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Panel 3



Nature Based Solutions Innovation and Metrics

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GRAND FARM for research and demonstration: 90 ha regenerative organic farm, Absdorf, Austria





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Nature Based Solutions:

Earthworms and plant roots in subsoil





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Nature Based Solutions:

In the subsoil roots find
RECOURCES in
earthworm burrows:

- Room to grow
- Nutrients
- Microbes
- Phytohormones
- Humic substances
- Water





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Nature Based Solutions:

No earthworm burrows

No roots



Appendix 2

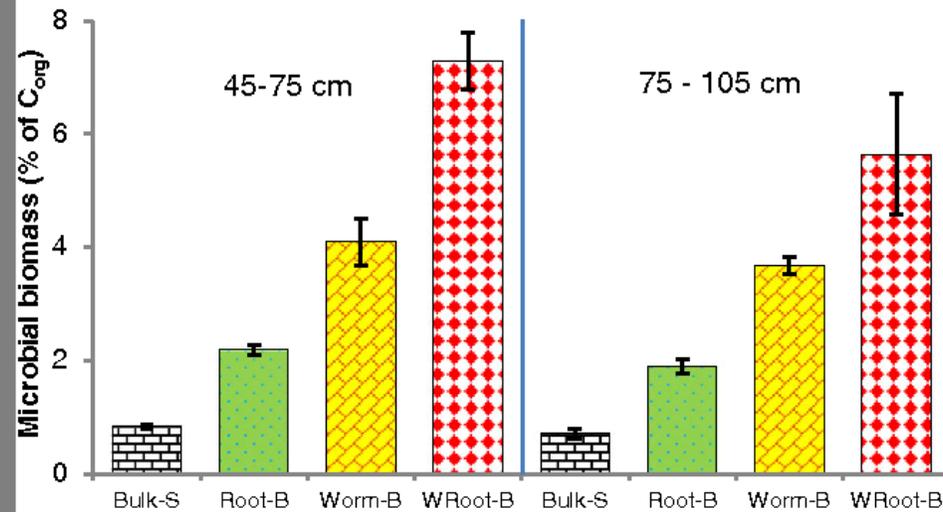


Fig. 8. The percentage of C_{org} presented as C_{org} at the two soil depths

Influence of the encapsulated microbiomes on seed germination and seedling development

Vermicompost Beads

Peat Beads

Soil Beads

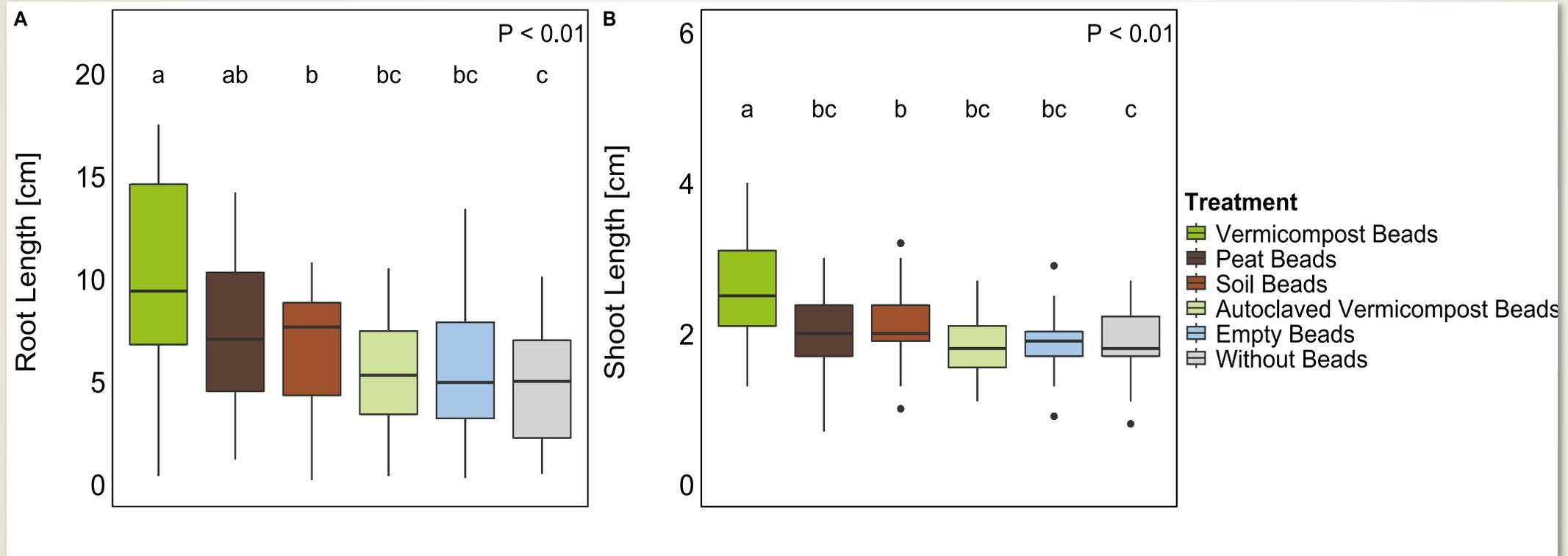
Autoclaved
vermicompost
microbiome
Beads

