

# Multiscale monitoring

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# Tasks:

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(fruit localisation)
- harvest maturity (heat sums, fruit DM assessment)
- data management/display
- (automated harvest)

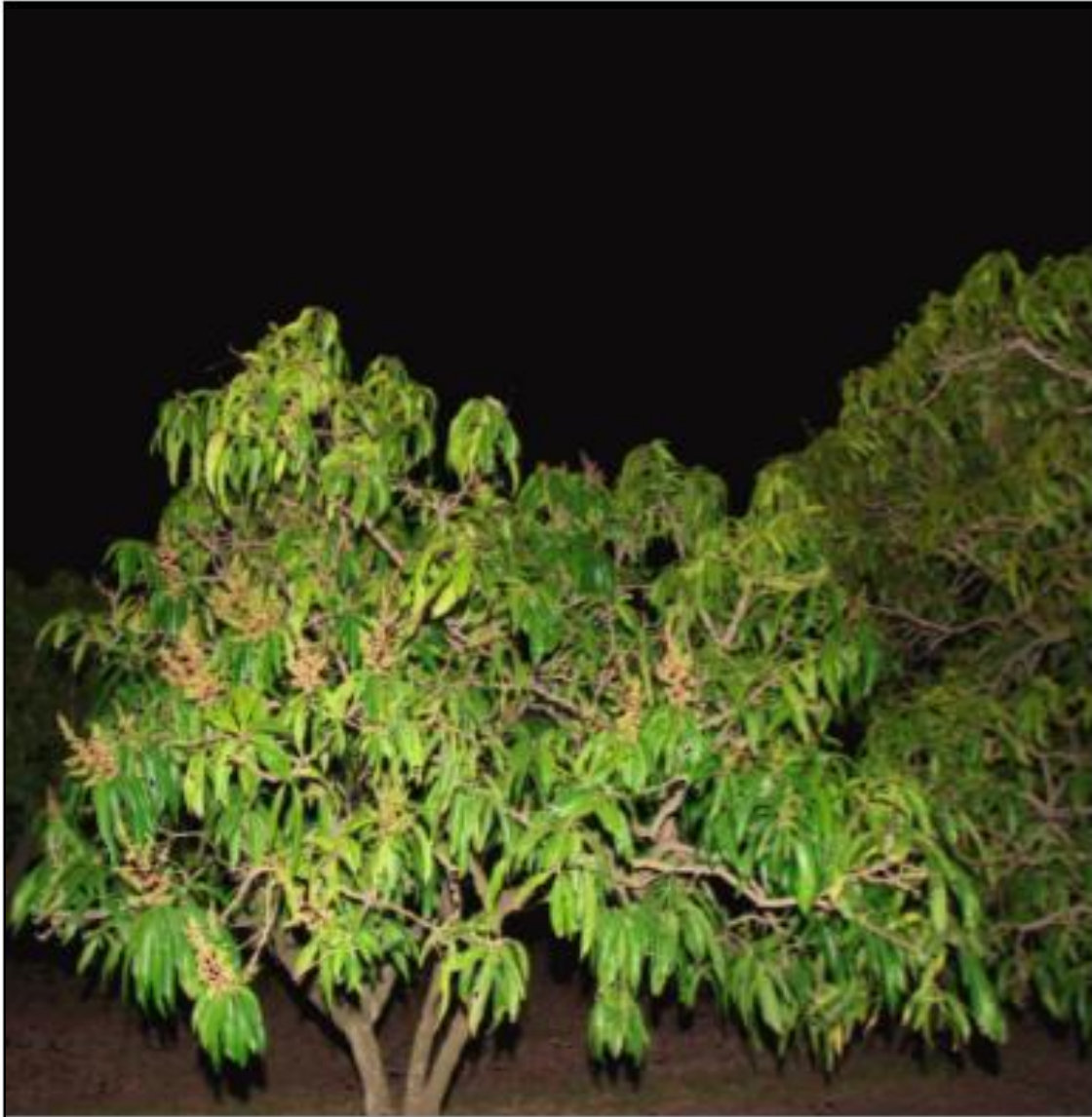


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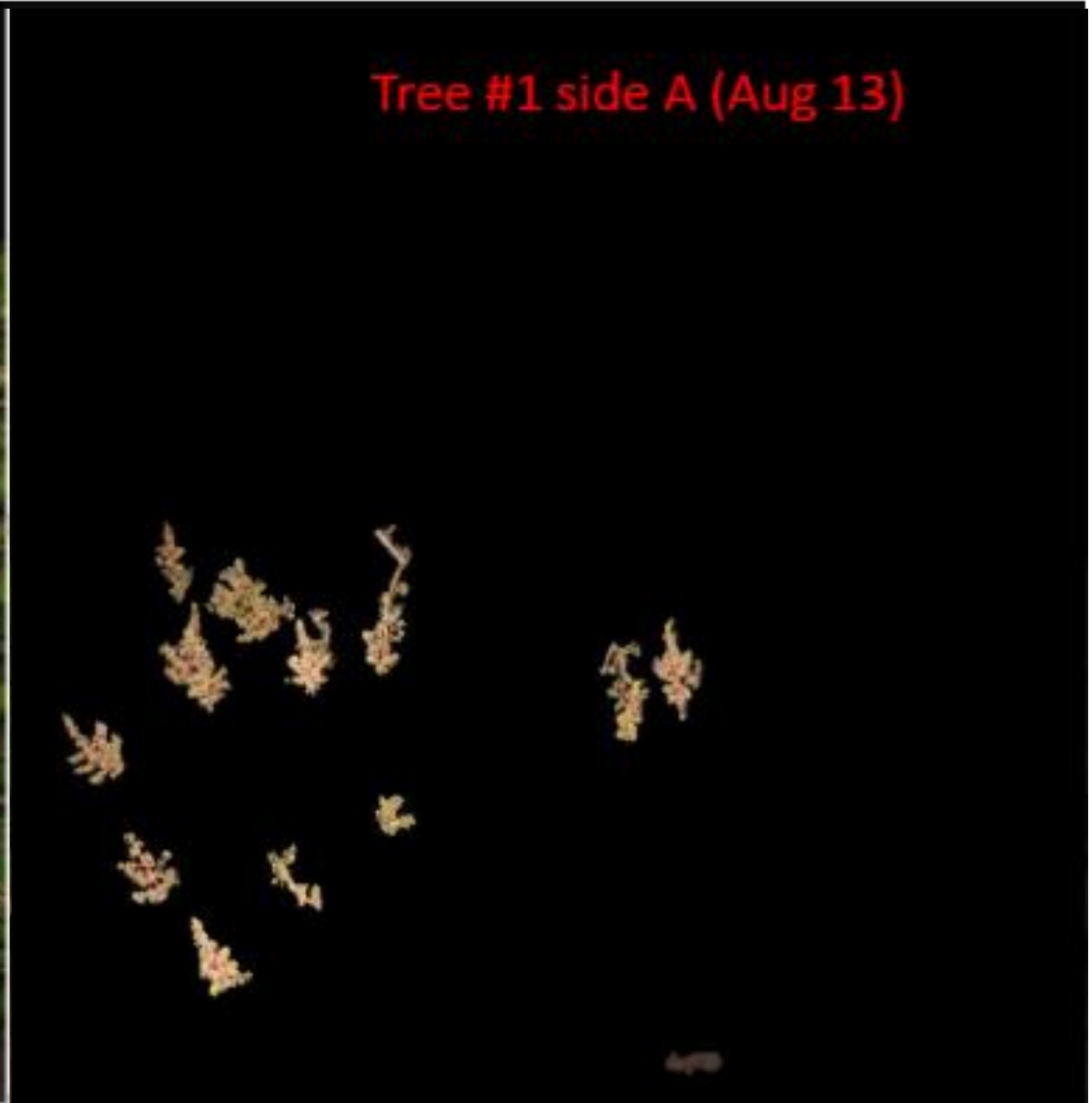




