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# **SOUTH AMERICA, POTATO PEST AND PATHOGEN THREATS – with focus on the ANDES**

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# Outline

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5. New biotic threats to potato production in SA
6. Recent research approaches
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## CIP GLOBAL PRESENCE



**Mission:** To work with partners to achieve **food security, well-being and gender equity** for poor people in **root and tuber farming and food systems** in the developing world. We do this through research and innovation in sciences, technology and capacity strengthening.

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Quito (Ecuador)  
Lima (Peru)

### SSA:

Kumasi (Ghana)  
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Chipata (Zambia)  
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### ASIA:

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## CIP PRESENCE in South America

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# CGIAR's 2016—2030 Strategy and Results Framework

**Vision:** A world free of poverty, hunger and environmental degradation

**1.**  
Reduced Poverty



**2.**  
Improved Food and  
Nutrition Security for  
Health



**3.**  
Improved Natural  
Resources and  
Ecosystem  
Services



**Cross cutting Themes:**

- ◆ Climate Change
- ◆ Gender and Youth
- ◆ Policies and Institutions
- ◆ Capacity Development

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Potato production in  
South America



# Andean potato production

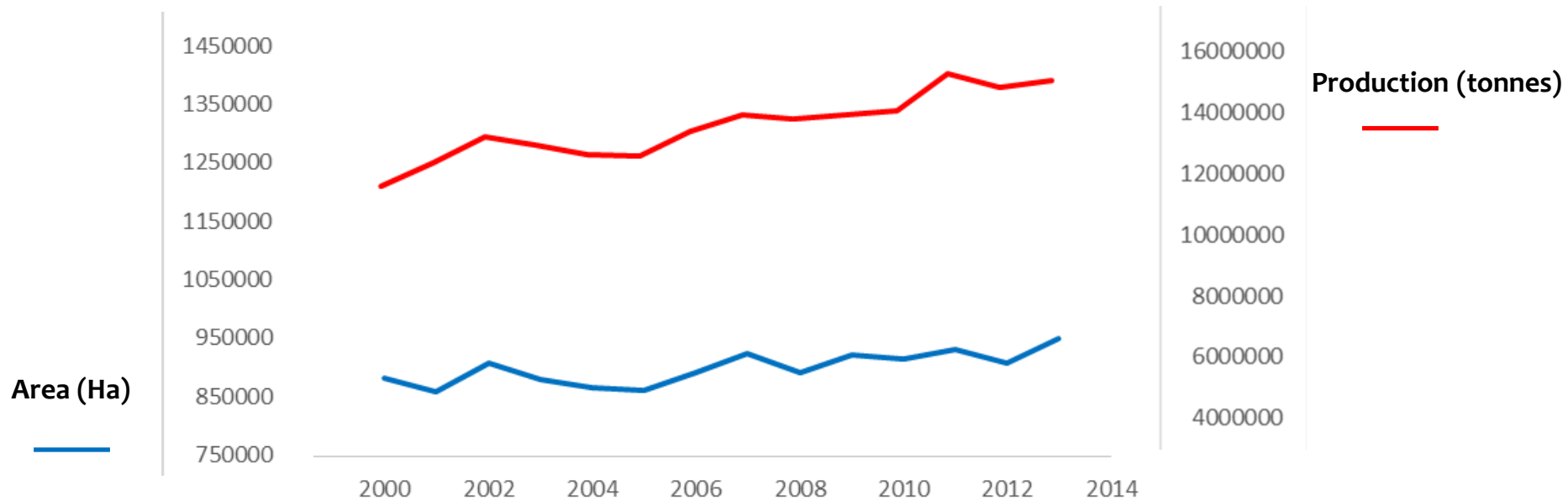




# Flatter areas, e.g. in southern parts of South America



# Planted area and production of potato in South America



Source: FAO 2016