Empty Beads

Without Beads

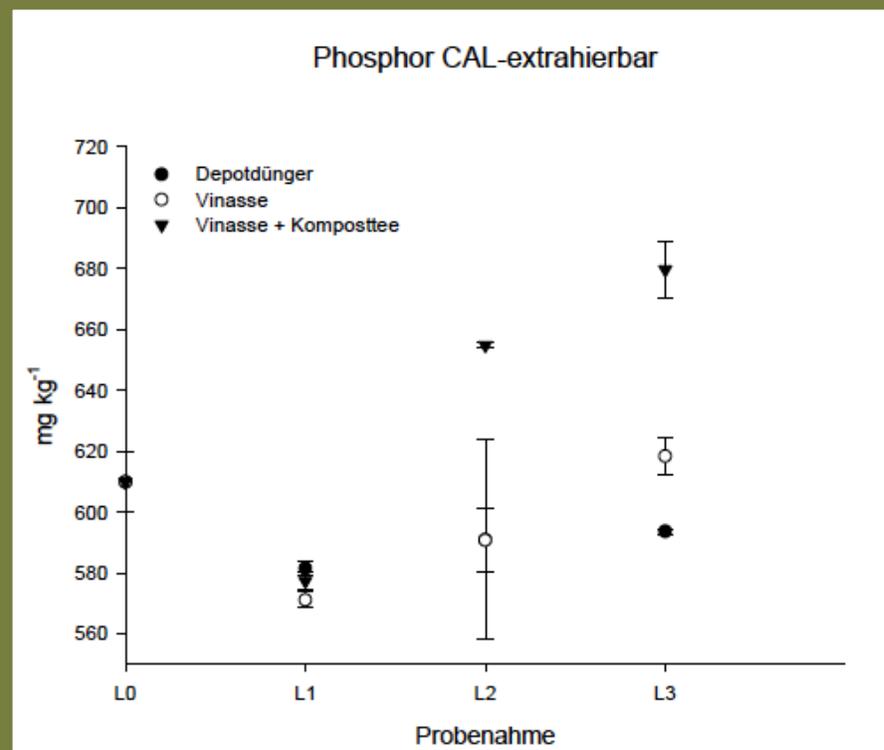


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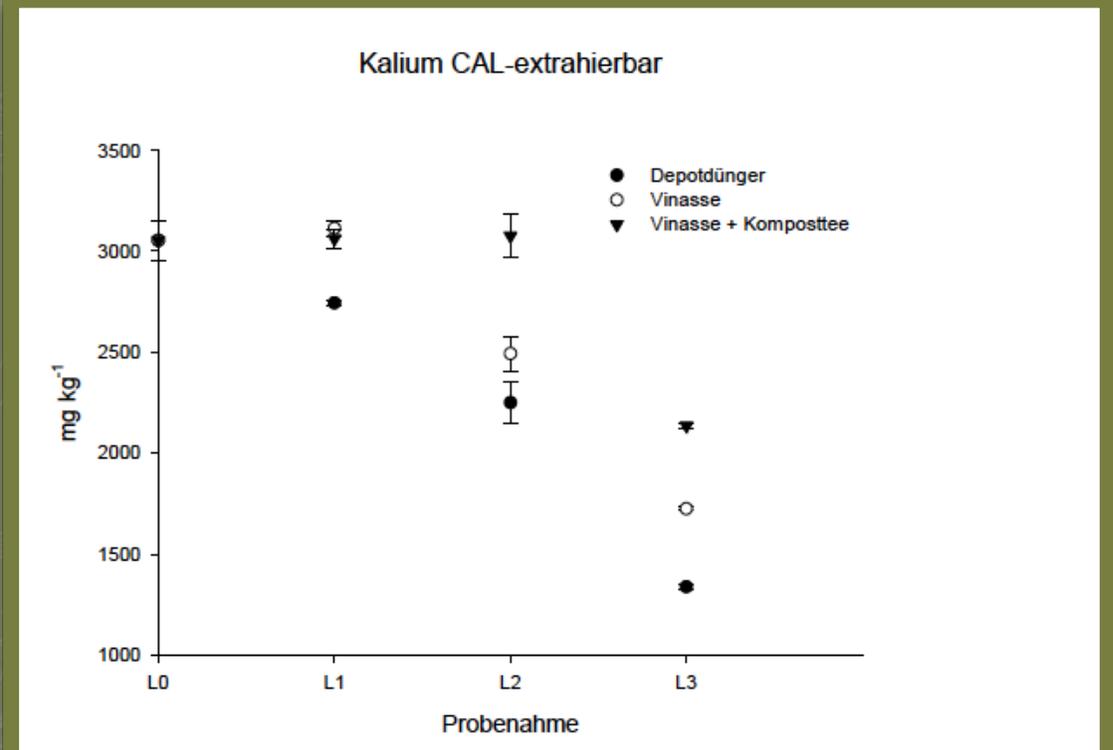


