

2024 Update on Thrips and INSV

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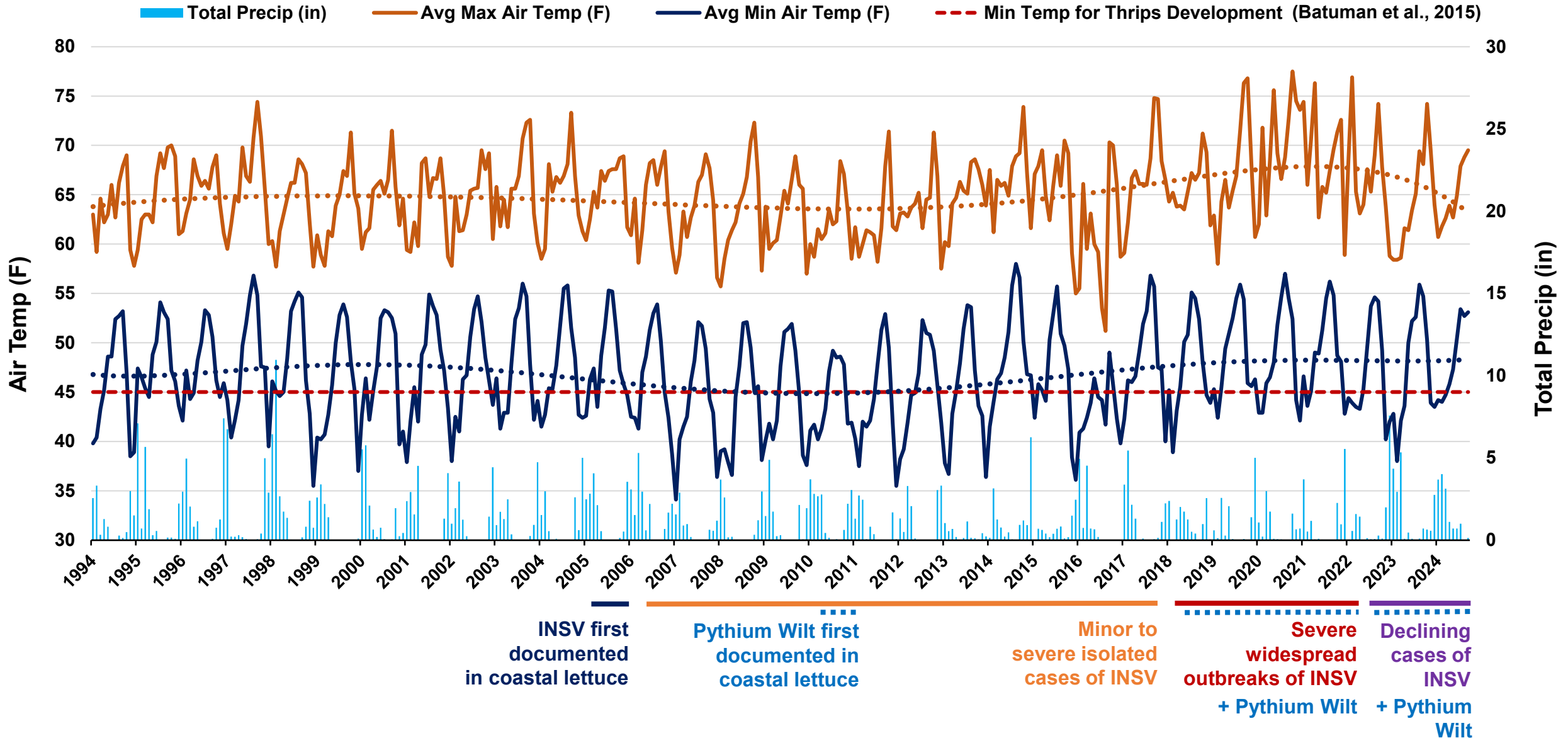
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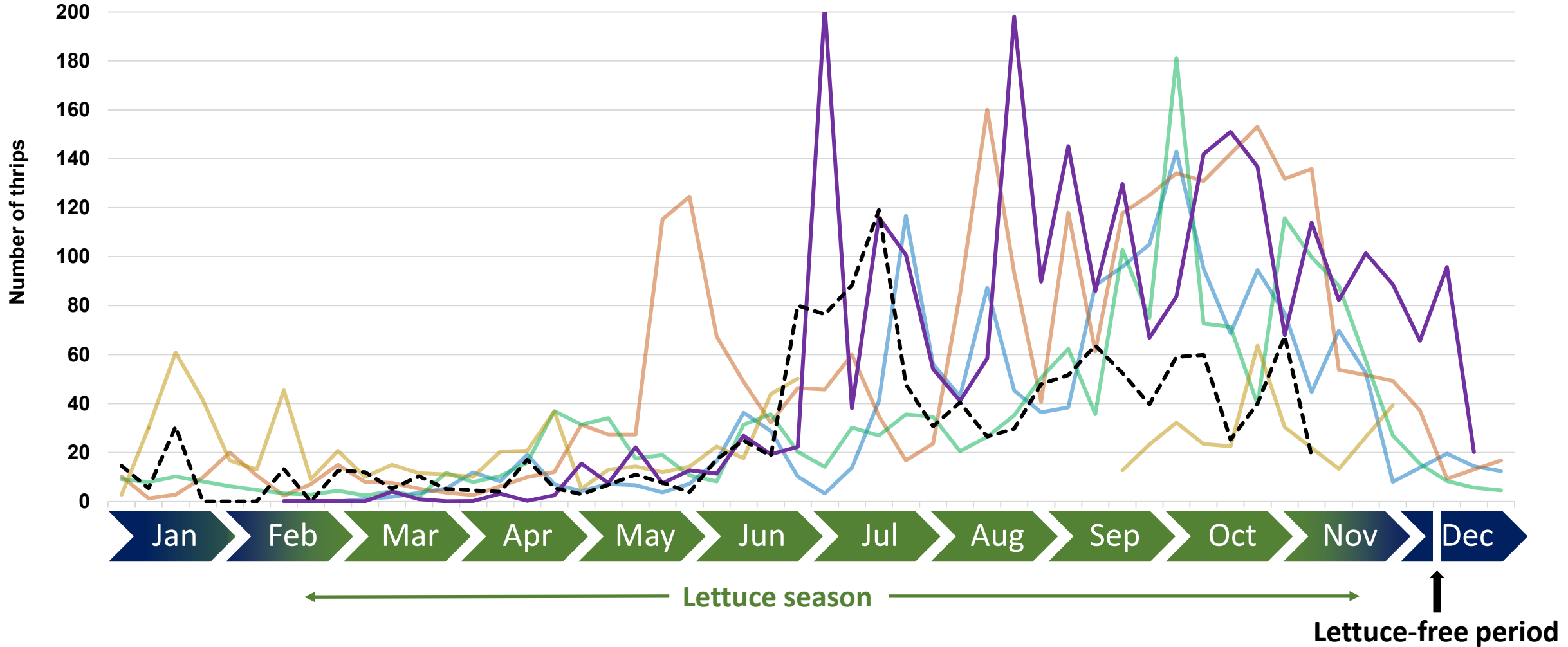
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Thrips monitoring: 2019 - 2024

Thrips/Sticky Card/Week (Salinas Valley Averages)

— 2019 — 2020 — 2021 — 2022 — 2023 - - - 2024

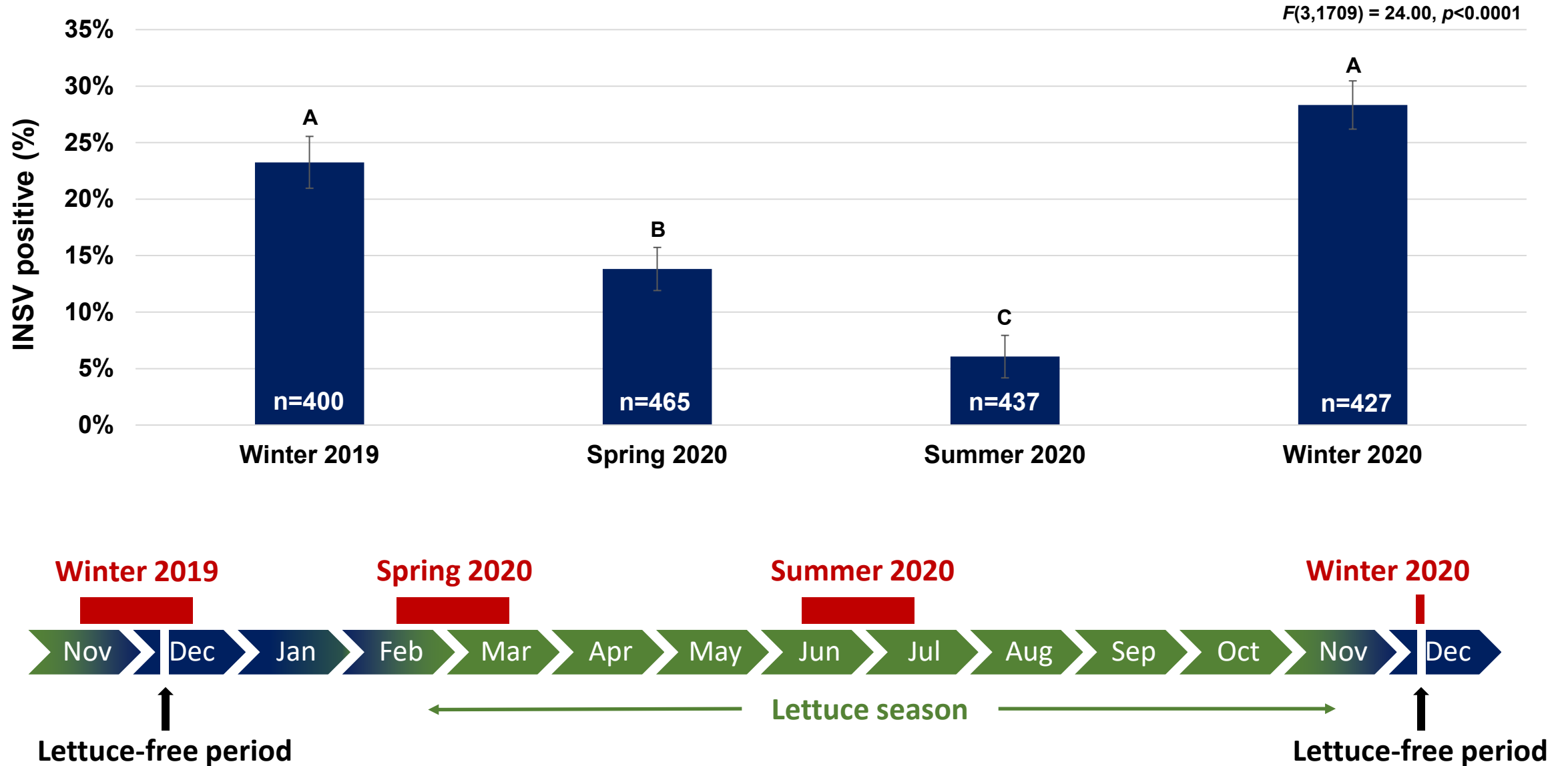


Top 10 non-lettuce hosts for INSV in the Salinas Valley, CA

	Common name	Scientific name	Family	Category	Seasonal abundance			
					Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
1	Little Mallow	<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Malvaceae (Mallow Family)	Broadleaf	++	++	++	++
2	Annual Sowthistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)	Broadleaf	++	++	++	++
3	Nettleleaf goosefoot	<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot Family)	Broadleaf	+	++	++	++
4	Mare's Tail	<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)	Broadleaf	+	++	++	++
5	Field Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Convolvulaceae (Morning glory Family)	Broadleaf	0	++	++	++
6	Shepherds Purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Brassicaceae (Mustard Family)	Broadleaf	++	++	++	++
7	Common Purslane	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Portulacaceae (Purslane Family)	Broadleaf	0	+	++	++
8	Hairy Fleabane	<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)	Broadleaf	+	++	++	++
9	Burning Nettle	<i>Urtica urens</i>	Urticaceae (Nettle Family)	Broadleaf	++	++	++	++
10	Common Lambsquarter	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot Family)	Broadleaf	0	++	++	++