# Potato production in South American countries

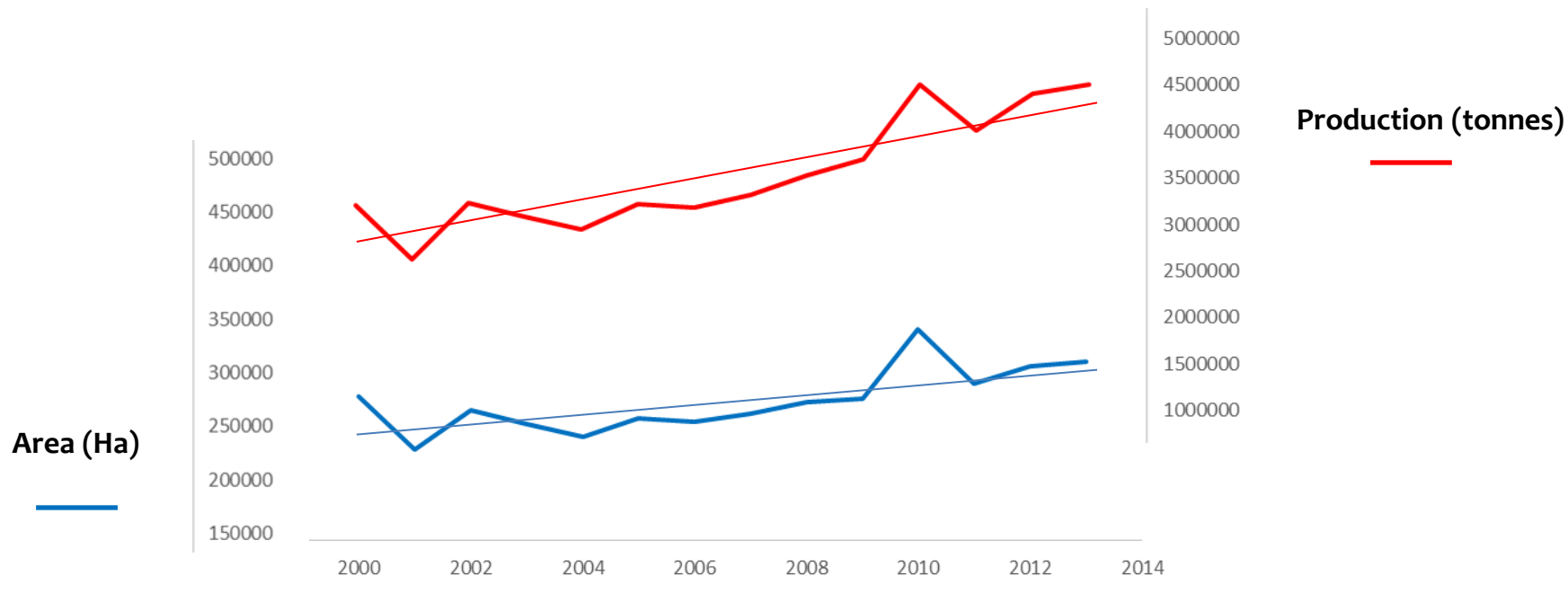
Countries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average
	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes
Peru	3,765,289	3,814,373	4,072,455	4,474,713	4,569,629	4,139,292
Brazil	3,443,712	3,547,510	3,917,234	3,731,798	3,553,772	3,638,805
Argentina	1,950,000	1,996,038	2,126,787	2,200,000	2,000,000	2,054,565
Colombia	2,272,772	1,867,899	1,709,950	1,847,145	2,129,319	1,965,417
Chile	924,555	1,081,349	1,676,444	1,093,462	1,158,922	1,186,946
Bolivia	956,953	1,002,902	1,032,492	1,006,249	1,044,527	1,008,625
Venezuela	499,179	512,544	554,852	349,029	420,319	467,185
Ecuador	286,790	386,798	339,038	285,101	345,922	339,215
New Zealand	545,000	525,000	530,000	550,000	560,000	542,000
Belgium	3,296,077	3,455,800	4,128,669	2,929,800	3,428,000	3,447,669
<b>World Total</b>	<b>334,734,461</b>	<b>333,618,656</b>	<b>374,054,845</b>	<b>369,091,265</b>	<b>314,806,639</b>	<b>345,261,173</b>

# Potato yield in South American countries

Countries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average
	T/ha	T/ha	T/ha	T/ha	T/ha	T/ha
Argentina	28.04	27.95	29.74	31.42	28.78	29.2
Brazil	24.82	25.89	26.25	27.45	27.75	26.4
Chile	20.51	21.30	31.25	26.33	23.38	24.6
Venezuela	19.97	17.62	17.31	19.97	19.79	18.9
Colombia	18.38	17.25	17.34	18.17	18.56	17.9
Peru	13.34	13.15	13.74	14.33	14.41	13.8
Ecuador	5.85	8.74	7.78	8.31	7.31	7.6
Bolivia	5.23	5.66	5.70	5.76	5.77	5.6
New Zealand	47.82	49.58	49.42	47.50	46.67	48.2
Belgium	44.71	42.27	50.14	45.42	46.15	45.7
<b>World average</b>	<b>17.91</b>	<b>17.85</b>	<b>19.48</b>	<b>19.13</b>	<b>19.47</b>	<b>18.8</b>



