

# Minimum Tillage- Field Trials in Lower Austria



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# Experimental sites





↑  
**Perched water  
table  
in the depression**



# Tullnerfeld – Gollarn 2009



## SOLUTION ⇒

Direct drilling without disc harrow in front of seeder

### No till drill into straw of winter wheat



## **Conventional tillage- neighbour**



**29th August 2011 NoTill farm Zaussinger Lower Austria**

**Lineseed + yellow mustard + oil radish + vetchling**





**No Tillage sugar beets  
Lower Austria**

**Yield:**

**2005.....80 t/ha**

**2009....> 70 t/ha**

**Sugar content 2005...17.6 %**



**Silage corn in Glyphosate  
– sprayed winterrye  
Humpolec CS  
September 2012**





**Per ha in the soil:**

**25 t flora**

**5 t fauna**



**Corresponding**

**6 livestock units**

**Work for the farmer**

Johann Peck Andau



24/09/2009

NoTill



24/09/2009

# International tendencies in Tillage

- 1989..... 10 Mio ha No Till
- 2001..... 65 Mio. ha No Till
- 2002..... 68 Mio. ha No Till
- 2004..... 72 Mio. ha No Till
- 2006..... 90 Mio. ha No Till
- 2014.....>125 Mio. ha No Till

## ▪Countries:

USA (35 Mio. ha), Canada (12 Mio. ha), Brasil, Argentina – Latin America > 60 Mio. ha, Australia (> 10 Mio. ha)

More than 98 % of the No Till land in these countries

# Reasons for No Till

- Lowering of production cost
- Fewer passes – less work time → less soil compaction
- Increased productivity – cultivation of larger area possible
- Reduction of fuel consumption  
( 250 l → < 80 l/ha )
- Lower machine use
- Prevention of wind – water – tillage erosion
- Increased humus content
- Improved water retention
- Better yield
- Lower carbon dioxide release from the soil  
→ climate – and soil alliances
- Carbon storage in the soil

**NoTill Soybean in cornstraw Argentina 2010**





**NoTill corn  
Argentina 2010**





**Cultivation Tests  
Seeding Winter Wheat  
into stubbles of  
Sunflower**





# Dry Rot

## *Fusarium graminearum*

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*Fusarium venenatum*  
*Fusarium oxysporum*  
*Fusarium proliferatum*  
*Fusarium langsethiae*  
*Fusarium tricinctum*  
*Fusarium solani*

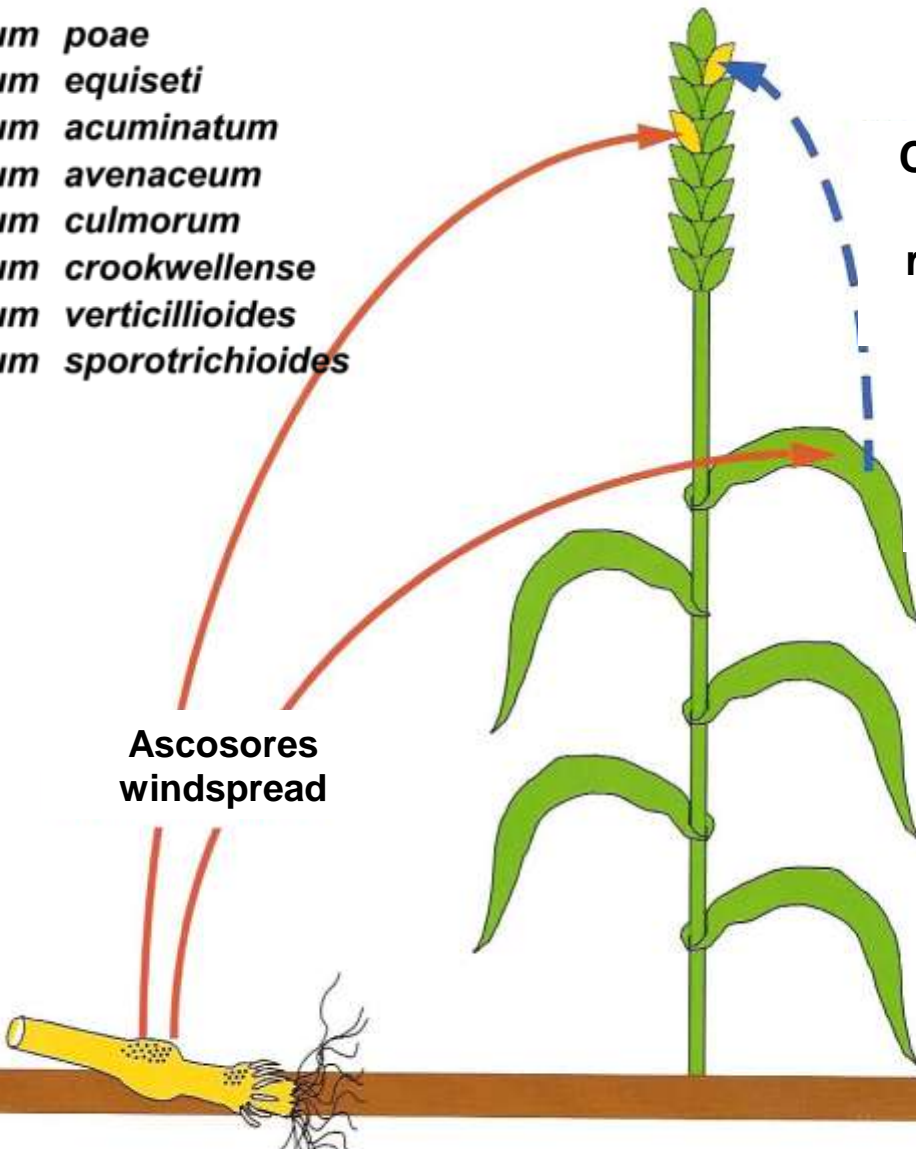
*Fusarium poae*  
*Fusarium equiseti*  
*Fusarium acuminatum*  
*Fusarium avenaceum*  
*Fusarium culmorum*  
*Fusarium crookwellense*  
*Fusarium verticillioides*  
*Fusarium sporotrichioides*

Conidiospores spread by raindrops and wind

Reproduction without symptoms

Ascospores windspread

Stubbles corn with Perithecia



High risk of dry rot...Fusarium sp....under wet conditions (high humidity, rainfall during bloom  
→ Fungicide during bloom straight to the point



Seeding winterwheat into strawresidues of corn.....fungicidesaying during bloom essential



# Mykotoxine DON and ZEA

- Threshold food I in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  in grain

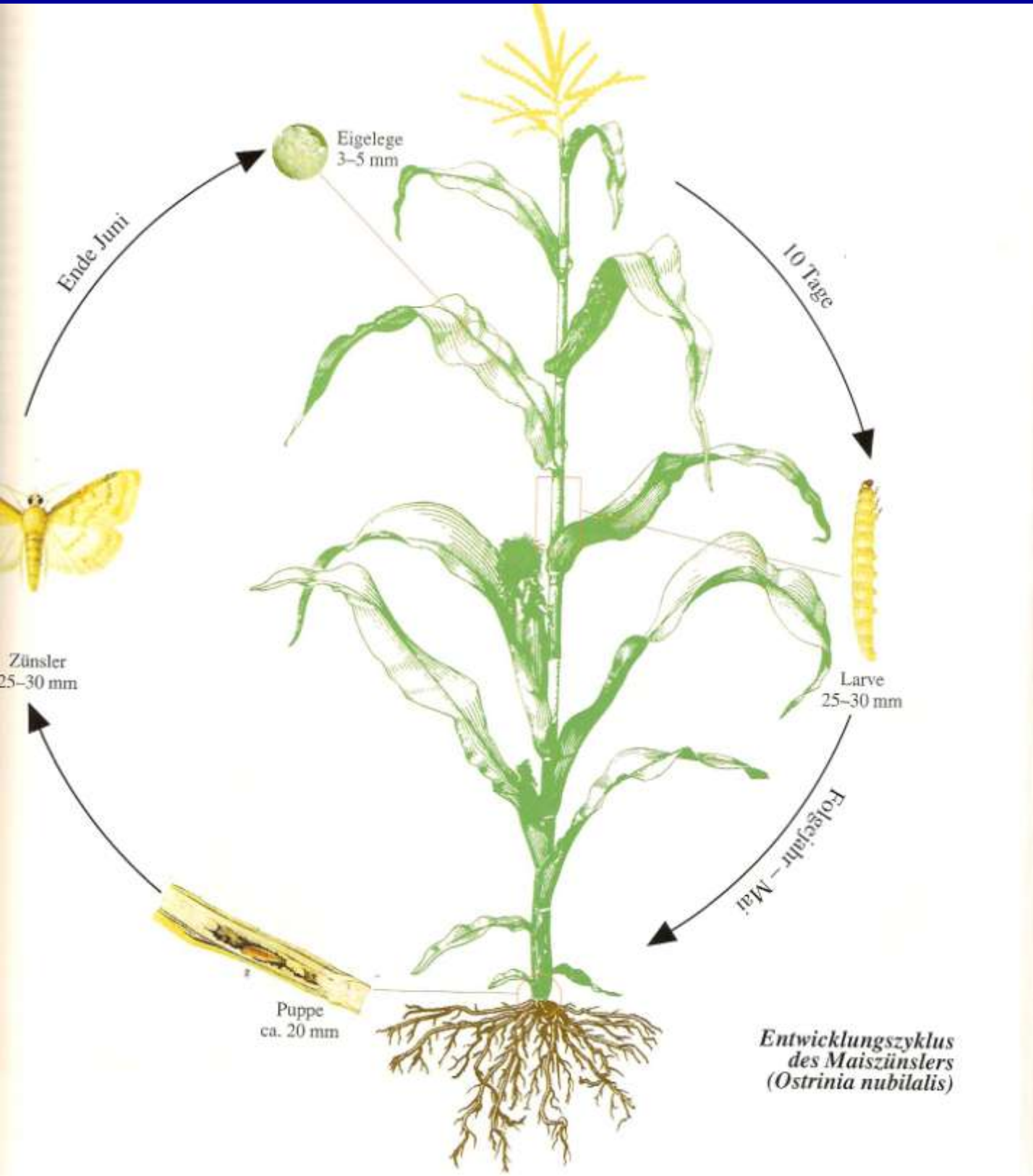
	DON	ZEA
Wheat	1250	100
Durum, Oat,	1750	100
Corn	1750	200

Shallow mix of strawresidues for degradation - humification



# Cornborer

## *Ostrinia nubilalis*



# NoTill into straw residues corn 2013



Cornborer in straw residues

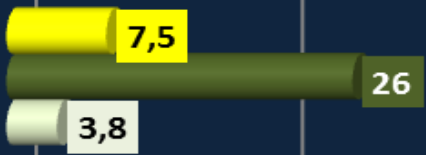
# Fieldtrial control cornborer Tulln 2013

- % cornborer in cornear
- % under cornear broken plants
- % over cornear broken plants

Coragen 125 ml July 5th  
+ Coragen 125 ml Juli  
10th



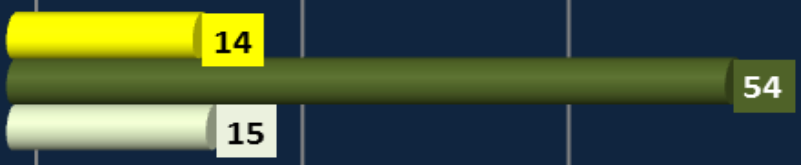
Coragen 125 ml 10. July  
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Coragen 125 ml July 5th  
2013



untreated control



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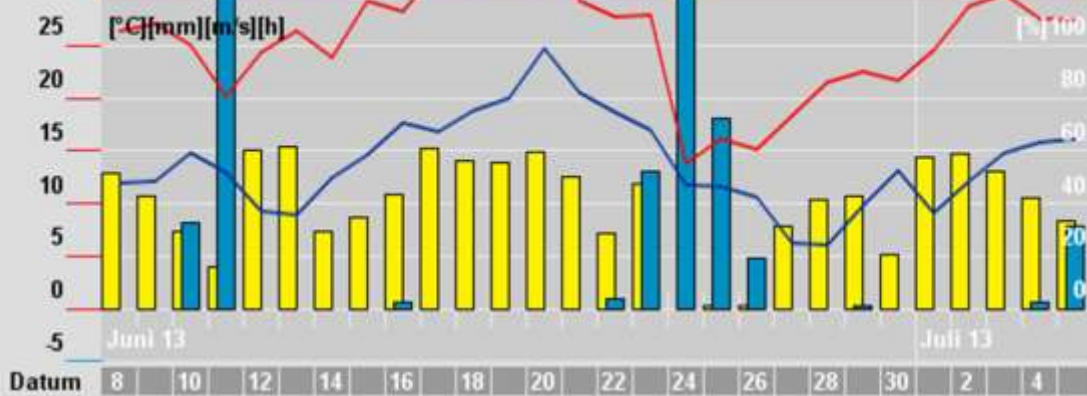


