



Zinc Deficiency: A Global Nutritional Problem in Crop Production and Human Nutrition

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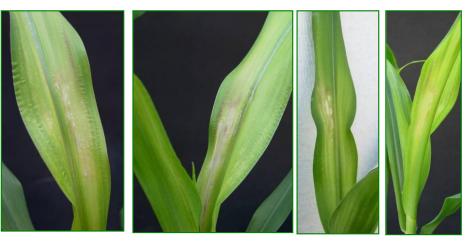
Zn Deficiency: a global nutritional problem in cultivated soils



Australia : >10 mio ha Turkey : 14 mio ha Bangladesh China

India

- : 2 mio ha
- :30 mio ha
- : 90 mio ha
- White and Zasoski, 1999; Field Crops Res., 60:11-26



Zn Deficiency: Global Micronutrient Deficiency in Soils

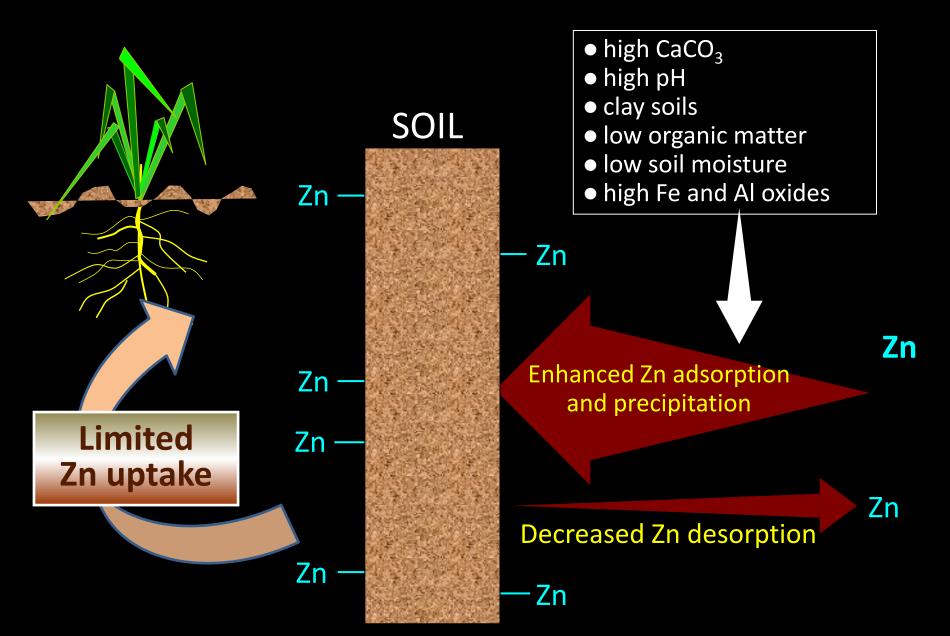
Widespread

Medium

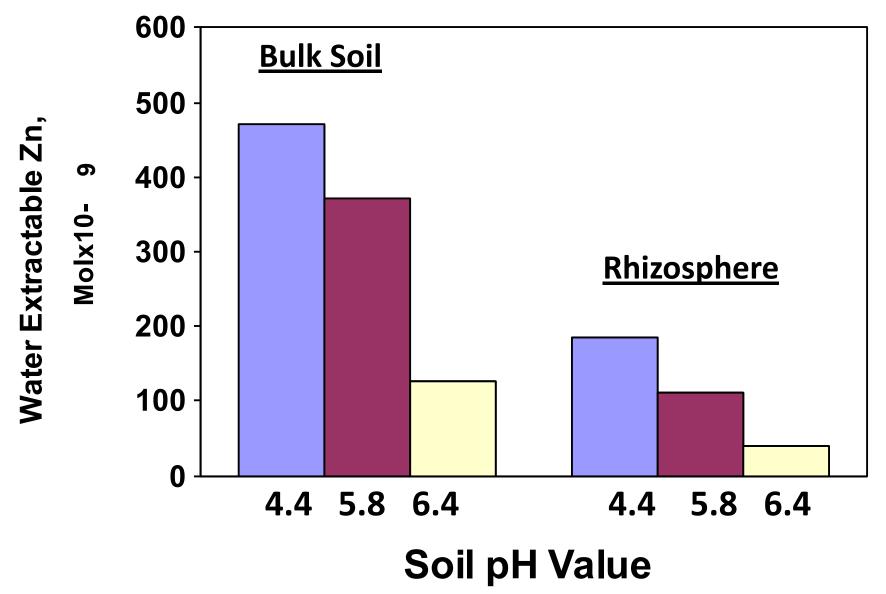
Zinc Deficiency Affected Areas

Alloway, 2007. IZA Publications, Brussels

Soil factors affecting availability of Zn to roots

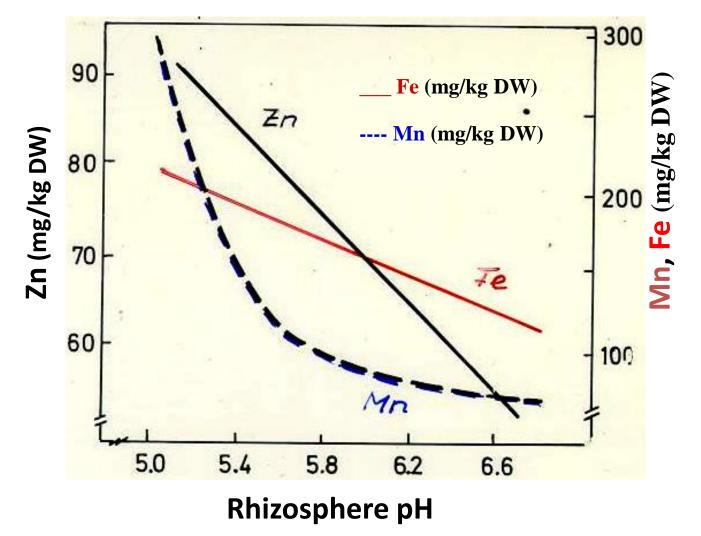


Soil pH: a critical factor reducing Zn solubility



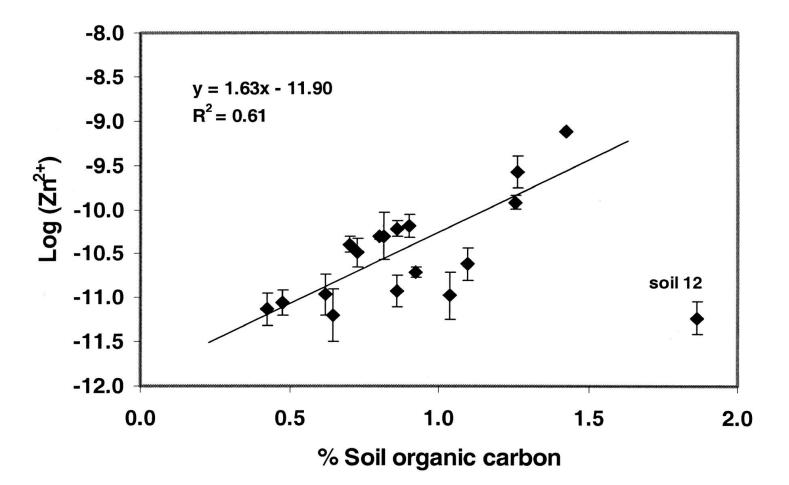
Saron et al., et al., 1989; Comm. Soil Sci. Plant Anal. 20: 271

Effect of Soil pH on Leaf Concentration of Micronutrients in Bean Plants



(Sarkar and Wyn Jones, Plant Soil <u>66</u>, 361, 1982)

Relationship between free Zn Activity and soil organic carbon for 18 Colorado Soils



Obrador et al., 2003, Soil Sci. Soc. Am. J. 67: 564.

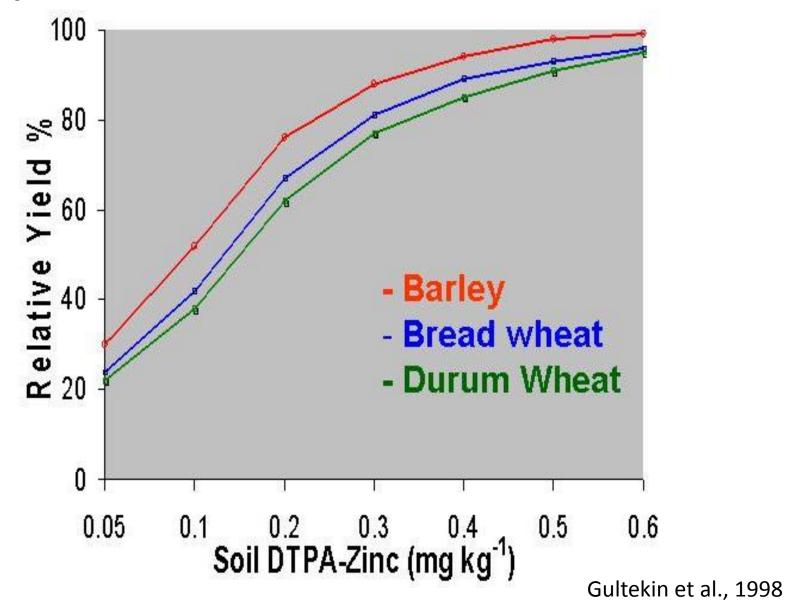
Soil Tests

Determination of DTPA-extractable zinc is the most widely used method for measurement of plant available Zn in soils.