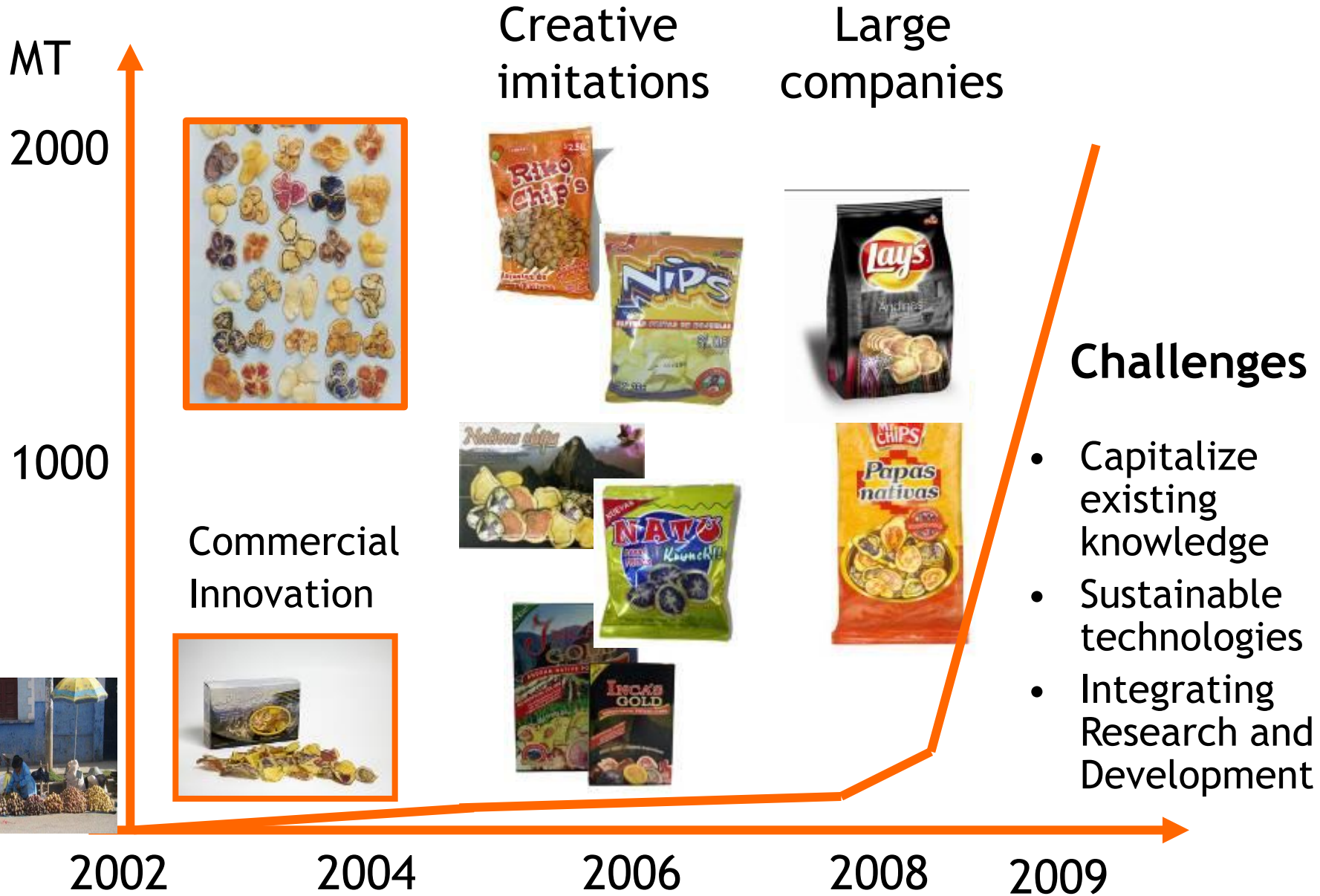
# Planted area and production of potato in Peru



Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Area (Ha)	284671	234242	270894	258003	246770	264054	260847	268161	278546	282355	347267	296439	312227	317,044
Production (ton)	3274860	2690544	3298162	3143874	3008159	3289699	3248416	3388000	3597091	3765289	3814373	4072455	4474713	4,570,673

Source: FAO 2016

# PERU: Coloured Potato Crisps market



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**Main potato pests  
in South America**

# Potato pests

- Farmers usually face around 10 insect pests
  - Typically, 2-4 insect pests reach a damage threshold that requires control
- The most important in the Andean countries are:
  - Andean potato weevils (*Premnotrypes* spp.)
  - Tuber moths (*Symmetrischema tangolias*, *Phthorimaea operculella*, *Tecia solanivora*)





# Potato pests

- Leaf miner fly (*Liriomyza huidobrensis*)
- Potato flea beetles (*Epitrix* spp.)
- Nematodes (*Globodera pallida*, *G. rostochiensis*, *Nacobbus aberrans*)



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**Main potato diseases  
in South America**

# Potato diseases

- Potato late blight caused by *Phytophthora infestans* is the most important disease



# Potato diseases

## Foliage diseases

- *Alternaria solani*
- *Erysiphe / Oidium spp.*
- *Puccinia pittieriana*



## Soilborne diseases

- *Ralstonia solanacearum,*
- *Rhizoctonia solani*
- *Spongospora subterranea*
- *Pectobacterium spp.*
- *Fusarium spp.*





# Potato seed health

Certified seed use (%)	Colombia	Ecuador	Peru	Bolivia
	2	8	0,5	<0,1

Seed (certified)

