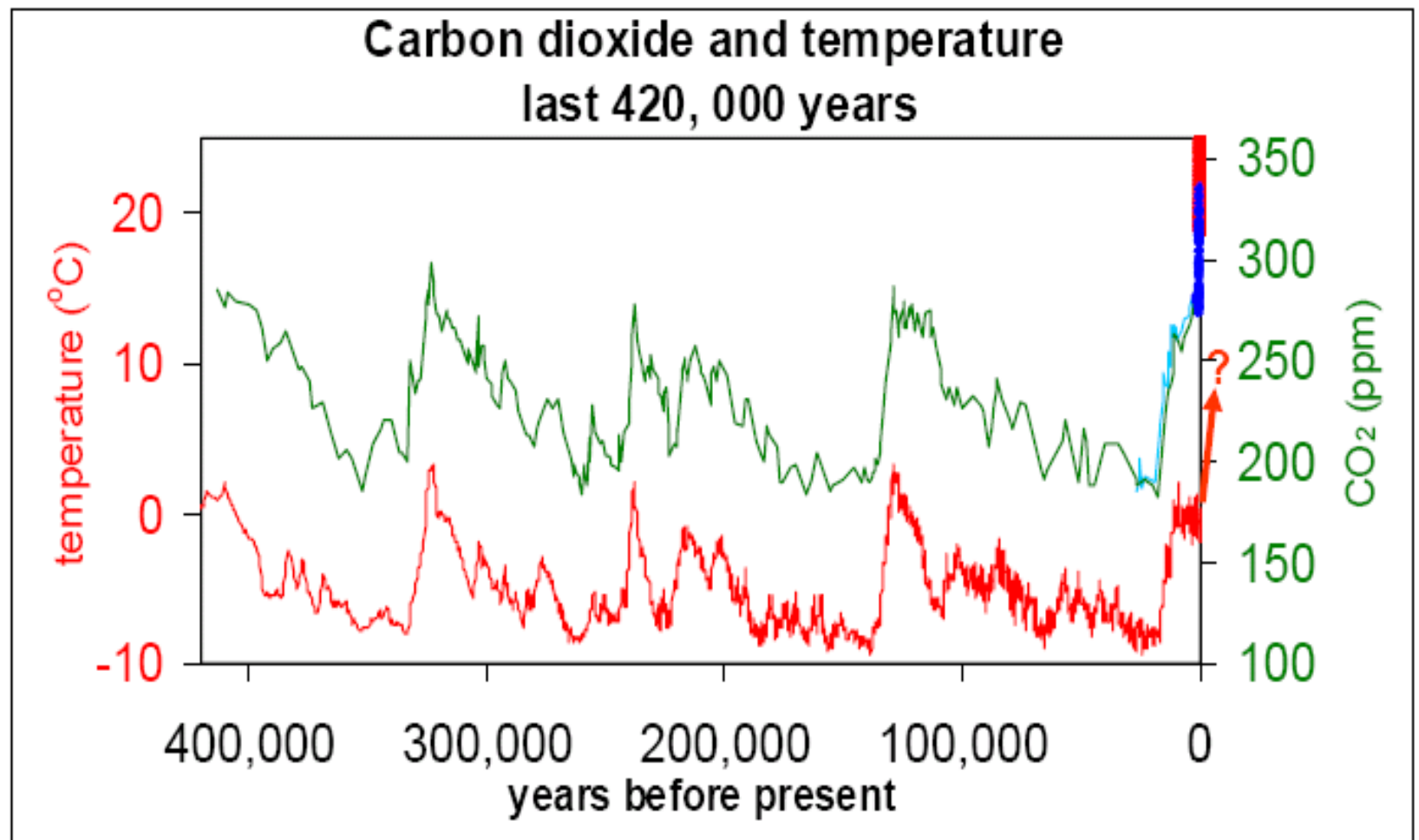


Zones 3, 4 & 5



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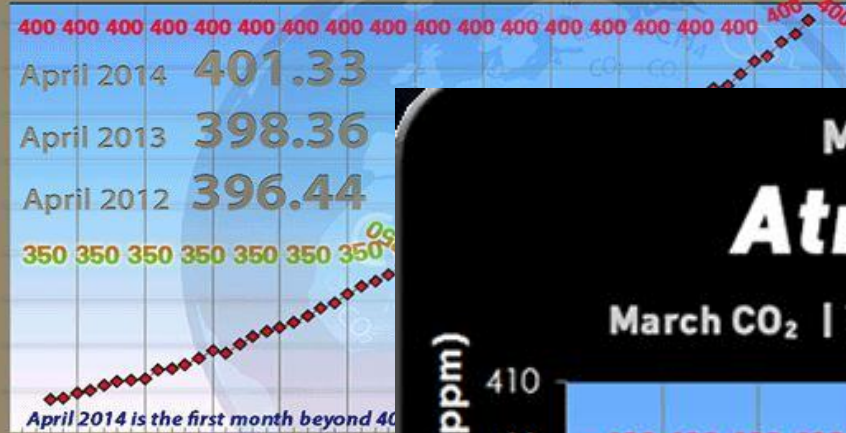
Temperatures may rise by 1.4-5.8°C by 2100

Atmospheric CO₂

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Concentration of Atmospheric CO₂ (ppm)



CO₂Now.org

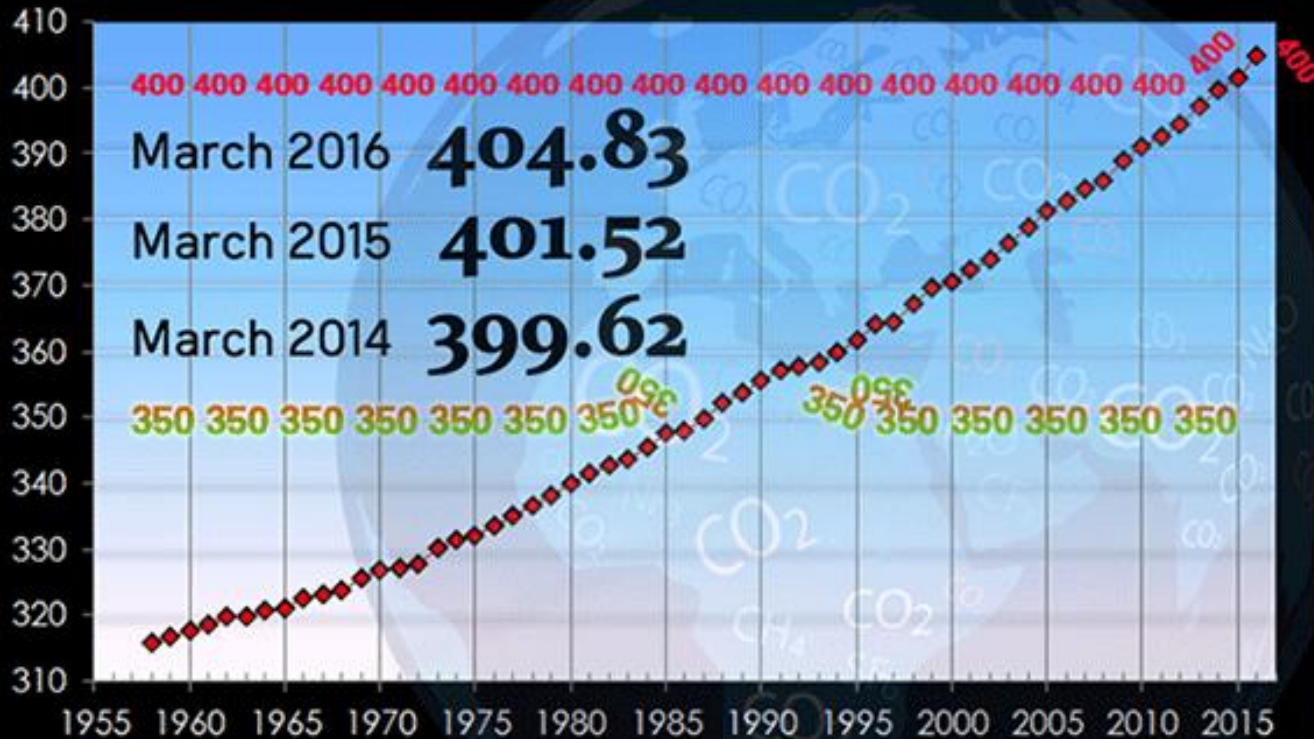
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March 1958 - March 2016

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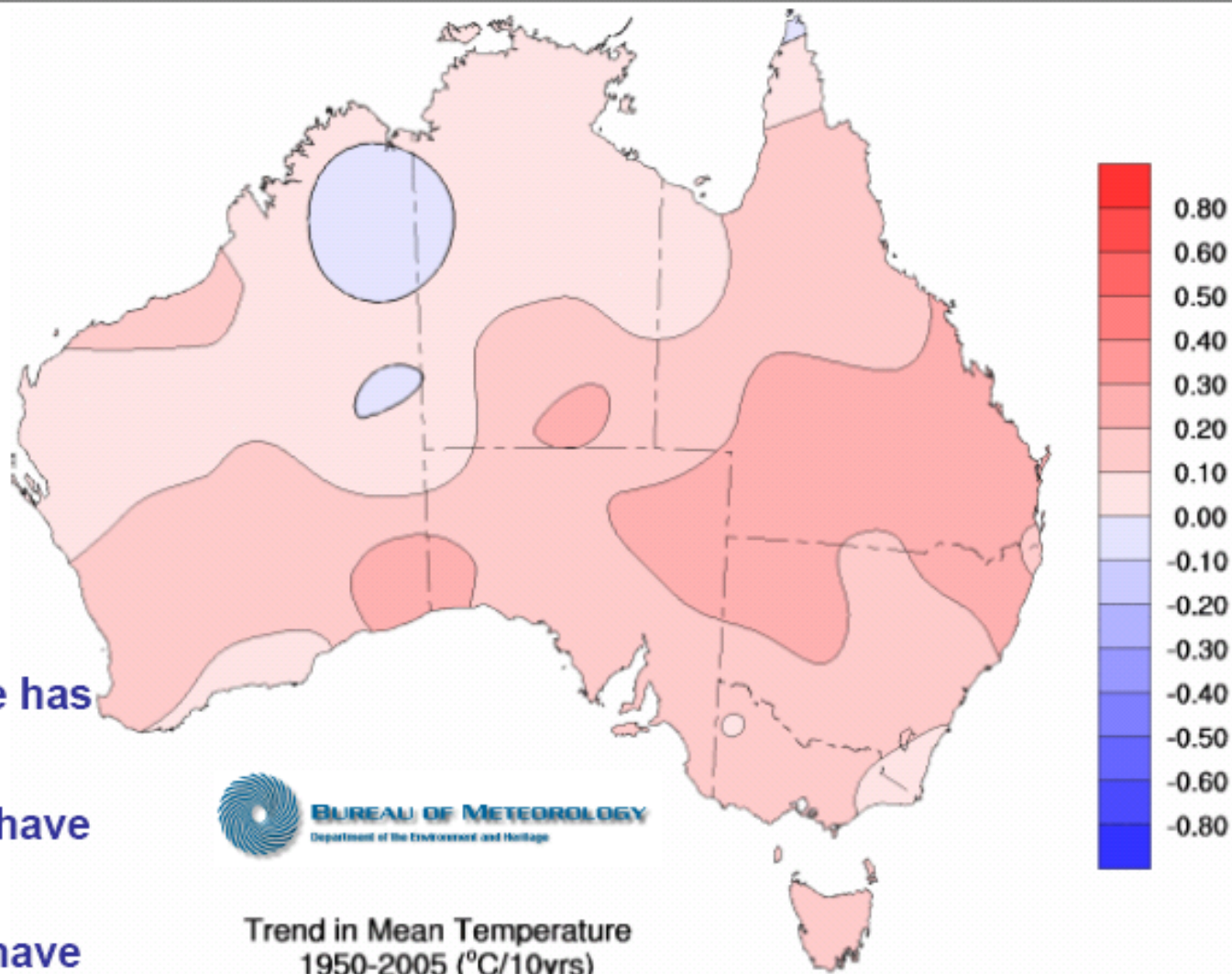
March CO₂ | Year Over Year | Mauna Loa Observatory

Concentration of Atmospheric CO₂ (ppm)



CO₂-earth Featuring NOAA-ESRL data of April 5, 2016

Temperature change 1950-2005: most warming in the south and east, least in the northwest



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Climate change in SA

Since 1970 there has been a 25 per cent reduction in average rainfall in April and May

Conservative figures relating to 2070

Rainfall – In cropping areas likely to reduce by >30% in spring and >20% in winter.

Average temp - up by 3 – 6 degrees C. Extreme days should reach 50 degrees C regularly.

Warmer winter will disrupt the pollination and flowering of many tree crops

CO2 levels - almost double

Sea level – up by half a metre

Murray flows – further reduced

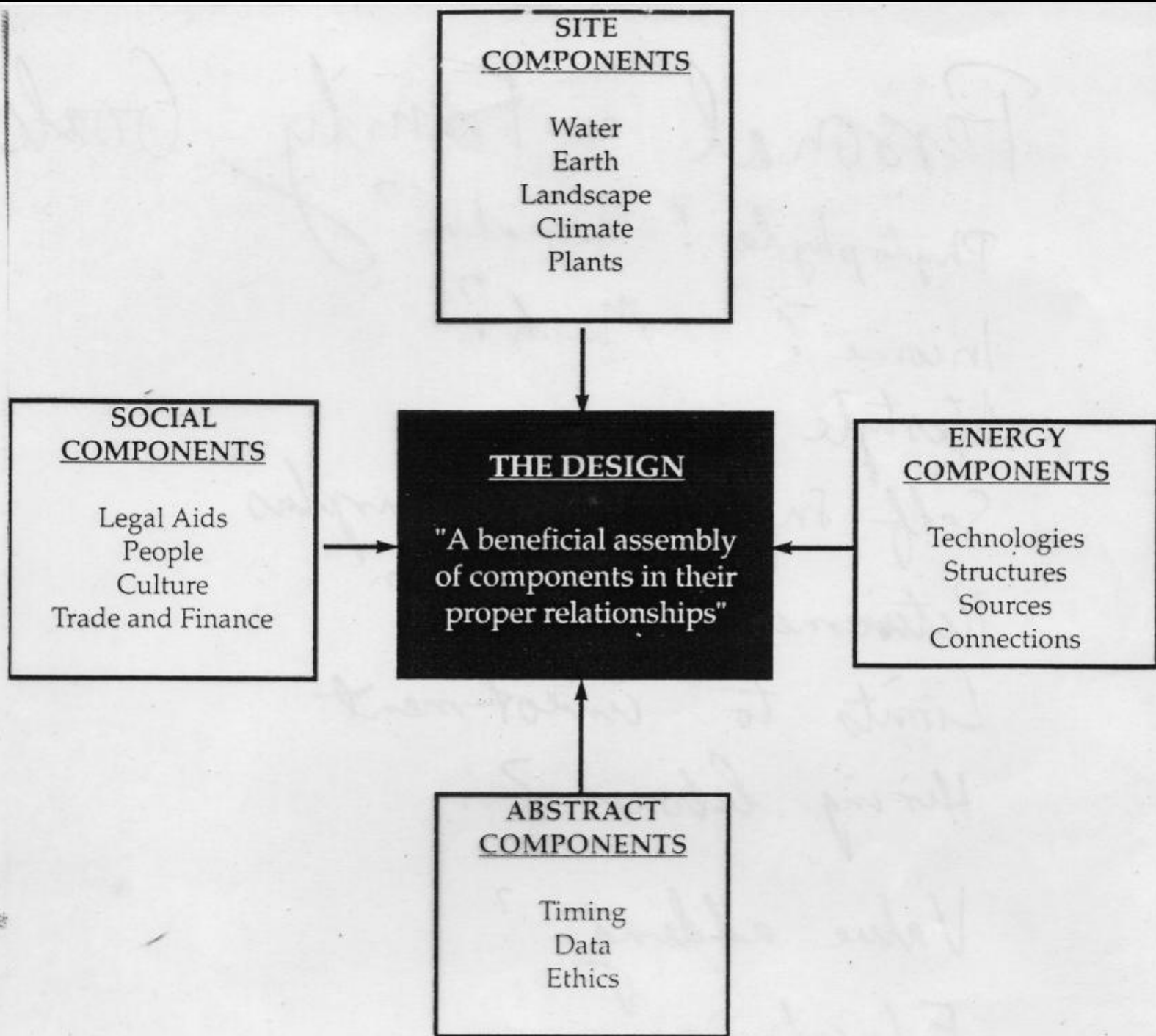
Currently Murray irrigation is on track to be cut to 37% of quota next month

Aquifer recharge in Southern Oz drops 75%

Do we design for today or the future?

