



Cultivation of Camelina in semi-arid land with a high risk of desertification

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INTRODUCTION TO THE CAMELINA CROP



Camelina sativa

Camelina is an oilseed from the **Brassicaceae** family. It is a resilient crop that is fully cultivated with **commercial machinery**.



Germination



Leaves



Rosette



Elongation



Flowering



Harvest

INTRODUCTION TO THE CAMELINA CROP



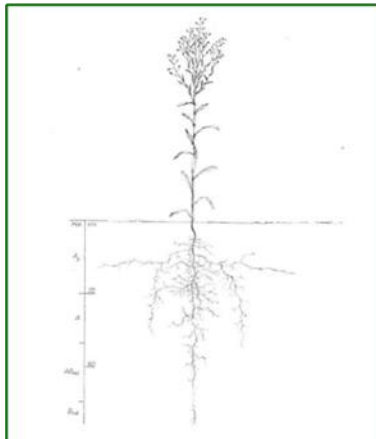
Resilient oilseed

- drought resistant
- cold/heat tolerant
- pest & disease tolerant
- Allelopathic effect
- Low nitrogen required
- Commercial machinery

Unique precocity

- Very short cycle varieties
- Winter & spring varieties

Cover crop harvest
without impacting
the main crops



Pivoting root system



METHODOLOGY APPLIED IN THE BIO4A PROJECT SCOPE



Objectives

YEAR 1

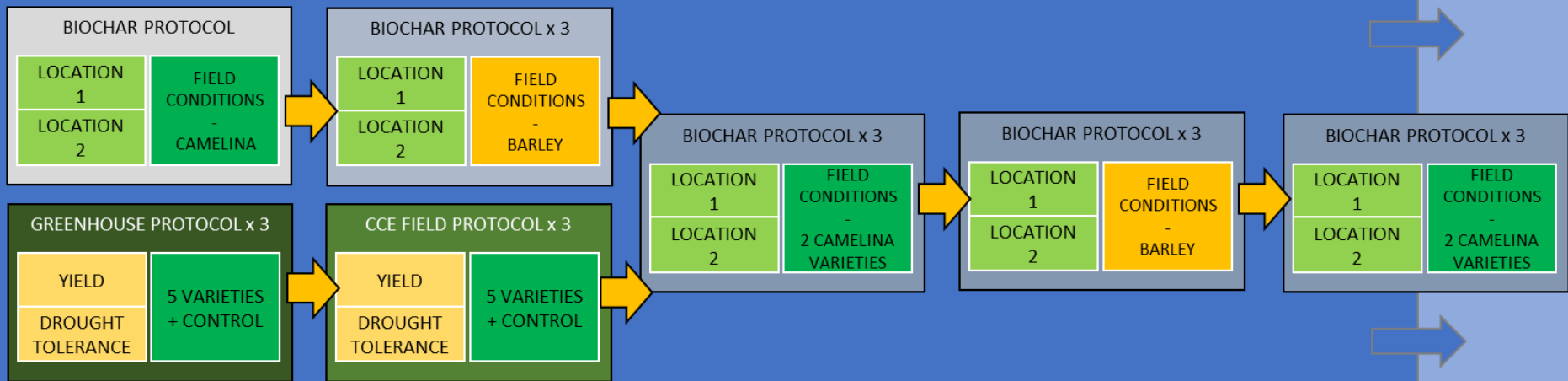
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O1: Biochar+compost agronomic protocol

