# Plant sap analysis add improvements to plant health & quality

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# Plantsap analysis

- Actual mineral uptake which the plant can use directly for growth and development. Results are ready after one working day after arriving samples
- 21 parameters per sample
  - EC, pH, Sugars
  - Macro elements (K, Ca, Mg, Na, NH4, NO3, Total N, P, S, Cl)
  - Trace elements (Si, Fe, Mn, Zn, B, Cu, Mo, Al)
- Reports and Online program to view data

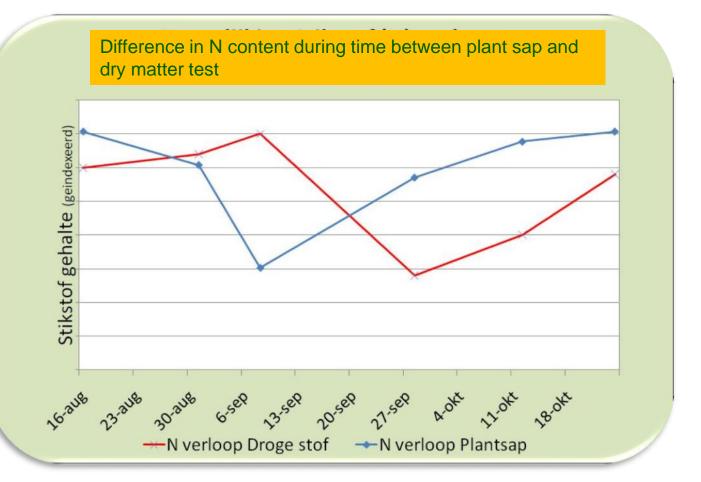
# Difference plantsap analysis and dry matter test

#### Two types

- Mineral/dissolvable salts: current uptake for plant development
- Fixed minerals: organic compounds, hardly available for plant development.
  - Plant sap measurement: Measures mostly dissolved salts. The current situation of nutrition the plant can use for growth
- Dry matter test: counts the total of both (total uptake by plant).
  Deficiency is not directly visual in the analyses.

## Difference plantsap analysis and dry matter test

- **Plantsap:** N deficiency in an earlier stage visual.
- 2/3 weeks later visual in the dry matter.
- Dry matter test: it takes longer to determinate lower numbers



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Plantsap-monster	<sup>1</sup> 201107110001	Monsterdatum:	10-7-2011	
	<sup>2</sup> 201107110002			
Naam:	Aert v. Aardbeikwekerij bv	Locatie/perceel:	Standaard	
Adres:	Rucphenseweg 48	Teeltnaam:	Standaard	
	4882 KC Zundert	Gewas:	aardbei	
		Plantdeel:	<sup>1</sup> Blad (jong)	<sup>2</sup> Blad (oud)
Opmerkingen:				

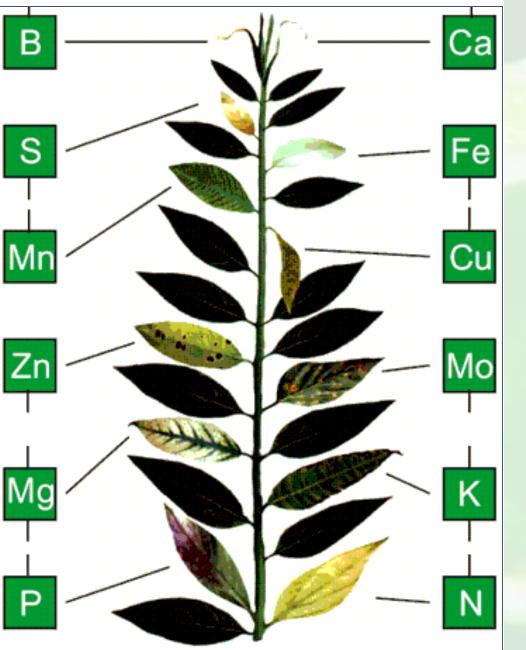
Mineraal		Huidig niveau				
Suikers	%	3,8 1				
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EC	mS/cm	8,9 1				<u> </u>
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K - Kalium		, .		1	1	<u> </u>
K - Kallum	ppm ppm	3960 <sup>1</sup> 4777 <sup>2</sup>				<u> </u>
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Ca - Calcium	ppm ppm	400				! !
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K / Ca		8,71 1				!!!
		2,13 2				
Mg - Magnesium	ppm	494 1				ļ ļ
	ppm	1523 2				
Na - Natrium	ppm	9 1			<b></b>	I I
	ppm	9 2	1			
NH4 - Ammonium	ppm	98 1				I I
	ppm	78 2	2			
NO3 - Nitraat	ppm	307 1			1	I I
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Si - Silicium	ppm ppm	4,5				!!!
		0,1				
Fe - IJzer	ppm	3,95 <sup>1</sup> 1,19 <sup>2</sup>				! !
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Mn - Mangaan	ppm	2,95				!!!
	ppm	2,92 2				
Zn - Zink	ppm	0,93 1				
	ppm	0,94 2				
B - Borium	ppm	0,63 1		<b> </b>	I	I I
	ppm	2,13 2	2			
Cu - Koper	ppm	0,27 1				I I
	ppm	0,13 2	2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mo - Molybdeen	ppm	0,09 1				
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## Report