(in 30 years Adelaide will be like Norseman is now)

For stats see 'The Coming Famine' – Julian Cribb





Cassava fence



Eggplant



Taro



Pumpkin



Sweet potato



Bean



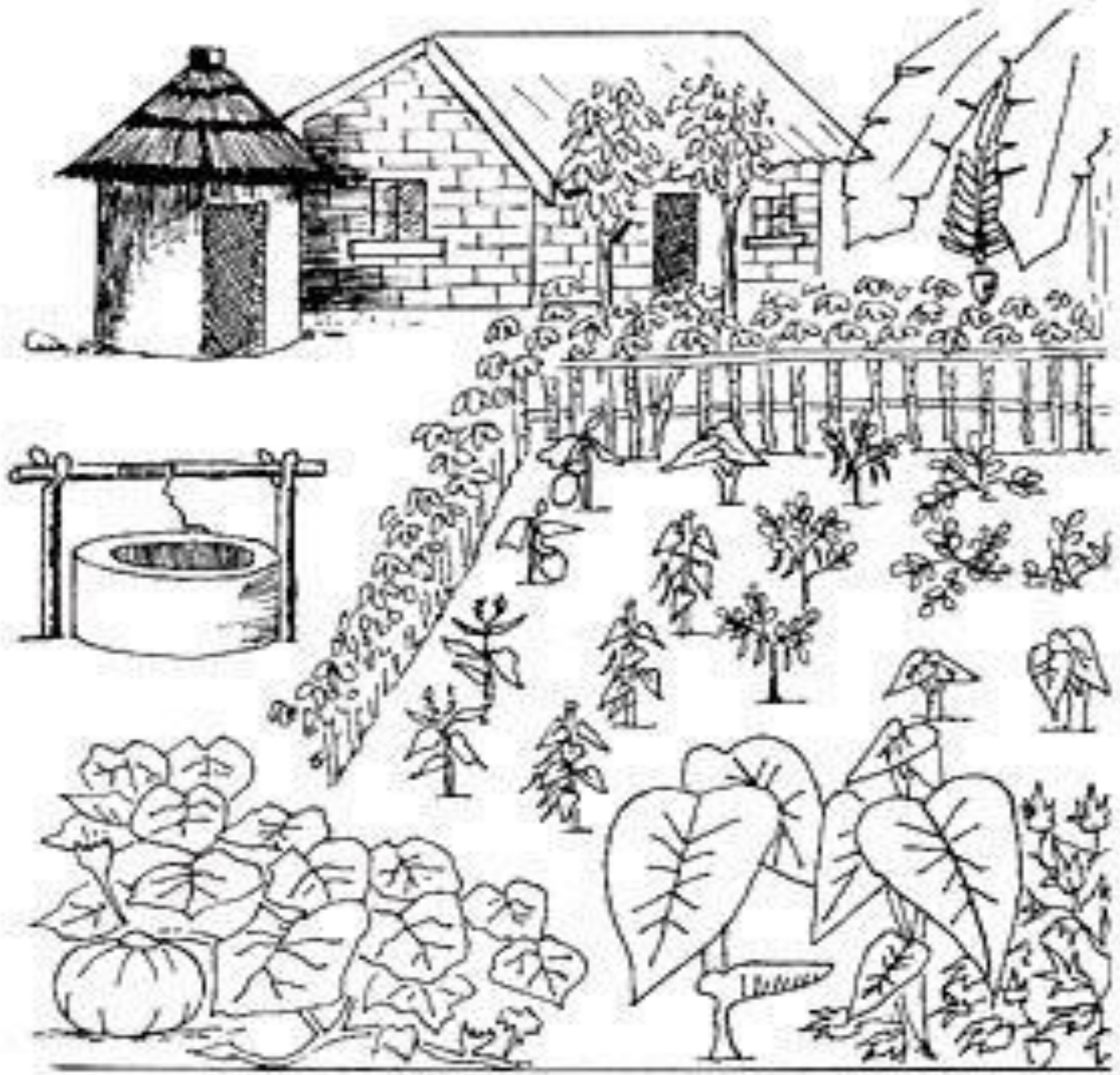
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Chilli



Amaranth



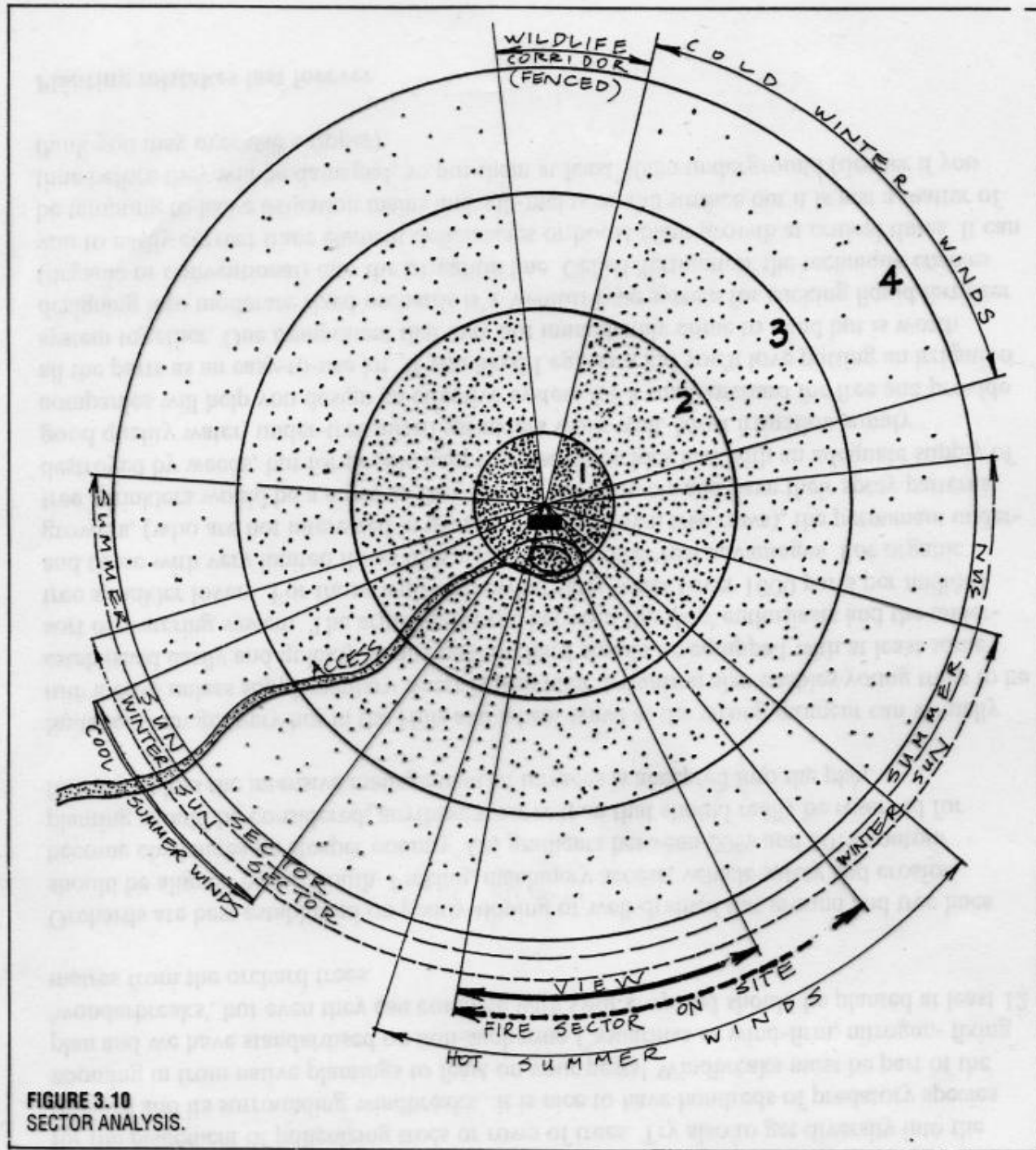
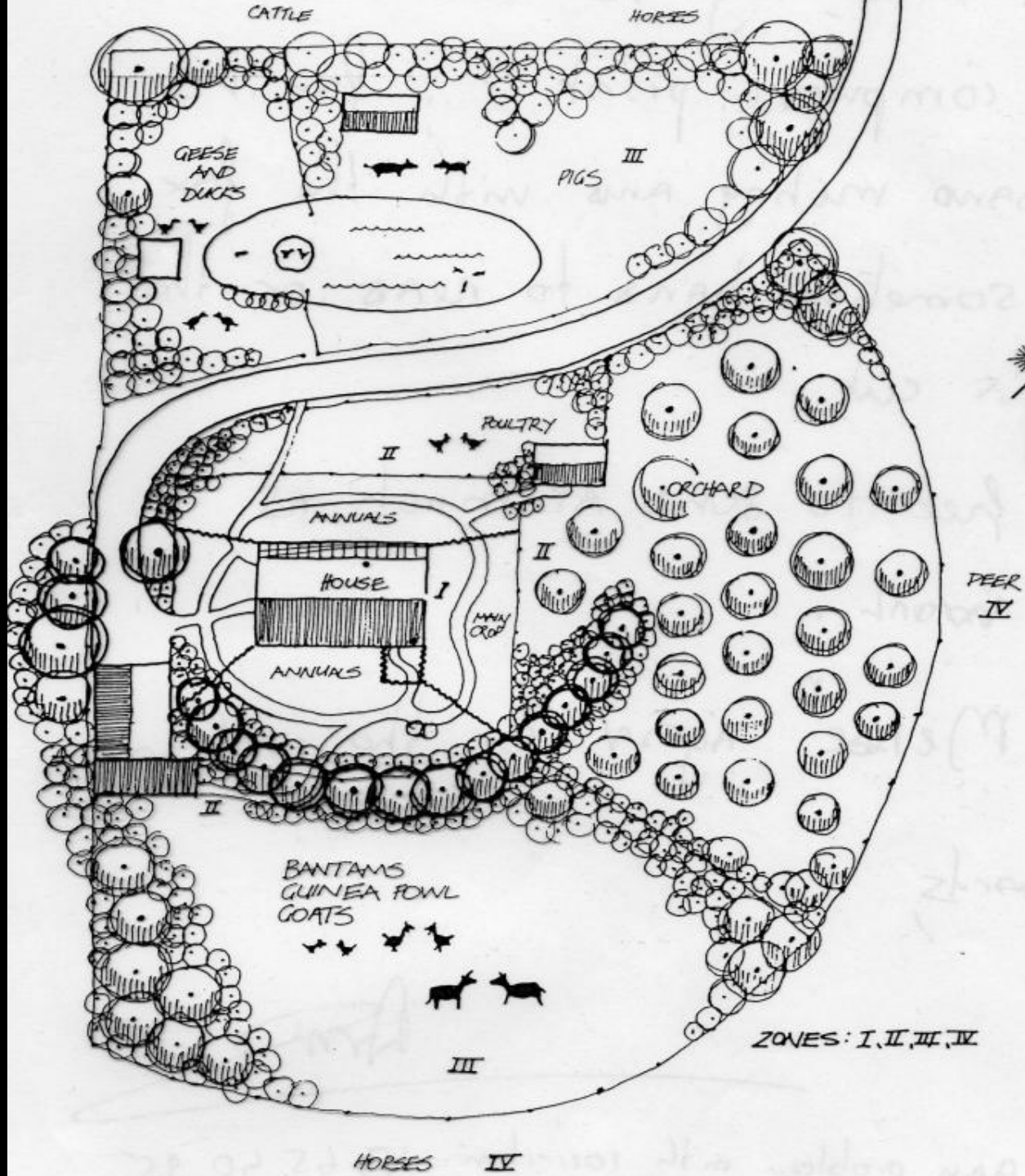
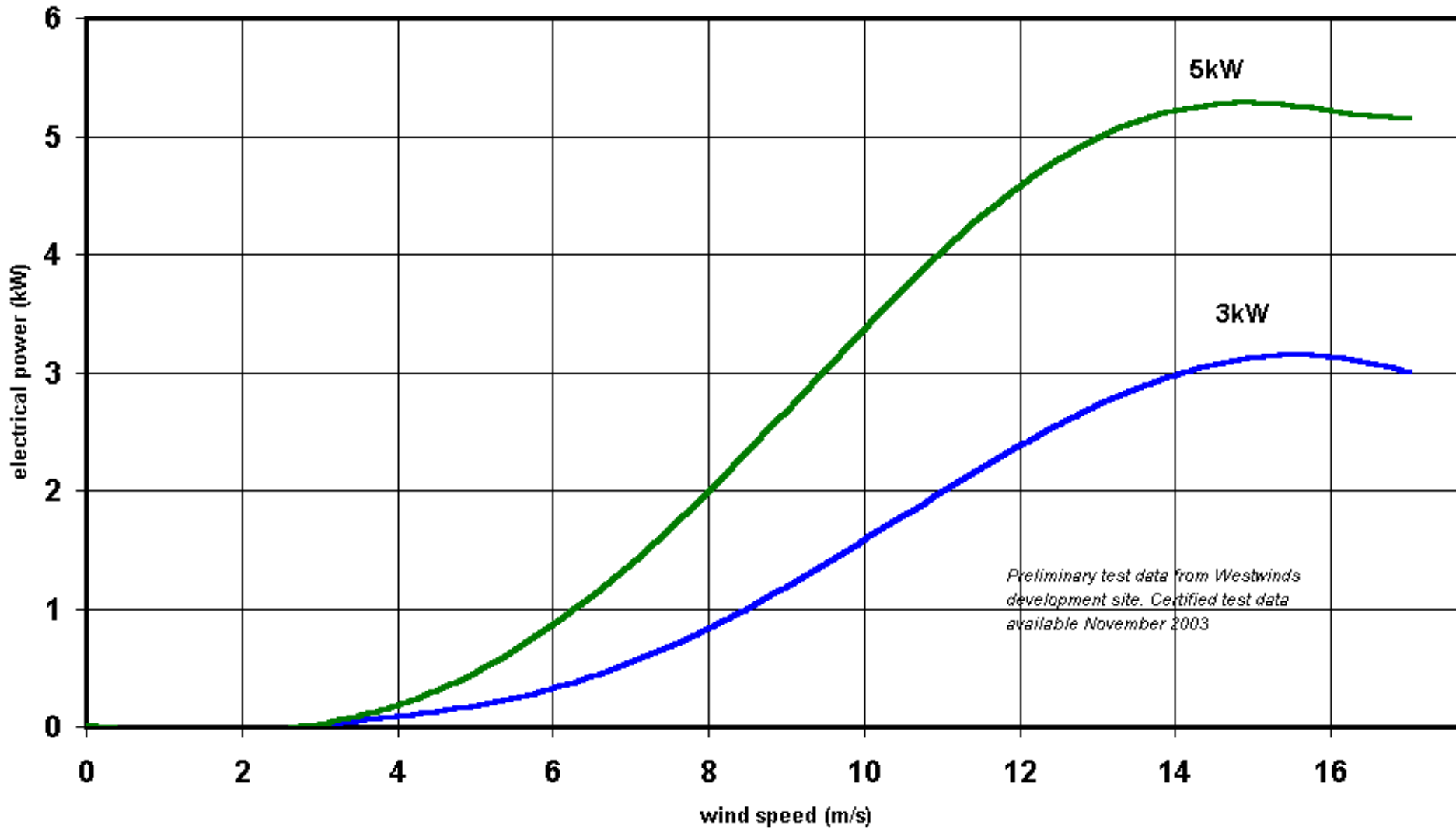


FIGURE 3.10
SECTOR ANALYSIS.





