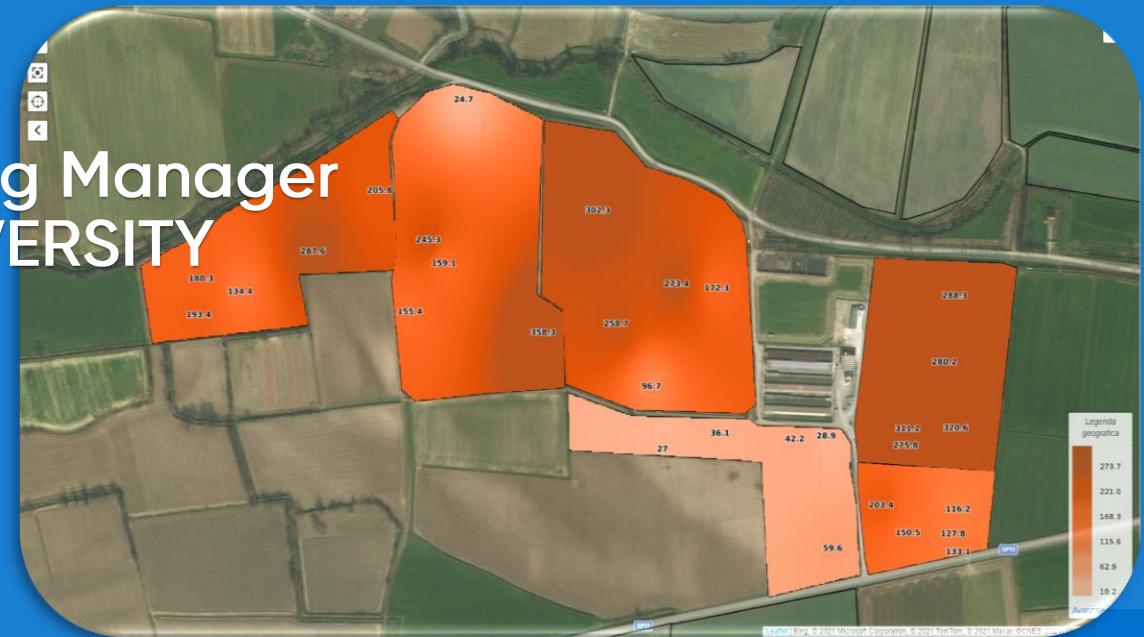




# CORTEVA SOIL SERVICES

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# CORTEVA<sup>TM</sup>

## agriscience

*Merger in 2017*

### Business Highlights

**~14.2B**  
2020 Global  
Net Sales

**\$2.1B**  
2020 Global  
Operating  
EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

**~21K**  
Employees

**100+**  
Crops

**65+**  
Active  
Ingredients

**~140**  
Countries

**~100**  
Production  
and Mfg.  
Facilities

**150+**  
R&D  
Facilities

**10M+**  
Customers



**PIONEER<sup>®</sup>**  
A DUPONT COMPANY

*Founded in 1926*



*Founded in 1897*

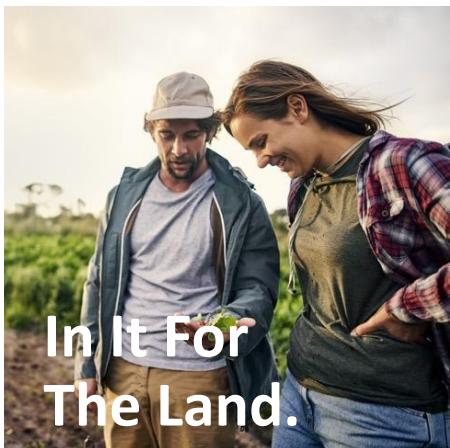


*Founded in 1802*

# OUR 2030 COMMITMENTS TO SUSTAINABILITY



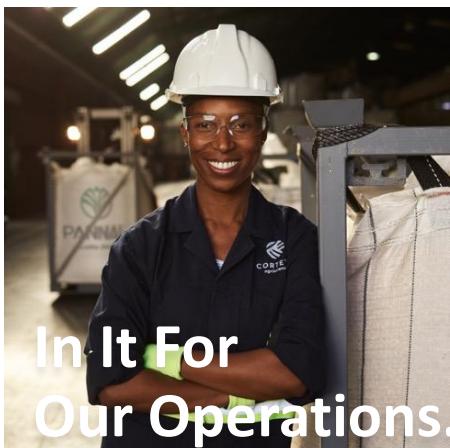
In It For Farmers.



