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**ceres**imaging

We use aerial spectral imagery to optimize  
water and nitrogen

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# Ceres Provides imagery *as a service*

- **Efficient Data acquisition:**  
Partner with local aircraft services to acquire imagery
- **Rigorous processing and image analysis:** Developed next generation imaging products – water stress, chlorophyll
  - Validated through UC Cooperative Extension, UC Davis, Australian research partners
- **Market Success:**
  - 200,000+ acres flown,
  - 3,000%+ ROI



# Three imaging platform options

*Drone*

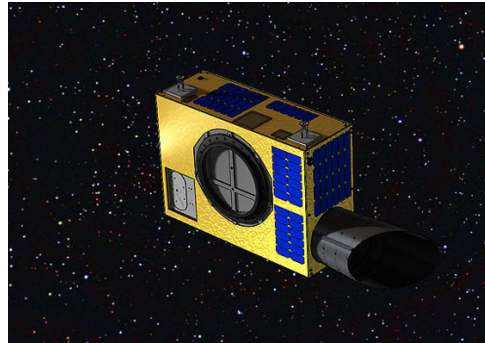


\$1.00-10.00+ per acre

1 to 200 acres

Legal issues, high resolution

*Satellite*



Cents per acre

50,000+ acres

Low resolution  
Suboptimal frequency

*Airplane*

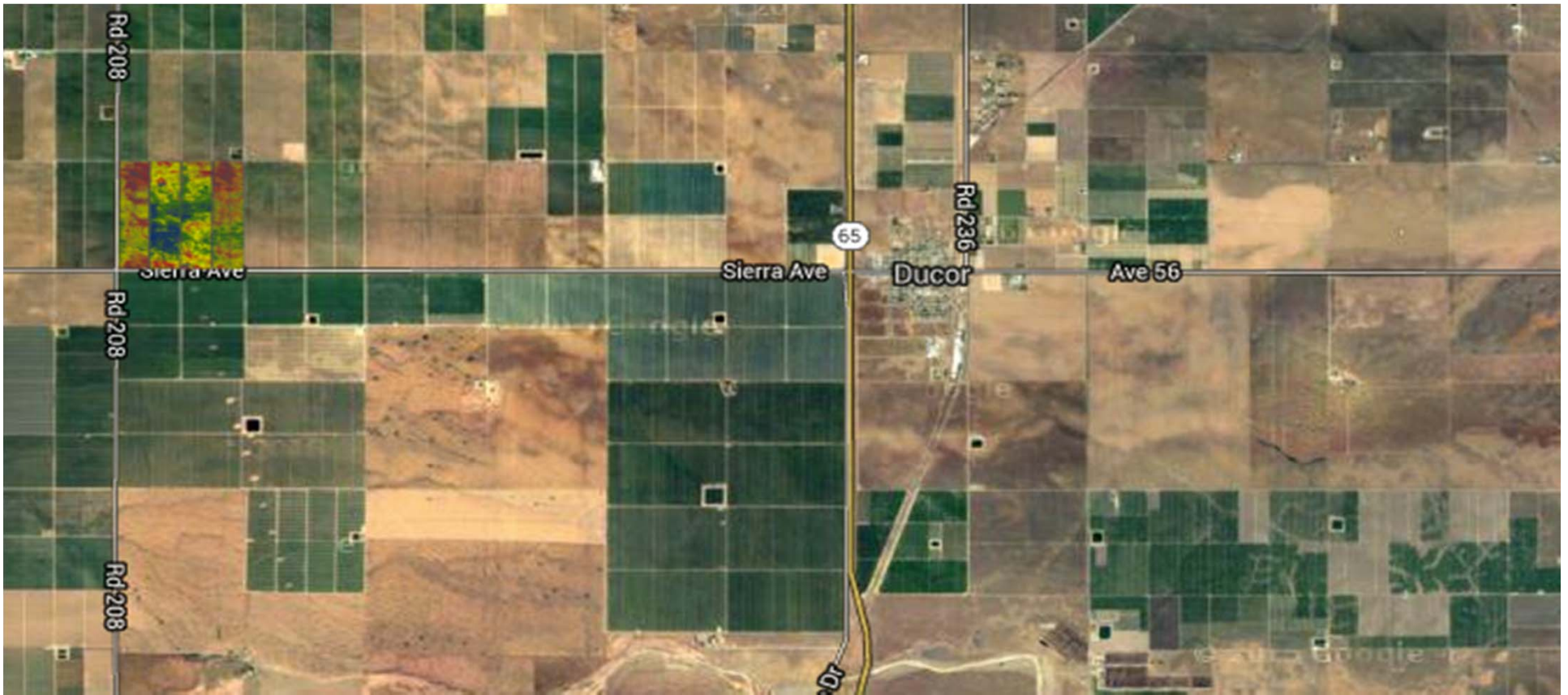


\$0.20-5.00 per acre

200 to 10,000 acres

High resolution

# Our Market: Success with Broad Commodities, Locations, and Crop Sizes

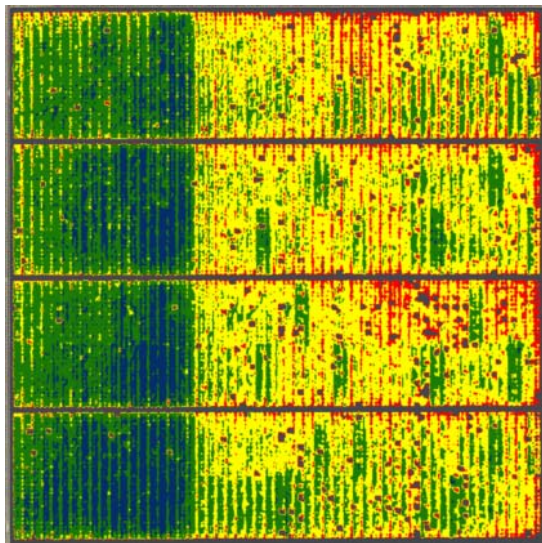


- **Crop Clientele:** Walnuts, Almonds, Grapes, Pistachios, Peaches, Cherries, Tomatoes, Corn, Cotton, Alfalfa, Sweet Potatoes, Cattle, etc.
- **Crop size Range:** 30 acres – 30k+ acres
- **Location:** Aerial imaging enables accessibility of coverage to geographically diverse terrain (North Coast), expansive fields (500 acres+), and non-contiguous blocks

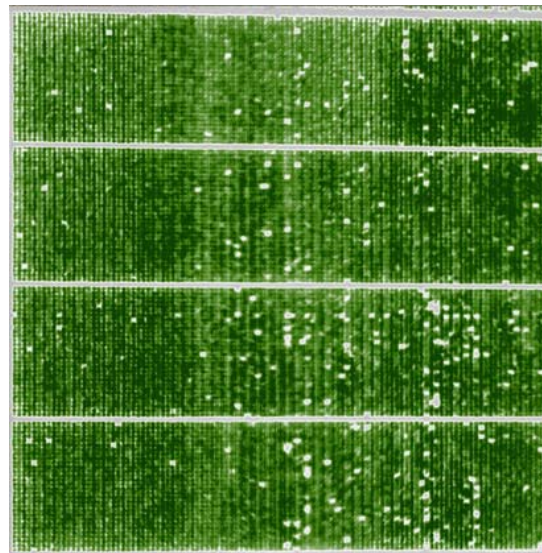
# Solution: We measure water stress, canopy vigor, and chlorophyll

