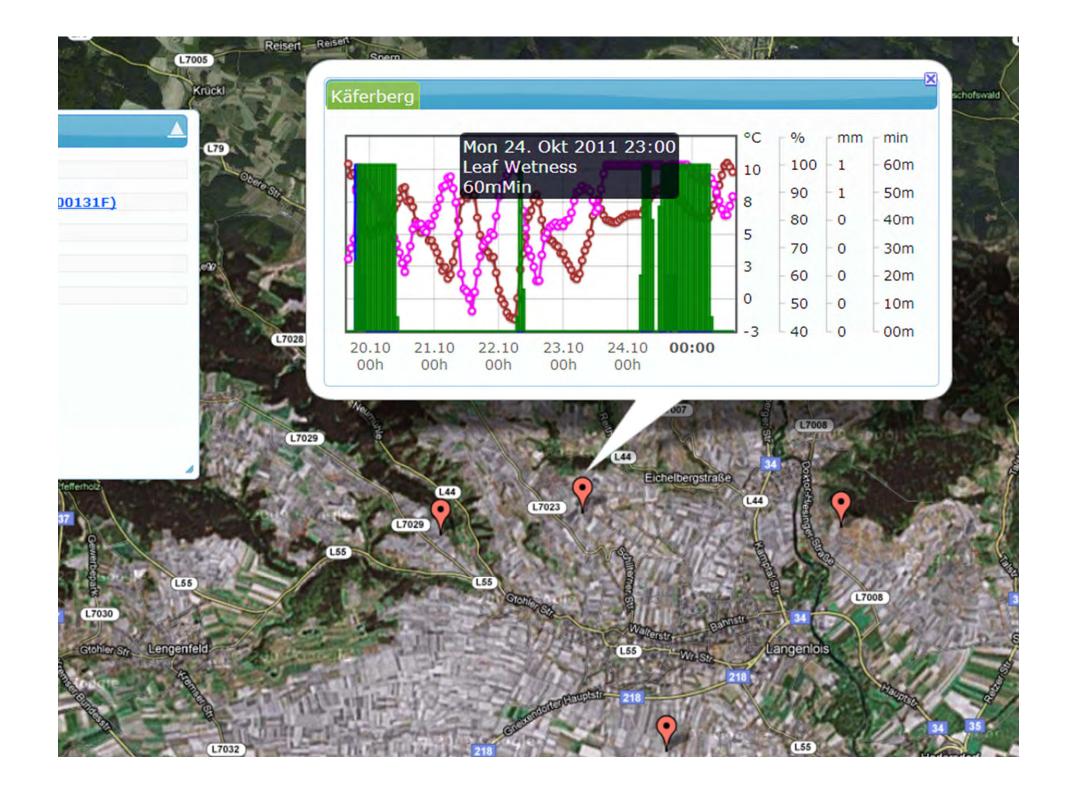
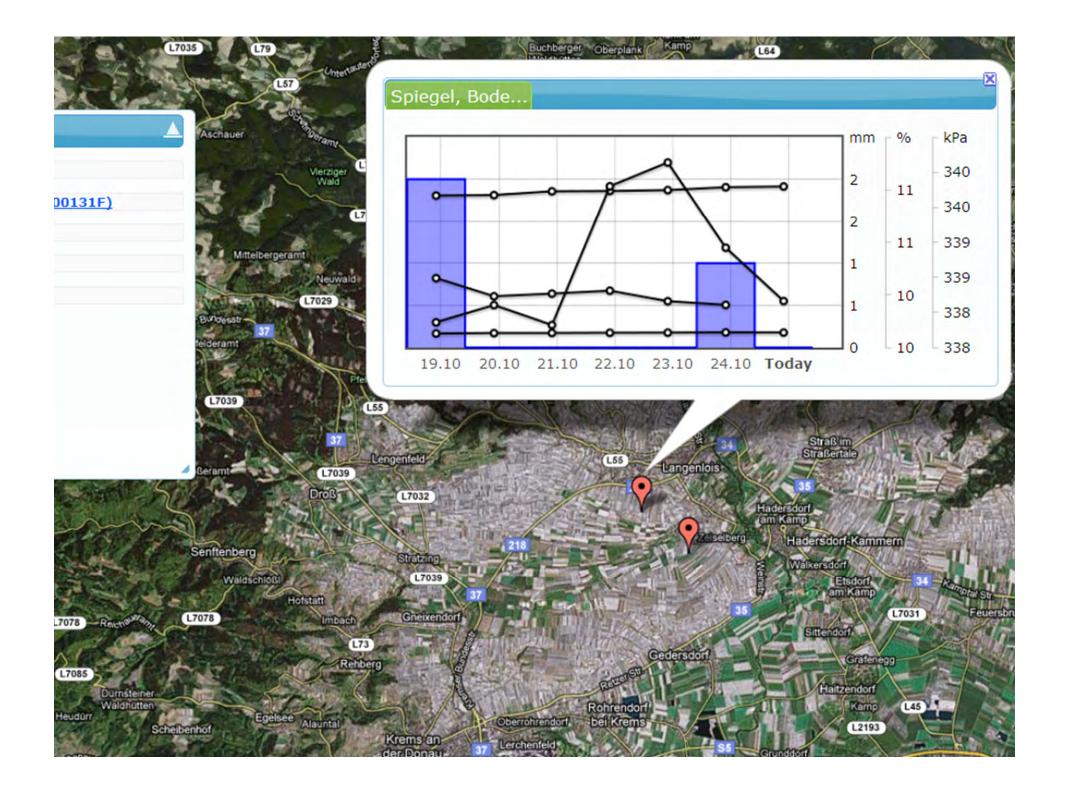
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Establishing Information systems for crops to enable better pest and disease management.

