

Yuma Cantaloupe Trial

Spring 2024

TerraAg

Organic Plant and Soil Pro

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Planted: 3/15/24
First Harvest: 6/13/24
Second Harvest: 6/18/24

Fert Apps:
Phos Acid added through drip at
seeding 13.3 GAL/AC
UAN 32
Application A: 3/25/24 : 15 #N
Application B: 4/9/24 : 35 #N
Application C: 5/16/24 : C: 50 #N

Stand Count: 4/18
NDVI_1: 4/24
NDVI_2: 5/8
NDVI_3: 5/20

Photos 1: 5/20

Rye grass cover crop grown without nutrition.
Mown and biomass removed.

Drip tape cut on 3/18 and manifolds installed.

Cantaloupe Variety: Harris Moran Deluxe F1

Irrigation

Irrigation Date	Amount	Unit	Method
Mar-15-2024	0.5	IN	Sprinkler (set herbicide)
Mar-18-2024	0.372	IN	Drip irrigation system (phos)
Mar-23-2024	0.465	IN	drip irrigation system
Mar-30-2024	0.18	IN	rain
Mar-31-2024	0.129	IN	rain
Apr-1-2024	0.14	IN	rain
Apr-4-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-8-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-12-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-18-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-23-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-26-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-30-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
May-7-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-13-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-14-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-20-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-21-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-25-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
May-28-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
May-31-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
June-1-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
June-4-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
Total Water Use	8.66	IN	

Trial Details

Two Treatments:

1. Full Fertility UTC
2. Full Fertility TerraAg Organic Soil and Plant Pro

Replications: 6

Trial area shared with Kelpak which also did not need a complete 4 treatment trial. Only data from Treatment 1 and 2 shared in this report.

Drop plots: 707, 708, 709, 710 due to excessively high stand counts brought about by a poor job thinning.

Trial Summary

- Trial product plots showed an average increase of
 - 0.1 lb per melon
 - 0.2 IN per melon
 - 'keeper' visual quality
- Trial product plots showed slightly less
 - physical blemishes (sunburn)
- Marketable yield by Carton grade
 - Trt 1 – UTC = 539 cartons per ac
 - Trt 2 – TerrAg = 708 cartons per ac

May-20-2024 (T2 Cantaloupe Terra Kelpak Spring2024)

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Trial ID: Cantaloupe Terra Kelpak Spring2024
Protocol ID: Location: Yuma Arizona Trial Year: 2024
Study Director: Robert Masson Sponsor Contact:
Investigator:

Trial Map Treatment Description

Trt	Code	Description
1	CHK	UAN-32 (100%N) GSP 4.26 GAL/A;UAN-32 (100%N) GSP 9.9 GAL/A;UAN-32 (100%N) GSP 14
2		TerraAg Organic 2 10 GAL/A;UAN-32 (100%N) 4.26 GAL/A;TerraAg Organic 2 10 GAL/A;
3		UAN-32 (100%N) 4.26 GAL/A;UAN-32 (100%N) 9.9 GAL/A;Kelpak low rate (foliar) 2 PT
4		UAN-32 (100%N) 4.26 GAL/A;UAN-32 (100%N) 9.9 GAL/A;Kelpak low rate (foliar) 2 PT



Initial Soil Test

- Ryegrass transition
- Soil Nitrate 2-14 lb/a
- High phosphorous levels
- Naturally occurring high potassium and calcium levels

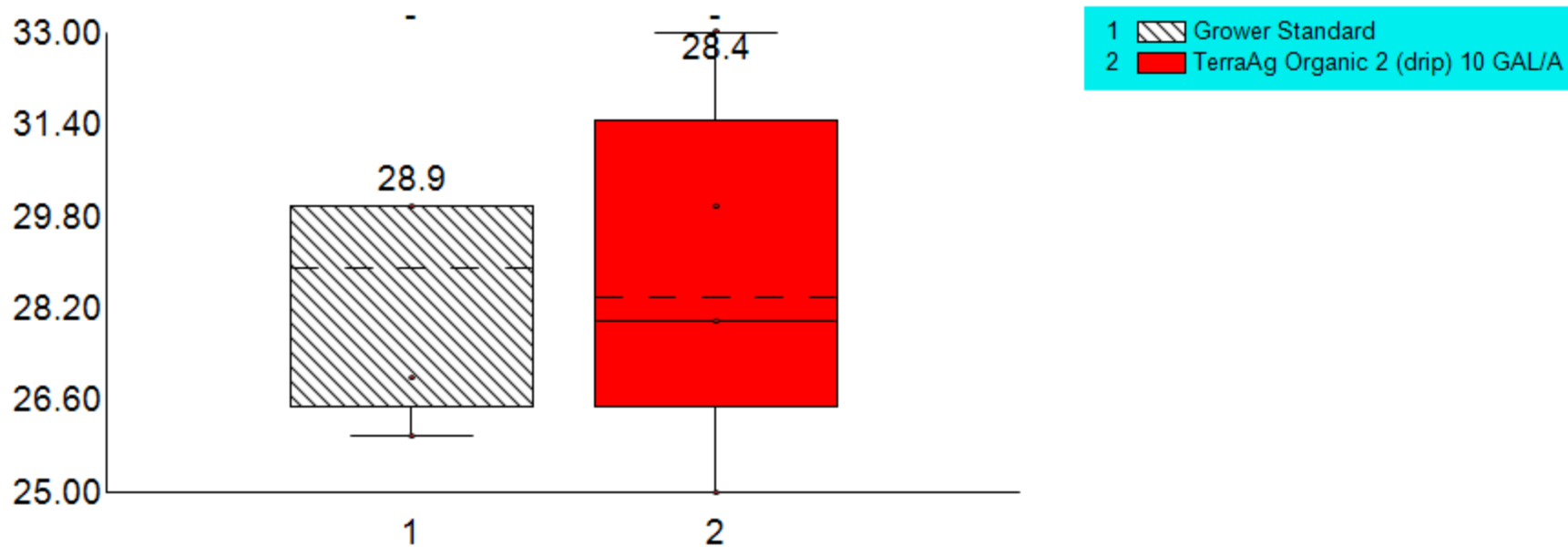
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Robert Masson 2200 W 28th St Suite 102 Yuma AZ 85364-6928				IDENTIFICATION YUMA COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENS VALLEY ICEBERG 2023													
SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT																	
LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION	ORGANIC MATTER L.O.I. percent RATE	PHOSPHORUS			NEUTRAL AMMONIUM ACETATE (EXCHANGEABLE)				pH SOIL pH 1-1	BUFFER INDEX	CATION EXCHANGE CAPACITY C.E.C. meq/100g	PERCENT BASE SATURATION (COMPUTED)				
			P (WEAK BRAY) ppm RATE	P (STRONG BRAY) ppm RATE	OLSEN BICARBONATE P ppm RATE	POTASSIUM K ppm RATE	MAGNESIUM Mg ppm RATE	CALCIUM Ca ppm RATE	SODIUM Na ppm RATE				% K	% Mg	% Ca	% H	% Na
430																	
26324	RyeRange1	1.1 VL	14 L	115 VH	24 VH	442 VH	791 VH	4047 H	292 VH	8.2	29.2	3.9	22.6	69.2	0.0	4.3	
26326	RyeRange2	1.7 L	4 VL	112 VH	24 VH	447 VH	851 VH	4119 H	291 VH	8.4	30.1	3.8	23.6	68.4	0.0	4.2	
26327	RyeRange3	1.4 VL	2 VL	123 VH	22 H	452 VH	862 VH	4124 H	303 VH	8.4	30.3	3.8	23.7	68.2	0.0	4.3	
26328	Test1 Trt1	2.1 L	3 VL	139 VH	30 VH	431 VH	866 VH	4103 H	315 VH	7.9	30.2	3.7	23.9	67.9	0.0	4.5	
26329	Test1 Trt2	0.9 VL	2 VL	137 VH	34 VH	417 VH	852 VH	4034 H	299 VH	8.0	29.6	3.6	24.0	68.0	0.0	4.4	
26330	Test1 Trt3	1.4 VL	7 VL	124 VH	29 VH	406 VH	827 VH	3924 H	286 VH	8.3	28.8	3.6	23.9	68.2	0.0	4.3	
26331	Test1 Trt4	1.3 VL	11 L	136 VH	29 VH	424 VH	848 VH	3984 H	284 VH	8.1	29.3	3.7	24.1	68.0	0.0	4.2	
26332	801	1.3 VL	7 VL	130 VH	21 H	423 VH	822 VH	3905 H	299 VH	8.2	28.8	3.8	23.8	67.9	0.0	4.5	
26333	802	1.6 L	4 VL	140 VH	29 VH	429 VH	834 VH	3943 H	301 VH	8.2	29.1	3.8	23.9	67.8	0.0	4.5	
26334	803	1.3 VL	4 VL	131 VH	29 VH	439 VH	861 VH	4060 H	322 VH	8.1	30.0	3.8	23.9	67.6	0.0	4.7	
LAB NUMBER	SURFACE	NITRATE-N (FIA)						SULFUR S ICAP	ZINC Zn DTPA	MANGANESE Mn DTPA	IRON Fe DTPA	COPPER Cu DTPA	BORON B NOBEL DTPA	SOLUBLE SALTS L1			
		SUBSOIL 1		SUBSOIL 2		Total lb/A	ppm								RATE	ppm	RATE
430		ppm	lb/A	depth (in)	ppm	lb/A	depth (in)	ppm	lb/A	depth (in)							
26324	6	14	0-8					14	59 VH	0.8 L	3 VL	17 H	2.4 VH	1.8 H	H	0.9 L	
26326	6	14	0-8					14	58 VH	1.0 L	4 VL	19 H	2.7 VH	1.8 H	H	0.9 L	
26327	5	12	0-8					12	53 VH	1.0 L	3 VL	19 H	2.5 VH	1.7 H	H	0.9 L	
26328	129	310	0-8					310	101 VH	1.1 M	4 VL	21 H	2.3 VH	1.8 H	H	1.8 M	
26329	53	127	0-8					127	78 VH	1.1 M	2 VL	20 H	2.4 VH	1.8 H	H	1.4 M	
26330	14	34	0-8					34	59 VH	1.0 L	2 VL	16 M	2.3 VH	1.7 H	M	1.0 L	
26331	7	17	0-8					17	64 VH	0.8 L	2 VL	18 H	2.3 VH	1.7 H	H	1.1 M	
26332	9	22	0-8					22	77 VH	0.9 L	2 VL	19 H	2.4 VH	1.8 H	H	1.0 L	
26333	8	19	0-8					19	71 VH	1.0 L	2 VL	19 H	2.3 VH	1.8 H	H	1.0 L	
26334	15	36	0-8					36	94 VH	1.1 M	2 VL	18 H	2.3 VH	1.8 H	H	1.1 M	