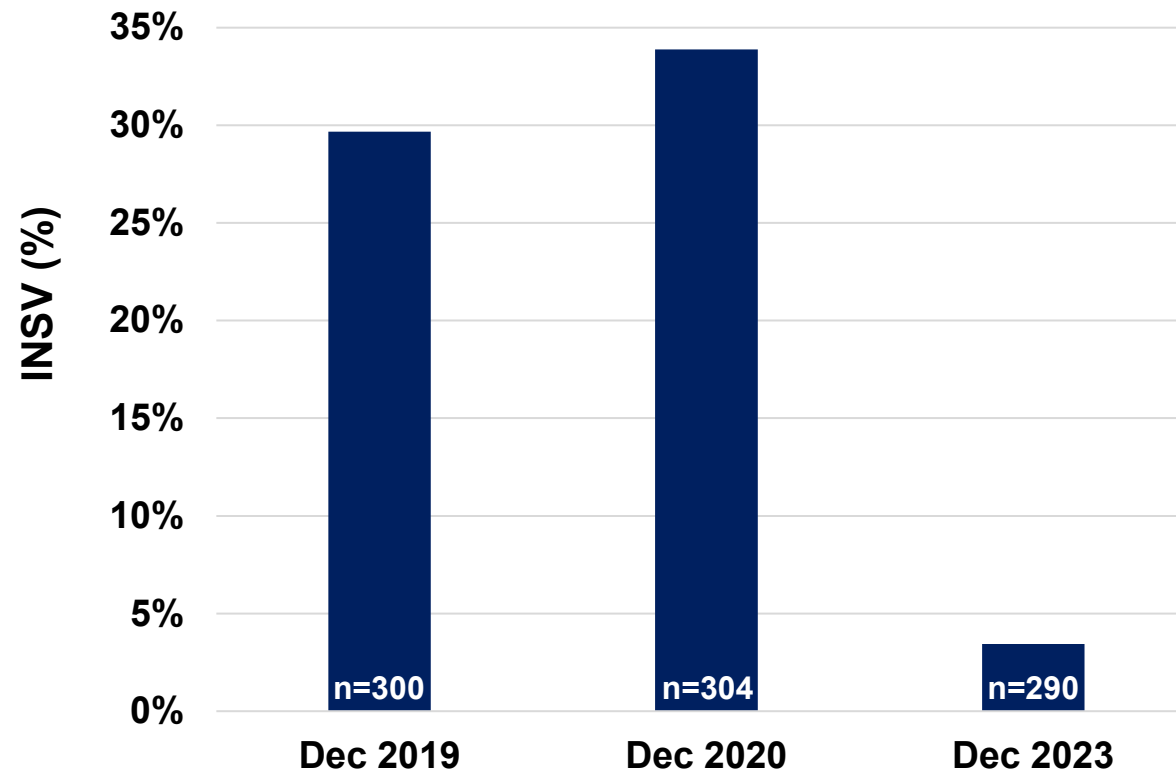
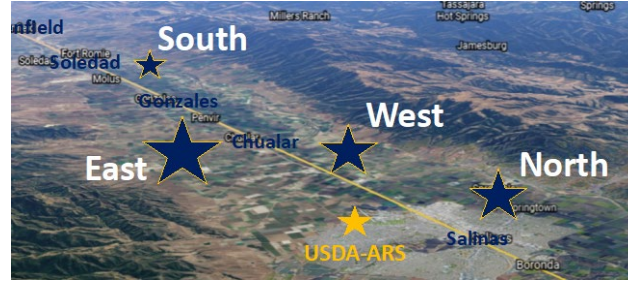


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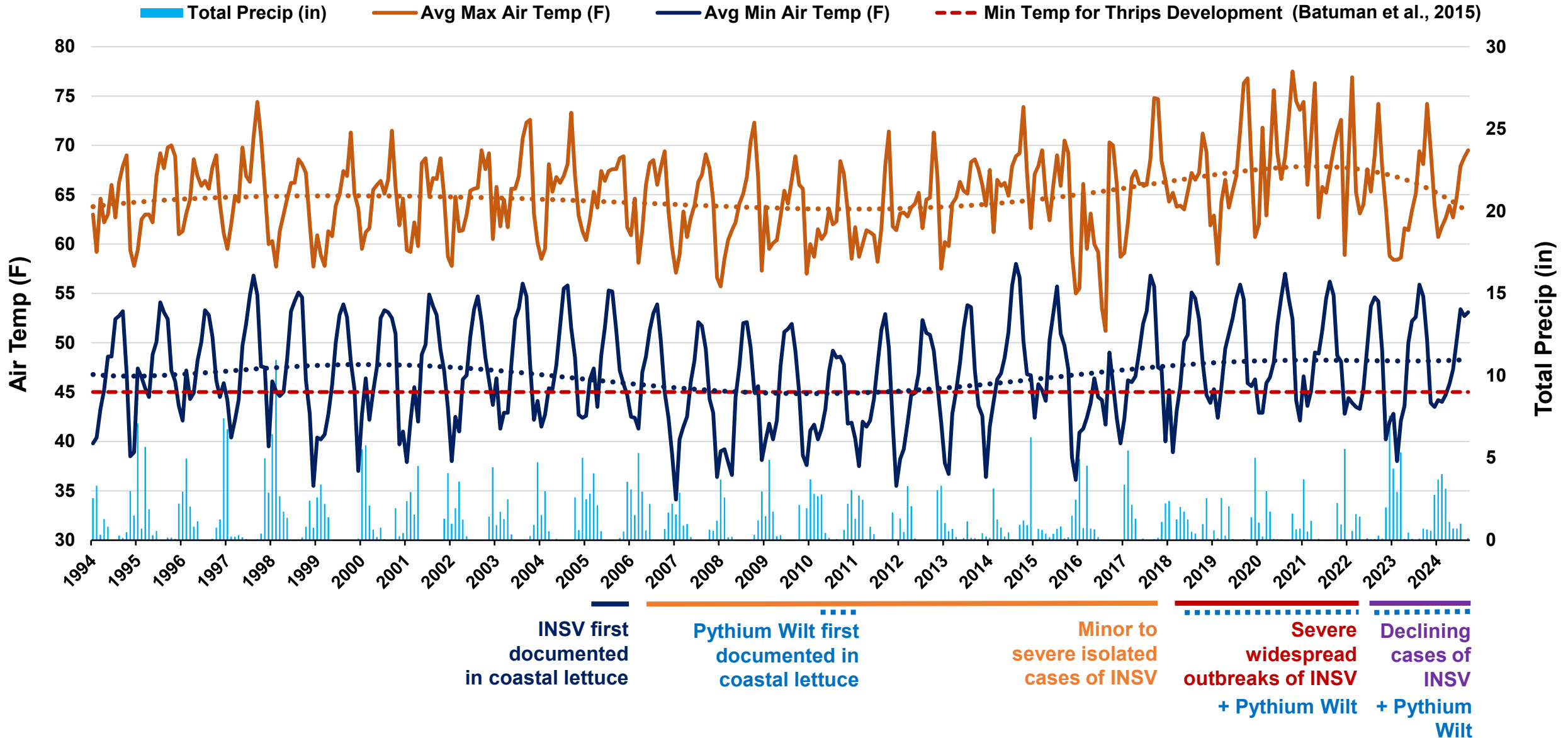
2023 field surveys: top 10 hosts for INSV

8 locations: East and West



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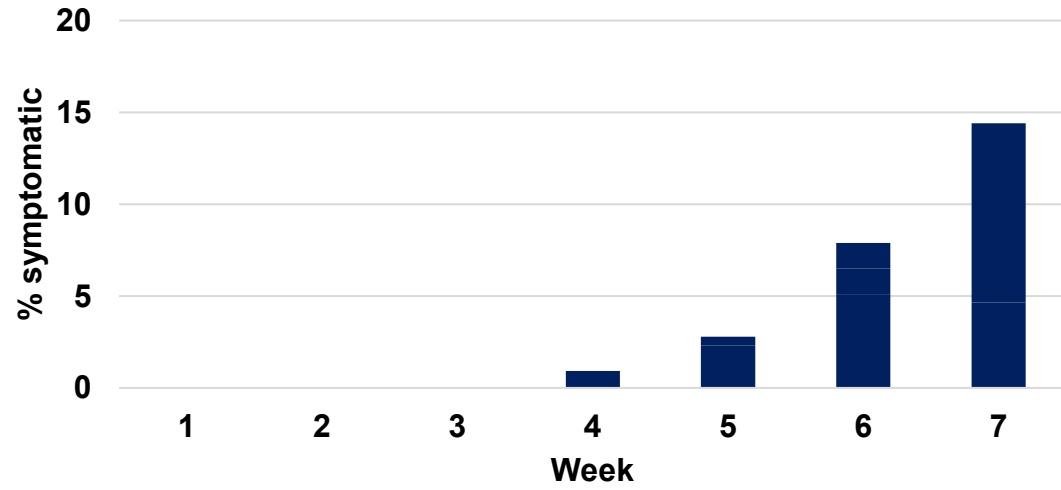


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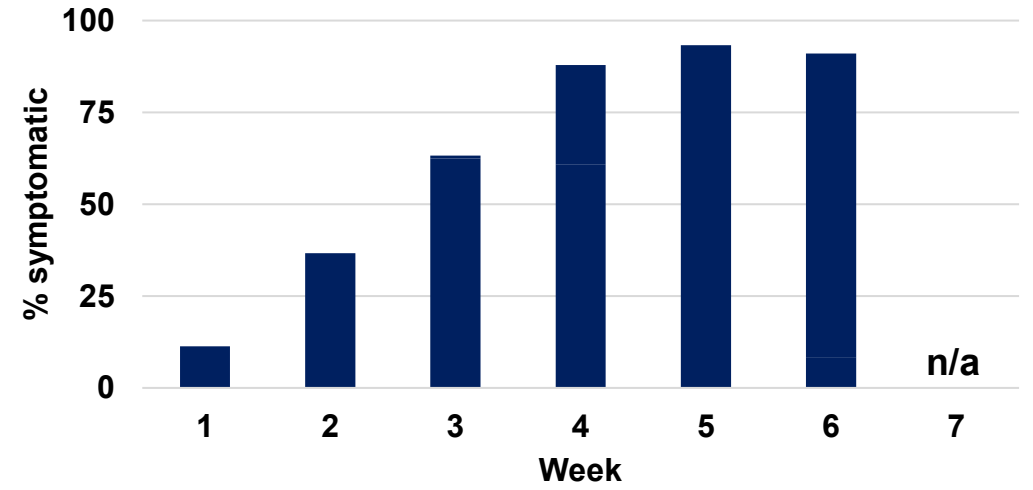


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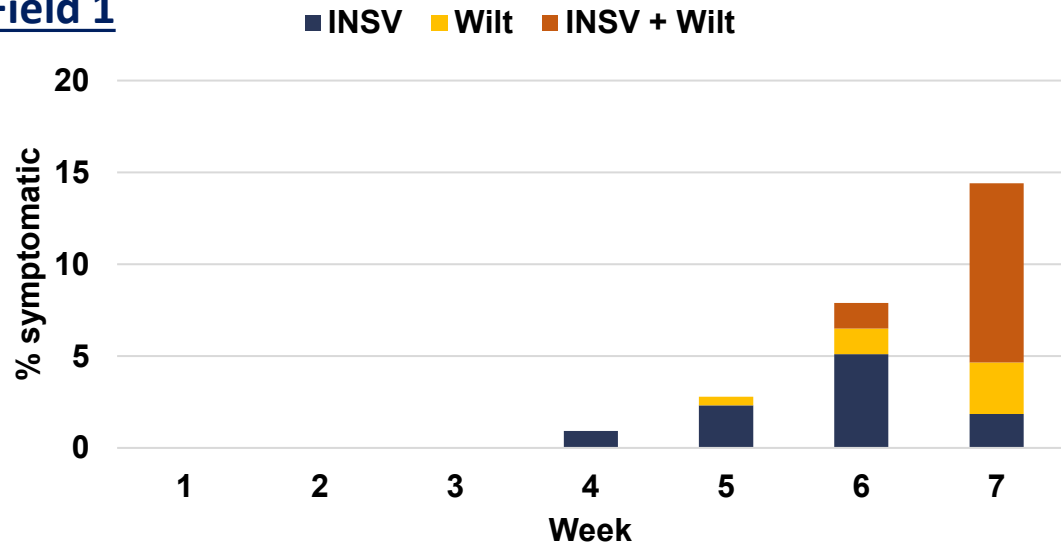


