

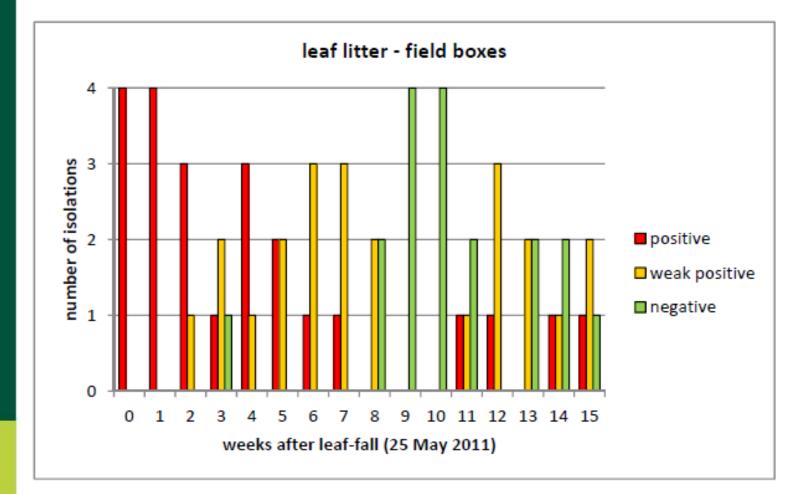
Does compost produced in the BOP pose a Psa-V inoculum risk?

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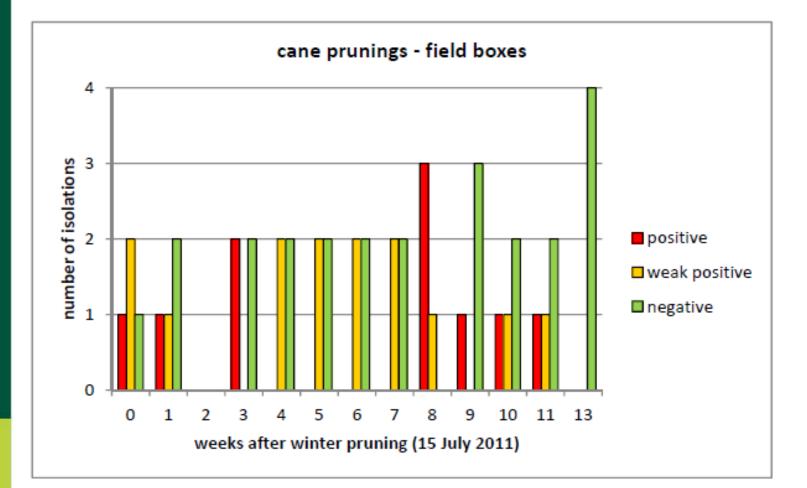
KF Leaf litter