In It For The Land.



In It For Communities.



In It For Our Operations.

**In It for Farmers** focuses on enriching the lives of people at the heart of our food system. Our 10-year commitment includes providing tools and training for farmers to improve their livelihoods and operations, while conserving resources and sustaining the land.

- Provide farmer training
- Enrich smallholder livelihoods
- Enable farming resilience

**In It for the Land** zeroes in on protecting the land, crop yields, and the long-term success of the agriculture industry.

- Improve on-farm soil health
- Advance on-farm water stewardship
- Enhance biodiversity

**In It for Our Communities** is dedicated to uplifting and protecting people throughout the food system and the broader agriculture community.

- Protect health and safety
- Engage with communities
- Volunteer our time
- Increase supply chain transparency

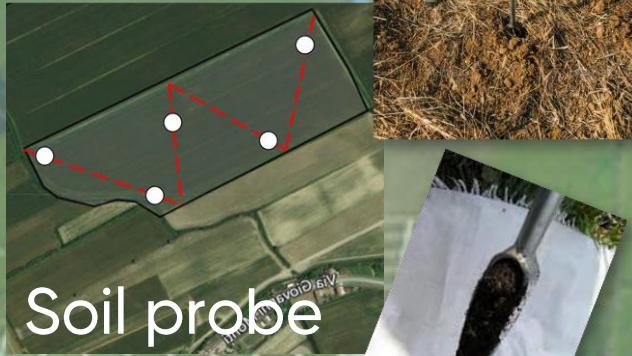
**In It for Our Operations** focuses on increasing sustainability in our own operations and in the solutions we provide to farmers.

- Innovate sustainably
- Reduce our GHG emissions
- Use reusable and recyclable packaging
- Operate sustainably

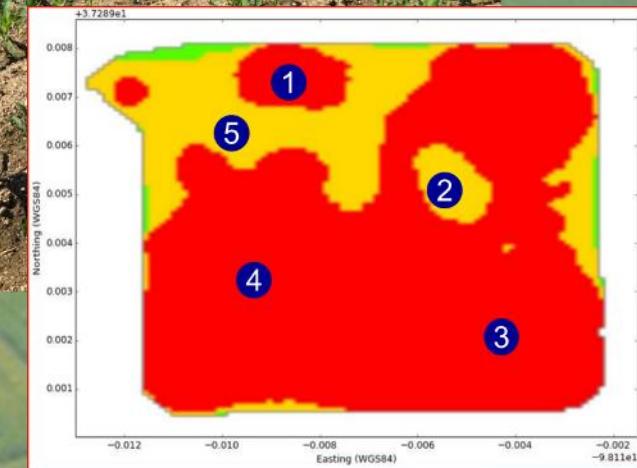
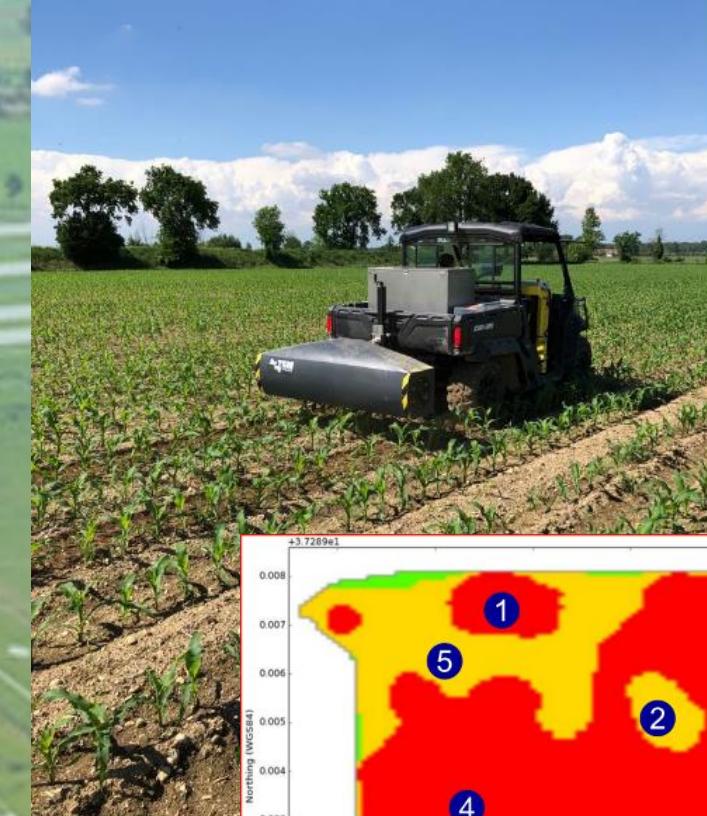
# Sampling Process



