

Tree nursery center of excellence Ellerhoop, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

Results of some recently completed **"research"**

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- 1. Who am I, what do I do and where the hell is Ellerhoop (where I work and live)?
- 2. Regulations for peat reduction in growing media in horticulture / tree nurseries in Germany
- 3. Results with different peat substitutes in the culture of woody plants in containers (Focus 1)
- 4. Organic fertilization compared to mineral fertilization (coated fertilizers) in container grown woody plants (Focus 2)
- 5. Variety differences in cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*) with respect to leaf damage caused by sodium/natrium in irrigation water (Focus 3)
- 6. First findings/observations on the topic "climate change and tree ranges of the future" (only if still time and very compactly summarized)



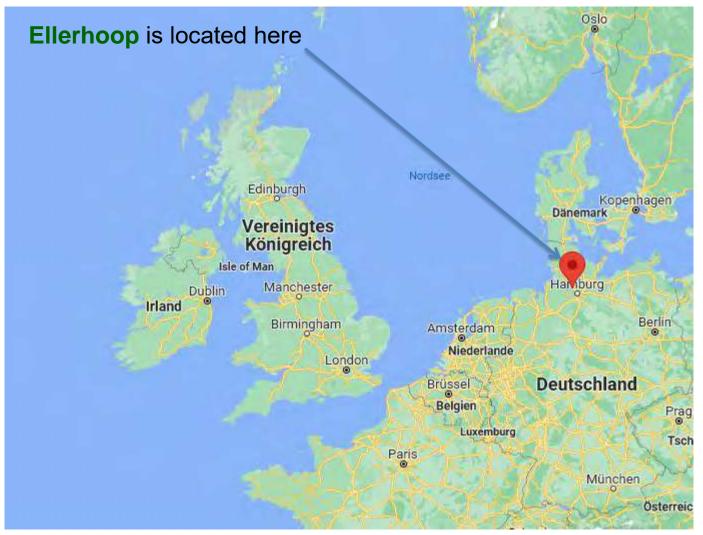
I. Who am I, what **I'm** doing and where?



- ✓ That's me (Age: 58)
 - Dr. rer. hort. (for horiculture) Andreas Wrede Chamber of agriculture Schleswig-Holstein (LKSH), Dept. Horticulture Thiensen 16 D-25373 Ellerhoop
- ✓ Senior of the Experimental Station for horticulture
- ✓ I have been working there since October 2003
- ✓ Trained gardener
 - Worked for many years as a landscape gardener and in tree nurseries
- ✓ Studied and received PhD (Dr. rer. hort.) in horticulture at the University of Hanover
- worked in a soil testing laboratory before moving to LKSH getting senior of Experimental Station



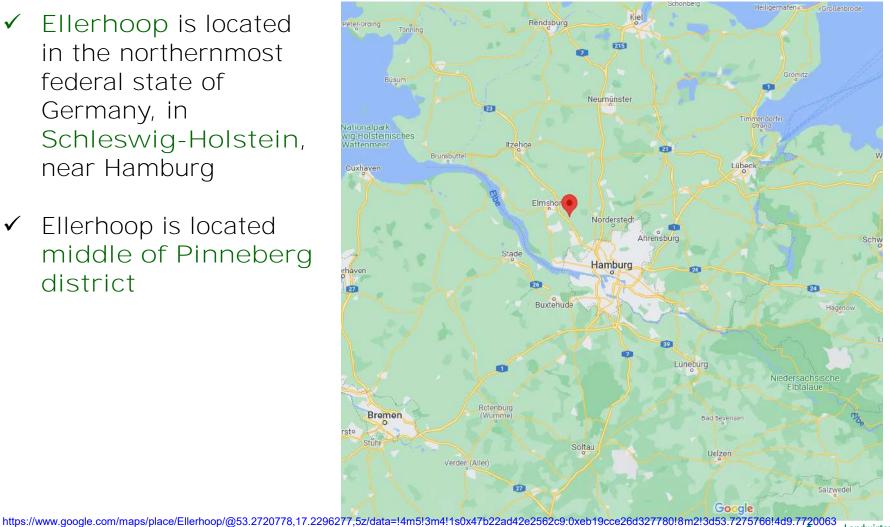
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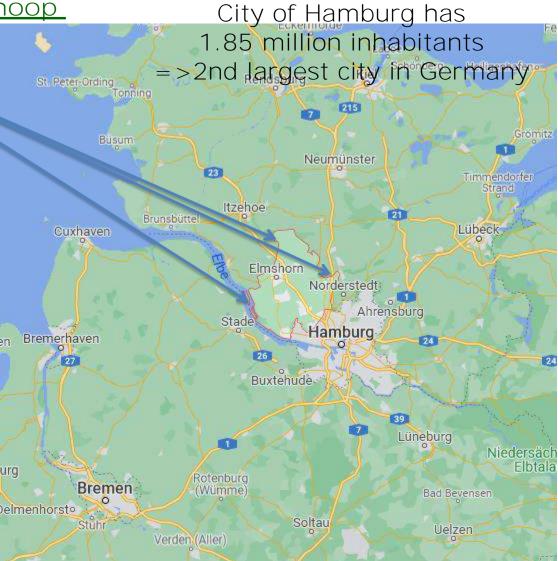
I. Who am I, what **I'm** doing and where? 1. Where the hell is Ellerhoop

- Ellerhoop is located \checkmark in the northernmost federal state of Germany, in Schleswig-Holstein, near Hamburg
- Ellerhoop is located \checkmark middle of Pinneberg district



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- *I. Who am I, what* **I'm** *doing and where?* <u>1. Where the hell is Ellerhoop</u>
- The red line shows the boundaries of the district of Pinneberg,
- ✓ It is the (second) largest closed nursery area in Germany
- The district of Pinneberg is located northwest of Hamburg. By car it takes 20 minutes (without traffic jam) to the center of Hamburg.
- However, traffic jam is the normal case and not free roads

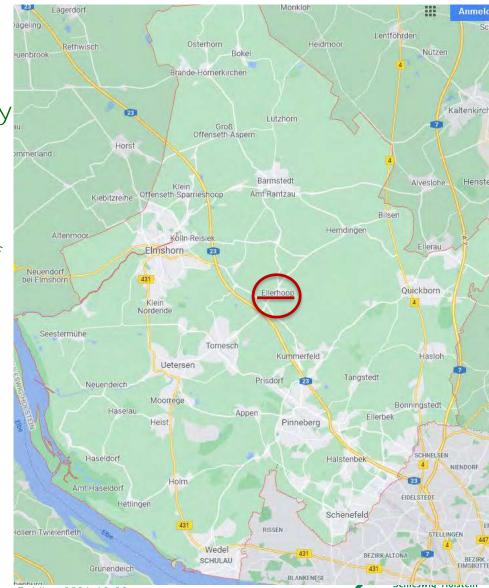






I. Who am I, what I'm doing and where? 2. Some short details of pinneberg nursery area

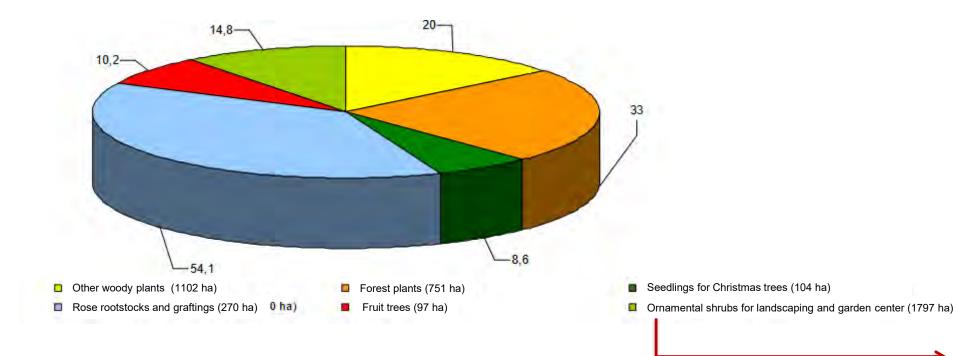
- ✓ 292 nurseries with 3522 ha of production area are located in the district of Pinneberg – one of the largest closed nursery areas in the world with over 200 years of tradition
- The horticultural center from Schleswig-Holstein Chamber of Agriculture, where I work and where the Experimental Station is located, lies in the heart of the Pinneberg nursery area



1. Who am I, what **I'm** doing and where?

2. Some short details of pinneberg nursery area

Schleswig-Holstein's percentage share of total German nursery areas by type of use

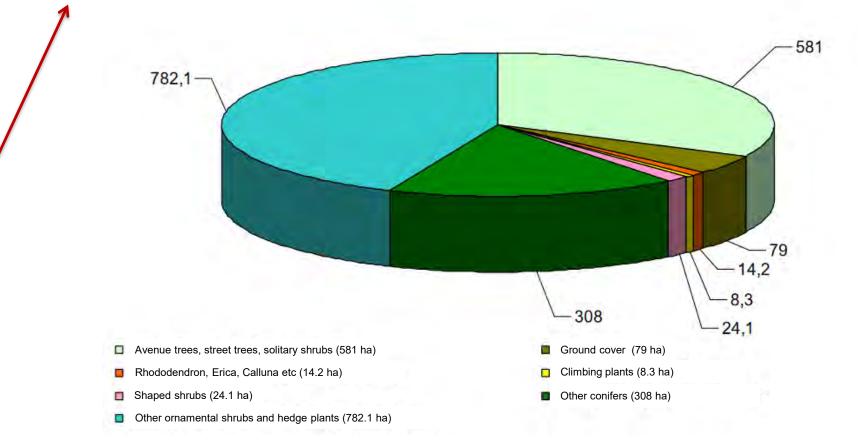


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Subdivision of the sector Ornamental shrubs for landscaping and garden center (1797 ha).



