

New Technology for Commercial Vegetable and Fruit Production (IX)

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

County: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

Pre-test

Name: _____ (Use the **same** name or symbol for pre- and post-tests)

1. The instrument VERIS is used for one of the following measurements.

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| a. Soil nutrients. | d. Soil mapping. |
| b. Plant height. | e. Soil minerals. |
| c. Soil EC. | f. All the above. |

2. NDVI does NOT stand for Normalized difference vegetative index.

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| a. True. | b. False. |
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3. The difference between active and passive sensors is:

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| a. Active sensors work automatically | c. Active sensors have their light source |
| b. Passive sensors need human help to operate | d. Passive sensors have their light source |
| | e. Both sensors depend on sunlight |

4. What is the one thing you need to know before making a diagnosis.

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| a. The orchard history. | c. How the problem developed. |
| b. What a healthy plant looks like. | d. All the above. |

5. What is the difference between a symptom and a sign?

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| a. A sign must always be seen with a microscope. | c. A symptom is the first indication of a pathogen and a sign is proof of a pathogen. |
| b. Symptoms are on the plant first. | d. All the above. |

6. What specific characteristic distinguishes a nutritional deficiency from a pathological or pest symptom.

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| a. Nutritional deficiencies are generally symmetrical. | c. Nutritional deficiency symptoms are different for different tree species. |
| b. Nutritional deficiency symptoms do not change over time. | d. All the above. |

7. Which of the below new diagnostic tool/s can identify a causal pathogen with high specificity and sensitivity

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| a. Multi-spectral sensor. | c. Raman spectroscopy |
| b. Hyper-spectral sensor | d. Recombinase polymerase amplification |

8. Which of the below new diagnostic tool/s uses laser and captures molecular vibrations as the approach in analysis?
- a. Multi-spectral sensor
 - b. Hyper-spectral sensor
 - c. Raman spectroscopy
 - d. Recombinase polymerase amplification
9. Which of the below new diagnostic tool/s uses neural network as the approach in analysis.
- a. Multi-spectral sensor
 - b. Hyper-spectral sensor
 - c. Raman spectroscopy
 - d. Machine learning and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
10. What are the weed management challenges for the future?
- a. Increasing demand for food production
 - b. Decreasing herbicide tolerance by the weeds
 - c. Increasing number of new herbicide chemistries
 - d. All the above
11. Select the appropriate statement regarding slow-release herbicide carriers?
- a. They decrease herbicide retention in the soil
 - b. They potentially improve crop-safety
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. They reduce carry-over toxicity to subsequent crops
 - e. All the above
12. Which is NOT a benefit of planting cover crops?
- a. Reduce weeds
 - b. Reduce soil erosion
 - c. Reduce soil moisture
 - d. Reduce soil compaction
13. True or false: Legumes can contribute to soil nitrogen concentrations because of a symbiotic relationship with a specific type of bacteria.?
- a. True
 - b. False
14. Which of the following ARE questions that you should ask when evaluating soil microbial amendments:
- a. What is the concentration of organisms being added?
 - b. What are the conditions required for inoculation?
 - c. Has the amendment been used with your crop of choice before?
 - d. a and b
 - e. a, b, and c
15. What is the primary challenge to optimizing N uptake by crops in organic systems?
- a. Regulations
 - b. Synchronizing N availability with crop demand
 - c. Excess precipitation
 - d. Germplasm not ideal for organic systems
 - e. Fertilizer technology
16. Which factor is the least important in the development of a nitrogen BMP for organic carrots?
- a. Irrigation and precipitation rates
 - b. Nutrients are sourced from plants and animals
 - c. Nitrogen contribution from cover crops and/or weeds
 - d. The rate of plant development