Standard Approach



Precision Approach by Grid



# SOIL PROCESS

Soil Samples

Sample preparation:  
sieving at 2 mm



the

Wet chemistry for  
P and K and cations



samples  
only

NIR scanning on 2 mm  
samples and prediction  
of the parameters

around  
year



750-  
week  
season

Aggregation of the data



Delivery of the report

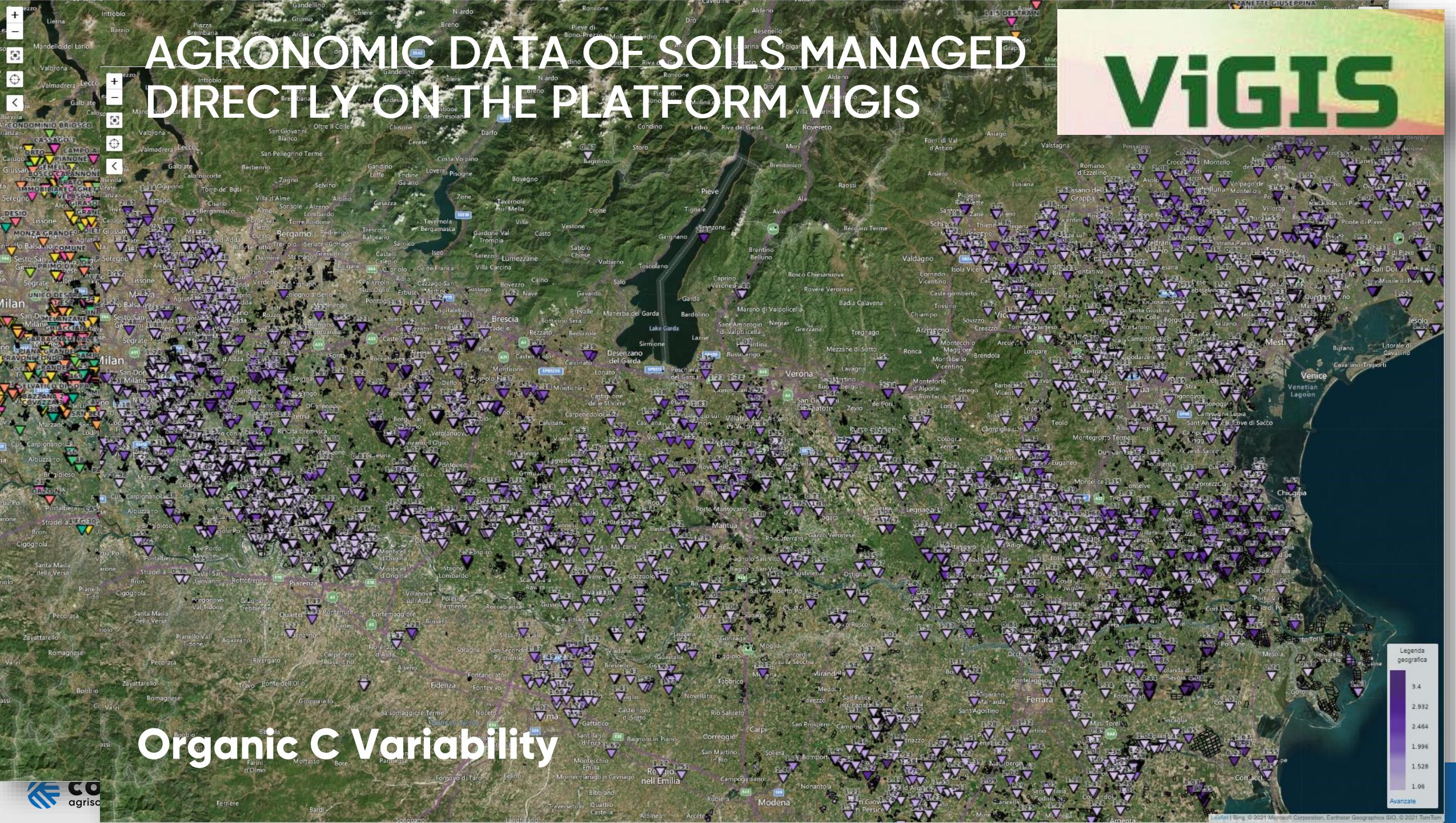


**PROGETTO  
TERRENO**

# AGRONOMIC DATA OF SOILS MANAGED DIRECTLY ON THE PLATFORM VIGIS



## Organic C Variability



# Field level - Average parameters and fertilization suggestions (1 sample/field)



Assimilable  $P_2O_5$

Avg assimilable  $P_2O_5$   
(ppm) 26.84

Exchangeable  $K_2O$

Avg exchangeable  $K_2O$   
