

Strawberry Plant Wetness Detection using Color Imaging & Artificial Intelligence for the Strawberry Advisory System (SAS)

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WEATHER STATION INFO

Bronson

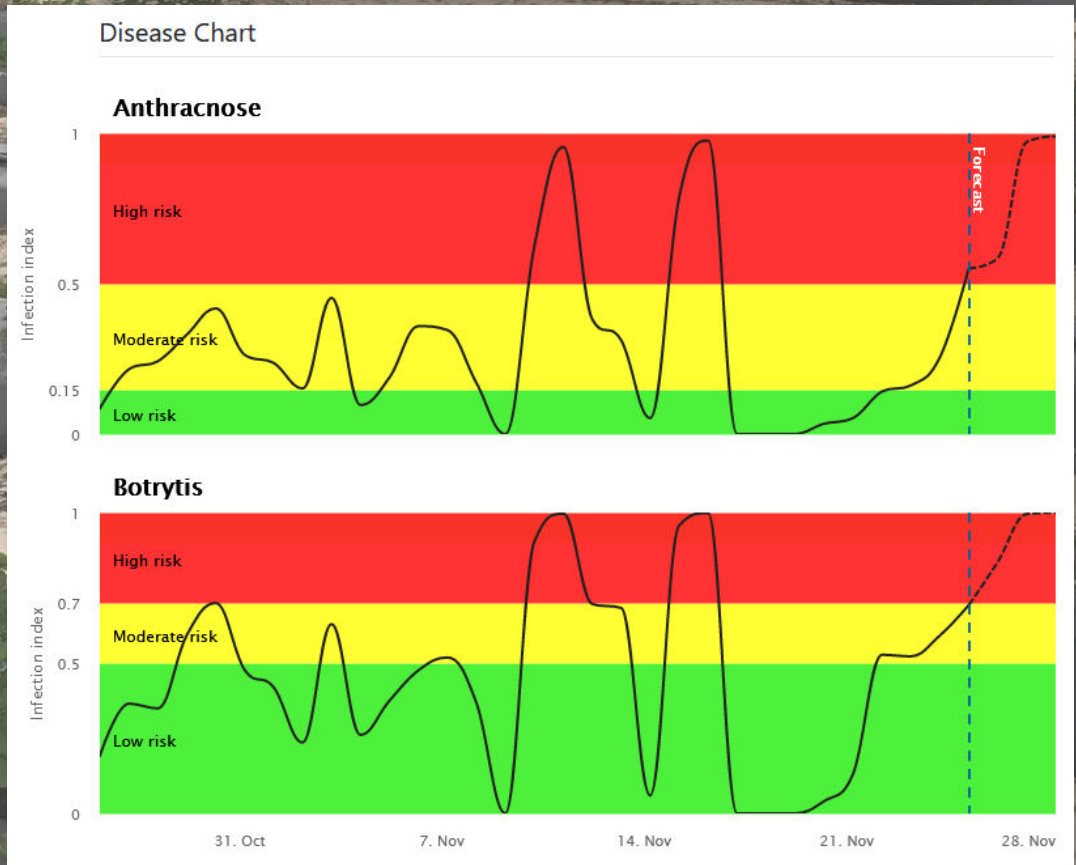
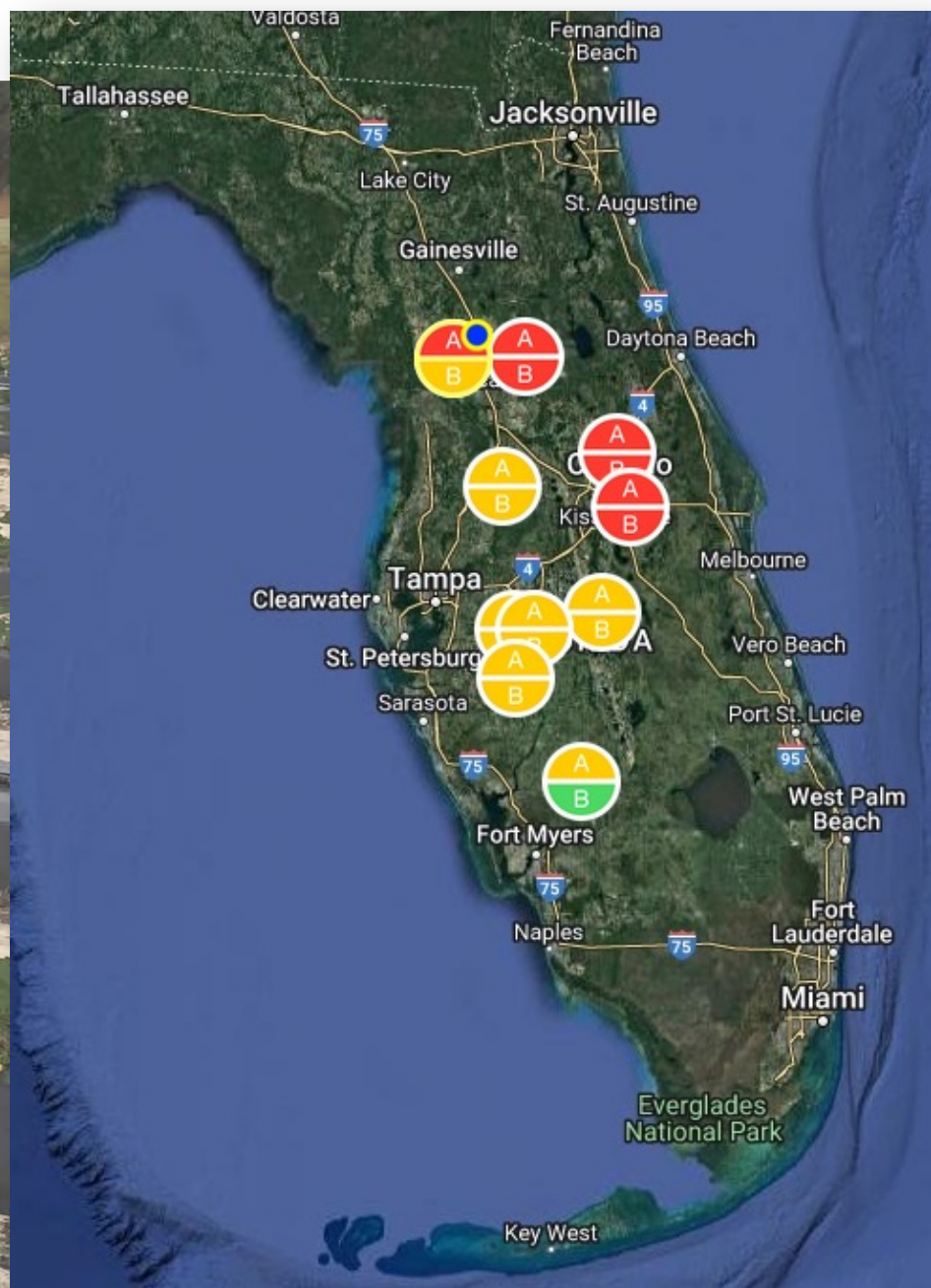
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Bronson, FL
Levy county

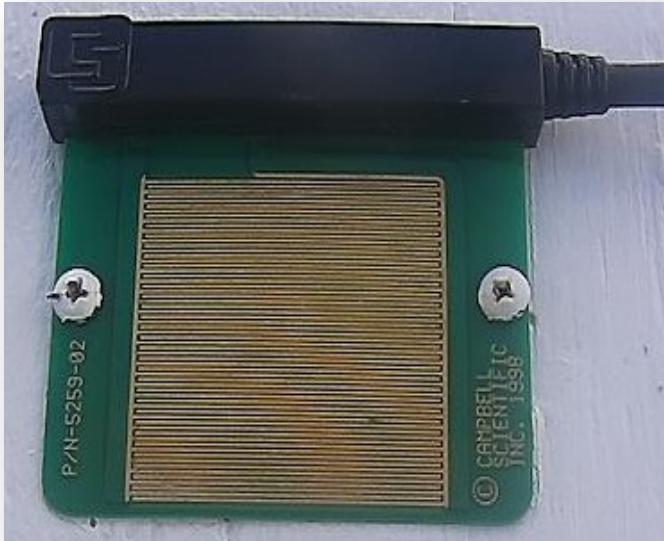
Highest risk recorded today
Simulated at: 11/25/2022 14:45

