

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of green foliage. The leaves are various shades of green, with some showing distinct lobed or serrated edges. In the lower center, there is a small, single white flower with a yellow center, partially obscured by the surrounding leaves. The overall lighting is soft, and the colors are muted, giving the background a natural, slightly desaturated appearance.

Why Weed Management Matters

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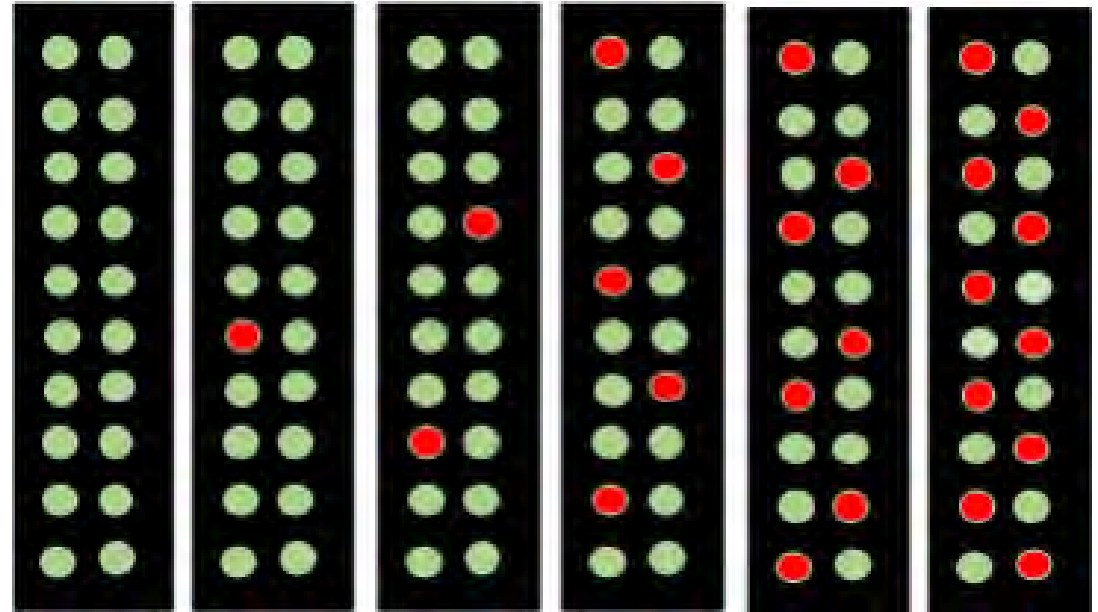


Experiment 1

- The objective of this research was to determine the effect of season-long competition of Carolina geranium at varying densities on strawberry growth and yield.

Material and methods

- One field trial in 2020 and 2021 at GCREC
- Carolina geranium transplanted after two weeks of strawberry transplant
- The density used was 0, 0.2, 0.4, 1.0, 1.4, and 2.0 Carolina geranium plants m^{-2} .





