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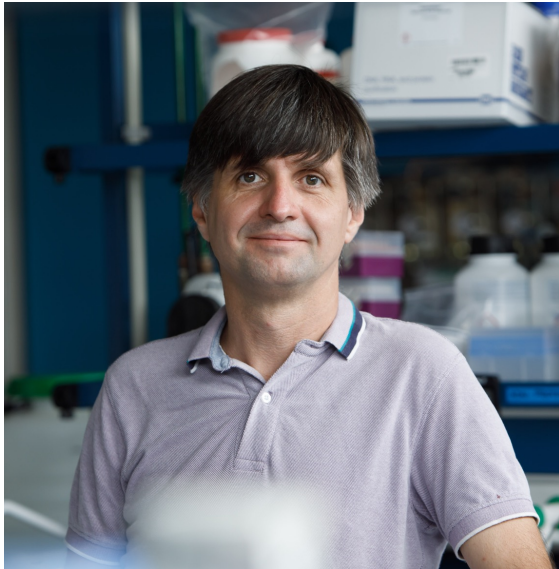
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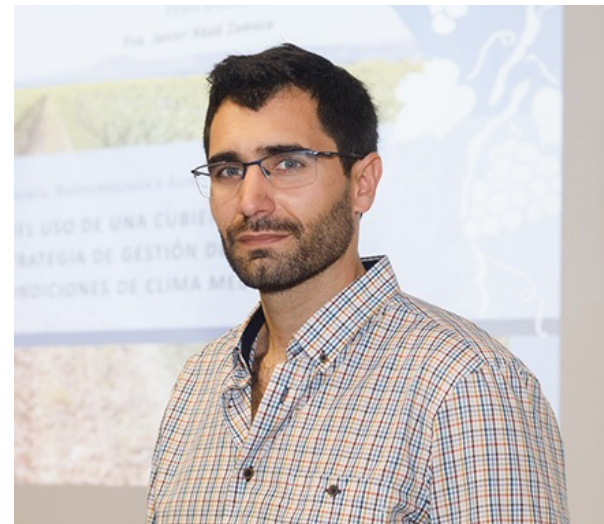
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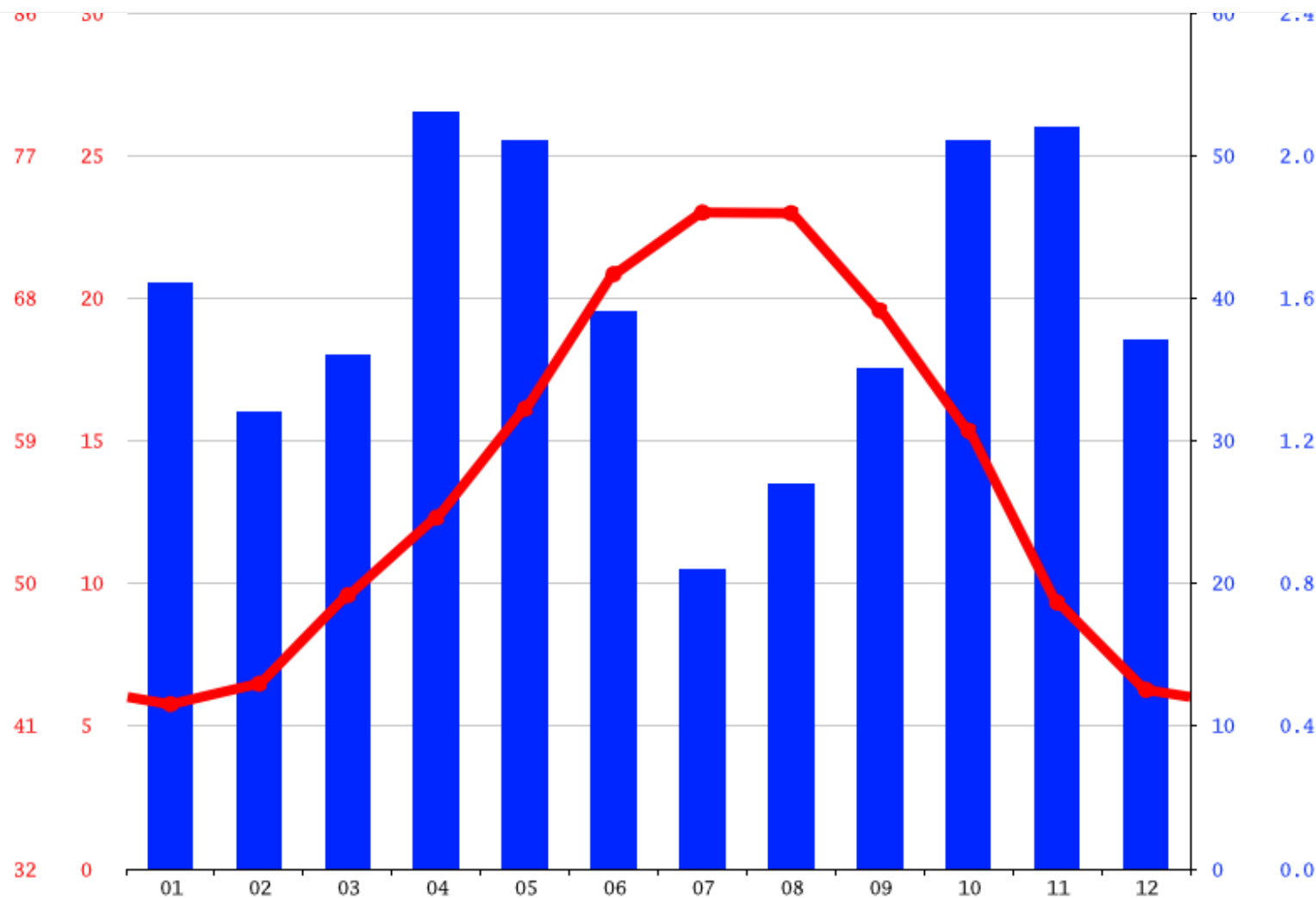


