



# *Heterodera betae:* the nematode and methods for sustainable control

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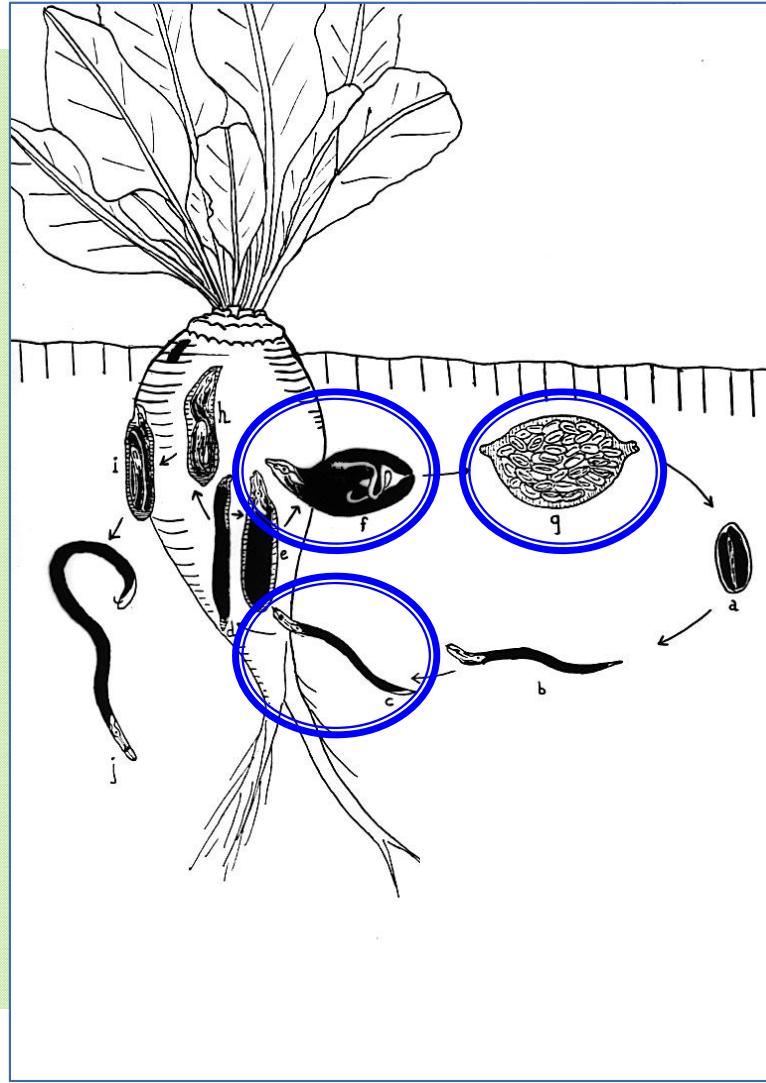


# Outline

- ▶ *Heterodera betae* (yellow beet cyst nematode)
- ▶ Development of IPM strategies