Anthracnose
Level: High

Botrytis
Level: Moderate



Background

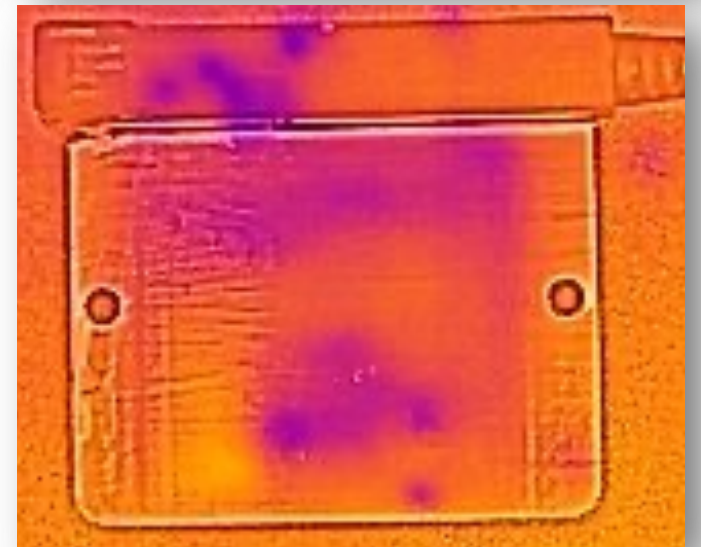
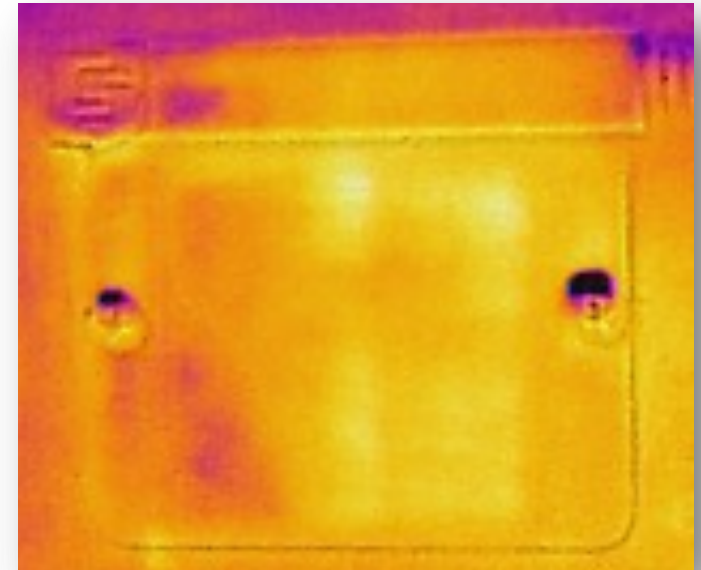


Campbell Scientific L-237
leaf wetness sensor

Sensor painted with white latex paint



Color images



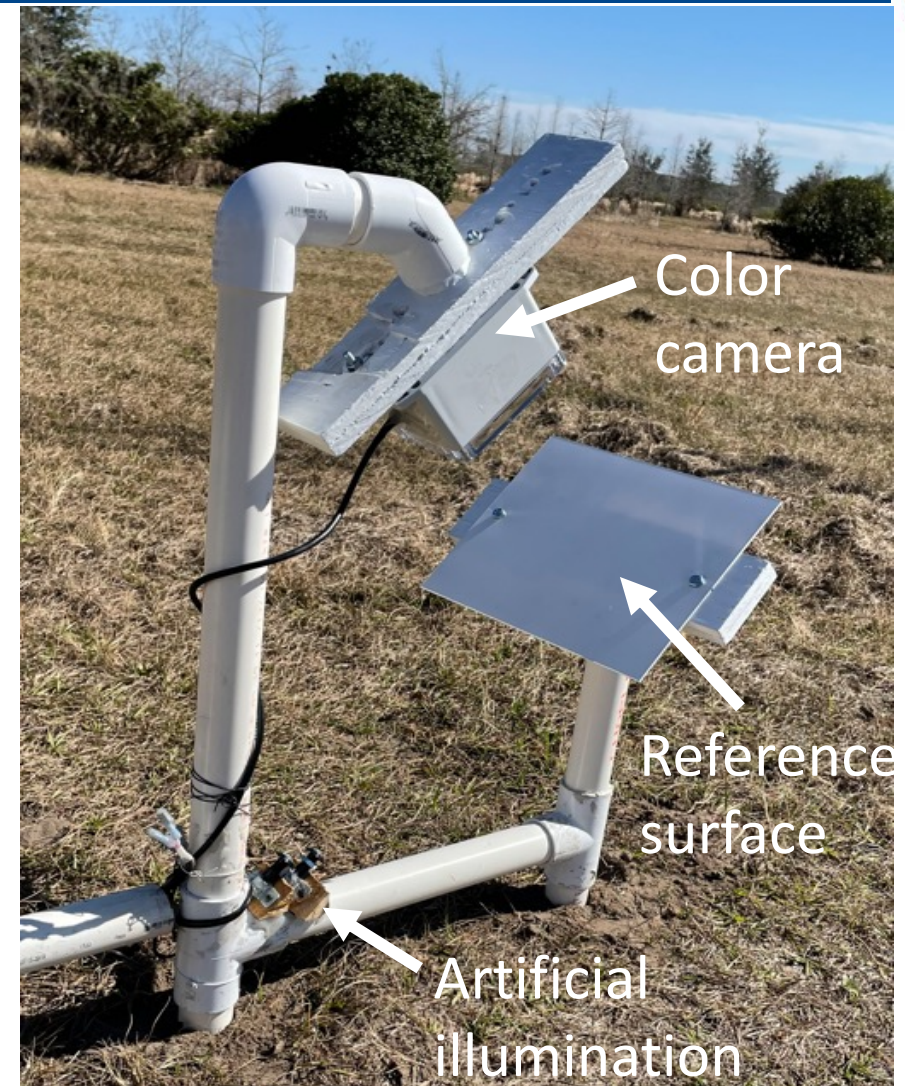
Thermal images



2021-22 Accomplishments

System Setup

- A 24 x 20 cm **white polypropylene sheet** was used as a reference surface.
- The reference surface was placed 45 cm above ground level, facing north, at an angle of 45° from the ground.
- A 1920 x 1080-pixel resolution **color camera** (Wyze v3) with was used.
- A **Raspberry pi** was used to acquire images.
- To take images during nighttime, artificial illumination was used.
- Images were taken **every 15 minutes**.



