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THE WISE NUTRIENT SUPPLEMENT SOLUTION

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Teaspoon Feeding™



Nutrients availability follows
plant's requirements

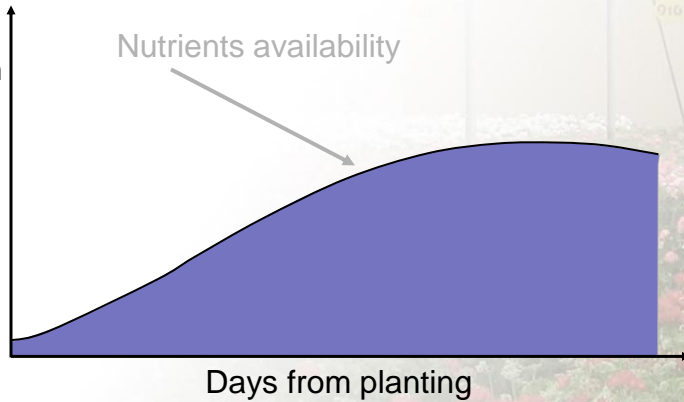


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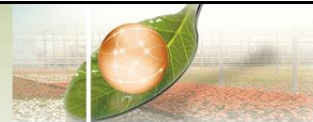


Daily consumption

Nutrients availability



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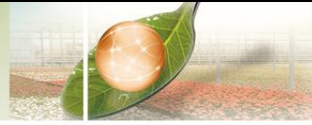


- The formula needed (NPK+)
- Rate needed
- When it is needed
- Where it is needed

- Without wastes and contamination



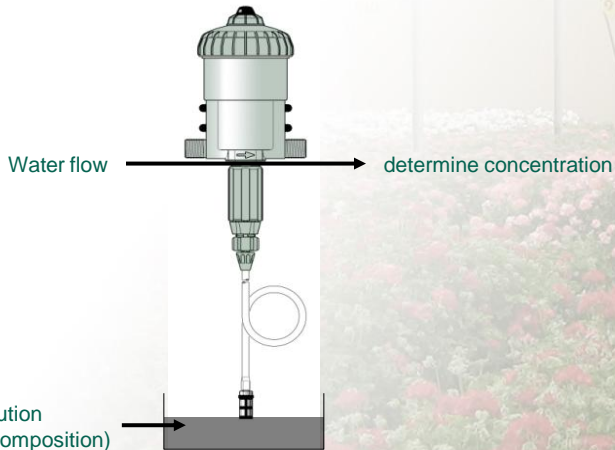
Proportional *Nutrigation*™



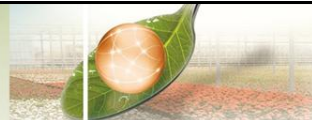
Solutions for advanced (large) farms



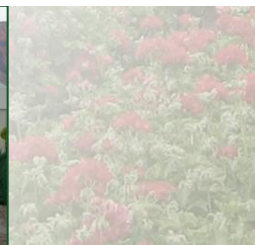
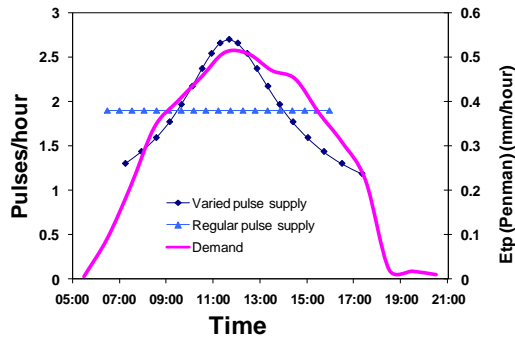
Fertilizer solution
(determine composition)