Drip tape dug on 31' increments and cut to form 30' beds one row wide
Injections made with battery pump and 15 gallon tank filled to 5 gallon mark.



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Kelpak foliar

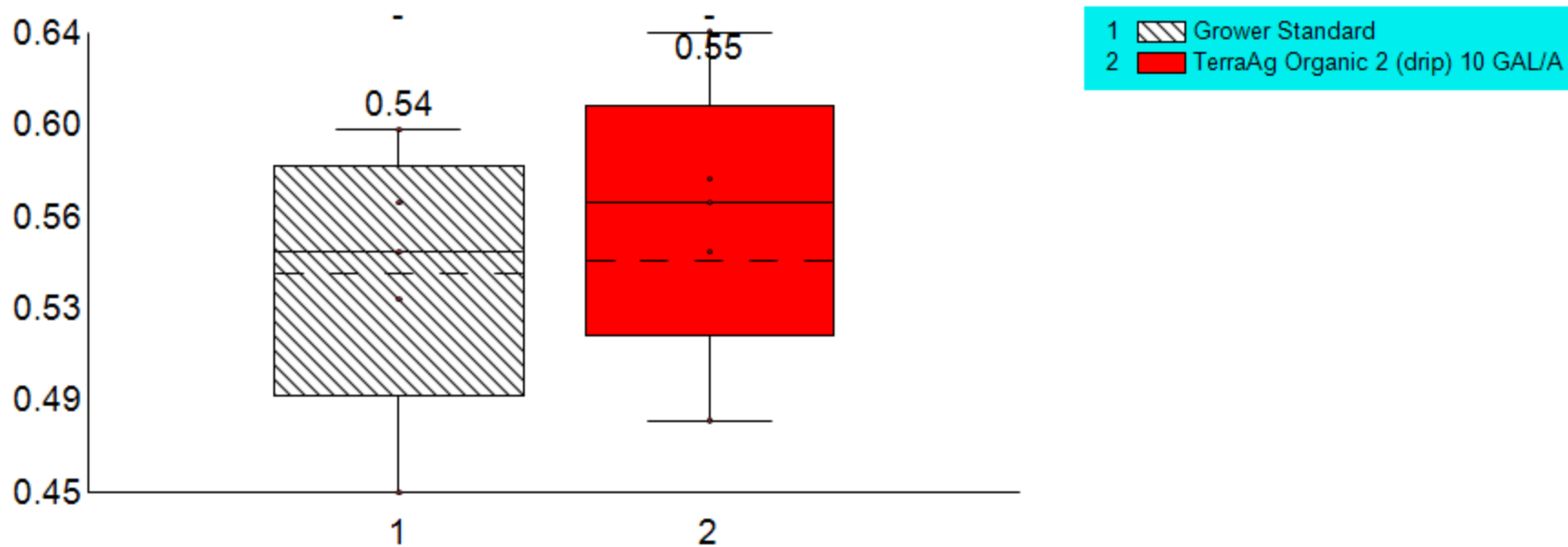
Stand Count



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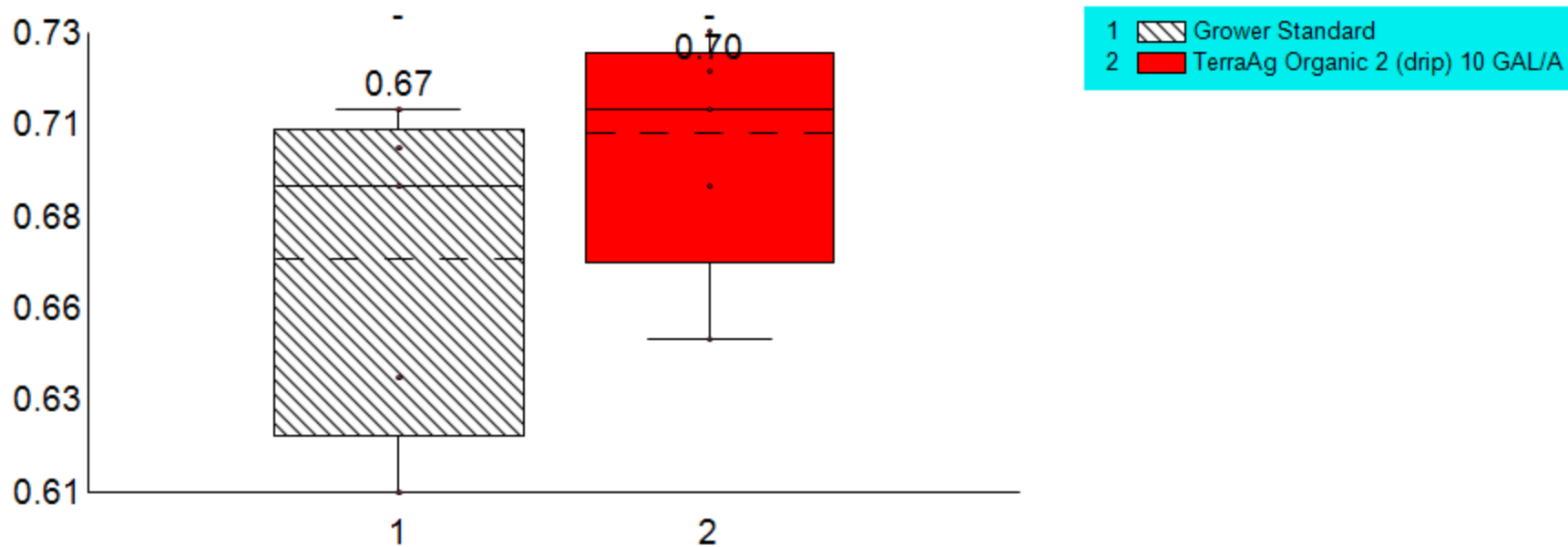
NDVI_1