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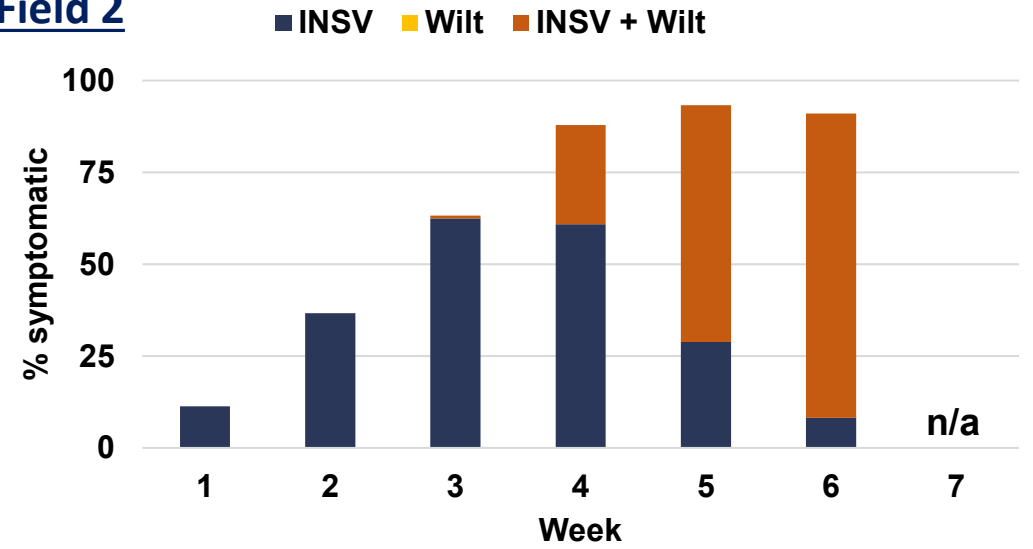


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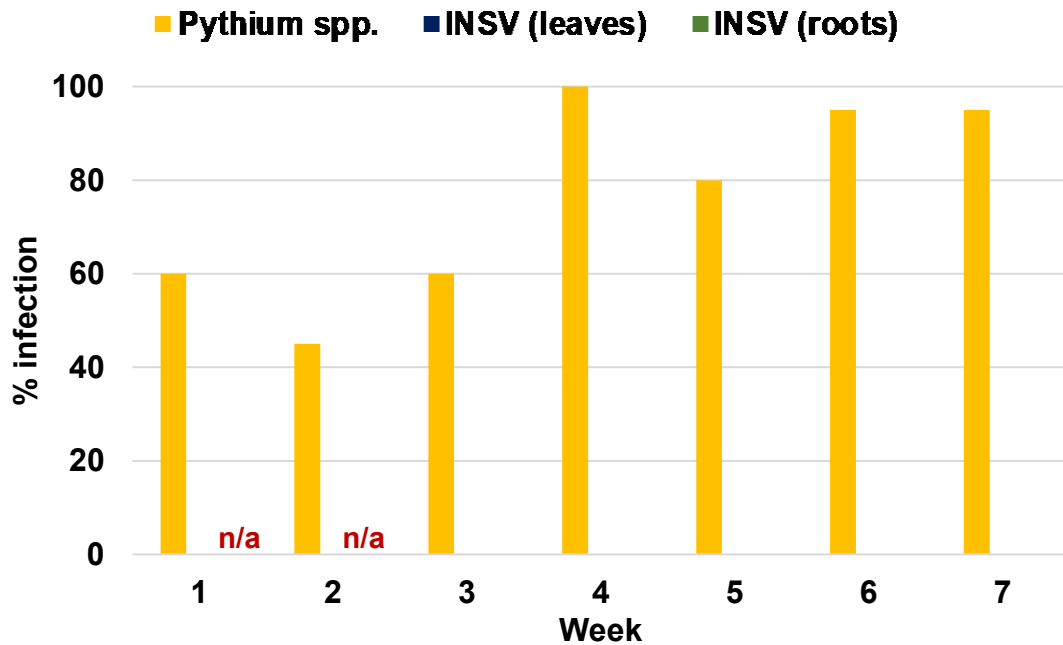
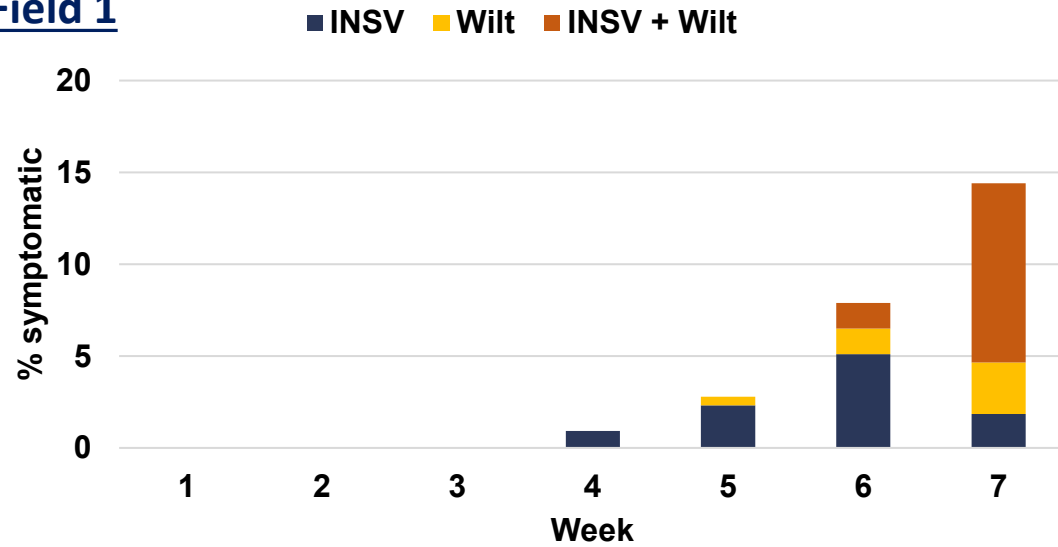


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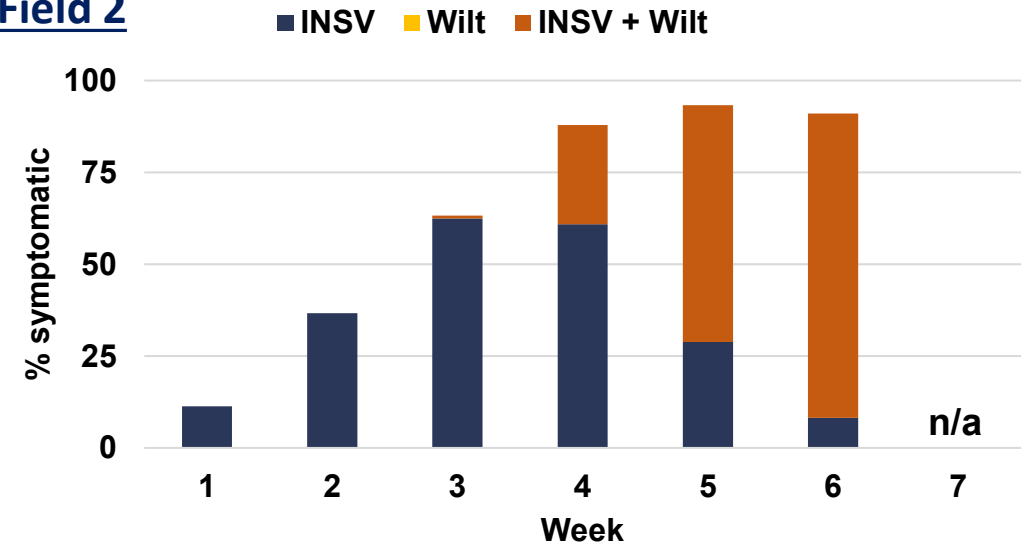


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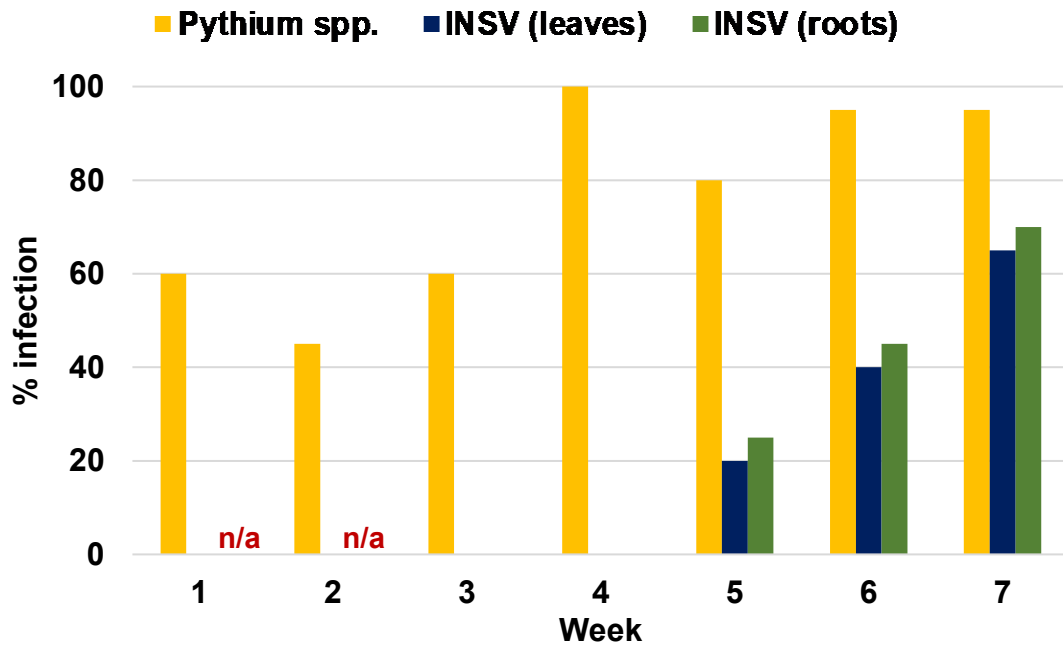
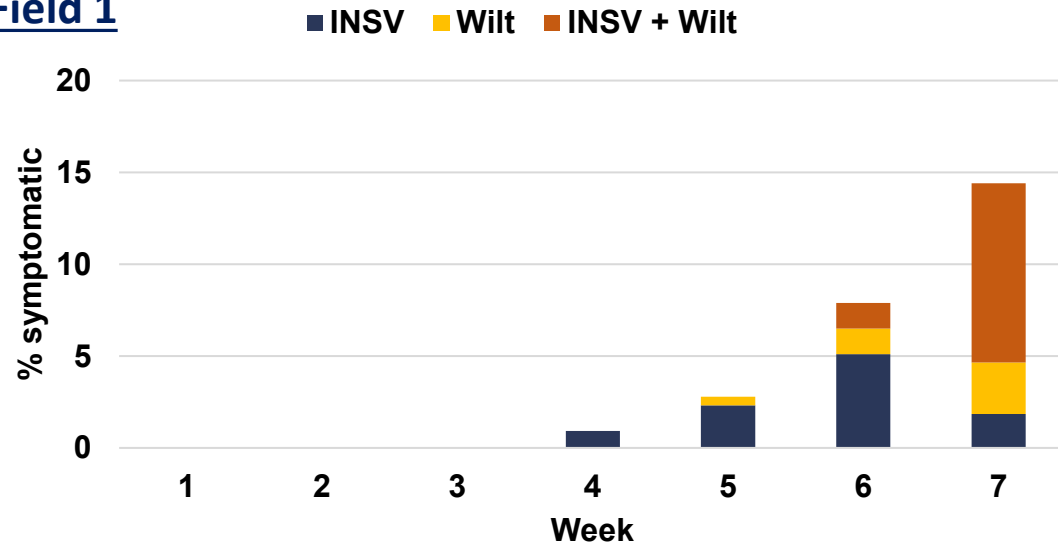