Most commonly reported critical concentrations for the **DTPA-Zn is** ≤**0.5 ppm**.

Mehlich-3: 1.5-3.5 ppm depending on soil pH

Relationship between soil DTPA-Zn and Relative Yield of Cereal Crops Grown in Different Locations in Central Anatolia



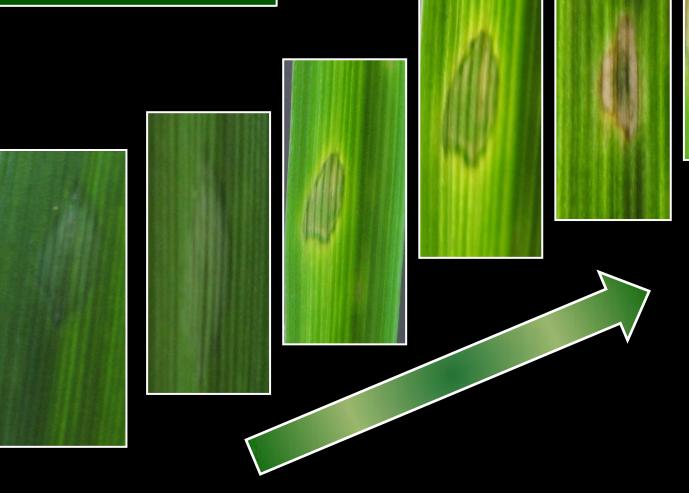
Zinc Deficiency Symptoms

Control

Increase in severity of Zinc Deficiency Symptoms in Wheat



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Final Stage of Leaf Zinc Deficiency in Wheat

Video: Growth of Maize and Rice Plants on a Zn-Deficient Soil

Zinc Deficiency in Maize

Leaf Symptoms

The most **characteristic symptoms** of zinc deficiency in maize include the development of whitish or yellowish stripes parallel to the midrib on the young leaves and stunting appearance





Maize is extremely sensitive to soil Zn deficiency in Central Anatolia-Turkey

-Zn

+Zn

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Soil DTPA-Zn: 0.09 ppm

+Zn

-Zn

Hidden Zinc Deficiency

In many crop plants **hidden zinc deficiency** has been well documented that may be responsible for reductions in yield up to 20 % without appearance of distinct leaf symptoms.

It is, therefore, important to include zinc in the commonly applied NPK fertilizers in order to ensure that plants don't suffer from Zn deficiency stress.

Zinc Deficiency in Central Anatolia

+Zn

-Zn

+Zn

-Zn

+Zn

Soil DTPA-Zn: 0.09 ppm



Foliar Application of Zn on Barley Field

(Cakmak et al., 1996, Plant and Soil)

ZINC-DEFICIENT PLANTS ARE HIGHLY PHOTOSENSITIVE

Growth of Zn deficient bean plants at different light intensities

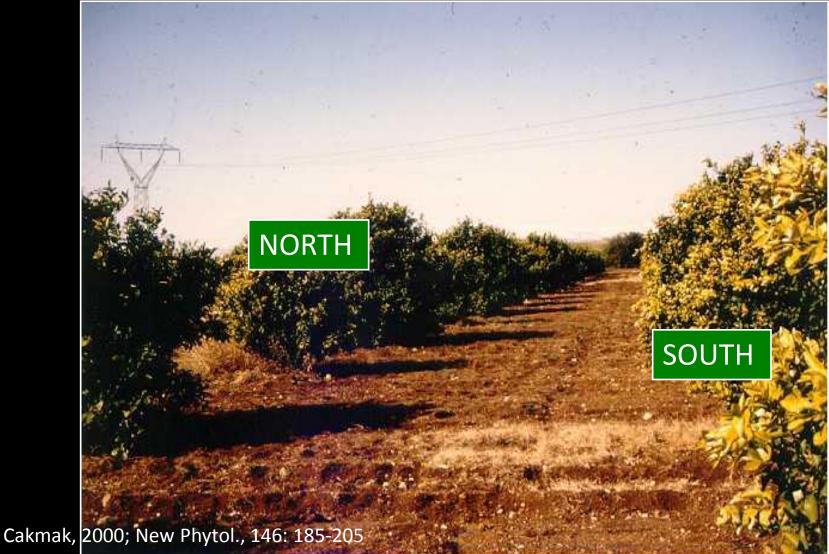
Cakmak, 1988 PhD Thesis

Low Light



High Light

Zn deficiency chlorosis in citrus tress occurs mostly on sunny side of trees



Partial shading of primary leaves of Zn-deficient bean plants



Cakmak, 2000; New Phytologist, 146: 185-205

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High Light-Induced Zn deficiency

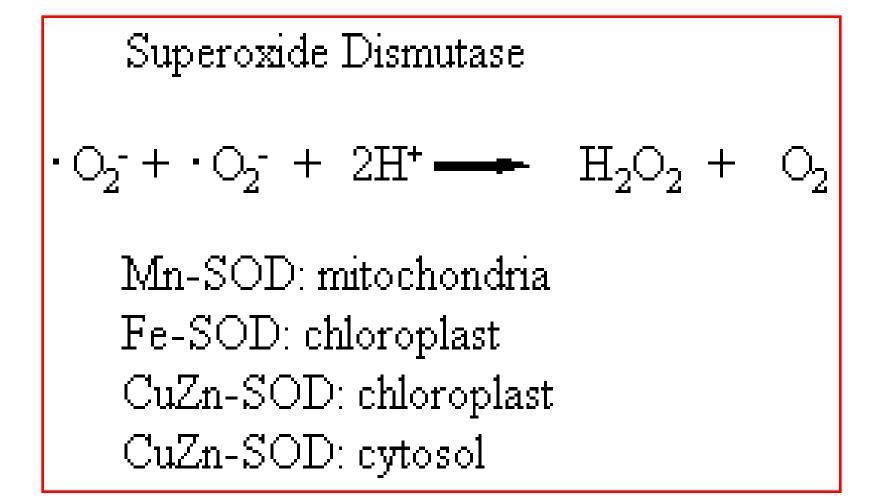
Marschner and Cakmak, 1989; J. Plant Physiology

Zinc in Biological Systems

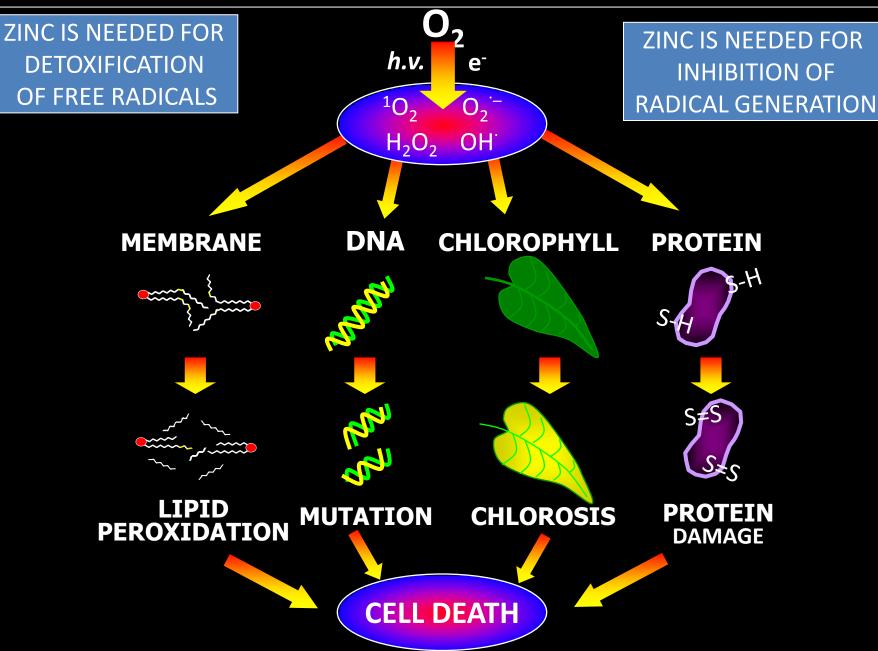


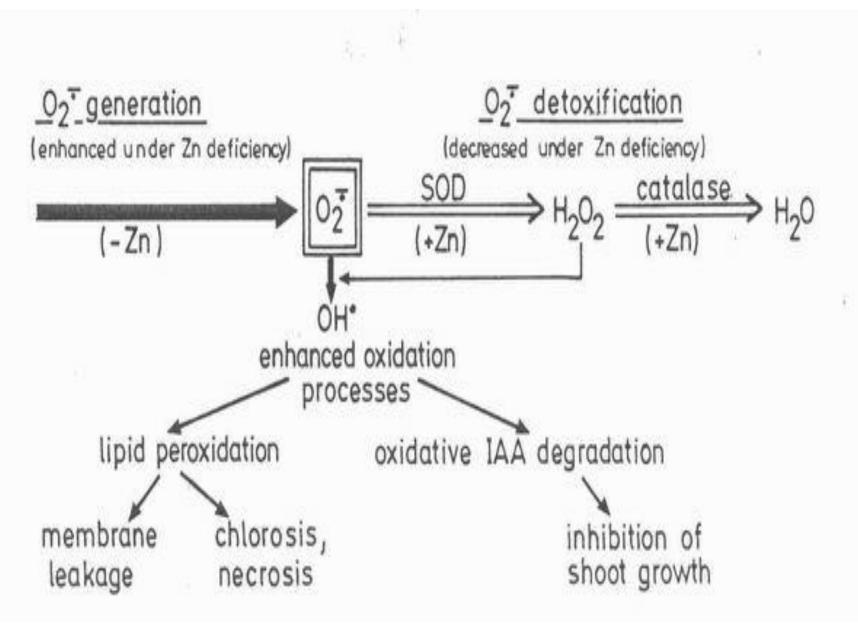
nearly 10 % of proteins needs Zn for their function and structure