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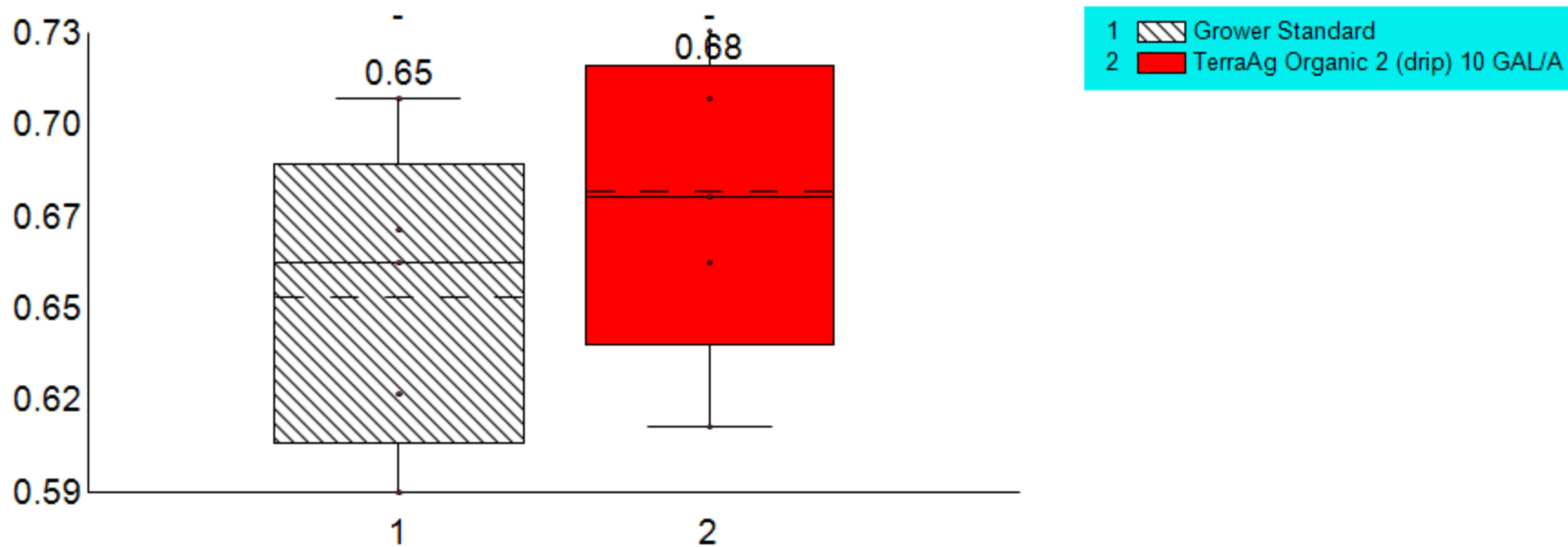
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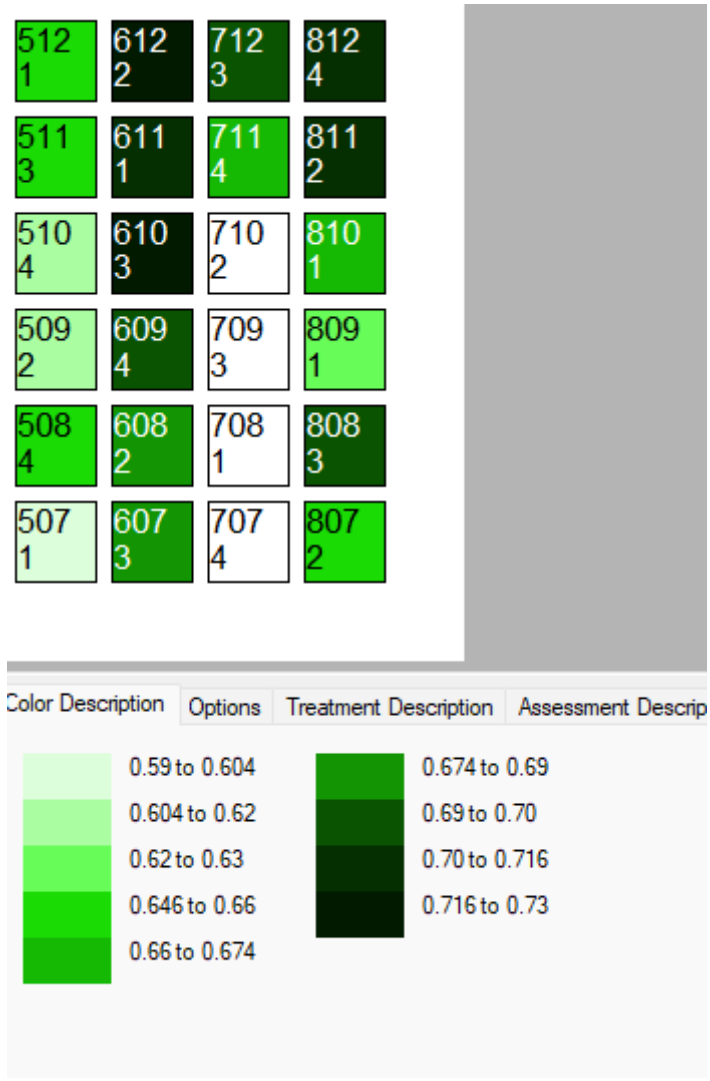
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NDVI_3



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Assessment distribution map NDVI_3

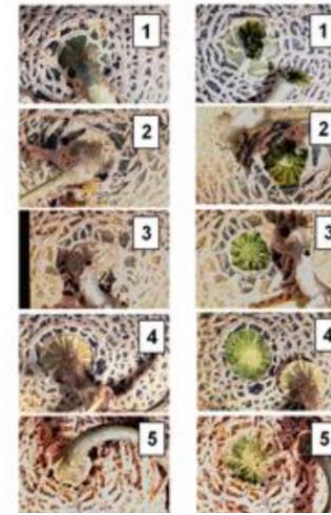
Harvest

- Two picking dates
- All ripe fruit was picked in the plot on the first harvest.
- All fruit ripe or unripe was picked on second harvest,
- Each fruit was individually weighed, sized, and rated for maturity
- A subsample of three melons per plot were tested for brix
- Yield reported as cartons per acre of marketable fruit broken into carton size grades.



Harvest (Cont.)

- Slip measures ripeness:
 - 0 = No slip (not ripe)
 - 1 = $\frac{1}{4}$ slip
 - 2 = $\frac{1}{2}$ slip
 - 3 = $\frac{3}{4}$ slip
 - 4 = full slip (very ripe)



“Slip” & Cantaloupe Ripeness

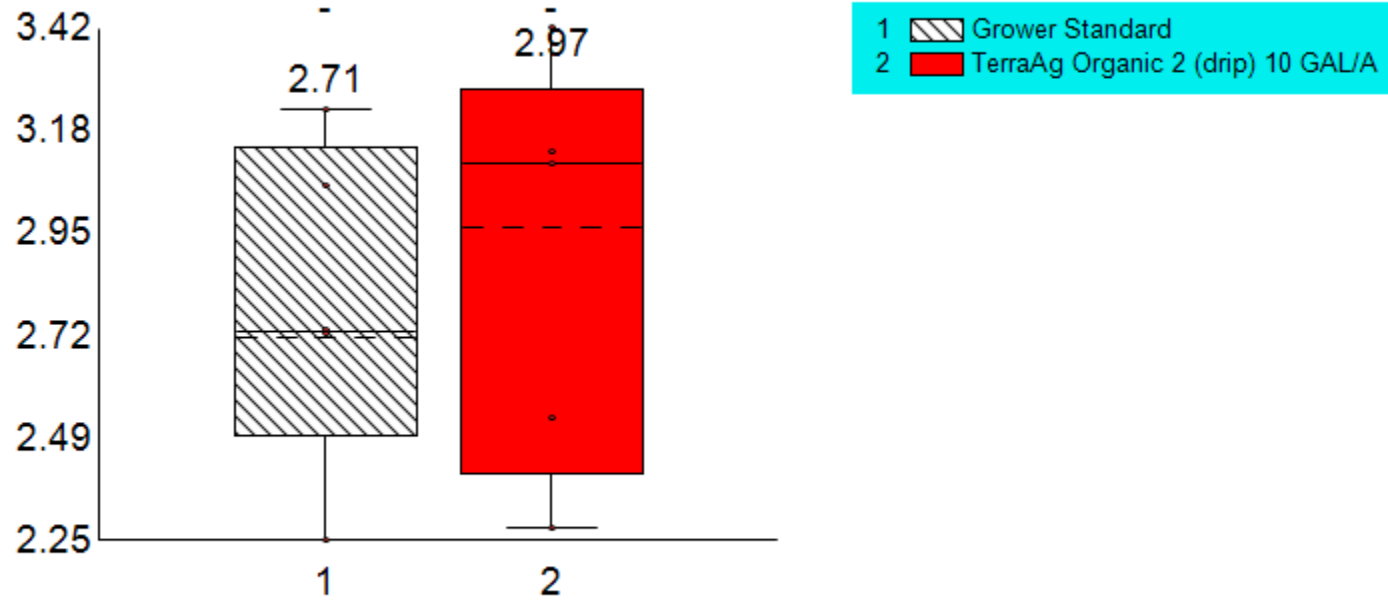
1. Full size melon, no slip; “pull” fruit.
2. Slip just starting, near $\frac{1}{4}$ slip. Requires high thumb force to push stem from fruit
3. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ slip; melon can be pushed with moderate thumb pressure from stem.
4. Full slip; stem scar with fresh appearance; stem easily pushed from fruit
5. Slip occurred day prior; very dry stem end; melon may be soft.

