

Daily Drip Irrigation for the Highest Yields

A Discussion About Daily versus Intermittent Irrigation



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- 1 ▶ Superior Growth**
 - 2 ▶ Efficient Distribution**
 - 3 ▶ Maximum Control**
 - 4 ▶ Water Conservation**
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Micro-Sprinklers Above the Foliage







Daily Water Use (In Gallons per Day)

BASED ON VARIOUS EVAPOTRANSPIRATION RATES

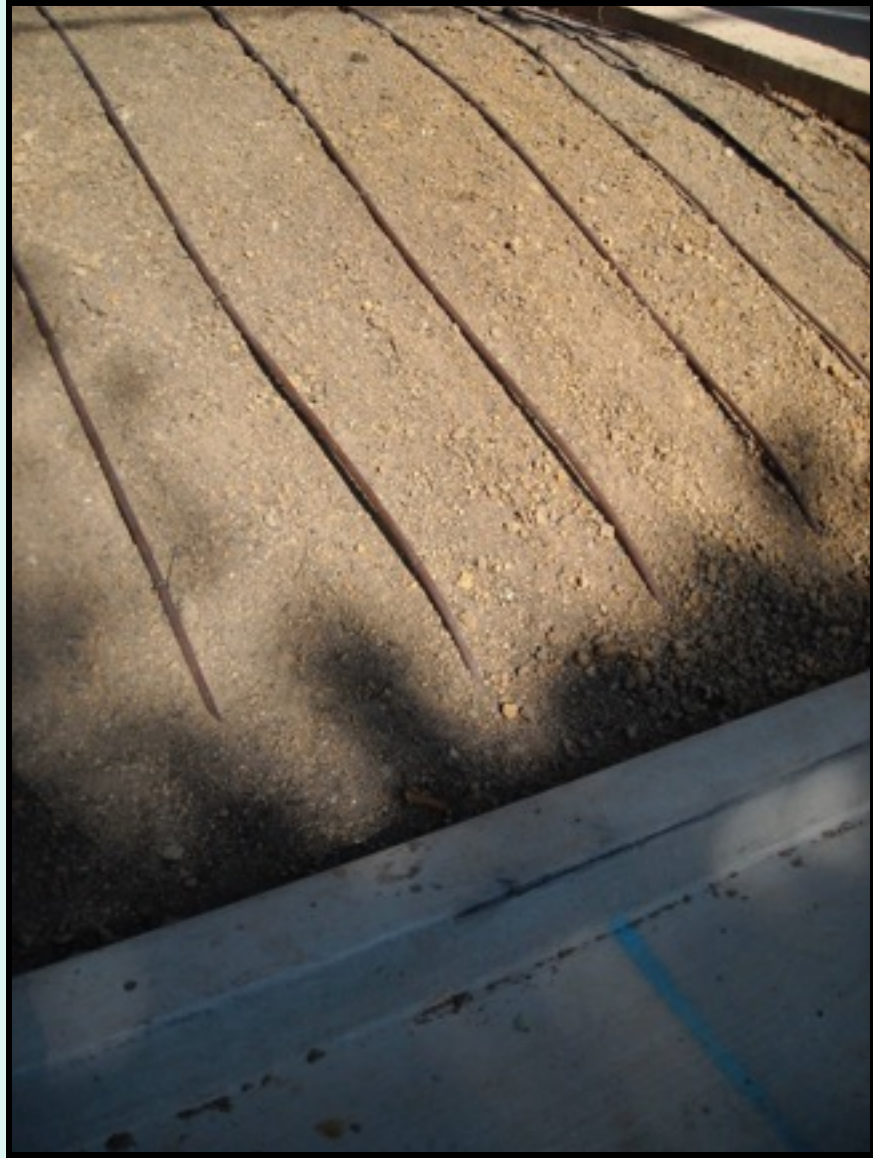
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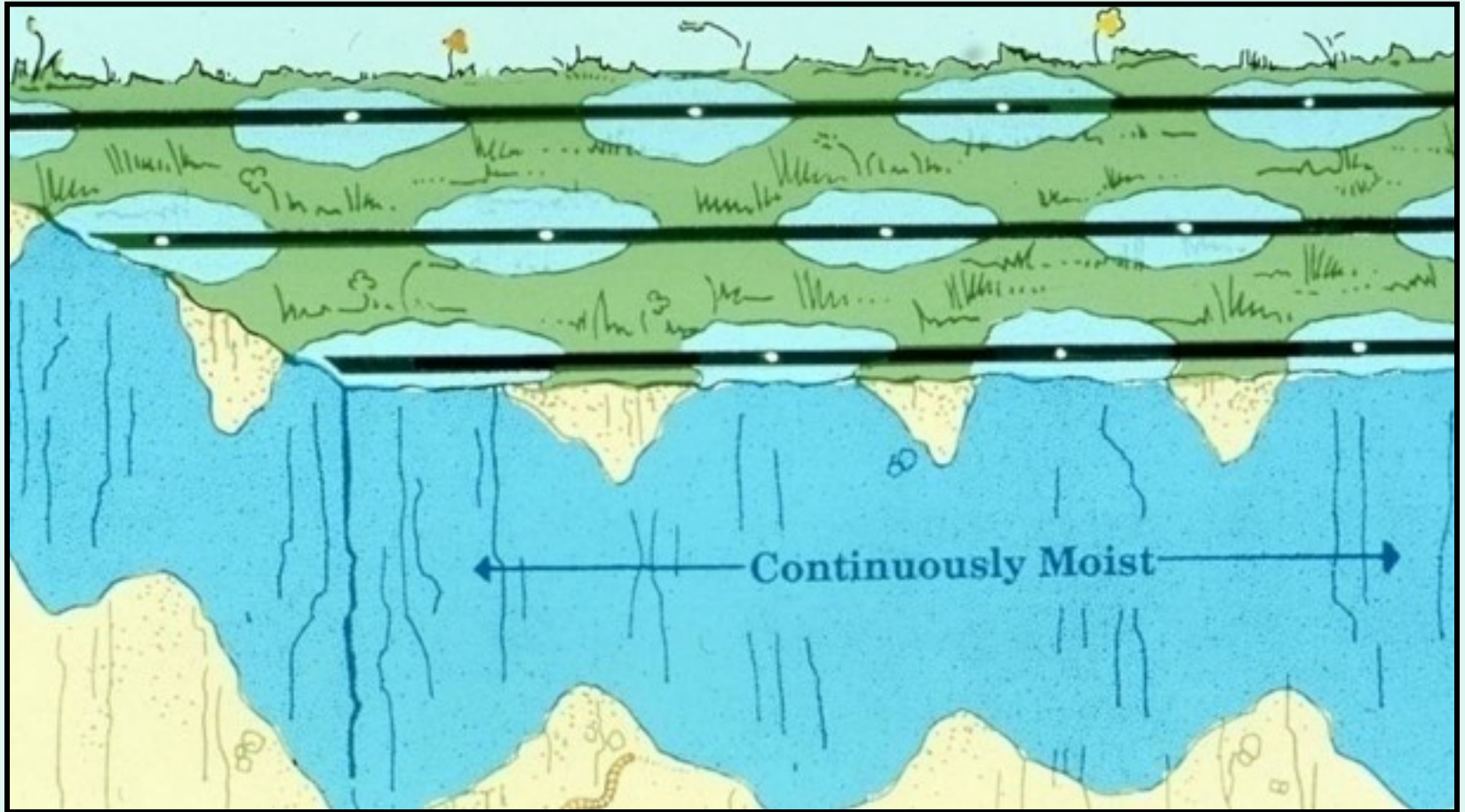