- Rating per element
- Macro- and micro-elements
- Target values per element. Defined per crop
- Young and old leave sampling
- Consultancy help

# **Elements deficiency**



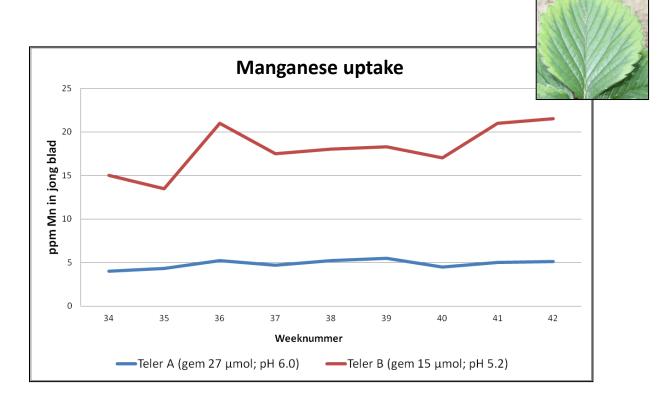
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- Calcium (Ca)
- Borium (B)

# More nutrition not automatically better uptake

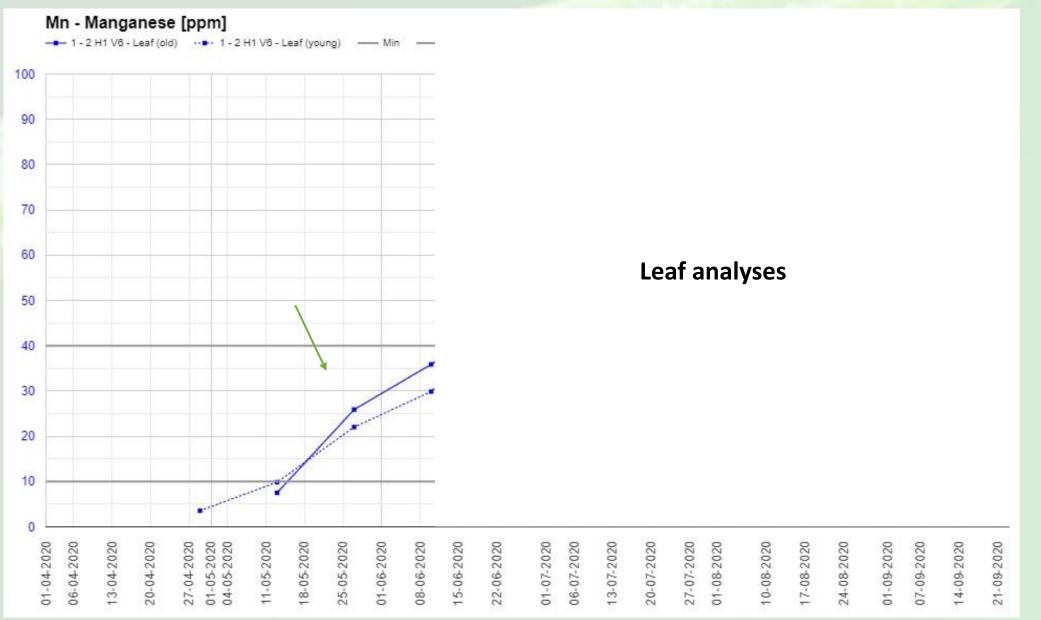
- pH of soil and irrigation water
- Root problems
- Less uptake trace elements