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Cascante (NA, Spain)

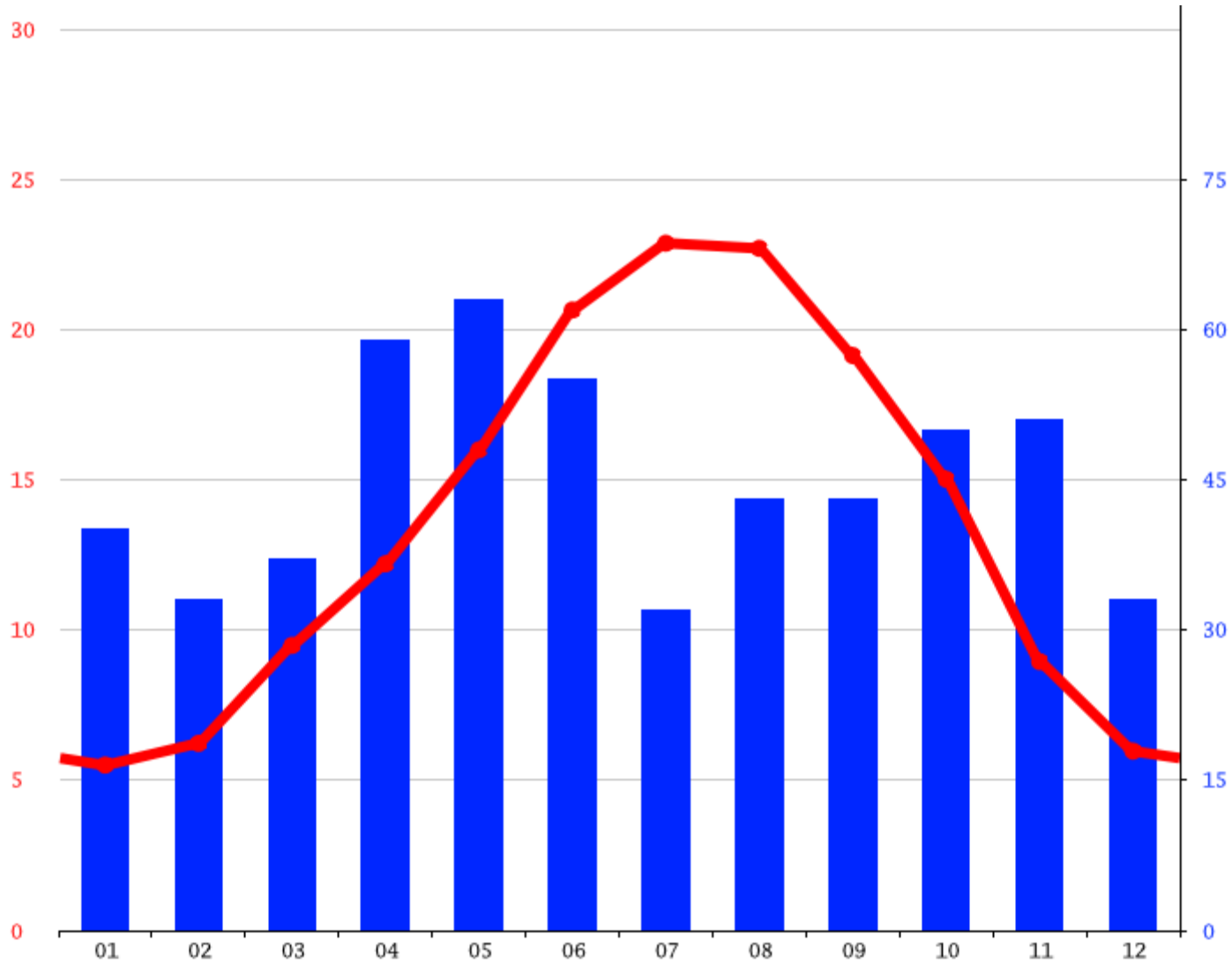


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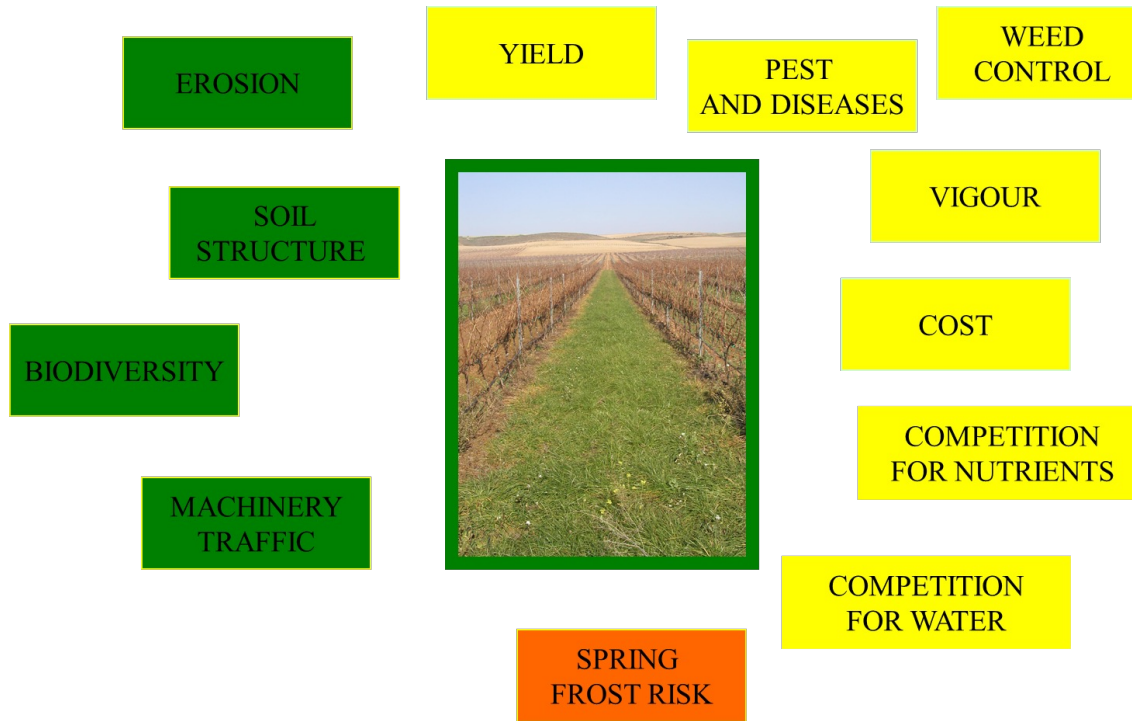
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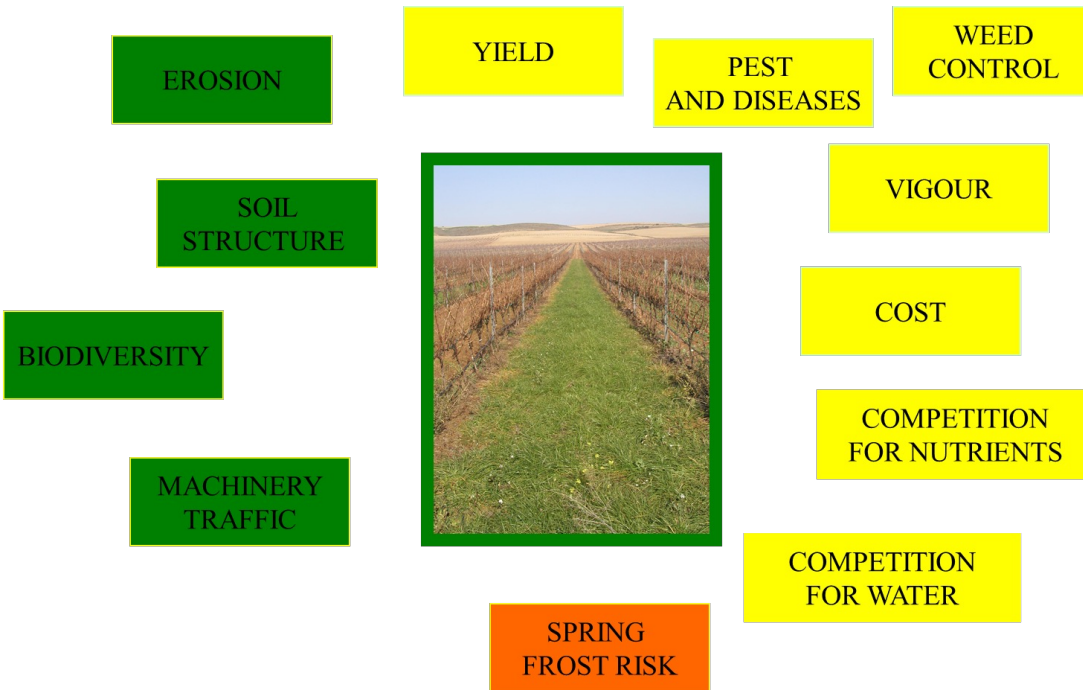
MACHINERY  
TRAFFIC

COMPETITION  
FOR WATER



SPRING  
FROST RISK





yes / no  
how much  
where / why



**Some facts**

**Many urban legends**



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**Pourquoi ne faites-vous pas une revue systématique ?**

# What is a systematic review?

A review that reports or includes:

- (1) a research question,
- (2) a reproducible search strategy (naming of databases, naming of search platforms/engines, search date and complete search strategy)
- (3) inclusion and exclusion criteria
- (4) selection (screening) methods



# Cover crops and viticulture systematic review

Scopus database

TITLE-ABS-KEY (“cover crop” OR “green cover” OR “ground cover” OR “tillage”)

AND

TITLE-ABS-KEY (“wine” OR “vitis” OR “vineyard” OR “grapevine” OR “grape”), between the years 1999 and 2018.).

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## Exclusion criteria

- ▶ Not based on a specific experiment.
- ▶ Crops different from vines.
- ▶ No mention (not even indirect) of cover crops
- ▶ cover crops only as examples of organic viticulture, but not the main objective of the study.
- ▶ Modelling without experimental ground-truthing.
- ▶ Table grapes.