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Short Introduction of Pessl Instruments and iMETOS

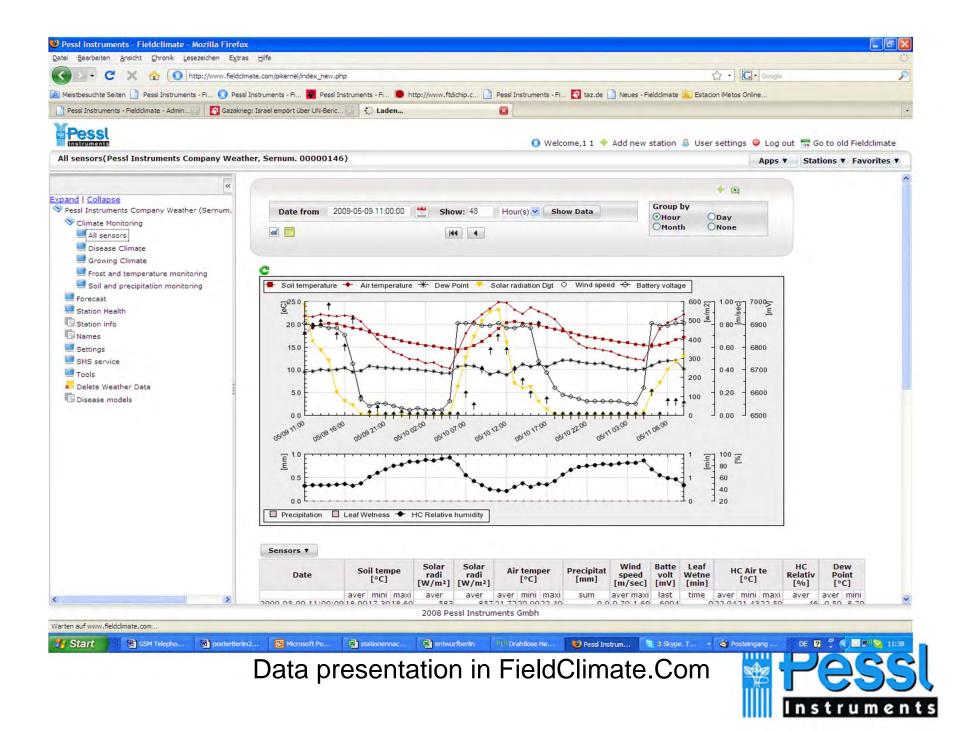
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What are we working for?

