



# Biostimulants and Biologicals: A Natural Synergy

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- Main actives in Vitazyme
- Biofertilizers in general
- Bio Seed actives
- Our symbiotic Cycle
- Results in California



# The Common Players

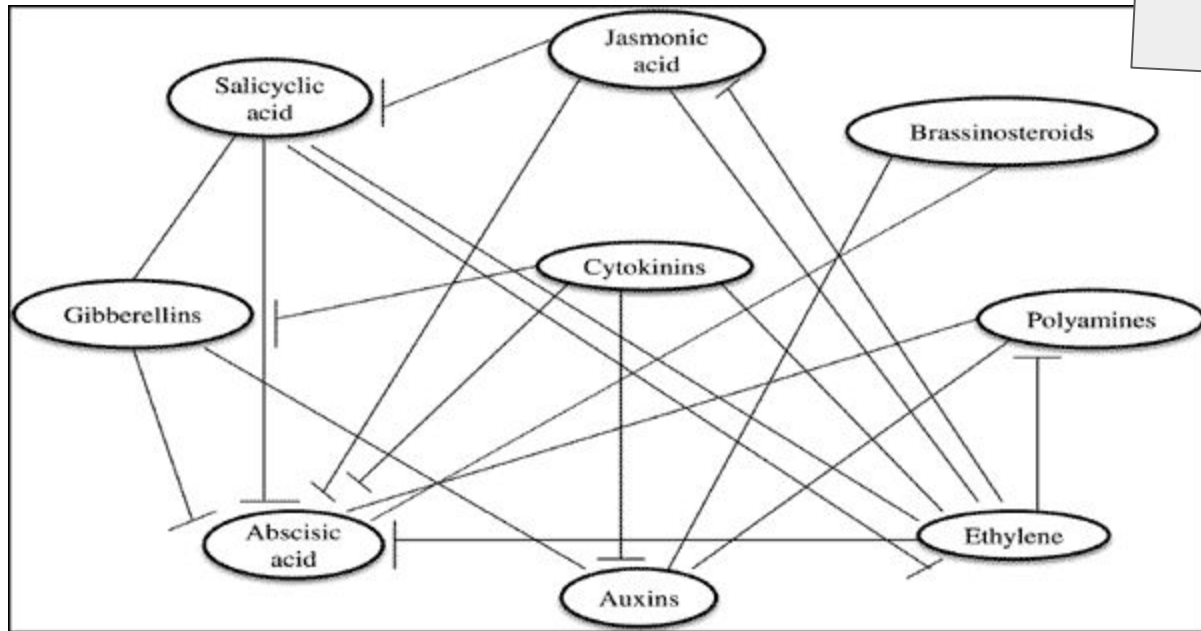


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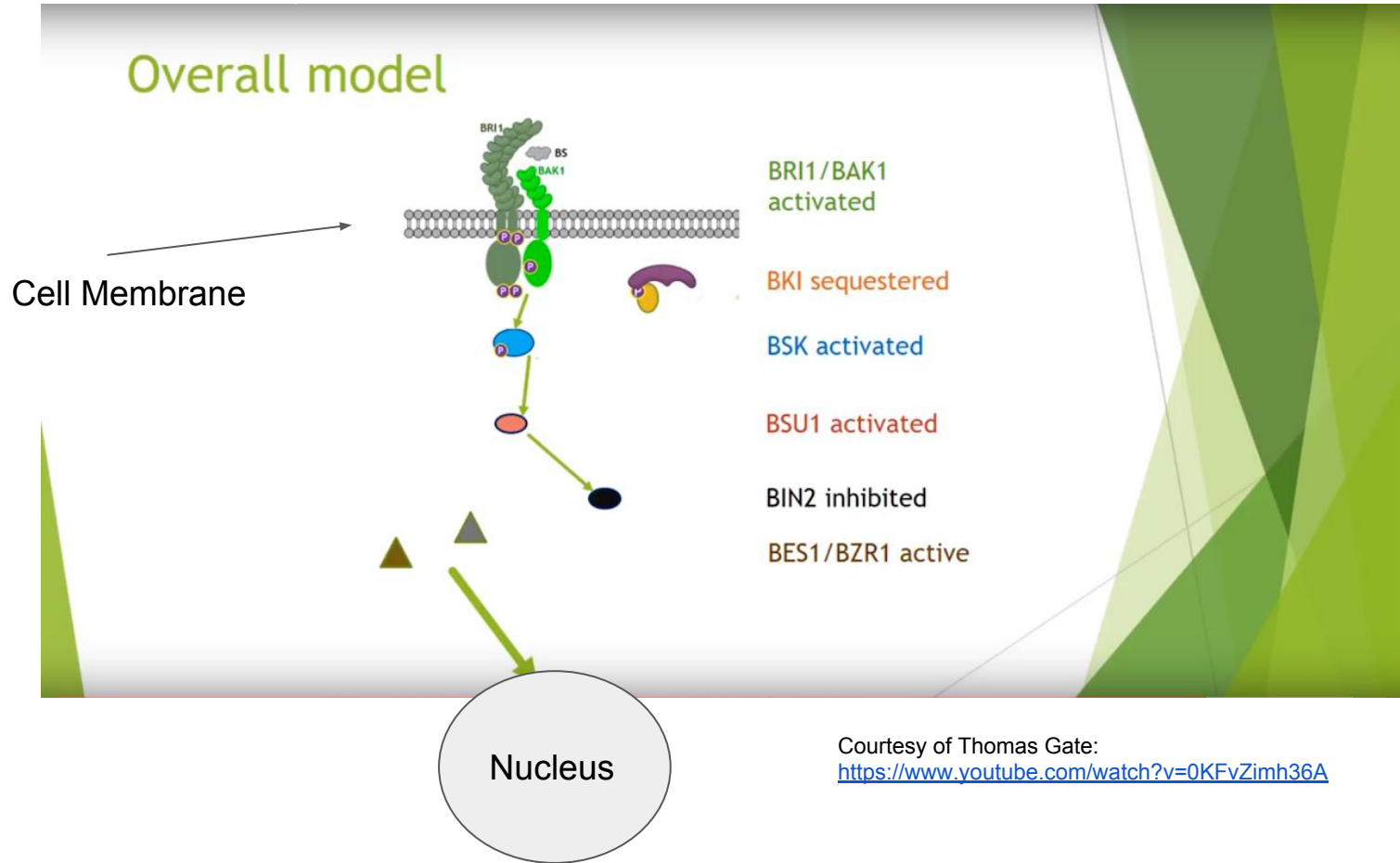
# Functions governed by BRs

- Increased chloroplast development
- Promote cell expansion and division in shoots
- Root growth in low concentrations
- Pollen tube elongation+growth
- Seed germination
- Cell elongation when **acting with auxins**


No evidence for long distance transport, however, follow-up applications will **compound** the effects