<https://postharvest.ucdavis.edu/produce-facts-sheets/cantaloupe>

- The number of fruit with blemishes on them, either ground spots or sunburn, were counted and reported as sunburn
- The number of visually marketable fruit was counted and reported as ‘keepers’
- The final carton yield was calculated based on formula that converted melon circumference into carton grade size.

TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Individual Melon Weight

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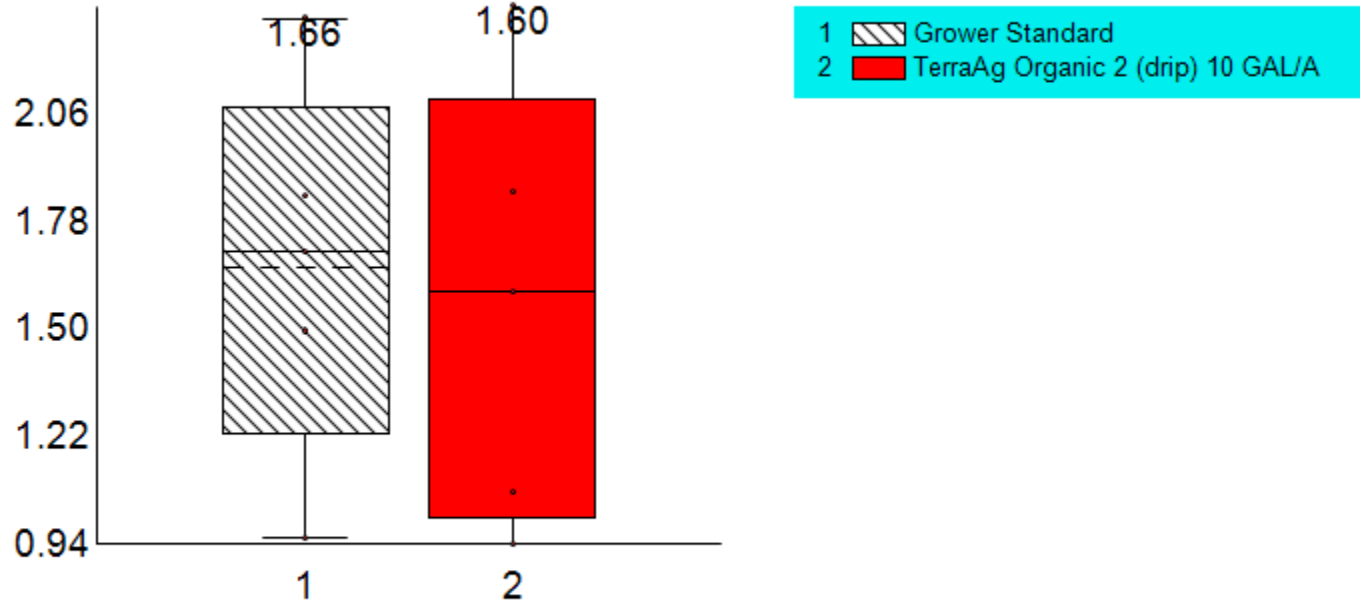


First_Har_Weight

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Individual Melon Weight

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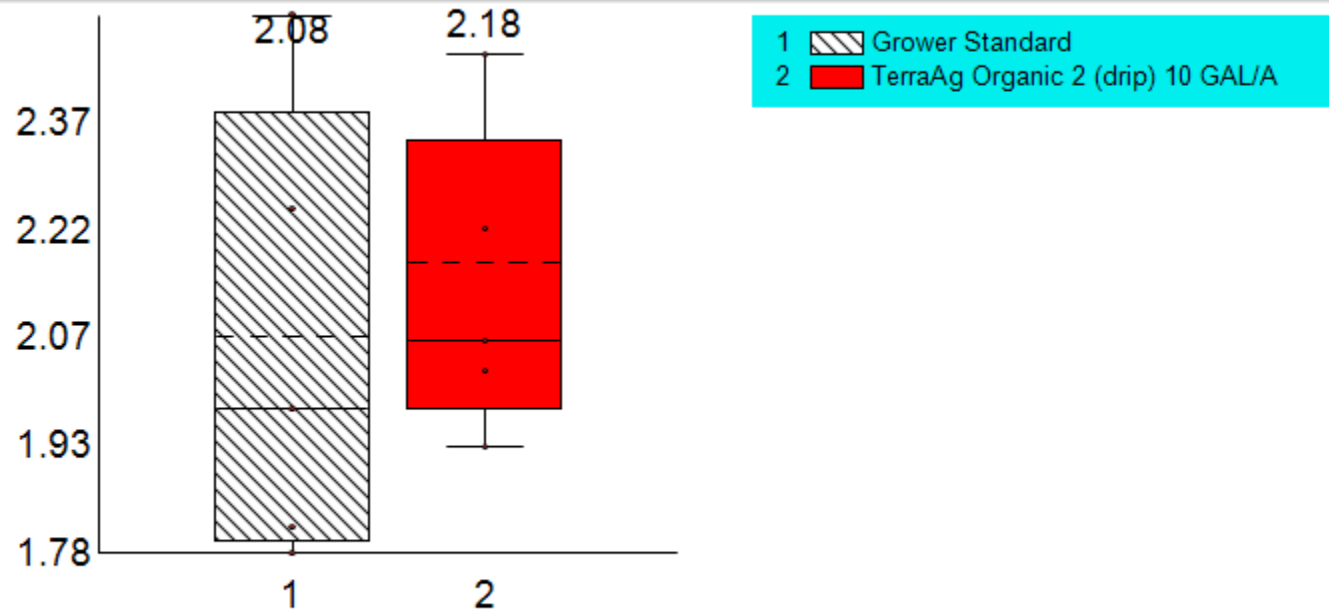


Second_Har_Weight

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Individual Melon Weight

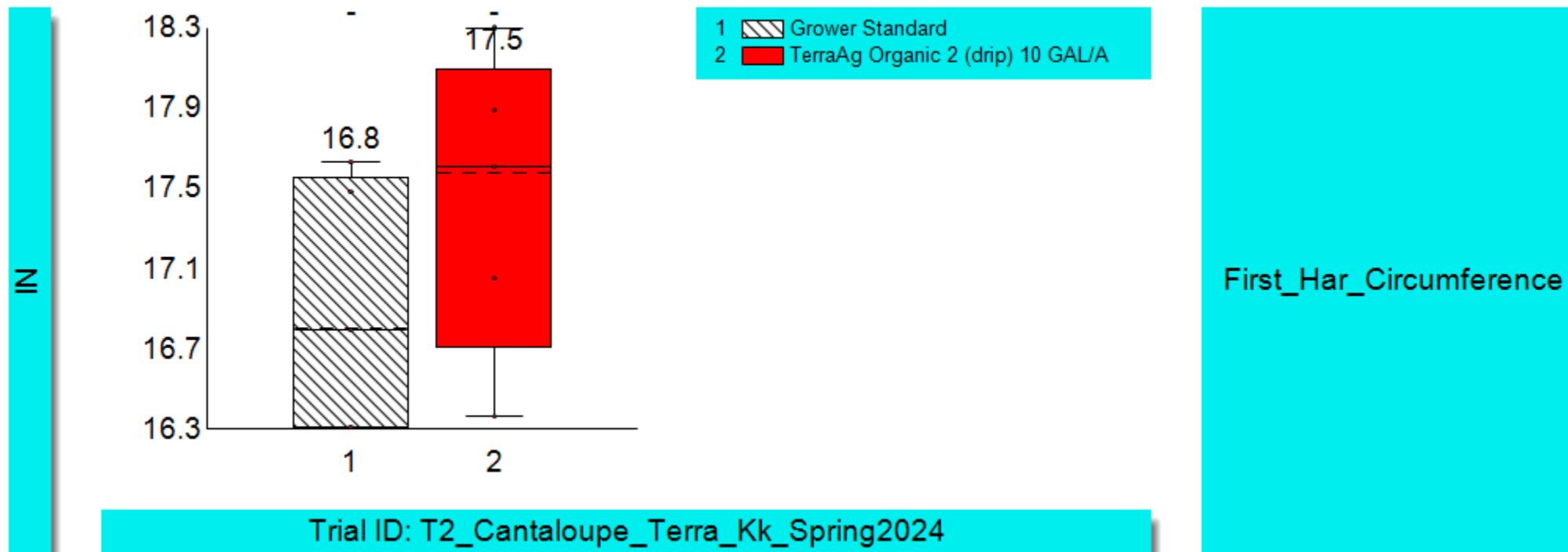
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Combined_Har_Weight