Wind Power Potential



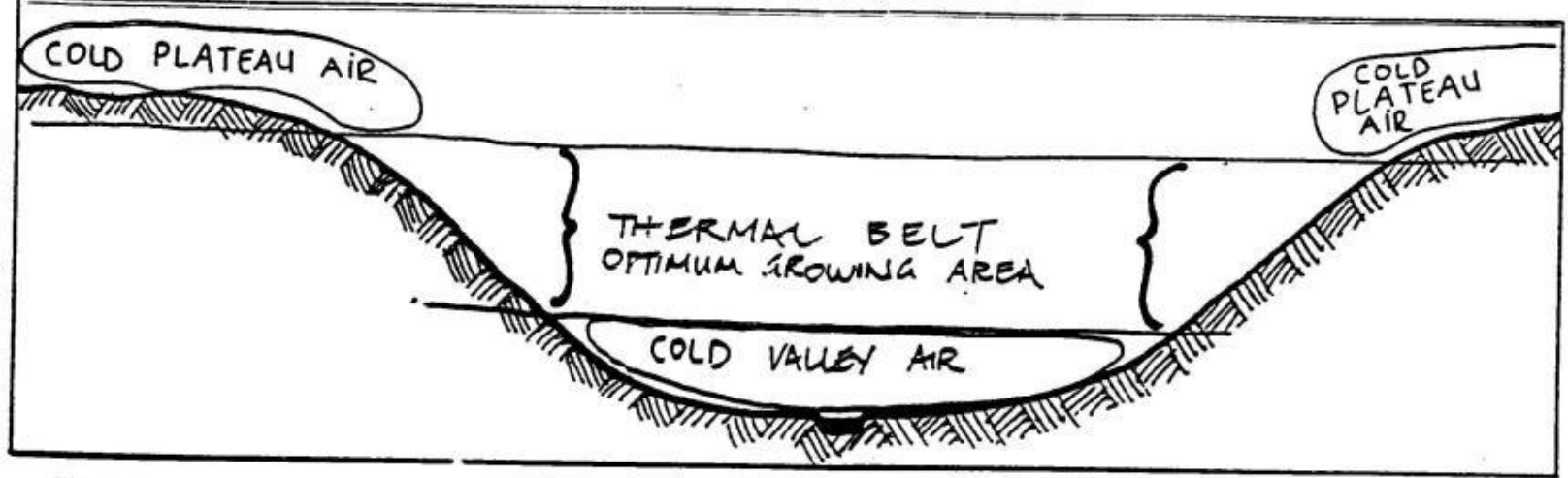


FIGURE 2.3 The "thermal belt" in a valley lies between layers of cold air and is the optimum area for house, orchard, and gardens.

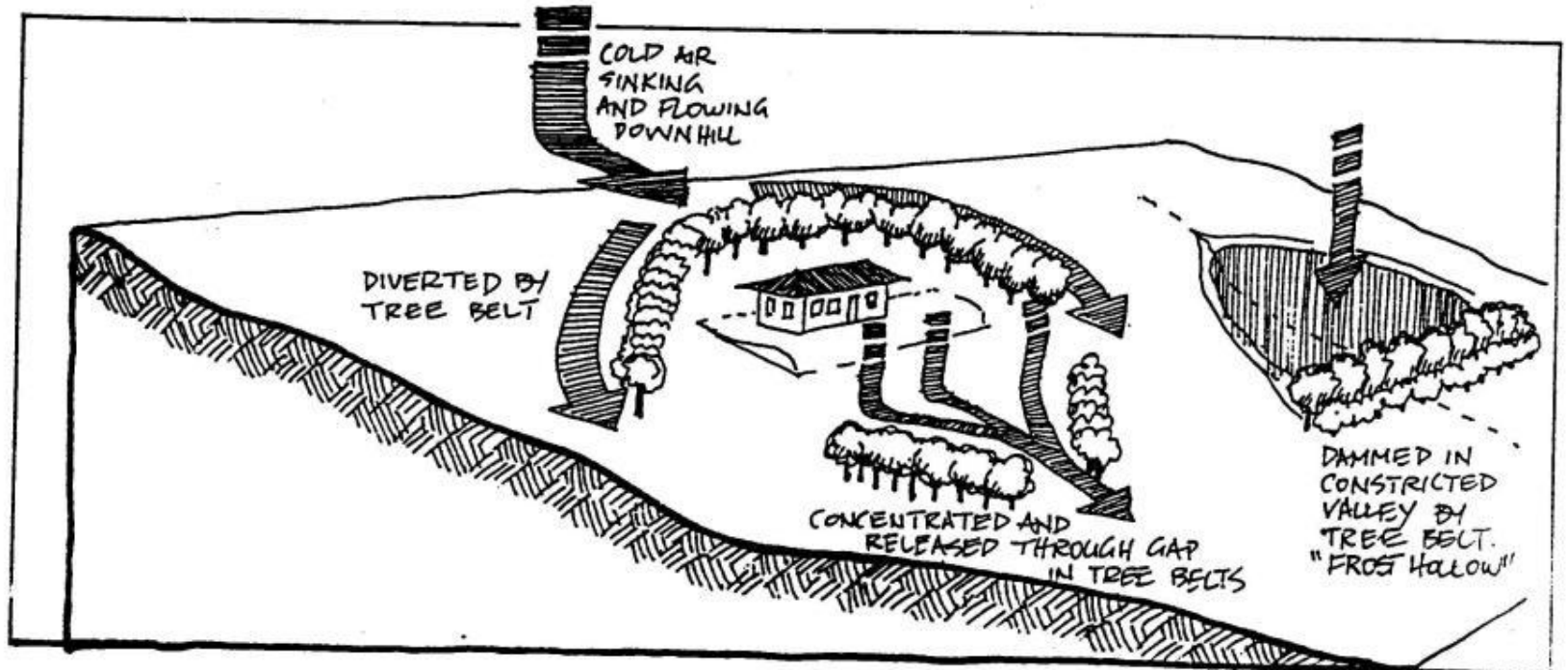


FIGURE 2.4 How cold air flows downslope. Note ways to avoid frost pockets by using vegetation to divert cold air.



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97 m

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34°36'48.91" S 138°43'17.36" E

May 27, 2006

Eye alt 325 m





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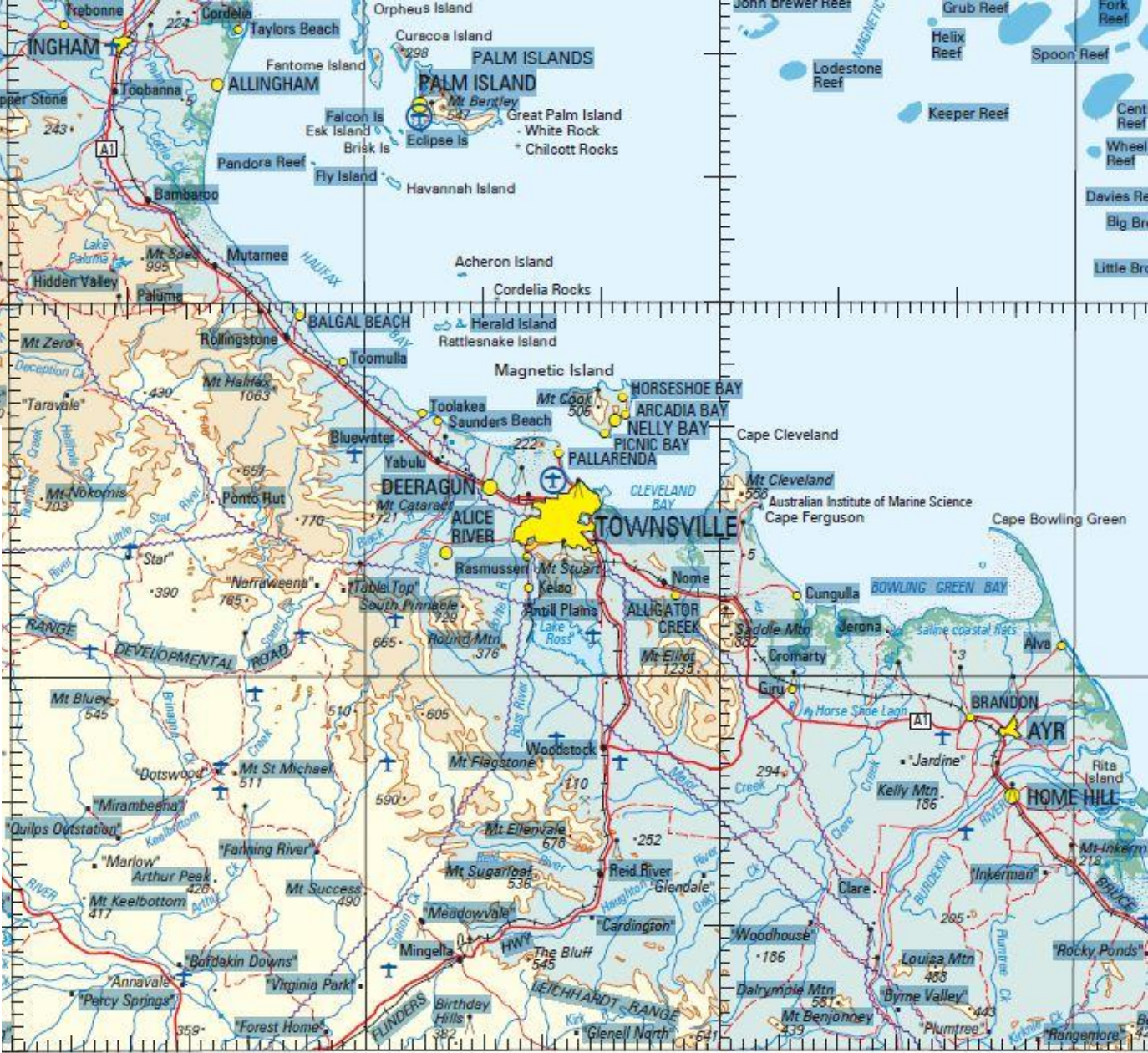
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Proximity to
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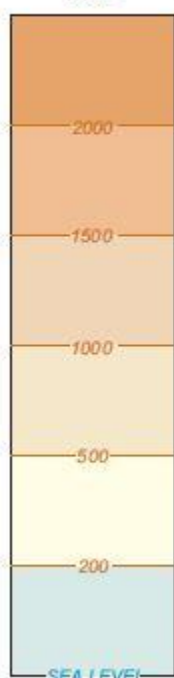




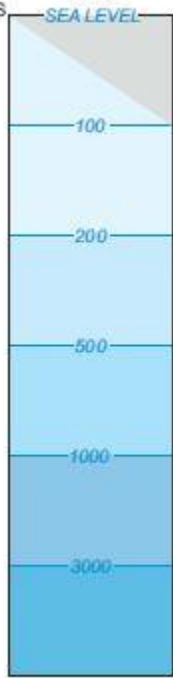




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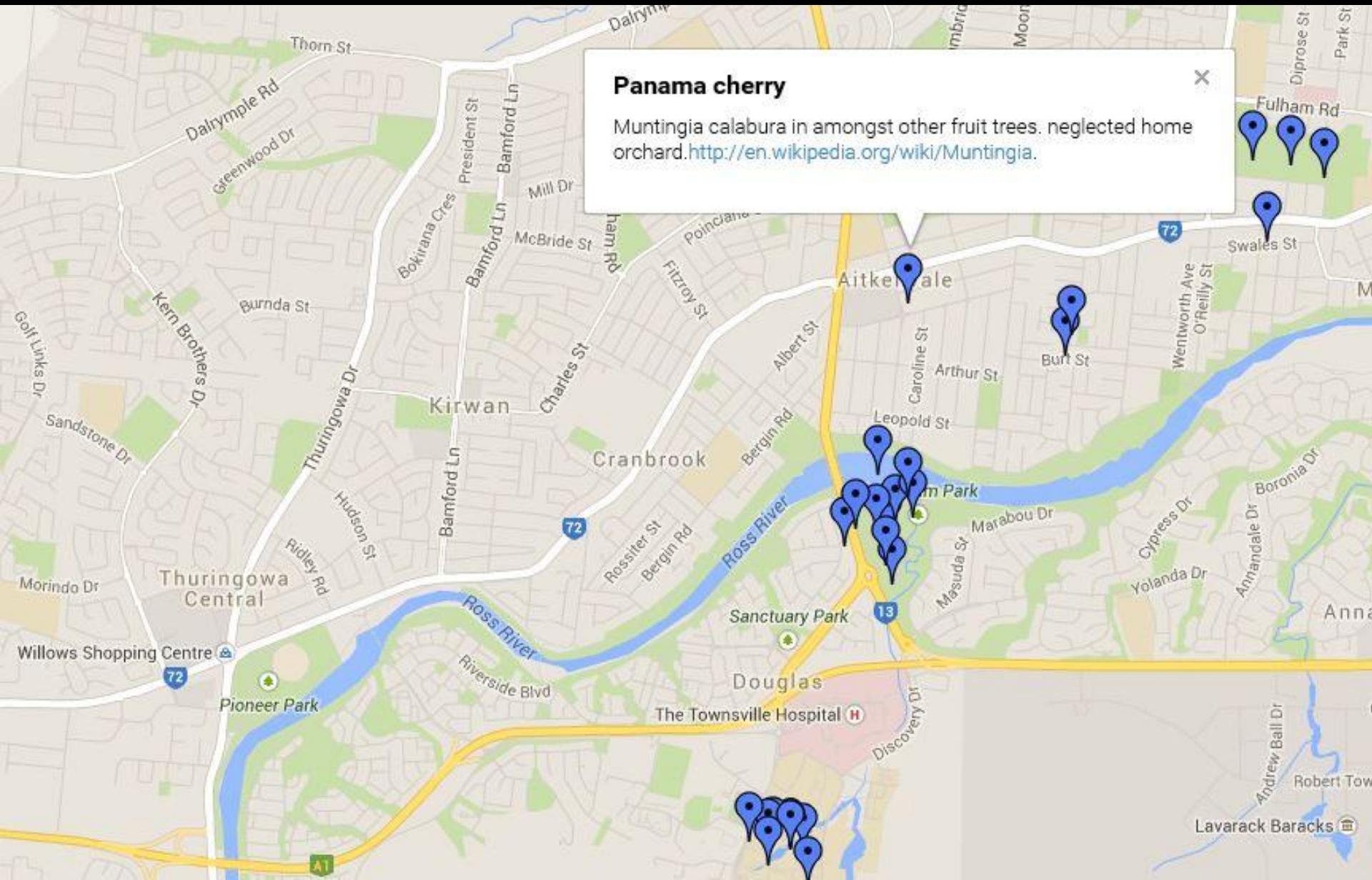
BATHYMETRIC TINTS



46°

147°

Permaculture Townsville fruit map; also on fallingfruit.org



Panama cherry

Muntingia calabura in amongst other fruit trees. neglected home orchard.<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muntingia>.