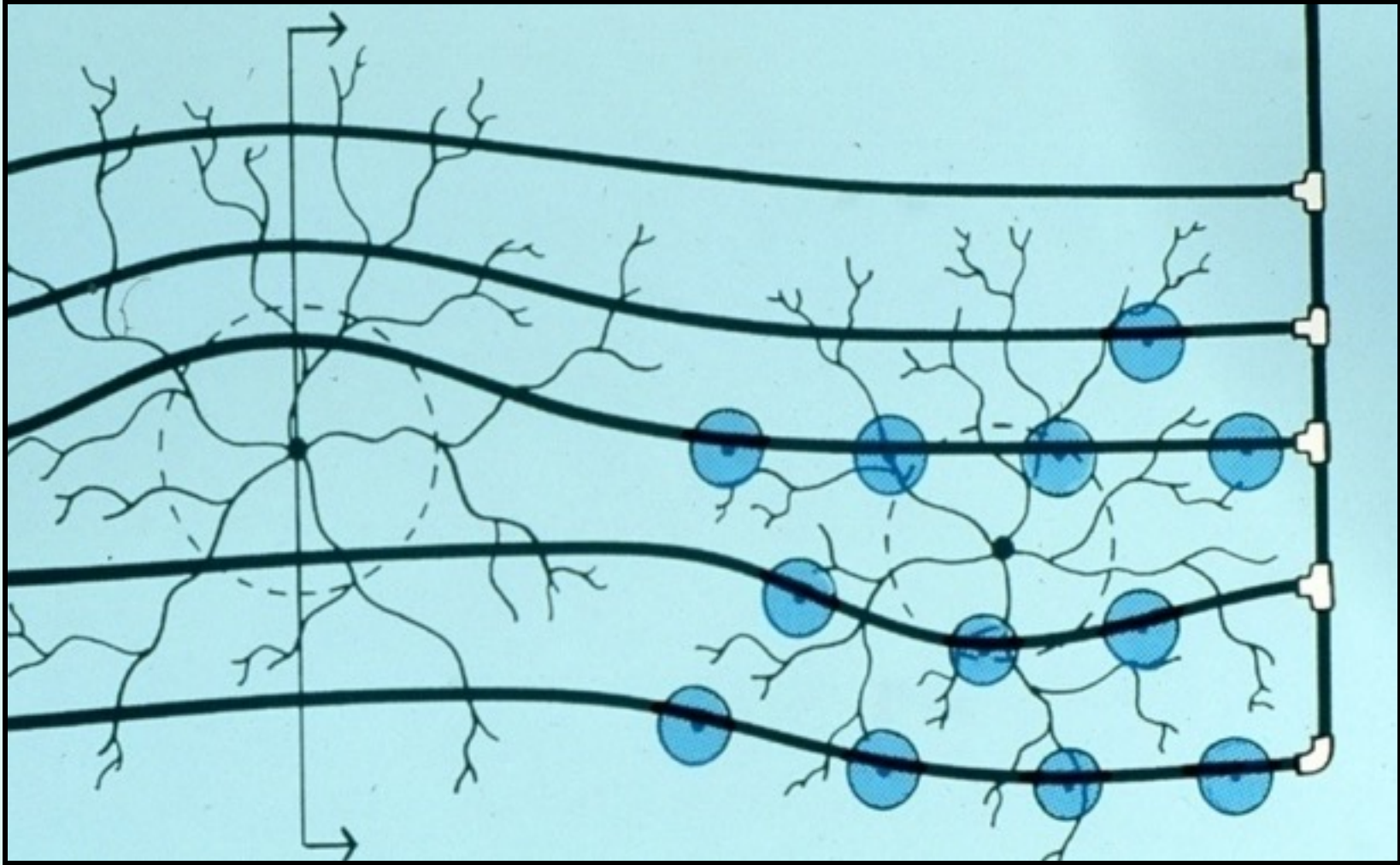




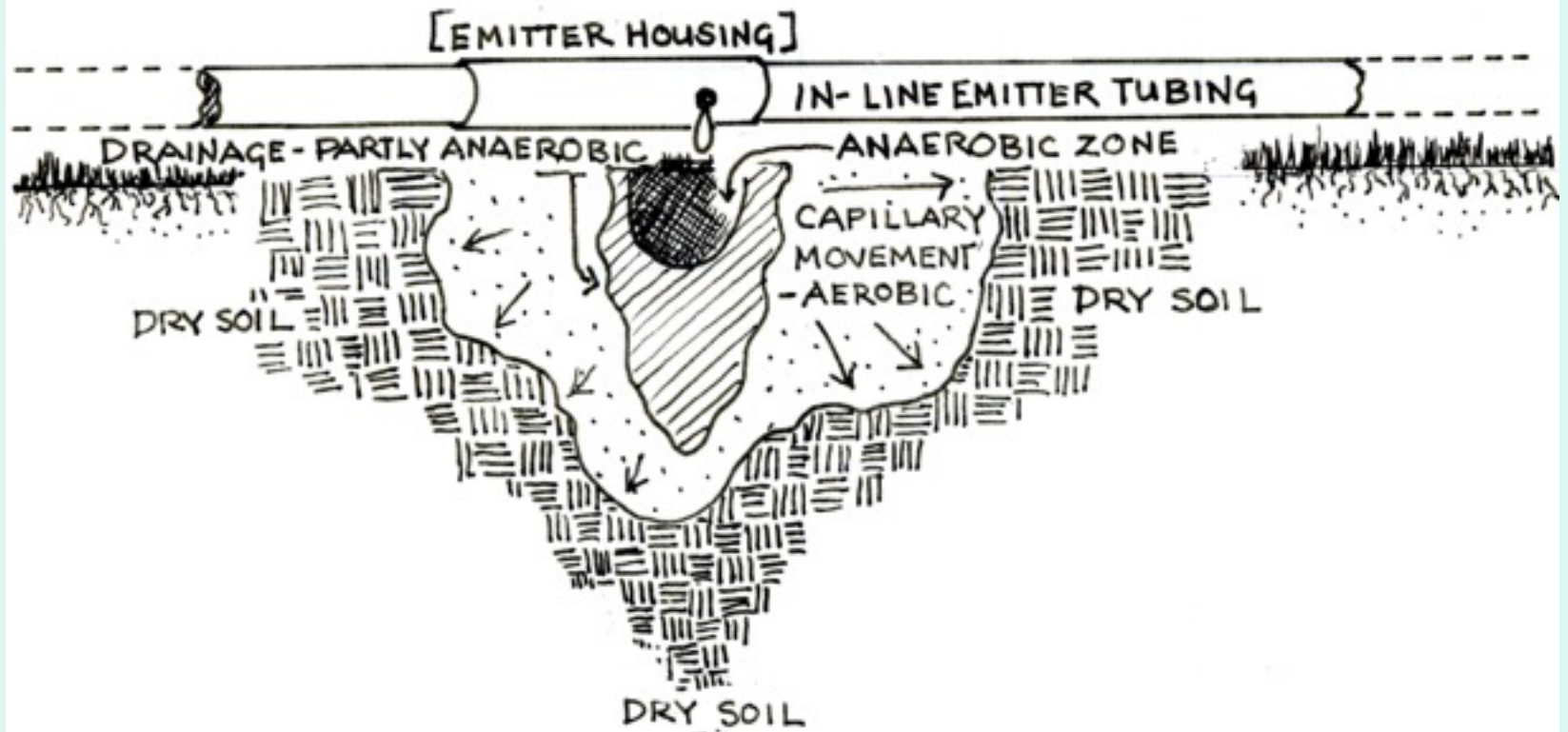














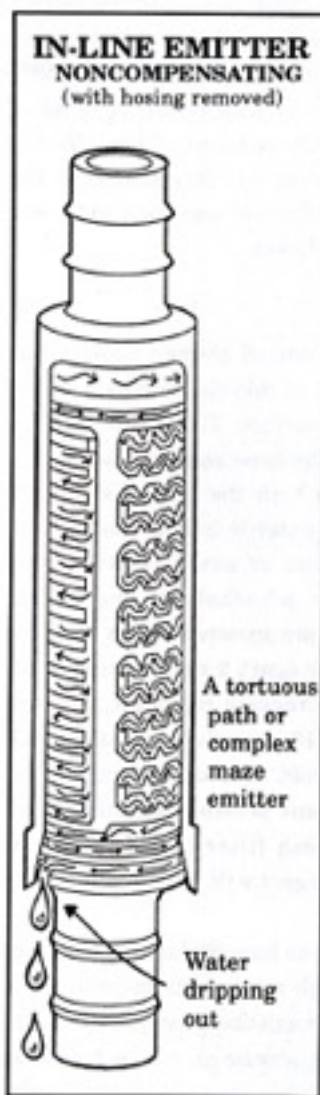


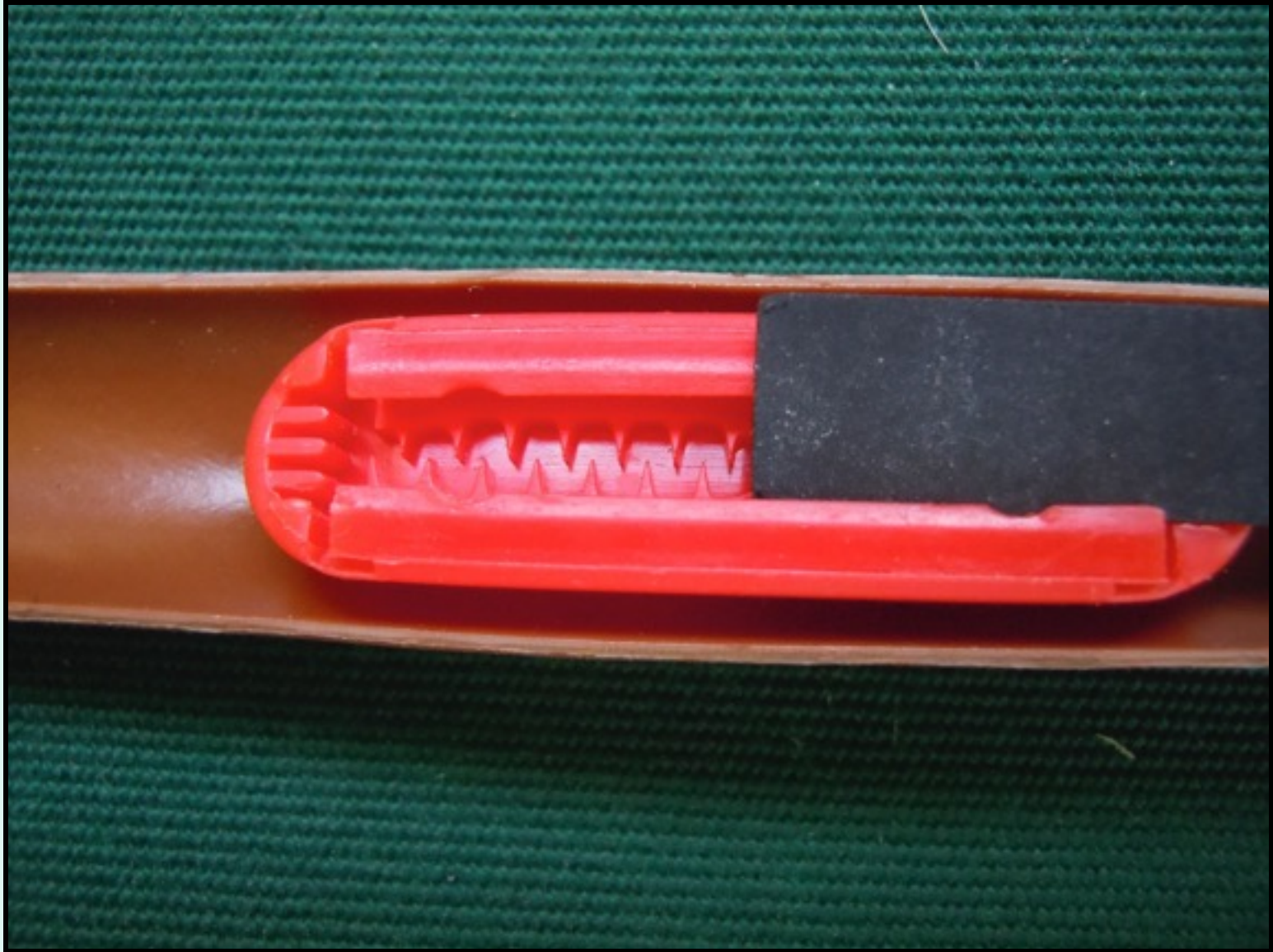
Figure 11 The in-line emitter is built inside the drip irrigation hose. This type has a complex path for the water to follow, known as a "tortuous path," which regulates the flow and helps keep the emitter unclogged. This is not pressure compensating.

Inside an In-Line Emitter.

The water moves like a small horizontal tornado. This keeps all particulates in suspension until the "dirty" water reaches the larger-than-normal orifice.

Various In-Line Emitters; 2gph, 1gph, 1/2gph







1/4-inch In-line Drip Tubing







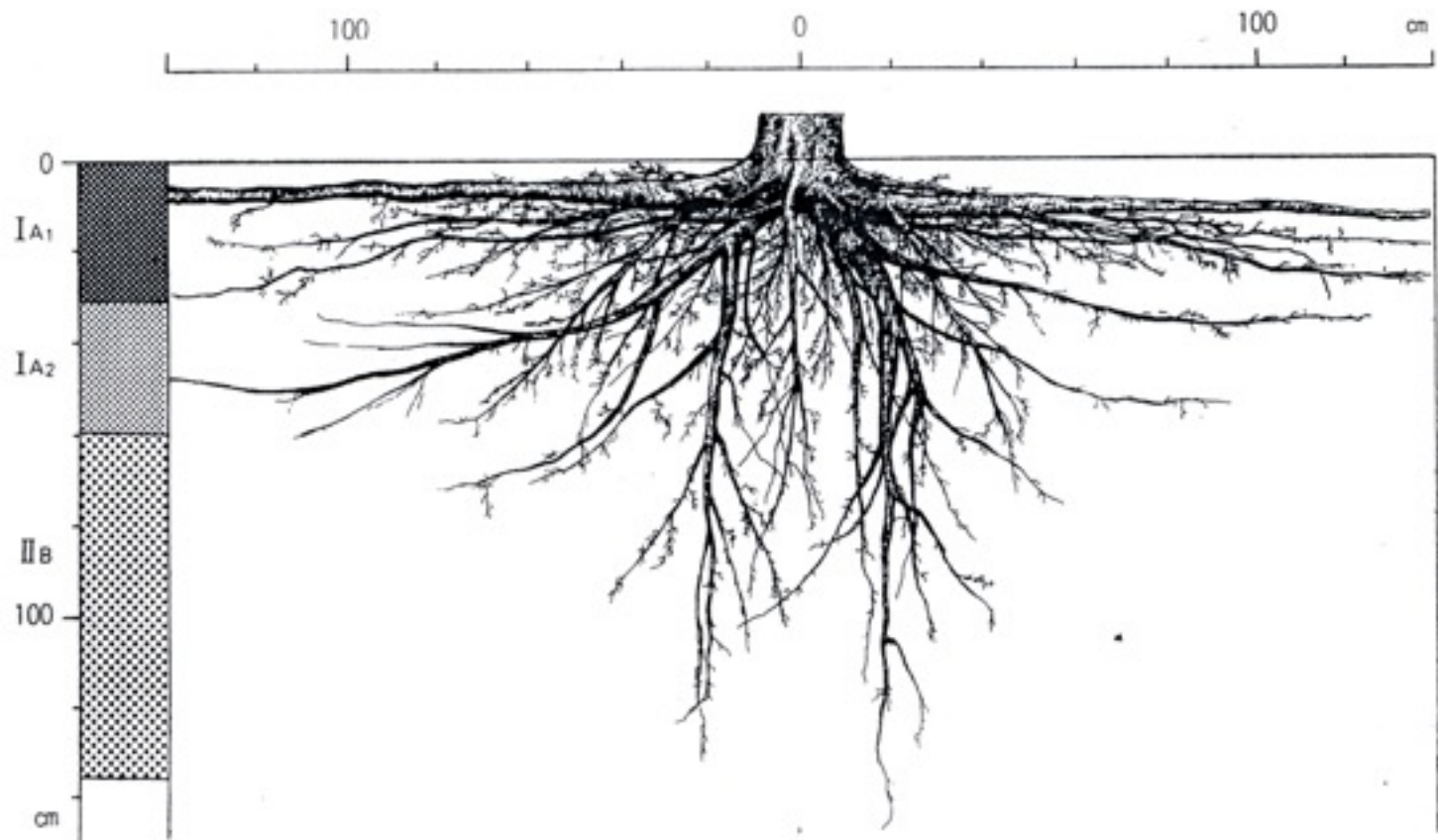
Chinese Medicinal Herb Farm





Most plants don't send many roots into clay subsoil. Main roots are only as deep as the topsoil. Even in deep topsoil, most of a tree's roots are found in the top 12-18 inches.



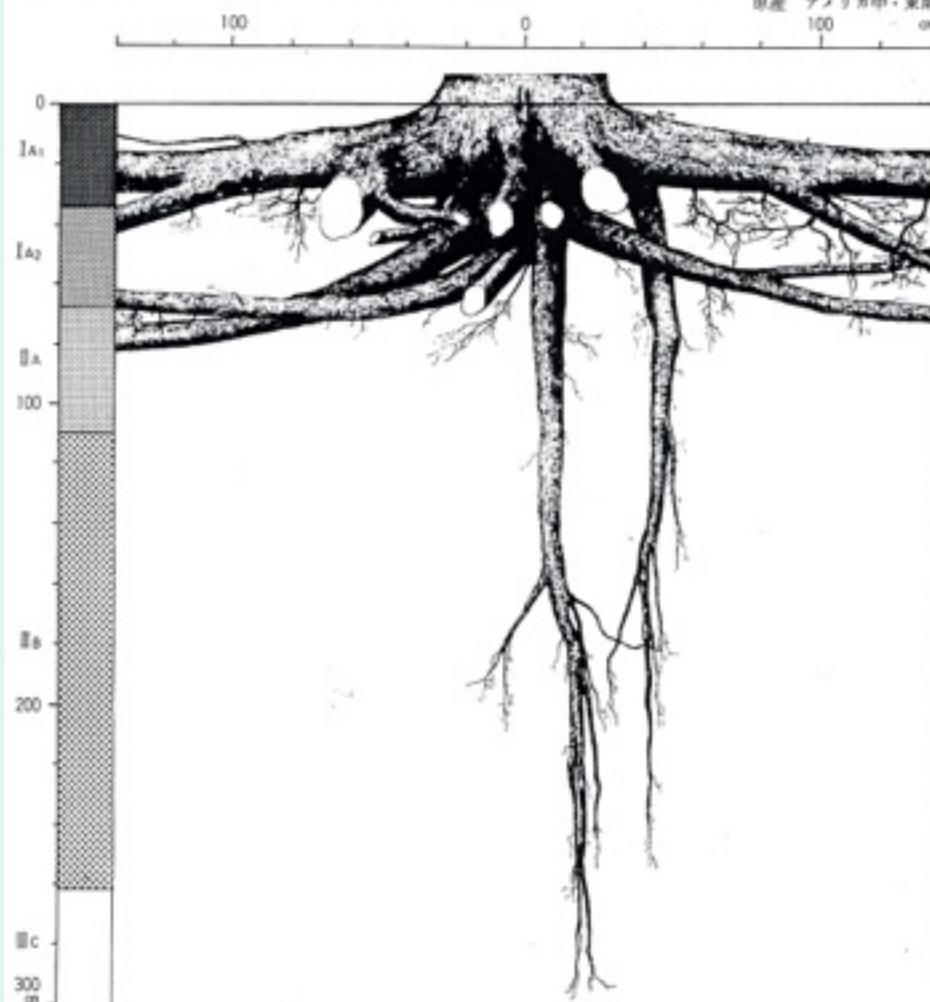


胸高直径 12cm, 樹高 7m, 樹齡 30年 根系の最大深さ 150cm, 立地 関東ローム, 目黒・林試

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Persimmon Roots (100 cm = 39 inches)