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3. Some short details of Chamber of Agriculture Schleswig-Holstein

- ✓ The Chamber of Agriculture Schleswig-Holstein (LKSH) is a corporation or institution under public law
- ✓ It has about 400 employees 45 of them are in charge of horticulture
- ✓ Budget of approximately 35 Million Euro per year

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- ✓ How does our finar
 - Approximately : the agricultur according to the
 - another 35 % services
 - about 5 % of o (the chamber o
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Headquarters of LKSH in Rendsburg, Schleswig-Holstein om ed ent asing (as

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I. Who am I, what **I'm** doing and where? <u>4. Horticultural Center of the LKSH</u>



The department horticulture, the smallest of seven departments of LKSH, is concentrated in our horticulture center in Ellerhoop

In the department horticulture we have three areas of work:

- horticultural education
- consulting
- experimental station (This is my main task)



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- 5. The experimental station = Competence center for tree nursery
- The experimental station is a core area of the Horticultural Center of LKSH
- There we run on approx.
 - 23000 m² open ground
 - 6750 m² container cultivation area
 - 1750 m² foil greenhouses
 - 1550 m² glass greenhouses
- Our main tasks are: =>Practical, applied trials for the nursery industry on the topics of
 - Innovations
 - Propagation
 - Growth management
 - Fertilization
 - Growing media

- Sustainable woody plant production
- Perennials
- Christmas trees
- in a very small scale also plant protection

We process between 70 and 80 trials per year.



1. Properties of an "ideal" growing medium for horticulture

Physical properties

- Structure / stability => good/high
- Volume weight => low
- Pore volume => high
- Air / water capacity => high
- Rewettability => good

Chemical properties

- pH value => low
- Salt content => low
- Nutrient content => low
 - Buffering => hi

Biological properties

- Pathogens = > none
- Pests => none
- Microbial activity => low
- Weeds/weed seeds => none

Other properties

- Sustainability => high
- Environmental compatibility => good
 - Availability => assured
 - Quality stability => high
 - Shelf life => good
 - Cultivation risk => low
 - Price => low

1. Properties of an "ideal" growing medium for horticulture

Peat fulfills most of these requirements for an "ideal" growing medium

From the point of view of production technology, the only things that are usually criticized are its low buffering capacity and poor rewettability

The properties of compost, wood fiber, coco & coir, on the other hand, deviate from the requirements of the "ideal" growing medium in many more points

=> The German government's peat reduction strategy and in particular a possible peat ban are therefore viewed rather skeptically by most players in the horticultural sector

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11. Regulations for peat reduction in Germany<u>2. Why should horticulture save peat in the future?</u>



- Although peatland soils make up only about 3% of the world's land surface, they store about 450 to 500 Gtons (gigaton = 1 000 000 000 tons) of carbon in the form of peat (about 1/3 of the carbon stored in soils worldwide)
- ✓ Approximately 560 Gtons of carbon is currently stored in all land plants combined Globally.
- ✓ It is estimated that growing peatlands (moorlands) store about 150 -250 million tons of CO2 annually as peat, but this just offsets their simultaneous methane (CH4) (Methane is also a climate-damaging gas, with at least a stronger short-term effect than CO₂)



II. Regulations for peat reduction in Germany 2. Why should horticulture save peat in the future?

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Only 1 % of peat land in D - Crop farming (18%) is used for peat cutting

Most peatland is used for: - Grasland (49%)

- Forestry (17%)

But no one talks about agriculture, because their lobby is very strong (!!!!),.....

....much, much, stronger than the very small lobby of horticulture



3. What does peat reduction strategy in D require from horticulture?

Climate Protection Program 2030 of the German Federal Government here particularly important for horticulture Peat reduction strategy

In the peat reduction strategy, the policy calls for

- ✓ Peat cutting in Germany to be stopped in the long term (=> long term ?????)
- ✓ For hobby horticulture (for consumers), potting soils are to be peatfree by 2026 (=> no problems so far)

✓ For commercial horticulture, the aim is not to ban peat completely, but to replace it as far as possible by 2029 (=> as far as possible?? => 80%?? => more???)
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- <u>3. What does peat reduction strategy in D require from horticulture?</u>
 - ✓ The Central Horticultural Association (ZVG) is currently offering the German government the opportunity to replace
 - 50% of peat in growing media by 2025 and
 - 70% of peat by 2030
 - ✓ The ZVG speaks for all branches of horticulture, here especially for flower and ornamental plant growers (= floriculture), which mostly grow their plants in greenhouses
 - ✓ The ZVG does <u>not</u> speak for the Association of German Tree Nurseries (BdB), whose members mainly cultivate in the open air (= not protected from the weather). Here, cultivation is mostly not in greenhouses, in larger containers and with much longer cultivation times of up to two growing seasons
 - \checkmark The demands on the physical properties of the growing medium (high air capacity, high structural stability and good drainage properties) are therefore much higher in tree nurseries than in floriculture. However, the physical properties in particular often get worse with increasing proportions of peat substitutes in growing media kammer



- 3. What does peat reduction strategy in D require from horticulture?
 - ✓ The BdB therefore assumes that a peat content in growing media for tree nurseries of no more than 50% will <u>not</u> be possible by 2025
 - ✓ The BdB believes that the results of scientific projects on peat substitution in tree nurseries must first be awaited before binding decisions on peat substitution can be made
 - ✓ Currently, the BdB considers a maximum peat content of 70% realistic (= 30% peat substitution) by 2025, but <u>not</u> 50%
 - ✓ The target of 70% peat substitution in 2030 does <u>not</u> seem achievable at present. First, results from trials and from the nurseries themselves must be awaited



- 1. Peat substitutes with potential to replace peat in larger amounts
 - ✓ These five peat substitutes are currently seen as having the best potential for replacing peat in larger proportions



¹ = composted conifer bark; ² = Composted waste from maintenance and pruning of woody plants from streets, parks and gardens

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- 1. Peat substitutes with potential to replace peat in larger amounts
- The replacement of 20 to 30% peat in tree nursery growing media mostly works well with these five substitutes, if they are....:

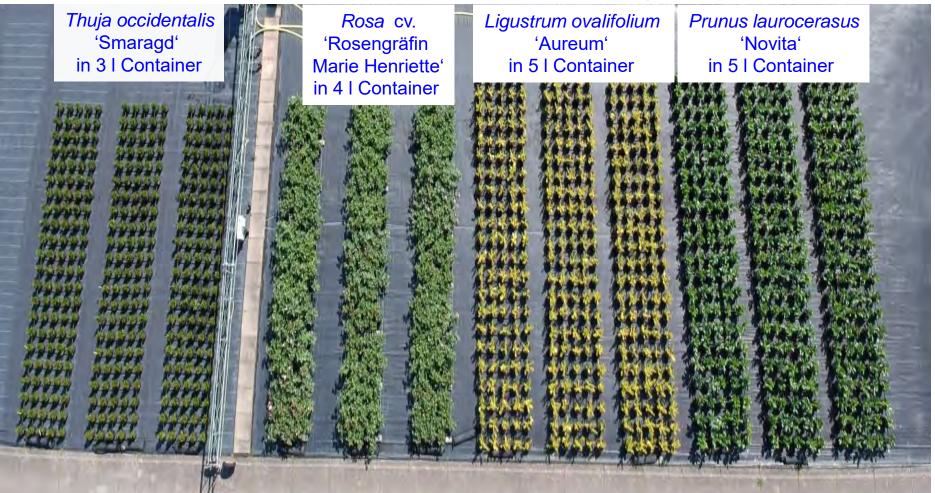


- always from good quality
- always available in sufficient quantities => Covid 19!!
- their price is always good => bark humus =>Energy production
- their socio-economic evaluation is good => Cocos??
- their impact on climate change is low => CO₂-Foodprint => e.g. logistics of cocos and the production of wood fiber¹
 ¹ = Production under high pressure and temperatures
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- In Germany, wood fiber and compost from green waste are likely to be the most successful under these conditions....., although cocopeat could replace peat best because of its almost ideal properties, as many experiments have already shown



2. Results from experiments with green waste compost

The 2020 experiment from the bird's eye view





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III. Results with peat substitutes in growing media for shrubs 2. Results from experiments with green waste compost Overview of the substrate treatments tested in this trial Var No. Variant / treatment White peat substrate coarse 100% = 0% compost (growers practice) 2 White peat substrate coarse 80% / compost 20% = 20% compost 3 White peat substrate coarse 70% / compost 30% = 30% compost White peat substrate coarse 60% / compost 40% = 40% compost 4 5 White peat substrate coarse 50% / compost 50% = 50% compost ✓ Fertilization: 4,0 kg/m³ Osmocote Exact Standard 8-9M + 150 g/m³ Micromax Premium (= trace elements) => mixed into the growing media before potting ✓ Potting: took place on April 06 + 07, 2020. The trial was set up with 3 replications of 20 plants each



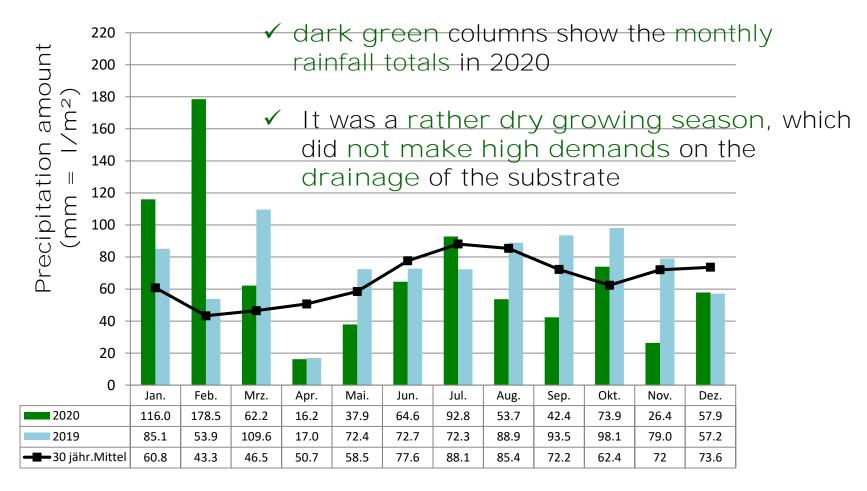
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of May 2020