# *Heterodera betae*



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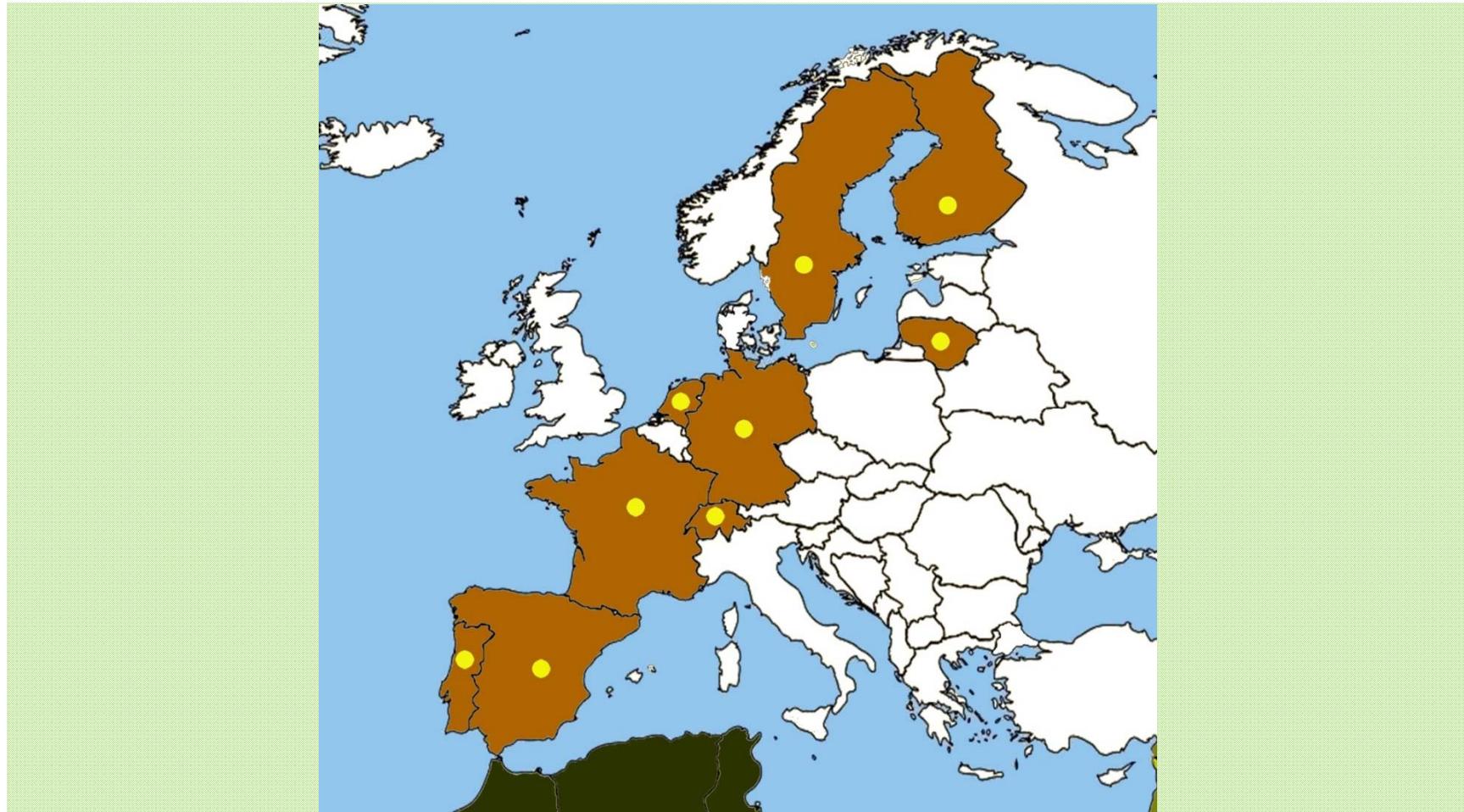