160 acre almond orchard

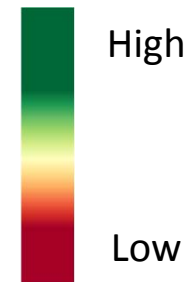
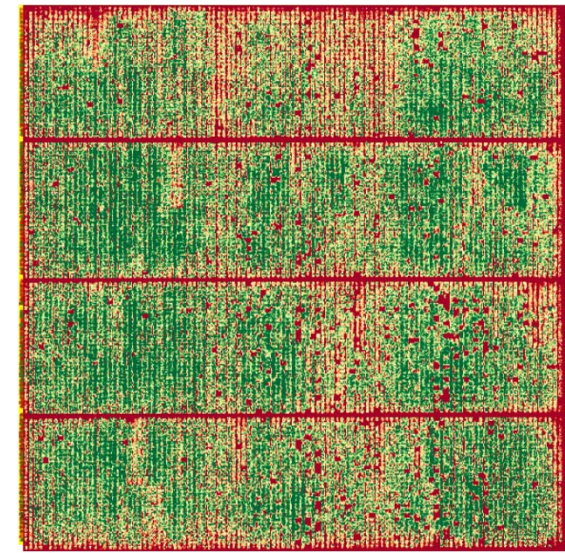
Water stress



Canopy vigor (NDVI)

