Nematode management in carinata production

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Plant-parasitic nematodes: A yield-limiting factor in the Southeast



- Stunted cotton from reniform nematode
- Estimated 4% cotton yield loss [\$250+ million] from nematodes (Lawrence et al., 2021)

Peanut root-knot nematode damage in peanut

Carinata-nematode relationship important factor for adoption!

Carinata-nematode questions



1. Does carinata help manage nematodes for subsequent cash crops?

2. Do any nematodes affect carinata productivity?



How could carinata manage nematodes?

1. Host status

- Does nematode reproduce on crop?
- Varies by nematode-crop combination!

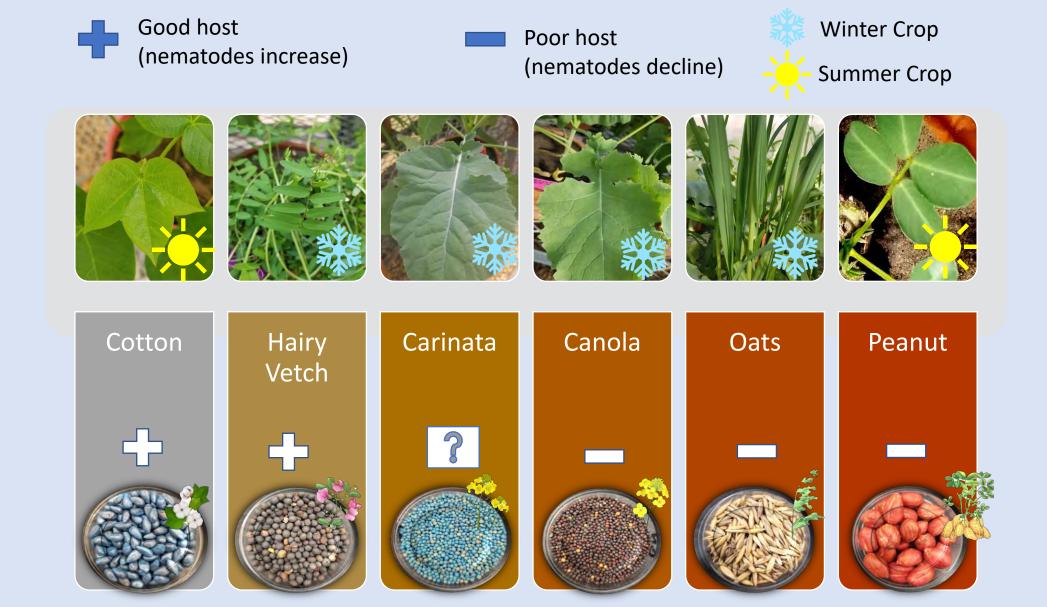
2. Biofumigant effect

- Contains compounds (glucosinolates) toxic to nematodes
- Effect under growing conditions?
- Focus on reniform nematode (Rotylenchulus reniformis)