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## 1) Implications on soil characteristics and biodiversity in vineyard

Soil  
nitrogen

N	Location	Duration	Soil management	Cover type	Final soil N Ntot (g/kg) Nmin (mg/kg)	Depth (cm)
1	Kreinbacher, Turkey	3	Tillage	CT	8.72 Nmin	0 - 30
			Spontaneous vegetation	SV	7.43 Nmin	
2	La Caple, France	4	Herbicide + tillage	CTH	0.60 Ntot	0 - 15
			Permanent cover <i>Festuca rubra</i> , <i>Lolium perenne</i>	G	0.71 Ntot	
3	Agugliano, Italy	7	Tillage (depth 5 - 8 cm)	CT	1.64 Ntot	0 - 50
			Spontaneous vegetation	SV	0.93 Ntot	
4	Tokaj, Hungary	3	Tillage (4/ seasons)	CT	6.31 Nmin	0 - 30
			Annual cover <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	G	3.54 Nmin	
5	Montpellier, France	5	Herbicide	CH	0.78 Ntot	0 - 30
			Permanent cover <i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	G	0.82 Ntot	
			Annual cover <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	G	0.76 Ntot	
6	Santana do Livramento, Brazil	2	Herbicide	CH	0.52 Ntot	0 - 10
			Spontaneous vegetation <i>Paspalum notatum</i> , <i>L. multiflorum</i> , <i>Bromus auleticu</i> , <i>Desmodium spp.</i> , <i>Vicia sativa</i>	SV	0.50 Ntot	
			Herbicide	CH	7.28 Nmin	
7	Western Cape, South Africa	10	Annual cover <i>Secale cereale</i>	G	6.88 Nmin	0 - 15
			Annual cover <i>Avena sativa</i>	G	6.23 Nmin	
			Annual cover <i>A. strigosa</i>	G	5.25 Nmin	
			Annual cover <i>Medicago truncatula</i>	L	19.45 Nmin	
			Annual cover <i>Ornithopus sativus</i>	L	13.31 Nmin	
Annual cover <i>V. dasycarpa</i>	L	18.53 Nmin				