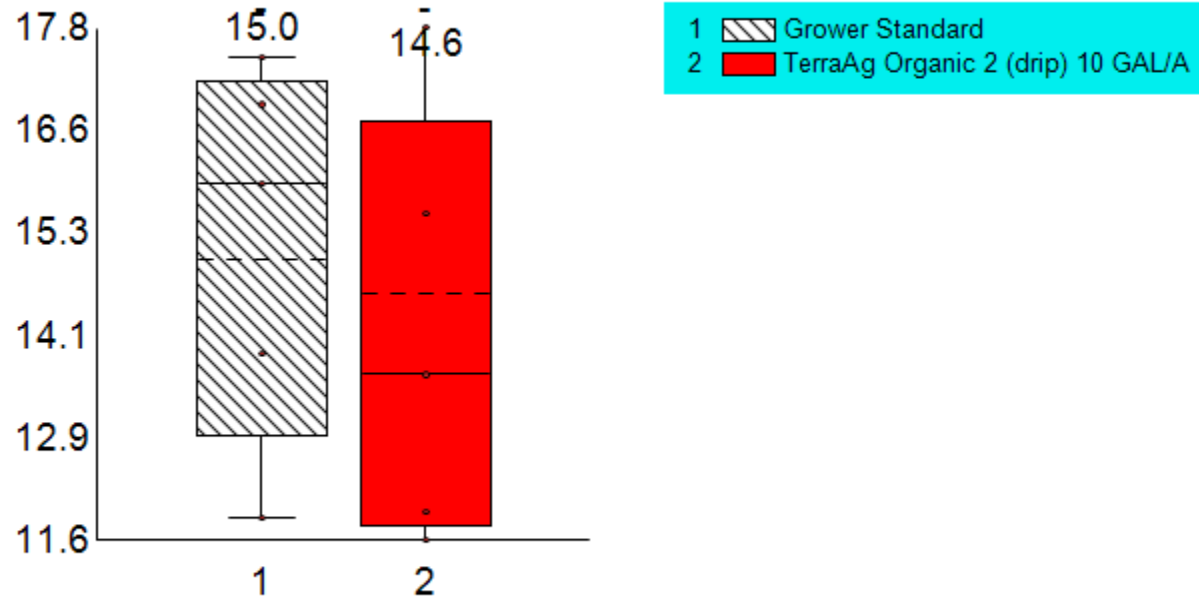
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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Individual Melon Size



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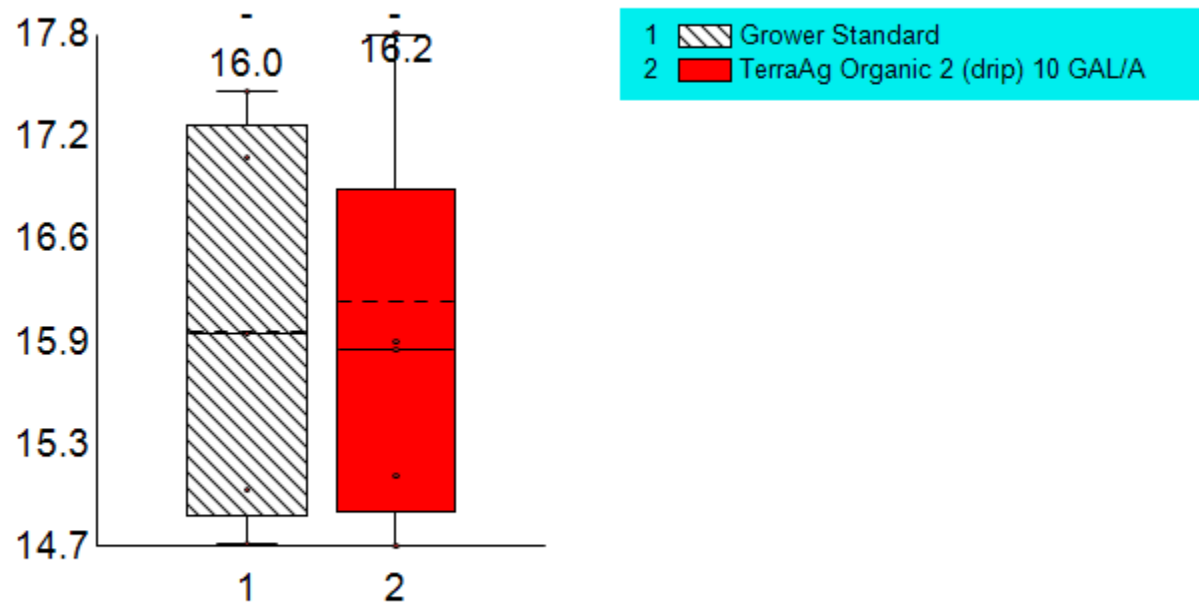


Second_Har_Circumference

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Individual Melon Size

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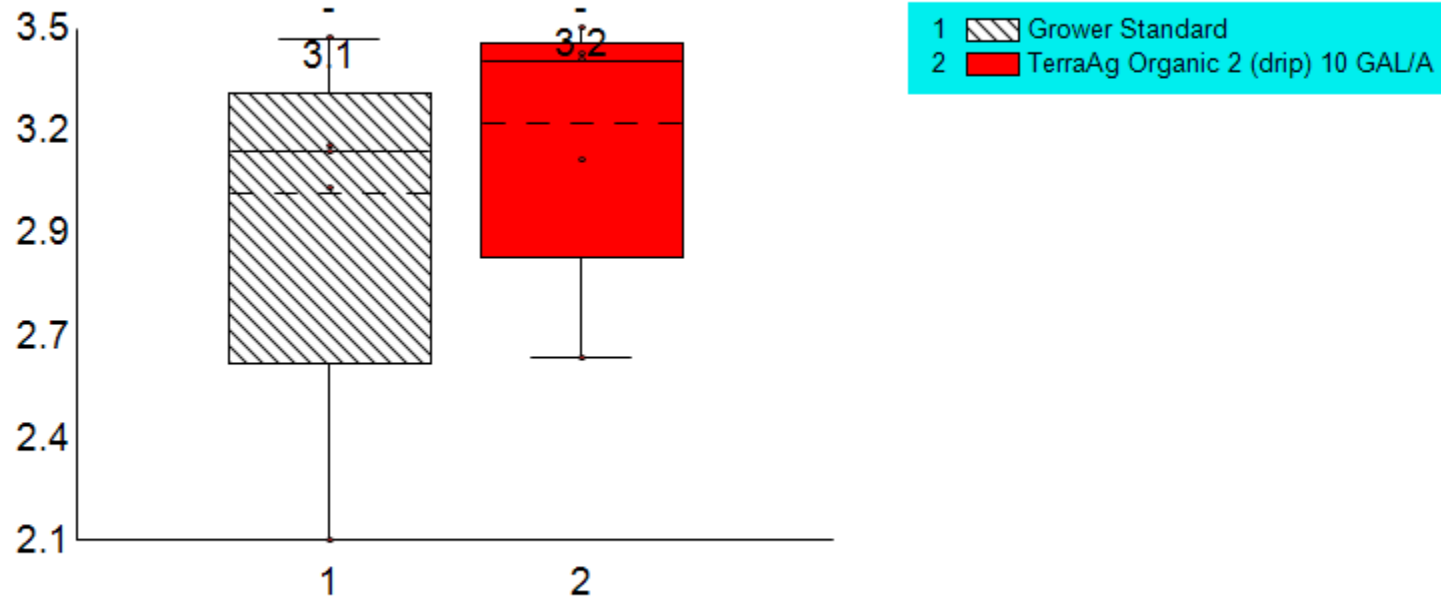