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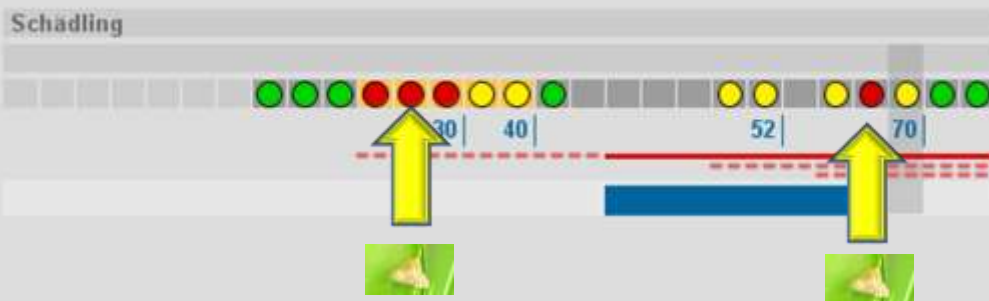
- Sonne (h)
- Niederschlag
- Temp. Max.
- Temp. Quer (°C) 2m
- Temp. Min.
- Luftfeuchte (%) 2m
- Wind Quer (m/s)
- Taupunkt (°C) 14°°
- Regen (h) >0,1mm
- Temp. Min (°C) 20cm

### Zuflug Larven Maiszünsler Tullnerfeld

### Tulln



Mais  
 Maiszünsler  
 Zuflug  
 Zuflugverlauf (%)  
 Eientw. / Schlupf  
 Behandlung

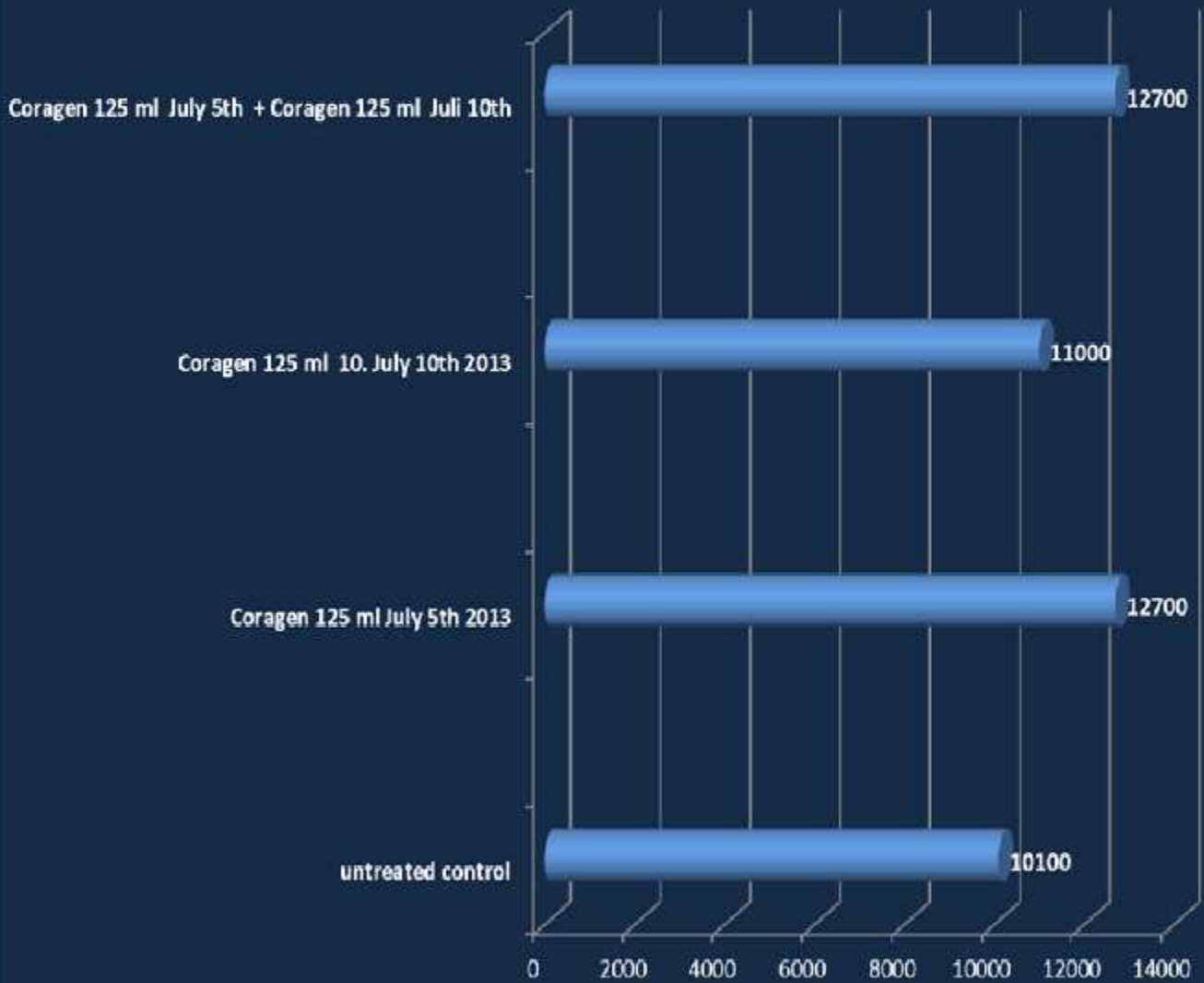


Intensivierungsversuche Land NÖ 2013



Proplant forecast 2013 for cornborer

# Yield cornborer pestcontrol trial Tulln 2013







**volunteer barley ⇒ Risk of barley yellow dwarf virus**



# Soil erosion measurement sites Austria



**Experiments started in 1994**

**soil texture:** sandy silt - loamy silt

**plot size:** 60 m<sup>2</sup> ( 4 by 15 m)

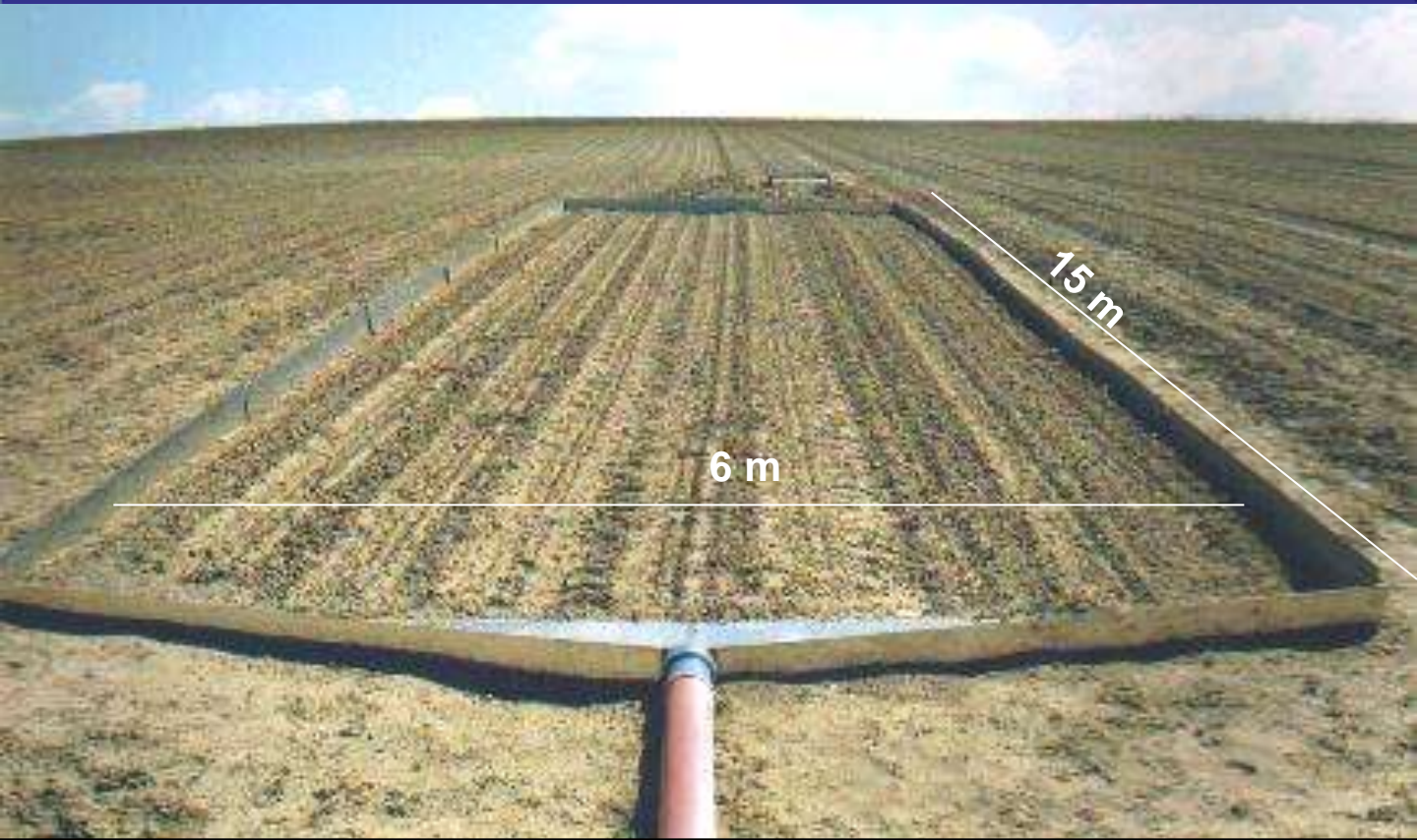
**slope:** 5 - 16 %

**crop rotation:** corn - winter wheat  
corn - winter wheat - sugar -beets  
– summer barley -  
sunflower - winter wheat

**Summer harvest - cover crop → spring  
cultivation**

**Parameters investigated:** runoff, soil loss,  
nutrients, pesticides - herbicides,

# Erosion plots



## Sediment flow – grassed waterway



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Google

Zeiger 48°34'58.65" N 16°35'11.37" O Höhe 247 m Übertragung 100%

Sichthöhe 562 m

# Losses in different tillage practices 1994 - 2013

Klik et.al

University of Agricultural Science Vienna

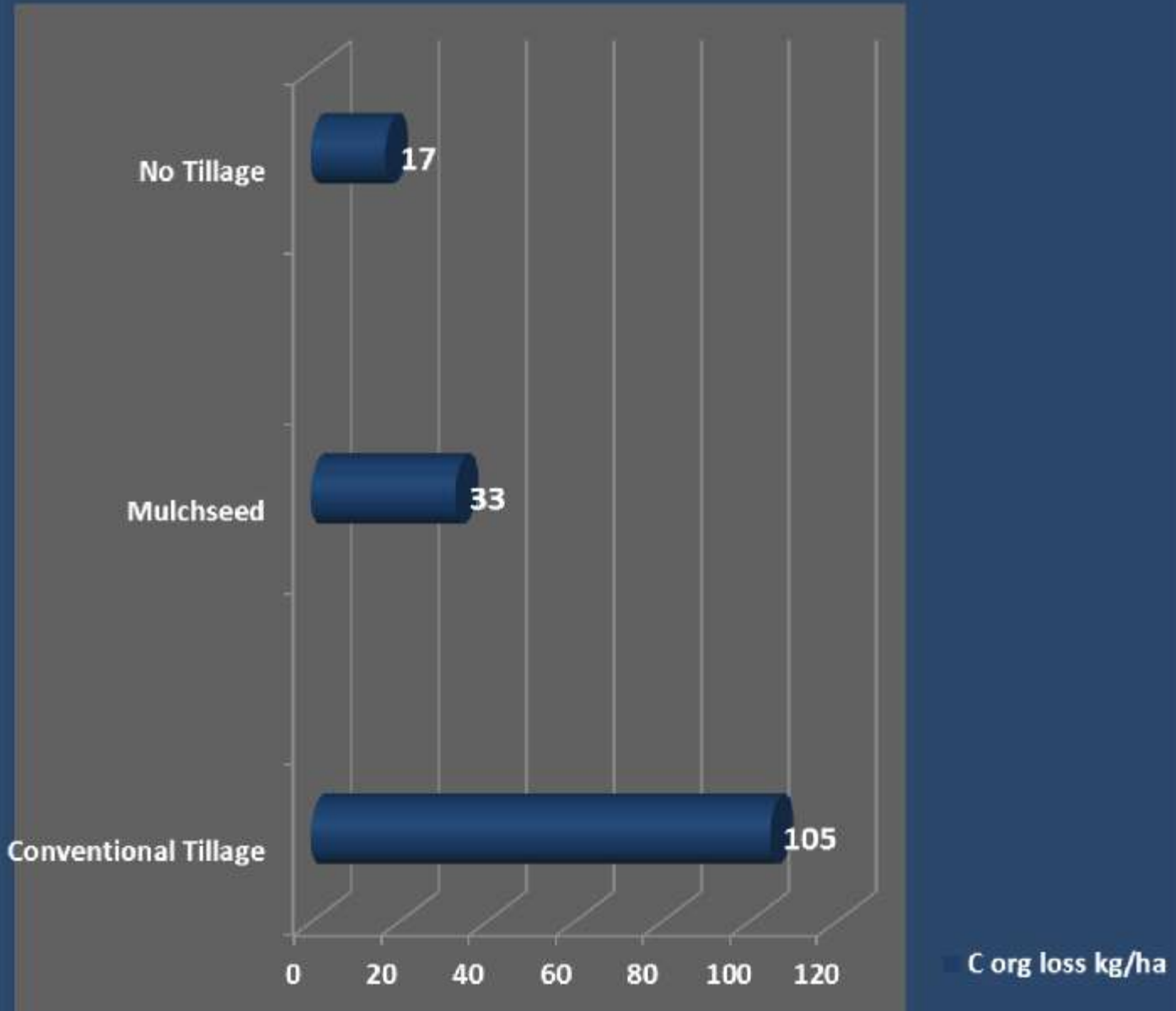
	Conventional Tillage	mulchseed	Direct drilling
Soil loss t/ha	9.9	2.2	1.1
reduction		78 %	89 %
Corg - loss kg/ha	105	33	17
reduction		67 %	82 %
N - loss kg/ha	14	6.9	3.8
reduction		51 %	73 %
P - loss kg/ha	7	1.9	0.9
reduction		73 %	87 %
runoff in mm	25.6	22.2	18.7
Herbicide loss % sprayed	2.2 %	1.0 %	0.6 %
reduction		55 %	74 %
Herbicide loss in runoff	1,73 %	0.87 %	0.17 %
reduction		50 %	90 %
Herbicide loss In sediment	3.09 %	1.16 %	1.99 %
reduction		62 %	36 %

