LOWERING EARTH'S TEMPERATURE WITH COMPOST


SAN FRANCISCO


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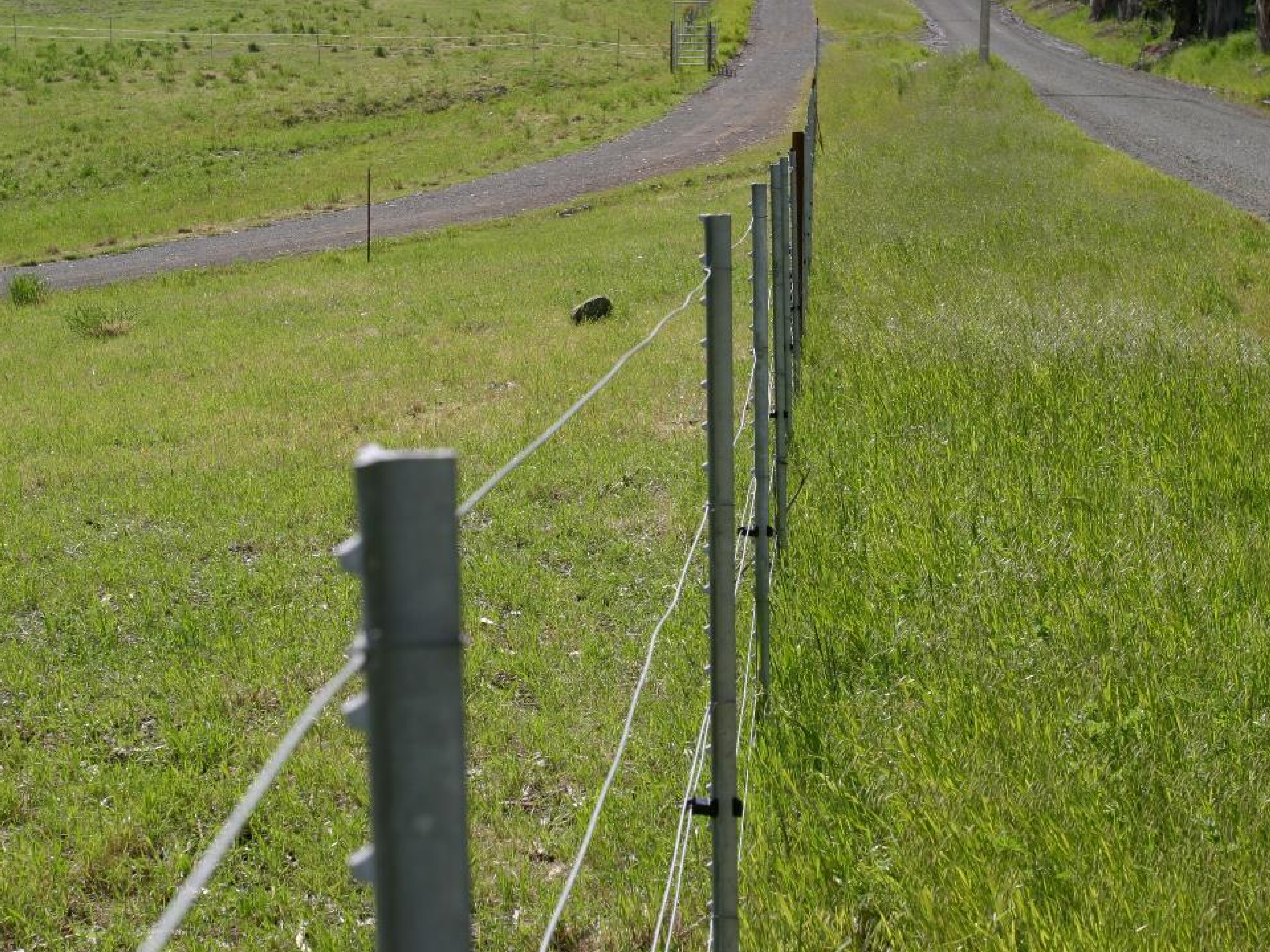
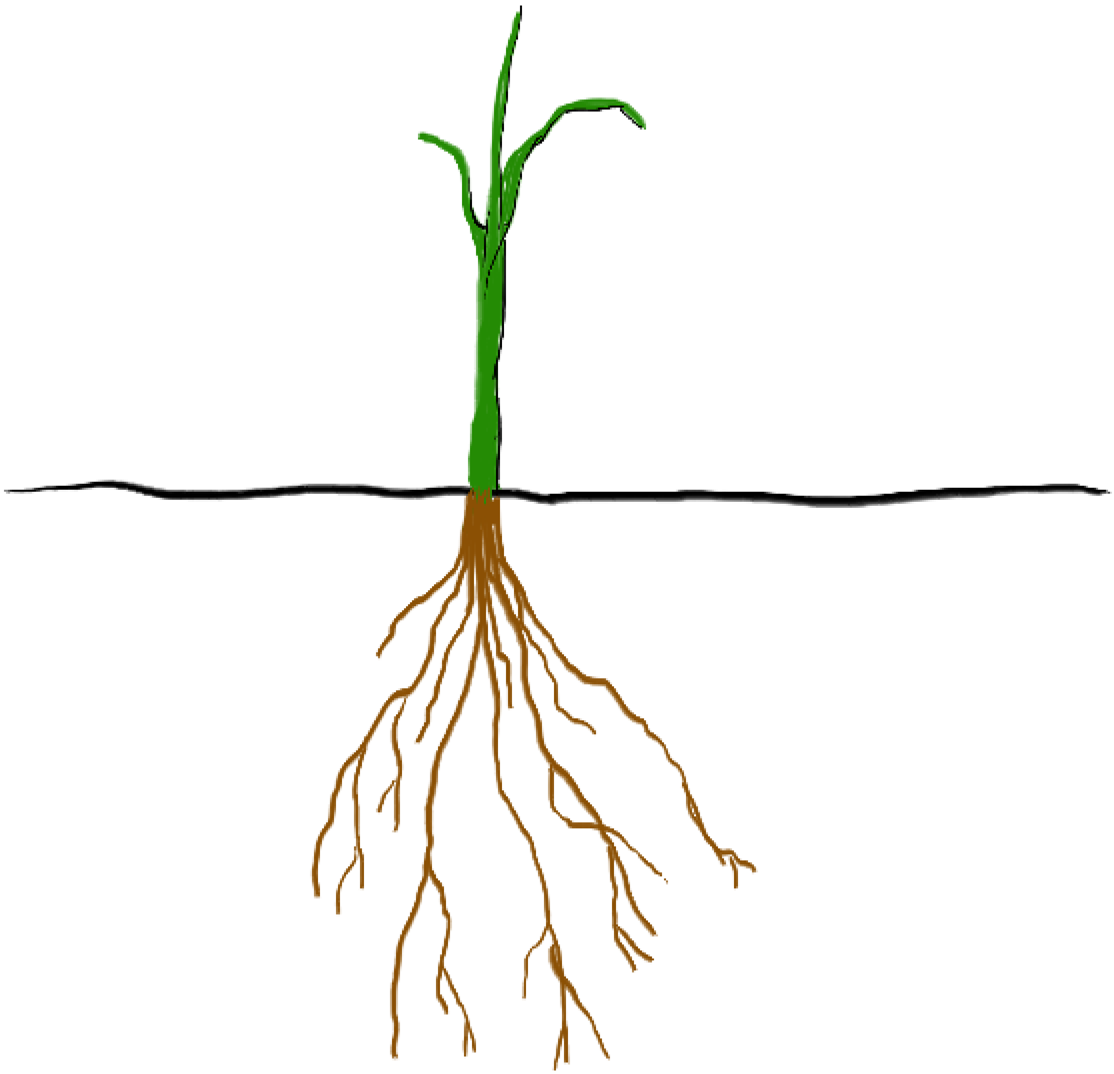



INCHES
NO 1261ME
1 dm
10 cm
100 mm

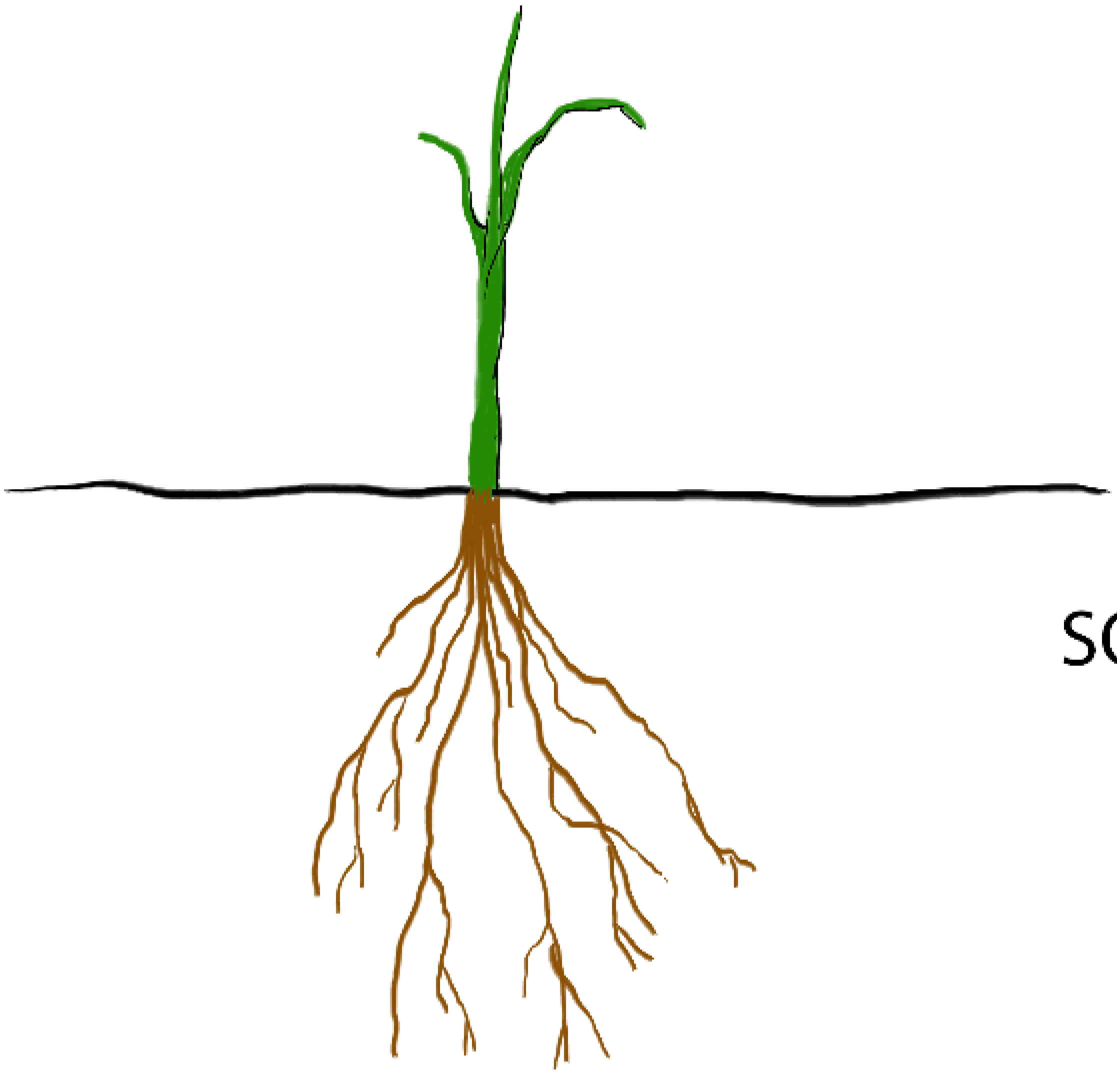

LUNNY

That’s **50,000 lbs.**
of weight gain
from eating fresh grass
that did not exist
six months ago.

Grass plants are straws
that **sip carbon from the air**.



Only PLANTS
[and some bacteria]
can make SUGAR
from CO_2!



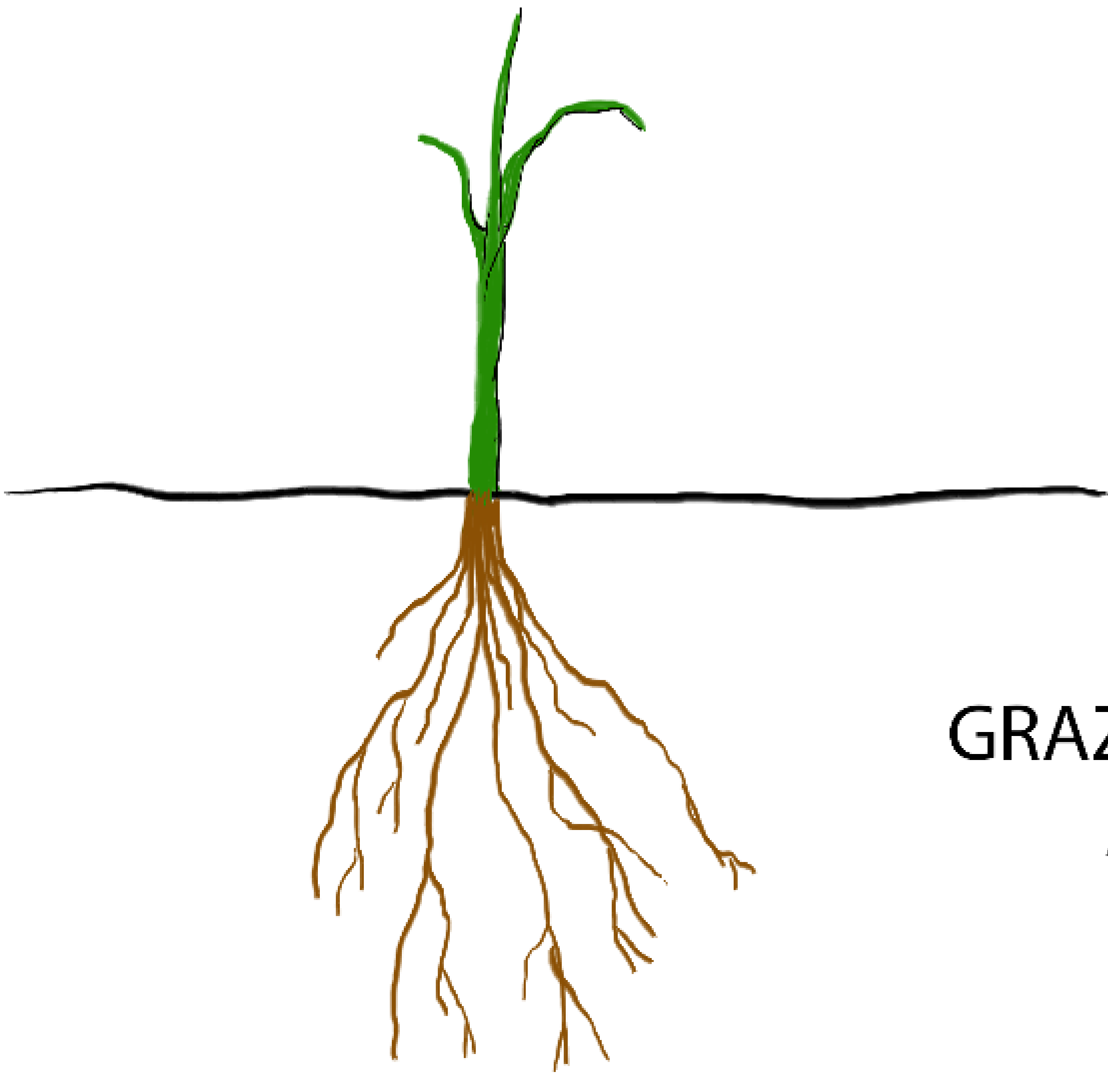
SOIL ORGANIC MATTER

“SOM”

is approx. 50%

CARBON

“C”



DR. CREQUE MEASURED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN SOIL ORGANIC MATTER FROM GRAZING MANAGEMENT AND COMPOST APPLICATIONS.

IN FACT,
DR. CREQUE HAS
INCREASED
S.O.M.
FROM 1% TO 12%
IN THE SOILS
OF THE
McEVOY RANCH
IN MARIN.

Darren Doherty, Australian Keyline Expert

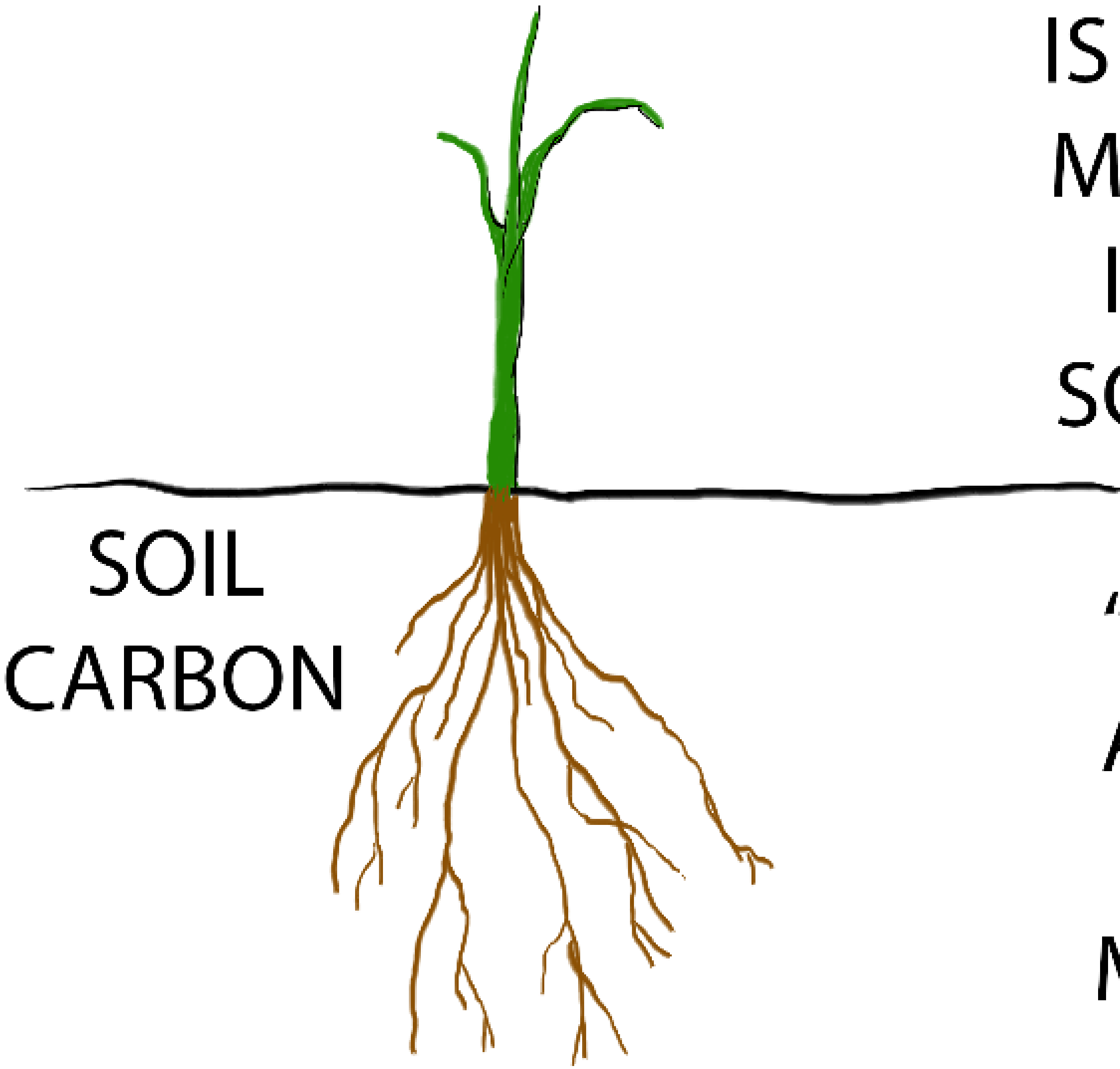
“A **1.6%** increase of the organic matter in the soils of all the arable lands on Earth would stop and reverse global warming within a decade.”

AB-32,
THE CLIMATE SOLUTION ACT
HAD BEEN
SIGNED INTO LAW
IN 2006.

A NEW REVENUE FOR
RANCHERS TO DO
THE ADDITIONAL WORK
OF SEQUESTRING
PERMANENT CARBON,
(NO LEAKAGE
OR EXTERNALIZATIONS.)

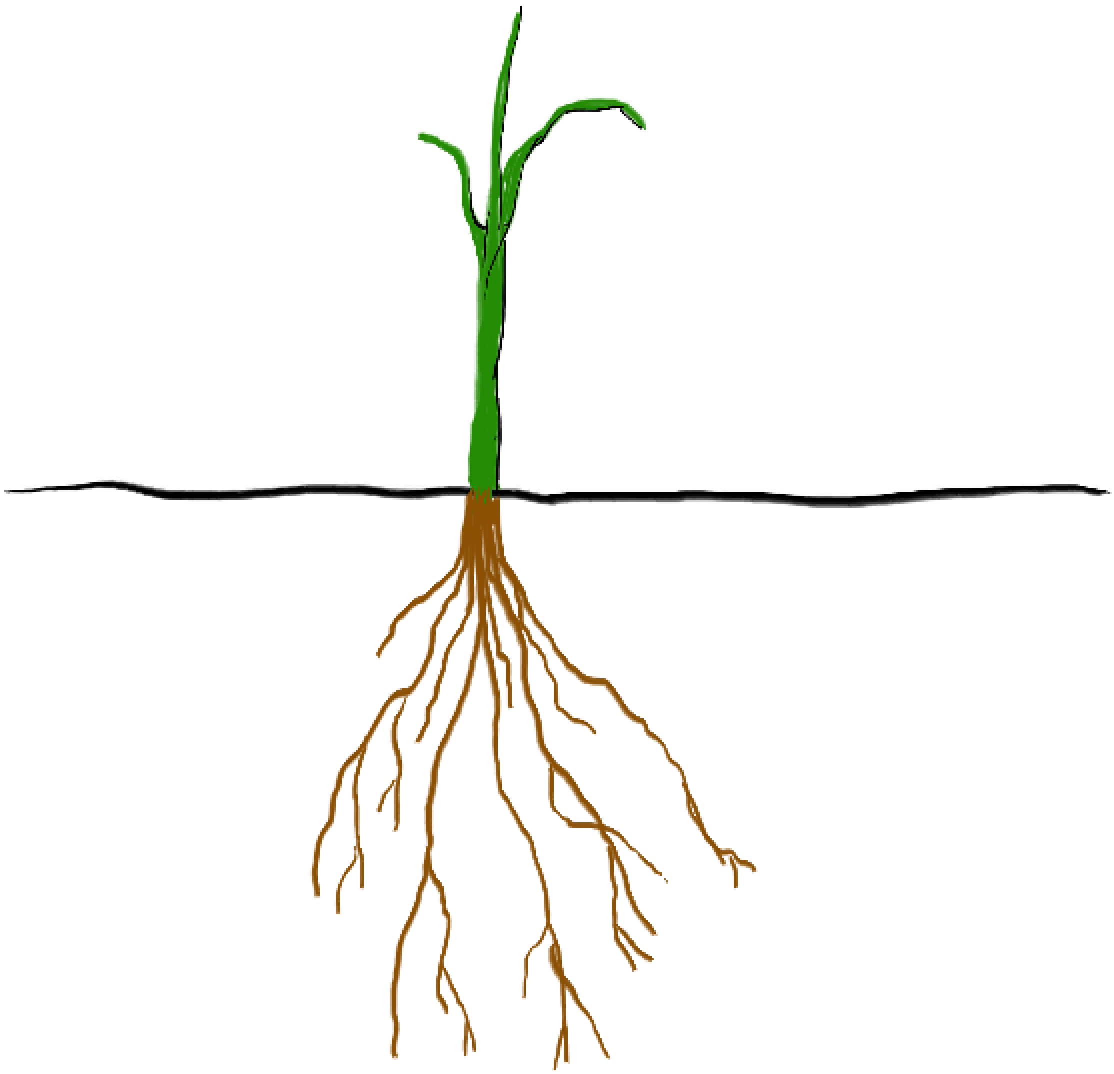
WE NEEDED A PROTOCOL.

Dr. Whendee Silver, UC Berkeley Professor
BioGeoChemist
World Renowned Soil Carbon Expert

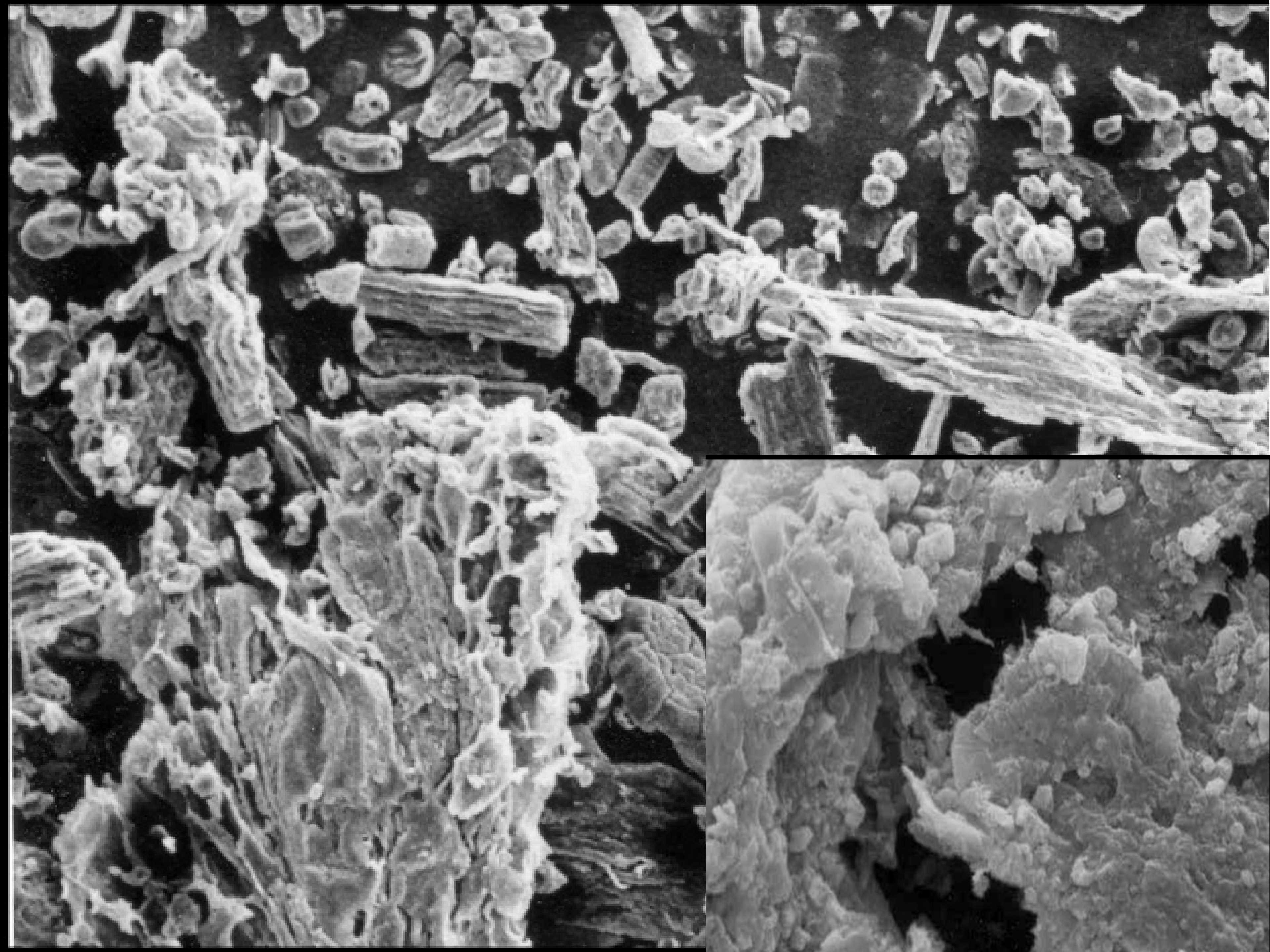


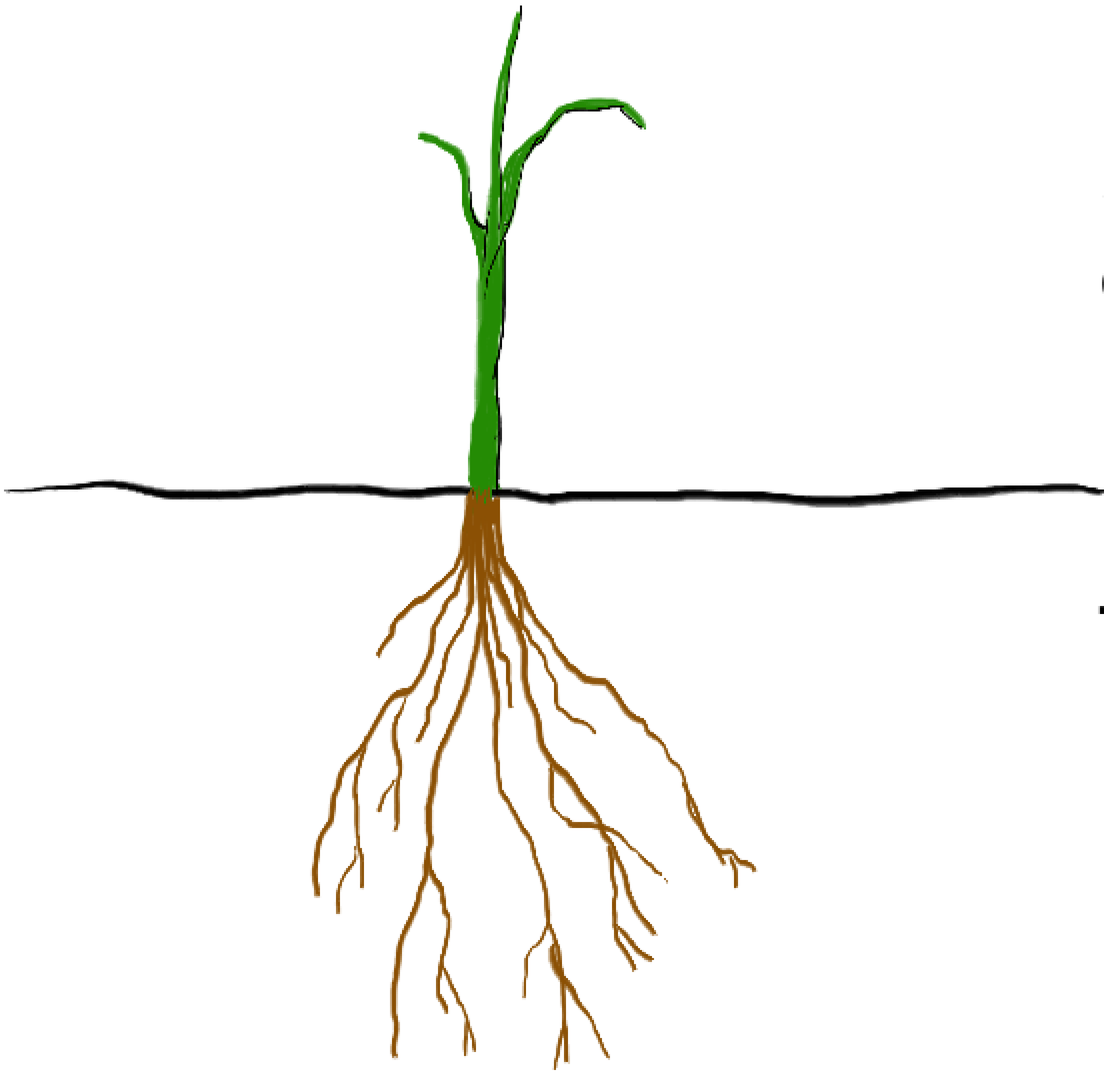
IS MY GRAZING MANAGEMENT INCREASING SOIL CARBON?

"I DOUBT IT, AND DOUBT WE CAN MEASURE IT."



MEASURING BULK SOIL CARBON DOES NOT TELL THE WHOLE STORY.