- structural and functional integrity of biological membranes depends on adequate amount of Zn
- zinc is a major actor of cellular defense systems against highly toxic oxygen free radicals (better tolerance to environmental stress factors, e.g., drought stress)
- **D** zinc plays a critical role in protein synthesis
- **I** zinc is required for protection of IAA from oxidation



ZINC PROVIDES DEFENSE AGAINST FREE RADICAL DAMAGE IN CELLS





Marschner, 1995; Cakmak, 2000, New Phytol. 146:185

Root exudation of organic compounds in cotton, wheat and apple at different Zn supplies

Zn Treatment	Amino acids	Sugars	Phenolics		
	(µg g⁻¹ root 6h⁻¹)				
		COTTON			
-Zn	165	751	161		
+Zn	48	375	117		
		WHEAT			
-Zn	48	615	80		
+Zn	21	315	34		
		APPLE			
-Zn	55	823	350		
+Zn	12	275	103		

Cakmak and Marschner, 1988, J. Plant Physiol.

Due to structural impairments in cell membranes under Zn deficiency

Zinc Deficient Roots are Leaky: Various carbon-containing compounds are released from Zn-deficient roots into the surrounding soil that is rich in fungal and bacterial populations

ZINC PROVIDES RESISTANCE AGAINST

Zinc is highly needed for structural and functional integrity of cell membranes

Any impairment in structural integrity of cell membranes induces membrane permeability and extensive release of exudates



THING FOR TEXUDIT

ROOT EXUDATES: feeding substrates for pathogens

ZINC PROVIDES RESISTANCE AGAINST PATHOGENIC INFECTION

Effect of Zn application on phytophtora zoospores on roots of two different Eucalyptus

	Species			
Zn supply	E. marginata	E. sieberi		
	(No./mm ² root)			
+Zn	4 ±1	89 ±13		
-Zn	44 ±8	489 ±48		

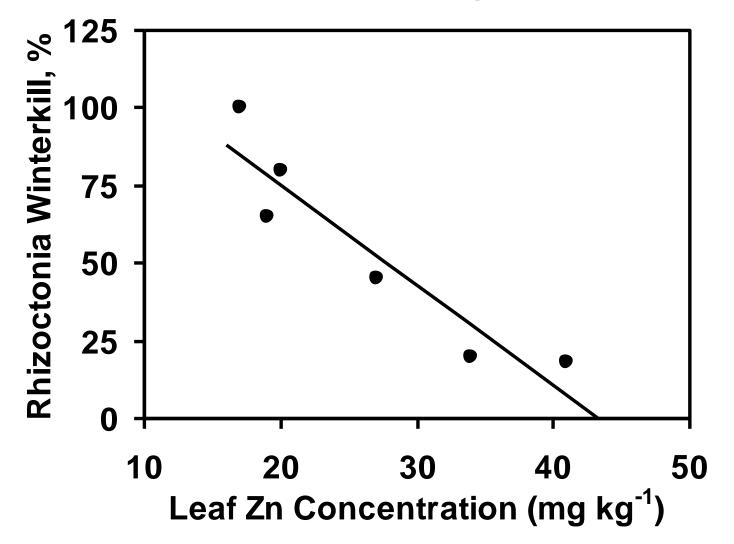
Graham and Webb, 1991

Effect of increasing Zn supply on root infection/penetration of *M. phaseolina*, *F. solani* and *R. Solani* with and without *Ps. aeruginosa* IE-6S+ biological control agent

	Infection (%)			
Zn concentration (mg/kg soil)	M. phaseolina	F. solani	R. solani	
Without IE-6S ⁺				
0	55	88	42	
0.2	55	92	33	
0.4	42	75	55	
0.8	33 🗡	66 🗡	22 🖤	
1.6	33	66	17	
With IE-6S ⁺	-	-	-	
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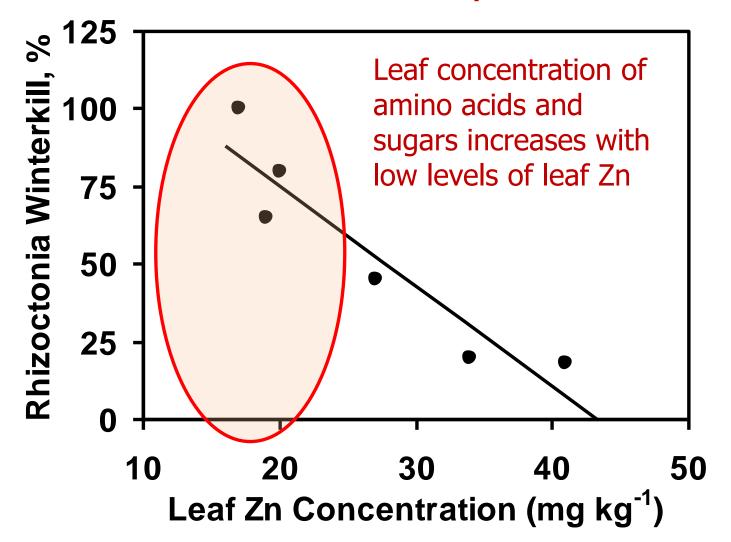
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Relationship between leaf Zn concentration and Winterkill caused by Rhizoctonia



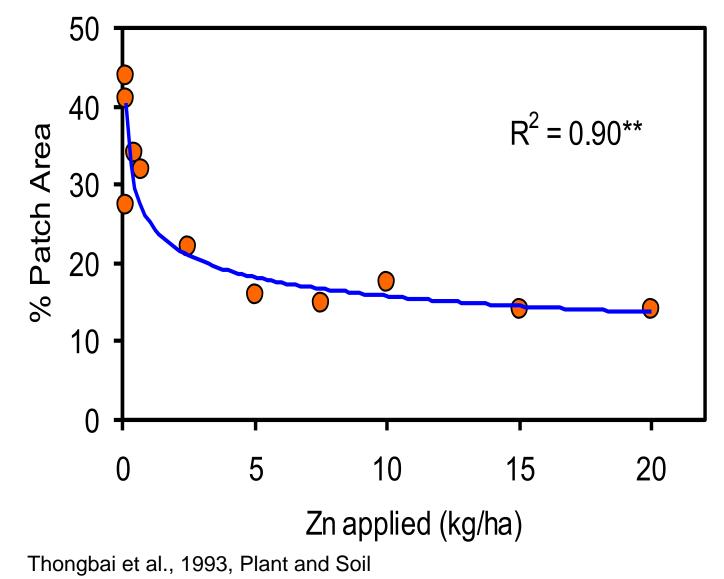
adapted from Huber and Graham, 1999

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Correlation between Zn application and bare patch caused by Rhizoctonia in wheat





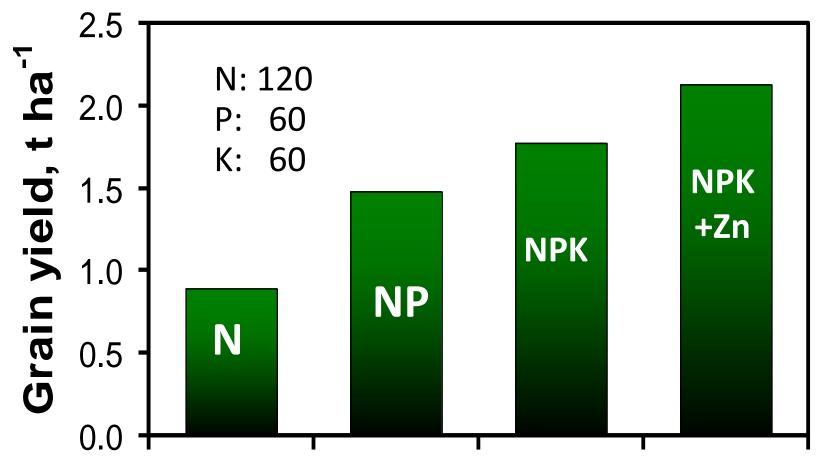
Zinc Fertilization



Zinc sulphate is most commonly used zinc fertilizer. Zinc is also increasingly applied together with compound fertilizers

