

1. PROTANDROUS (MALE FLOWERS BLOOM FIRST) 2. SIBLING OF IVANHOE (67-13 X CHICO)

- **3. HARVESTS ABOUT A WEEK AFTER PAYNE**
- 4. CONSIDERED TO BE A REPLACMENT FOR VINA TIMING
- **5. GOOD YIELD AND COLOR**
- 6. LARGE LIGHT COLORED KERNELS;. 7.9 GRAMS (LARGER THAN IVANHOE)
- 7. OVAL NUT WITH GOOD SHELL THICKNESS AND SEAL, SUITABLE FOR INSHELL
- 8. 54% EDIBLE KERNEL; MIGHT DARKEN WITH DELAYS IN HARVEST
- 9. TREES UPRIGHT AND VIGOROUS IN GROWTH HABIT

**10.AVAILABLE AT LICENSED NURSERIES.** 

Figure 3. Dry inshell yield per acre for 2006 (eighth leaf). Kings County Paradox Diversity Trial, (TulareCultivar). Grand mean of 6682 lbs/ac indicated by horizontal gridline. Four replications per mean. Treatments with similar letters are not statistically significant at p=0.05



ROOTSTOCK

# VX211

### Paradox (N. California Black x English)

- Exceptional vigor
- Tolerance to <u>nematodes</u>
- Some resistance to Phytophthora
- Excellent survival in orchard replant trials
- Additional trials are in progress
- VX211 is commercially available







### Field trial: wet site, Phytophthora cinnamomi





### **Texas black X English**

- Resistance to Phytophthora
  P. citricola and P. cinnamomi
- Smaller tree, less vigorous than VX211
- New field trials are underway
- RX1 is commercially available







- One of the first Paradox clones to be micropropagated
- 7-10 years in growers fields
- Is commercially available