25% canopy in flower



Tree #1 side A (Aug 13)



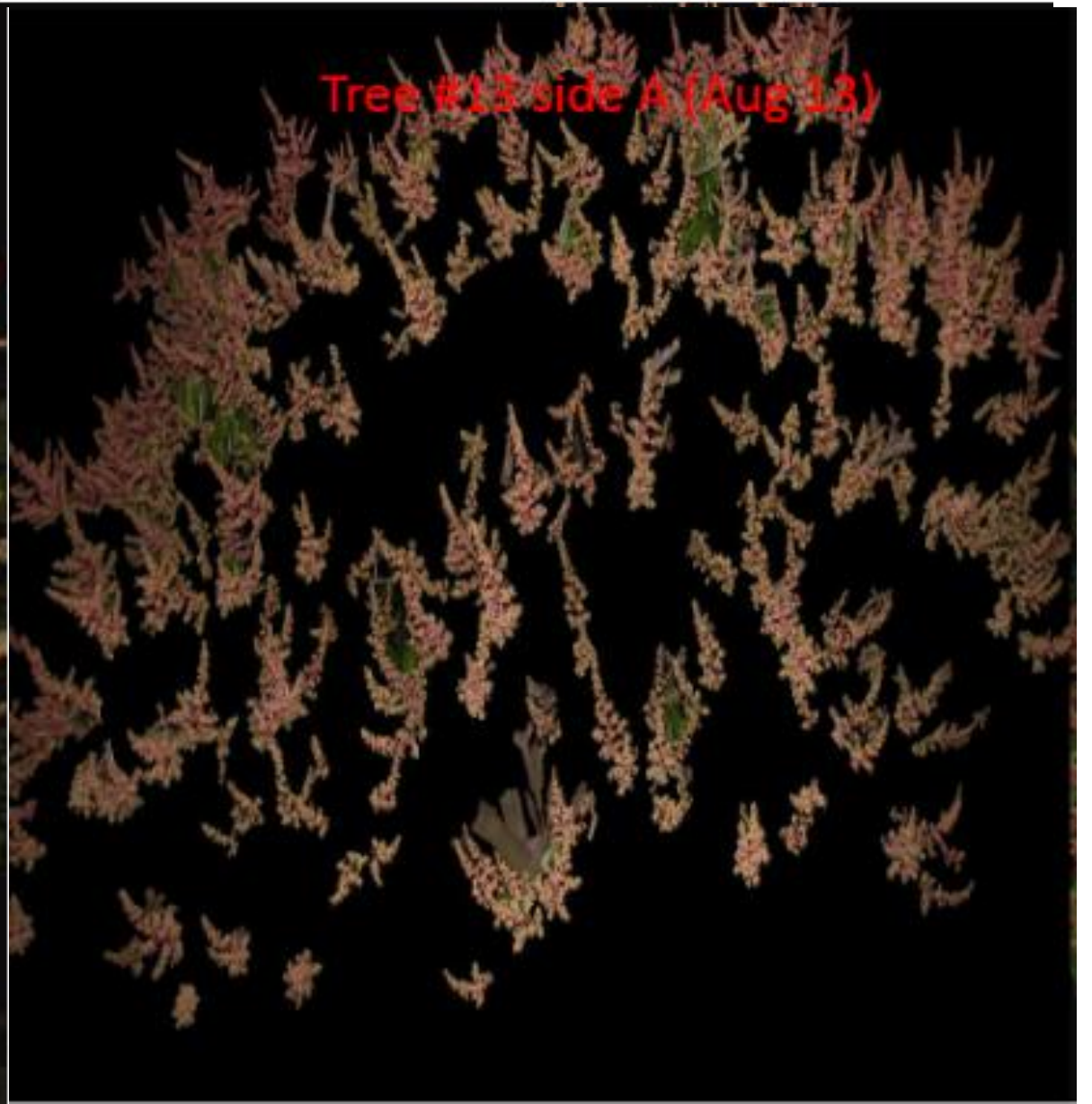
Machine vision in estimation of flowering



100% canopy in flower



Tree #13 side A (Aug 13)



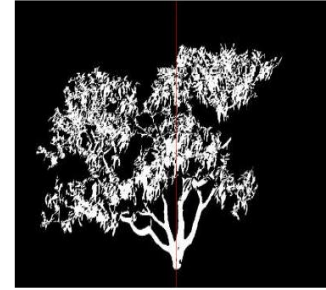
# MV: Automated Flowering Assessment

Potential applications:

- harvest of individual mango trees (from order of tree flowering);
- Inform crop agronomy (e.g. variable rate spray, with no chemical spraying for non-flowering trees);



(a)



(b)



(c)



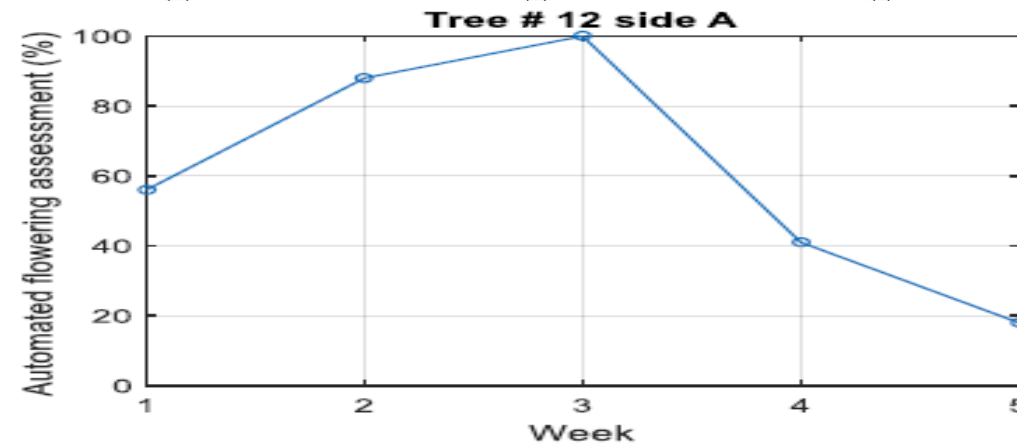
(d)



(e)



(f)