(ppm) 199.49

Suggestion  $P_2O_5$

Avg  $P_2O_5$   
(kg/ha) 157.5

Suggestion  $K_2O$

Avg  $K_2O$   
(kg/ha) 237.1

# Field level - Variability inside the field and VR suggestions (more samples/field)



Texture

Loam

Silty clay loam

Clay loam

Clay loam

Clay loam

Loam

Assimilable  $P_2O_5$

43.5

25.6

17

27.1

19

29.8

25.9

Suggestion VR  $P_2O_5$

Kg  
 $P_2O_5/ha$

106  
122  
138  
154  
170  
186

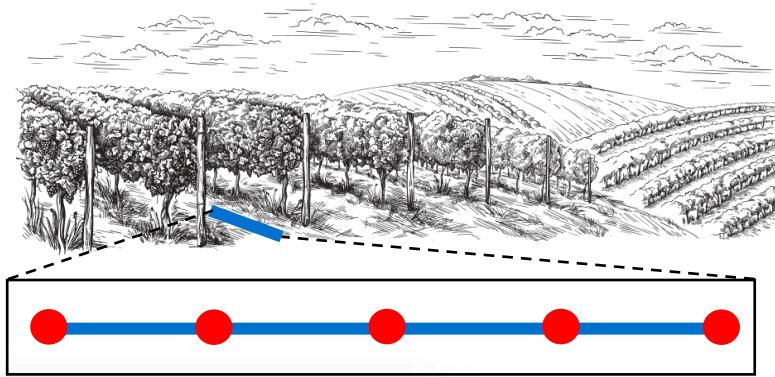
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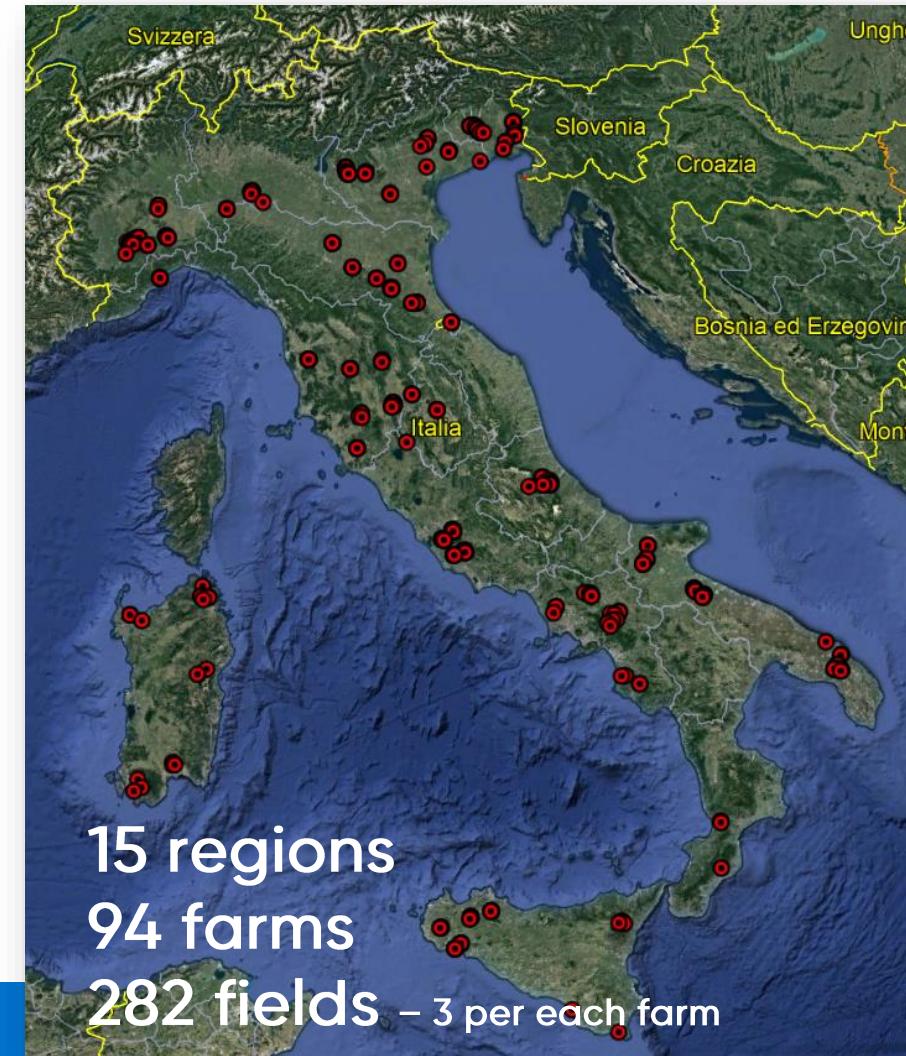
102  
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# Study of Soil Biodiversity through DNA-metabarcoding technique – BEST Project

