

BC Cranberry Research Farm Update

Continued varietal evaluations



Fertilizer trials

Nutrition Basics

There are two key resource-demanding windows each season:

- 1: Early season leafy upright growth
- 2: Bloom and fruit development

A well-fed crop with a healthy canopy and root system should pull nutrition from reserves and soil for early season upright growth

Bloom/fruit
development is the
more demanding
window for the crop
and typically calls for
additional fertilizer
inputs

Cranberries are a perennial crop; nutrition decisions impact vines for multiple years



In response to crop cues, fertilizer should be applied in small increments during the mid-bloom stage through to early fruit sizing

Soil type: rich soils will supply more N

Yield: heavier fruit loads can take more N

Runners: lots of runner growth indicates excess N

Upright length above berries should be no more than ~2in/5cm

Colour: yellow-tinged fields usually mean low N

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tilizing
Fruit rot and high pest
pressure can indicate
excess N

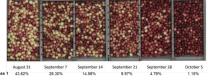
different, which means crop cues must be considered before fertilizing

Fertilizer trial treatments

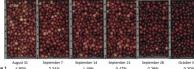


Varietal colour tracking with DigiEye

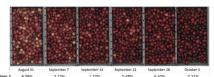




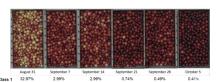
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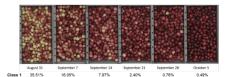


Crimson Queen

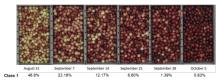


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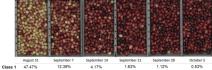




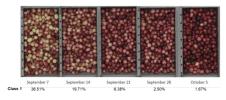
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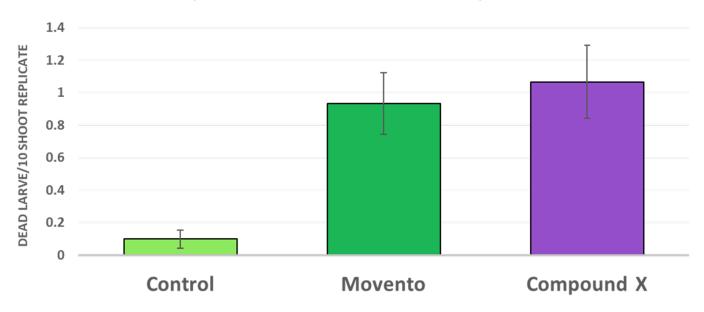


Herbicide trials



Tipworm screening

Dead Tipworm Larvae/10 Shoot Replicate



Plant growth regulator trial



Aphid monitoring



Another successful harvest!