# Vlach



# Methyl Bromide Alternatives Trial-Kings County

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# FUMIGATED

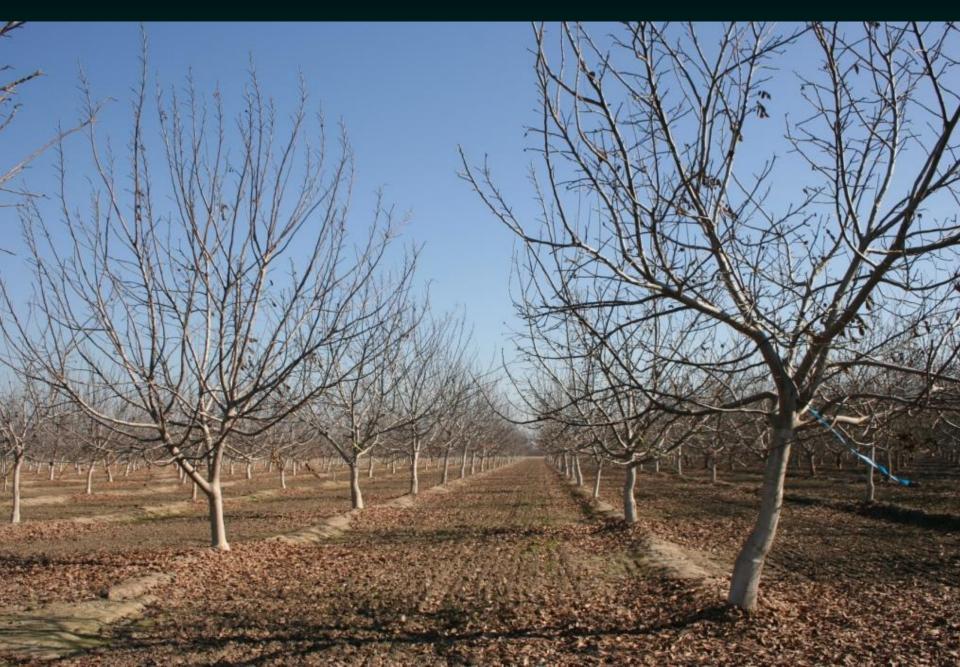
**Two-year-old Tulare Scion** 

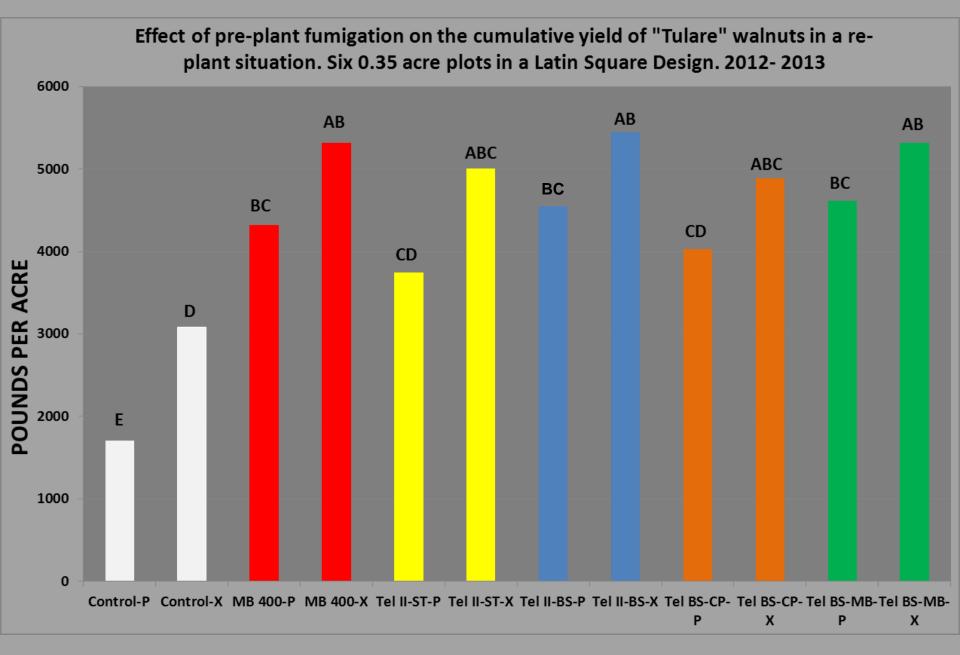


# **NO FUMIGATION CONTROL**

### SAME TREE AGE

### Fumigated Tulare Walnuts in a Replant Site: Fifth Leaf (Dec 2013)





### WHEN PLANTING CONVENTIONAL WALNUT TREES REMEMBER TO:

- 1. PLANT ON BERMS IF YOU PLAN ON BERMS. THIS PREVENTS BURYING THE CROWN OF THE TREE AND HIDING CROWN GALL.
- 2. DO NOT DIG OR AUGER THE PLANTING HOLES TOO DEEPLY. THIS ENCOURAGES PLANTING THE TREE TO DEEPLY.
- 3. DO NOT PLANT THE TREE TOO DEEPLY! THE UPPERMOST ROOT ON THE TREE SHOULD JUST BE COVERED BY THE SOIL. HEAD THE TREE AT ABOUT KNEE HIGH, LEAVING 4-5 LATERAL SCION BUDS. STAKE AND PAINT SOON AFTER PLANTING. THE TALLER THE STAKE THE BETTER!
- 4. WATER THE TREE IN ASAP AFTER PLANTING, AND MAKE SURE THAT THE SOIL HAS THOROUGHLY "CAVED IN" AROUND THE ROOTS. DIG WITH YOUR HAND OR A TROWEL TO CHECK THIS TO BE TRUE!
- 5. DO NOT WATER THE TREE TO SOON AFTER LEAF OUT! WATER USE IS VERY LOW AT THIS TIME. CHECK THE SOIL MOISTURE FREQUENTLY BY HAND, AND IRRIGATE WHEN IT NO LONGER HOLDS TOGETHER WHEN LIGHTLY BOUNCED IN YOUR HAND.
- 6. PLACING FERTILIZERS IN THE HOLE AT PLANTING WAS TESTED BY SIBBETT, AND FOUND TO BE OF NO VALUE IN IMPROVED GROWTH.