Beginning

2. Results from Experiments with green waste compost

Monthly precipitation amount ($mm = 1/m^2$) in Ellerhoop, North Germany







2. Results from Experiments with green waste compost

For the other three woody plants, the trial continued until mid-October

utes in growing media for shrubs

- In the process of evaluation the following parameters were measured
 - Shoot length (cm)
 - Shoot fresh weight (g)
 - Quality grading (Percentage of plants in the different quality (size) classes

<u>111. Results with peat substitutes in growing media for shrubs</u> <u>2. Results from 2xperiments with green waste compost</u>

a. Results with roses





2. Results from experiments with green waste compost

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a. Results with roses

Mean shoot fresh weight (Shoot FW) and shoot length of roses depending on the compost content

250 60 48.9 50 46.6 46.6 200 41.3 165.7 Shoot fresh weight (g) 158.0 158.3 40 **Shoot length (cm)** 30 20 36.6 150 125.3 121.6 100 Shoot fresh weight and shoot length decrease 50 after exceeding a compost content of 30% 10 The reason 0 20 % Kompost 30 % Kompost 40 % Kompost 50 % Kompost 0 % Kompost

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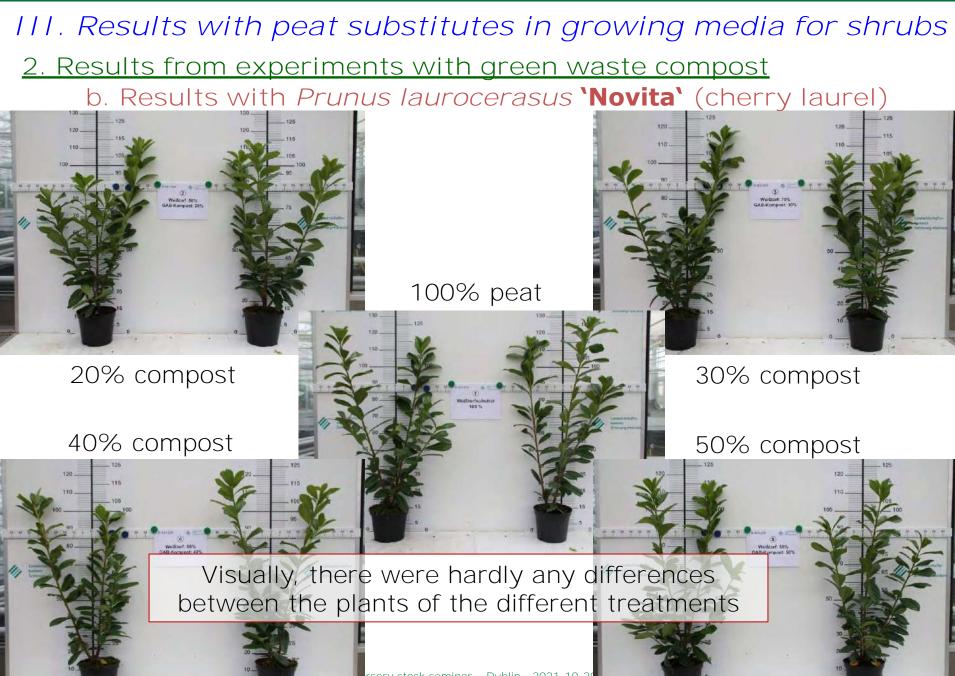
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🔳 Shoot FW 🛛 📕 Shoot length

- 2. Results from experiments with green waste compost
 - b. Results with *Prunus laurocerasus* 'Novita' (cherry laurel)





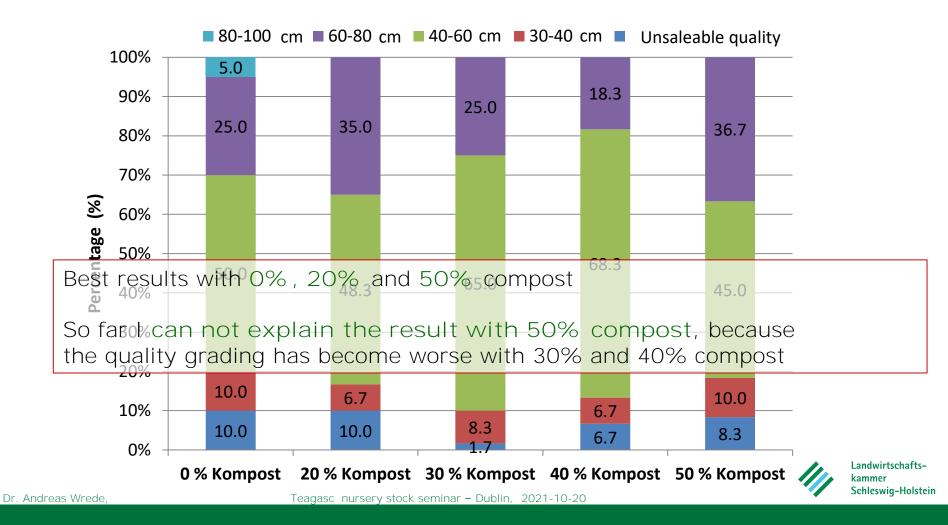


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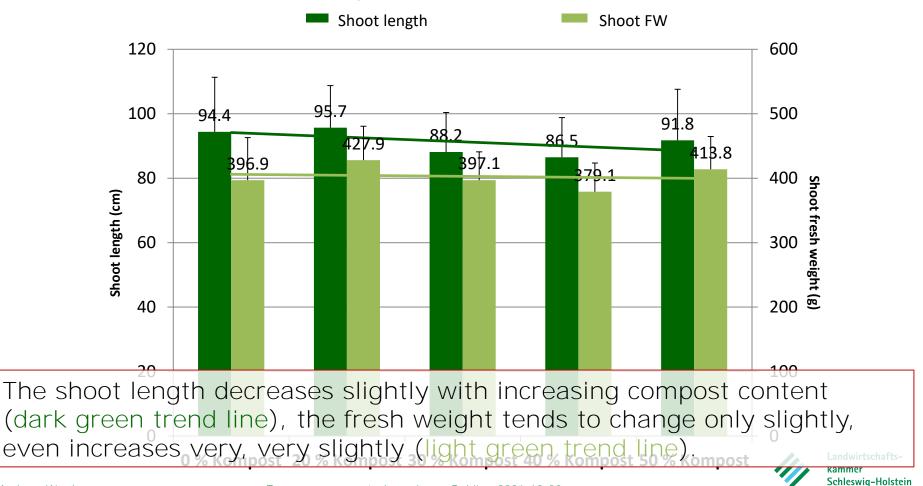
Percentage of Cherry Laurels in the different quality classes depending on the compost content



2. Results from experiments with green waste compost

2. Results with *Prunus laurocerasus* 'Novita' (cherry laurel)

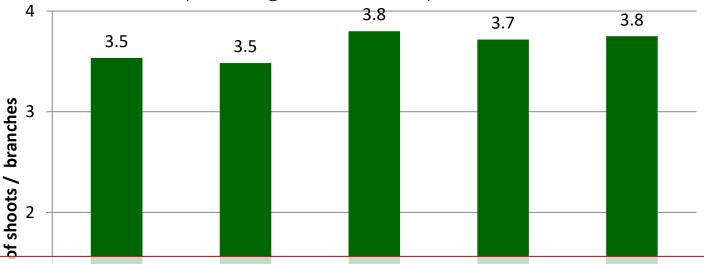
Mean shoot fresh weight (Shoot FW) and shoot length of cherry laurel depending on the compost content



2. Results from experiments with green waste compost

b. Results with *Prunus laurocerasus* 'Novita' (cherry laurel)

Mean number of shoots / branches of cherry laurel depending on the compost content



With increasing compost content, the cherry laurels become more branched, so they become denser and more compact (shoot length decreases with compost content)

The increasing compactness explains why the fresh weight of the plants changes little with increasing compost content, although the shoot length tends to decrease



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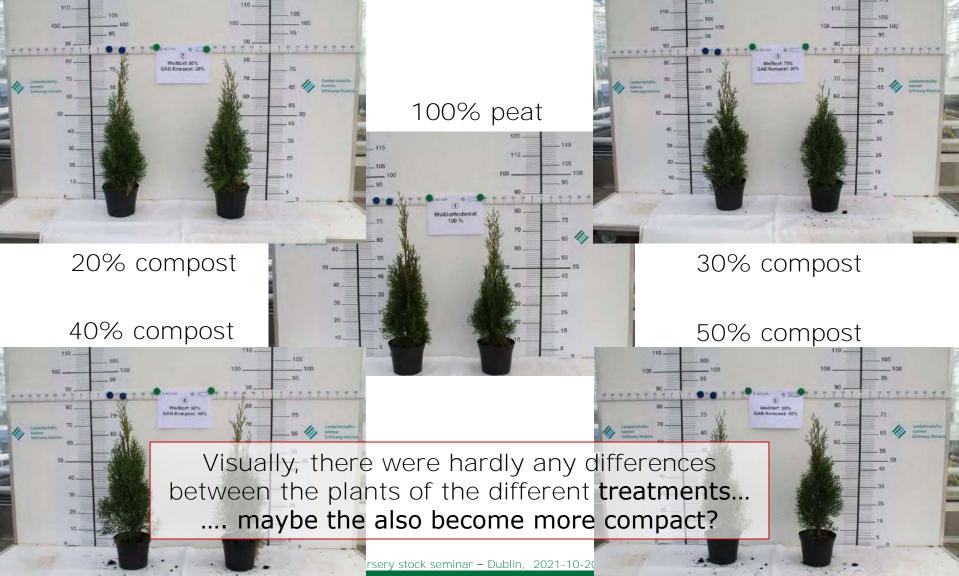
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c. Results with *Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd'(Emerald green cedar)