# Machine vision for fruit detection

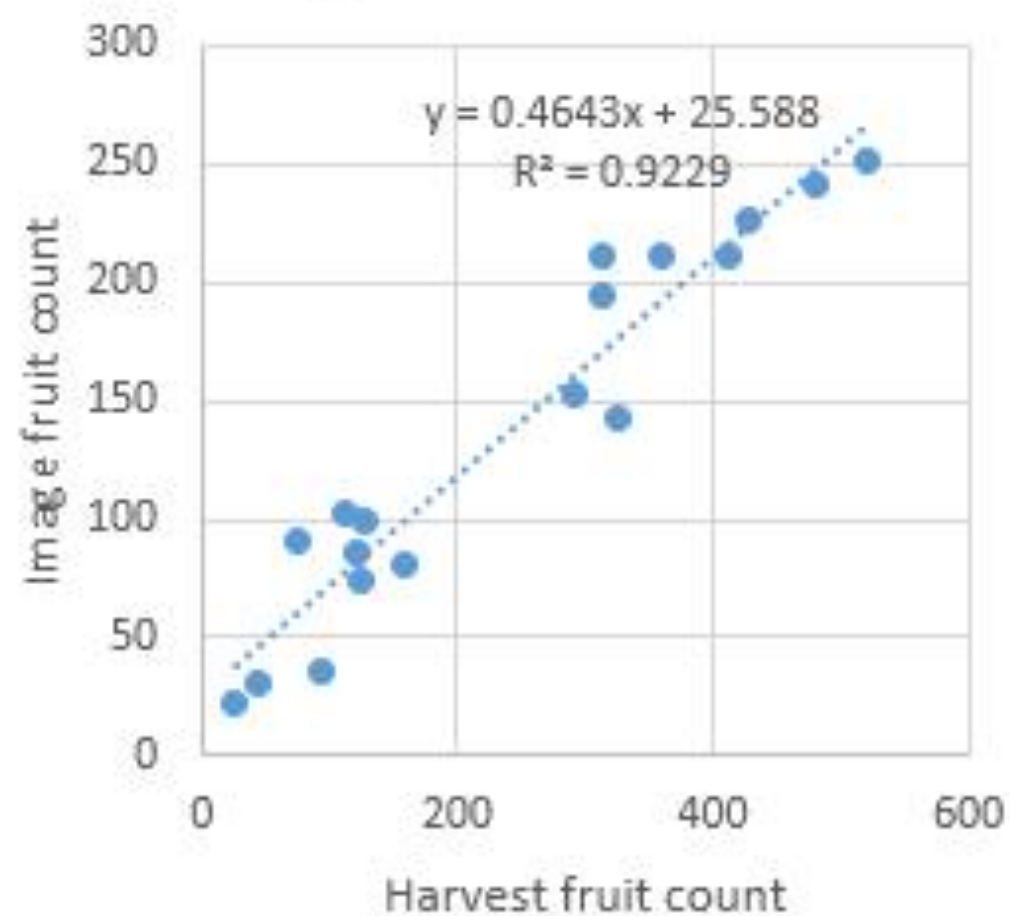
for :