## • Potato seed health management



Seed Potato for the following crop

Planting of farm produced seed



Plant selection



Tuber selection storage

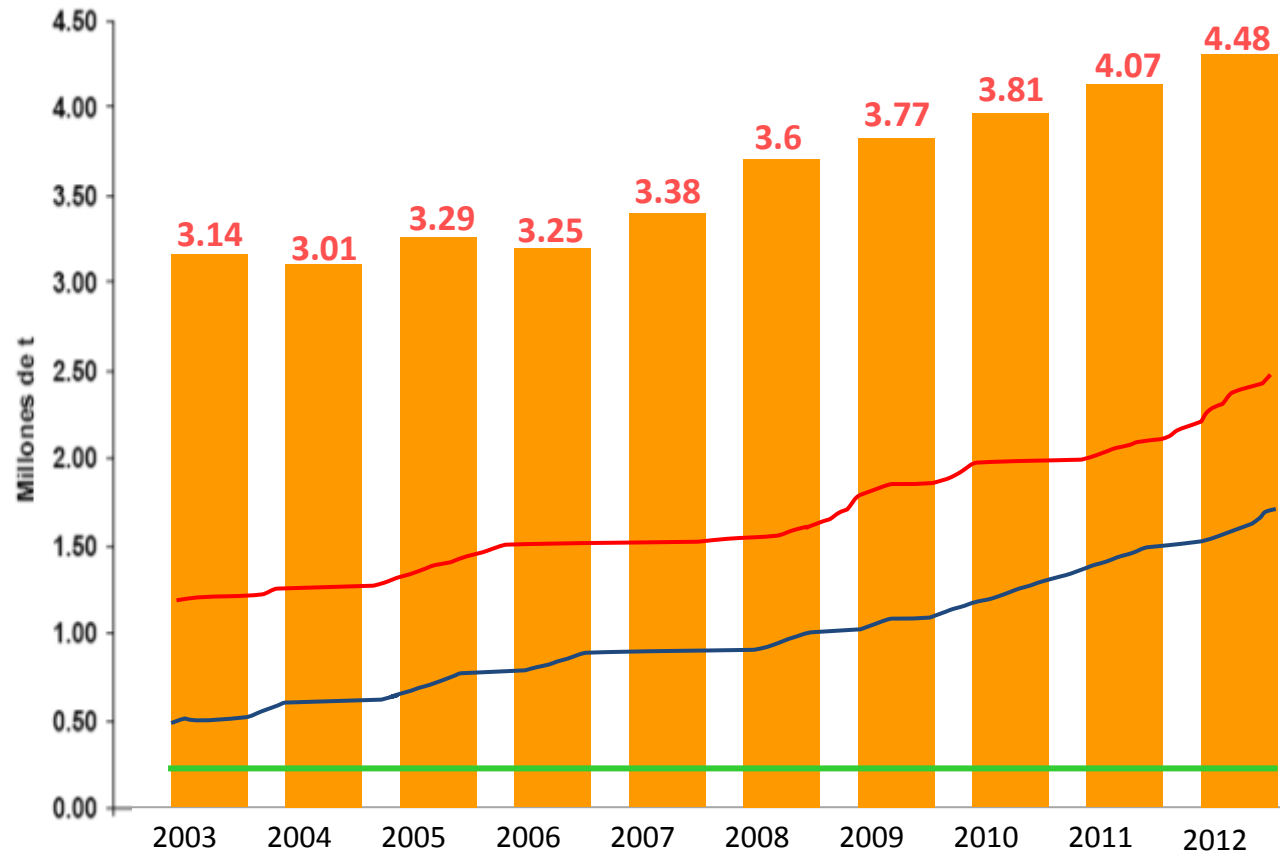


Degenerated potato seed



- Andean weevils
- Tuber moths
- *Rhizoctonia*
- *Pectobacterium*
- Viruses

# The role of certified seed in the potato boom in Peru



M. Ordinola (2013)

Production (millions of t) Yield Price Certified seed

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**New threats to potato  
production in South America**

# New threats

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**Zebra chip (ZC) – suspected in Ecuador and Colombia**

**Tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV) – Argentina**

# New threats

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**Tomato chlorosis virus (ToCV) – Brazil**

