



FIELD TRIAL RESULTS

SUMMER 2017

PEACH TRIAL

WITH CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

TRIAL DESIGN

- ◆ Trial conducted through Clemson University, at the Musser Fruit Research Farm in Seneca, South Carolina, to evaluate the effectiveness of IN-M1* on peach yield and fruit quality.
- ◆ Twelve 6-year-old peach trees (*Prunus persica* cv. Redglobe), grafted onto Guardian[™] root stock, were selected within a 0.5-acre (0.2-hectare) orchard. The density was 405 trees/acre (1000 trees/hectare).

TREATMENTS

- ◆ All trees were grown under “grower standard conditions,” following commercial fertilization, pest management and weed control practices. IN-M1 was not mixed with any fungicide, insecticide or fertilizer, and other grower standard applications were always made a minimum of three days before or after the application of IN-M1.
- ◆ Treatments were applied at bud break (20% bloom, March 6, 2017), at full bloom (March 9, 2017), and 30 days after bloom (April 7-11, 2017). The first application was a soil drench using a watering can. The second and third applications involved a soil drench as well as foliar spray, using a backpack sprayer to runoff. Control trees received water, both foliar and drench, at the same intervals.
- ◆ IN-M1 was applied at 0.75 oz/tree (22.5 ml/tree) which corresponds to 1 gal/ac (9.35 L/ha).



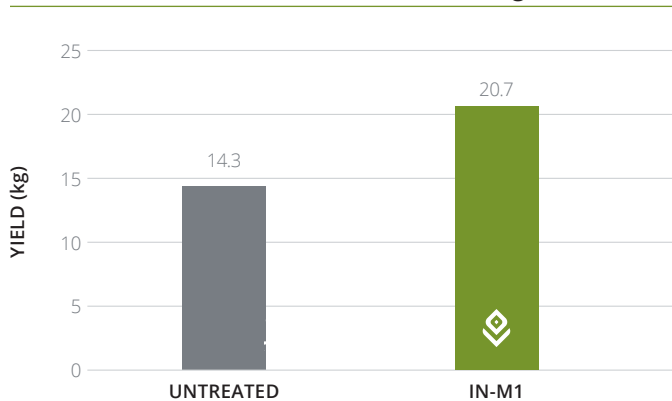
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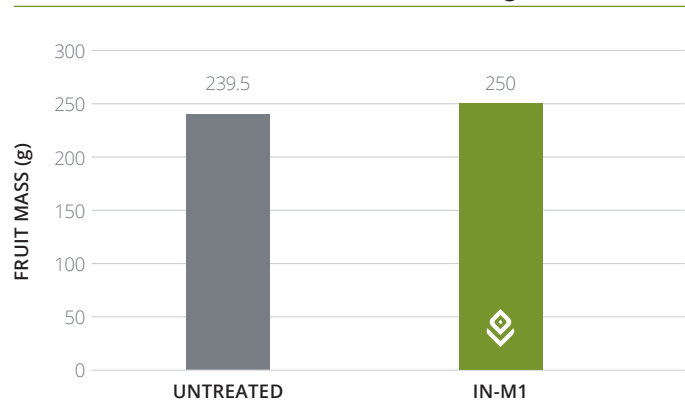
HARVEST & RESULTS

- ◆ Fruit was harvested at commercial ripening stage in three picks between June 21 and July 3, 2017.
- ◆ Concentric-treated trees yielded on average 20.7 kg/tree, compared to the untreated trees which yielded 14.3 kg/tree. Though not a statistically significant difference, this represents a 44.7% increase in yield.
- ◆ Fruit from the treated trees was slightly larger, with an average diameter of 80mm compared to the untreated diameter of 78.6mm.
- ◆ No differences were seen in BRIX, acidity, or BRIX/acidity ratio between treatments.

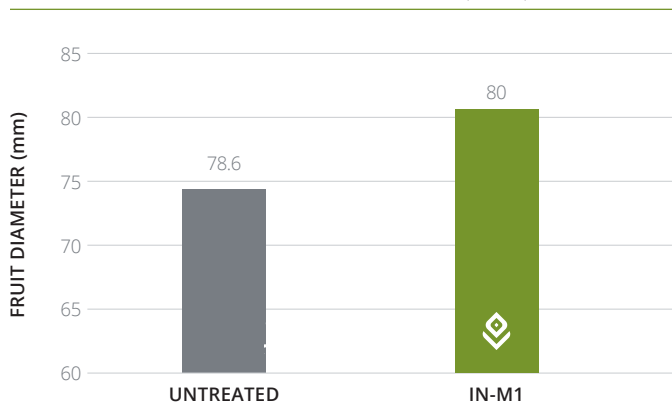
AVERAGE YIELD / TREE (kg)



AVERAGE FRUIT MASS (g)



AVERAGE FRUIT SIZE (mm)



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