

The future of sustainable crop protection Maud van Well, consultant soft fruit

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Changing perspective to sustainable ways of growing

- ◆ Healthy plants
- Monitoring systems
- Ways of responding

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Sustainable growing methods

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Guideline for healthy plants

- ❖ Resistant/tolarent against pests and diseases
- ◆ Adequate amount of water and nutrients
- ❖ Fitting climate
- ◆ Biostimulants?





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Pests and diseases

♥ IPM







Adequate amount of nutrients and water



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Fitting climate

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Biostimulants

- ◆ Relatively new
- ❖ Preventative
- Microbial/non-microbial
- ♦ No admission necessary
- ◆ Moment of applying
- ◆ Diffucult to determine the effect



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Monitoring systems



Ways of responding

- ◆ Mechanical control
- ◆ Biological control
- ◆ Chemical control



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Mechanical control

◆ Sticky traps

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- ◆ Netting around field
- ❖ Products like Siltac, phisical



Biological control

- Standard in many soft fruit cultivations
- Macrobials
- Microbials
- ◆ Natural products



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Chemical control

- ◆ Last step
- ◆ Selective products

❖ Rotation between products, FRAC + IRAC





Make a plan

♦ PDCA → Plan, Do, Check, Act





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Conclusion

- Monitor the crop
- ❖ Act based on knowledge
- ❖ Evaluate your actions
- Improve your cultivation based on new experiences, knowledge and research







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