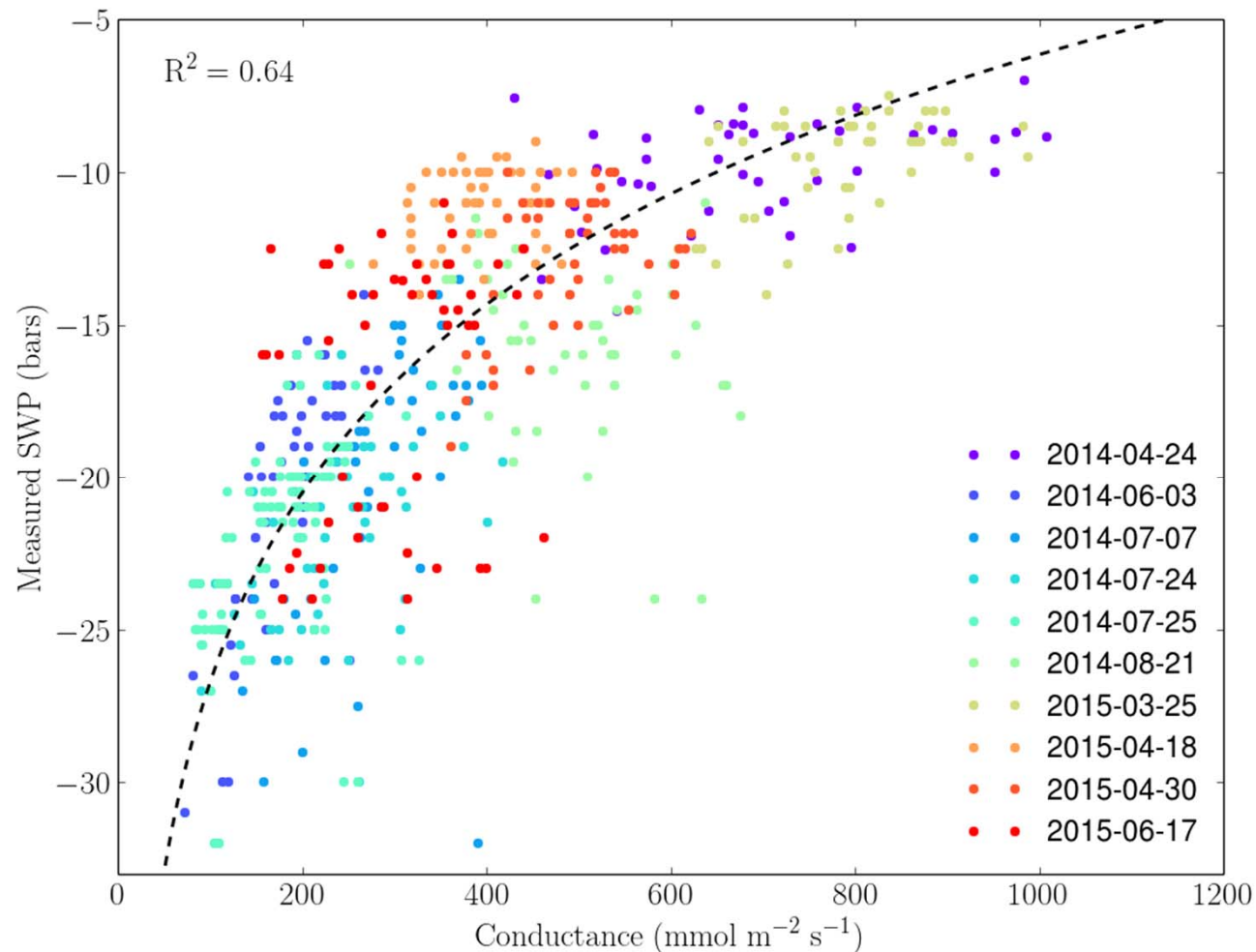


Chlorophyll content



# Data validation in University of California Cooperative