原産 アメリカ中・東南部



胸高直径 45cm, 樹高 18m, 樹齡 70年 根系の最大深さ 300cm, 立地 関東ローマ, 自然・林試

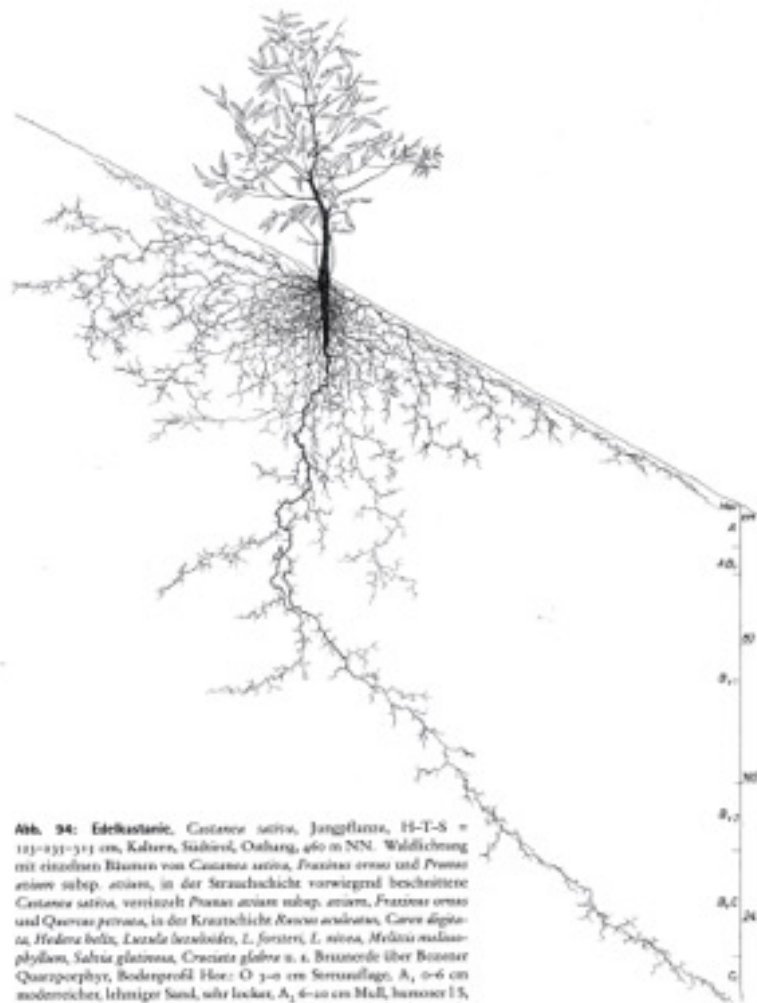
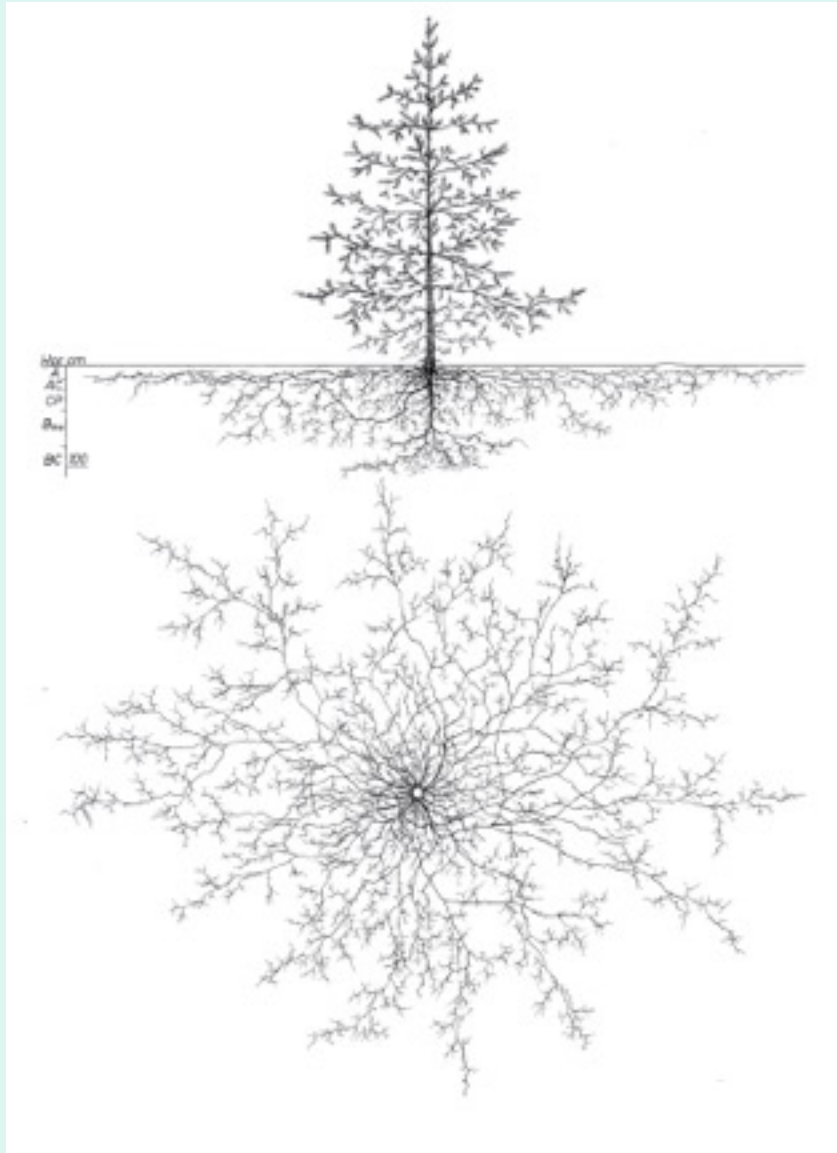


Abb. 34: Edelkastanie, *Castanea sativa*, Jungflanz, H-T-S = 127-237-371 cm, Kultur, Südbad, Oshang, 460 m NN. Wäldchen mit einzelnen Bäumen von *Castanea sativa*, *Fraxinus ornus* und *Prunus avium* subsp. *avium*, in der Strauchschicht vorwiegend beschattete *Castanea sativa*, vereinzelt *Prunus avium* subsp. *avium*, *Fraxinus ornus* und *Quercus petraea*, in der Krautschicht *Ranunculus acris*, *Carex digitata*, *Hedera helix*, *Luzula hazeloides*, *L. forsteri*, *L. nivea*, *Melica malacophylla*, *Salvia glauca*, *Cranata glabra* u. a. Braunerde über Brauner Quarzporphyr, Bodenprofil Hor: O 3-6 cm Streuauflage, A, 0-6 cm mäßig humos, lehmiger Sand, sehr locker, A, 4-10 cm Mull, humoser LS, krümelig, locker, dunkelbraun (7,5 YR 5/2), pH 6,2, stark durchwurzelt, AR, 10-52 cm schwach humoser LS, etwas dicht, mäßig, stark durchwurzelt, B₁, 32-110 cm LS, dicht, braun (7,5 YR 4/2), pH 5,2, mäßig stark durchwurzelt, B₂, 110-191 cm LS, dicht, mäßig, B₃, 110-201 cm LS, stark mäßig, durch Gesteinsersatz nach unten zunehmend verhärtet, schwach durchwurzelt, C, aufgewirreter Porphyr, braun, pH 4,7.



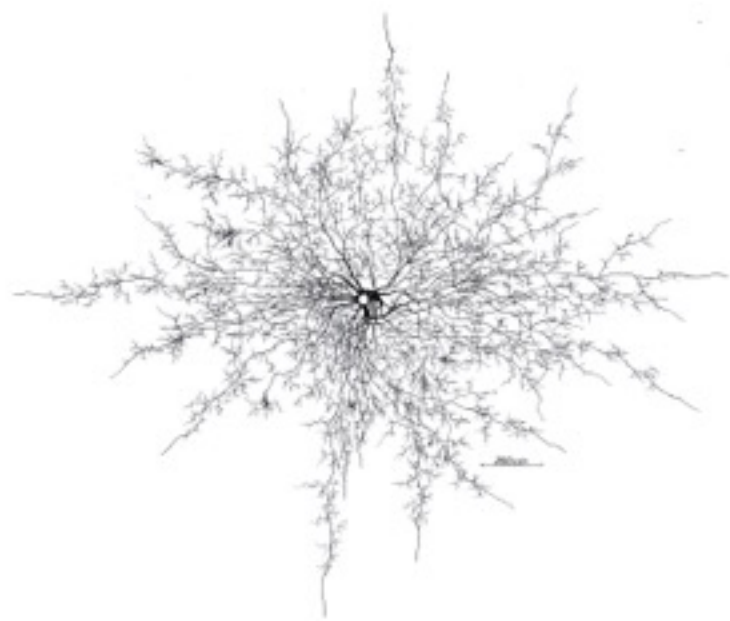


Abb. 141: Gewöhnliche Walnuss, *Juglans regia*, H-T-S = 160-160-1.960 cm, Kratzl, nordwestlich Villach, SO-Hang, 140 m NN. Naturerföngung auf stark verankertem Schwemflöcher, schöner Baumstamm mit Wulst und vereinzelt Eiche, Mullparadeise, Stockwerkprofil auf Schwemflöcher. Bodenprofil Hax: 0-40 cm stark humoser, sandiger Lehm, krümelig, bester Mullhumus, locker, stark durchwurzelt, AC 40-110 cm humoser s L, stark durchwurzelt mit Kalkstein, locker, stark durchwurzelt, A₀₋₁₀₀ 120-180 cm stark humoser, löhninger Sand, schwach durchwurzelt mit Kalkstein, dieses galagot (überhöhter Oberboden infolge von Vermischung), gut durchwurzelt, C₀ schluffiger Feinsand, schwach rootlockig, schwach durchwurzelt mit Kalkstein, sickerfrucht, Bewurzelung unlaufend.

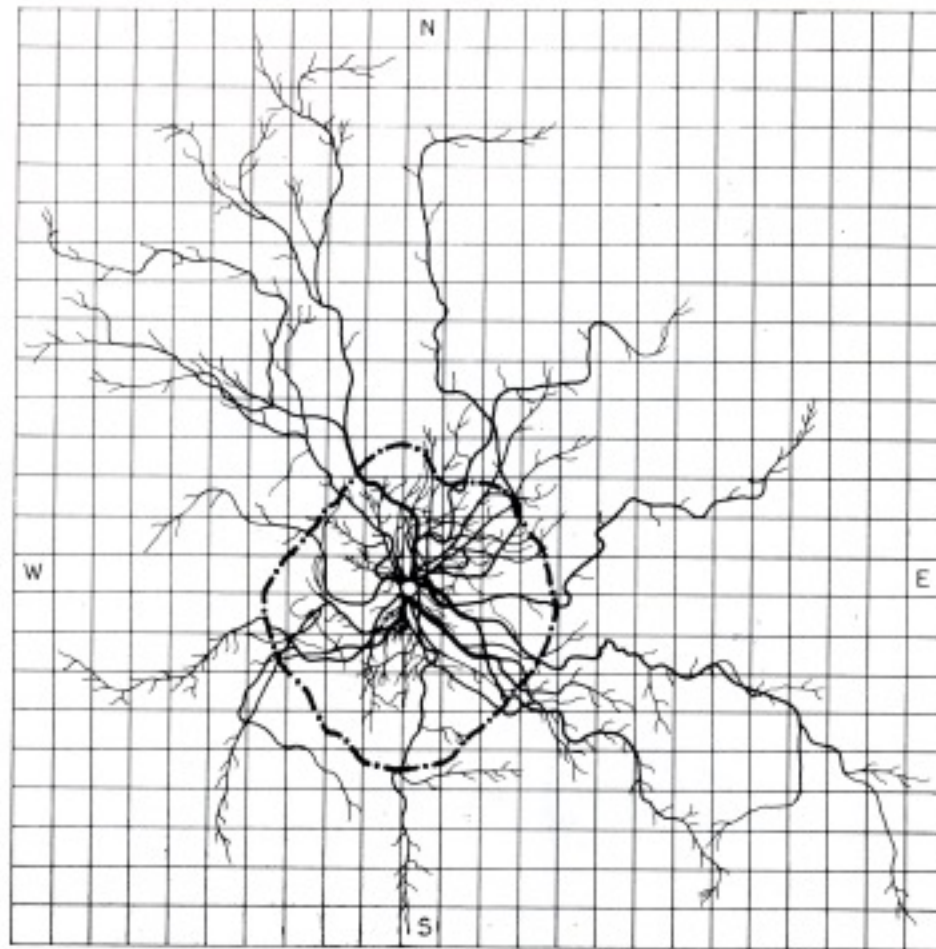


Fig. 131. The root system of a 24-year-old walnut tree raised from seed in sandy soil occupied an area of 199 m². The diameter of the root system was 3.5 times that of the branch system. The projection of the crown (drip-line) is marked by a dashed line. (The sides of the squares are 1 m)

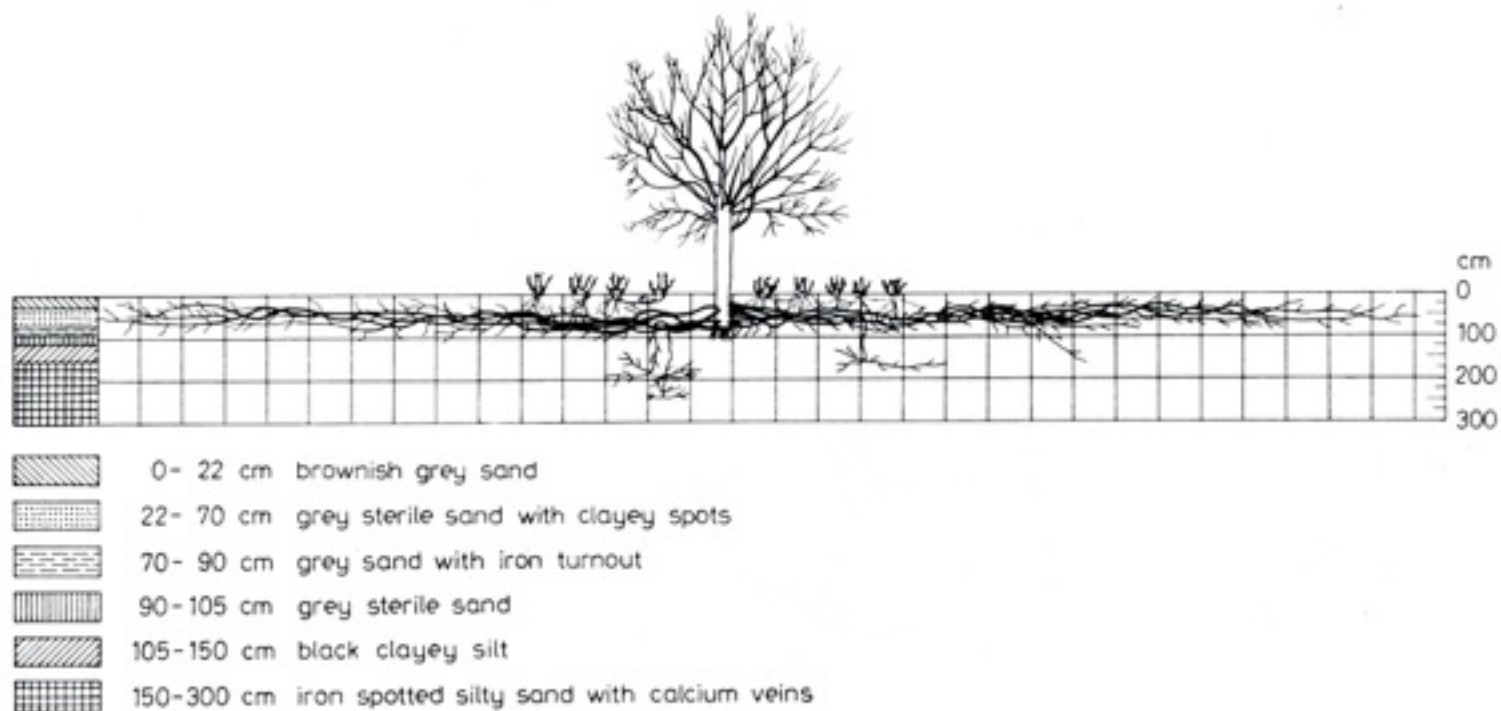


Fig. 132. The great majority (91.75 per cent) of roots of a 24-year-old walnut tree raised from seed in sandy soil was located in the 20-80 cm soil horizon. (The sides of the squares are 1 m)



Abb. 112: Stiel-Eiche, *Quercus robur*, H-T-S = 565-200-1.450 cm, Keutschach, Kärnten, gegen das Moor auslaufende, leicht nach Süden geneigte Niederterrasse, 515 m NN. Hangmolinetium am Moorrand mit Traubenkirsche und vereinzelt Stiel-Eiche. Grundfeuchte Braunerde, Bodenprofil Hor.: A₁ 0-15 cm Rasenfilz, stark humoser, sandiger Lehm, krümelig, pH 5,8, stark durchwurzelt, A₂ 15-40 cm stark humoser s L, krümelig, mäßig dicht, schwach steinig, stark durchwurzelt, AB_v 40-60 cm schwach humoser s L, mäßig dicht, steinig, stark durchwurzelt, B_v 60-120 cm s L, mäßig dicht, schwach steinig, nach unten zunehmend feuchter, Durchwurzelung abnehmend, B_{v g} s L, mäßig dicht, rostfleckig, Durchwurzelung auslaufend, Grundwasserstand zur Zeit der Freilegung bei 130 cm Tiefe.