Combined_Har_Circumference

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Individual Melon Maturity

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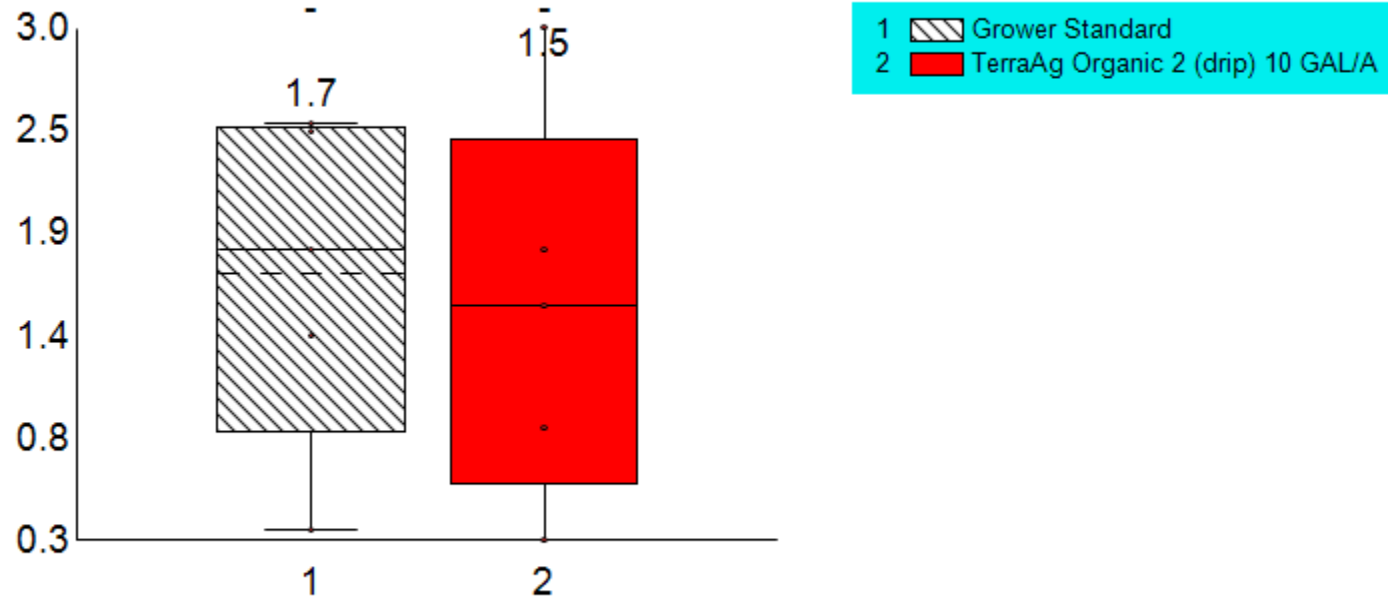


First_Har_Slip

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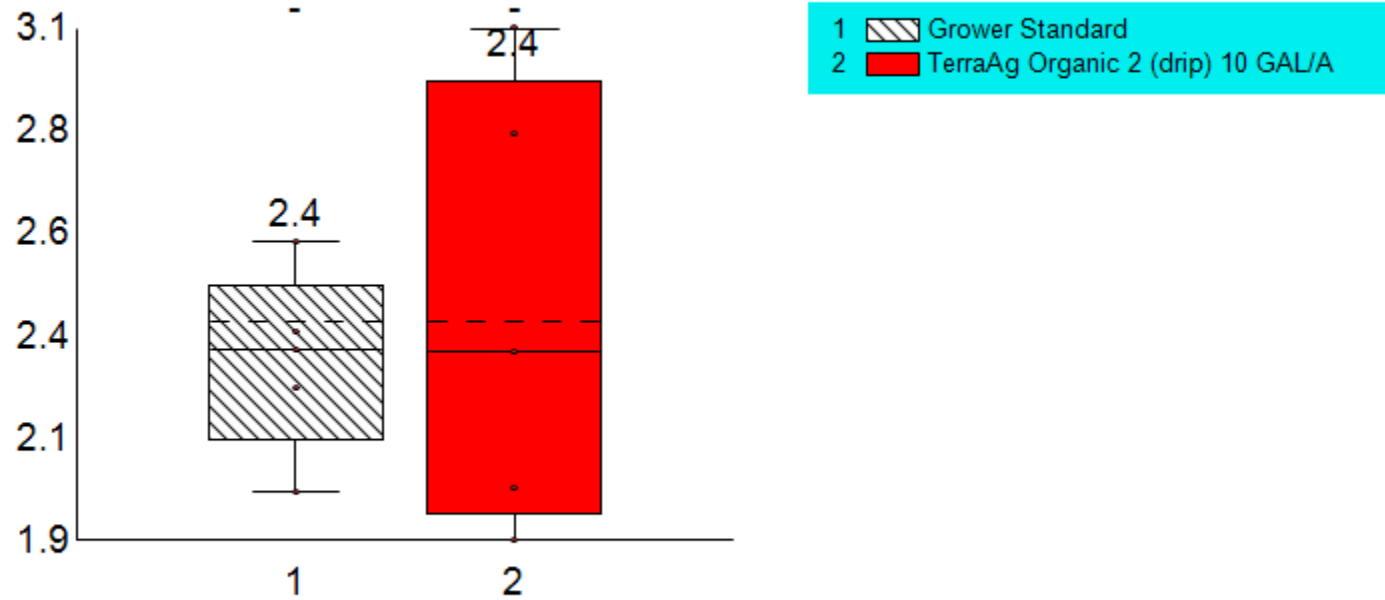


Second_Har_Slip

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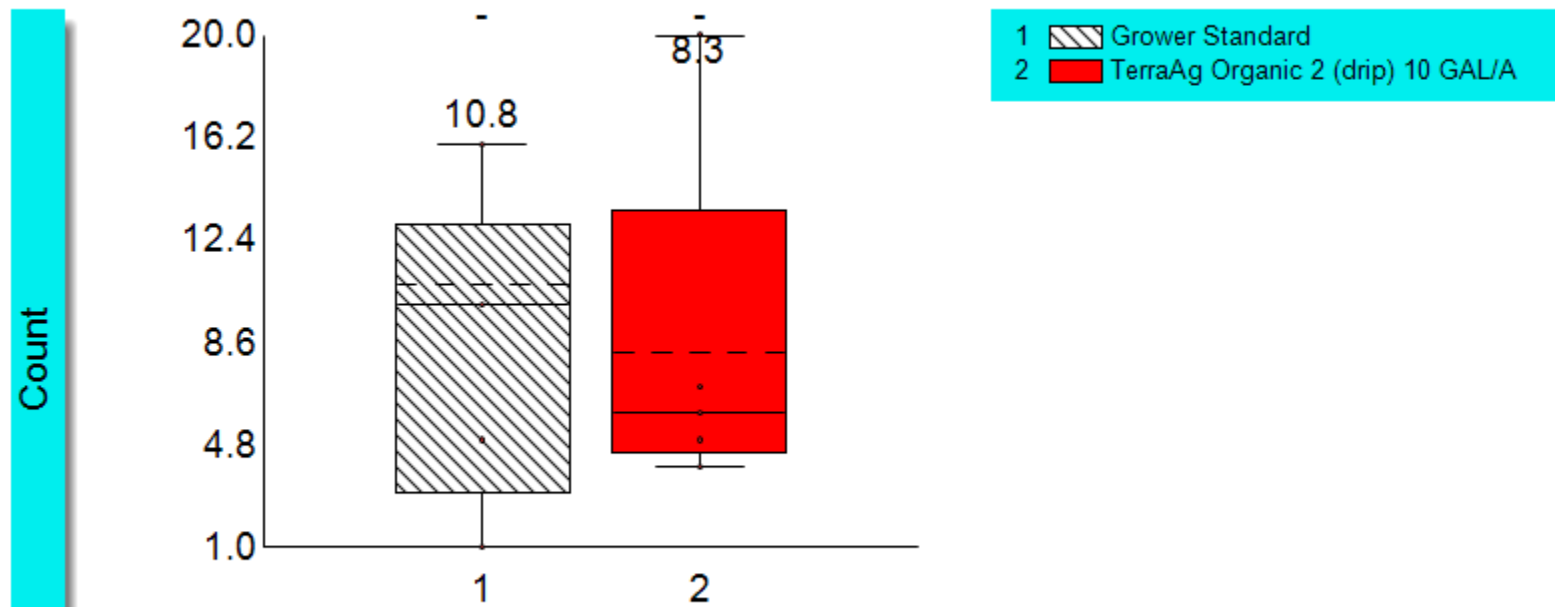
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Combined_Har_Slip