# Brassinosteroid signaling



## Key proteins table



| Process               | Abbreviation               | Full name   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Biosynthesis          | CPD<br>DWF4                | Cytochrome P450 monooxygenase CYP90A1<br>Steroid 22-alpha-hydroxylase                                   |
| Inactivation          | BAS1<br>SOB7               | Degenerately functioning Cytochrome P450s   |
| Receptors             | BRI1<br>BAK1               | Brassinosteroid Insensitive 1<br>BRI1 associated kinase   |
| Signalling Circuitry  | BKI<br>BSK<br>BSU1<br>BIN2 | BRI1 kinase inhibitor<br>S/T protein kinase<br>S/T protein phosphatase<br>Shaggy-related protein kinase |
| Transcription Factors | BES1<br>BZR1               | BRASSINAZOLE-RESISTANT 2<br>BRASSINAZOLE-RESISTANT 1  |

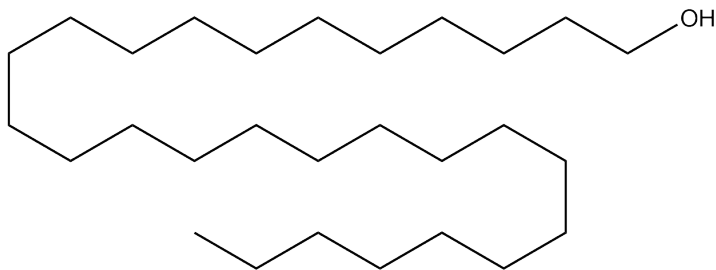
BRI1 → BKI → BES1 and BZR1 → nucleus → chloroplast development genes (GLK1/2) →  
**Increases sensitivity to more brassinosteroids**