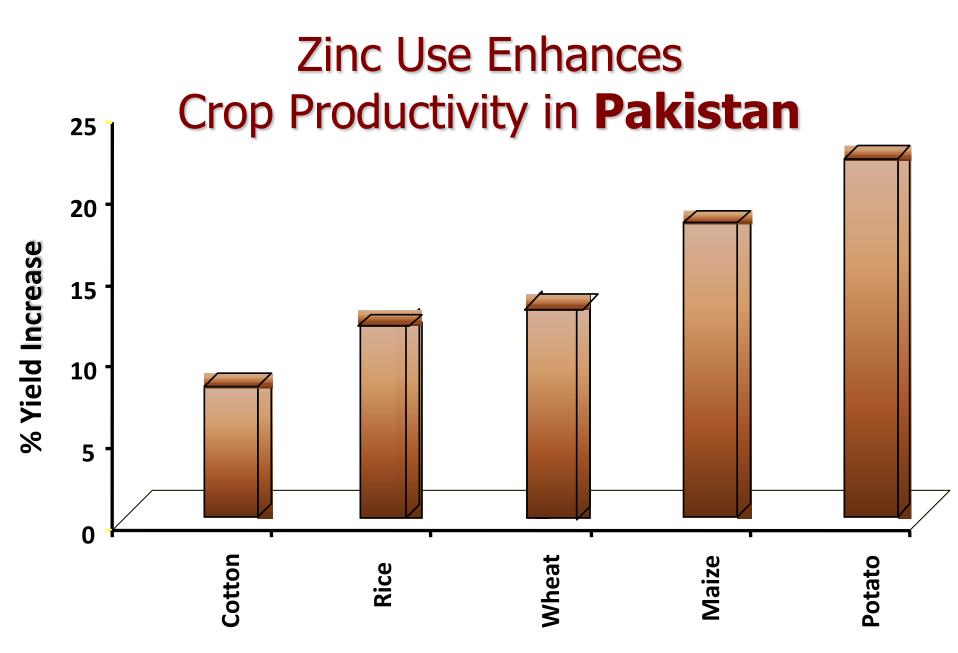
Several reports show that yield of crop plants can be increased up to 50 % by applying 2 to 5 kg Zn per ha.

Wheat Grain Yield Based on Long-term Multi Location Experiments in **India**



Fertilizer added, kg ha⁻¹

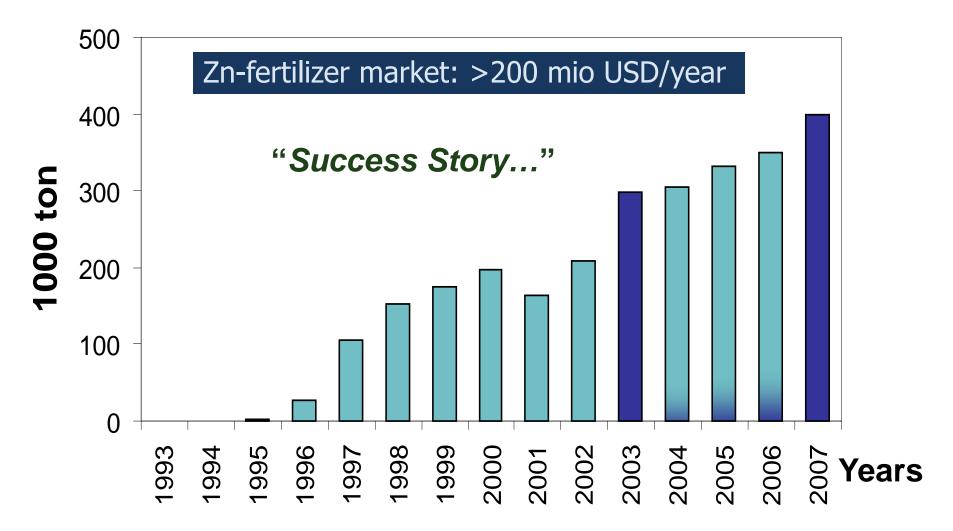
Source: Tandon, 1995. In: Proc. Int. Potash Inst. on Potassium in Asia



Source: Rashid and Rafique (2000)



Use of Zn-containing NP and NPK fertilizers in Turkey after NATO-Zinc Project



Source: Ministry of Agriculture, 2006; TOROS Fertilizer, 2008



ZnO or ZnSO₄??

Effects of ZnSO₄ and ZnO (applied at 10-11 kg Zn ha⁻¹) on Grain Yields (t ha⁻¹) of Crops on Zn Deficient Soils in India.

Zn						
Carrier	Wheat	Soybean	Maize	Wheat	Rice	Barley
Control	3.4	1.1	2.3	4.0	6.4	4.2
<mark>ZnSO₄</mark>	<mark>3.9</mark>	<mark>1.4</mark>	<mark>3.2</mark>	<mark>5.6</mark>	<mark>7.6</mark>	<mark>4.8</mark>
ZnO	4.0	1.3	3.3	4.8	6.8	4.8

From Marschner, 1993. In: Zinc in Soils and Plant, Kluwer Publisher

Effect of **Zn-enriched urea on** Grain yield and grain Zn concentrations of rice and wheat at IARI

	R	ice	Wheat		
Treatments	Grain Yield	Grain Zn Concentration	Grain Yield	Grain Zn Concentration	
	(ton ha ⁻¹)	(mg kg ⁻¹ DW)	(ton ha ⁻¹)	(mg kg ⁻¹ DW)	
Prilled Urea	3.99	30	3.72	40	
Zn-Enriched Ureas					
1% Zn as ZnO	4.46	36	4.14	46	
1% Zn az ZnSO ₄	4.67	39	4.25	49	
2% Zn as ZnO	4.95	43	4.39	49	
2% Zn as $ZnSO_4$	5.15	48	4.53	51	

Shivay et al. (2008b) Nutr Cycl Agroecosyst

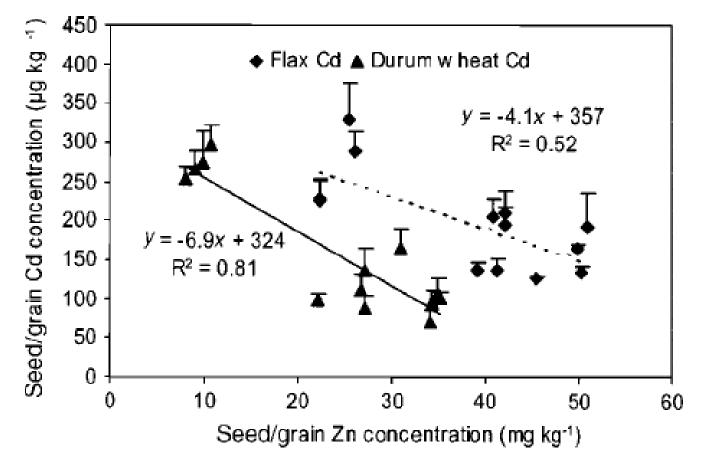
Cadmium Contamination of Food Crops: A Growing Concern

Accumulation of Cd in food crops:

- Cd potentially toxic to human-beings
 Plant-based foods predominant source of Cd in human diet
- Risk associated with long-term consumption of crops contaminated with Cd
- Sewage sludge, P-containing fertilizers and industrial pollution are major sources of Cd pollution

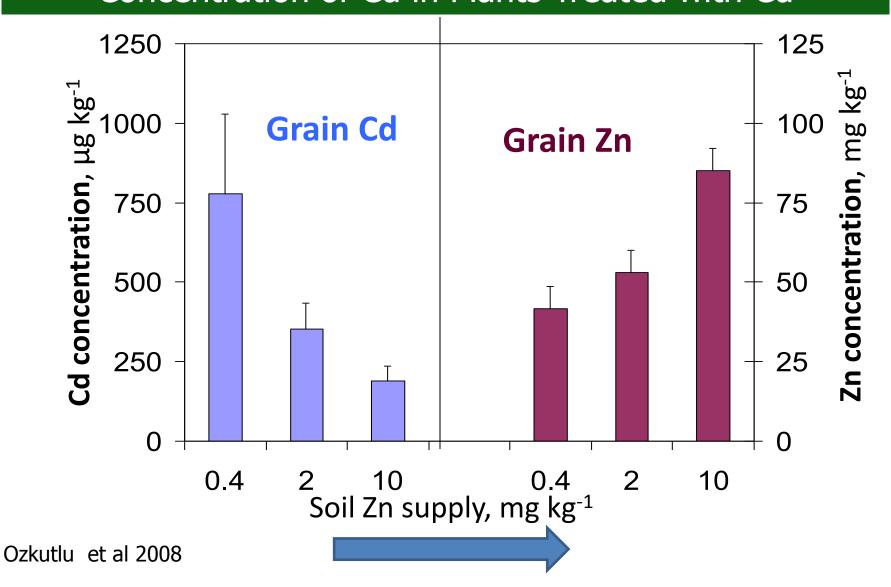
Relationship between Zn and Cd concentrations in the flaxseed and durum wheat grain across fertilizer treatments

Antagonistic effect of Zn on Cd for root uptake and distribution in the plant.

