

Tools to address current irrigation management challenges in citrus production

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Current State of citrus production in FL

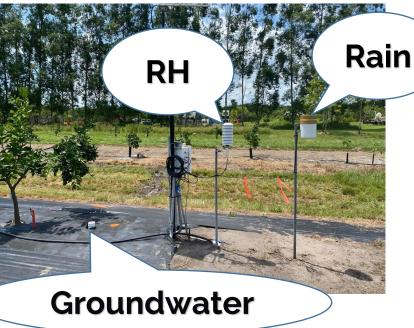
- Citrus greening influences tree water and nutrient uptake
- Frequent irrigation (less time) or "spoon-feeding" reduces tree water stress
- New plantings are moving towards high density (from 160 trees/ Acre to up to 300 trees/Acre)

Sensors used for irrigation scheduling

Soil water sensors/probes



Weather stations



Apps



Challenges on adoption of irrigation technology

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Lack of trust in the technology efficiency to supply crop water needs

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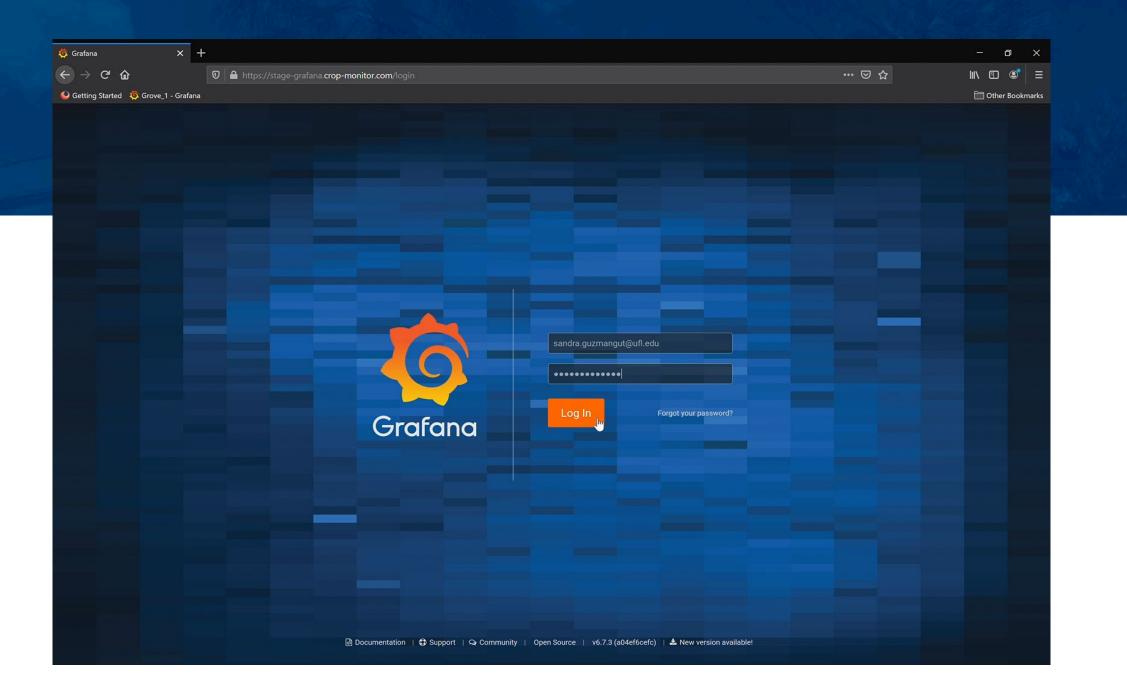
Lack of a centralized decision support system (DSS) that incorporate multiple sources of data and multiple sensor brands

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Reduced flexibility to incorporate outdated and new technologies in an intuitive DSS



The goal is to have an easy system to make informed irrigation scheduling decisions. This should take in account day-to day farm management issues and the growers input



Who can use CropMonitor?



Users with sensors in the field but not telemetry systems

We have currently 3 growers testing this system



Users with sensors that have not a data visualization software

We can connect any SDI-12 sensor



Users wanting to personalize their irrigation schedule

We add recommendations based on each field



Users that want a centralized system to manage multiple sensors



Users looking for more technical assiatance

With personalized displays the user can select the most appropriate features for scheduling

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https://youtu.be/qOhfxNQ9BkQ CropMonitor demo

Thanks! Questions?

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