# *Heterodera betae* in the Netherlands

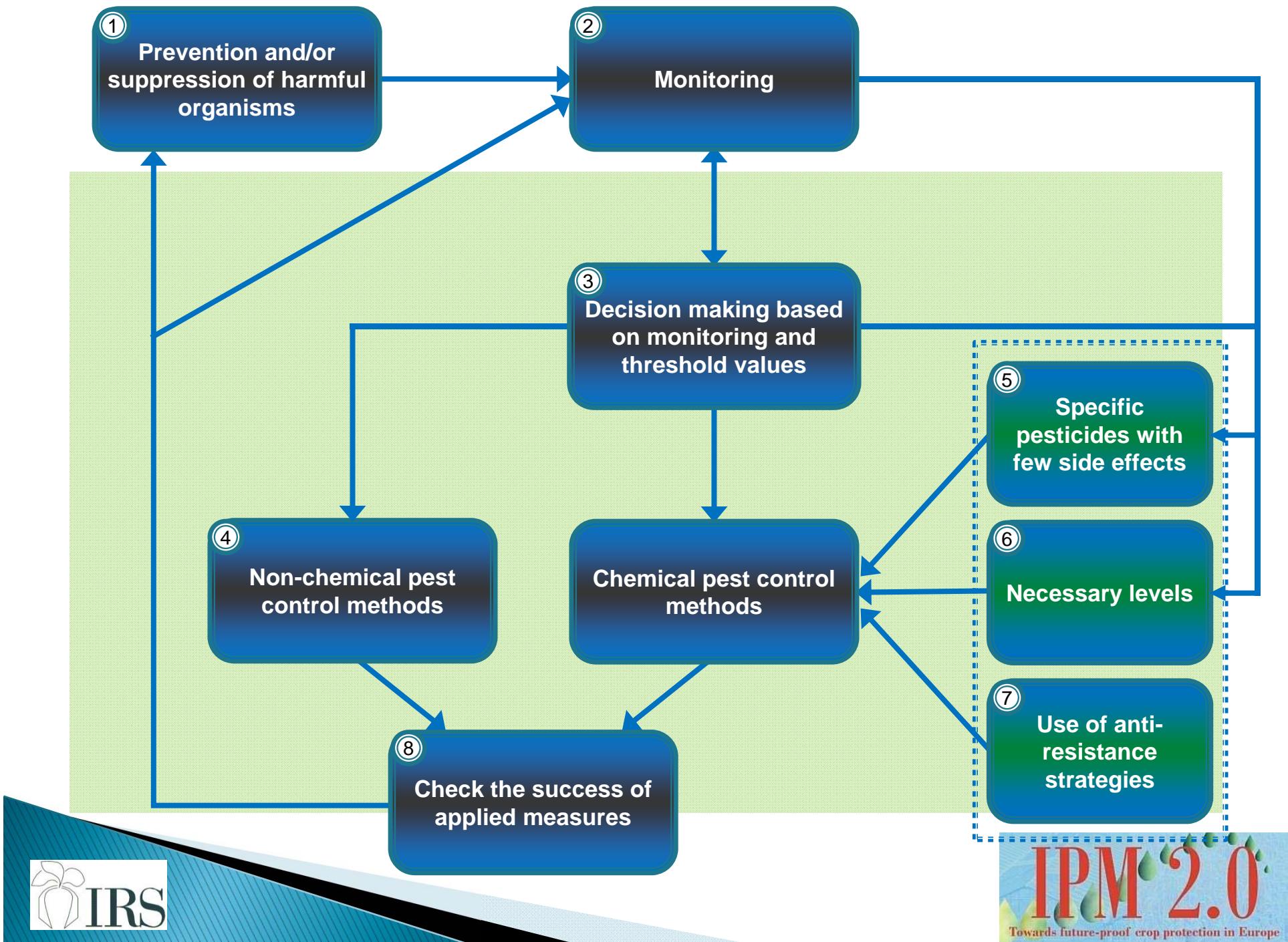


Source: Soil and diagnostic samples IRS  
from sugar beet fields (2005-2011)

# Countries with *Heterodera betae*



Source: Gracianne & Fournet, pers. comm.; Daub, pers. comm; Andersson, 1984; Ambrogioni et al., 1999; Stanelis, 2004; Vallotton, 1985; Eronen, 2008.



# 1) Prevention - Green manure crops



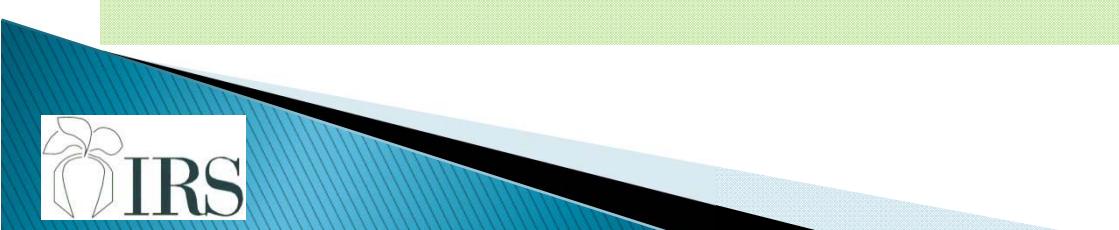
**Oilseed radish**  
*(Raphanus sativus subsp. oleiferus)*