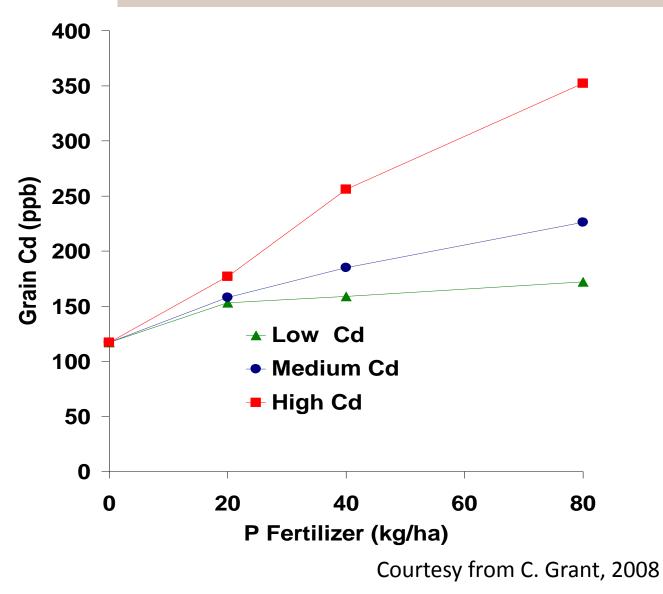


Jiao et al., 2004: J Sci Food Agric 84:777-785

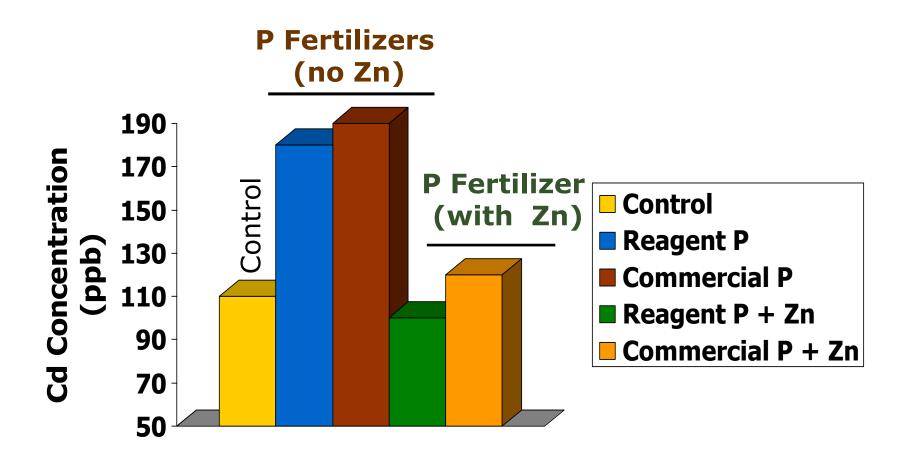
Effect of Increasing Zn Supply on Grain Concentration of Cd in Plants Treated with Cd



P-Induced Cd Accumulation



Effect of Zn-containing P-Fertilizers on Cd concentration in durum wheat grain



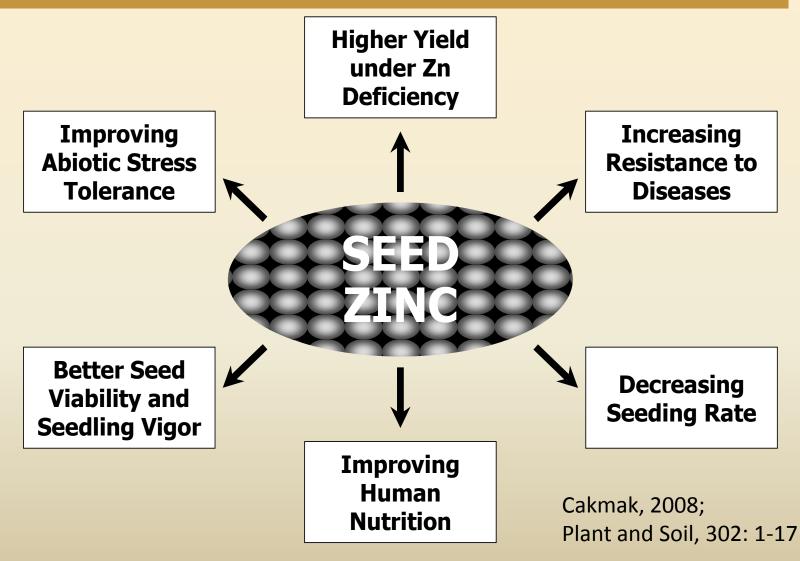
Courtesy from C. Grant, 2008

Seedlings are happy when the seeds are "galvanized"



Dress seeds with zinc before sowing

Agronomic and human nutritional benefits resulting from use of Zn-enriched seeds



Effect od Seed Zn on Growth of Wheat in Central Anatolia

11 mg Zn kg⁻¹ 30 mg Zn kg⁻¹

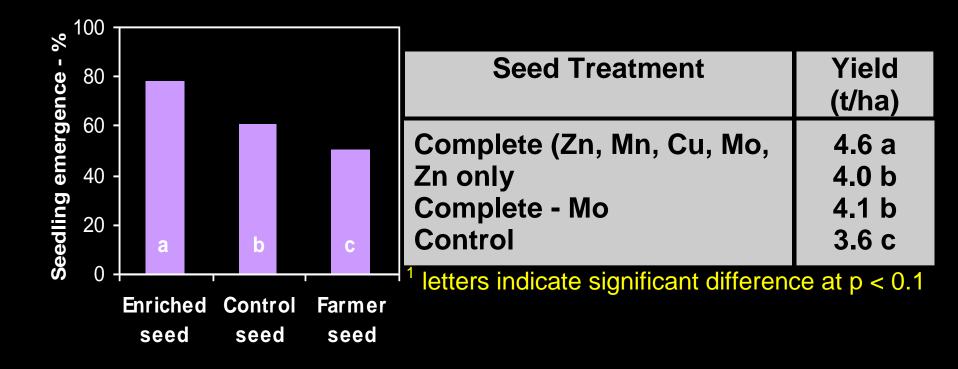


: Ekiz et al., 1998, J. Plant Nutr.

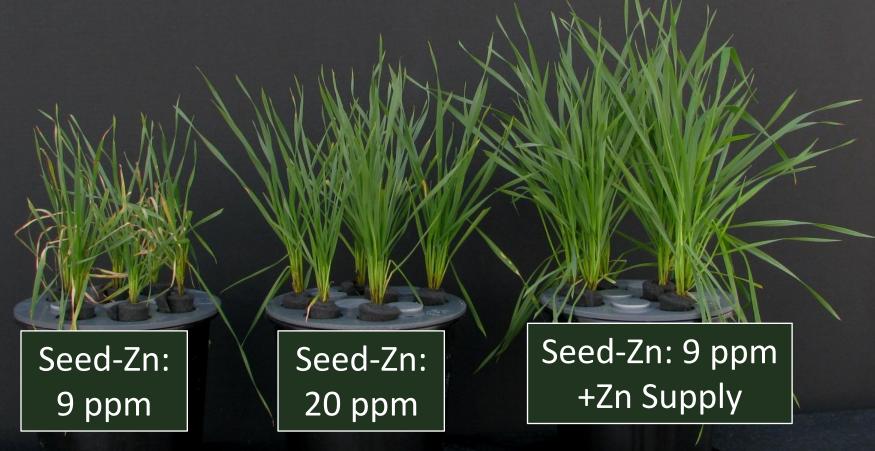
Maize, Paraguay, 1996



Modified slide from Dr. Kevin Moran: *"Farming for Health"*, Oslo, Oct.-2005 Impact of Micronutrient Dense Rice Seed in Bangladesh (data from J. Duxbury, 2002, Cornell Univ.)



Role of Seed Zn on Growth of Plants in a Growth Medium with low Zn supply



Candan and Cakmak, 2011

When Zn is deficient in soil or plant

+Zn

-Zn

Grain Zn: 35 mg kg⁻¹

Grain Zn: 12 mg kg⁻¹

Role of High Seed Zn in Human Nutrition



Micronutrient Deficiencies: Global Malnutrition Problem





Iron Estimated 2 billion



Zinc **Estimated 2** billion

www.harvestplus.org





Zinc affects a range of functions:

- Immunity
- Growth
- Brain development
- Reproduction

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WHO REPORT (2002)

Leading 10 Risk Factors in Developing Countries

% Cause of Disease Burden

Underweight Unsafe sex **Unsafe water** Indoor smoke **Zinc Deficiency Iron deficiency** Vitamin A deficiency **Blood pressure** Tobacco Cholesterol

14.9% 10.2% 5.5% 3.7% 3.2% 3.1% 3.0% 2.5% 2.0% 1.9%





Children particularly sensitive

>450,000 deaths/year children under 5 - 4.4% attributed to Zn deficiency



Black et al. 2008

The Lancet Maternal and Child Undernutrition Series



"ZINC SAVES KIDS" Campaign







International Zinc Association

<u>Major Reason: Low Dietary Intake</u>

High Consumption Cereal Based Foods with Low Micronutrient Concentrations

In number of developing countries, cereals contributes nearly 75 % of the daily calorie intake.