No CG



One CG



Two CG



Five CG



Seven CG



10,000 - 20,000
Seeds per plant

Ten CG





Results and Discussion

Carolina geranium

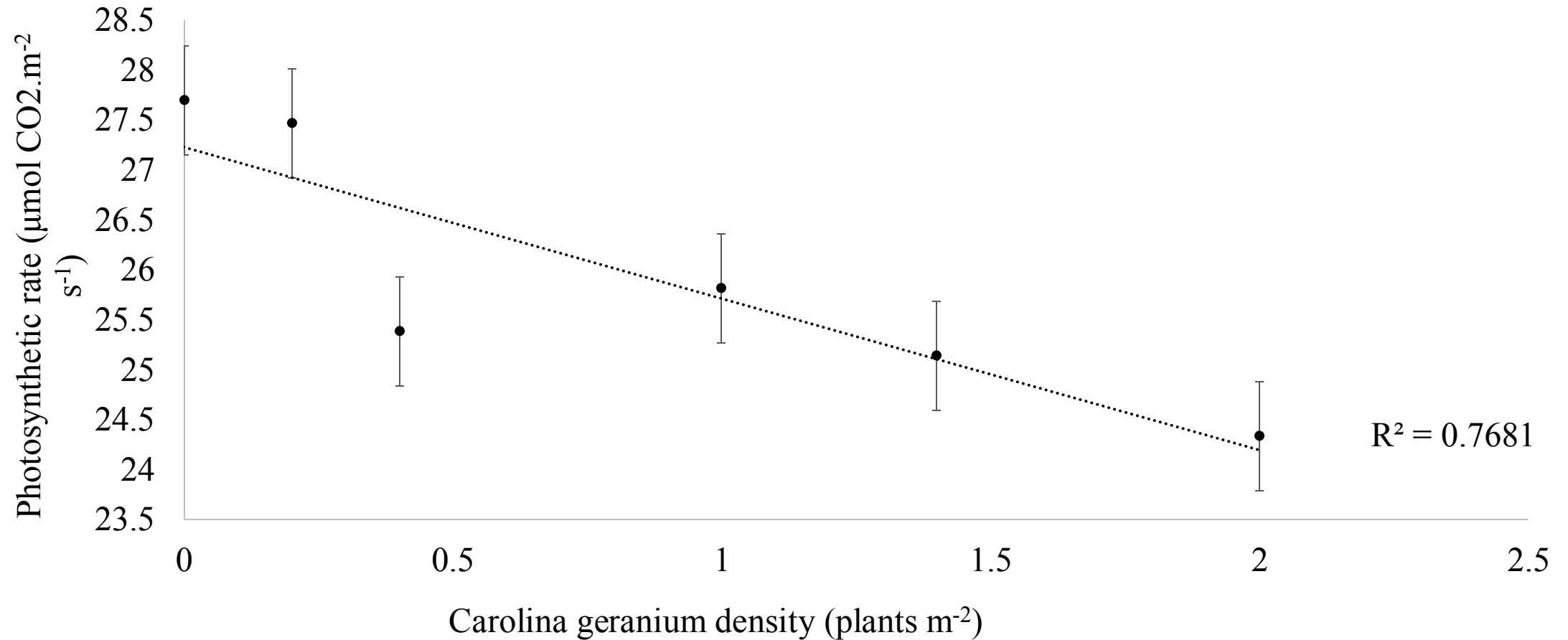
Table 1. Carolina geranium height by month at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Wimauma, FL, in 2020-2021 (Season I) and 2021-2022 (Season II).

Month	Carolina Geranium Height			
	Season I		Season II	
	-----cm plant ⁻¹ -----			
December	10	a ^b	13	a
January	14	b	21	b
February	52	c	49	c
P- value ^a	<.0001		<.0001	