Through treatment with the encapsulated vermicompost microbiome, the root and shoot length of tomato seedlings was significantly increased.

Plant availability of P and K



Grafik 2: Vergleich der CAL-Extrahierbarkeit von Phosphor in den Düngevarianten 1, 4 und 5. L0, L1, L2 und L3 bezeichnen die Probenahmen. Die Fehlerbalken bezeichnen den Standardfehler.



Grafik 1: Vergleich der CAL-Extrahierbarkeit von Kalium in den Düngevarianten 1, 4 und 5. L0, L1, L2 und L3 bezeichnen die Probenahmen. Die Fehlerbalken bezeichnen den Standardfehler.

Master thesis, Lea Wellinger, BOKU

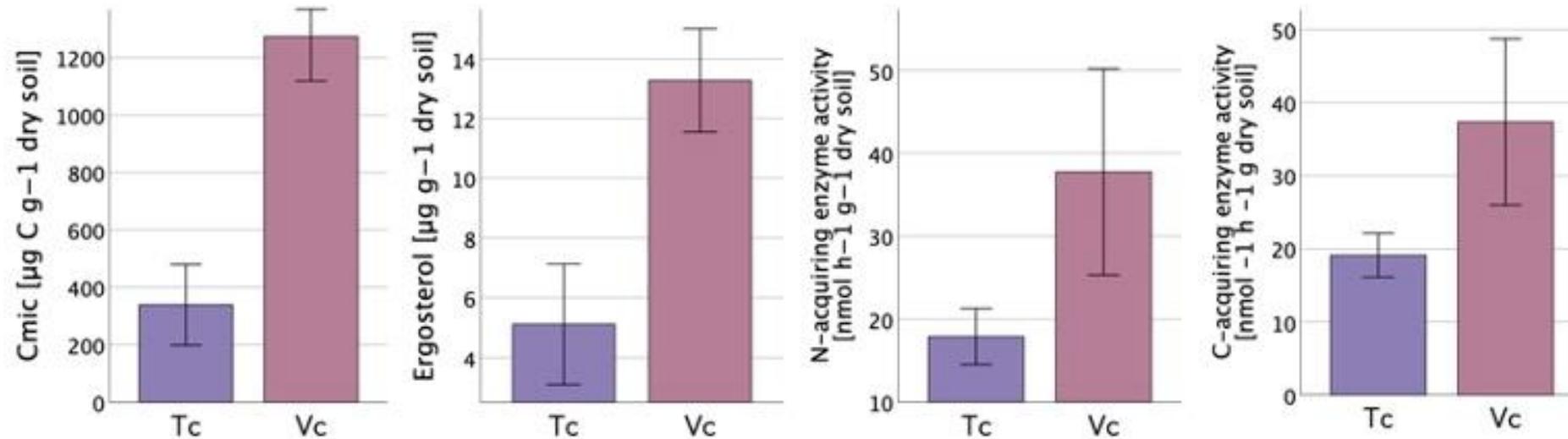


Figure 4. Microbial biomass carbon (a), fungal biomass (b) N-acquiring enzyme activity (c) and C-acquiring enzyme activity (d) of the thermal compost (Tc) and vermicompost (Vc). Error bars represent ± 1 SD. Letters indicate significant differences ($p < 0.05$).



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SEED COATING with VERMICOMPOST:

- **Instead of 10.000 liter of compost per hectare**
- **1 liter of vermicompost per hectare**

Results:

- **Reduce amount of mineral fertilizer**
- **Reduce amount of pesticides**
- **Reduce costs, environmental impact, climate change**
- **Increase profit, resilience, soil health, stabilize yields**

A person is shown from the waist down, wearing shorts and hiking boots, applying a layer of straw mulch to a garden bed. The garden bed is filled with green plants, and the surrounding area is a mix of green grass and bare soil. The person's hands are visible, holding a bundle of straw and spreading it over the plants.