Solutions to Micronutrient Deficiencies





Supplementation
Food Fortification (not affordable in rural regions)



Golden Wheat Fortfied with Zn

Copenhagen Consensus-2008

Eight leading economists (including five Nobel Prize Winners) have been asked to decide:

How Would You Best Spend



\$75 billion?

Copenhagen Consensus-2008

Top Global 5 Challenges

	Solution	Challenge
1	Micronutrient supplements for children (vitamin A and zinc)	Malnutrition
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6	Deworming and other nutrition programs at school	Malnutrition & Education
7	Lowering the price of schooling	Education
8	Increase and improve girls' schooling	Women
9	Community-based nutrition promotion	Malnutrition
10	Provide support for women's reproductive role	Women
11	Heart attack acute management	Diseases
12	Malaria prevention and treatment	Diseases
13	Tuberculosis case finding and treatment	Diseases
14	R&D in low-carbon energy technologies	Global Warming
15	Bio-sand filters for household water treatment	Water



'Forget climate change, we should spend on nutrition'



(Edgard Garrido/Reuters)

Malnutrition in mothers and their young children will claim 3.5 million lives this year

TIMES RECOMMENDS

- Prince Philip attacks big families
- Take a dip in Dubai-on-Thames
- Eco Worrier: How can I persuade my husband to use a push mower?



Agricultural Solutions (Breeding and Fertilizer Approaches)





TRTHITER



HarvestPlus-Biofortification Challenge Program www.harvestplus.org

Breeding new cereal cultivars with high micronutrient content in cereal grains

Coordinating Institutions:

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Washington DC and CIAT-Colombia

Main Sponsors: Gates Foundation and World Bank

Main Sponsor of HarvestPlus Program

BILL& MELINDA GATES foundation

www.gatesfoundation.org



Studying grain, Karsana, Nigeria

"Two billion people in the developing world suffer from diets lacking essential vitamins and minerals.

Foods rich in vitamins and minerals are essential for a healthy diet. When diets do not contain sufficient amounts of vitamin A, folic acid, iodine, iron, and zinc, the consequences include significantly lower birth weight, a decrease in cognitive development, and increased susceptibility to other diseases."

Rapid and Sustainable Solution

Application of Zinc Fertilizers: (Agronomic Biofortification)





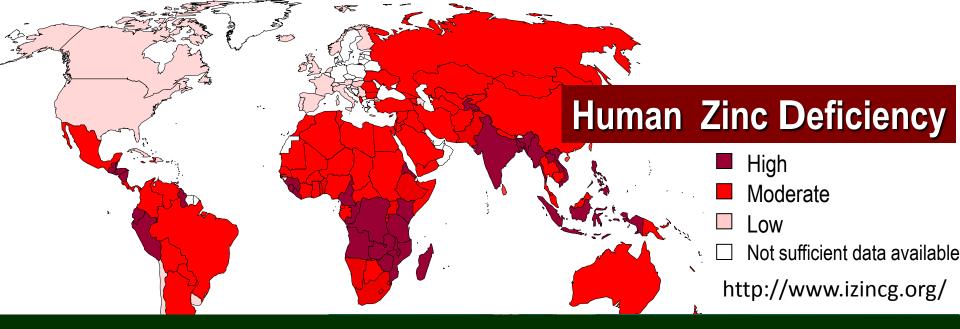


For a better Zn and Fe nutrition of human beings, cereal grains should contain around **40-60 mg Zn or Fe kg**⁻¹

Current Situation: 10-30 mg kg⁻¹







Soil and Human Zn Deficiency: geographical overlap

Soil Zinc Deficiency



Widespread Zn Deficiency

Medium Zn Deficiency

Alloway, 2004. IZA Publications, Brussels

Application of Micronutrient Fertilizers

Application of Zn- or Fe-containing fertilizers offers a rapid solution to the problem, and represents an important complementary approach to on-going breeding programs for developing new genotypes with high Zn or Fe density in grain.



Clinton Global Initiative highlighted the importance of Zncontaining fertilizers to alleviate Zn deficiency problem in human populations at 5th Annual Event in September 24, 2009





Global Zinc Fertilizer Project

2008 April-2011 March











Global Zinc Fertilizer Project



2011 April - 2014 March











2011-2014 ?



Effect of Soil and/or Foliar Applied ZnSO4 on Grain yield and Grain Zn Concentrations in Wheat

Soil Zn Application : 25 to 50 kg ZnSO4.7H2O ha⁻¹ **Foliar Zn Application:** Generally 2 times: before and after flowering (1 to 4 kg ZnSO4 ha⁻¹)

Rice Trials in Thailand

HarvestPlus



HarvestPlus Breeding Crops for Better Nutrition

Zinc Fertilizer Project

Chiang Mai University Sabanci University

Maize Trials in Zambia



GART

Wheat Trials in India

HARVEST-PLUS GLOBAL ZINC RESEARCH PROJECT ON BIOFORTIFICATION OF MAJOR CEREAL GRAINS THROUGH AGRONOMIC APPROACH.

Zinc Fertilizer Project

Institutions: Indian Agricultural Research Institute,New Delhi- 110012 India And Sabanci University,Istanbul,Turkey







Zinc Fertilizer Project Brazil

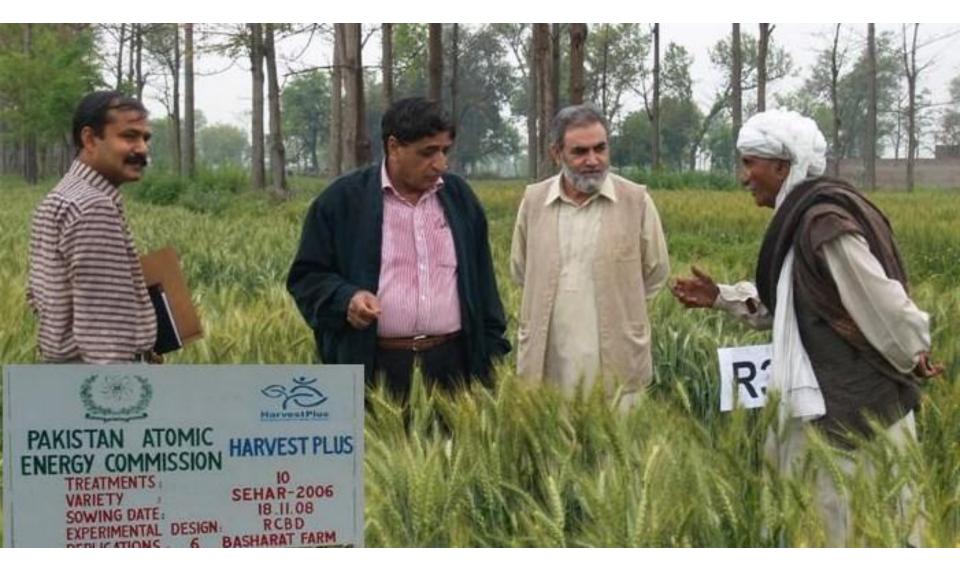
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Maize Trials in Zimbabwe