Atmosphere



Meteorological station
Potential ET

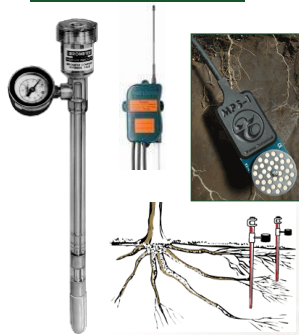


Soil and Water



- Tensiometers
- Soil water content probes
- Soil salinity probes

Potential - tensiometers



Capacitance - conductance

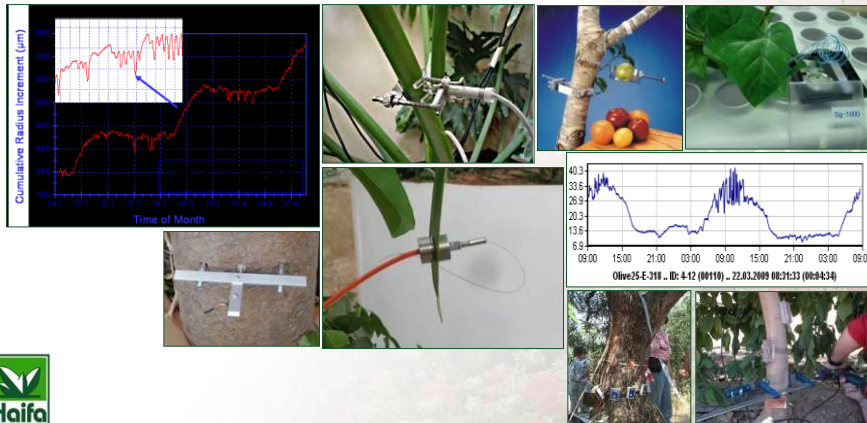


Controlled subsurface *Nutrigation*™



Plant

- Dendrometers
- Canopy temperature
- Plant water status (sap flow, turgor, stem water)



Controlled Release Nutrition

CRF Fertilization is independent of irrigation system:

- Reduced losses by leaching
- No need for “technical irrigations”
- No need for sophisticated dosing systems and its maintenance
- Nutrition synchronized with plant needs through the temperature.