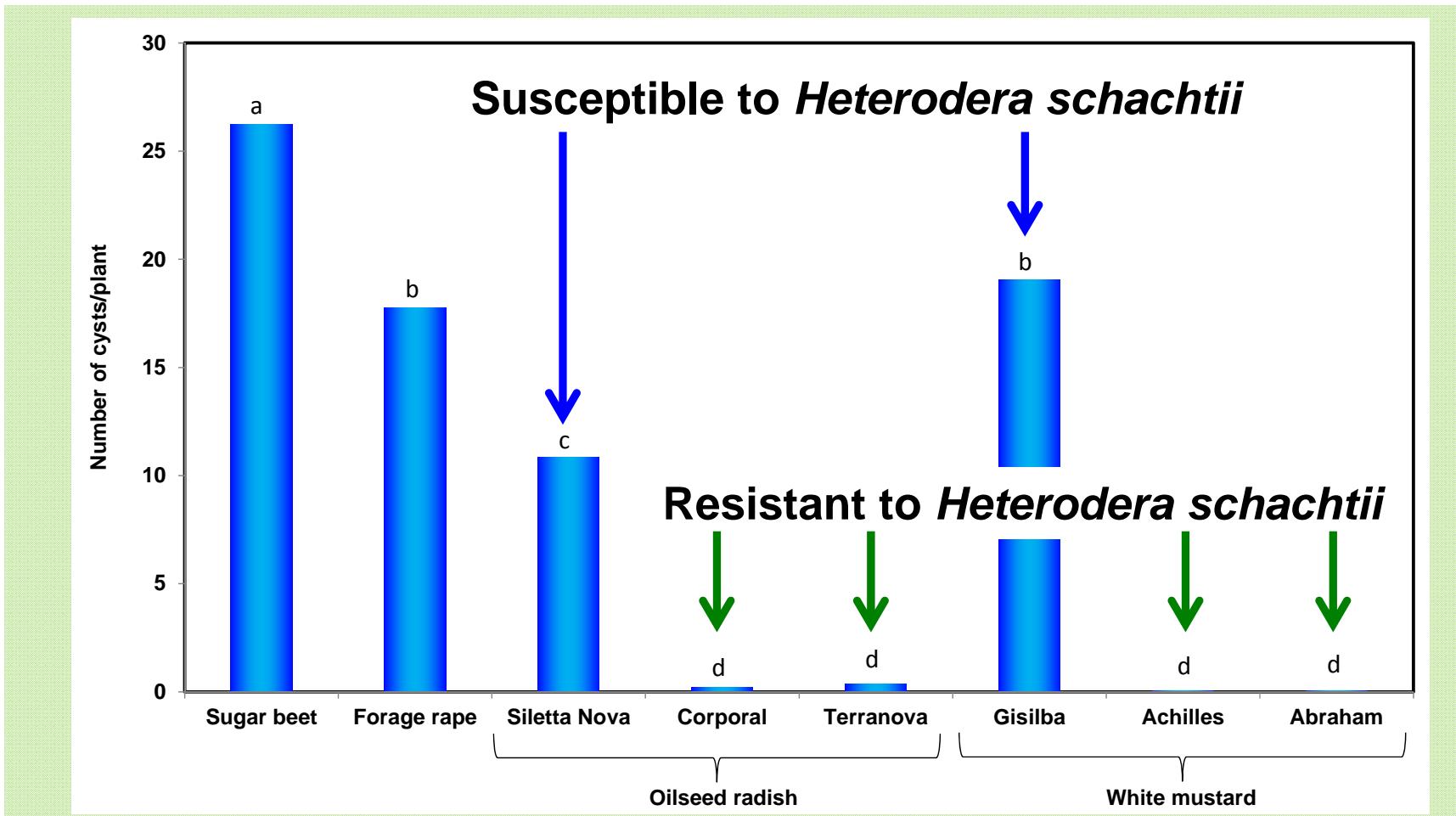
**White mustard**  
*(Sinapis alba)*

# Crops investigated

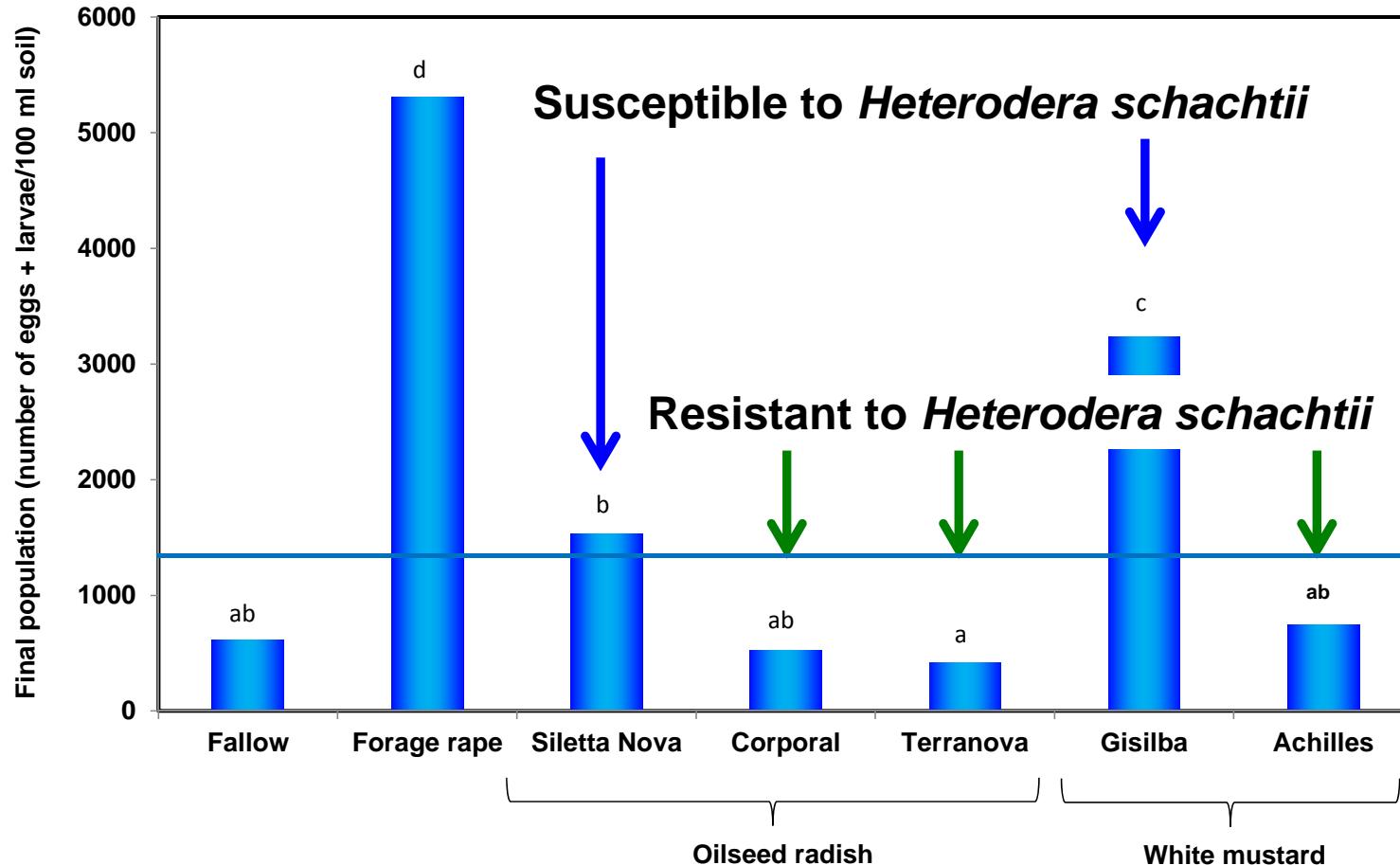
- ▶ Forage rape (*Brassica napus*)
- ▶ Oilseed radish (*Raphanus sativus* subsp. *oleiferus*)
  - Siletta Nova
  - Corporal
  - Terranova
- ▶ White mustard (*Sinapis alba*)
  - Gisilba
  - Achilles
  - Abraham