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			Tillage	T	1.8 Ntot
8	Mallorca, Spain	3	Permanent cover <i>Medicago</i> sp., <i>A. sterilis</i> , <i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i> , <i>Trifolium scabrum</i> , <i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	GL	1.7 Ntot
			Annual cover <i>T. resupinatum</i> , <i>M. truncatula</i> , <i>T. subterraneum</i> , <i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	GL	1.9 Ntot
			Tillage	CT	
9	California, U.S.A.	5	Annual cover Triticale x Triosecale	G	
			Annual cover <i>S. cereale</i>	G	
			Herbicide	CH	1.90 Nmin
10	Región Maule, Chile	2	Permanent cover <i>T. subterraneum</i> , <i>M. polymorpha</i>	L	21.9 Nmin
			Permanent cover <i>T. subterraneum</i> , <i>T. michelianum</i>	L	14.1 Nmin
			Herbicide	CH	1.86 Ntot
11	California, U.S.A.	3	Permanent cover <i>Vulpia myuros</i> , <i>B. hordeaceus</i> , <i>T. hirtum</i> , <i>T. pratenses</i>	GL	2.45 Ntot
			Annual cover <i>Vicia faba</i> , <i>Pisum sativum</i> , <i>Triticum aestivum</i> or <i>S. cereale</i>	GL	1.70 Ntot
			Tillage	CT	
12	Ligurian Apennines, Italy	3	Spontaneous vegetation	SV	
			Tillage (3/season, depth 20 cm)	CT	1.1 Ntot
13	Brunello di Montalcino, Italy	5	Spontaneous vegetation	SV	1.1 Ntot
			Annual cover <i>T. subterraneum</i>	L	1.5 Ntot
			Permanent cover <i>F. arundinacea</i>	G	1.2 Ntot

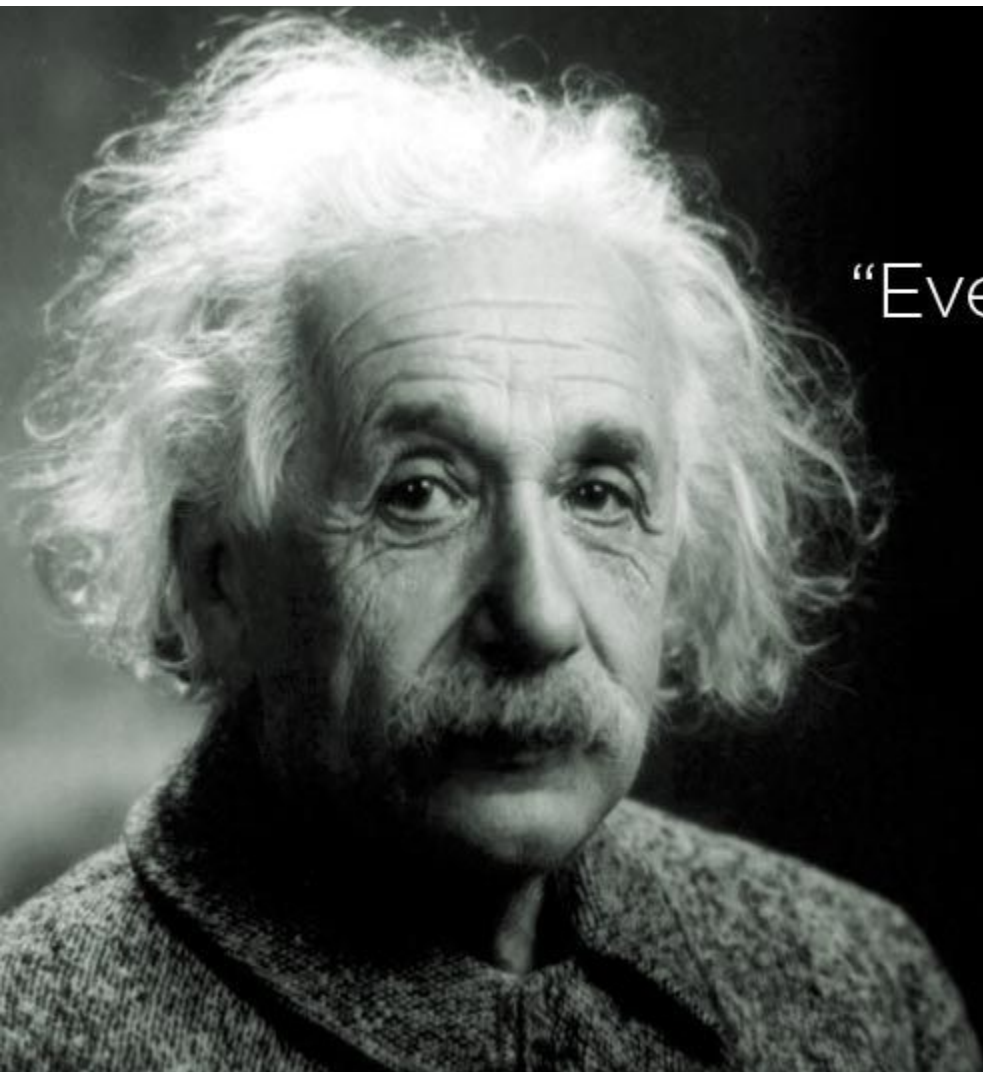
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			Herbicide	CH	
14	Burgundy, France	10	Permanent cover clover	L	
			Permanent cover <i>Festuca</i> sp.	G	
15	Badajoz, Spain	1	Tillage (3/ season, depth 10 - 15 cm)	CT	0.23 Ntot
			Spontaneous vegetation <i>Elytrichia repens</i> , <i>F. arundinacea</i> , <i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	SV	0.64 Ntot
16	Madrid, Spain	4	Tillage (2 - 3/ season, depth 15 cm)	CT	
			Permanent cover <i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	G	
			Spontaneous vegetation	SV	
17	La Rioja, Spain	4	Tillage (3 - 4/ season, depth 15 cm)	CT	
			Spontaneous vegetation <i>B. mollis</i> , <i>H. maritimum</i> , <i>Diplotaxis erucoides</i> , <i>Sonchus asper</i> , <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> , <i>Veronica latifolia</i> , <i>Coniza canadensis</i> , <i>Papaver hybridum</i>	SV	
			Permanent cover <i>Festuca glauca</i>	G	
18	Madrid, Spain	2	Tillage	CT	
			Annual cover <i>S. cereale</i>	G	
			Permanent cover <i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	G	
19	Traisen Valley, Austria	10	Annual legumes cover with tillage (5/season, depth 5 - 10 cm)	L	1.61 Ntot
			Spontaneous vegetation	SV	2.14 Ntot
			+ herbicide with 10 cm	CH	1.27 Ntot
20	Nueva Escocia, Canada	2	Annual cover <i>A. sativa</i> , <i>Pisum sativum</i> , <i>V. villosa</i>	GL	1.42 Ntot
			Annual cover <i>A. sativa</i> , <i>T. pratense</i>	GL	1.42 Ntot
			Permanent cover <i>Pheum pratense</i> (70 %), <i>T. hybridum</i> (15 %), <i>T. pratense</i> (15 %)	GL	1.42 Ntot
21	La Rioja, Spain	10	Tillage (3 - 4/ season, depth 15 cm)	CT	
			Spontaneous cover	SV	