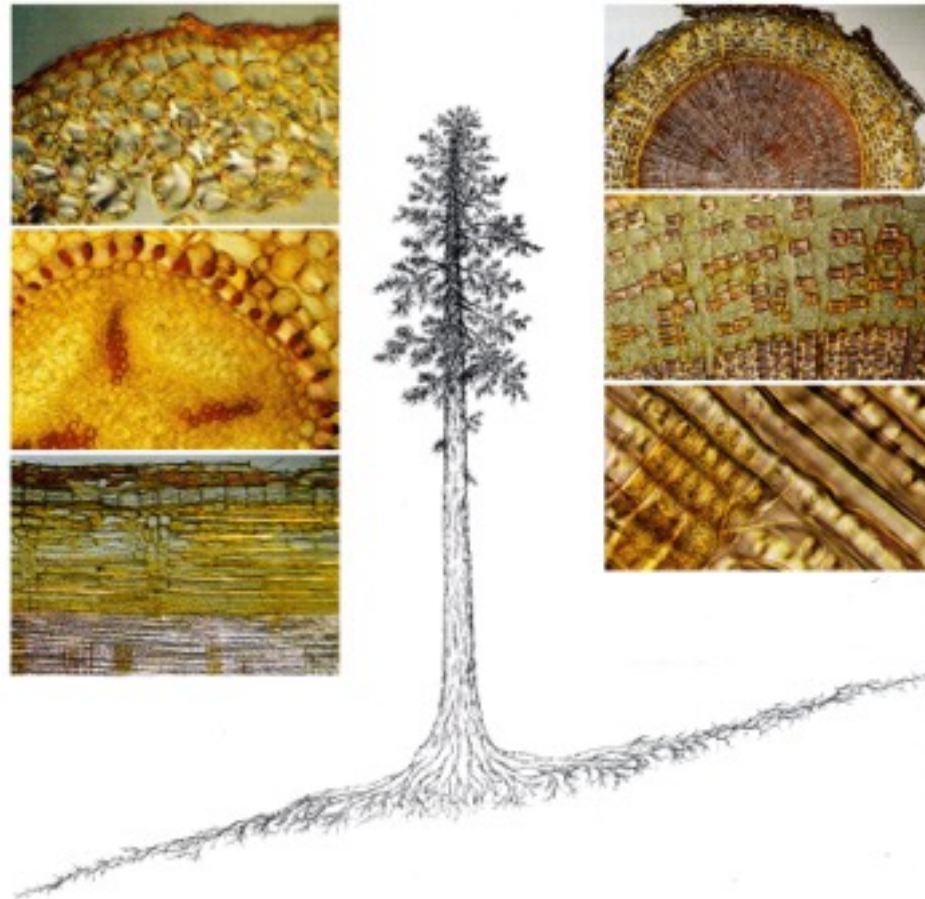


Abb. 52: Mammutbaum, *Sequoiadendron giganteum*, Höhe des Baumes 58 m, Sequoia-Nationalpark, Kalifornien, Seehöhe 2.150 m. Kiefern-Tannen-Wald mit Gruppen von Mammutbäumen. Bewurzelung aufgrund von Studien an entwurzelten Bäumen und von dortigen Beschreibungen schematisch hinzugezeichnet. **Anatomische Bilder: 1-6: MariaBrunn, Wien, 27. 12. Ph/HCl. Links - **1:** Prim., 05, 162x. **Rinde** ARP a- bis mehrschichtig, RP ZW mit Verdichtungsleisten. - **2:** Prim., 05, 162x. **Rinde** innerste Schicht PhIZ, En mit Suberinlamelle, ZZ 4zrch. - **3:** Sek., 03, 64x. **PCA0** bis 8schichtig, F in 7 Kreisen angeordnet. Rechts - **4:** Sek., 05, 25x. **FCA0** bis 8schichtig, **Bast** F in bis zu 8 Kreisen angeordnet. **Holz**, Strahlen einreihig, ZZ 4zrch. - **5:** Ausschnitt aus 4. 162x. **Bast** F rektangulär, W verholzt. - **6:** Ausschnitt aus 3. 409x. **Holz**, Tracheiden mit Hoftrüpfeln und zulaufendem Ende, im Kreuzungsfeld Tüpfel unbehöft.**

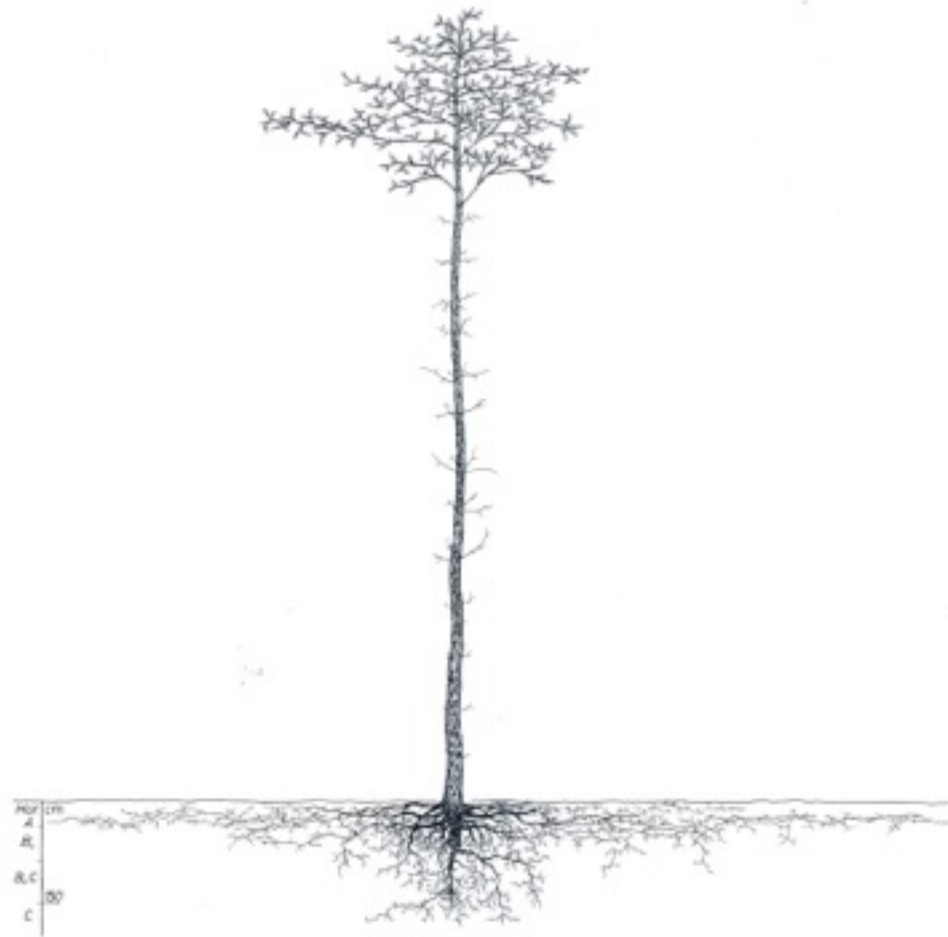
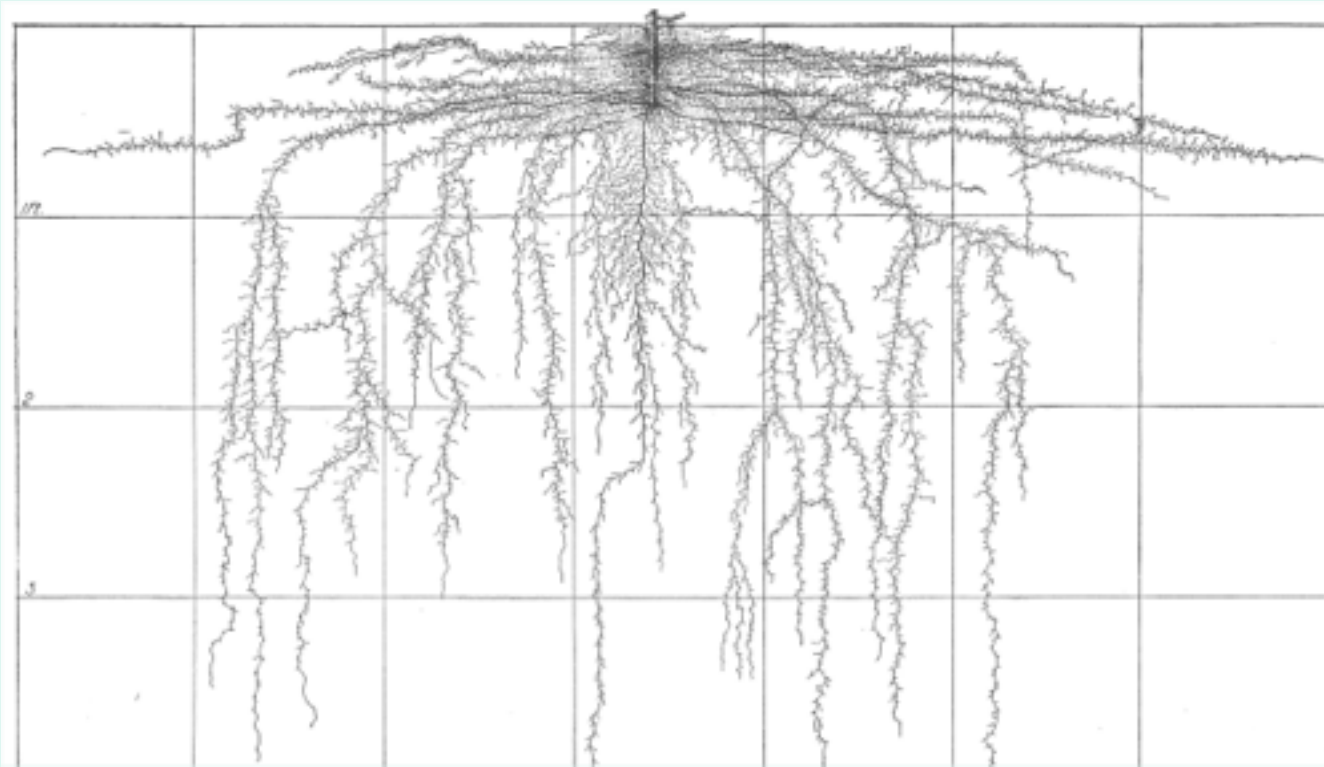
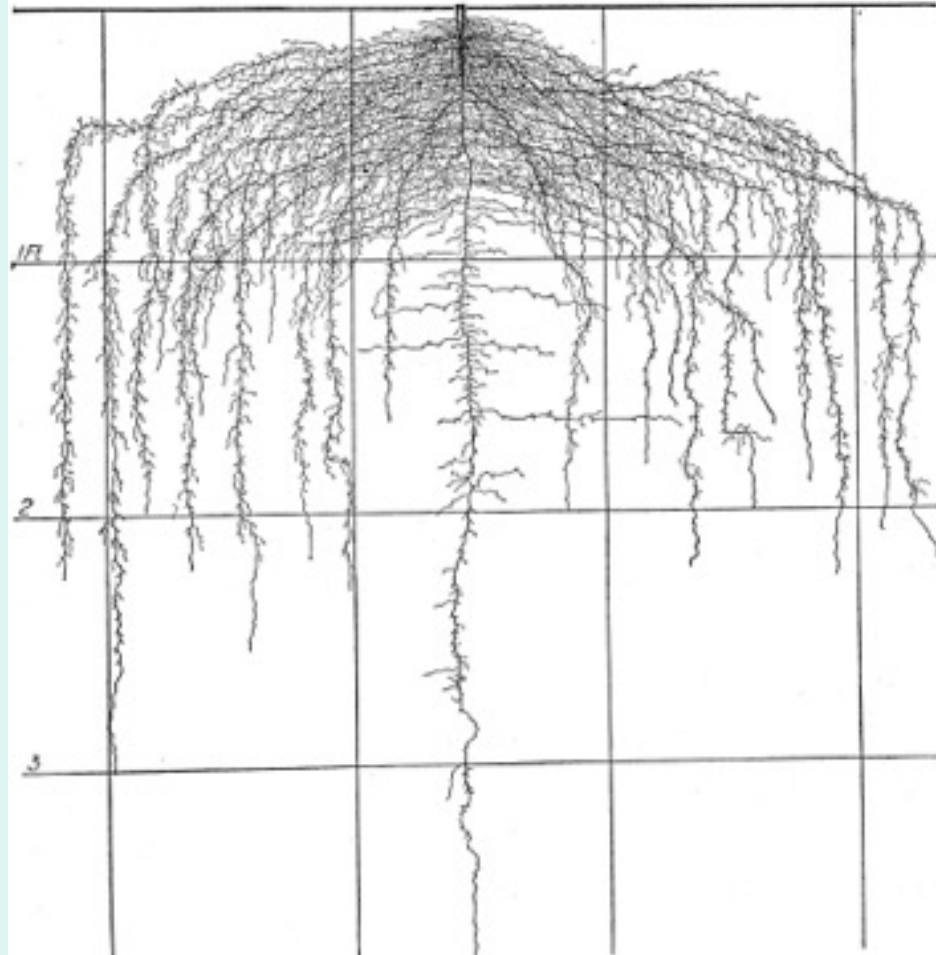