# Soil loss 2 places Lower Austria 1994 - 2013

soil loss 1994 - 2013

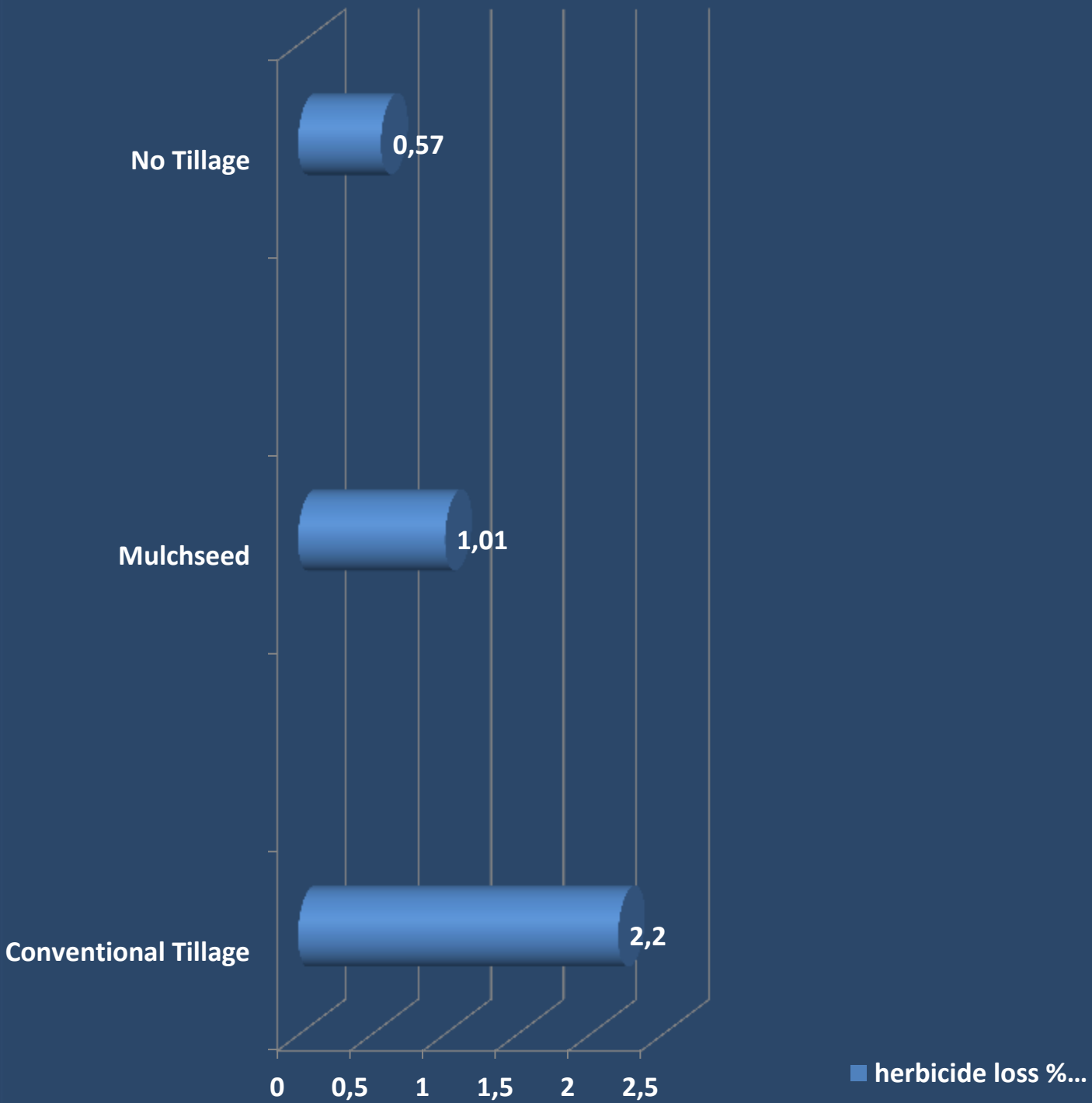


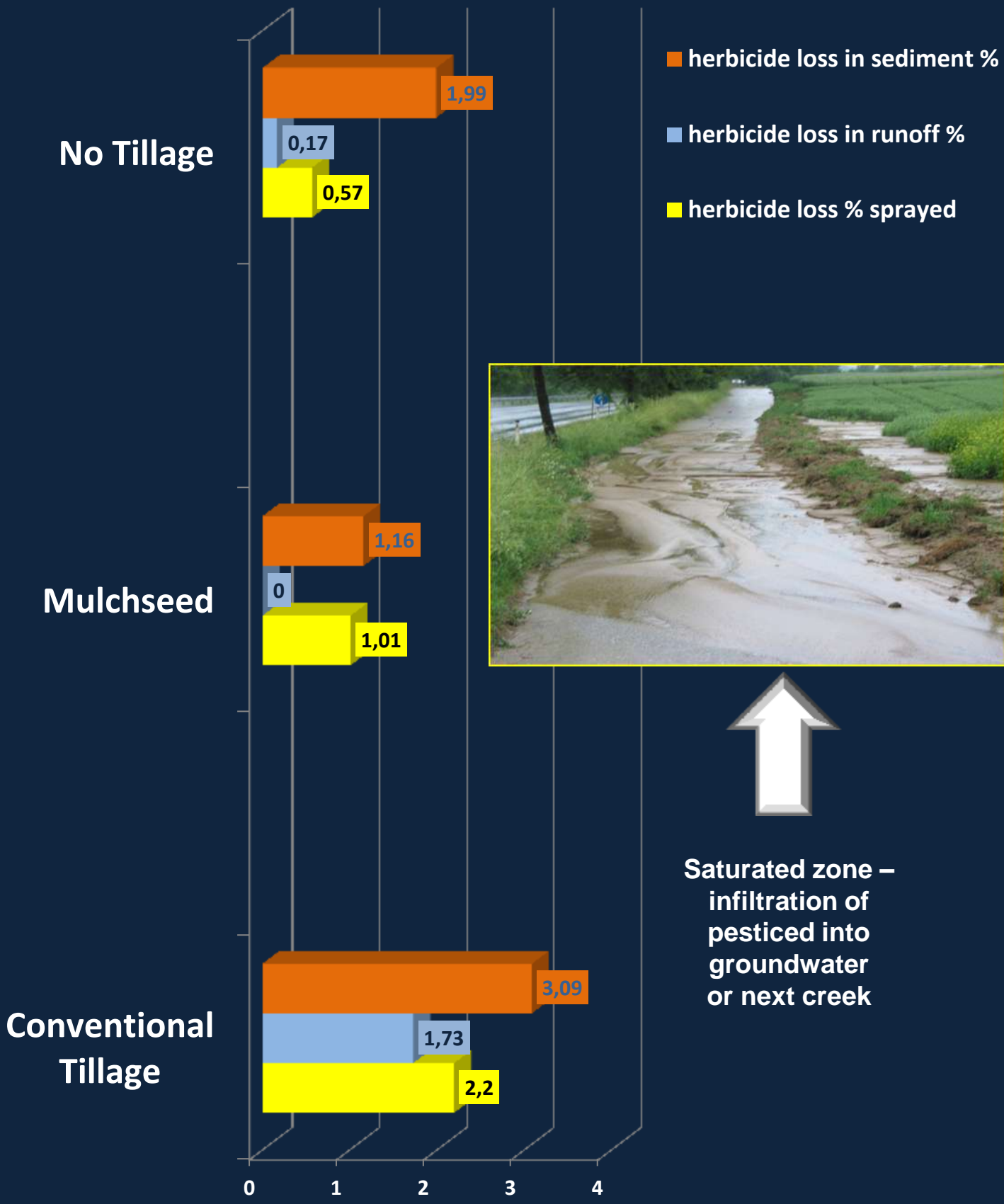
### C org loss kg/ha





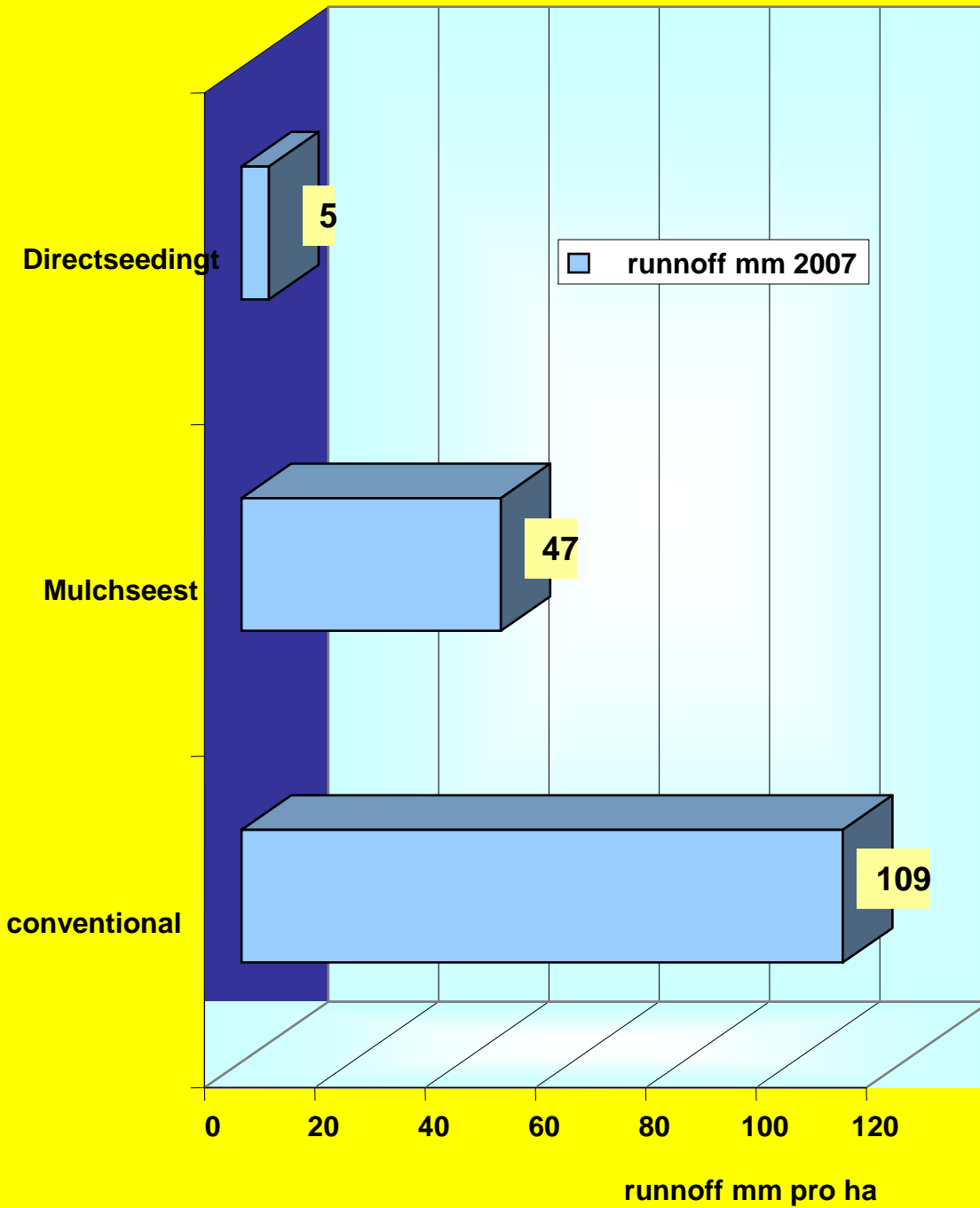
# herbicide loss % sprayed



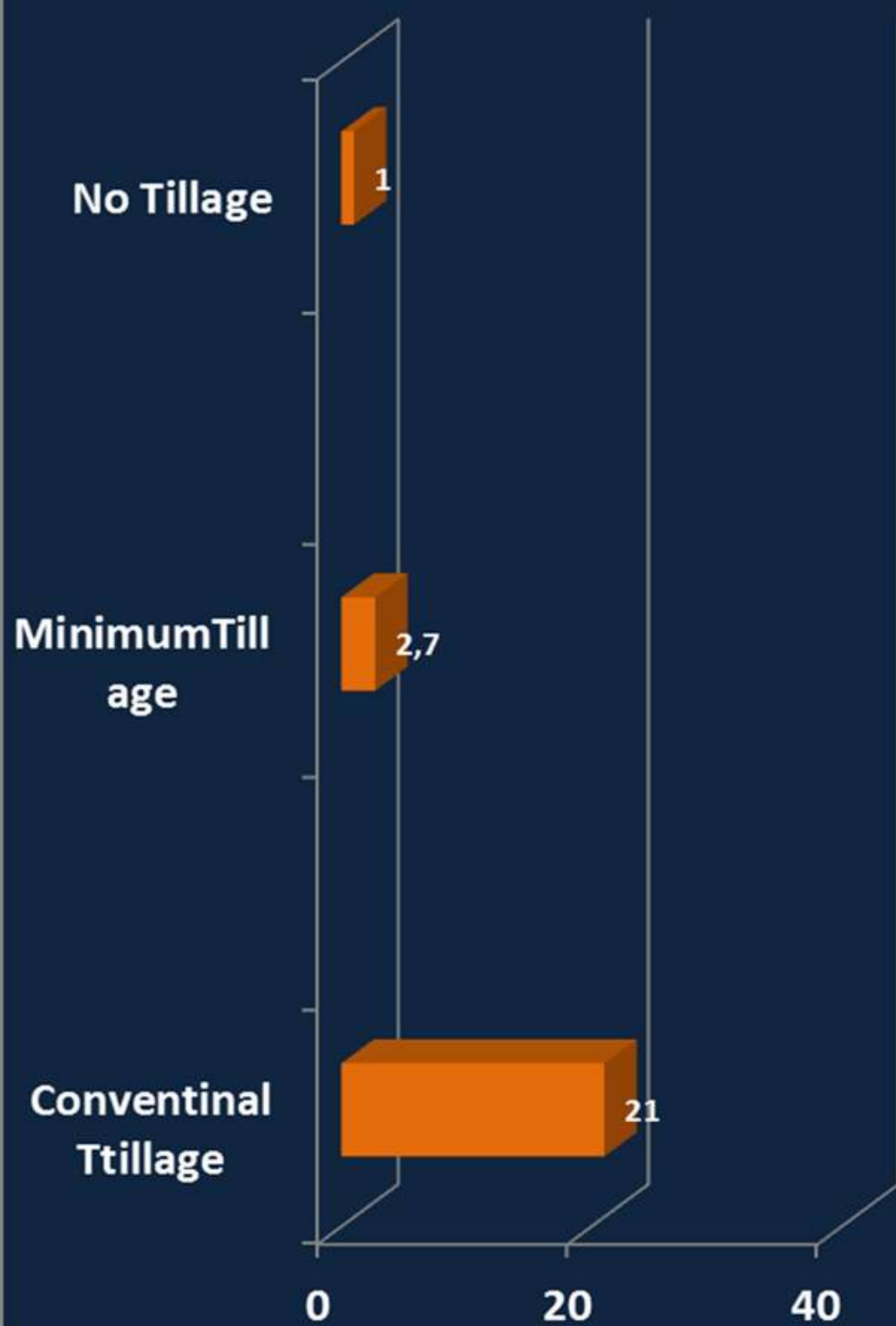


# Runnof mm 2007

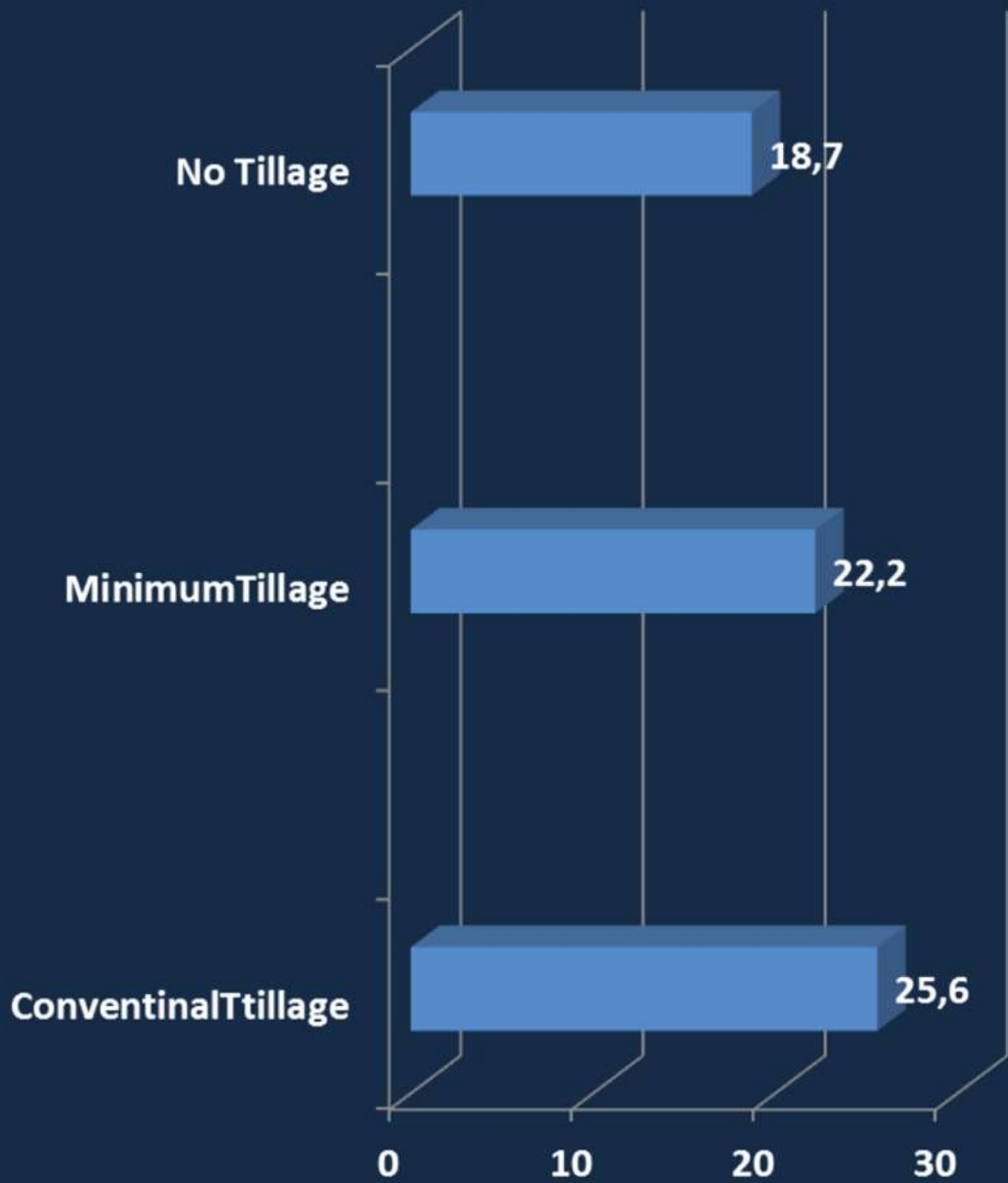
## erosion trial Tullnerfeld



# runoff mm/ha Pixendorf - Tulln sunflower 2013

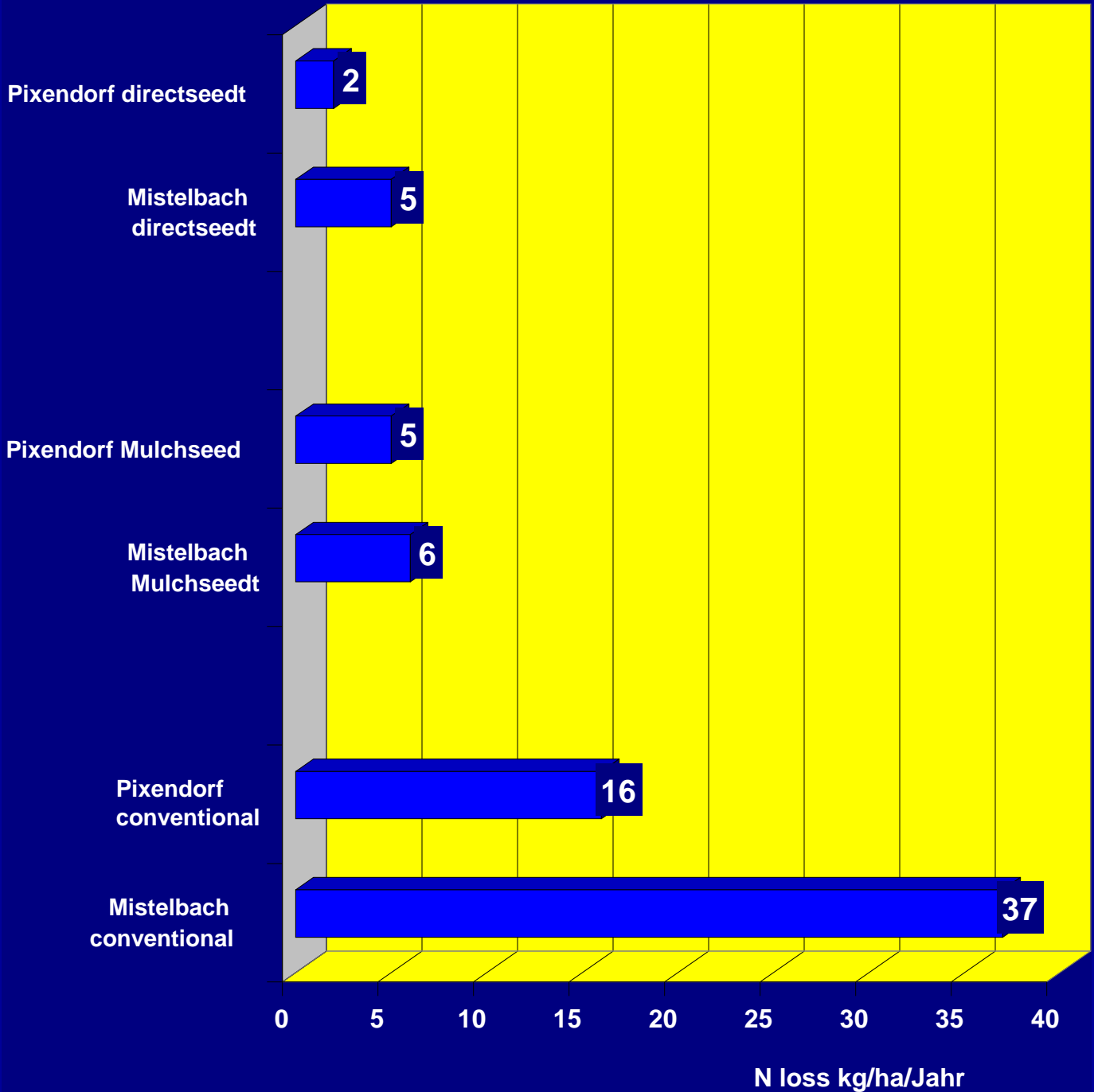