	Manganese irrigation water	pH irrigation water		
Grower A	27 umol	6.0		
Grower B	15 umol	5.2		



 Despite the higher manganese supply, a lower absorption due to too high pH of the irrigation water.

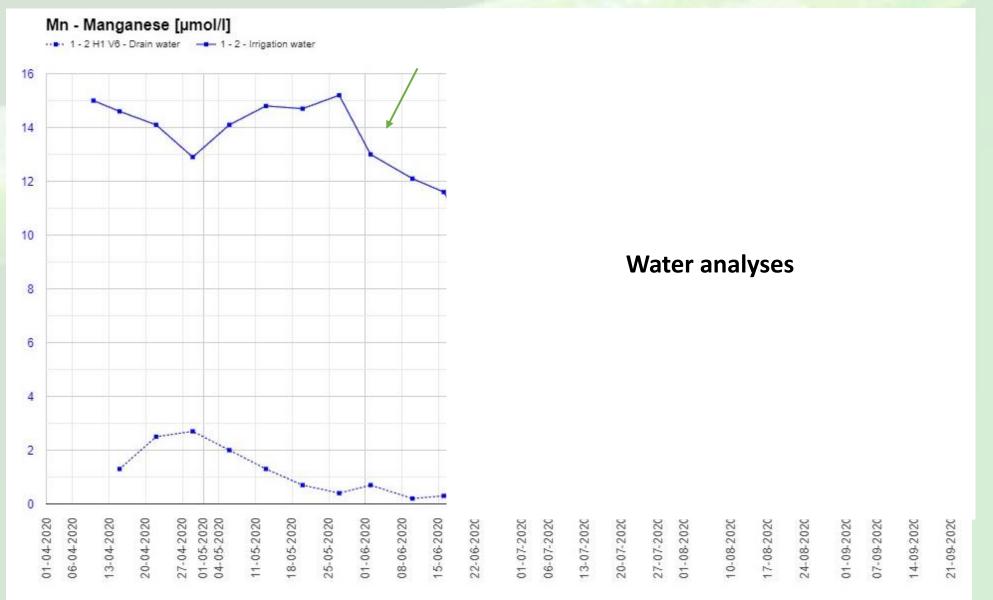