**Potato yellow vein virus (PYVV) – increasing problem in Colombia**

**Other viruses: Identification of a high diversity of viruses by deep sequencing**



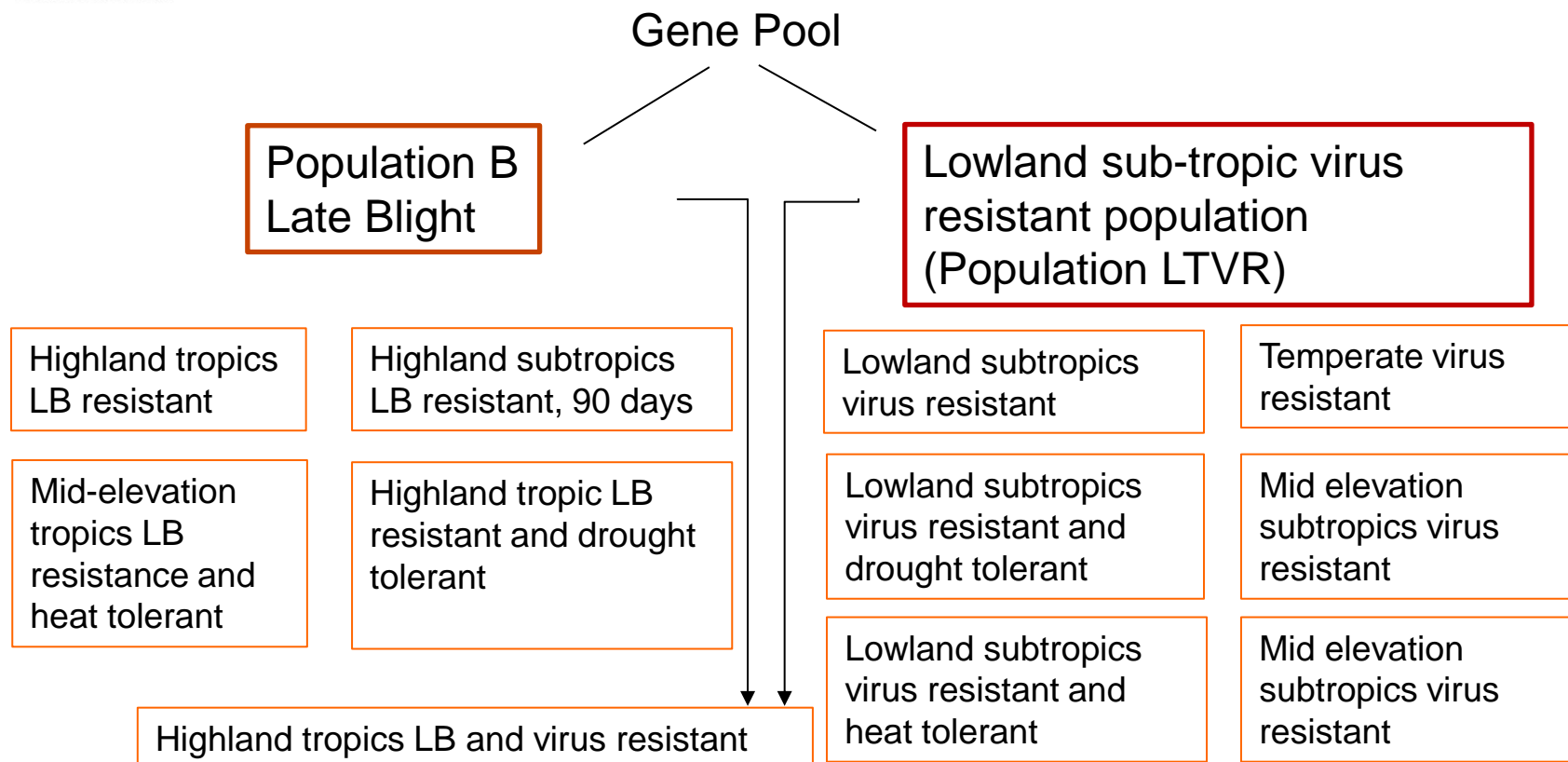
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Recent research  
approaches

# Breeding varieties with pest/disease resistance



## International Potato Center's advanced breeding populations



# Technological innovation for Pest Management in the Andes

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Plastic barriers for the control of Andean Potato weevil



Attract-and-kill for the control of moths in field and storage: (AdiosMacho-*Po* and AdiosMacho-*St*)