Mulch application:

- **Earthworm support**
- **Reduced evaporation**
- **Increased water infiltration**
- **Reduced soil temperature in summer**
- **Increased aggregate stability**
- **Increased nutrient availability**



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Fragestellung: Mulchvarianten (ohne/Luzerne/Hanf)



Hanf

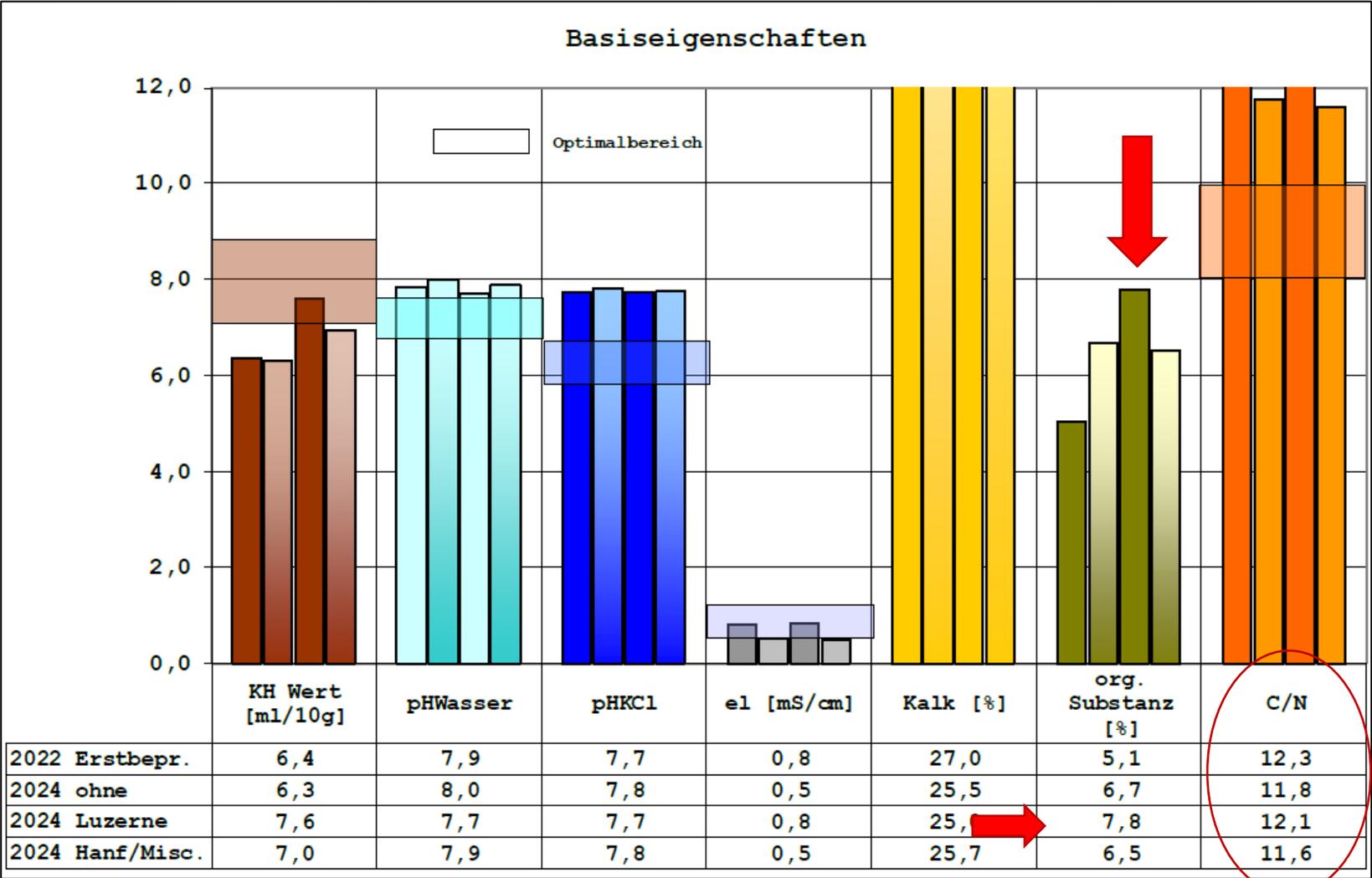
Luzerne

ohne

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Results: Lucerne eL, Org.Sub., C/N





Visual assessment:



Visual assesment:



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