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Number of Sunburned in Plot

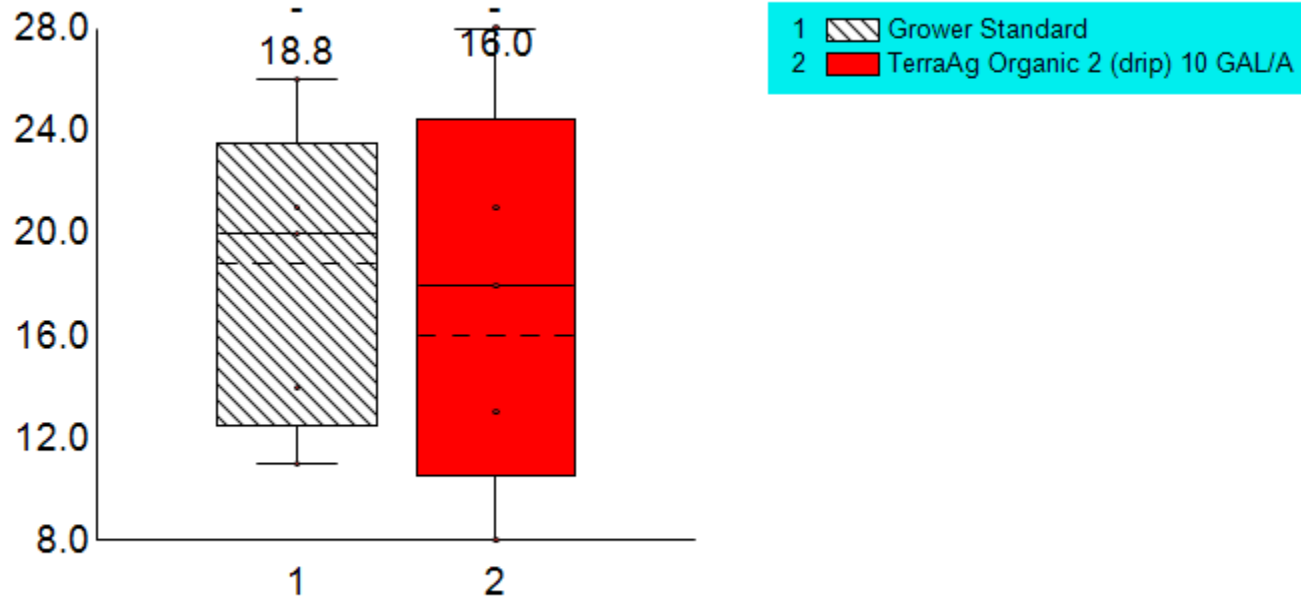


First_Har_Sunburn

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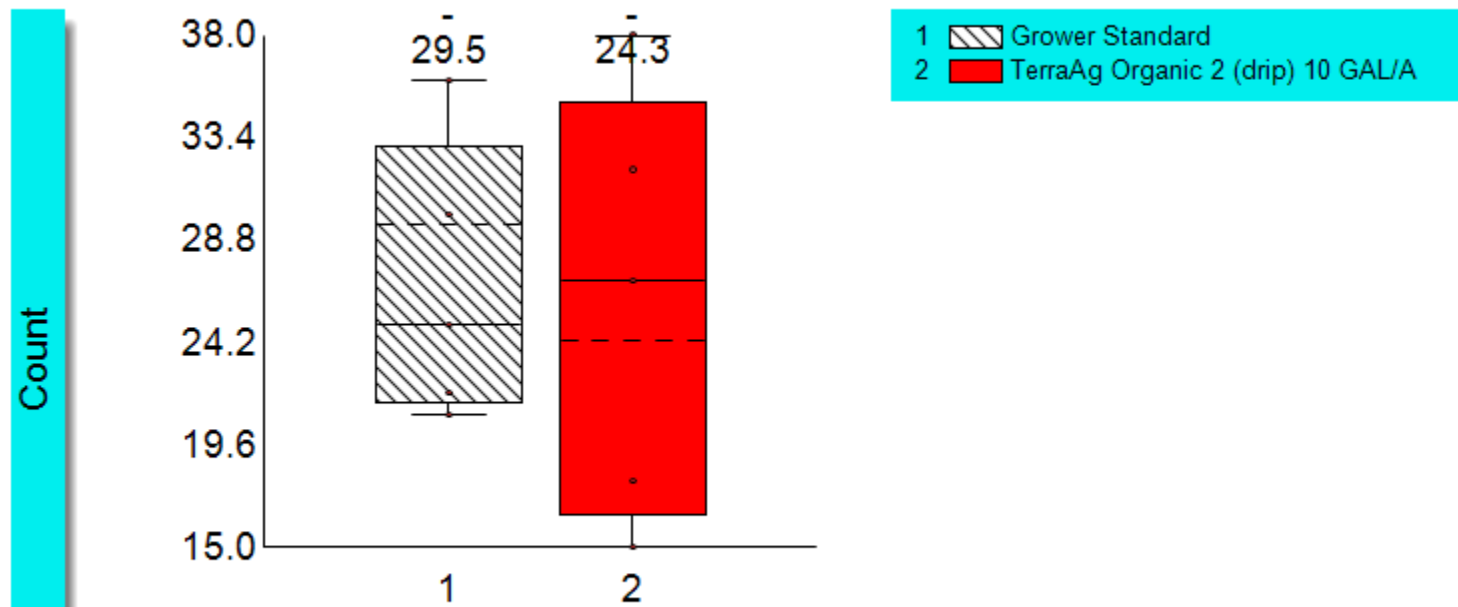
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Second_Har_Sunburn