**Attends,  
Gonzaga,  
attends...**



“Everything should be made  
as simple as possible.  
But not simpler.”

*Albert Einstein*





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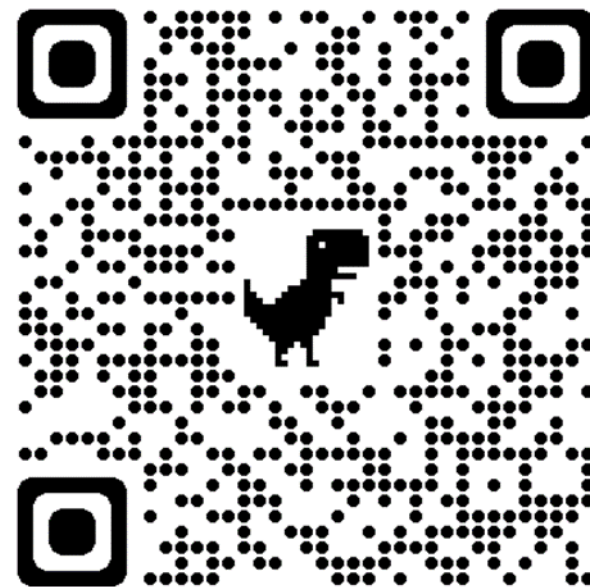
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## Soil facts

Soil Nitrogen

Grasses as cover crops

25% in N<sub>tot</sub> and N<sub>min</sub>

Legumes

30% in N<sub>tot</sub> and 100 % N<sub>min</sub>

Soil Organic Carbon

Sulas et al. (2017) -- 10 % of the total 125 kg/ha used by vines



Grasses 68.5 %

Legumes 39.2 %

Spontaneous 119.5 %

Soil Aggregates  
(structure)

In 2-3 years

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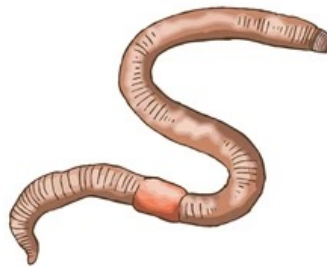
## Soil facts

## Soil erosion

Herbicide	12,0 T/ha yr
Tilled	11,4 T/ha yr
Grass	1,1 T/ha yr
Spontaneous	2,4 T/ha yr
Legumes	3,4 T/ha yr

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## Biodiversity facts



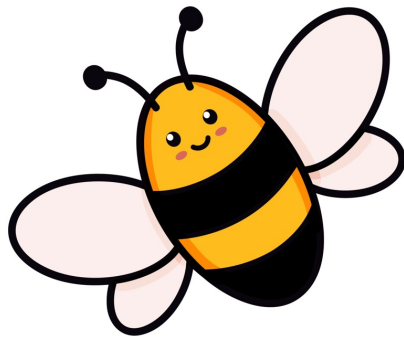
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Biodiversity  
facts

Insectivorous birds ↑  
(Lourenço *et al.*, 2021)  
(Rollan *et al.*, 2019)

Passerines ↑  
(Duarte *et al.*, 2014)



Larks ↑  
(Buehler *et al.*, 2017)



# 1) Implications on soil characteristics and biodiversity in vineyard

Pests and diseases  
facts



Légendes  
urbaines ...