Trials in Pakistan



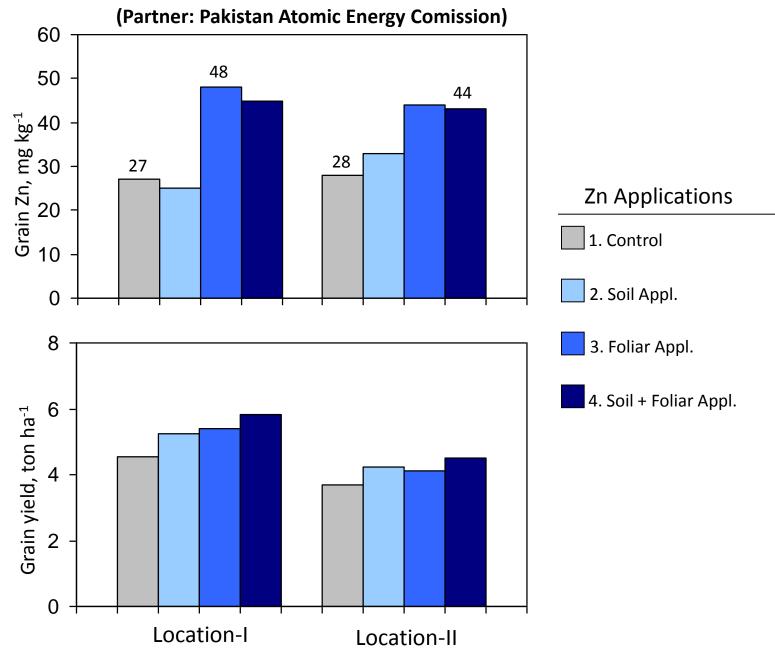
Maize Trials in Mozambique



Wheat trials in China, Yanglin-Xian

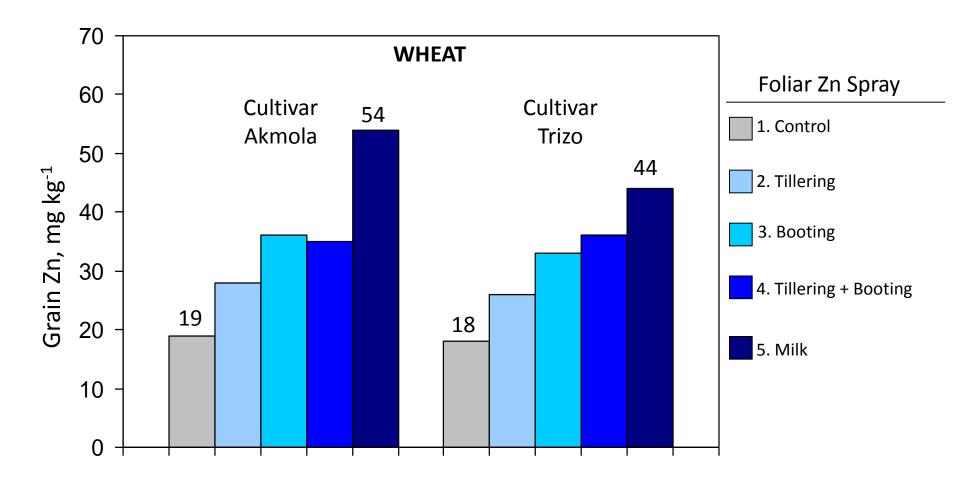


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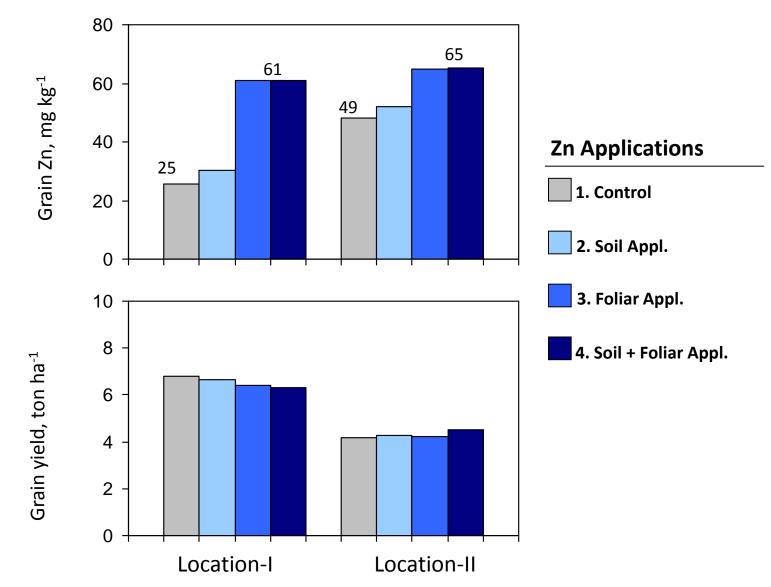
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(Partner: CIMMYT Kazakhstan)



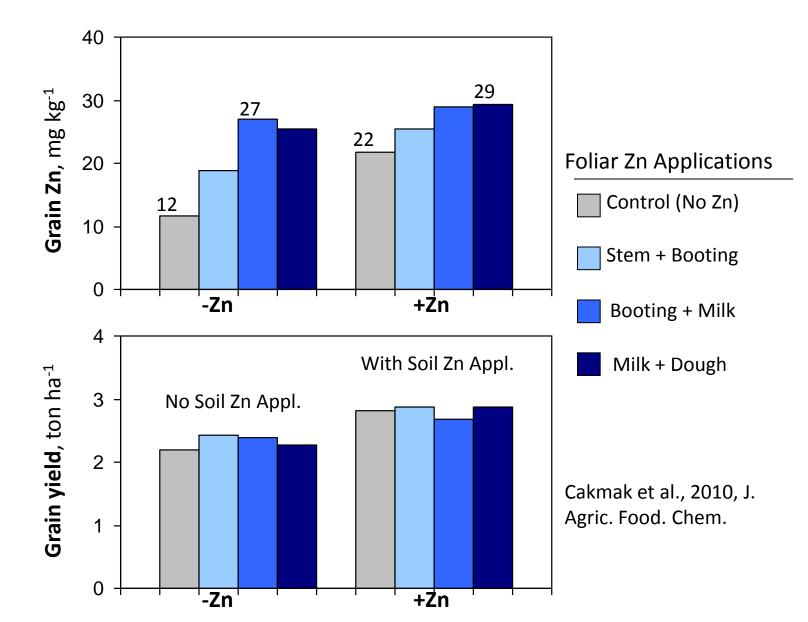
INDIA - Punjab State

(Partner: Punjab Agricultural University)



TURKEY

(Partner: Ministry of Agriculture)



Country/Location	-Zn	+Zn	Country/Location	-Zn	+Zn
,	mg kg⁻¹			mg kg⁻¹	
India	ing	Ng	Mexico		
	00	47	●Year-I	21	45
 Varanasi 	29	47	●Year-II	36	60
●PAU-I	25	81	Turkey		
●PAU-II	28	77	•Konya	12	29
●PAU-III	26	61	•Adana	32	57
●PAU-IV	49	65	●Samsun	23	49
•IARI	33	45	 Eskisehir 	22	43
			China		
Kazakhstan			•Loc-I	28	54
•Loc-l	19	54	●Loc-II	19	26
●Loc-II	28	73	Australia		
	20	10	●Loc-l	18	39
Pakistan			Germany		
•Loc-l	27	48	•Average	20	32
•Loc-II	28	44	Iran		
•Loc-III	30	40	 Average 	17	28
•Loc-IV	29	60	Brazil		
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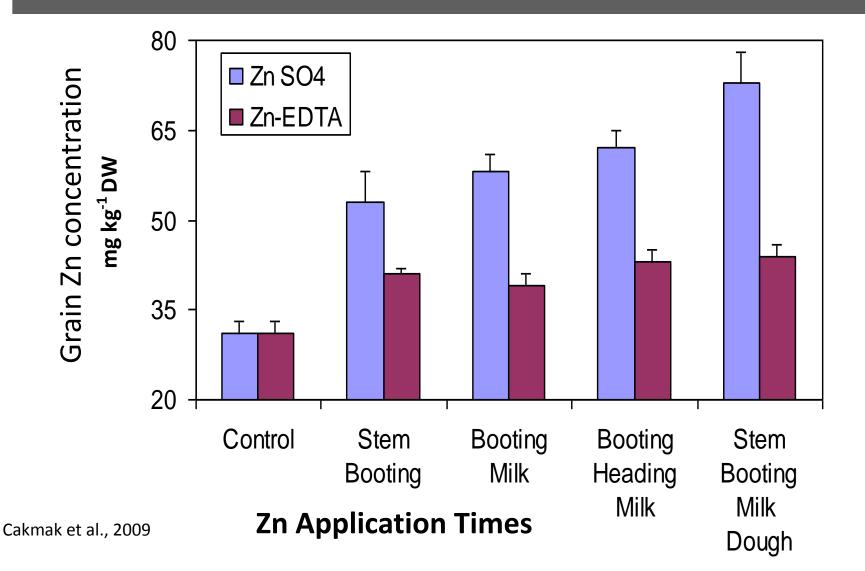
Grain Zn concentration in different countries with and without zinc fertilization

Average of all countries -Zn: 26 +Zn:50

Country/Location -Zn +Zn **Country/Location** -Zn +Zn mg kg⁻¹ mg kg⁻¹ Mexico India •Year-I 21 45 Varana 36 60 **Average Concentrations of** •PAU-I •PAU-II 12 29 **Grain Zn** •PAU-III 32 57 23 49 •PAU-IV 22 43 (10 Countries with 32 locations) •IARI 54 28 Kazakhstar 19 26 •Loc-l -Zn: 26 ppm •Loc-II 18 39 +Zn: 50 ppm Pakistan 32 20 •Loc-l тv Iran •Loc-II 28 44 Average 17 28 •Loc-III 30 40 Brazil Loc-IV 60 29 52 Average 30

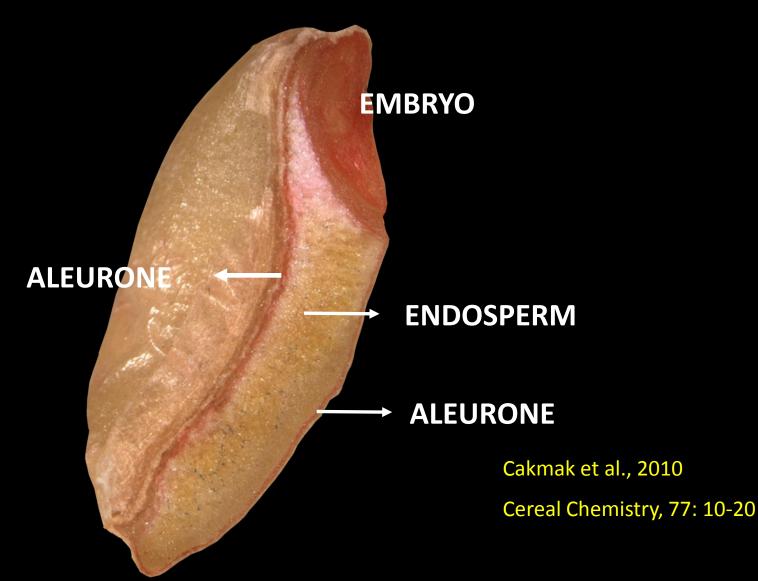
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Foliar spray of ZnSO4 is more effective than ZnO and ZnEDTA in increasing grain Zn concentration



Localization of Zn in grain after foliar application?