# Runoff mm 1994 - 2013

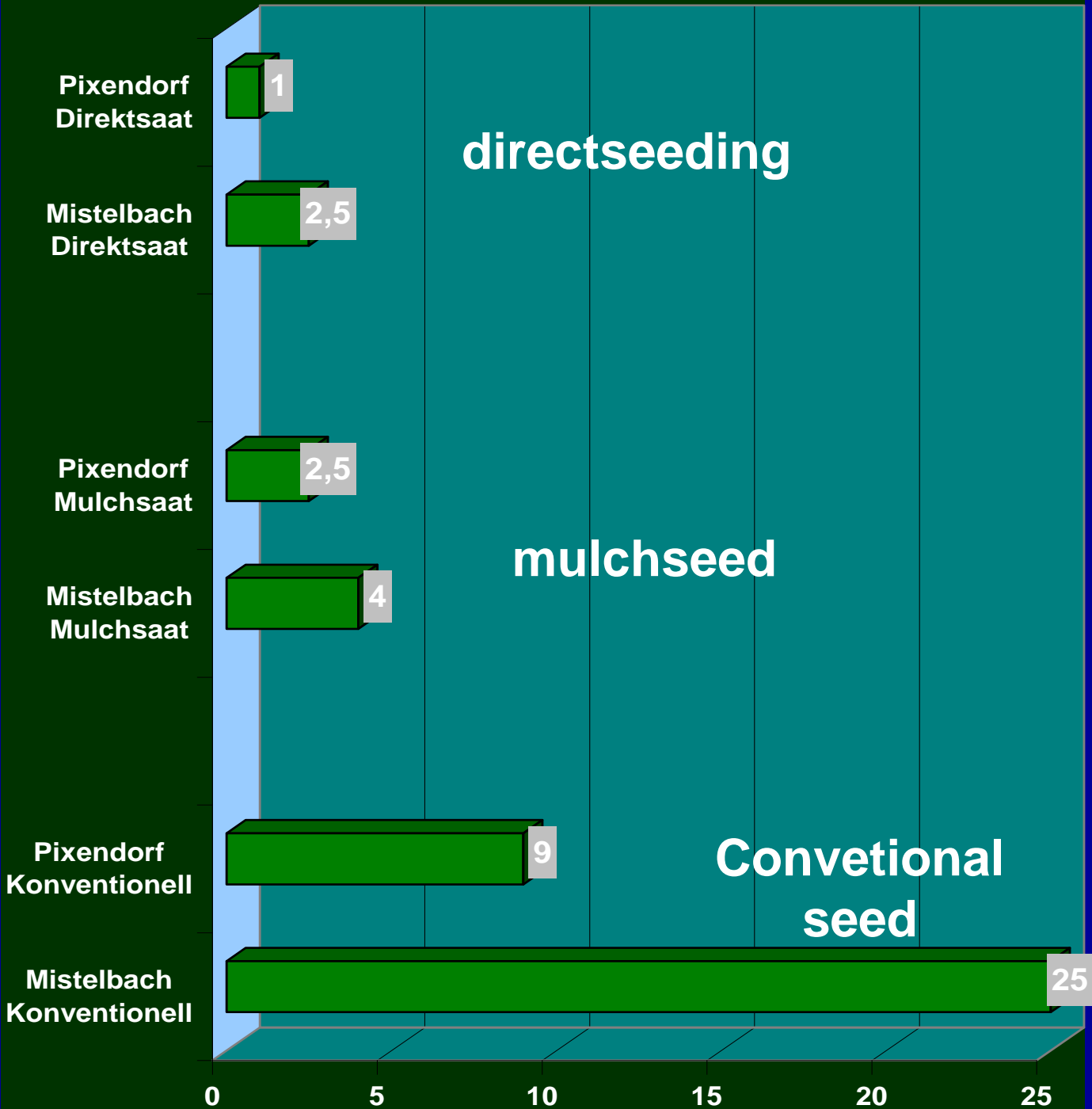


- **Worldwide loss of 10 million ha arable land by soil erosion**
- **0.1 – 1 mm erosion per year tolerable.....15 t/ha/year.....0.01 – 40 mm in practice occur**
- **Soil regeneration in Central Europe 1t/ha/year**
- **In Western Germany 20 – 50 mm soil layer eroded in the last 50 years → yield reduction 10 – 20 %**
- **World online January 24th 2011: millenium tool plow to the scrap metal**