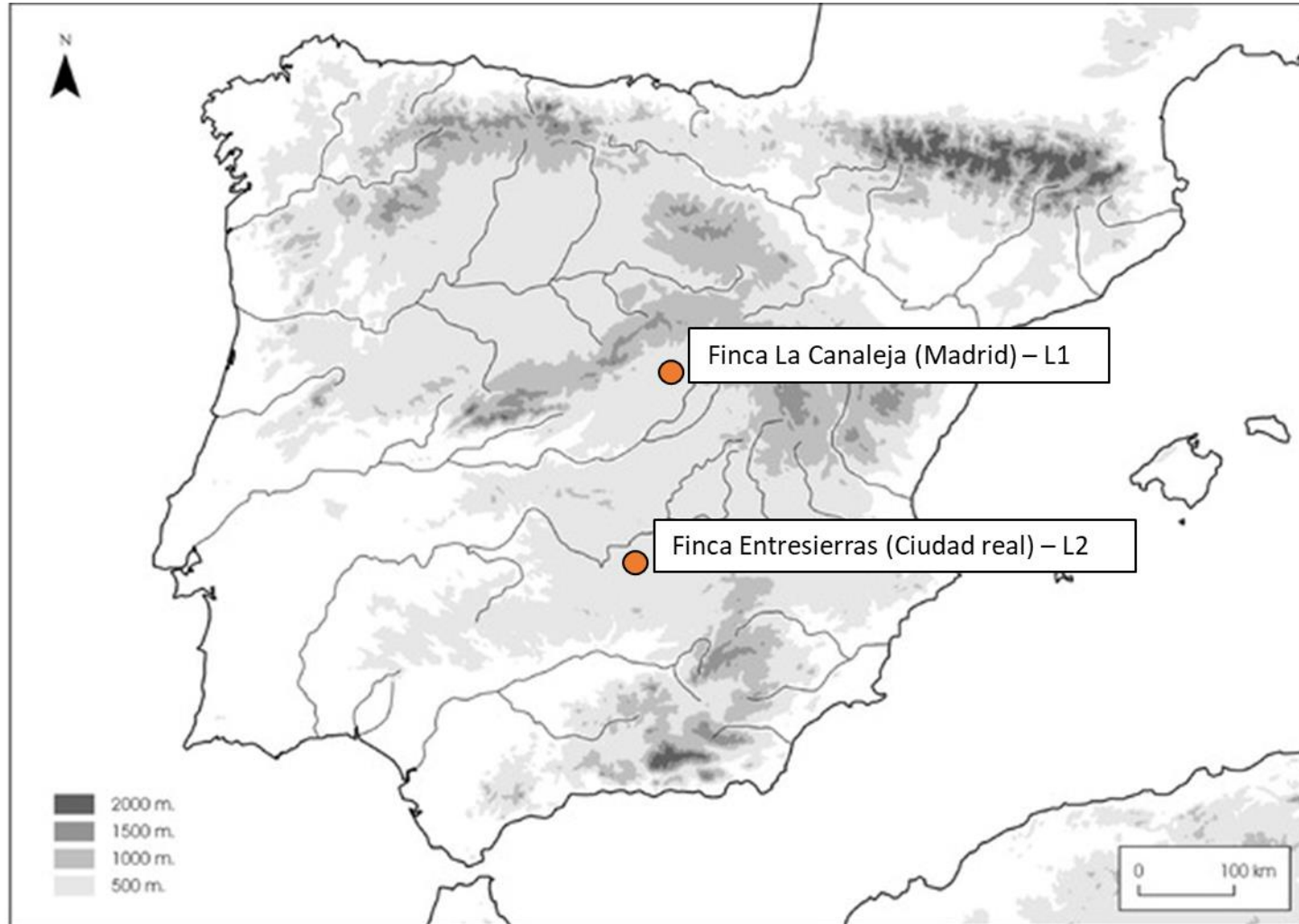


O2: High yielding camelina variety

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Locations



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Biochar protocol: Treatments

1. **No fertilization:** No fertilization product has been applied in this treatment.
2. **Mineral fertilization:** 250 kg/ha of NPK (8:24:8) as background fertilization
3. **COMBI containing 10% Biochar**
4. **COMBI containing 15% Biochar**
5. **COMBI containing 20% Biochar**
6. **Biochar** supplied by RECORD + 250 kg/ha of **NPK** (8:24:8) as background fertilization
7. **100% Compost** supplied by RECORD

Biochar and compost mixes have been **applied only once**, previous to the first-year experiment.