## 1) Implications on soil characteristics and biodiversity in vineyard

## Pests and diseases facts

## Powdery mildew

## Decreased

*F. arundinacea*+*L. perenne* ↑ & barley  
(Valdés-Gómez et al., 2011)

## No change

Spontaneous  
(Vogelweith and Thiéry, 2017)

## DISEASES

Decreased 67% cases.  
Never increased



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## Pests and diseases facts

PESTS

NO INCREASE (95%)

Only one reported increase *Epiphyas postvittana* (Light Brown Apple Moth)

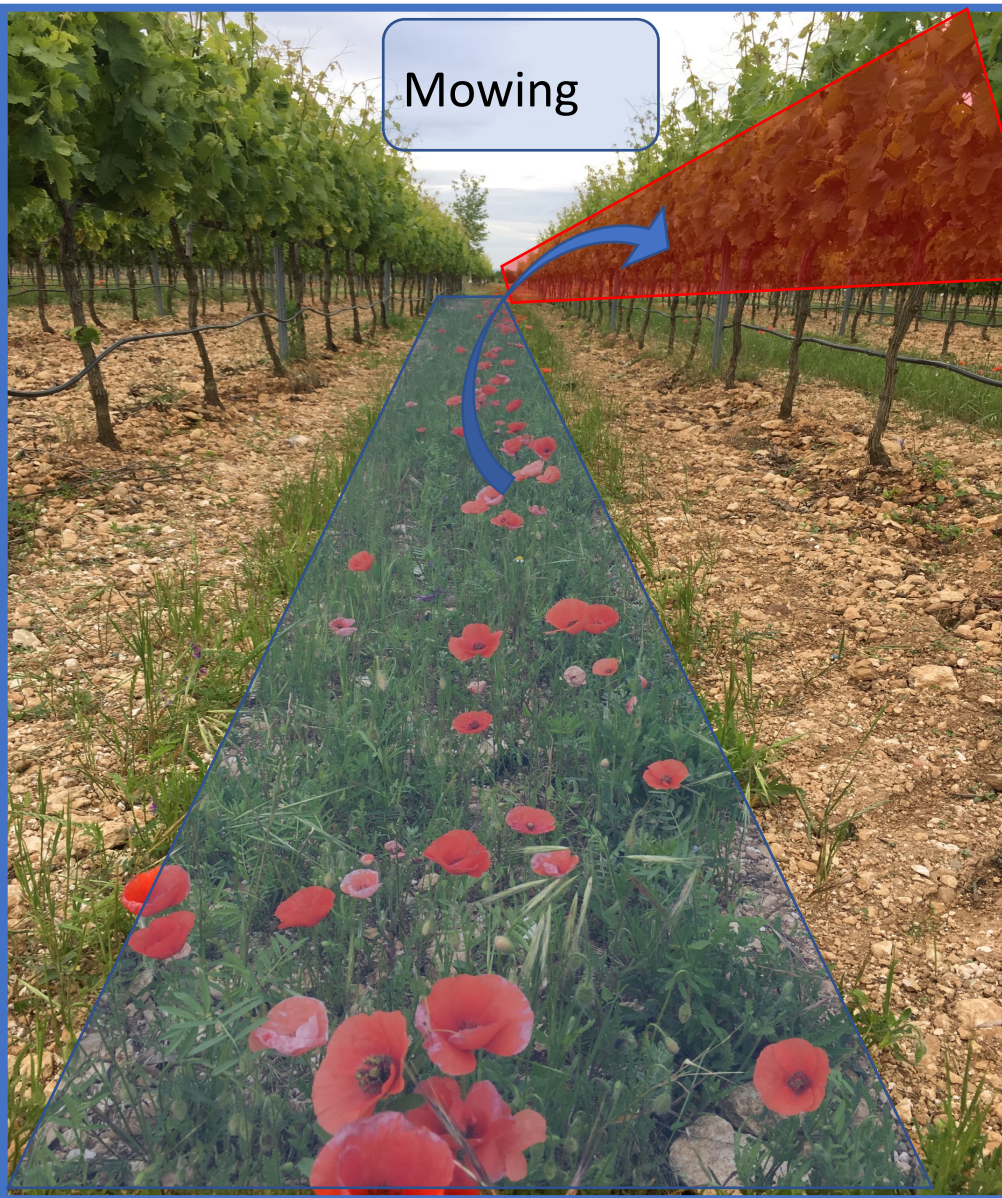
45% No change

50% decrease

Cycadellids

*Anagrus*  
(Hymenoptera)





## Growth facts

Herbicide applied in the row.