Leaf wetness detection system with a camera and reference surface

System setup at UF PSREU, Citra



System setup at UF GCREC, Balm

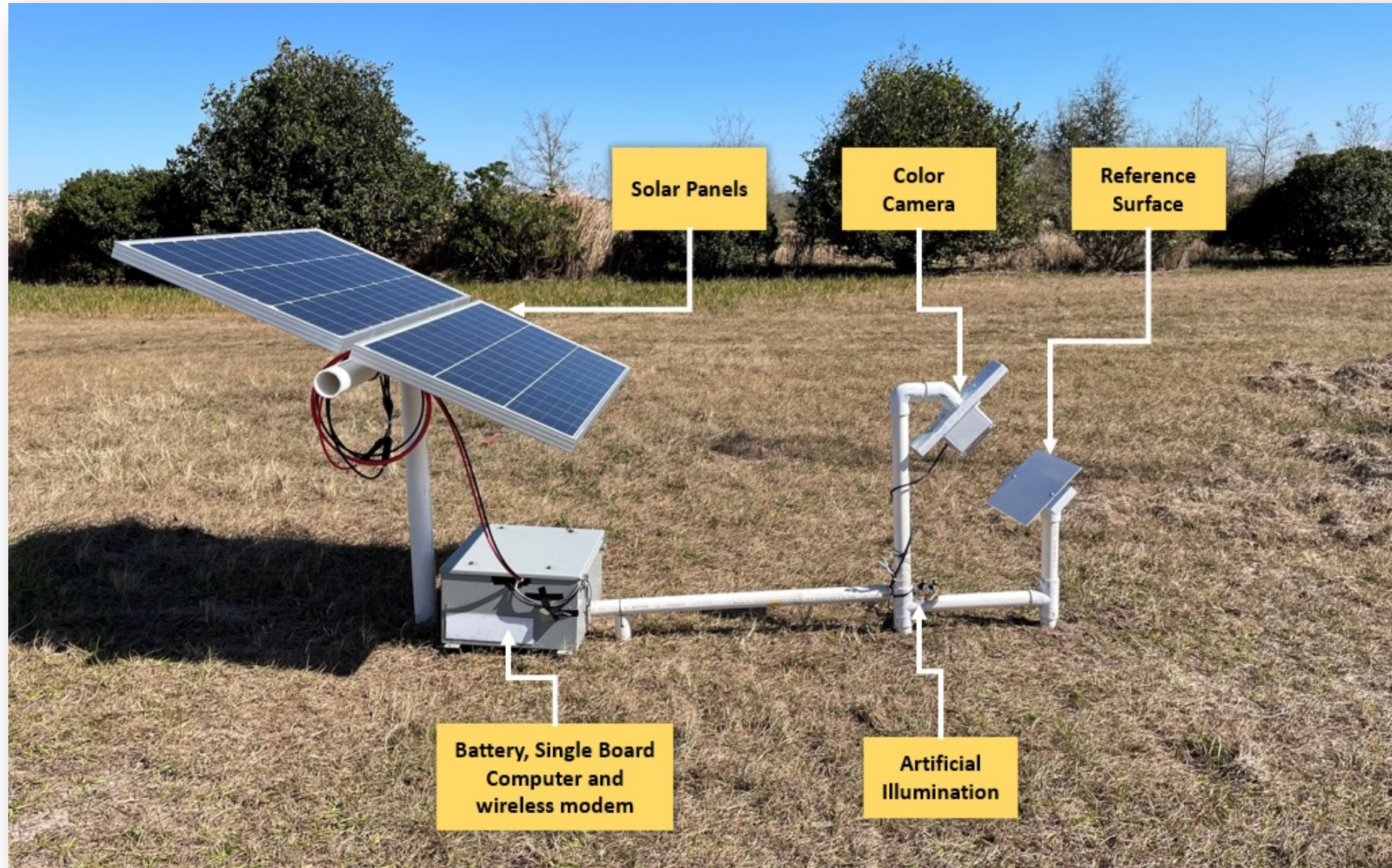
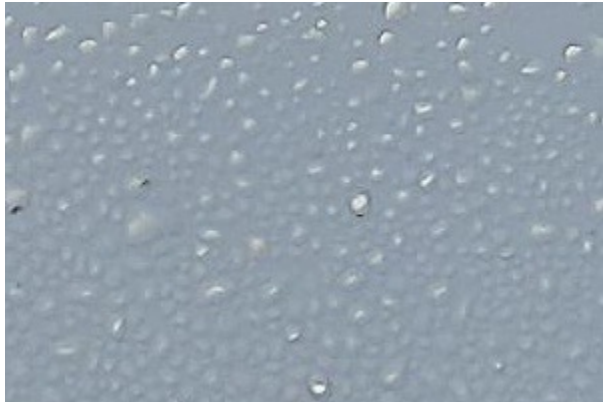


Image Datasets

- Total 19,300 images were collected from October 2021 to March 2022.
- Images were split into 6:4 ratio.
- 11,500 used as training set images and 7,800 as test set images.
- All the images were manually observed and assigned a label either “Wet” or “Dry”.
- If any amount of water was present, then “Wet” else “Dry”.

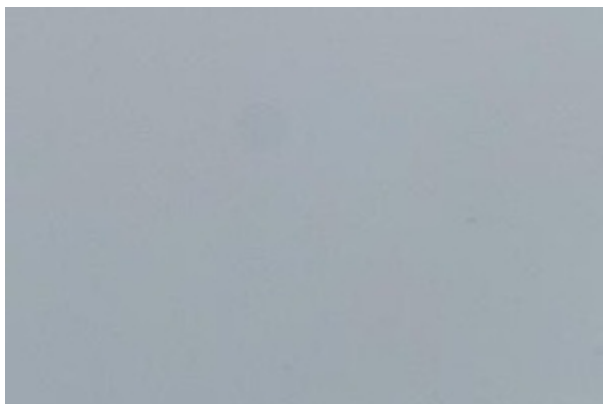
Example images from the training and test datasets



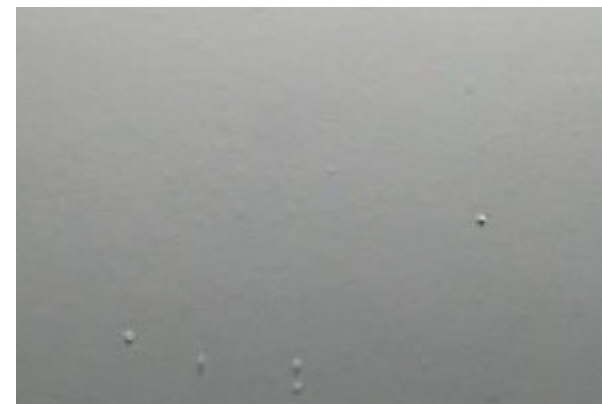
Daytime Image Under “Wet” Category



Night-time Image Under “Wet” Category



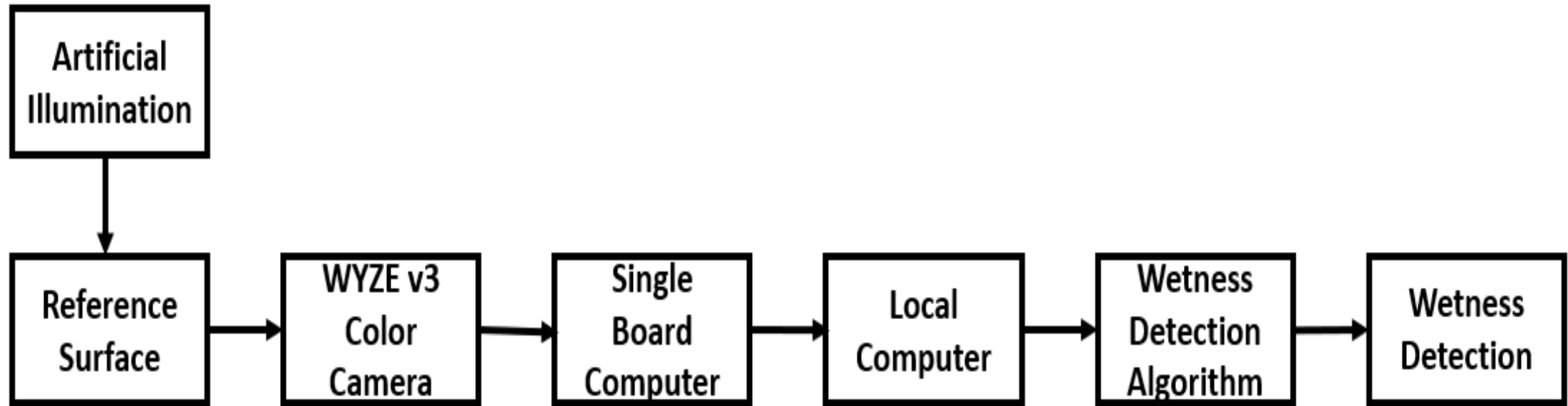
Daytime Image Under “Dry” Category



Night-time Image Under “Dry” Category

2021-22 Method

- Data collected
 - Citra: October 2021 to March 2022
 - GCREC: February 2022 to March 2022
- Deep learning model was trained
- Wetness was determined after images were collected.