Abb. 30: Wald-Kiefer, *Pinus sylvestris* subsp. *sylvestris*, H-T-S = 1.173-180-1.340 cm, nahe Klagenfurt, eben, 450 m NN.
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 stark durchwurzelt, B₁ 39-90 cm l S, stärker kiesig-schotterig, locker, mäßig stark durchwurzelt, B₂C 90-150 cm l S, sehr
 steinig, locker, Durchwurzlung stark abnehmend, C Sand, Kies und Schotter, sehr locker, Durchwurzlung auslaufend,
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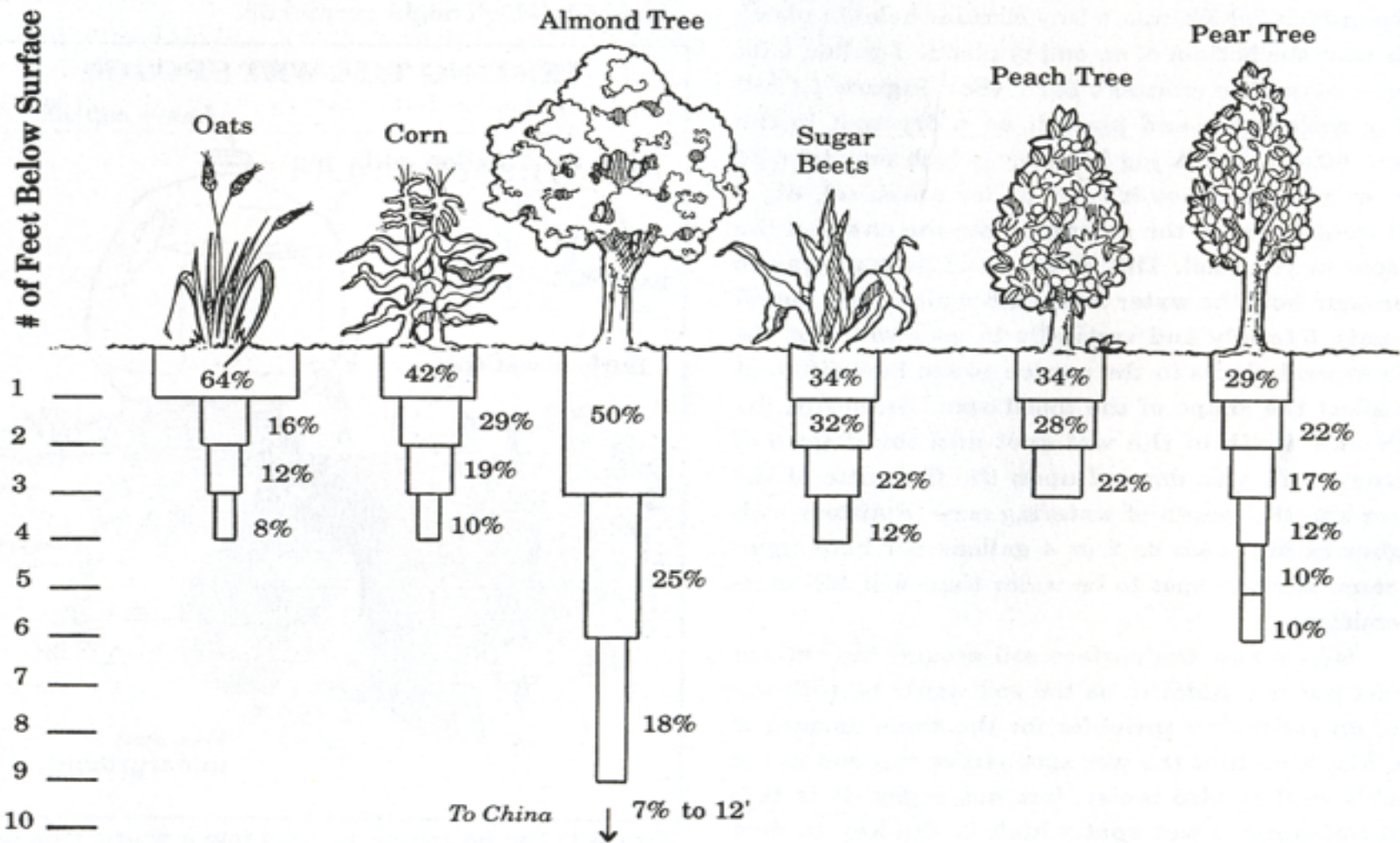
Tomato



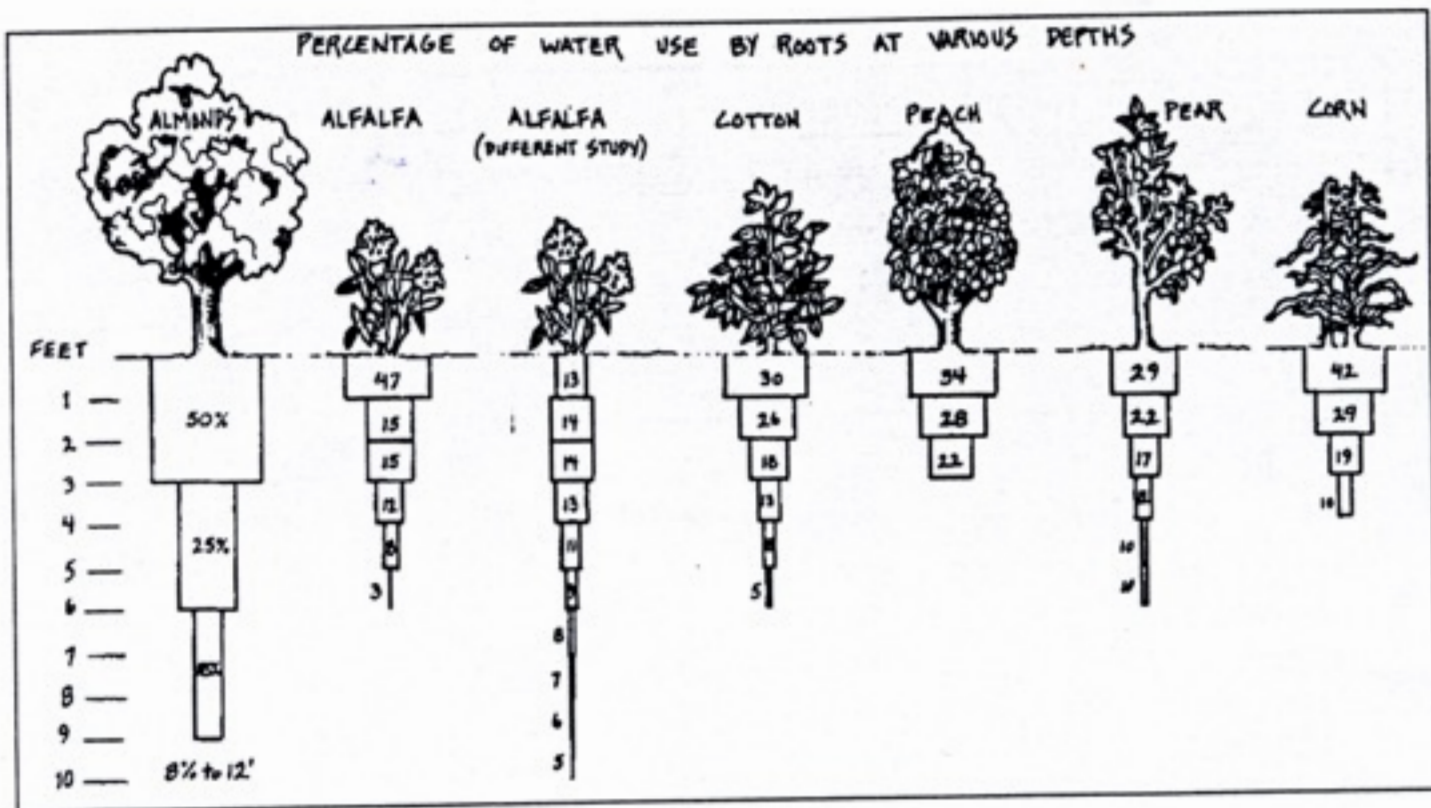
Lettuce



WATER USE AT VARIOUS DEPTHS, IN PERCENTAGE PER FOOT



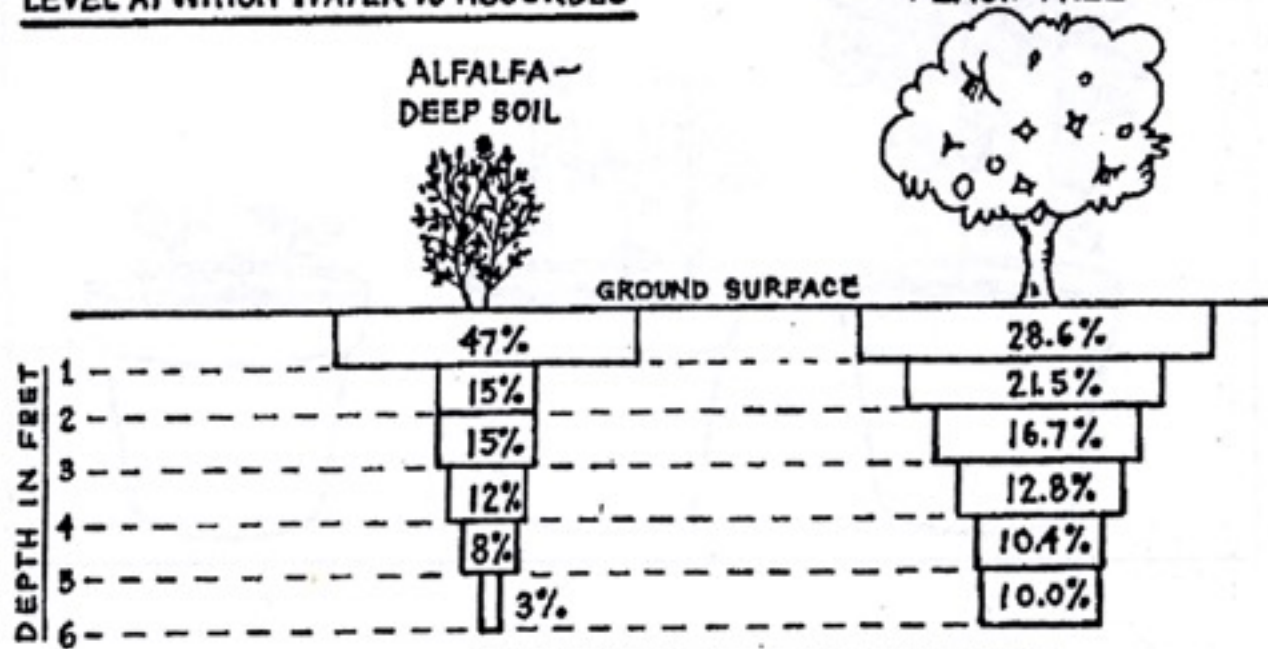
PERCENTAGE OF WATER USE BY ROOTS AT VARIOUS DEPTHS



LEVEL AT WHICH WATER IS ABSORBED

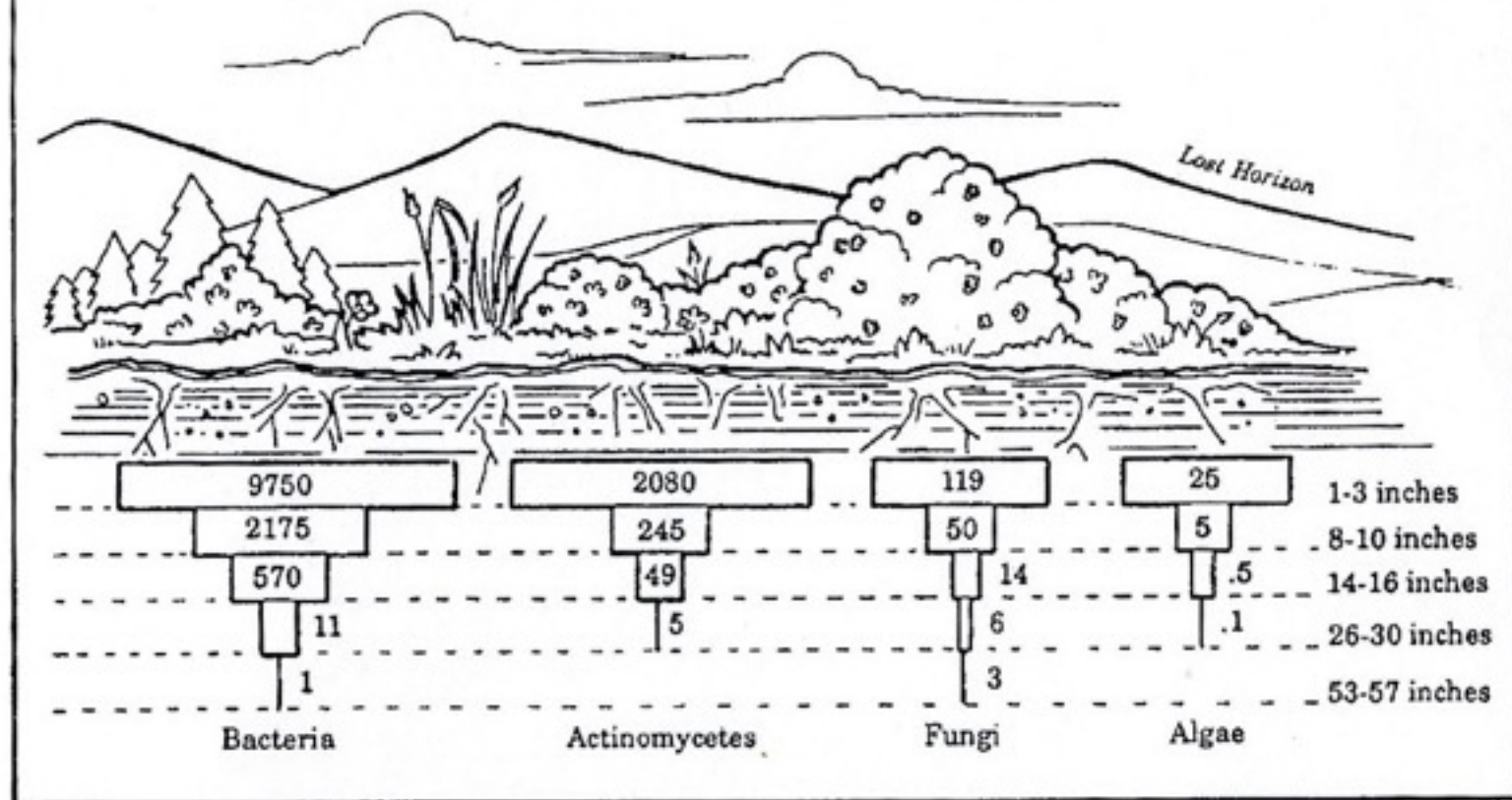
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DEEP SOIL