Green arrow: fast uptake manganese



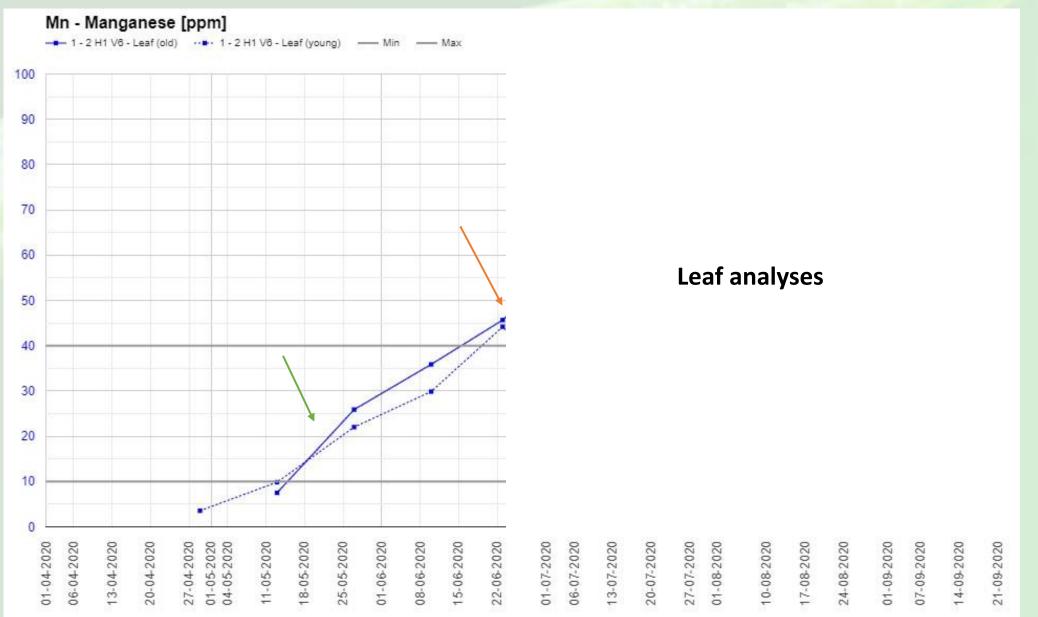
Green arrow: Lowered manganese

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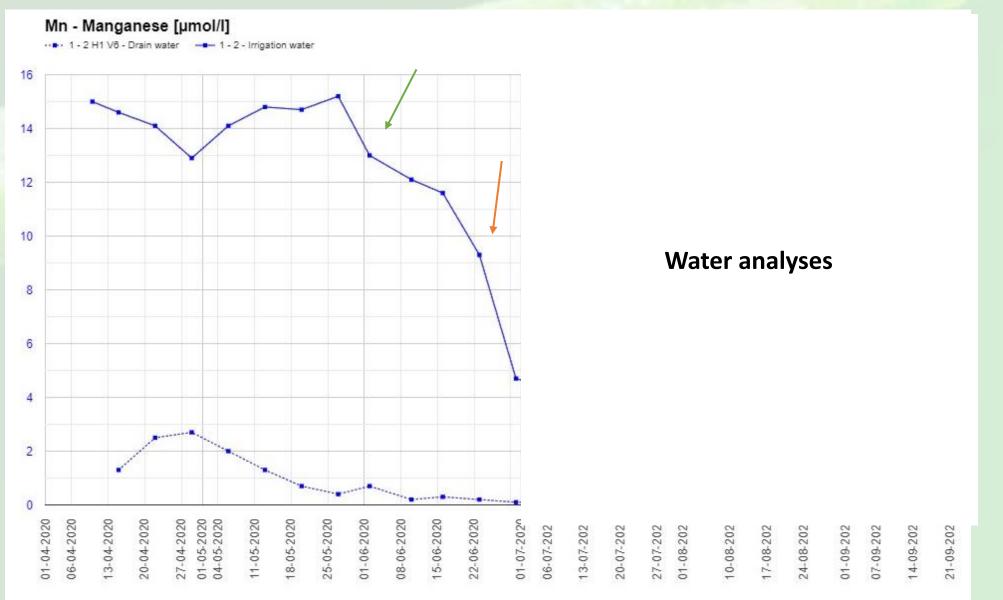
# Practical example:



Green arrow: fast uptake manganese Orange arrow: still fast uptake Mn



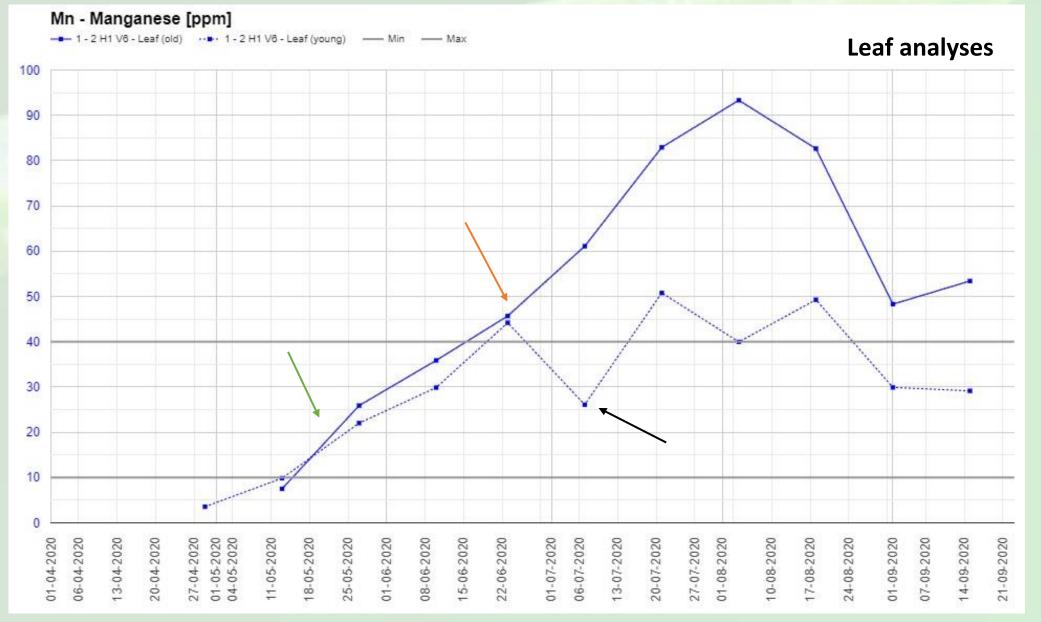
Green arrow: Lowered manganese Orange arrow: Still lowering manganese



Green arrow: fast uptake manganese Orange arrow: still fast uptake Mn

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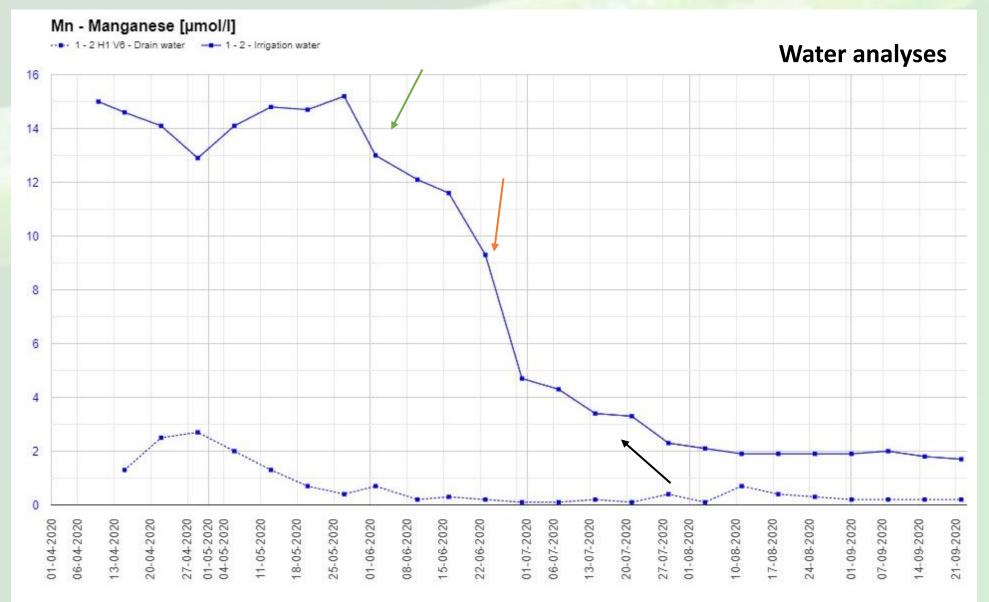
Between orange and black arrow: stabilizing of manganese in young leaves



Green arrow: Lowered manganese Orange arrow: Still lowering manganese Black arrow: stabilizing of manganese in