Extension test fields

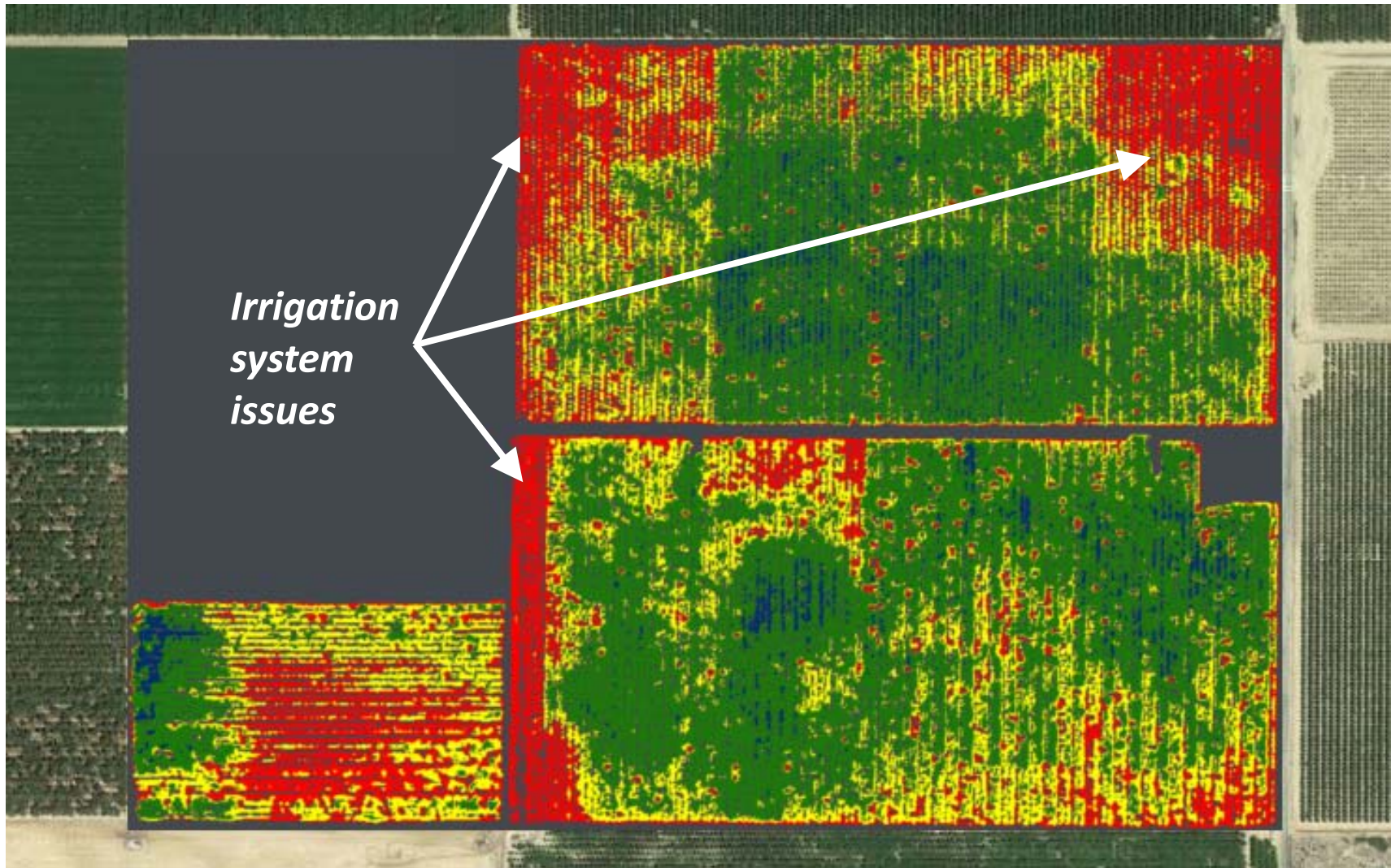
*Aerial measurements vs UC Davis ground truth data*



