Low residue strawberry growing system

Including powdery mildew DSS development Berry School Bordeaux, France, March 26, 2014

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Experimental set up 2013

- UTC
- Practice
- Spray according to DSS
 - Fungicides
- EUBerry
 - GNO's & fungicides
- DSS 2.0 (only exp. 3)

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• Adapted for powdery mildew



Maximum Residue Limits

- MRL's imply input crop protection as low as possible
- Retailers demand
 - No more than 5 active ingredients
 - Individual a.i. no more than 33% of MRL
 - Sum of a.i. no more than MRL

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Open field production

- Requirement of % MRL is no problem
- 5 active ingredients is a challenge
 - Thrips control (1)
 - Weed control (~1)
 - Phytophthora (~1)
 - Botrytis (3)

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• Powdery mildew (1)



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How to deal with these requirements?

- Adjust spray strategy
 - Use same active ingredients
 - Beware resistance development!
 - No pesticides with 2 active ingredients
 - Change to nonchemical alternatives

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- Organic in field is tricky in NL
- Less susceptible cultivars are hardly accepted by retailers

Adjust crop protection strategy

Use DSS

- Botrytis is validated
- Powdery mildew is developed
- Change cultivation technique
 - Full field
 - Ridges
 - Stands

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• Rain shelters



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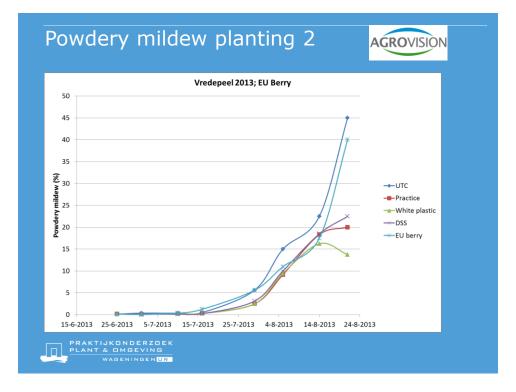
 High powdery mildew inoculum pressure in the 3rd planting

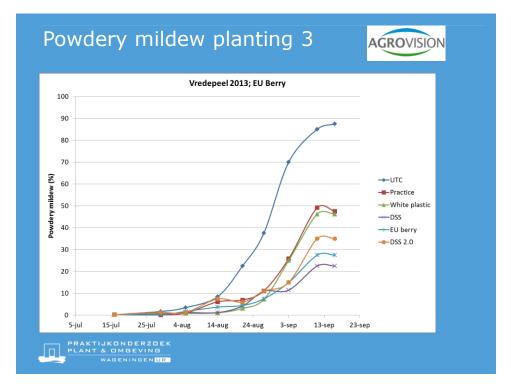
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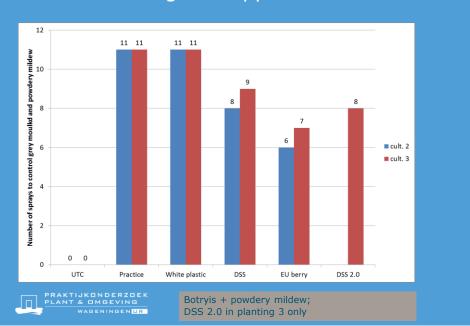
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- Incorporation of low risk fungicides in control strategy





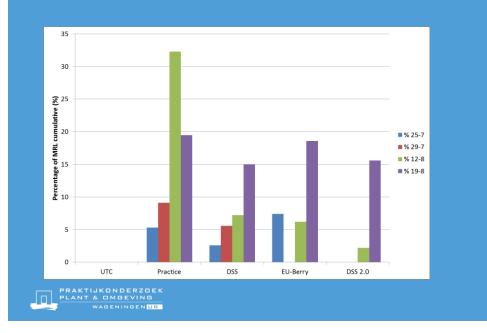


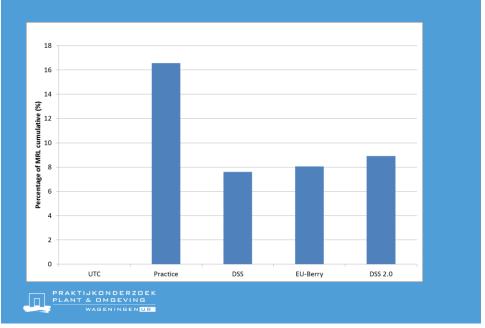




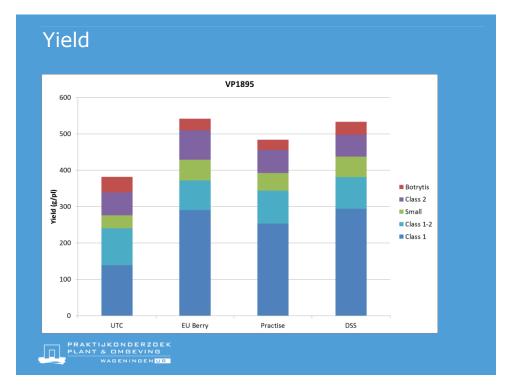
Number of fungicide applications

MRL; goal as low as possible





Cumulative only a fraction of the MRL



Conclusions

- Use of DSS powdery mildew in combination with fungicide choice needs improvement
- DSS 2.0 saves 1 spray but no improvement of disease control
- DSS less residues than common practise & saves 2-3 spray applications
- Yield EUBerry & DSS comparable if not better than practice

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