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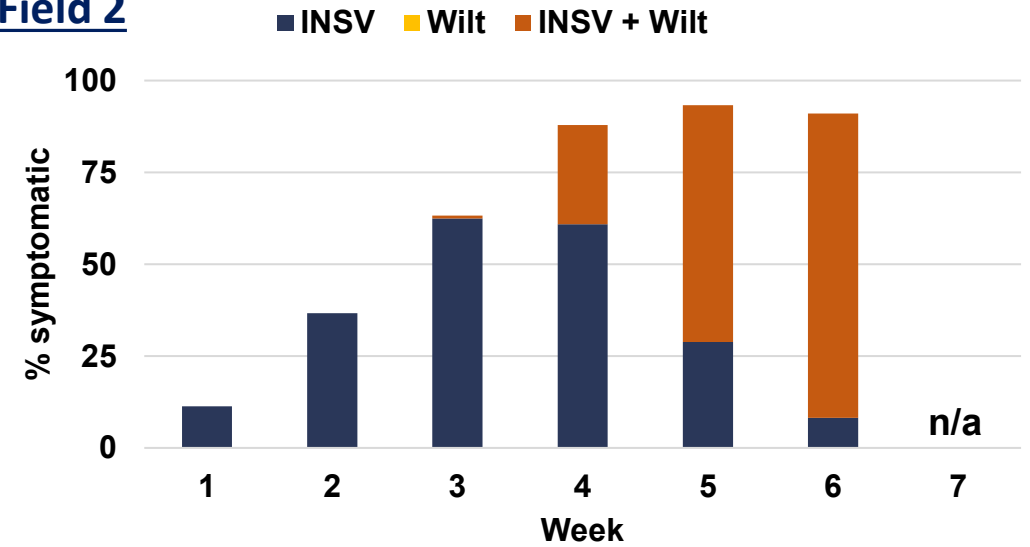


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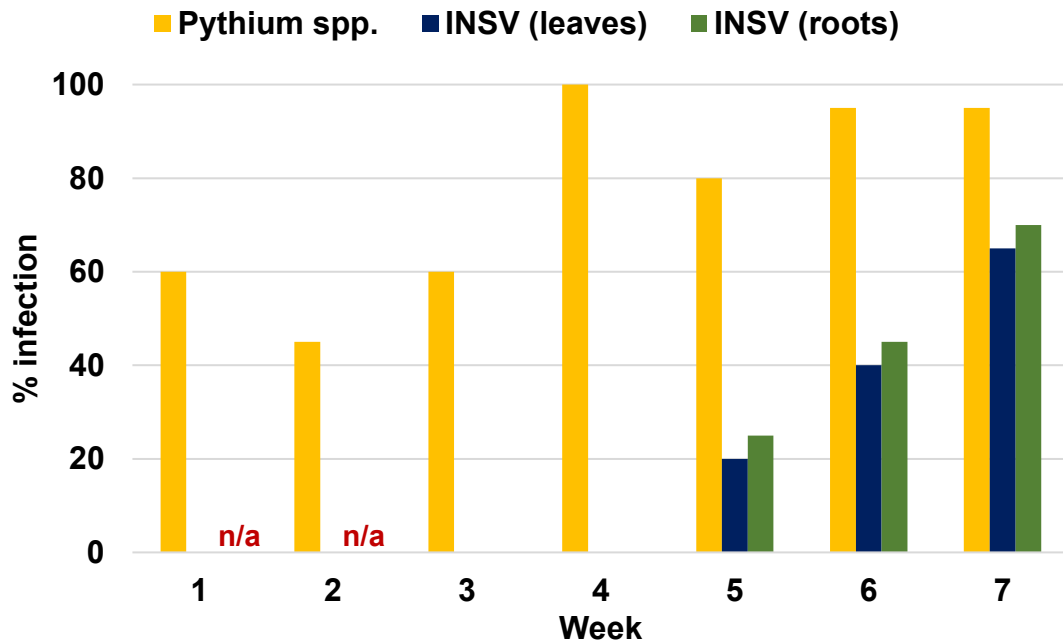
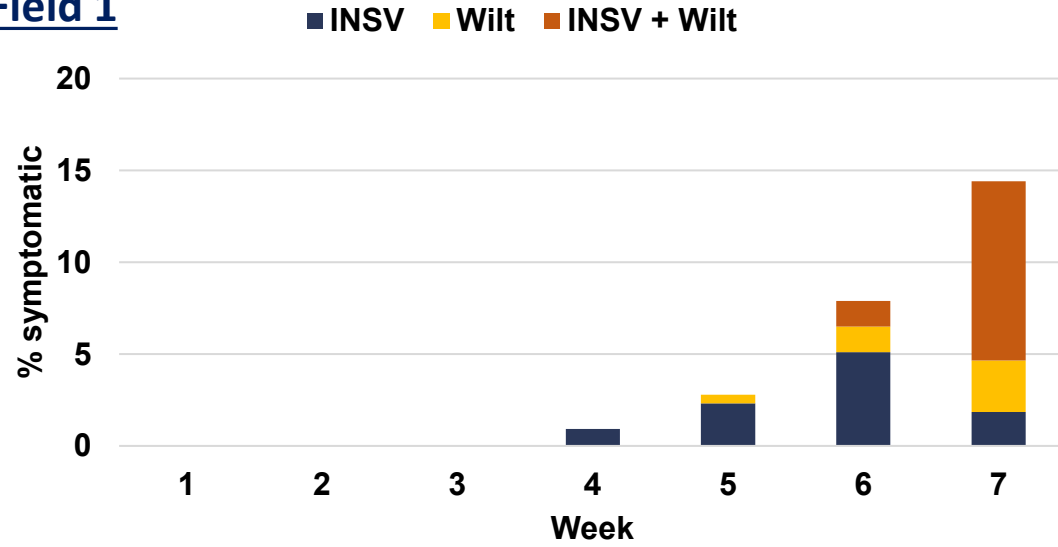


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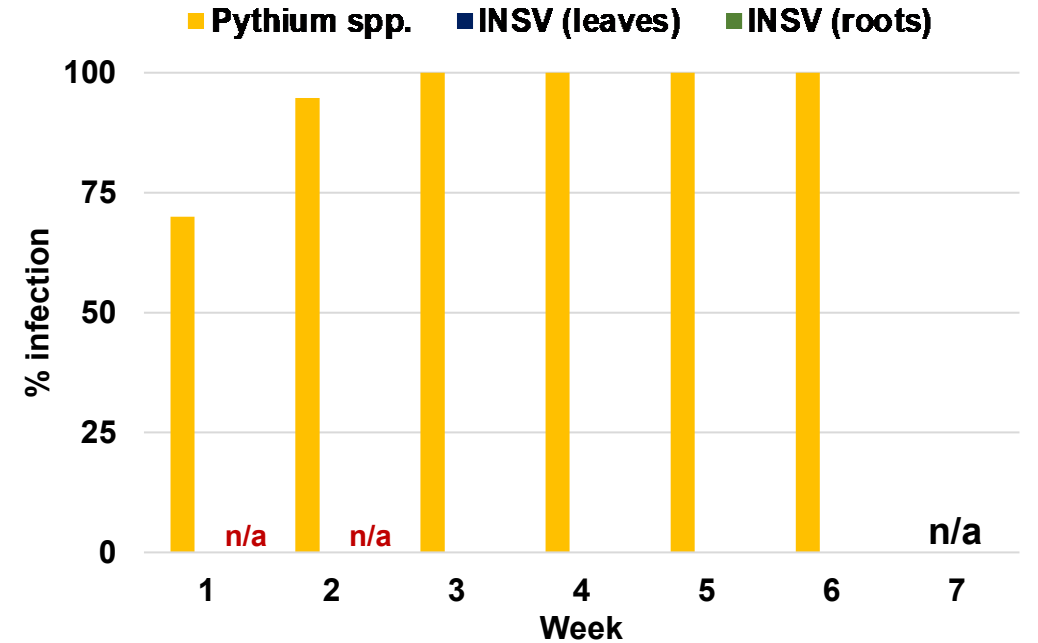
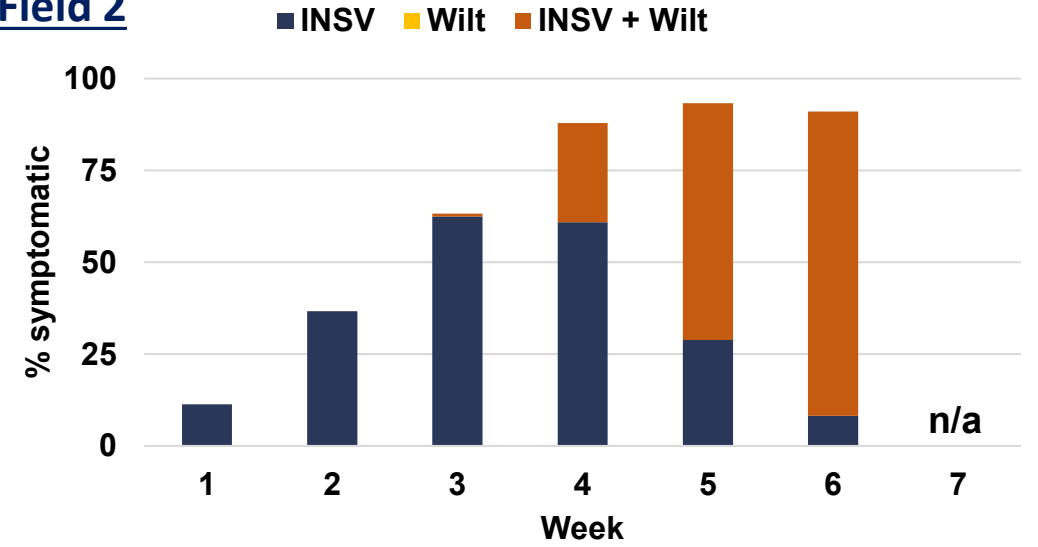


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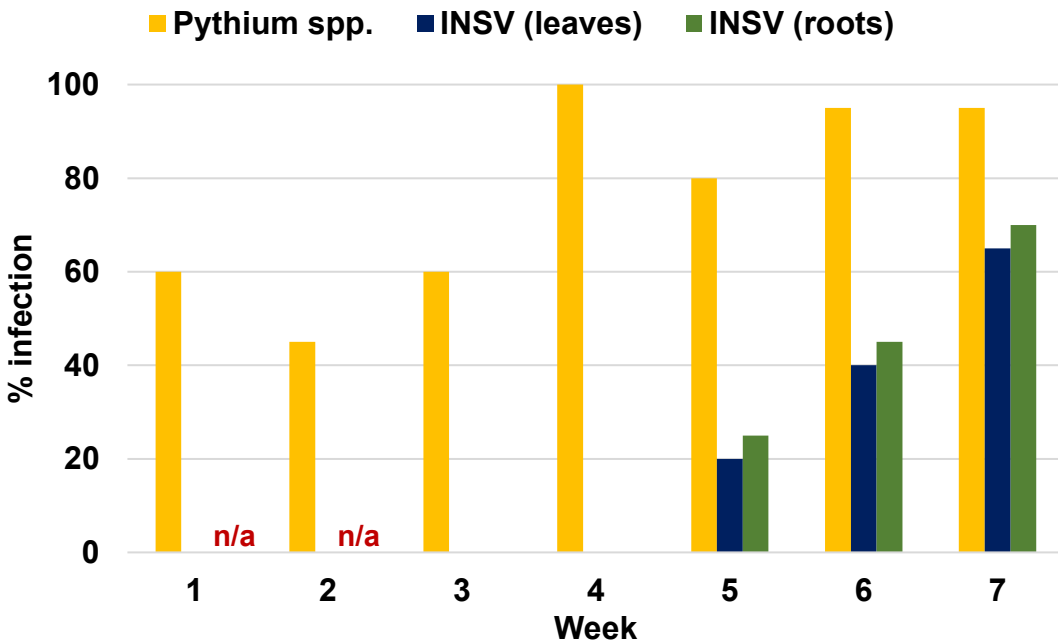
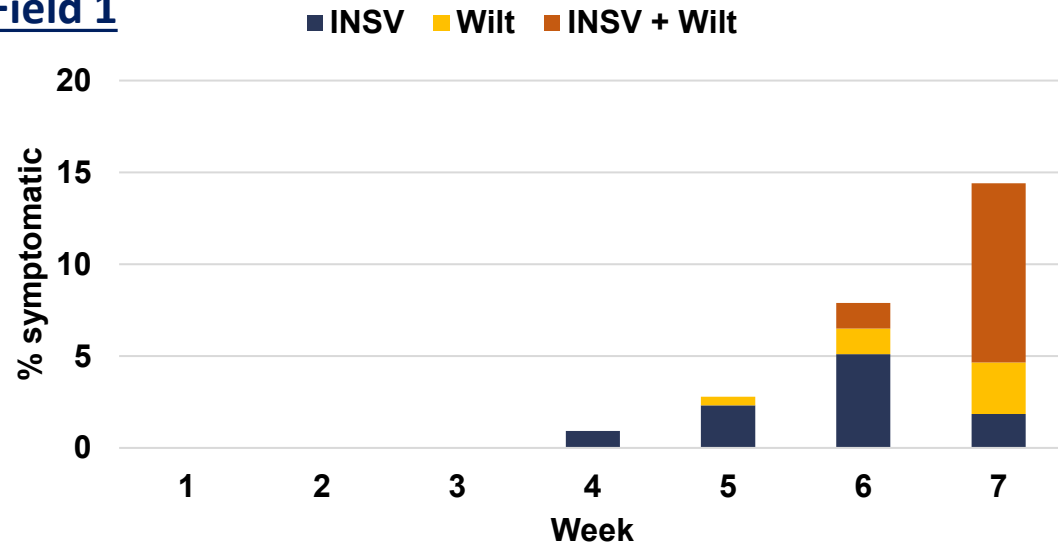