# Climate room trial *Heterodera betae*



# Field trial *Heterodera betae*



# Advice green manure crops

In case of *Heterodera betae*:

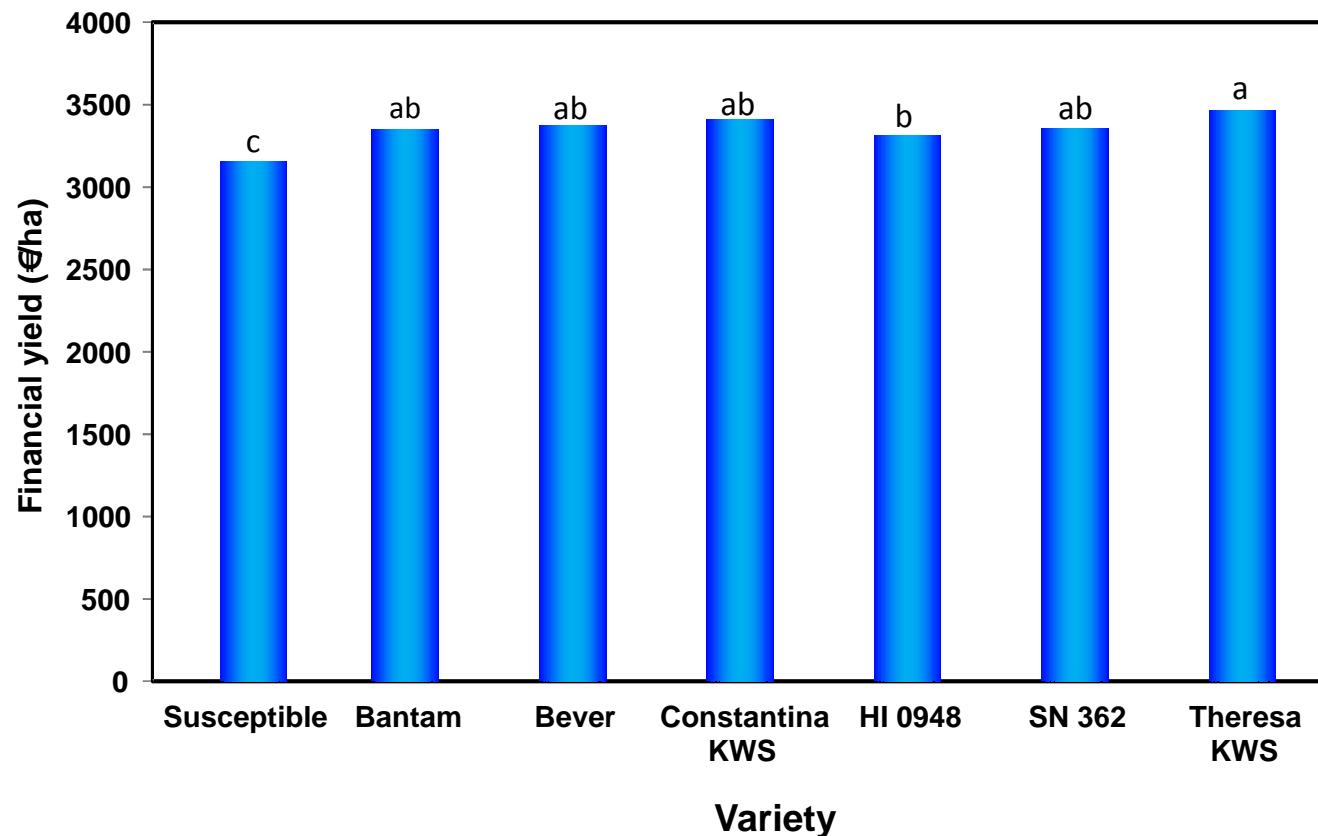
- ▶ growers should use:
  - resistant oilseed radish and white mustard
- ▶ growers should not use:
  - forage rape, susceptible oilseed radish and white mustard