PEACH TREE

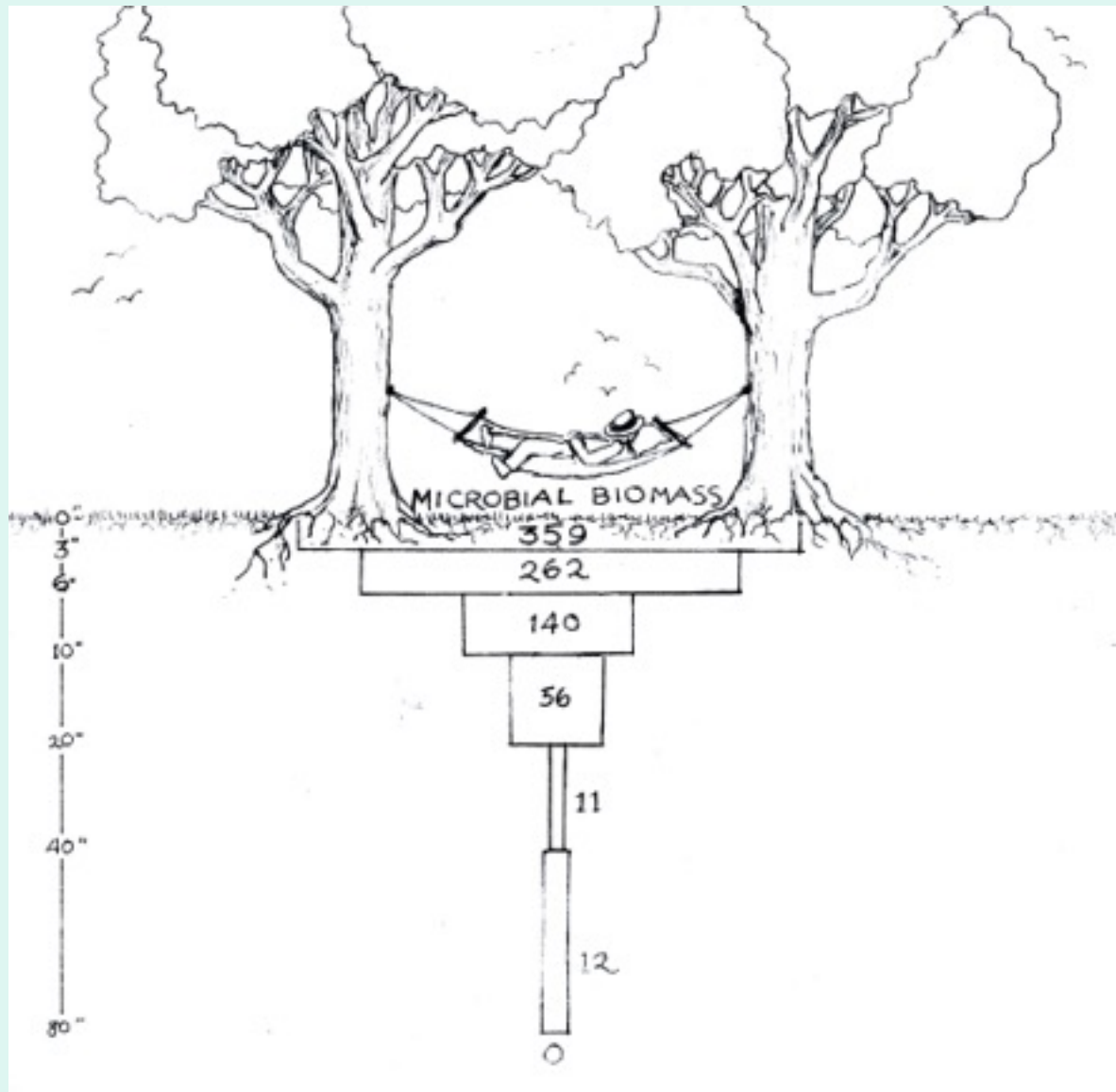


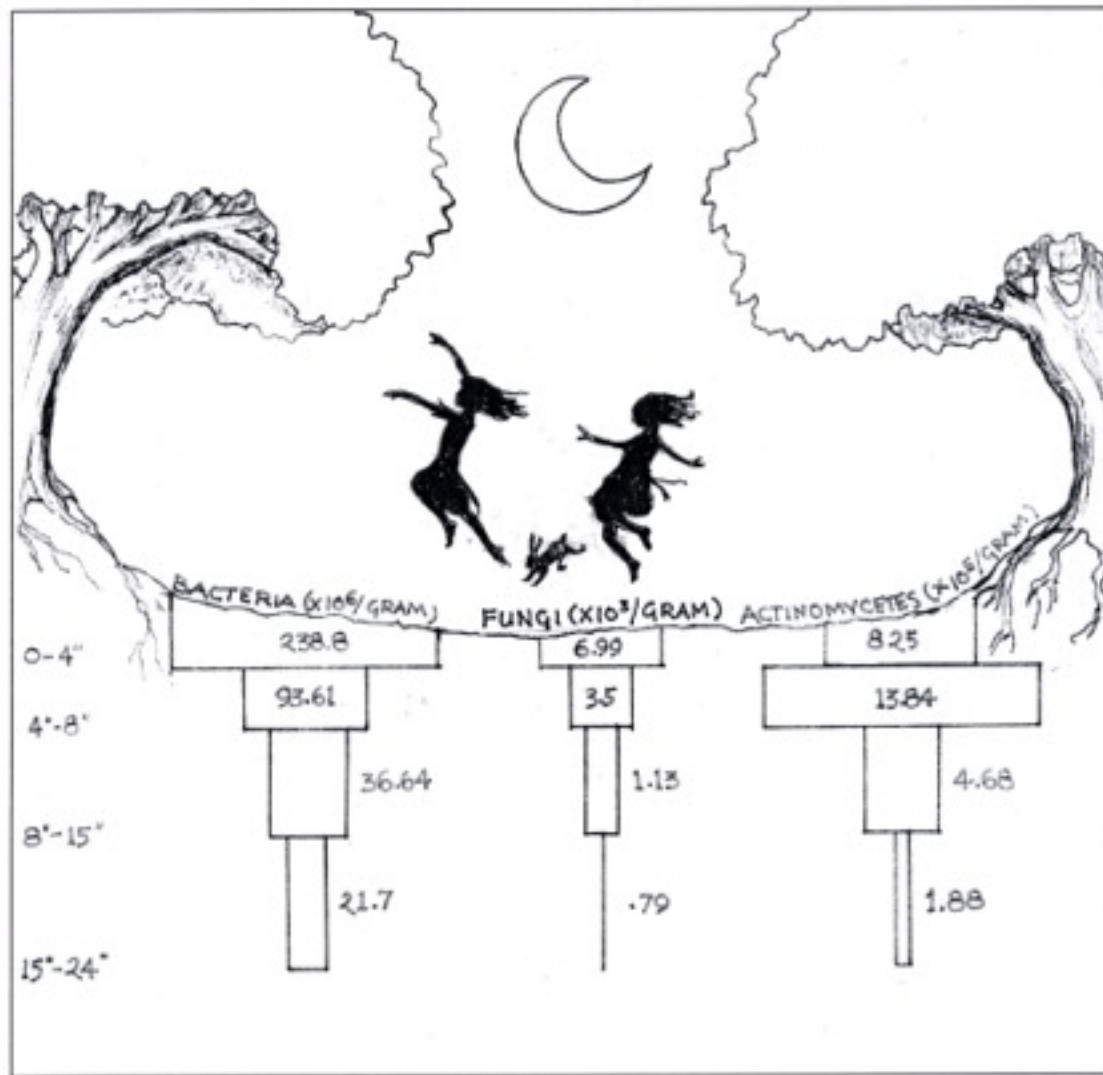
PERCENTAGE OF WATER ABSORBED BY ROOTS

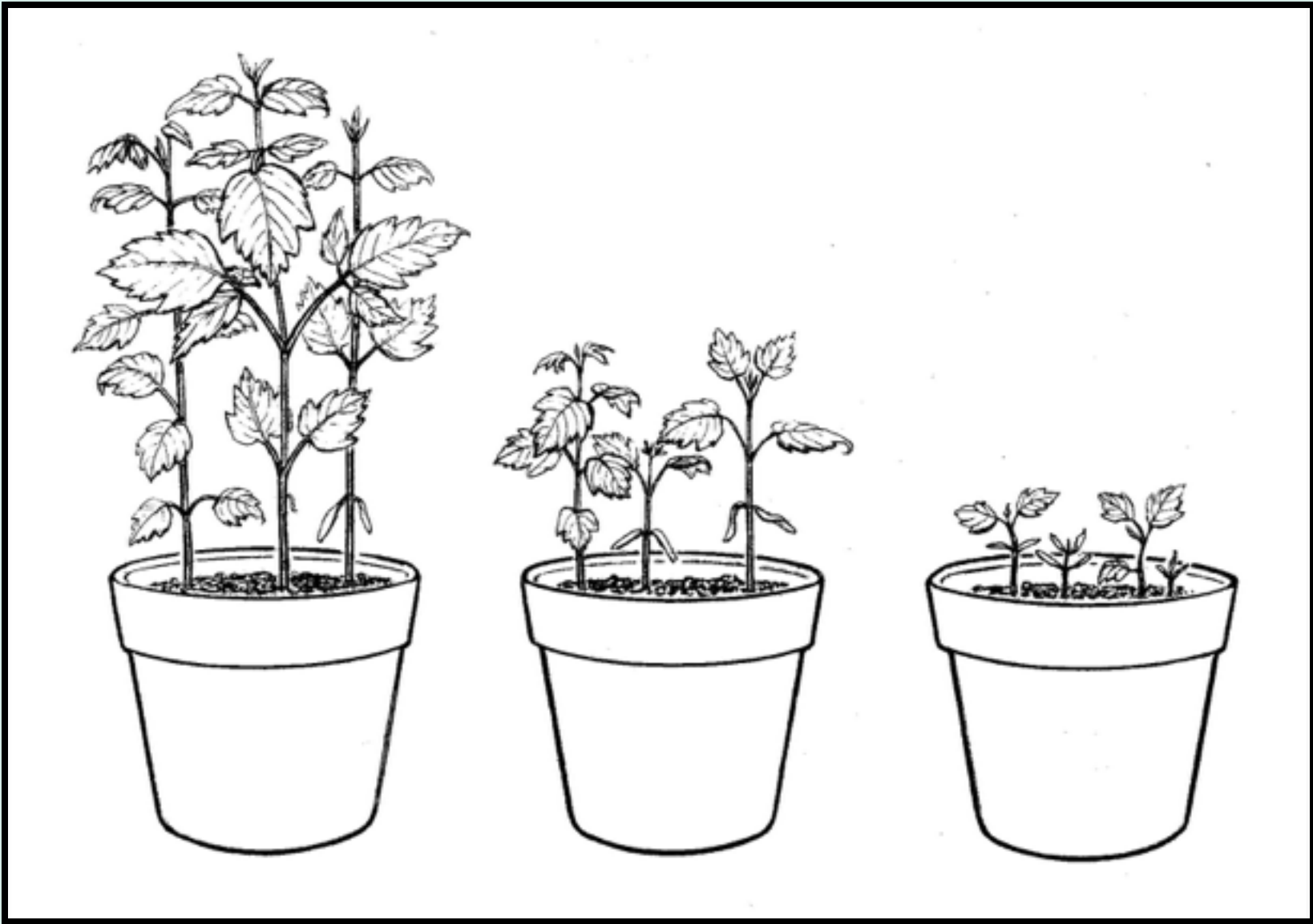
SOIL BIOTA POPULATIONS AS A FUNCTION OF SOIL DEPTH



This illustration shows how dramatic the difference is between the surface-loving soil life and soil life just a bit deeper. Tillage disrupts this natural layering until the various "critters" have a chance to repopulate the level of soil they prefer the most.





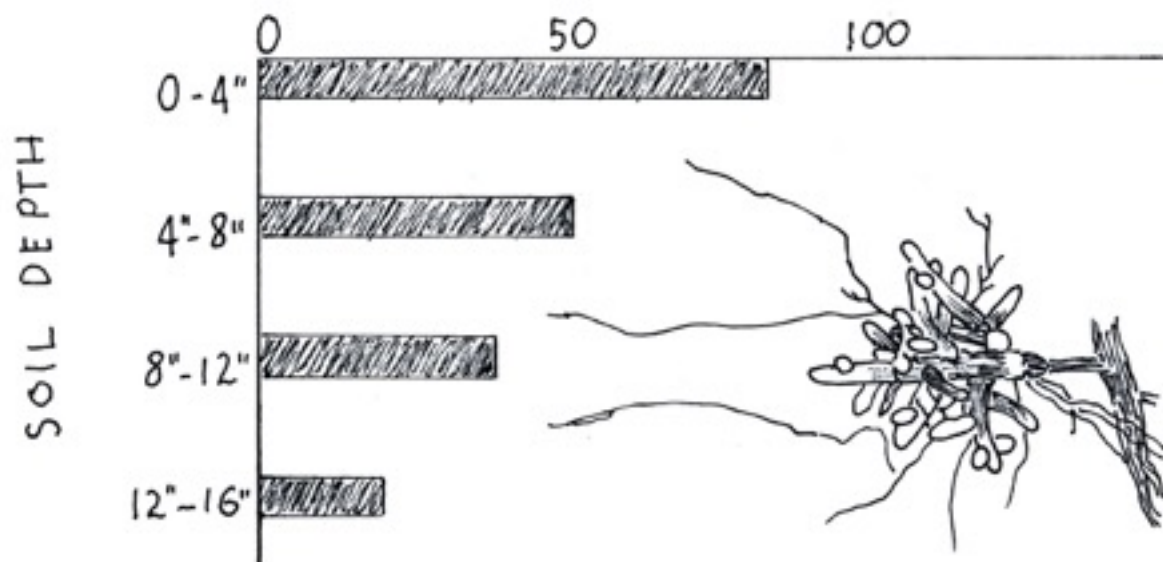


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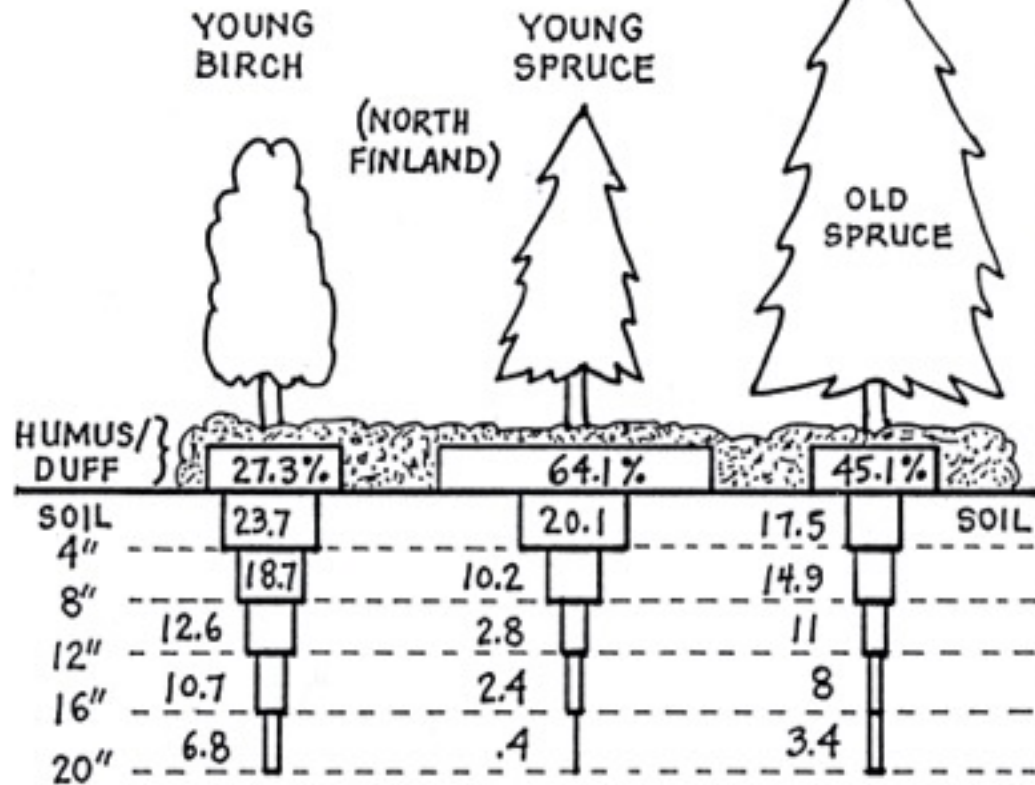
2-4 inches

subsoil

ECTOMYCORRHIZA ...
... SPORE POPULATION/50 GRAMS OF SOIL



PERCENTAGE OF ROOTS PER DEPTH



WARNING !!