Strong relationship between conductance and Stem Water Potential

Conductance measured with aerial thermal data and local weather data. SWP readings taken by UCCE technicians.

# Distribution uniformity – 160 acre almonds



**Stem water potential**  
(negative bars)

 20-24

 16-20

 12-16

 8-12



# Soils issue – 80 acre vineyard

## *Water stress imagery*

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**Unit Name:** Cerini clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

**Available Water Storage (0-100cm):** Excelsior 17.18 cm

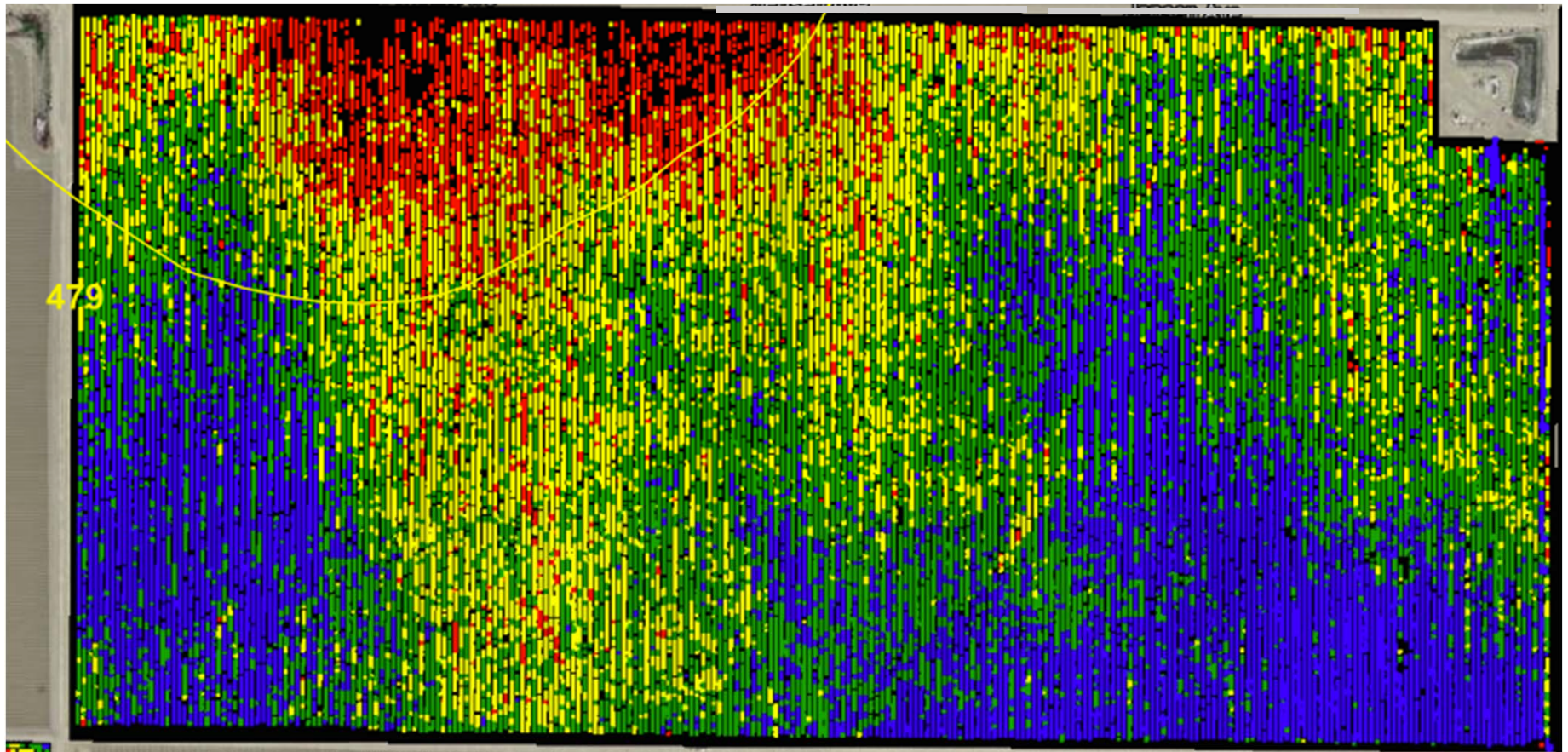
**Drainage Class:** Kimberlina Well drained