2021-22 Results

Wetness detection accuracy compared with the manual observation

	Citra	GCREC
Accuracy	0.962	0.954
Precision	0.946	0.932
Recall	0.962	0.944

Wetness detection accuracy compared with SAS data

	Citra	GCREC
Accuracy	0.793	0.922
Precision	0.838	0.876
Recall	0.705	0.913

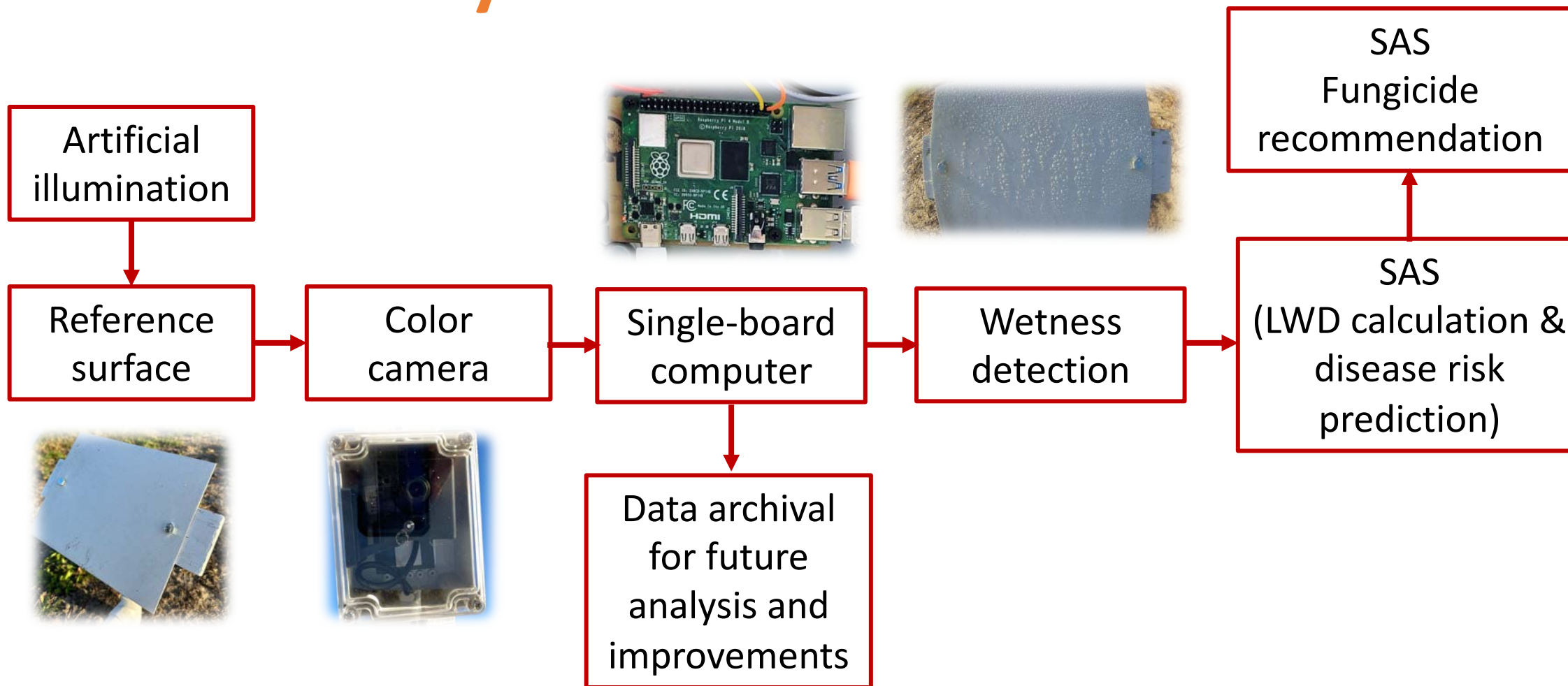


2022-23 Accomplishments

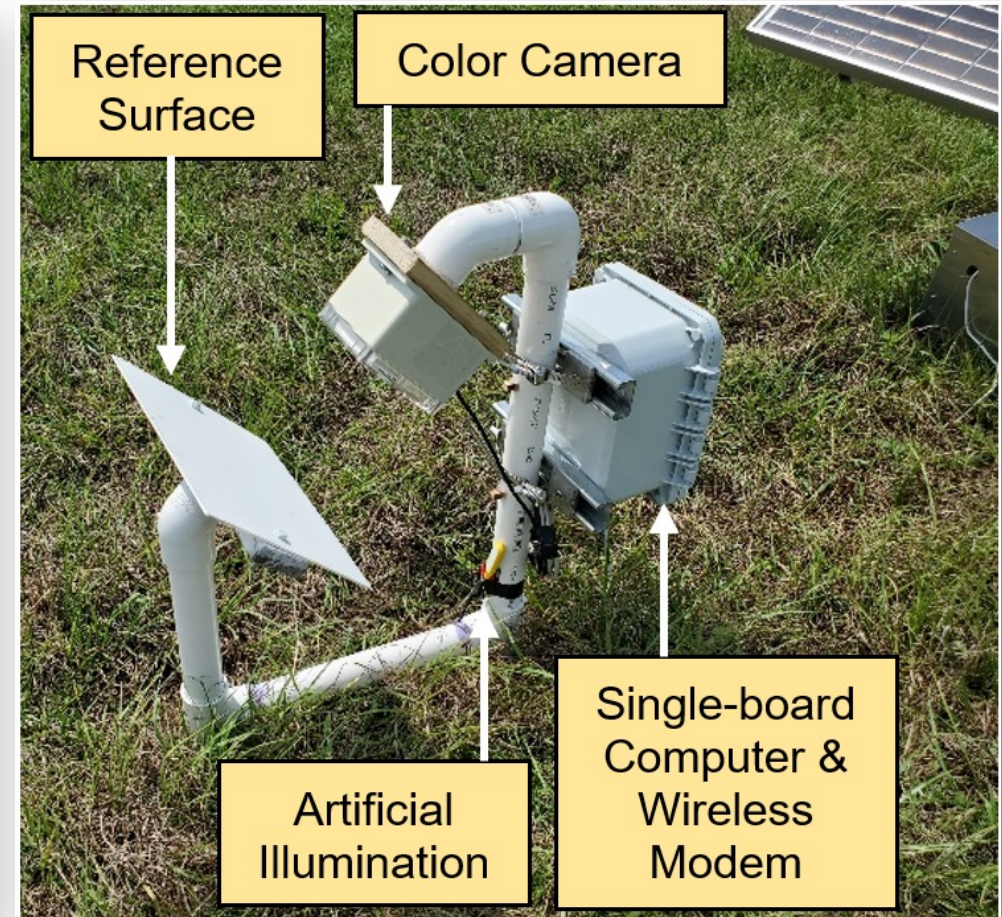