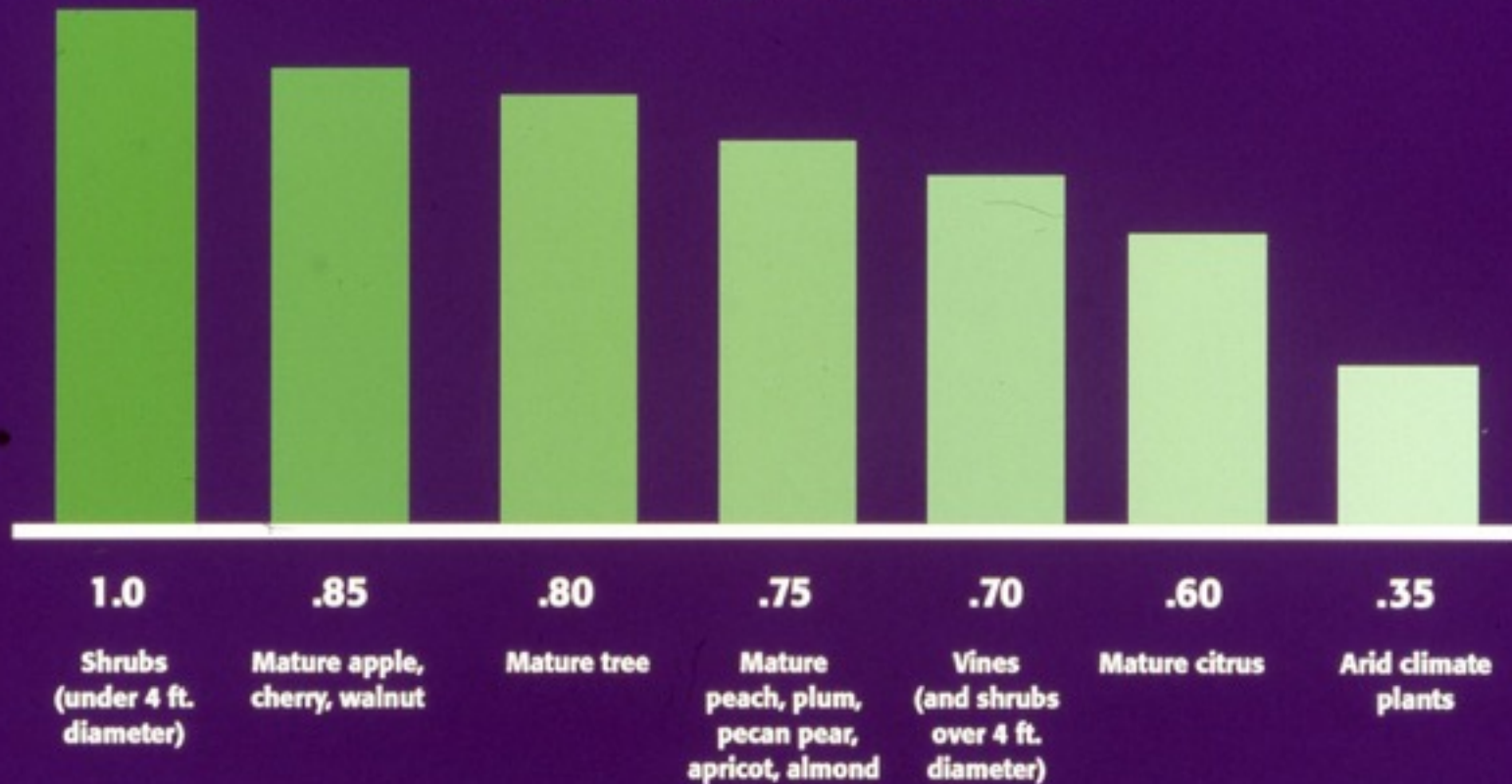
MATH AHEAD

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ET EFFICIENCY RATES



WUCOLS is the acronym for
Water Use Classifications of Landscape Species.

Species Evaluation List 1999

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TYPE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	1
Gc P	<i>Achillea tomentosa</i>	woolly yarrow	L
P	<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	garden monkshood	M
P	<i>Acorus gramineus</i>	sweet flag	H
V	<i>Actinidia arguta</i>	kiwi/Tara	M
V	<i>Actinidia deliciosa</i>	kiwi	H
S	<i>Adenanthos drummondii</i>	woolly bush	?

Very Low = <0.1, Low = .1-.3, Moderate = .4-.6, High = .7-.9

Irrigation Needs of Well-Established Landscape Species Determined from Field Research

- *Potentilla tabernaemontani* 0.5 - 0.75
- *Sedum acre* 0.25
- *Cerastium tomentosum* 0.25
- *Liquidambar styraciflua* 0.20
- *Quercus ilex* 0.20
- *Ficus microcarpa nitida* 0.20
- *Gazania hybrida* 0.25-0.50
- *Baccharis pilularis* 0.20

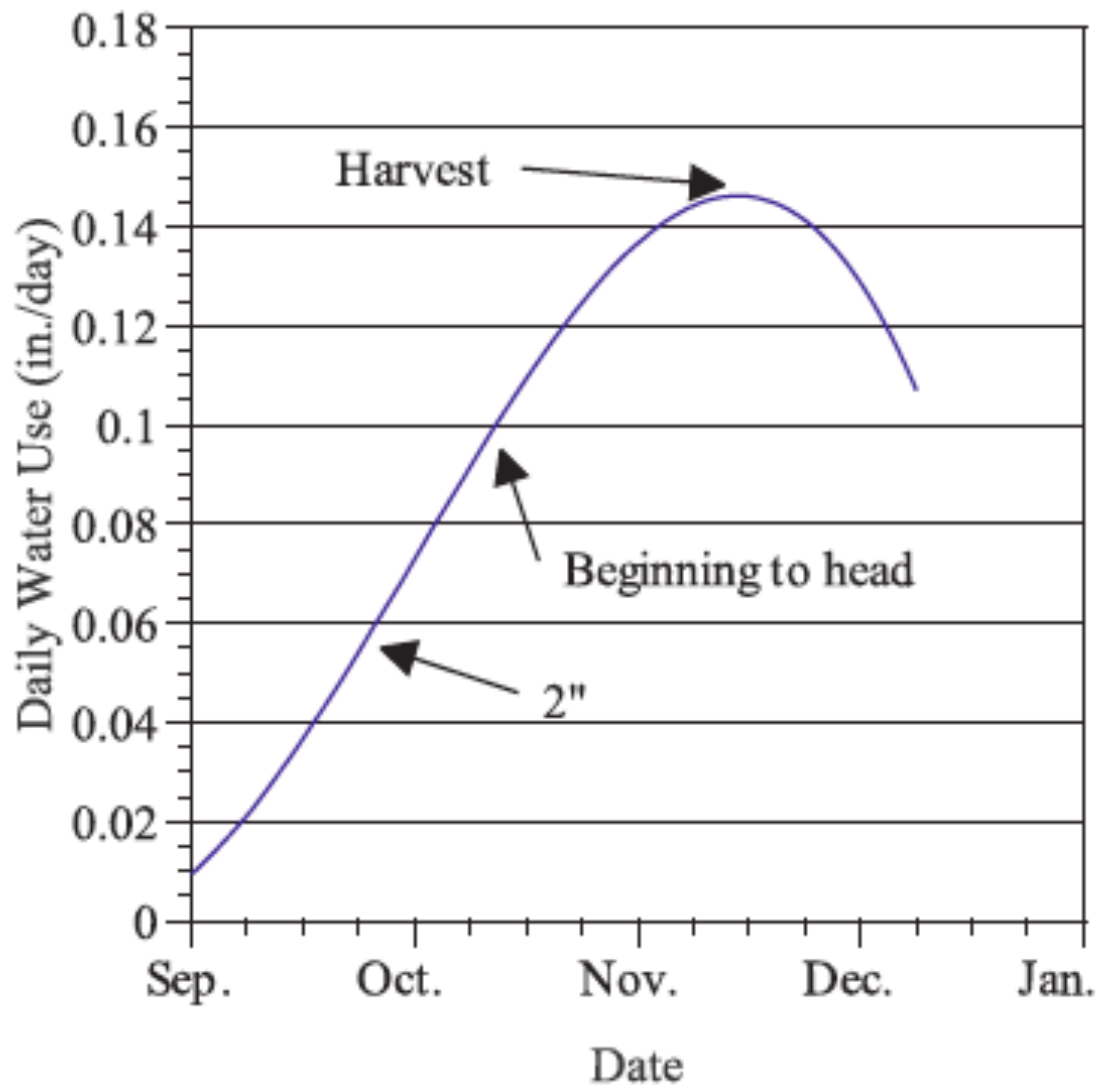
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	L
<i>Artemisia 'Powis Castle'</i>	'Powis Castle'	VL
<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	Coreopsis	L
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	Mexican Daisy	L
<i>Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve'</i>	'Bowles Mauve'	L
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Perennial Spurge	L
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Sunrose	L
<i>Osteospermum fruticosum</i>	African Daisy	L
<i>Phormium t. 'Atropurpureum'</i>	Flax	L
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage	L
<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	VL

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Urban Tree Farm, Santa Rosa, CA

Table 3**Crop Coefficients for Forage, Vegetables and Berries**

Crop	Kc_{ini}	Kc_{mid}	Kc_{end}
alfalfa	0.4	1.2	1.15
asparagus	0.3	0.95	0.3
beans, green	0.5	1.05	0.9
beets	0.5	1.05	0.95
blueberries	0.4	1.0	0.75
broccoli	0.7	1.05	0.95
cabbage	0.7	1.05	0.95
cabbage -local	0.7	1.05	0.95
carrots	0.7	1.05	0.95
cauliflower	0.7	1.05	0.95
cranberries	0.4	0.9	0.50
celery	0.7	1.05	0.95
cereal	0.3	1.15	0.25
corn	0.3	1.15	0.4
cucumber	0.6	1	0.75
green onions	0.7	1.05	0.95
lettuce	0.7	1	0.95

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pasture (grass)	0.4	1.0	0.85
peas	0.5	1.15	1.1
potato	0.5	1.15	0.75
pumpkin	0.5	1	0.8
radish	0.7	0.9	0.85
raspberries	0.4	1.2	0.75
small vegetables	0.70	1.05	0.95
spinach	0.7	1.05	0.95
strawberries	0.4	1.05	0.7
squash	0.5	0.95	0.75
sweet corn	0.3	1.15	0.4
sweet peppers	0.7	1.05	0.85
tomato	0.7	1.05	0.8
tubers	0.5	1.05	0.95
watermelon	0.4	1	0.75



$$ET_L = K_C \times ET_o$$

Landscape Evapotranspiration =
Landscape Coefficient (K_C) x Reference Evapotranspiration

Santa Rosa 0.03 0.06 0.09 0.14 0.18 0.21 0.21 0.19 0.15 0.10 0.05 0.03

(daily rate)

(inches) Jan Feb M Ap May J Jly Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

(Daily ET in inches. Xs 31 = Monthly Rate.)



2	1.24	1.68	3.10	3.90	4.65	5.10	4.96	4.65	3.90	2.79	1.80	1.24	39.0
3	1.86	2.24	3.72	4.80	5.27	5.70	5.58	5.27	4.20	3.41	2.40	1.86	46.3
4	1.86	2.24	3.41	4.50	5.27	5.70	5.89	5.58	4.50	3.41	2.40	1.86	46.6
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cranberries	0.4	0.9	0.50
celery	0.7	1.05	0.95
cereal	0.3	1.15	0.25
corn	0.3	1.15	0.4
cucumber	0.6	1	0.75
green onions	0.7	1.05	0.95
lettuce	0.7	1	0.95

Crop	Kc _{ini}	Kc _{mid}	Kc _{end}
onions	0.7	1.05	0.95
pasture (grass)	0.4	1.0	0.85
peas	0.5	1.15	1.1
potato	0.5	1.15	0.75
pumpkin	0.5	1	0.8
radish	0.7	0.9	0.85
raspberries	0.4	1.2	0.75
small vegetables	0.70	1.05	0.95
spinach	0.7	1.05	0.95
strawberries	0.4	1.05	0.7
squash	0.5	0.95	0.75
sweet corn	0.3	1.15	0.4
sweet peppers	0.7	1.05	0.85
tomato	0.7	1.05	0.8
tubers	0.5	1.05	0.95
watermelon	0.4	1	0.75

$ET_L = K_C \times ET_o$ Asparagus = $0.95 \times 0.21 = 0.19$ inches/day

$0.19 \times 31 = 5.89$ inches/month (June/July) in Santa Rosa, CA

4' X 10' = 40 sq. ft.

ET = 6"

10 sq.ft. = 1.25 gallons

X 4 = 5 gallons

40 ft. = 40 emitters

5 gal. ÷ 40 - 1gph emitters

= .125 hours

60 X .125 = 7.5 minutes

With 1/2gph emitters – **15 minutes/day**

(once/week = 7 X 15 = 105 min. = 1.75 hrs.)



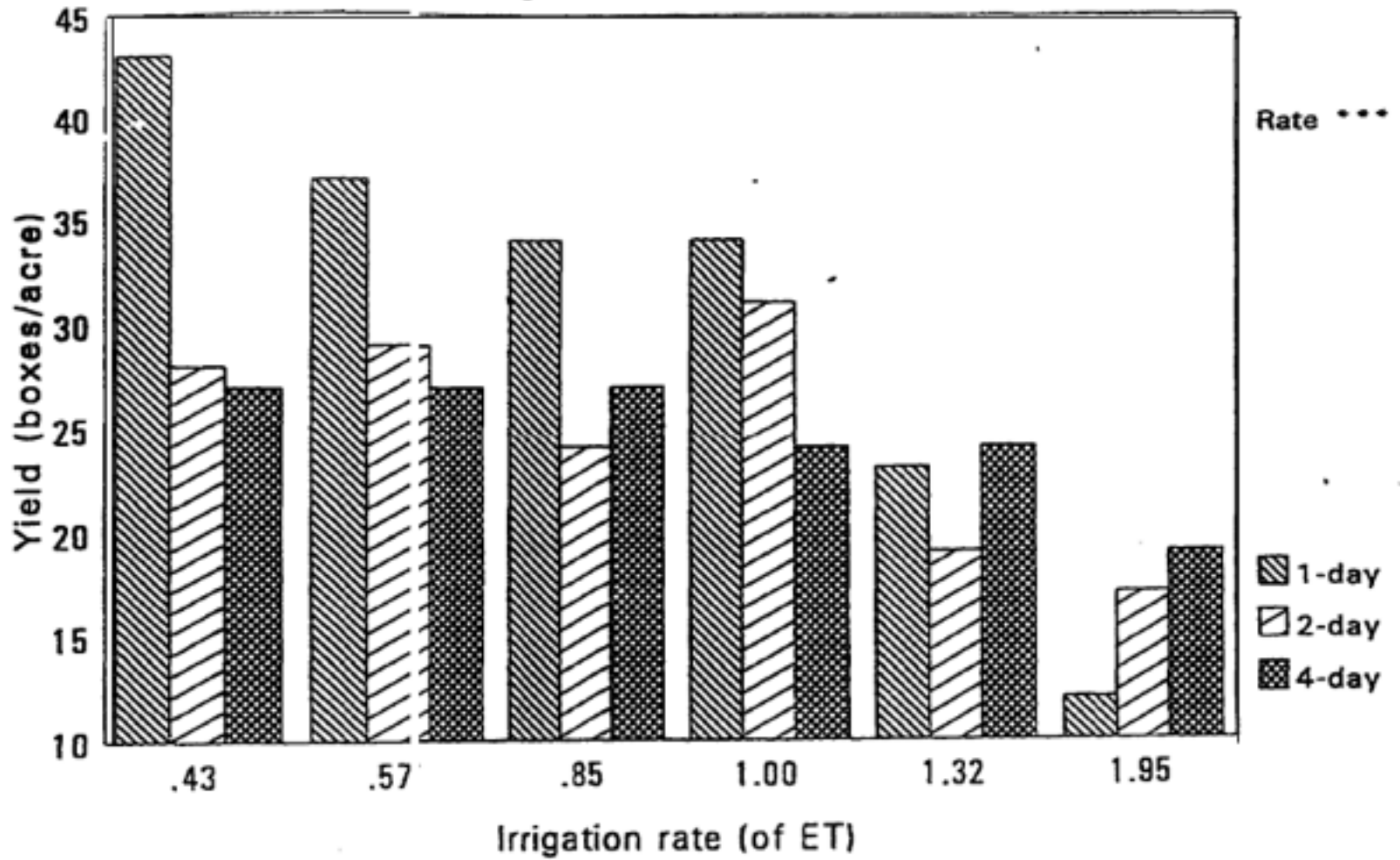
Table 1. Average relative yields by crop and drip irrigation frequency for irrigation frequencies of two irrigations per day, one irrigation per day, two irrigations per week, and one irrigation per week. Relative yields were calculated as the ratio of the average crop yield of a given irrigation frequency to the yield of the irrigation frequency with the maximum yield for that crop.