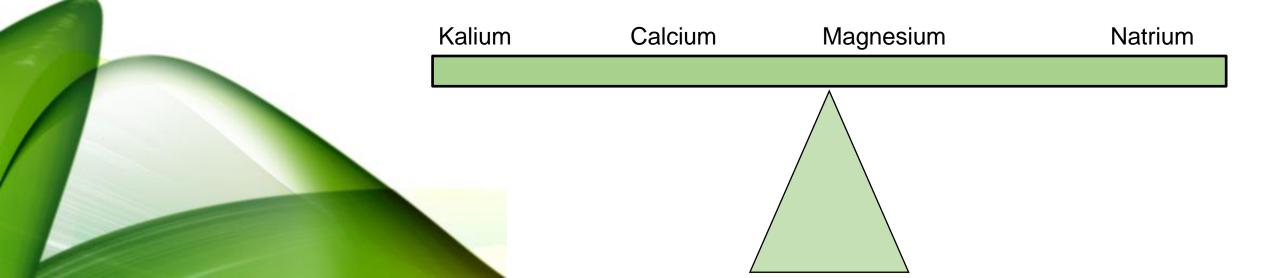
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Black arrow: stabilizing of manganese in irrigation water



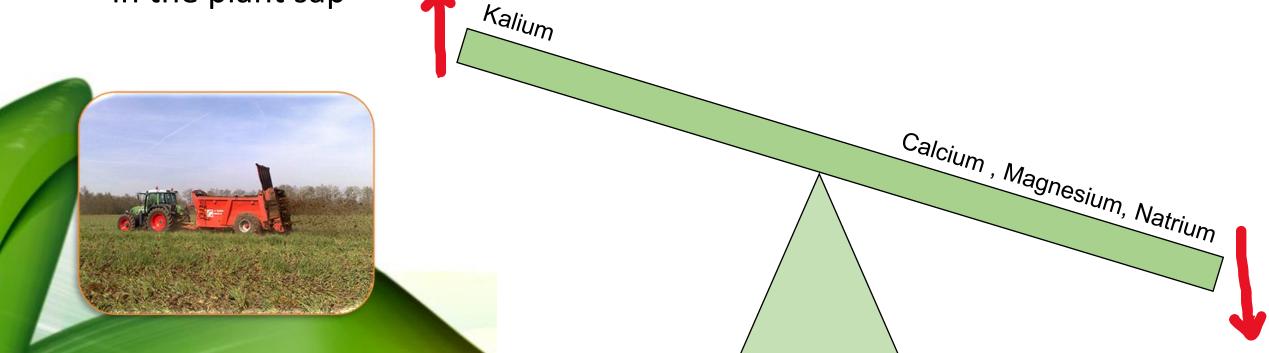
# Antagonistic interactions

- Sufficient in the soil, does not guarantee balanced uptake
- The ratio between elements determines the uptake
- One cation too high presented in plant sap, other cation(s) deficient



# Antagonistic interactions

- When one cation increases in availability, other cation(s) will decrease in the plant sap
- When one cation decreases in availability, other cation(s) will increase in the plant sap



# Practical example: interactions cations

Mineral		Current Level	Optimum		
K - Potassium	ppm ppm	2425 2458	2088 - 2712	1 2	
Ca - Calcium	ppm ppm	573 1034	1207 - 2193	1 2	
К / Са		4,23 2,38		1 2	
Mg - Magnesium	ppm ppm	1771 1331	640 - 960	1 2	

- High magnesium uptake
- Uptake of other cations are suffering of this
- Balance between elements

# Vegetative VS. Generative

#### Vegetative phase: growth, leaf production

- Higher uptake of calcium, magnesium (strong cells, photosynthesis)
- Lower uptake potassium
- Outer tire