#### WHEN PLANTING CONVENTIONAL WALNUT TREES REMEMBER TO:

- 7. ONCE THE TREES REACH ABOUT 12 INCHES OF GROWTH, SELECT THREE OF THE MOST VIGOROUS SHOOTS IN THE BEST POSITIONS, AND REMOVE THE REST TO DRIVE THE VIGOR INTO THE REMAINING THREE. MAKE YOUR FIRST TIE ON THE LONGEST SHOOT. APPLY A FOLIAR ZINC SPRAY (3 POUNDS ZINC SULFATE/100 GALLONS WATER). APPLY YOUR FIRST NITROGEN AT ABOUT 12 INCHES.
- 8. SUCKER THE TREE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW HAND REMOVAL OF ROOTSTOCK SHOOTS. SUCKER WITH UN32 AT YOUR DESIRED CONCENTRATION AT YOUR OWN RISK. SUCKING EARLY REDUCES THE NEED FOR PRUNING TOOLS AND LARGE WOUNDS, BOTH WHICH CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF CROWN GALL.
- 9. AT ABOUT 24", THIN OFF ONE OR BOTH OF THE EXTRA SHOOTS, OR CUT THEM IN HALF TO FORCE GROWTH INTO THE SELECTED SHOOT. SELECT A NEW MAIN SHOOT IF IT IS GROWING MUST FASTER THAN THE ORIGINAL ONE NOW TIED TO THE STAKE.
- 10. IF SURFACE IRRIGATING, WATER IN FURROWS ON EACH SIDE OF THE TREE FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS TO PREVENT DROWNING THE TREES, CONSERVE WATER, AND REDUCE PUMPING COSTS.

# PLANTING WALNUTS: CLONAL VERSUS CONVENTIONAL PLANTS









## HEADRICK TIME OF PLANTING TRIAL

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### AUGUST 15, 2007 PLANTING ON APRIL 11, 2008



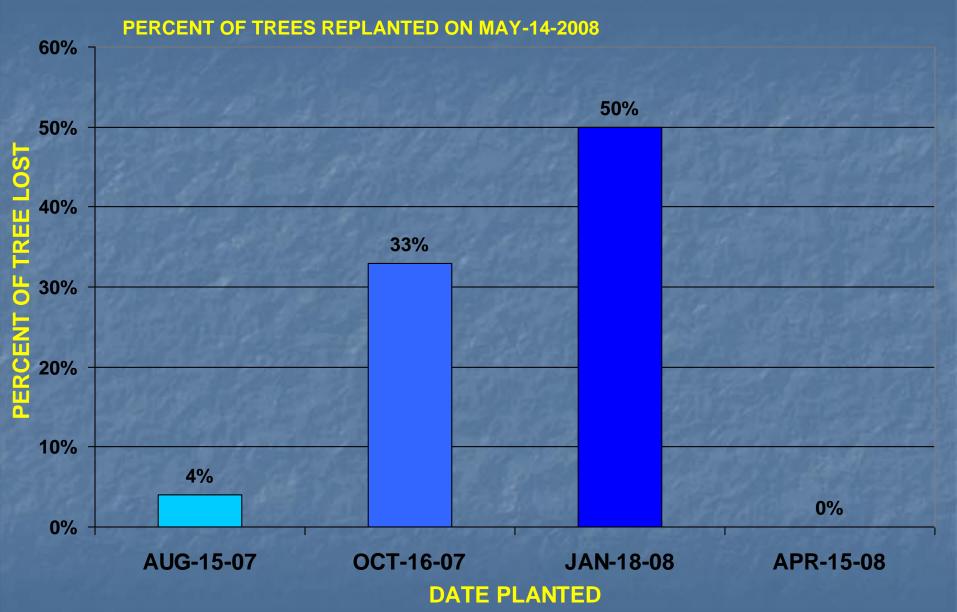
OCTOBER 16, 2007 PLANTING ON APRIL 11, 2008