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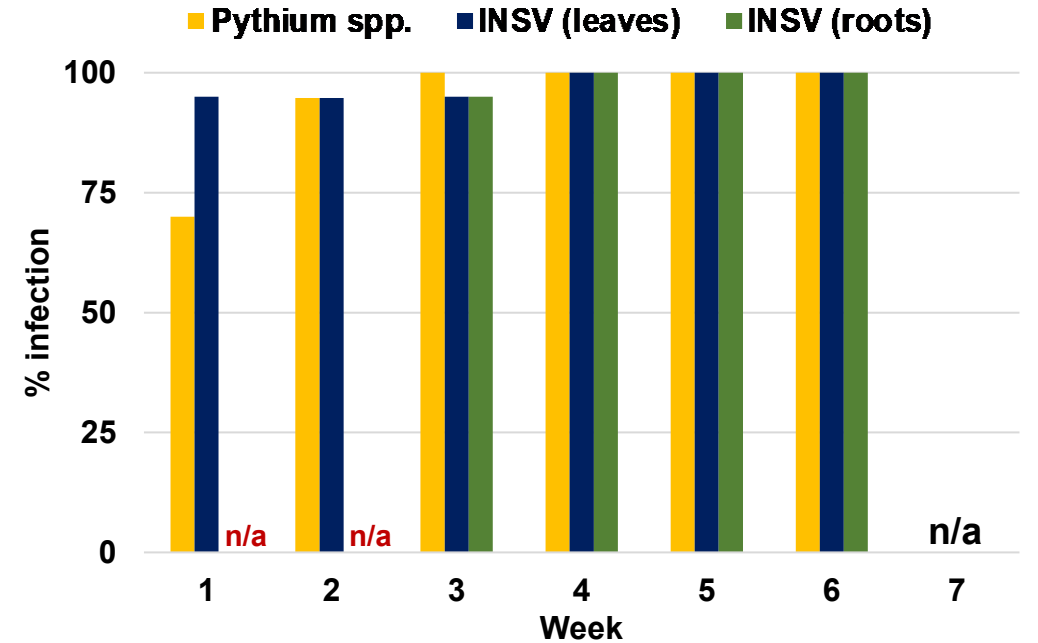
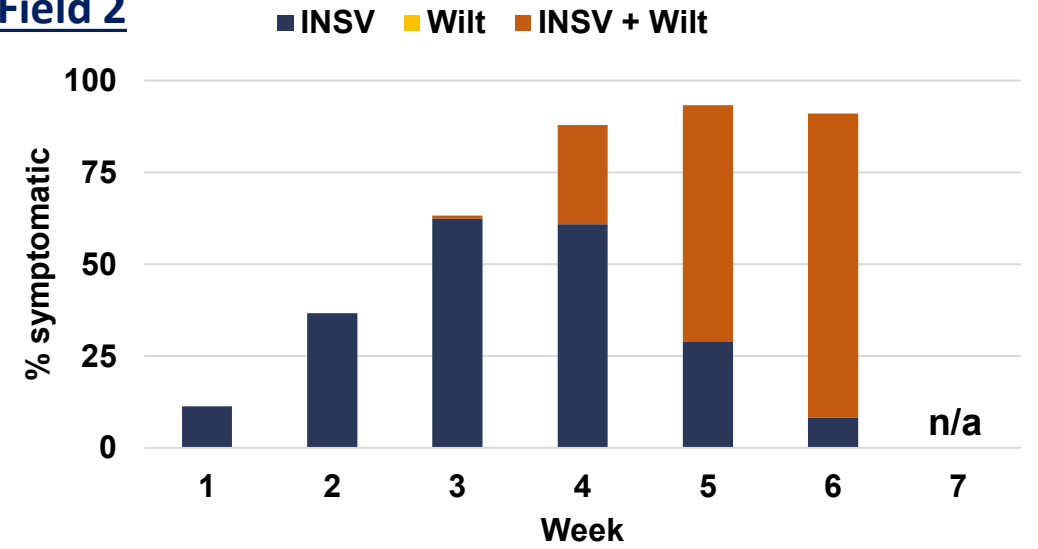


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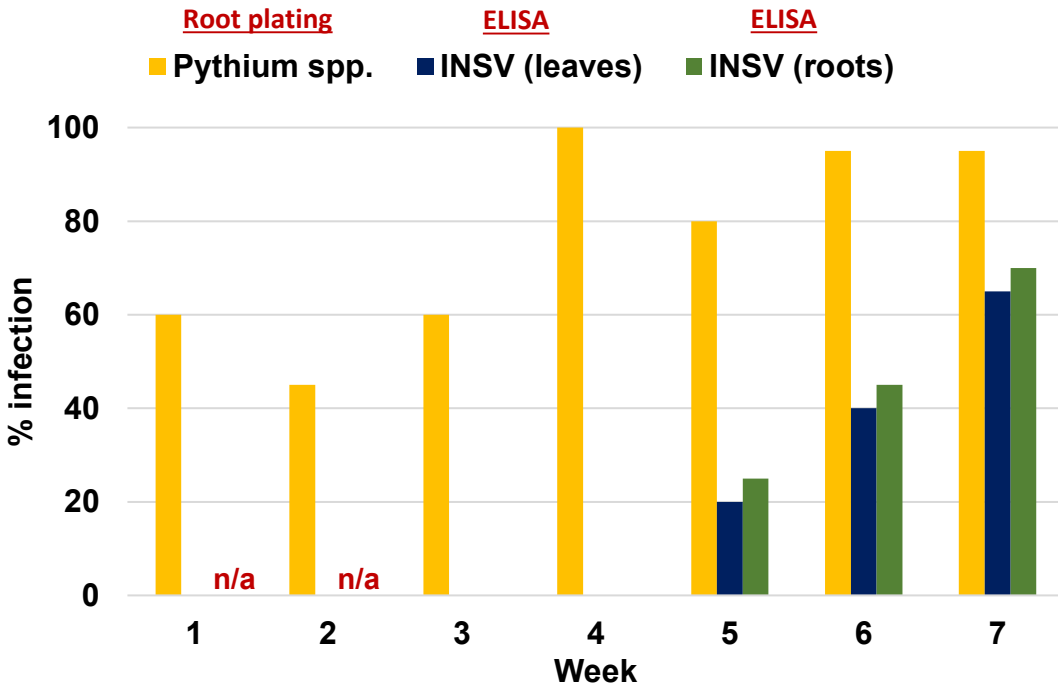
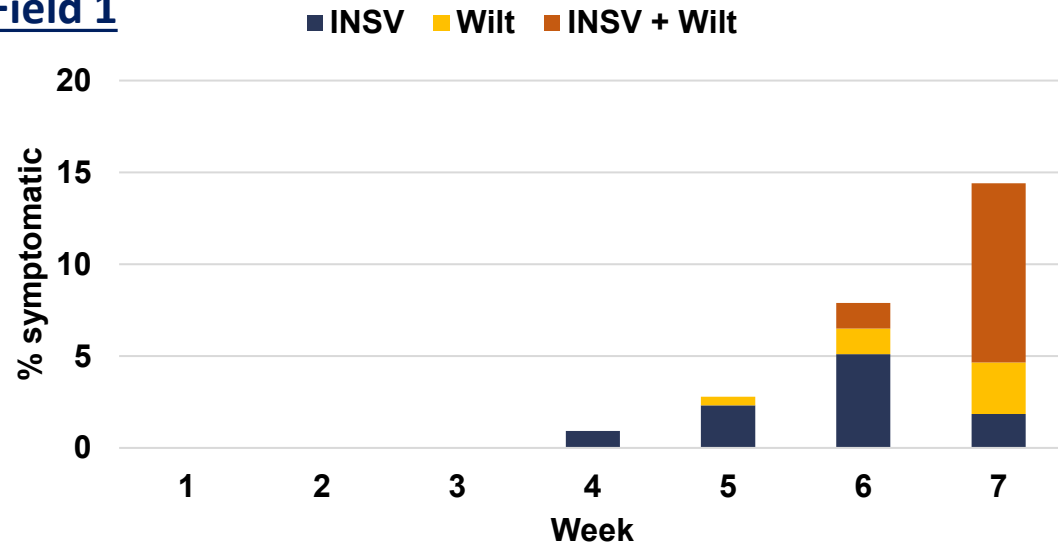


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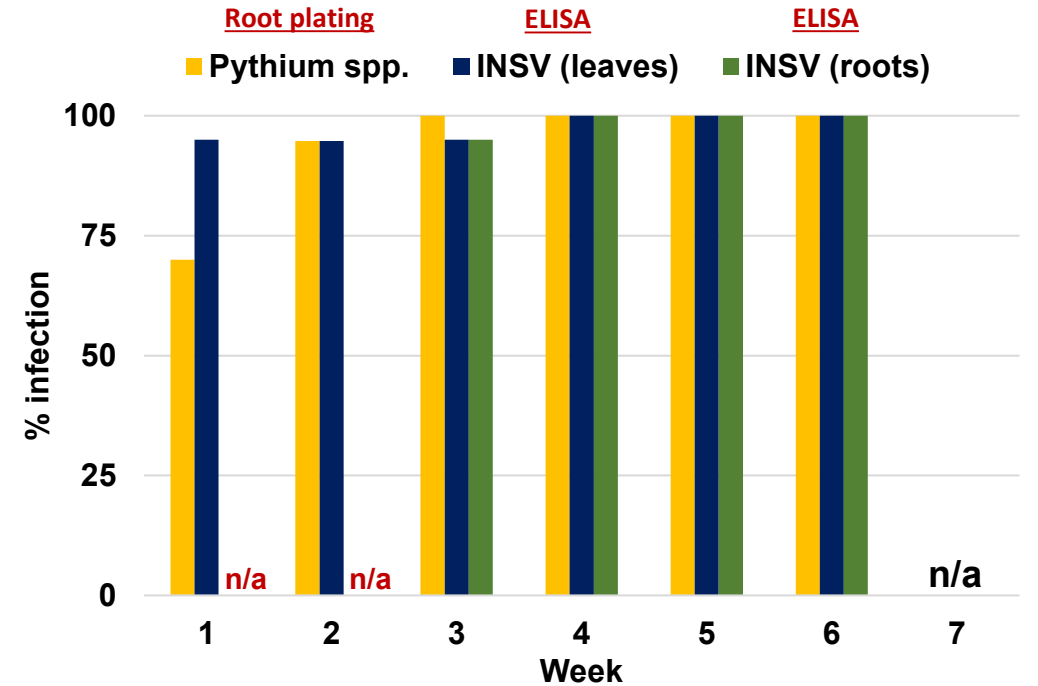
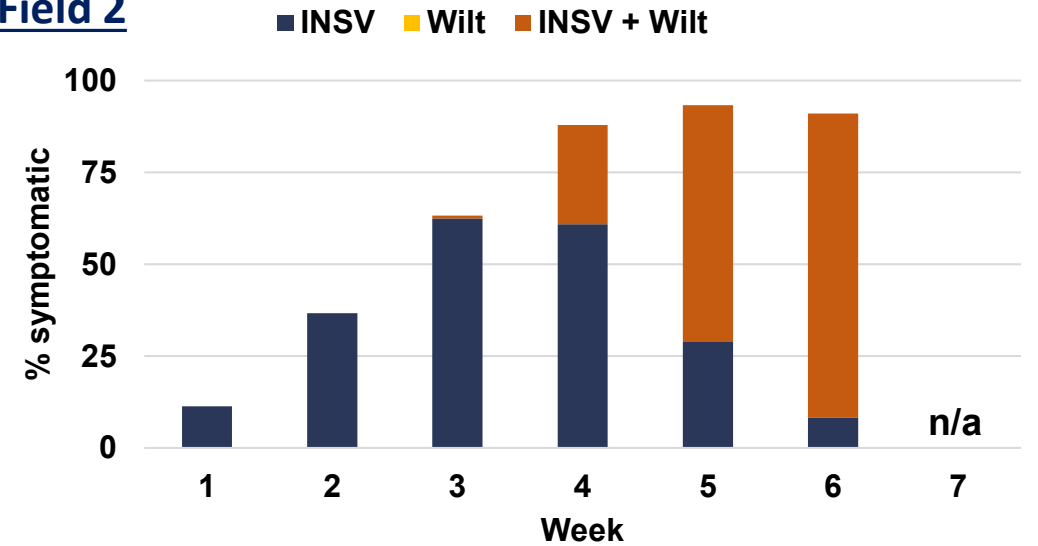