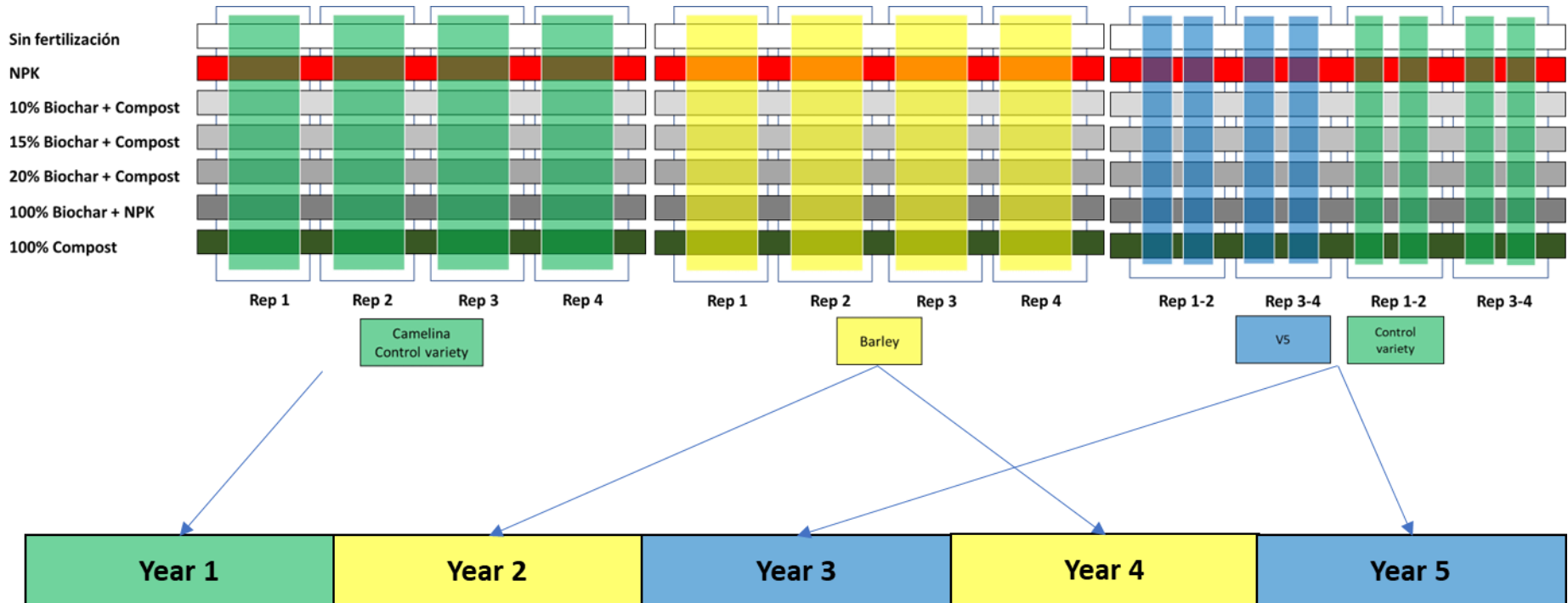
Background fertilization (NPK), has been **applied every year** before sowing (only to Mineral fertilization treatment and Biochar+NPK treatment).

Dressing fertilization has been applied in all treatments during spring every year with the exception of “No fertilization treatment”.

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Design



DEVELOPMENT



Objective 1: Biochar+compost agronomic protocol

YEAR 1

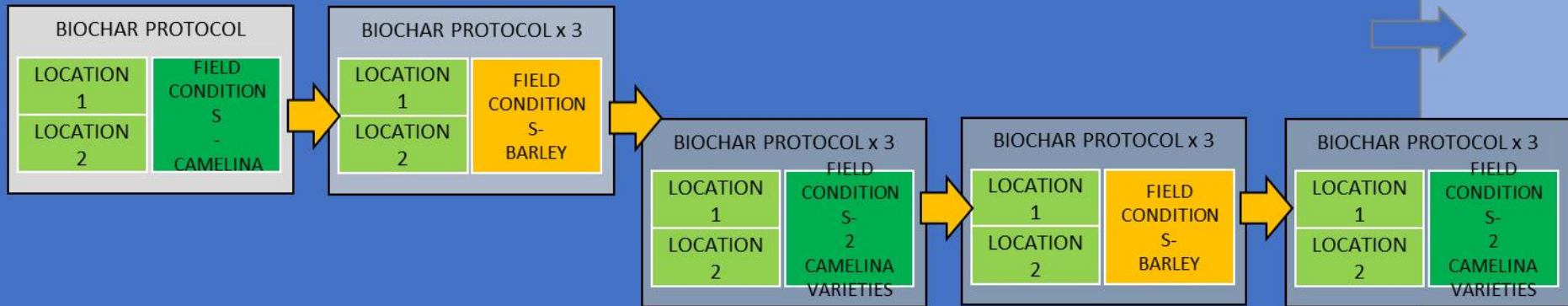
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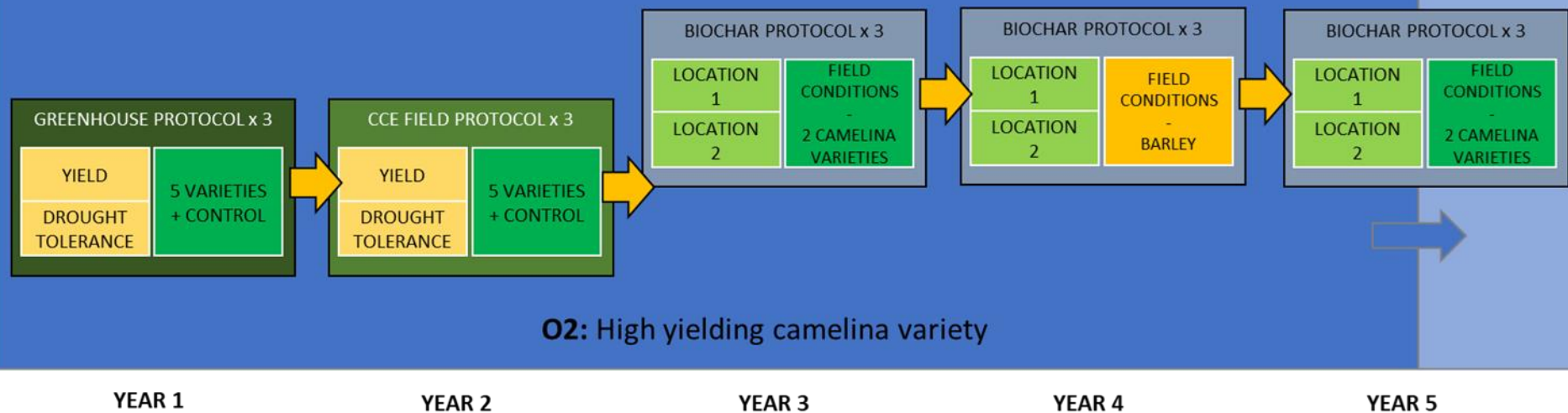
O1: Biochar+compost agronomic protocol