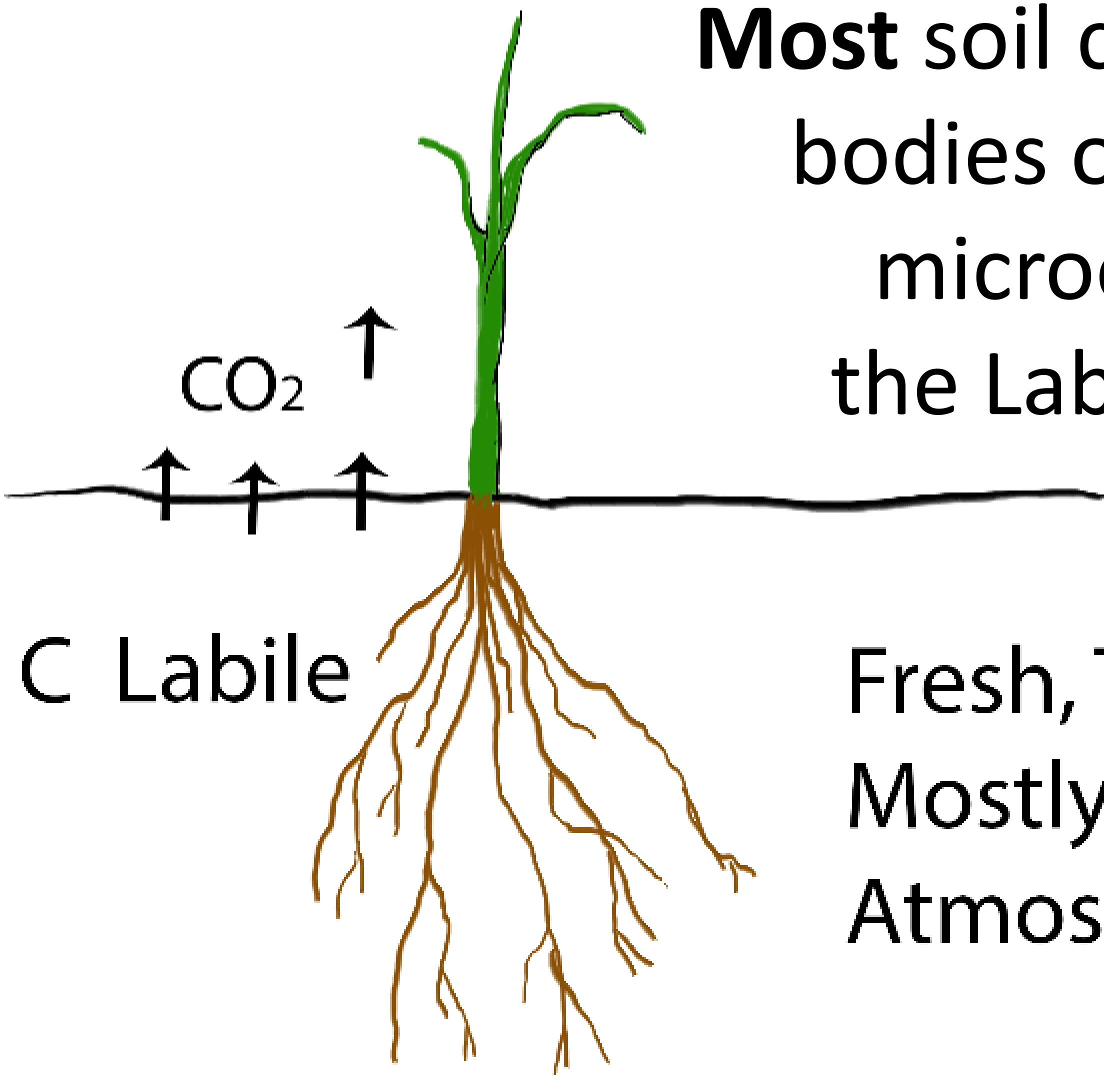
SOIL
CARBON
FRACTIONS:

TEMPORARY

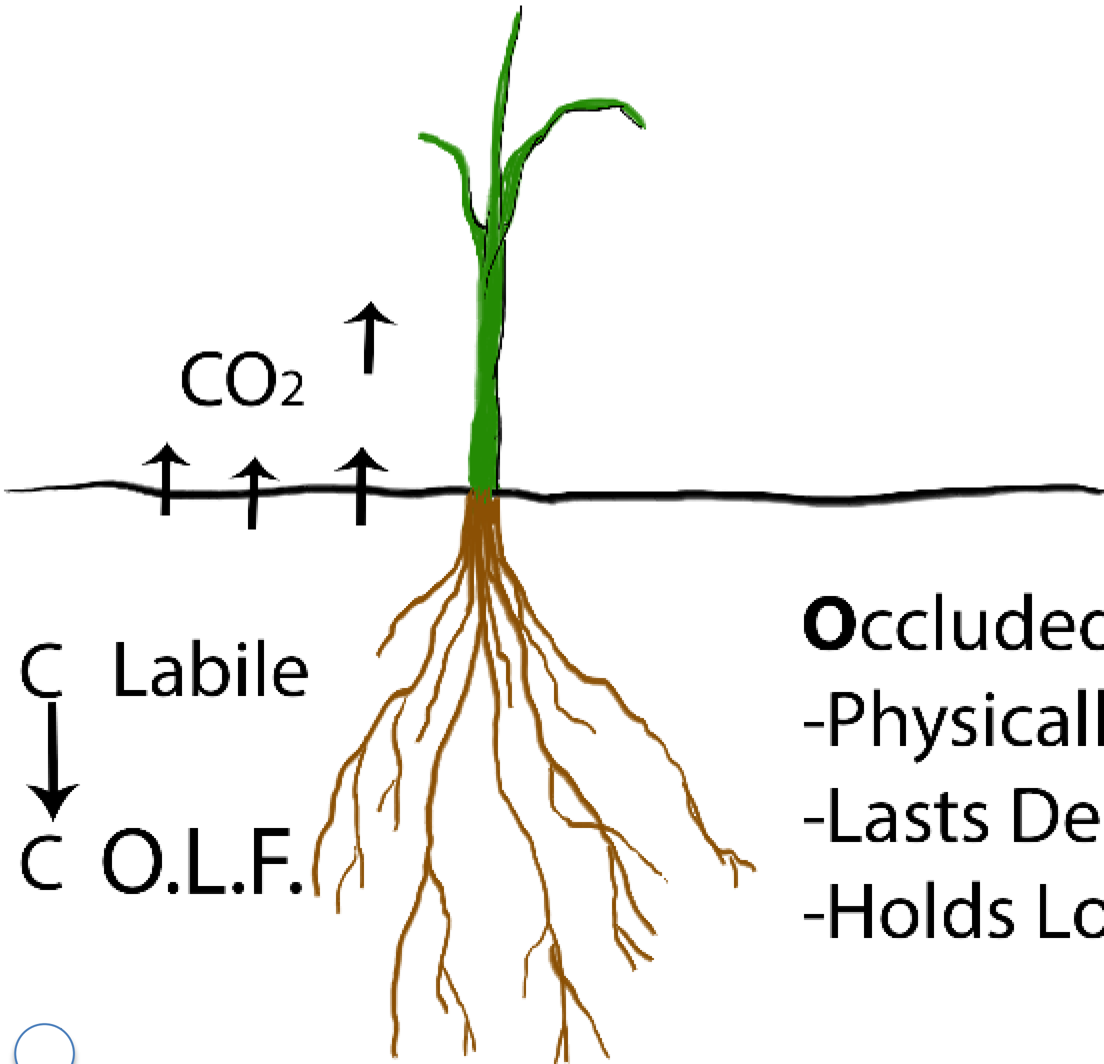
DECADES

PERMANENT

Most soil carbon is in the bodies of plants and microorganisms, the Labile fraction.



Fresh, Temporary, Mostly Returns to the Atmosphere as CO_2.

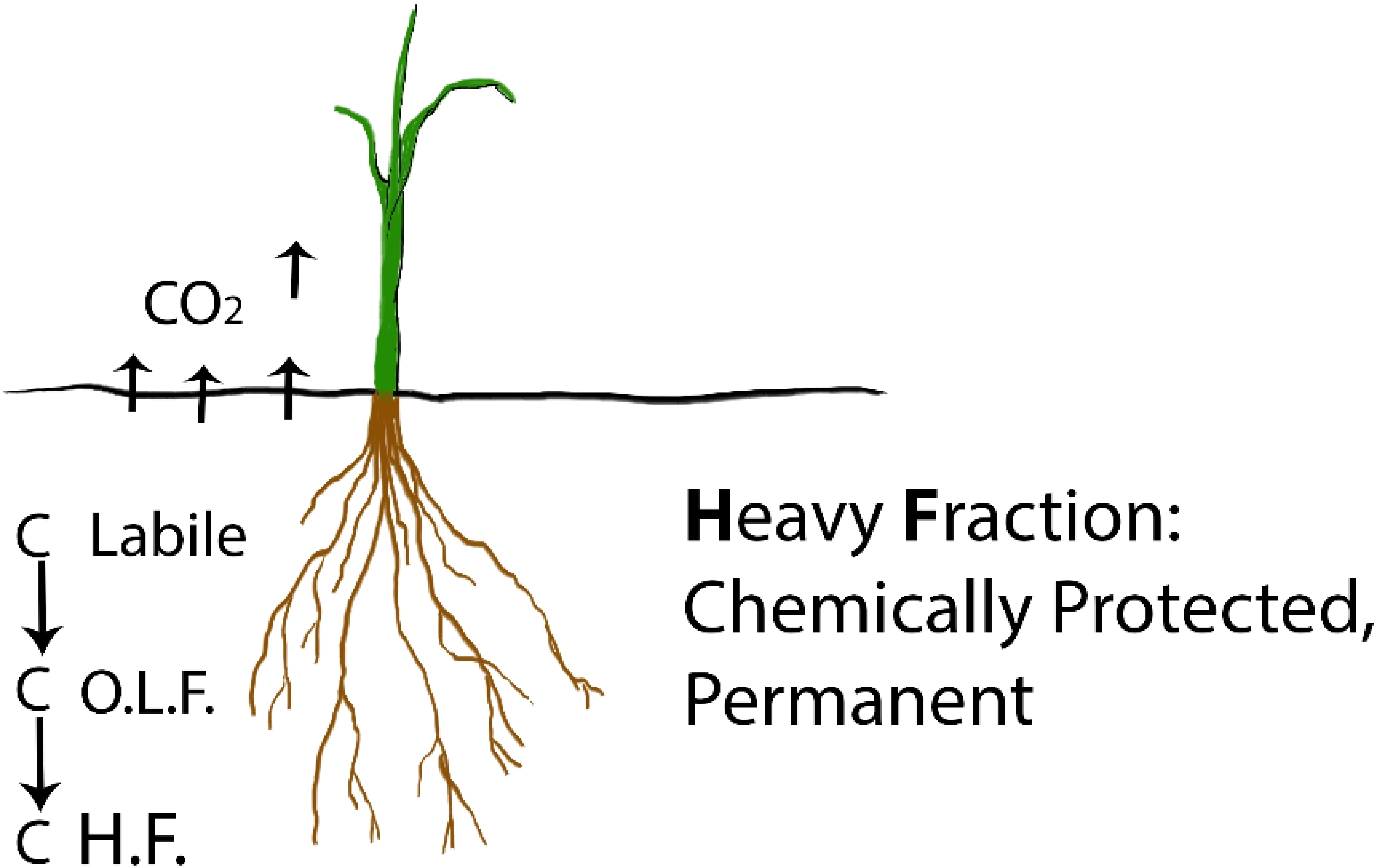


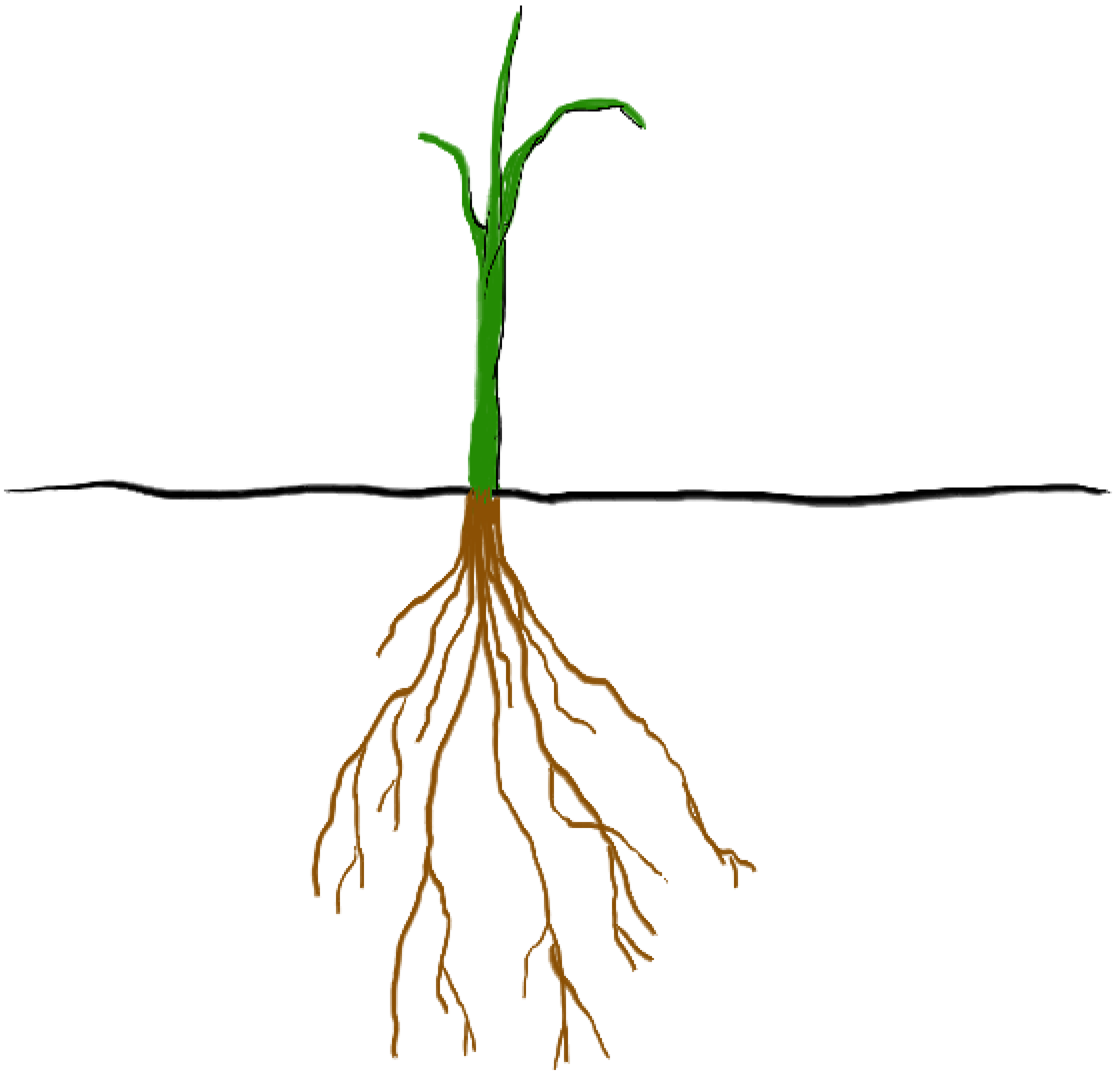
Occluded **L**ight **F**raction:

-Physically Protected

-Lasts Decades

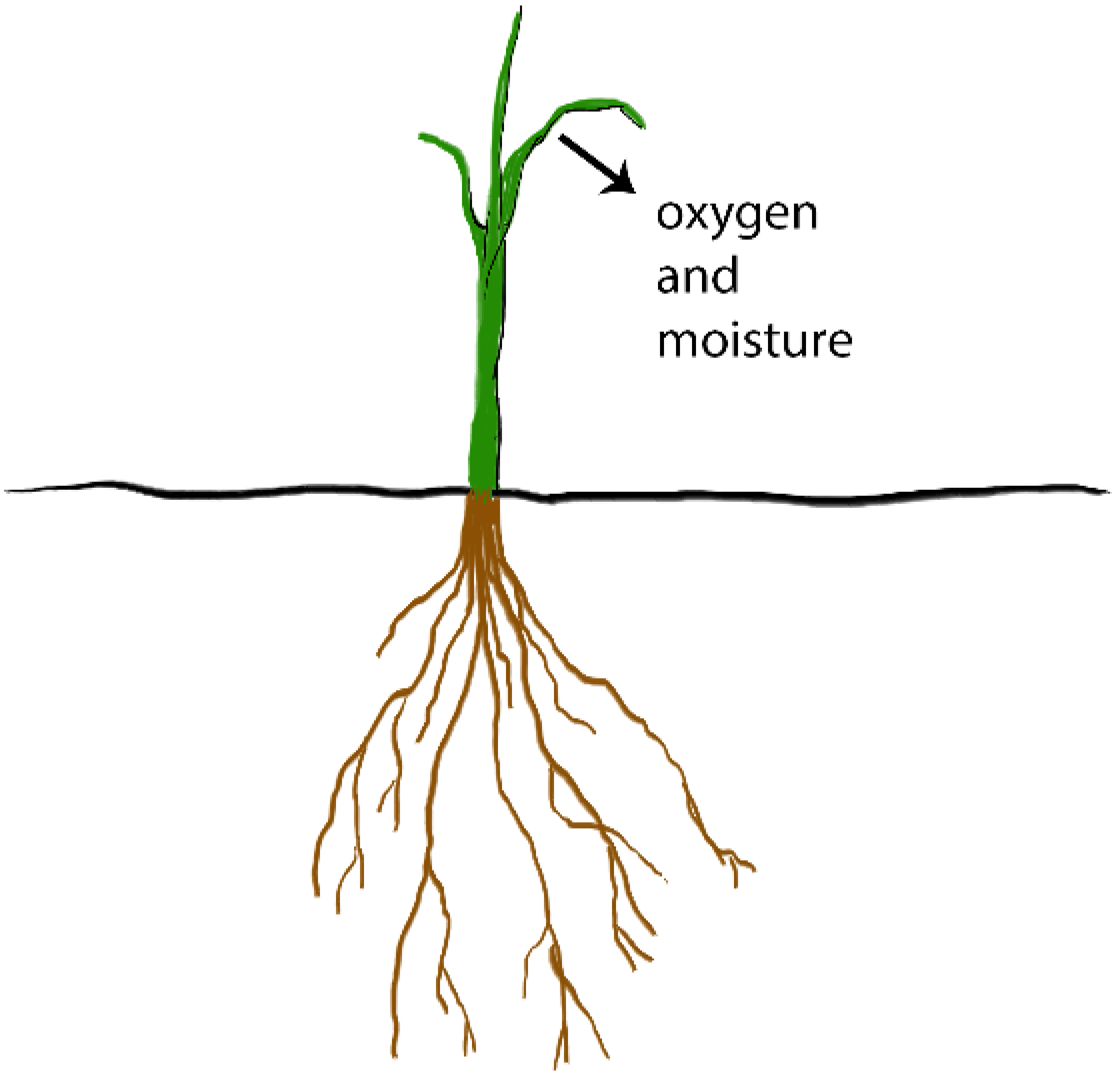
-Holds Lots of Water

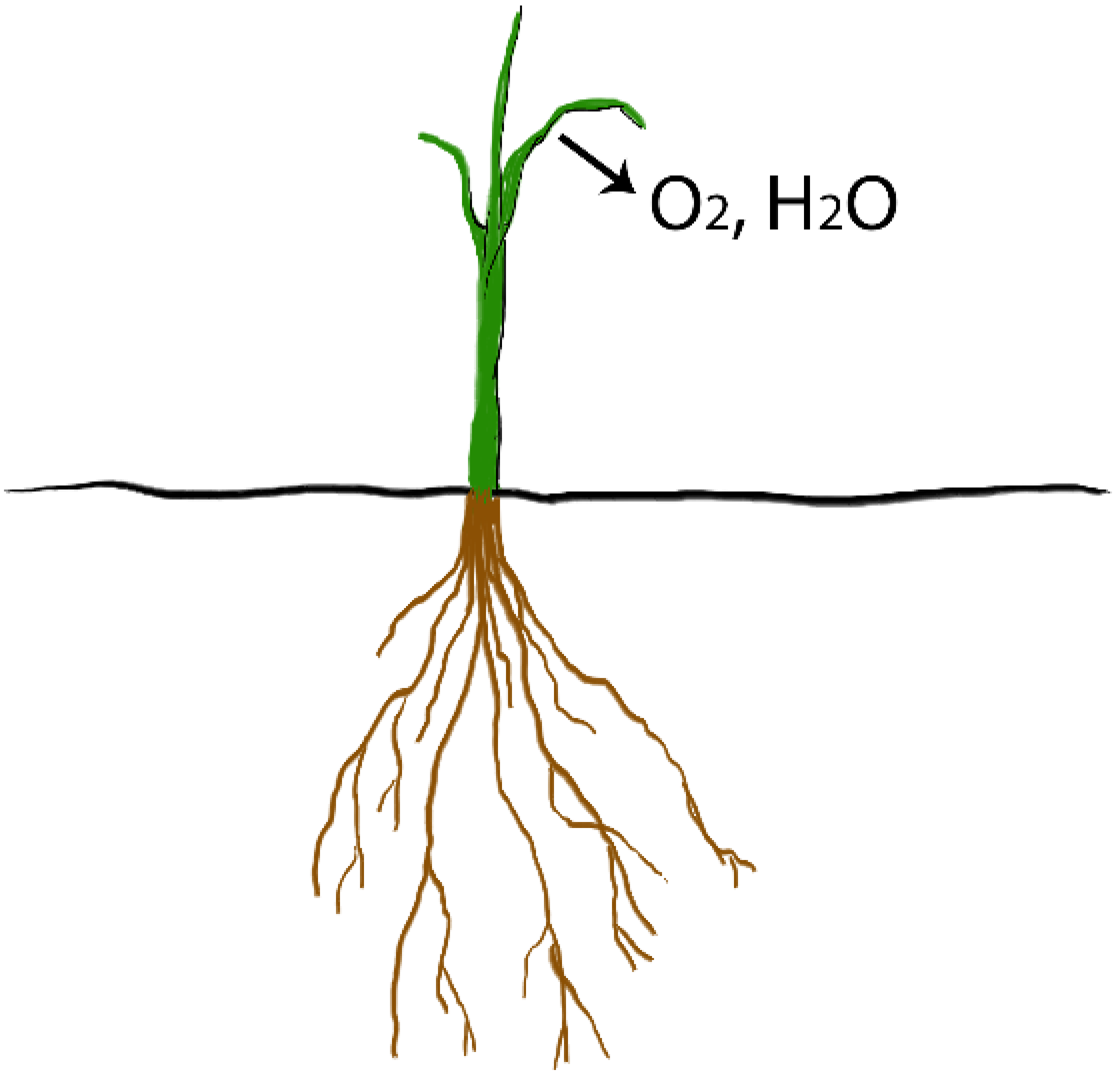

CO2
C Labile
C O.L.F.
C H.F.
Heavy Fraction:
Chemically Protected,
Permanent

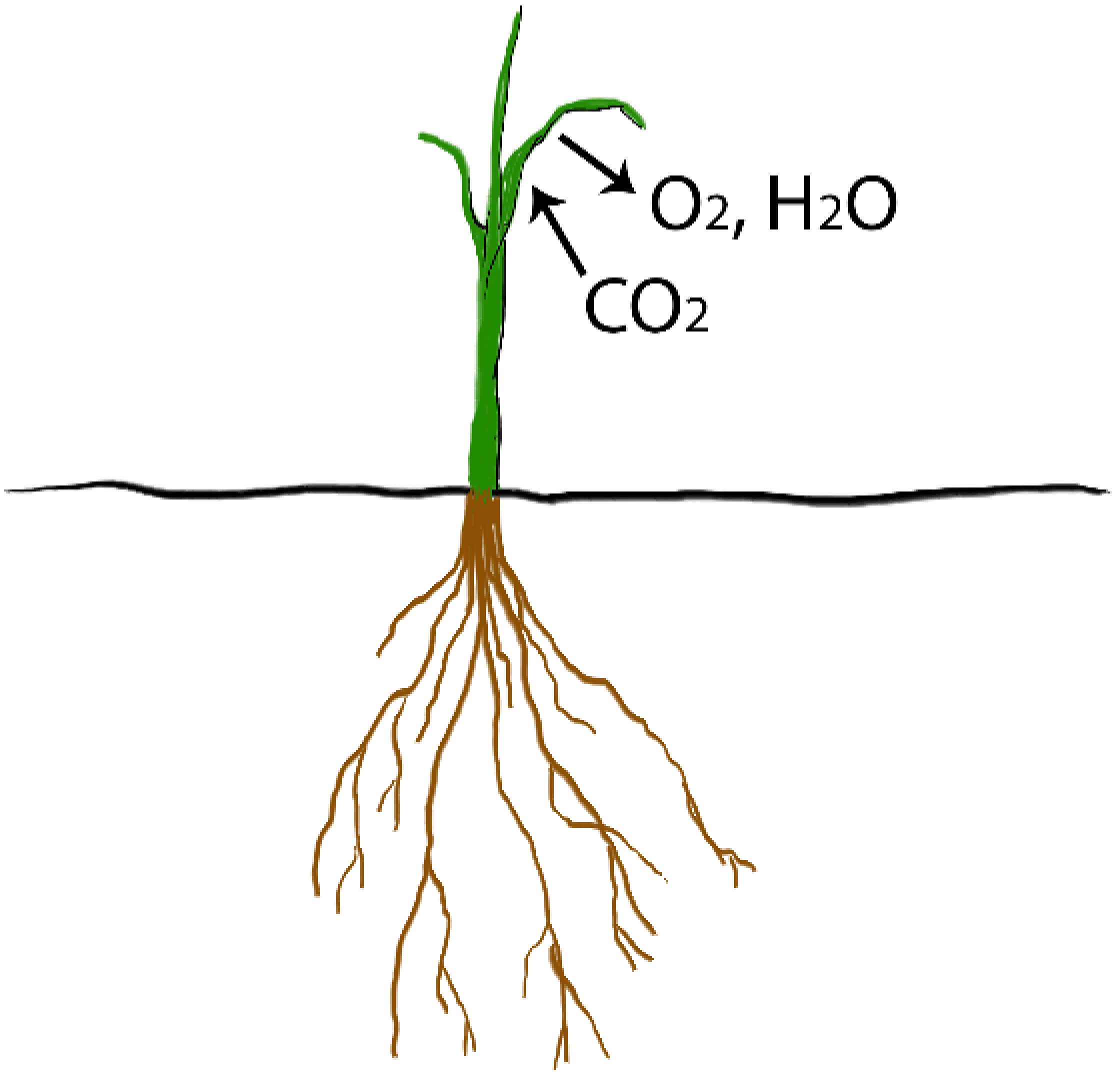


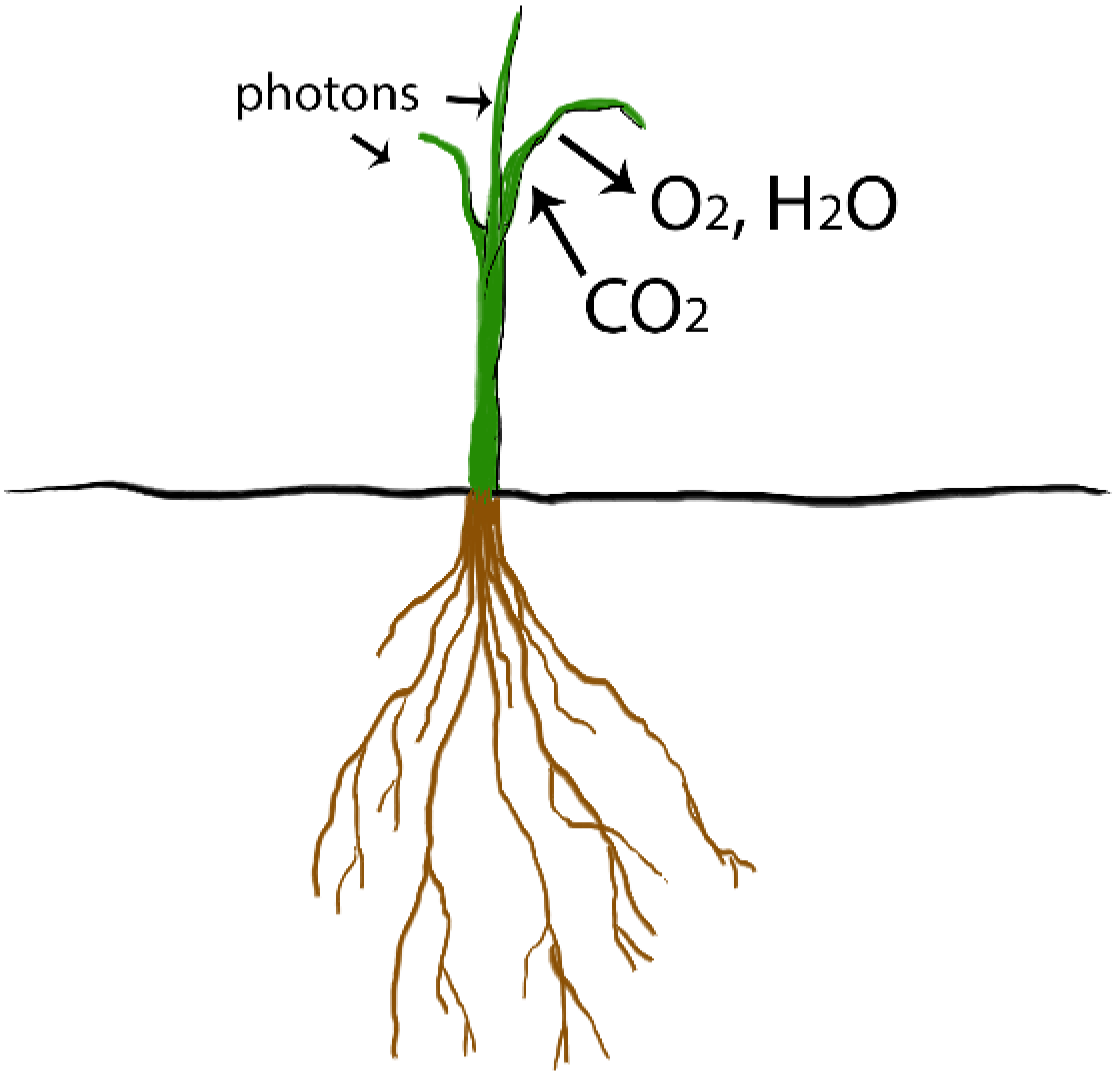
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

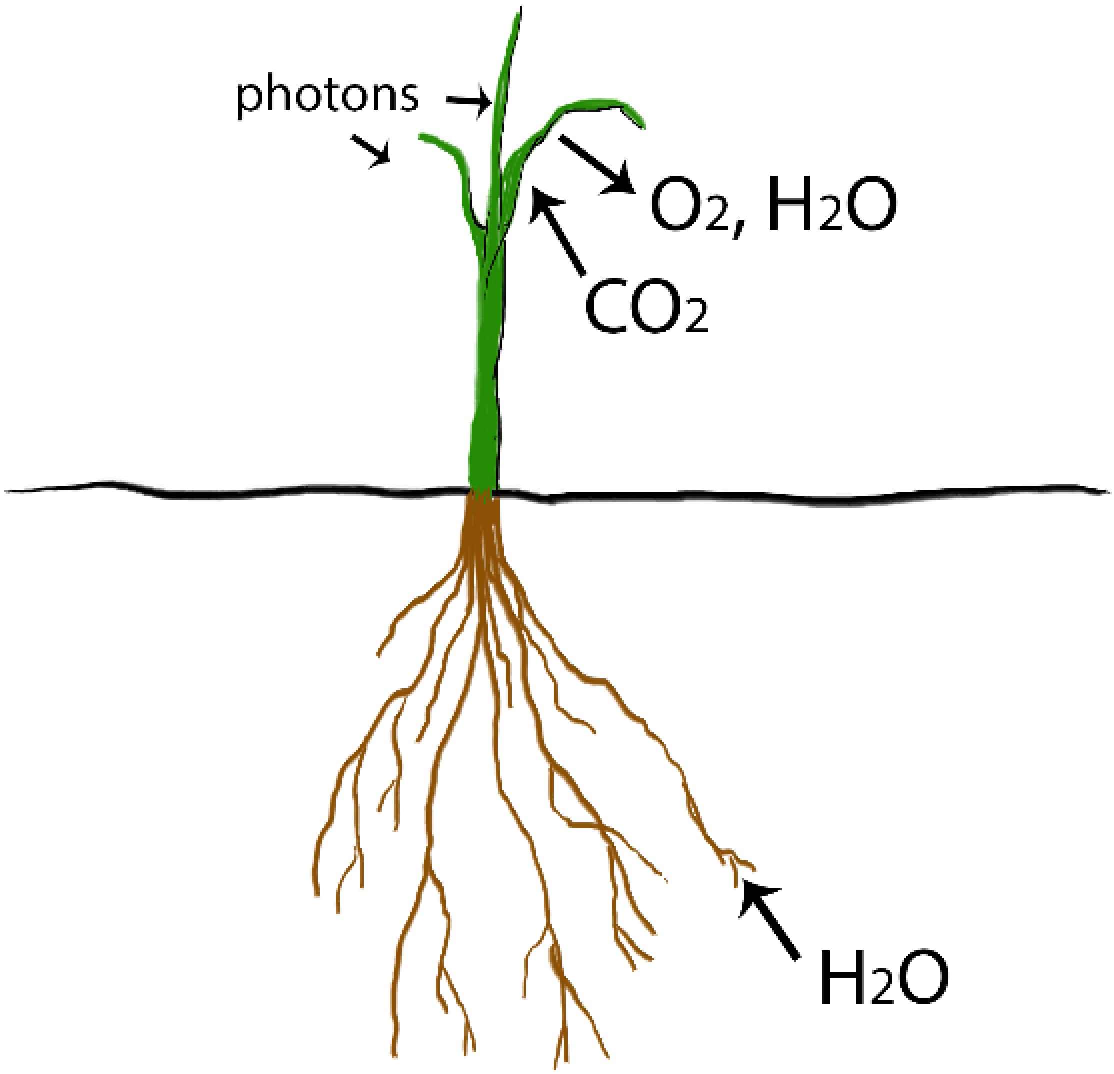
2 SCIENTISTS WITH OPPOSING VIEWS!