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Number of Sunburned in Plot

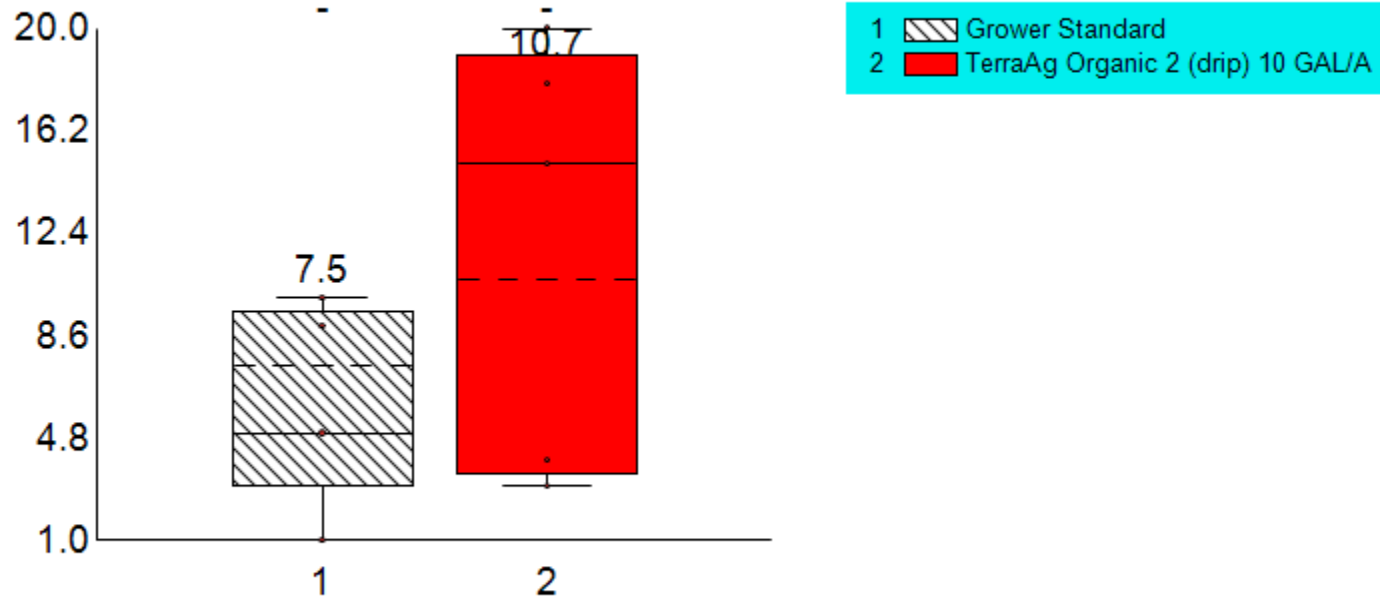


Combined_Har_Sunburn

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Number of 'Keepers' in Plot

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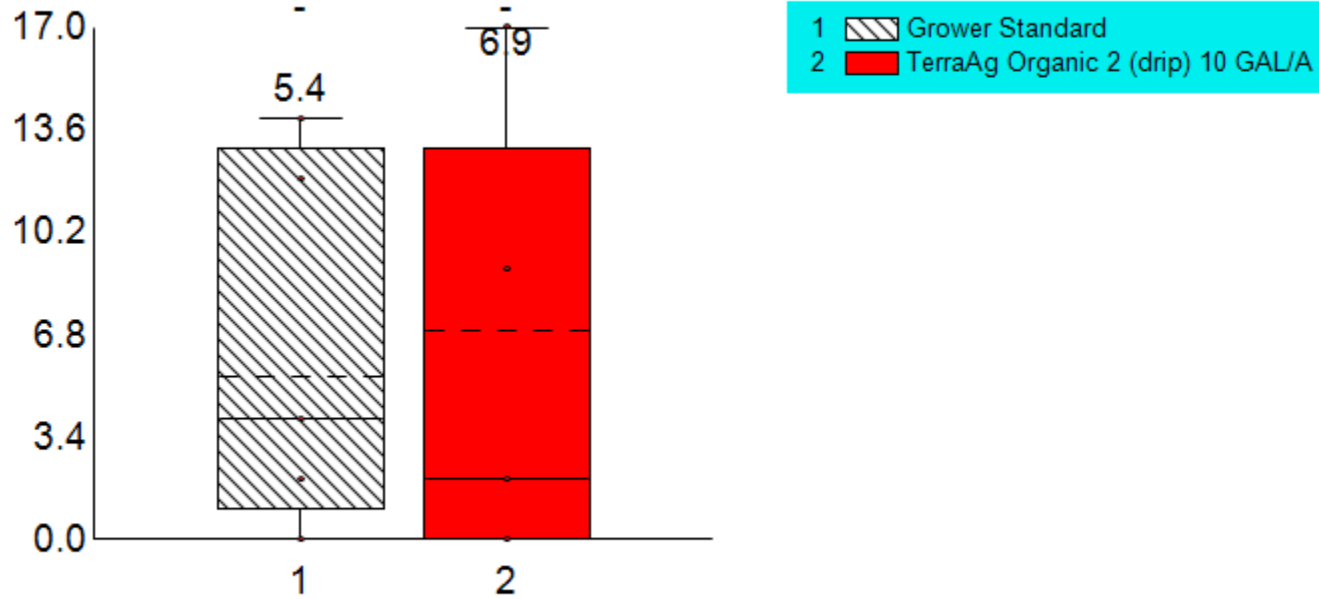


First_Har_Keeper

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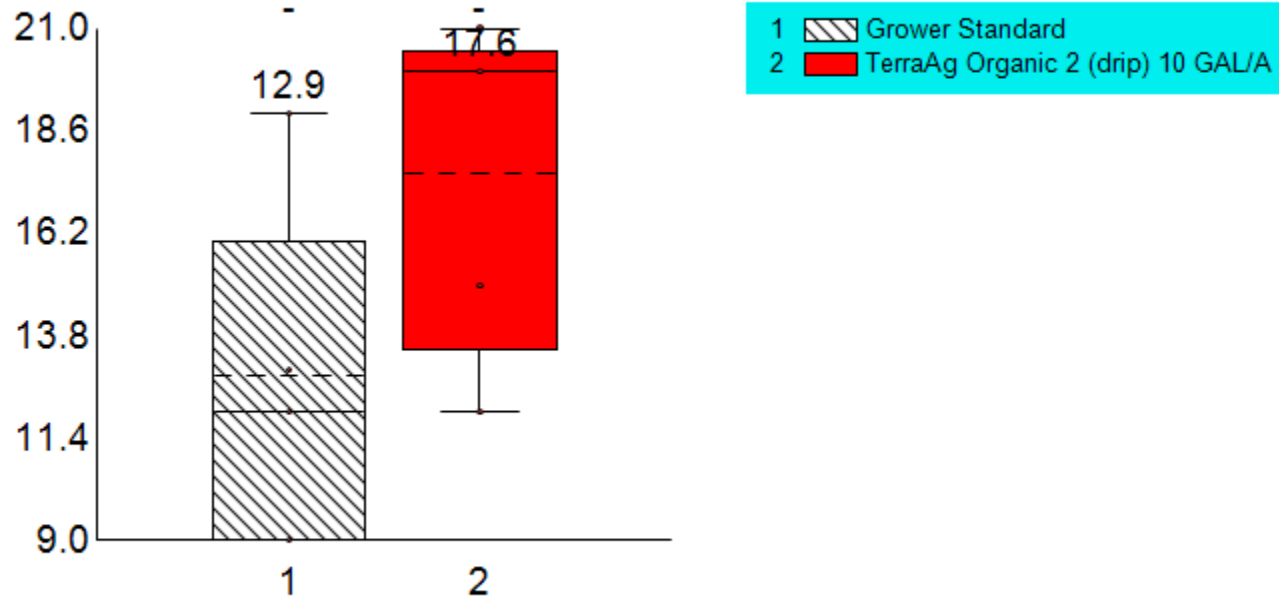


Second_Har_Keeper

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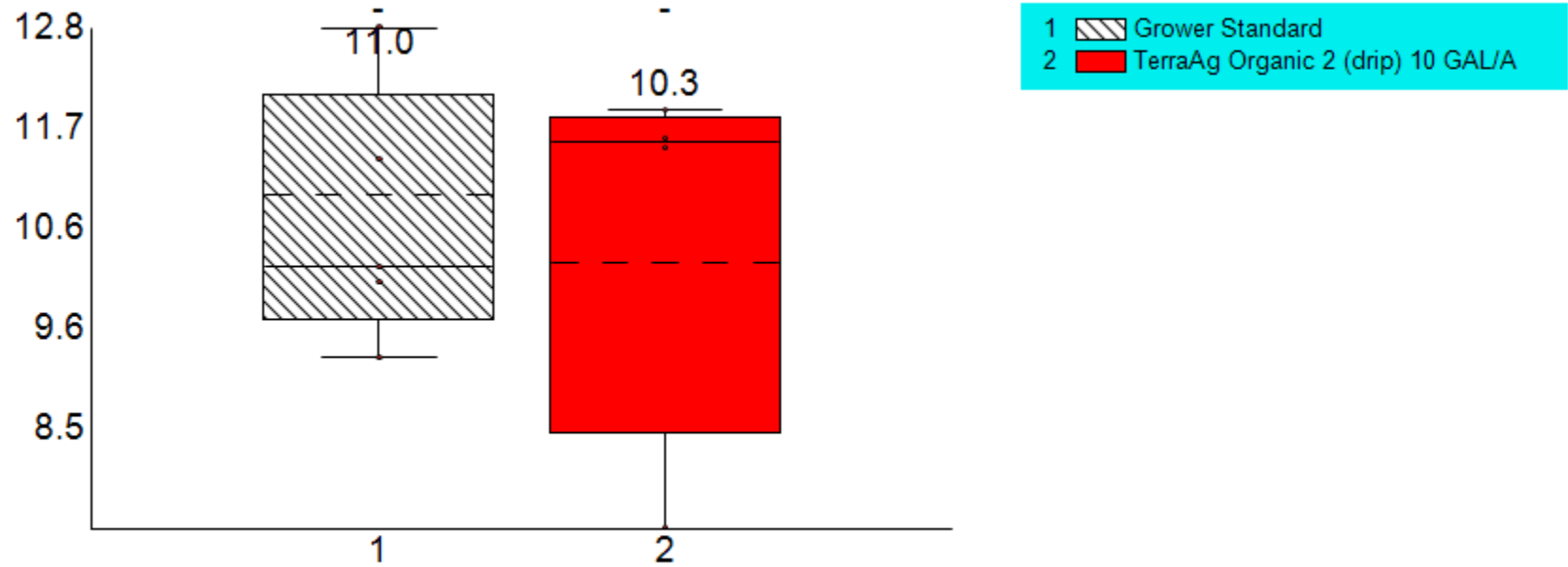


Combined_Har_Keeper

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TerraAg Tech, Organic Plant and Soil Pro. Brix for 3 Melons per Plot

Brix



Brix

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Carton Grade Yield

Trt 1: UTC	abv_std	5	6	9	12	15	18	22	under_std	0.028926	Acres per trt
Number per Trt	0	1	7	30	82	35	23	10	79	267	Total number per trt
Cartons per Trt	NA	0.2	1.2	3.3	6.8	2.3	1.3	0.5	NA	15.6	Marketable Cartons per trt
Cartons per AC	NA	7	40	115	236	81	44	16	NA	539	T1: Marketable Cartons per ac
Trt 2: TerraAg	abv_std	5	6	9	12	15	18	22	under_std	0.028926	Acres per trt
Number per Trt	0	0	17	57	65	53	32	13	111	348	Total number per trt
Cartons per Trt	NA	0.0	2.8	6.3	5.4	3.5	1.8	0.6	NA	20.5	Marketable Cartons per trt
Cartons per AC	NA	0	98	219	187	122	61	20	NA	708	T2: Marketable Cartons per ac

Carton Size Grades	Circumference (IN)	
	min	max
above std	24.38	.
5	22.81	24.35
6	20.45	22.78
9	18.47	20.42
12	16.9	18.44
15	15.74	16.87
18	14.95	15.71
22	14.17	14.92
under std		14.137

Plot photos





Plot 607
Trt 3



Plot 707

Trt 4



Plot 807

Trt 2





Plot 708

Trt 1



Plot 608

Trt 2







Plot 709
Trt 3.



Plot 609
Trt 4.



Plot 809

Tr+I



Plots 810
Trt 2



Plot 710
Trt 2



Plot 610

Trt 3







Plot 6/11
Trt 2



Plot 711
Trt 4



Plot 811
Trt 2



Plot 812
Trt 4





Plot 612

Trt 2