### JAN 18, 2008 PLANTING ON APRIL 11, 2008

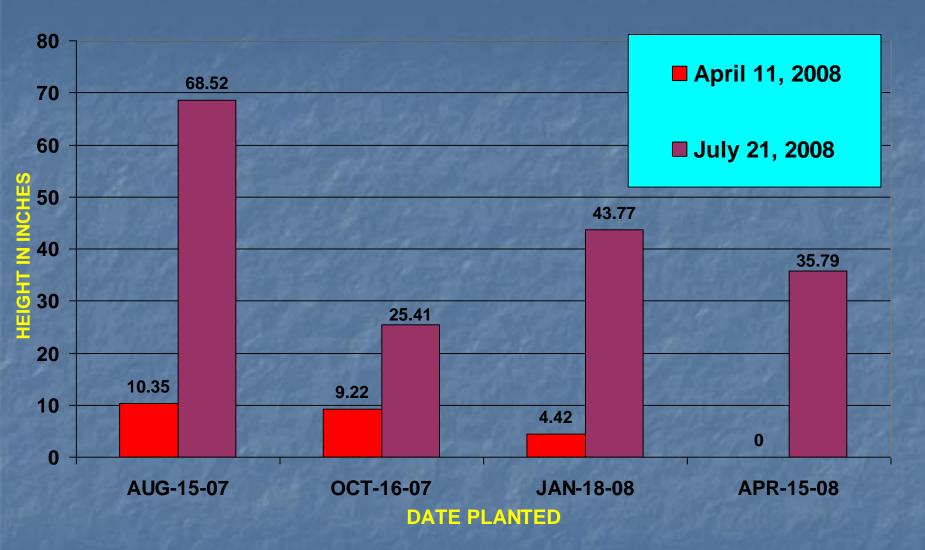




#### **HEADRICK FARMS TIME OF PLANTING PROJECT**



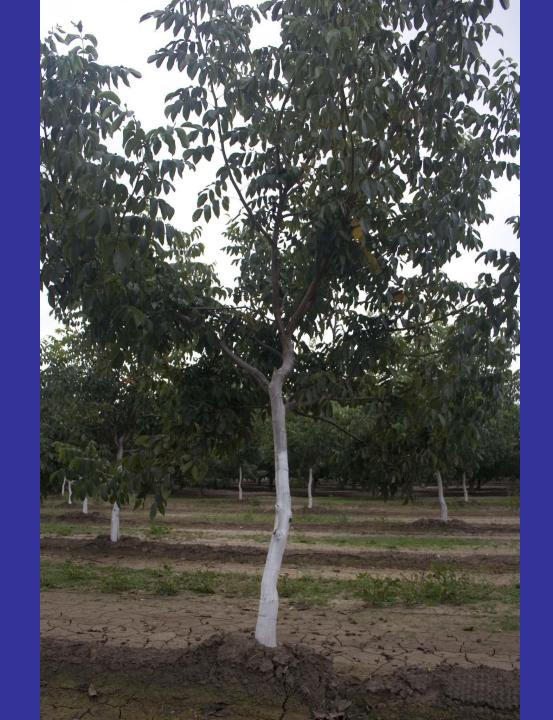
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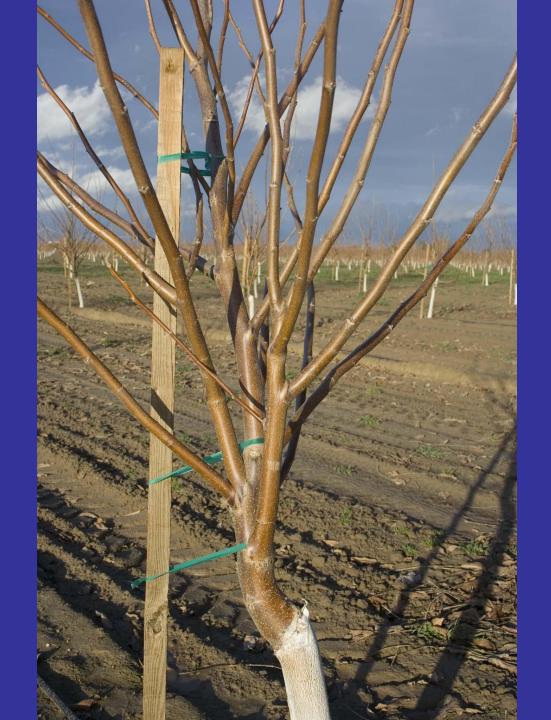




















## **THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!**

## **COMMENTS ARE WELCOME!**