oxygen
and
moisture


O_2, H_2O


O_2, H_2O
CO_2


photons
O2, H2O
CO2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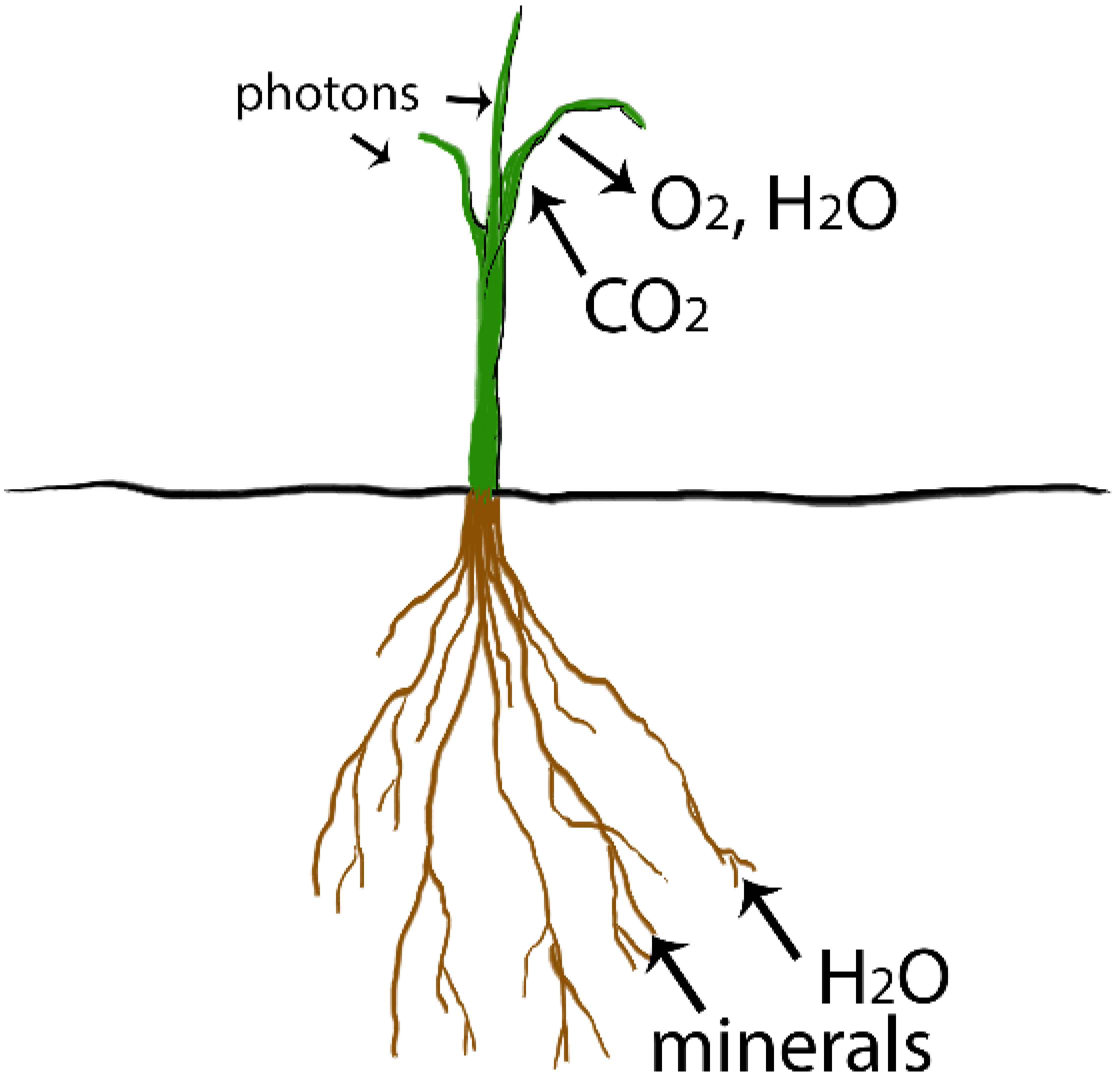
O_2, H_2O
CO_2
H_2O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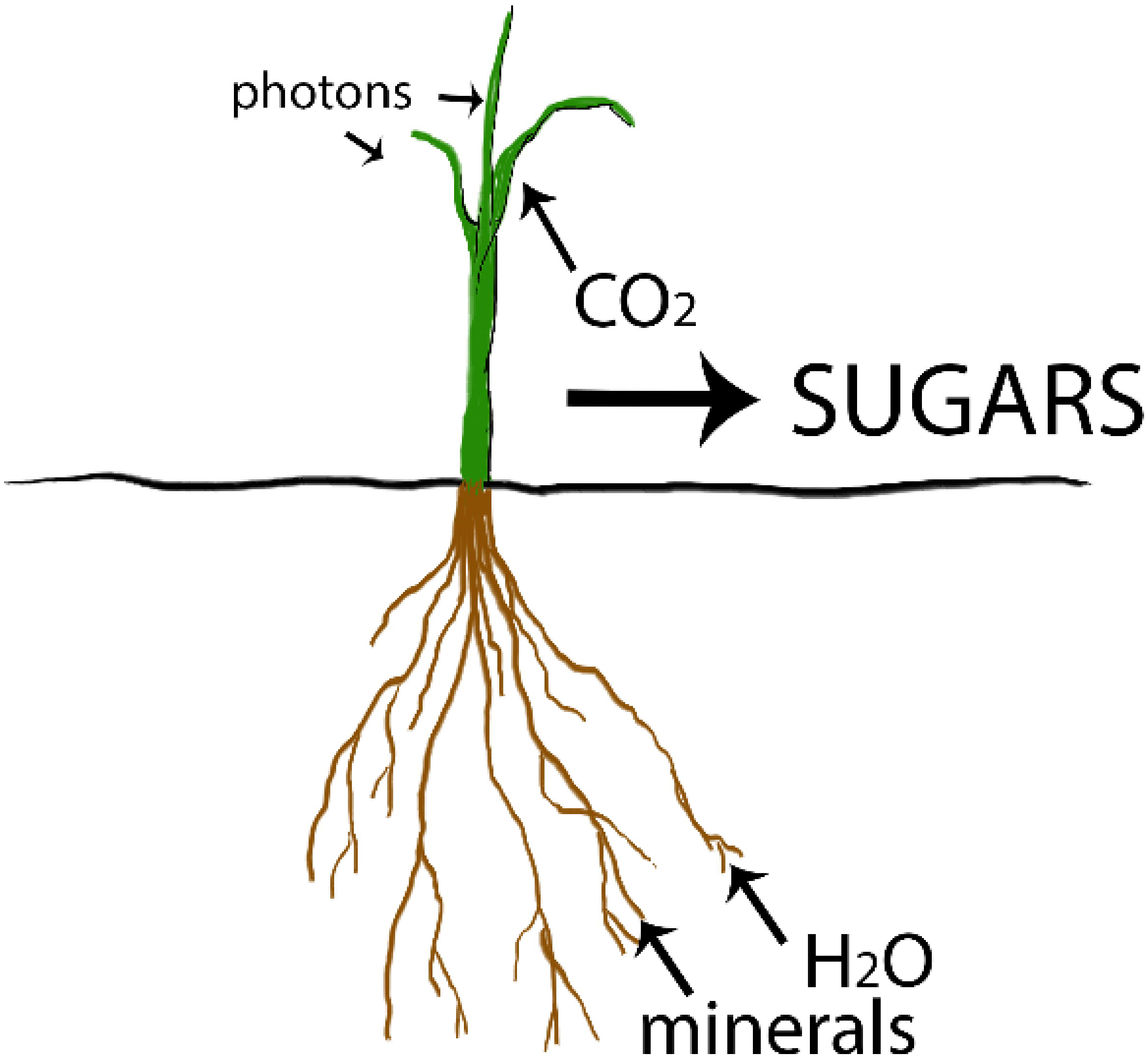
O_2, H_2O
CO_2
H_2O
minerals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CO_2
SUGARS
H_2O
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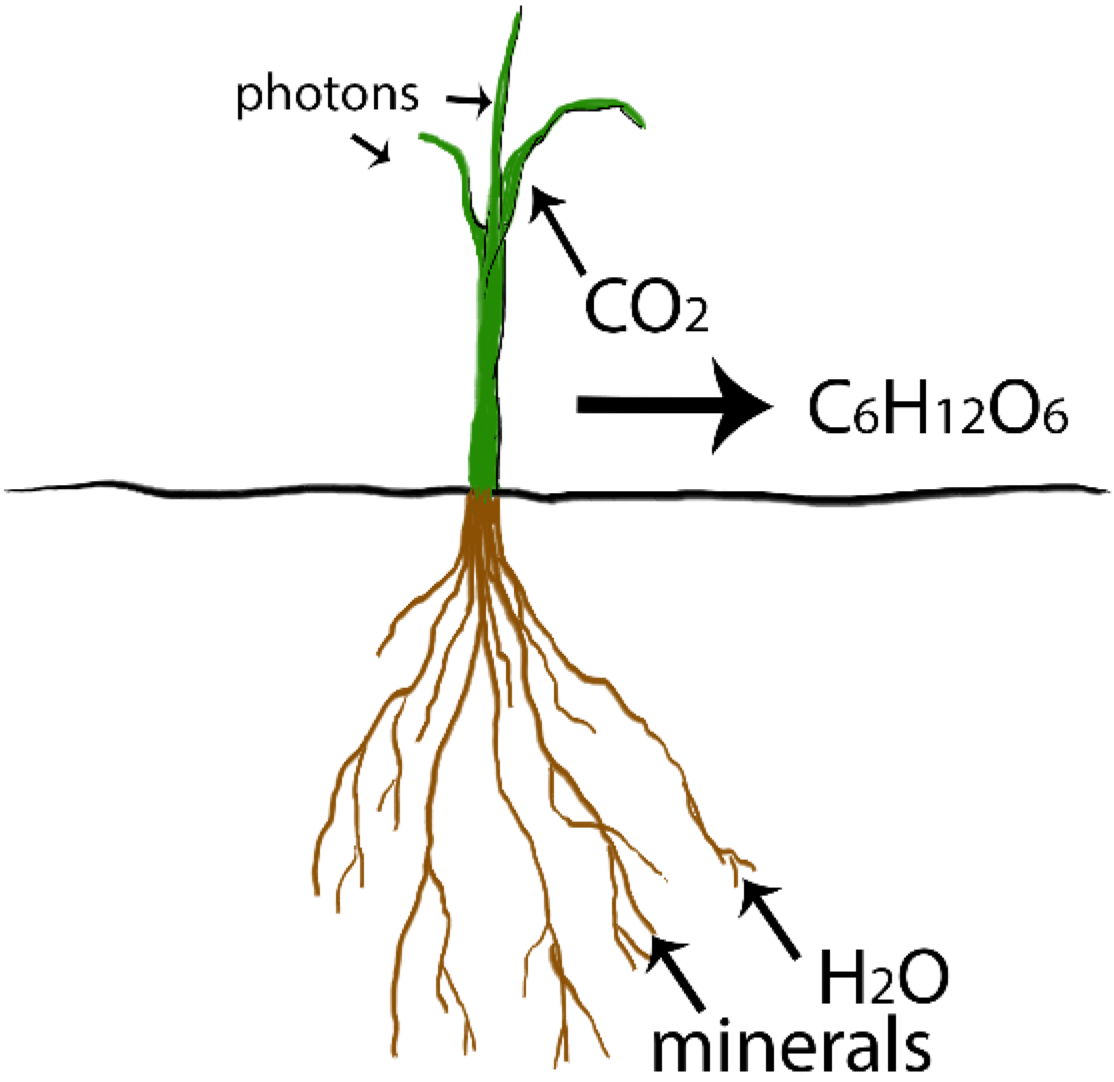
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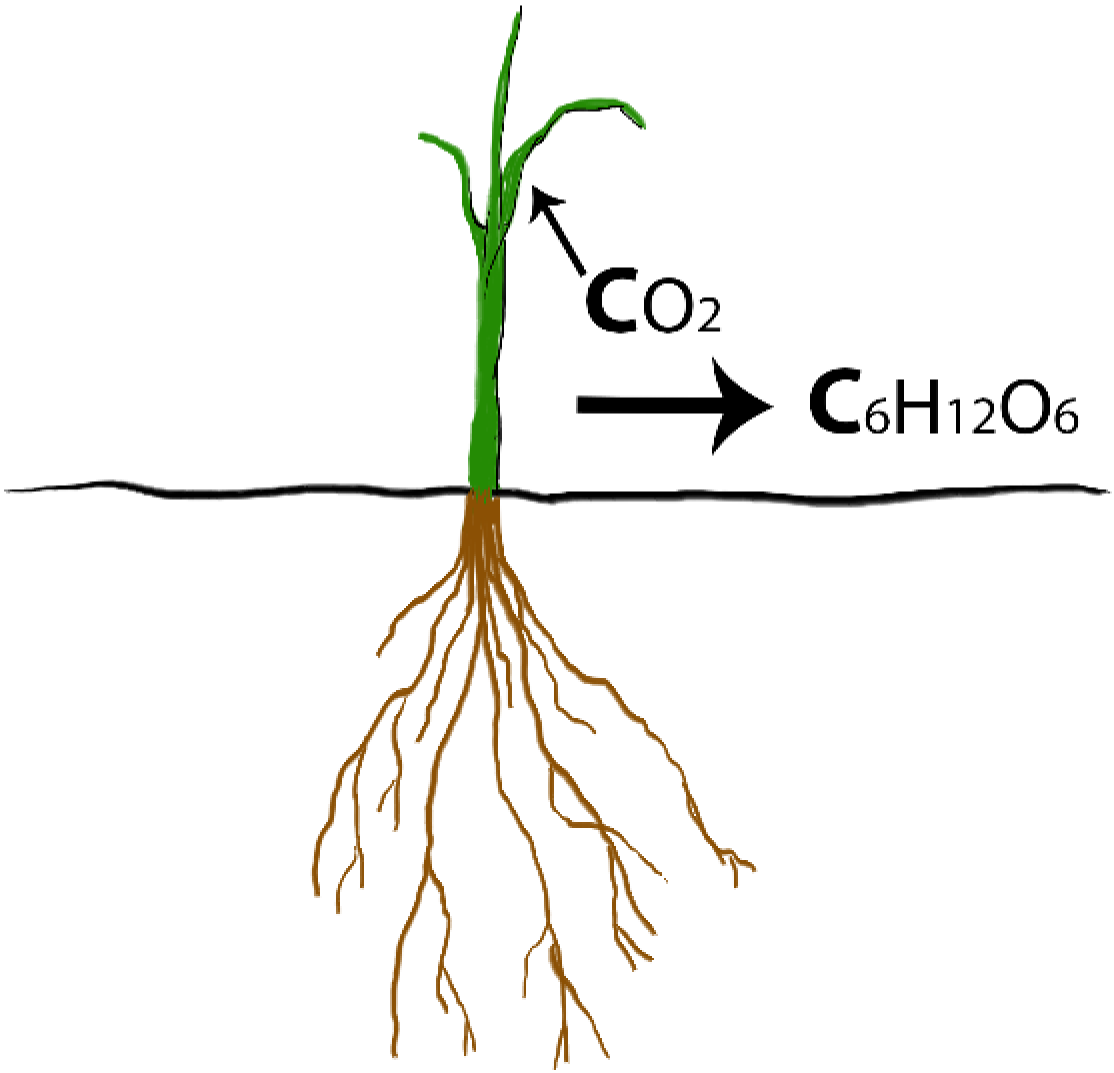
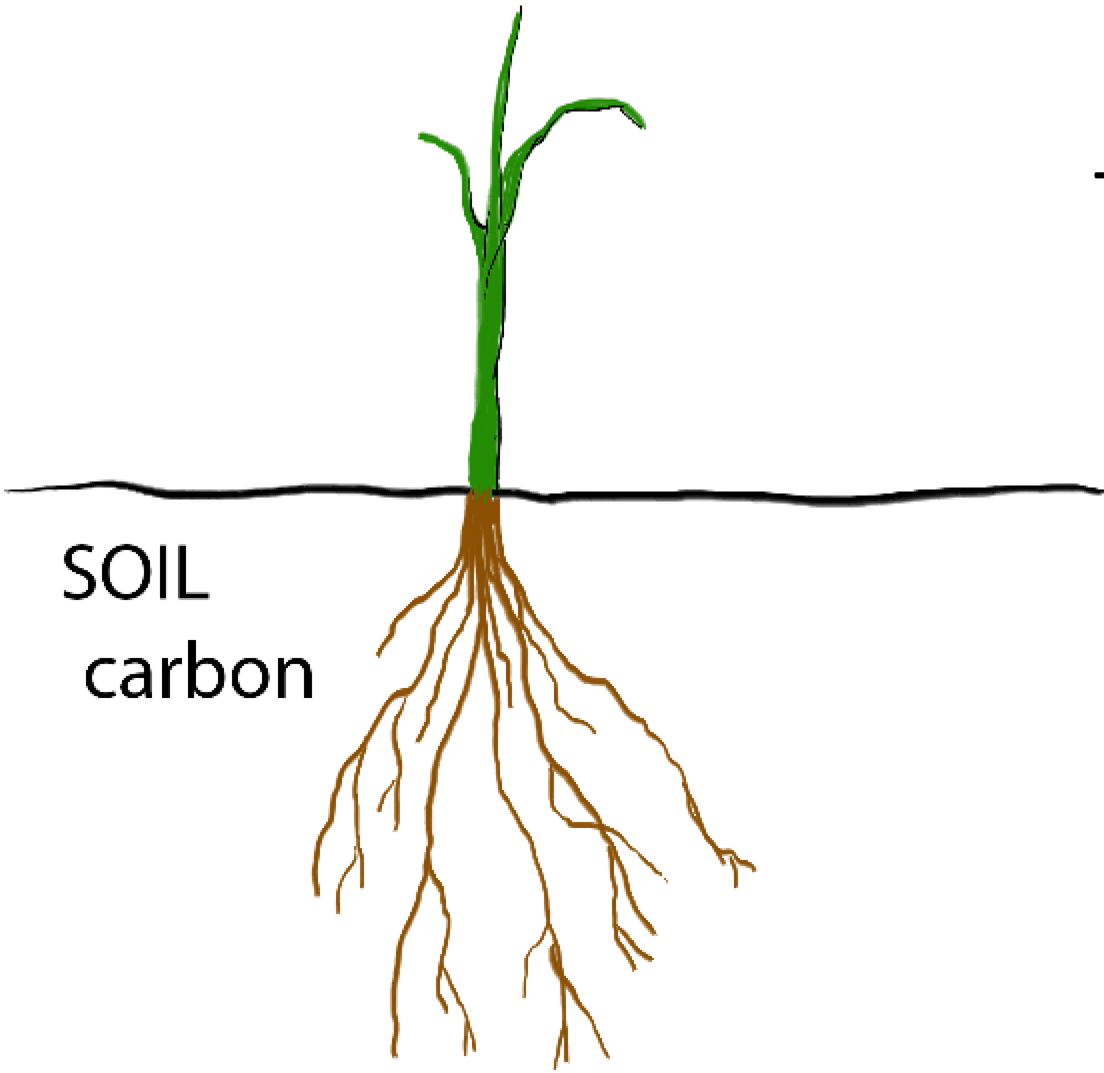
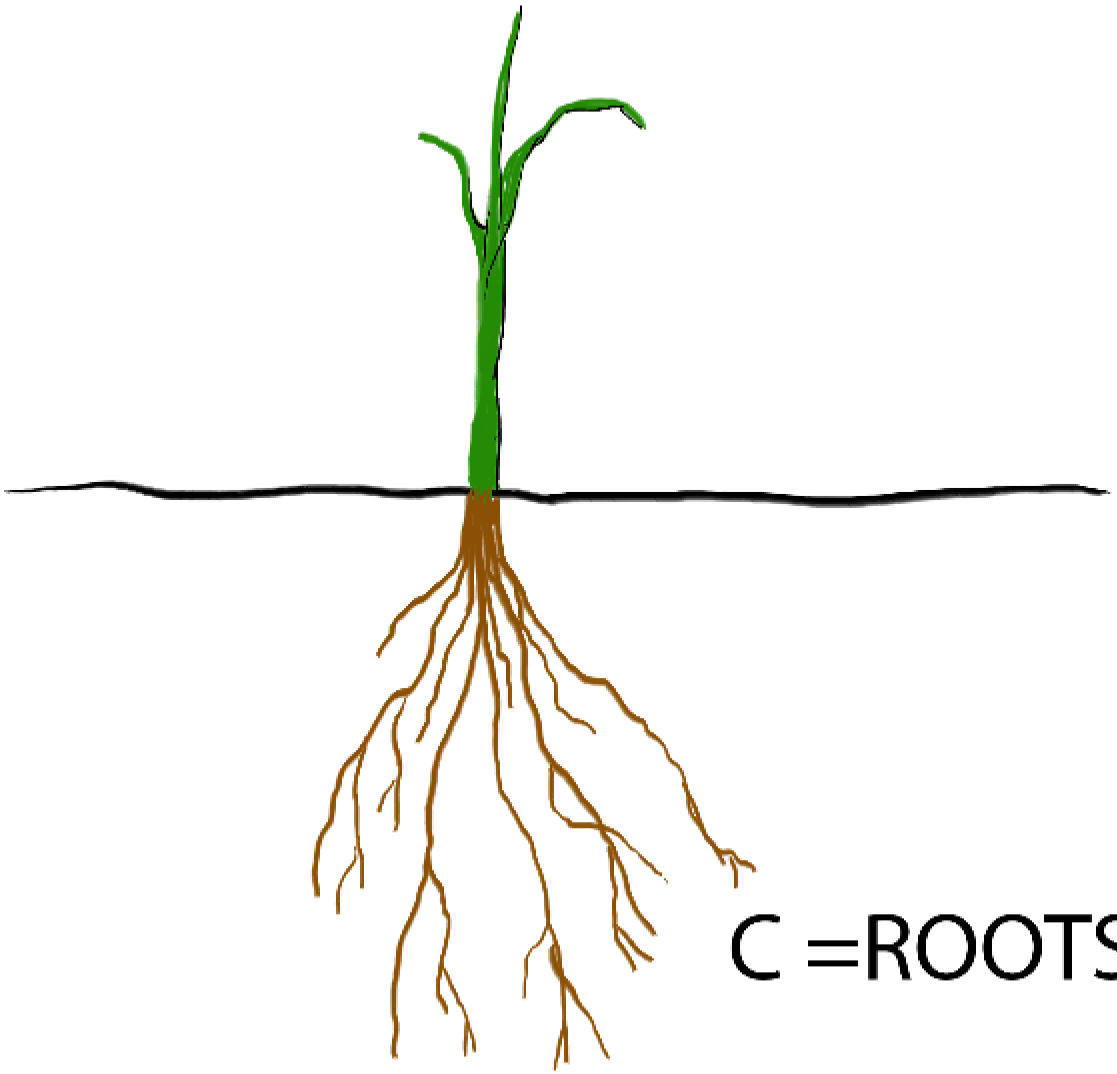


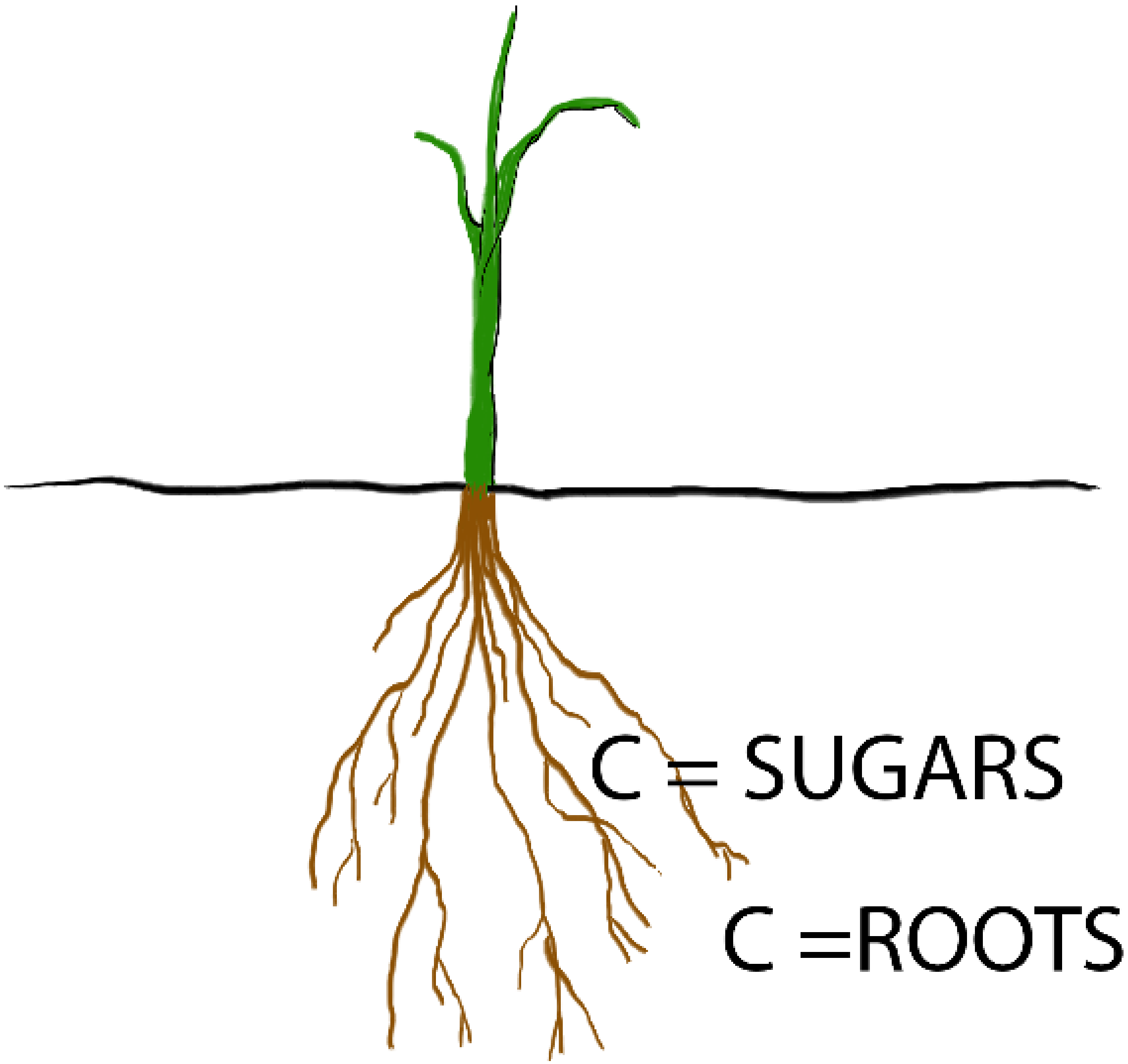
ALL OF THE
CARBON
IN
CARBOHYDRATES
COMES FROM
THE **AIR.**



THERE IS CARBON
IN THE SOIL,
BUT IT DOES NOT
ENTER THE
PLANT.
IN FACT, IT'S THE
OPPOSITE!