# N - loss per ha and Jahr



# P -losses /ha/year



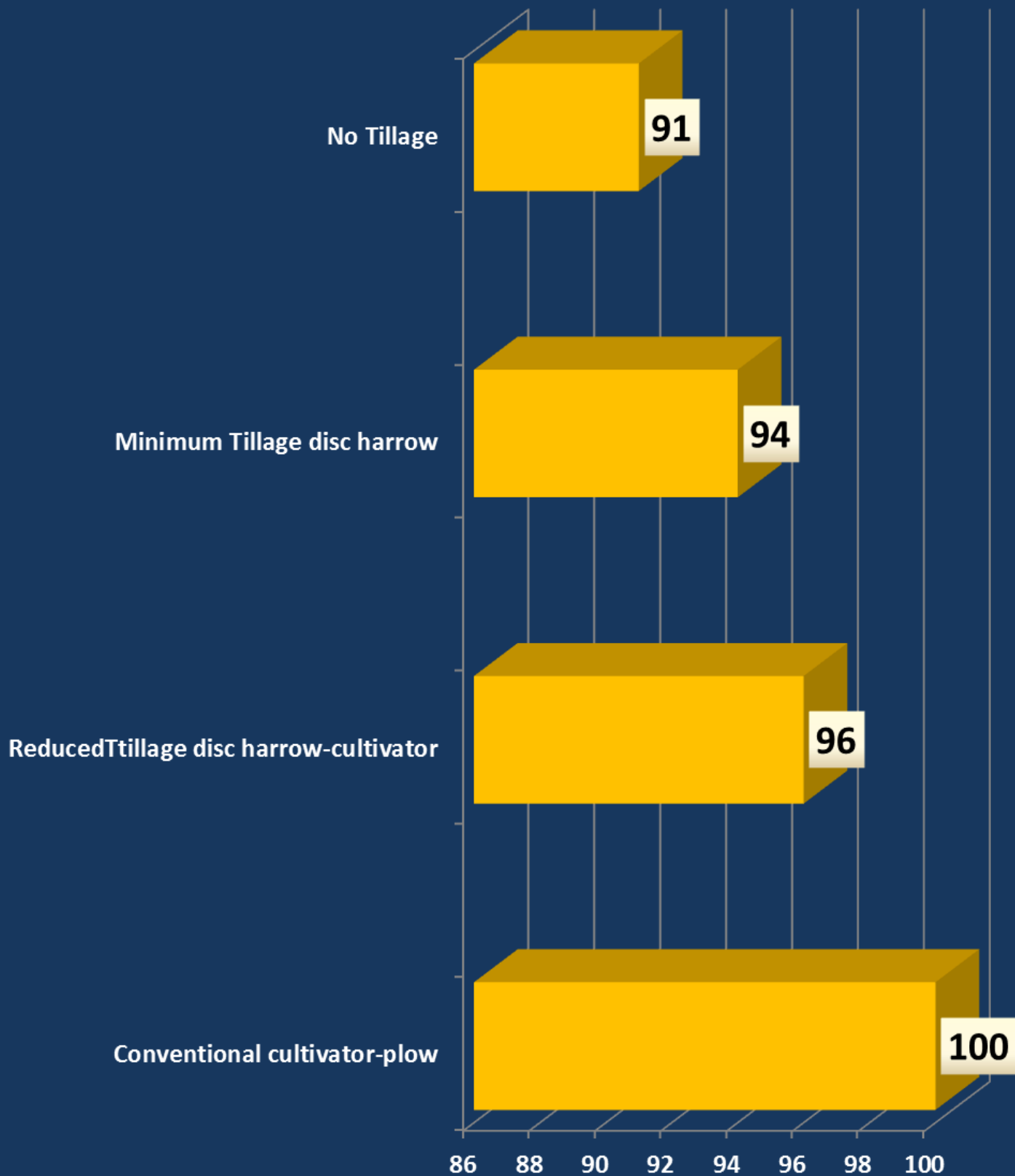
P -losses /ha/year



**Yield in relative % 1994 – 2013 Mistelbach-  
Pyhra(St.Pölten)-Pixendorf(Tulln)  
Rosner, Zwatz, Bartmann, Spieß**

<b>Tillage method/ Yield kg per ha</b>	<b>Mistelbach</b>	<b>Pyhra</b>	<b>Pixendorf</b>
<b>Conventional Cultivator – plow No cover crop</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Cultivator – Mulchseed – Cover Crop: yellow mustard, california bluebell, buckwheat, red clover, oil radish</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Cultivator – direct drilling/NoTill Cover crop : 7 kg/ha California Bluebell, 3 kg/ha Yellow Mustard</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Cultivator – direct drilling/NoTill cover crop : 80 kg/ha winter rye</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Cultivator – direct drilling/NoTill Cover crop :120 kg/ha summer barley</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>112</b>

# yield 3 locations several years Lower Austria 1994 - 2013



netprofit



Yield 3 locations several years

No Tillage

104

91

Minimum tillage

105

94

Reduced tillage cultivator

96

96

Conventional tillage cultivator + plow

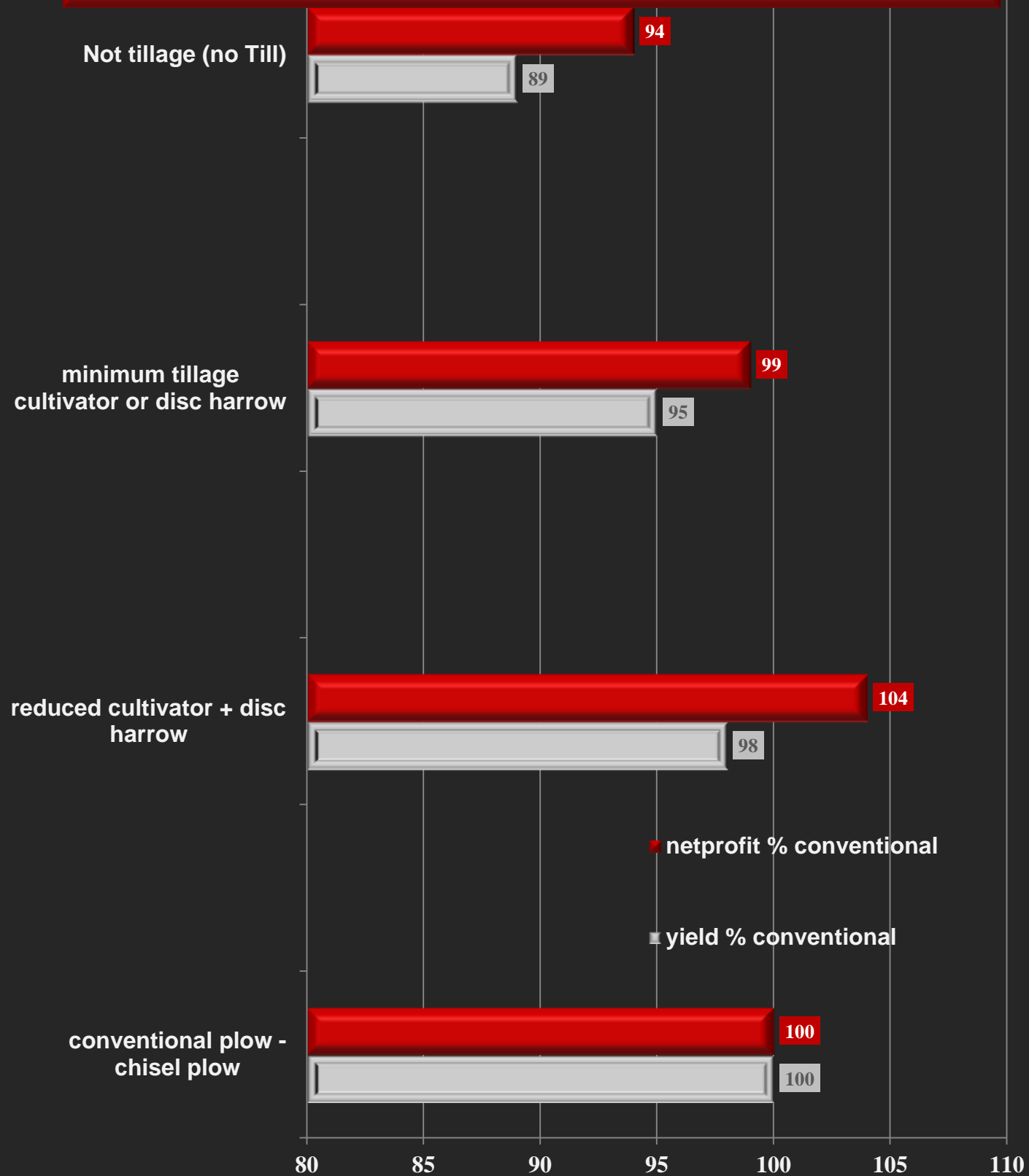
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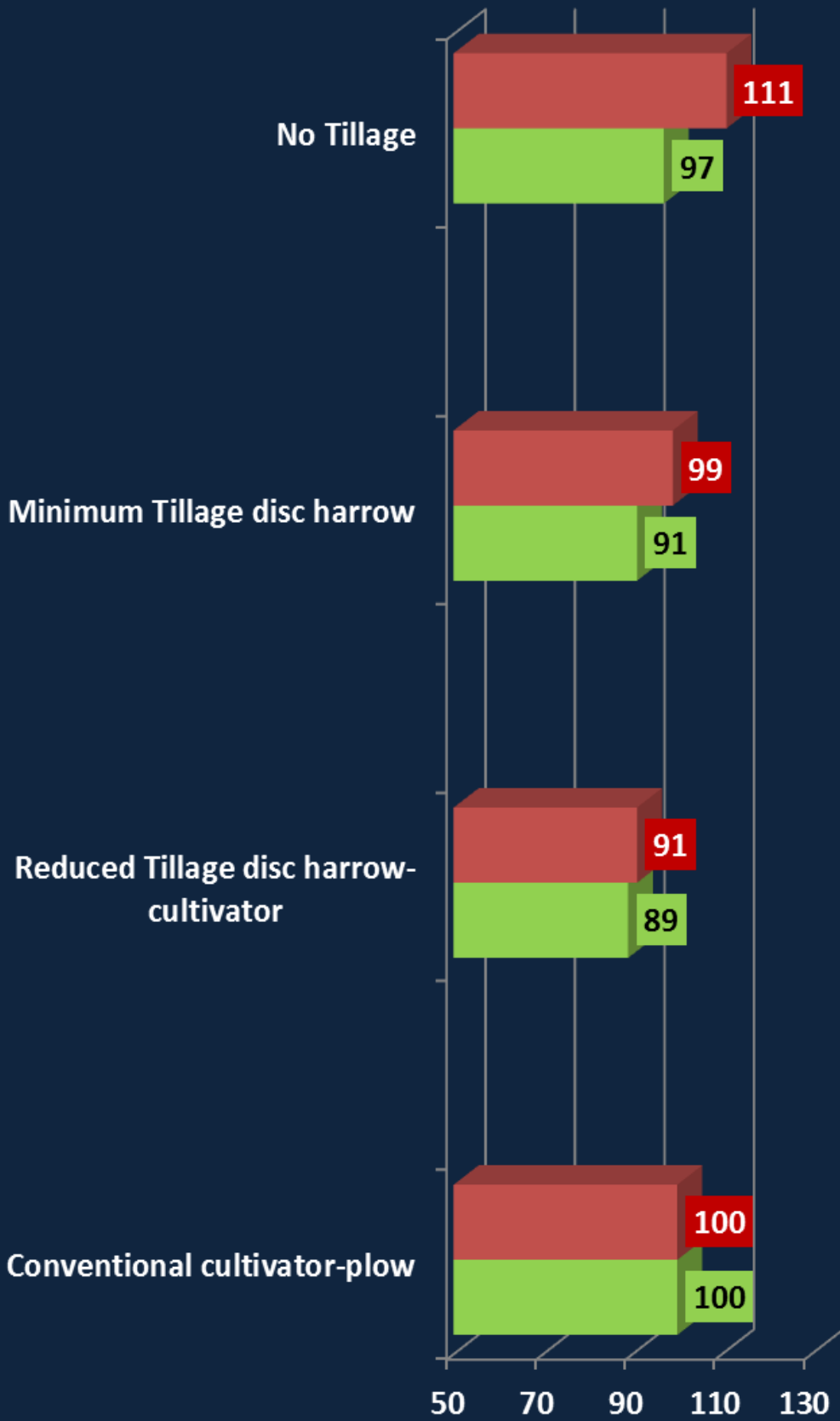
# yield and netprofit 7 locations Lower Austria 2006 - 2013