- fruit count
- eventual autonomous harvest



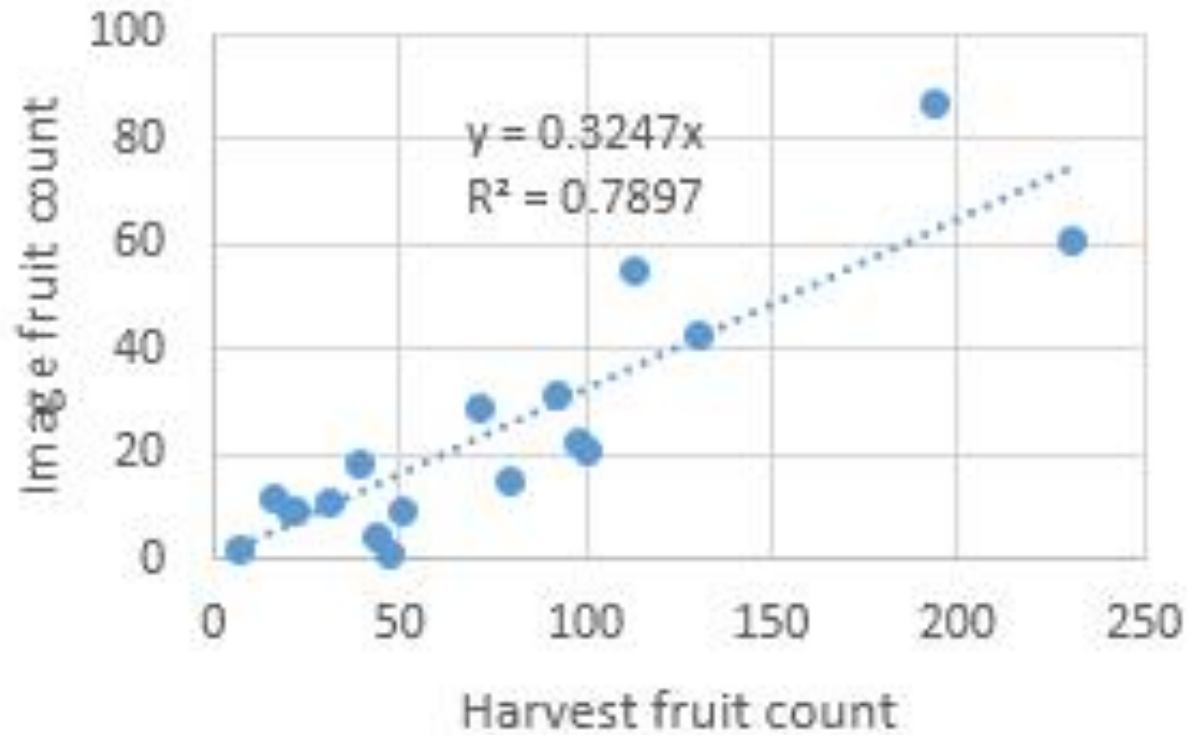


## Calypso GE3 block



Average ratio image count to harvest count = 0.64 i.e. 36 % fruit hidden

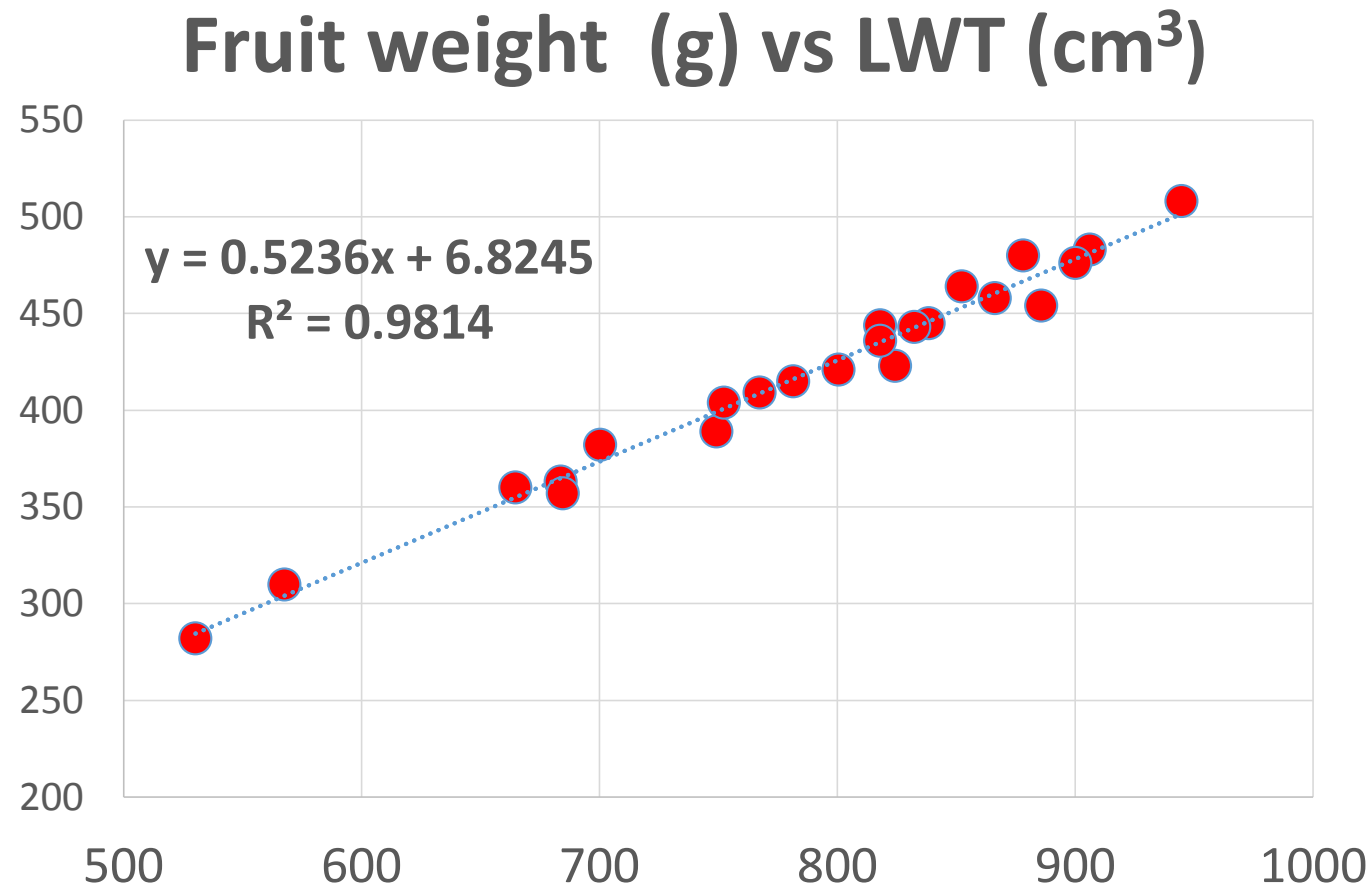
## Kensington Pride Block



Average ratio image count to harvest count = 0.32 i.e. 68 % fruit hidden



# Fruit weight is related to fruit volume (by variety)



# Caly/KP/R2E2/HG

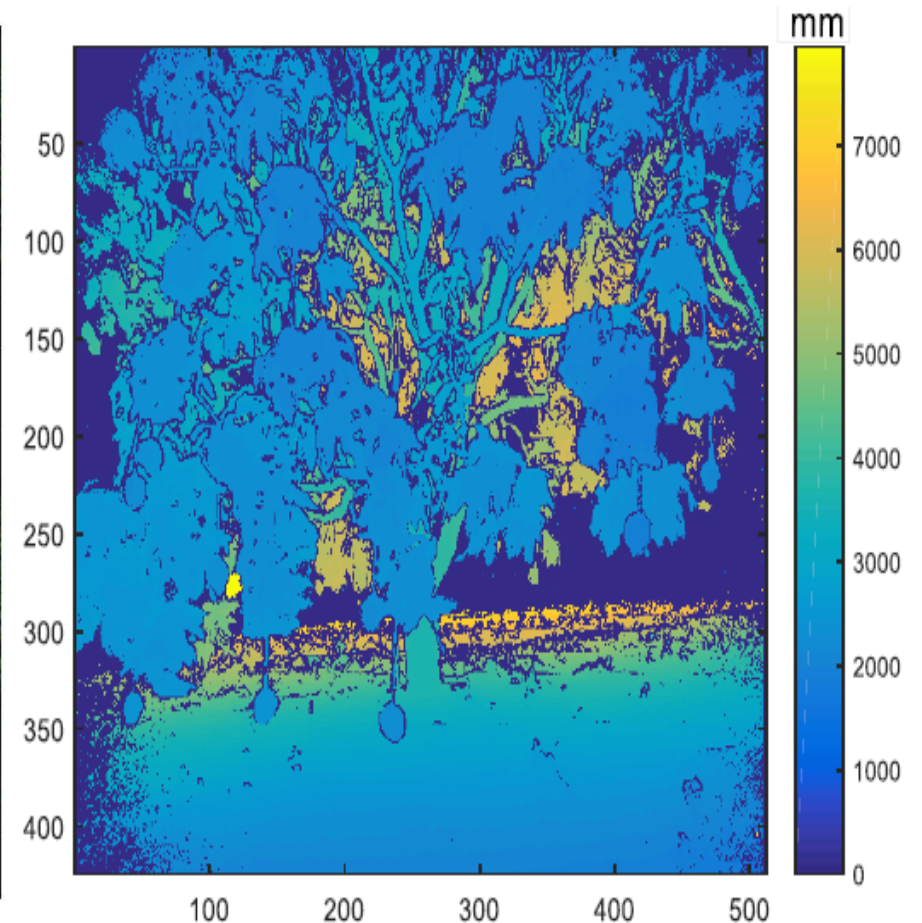




# on-tree fruit size with ToF camera

Issues:

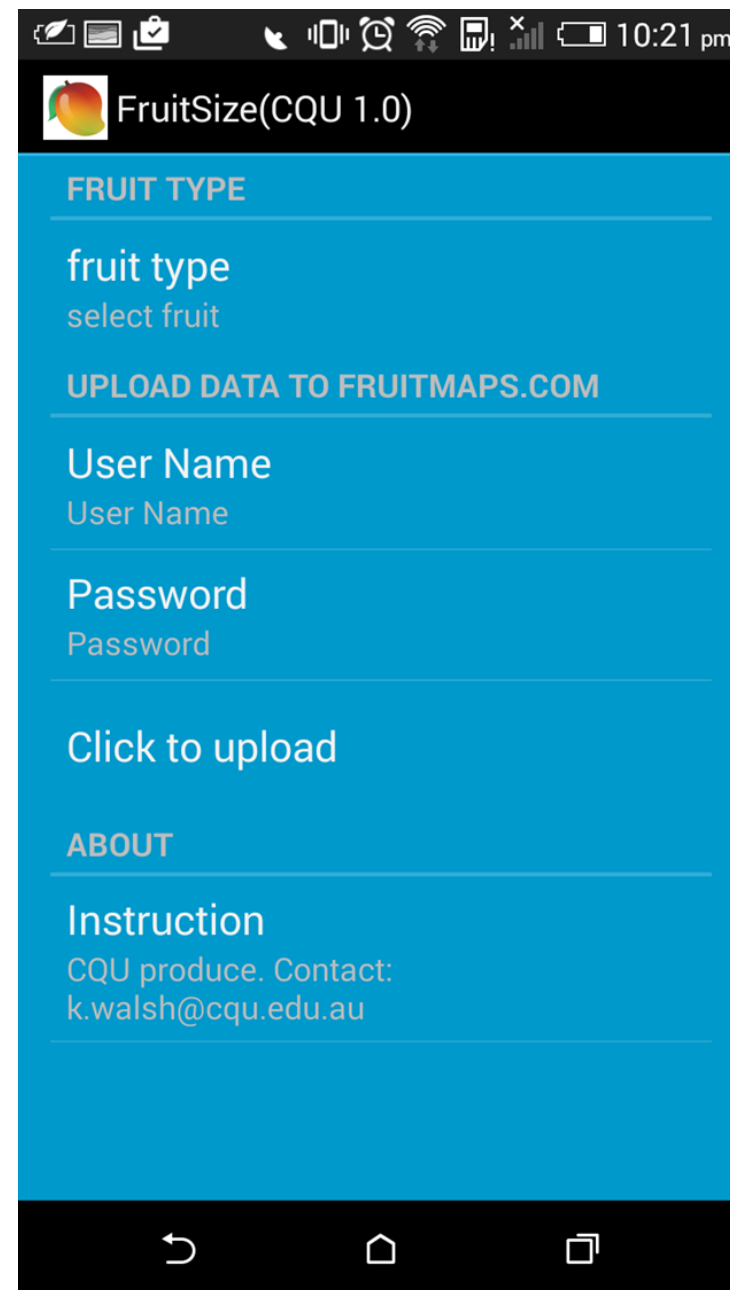
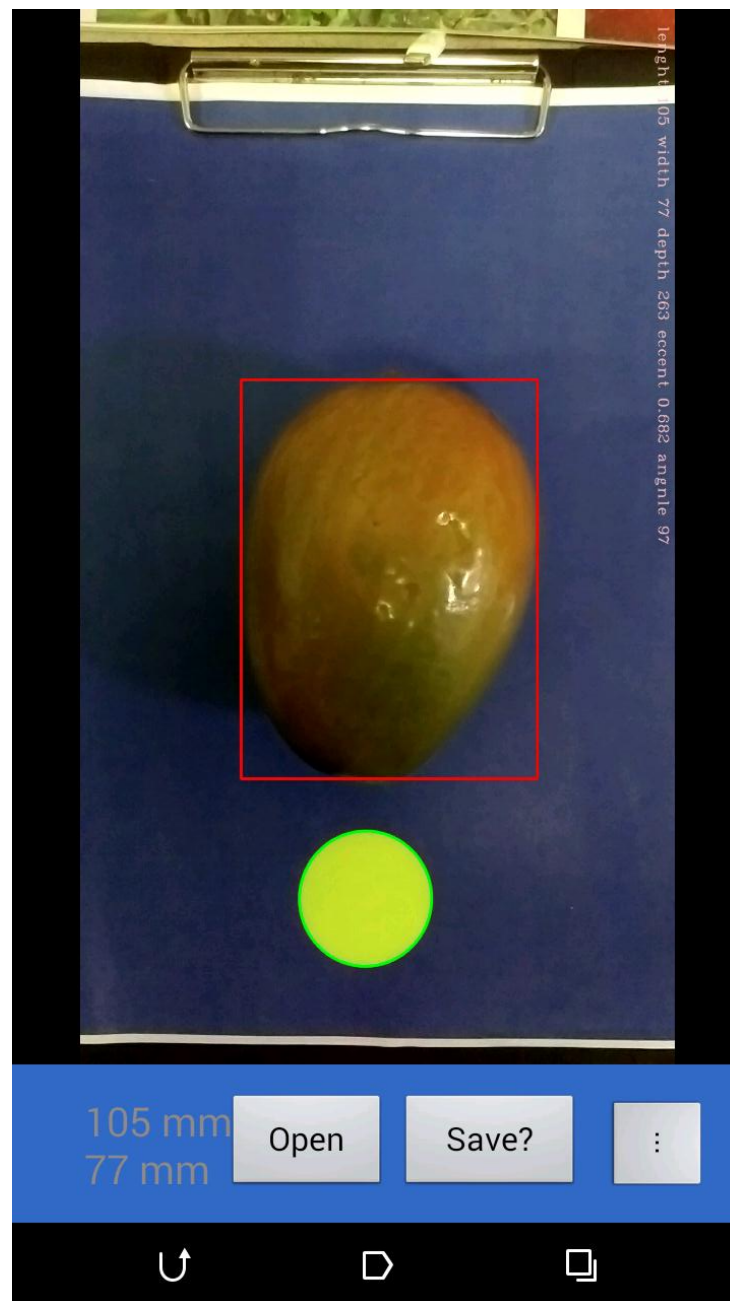
- cost
- night imaging
- occlusion of fruit size estimation to ca 5 mm