C =ROOTS


C = SUGARS
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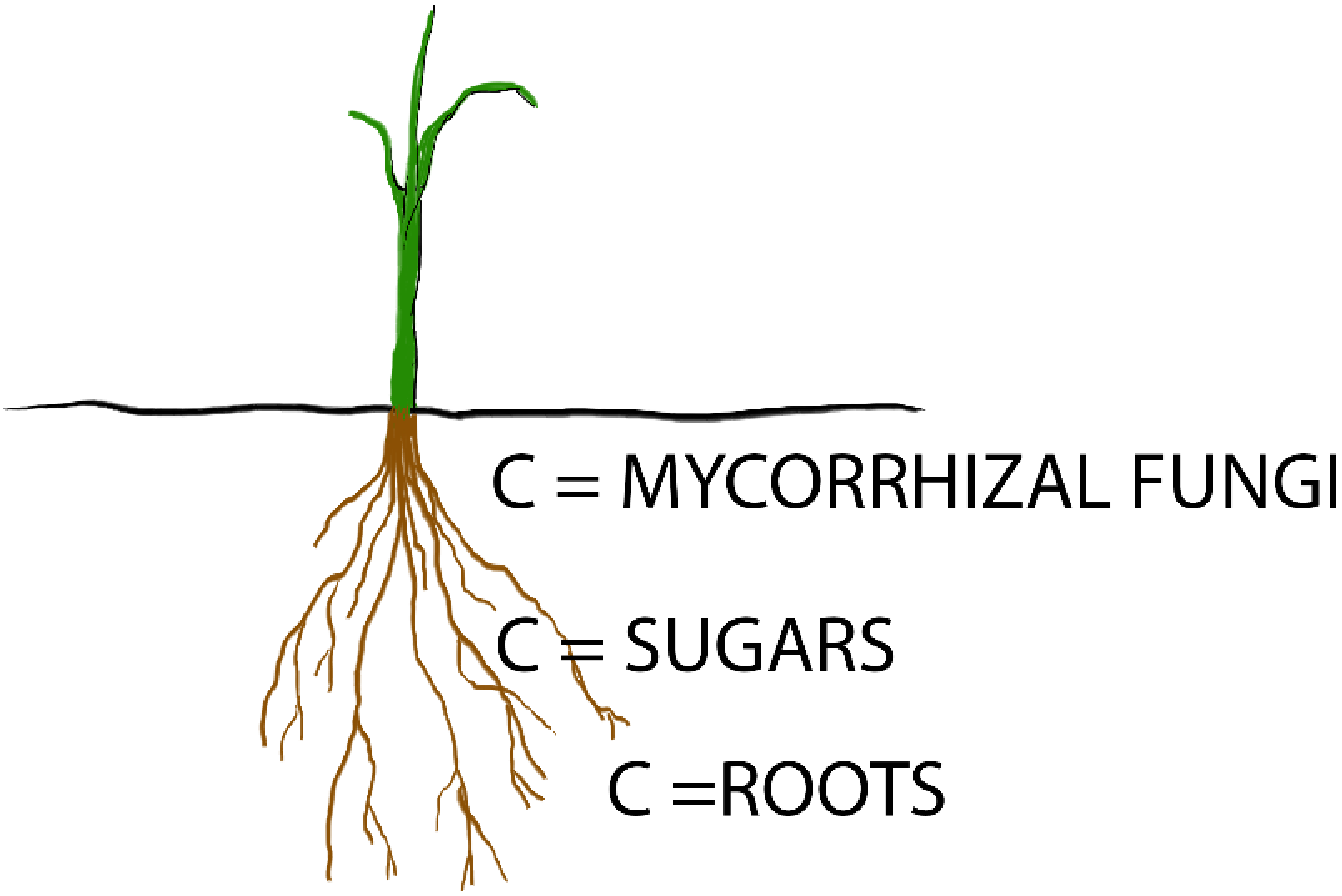
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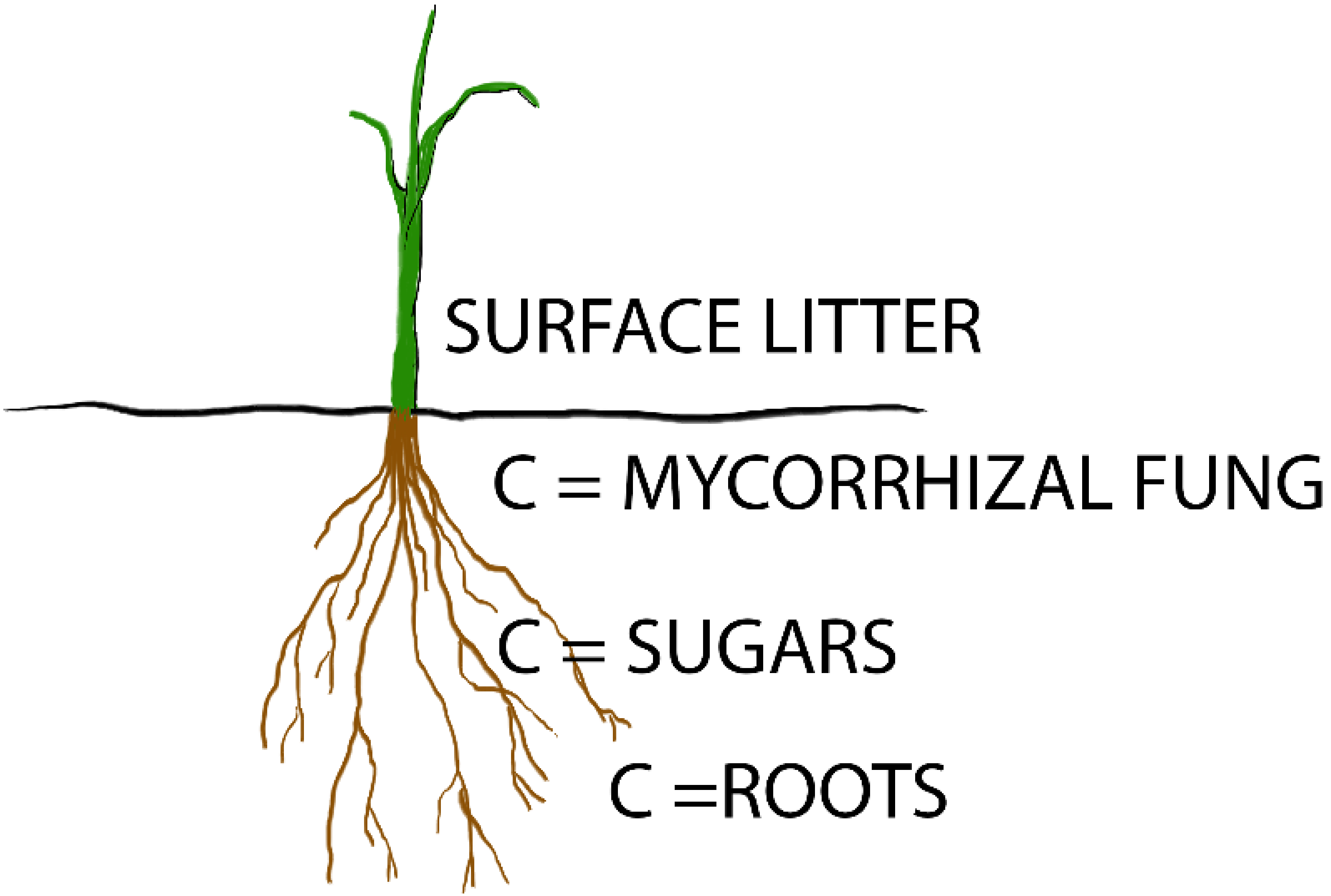
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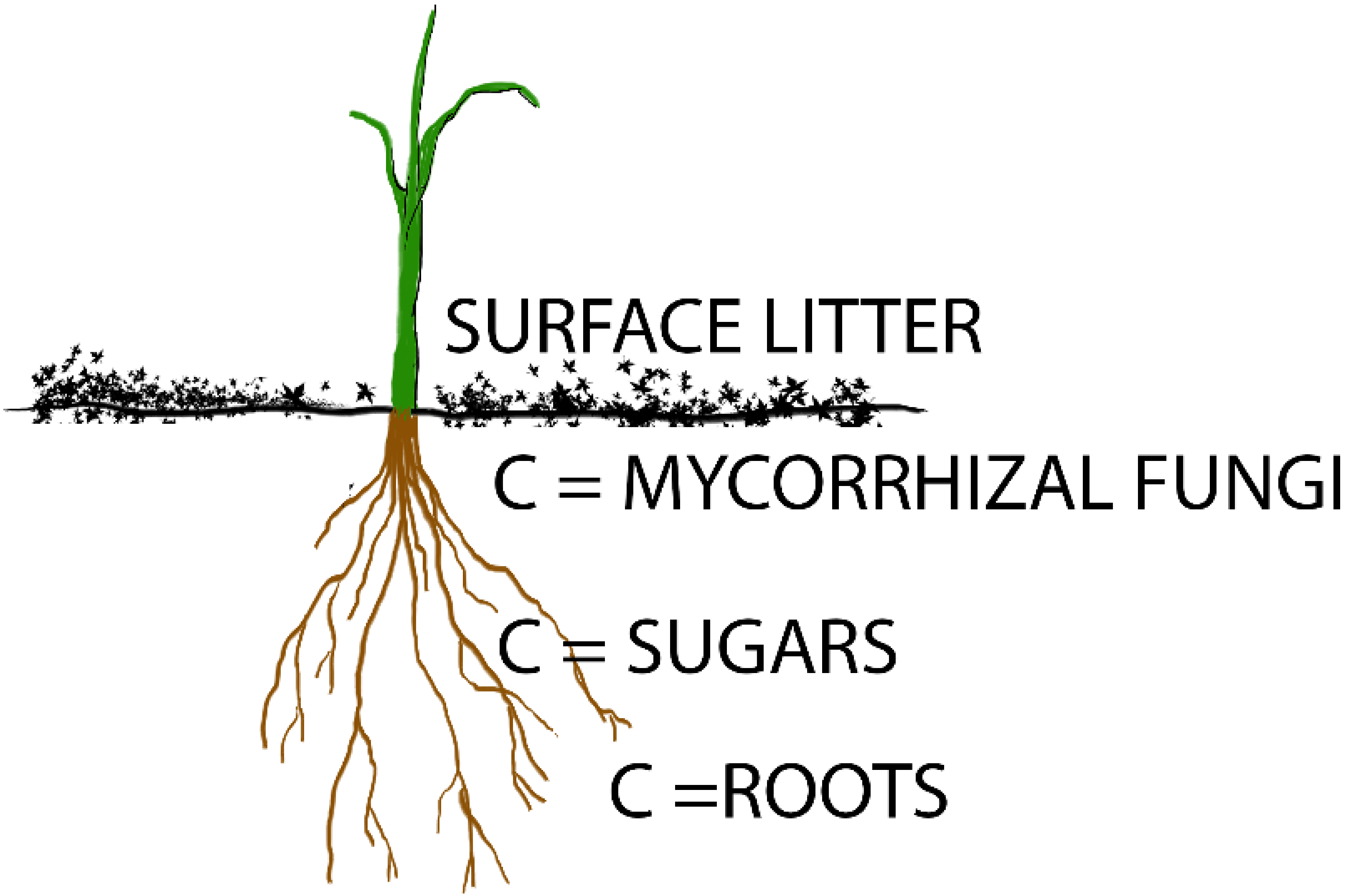
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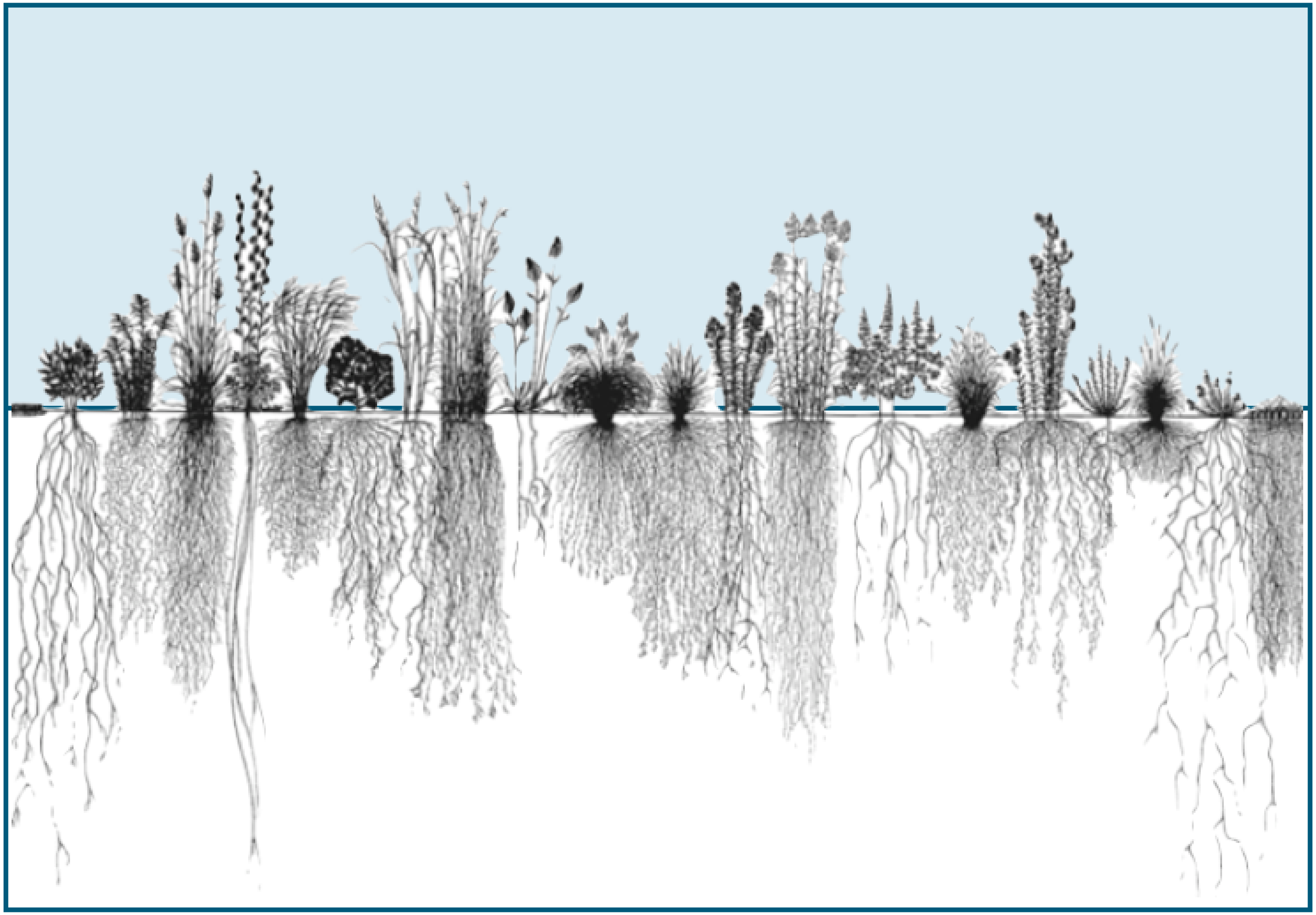
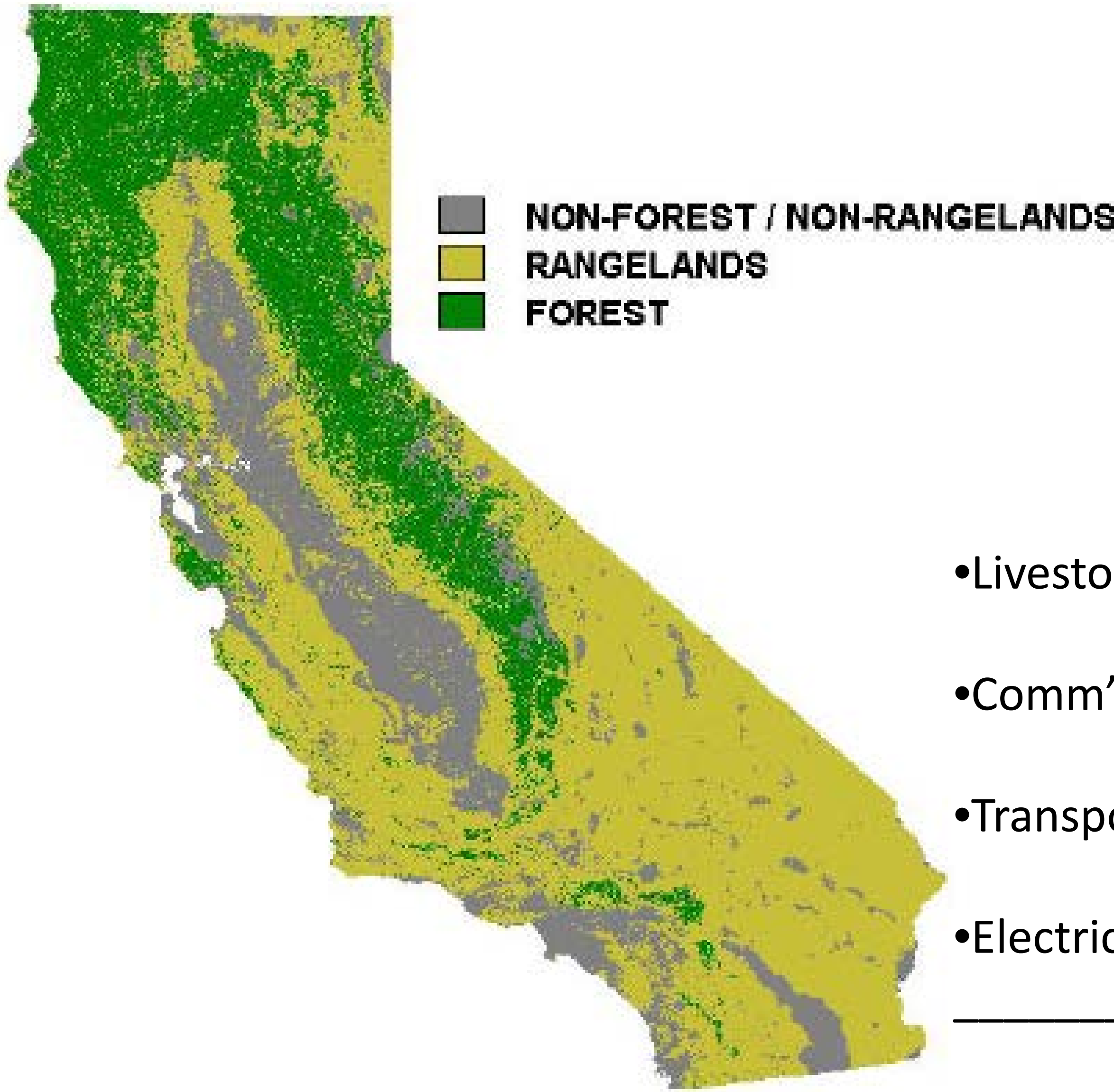
Grasslands store one-third of the world's soil carbon



Grasses allocate a large percentage of their photosynthate belowground to roots, exudates and soil biota, including mycorrhizae.

California Rangelands and Carbon Sequestration



1 MT C = 42 MMT CO_2e/y
5 MT C = 211 MMT CO_2e/y
10 MT C = **422** MMT CO_2e/y

- Livestock ~15 MMT CO_2e/y
- Comm'l/Residential ~41 MMT CO_2e/y
- Transportation ~188 MMT CO_2e/y
- Electrical generation ~109 MMT CO_2e/y

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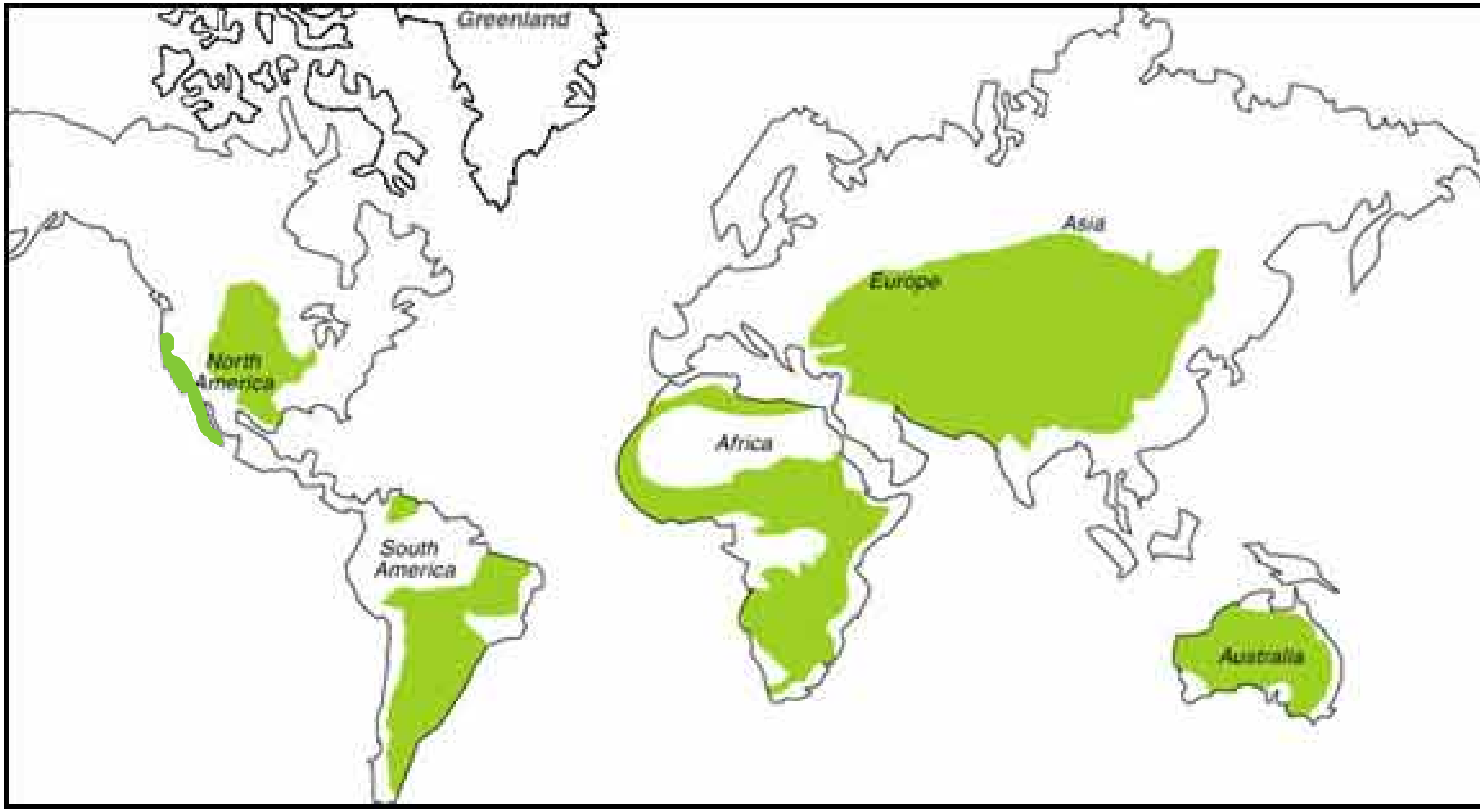
=**353** MMT CO_2

23 million hectares of rangeland statewide Assume 50% available for C sequestration

THERE ARE 3.5 BILLION HECTARES OF GRAZED RANGELAND ON EARTH



*30% of global land surface

*33% of the US land area

*Over half of the global land use

*56% of California land area

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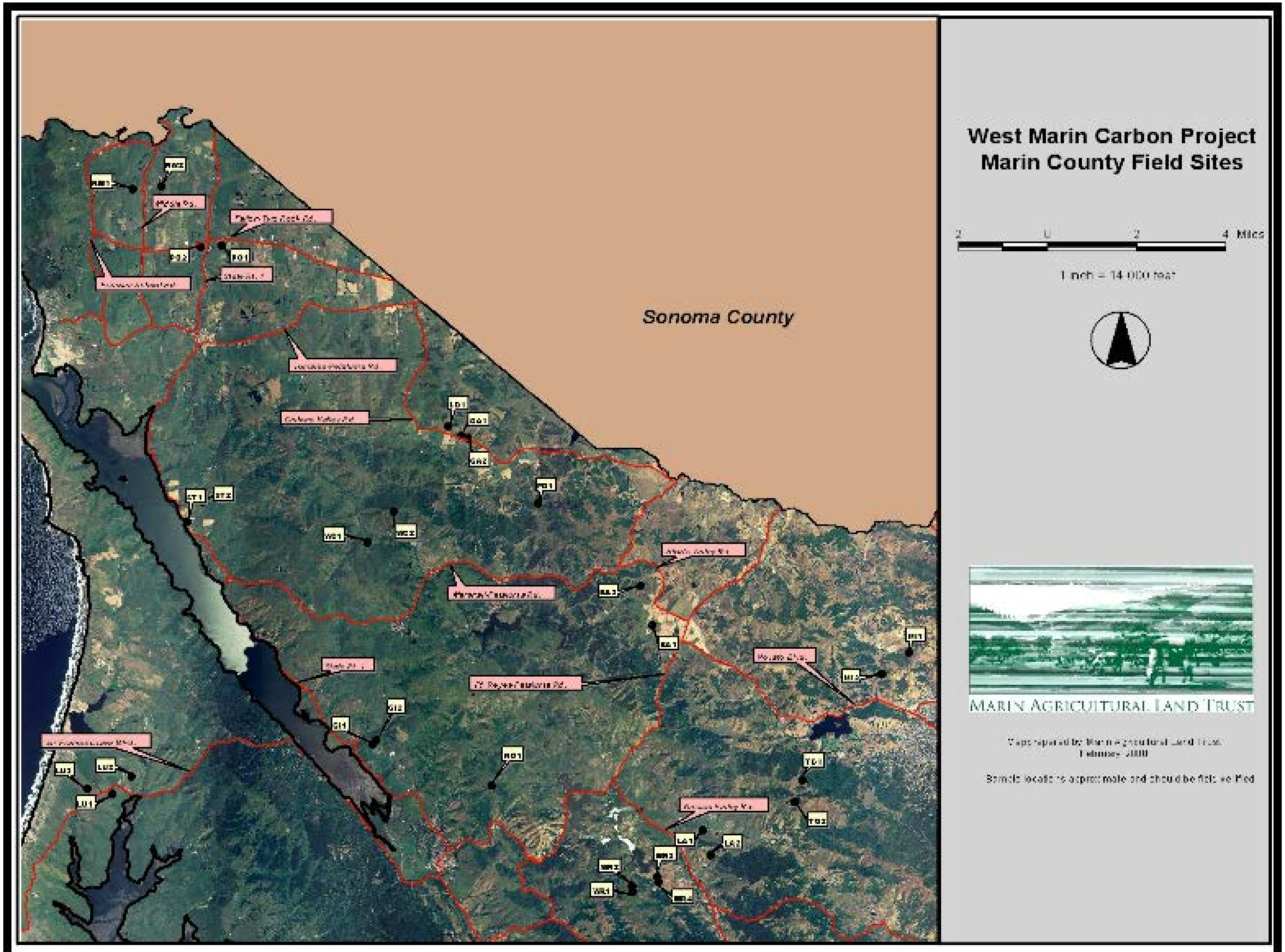
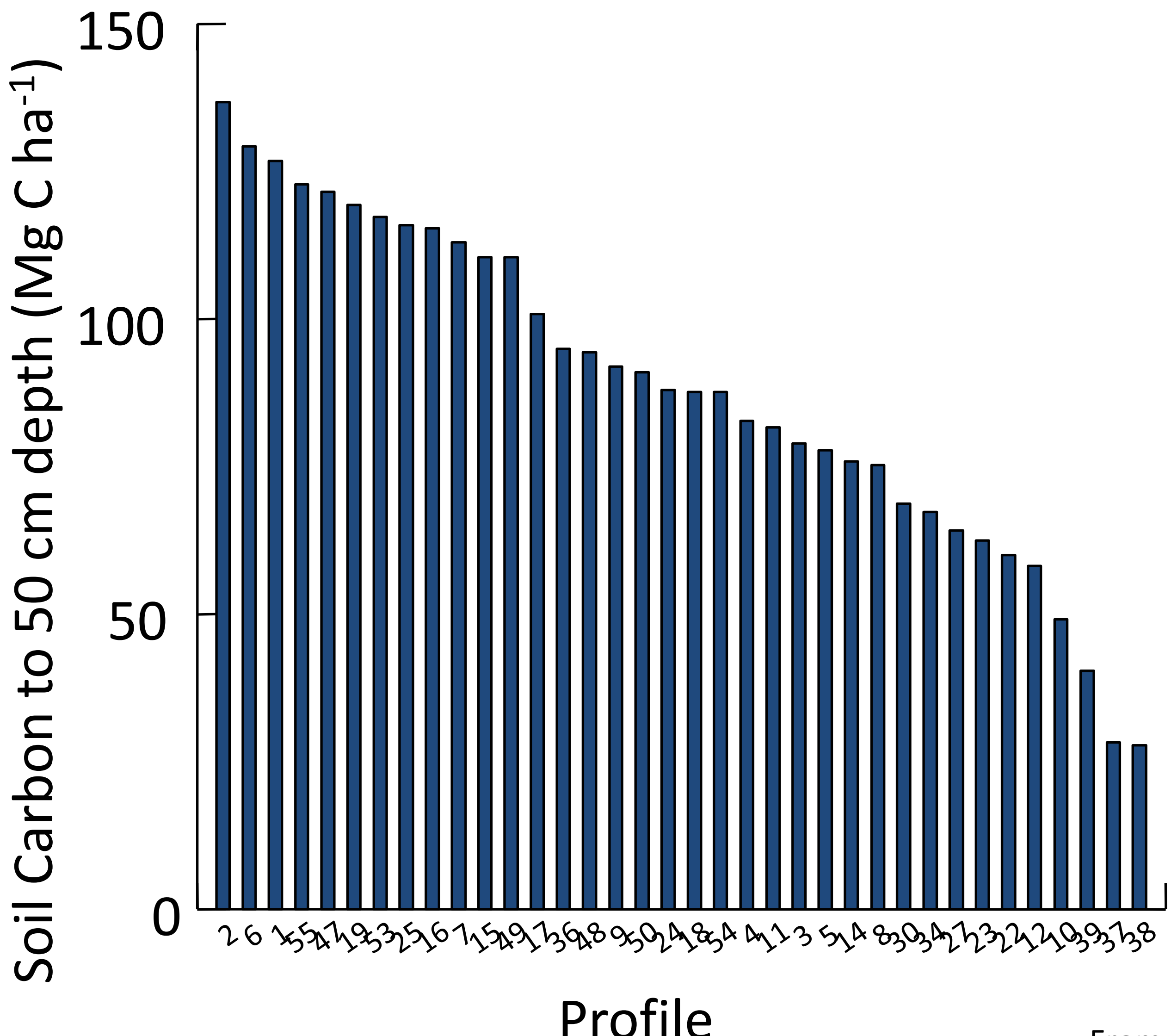
We sampled 35 sites that were typical of land under management in our area; beef and dairy pasture.

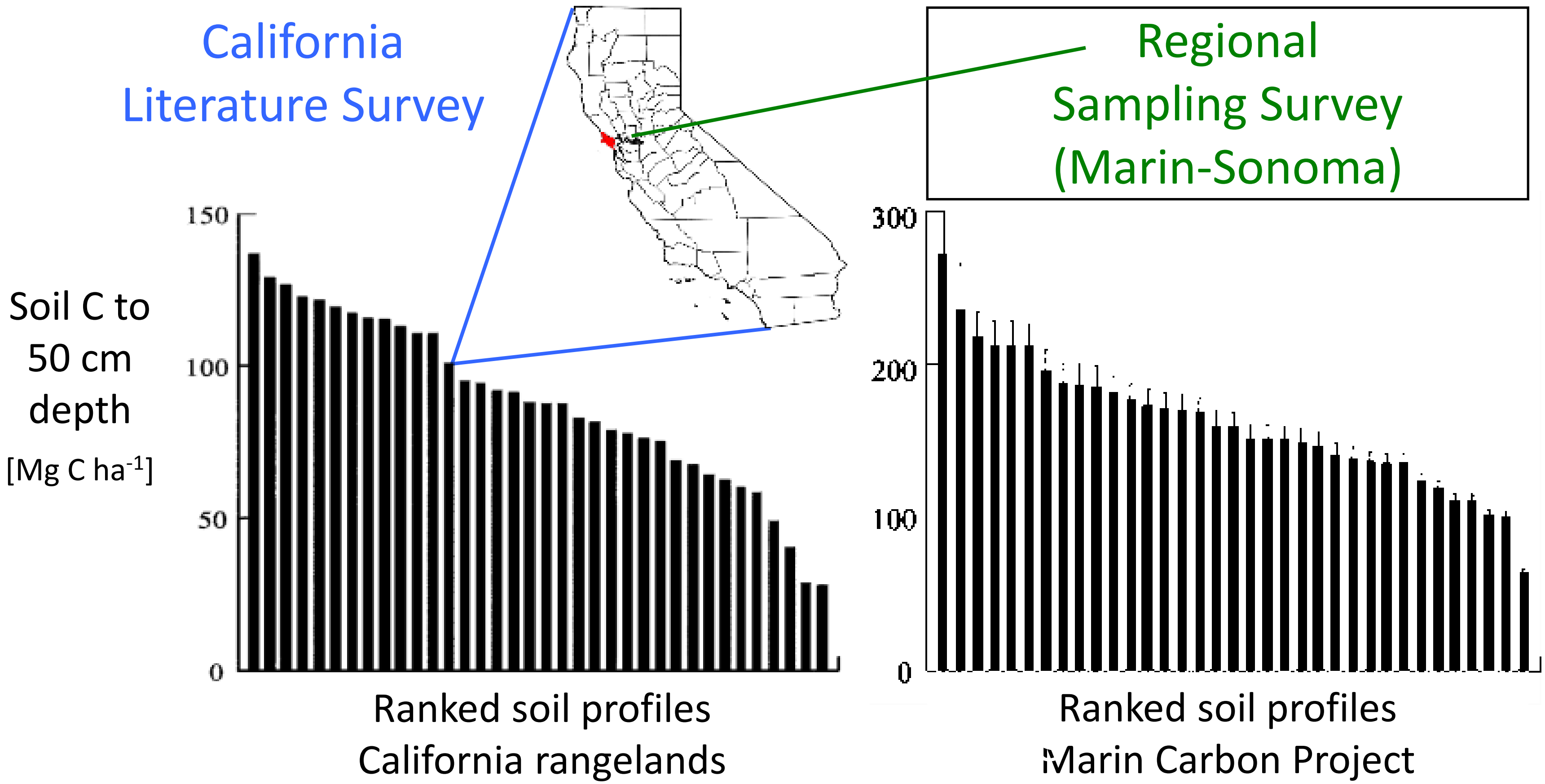


- Large range in soil carbon pool size
- Considerable soil C storage capacity



From Silver et al. 2010

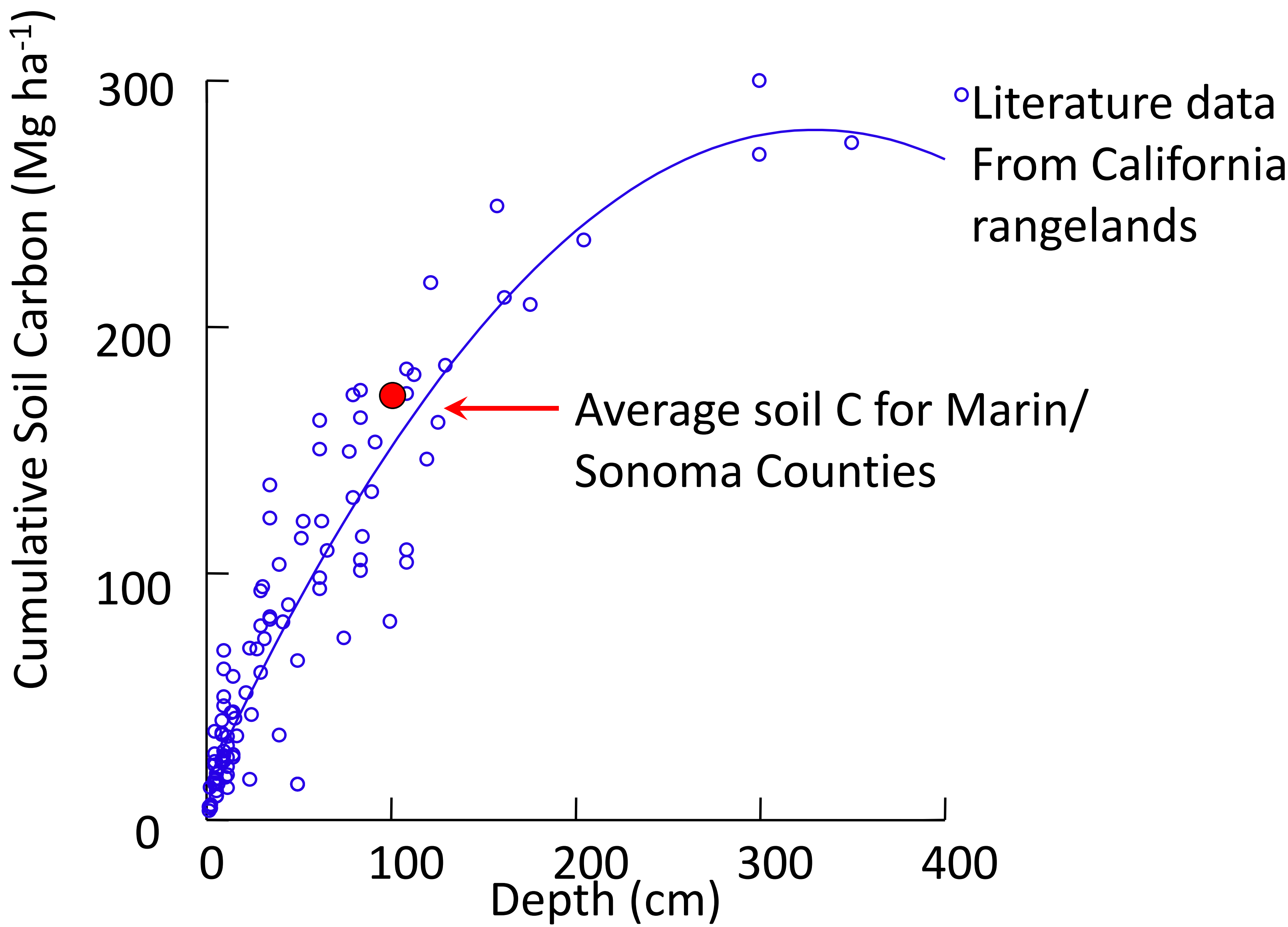
Soil carbon pools vary widely, due to management history, precipitation, vegetation and soil type.