**Does this also count for sugar beet varieties?**

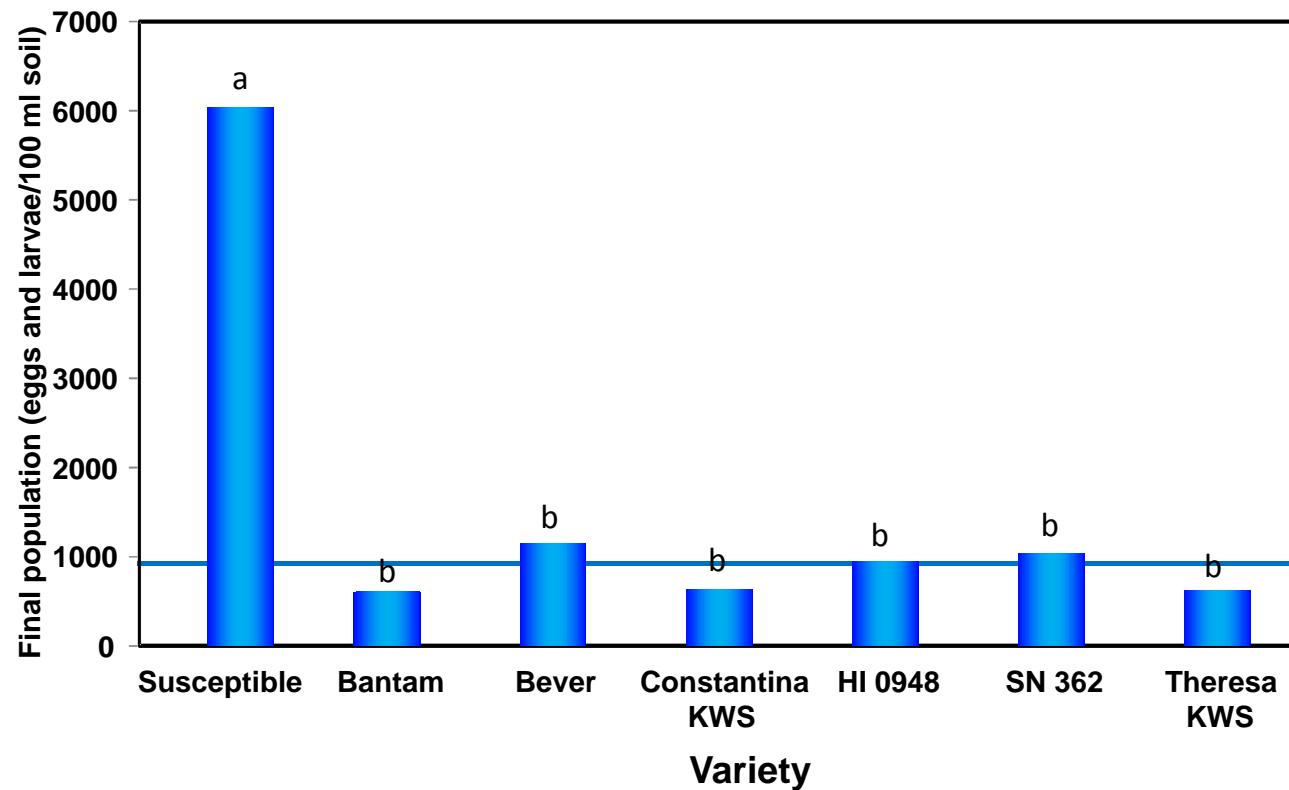
# Financial yield (€/ha) *Heterodera betae*