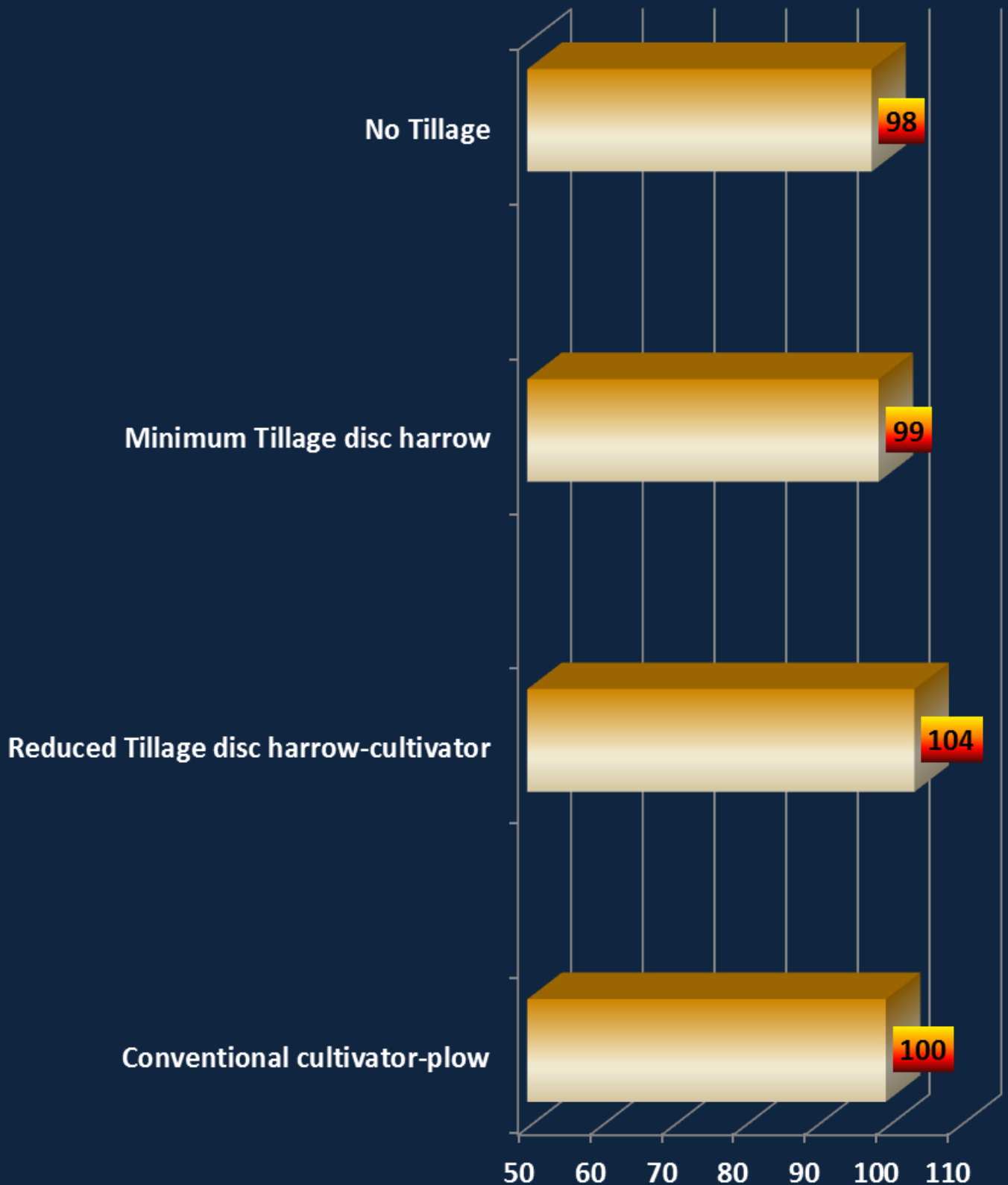
■ netprofit ■ Tulln 2013 yield Sunflower



netprofit Tulln 2013 yield winterwheat

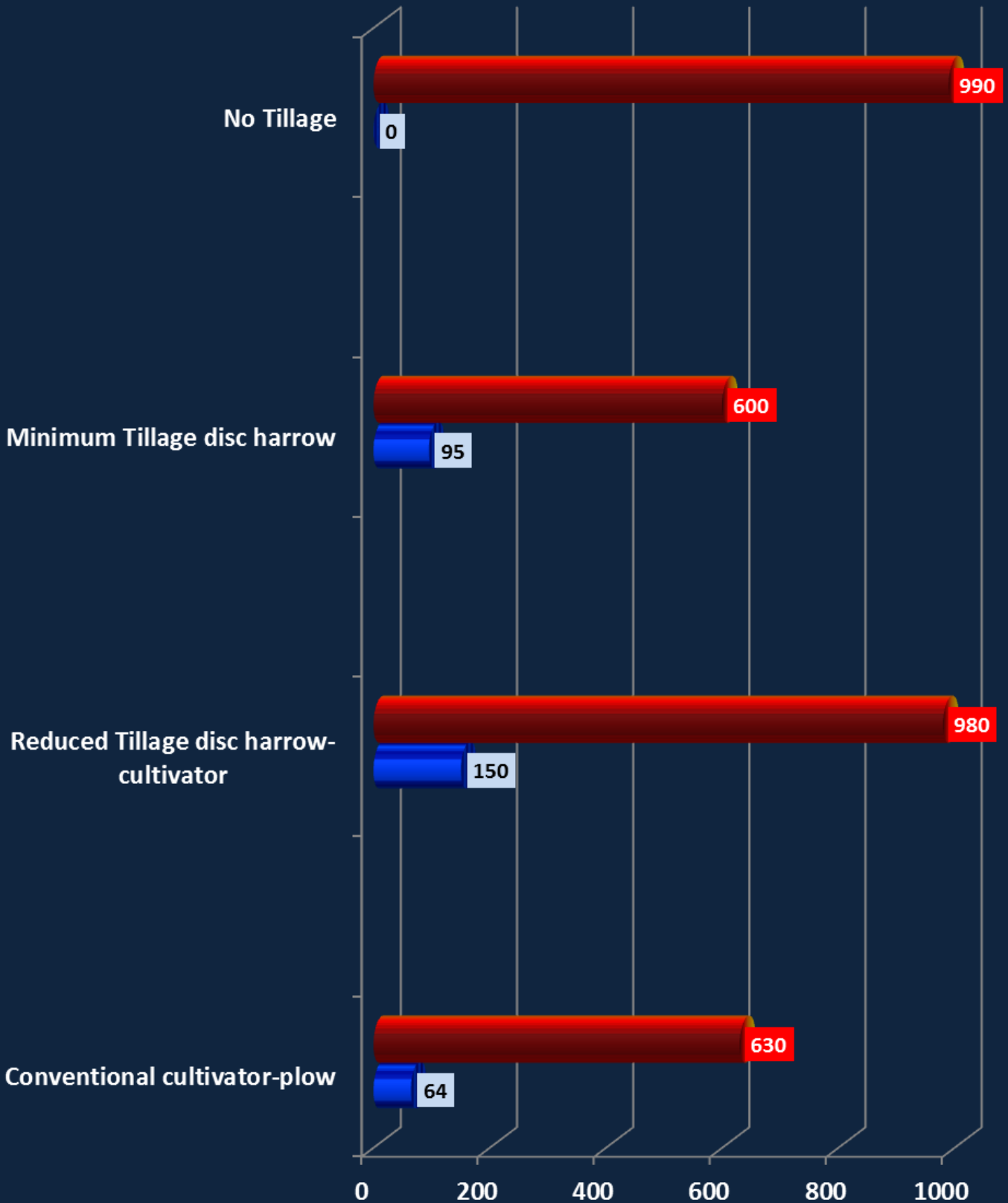


# Hollabrunn 2013 corn

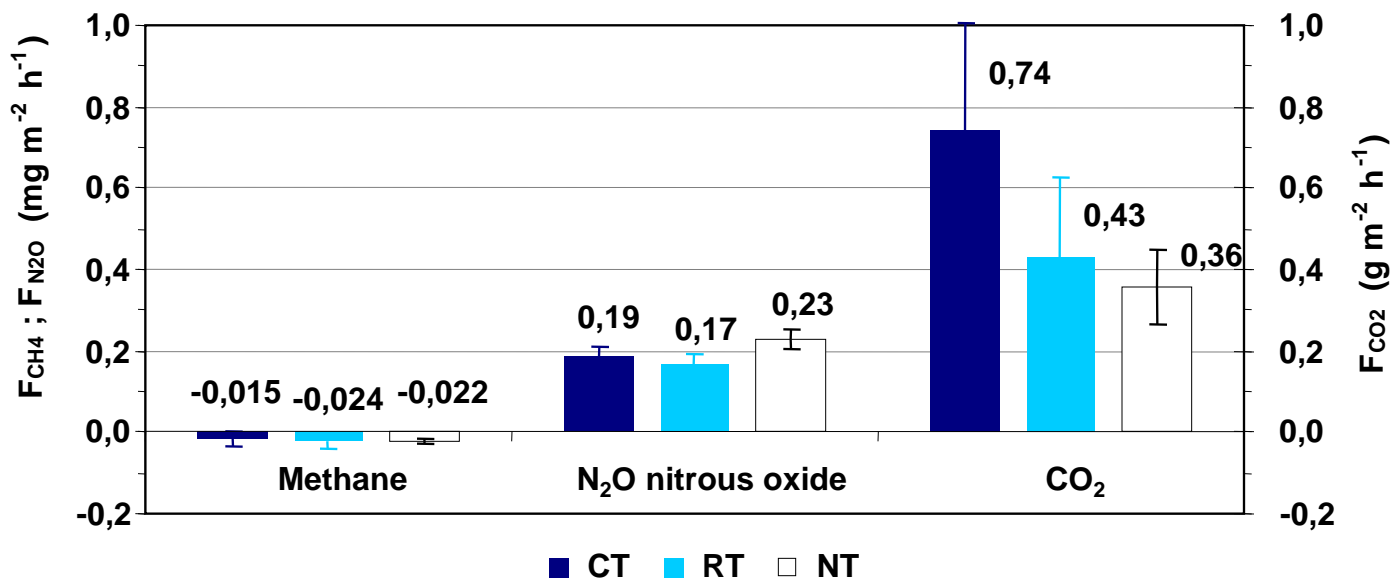


# DON 2013

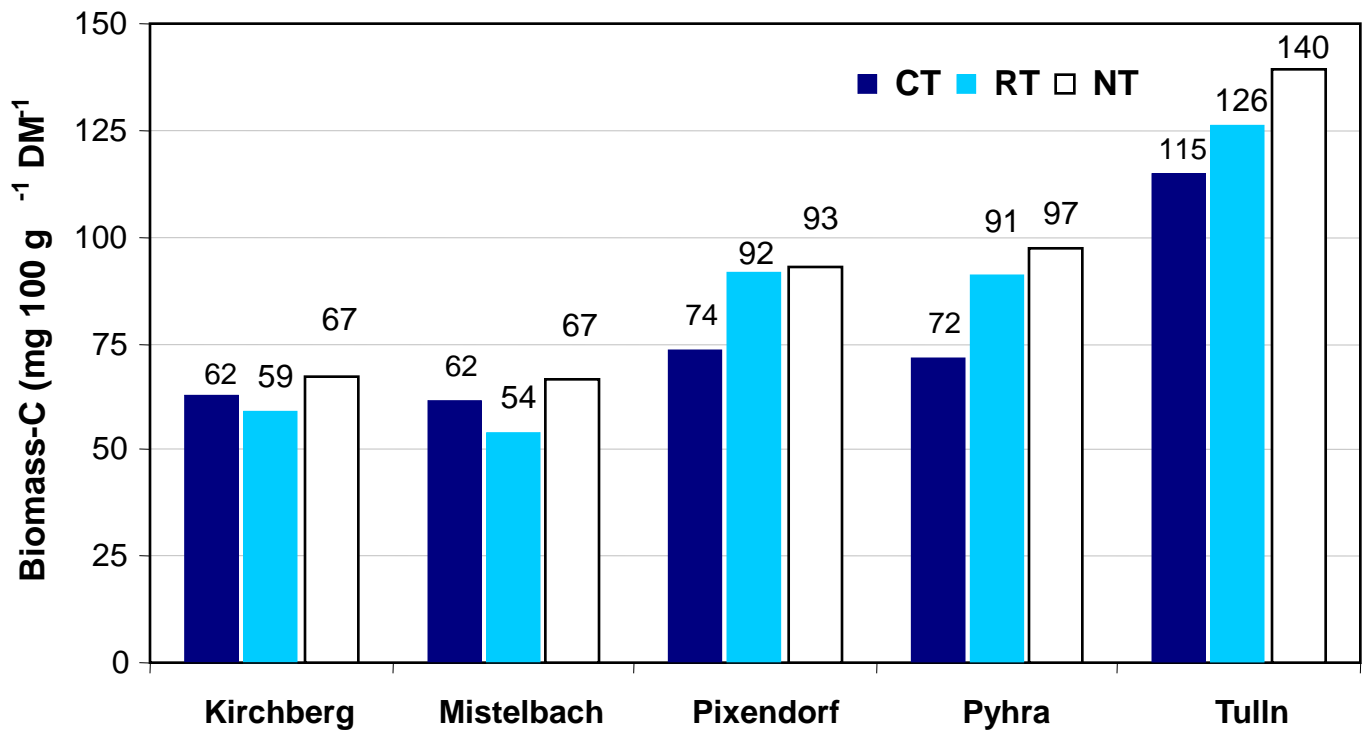
■ DON Tulln winterwheat    ■ DON Hollabrunn Corn