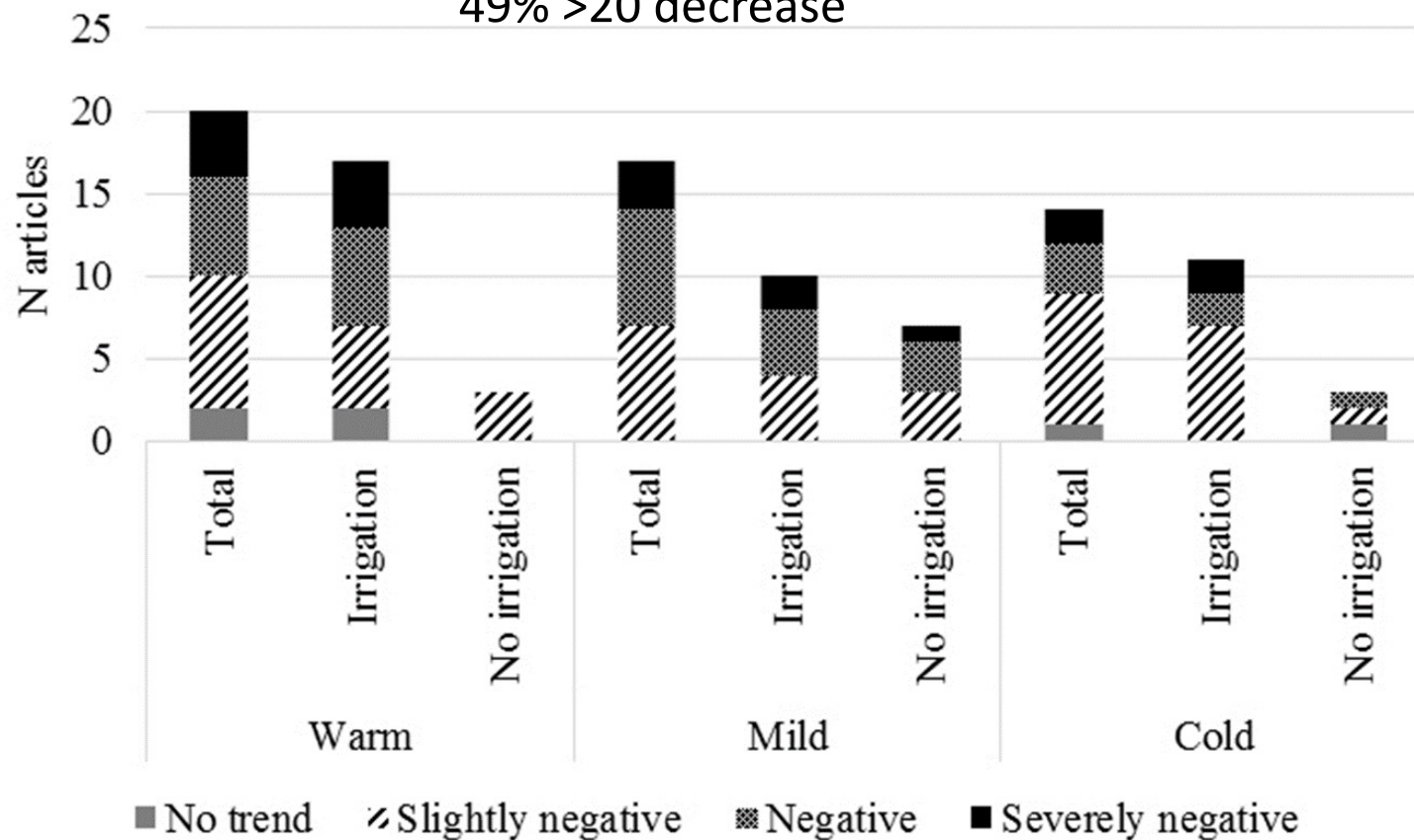
		No trend			
	Costello (2010b)	=	2	Jordan <i>et al.</i> (2016)	= 3 Wilson <i>et al.</i> (2017) =
		Slightly negative			
4	DeVetter <i>et al.</i> (2015)	+(T)/-	12	Karl <i>et al.</i> (2016)**	=/-- 20 Ingels <i>et al.</i> (2005)* -(T)/--
5	Krohn and Ferree (2004)	+(T)/--	13	Smith <i>et al.</i> (2008)	=/- 21 Reynolds <i>et al.</i> (2006)** -(T)/--
6	Sweet and Schreiner (2010)*	+(T)/--	14	Klodd <i>et al.</i> (2016)	-(T) 22 Ripoché <i>et al.</i> (2011)* -(T)/--
7	Tourte <i>et al.</i> (2008)	=/(T)	15	Steenwerth <i>et al.</i> (2016)	-(T) 23 Giese <i>et al.</i> (2016) -
8	Lopes <i>et al.</i> (2008)	=/--	16	Coniberti <i>et al.</i> (2018a)	-(T)/- 24 Steenwerth <i>et al.</i> (2013) -
9	Mercenaro <i>et al.</i> (2014)	=/-	17	Monteiro and Lopes (2007)	-(T)/- 25 Vrsic <i>et al.</i> (2011) -
10	Pérez-Álvarez <i>et al.</i> (2015b)	=/-	18	Muscas <i>et al.</i> (2017)*	-(T)/- 26 Pérez <i>et al.</i> (2018) -/--
11	Trigo-Córdoba <i>et al.</i> (2015)	=/-	19	Tomaz <i>et al.</i> (2015)	-(T)/-
		Negative			
27	Rodríguez-Lovelle <i>et al.</i> (2000b)	+(T)/---	36	Palliotti <i>et al.</i> (2007)	-- 45 Coletta <i>et al.</i> (2013) ---
28	Delpuech and Metay (2018)*	=/--	37	Pou <i>et al.</i> (2011)*	-- 46 Coniberti <i>et al.</i> (2017) ---
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30	Coniberti <i>et al.</i> (2018b)	--	39	Caspari <i>et al.</i> (1997)	--/--- 48 Hatch <i>et al.</i> (2011) ---
31	De Pascali <i>et al.</i> (2014)	--	40	Guilpart <i>et al.</i> (2017)	--/--- 49 Olmstead <i>et al.</i> (2012) ---
32	Giese <i>et al.</i> (2015)	--	41	Mattii <i>et al.</i> (2005)	--/--- 50 Toci <i>et al.</i> (2012) ---
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34	Linares Torres <i>et al.</i> (2018)	--	43	Rodríguez-Lovelle <i>et al.</i> (2000a)**	--/---
35	Lopes <i>et al.</i> (2011)	--	44	Silvestre <i>et al.</i> (2012)	--/---

= denotes does not affect, no clear trend; - (T)/+(T) denotes reduction trend/general increase; -/+ denotes difference in reduction/increase lower than 20 %; --/++ denotes difference in reduction/increase between 20 and 40 %; ---/+++ denotes difference in reduction/increase higher than 40 %; \* denotes differences among treatments in one or more years; \*\* denotes differences among controls in one or more years.