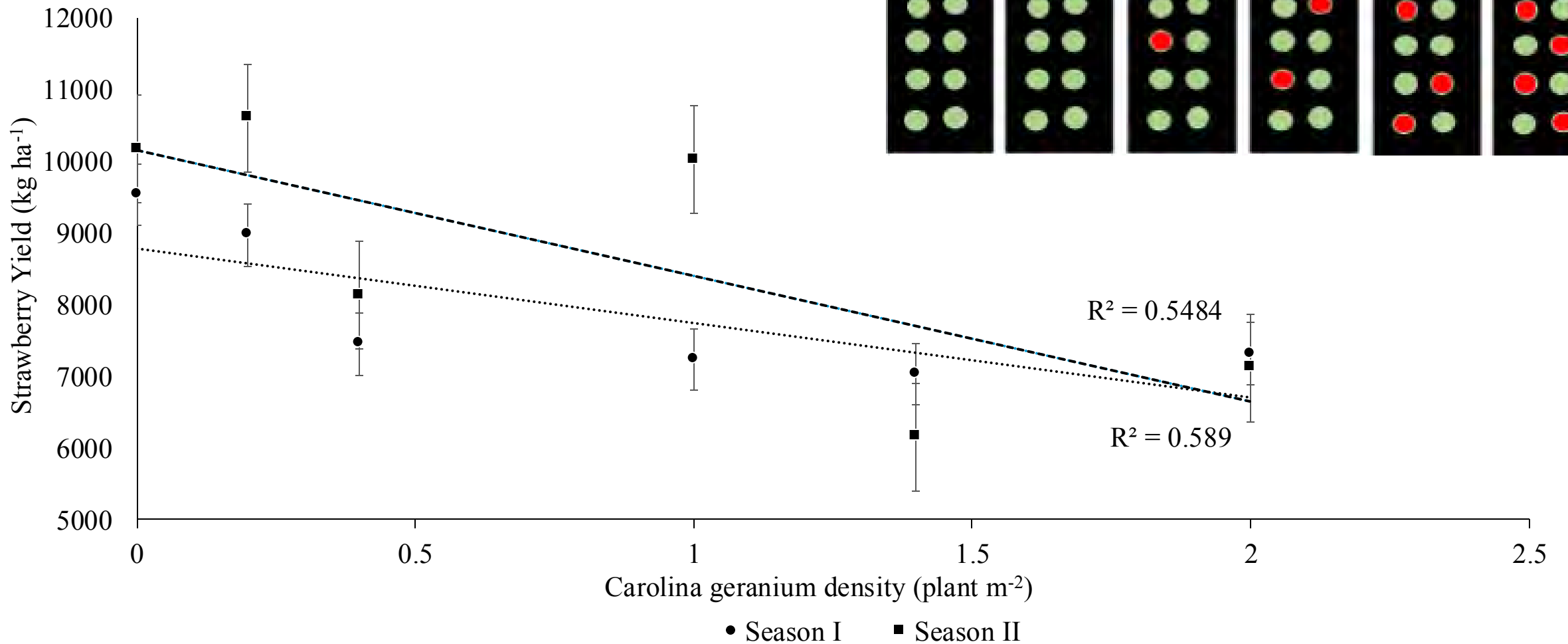
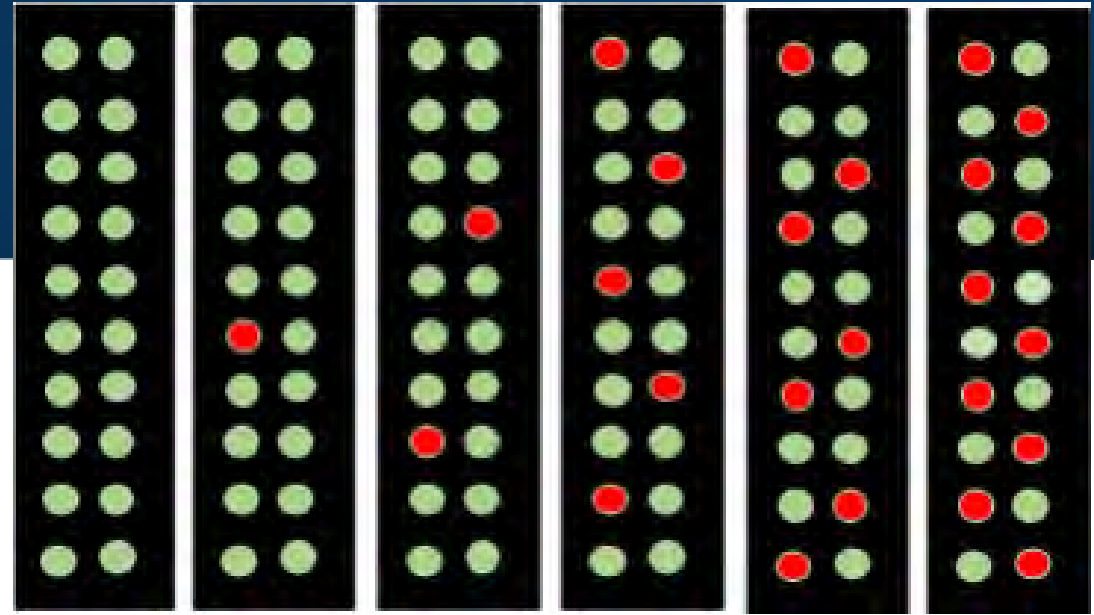
^aThe value refers to the factor time, from the repeated measures analyses.