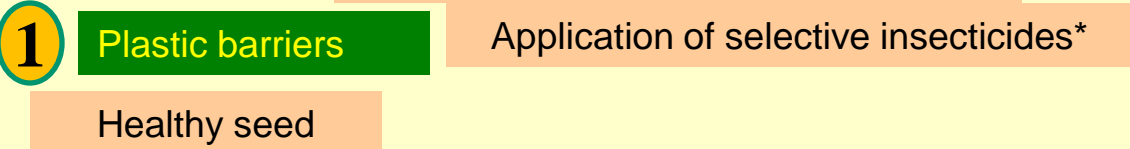


Talco-*Btk* for the control of moths in storage

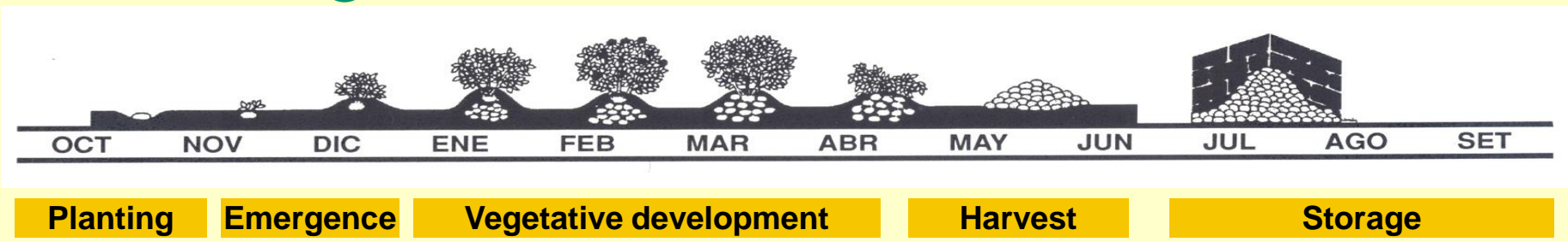
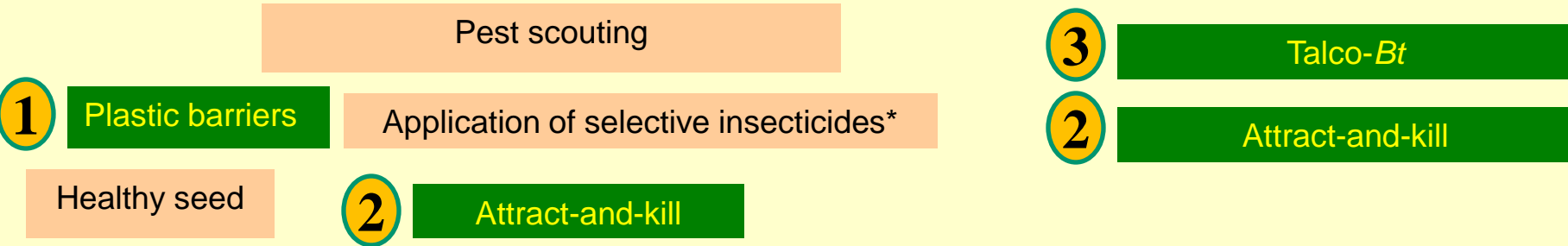


# New IPM technologies for potato in the Andes

## Potato IPM highlands >3800 m



## Potato IPM highlands <3800 m



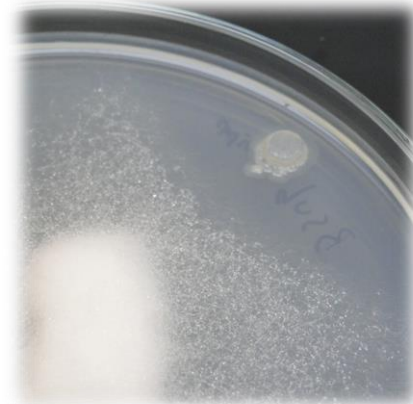
\*Might be necessary, if *Epitrix* spp. occurs in high populations or in potato monoculture!

The technologies have to be embedded into the best cultural practices for potato and each pest!

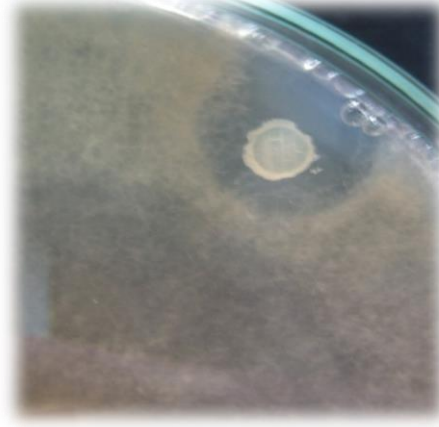
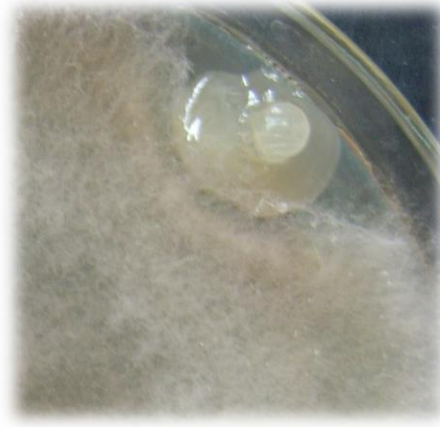
# Beneficial microorganisms

## Biocontrol agents

*Phytophthora infestans.*



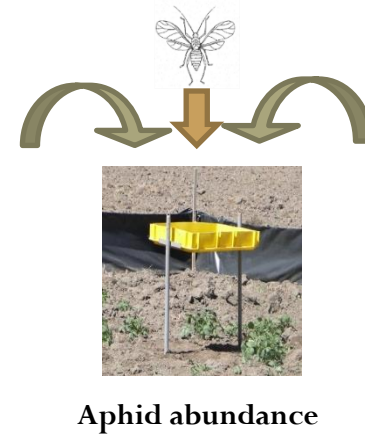
*Rhizoctonia spp.*





# Quantifying potato seed degeneration in the Andes

How much does potato seed degenerate after subsequent generations of multiplication? - Variety, Altitude Management