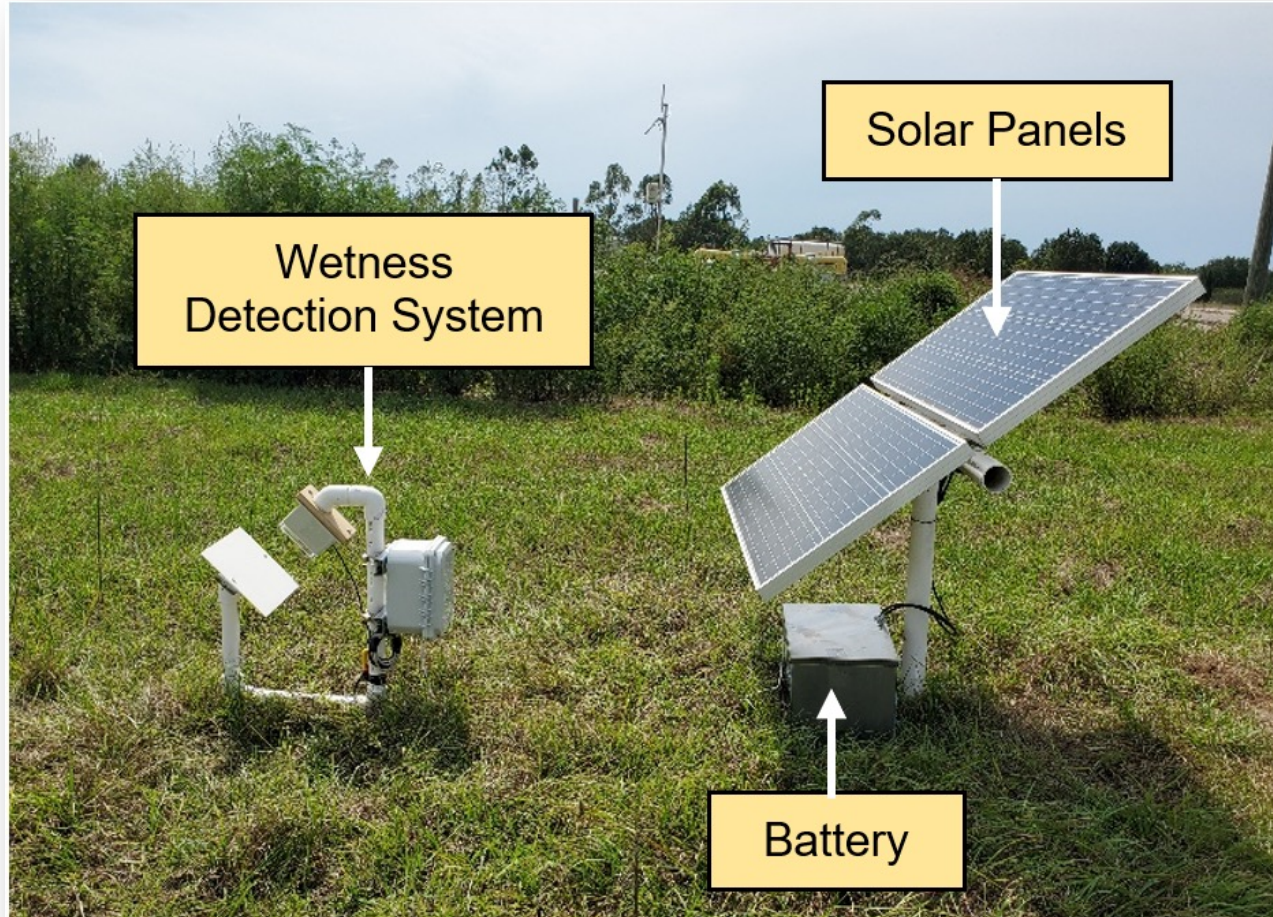
2022-23 Objectives

- Overall: To develop a real-time wetness detection system using artificial intelligence
- Specifically,
 - To develop an imaging-based portable, low-cost, and low-maintenance real-time wetness detection system
 - To place this system at three different locations (Citra, Balm, and Dover)
 - To monitor data and compare with the Strawberry Advisory System (SAS)