## *Biodiversity in vineyard agro-ecoSystems – BEST*

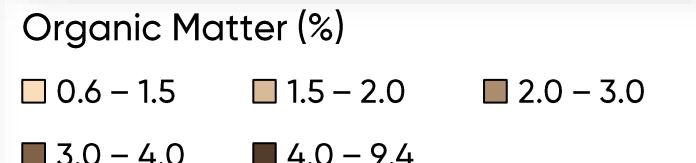
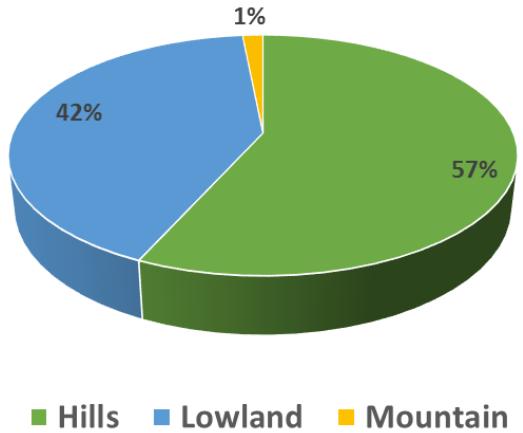


- WineGrapes: one of the main crop in Italy → about 650k Ha
- Many different environments
- Many different agronomic managements and CV
- Made in Italy brand famous worldwide
- Sustainability concept driving the consumers choices