Controlled Release Fertilizers

- Know-how and technology are built-in
- Seem simple, perform sophisticatedly

Suit growers of all levels

multicote®

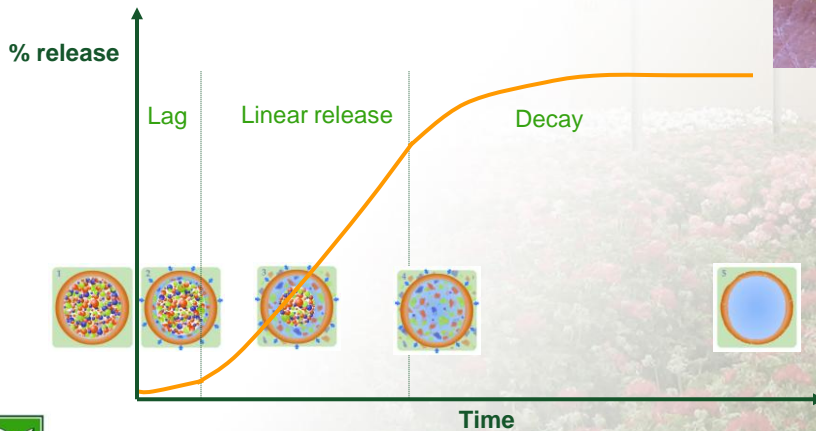


The Brains Inside



Polymer coating Technology

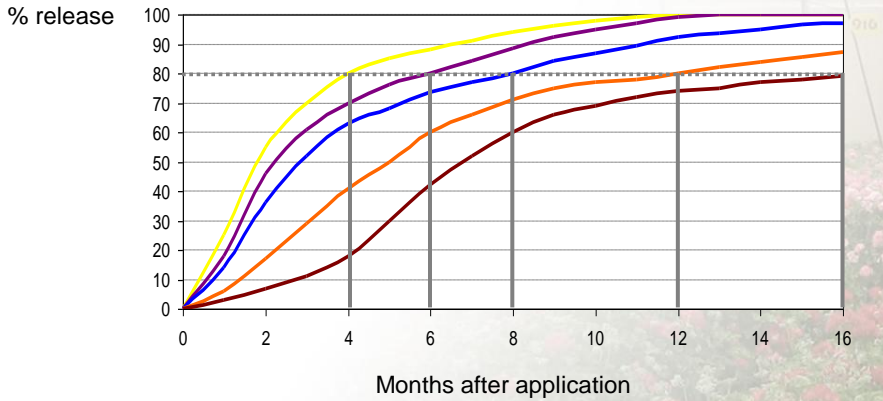
Typical release curve –
mimics the plant consumption one



Polymer coating Technology



Various longevities



Multicote®

P.C 4

P.C 6

P.C 8

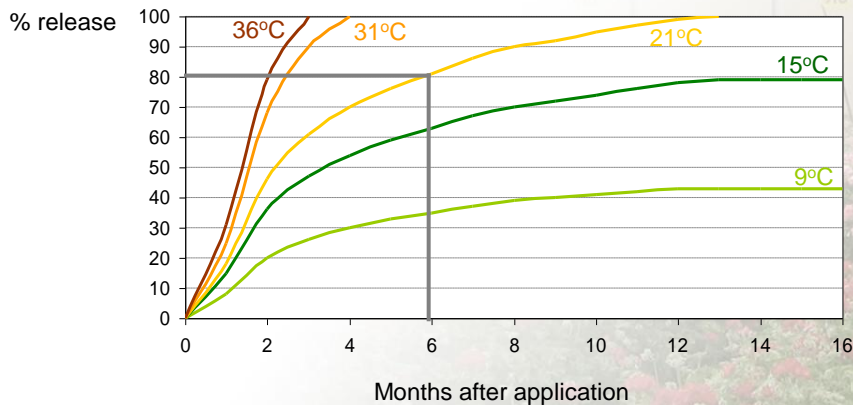
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Polymer coating Technology

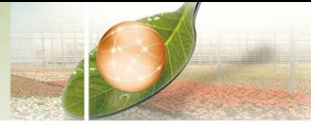


Release rate, longevity & temperature (6M product)

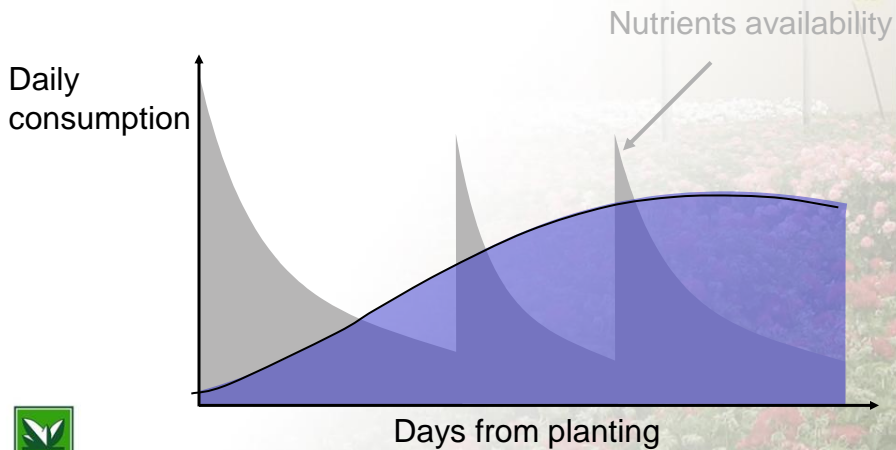


Synchronized with plant growth between 5-36 C.

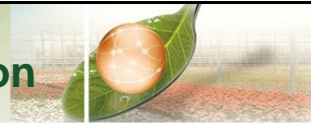
Regular fertilization



Base Dressing + Side Dressings



The challenge: single application



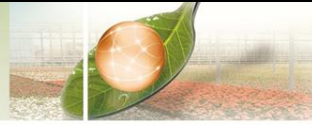
- Regular fertilizers are cheaper.
- Regular fertilizers are readily available (good “starters”).
- However, side / top dressings are needed during the season.