Block diagram of the new wetness detection system



Real-time plant wetness detection system at GCREC



Trained AI algorithm installed

Real-time plant wetness detection system at Dover



Real-time plant wetness detection system at PSREU, Citra



Control box

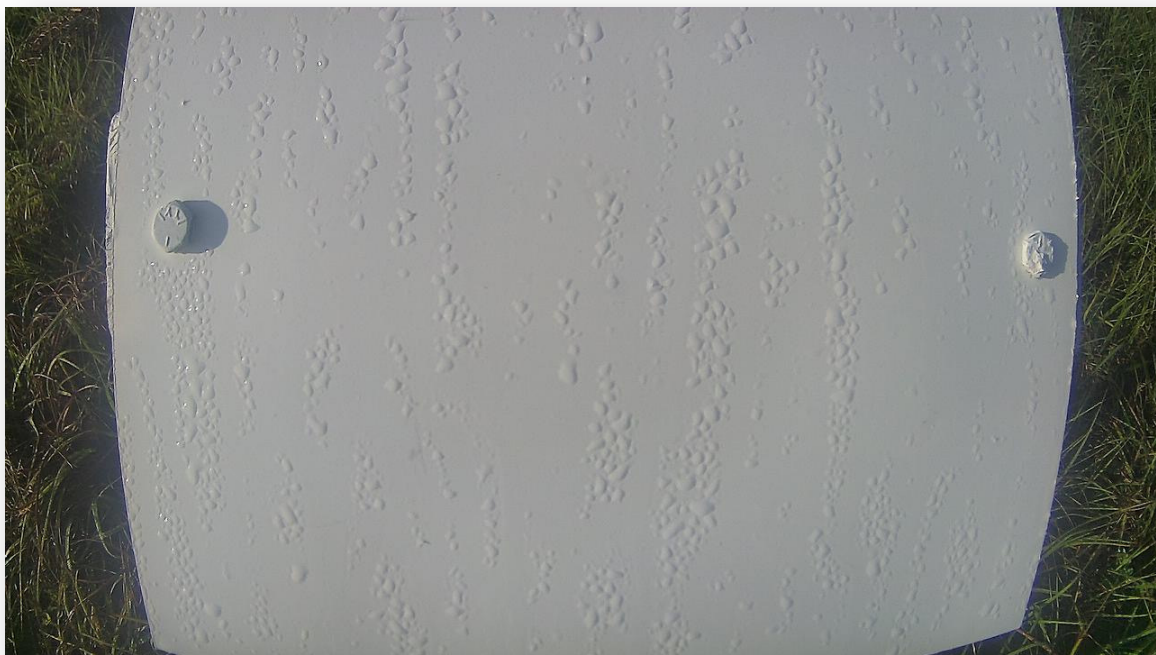
Raspberry Pi

Wireless modem

Relay switches



Results from GCREC



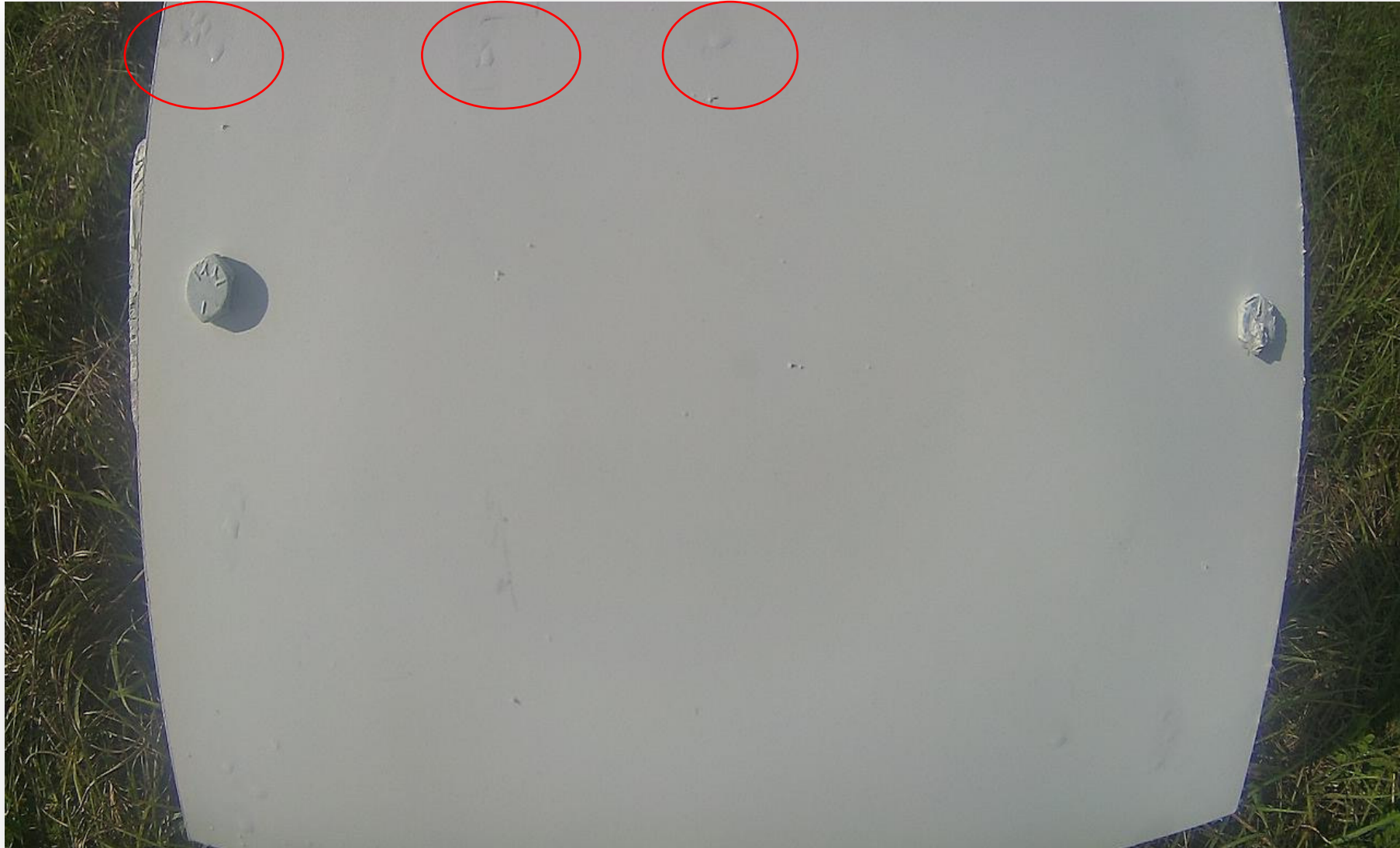
Correctly identified as "Wet"



Correctly identified as "Dry"

GCREC: incorrectly identified as "Dry"

Water droplets
not detected



Results from Dover



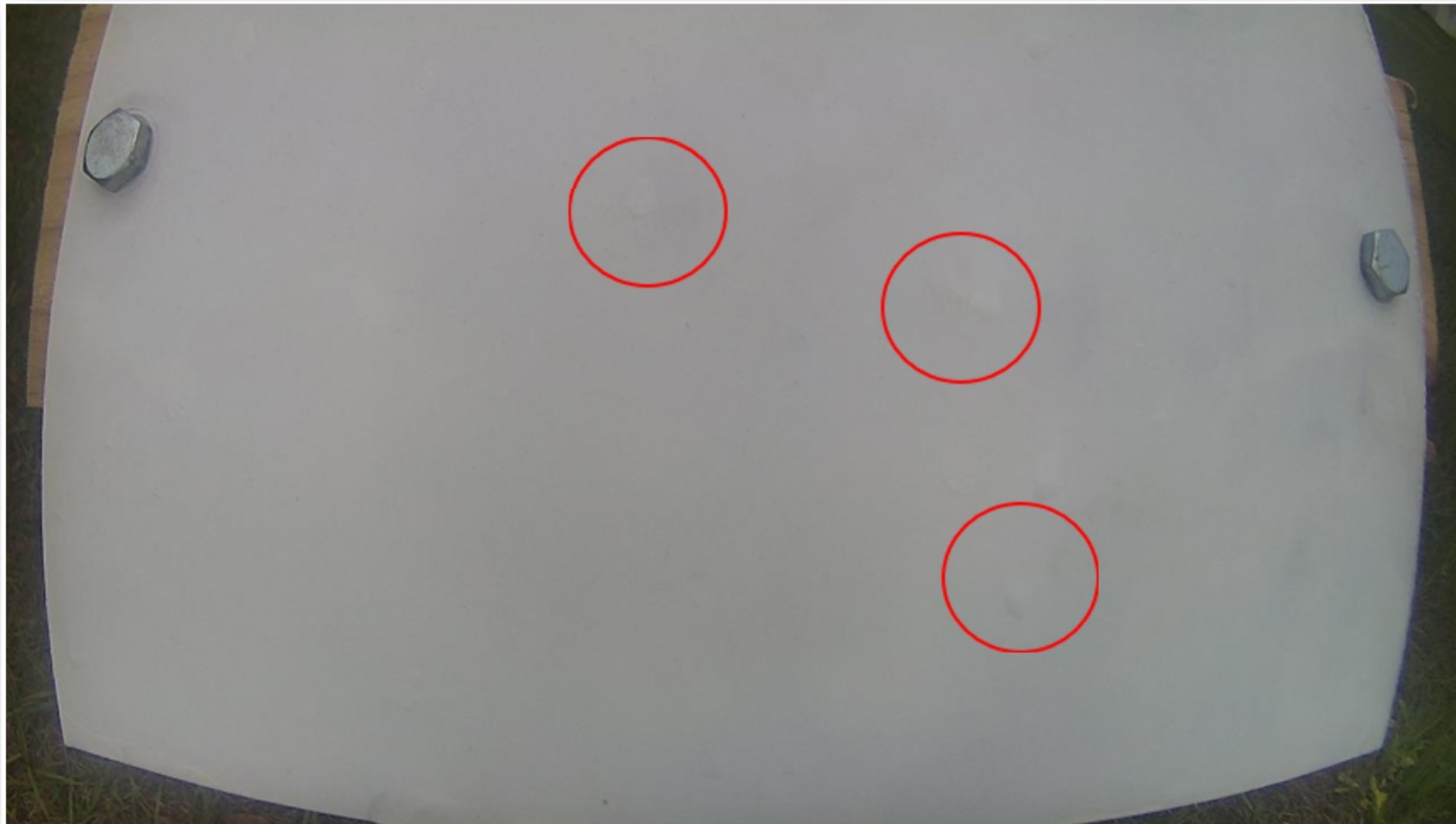
Correctly identified as "Wet"



Correctly identified as "Dry"

Dover: incorrectly identified as "Dry"