# Study of Soil Biodiversity through DNA-metabarcoding technique – BEST Project

## Environment&Agronomics variability

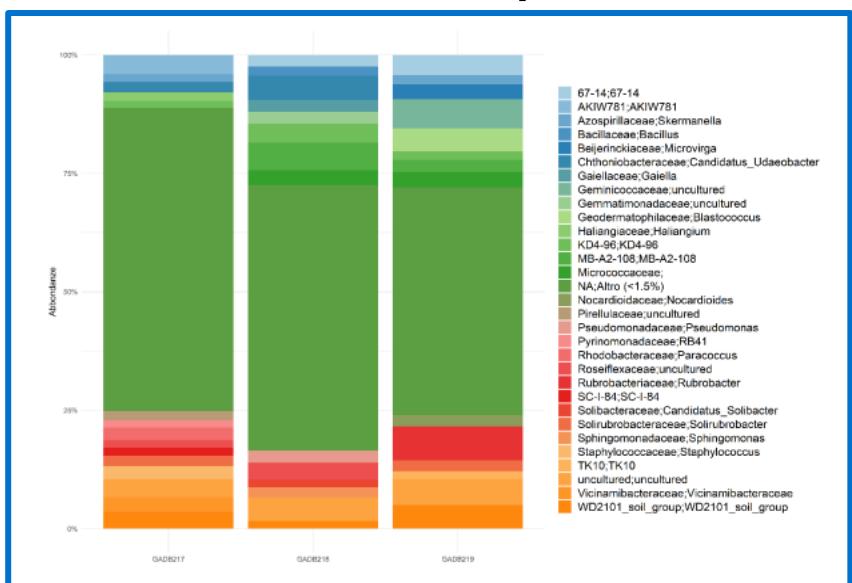


### Texture

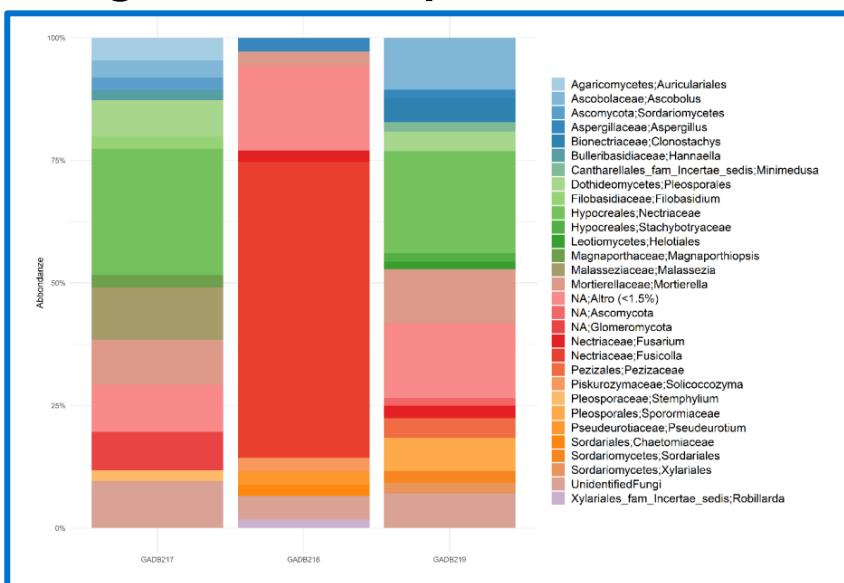
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■ FRANCA	■ ARGILLOSO-LIMOSA
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# Intra farm variability

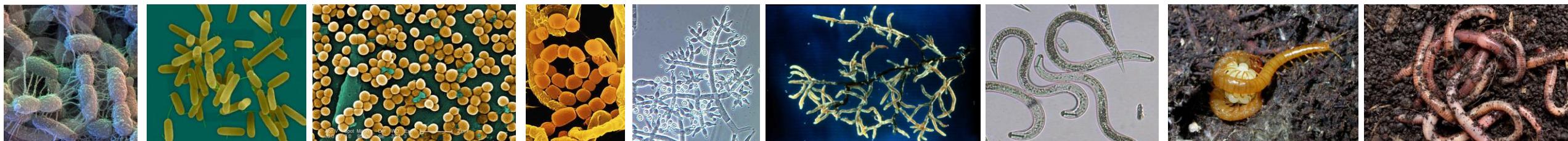
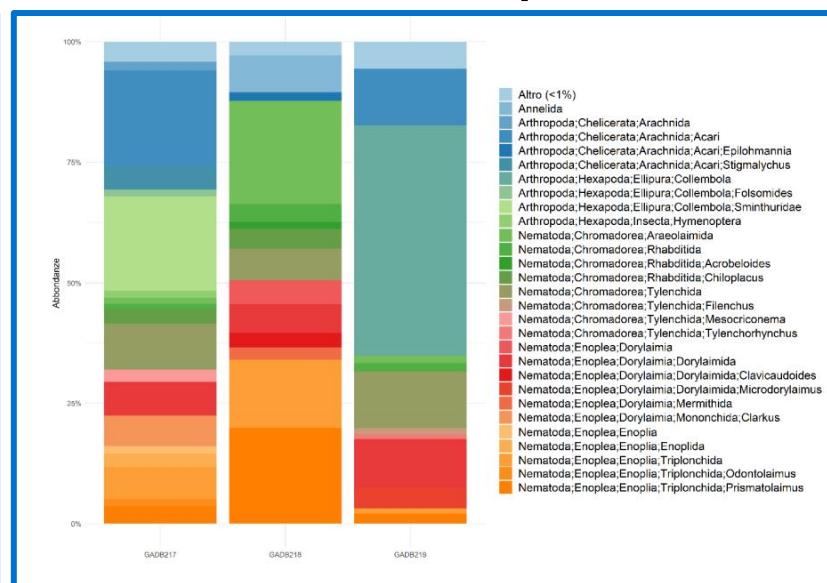
Bacteria Taxa composition