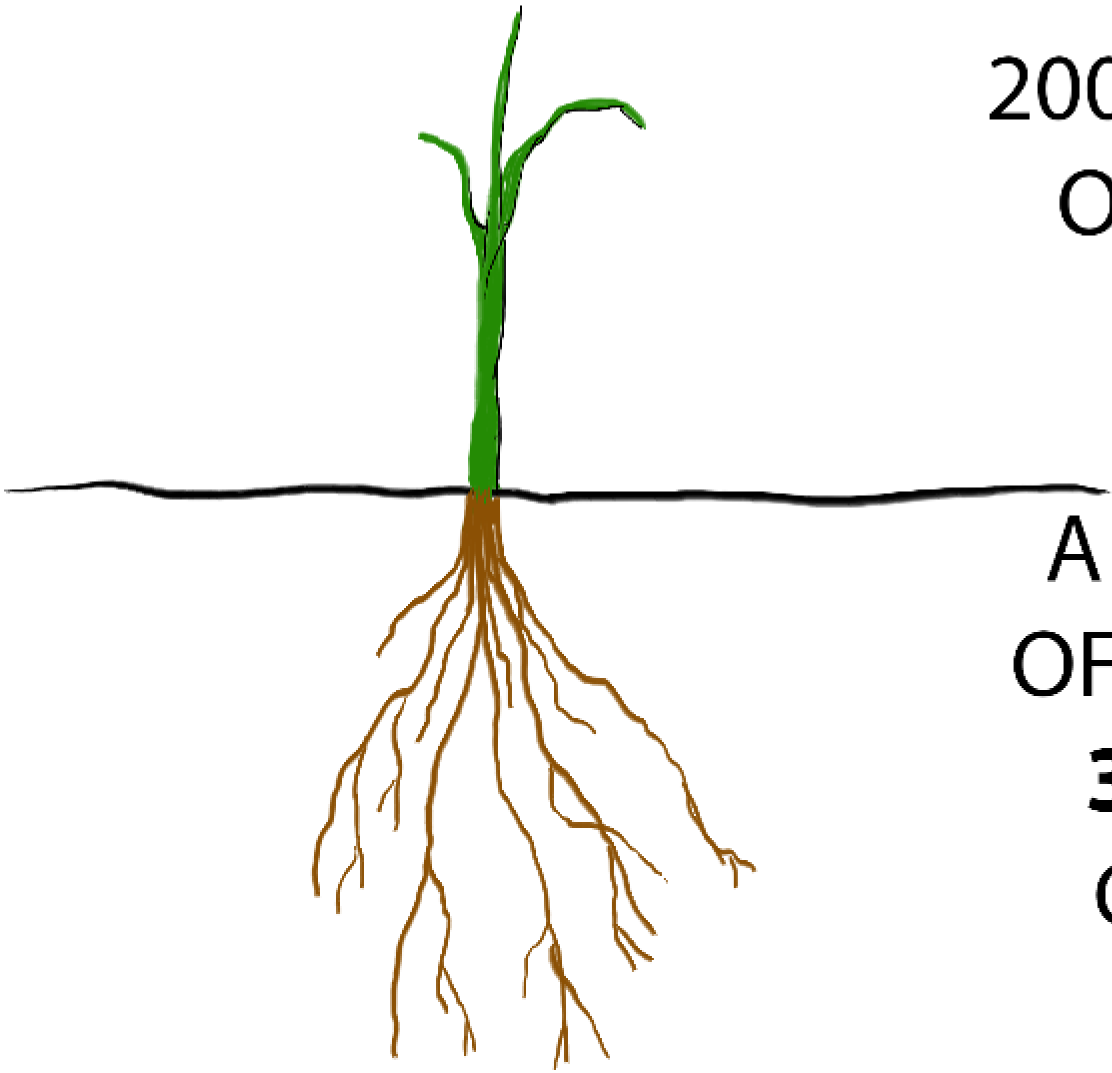


Silver, Ryals & Eviner 2010

Silver, Ryals, et al. in prep

On average Marin soils appear to be in the mid range of California rangelands

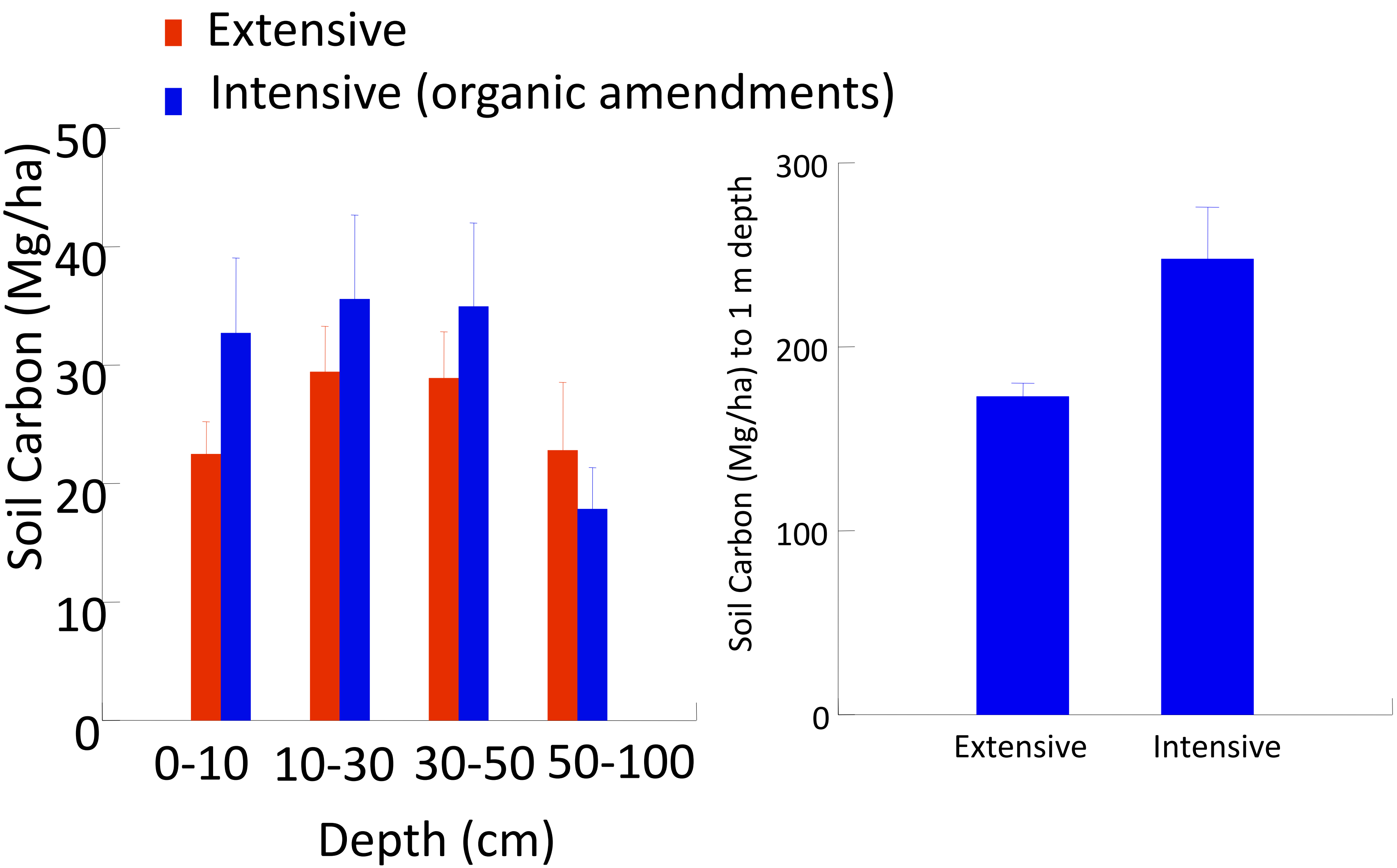




2008 SOIL SURVEY OF 35 SITES IN MARIN AND SONOMA; A WIDE RANGE OF SOIL CARBON **30-150** TONS CARBON PER HECTARE.


PONCIA
AG

Organic amendments increased soil carbon by 50 Mg C ha^{-1} in the top meter of soil



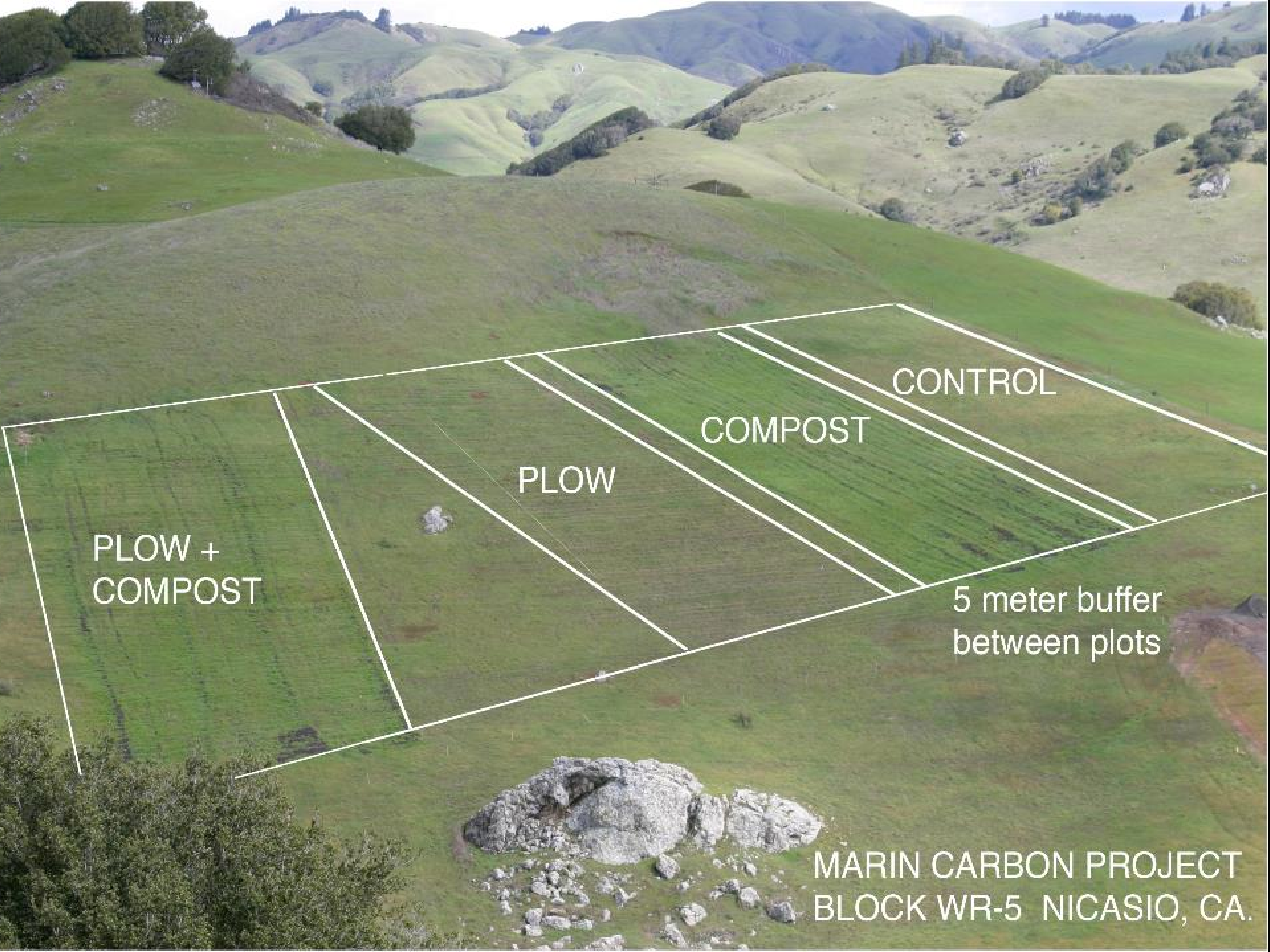
In 1996, French Nuclear testing
Released a very unique Carbon Isotope
Into the atmosphere.
Scientists use this isotope as a
“Distinct Time Stamp.”

Dr. Silver is quoted as saying,

"We were looking for a needle
in a Haystack, and we found **bricks**
of 10 year old French carbon
a meter deep
in Marin County soils!"

WE NEEDED A WAY
TO SCIENTIFICALLY
TEST THE
MECHANISM OF
PHOTOSYNTHETIC
CARBON TRANSFER
WITHOUT THE
EMISSIONS

COMPOST!


CONTROL
COMPOST
PLOW
PLOW +
COMPOST
5 meter buffer
between plots
MARIN CARBON PROJECT
BLOCK WR-5 NICASIO, CA.

Valley Grassland

UC Sierra Foothills Research & Extension Center

Mean seasonal temp: $2^{o}C$ (Jan), $32^{o}C$ (July)

Mean annual precipitation: 750 mm/yr

Coastal Grassland

Nicasio Native Grass Ranch, Nicasio, CA

Mean annual temperature: $6^{o}C$ (Jan), $20^{o}C$ (July)

Mean annual precipitation: 850 mm/yr

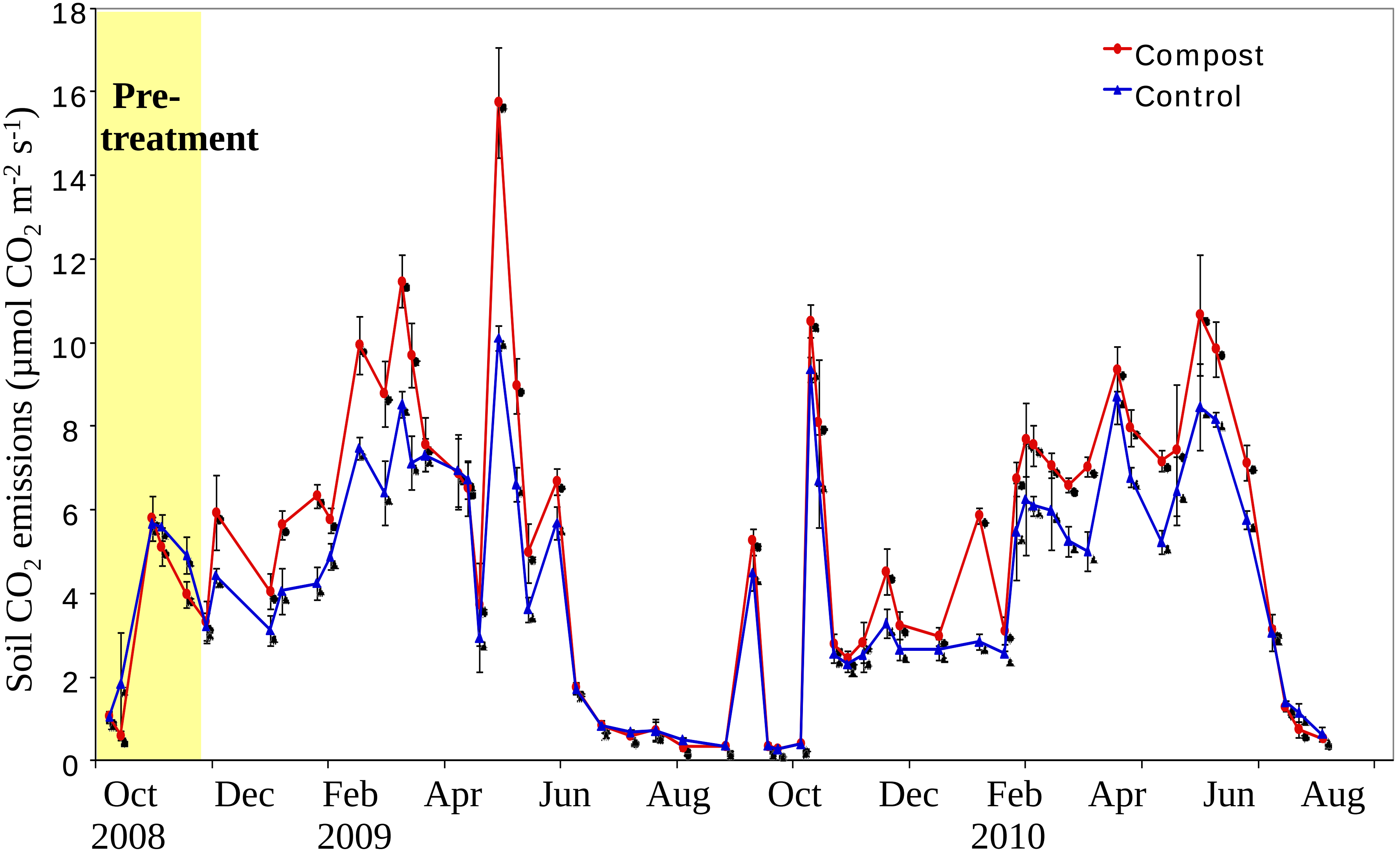
2008 - 2011 Field experiments

Controlled, replicated experiments on working grasslands to test the effects of management practices on soil carbon sequestration.


Site: WR-HIG-8
Date: 4-11-09
Plot: GRAZING
Line #: LEFT
Direction: E

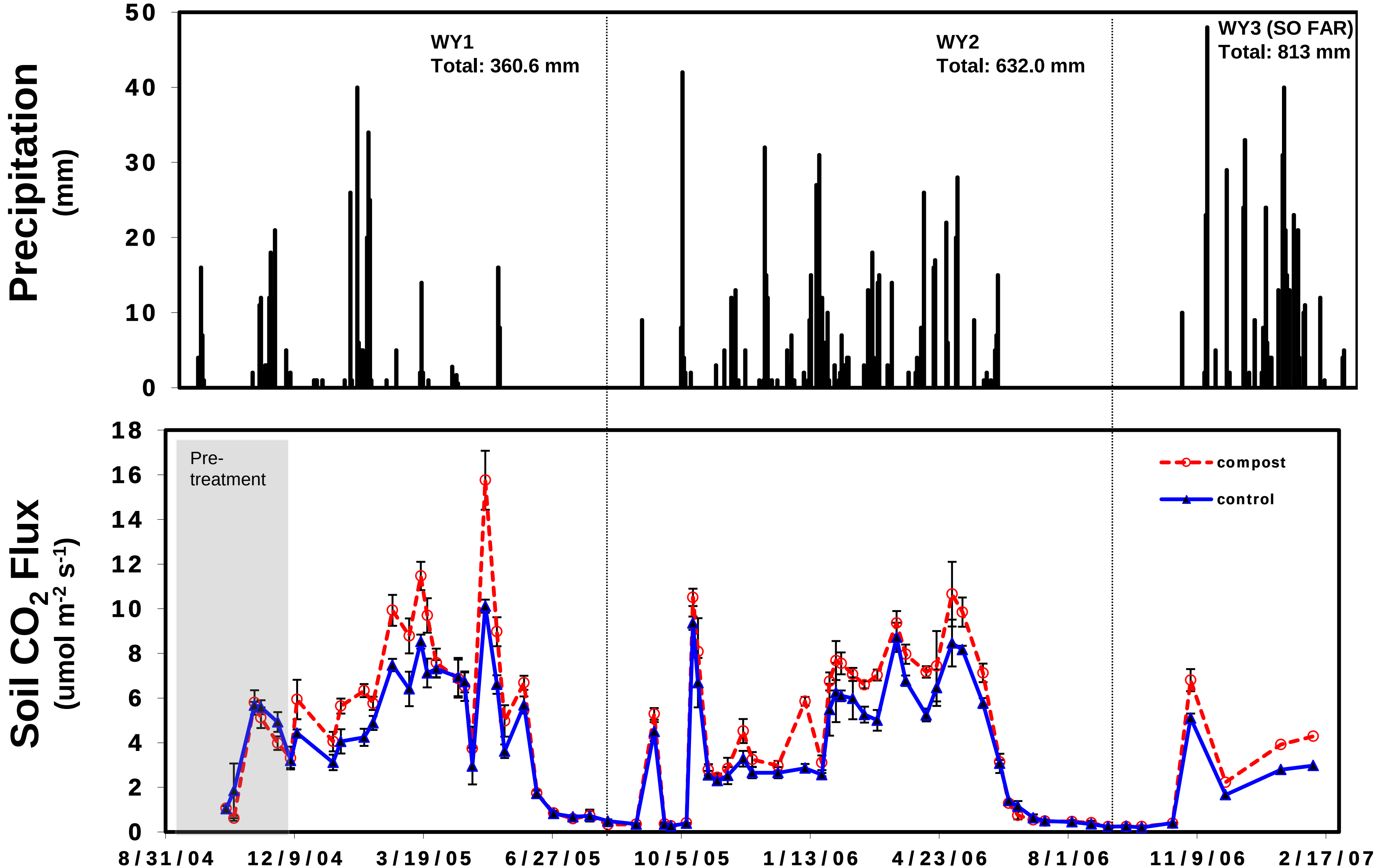

JOHN DEERE
Slinger

Compost addition increased soil respiration over the first two years of the experiment

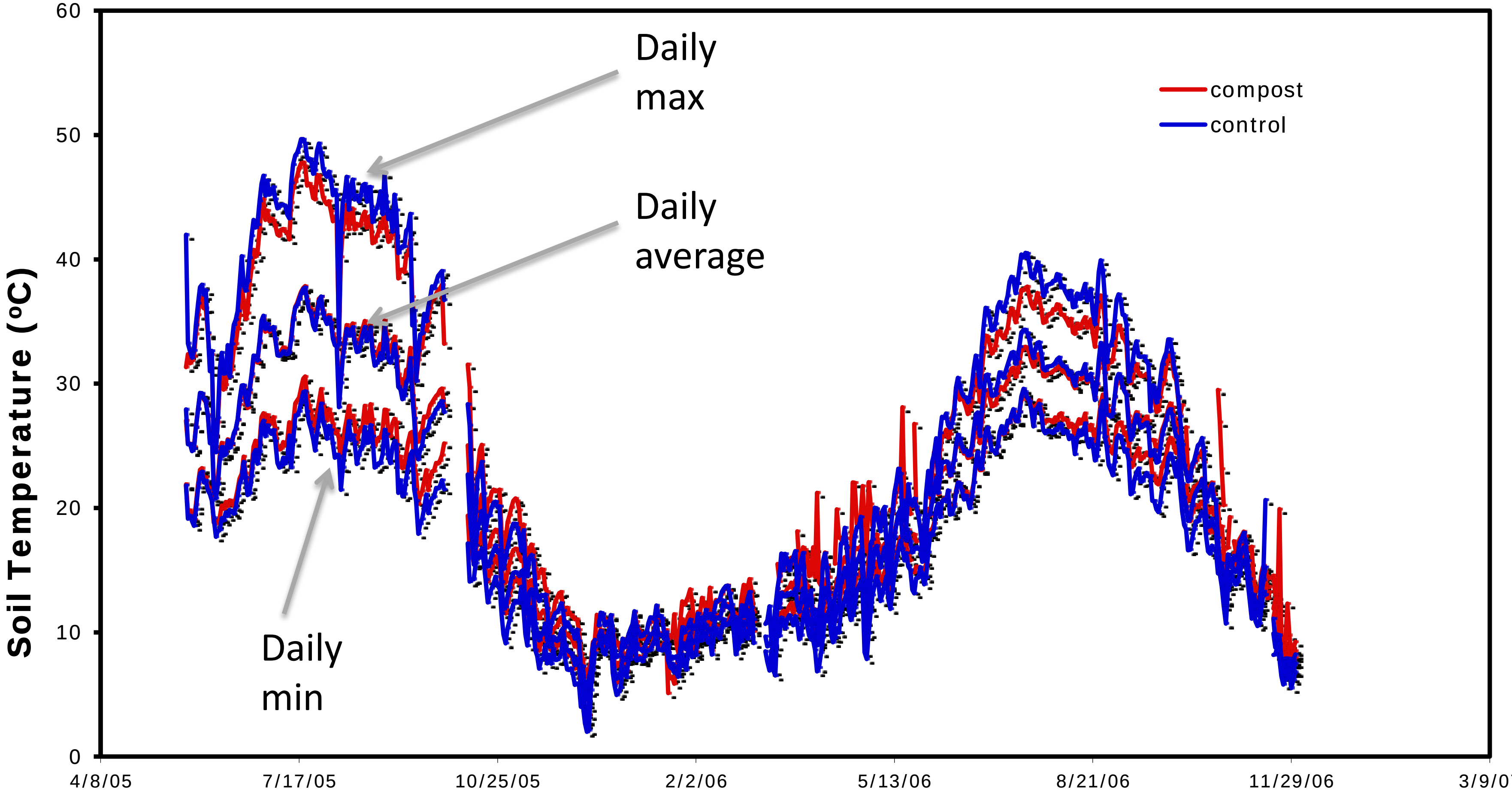


Browns Valley, Ryals and Silver in prep

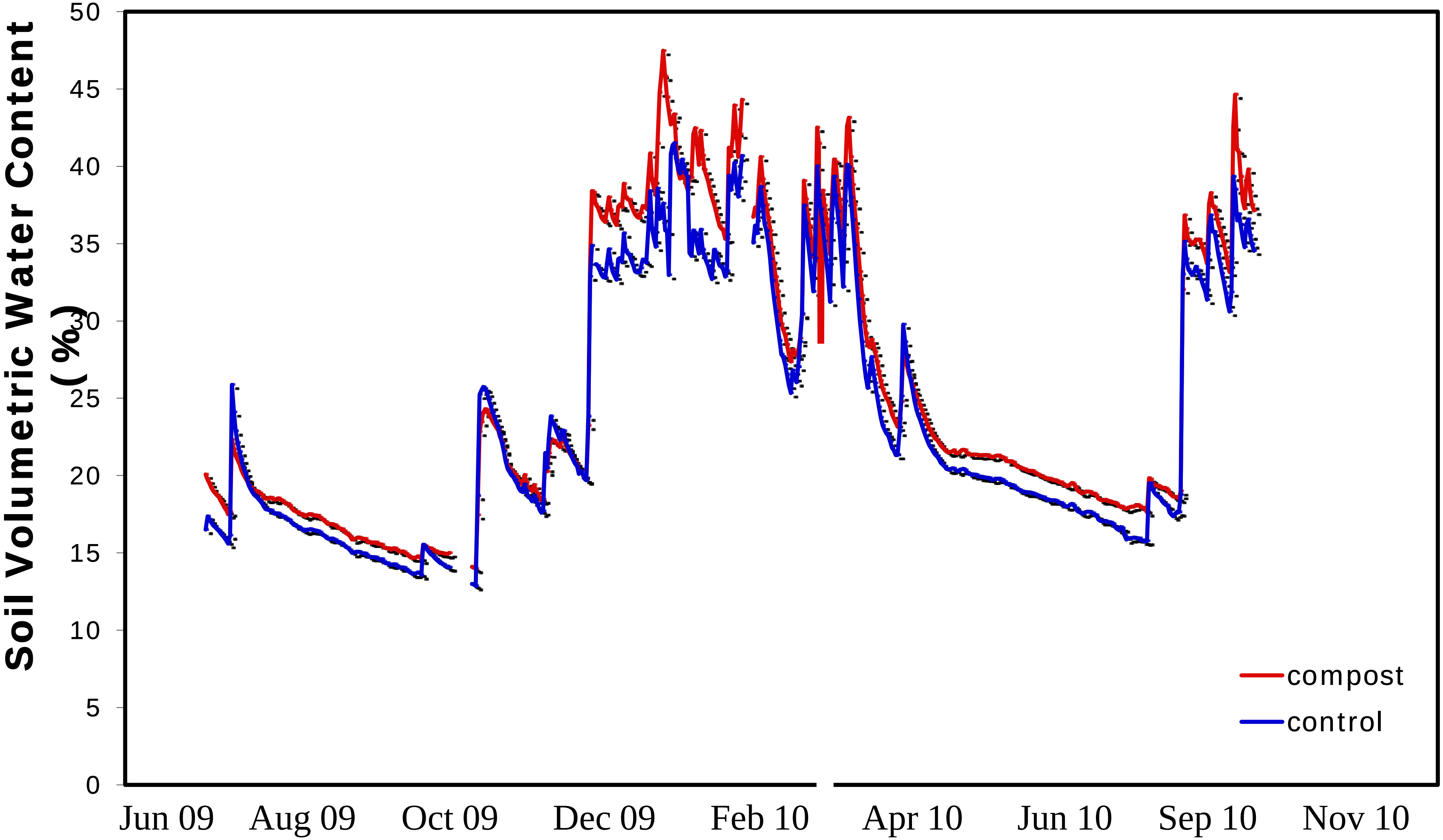
Outputs I: Soil respiration influenced by rainfall and compost



Composting buffered daily soil temperature extremes

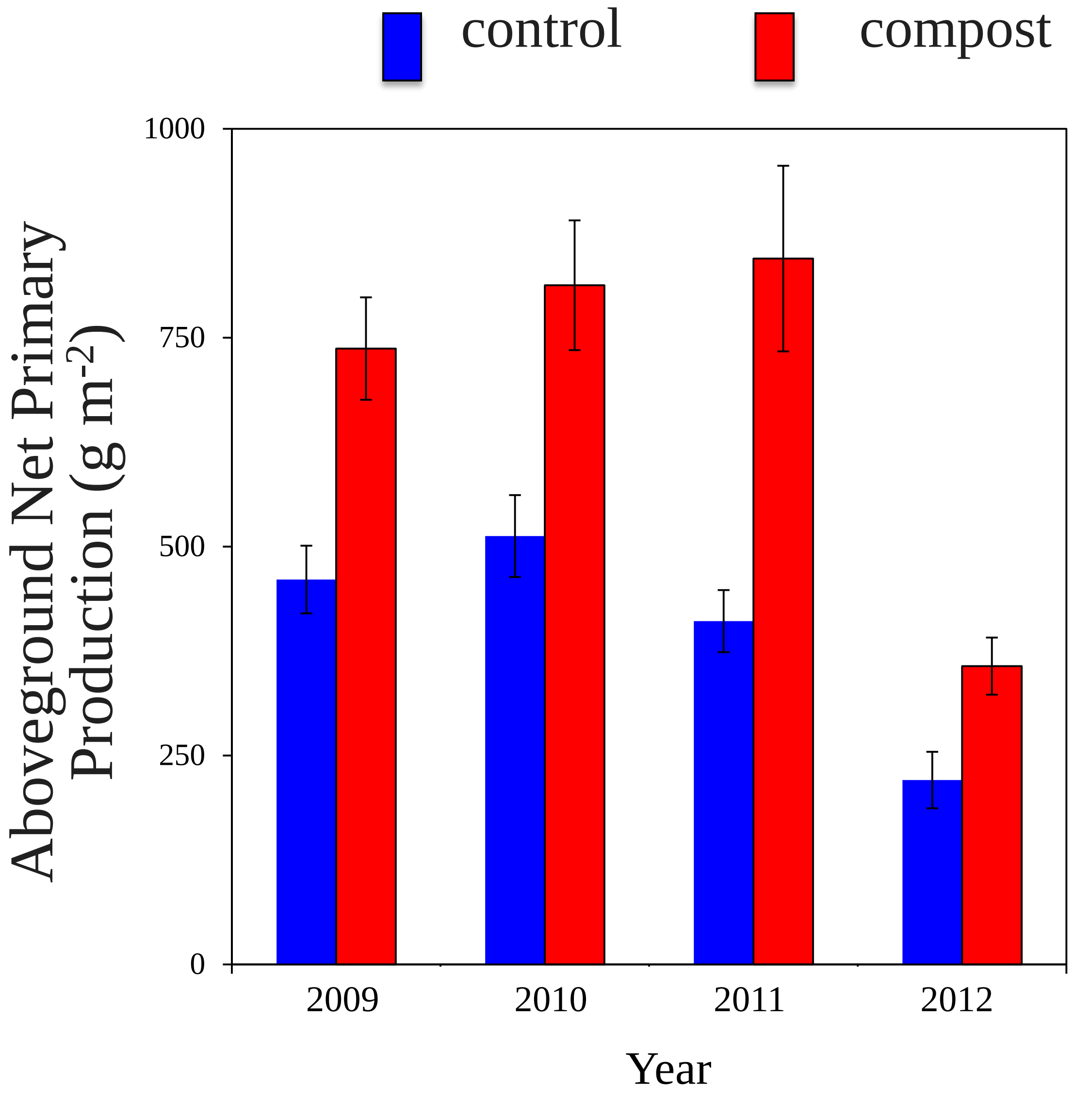


Compost also increased soil moisture….



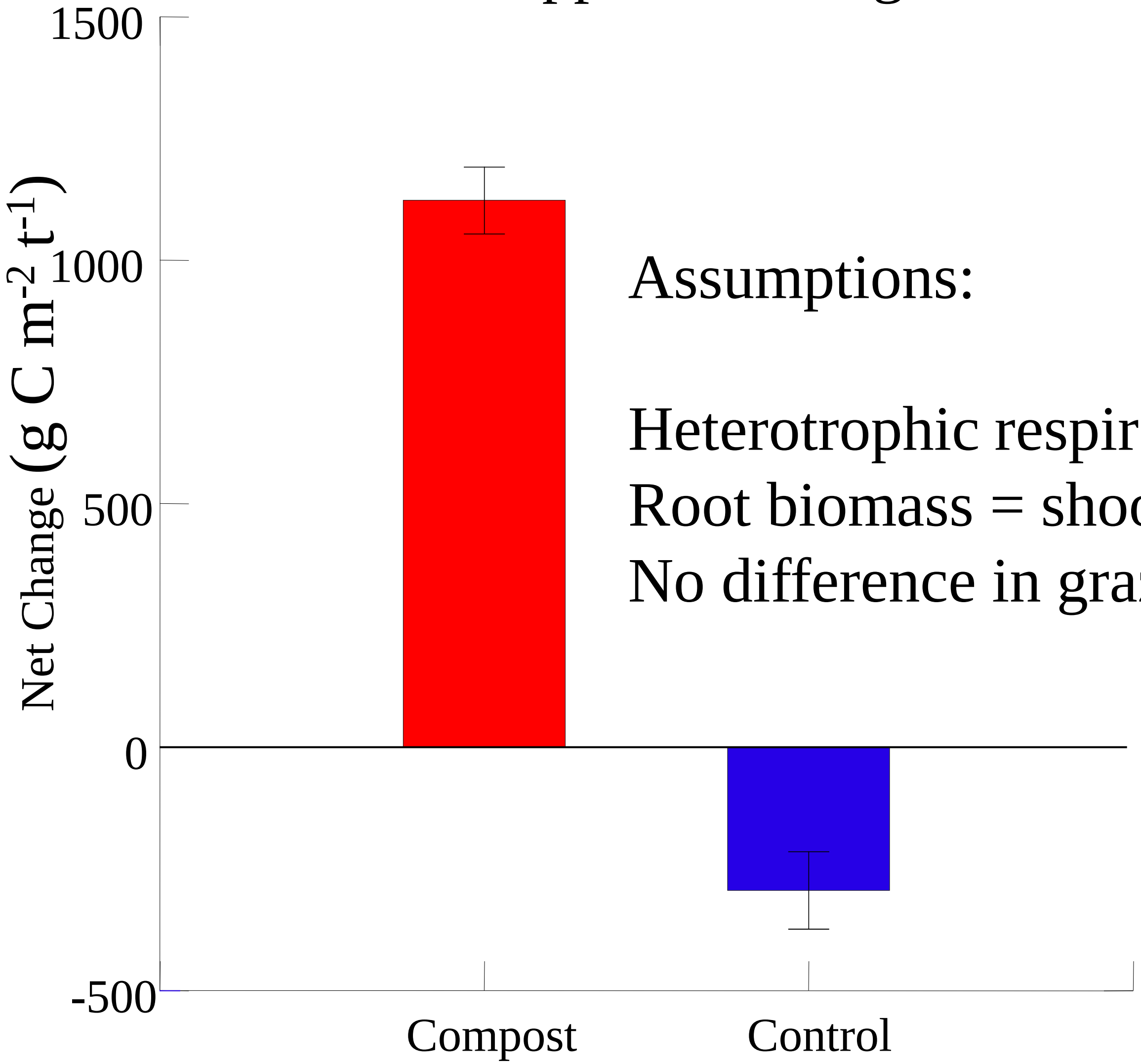
UCSFREC, Browns Valley, Ryals and Silver 2013

Results: Above-ground production (forage) has exceeded controls by about 50% ***every year*** following the single ½” compost application in 2008



Ryals and Silver 2012, Ryals and Silver in prep.