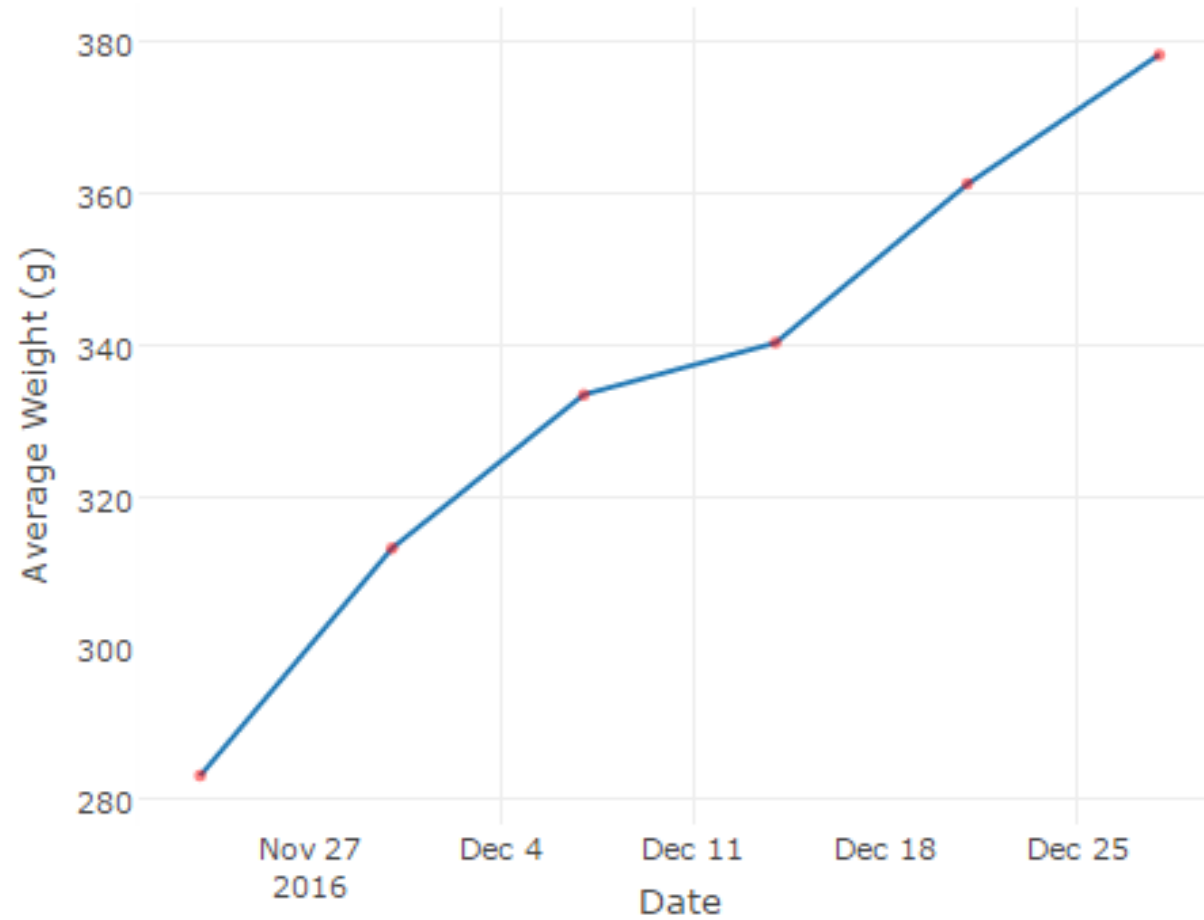
a mobile phone app to measure fruit size  
(& weight)