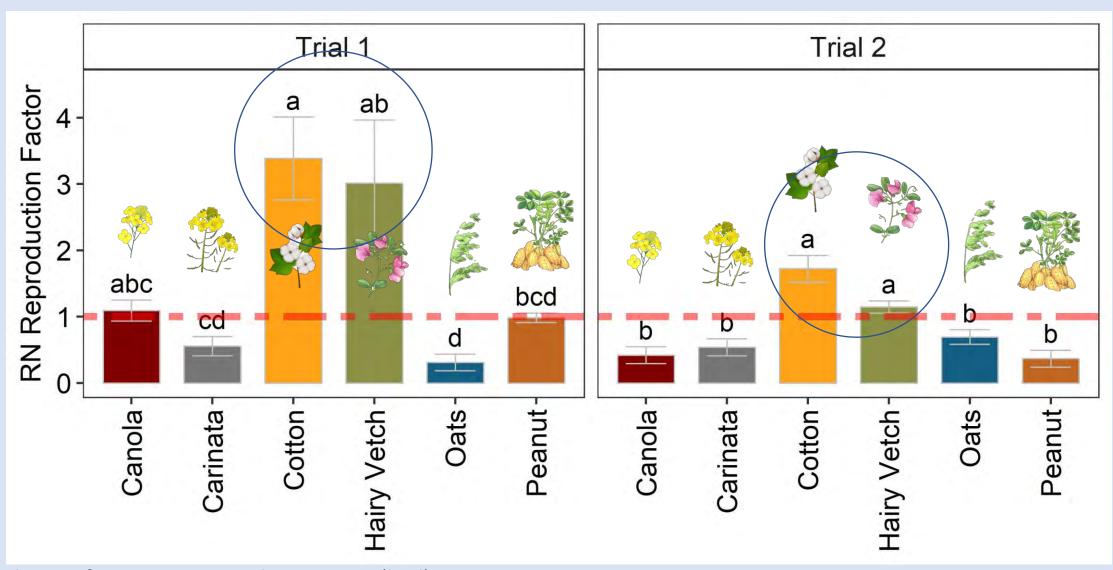


Reniform nematode on cotton roots (C. Overstreet)

Does reniform nematode reproduce on carinata (greenhouse)?

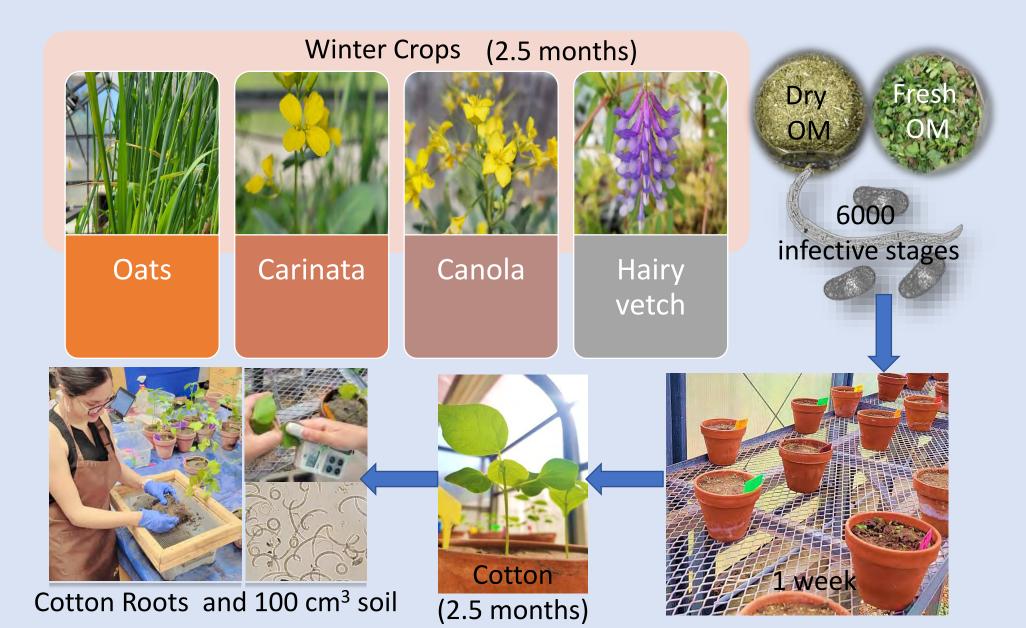


Carinata does not increase on reniform nematode (great!)