Organic amendments increased system carbon by over 14.8 Mg C/ha in year 1; net gain, beyond compost additions was approx. 0.8 Mg C/ha.

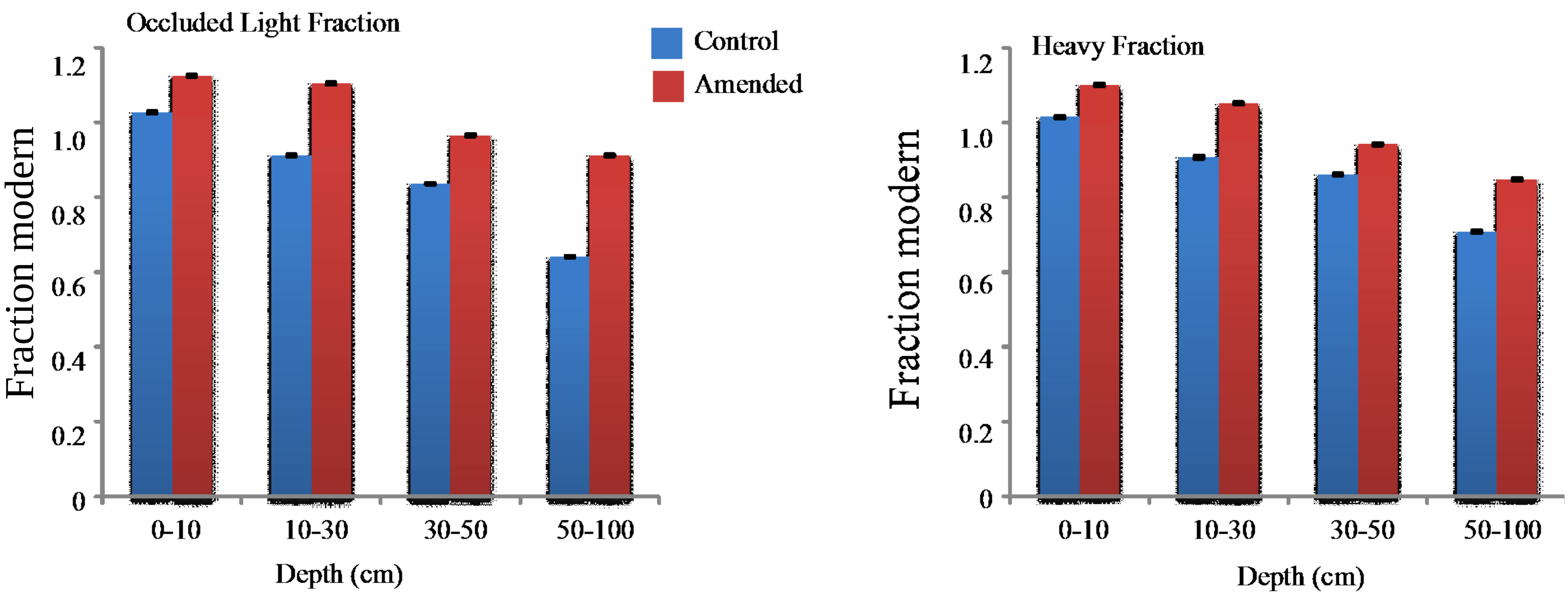


Assumptions:

Heterotrophic respiration = 50% of total
Root biomass = shoot biomass
No difference in grazed biomass

Nicasio, Ryals and Silver in prep

Soil C from amendments can be stored in soil C pools with long turnover times

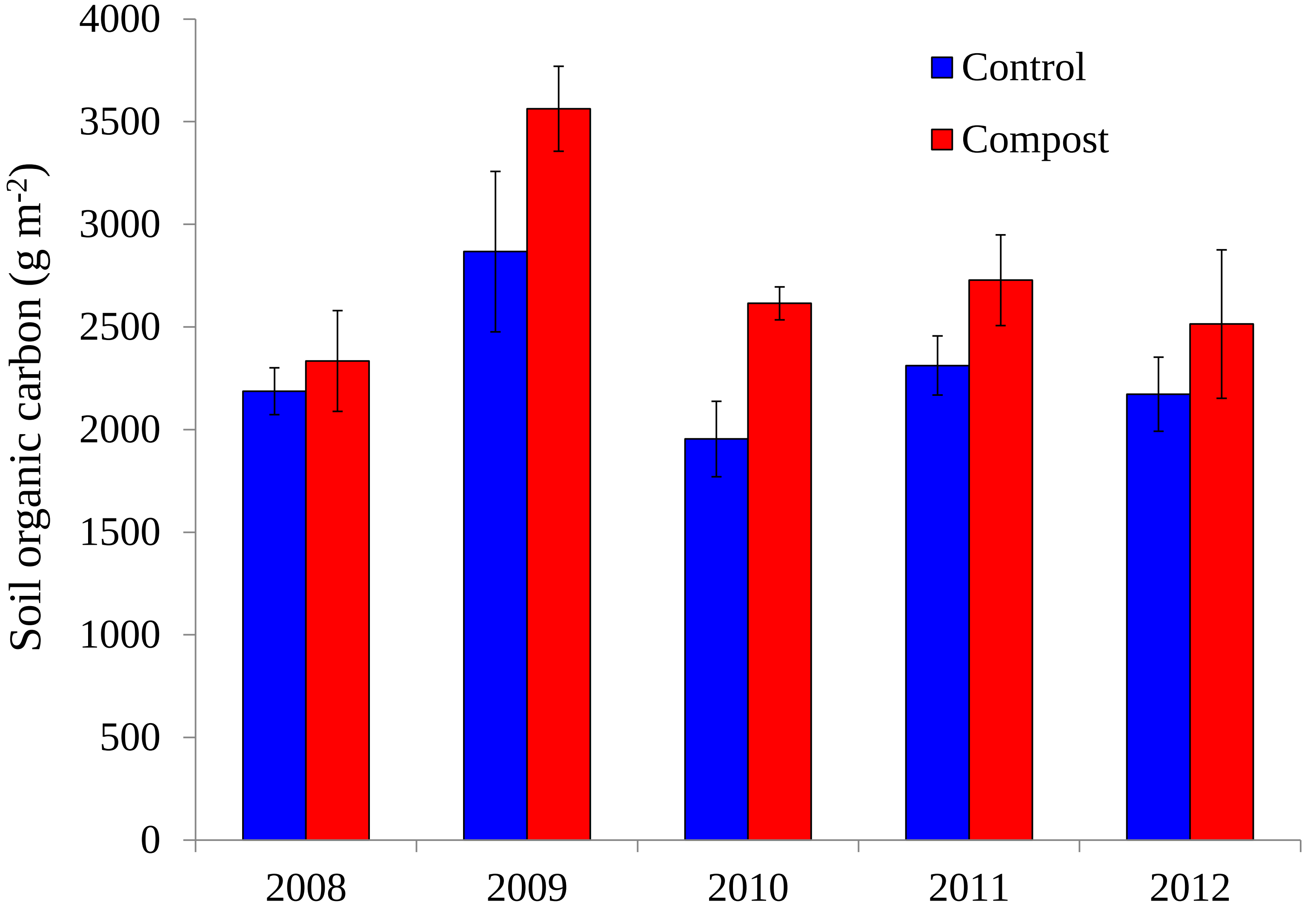


OLF: decades to centuries
HF: centuries to millennia

Analysis of ^{14}C in soil carbon fractions

Silver et al. in prep.

Organic matter amendments increased soil C pools



Ryals et al. 2014 SBB and in prep

Effects of Organic Matter Amendments on Net Primary Productivity and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Annual Grasslands

Rebecca Ryals AND Whendee L. Silver

Ecological Applications, 23(1), 2013, pp. 46–59, 2013

This paper showed that compost increased plant production, water holding capacity, and ecosystem C storage in rangelands in two bioclimatic zones in California.

Impacts of Organic Matter Amendments on Carbon and Nitrogen Dynamics in Grassland Soils

Rebecca Ryals , Whendee L. Silver, Michael Kaiser, Margaret S. Torn, Asmeret Asefaw Berhe

Soil Biology & Biochemistry 68 (2014) 52e61

This paper showed that compost applications led to an increase in bulk soil C stocks and that over 3 years we detected an increase in the free light and occluded light C fractions.

Grassland Compost Amendments Increase Plant Production Without Changing Plant Communities

Rebecca Ryals,1,3,† Valerie T. Eviner,2 Claudia Stein,1,4
Katharine N. Suding,1,5 and Whendee L. Silver1

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This paper showed that there were no losses in biodiversity in composted-amended sites and that we did not see an increase in invasive weed species.

Moderating Climate Change with Soil Carbon Management

CARBON CYCLE INSTITUTE

MARIN CARBON PROJECT

USGS science for a changing world

INTRODUCTION

- Climate change is ongoing with changes in weather patterns and increases in extreme events, such as the current California drought.
- Biosequestration removes carbon from the atmosphere and stores it in plants and soil, increases soil water holding capacity, increases net primary productivity, and enhances other ecosystem services.
- Marin Carbon Project (MCP) research showed increases in soil water holding capacity (WHC) associated with topical applications of compost.
- The 25% WHC increase modeled here is based on first year increases in soil carbon on MCP treatment plots (Ryals, R and W. Silver, 2013. Ecological Applications, 23(1), pp. 46–59).
- Composting is a particularly powerful biosequestration strategy due to both the avoidance of methane production by diversion of organic materials away from anaerobic decomposition in landfills and manure lagoons, and through enhanced NPP resulting from soil quality improvement following compost application. (DeLonge et al, 2013. Ecosystems 16: 962–979).

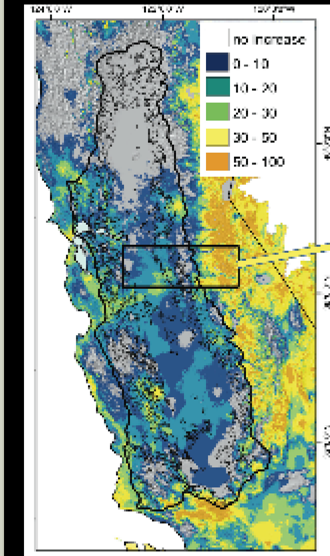
CLIMATE CHANGE AND HYDROLOGY

- The hydrologic impacts of climate change include changes in water availability and increases in demand for water.
- This translates into environmental stress that relates to wildfire, forest die-off, desertification, and loss of riparian zones and groundwater.
- Climatic water deficit is a key indicator of landscape stress.

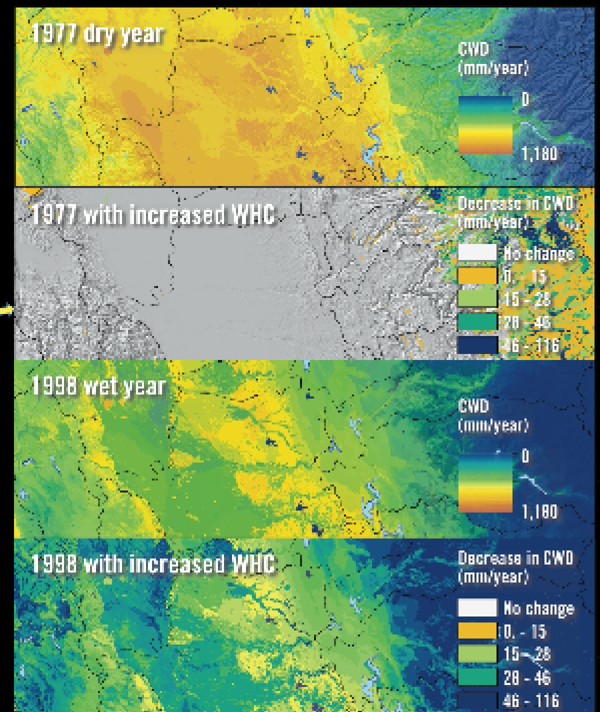
CLIMATIC WATER DEFICIT (CWD)

- Annual evaporative demand that exceeds available water
- CWD = potential – actual evapotranspiration
- Defines the level of hydroclimatic stress on the landscape
- Integrates climate, energy loading, drainage, and available soil moisture storage and addresses irrigation demand

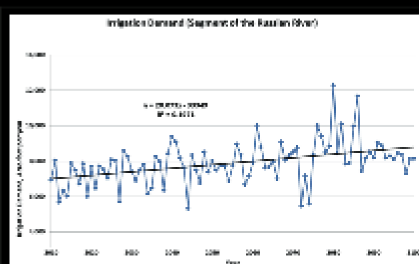
Projected Increase in CWD by 2085 (mm/year)



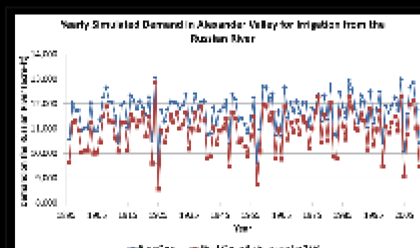
Much of California's rangelands are projected to increase in CWD by 10 to 30 mm for 527,000 to 5,278,000 AF for the entire state, by end-of-century.



Climatic water deficit is shown for a wet year, 1998, and dry year, 1977, for a slice across the Central Valley and up into the Tuolumne River basin. Also shown is the change in CWD when soil water holding capacity is increased by 25%. Whereas in a dry year compost only contributes to reducing CWD in relatively shallow soils (because there isn't enough precipitation to fill the increased WHC in deeper soils), in wetter years all soils see a big decrease in CWD due to filling of soils including the increased WHC. Thus, all else being equal, benefits of increased WHC accrue primarily in shallower, non-irrigated soils in drier years. In addition, when rainfall occurs in less frequent, more intense events, as expected in CA under climate change scenarios, the effects of increased soil organic matter, including increased rates of infiltration, increased pore space, and increased hydraulic conductivity, result in the capacity to absorb and hold more rainfall, and sustain the landscape through the season.



CWD has been shown to correlate to irrigation demand in the Russian River's Alexander Valley. Projections indicate a potential increase in demand of nearly 2,000 ac-ft/yr by the end of the century.



If we increase water holding capacity of the soil by 25%, we reduce CWD and correlated losses due to demand from the Russian River by approximately 5.6% or 776 AF/year.

IMPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Climate change is likely to reduce the extent and productivity of both rangelands and arable lands due to increases in climatic water deficit.
- Increases in evaporative demand and irrigation demand will reduce groundwater and surface water availability.
- Increases in soil water holding capacity and infiltration rate can increase ecosystem resilience by reducing the climatic water deficit, increasing productivity and available water, and helping to compensate for changing climatic conditions, including drought, increased rainfall intensity, and decreased rainfall predictability.
- Amendments of compost to rangelands can sequester carbon in soils, mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and increase soil water holding capacity and infiltration rate.
- Sensitivity analyses can help identify soil types that may benefit the most from strategic soil management and addition of compost.
- Local experimentation is needed to provide confidence in the mapping of climatic water deficit and changes due to compost amendments.
- These quantification and mapping methods can be applied to regions, river basins, or continents.

Welcome to Century Homepage!

CENTURY 4

The **CENTURY** model is a general model of plant-soil nutrient cycling which is being used to simulate carbon and nutrient dynamics for different types of ecosystems including grasslands, agricultural lands, forests and savannas.

The **CENTURY** is composed of a soil organic matter/ decomposition submodel, a water budget model, a grassland/crop submodel, a forest production submodel, and management and events scheduling functions.

It computes the flow of carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, and sulfur through the model's compartments. The minimum configuration of elements is C and N for all the model compartments. The organic matter structure for carbon(C), nitrogen(N), phosphorus(P) and sulfor(S) are identical; the inorganic components are computed for the specific inorganic compound.

On behalf of the entire CENTURY group, thank you again for your interest in the model. If you have any question about the Century, please contact our webmaster.

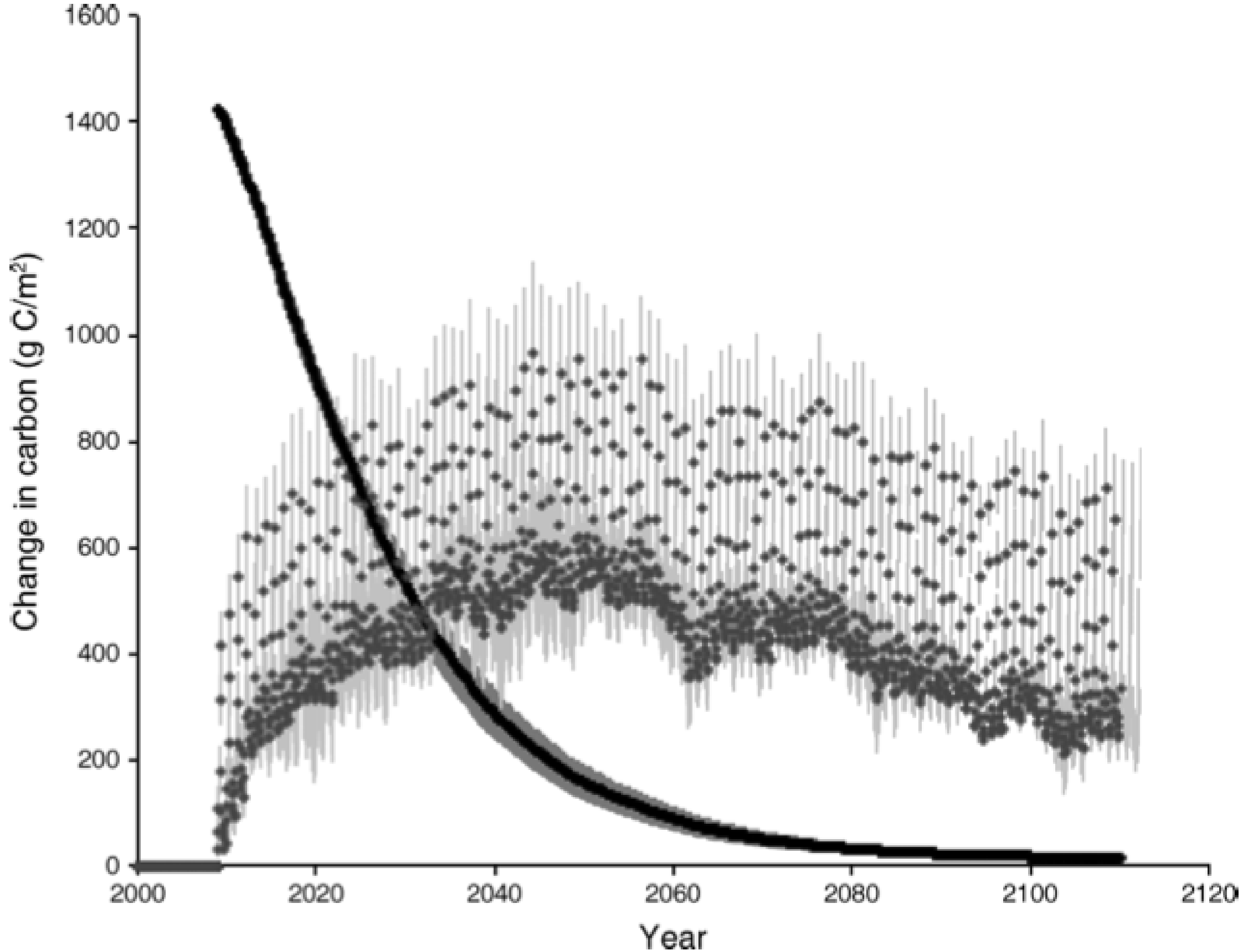


FIG. 3. The black line shows simulated decomposition of the compost following application to grassland soils. Gray circles show the monthly change in total ecosystem carbon, not including compost carbon. Values are averages across site characterizations, with standard error bars in light gray. Ryals et al, 2015. Ecological Applications, 25(2): 531–545.

Results indicated that
Carbon storage
would persist
for 30 to 100 years,

and that compost application
resulted in a long-term increase
in C capture and associated
nutrient cycling.

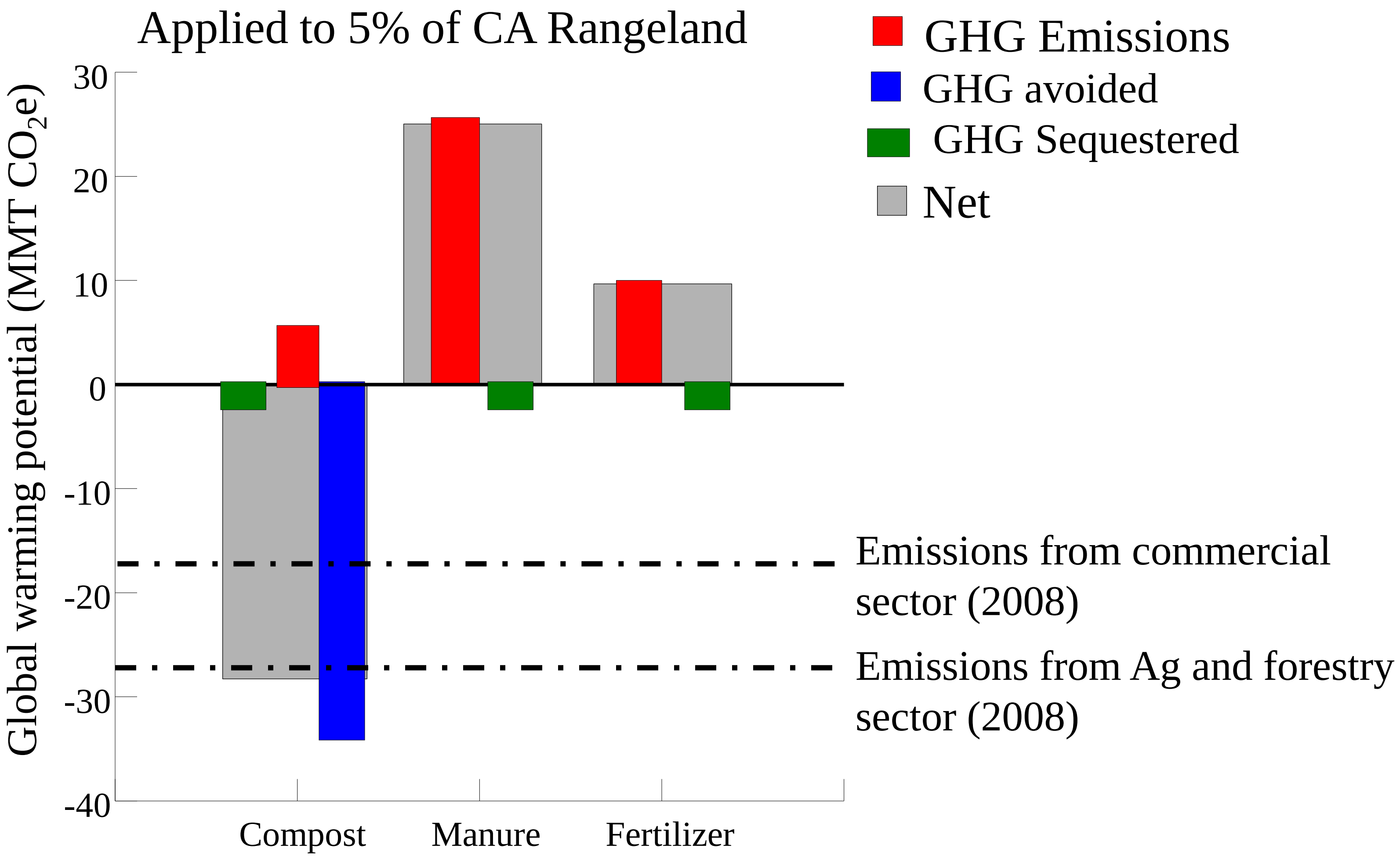
Few differences were seen
when applying
small amounts
for multiple years,
versus
a single
one-time application.

Compost with lower C:N ratios led to greater sequestration, but higher N2O emissions.

A SINGLE APPLICATION OF
½”COMPOST WILL RESULT IN
30 – 100 YEARS OF ONGOING
SOIL CARBON SEQUESTRATION!

AND PERHAPS ¼” WOULD
PRODUCE THE SAME RESULTS.

Life Cycle Assessment suggests significant GHG mitigation potential statewide



DeLonge et al. 2013

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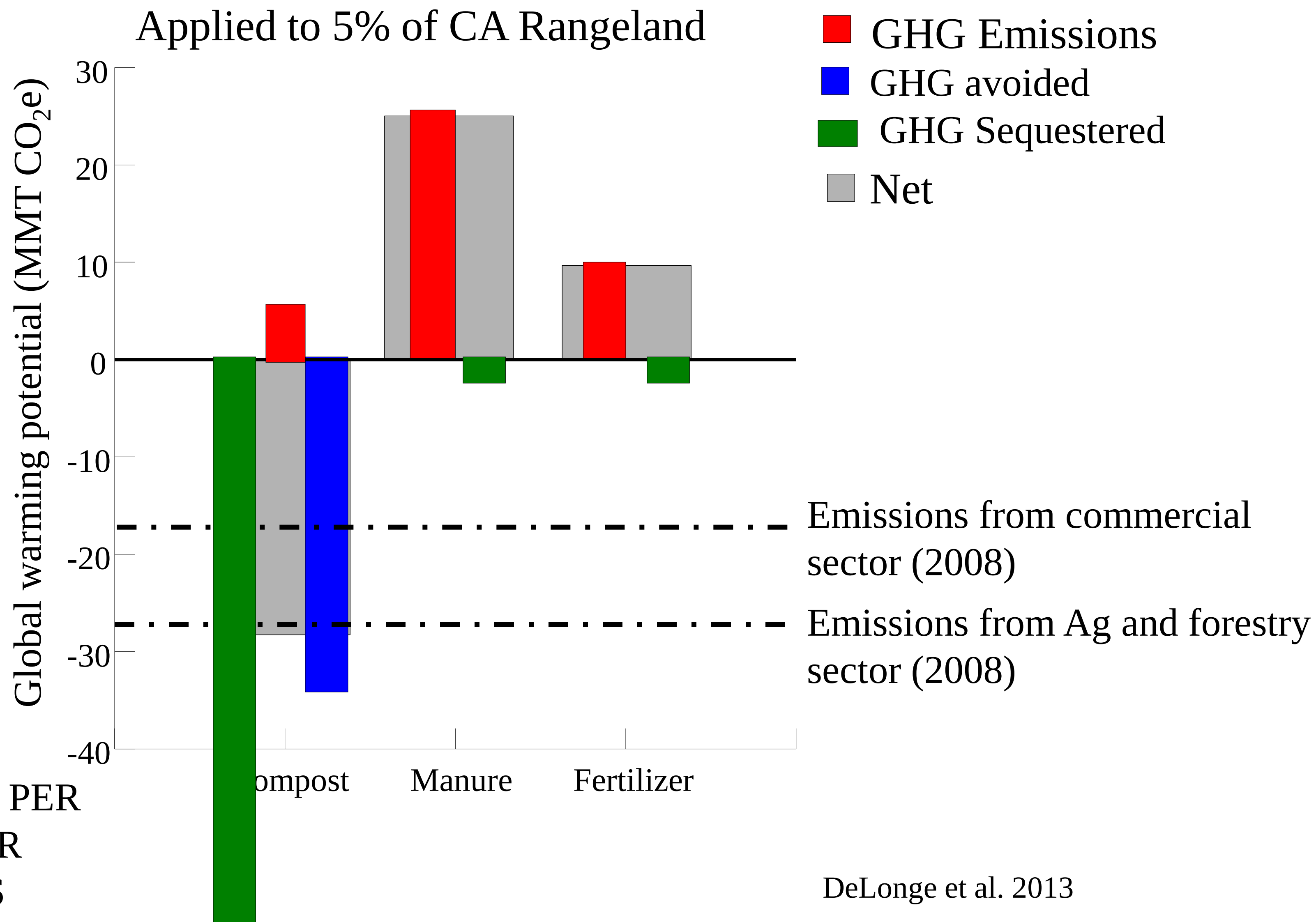

ONE TON PER
YEAR FOR
30 YEARS

DeLonge et al. 2013

A Lifecycle Model to Evaluate Carbon Sequestration Potential and Greenhouse Gas Dynamics of Managed Grasslands

Marcia S. DeLonge, Rebecca Ryals, and Whendee L. Silver

Ecosystems (2013) 16: 962–979

We used a lifecycle assessment approach to explore the integrated impacts of compost amendments. Results showed that waste diversion represented a large offset in emissions; which increased when coupled with compost applications.

BUT DOES IT WORK ON “REAL” RANCHES?