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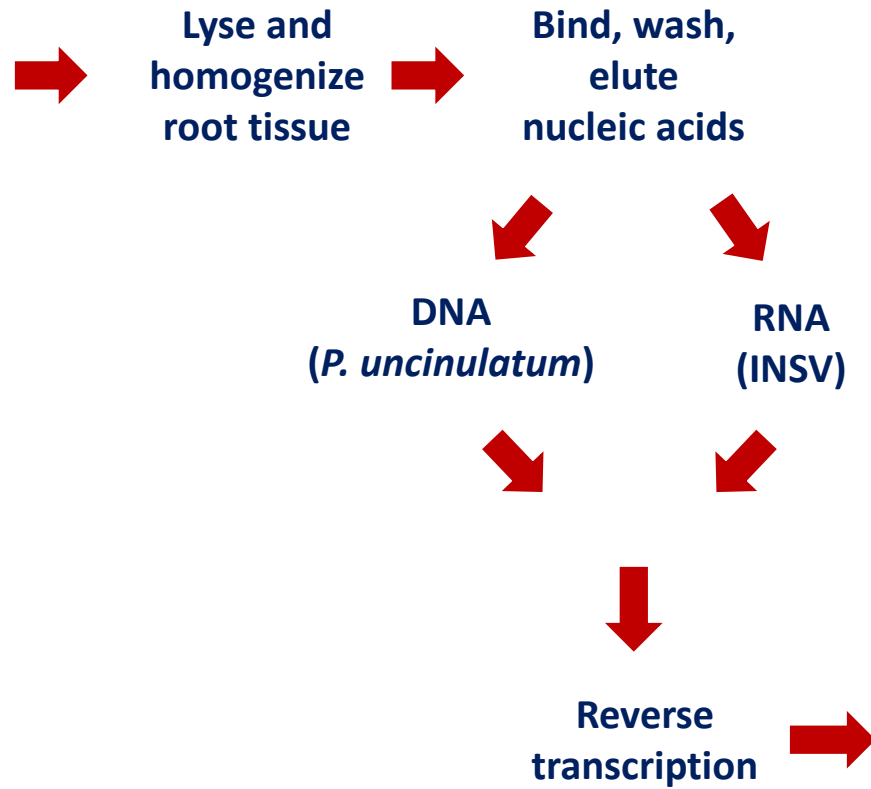


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Multiplex detection assay for INSV and *P. uncinulatum*

qPCR



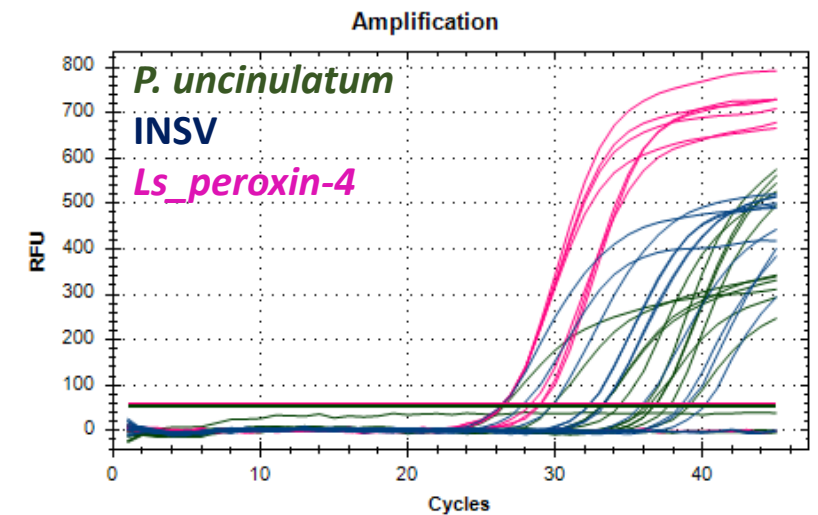
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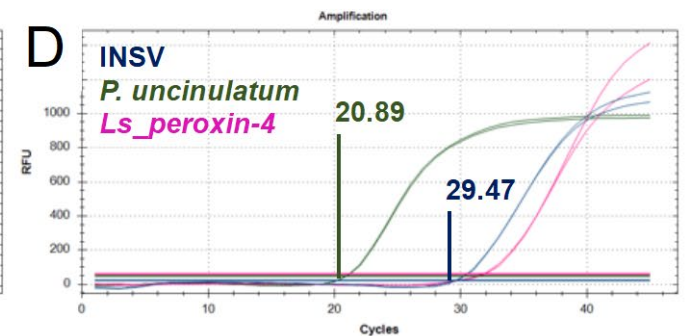
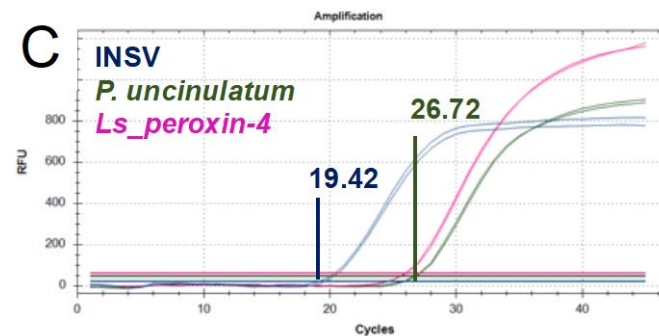
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Creation of a new tool to detect INSV and Pythium uncinulatum from a single root sample



	1	2	3	4	5	6
INSV	↑ 19.42	24.11	23.44	22.94	24.72	29.57 ↓
<i>P. uncinulatum</i>	↓ 26.72	25.95	22.65	20.90	21.76	20.89 ↑



INSV + *P. uncinulatum* co-inoculation studies



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~3 weeks



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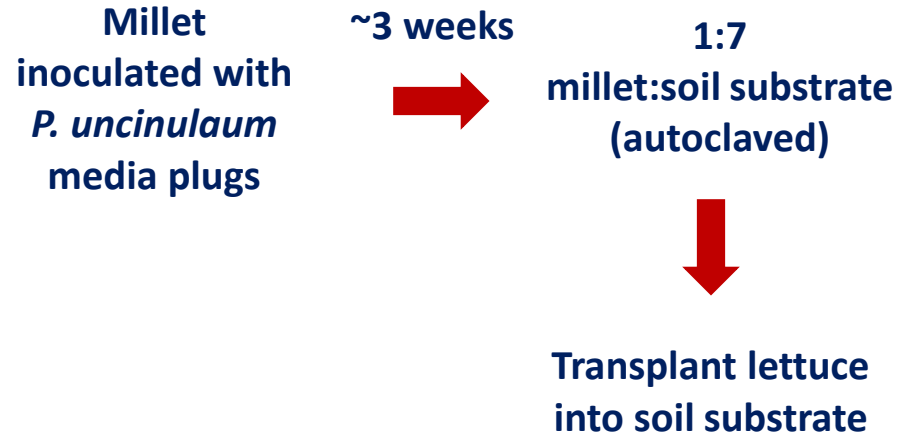


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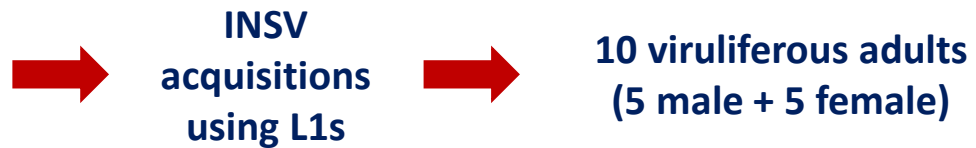
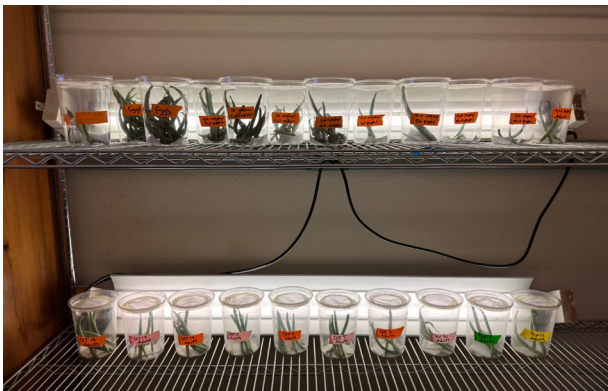


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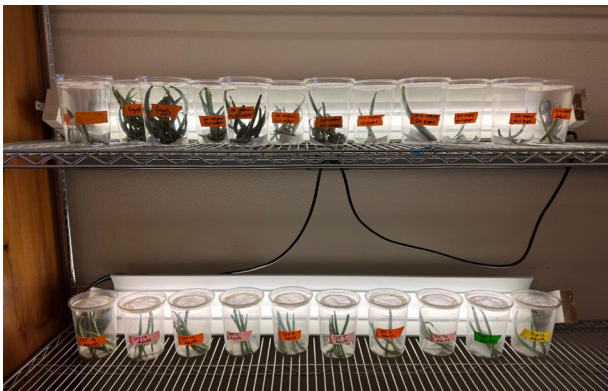


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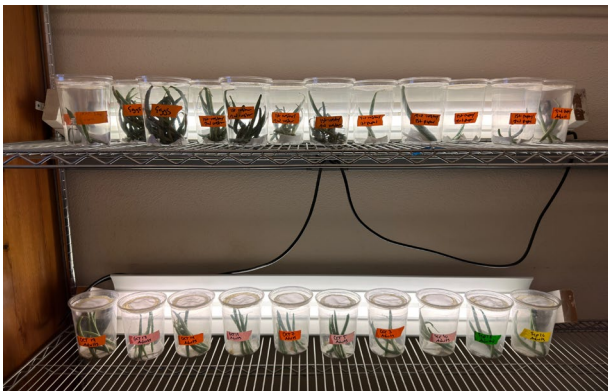
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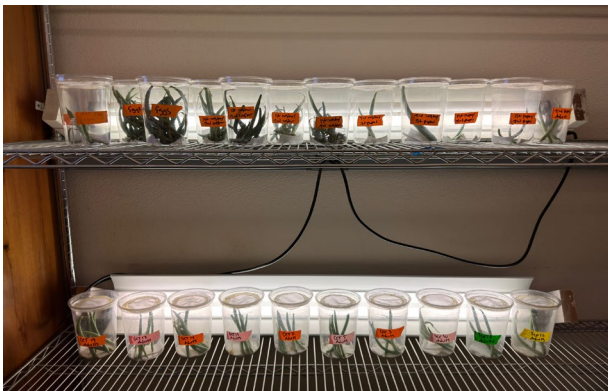