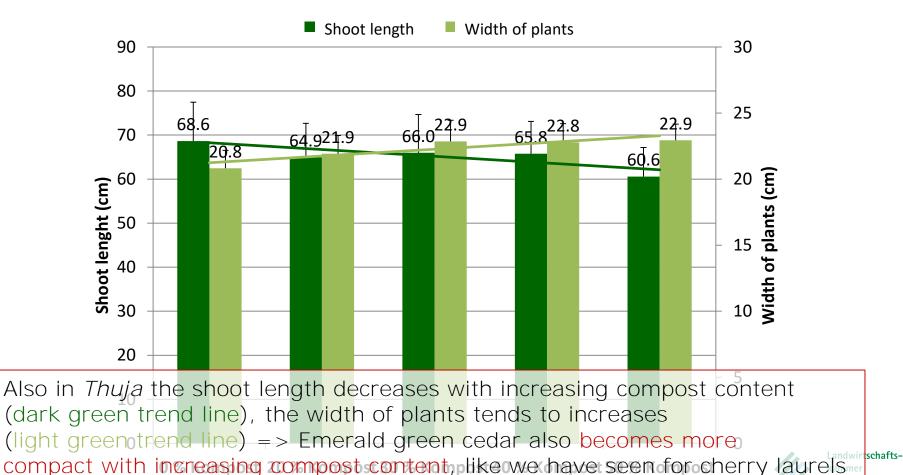
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<u>2. Results from experiments with green waste compost</u>
c. Results with *Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd'(Emerald green cedar)

Mean shoot fresh weight (Shoot FW) and width of the plants (= diameter at the base of the shoot) depending on the compost content



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2. Results from experiments with green waste compost

d. Results with *Ligustrum ovalifolium* **`Aureum'(golden** privet)



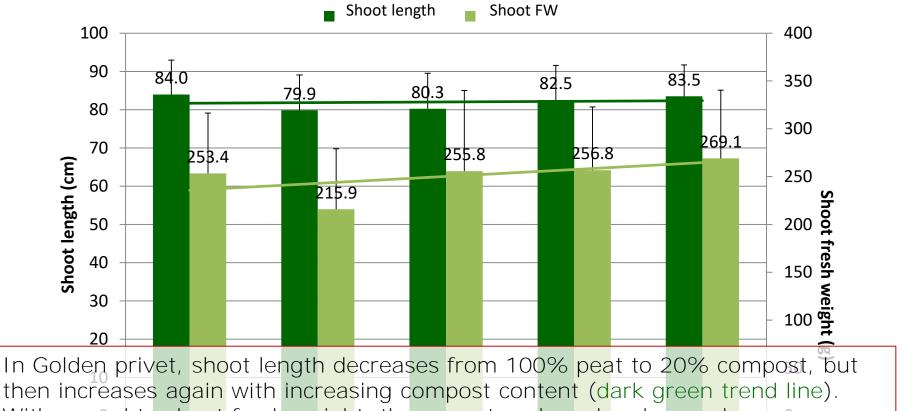


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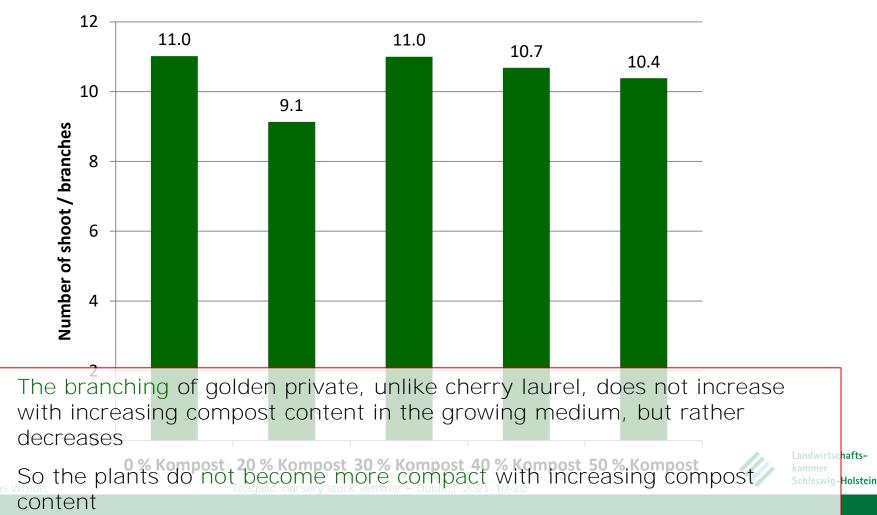
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Mean shoot fresh weight (Shoot FW) and shoot length of cherry laurel depending on the compost content



<u>2. Results from experiments with green waste compost</u>d. Results with *Ligustrum ovalifolium* **`Aureum'(golden** privet)

Mean number of shoots / branches of golden privet depending on the compost content



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- 2. Results from experiments with green waste compost e. Summary
- \checkmark It was possible to produce good and merchantable plants of high quality with all four experimental plants in *all five substrate treatments*
- The result could have been *different with a wet, rainy summer, as it would* \checkmark then have depended on the *drainage of the substrate*
- With increasing compost content \checkmark
 - the roses bloomed later and showed reduced growth as soon as the content of 30% compost in the substrate was exceeded (salt stress, since potted bare rooted)
 - the shoot length of the cherry laurel and Thuja was smaller _ with simultaneously increasing branching or increasing diameter of the shoot (more compact plants)
- \checkmark With golden private the fresh weight and the length of the shoot of 100% peat on 20% compost reduced very clearly, before it with further rising compost portion again increased (explanation???)
- \checkmark An addition of 30% compost was justifiable under the conditions of this trial (except for privet). For Thuja and cherry laurel, 40% and possibly 50% would have been acceptable (in 2020!!!)



2. Results from Experiments with green waste compost

e. Summary

The only problem is that the quality grading is mostly done *primarily according* to the shoot length of the plants, which, however, tended to decrease with increasing compost content



- III. Results with peat substitutes in growing media for shrubs
- 3. Results from experiments with different substitutes
- ✓ On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, we have been carrying out a project since end of 2020 to promote peat reduction in tree nurseries
- ✓ ToSBa = Model and demonstration project for the practical introduction of peatreduced substrates in tree nurseries



- ✓ For this purpose, five leading companies have been selected for which we will further reduce the peat content of their current standard growing medium over the next four years and use increasing quantities of peat substitutes
- The growing media will be developed together with the substrate suppliers of the individual nurseries, the nurseries themselves and us (Amount and type of peat substitutes and in which and in which number of plants)
- ✓ Here are some the first observations











III. Results with peat substitutes in growing media for shrubs <u>3. Results from experiments with different substitutes</u>



Copper beech (Fagus sylvatica for hedges) grown in 5 I Container



75% peat 15% wood fibre 10% Expanded clay

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20% peat 20% wood fibre 20% green waste compost 10% Expanded clay 40% peat 20% wood fibre 30% green waste compost 10% Expanded clay

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<u>3. Results from experiments with different substitutes</u>



Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus for hedges) grown in 5 I Container

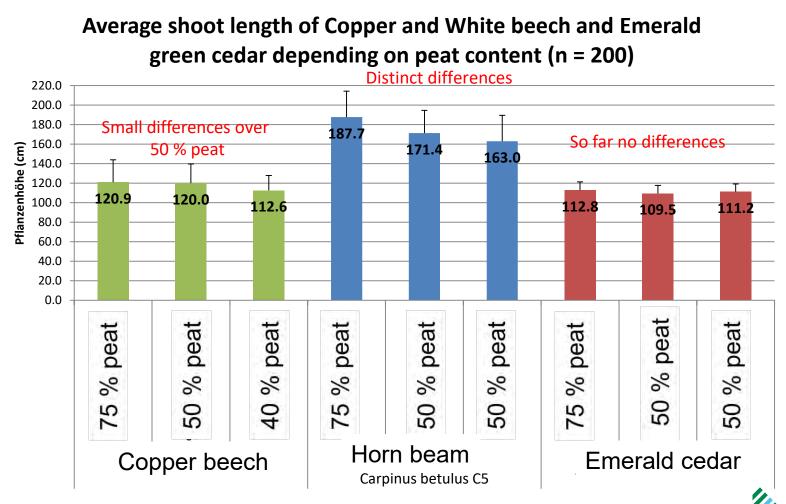


The reason for the somewhat poorer growth of the beech trees in the media with a very high peat substitute content may be the poorer drainage of the media due to the high compost content (30% and 40%), as the summer in northern Germany was rather wet

3. Results from Experiments with different subtitutes



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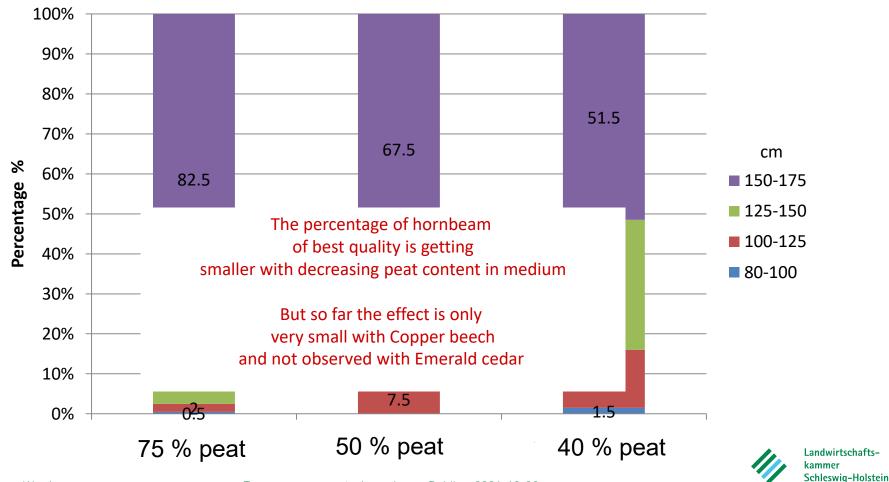


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Percentage of White beech in the different quality classes depending on the compost content







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Experimental question: Is it possible to replace mineral fertilisers with organic fertiliser?



1. Background

Current background:

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 Growing sections of society and politics demand sustainable action from industry and consumers

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- Increasingly, the production of woody plants and other ornamer plants is also coming under public criticism
- The use of mineral fertilizers has long been criticized, whet justified or not
 - The use of coated depot fertilizers is increasingly affected by negative discussion about microplastics

IV. Organic fertilization compared to mineral fertilization <u>1. Background</u>

 ✓ Coated depot fertilizers are usually coated with a (pure) plastic (Synthetic resin) shell, e.g.



