



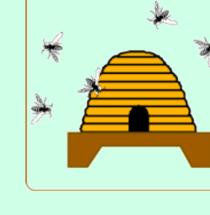






Targeted precision biocontrol and pollination enhancement in organic cropping systems

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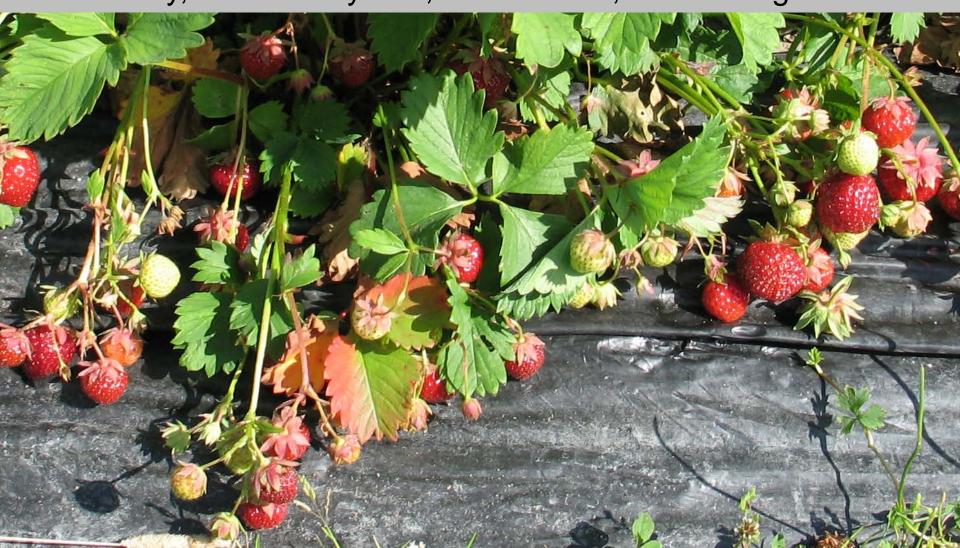


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- EU is the biggest producer of strawberries in the world
- Turkey is third most important strawberry producer in the world
- Strawberry is in Finland the 12th most valuable agricultural commodity, in Germany 15th, Estonia 15th, and in Belgium 16th



TARGET: Grey mould Botrytis cinerea





Grey mould colonizes the anthers of strawberries



In Finland grey mould causes annually10-20 % yield loss and ≈ 5 million euro economic loss



Biocontrol product

Powdery formulation of *G. catenulatum*, produced by the Finnish company Verdera. It is included in Annex I of the EU Directive 91/414/EEC, and is accepted for use in organic farming.

Verdera



The powder contains about $10^7 - 10^9$ spores (cfu)/g



A bee leaving the hive carries about 10^3-10^4 spores (cfu) A mean of $\approx 10^3$ spores (cfu)/flower has been measured

A few hundred spores (cfu)/flower are needed for control ...

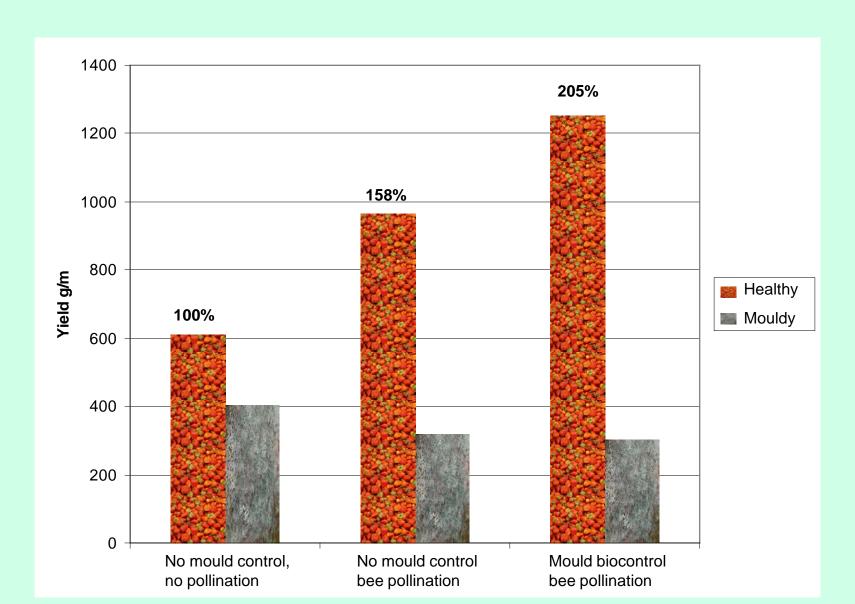




Impact of bee-pollination and bee-vectored biocontrol of grey mould on the marketable strawberry yield on an organic farm

Hevonniemi organic farm, Vehmersalmi, summer 2008

http://www.hevonniemi.fi



Partners in the BICOPOLL project

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1	Coordinator	UHEL	University of Helsinki, Department of Agricultural Sciences	Finland
2	Partner	LAVES	Lower Saxony State Institute for Consumer Protection and Food Safety, Institute for Bee Research and Apiculture	Germany
3	Partner	EULS	Estonian University of Life Sciences, Department of Plant Protection	Estonia
4	Partner	UGHE	Ghent University, Department of Crop Protection	Belgium
5	Partner	NIB	National Institute of Biology	Slovenia
6	Partner	ITACAA	Agricultural and Environment Center Association, Laboratory of Organic Agriculture	Italy
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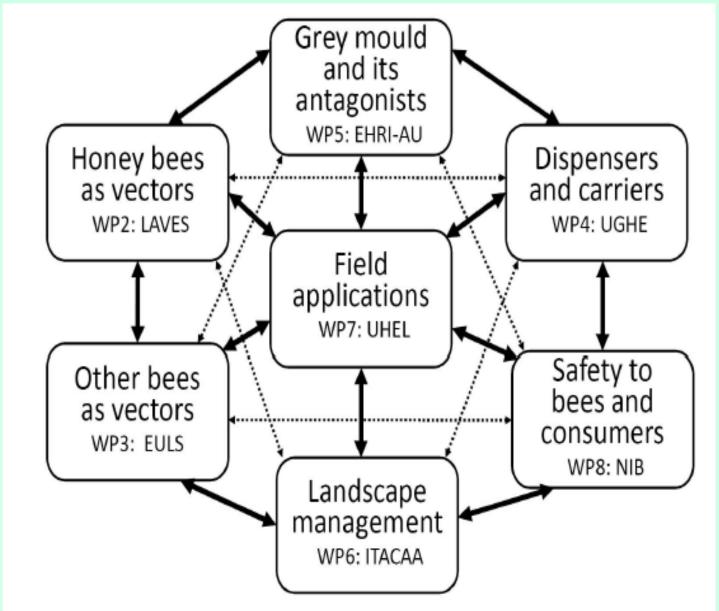


Figure 1. Relationships between work-packages 2-7 in BICOPOLL (lead Partner indicated after the WP nr)



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CORE organic II





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Main problem to the coordinator: the national 'full-cost' funding model, leaving us only about 11'800 €/year for project coordination and research ...

Fortunately most Partners have adequate funding for their work.







Thank you for your attention