Water droplets
not visible due
to ambient
lighting



Results from Citra



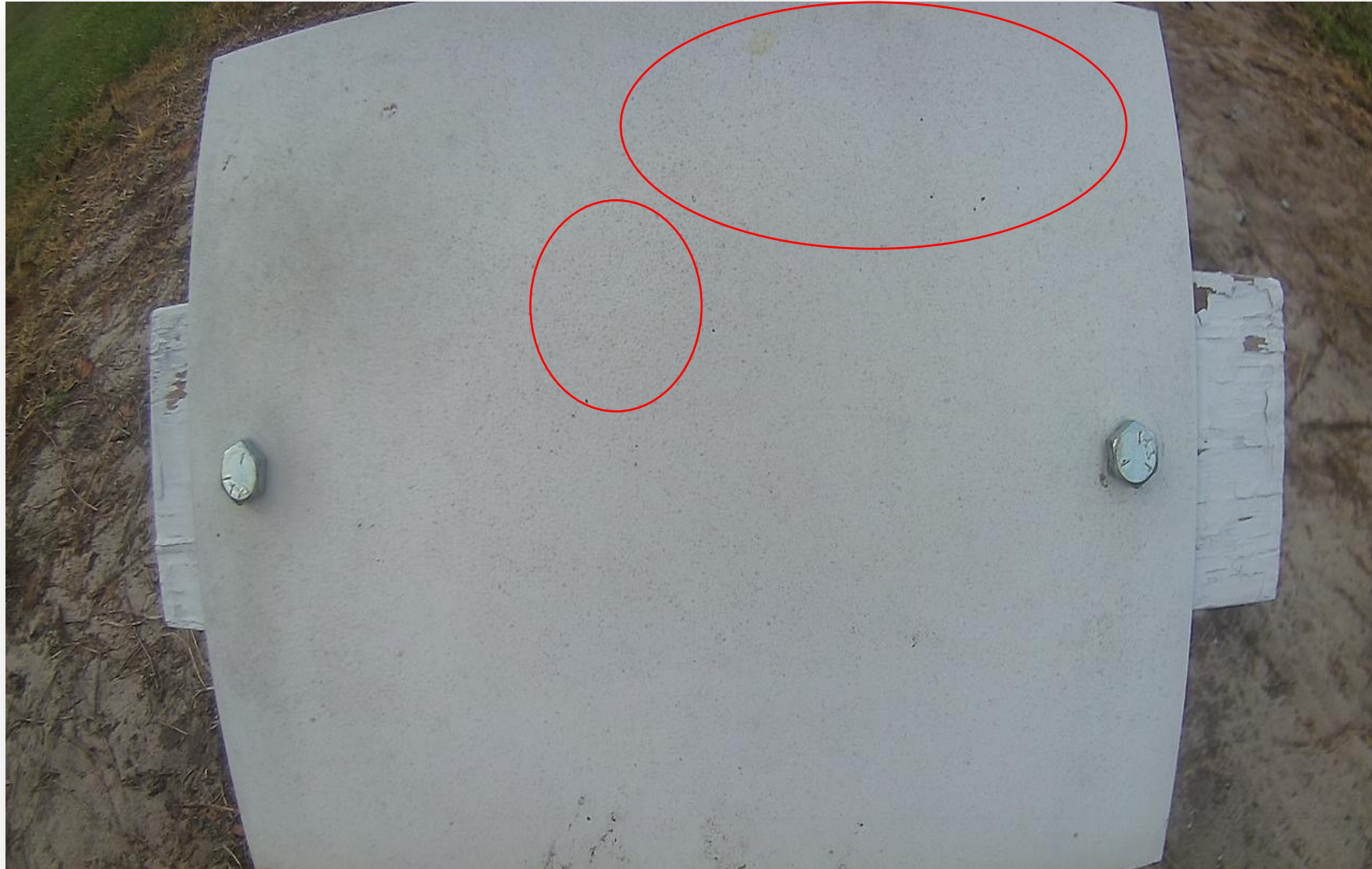
Correctly identified as “Wet”



Correctly identified as “Dry”

Citra: incorrectly identified as “Dry”

Circled are
the areas of
formation
of dew

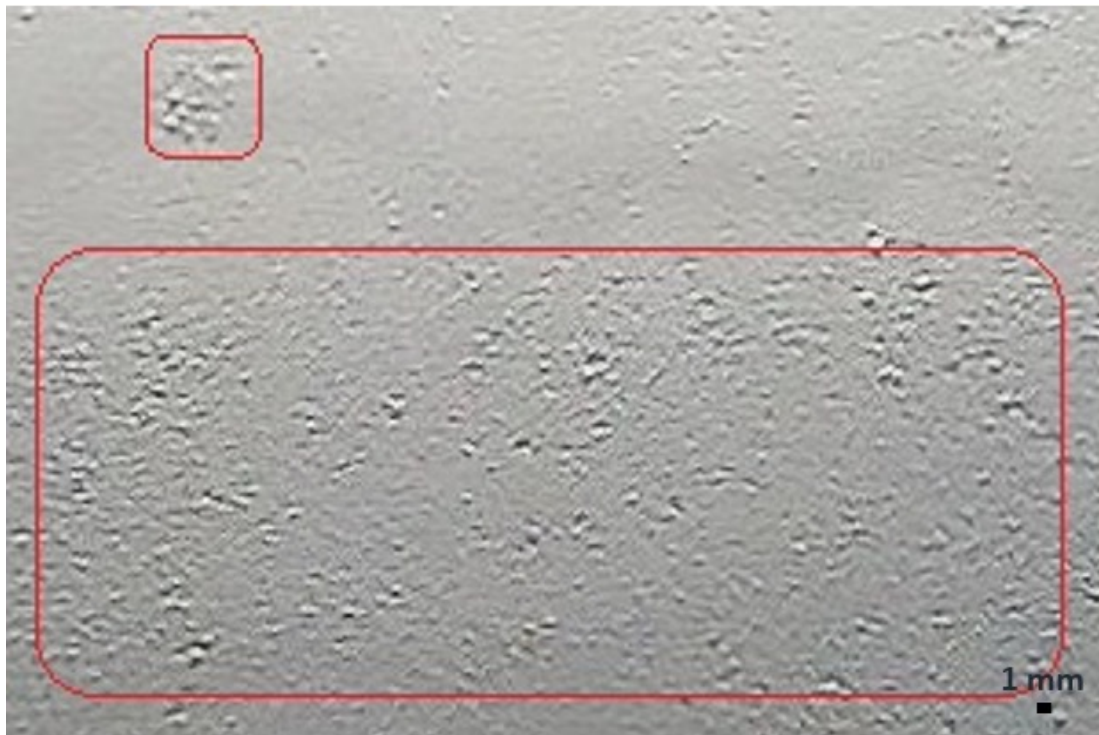


Comparison of the wetness detection results: correlation

- Manual observation vs. Image detection system
- Manual observation vs. SAS
- Image detection system vs. SAS