Incidence of virus at emergence, flowering, tubers  
DAS-ELISA: PVY, PVX, PLRV, PVS, ALPV, APMoV

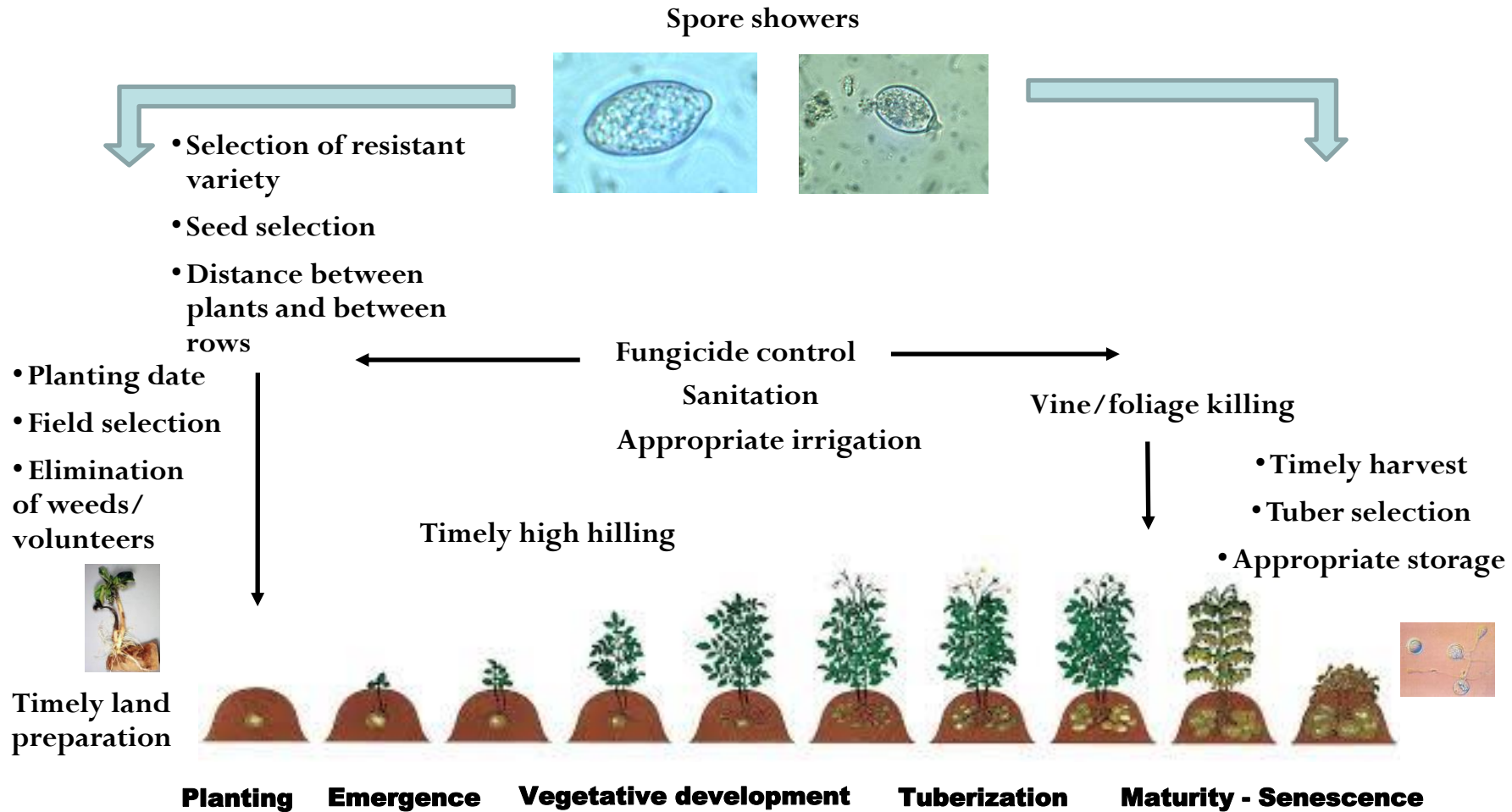
Incidence of seed-borne diseases and pest damage  
Visual inspection

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**Challenges and opportunities  
related to late blight management**