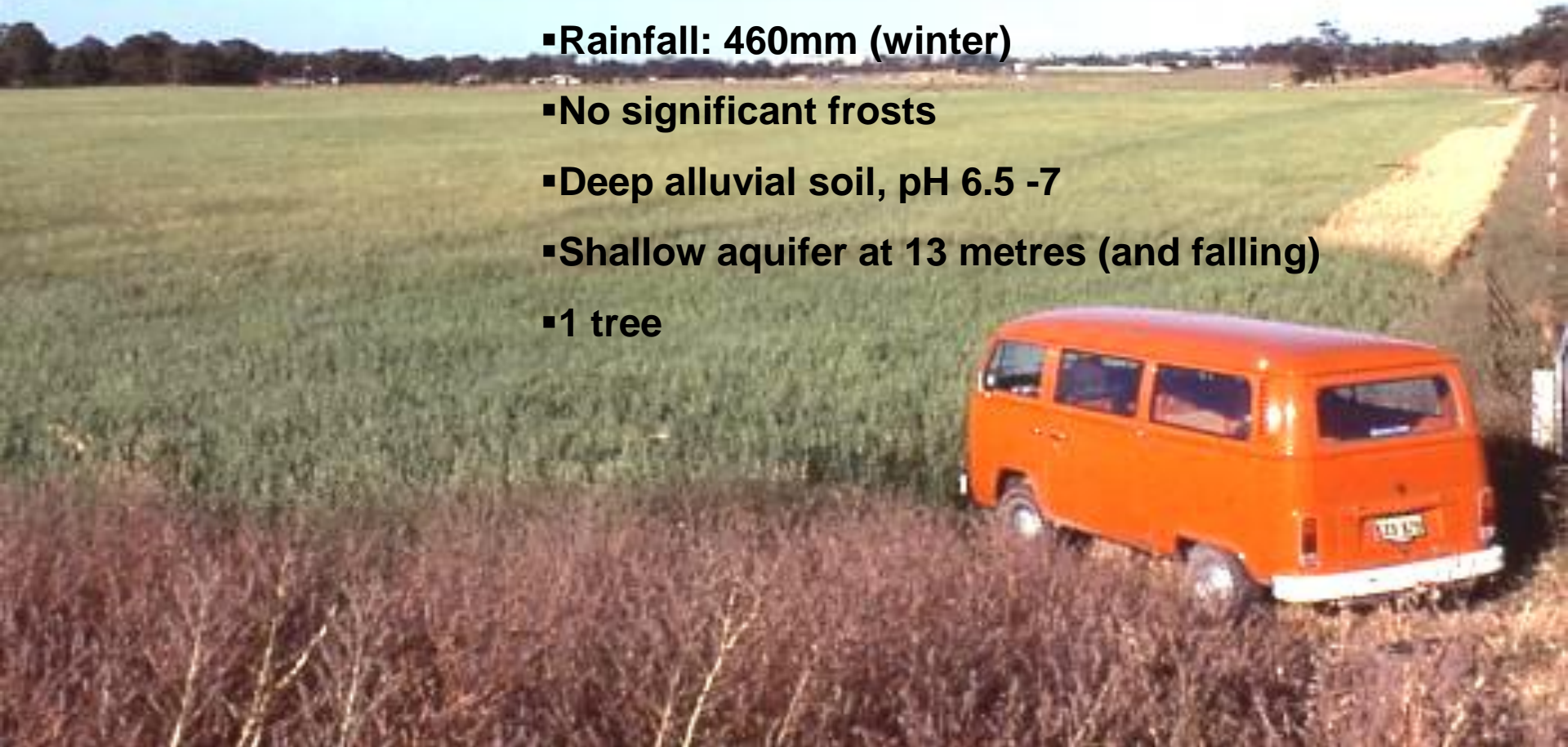


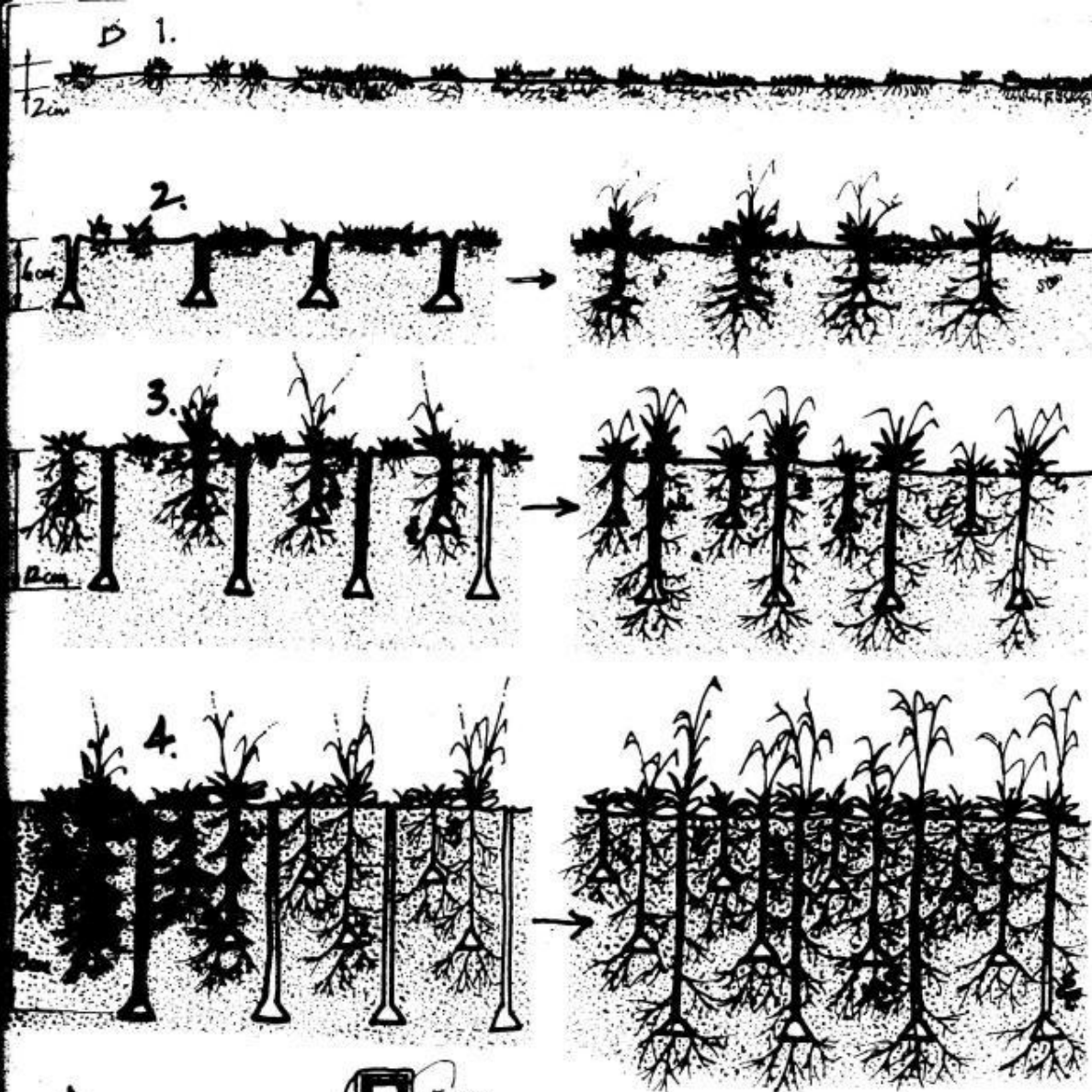




Planning and development started in 1983

- On the Gawler River, 50km North of Adelaide
- 15 Ha
- Mediterranean climate
- Rainfall: 460mm (winter)
- No significant frosts
- Deep alluvial soil, pH 6.5 -7
- Shallow aquifer at 13 metres (and falling)
- 1 tree





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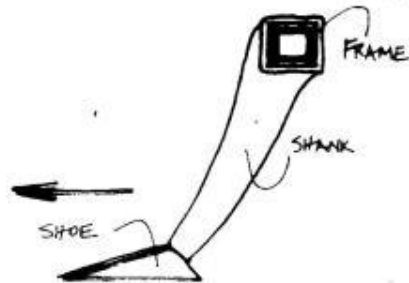


FIGURE 2.18 CHISEL PLOUGHING

(A) Chisel plough shank (from the Wallace Soil Conditioner)

(B) In pasture: 3-4 sequences with increasing depth of tines creates deep (18cm) humus soils over 1-2 growing seasons.



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Appendix 5

18/04/2000

REPORT ON SAMPLE OF :Soil

Page No:1

FILE NO : 000412137

DATE RECEIVED : 13/04/2000

CLIENT : THE FOOD FOREST
ATT:GRAHAM T BROOKMAN
PO BOX 859
GAWLER, SA 5118

CLIENT ID : THE003

REFERENCE :
SAMPLE ID : SAMPLE #1/SOIL

PHONE : 08 85226450
REF. ID :

LAND USE : WALNUTS
ANALYSIS REQUIRED : Full

ITEMS		RESULTS	DESIRABLE LEVEL
COLOUR : DARK GREY BROWN			
TEXTURE : SILTY CLAY LOAM			
PH(1:5 Water)		6.1	6.0-7.0
PH(1:5 0.01M Ca Cl)		5.6	
ELECT. CONDUCTIVITY	EC $\mu\text{s/cm}$	524	<315
TOTAL SOLUBLE SALT	TSS ppm	1729.2	<1040
AVAILABLE CALCIUM	Ca ppm	2060	2203
AVAILABLE MAGNESIUM	Mg ppm	156	233
AVAILABLE SODIUM	Na ppm	121.9	< 186
AVAILABLE HYDROGEN	H ppm	32	32
AVAILABLE NITROGEN	N pp..	19.4	50
AVAILABLE PHOSPHORUS	P ppm	128.9	40
AVAILABLE POTASSIUM	K ppm	339.3	250
AVAILABLE SULPHUR	S ppm	5.5	3 - 5
AVAILABLE COPPER	Cu ppm	04.30	2
AVAILABLE ZINC	Zn ppm	15.60	3 - 5
AVAILABLE IRON	Fe ppm	21	> 20
AVAILABLE MANGANESE	Mn ppm	61	> 20
AVAILABLE COBALT	Co ppm	02.80	0.5-0.7
AVAILABLE MOLYBDENUM	Mo ppm	00.50	0.5-0.7
AVAILABLE BORON	B ppm	00.50	0.4-0.6
TOTAL ORGANIC MATTER	OM %	2.9	3 - 4
TOTAL PHOSPHORUS	TP ppm	NR	
EXTRACTABLE ALUMINIUM	Al ppm	NR	
TOTAL NITROGEN	N %	NR	
CHLORIDE	Cl ppm	NR	

NR = Not Required

HORTICULTURAL CROPS AND GARDEN PLANTS

SALINITY

(MAXIMUM)

VEGETABLES

TREES

ORNAMENTALS

Ultra Sensitive

(Completely intolerant of salt)

300 mg/l.

Loquat

Violets

Sensitive

700 mg/L

French beans
Strawberry
Peas (not above 575)

Walnut

Bauhinia
Cladiolus
Fuchsia
Camelia
Azales
Begonia
Dahlia
Poinsettia
Aster
Rose
Zinnia

Moderately Sensitive

850 mg/L

Beans (broad & field)
Celery
Lettuce
Potato (sweet)
Radish
Raspberry

Apple
Apricot
Almonds
Lemons
Orange
Grapefruit
Quince
Peach
Pear
Prune, Plum

Coprosma
Vinca
Bougainvillea
Hibiscus
Carnation

Moderately Resistant

1300 mg/L

Onions
Broccoli
Cantaloup
Cauliflower
Cereals
Carrot (after 3-4
fern leaves)
Gherkins
Cucumber
Potatoes (must have
good drainage)
Sweet corn

Grape vines
Fig
Olive
Pomegranate

Chrysanthemum
Stock
Oleander

Resistant

1700 mg/L

Artichoke
Tomato (furrow)

Technical Specifications of Peats 'cultured compost'

Typical Analysis w/w (dry basis)

Nutrients and trace elements are derived from natural ingredients used

- Organic Carbon 35%
- Total Nitrogen (N) 2.0%
- Total Phosphorus (P) 0.4%
- Total Potassium (K) 1.0%
- Total Sulphur (S) 0.39%
- Total Calcium (Ca) 1.4%
- Total Magnesium (Mg) 0.35%
- Total Iron (Fe) 0.39%
- Total Manganese (Mn) 0.01%
- Total Copper (Cu) 0.01%
- Total Zinc (Zn) 0.01%



FARM DERIVED INPUTS



Ash



Compost

Soil nutrient levels over time at The Food Forest

– expressed as a relationship with recognised ‘ideal soil nutrient levels for pistachio nut growing’
(being the right hand [purple] column for each nutrient)