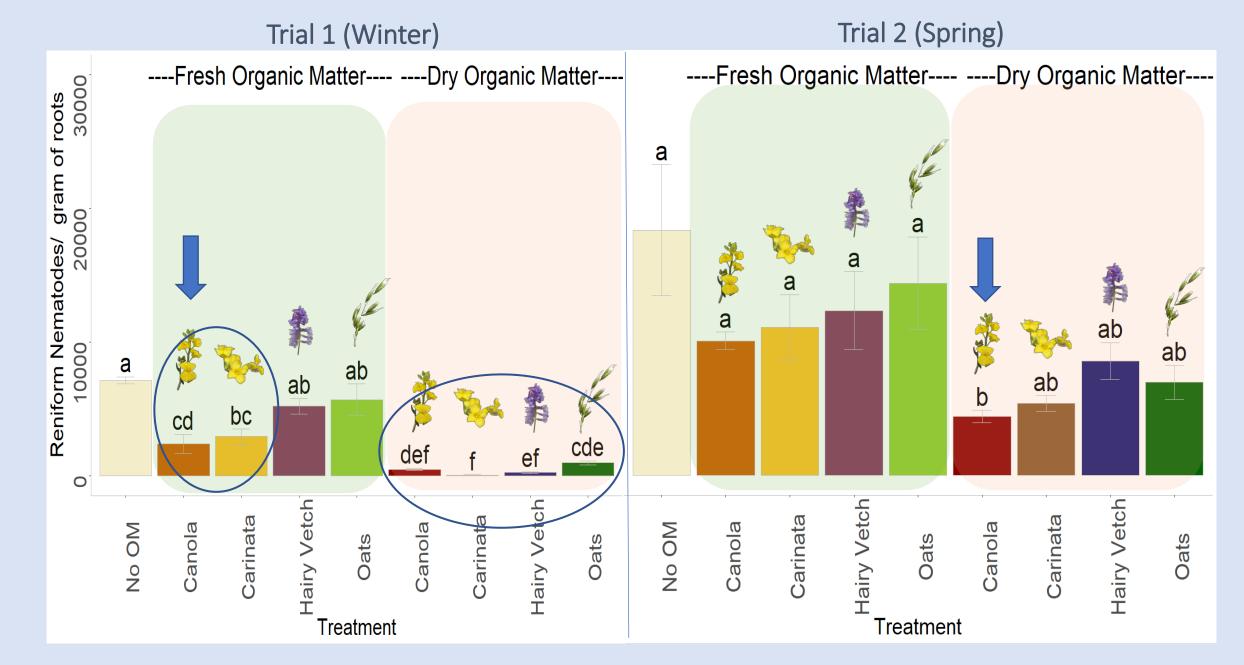


Reproductive factor>1: nematode increases (bad); Reproductive factor<1: nematode decreases (great)

Does carinata biofumigate (dry and fresh matter) in greenhouse?

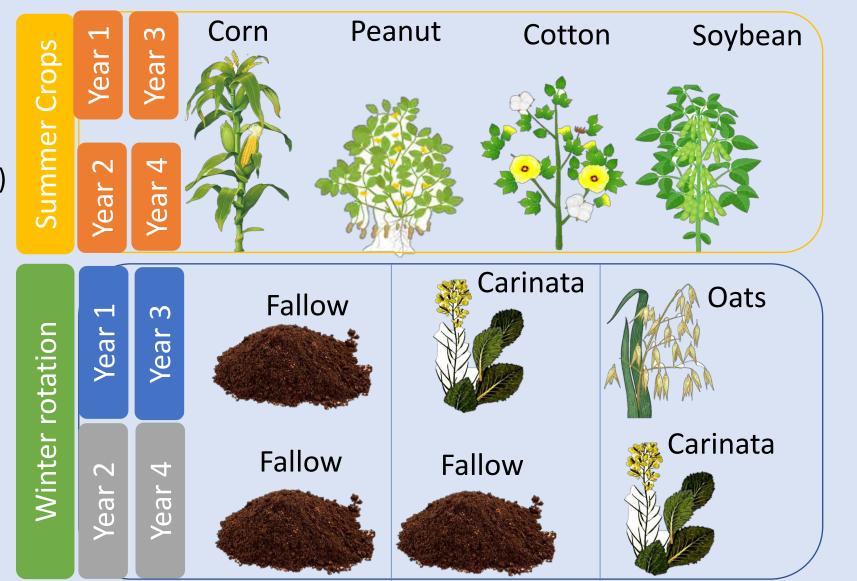


Carinata similar to current winter crops for biofumigation



Does carinata manage reniform nematode in the field?