Nutricote T70 (completely coated; Arysta Life Science)



Haifa Topdress 4-5M (partially coated; HAIFA)



IV. Organic fertilization compared to mineral fertilization <u>1. Background</u>

According to the producer ICL-SF, Osmocote Pro and are



Osmocote Exact Standard 8-9M

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In this context, it seems to make sense to look again at the use of organic fertilizers in the cultivation of woody plants in containers

Since the use of peat is also discussed negatively, as already presented at the beginning, the trial was carried out in peat-reduced medium, in which 50% of the peat was replaced by coco fiber and wood fiber



IV. Organic fertilization compared to mineral fertilization 2. Experimental setup

- 1. growers practice in Schleswig-Holstein = > Osmocote Pro
- Basic fertilization with





Osmocote Pro 5-6M NPK 19-9-10

Top dressing with





NPK 22-5-10 only for weaker consuming plants

IV. Organic fertilization compared to mineral fertilization <u>2. Experimental setup</u>

- 2. CUXIN-DCM (after exact agreement with CUXIN company)
- ✓ Basic fertilization with













NPK 2,5-1-4 + Bacillus sp.







NPK 9-5-3



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IV. Organic fertilization compared to mineral fertilization <u>2. Experimental setup</u>

- 3. HAUERT-Biorga (after exact agreement with HAUERT company)
- ✓ Basic fertilization with









ORGANOS VIANOS NPK 9,5-2-4 NPK 9-9,5-0

✓ Top dressing with





ORGANOS NPK 9,5-2-4

2. Experimental setup

- 4. PROVITA-Baumschuldünger (after exact agreement with BECKMANN & BREHM company)
- \checkmark Basic fertilization and also top dressing with





✓ New product, not yet on the market at that time. However, it was introduced to the market in 2021 after the successful test with us

NPK 7-2-5



2. Experimental setup

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<u>Fertilization target:</u> approx.750 mg N/ I growing medium Since the organic fertilizers must first be converted by microorganisms and therefore the nitrogen is not immediately available (or is partly fixed), 200 mg N/I more was given here than with the coated mineral comparison fertilizer Osmocote Pro => organic fertilization Target 950 mg N/I

	Basic fertilization		1. Top dressing		2. Top dressing					
	(mixed into growing medium in g/l)		(on surface of pot/medium in g/l)		(on surface of pot/medium in g/l)					
		high-	consumption crops (less sensitive to salt)		Aste					
	Product	g/l	Product	g/l	Product	g/l				
1	-Osmocote Pro 5-6M	4,0								
2	-DCM Eco-Xtra 1	5,0	-DCM Eco-Mix 1	3,6						
	-DCM horn chippings (coarse	1,5	(Beginning July)							
	meal)	1,5								
	-DCM Vivisol									
3	-Biorga Organos	3,2	-Biorga Organos	5,0						
	-Biorga Vianos	2,0	(Beginning July)							
4	-Provita Baumschuldünger	7,0	-Provita Baumschuldünger	6,6						
			(Beginning July)							
Less demanding crops (somewhat more sensitive to salt)										
	Product	g/l	Product	g/l	Product	g/l				
5	-Osmocote Pro 5-6M	2,0	-OsmoTop (Beginning July)	1,7						
6	-DCM Eco-Xtra 1	3,0	-DCM Eco-Mix 1	3,0	-DCM Eco-Mix 1	3,0				
	-DCM horn chipping (coarse	1,0	(Mid June)		(Mid July)					
	meal)	1,5								
	-DCM Vivisol									
7	-Biorga Organos	2,0	-Biorga Organos	3,5	-Biorga Organos	3,0				
	-Biorga Vianos	1,5	(Mid June)		(Mid July)		th			
8	-Provita Baumschuldünger	4,5	-Provita Baumschuldünger	4,5	-Provita Baumschuldünger	4,5	н			
			(Mid June)		(Mid July)					

2. Experimental setup

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high-consumption	crops	Less demanding crops				
(less sensitive to	salt)	(somewhat more sensitive to salt)				
- Prunus Iauroc. `Novita`	Tb9 → C3	- Ligustrum ovalif. 'Aureum'	Tb9 → C3			
- Hypericum calycinum - Buxus sempervirens	Tb9 → C3 Tb9 → C2	- Thuja occ. `Smaragd` - Taxus x media `Hillii`	Tb9 → C2 Tb9 → C2			
- <i>Spiraea cinerea</i> `Grefsheim'	QP96 → C3	 Weigela 'Bristol Ruby' sensitive to salt because bareroot at time of potting 	bew. Sth. → C3 (= rooted hardwood cutting)			

compared to mineral fertilization

= Tb9 = Square pot approx. 9by9by10cm, approx. 0.5 liters

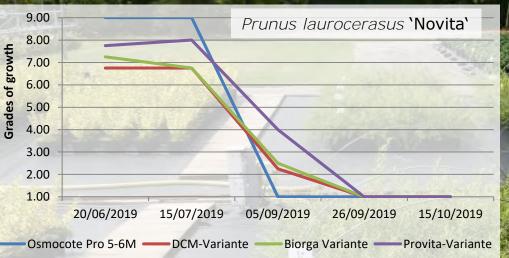
Potting date: Mid April 2020

Number of plants per fertilizer treatment: 4 repetitions of 25

plants each = 100 plants per treatment

3. Results of high-consumption crops (less sensitive to salt)

a. Growth during growing season

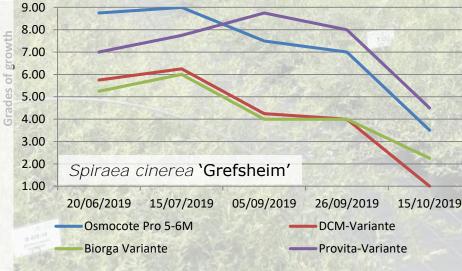


For the *other* two high consuming crops, a *similar course* was observed

- Nurseries would also have reacted to Osmocote Pro with timely *top-dressing fertilization*, which we decided against (target of mineral fertilization = 750 mg N/I, no more).
- Does it make sense to change to 5-6M only at the end of April or beginning of May and not mid April (growers practice.

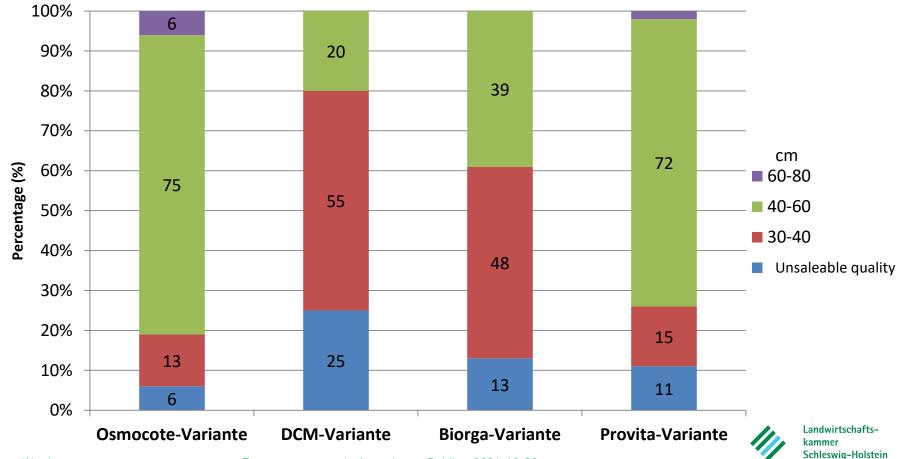
<u>Grades for growth over the course of</u> <u>growing season</u> (1 = very poor; 3 = poor; 5 = medium 7 = good; 9 = very good)





- 3. Results of high-consumption crops (less sensitive to salt)
- b. Results at the end of season

Percentage of cherry laurel in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment



3. Results of high-consumption crops (less sensitive to salt)

b. Results at the end of season







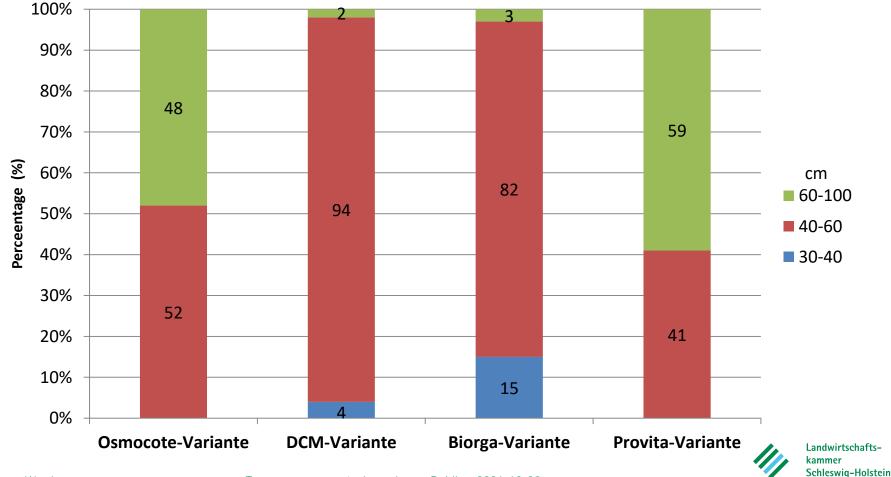


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Percentage of *Spiraea* Grefsheim in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment



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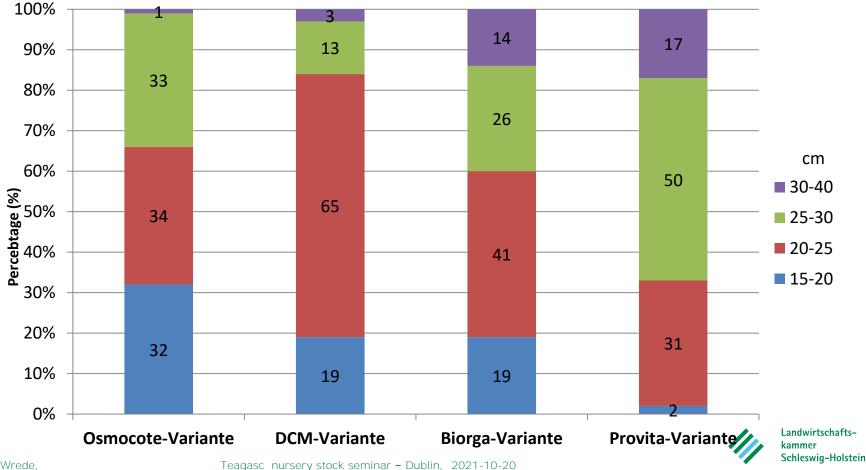