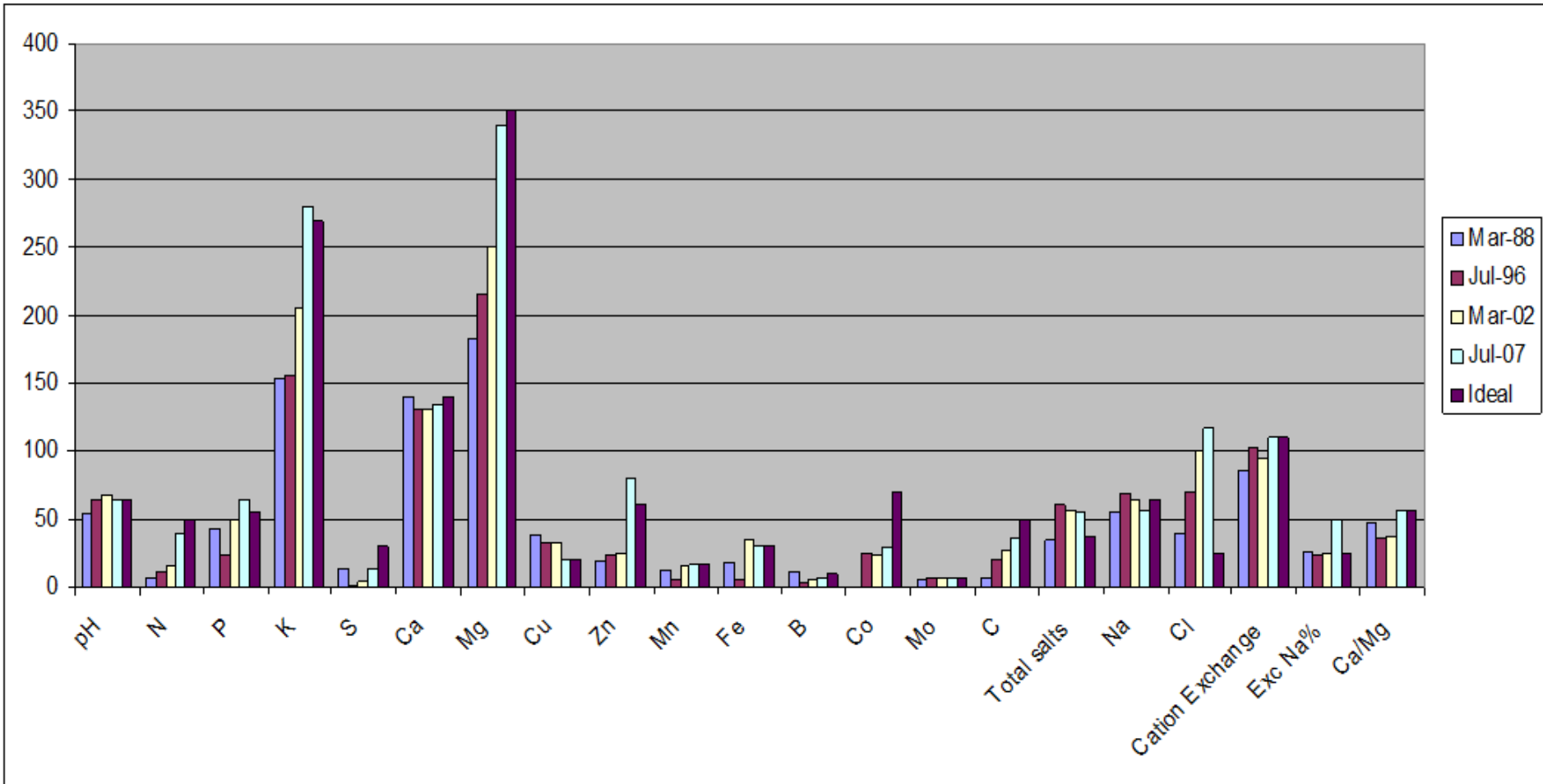




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37 m

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Strawbale coolroom





PROCESSING ON SITE

Dehydrator

Locally designed & made

Efficient

Clean heat



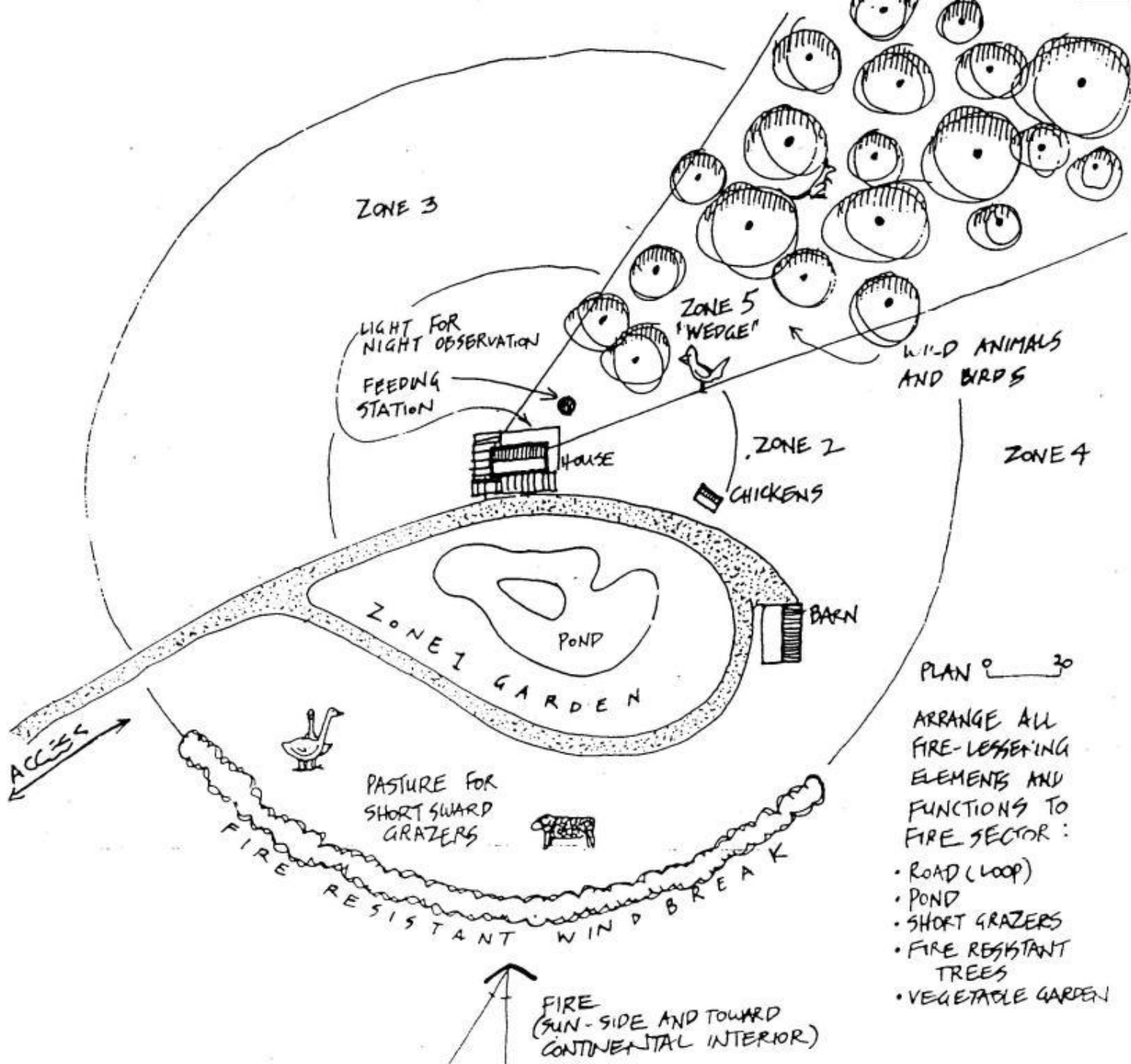


The Food Forest
Sparkling Cider

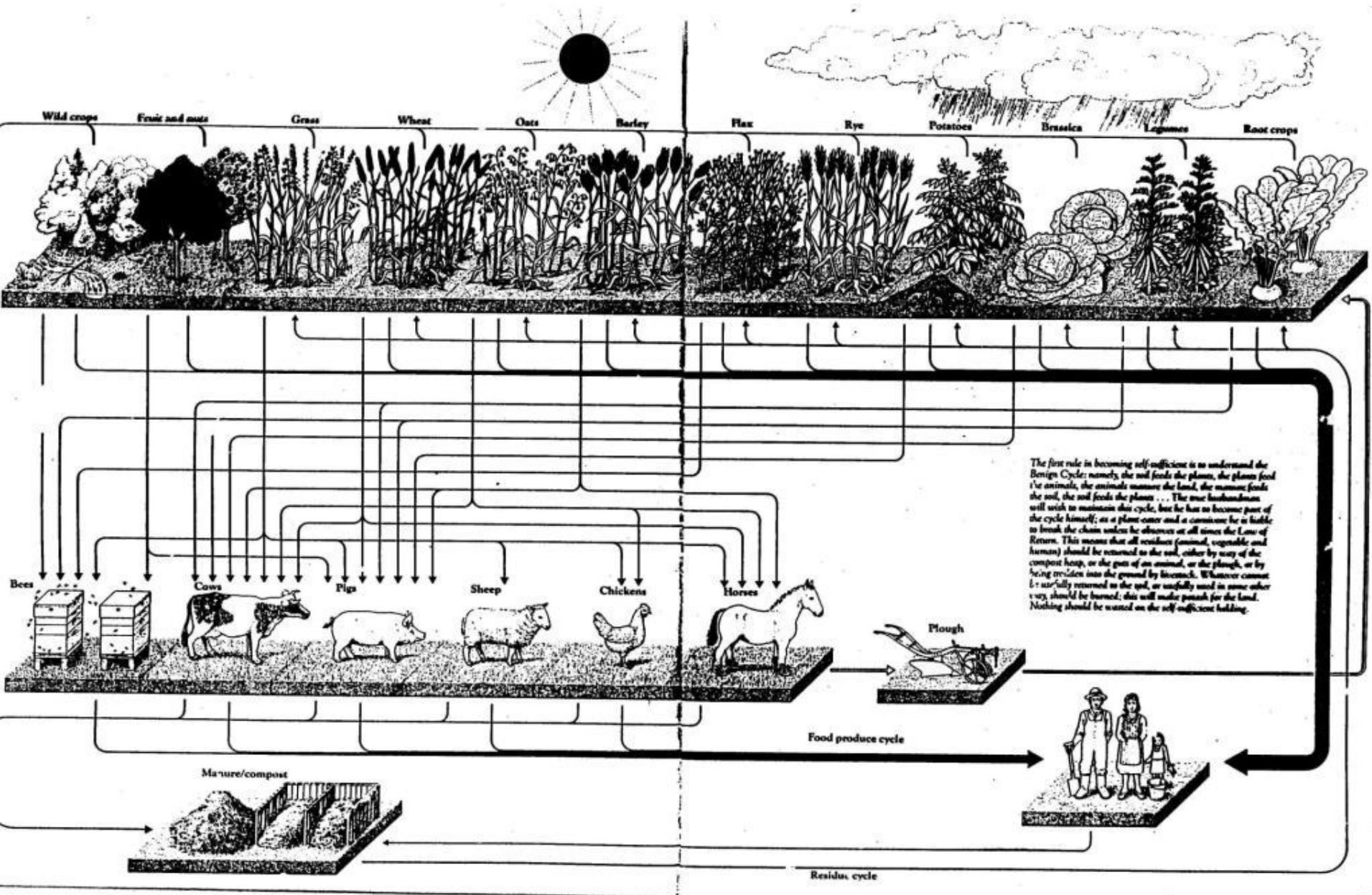


330ml Wine of Australia



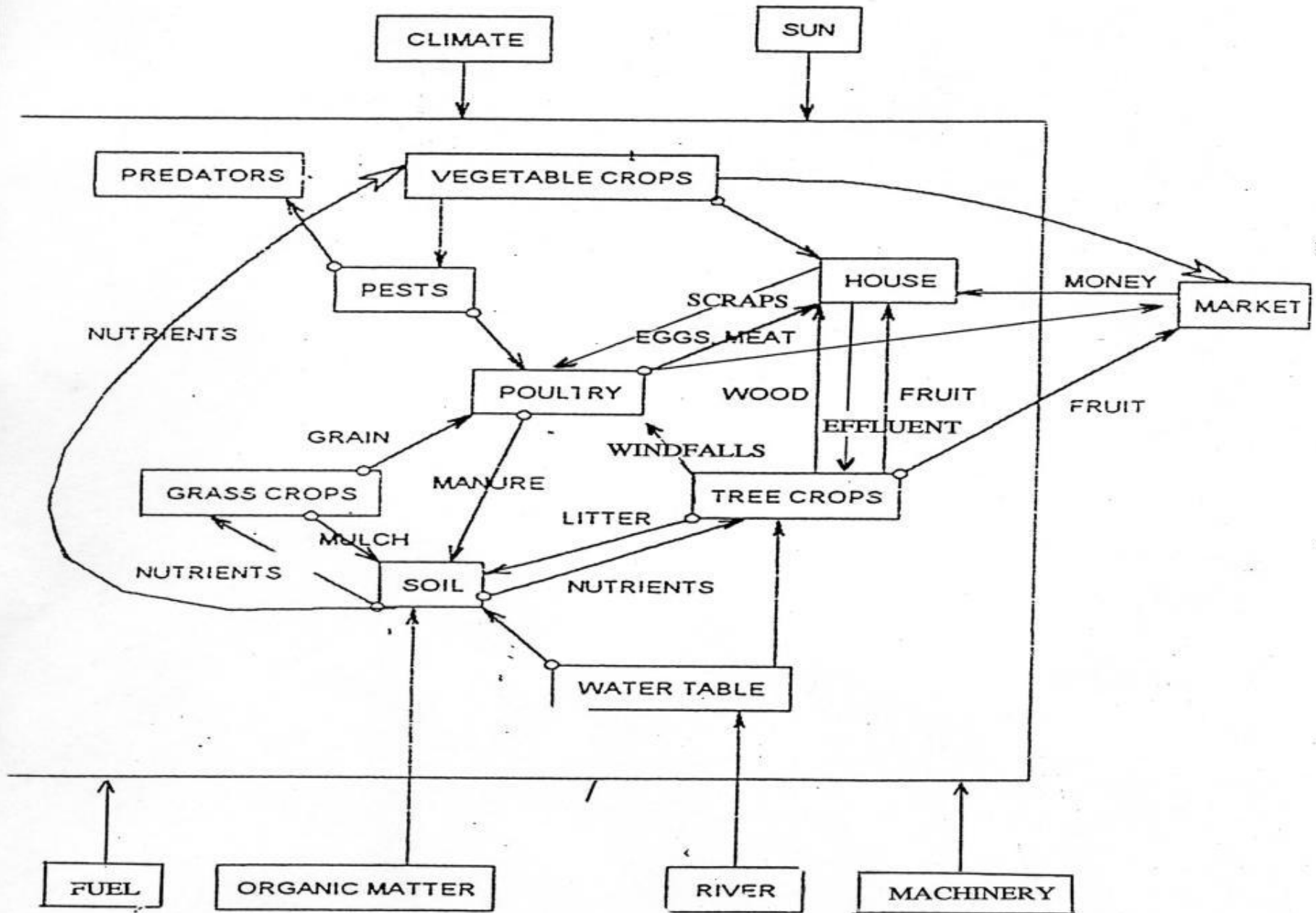


- PLAN 9 30
- ARRANGE ALL FIRE-LESSENING ELEMENTS AND FUNCTIONS TO FIRE SECTOR:
- ROAD (LOOP)
 - POND
 - SHORT GRAZERS
 - FIRE RESISTANT TREES
 - VEGETABLE GARDEN

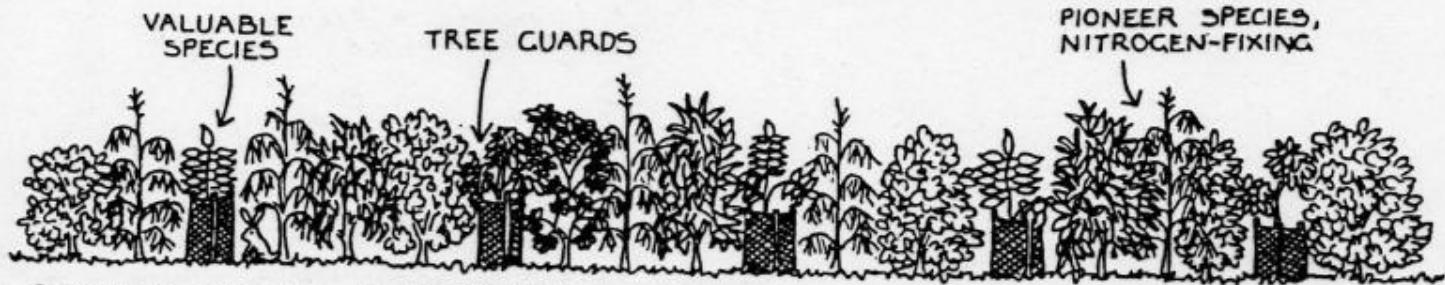


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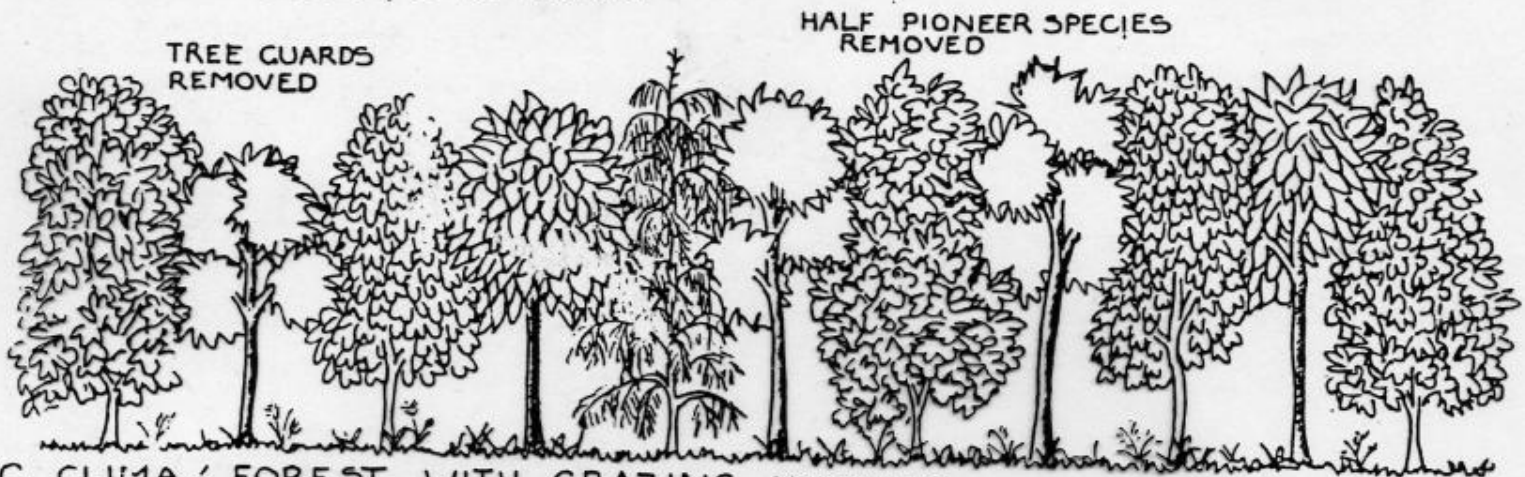
Systems Diagram showing energy flow



A. ESTABLISHMENT OF PIONEER SPECIES, 1-5 YEARS



B. SECOND STAGE, 5-10 YEARS



C. CLIMAX FOREST WITH GRAZING ANIMALS



Zone planning

Placing elements according to how much we use them, how often we need to maintain or harvest them and how much energy and water they use.

- **Zone Zero** is the space in your mind where creative design occurs, it is the arrangement of the family and the way it lives; the way the house is arranged, cooking is done, finances are managed and dreams realised

- **Zone One** is closest to the house. It is most intensively-used area and typically contains annual gardens, herbs, workshop, glasshouse, storage areas, a few small frequently used trees eg a lemon tree. The area uses much water, mulch and manure and is highly productive. No animals remain on a patch of ground permanently

Secrets of Zone 1 - the backyard

- Storing – water, firewood, salvage materials
- Constructing – chicken arks, solar cookers, bike trailers
- Drying – clothes, fruit, firewood
- Cooking - pizzas, BBQs, pit roasts
- Shading – the family, walls of the house, cooling plants
- Relaxing and playing
- Learning
- Habitat – birds, worms, guinea pigs, predators, bees
- Transforming – grapes into wine, weeds into compost
wastewater into irrigation water

Zone 1 contains the perennial garden supports avocados, bananas, sugar cane, Vietnamese taro and other species requires some 500mm of irrigation annually. This delivered by dripper tapes spaced 500mm apart



- **Zone Two** is also intensively managed with shrubs, fruit trees, berries and herbs in multi-layered food forests. Drip irrigation is used and poultry are integrated into the system. It is an area requiring regular management and uses significant amounts of mulch, manure and water



zone 5

Gawler River
zone 5

zone 3

revegetation/forestry
vegetables

recycling
olive grove
food processing

zone 1

zone 2

tank
studio
learning centre

walnuts

windbreak

Gawler Bypass

pistachios

zone 3

house
drying green

home orchard

cropping

yabbie ponds

zone 3
pomes

canary island pines

experimental

zone 4

agroforestry demo

biodiversity block

carobs

zone 5

pecan nuts

pistachios

Jack Cooper Drive

jojoba

Further from the home are species requiring spot irrigation. Using drippers, deficit irrigation and mulch pome and stone fruit are grown with a boost of 2-300mm of water.