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**Unit Name:** Ciervo clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes

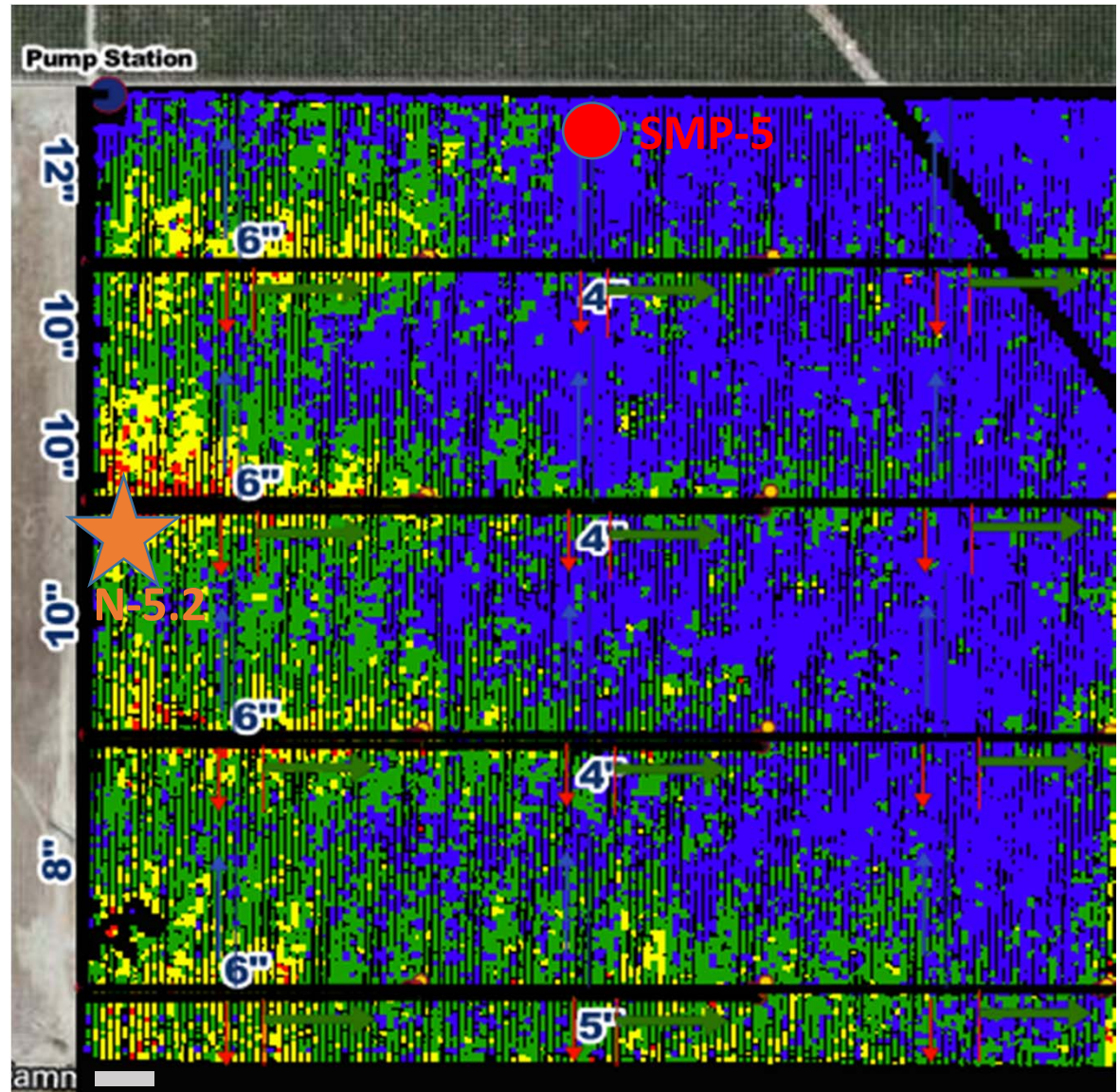
**Available Water Storage (0-100cm):** Ciervo 16.69 cm