- Climate Information for Farming decisions
 - How favorable is the weather for a specific crop, variety …
 - Talking about the weather
- Disease progress or disease pressure information as an output of plant disease models
 - May there be disease problems, high pressure, unusal diseases..
 - What are the important treatments
 - Does my product fit to the disease situation..
- Train farmers for better understanding of diseases
- Give Evapotranspiration data to farmers for better irrigation
- Use soil moisture measurement in irrigation trials for better understanding in soil water behavior
- Making Irrigation designs simpler
- Making Irrigation Control more comfortable to use





IMETOS

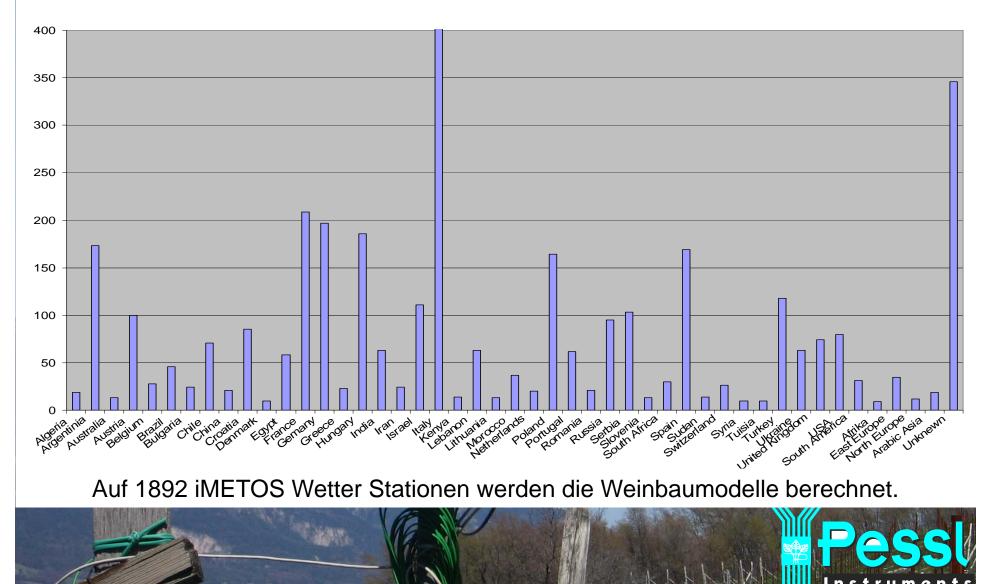
- GPRS or CSD-Dial in based internet connection
- SMS alert messages for
 - Frost
 - Soil Moisture
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- Climate sensors for
 - Disease models
 - Evapotranspiration
 - ...
- Soil moisture sensors
 - Watermak
 - Tensiometer
 - Ech₂o Probes
 - Sentek Enviroscan
 - Sentek easy ag
 - Sentek TriScan
- Temperature Monitoring in
 - Silos
 - Plastic Tunnels
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5100 iMETOS Climate or Soil Moisture Stations in Field



