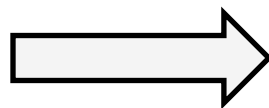


Opportunities for intercropping in young hazelnut orchards

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intercropping



opportunity



- no significant crop
- expenses, no profit



- annual crops, food quality, income
- insecticides, fungicides

Intercropping



Pecans and grain

A traditional practice in commercial nut industries

Combines young orchards and annual crops during establishment.



English walnuts and soybeans

Oregon hazelnuts – first year



Options:

1. a plow-down annual ground cover (green manure) to build soil health
2. a harvestable crop

Integrated cropping – horticulture or forestry



- Pesticides and herbicides that are registered for field crops are not registered for use in fruit and nut orchards for dual food production

Pest managing sprays are necessary

Orchard sprayers – thorough, consistent coverage of tree canopies and branches with pesticides (conventional & organic) or foliar nutrients



Modern tower sprayer



Older sprayer technology

Intercropping in modern orchard industries



- temporary 2 – 4 years
- opportunistic
- efficient
- intensive

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario



Lettuce & greens



Pumpkins & squash

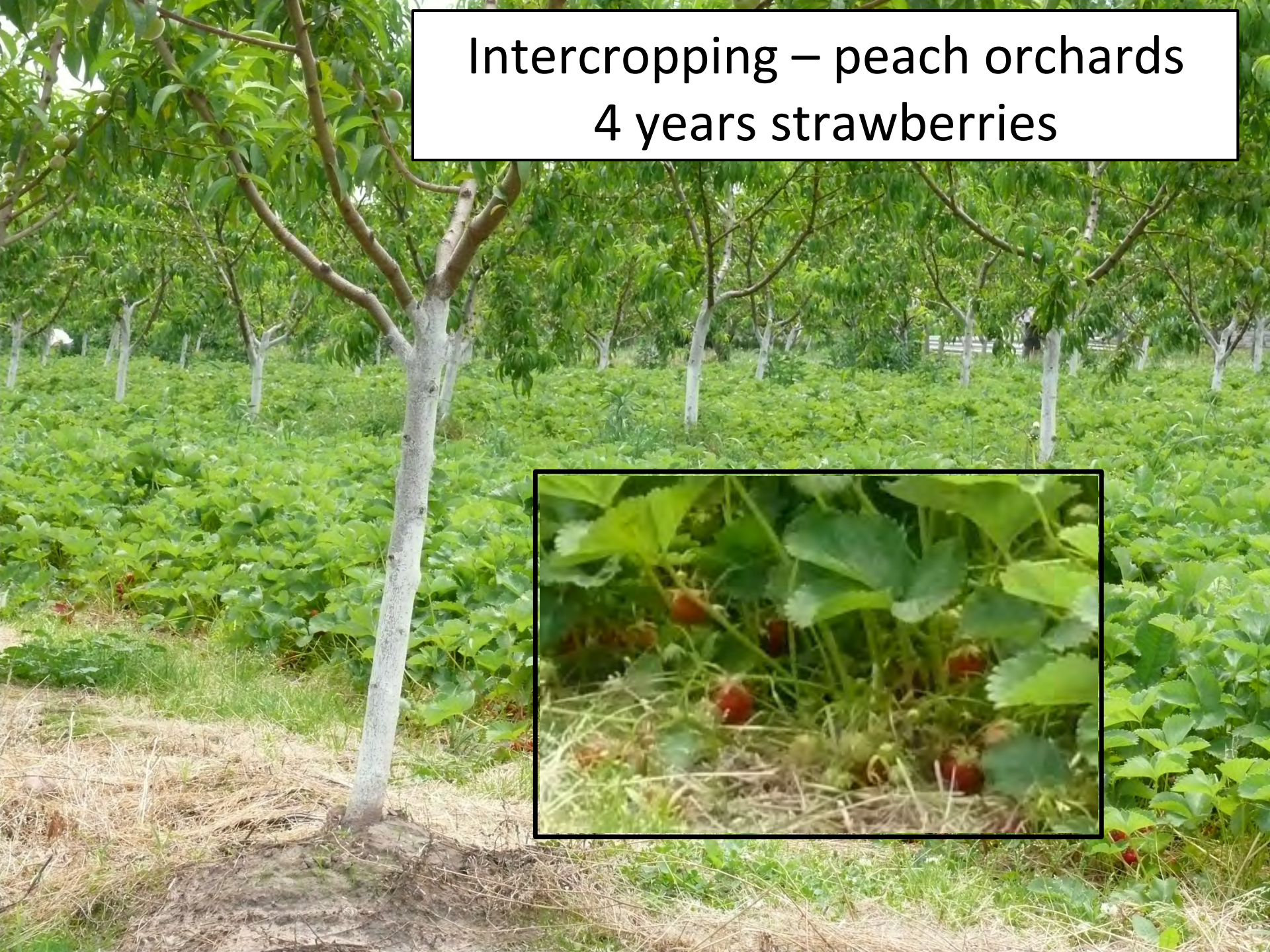


Grains



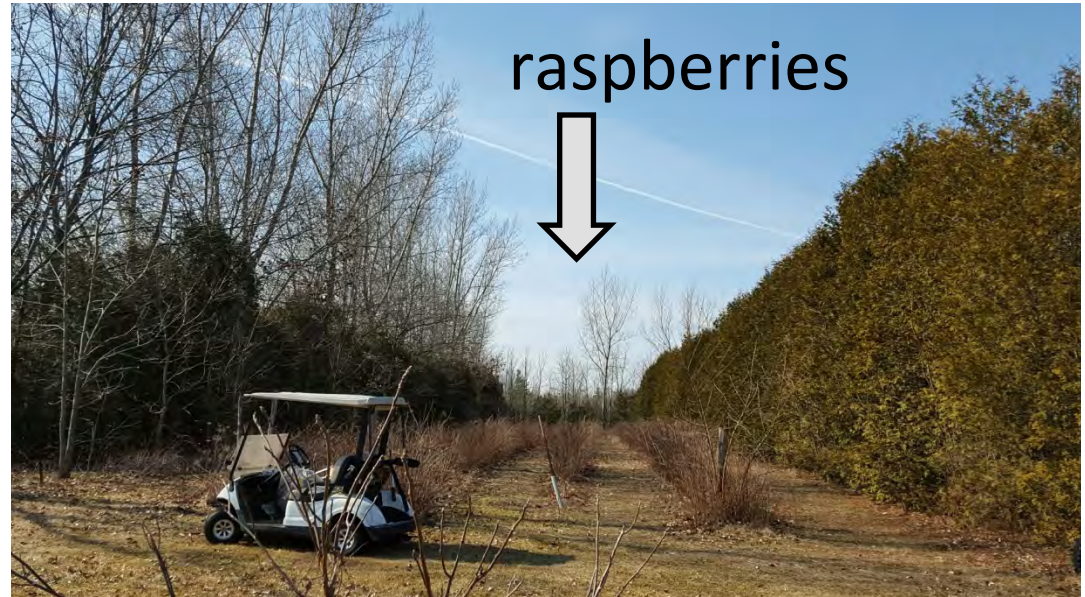
PYO berries & vegetables

Intercropping – peach orchards 4 years strawberries

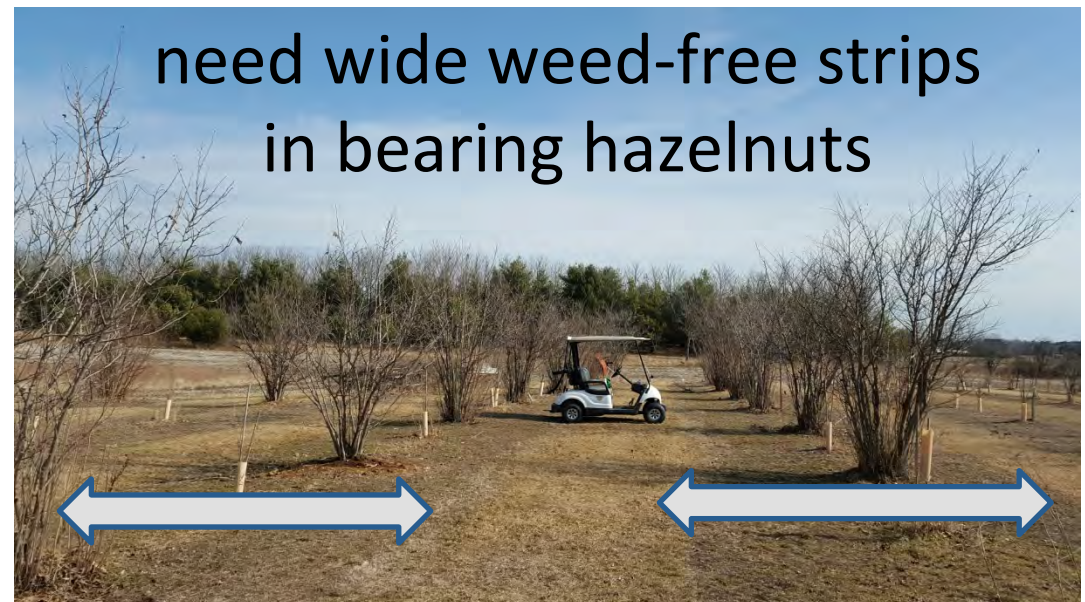


Martin Hodgson's orchard

perennial
intercrop



bearing hazelnut
orchard





Years 5 - 15 ➡



Years 1 - 4 ➡

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Chestnuts drop
when ripe

Sweet Chestnuts

End

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