Plantings are more widely spaced than in the perennial garden



Annual rainfall Hillier 2015
270mm. So far this half year
70mm

- **Zone Three** has low-maintenance orchards, dryland field crops and pastures, larger animals such as geese, sheep and wallabies for wool, meat, down, milk etc. Minimal irrigation may be used. Windbreaks and hardy tree crop plantings are used to control wind speed. Spot manuring



Canary Island rock basins

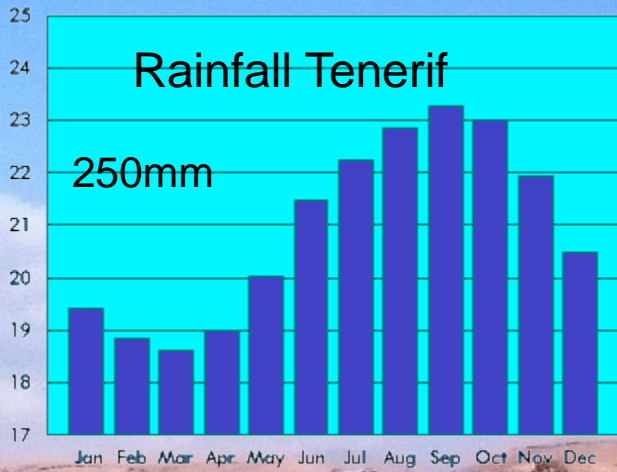
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Flat roofed, earth buildings & Wadi



Earth buildings & wadi



Date planting and mud wall





Cactus farming



In the outer zones, 3 and 4, about 200mm of irrigation is used to grow carobs, pistachios, jojoba and olives. Tree spacings are even wider to allow a greater soil mass to be exploited for water



100mm of water over 1 hectare is one Megalitre. Conventional almond growing would expect 8





**Looking South
View in 1986**

12 years later...

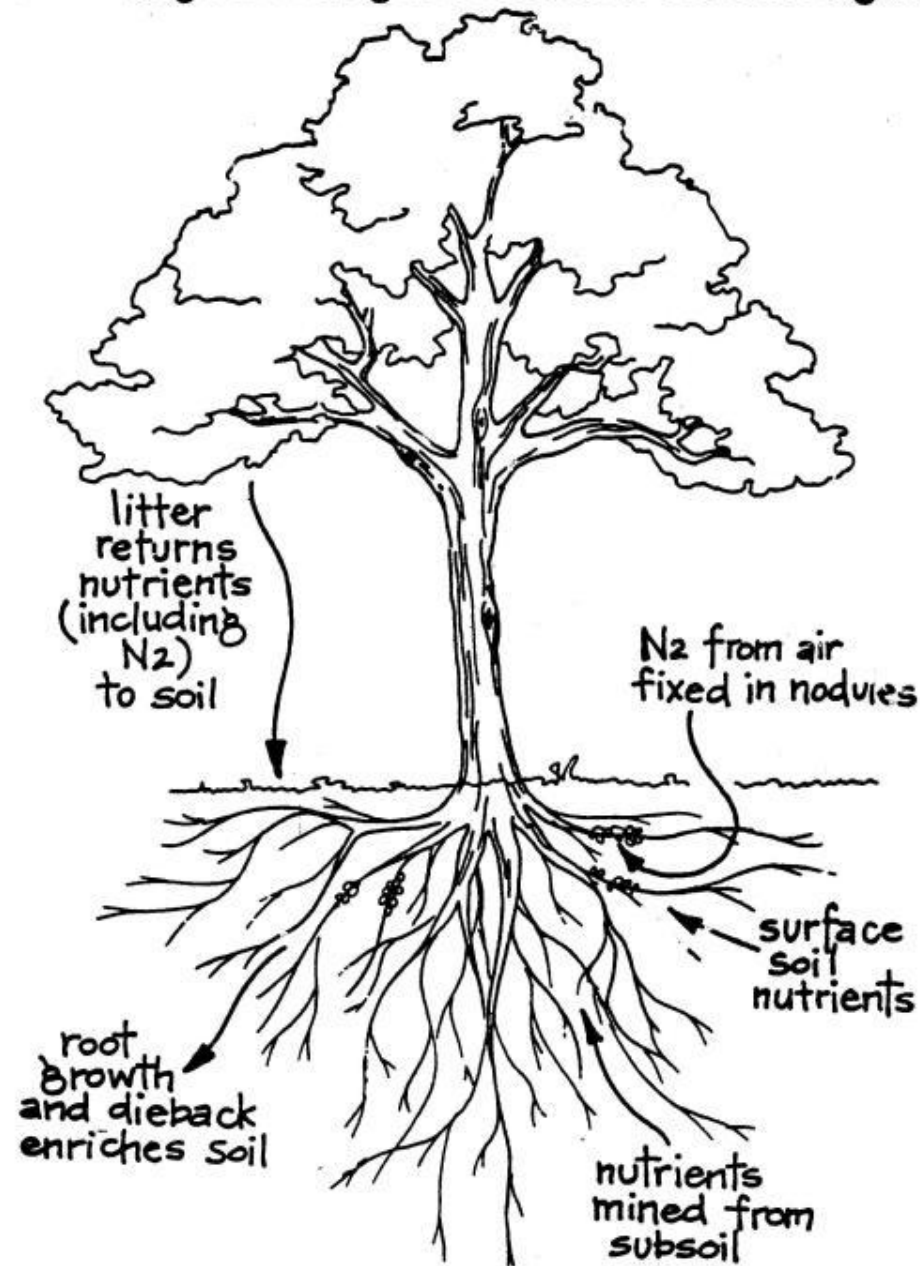


- **Zone Four** is minimally managed, is essentially dryland and only small amounts of trace elements and manure are used, usually to establish plantings. It has forest and agro-forest for timber and firewood and miscellaneous production (eg resins, wattle seed), pastures and hardy animals

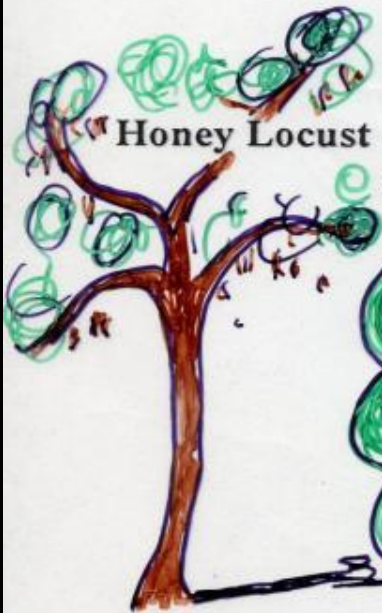
A photograph of a forest with a large stack of cut logs in the foreground, illustrating the process of coppicing for firewood production. The logs are stacked in a neat pile, showing the cross-sections of the wood. The background features several tall, thin trees, likely pines, and a clear blue sky. The ground is covered with dry, brownish grass and pine needles. The text "Coppicing for firewood production" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Coppicing for firewood production

How Biological Nitrogen Fixation Works in Legumes



Hills Agroforest



Honey Locust

Algerian Oak



Tagasaste



Holm Oak



Cork Oak



Casuarina



Wallaby



Goose



Alpaca

Species and features for an Adelaide Hills Permaculture

Agroforest

Honey Locust, Algerian Oak, Tagasaste,
Holm Oak, Cork Oak, Casuarina spp, Pinus sp
Wallaby, Goose, Alpaca

Orchard

Apple, Pear, Nashi, Plum, Quince, Mandarin
Chook, Goose, Wallaby, Alpaca, Potoroo

Woodlot

Euc grandis, maculata, globulus, nitans

Ac melanoxylon, intertexa (interplanted)

Biodiversity Block (includes Bush Tucker spp)

Native Apricot, Melaleuca spp, Kangaroo grass,
Native Cherry, Ac retinodes, Euc obliqua, Native
Currant etc etc

Organic Garden

Summer Lettuce, Asian Leaf Crops, various
Herbs, Veg and Edible Flowers

Geese:

Webbed feet

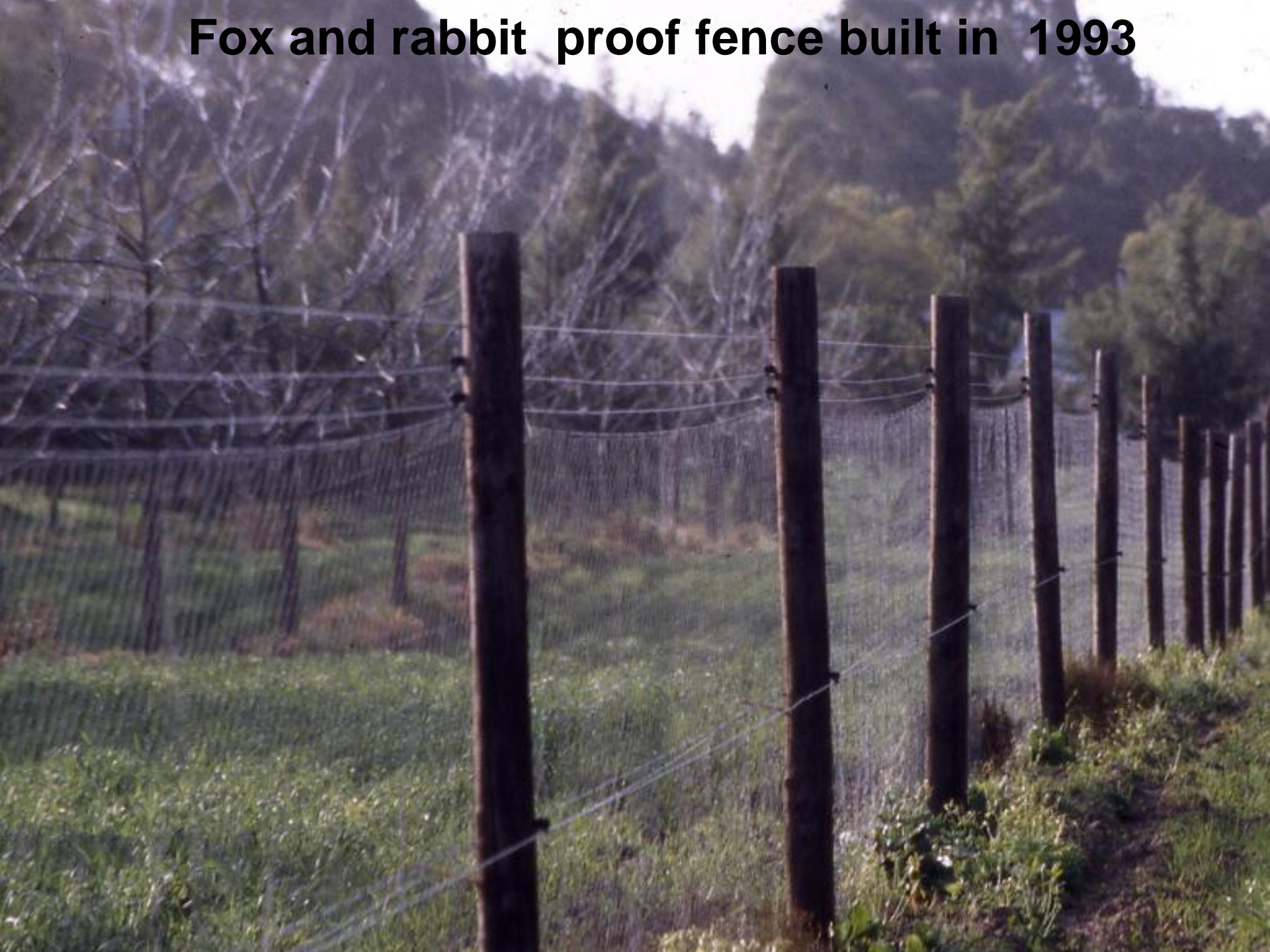
**Grassy weed
grazers – esp**

Couch & Kikuyu

Gourmet food



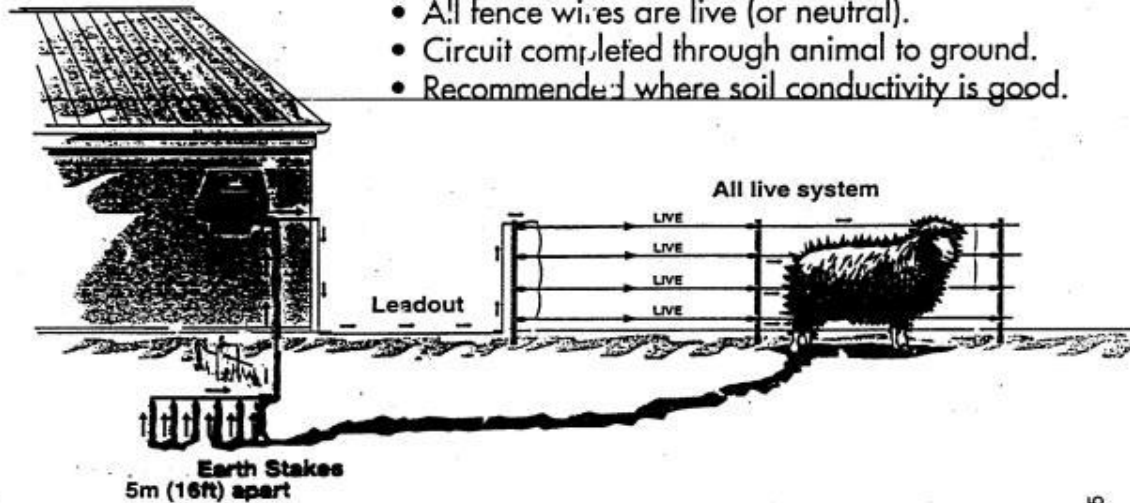
Fox and rabbit proof fence built in 1993



TYPES OF EARTH SYSTEM

Ground Earth-Return

- All fence wires are live (or neutral).
- Circuit completed through animal to ground.
- Recommended where soil conductivity is good.

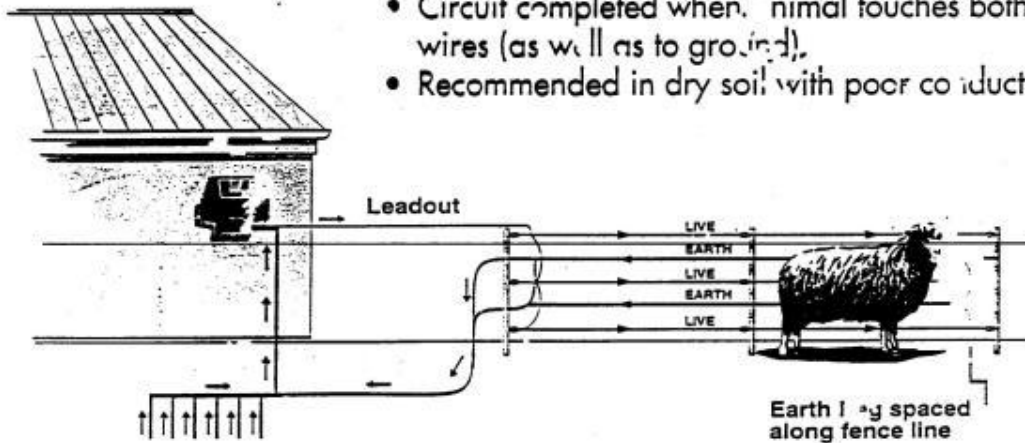


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Fence Earth-Return

- Earth and live wires are alternated.
- Circuit completed when animal touches both wires (as well as to ground).
- Recommended in dry soil with poor conductivity.



Permanent Fence Layout

LAYOUT EXAMPLE

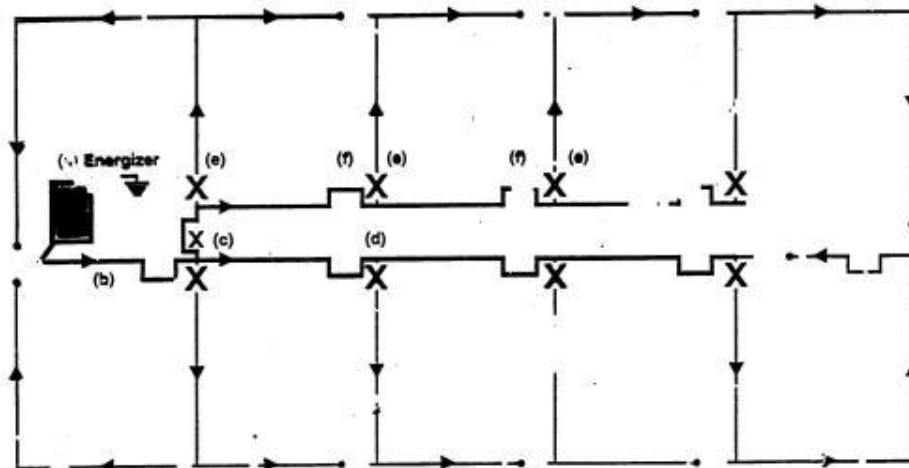
The diagram below illustrates some points about fence layout.