Courtesy of Thomas Gate:

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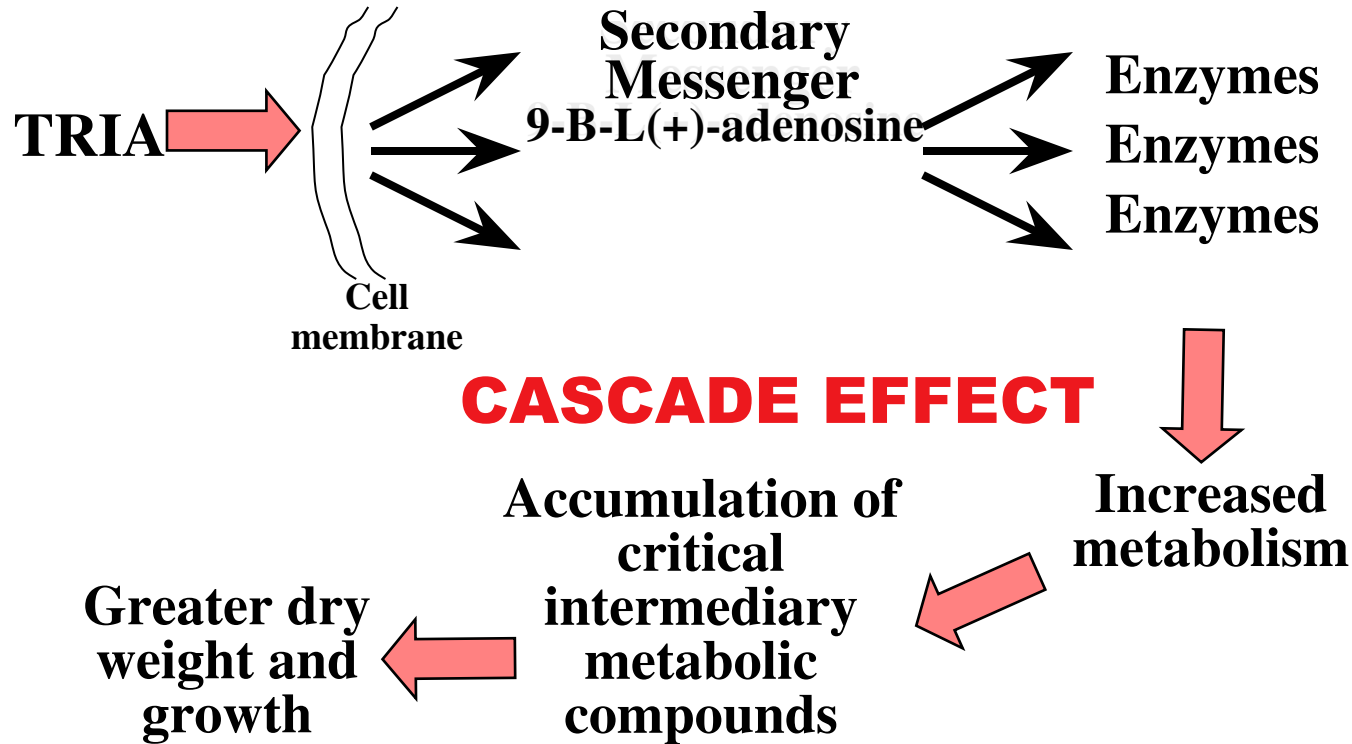
# Triacontanol: The Other Workhorse

- Fatty alcohol found in cuticle waxes and beeswax
- Mobile growth stimulant
- Not concentration sensitive
- Known for drought stress relief, enhancement of photosynthesis
- Increase of carbohydrate metabolism enzymes, L(+)-adenosine





# Triaccontanol Mode of Action



# Plant response to Triacontanol

- Increased rate of CO<sub>2</sub> fixation
- Increase in specific activity of RuBisCO and phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase
- Increased activity of key respiratory enzyme malate dehydrogenase
- Net increase in CO<sub>2</sub> uptake
- Increased carbohydrate and amino acid production

(Savithiry et al. 1992 Savithiry, S, Wert, V and Ries, S. 1992. Influence of 9- $\beta$ -L(+)- adenosine on malate dehydrogenase activity in rice. *Physiol Plant*, 84: 460–466).