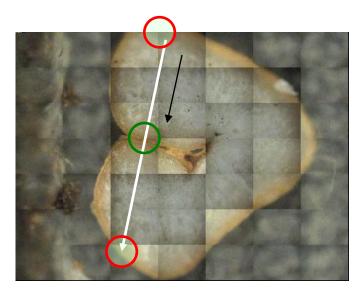
Staining/Localization of Zinc in Wheat Grain (red color)



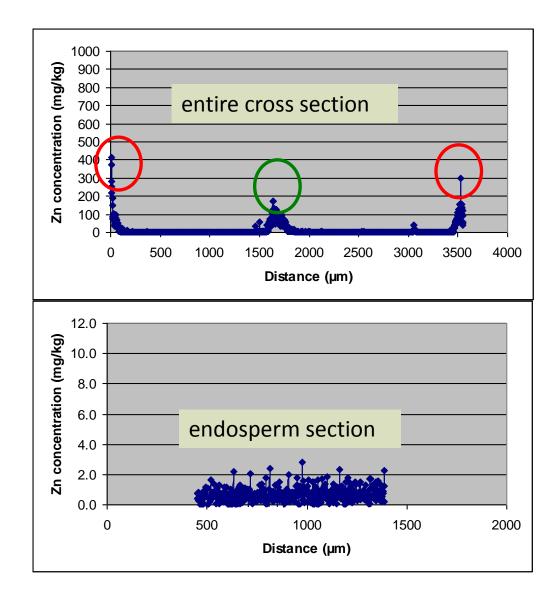
LA-ICP-MS Tests on Seeds

White arrow: Zn in entire cross section

Black arrow: Zn in endosperm section

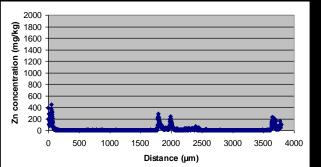


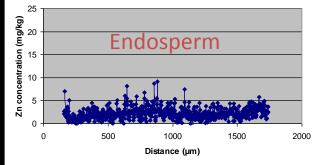
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LA-ICP-MS Tests

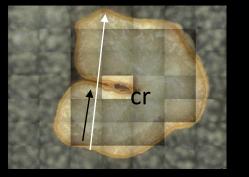
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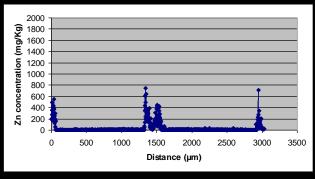


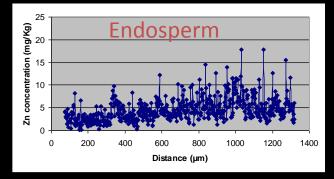


Foliar Zn Application at Stem Elongation and Booting Stages

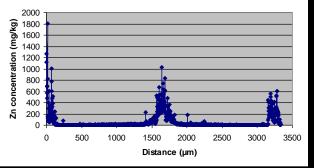
No Foliar Zn Application





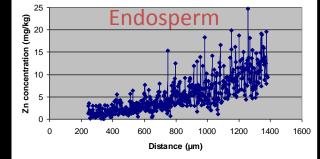


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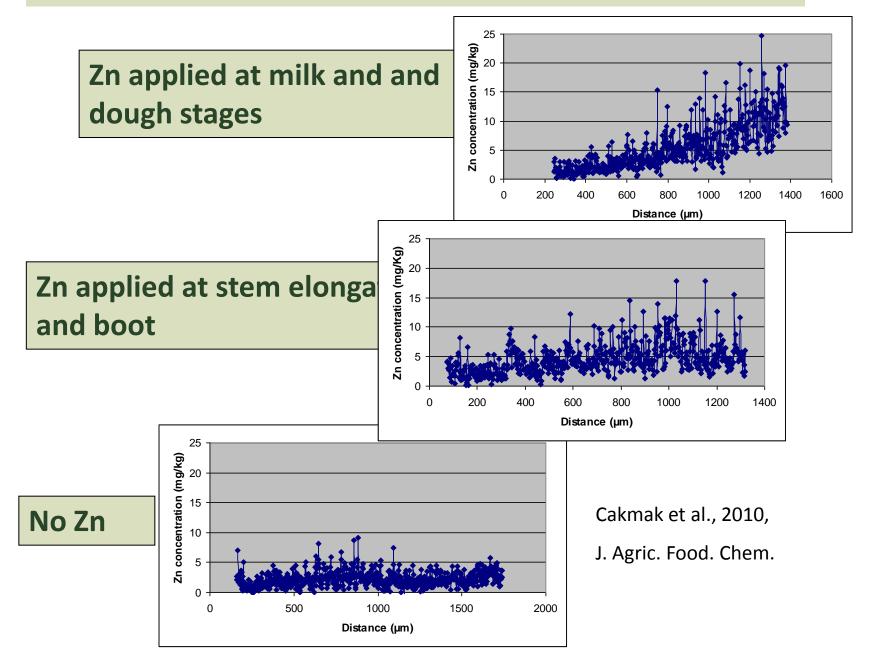


Cakmak et al., 2010, J. Agric. Food. Chem. 58:9092-9102

Foliar Zn Application at Milk and Dough Stages



Changes in Endosperm Zinc Concentrations

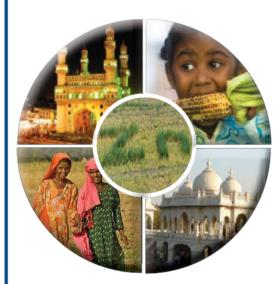


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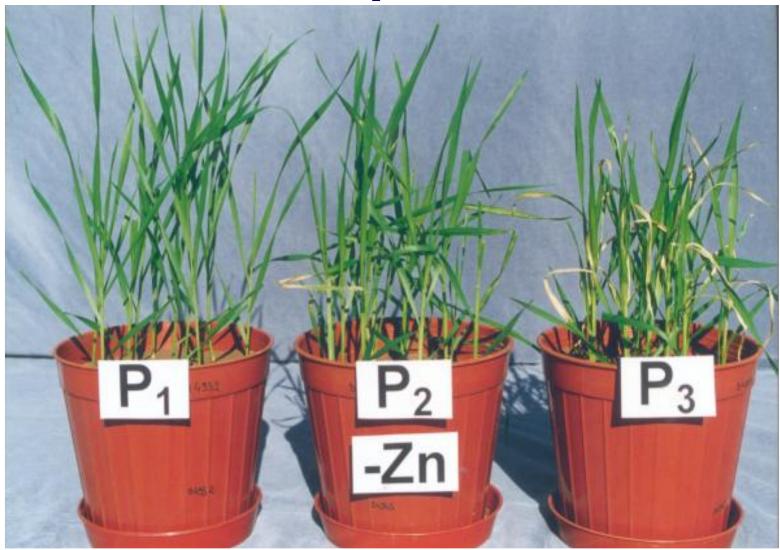




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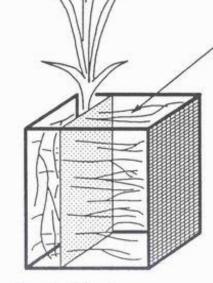


Increasing P supply induces Zn deficiency in wheat



Kalfa and Cakmak, unpublished

Role of Mycorrhizae in Zn Uptake



Roots Hyphae



 Contribution of extraradical hyphae (% of shoot content)

Maize	Clover	
20	79	
25	50	
25	60	
	20 25	

Kothari et al., 1991, New Phytol. 117:649; Li et al.,1991; Plant and Soil, 136: 49-57

Growth and shoot contents of P and Zn in non-mycorrhizal and <u>VA mycorrhizal</u> maize grown in an Oxisol*

Treatment	VAM	Shoot	Shoot	
P-fertilizer	inoc.	dry matter	P	Zn
		(g plant ⁻¹)	(g kg⁻¹)	(mg kg⁻¹)
-P	-VAM	1.75	1.0	107
+P	-VAM	<mark>5.05</mark>	<mark>2.3</mark>	<mark>69</mark>
+P	+VAM	6.02	3.2	108

From Marschner, 1993. In: Zinc in Soils and Plant, Kluwer Publisher

Table 2.4 Uptake an	d Translocation	of Zinc by Barley Pla	ants ^a		
Rate of uptake and translocation					
	(µg Zn g⁻¹dry wt per 24h)				
Zinc supplied as ^b	Roots	Shoots			
ZnSO ₄	4598	305			
ZnEDTA	45	35			
^a Based on Barber and	Lee (1974).				

^bConcentration of zinc in nutrient solution: 1 mg l⁻¹

Marschner, 1995; Mineral Nutrition of Higher Plants