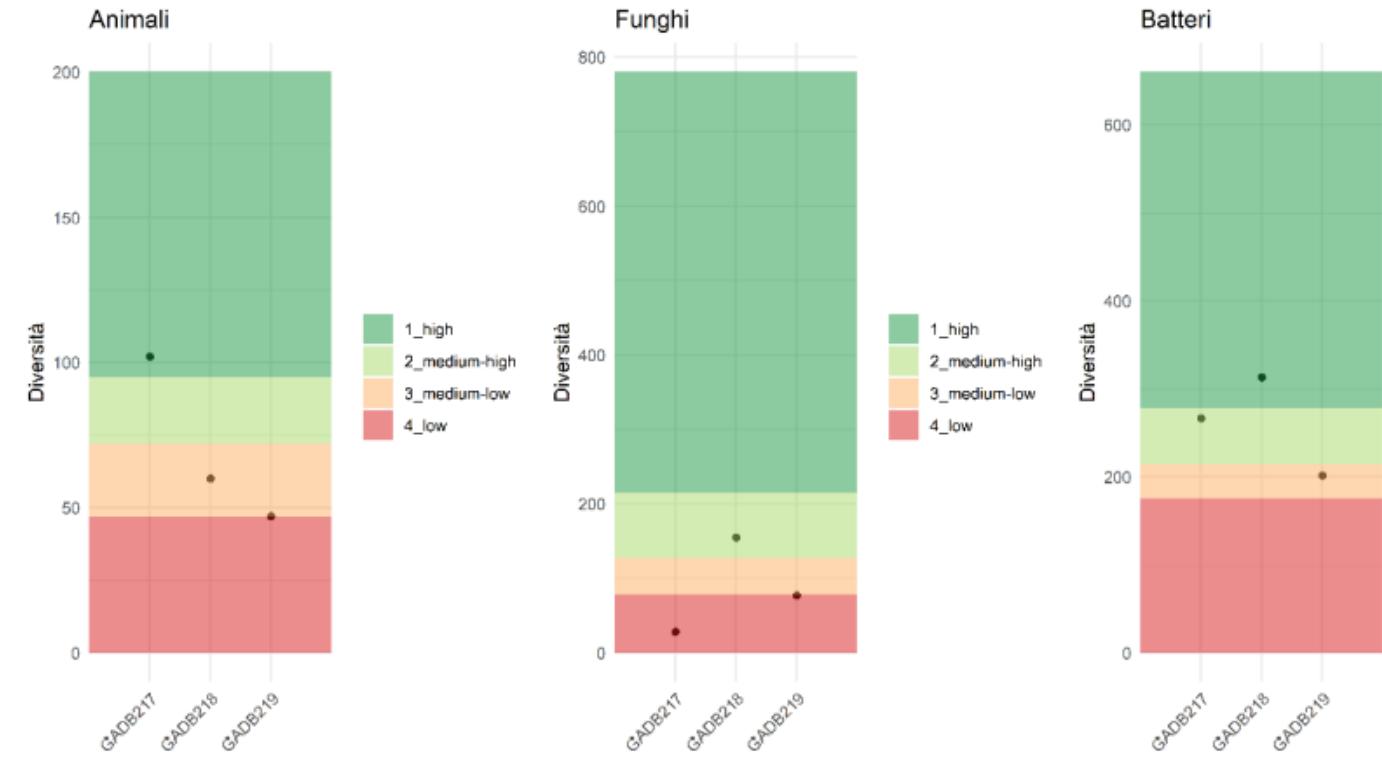
Fungi Taxa composition



Metazoa Taxa composition



# Species richness chart



In the species richness charts, one for each group taxonomic considered (bacteria, fungi and animals), the richness values of species expressed in terms of the number of taxa present in each sample.

The bands of color indicate the quartiles of the distribution of the variable species richness measured over the entire set of soil samples

**Red = low values**

**Orange = values medium-low**

**Light green = medium-high values**

**Dark green = high values**

# Final targets

- Study of the soil biodiversity inside the whole set of farms
- Understand the biovariability across the climate zones and regions
- Study the correlation among Biodiversity & Environment & Agronomics
- Study the correlation between biodiversity & soil physical-chemical parameters
- Promote at farmer level Soil&Agro techniques able to improve the Soil Biodiversity