- (a) Energizer is located in a farm building.
- (b) The leadout feed can take several forms:
 - one single wire with high conductive characteristics (i.e. 4mm [3/8"] wire or aluminium wire)
 - several subdivisions of 2.5mm (12 1/2 g) fence wire connected in parallel.
- (c) A cutout switch where the leadout splits at this point enables half of the fence system to be switched off.
- (d) Layout incorporates a central race for ease of stock movement.

- (e) Each fence subdivision is connected to the leadout feed wire(s) through a cutout switch. This enables each section to be isolated for fault finding purposes.
- (f) For gates you should note that:
 - Insulated cable must be used underground
 - Cutout switches are recommended at all gateways for fault finding

Other Points to Note:

- Only one energizer must be connected to a fence line.
- The subdivisions of the fence do not have to complete an electrical circuit. Each subdivision terminates at a strain insulator. The circuit is completed when an animal touches the fence.



KEY

- leadout feed wire(s)
- fence subdivisions
- X cutout switches

KEY

- leadout feed under gate
- fence feed under gate
- ⊕ energizer earth

- **Zone Five** is virtually unmanaged and contains much of the indigenous flora and fauna. It is a haven for native species and a biodiverse balance-tank for the more intensively managed part of the property with its many exotic species and their pests, a place to get close to nature, to hunt or possibly...to be hunted!



Australian Natives

Value adding

Bio regional ID

Landcapability

Diverse systems



Acacia victoriae



Quandongs

WEED CONTROL

Soft footed animals:
Less soil compaction



Bettongs eat soursob bulbs & revegetate



Wallabies are good weed grazers too

THE CAPE BARREN GOOSE



Specific grazing habits

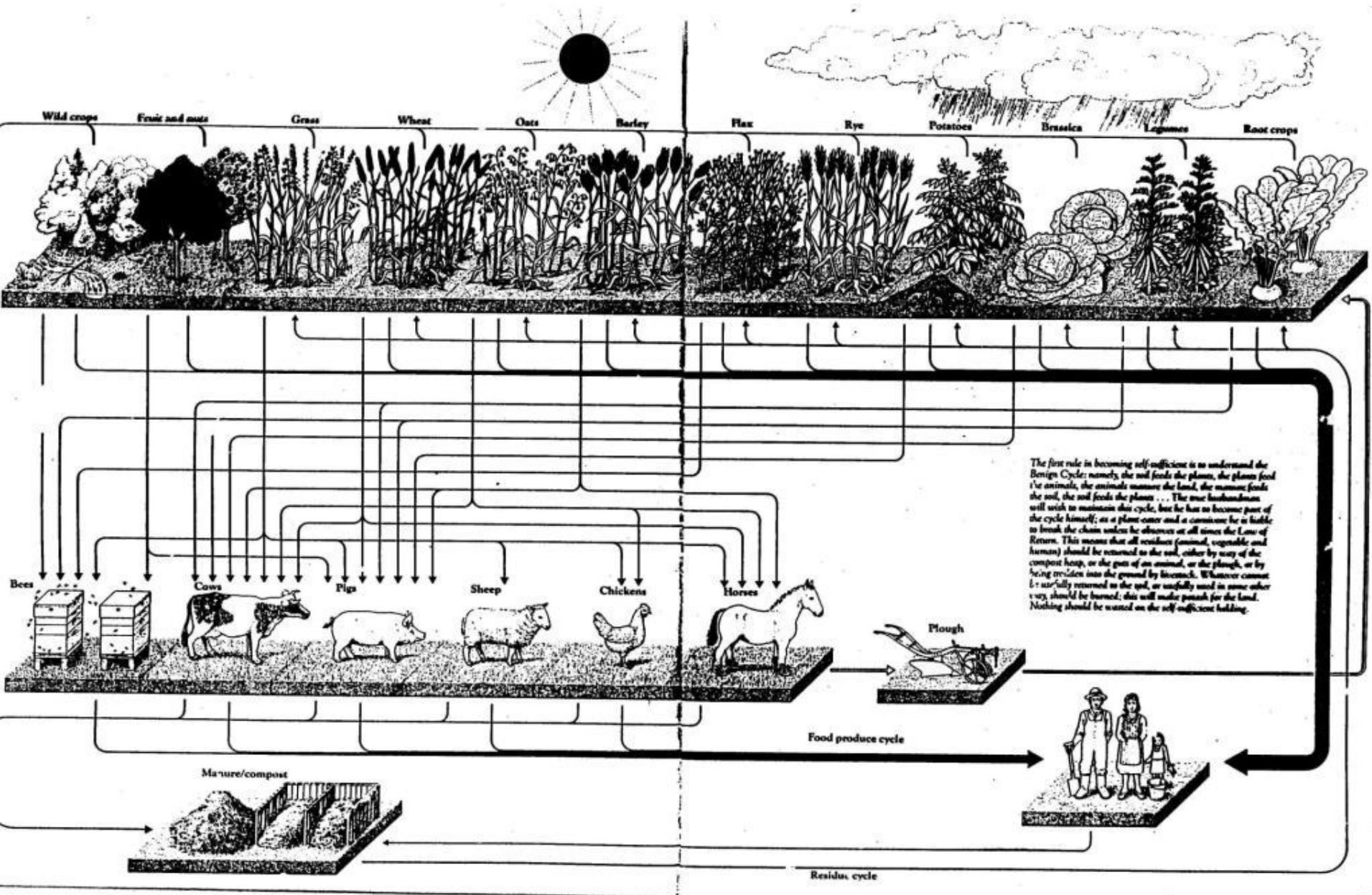
**Useful in orchard
management**

Protected species

**Bio- diversity
creates habitat which also
helps with pest control**



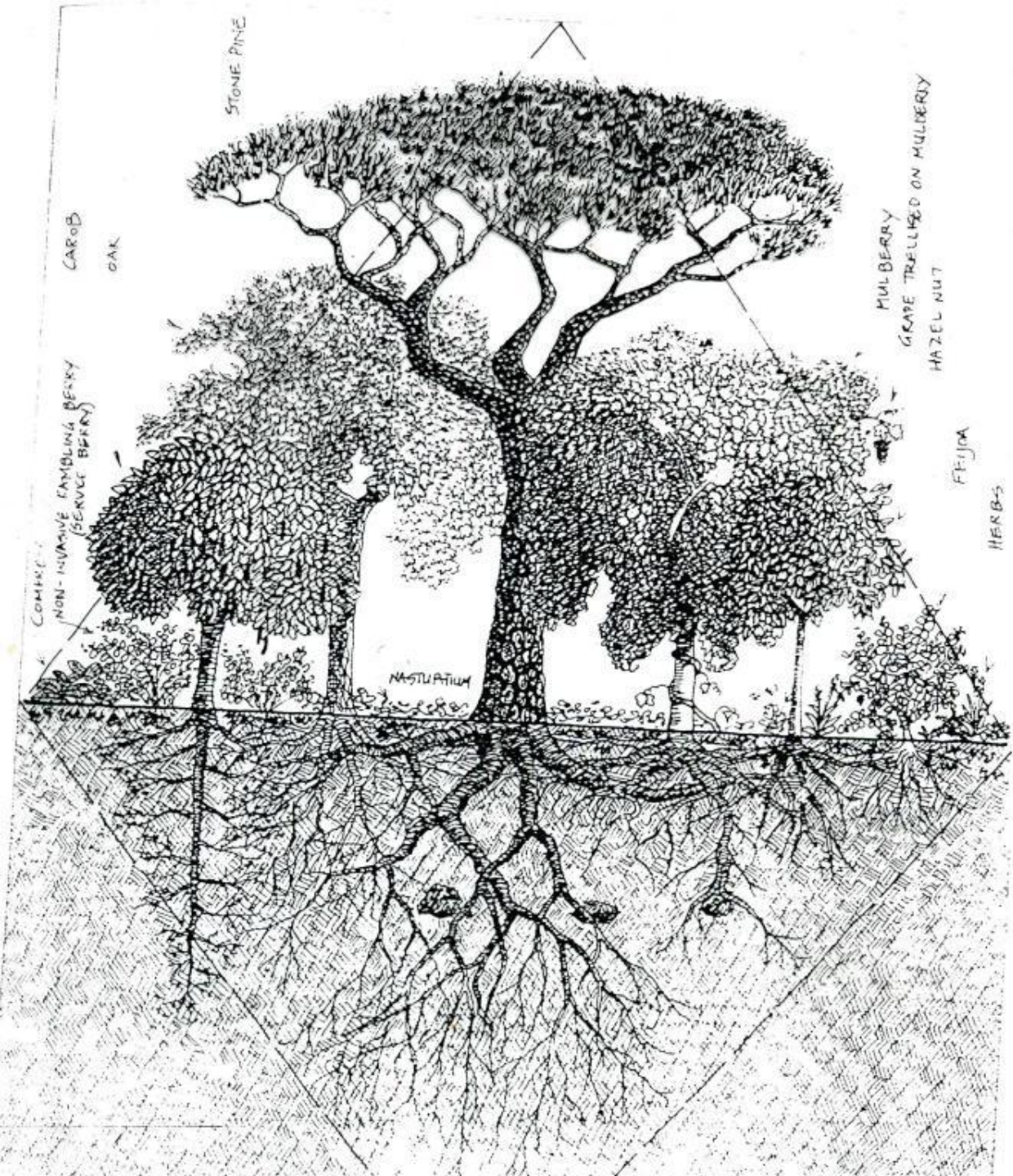




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Orchard design and management





Mean Annual Chill Units at present and projected to 2030

	PRESENT			2030		
Station	Ave Chill Units	% years > 800 Chill Units	% years > 1200 Chill Units	Ave Chill Units	%. years >800 Chill Units	%.years >1200 Chill Units
Adelaide	700 approx				0	0
Renmark	1187	100	52	529-983	0-91	0-5
Loxton	1295	100	69	668-1108	6-100	0-31
Lenswood	2747	100	100	1729 -2437	100	94-100

Adelaide's mean temp has gone up by 1 degree C in 50 years. CSIRO predictions allow for a possible further increase of up to 1.5 degrees by 2030

**Uni California Data Approx. Hours required
<7.2 degrees C**

**Equiv. Time in Days/Weeks if Continuously exposed to
<7.2 or Below**

Apple ^a	1200-1500	7-9 weeks	400-1800
Apricot ^a	700-1000	4-6 weeks	350-1000
Blueberry (northern)			700-1200
Cherry, sour		7 weeks	700-1300
Cherry, sweet	1100-1300	6-8 weeks	600-1400
Currant			800-1500
Filbert (Hazelnut)	1500	9 weeks	800-1600
Gooseberry			800-1500

Sunscreen for fruit



Trials in Australia show that coating apples, and other fruits, with Surround WP crop protectant manufactured by the Engelhard Corporation and distributed by Agnova, can reduce sunburn damage by as much as 73 percent. In that study, 73 percent damage reduction translates to a marketable yield increase of 34 percent

<http://www.fatcow.com.au/c/AgNova-Technologies>

Orchard establishment

- windbreaks
- ripping & amendments
- mulch & compost
- weed control
- pre-pruning,
- root ball, bare-rooted & bagged trees
- roostocks into field for later grafting
- planting plans

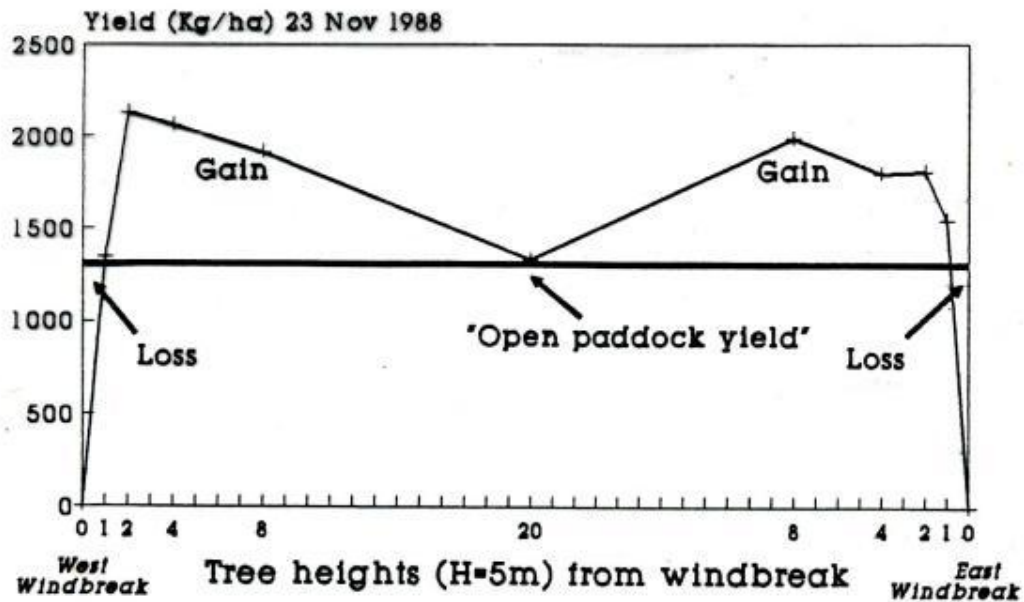
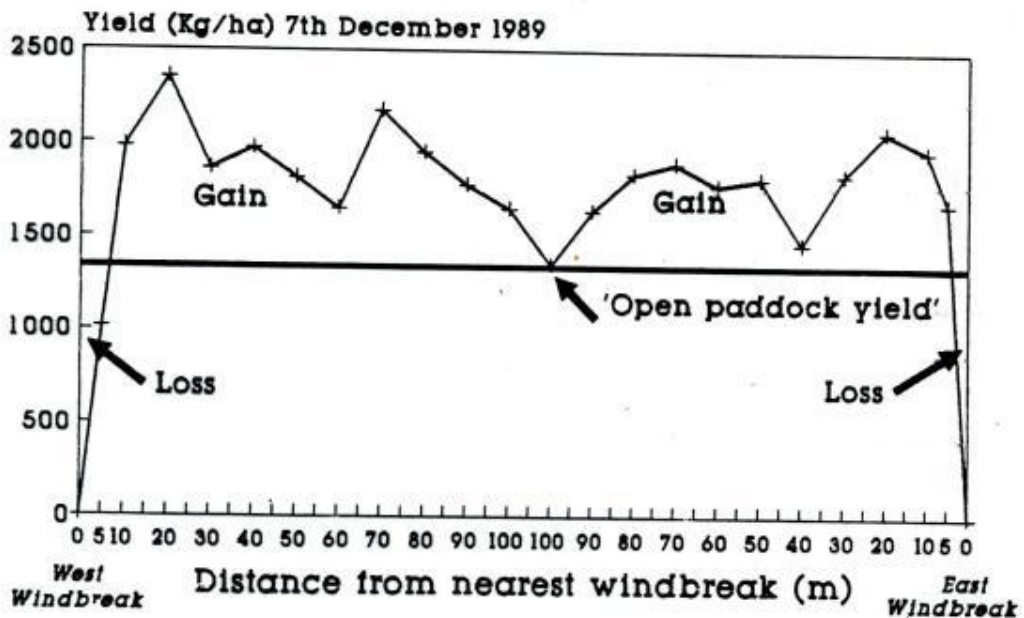


Figure 4. Lupin yield between parallel pine windbreaks in Esperance, Western Australia, 1989 (Property of G and J English)



13 WORCESTER PEARMAIN
~~CRAB APPLE~~

LORD

GALA

GALA

BONZA

SUNSHOWER

GRANNYSMITH

GALA

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GALA

FLAVORSUM

NORTHERN SPY

LENG

NORTHERN SPY

KARA

ME

14 GRANNY SMITH
ROXBWOOD
ROXBWOOD

MID SEASON

REDELIC APPLES

K. DODS GRAFT

DAYTON

STAYARS WINGSAP

BLENHEIM GRAFT

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LATE PRUNE

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15 SENSATION
BUBARE PROS.
PACHAM
NIMTELNEL

COX

COX

FUJI

FUJI

ARUNDAEN 2nd crop

ARUNDAEN

STOCK TO LEONA GRAFT

LEONA

FUJI

FUJI

NEWTOWN GREEN PIPPIN.

with L'Inconnue graft

16 TSUCI
YALI
KOSUI

SHINSUI

CROFTON

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PRINCE ALFRED

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BESSPOOL

FLAVORSUM

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EMME KARINA

SULTANA M12

THOMUSCAT

GORDO (HARLEMMA)

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heat failure

heat tolerant

Pest Management

Biodiversity is the main answer. If it fails.....