The challenge

- Apply nutrient only once during the growth season
- Minimize volatilization
- Minimize leaching
- Minimize irreversible adsorption and fixation



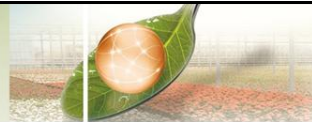
Combinations of coated & conventional Fertilizers



- To protect “problematic” nutrients in the soil, apply them as coated fertilizers
 - Reduce volatilization (Urea)
 - Reduce leaching (Urea, Nitrate, Potassium)
 - Reduce fixation (Phosphates, TE, etc.)
- Release the main “problematic” nutrient over time – no need for mid season application
- Increase NUE
- Save work
- Save water



Polymer coated Components



Fertilizer	Longevity							
	UC*	2	3	4	6	8	12	16
MAP								
MAP mini								
Pot Nit								
KNO ₃ prills								
KNO ₃ mini								
UREA prills								
MgSO ₄								
UREA granular								
NPK 15-7-15 + ME								
NPK 14-14-14								



*UC = Un Coated

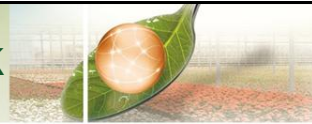
The principles of blending coated components with regular fertilizers



- More rain / irrigation > more coating.
- Lighter soil > more coating.
- Longer the crop cycle > more & longer coating.
- Warmer soils during crop cycle > more & longer coating.
- Application method (top dressing, incorporation, banding).
- Economical performance.



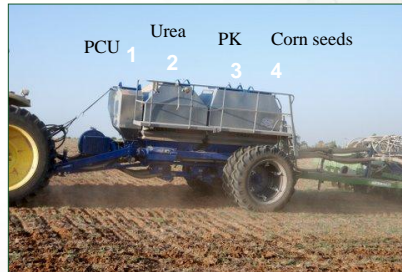
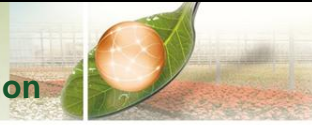
Setting proportions of coated N-P-K



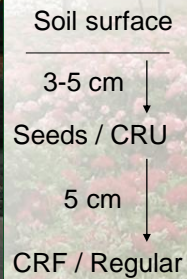
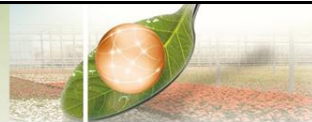
		Sand>70% (Sand, loamy sand)	50%<sand<70 % Medium sandy	Silt>40% Silt, silty loam, silty clay	Clay>60% Clay loam, clay
Arid/semi arid or protected crops	does not exceed the crop demand	75-10-25	75-10-25	50-10-25	50-10-25
Arid/sub Mediterranean	(rain) + irrigation can exceed the crop demand; rarely heavy rain	100-0-50	75-0-25	50-25-25	50-25-25
Rainy sub continental, humid tropical	heavy events and rain often exceeding the crop demand	100-10-75	100-10-50	75-10-50	50-10-50
Humid tropical	rain is constantly exceeding the crop demand, with heavy events; no irrigation	100-30-100	100-20-75	80-10-50	75-10-30



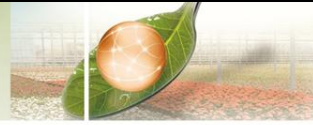
Sowing and applying coated and conventional fertilizers, all in one operation



Application of coated & conventional fertilizers



Summary



Combine CRF components and conventional fertilizers

- *Teaspoon Feeding* concept
- Follows the plant requirements
- Reduce volatilization, leaching and fixation > increase NUE

Fit to all farmer levels > the brain inside



Thanks