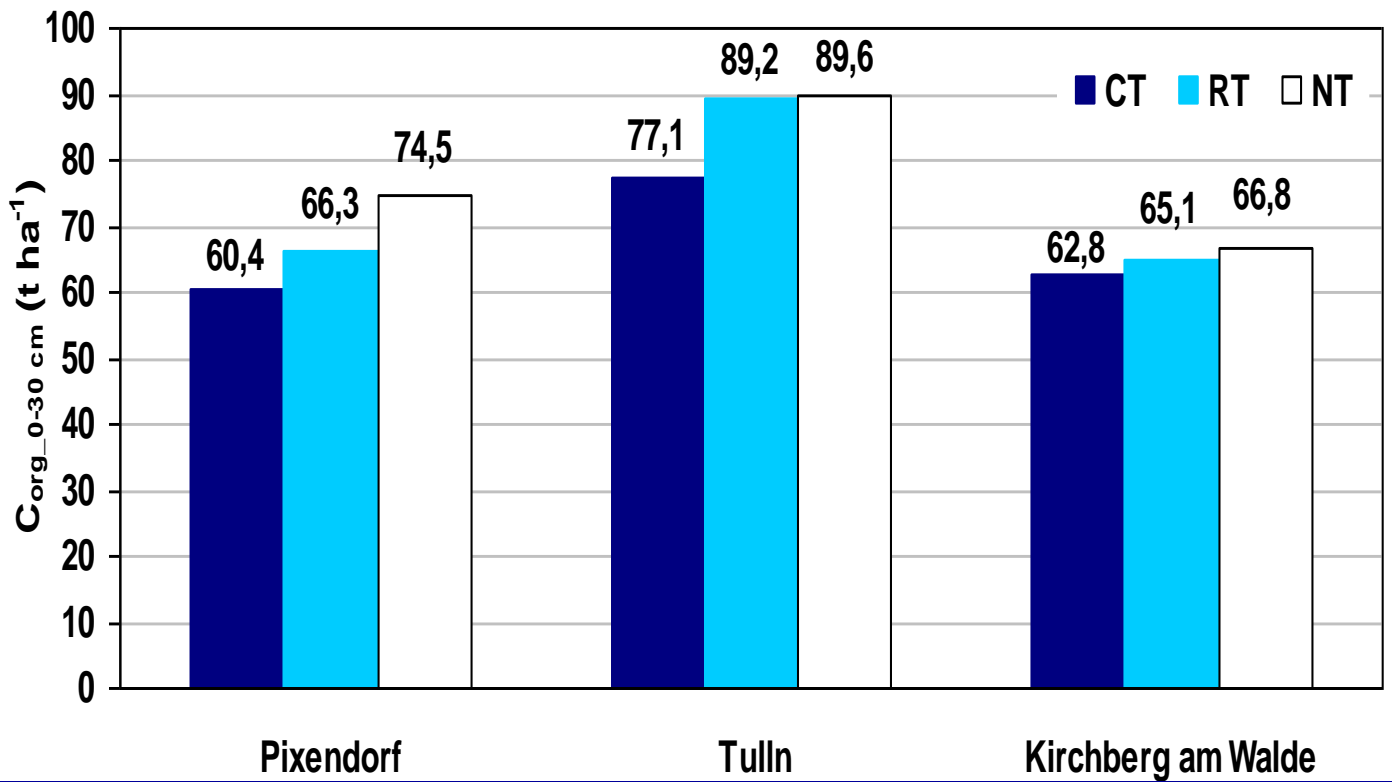


Methane, laughing gas and Carbon dioxide flux in closed chamber - *non-steady-state through-flow chamber* - June 9th 2008 Pixendorf (Klik et al.)



Microbial Biomass ( mg Biomass-C 100 g<sup>-1</sup> dry matter-1 (DM) (Klik et al.)

# Organic Carbon in soil 0 – 30 cm



→ CT << RT < NT

(Trümper G. u. A.Klik)