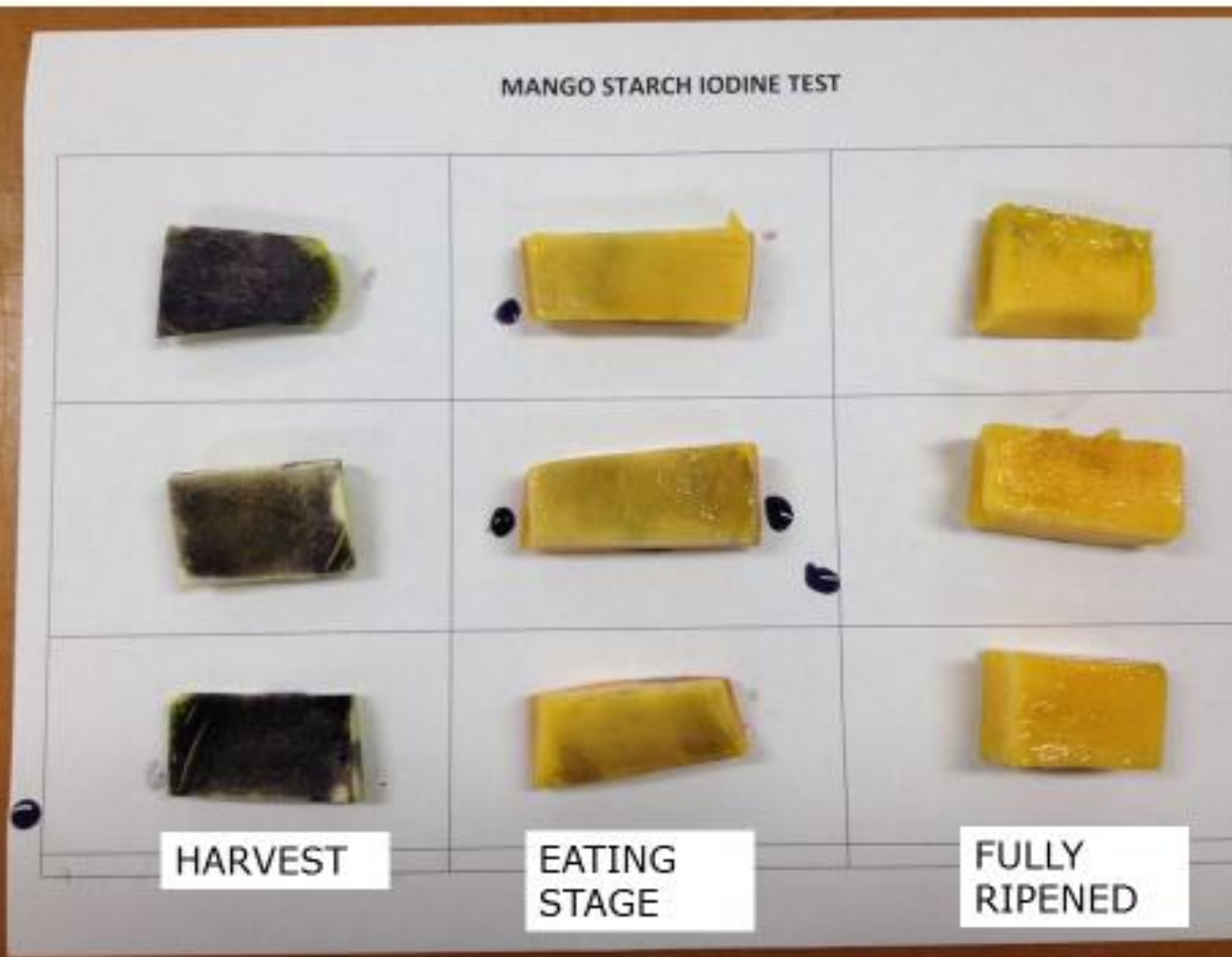




Rate of increase: 2.6 g/day







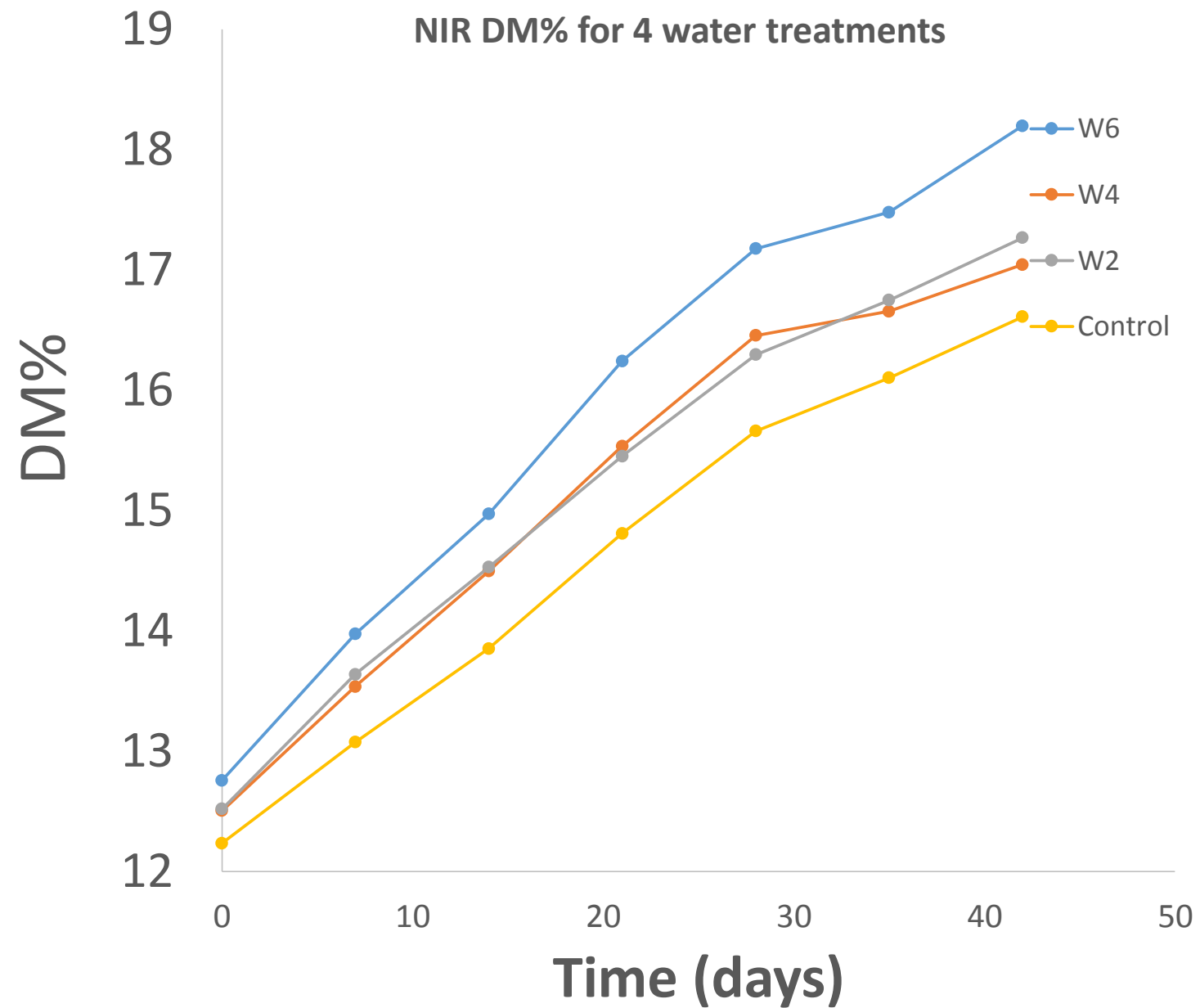
# Dry matter

>15%DM for > 14 Bx  
for **eating quality** (KP, Calypso)

%DM to index **harvest maturity**  
(depends on growing conditions)