Average of 3 field trials

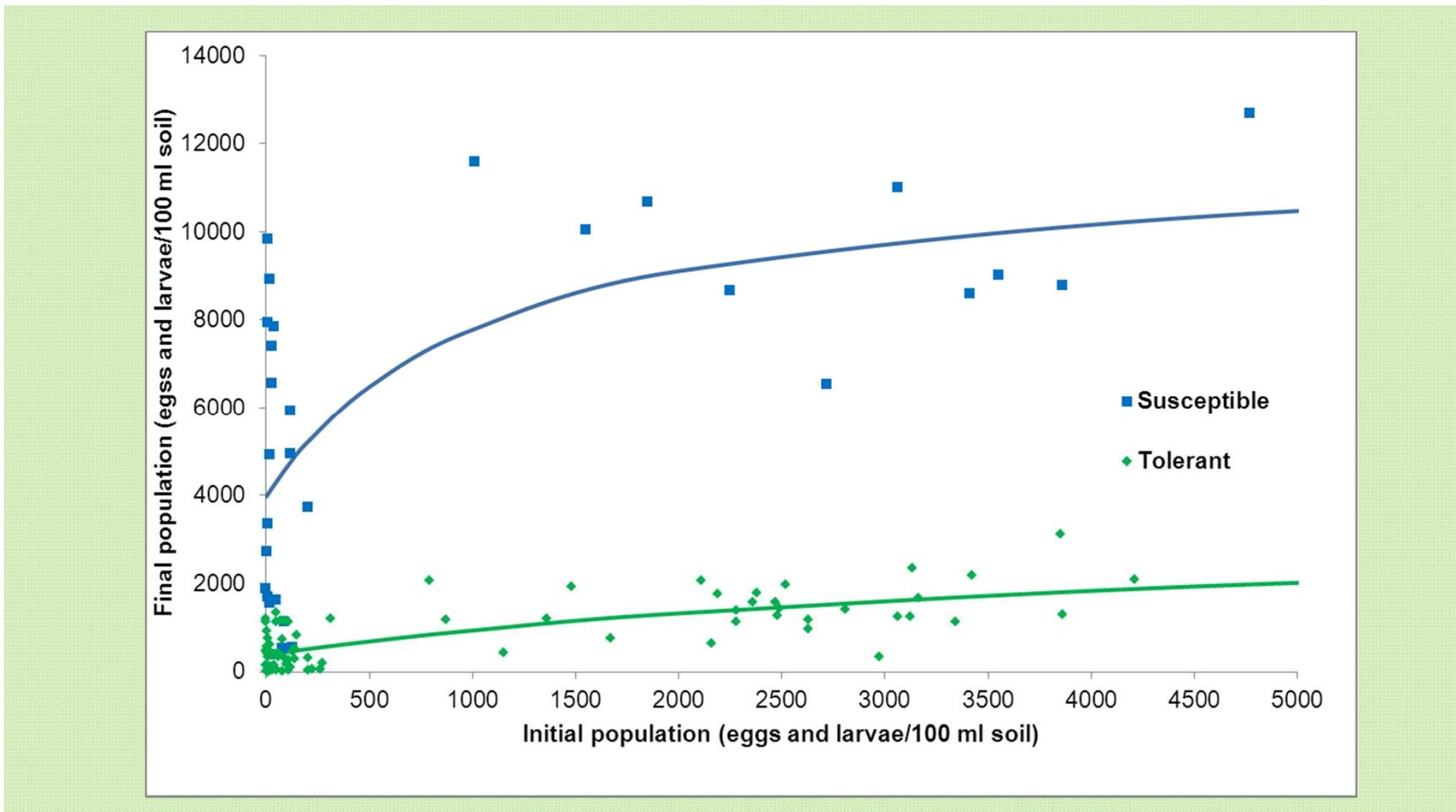


# Final population *Heterodera betae*

Average of 3 field trials

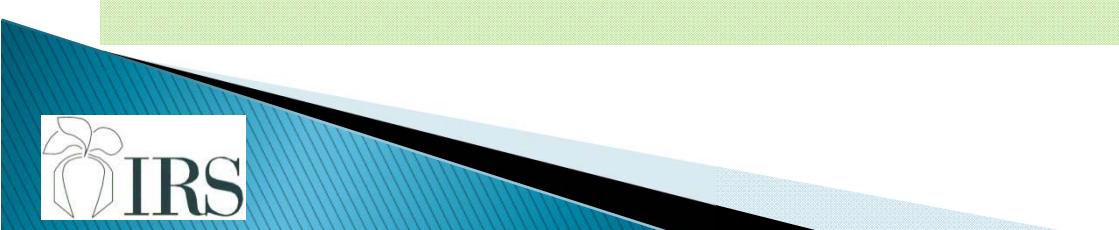


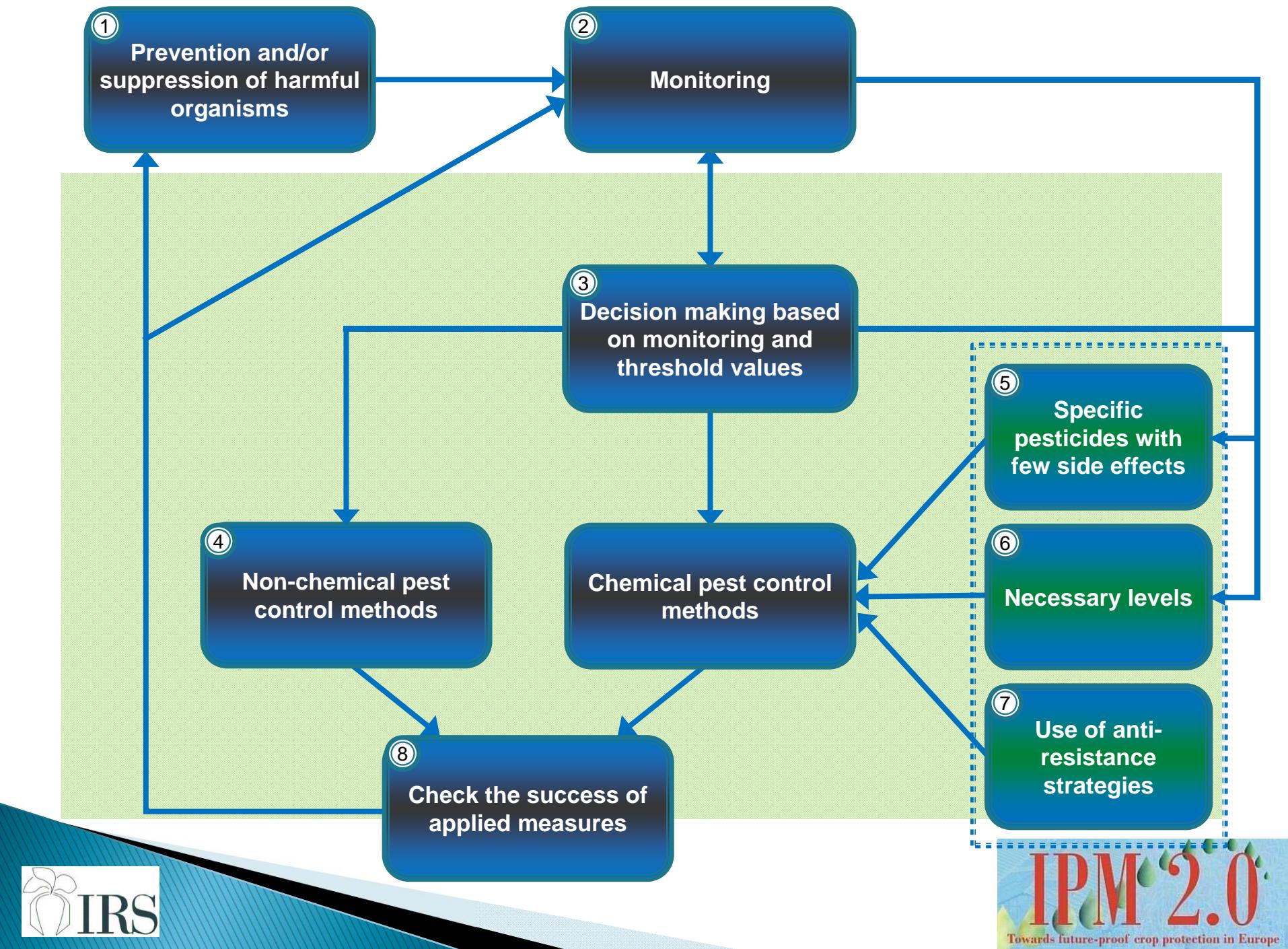
# Multiplication *Heterodera betae*



# Conclusions sugar beet varieties

- ▶ varieties tolerant to *Heterodera schachtii* are also tolerant to *Heterodera betae*
- ▶ those varieties give higher yields than susceptible varieties
- ▶ multiplication of *H. betae* is limited by tolerant varieties in comparison with susceptible varieties





# IPM of *Heterodera betae*

- ▶ monitoring: sampling
- ▶ damage threshold: 75 e+l/100 ml soil
- ▶ chemical pest control: not necessary anymore
- ▶ suppression of nematode by:
  - less intensive crop rotation
  - growing resistant oilseed radish and white mustard
  - growing tolerant sugar beet varieties