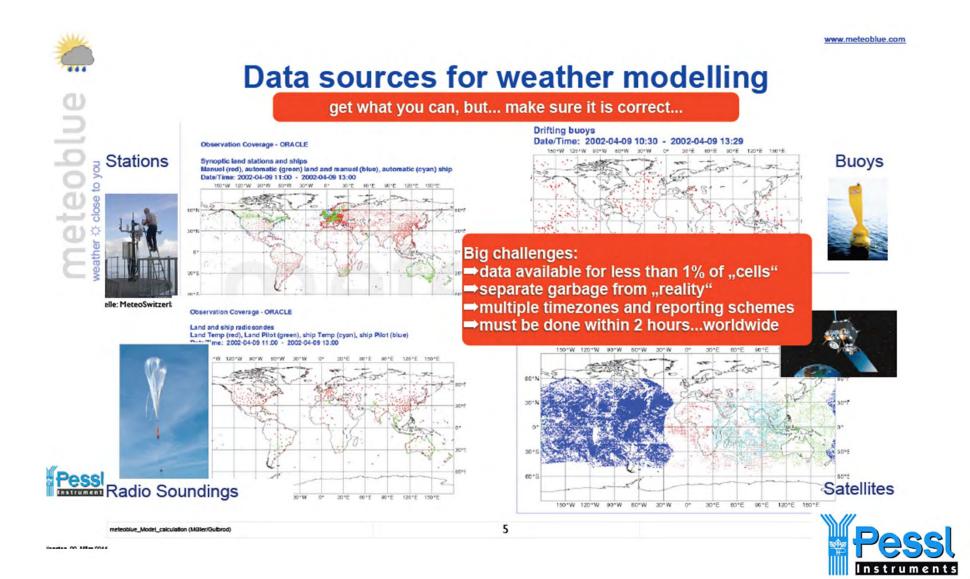
iMETOS trap: Sending daily pictures of trapped insects onto FieldClimate.Com



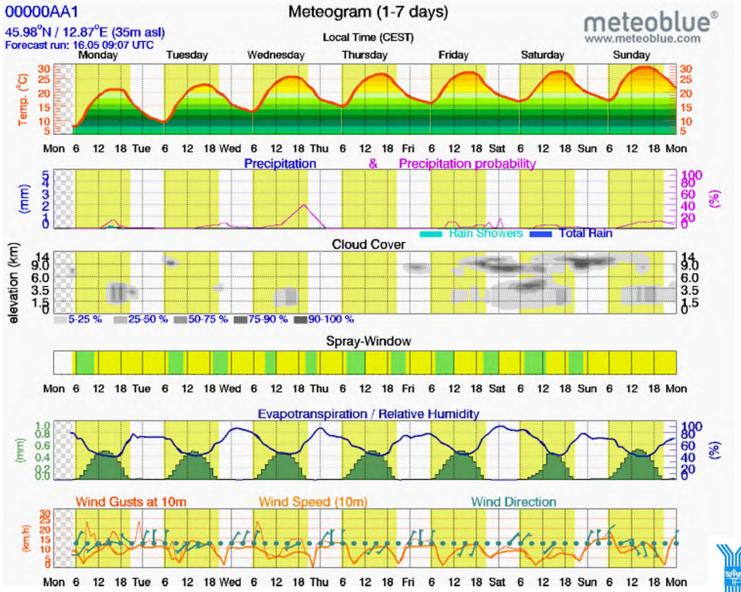


- Making use of cost effective cameras
- Using overall availability of GPRS
- Giving easy and from everywhere available access on the insect flight monitoring done by pheromone traps