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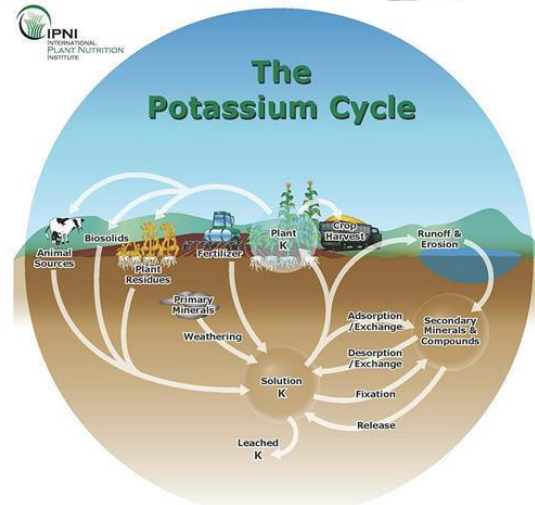
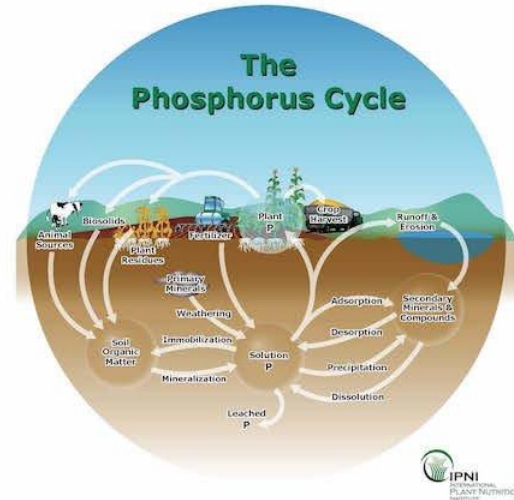
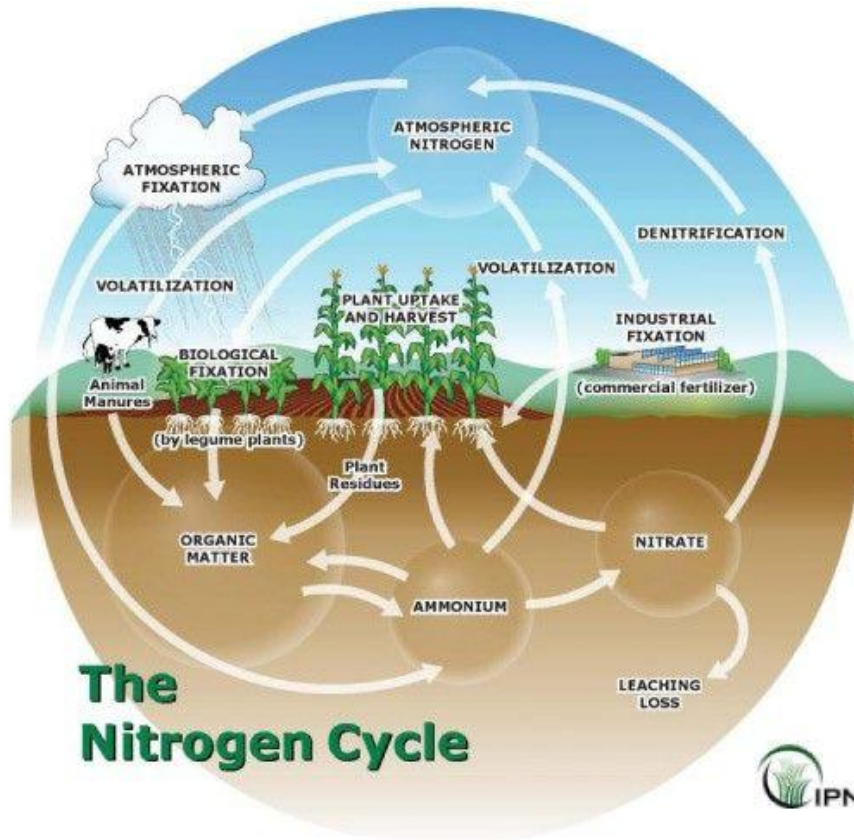