4 Year Rotation at Quincy (2017-2021)

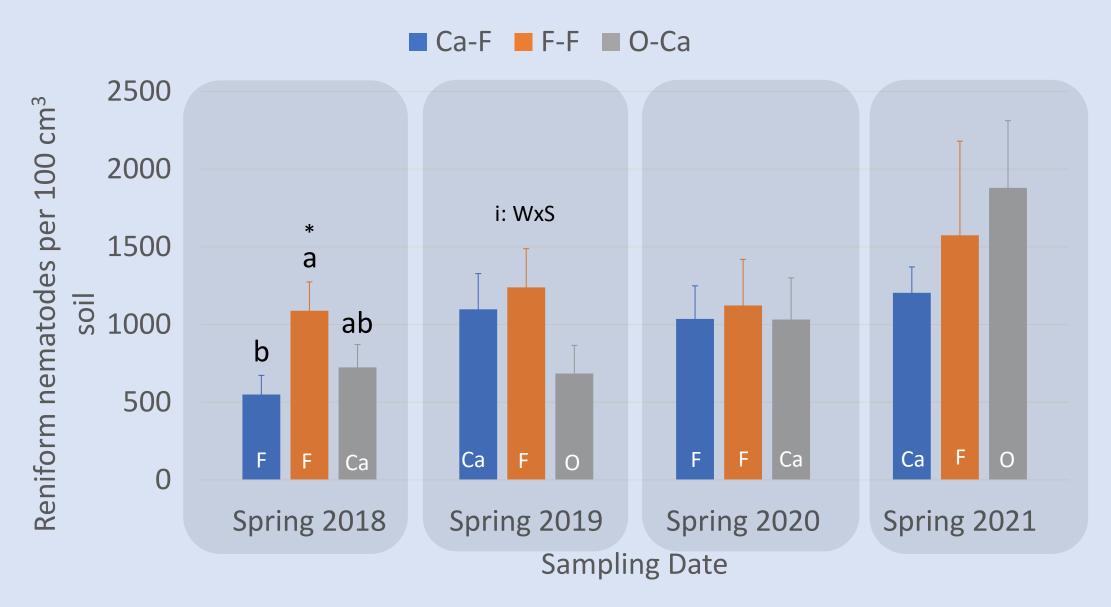


Sampling season

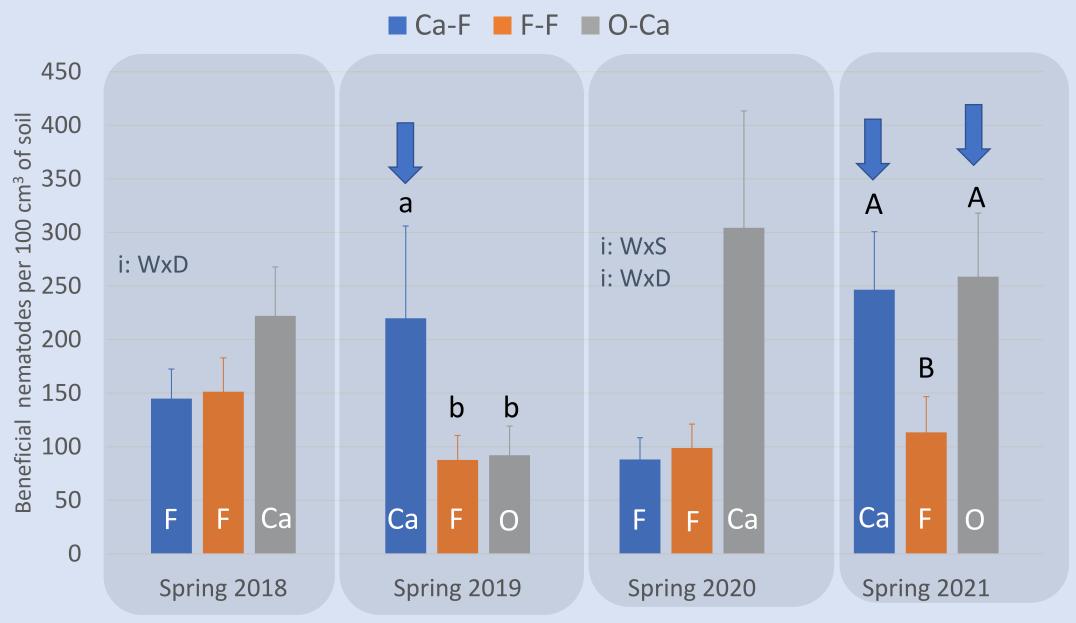
Fall

Spring
Nematode soil
counts to 4' deep

Reniform nematode management similar among crops in field



Carinata increases beneficial nematodes



Summary of carinata-reniform nematode interaction

- 1. Reniform nematode does not infect carinata
 - Will not affect carinata yield
 - Help manage for following crops
- 2. Not better than current non-host winter crops for management



Remaining questions

How does carinata affect other nematodes?



Root-knot nematode female in carinata root



Sting nematode feeding on root

Improve biofumigation with different practices?



Tillage, incorporation methods, variety



Upcoming work on peanut root-knot nematode



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