Irrigation frequency	Relative yield					
	Onion ^a	Fall lettuce ^a	Spring lettuce ^a	Pepper ^a	1st tomato crop ^a	2nd tomato crop ^a
2 irrigations/d	0.94 a	1.00 a	0.90 a	0.88 ab	0.87 b	0.95 a
1 irrigation/d	1.00 a	1.00 a	1.00 a	1.00 a	1.00 a	0.98 a
2 irrigations/week	0.91 a	0.91 a	0.91 a	0.91 a	0.90 ab	1.00 a
1 irrigation/week	0.77 b	0.77 a	0.91 a	0.86 b	0.88 ab	0.92 a
CV (%)	9.62	16.13	12.78	10.38	10.20	9.16

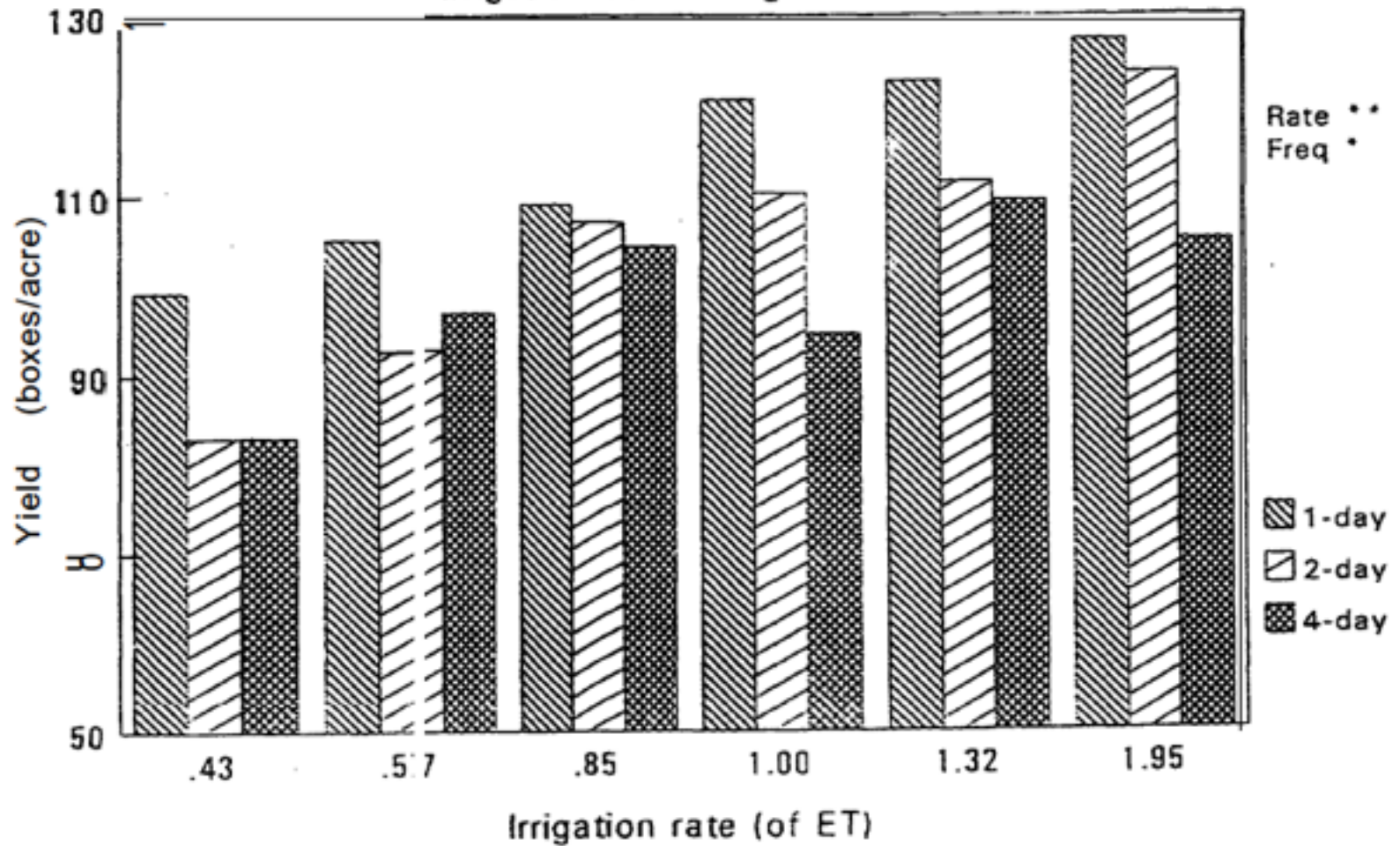
Table 2. Average relative yields of the pepper grades. Relative yields were calculated as the ratio of the average crop yield of a given irrigation frequency to the yield of the irrigation frequency with the maximum yield for that crop. Grade ratings are extra large [50 to 60 peppers/30-lb (13.6-kg) box], large (60 to 70 peppers/box), medium (70 to 85 peppers/box), and culls (>85 peppers/box).

Irrigation frequency	Relative yields of pepper grades			
	Extra large ^z	Large ^z	Medium ^z	Culls ^z
2 irrigations/d	0.66 a	0.88 a	0.95 ab	0.81 b
1 irrigation/d	1.00 a	1.00 a	1.00 a	0.85 ab
2 irrigations/week	0.79 a	0.94 a	0.92 ab	1.00 a
1 irrigation/week	0.80 a	0.94 a	0.83 b	0.88 ab
cv (%)	35.03	21.61	11.17	14.58

Irrigation Scheduling 1993



Irrigation Scheduling 1994

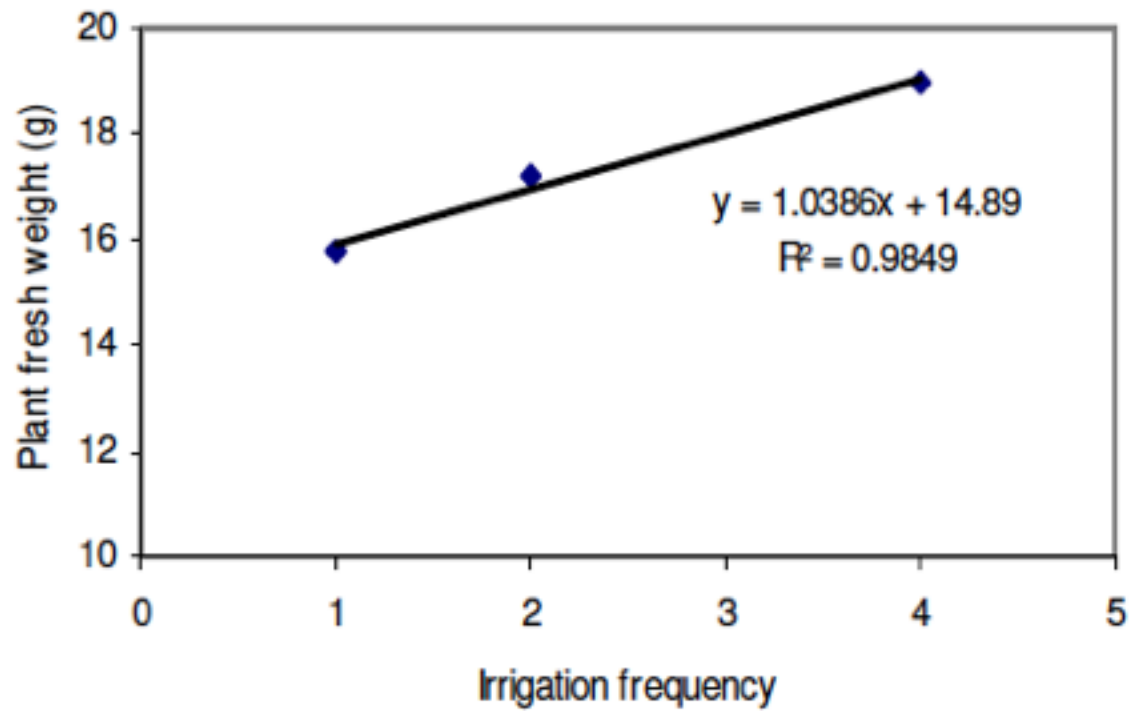




$K_C = .7$ early 1 mid $.95$ late

SUMMARY. The effect on crop yield of drip-irrigation frequencies of two irrigations per day (2/d), one irrigation per day (1/d), two irrigations per week (2/week), and one irrigation per week (1/week) was investigated for lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*), pepper (*Capsicum annuum*), and onion (*Allium cepa*) grown on sandy loam and processing tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) grown on silt loam during experiments conducted during 1994 to 1997. All treatments of a particular crop received the same amount of irrigation water per week. Results showed that the 1/week frequency should be avoided for the shallow rooted crops in sandy soil. Irrigation frequency had little effect on yield of tomato, a relatively deep-rooted crop. **These results suggest that drip irrigation frequencies of 1/d or 2/week are appropriate in medium to fine texture soils for the soil and climate of the project site. There was no yield benefit of multiple irrigations per day.**

Effect of irrigation frequency on plant fresh weight in C.SDI system



$K_C =$

.7 early

1.05 mid

.95 late



$$K_C = .3$$





$K_C =$

.5 early

.97 mid

.5 late



$K_C =$

.5 early

.97 mid

.5 late

$$K_C = .2$$





$K_C = .5$ early 1.05 mid $.5$ late



? .25

$K_C =$.7 early
1.05 mid
.95 late





$K_C = .7$ early

1.05 mid

.85 late



$$K_C = .4 - .6$$



$K_C = \text{Thyme } .4 \text{ -}.6, \text{ Lavender} = .1\text{-}.3 \text{ (Foxglove } .4 \text{ - } .6)$

<u>Food</u>	<u>Gallons per Pound</u>
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Lettuce	23
Tomatoes	30
Carrots	33
Apples	49
Potatoes	60
Broccoli	65
Cantaloupe	80
Corn	168





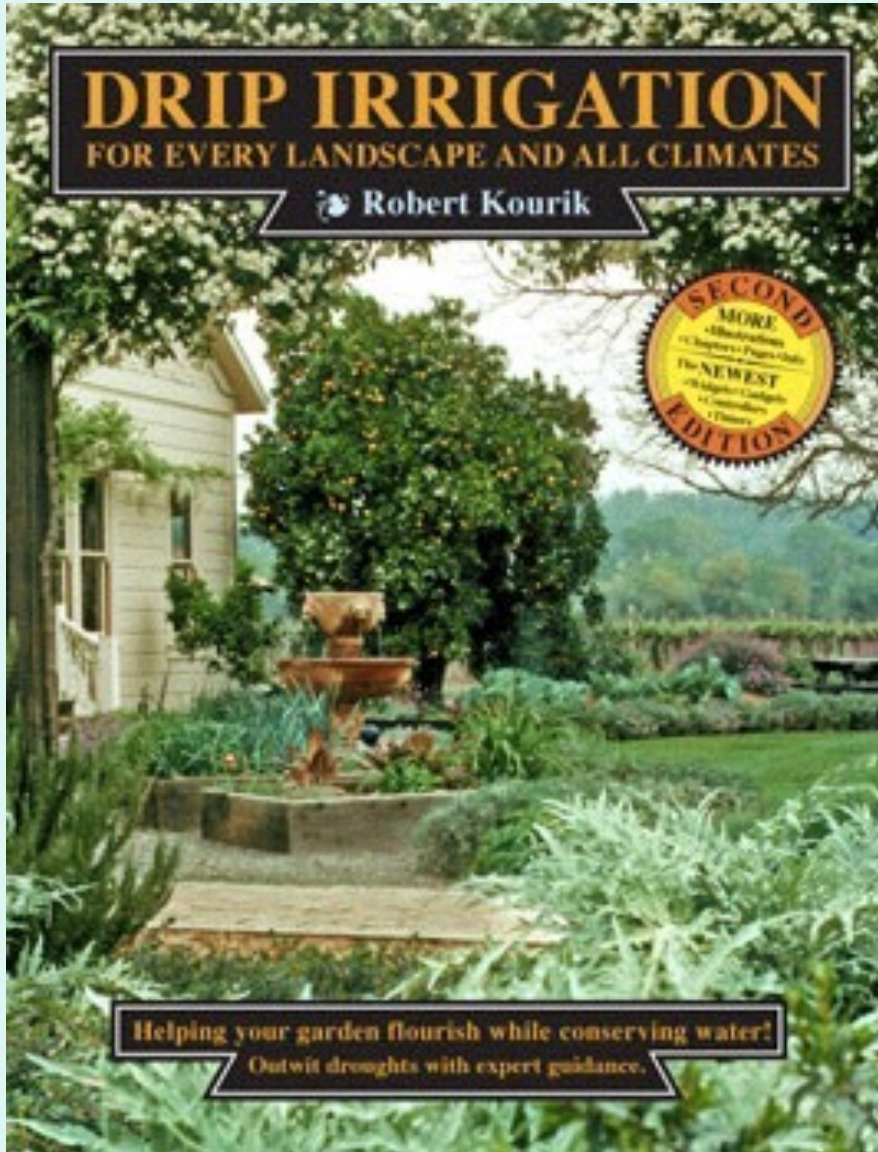




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Barrel Size Height above the drip system 1/4" run

50 gallon 8" 10'

50 gallon 12" 10'

50 gallon 16" 14'