iMeteo – Precision Weather forecast



Graphic

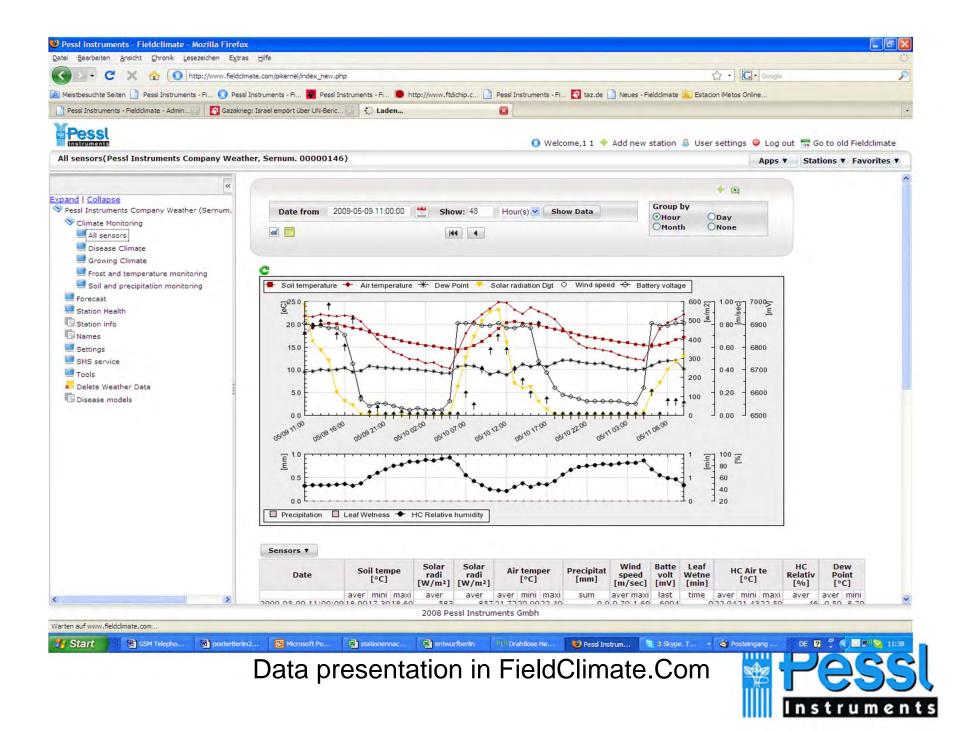


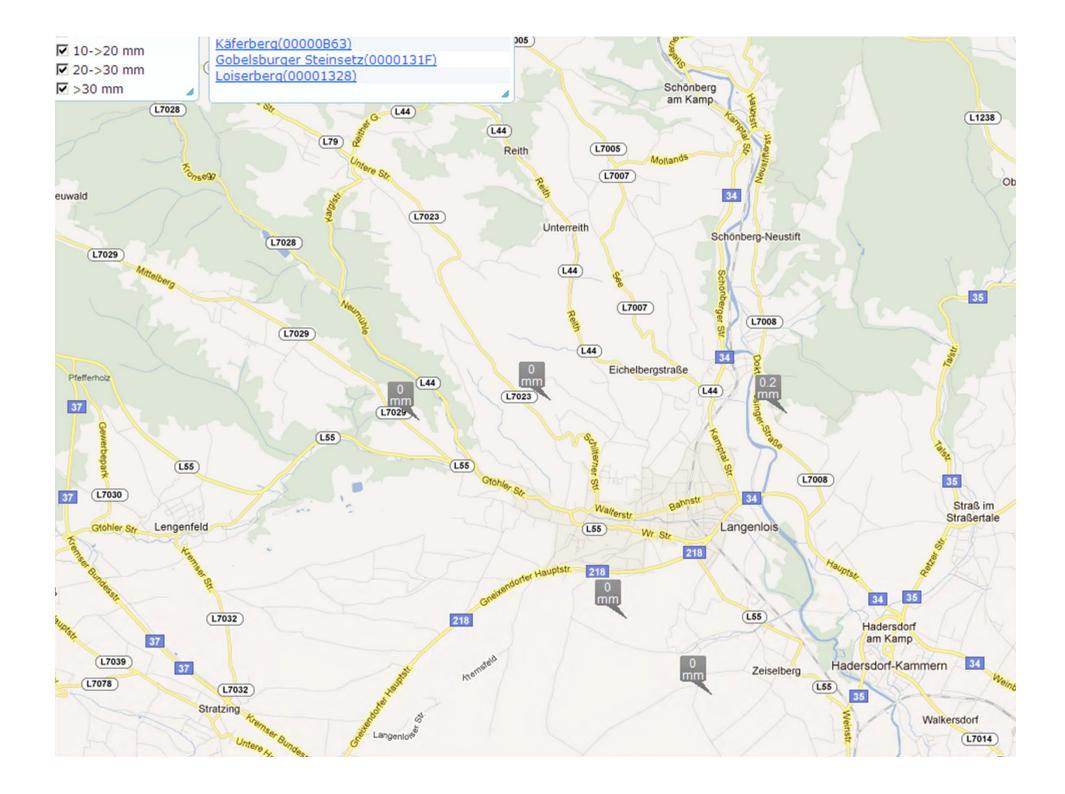


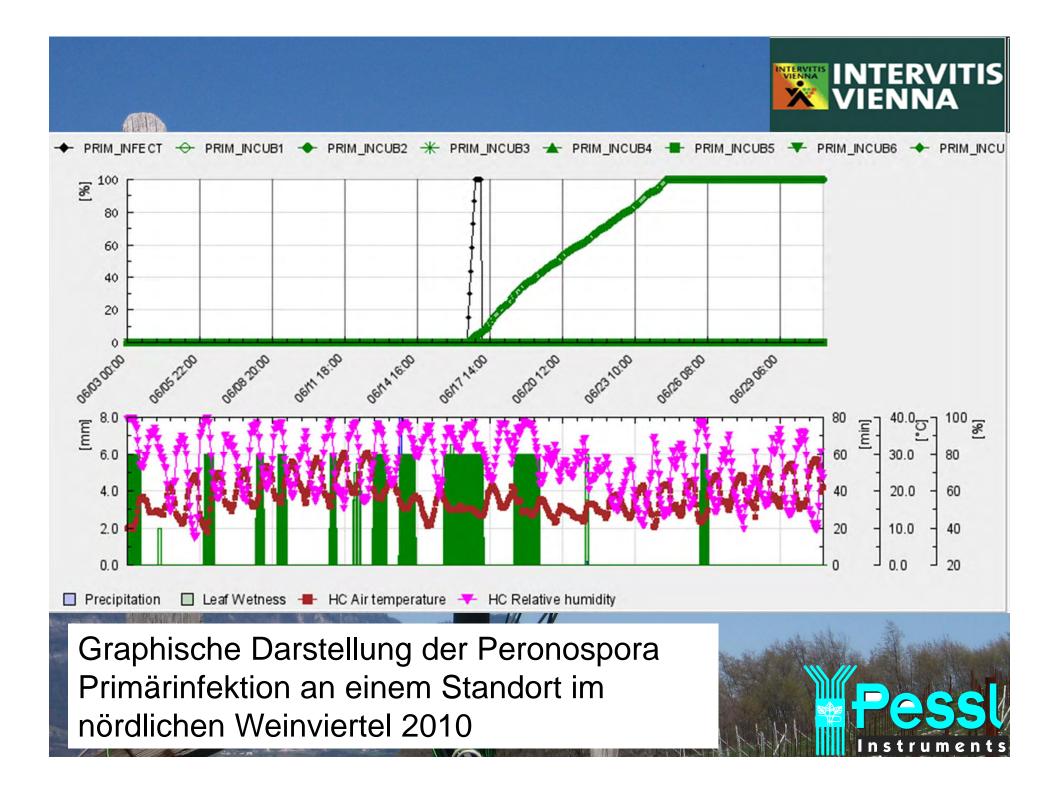
iMETOS = Internet based

- GPRS or CSD-Dial in based internet connection
- Sends data periodically to a web based database
- Database is hosted by
 - Pessl Instruments
 - Pessl Instruments and mirrored by client organization
 - Client organization
- PHP MySQL or PostgreSQL scripts available
- Station settings and data handling needs web browser no PC software









Disease Models List

Please select the plant, for which you would like to learn more about the pest and disease decision support systems.