- Observe day, night with and without light. Video cameras, books and museum services for wine and beer traps, linseed oil

Insects:

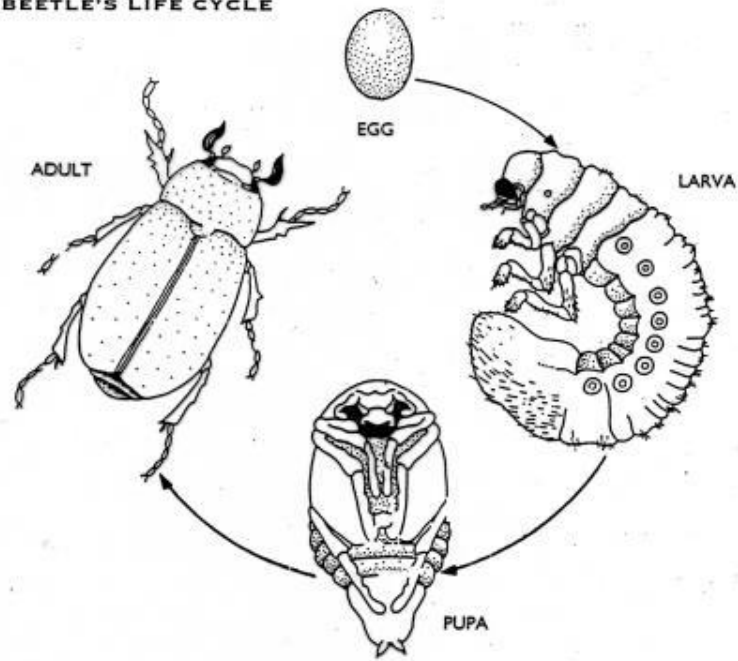
Insect exclusion covers eg fruit fly

- Trap crops, (mustard favoured over caulis), companions, garlic etc bug juice
- identification are invaluable.
- Pit traps, port

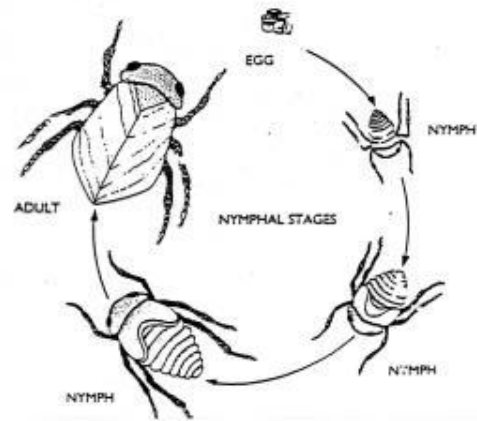
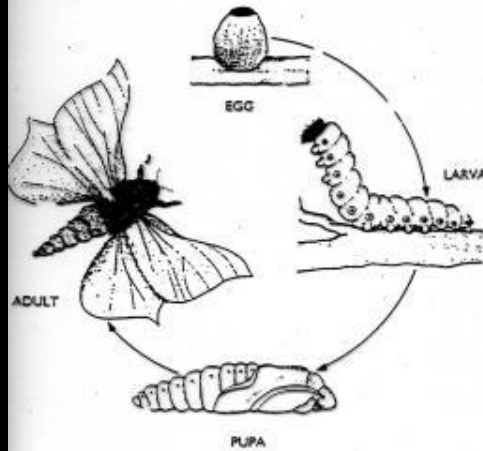


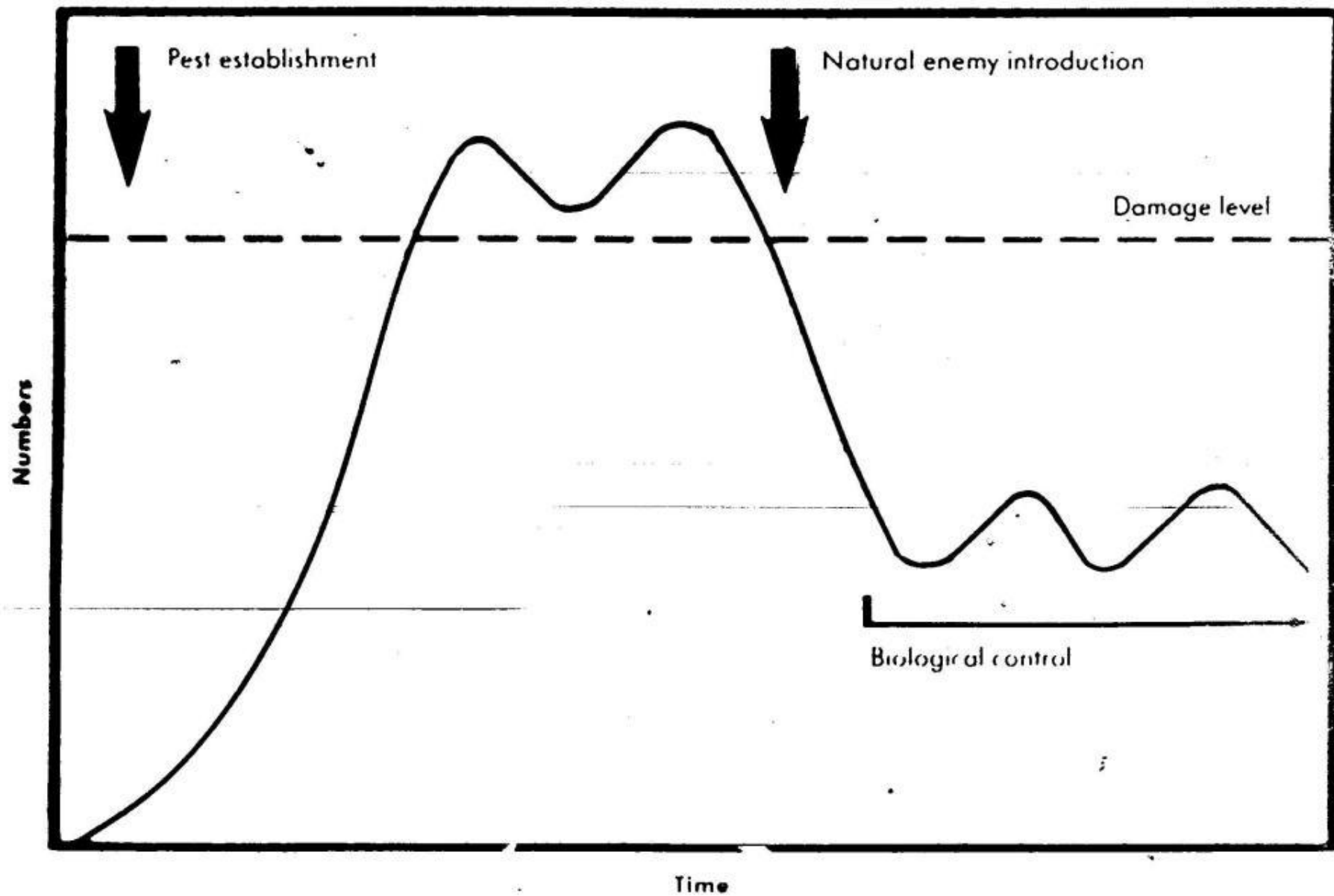
Brown Tree Frog

TYPICAL BEETLE'S LIFE CYCLE



LIFE CYCLES OF A TYPIC MOTH (LEFT) AND BUG (RIGHT)





Individual pests

Use of chooks, good composting and weed control are central. Companion planting may help

- Earwigs Poultry, traps and sacrificial crops
- Crickets Chooks
- Caterpillars Oils, soap, derris, ash, *Bacillus thuringensis*, hosing, hand picking
- Beetles Derris, diatomaceous earth, flooding, trap lights
- Mites Minimise dust, increase soil carbon, use sulphur

Diseases

Adaptation and pruning are the main answers

- Mildew: Whey, milk, sulphur, copper, good training (shaping) of trees
- Blight: Copper, Prep 501
- Shothole: Copper, Bordeaux
- Brown Rot: hygiene, sulphur, copper
- Gumosis: Copper, Pruning
- Compost teas and microbial preps

Application methods

- Sprayers:
- Knapsack
- Tractor-drawn
- Airblast
- Micromist
- ATV-mounted units

What is a food forest?

A 'food forest' is a consciously designed perennial ecosystem of diverse mutually beneficial plants and animals intended for human food and fibre production.

Who invented food forests

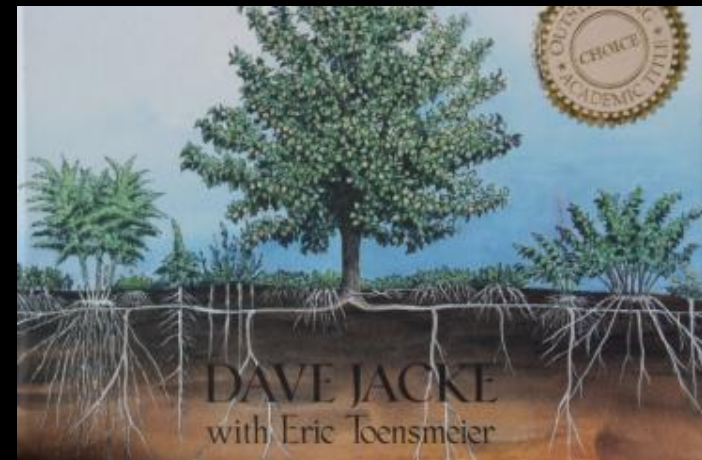
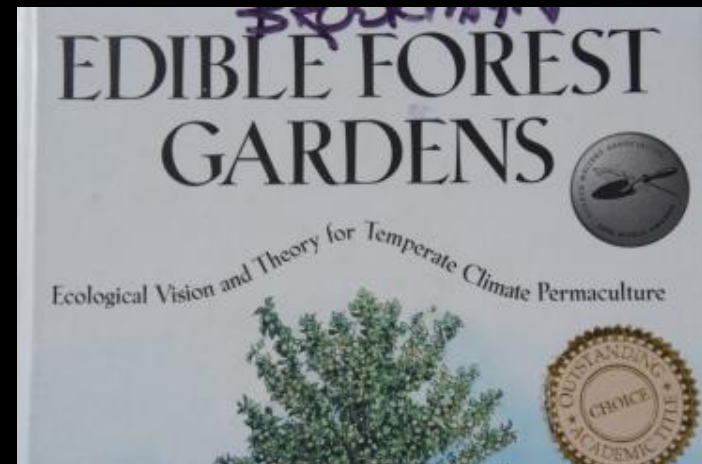
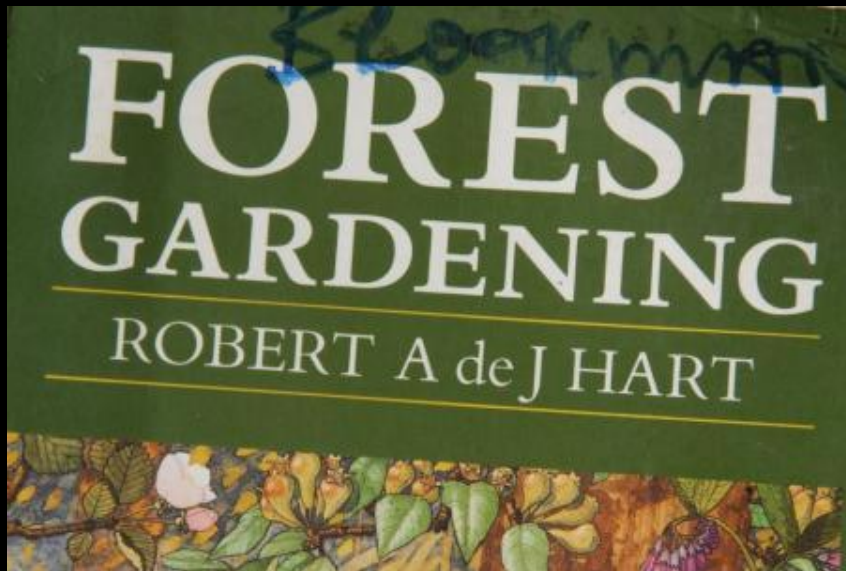
Food forests have been created by many cultures for thousands of years but they have been lost due to broad acre cropping, horticultural monocultures and mechanisation



What is so good about food forests?!

- They are more sustainable than conventional gardens and orchards
- High ratio of outputs to inputs (in terms of energy and water)
- Multiple products
- Minimal maintenance (many perennials)
- High biodiversity

A food forest is essentially the same thing as a 'forest garden' as expounded by Robert Hart in the book 'Forest Gardening' and Dave Jacke in 'Edible Forest Gardens'



Drip irrigation and mulching are vital for many food crops



A native food themed section would require less supplementary water



Native orange- *Capparis Mitchellii*

Wild oranges are a tasty treat Indigenous Australians treasure them. Green when unripe, it ripens to reveal a soft fragrant yellow or orange flesh



Quandong – *Santalum acuminatum*

The native peach

Each part of a food forest can have its own architecture – density, number of layers and expected production levels



There are notionally seven layers

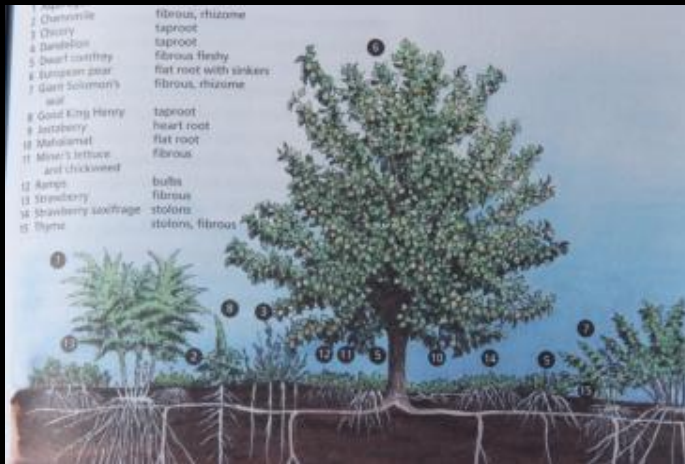
Robert Hart identifies:

- The canopy
- The low tree layer
- Shrubs
- Herbs
- Climbers
- Groundcovers
- Root crops

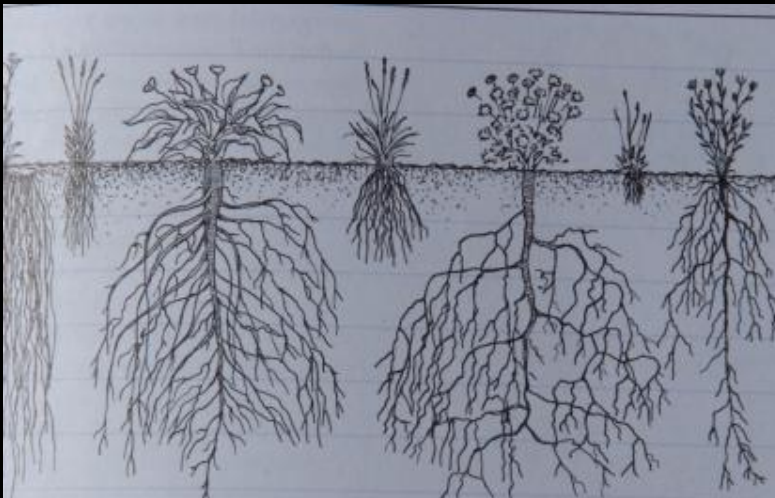
The production of food and fibre is at the heart of the design



Plan the food forest with its various layers and with maintenance and animal interaction in mind



Understand the characteristics of the plants you are considering and group them according to water requirements, root system characteristics and other interactions



Sections (themed areas) of a food forest

- Group species that need spraying for disease control together
- Group species requiring bird netting

Think hard....consult your books and the web. Order plants



What will the climbers climb on?



What pollinates what?



Grafting in advance or in the field?



Evergreen/deciduous mix?