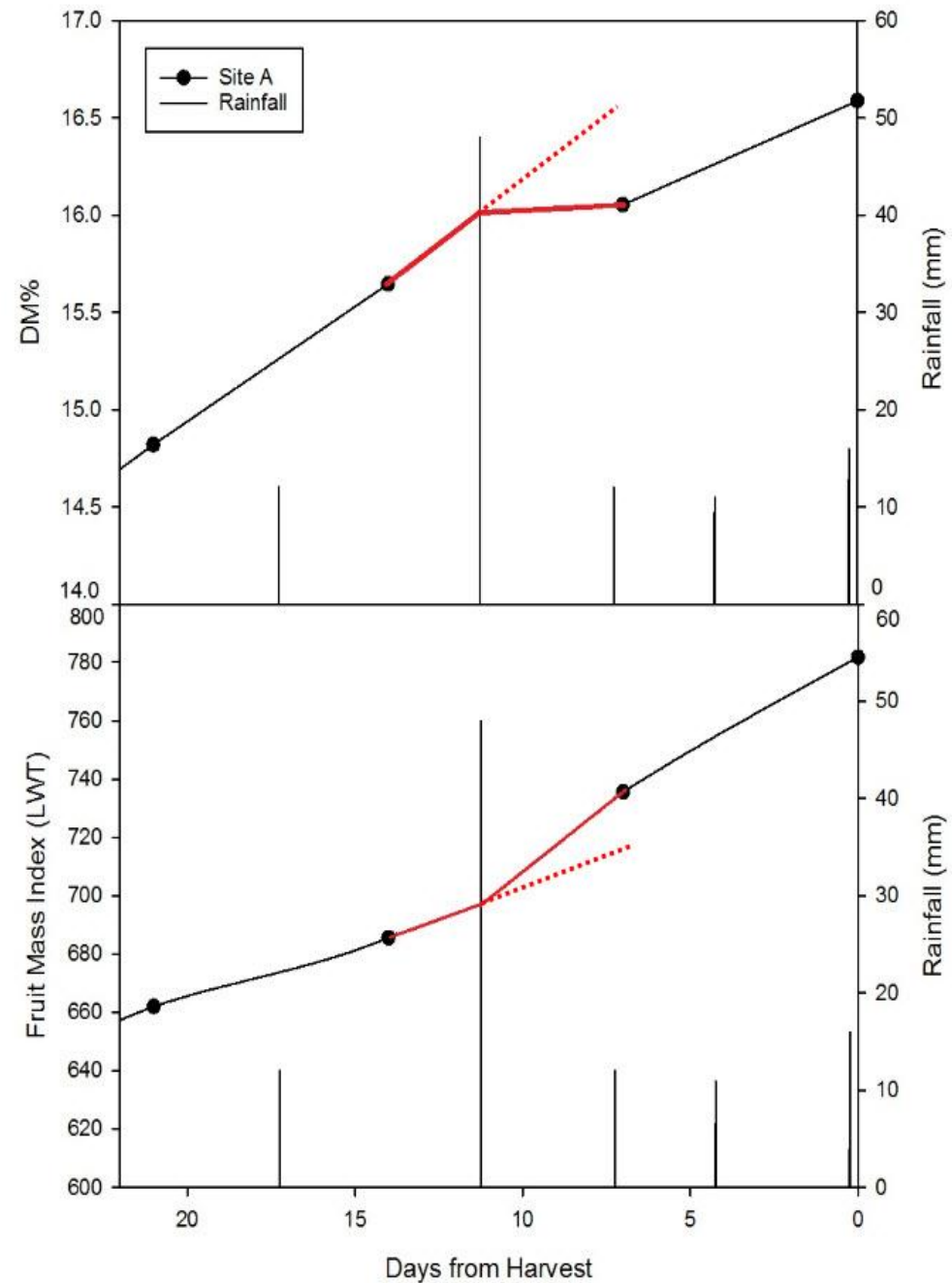






the effect  
of a rain  
event....

2015



# Agronomic manipulations to increase DM%

Thinning improved DM%, however yield was dramatically decreased.

Girdling lacked an effect, data not shown.

Water denials of 2, 4, and 6 weeks increased DM%, without an impact to fruit size.

Water denials of 8 and 10 weeks greatly increased DM%, however decreased yield; data not shown.

Harvest DM% is variable between seasons and growing districts.

Recommendation – a water denial treatment of 2-4 weeks before harvest can improve eating quality.

Harvest DM%					
Treatment	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5
Control	15.5	17.7	18.8	17.1	16.5
Thinning	17.0				
Water denial - 2 wk					17.6
Water denial - 4 wk		19.4	18.8		17.2
Water denial - 6 wk			19.4		18.3



# a management support tool....

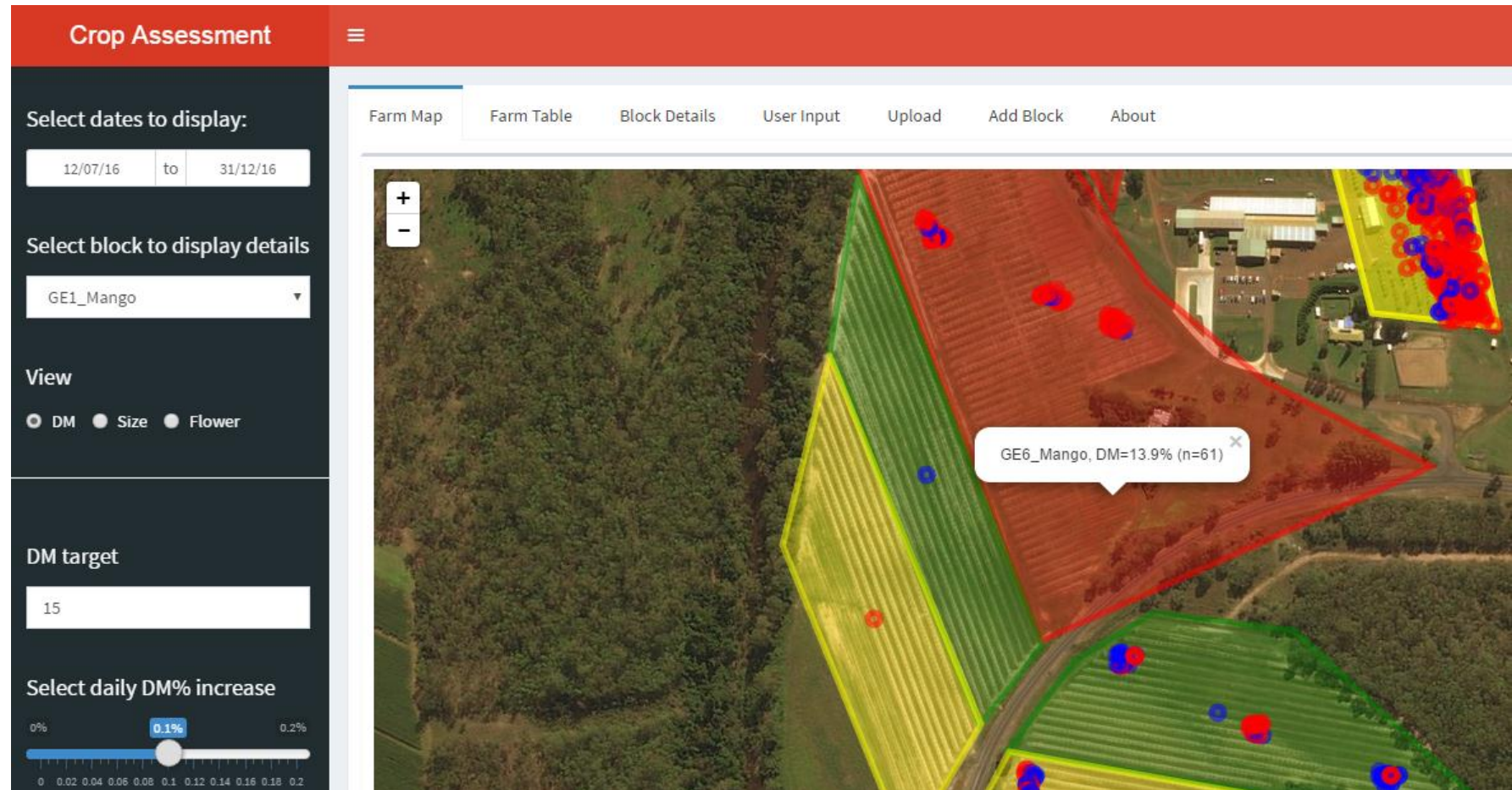
<https://www.fruitmaps.com>

Harvest maturity  
estimated by:

1. Flowering date
2. Heat units
3. Fruit size
4. DM

Crop yield from:

1. In field counts
2. MV



Select dates to display:

12/07/16

to

31/12/16

Select block to display details

GE1\_Mango



View

☐ DM ☒ Size ☐ Flower

Farm Map

Farm Table

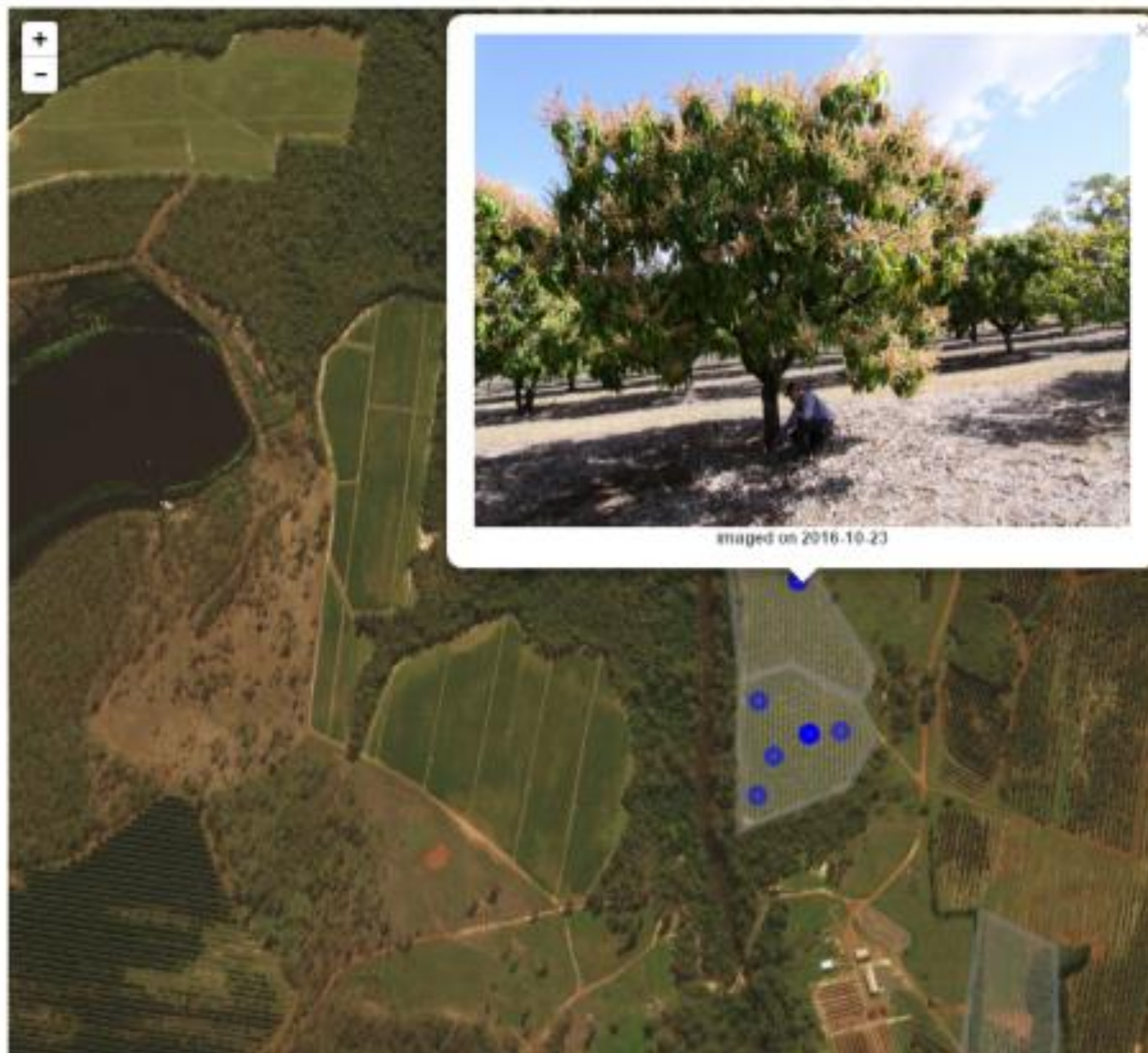
Block Details

User Input

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Add Block

About



Crop Assessment

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DM target

15

Farm MapFarm TableBlock DetailsUser InputUploadAdd BlockAbout

Show 15 entries

Search

Block	Last Test	Sampled Fruit #	Ave. DM% (31/12/2016)	% Fruit < 15	Target Pick 1
GE1_Mango	2016-12-14	848	14.5	68.4	2017-01-23
GE2_Mango	2016-12-12	60	13.7	93.3	2017-01-25
GE3_Mango	2016-12-12	27	14.3	81.5	2017-01-17
GE4_Mango	2016-12-12	60	14.1	88.3	2017-01-18
GE5_Mango	2016-12-09	1	17.8	0.0	2016-12-04
GE6_Mango	2016-12-12	61	13.9	86.9	2017-01-25
GE7_Mango	2016-12-09	1	19.0	0.0	2016-11-23

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Block	Last Test	Sampled Fruit #	Ave. Weight (g)
All_blocks	2016-12-28	780	331
GE1_Mango	2016-12-28	333	337
GE4_Mango	2016-12-28	53	268
GE3_Mango	2016-12-28	40	300
GE16_Mango	2016-12-28	29	320
GE2_Mango	2016-12-28	7	364
GE5_Mango	2016-12-28	7	367



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Farm Map

Farm Table

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User Input

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Add Block

About

GE1\_MANGO

### Summary

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Flower Images

60

% flowering event 1

40

% flowering event 2

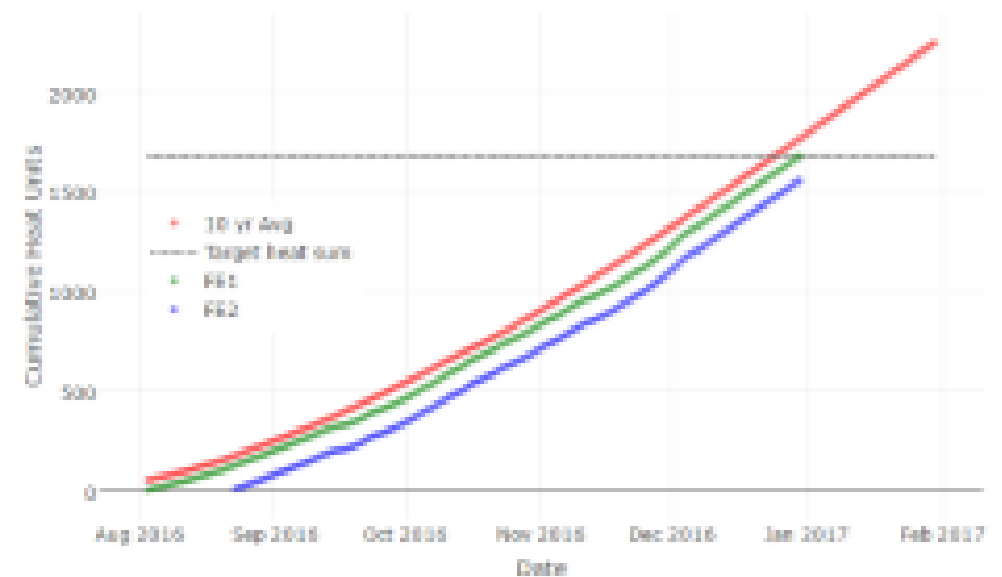
2017-01-01

projected pick date for flower event 1

2017-01-08

projected pick date for flower event 2

### Heat Sum Plot





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