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Percentage of common box in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment



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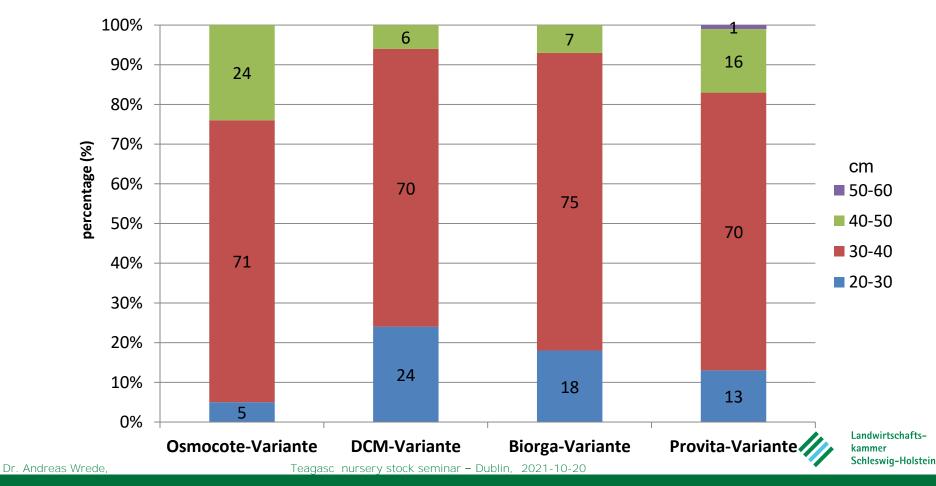




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Percentage of *Hypericum calycinum* (large-flowered St John's wort) in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment



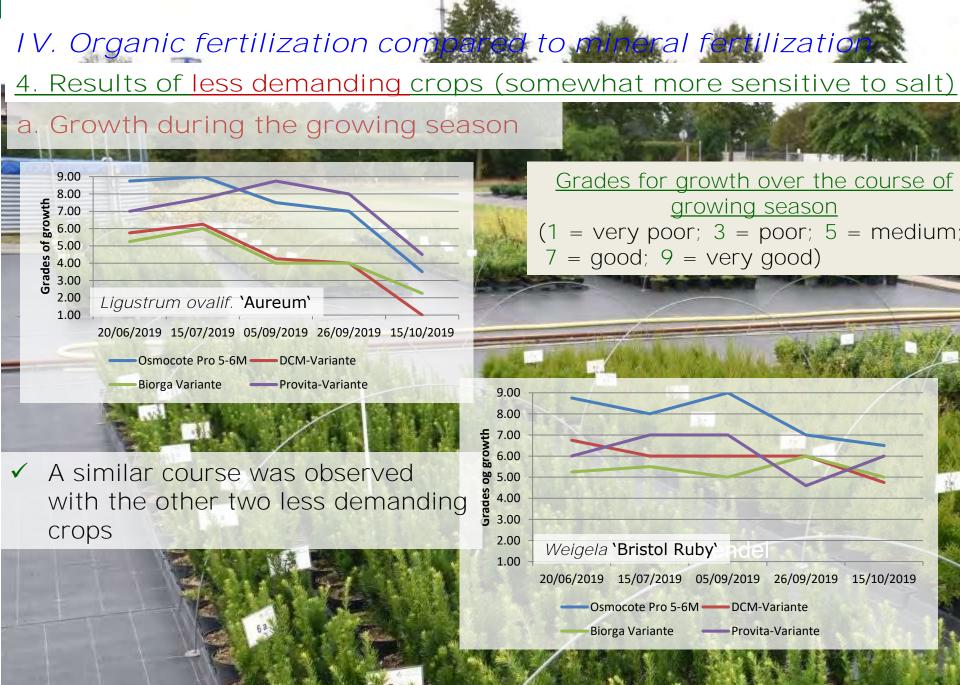
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4. Results of less demanding crops (somewhat more sensitive to salt)

b. Results at the end of the season

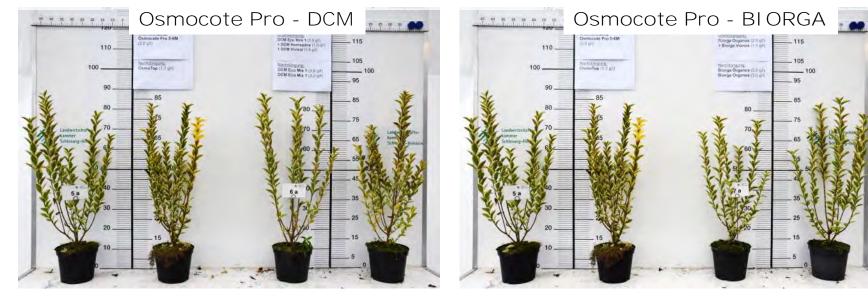
Percentage of *Ligustrum ovalif.* 'Aureum' (golden privet) in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment 100% 13 90% 28 30 80% 47 70% percentage(%) 60% 60-80cm 40-60cm 50% 78 30-40cm 40% 69 Unsaleable quality 70 30% 51 20% 10% 8 0% **Osmocote-Variante DCM-Variante Biorga-Variante Provita-Variante**

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- 4. Results of less demanding crops (somewhat more sensitive to salt)
- b. Results at the end of the season

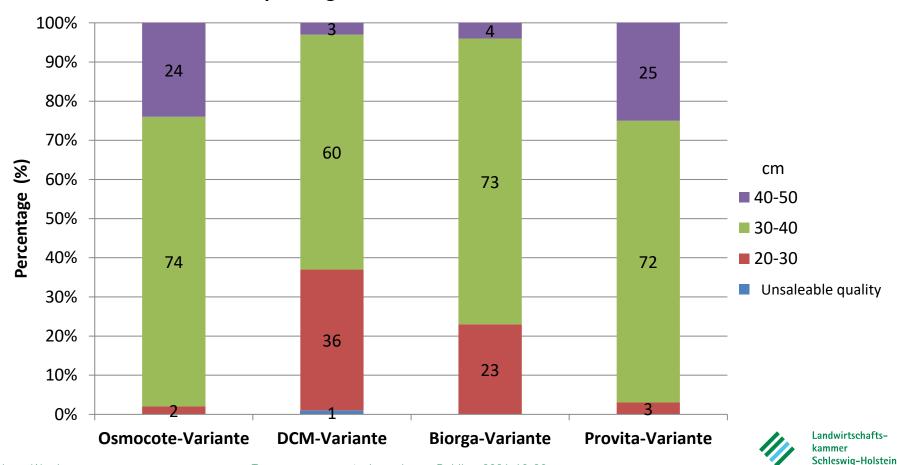






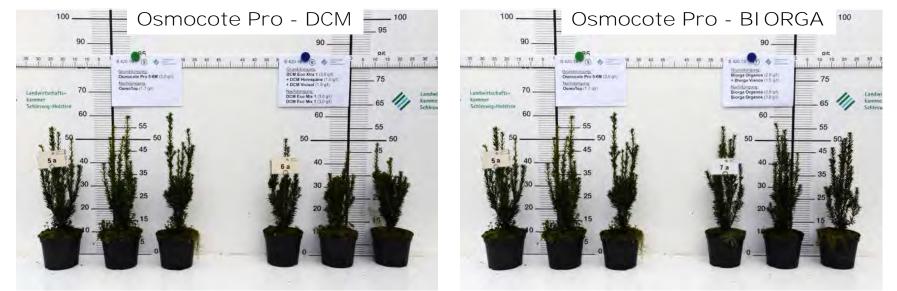
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Percentage of *Taxus* x *media* 'Hillii' in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment

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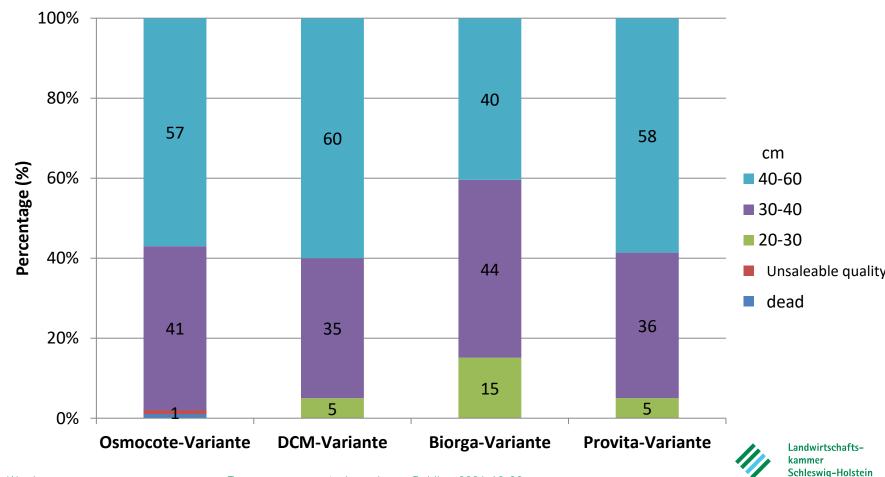




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Percentage of *Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd' (Emerald green cedar) in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment



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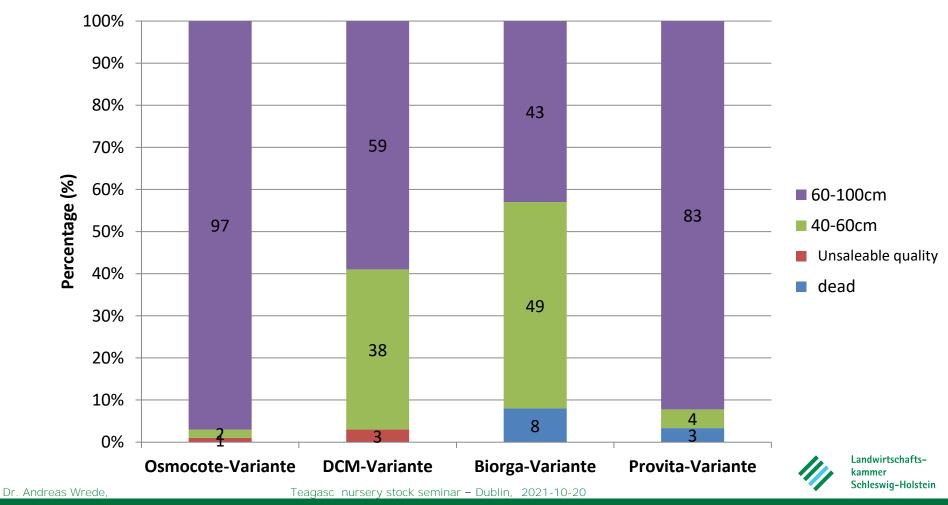


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Percentage of *Weigela* 'Bristol Ruby' in the different quality classes depending on the fertilizer treatment



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IV. Organic fertilization compared to mineral fertilization <u>5. Summary</u>

- Fertilizing the tested woody crops with organic fertilizers very often resulted in a saleable quality. The growers practice (from SH) with Osmocote Pro 5-6M mostly produced an excellent quality, except for common box
- In view of rising temperatures, it may be necessary to consider whether a change to shorter run times for coated fertilizers with late potting dates should only take place at the end of April or beginning of May (Osmocote Pro 5-6M was already empty at the end of August)
- Nursery grower would have top-dressed in treatment Osmocote
 Pro (using e.g. Osmoform (fertilizer with long nitrogen chains breaking down slowly), granular fertilizers e.g. Blaukorn or liquid fertilizer)

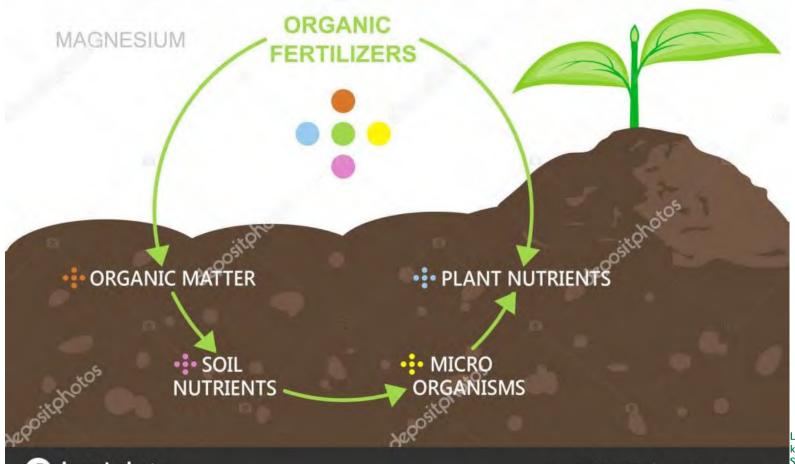
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5. Summary

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✓ The fertilizer *Provita-Baumschuldünger* surprised with also *excellent quality* on the level of Osm. Pro 5-6M



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<u>6. Outlook</u>

Trial was repeated in 2021 to check whether a comparable trend occurs under the conditions of 2021 (not yet completed)

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- It must be emphasised that, from a purely legal point of view, a ban on plastic-coated fertilizers cannot be expected in the next few years (in DIIII, IRL ????) 2021
- Nevertheless NGOs, trade and consumers may nevertheless make a rethink necessary in nursery practice



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<u>1. Background</u> Cause of symptoms:

- ✓ Sodium (Na+), mostly from the irrigation water
- Results from LVG Bad Zwischenahn and VuB Baumschulen e.V. (= Experimental and advisory ring for tree nurseries)in Ellerhoop point to Na as the cause of necrosis at the leaf edge of cherry laurels
- ✓ Na content in the irrigation water in Ellerhoop:
 - 25 ppm (first year)
 - 14 ppm (second year)
- \Rightarrow (1 ppm Na = 1 mg Na/l irrigation water)



⇒ a very well known laboratory in Germany for horticultural analysis and the analysis of horticultural irrigation water classifies Na contents below 30 ppm as suitable for very sensitive crops



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2. Varieties tested a few year ago

1) 'Baumgartner'	17) 'Leander'	32) 'Prufon'
2) 'Bertini'	18) `Linus`	33) 'Prutondi'
3) 'Caucasica'	19) 'Latifolia'	34) 'Pruzab'
4) 'Cherry Brandy'	19) 'Mano'	35) 'Renault Ace' PBR
5) 'Diana'	20) 'Marbled White'	36) 'Reynvaanii'
6) 'Etna' ^{PBR}	21) 'Mari'	37) 'Rotundifolia'
7) ` Gajo `	22) 'Mecky'	38) 'Rudolf Billeter'
8) 'Genolia'	23) 'Micheana'	39) 'Schipkaensis'
9) 'Green Carpet'	24) 'Miky'	40) 'Schipkaensis' Typ Holland
10) 'Green Gloss'	25) 'Mount Vernon'	41) 'Schipkaensis Macrophylla'
11) 'Green Mantle'	26) 'Novita'	42) 'Typ Balke'
12) 'Green Survival'	27) 'Otto Luyken'	43) 'Typ Berger'
13) 'Herbergii'	28) 'O. Luyk.' Typ Beckmann	44) 'Van Nes'
14) 'Ivory'	29) 'Paradise' PBR	45) 'Van Nes' Typ Spilkers
15) ` Klari `	30) 'Parviflora'	46) 'Winterstar' PBR
16) 'Kleopatra'	31) 'Piri'	47) 'Zabeliana'

Tested under four different cultivation conditions



V. Sodium sensitivity of cherry laurel varieties owne

All varieties are propagated as rooted cuttings From plants grown since many year in the experimental station in Ellerhoop

2. Experimental setup



1. With rootedt cuttings grown in Tb9 in a greenhouse with watering boom irrigation



= Tb9 = Square pot approx. 9by9by10cm, approx. 0.5 liters



= No rain means that there is no dilution of water that is given through the irrigation system



2. Experimental setup

Young cherry laurels in Tb9 grown in greenhouse with watering boom irrigation

2. Experimental setup



 With young plants also in Tb9 grown outside on the

container crop site

with watering boom

- => Dilution of irrigation water thru rain
- => Less sodium is taken up by the plants compared with plants grown in greenhouse



V. Sodium sensitivity of cherry laurel varieties (during growth in containers) 2. Experimental setup

Young cherry laurels in Tb9 grown container crop site with watering boom

2. Experimental setup



2. Experimental setup



vity of cherry laurel varieties (during growth in containers)

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2. Experimental setup

4. Cherry laurels grown in 3 I containers outside an container crop site with wartering boom irrigation

- V. Sodium sensitivity of 2. Experimental setup
- ✓ <u>Grading</u> of the experim
 - Sodium damage necrosis on the lea at the tip of the lea
 - Overall impressi

 Clear delimitation or as difficult (=> Bacterial b morsprunorum) versus r to sodium)

buckshot Serrated leaf edges due to ?????? Serrated leaf edges due to loss of necrotic tissue due to sodium Necrosis due to sodium

V. Sodium sensitivity of ch <u>2. Experimental setup</u>

- ✓ Often the necrotic, dead tissues detached from the leaves....
- ...which then led to the more or less strongly serrated leaf tips and leaf edges



V. Sodium sensitivity of cherry laurel varieties (during growth in containers) 2. Experimental setup





- ✓ As expected, the symptoms were much more pronounced in the greenhouse than outdoor on container crop site
- no rain, therefore also no dilution of the Na concentration in the greenhouse => more and stronger symptoms





'Caucasica'



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Result: Grade 1 = very good, no sensitivity to Na





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3. Results

✓ On the other side of the scale.....

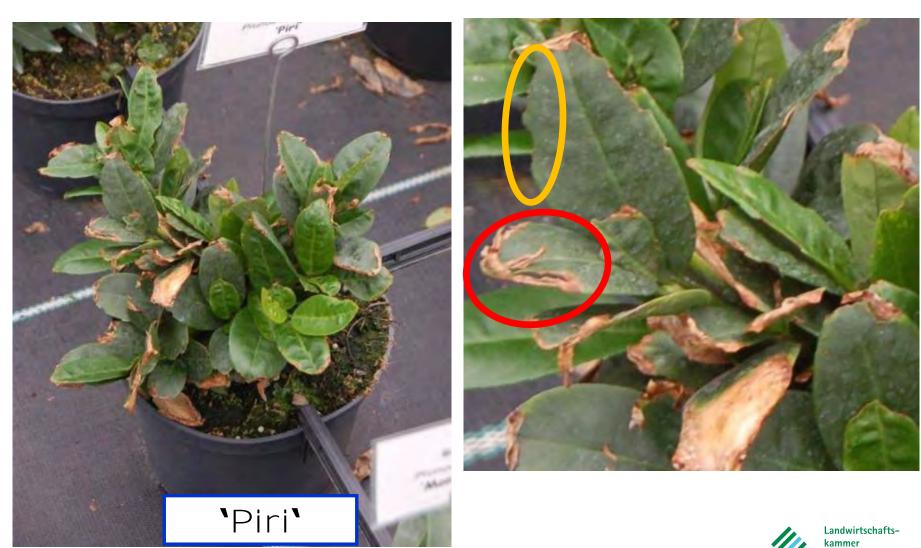
✓ <u>Result</u>: Grade 9 = very bad, very high sensitivity to Na



`Mari` outside!! = slightly better

very high sensitivity to Na

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V. Sodium sensitivity of cherry laurel varieties (during growth in containers)

3. Results for varieties grown in greenhouse

1 = no	3 = slight	5 = moderate	
sensitivity	sensitivity	sensitivity	
=	=	=	
Very good	good	satisfactory	
- Genolia - Novita	- Caucasica - Ivory - Parviflora - Zabeliana	 Baumgartner Bertini Diana Etna PBR Green Mantle Green Survival Herbergii Klari Linus Mano Miky Mount Vernon Paradise 	 Prufon Renault Ace Reynvaanii Rotundifolia Rudolf Billeter Schipkaensis Macrophylla Schipkaensis Typ Holland Typ Berger Winterstar