# Sugar Beet harvester

Tare weight: 40 t

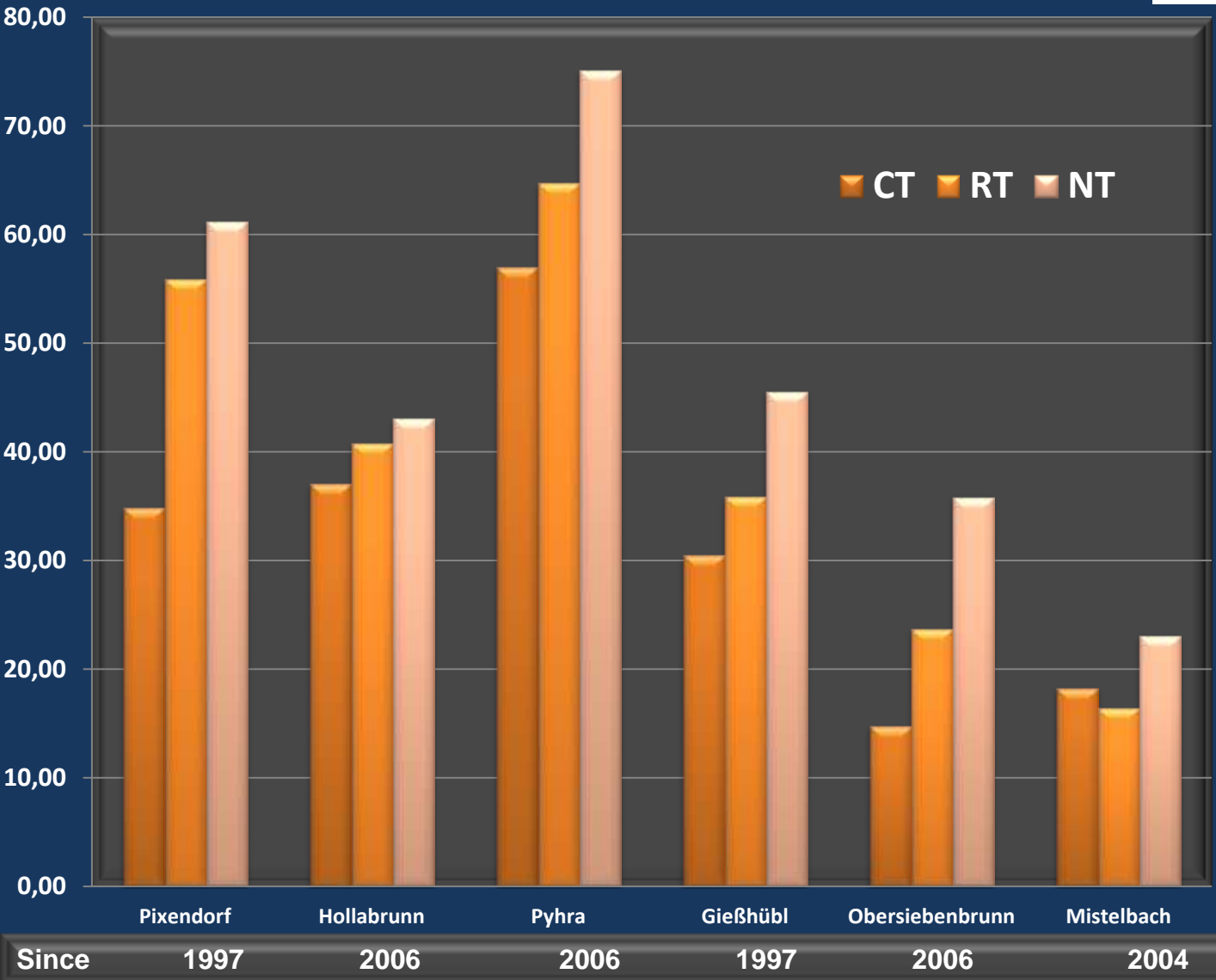
Tank volume: > 30 t

Total weight: > 70 t



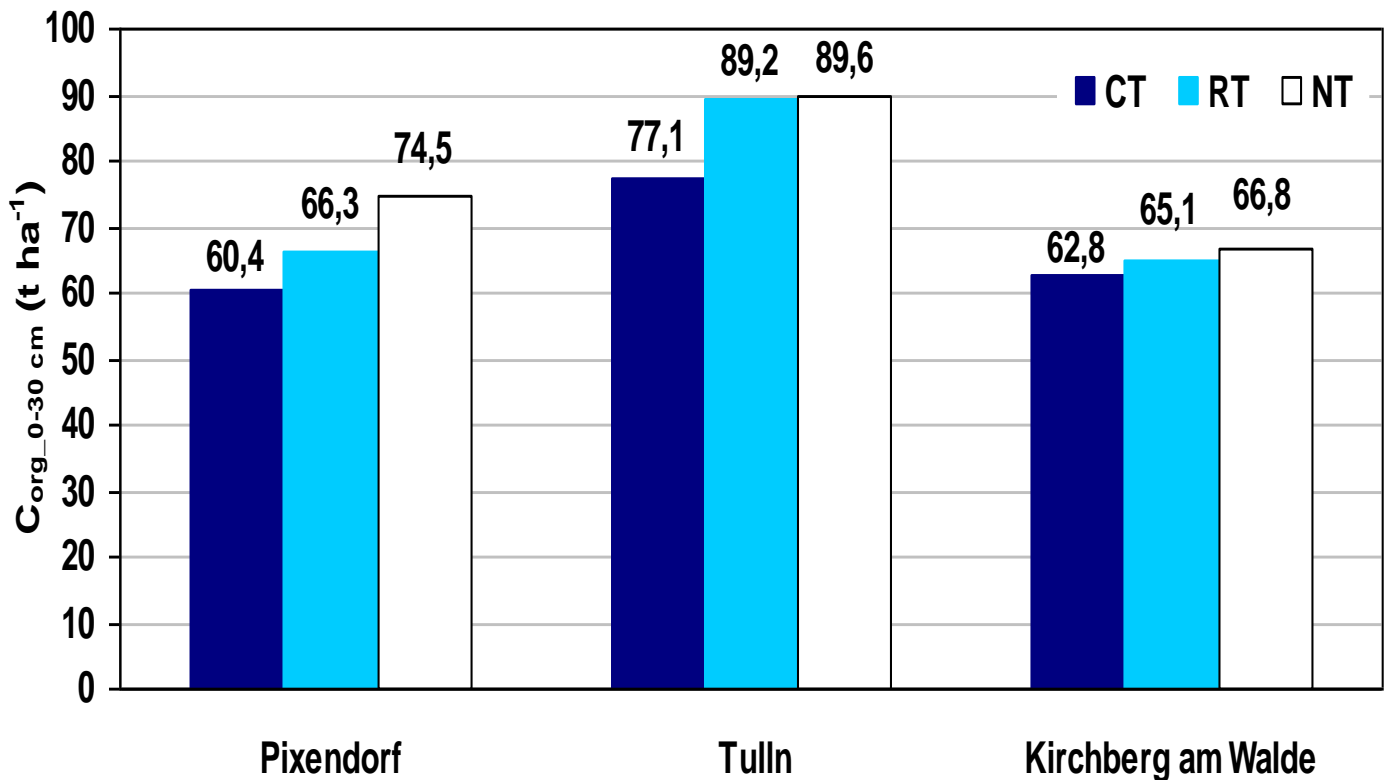
# Aggregatte stability 2013

%



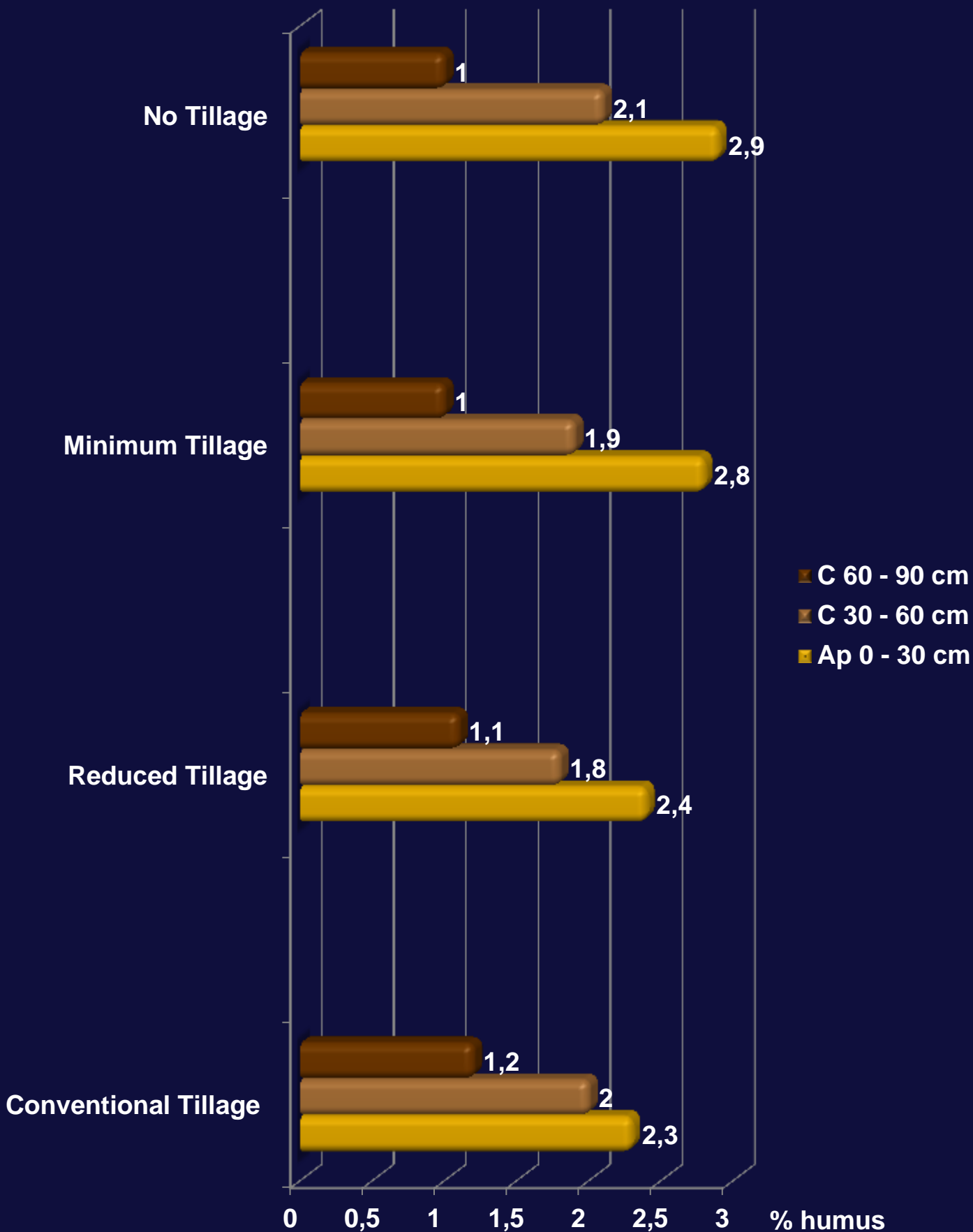
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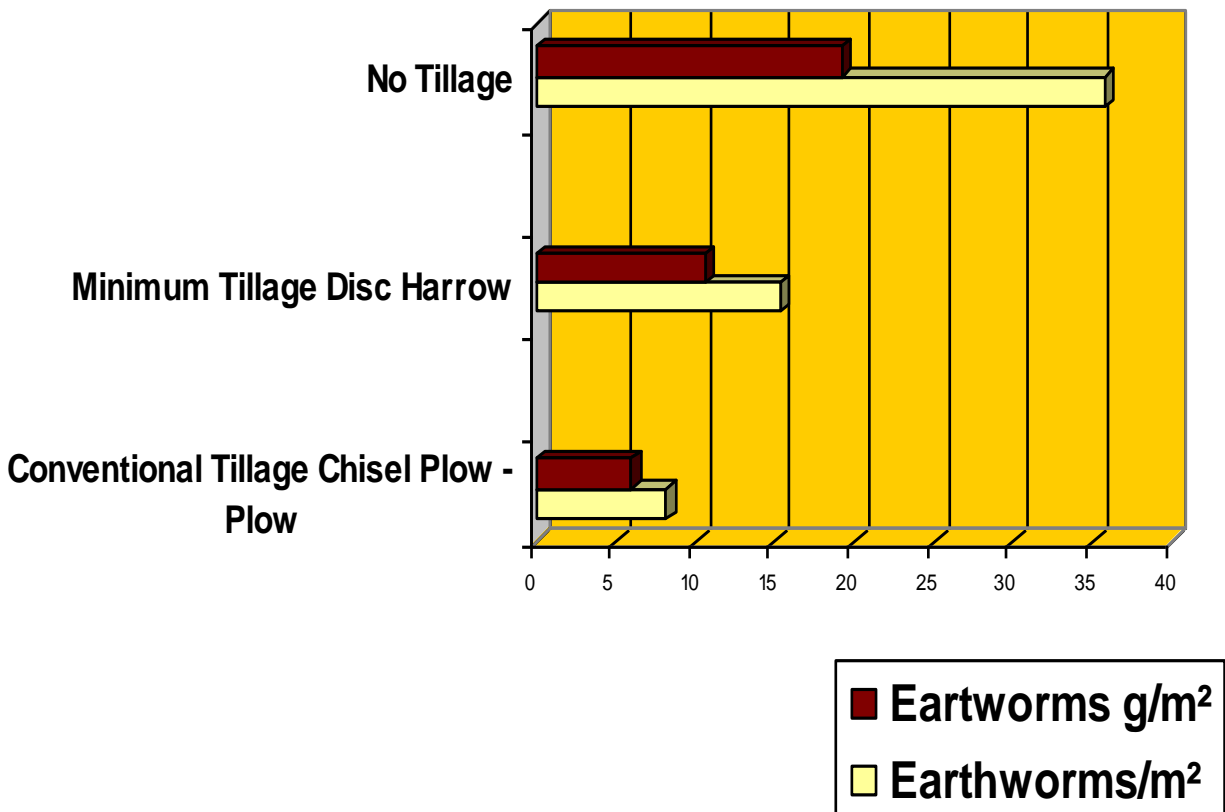


→ CT << RT < NT

# % Humus after 7 years different tillage methods



**Figure 1: number and weight of Earthworms 0-30 cm  
2004 - 2006**

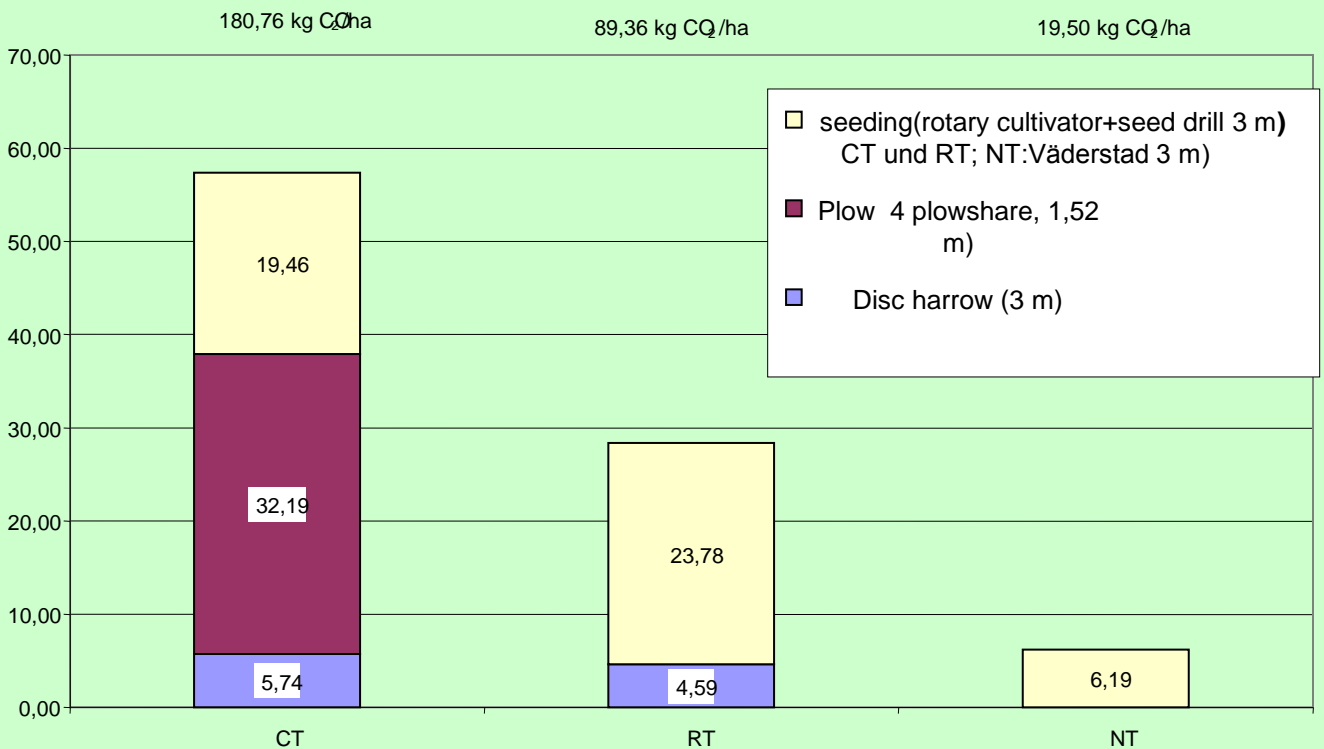


# Tests of CO<sub>2</sub> emission by cultivation

## TullIn 2008

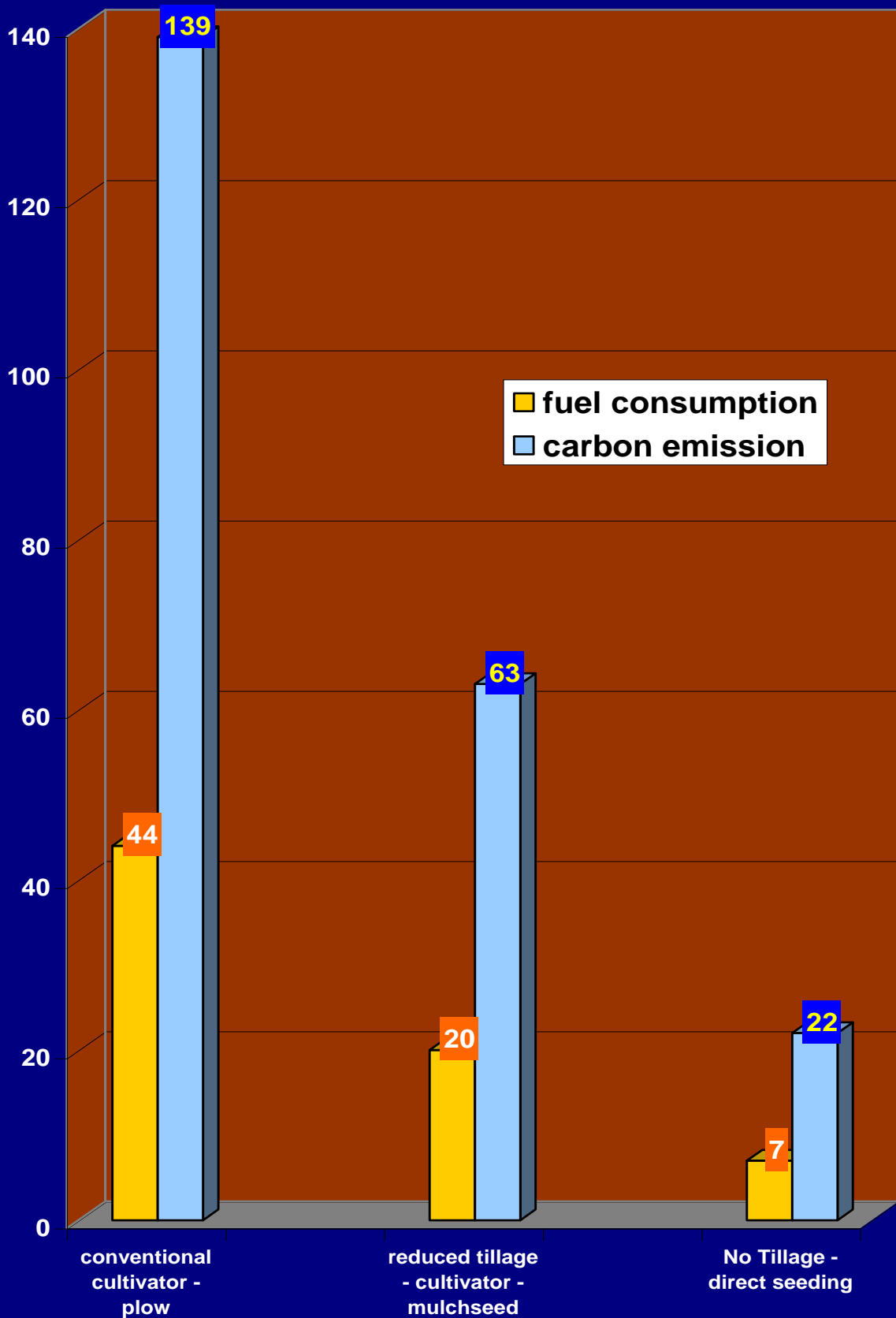
	CT	RT	NT
Fuel consumption(l/ha)	57	28	6,2
Working time(min/ha)	125,5	57	15

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissionfactor 3,15:





# fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub>-emission kg/ha 2008 - 2010

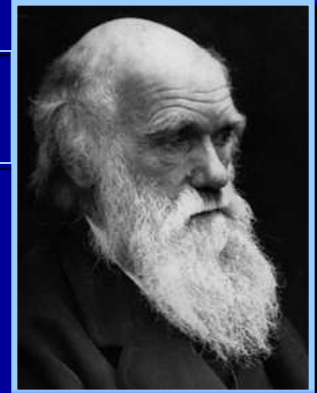


# Conclusion

- Mulch –and direct –seeding systems are fully developed and go well in practice.
- The economical benefits must not ignore the nutrient – pesticide and soil movement (erosion).
- Cereal – maize crop rotation needs a shallow mulch of crop residuals for a fast decomposition as a phytosanitary need.
- After harvest the growth of volunteer cereals has to be interrupted, they stand for a green bridge for plant diseases like barley yellow dwarf virus or Fusarium sp. and pests like aphids as a vector for the virus.
- An immediately seeding of cover crops after harvest for a good development of the green manure.
- The production of Mycotoxins by Fusarium disease (Dry Rot) is to be interrupted by shallow soil tillage and a adopted crop rotation.
- A reduction of the costs is possible and necessary.
- A prescription is not possible and depends from the crop rotation and natural situation.

It is not the strongest species which survives, also not the most intelligent one, but that which reacts fastest to changes.

*Charles Darwin*



All against nature  
has no long term  
existence (survival)



# Thank you for your attention

Results:

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