Cane prunings

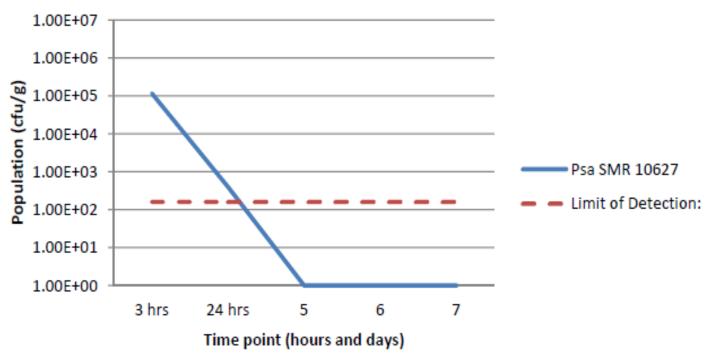






Poor survival off host vegetation

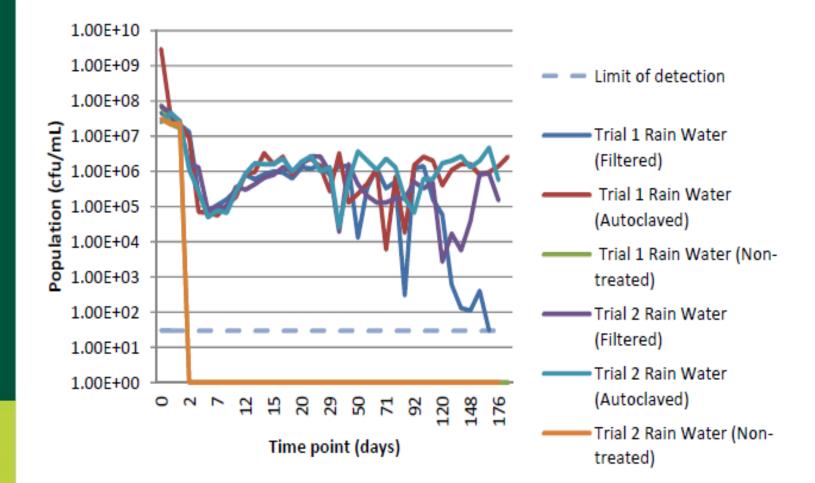








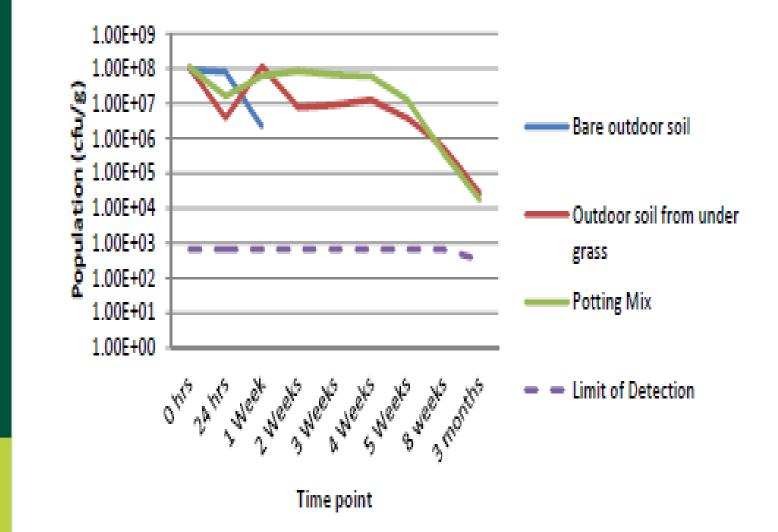
Psa-V does not survive well in rain water unless.....







Soil, potting mix







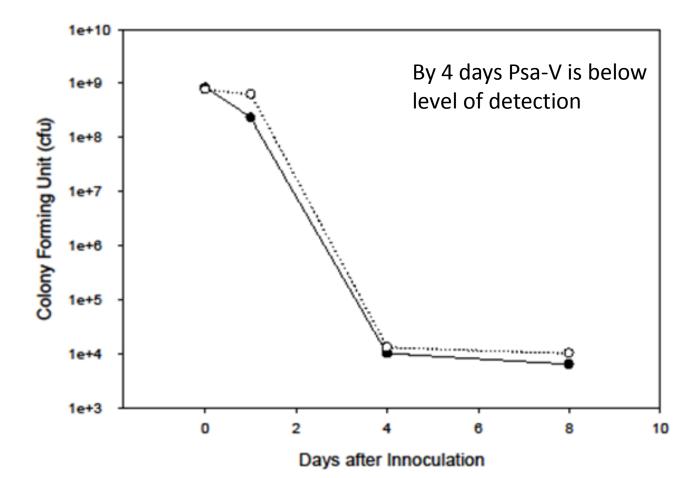
Compost inoculation trial

- Green waste (non-kiwifruit material) compost
- inoculated with a streptomycin/rifampicin-resistant strain of Psa-V
- survival was monitored





Psa Survival in Compost, November 2011

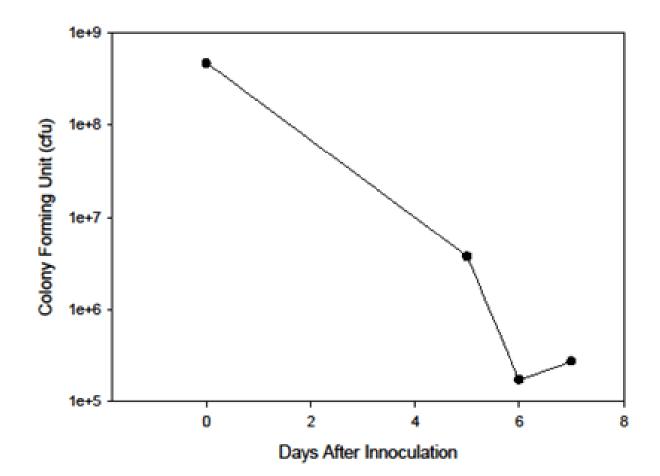


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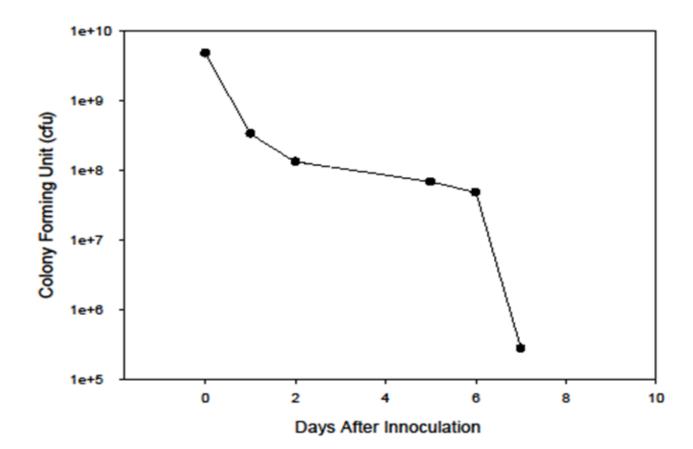
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Psa Survival in Compost, May 2012



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Take home messages

- Kiwifruit free compost does not appear to be an inoculum source for Psa-V
- Compost appears to suppress Psa-V growth
- Projects are currently underway to:
 - Determine if compost can inhibit Psa-V growth in mulched KF material in the orchard
 - Identify the anti Psa-V components of compost
 - understand the role of KF vine nutrition and it's impact on vine health and fitness against Psa-V
 - understand KF vine metabolism and how vine management practices change a vines metabolism to strengthen/ weaken it against Psa-V





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