DEVELOPMENT



Objective 2: High yielding camelina variety



O2: High yielding camelina variety

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

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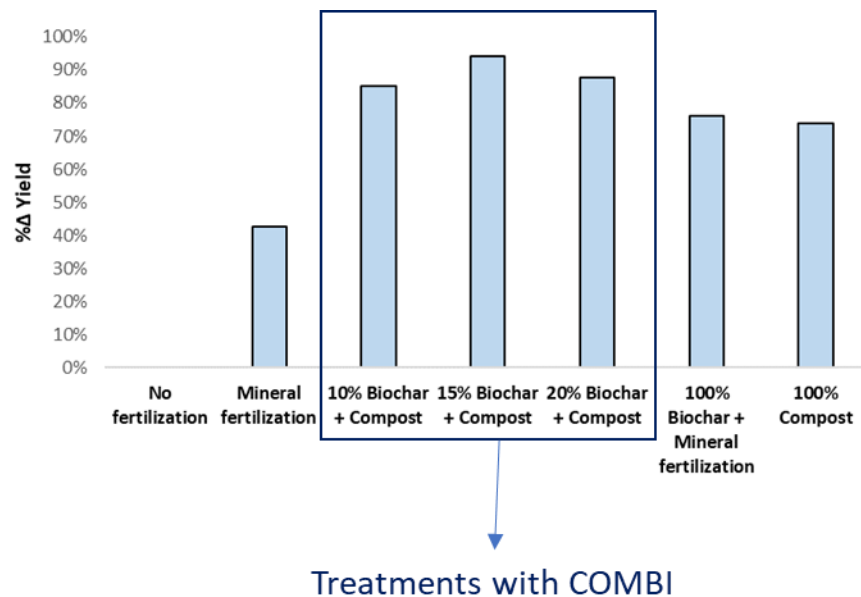
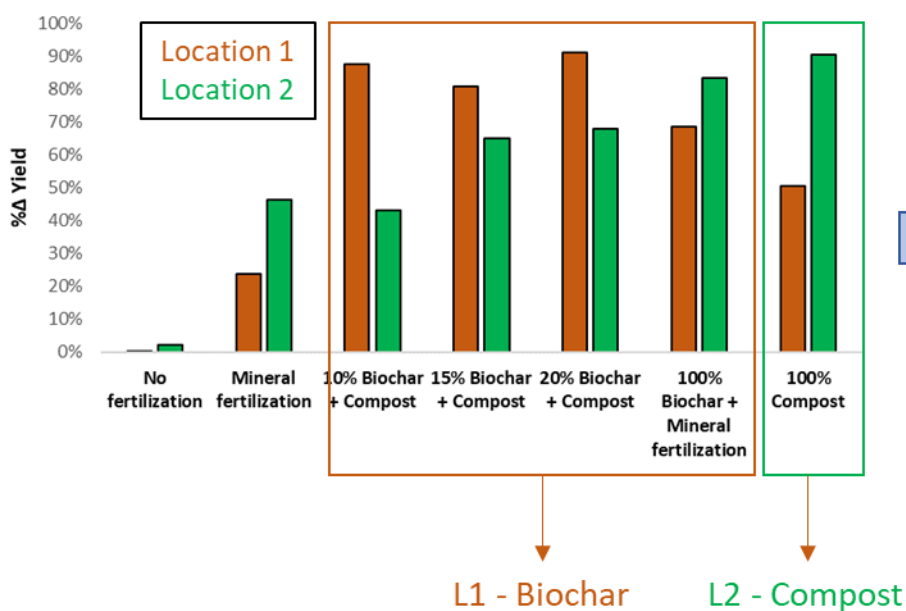
YEAR 5