#### Generative phase: Fruit development

- Higher uptake of potassium
- Inner tire



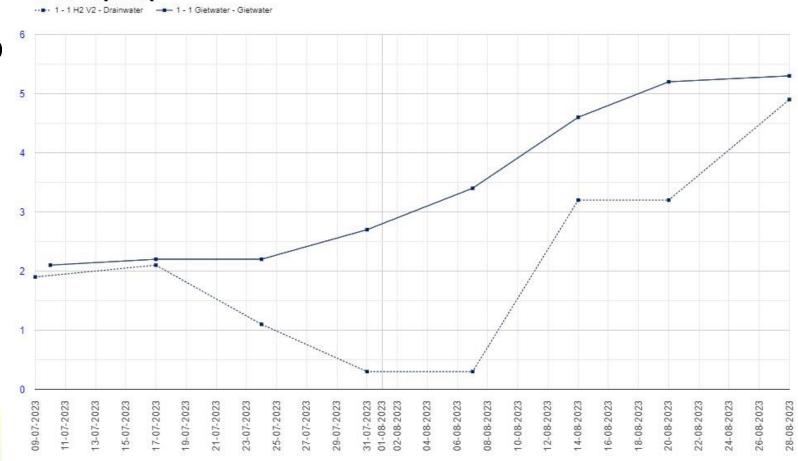




### Need of potassium during harvest period strawberry

K - Kalium [mmol/l]

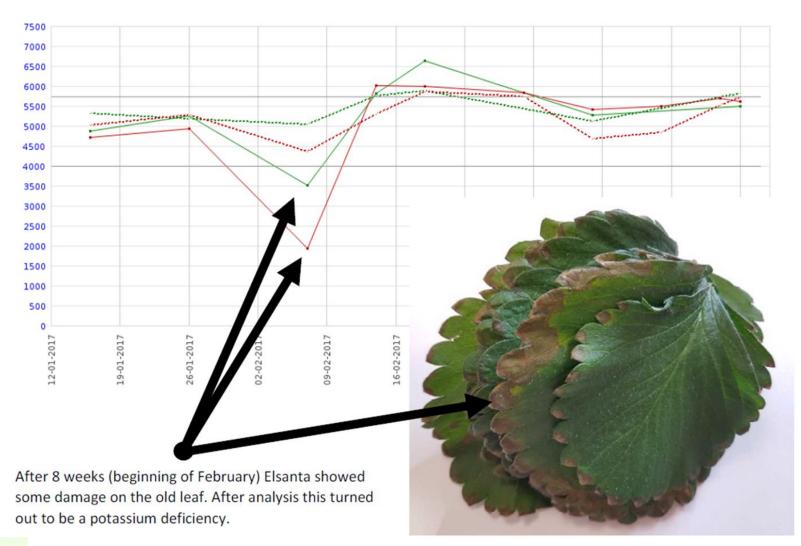
- Potassium decreases
  when flowers/fruits develop
- Keep potassium level in leaves consistent
- Increase potassium in irrigation water



# Practical example: Defiency or excess?

Symptom potassium
 deficiency: edges of
 leaves are brown

Symptom boron excess: edges of leaves are brown



# Thank you for your attention!

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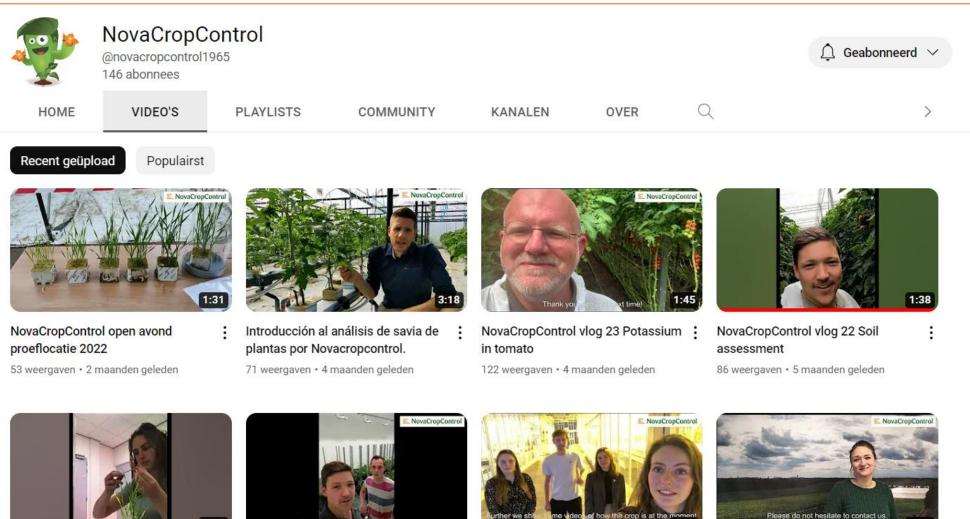


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