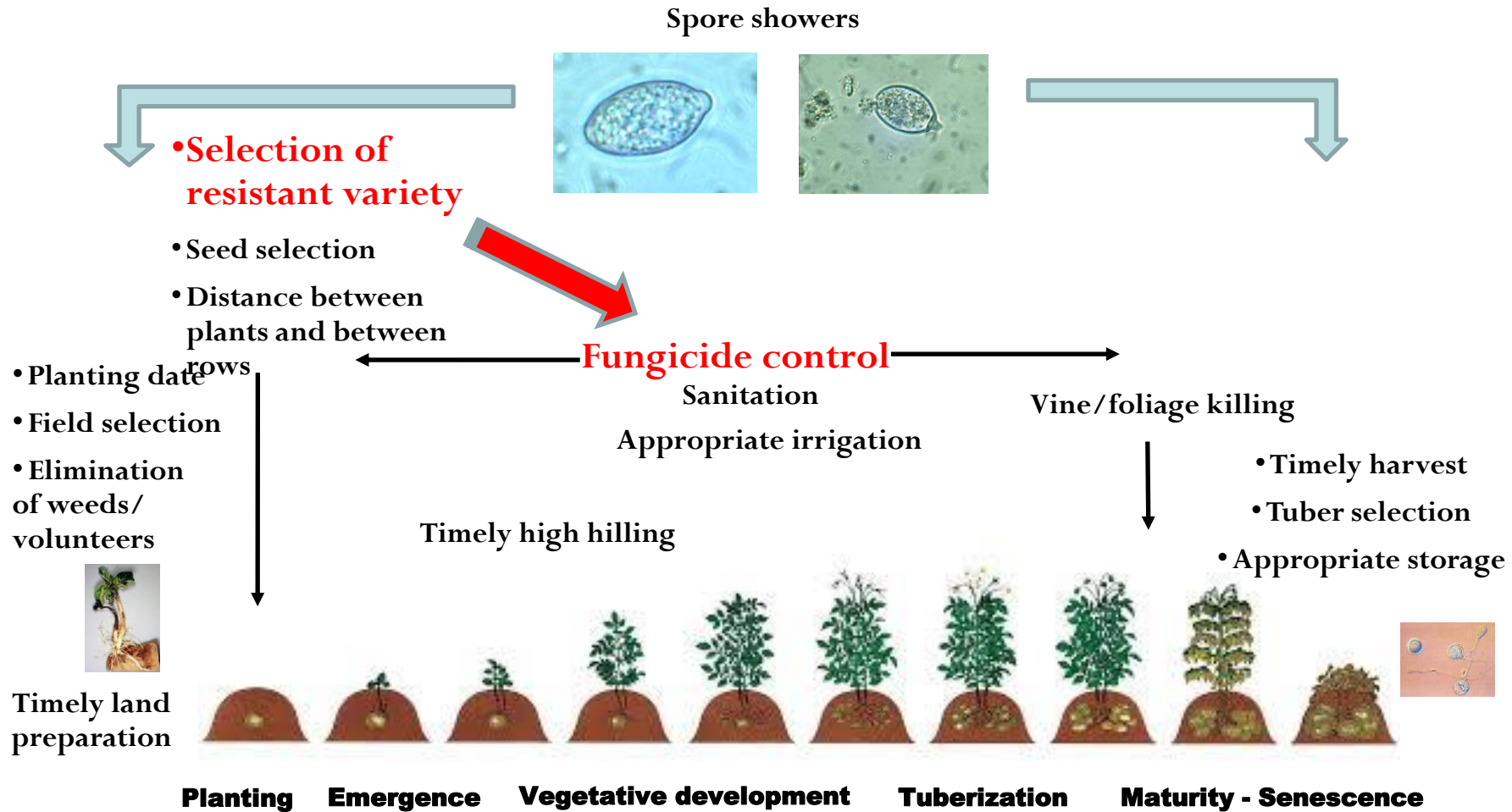
# Late blight management

## Integration of practices



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# Challenges

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## Breed resistant varieties

- Quantify varietal resistance
- Get resistant varieties to farmers

## Improve fungicide control

- Integrate fungicide and host resistance
- Identify low environmental impact alternatives
  - E.g. Phosphonates, Bio-control agents, Chitosan

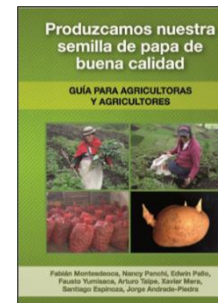
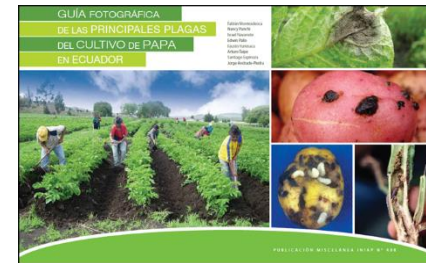
## Improve farmer management capacity

Know *P. infestans* better, how does it evolve?



# Opportunities

- ✓ Public – Private collaboration
  - ✓ Get resistant varieties to farmers – breaking down barriers related to transfer of breeding material
  - ✓ Improve fungicide control
- ✓ Farmer capacity
  - ✓ Collective action, small-farmer associations



# Thank you!

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