Evaluations

- Symptom severity
- Abundance of INSV and *Pythium uncinulatum*

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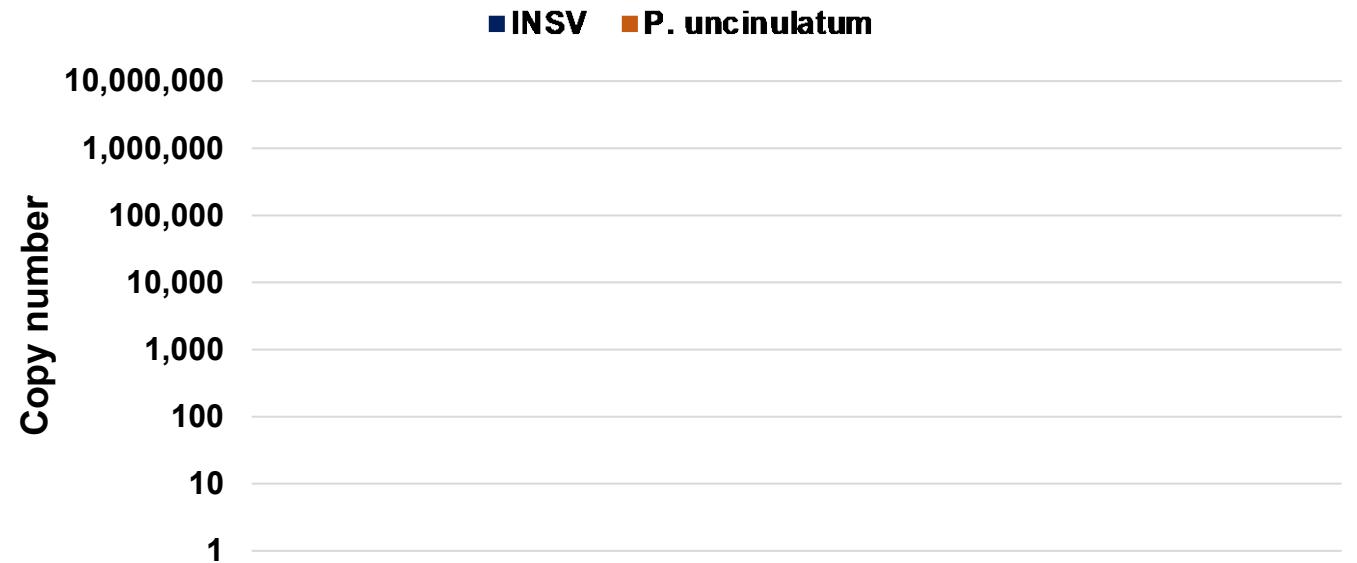
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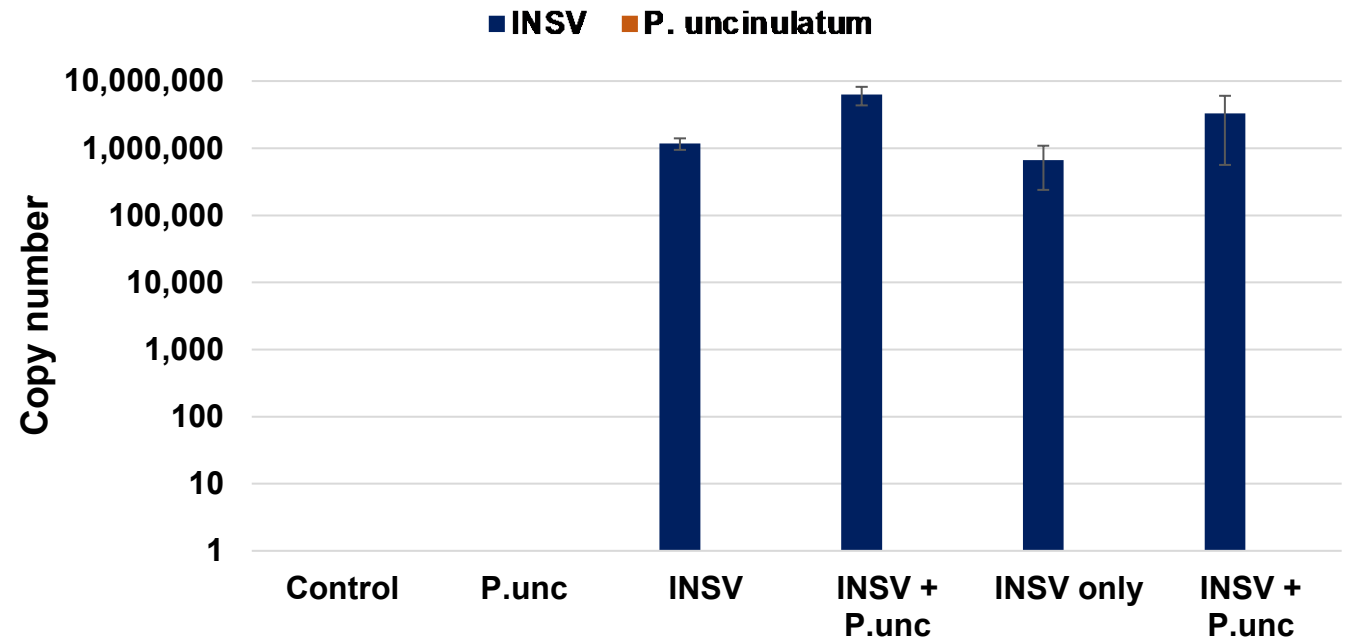


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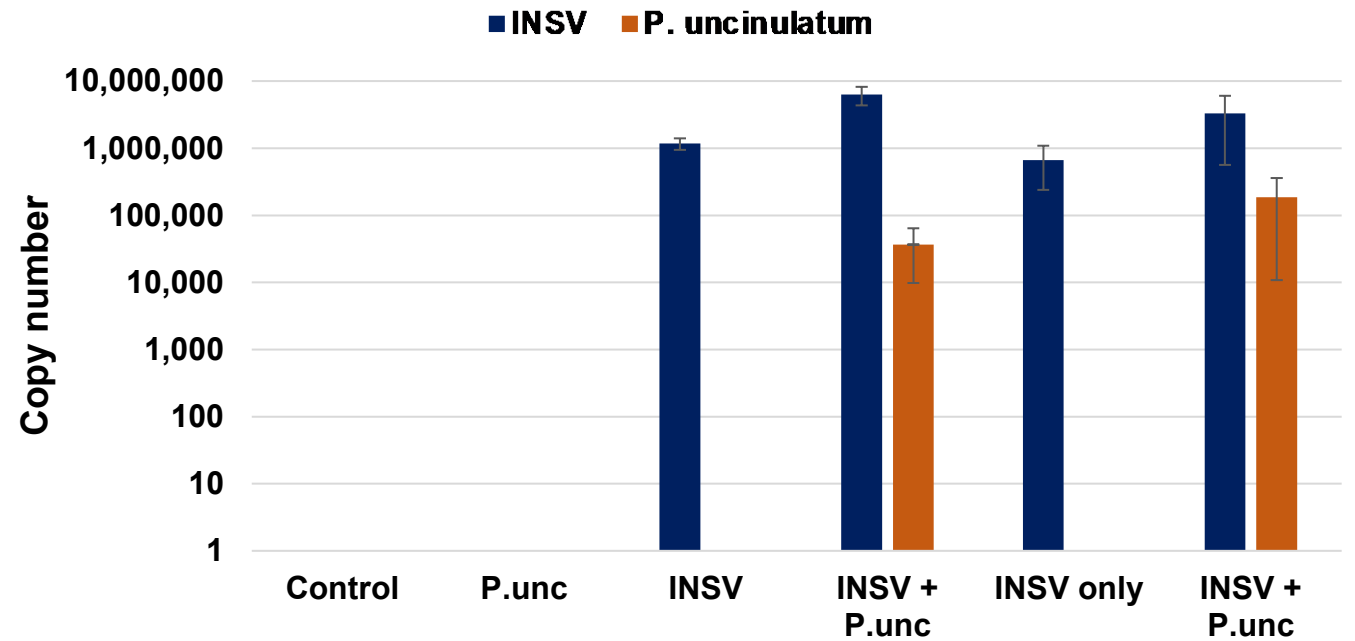


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Novel peptides for managing western flower thrips and diamondback moth

2.5 years: (2022 – 2025)

- **Phase 1 (Discovery):** Identified gut receptors that are specific to western flower thrips (WFT) and diamondback moth (DBM).
- **Phase 2 (Synthesis):** Identified peptides that selectively bind to and disrupt WFT and DBM receptor function.
- **Phase 3 (Efficacy):** Evaluating the efficacy of peptides on WFT and DBM survival.

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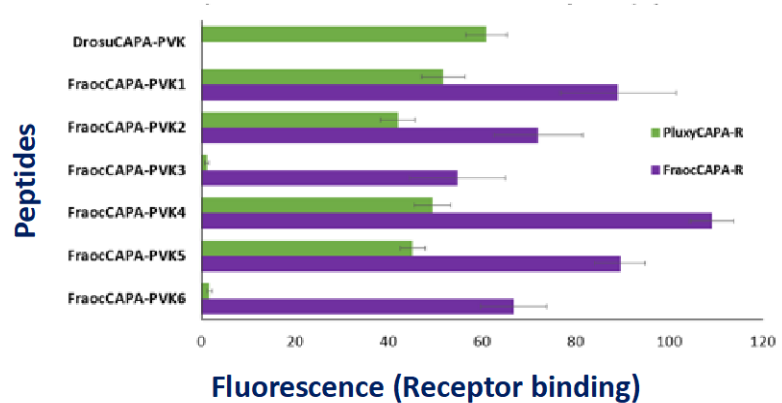
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Experimental design

Clean plant nursery (3 weeks)

Cover crops (10)

- Cereals
 - Barley
 - Cayuse oats
 - Merced rye
 - Pacheco triticale
 - Sudangrass
- Mustards
 - *Brassica juncea*
 - *Sinapsis alba*
- Legumes
 - Faba bean
 - Lana vetch
- Broadleaf
 - Buckwheat

1 replicate = 3 plants per species

33 plants total

*Randomized complete
block design*



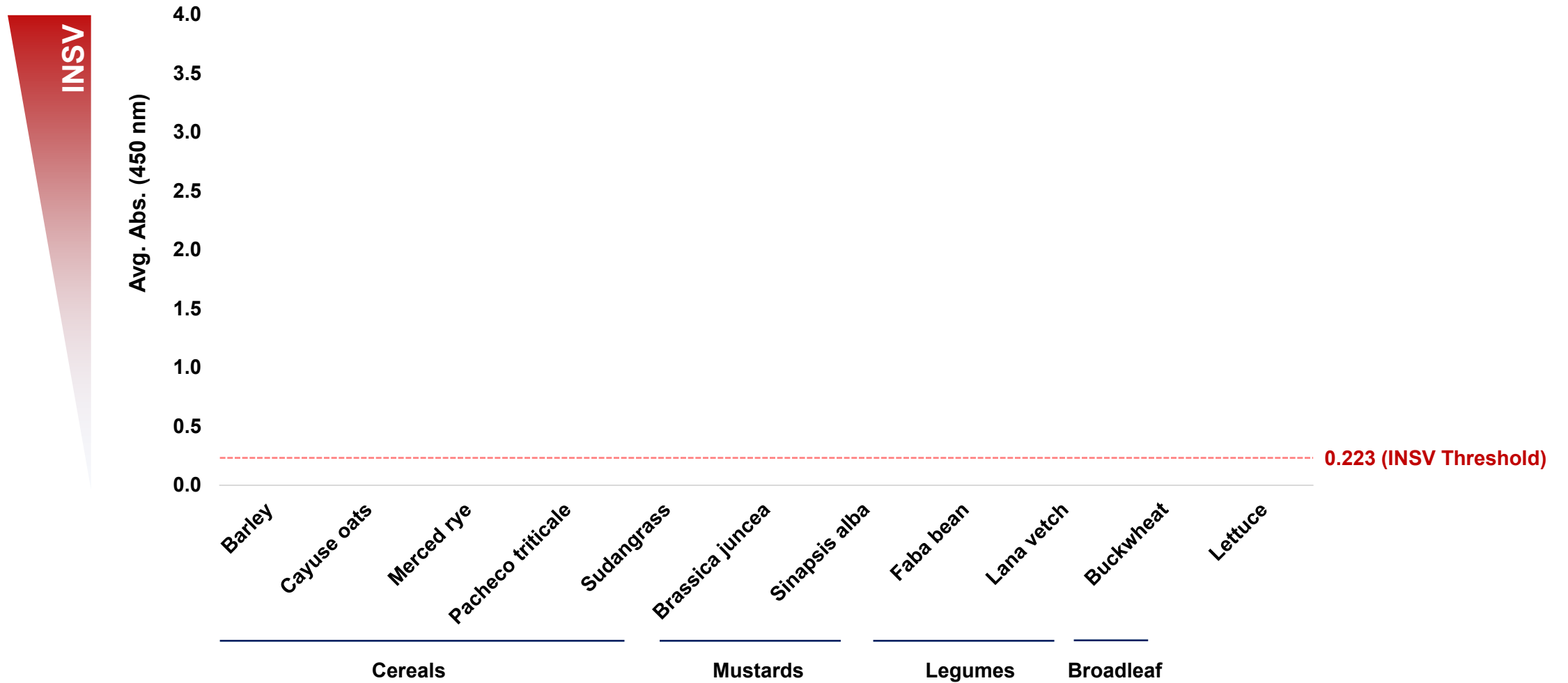
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Plants tested for INSV using DAS-ELISA