^bMeans within a column followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Tukey test ($P \leq 0.05$)

Strawberry Photosynthetic rate- Season II



Strawberry yield



Conclusions

- Carolina geranium negatively affects strawberry yield.
- For example, from 0 to 1 Carolina geranium per 4 ft of row your expected seasonal yield loss would be 187 – 313 lbs/acre of berries.
- Additional Considerations:
 - Increased difficulty removing plastic
 - Berry quality
 - Missed berries by harvest crews
 - Increased pest pressure
 - Weed population increases over time due to seed production

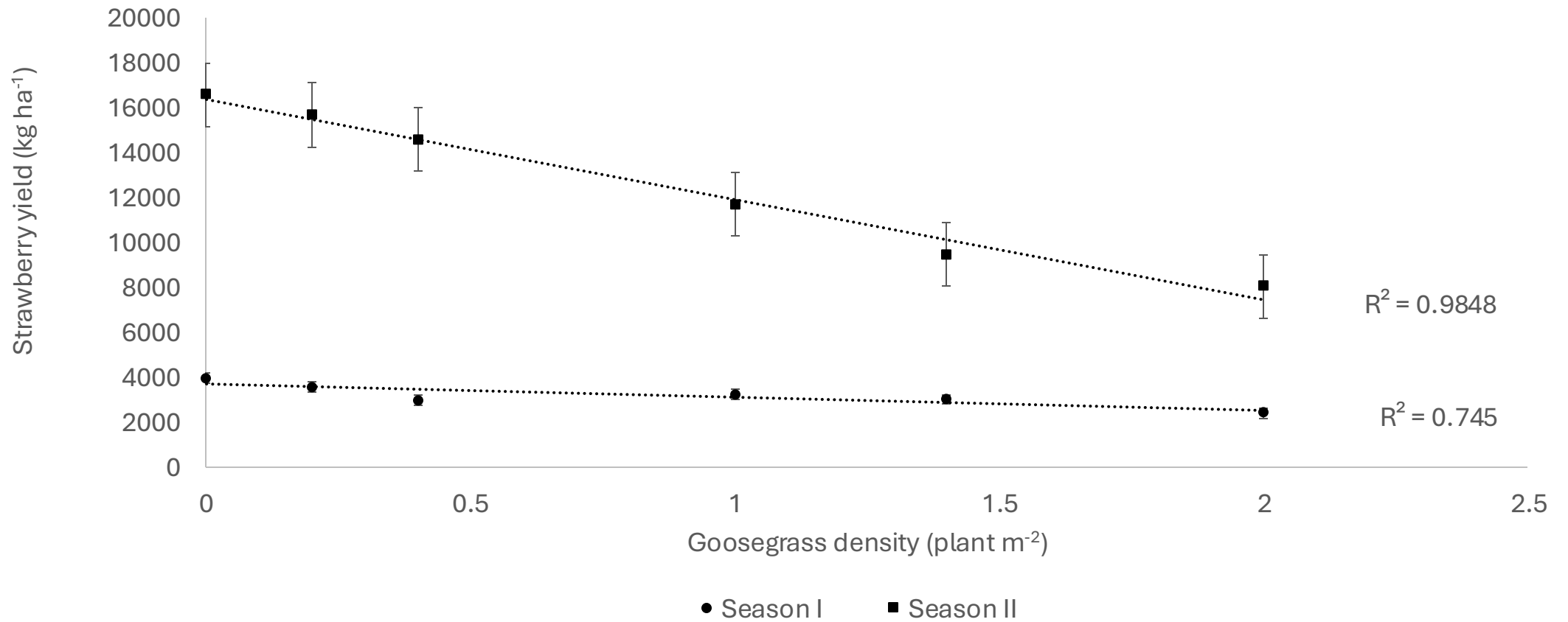


Goosegrass in Strawberry

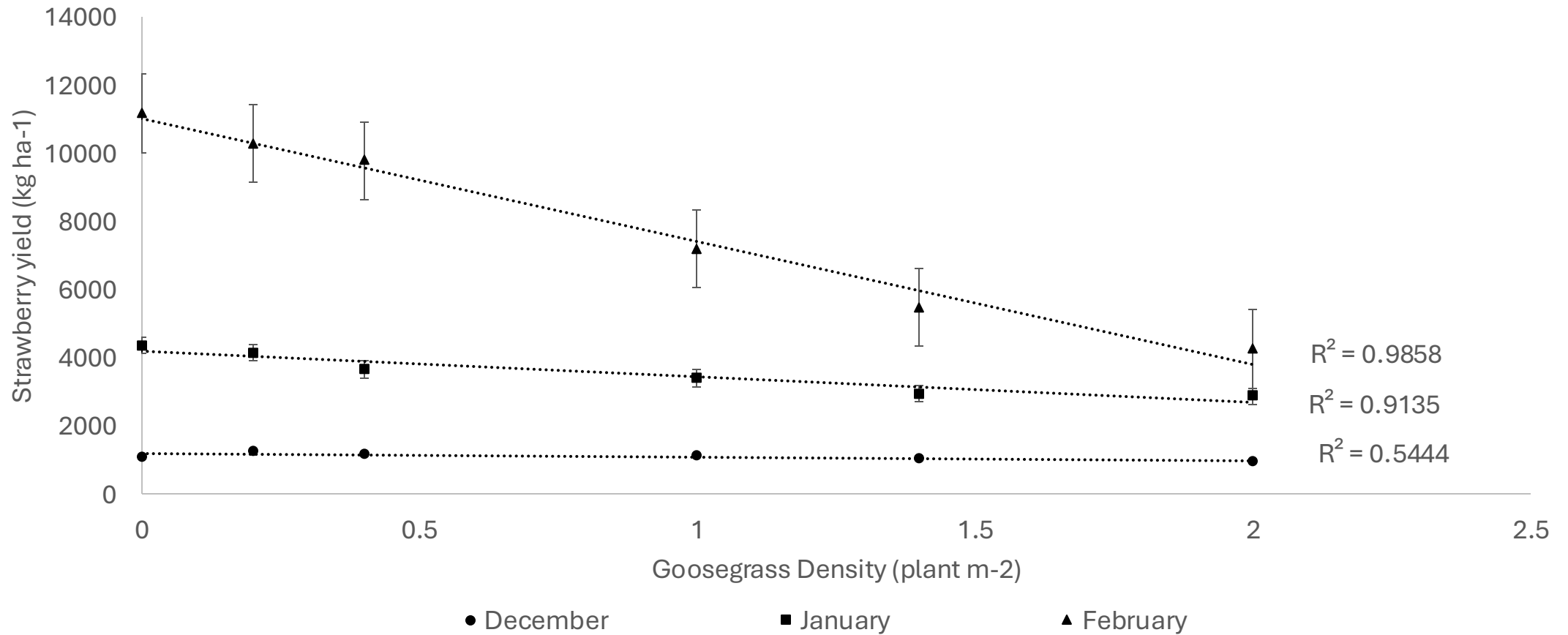




Strawberry yield



Strawberry Yield- Season II





Conclusions

- Goosegrass negatively affects strawberry yield.
- Goosegrass reduced yield by 29% (moderate density) to 47% (severe infestation).







Row Middle Weeds

- Host nematodes, insects, and diseases
- Complicate plastic removal
- Reduce crop yields



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