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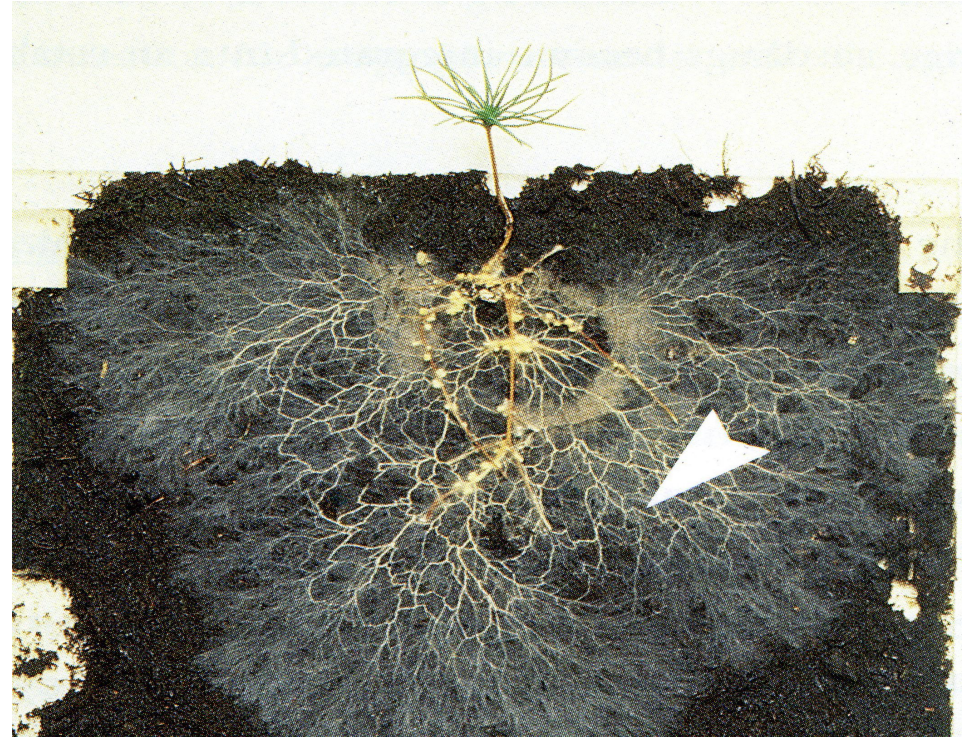
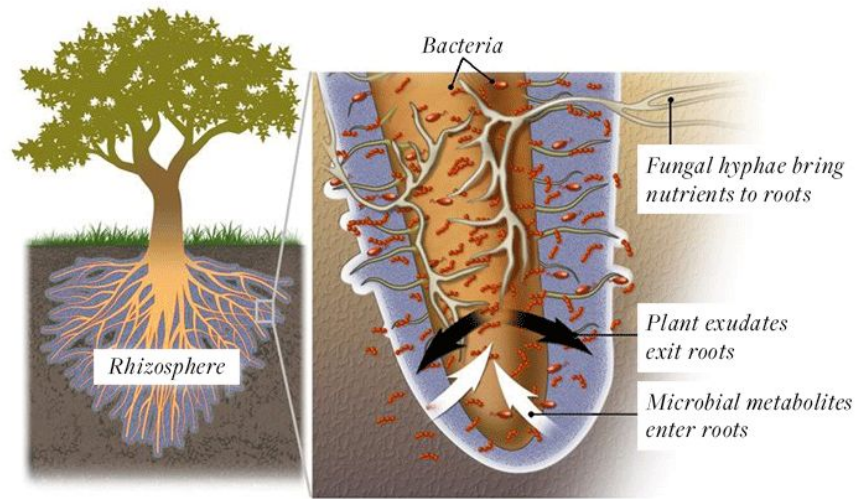
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Courtesy of [Nautilus](#), march 31, 2016