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SugarBeet Cherries



Using iMETOS Electronic Weather Stations in the Control of Black Sigatoka

> The FieldClimate.Com Sigatoka Information System

Pessl Instruments GmbH., Weiz, Austria July 2009



HD5 Dack Sigatoka Infection Model on base of Weater Data



- Conidia formation and discharge: 24 hours of 27°C with more than 70% relative humidity will lead to the optimum conidia formation. Discharge can by by dry wind and by water droplets (Gauel, F. 1989).
- Ascospore discharge: Every rain and every dew period will lead to ascospore discharge (Gauel, F. 1989)..
- Infection is finished under optimum conditions 27°C within 12 hours of leaf wetness or relative humidity >= 91%. It can only start with leaf wetness. Under sub optimum conditions 17°C or 37°C it will take 48 hours (Gauel, F. 1989). Germinated Conidia and Ascospore which can not finish infection will dye.



Heiner Denzer; 30.06.2009

HD7 ungicide Coverage Models on base of Weater Data



- Looking for wash of do to rain
 - The rate is depending on rain stability of the formulation. Big differences within the same active ingreedient do to differences in formulaitons
- Looking for plant growth rate
 - Leafs are infected immidiately when they start to unfold
 - It is importend to know if there has been a new leaf since the last spray



HD7 Another important impact in the successful control of Black Sigatoka is given by the pesticide coverage over time. This is influenced by pesticide persistence which is depending on the chemical and physical feasibilities of the product. The rainfall since the application and the rain stability of the product and most important the number of leafs expanded since the last application. Heiner Denzer; 30.06.2009

Elements of the Sigatoka Information on FieldClimate.Com



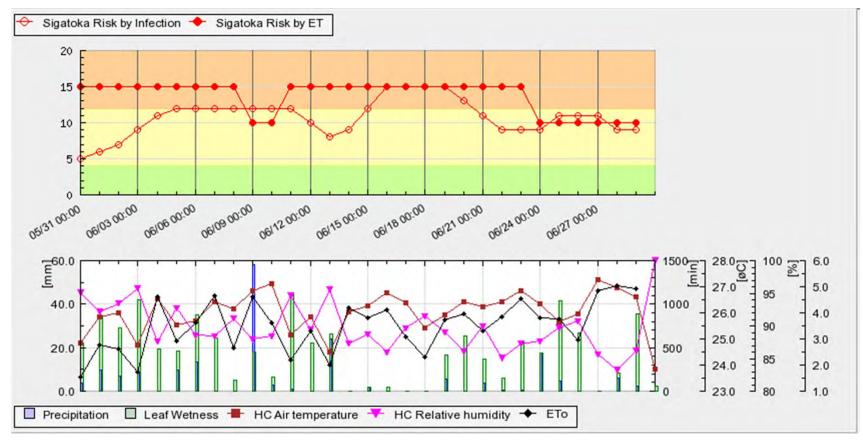
- Sigatoka Risk by
 - Evapotranspiration
 - Infection and intensity of rain at the begin of infection
- Sigatoka Infection
 - Conidia Fromation
 - Ascospore Discharge
 - Infection
- Fungicide Presence
 - Looking for wash of do to rain
 - Looking for plant growth rate



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HD8 We wanted to choin all thees elements together to a Black Sigatoka Information System. Heiner Denzer; 30.06.2009

HD9



Black Sigatoka Risk in a Banana Orchard in Costa Rica in June 2009



HD9 Both models are showing the Sigatoka Risk in this period mostly to be very high. Heiner Denzer; 30.06.2009

Sigatoka Conidia Formation Conditions on FieldClimate.Com



If relative humidity is >= 70% Conidia formation is possible and reaches the maximum level :

- At 12°C 14°C after 96 hours
- At 15°C 17°C after 48 hours
- At 18°C 26°C after 32 hours
- At 27°C 30°C after 24 hours
- At 31°C 33°C after 32 hours
- At 34°C 36°C after 96 hours



Sigatoka Ascospore Formation Conditions on FieldClimate.Com



If relative humidity is >= 70% Ascospore formation is possible and reaches the maximum level (100%):

- At 12°C 14°C after 192 hours
- At 15°C 17°C after 96 hours
- At 18°C 26°C after 64 hours
- At 27°C 30°C after 48 hours
- At 31°C 33°C after 64 hours
- At 34°C 36°C after 96 hours

The leaf wetness needed for ascospore discharge is part of the infection model.