V. Sodium sensitivity of cherry laurel varieties (during growth in containers)

3. Results for varieties grown in greenhouse

7 = strong sensitivity =		9 = very strong sensitivity =	
deficient		insufficient	
 Gajo Green Carpet Green Gloss Kleopatra Latifolia Leander Marbled White Micheana Otto Luyken Otto Luyken Typ Beckmann Prutondi Pruzab 		- Cherry Brandy - Mari - Piri	



- V. Sodium sensitivity of cherry laurel varieties (during growth in containers)
- 3. Results for varieties grown outside on container crop area
- ✓ When grown outdoor on container crop area, all varieties showed weaker damage from sodium due to dilution of water by rainfall

no sensitivity		slight sensitivity		moderate sensitivity
1	2	3	4	5
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VI. Trees for urban sites in the future (in climate change)



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VI. Trees for urban sites in the future (in climate change) 1. Services of sites covered with woody plants in the city



VI. Trees for urban sites in the future (in climate change)
<u>1. Services of sites covered with woody plants in the city</u>
a. CO2 budget/ air purification

- ✓ Plants consume CO₂ and incorporate it as carbon into their substance (e.g. a big tree (= beech, approx. 100 years old) can process about 9500 I CO₂ /day)
 => approx. 60% of the CO₂ quantity, which is formed daily per inhabitant in Germany
- ✓ A single 100 years old beech tree filters e.g. the annual amount of fine dust out of the air, which corresponds to approx. that, which is produced by a car with a mileage of 20,000 km (= 12,400 mi) per year

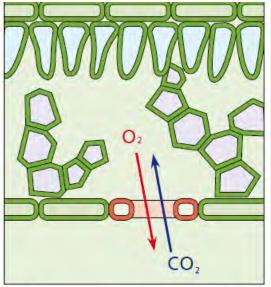


Abb. 2

Schematische Darstellung des Gasaustausches über die Spaltöffnungen an der Blattunterseite: Kohlendioxid (CO_2) wird aufgenommen und Sauerstoff (O_2) wird abgegeben. Die Cuticula auf der Blattoberseite ist in Blau dargestellt.



VI. Trees for urban sites in the future (in climate change) <u>1. Services of sites covered with woody plants in the city</u>

b. cooling/microclimate



Trees cool cities like natural air conditioning

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According to researchers at Wageningen University the cooling capacity of a big single tree can be 20 to 30 kilowatts. A considerable output! In comparison, an air conditioner that cools a room has around 2 kilowatt

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Cities are getting warmer and warmer - trees bring cooling

VI. Trees for urban sites in the future (in climate change)
 <u>1.Services of sites covered with woody plants in the city</u>
 b. cooling/microclimate

- ✓ Cooling effect of a green area in the city is 3-11°C
- ✓ Cooling effect works within a radius of up to 300 m around the green area

BADER (2010): https://www.spektrum.de/news/gegen-die-hitze-der-stadt/1031003



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VI. Trees for urban sites in the future (in climate change) 2. Criteria that a tree species or variety must meet in order to be suitable as an urban tree in climate change

- ✓ high *heat* and *drought tolerance* (=> But without water no plant will grow or survive!!!!!)
- ✓ High winter frost and late frost tolerance
- Low demands on location and soil (e.g. pH, soil compaction, poor space for root growth)
- ✓ Low susceptibility to disease and pests
- ✓ High storm resistance
- ✓ Woody plants from Southeastern Europe, the Caucasus, North America and Asia are currently expected to have the highest future viability => From regions where the climate is today as it is forecast for us =>But what exactly is the forecast for us??????

✓ By the way, the exclusive use of native woody plants will not be crowned with success in this context

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VI. Trees for urban sites in the future (in climate change)

- ✓ First experimental site with 48 tree varieties (5 plants per varietie) in summer 2011
- After four years every second tree (over all 114 trees) from this site was transplanted to Hamburg-City to test them under real urban conditions





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Together with the cities:





✓ From January 2016 until the end of 2019 (funding expired) Treagasc nursery stock seminar - Dublin, 2021-10-20



✓ Range of trees tested in the project

- 1. Acer buergerianum
- 3. Alnus x spaethii
- 5. Celtis australis
- 7. Fraxinus pennsylvanica `Summit´ 9. Gleditsia triacanthos `Skyline´
- 11. Magnolia kobus
- 13. Parrotia persica
- 15. Quercus frainetto `Trump'
- 17. Sophora japonica `Regent'
- 19. Ulmus `Rebona´

Acer monspessulanum
 Carpinus betulus `Lucas´
 Fraxinus ornus 'Obelisk'
 Ginkgo biloba 'Fastigiata'
 Liquidambar styraciflua
 Ostrya carpinifolia
 Quercus cerris
 Platanus orientalis
 Tilia tomentosa `Brabant´
 Zelkova serrata `Green Vase´

5 copies of each species/variety per city

 Unfortunately, only the initial phase of trees at their urban sites was funded during the project period.

Necessary is an observation period of 10-15 years
 => unfortunately, no funding can be obtained for this period



Sweet gum, *Liquidambar styraciflua* (Northamerika)

Overall grading: good

- Growth still a bit weak in parts
- Beautiful fall coloration
- Trunk with ornamental cork strips





Manna-ash **'Obelisk',** *Fraxinus ornus* **'Obelisk'** (Southeast Europe, West Asia)

Overall grading: very good

- One failure due to drought stress (reason: error in planting and care)
- crown shape very attractive and uniform
- conspicuous flowering





Trident maple, *Acer buergerianum* (Japan, East China)

Overall grading: unacceptible

- One failure (scratching of the trunk by cat => subsequently red pustule infestation)
- Crown initially with frost and drought damage=> subsequently one-sided crown shape with strong wind exposure
- very strong fruiting after the dry year 2018





Persian ironwood, *Parrotia persica* (Southwest Asia)

Overall garding: good

- Foliage regularly showed brown leaf spots/edges on many specimens in early summer, probably due to elevated salinity and pH levels in the substrate
- magnificent fall coloration



Maidenhair tree 'Fastigiata', Ginkgo biloba 'Fastigiata'



Overall grading: satisfactory

Comments:

- Very slow growth
- with strong planting cut the leading shoot partly tilted to the side (crowns stabbed)
- in the dry year 2018 partly strong browning of the foliage occurred



(China)



Montpelier maple, *Acer monspessulanum* (Central -, Southern Europe, NW Africa)

Overall grading: good

Comments:

 Partial aphid infestation in spring and cicada aphid damage => both did not affect tree development





Hop hornbeam, *Ostrya carpinifolia* (Southeast Europe, West Asia)

Overall grading: satisfactory

- Establishment difficulties in 2016/2017 in all three cities, three trees did not grow, drought stress e.g. due to neighboring old tree.
- Increased care in watering during the establishment phase urgently needed



Honey locust 'Skyline', Gleditsia triacanthos 'Skyline'



(Nordamerika)

Syn: 'Skycole'

Overall grading: good

- 2 failures (lack of water in planting year and vandalism)
- Site Kiel with clear frost damage





Northern Japanese magnolia, Magnolia kobus

(Japan)

Overall grading: good

- Slow growth
- foliage often light green
- attractive flower
- one failure due to vandalism





Oriental plane, *Platanus orientalis* (Southeast Europe, West Asia)

Overall grading: good

Comments:

 Sycamore leaf miner (Phyllonorycter platani) and powdery mildew (Microsphaera platani) occurred mostly at low levels

- one failure



Japanese pagoda tree 'Regent', Sophora japonica 'Regent'



Overall grading: unacceptible

Comments:

- Leading shoot/middle "tilted" clearly to the side in about 50% of the trees
- at one location a part of the crown of two trees broke out in spite of rods (wind gust by truck)
- one failure (drought stress -> oak leaf beetle)



(China, Korea)



Spaet's Alder, *Alnus* x *spaethii* (Hybrid)

Overall grading: very good

- Good growth
- Leaf feeding by alder leaf beetle larvae (Agelastica alni) so far unproblematic





Resista-**Ulme 'Rebona',** *Ulmus* **'Rebona'** (Breeding, USA)

Overall grading: very good

Comments:

- Tree species with the strongest growth during the project period



American ash 'Summit', Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Summit'



(North America)

Overall grading: satisfactory

Comments:

- In two trees the upper third of the crown was dead, cause still unclear





White beech **'Lucas',** *Carpinus betulus* **'Lucas'** (Central Europe)

Overall impression: satisfactory

Comments:

 Clear drought stress symptoms at a wind-exposed, dry site in summer
 2018 (small foliage partly with necrotic leaf spots, clearly premature leaf fall, sparse crown)





Silver lime 'Brabant', Tilia tomentosa 'Brabant'

(Southeast Europe, West Asia)

Overall grading: good

- Leaf damage due to caterpillar feeding and felt gall mites (*Eriophyes leiosoma*)
- two failures due to long lasting waterlogging (site under water)





European hackberry, *Celtis australis* (Southern Europe, North Africa, Western Asia)

Overall grading: satisfactory

- Repeated frost damage, mostly moderate freezing back of thin shoots up to about 25 cm, but one tree with severe crown damage (leading shoot and branches frostbitten)
- partly chlorotic foliage





Hungarian oak, *Quercus frainetto* (Southeastern Europe, Turkey)

Overall grading: satisfactory

- Requires secure attachment for a long time, especially with strong wind exposure
- slow growth as well as thickness growth
- two failures, reason: drought stress => oak shatter beetle infestation => increased care in watering is therefore urgently needed



Japanese zelkova 'Green Vase', Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'



Overall grading: good

Comments:

- Beautiful fall foliage coloration
- sporadic frost damage
- one failure (cause unknown)

(Japan)



Turkey oak, *Quercus cerris* (Southeast Europe, West Asia)

Overall impression: very good

Comments:

- Completely free of trouble at all sites in the project



Many thanks for your attention!

questions?

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