**Drainage Class :** Cerini Moderately well drained



# Maps orient our decision-making

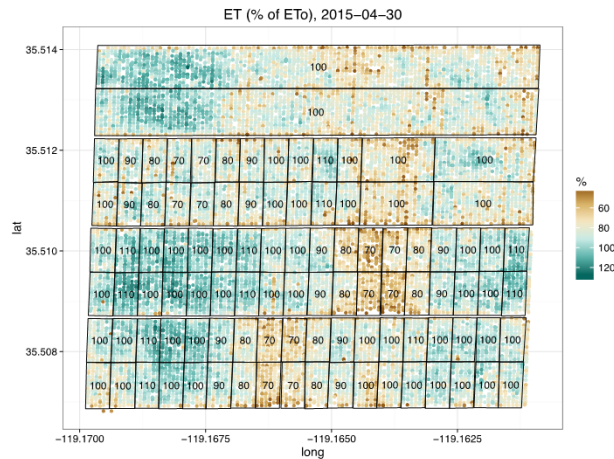
- Targeted sampling locations
- Soil changes
- Zone management
- Quantify economic opportunities



# Roadmap: Next-generation product development

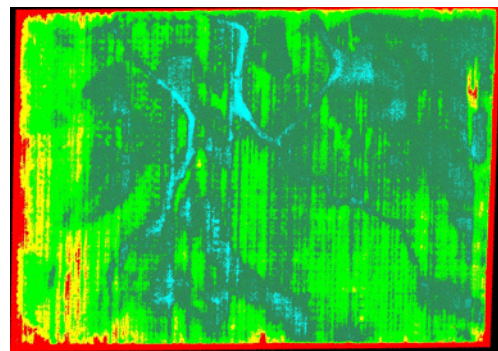
## Irrigation recommendations

Evapo-transpiration and irrigation crop coefficients



## Major and micro-nutrient estimates

NPK and key micronutrients



## Yield prediction

Collaboration with Patrick Brown / UC Davis: yield model uses imagery, agronomic, and environmental data