Sigatoka Infection Conditions on FieldClimate.Com

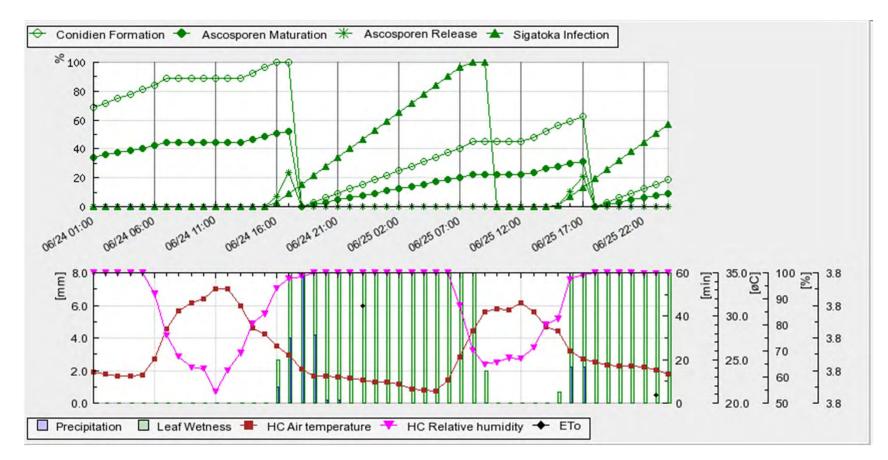


If relative humidity >= 90% follows a leaf wetness period Infection will be completed (100%):

- At 12°C 14°C after 48 hours
- At 15°C 17°C after 24 hours
- At 18°C 26°C after 16 hours
- At 27°C 30°C after 12 hours
- At 31°C 33°C after 16 hours
- At 34°C 36°C after 24 hours



HD10



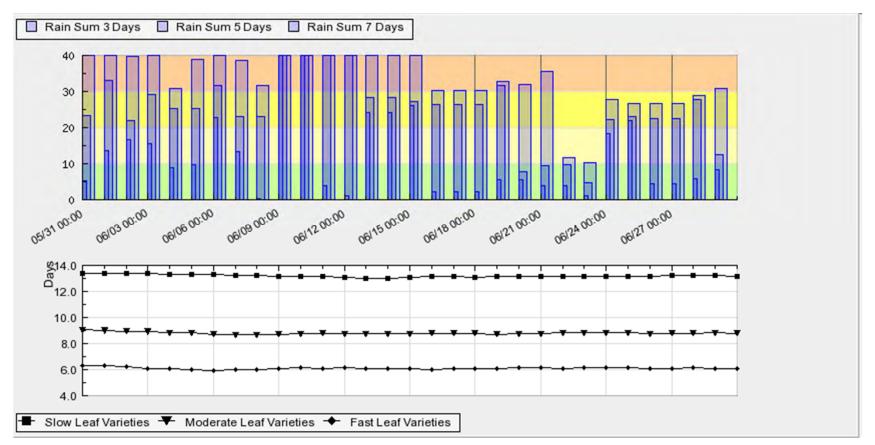
Black Sigatoka Infections, Coidia Fromation, Ascospore Formation and Ascospore discharge presented by FieldClimate.Com



HD10 Do to the high relative humidity lots of conidia and ascospore has been formed during the night and the morning of the 24th of June. The ascospore has been released in the rain in the afternoon of the 24th of June. The leaf wetness period following the rain was long enough for a Black Sigatoka infection.

After the rain conidia and ascospore formation started again. The nect rain in the following afternoon was causing the discharge of the ascospores and a new infeciton started.

Heiner Denzer; 30.06.2009



Rain Sums and Duration needed for Leaf Formation of Banana presented by FieldClimate.Com for a period in June with data from an iMETOS in a banana field in Costa Rica.



ET & Water balance graph - overview



Pessl Instruments – Holistic Approach