EXPANDED FEEDSTOCKS


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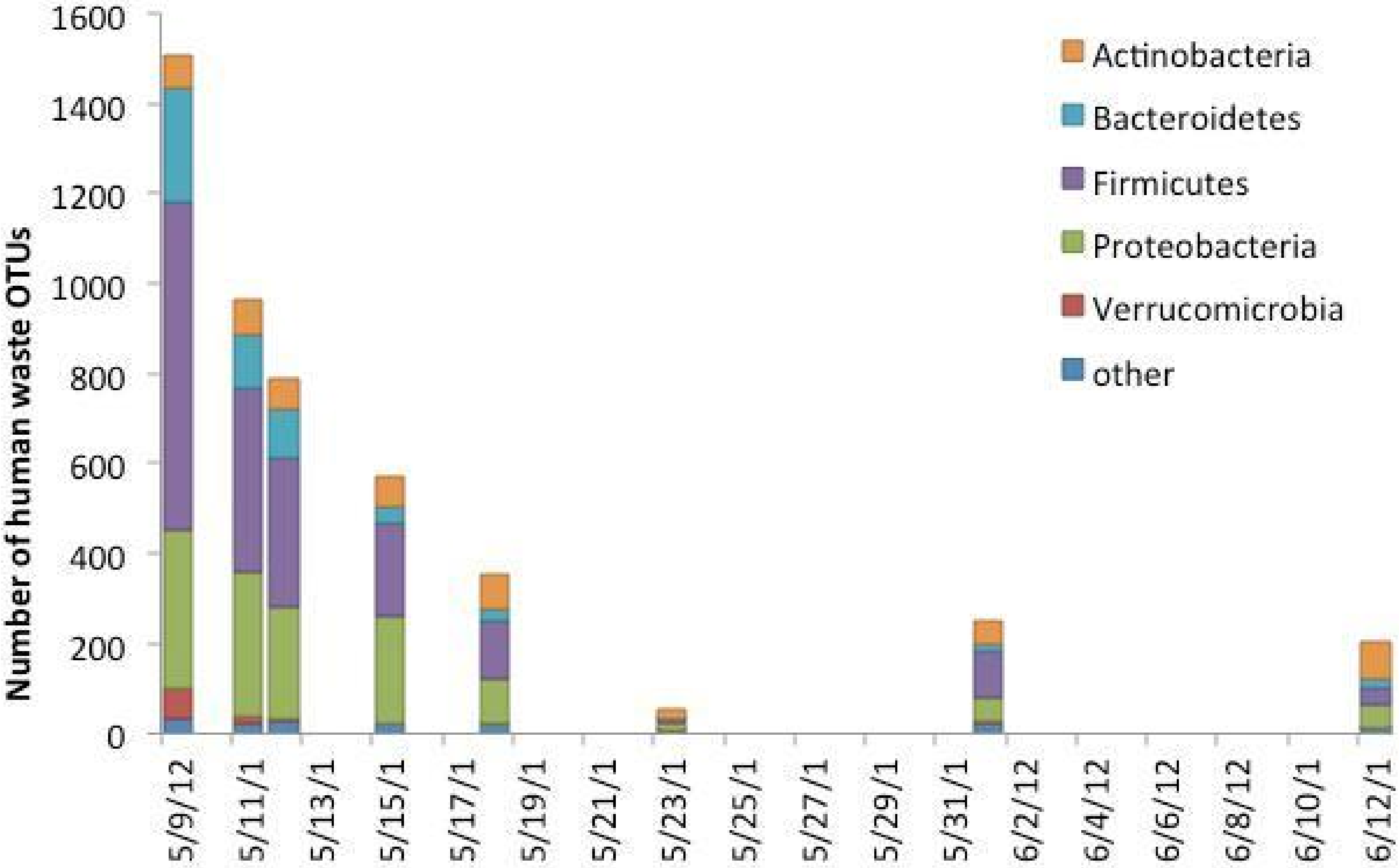
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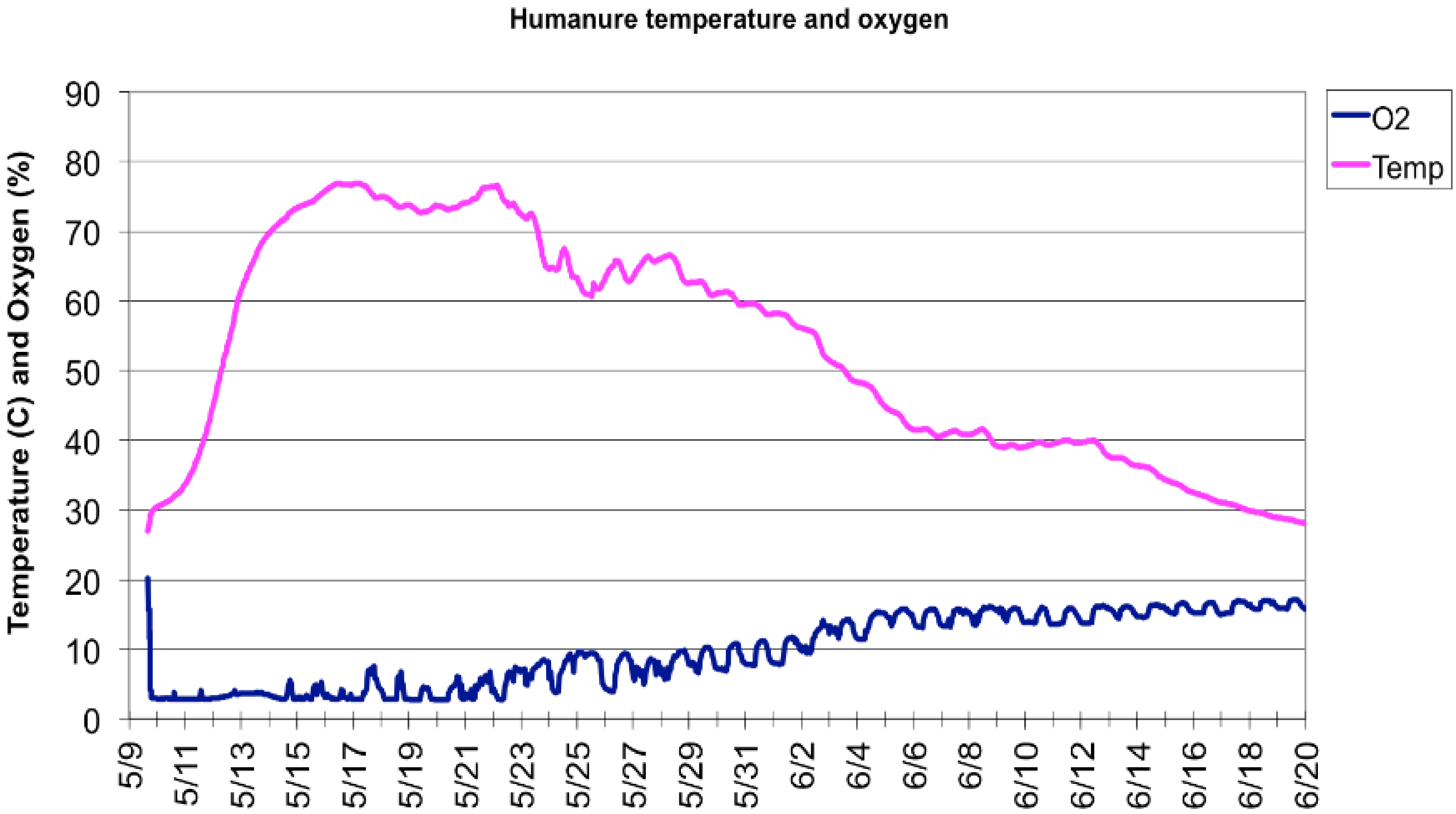

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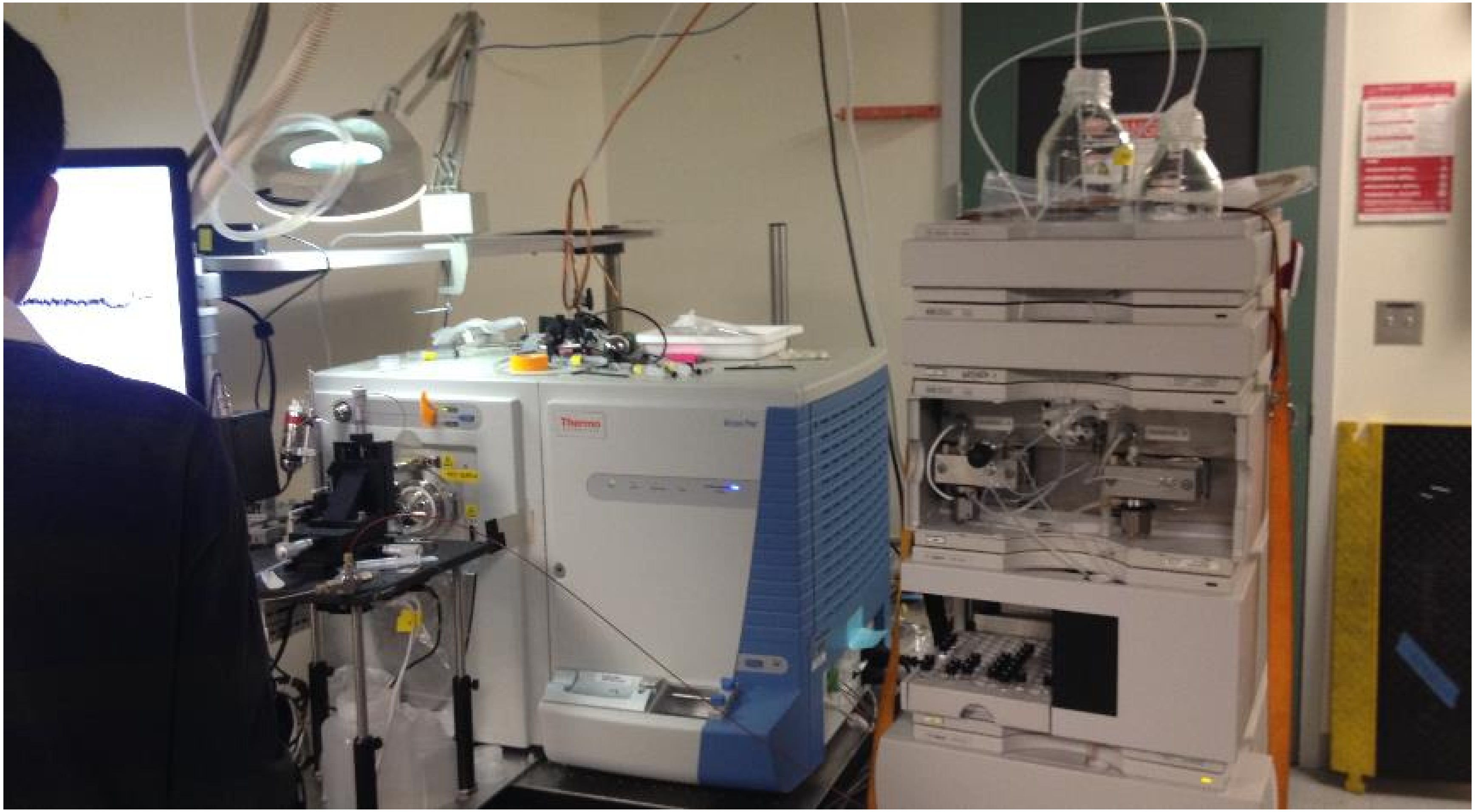
HPLC UNIT AT LBNL

Nano-Electro Spray ionization (nano-ESI) mass spectrometer.



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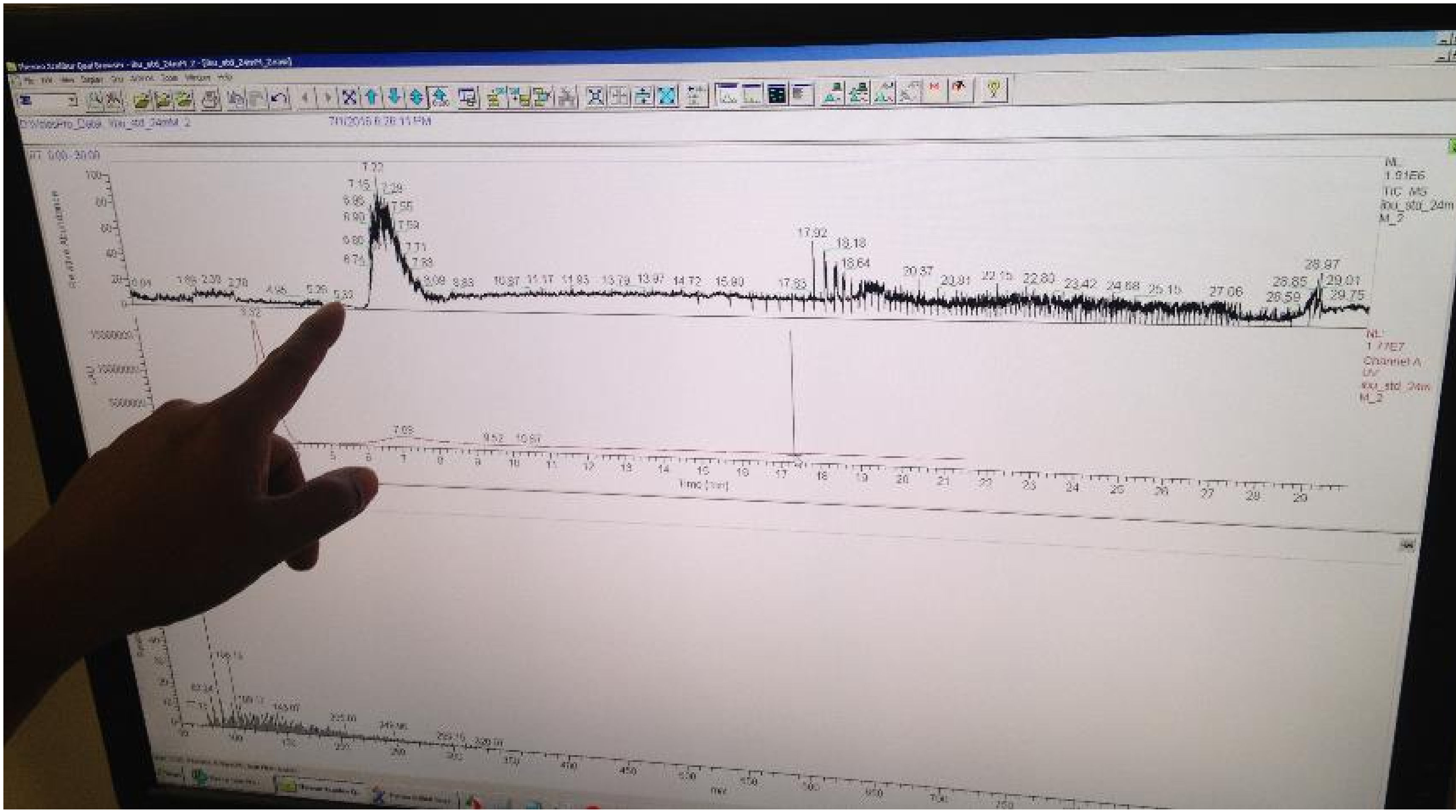

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The American Carbon Registry™

Methodology for Compost Additions to Grazed Grasslands

Version 1.0

October 2014

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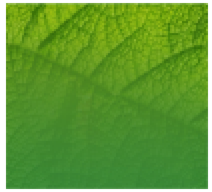

Compost Additions to Grazed Grasslands

The American Carbon Registry (ACR), a non-profit enterprise of Winrock International, has approved a voluntary methodology for *Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions from Compost Additions to Grazed Grasslands*. This methodology accounts for the carbon sequestration and avoided greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions related to compost additions to grazed grasslands. The methodology was developed by Terra Global Capital with support from the Environmental Defense Fund, Silver Lab at the University of California Berkeley, and the Marin Carbon Project.

Adding compost to grazed grasslands has been demonstrated to be an effective way to increase soil carbon sequestration and avoid emissions related to the anaerobic decomposition of organic waste material in landfills. Grazed grasslands represent a large portion of agricultural working lands, and a number of recent studies have highlighted that globally grasslands are in a state of degradation.

The methodology provides a quantification framework for emissions reductions from a number of activities including avoiding anaerobic decomposition of organic material used in compost production, directly increasing soil organic carbon (SOC) content by applying compost to grazed fields, and indirectly increasing SOC sequestration through enhanced plant growth in amended fields. Apart from the economic benefit of increased forage production, applying compost to grazed grasslands also has many environmental co-benefits such as improved soil quality, decreased risk of water and wind erosion by increasing soil aggregation, and increased nutrient and water availability for vegetation.

Current approved version

- Compost Additions to Grazed Grasslands v1.0

Process documentation

- Public comment draft
- Public comments and responses
- Peer review comments and responses

Sectoral Scope
14. Agriculture, Forestry, Land Use

Filed under: Land Use | Approved

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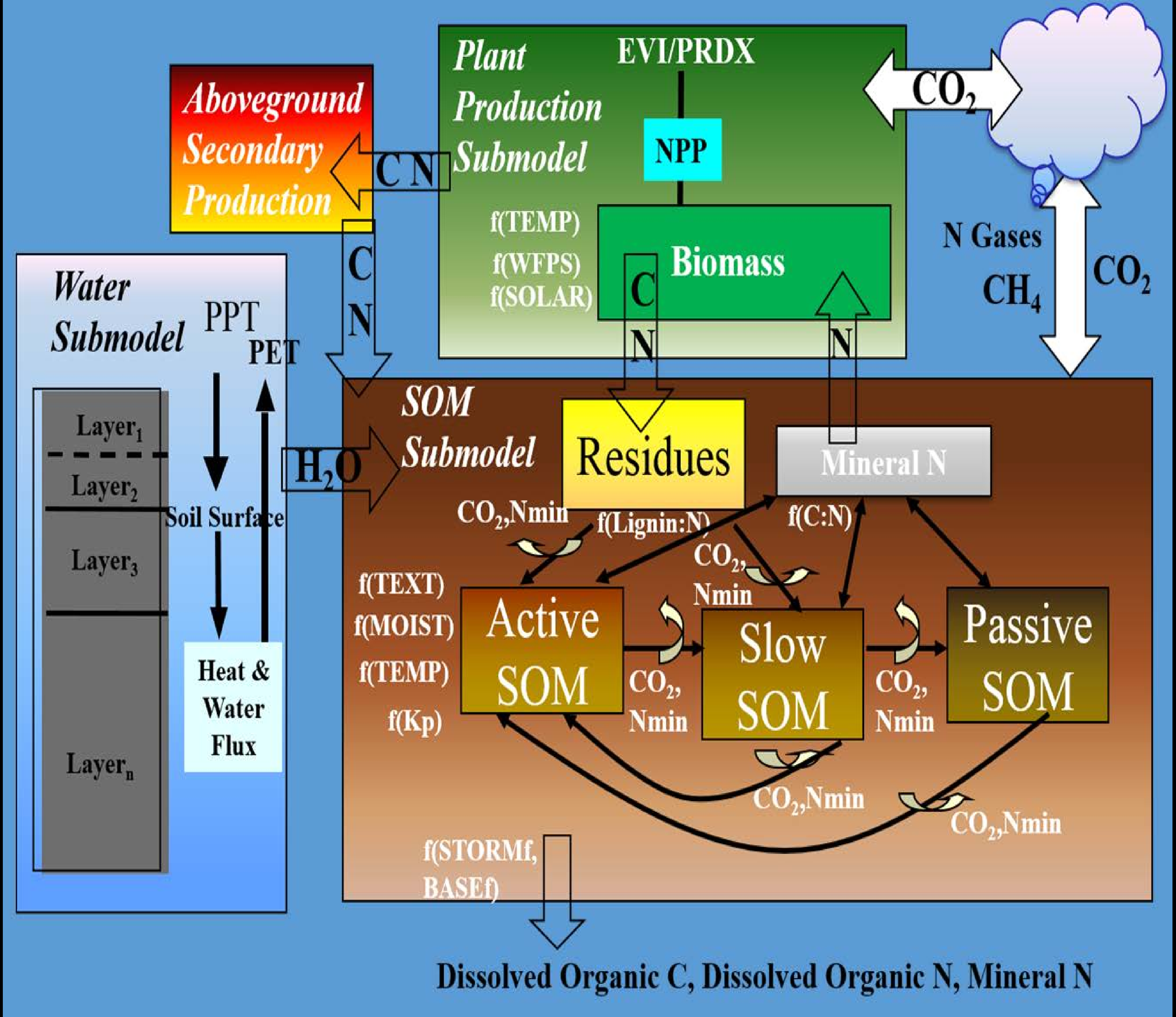

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NRCS Practice Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Carbon Sequestration

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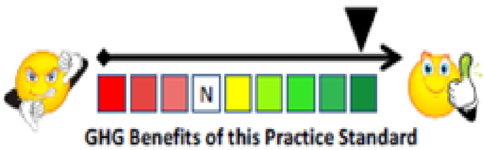	327	Conservation Cover (Information Sheet)	Establishing perennial vegetation on land retired from agriculture production increases soil carbon and increases biomass carbon stocks.
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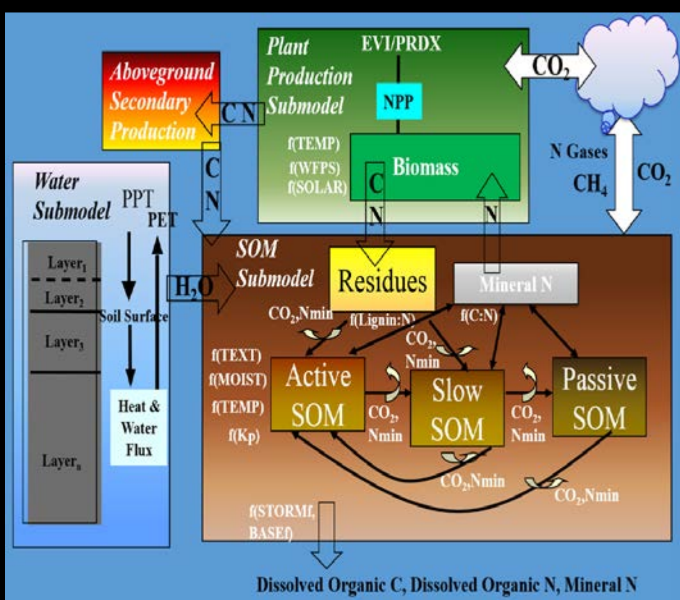

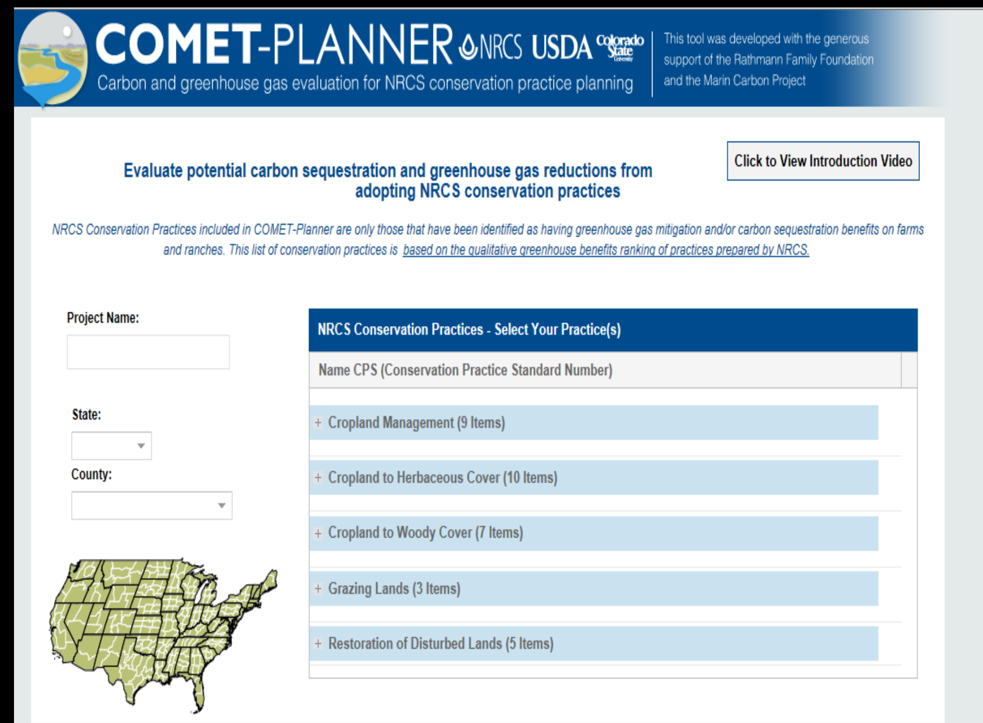

COMET-PLANNER

Carbon and greenhouse gas evaluation for NRCS conservation practice planning

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Evaluate potential carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas reductions from adopting NRCS conservation practices

NRCS Conservation Practices included in COMET-Planner are only those that have been identified as having greenhouse gas mitigation and/or carbon sequestration benefits on farms and ranches. This list of conservation practices is based on the qualitative greenhouse benefits ranking of practices prepared by NRCS.

PROJECT NAME:

State:

County:

NRCS Conservation Practices - Select Your Practice(s)

Name CPS (Conservation Practice Standard Number)

- Cropland Management (8 Items)
- Cropland to Herbaceous Cover (10 Items)
- Cropland to Woody Cover (7 Items)
- Grazing Lands (4 Items)
- Restoration of Disturbed Lands (5 Items)

		Approximate Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions[1] (tonnes CO_2 equivalent per year)			
NRCS Conservation Practices (Click Practice Name for Documentation)	Enter Acreage	Carbon Dioxide (CO_2)	Nitrous Oxide (N_2O)	Methane (CH_4)	Total CO_2-Equivalent
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

[1]Negative values indicate a loss of carbon or increased emissions of greenhouse gases
[2]Values were not estimated due to limited data on reductions of greenhouse gas emissions from this practice

Download and Print COMET-Planner Results

How are your carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emission reduction estimates calculated?

Emission reduction coefficients were derived from recent meta-analyses and reviews. Coefficients were generalized at the national-scale and differentiated by dry and humid climate zones. More information on quantification methods can be found in the COMET-Planner Report.

Each emission reduction is calculated using the following equation:

Emission reduction = Area (acres) * Emission Reduction Coefficient (ERC)

	Emission Reduction Coefficients (ERC) (tonnes CO_2 equivalent per acre per year)		
	Greenhouse Gases		
NRCS Conservation Practices	Carbon Dioxide (CO_2)	Nitrous Oxide (N_2O)	Methane (CH_4)

Recommended use of COMET-Planner

This evaluation tool is designed to provide generalized estimates of the greenhouse gas impacts of conservation practices and is intended for initial planning purposes. Site-specific conditions (not evaluated in this tool) are required for more detailed assessments of greenhouse gas dynamics on your farm. Please visit COMET-Farm if you would like to conduct a more detailed analysis.

Please contact Amy Swan (Amy.Swan@colostate.edu) for more information

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IMPLEMENTATION

Carbon Farm Plans

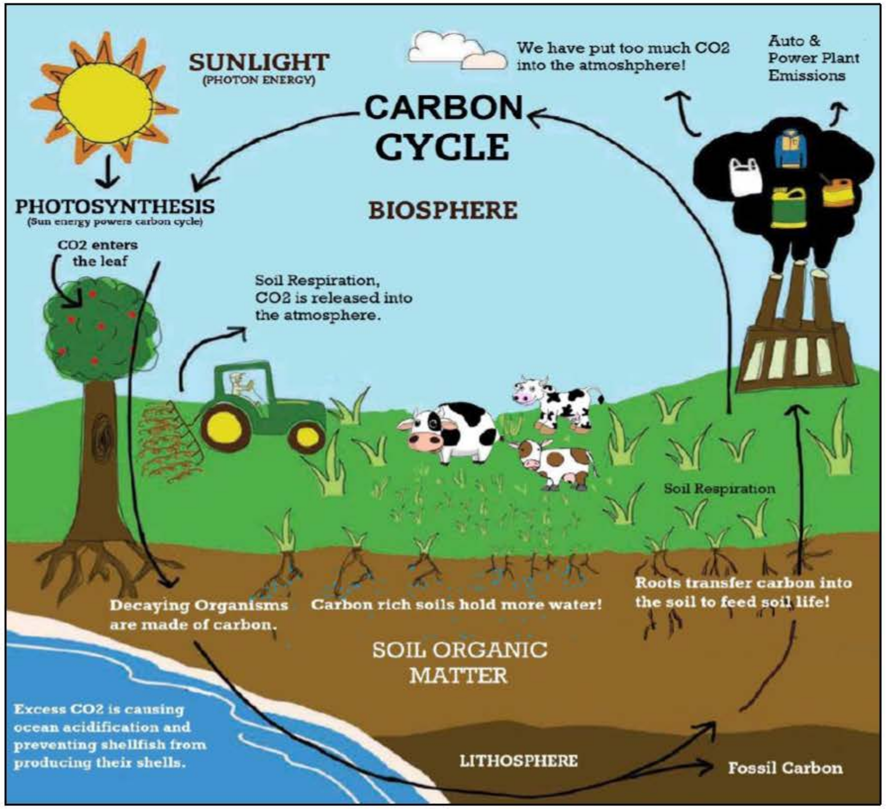
CARBON FARM PLANNING in Marin

Assistance is available for farmers and ranchers!
Plan for carbon sequestration and climate adaptation conservation practices with Marin RCD!

Potential List of Conservation Practice(s)* in a Carbon Farm Plan:

- Compost Application • Anaerobic Digester
- Silvopasture/ Shrub & Tree Establishment
- Windbreak/ Shelterbelt/ Hedgerow
- Riparian and Wetland Restoration
- Filter Strips • Grassed Waterways
- Forage & Biomass Planting
- Rangeland Management
- Prescribed Grazing and Range Planting
- Nutrient Management
- Residue & Tillage Management, No-Till
- Cover Crops

*NRCS Standard Conservation Practices



We will complete 20 Carbon Farm Plans in the next 3 years, thanks to RCPP!

MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST

Marin Carbon Project
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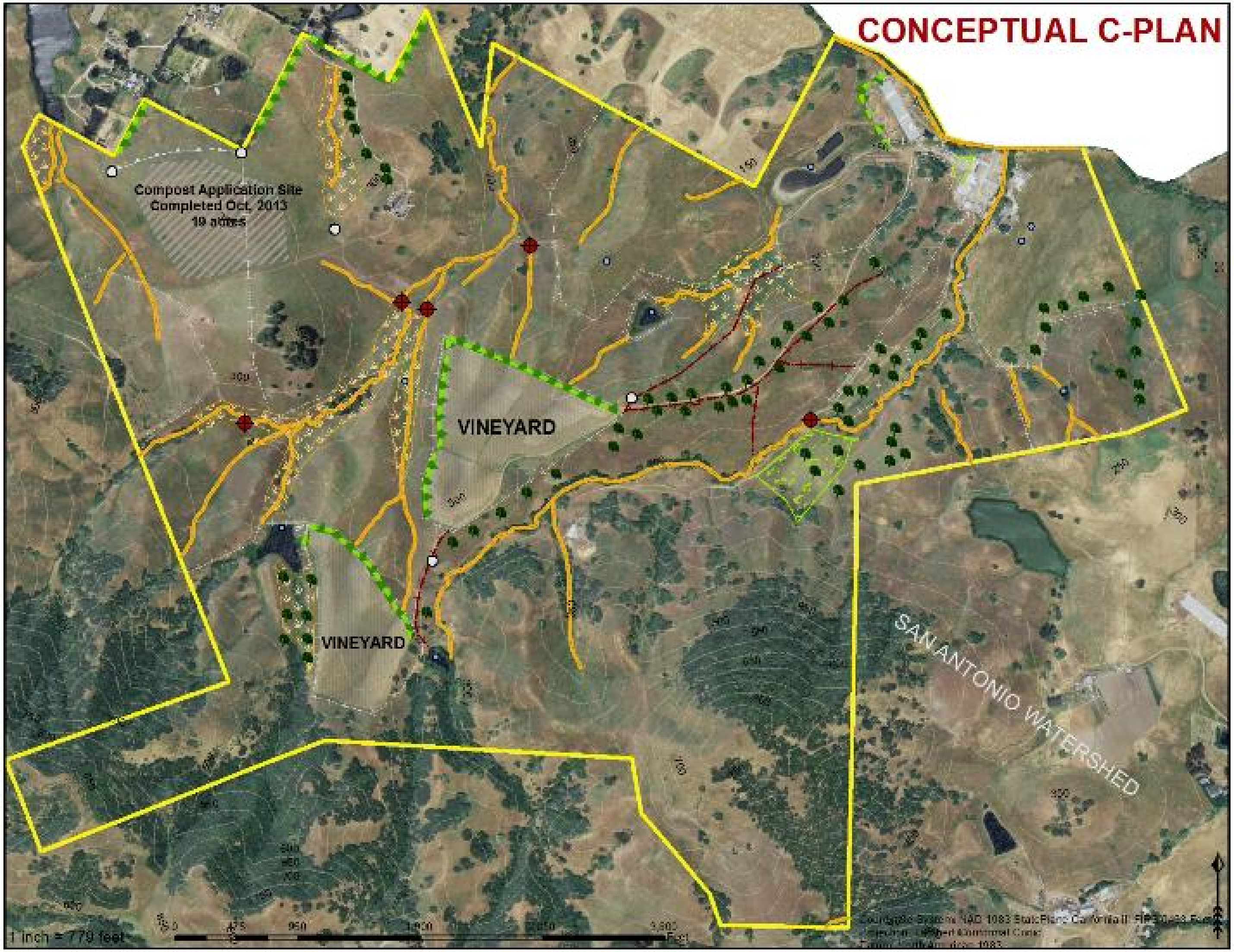
Carbon Farm Plan
CORDA RANCH

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Legend

Parcel Boundary

Corda Ranch: 856 acres

Ranch Infrastructure

Fencing, Existing

Water Developments, Existing

Completed Practices

Compost Application/ Mulching

Planned Practices

Silvopasture: 6 acres

Field/Riparian Forest Buffer: 20 acres

Stream Crossing Repairs: 4

Stream Restoration and/or Planting: 6.7 miles

Riparian Buffer Planting: 34 acres

Hedgerow/Windbreak: 7205 linear ft

Fencing/Access Control: 6500 linear ft/ 1.2 miles

Water Development

Pipeline: 1730 linear ft

Troughs: 4

Proposed Conservation Practices (NRCS Practice #)

1. Compost Application/ Mulching (484) (initiated, fall 2013)
2. Critical Area Planting/Riparian Herbaceous Cover (342/390)
3. Fencing/Access Control (382/472)
4. Field Border (386)
5. Range Management Plan/ Prescribed Grazing (110/528)
6. Hedgerow Planting/ Windbreak/Shelterbelt (422/380/601)
7. Livestock Pipeline/ Water Facility (516/614)
8. Nutrient Management (590)
9. Pasture Planting (512)
10. Range Planting (550)
11. Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
12. Silvopasture: Establish Trees & Native Grasses (381/612)
13. Structure for Water Control (587)
14. Wetland Restoration (657)

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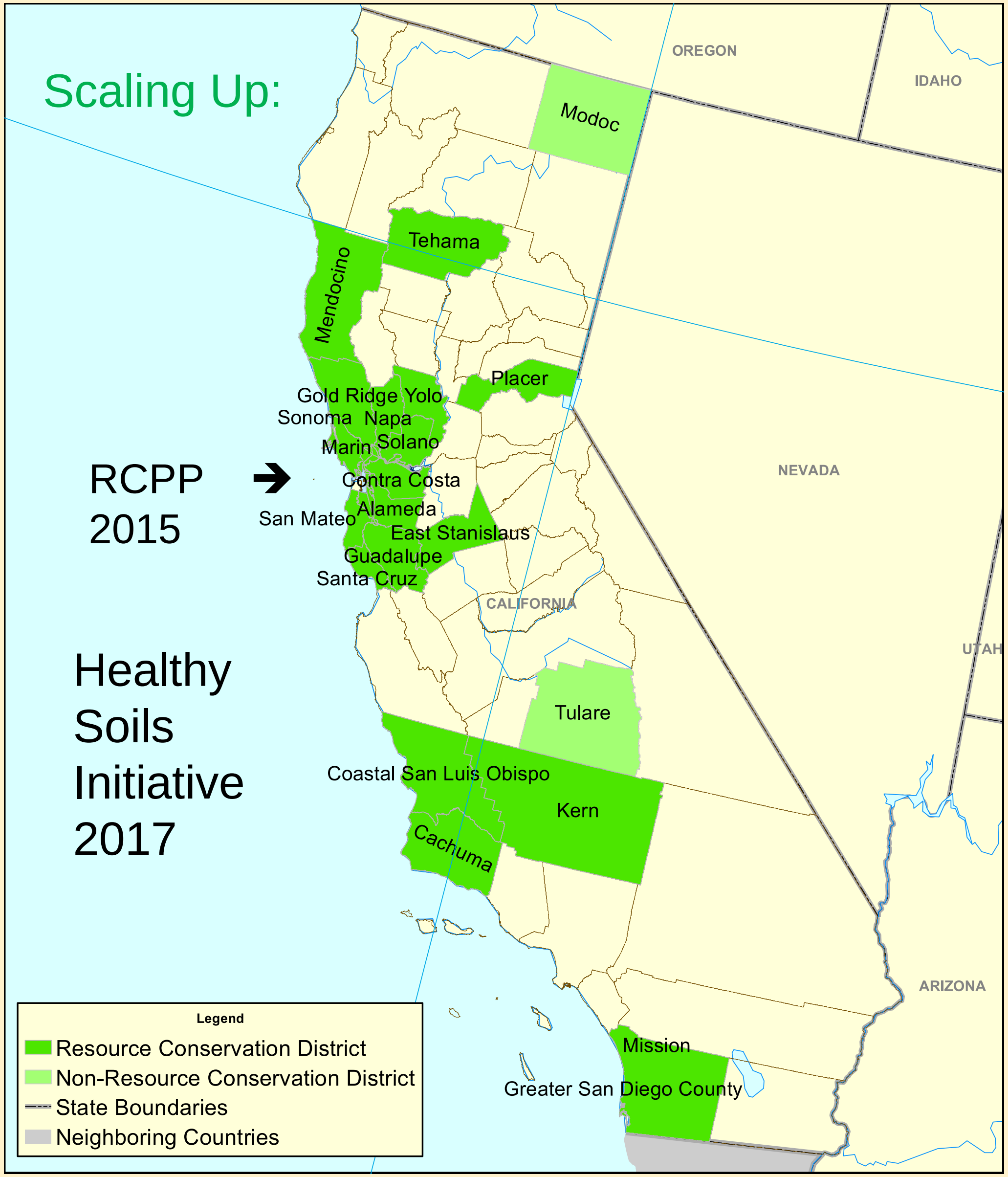