## Growth facts

## Pruning weight

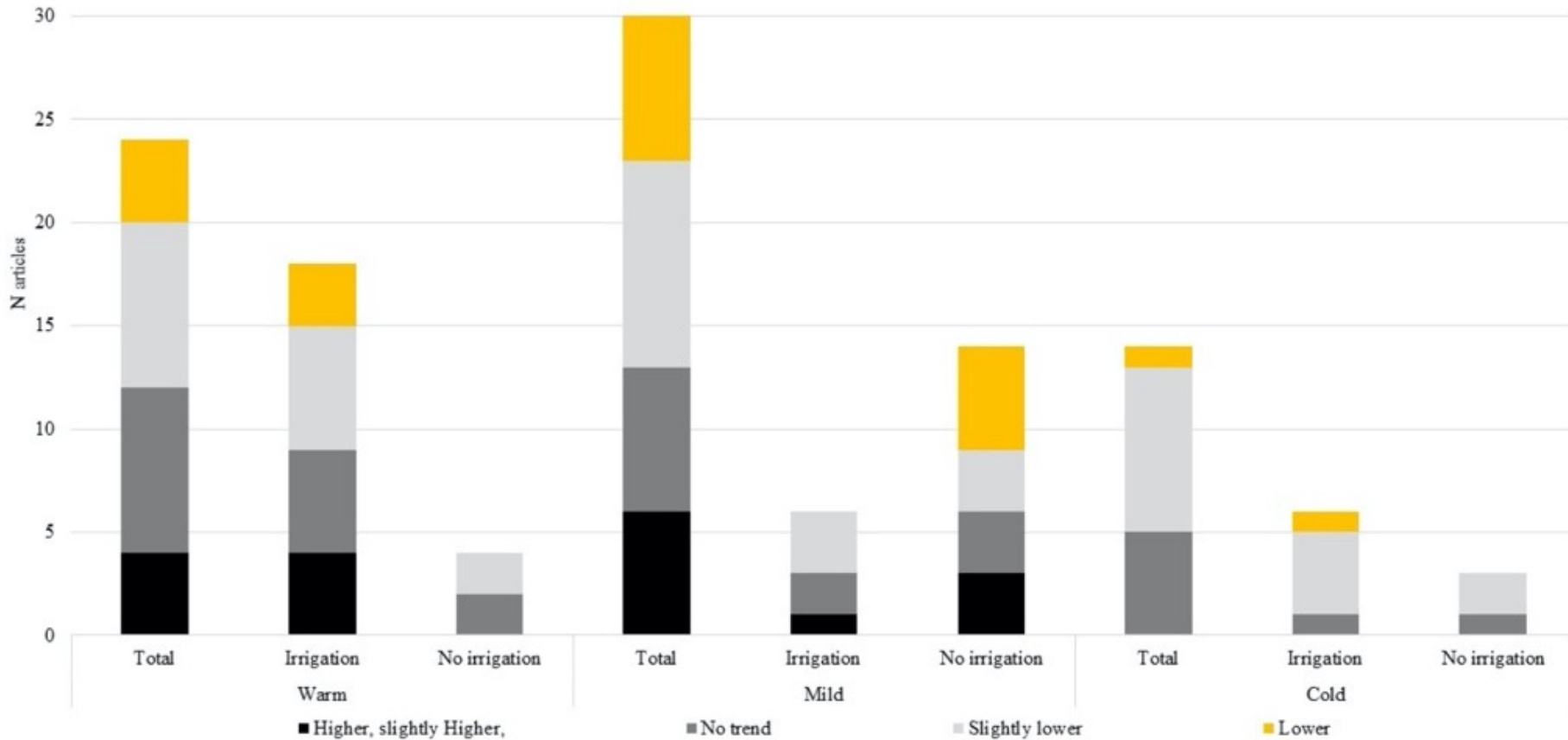
6 % no change  
 23% <20% decrease  
 49% >20% decrease



# Yield facts

Yield

16 % 20-40 % increase  
 28 % no change  
 37 % <20% decrease  
 17 % >20% decrease





**Gonzaga, je t'ai  
dit mille fois qu'ils  
doivent le lire..**





## Which cover?

### Spontaneous

- Cheaper
- Locally adapted
- Less control on competition timing and depth
- Diversity

### Sown

- More expensive
- A lot of options to try to adapt to competition timing and depth
- Diversity

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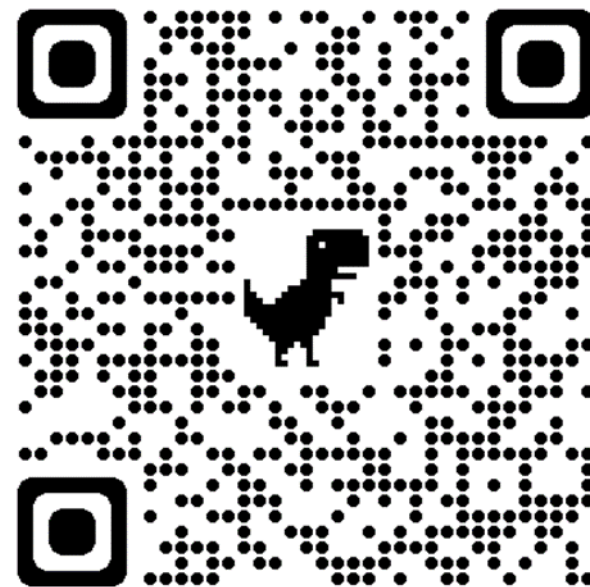
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# Our current challenge Management under the vines



# Cover crops under the vines



*Trifolium fragiferum*  
Fecha siembra: 27/02/2018  
Dosis: 15g/m<sup>2</sup>  
6g/ml (Ancho 40cm)

# Cover crops under the vines



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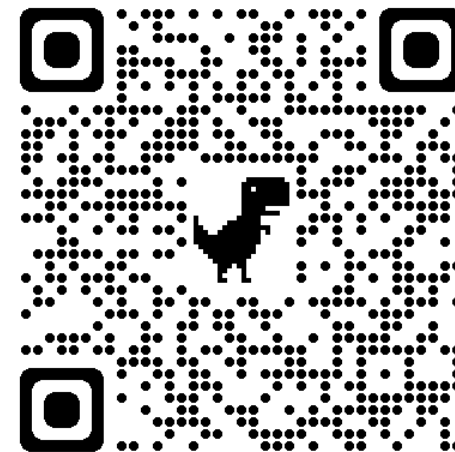
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# Légende urbaine : le crocodile des égouts de Paris





Insolite

# La légende urbaine des crocodiles dans les égouts de Paris n'en est pas vraiment une

Vous avez sans doute déjà entendu cette histoire sans oser y croire. Et pourtant...

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