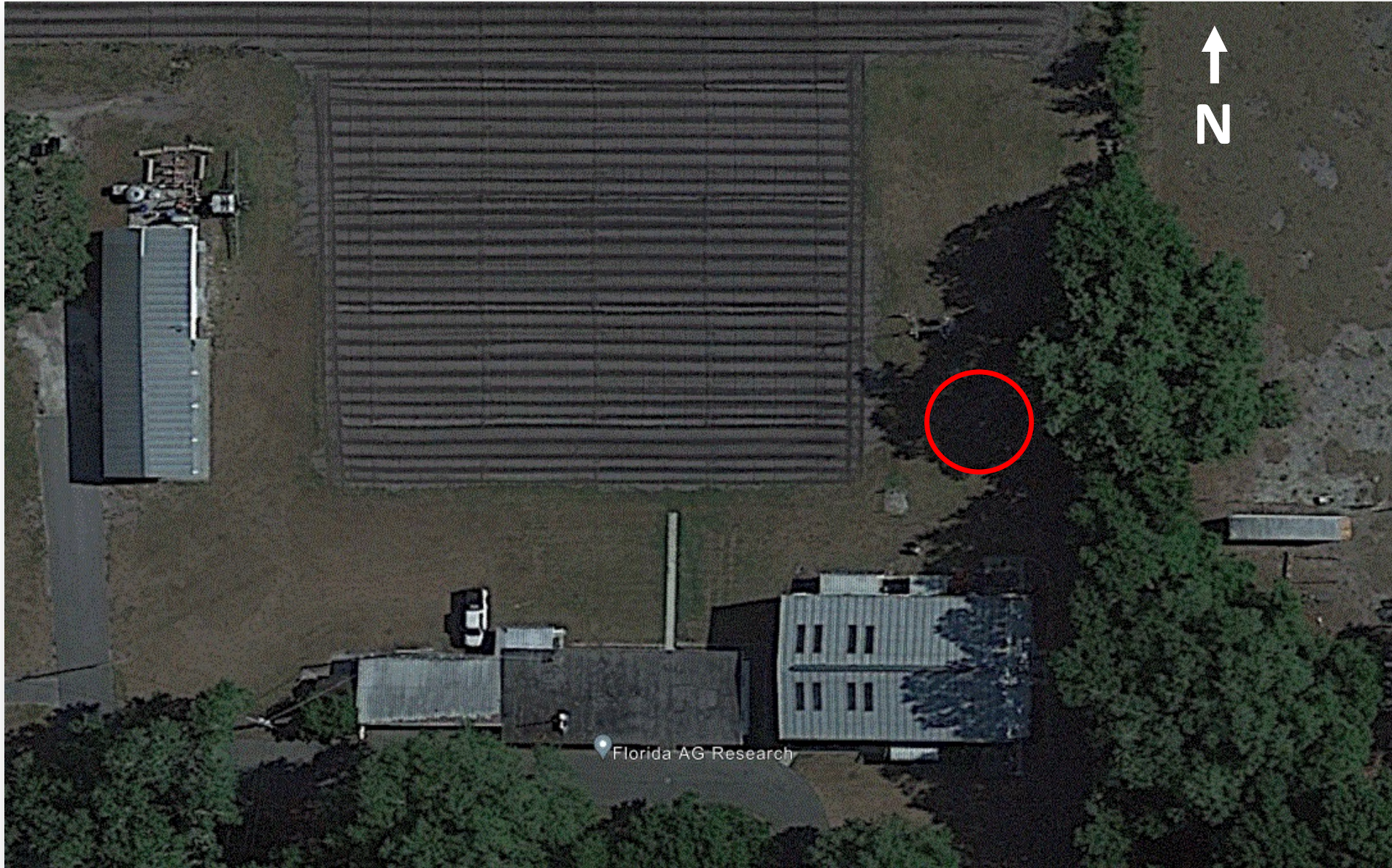
	Citra	GCREC	Dover	All three sites combined
Number of images	1,603	303	1,511	3,417
Manual observation vs. Image detection system	91.3%	90.3%	88.4%	89.9%
Manual observation vs. SAS	89.2%	75.1%	75.4%	81.8%
Image detection system vs. SAS	85.4%	79.2%	67.3%	76.8%

Discussion



Example images of the reference surface with very tiny water droplets during the dew onset period

Discussion: Dover installation



Discussion: Dover installation



Discussion: Dover installation



Discussion: Dover installation



Comparison of Leaf Wetness Duration (LWD)

LWD difference between	Citra	GCREC	Dover	All three sites combined
Manual observation vs. Image detection system	± 1 hr	± 1.5 hr	± 1.5 hr	± 1.3 hr
Manual Observation vs. SAS	± 1 hr	± 1.5 hr	± 1 hr	± 1.1 hr
Image detection system vs. SAS	± 45 min	± 2 hr	± 2 hr	± 1.4 hr

Summary

- The deep learning method yielded high accuracy.
- During the dew onset period, the water droplets were very tiny (< 0.01 mm), which made it difficult to visually observe those water droplets and categorize and label these images correctly.
- These inaccuracies don't contribute to a significant drop in overall LWD. It contributed to less than ± 2 hours in overall LWD for a given day.



2023-24 Plans

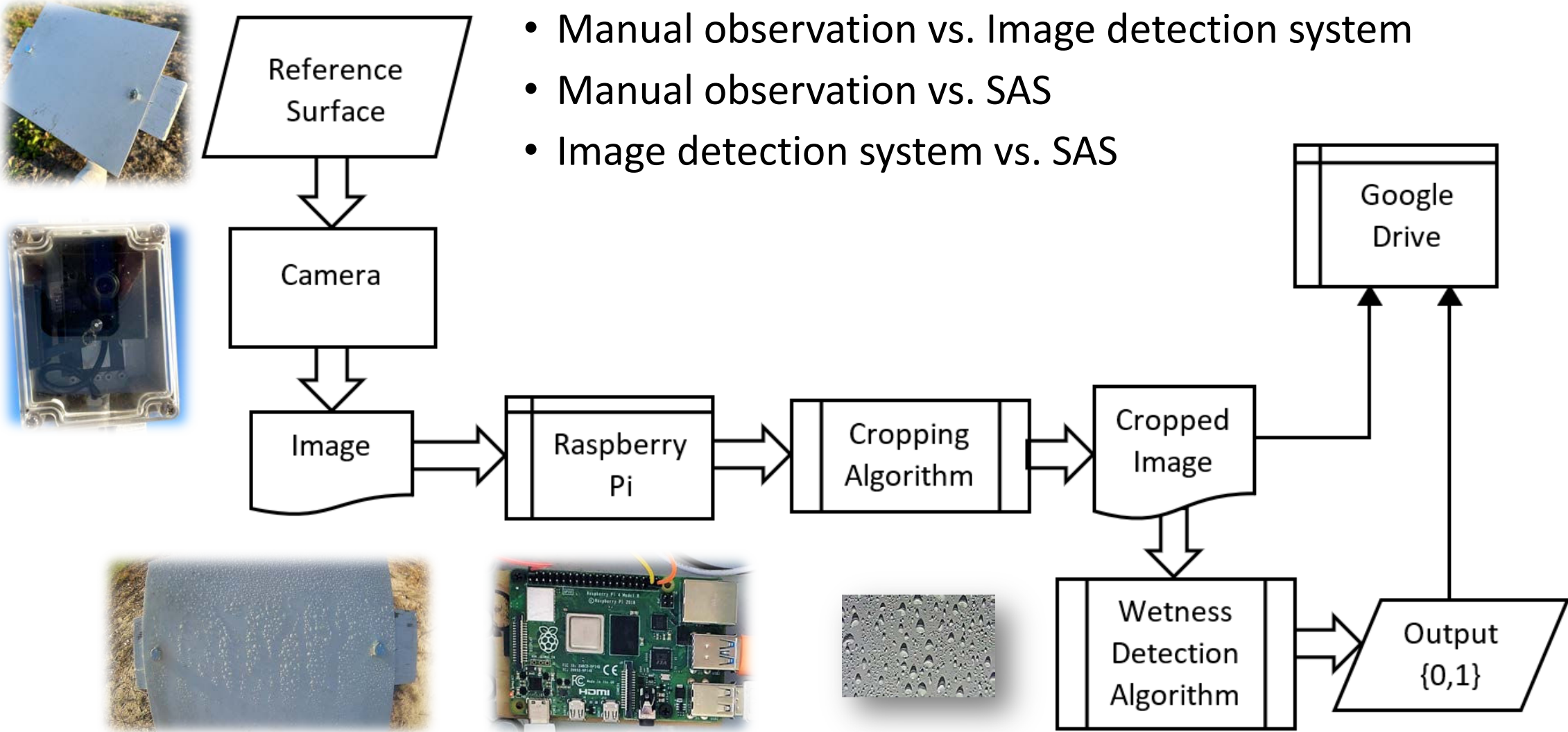
2023-24 Objectives

- To expand the system to one more location in Plant City
- To continue to monitor the system's performance over a long period of time
- To compare the results from the image detection system and those from the Strawberry Advisory System (SAS).



Data flow for detecting plant wetness

- Manual observation vs. Image detection system
- Manual observation vs. SAS
- Image detection system vs. SAS





Thank You!

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