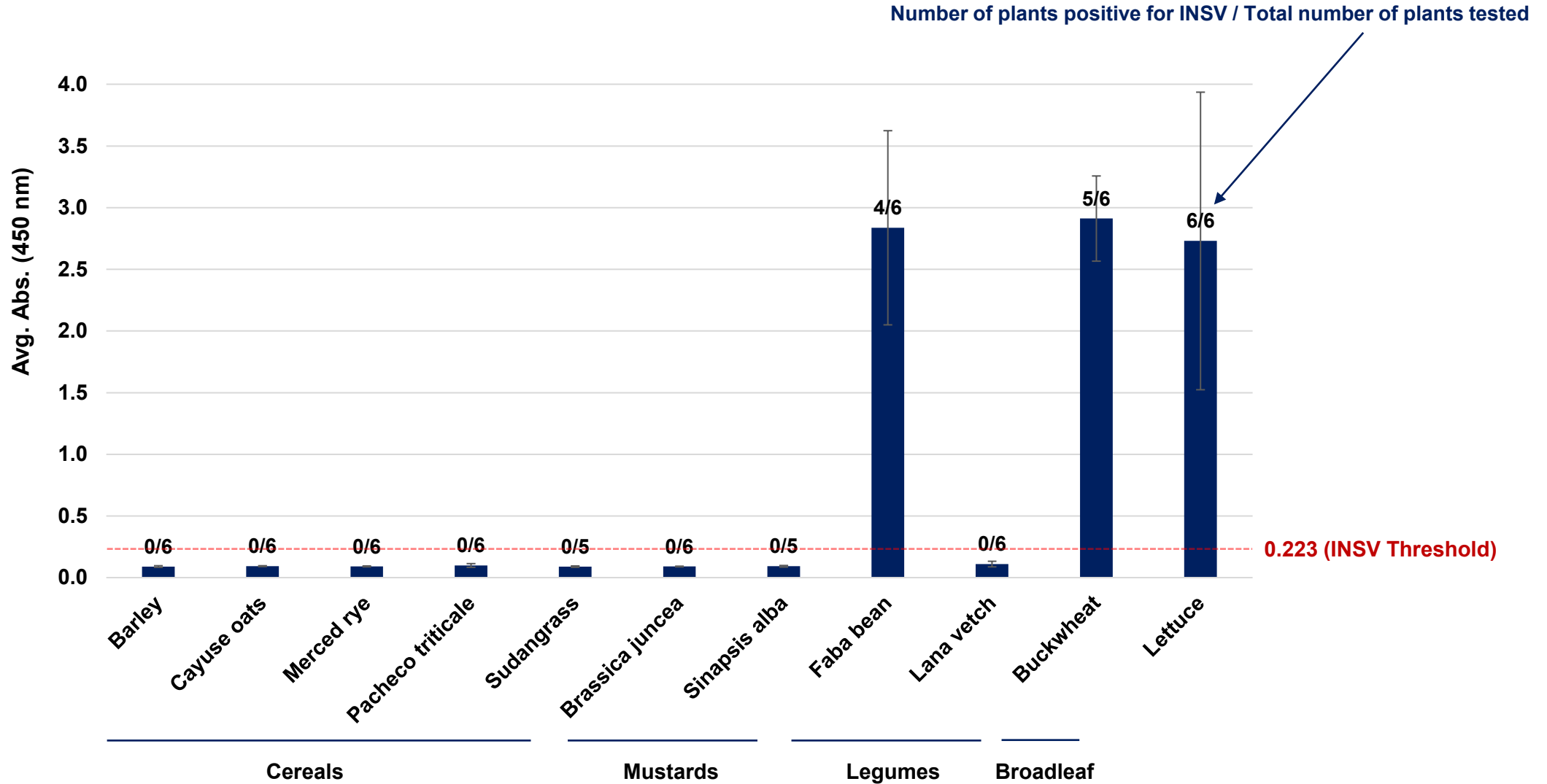
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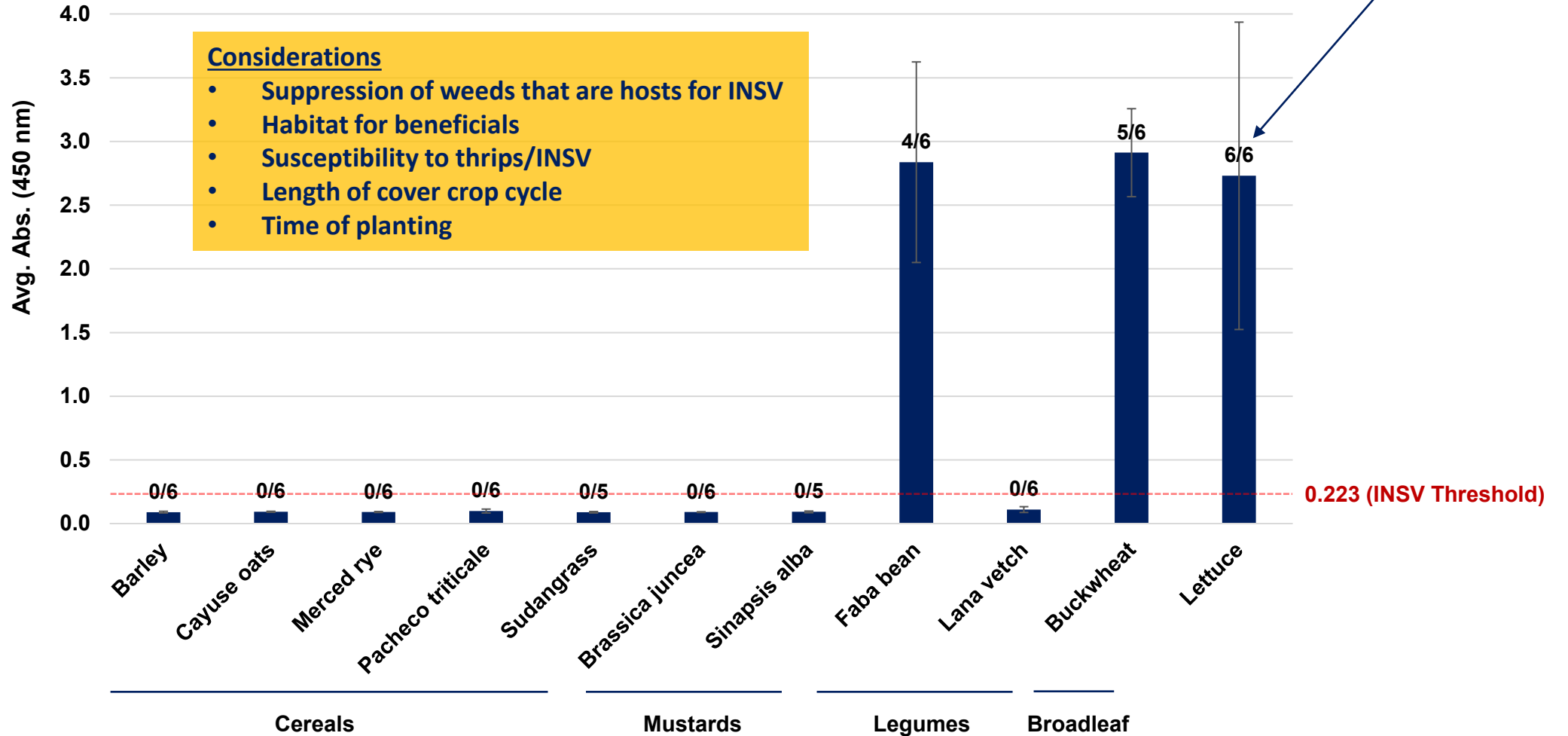


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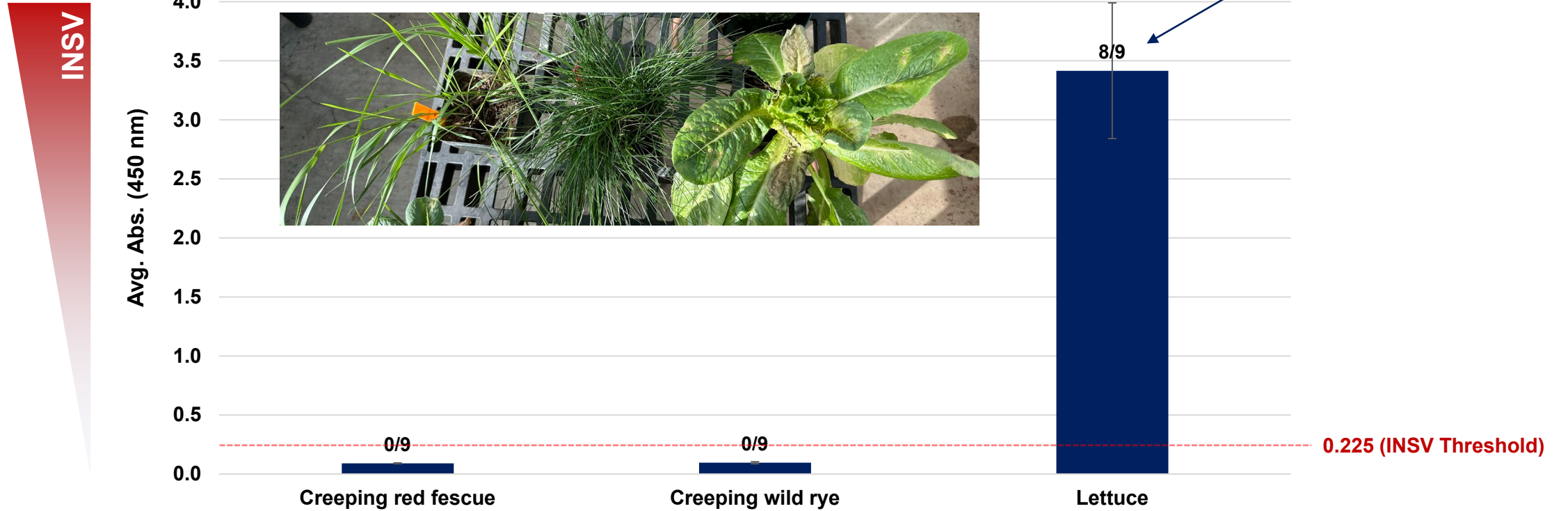
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INSV susceptibility tests: vegetative ditch species

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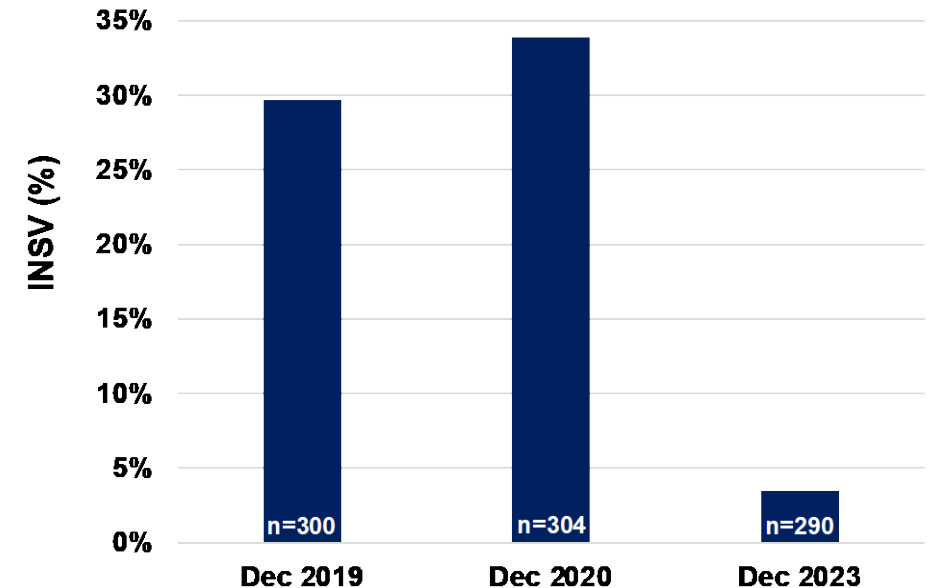
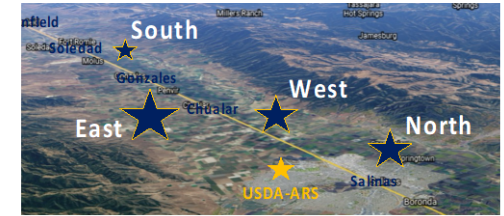
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New project: weed surveys and INSV susceptibility testing

2024 – 2027, CDFA SCBGP

1. Continue weed surveys during host-free period (Dec 2024, Dec 2025, Dec 2026)
 - Old locations
 - New locations based on reports of INSV in lettuce
2. Broaden INSV susceptibility tests to identify beneficial plants that are 'INSV safe'
 - Cover crops
 - Insectary habitat
 - Vegetative ditches
 - Erosion management
 - Weed suppression
 - Hedgerows
 - Native plants



Thank you!



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