Resource Conservation Districts
with
Carbon Farming Potential Demonstration Projects
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WORLD SERIES

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE STRATEGY

An Integrated Plan for Addressing Climate Change

VISION

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions to 40% Below 1990 Levels by 2030

GOALS

- 50% renewable electricity
- 50% reduction in petroleum use in vehicles
- Double energy efficiency savings at existing buildings
- Carbon sequestration in the land base
- Reduce short-lived climate pollutants
- Safeguard California

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

California State Office, Davis, CA

Major Land Resource Areas (MLRAs)

Pacific SW MLRA Office, Region 2 - Revised May, 2003

NRCS

Natural Resources Conservation Service

MLRA 4B: ***Coastal Redwood Belt*;**
sites in Marin (compost already spread; data collection only) and San Mateo

MLRA 5: ***Siskiyou-Trinity Area*;** site in Mendocino

MLRA 15: ***Central California Coast Range;*** sites in Alameda, Sonoma, and Yolo

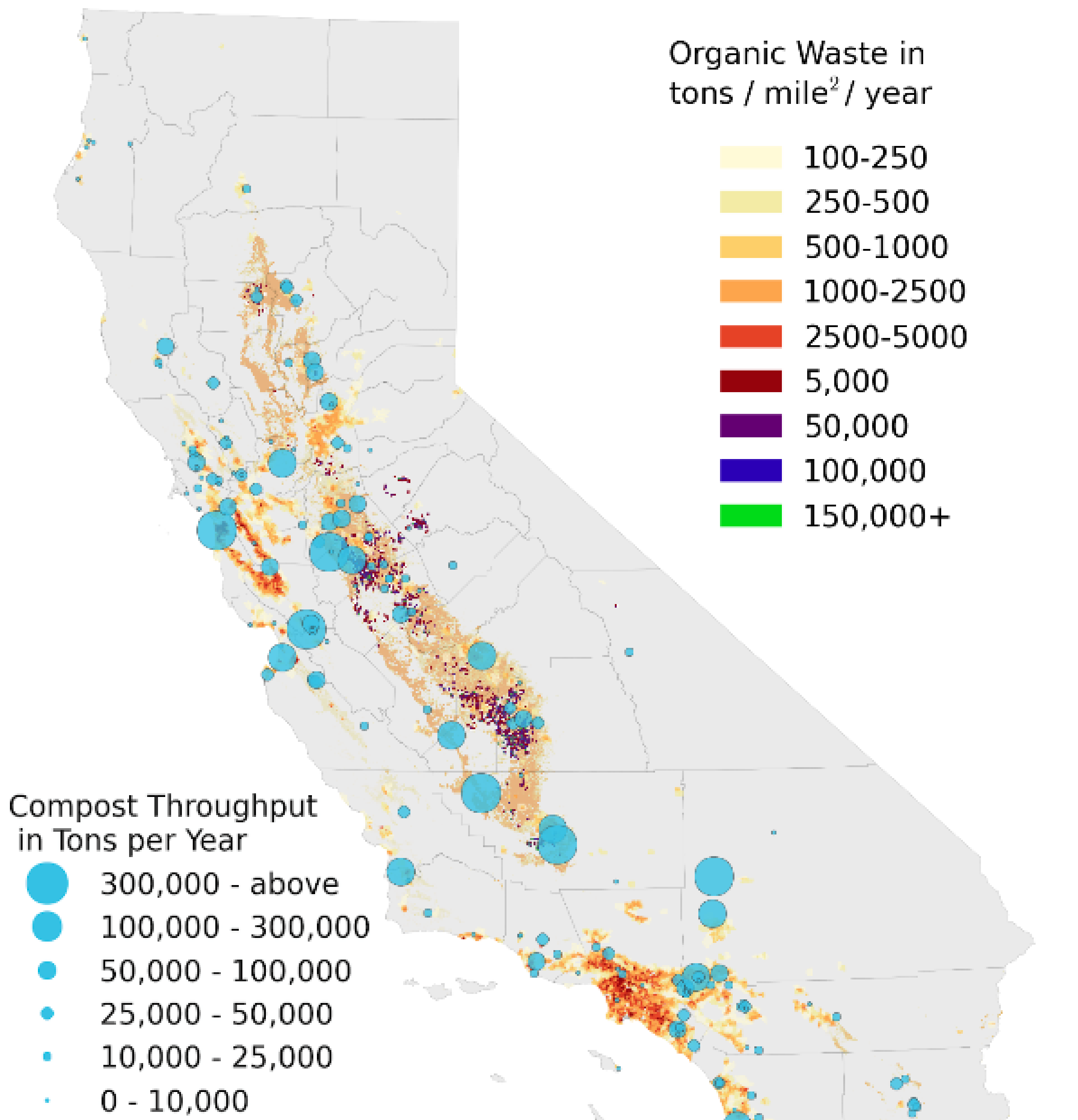
MLRA 16: ***California Delta;*** sites in Contra Costa & Solano

MLRA 17: ***Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys;*** sites in Kettleman City,
San Joaquin (NRCS Plant Materials Center, ungrazed), Stanislaus, Tulare, and Yolo

MLRA 18: ***Sierra Nevada Foothills*;** sites in Fresno & Yuba
(compost already spread; data collection only)

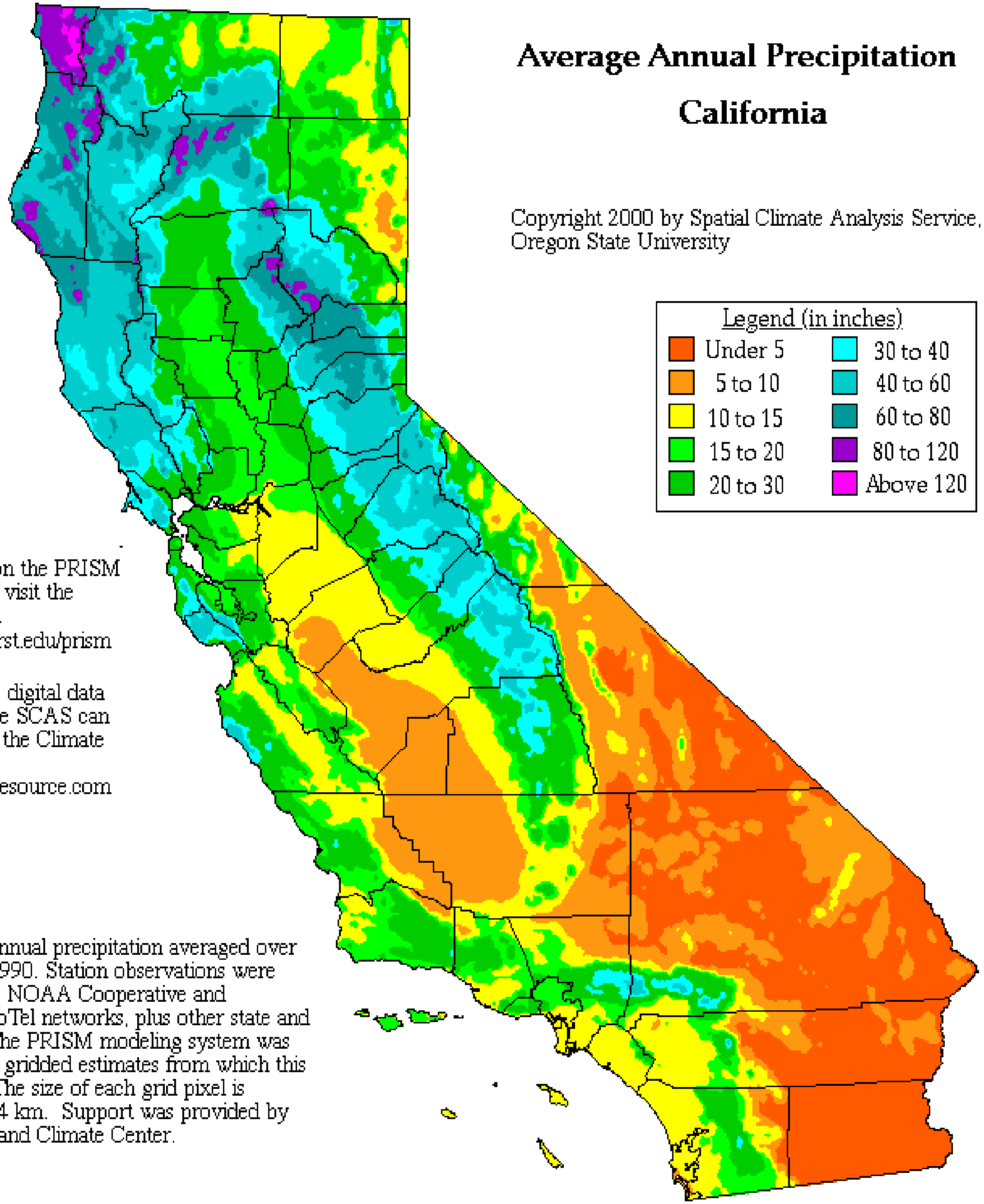
MLRA 20: ***Southern California Mountains*;** sites in San Diego & Santa Barbara

Throughput of Compost Facilities and
Organic Waste from Cities, Perennial Crops, and Dairies



Notes & Sources: Municipal waste based on 2013 population density and CalRecycle Statewide Waste Characterization Study (1999). Orchard and vineyard wood waste is from Kroodsma & Field (2006) and NASA CropScape (2014). Dairy cattle manure is from CA Water Board (2012) and Agricultural Waste Management Handbook (1992). Compost facility throughouput is from CalRecycle (2015).

Average Annual Precipitation California

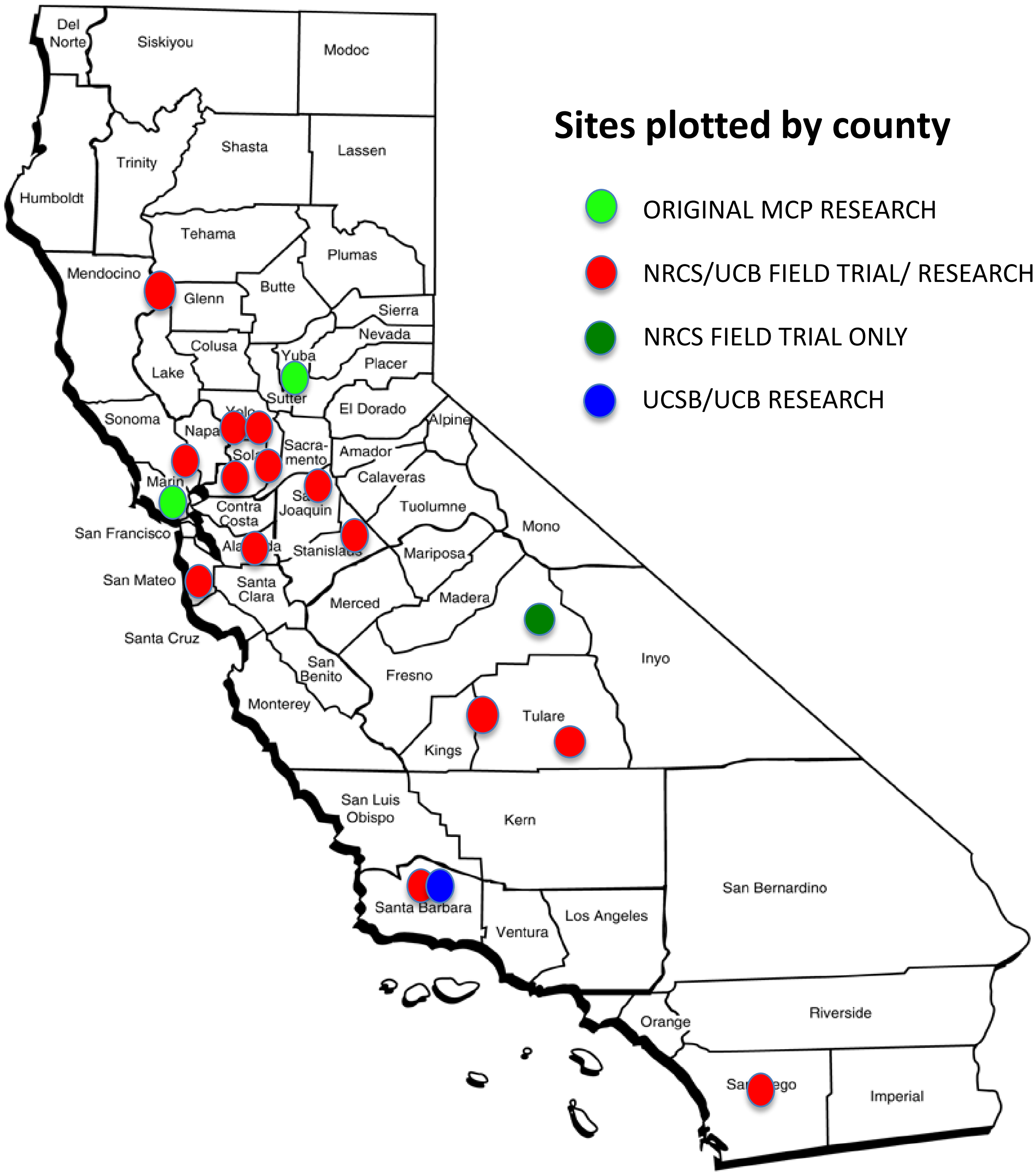


For information on the PRISM modeling system, visit the SCAS web site at http://www.ocs.orst.edu/prism

The latest PRISM digital data sets created by the SCAS can be obtained from the Climate Source at http://www.climatesource.com

This is a map of annual precipitation averaged over the period 1961-1990. Station observations were collected from the NOAA Cooperative and USDA-NRCS SnoTel networks, plus other state and local networks. The PRISM modeling system was used to create the gridded estimates from which this map was made. The size of each grid pixel is approximately 4x4 km. Support was provided by the NRCS Water and Climate Center.

Sites plotted by county




Evolution One

Comparative Research

Organic Sources:	Processes:	Fates:
Food Waste	Landfill	Soil Systems
Dairy Manure	Mulching	Emissions
Woody Biomass	Composting	Water
	Bio Digestion	Energy
	Reactive Processes	
	Autoclaving	
	Pyrolysis	
	Incineration	

THE CALIFORNIA CARBON PROJECT

AN INVITATION TO SCALE UP

1) NRCS FIELD TRIALS/
UC B-UC SB RESEARCH

2) CARBON FARMS ACROSS CA.

3) CONNECTING COUNTIES TO
AGRICULTURE TO CLIMATE

4) BUILD OUT INFRASTRUCTURE
TO SUPPORT MANAGEMENT
AND PRODUCTION OF
FLOWS OF MATERIALS
IN OUR SOCIETY.

HUMAN SOCIETY
AS WE DESIRE
CAN **ONLY** EXIST
WITH RELIABLE
AGRICULTURE.

RELIABLE AGRICULTURE REQUIRES A **STABLE** CLIMATE.

AS CURRENTLY PRACTICED, AGRICULTURE IS **DESTABILIZING** OUR CLIMATE.

IPCC 5TH ASSESSMENT (2015)

A LARGE FRACTION OF ANTHROPOGENIC CLIMATE CHANGE RESULTING FROM CO^2 EMISSIONS **IS IRREVERSIBLE** ON A MULTI-CENTURY TO MILENNIAL SCALE.

EXCEPT

IN THE CASE OF A LARGE

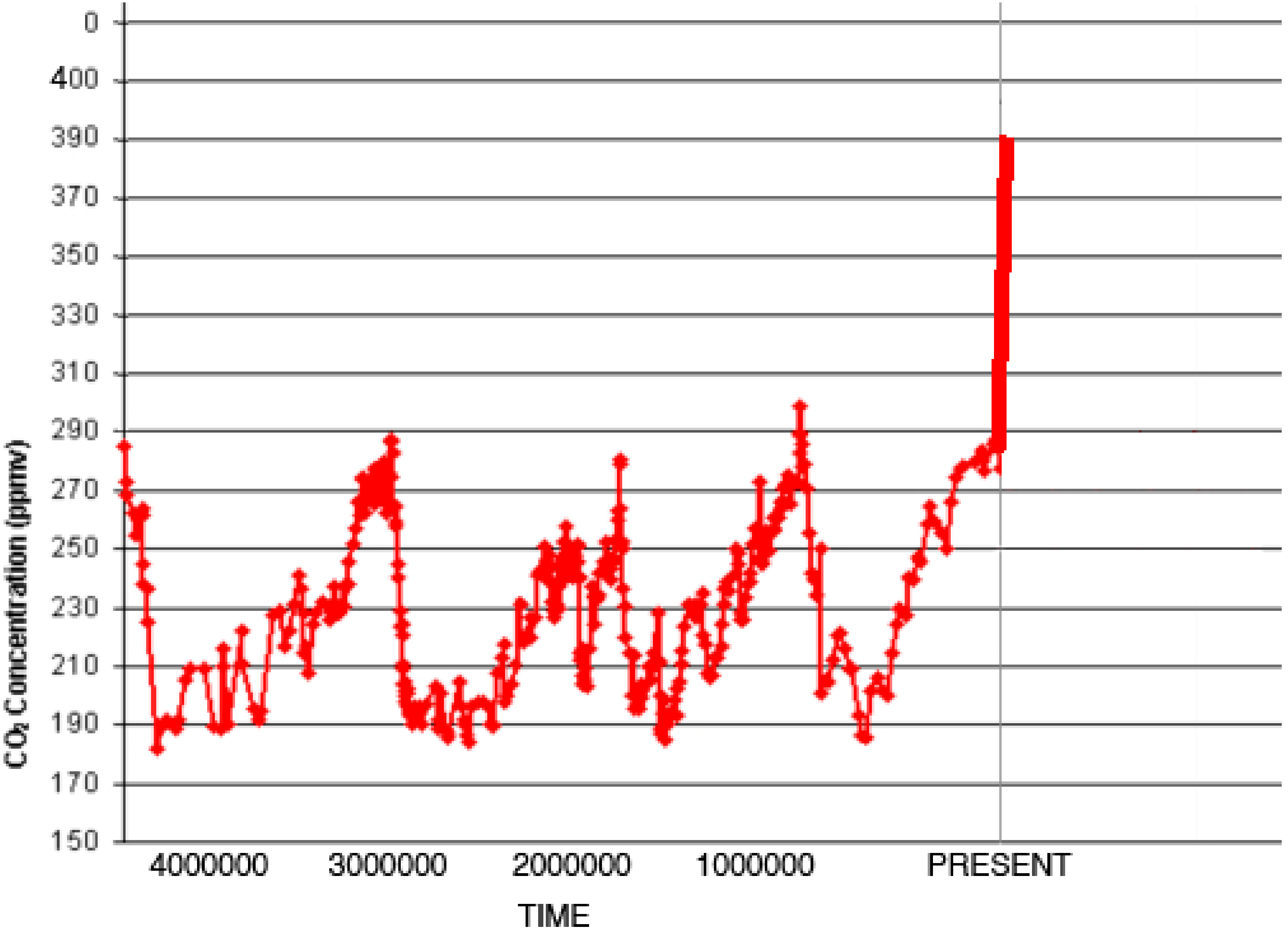
NET REMOVAL OF CO^2

FROM THE ATMOSPHERE

OVER A SUSTAINED

PERIOD.

AND THAT IS WHAT
WE HAVE DISCOVERED.
A **NEW** VERSION
OF AGRICULTURE
THAT CAN STABILIZE
OUR CLIMATE.



0
400
390
370
350
330
310
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270
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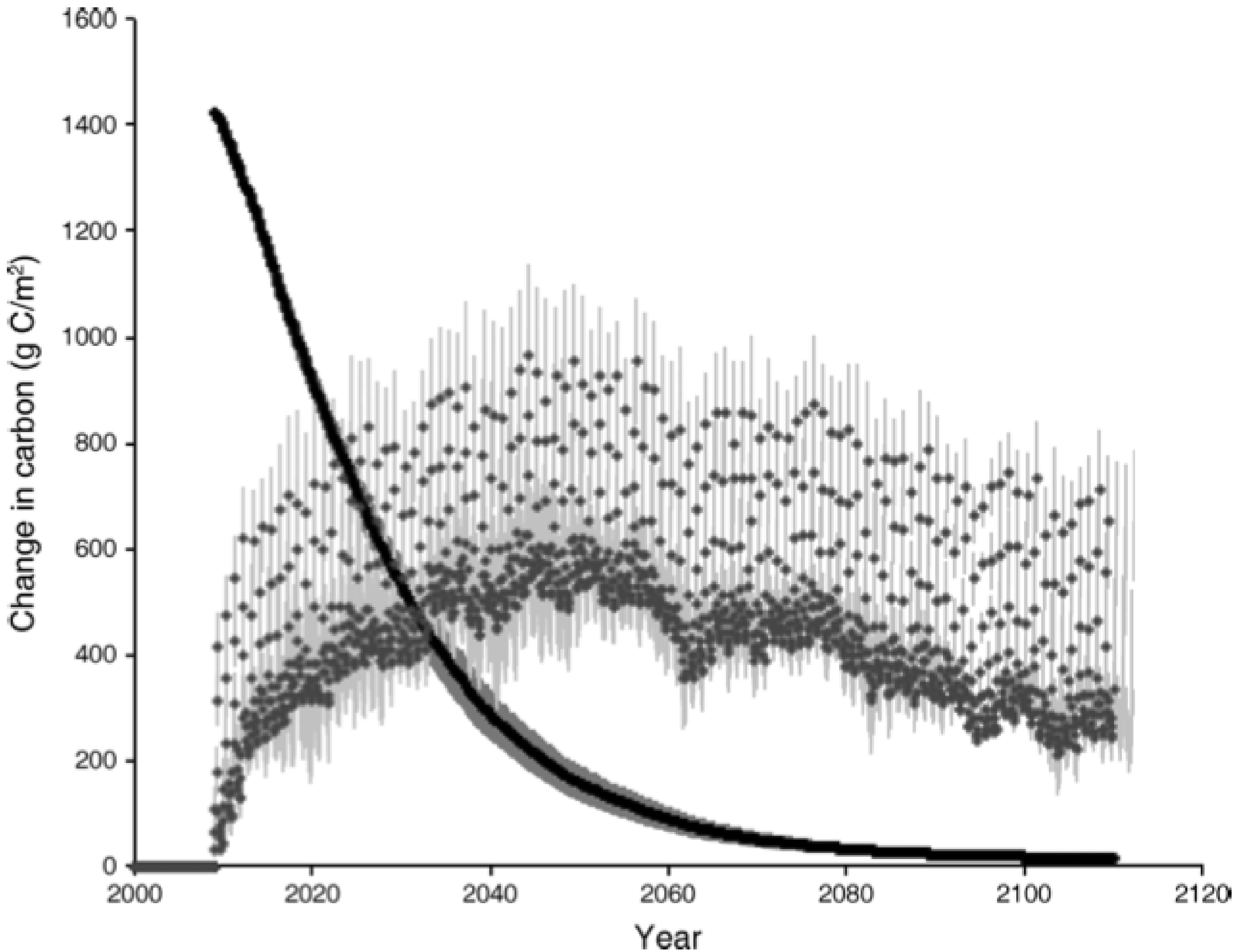
230
210
190
170
150
CO_2 Concentration (ppmv)
4000000
3000000
2000000
1000000
PRESENT
TIME



1600
1400
1200
1000
800
600
400
200
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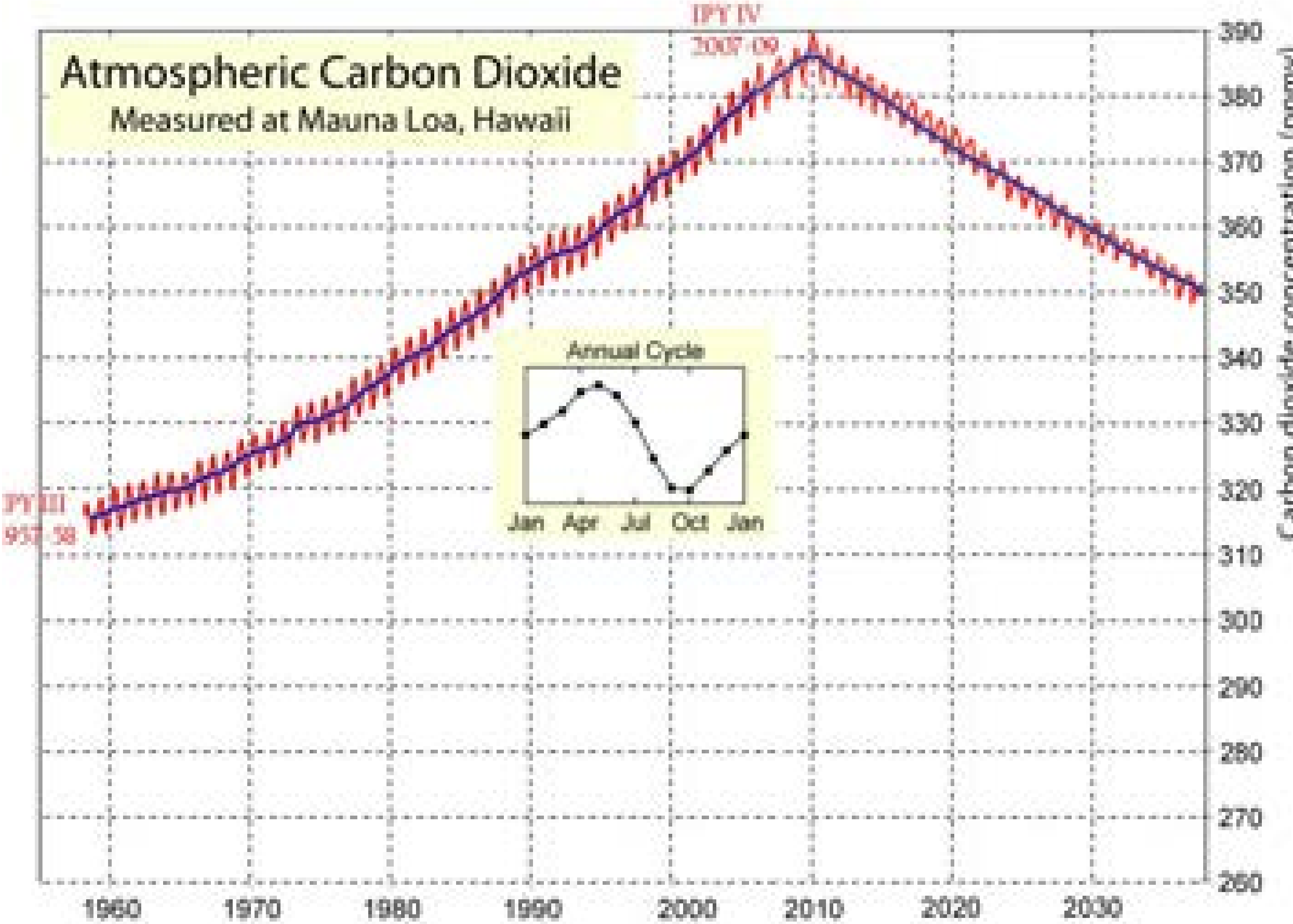
Change in carbon (g C/m²)
2000
2020
2040
2060
2080
2100
2120
Year

Reversing the Keeling Curve

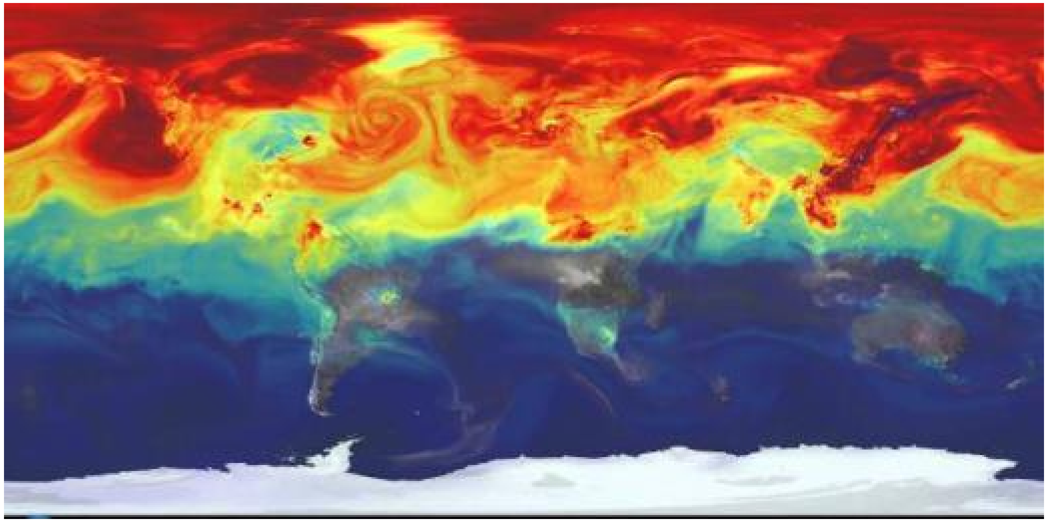


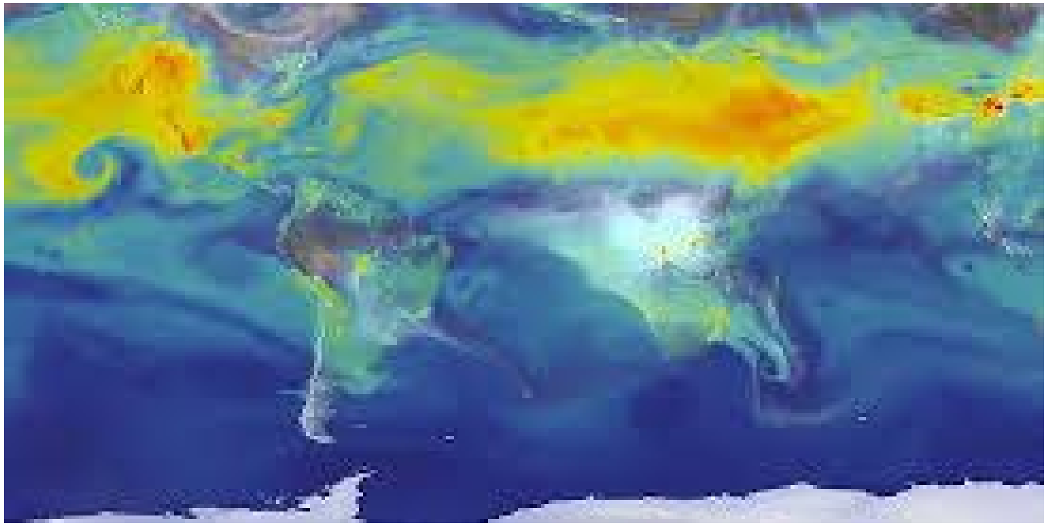
THERE IS A FINITE
AMOUNT OF CARBON
ON EARTH.
THAT CARBON IS IN
ONE OF FIVE POOLS
AT ANY TIME, AND
IS TRANSFORMED
AS IT MOVES BETWEEN
THESE FIVE POOLS.

WHERE CARBON RESIDES
IS IMPORTANT,
AND **IS** UNDER OUR
INFLUENCE.

- ATMOSPHERE CO_2
- BIOSPHERE $C_6H_{12}O_6$
- PEDOSPHERE C
- LITHOSPHERE C
- HYDROSPHERE H_2CO_3

Plant growth reduces Atmospheric Carbon Emissions





WE CAN
LOWER EARTH’S
TEMPERATURE.

AND,
WE CAN DO THIS
THROUGH
THE **INCREASED**
PRODUCTION OF…

HEALTHY **FOOD**,
SAFE **FIBER**,
RENEWABLE **FUEL**,
and VERY INTERESTING
FLORA.

ESPECIALLY
IF EVERYTHING
THAT WE TOUCH IS
INFINITELY
RECYCLABLE,

AND
THE POWER THAT
WE ENJOY IS FROM
RENEWABLE
ENERGY.