# Actives

## Guaranteed analysis:

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Paenibacillus azotofixans..... | 1x10 <sup>6</sup> CFU/g |
| • Bacillus megaterium .....      | 1x10 <sup>6</sup> CFU/g |
| • Bacillus mucilaginosus.....    | 1x10 <sup>6</sup> CFU/g |
| • Bacillus subtilis .....        | 1x10 <sup>6</sup> CFU/g |
| • Trichoderma harzianum .....    | 1x10 <sup>6</sup> CFU/g |



# Known Benefits

- Conversion of unavailable forms of N P and K into plant available forms in the soil solution
- Balancing of the C:N ratios in the soil
- Improving seedling vigor + Leaf area index
- Non-crop specific inoculate
- Facultative, Gram-positive strains - 1 yr stability
- **Rhizosphere - competent**







Grower's standard

Grower's standard + PGH

Bio Seed 0.1% seed weight

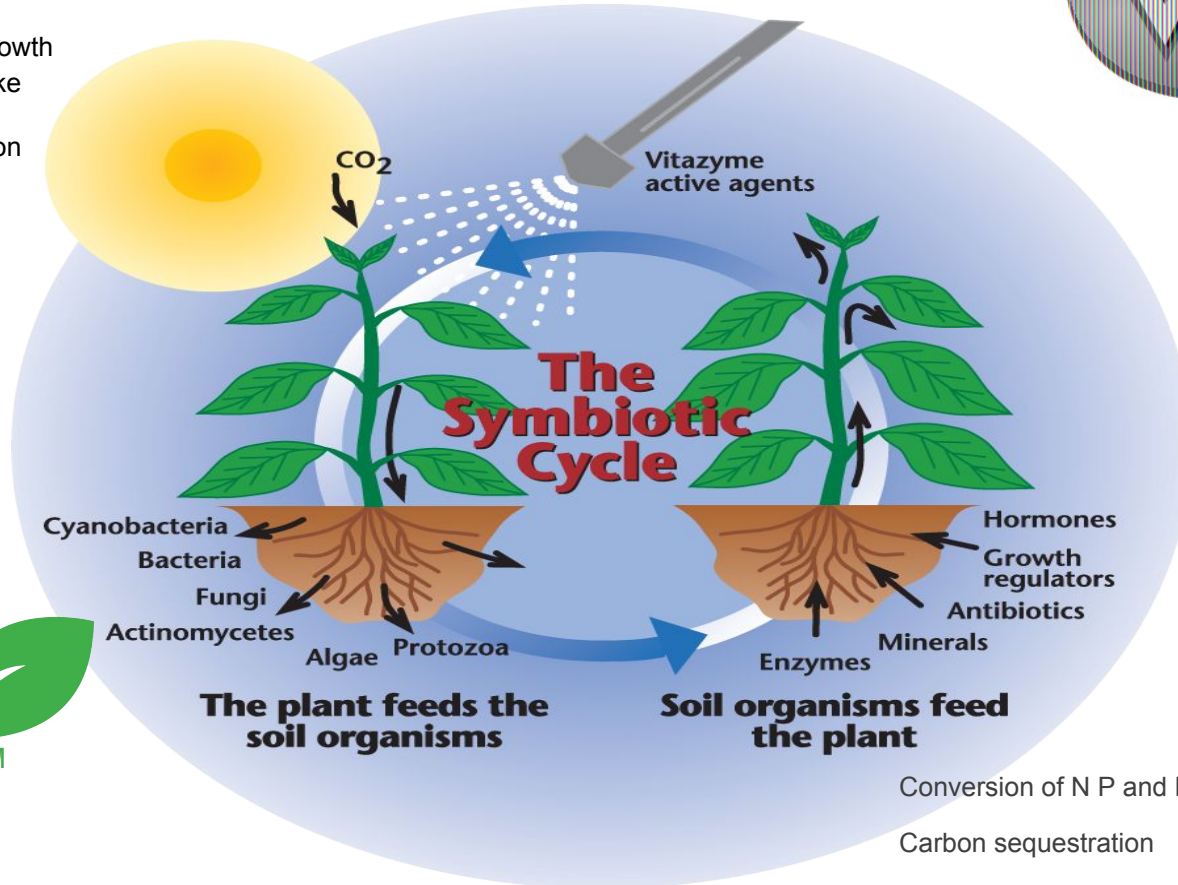
Bio Seed 0.2% of seed weight

Tomatoes, day 19  
Salinas, CA 2019



Increased chloroplast development  
Cell expansion and division in shoots  
Root growth  
Pollen tube elongation+growth  
Net increase in CO<sub>2</sub> uptake  
Increased carbohydrate  
and amino acid production