RESULTS



Yield response

- 1° Positive yield response of Biochar and compost application.
- 2° Different effect in both locations. Location 1 showed a better response to biochar than Location 2.
- 3° Combination of both products (COMBI) has obtained the best results

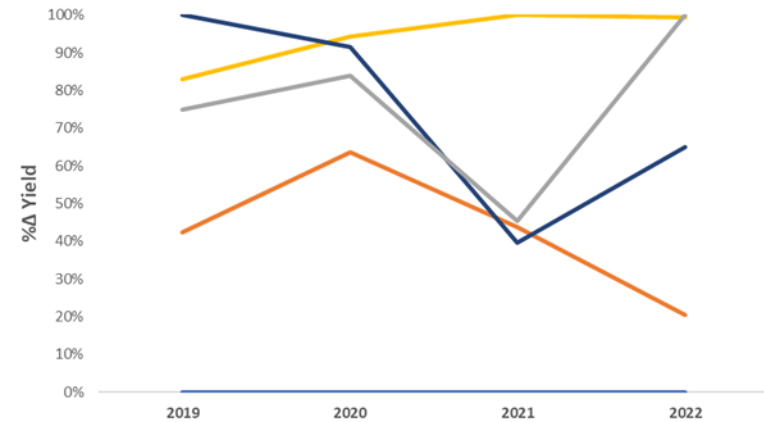
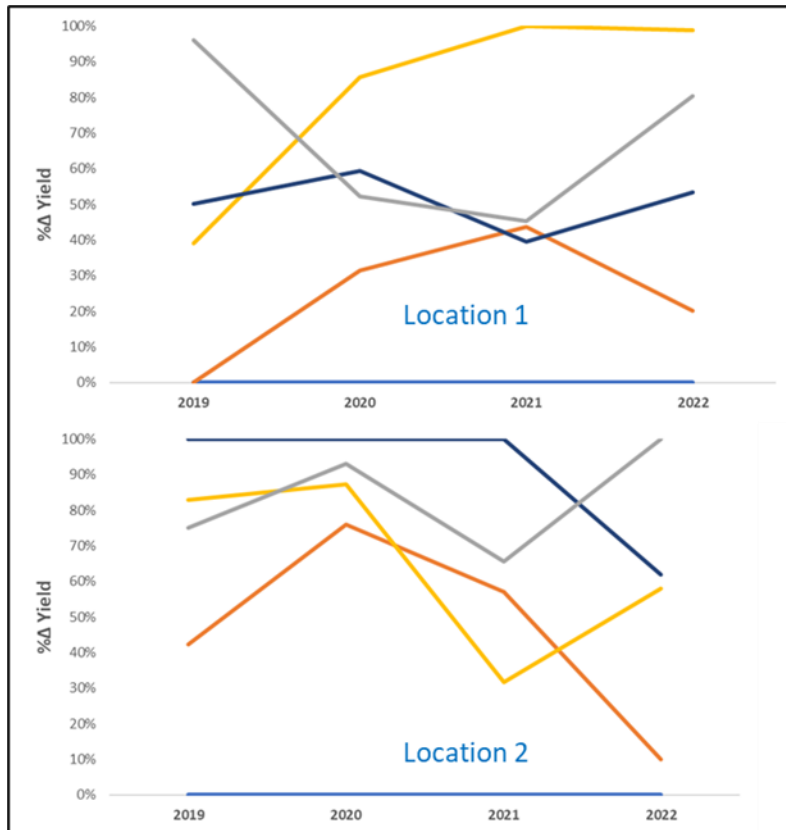


RESULTS



Yield stability

- 1° Mineral fertilization treatment shows a progressive decrement.
- 2° Compost treatment yields tend to go down.
- 3° Biochar treatments have shown a higher stability over time.



No fertilization
Mineral fertilization
Combi (15%)
Biochar + Mineral fertilization
100% Compost



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