**VITAZYM**  
an All Natural Concentrate



**BIO  
Seed**™

Conversion of N P and K into plant available forms

Carbon sequestration

Growth of auxiliary root network

# 2018 Strawberry Results

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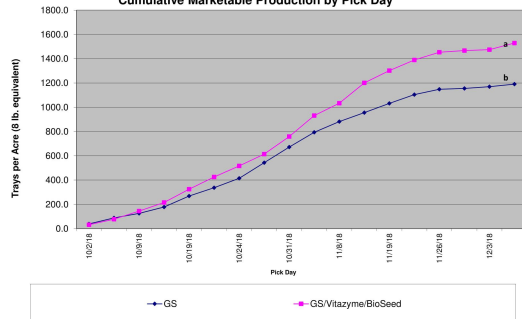
- July 16 planting date
- 18 pickings Oct 2nd - Dec 5th
- 50 g/ac Bio Seed + 16 oz/ac Vitazyme in drench
- 5 Foliar Vitazyme applications (every 3 weeks)
- Treated and control blocks received NPK applications
- Program cost: \$65.60



# Results

| Programs               | Total marketable<br>8lb trays/acre | Total Net<br>returns/acre | % Marketable<br>berries | Net profit/acre |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Grower's standard      | 1191 b                             | \$7800                    | 62.0 b                  | ----            |
| Bio Seed +<br>Vitazyme | 1529 a                             | \$10,516                  | 66.1 a                  | <b>\$2650</b>   |
|                        | <b>+ 338</b>                       | <b>+ \$2716</b>           | <b>+ 4.1</b>            |                 |

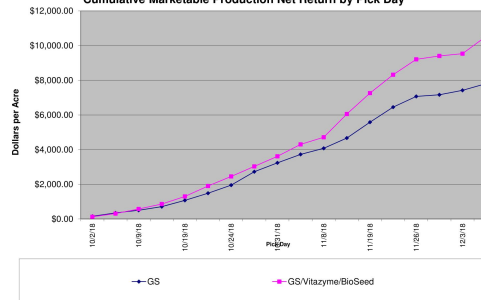
Chart 2: Vitazyme in Strawberries - Ventura County - Fall 2018 -  
Cumulative Marketable Production by Pick Day



Means followed by the same letter do not significantly differ (P=10,NDMRT)

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Chart 4: Vitazyme in Strawberries - Ventura County - Fall 2018 -  
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# 2018 Cabbage Results

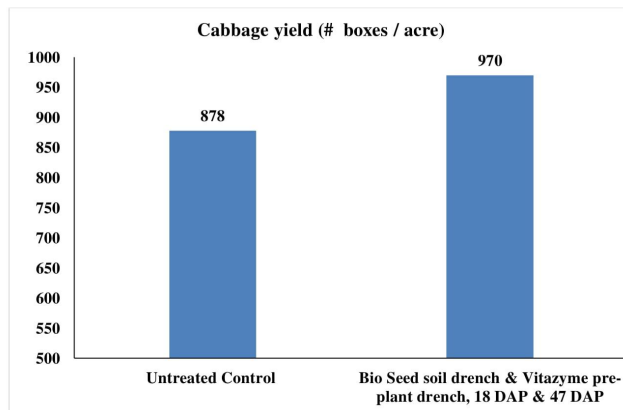
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- Oct 11 planting date
- Harvested Jan 4, 2019
- 400 lbs 6-24-24, followed by AN 20/ CAN 17
- 50 g/acre Bio Seed + 16oz/acre Vitazyme in drench at planting
- Foliar sprays of Vitazyme at 18 and 47 DAP



# Results

| Programs            | Marketable head weight (g/head) | # 50 lb Boxes/acre | Tons/acre | Added Income | Net Profit    |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Grower's Standard   | 784.2 b                         | 878 b              | 21.95     |              |               |
| Bio Seed + Vitazyme | 886.3 a                         | 970 a              | 24.25     | \$2252       | <b>\$2208</b> |
|                     | + 102.1 g                       | + 92               | + 2.3     |              |               |





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