





Plant Propagation PLS 3223/5222

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Principles of Tissue Culture and Micropropagation
and Techniques for Micropropagation

Chapters 17 & 18
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Chapter 17 Objectives are to Understand:

1. • The history of micropropagation
2. • Developmental stages in micropropagation
3. • Somatic embryogenesis and synthetic seed production
4. • The types of tissue culture systems
5. • Variation in micropropagated plants
6. • The tissue culture environment



Chapter 18 Objectives are to Understand:

1. • The advantages and disadvantages of micropropagation
2. • General tissue culture laboratory facilities
3. • Developmental stages in micropropagation
4. • Procedures used for micropropagation
5. • Components of the micropropagation medium



Introduction

Tissue culture- a collective term referring to procedures used to maintain and grow plant cells and organs in aseptic conditions.

Propagation

Genotype
modification

Production of
secondary
compounds

Plant
pathology

Germplasm
preservation

Research

Totipotency

-Each living cell has the potential to reproduce an entire organism.



Advantages of Micropropagation

Mass propagation of specific clones

Production of pathogen-free plants

Clonal propagation of parental stock for hybrid seed production

Year-round nursery production

Germplasm preservation



Applications

Plant regeneration

Genetic engineering

Reforestation

Secondary products

Cultivars with high market value

Propagation of difficult to root plants or plants that are typically divided



Limitations of Micropropagation



The Tissue Culture Environment

Vitrification

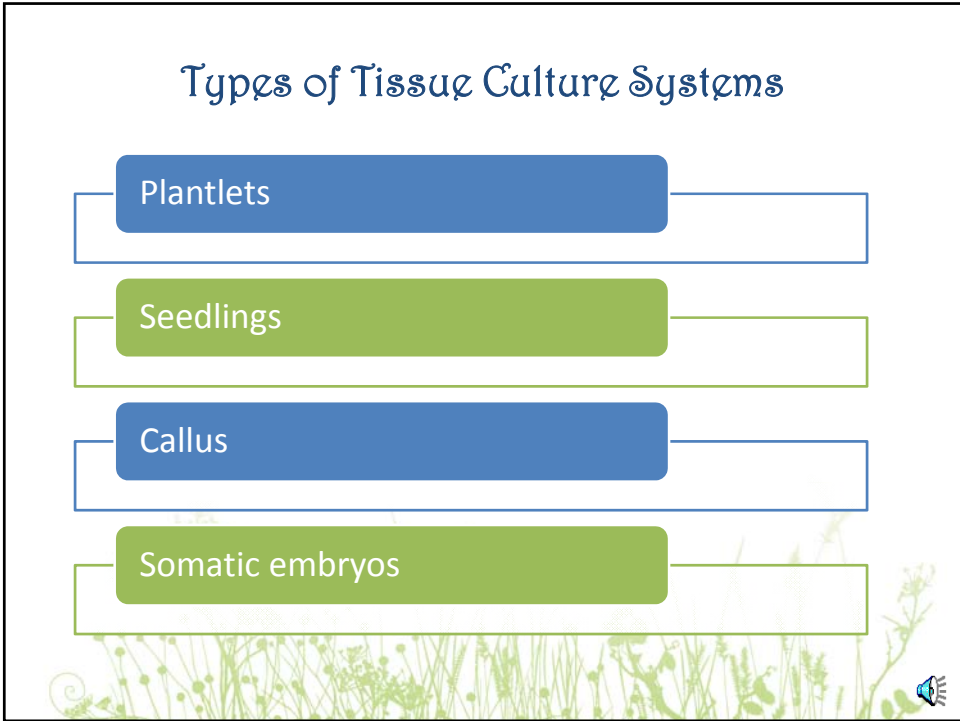
Pathogens

Exudation

Habituation

Variation



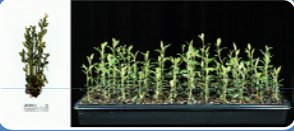


Techniques used to Regenerate Plants Through Tissue Culture

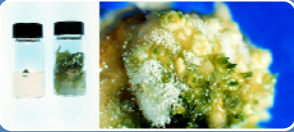
Structure	Regeneration	Explant Source
Plantlet	Axillary shoot	Meristem or shoot tip
	Adventitious shoot	Leaf pieces, stem internodes
Seedling	Seed culture	Seeds
	Embryo culture	Mature or immature embryos
Callus	Callus cultures	Vegetative tissue
	Protoplast cultures	Single cells
Somatic embryo	Direct or indirect	Embryo, seedling or leaf

Modified Table 17-1: Hartmann et al., 2011

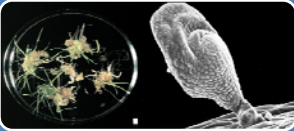
Micropropagation Methods




Shoot culture



Shoot organogenesis



Non-zygotic embryogenesis

Kane, 2002 


Regenerating Plants


Axillary shoot formation

- meristem culture
- axillary shoot cultures

Adventitious shoot formation

- direct
- indirect





Developmental Stages in Micropropagation



Stage I

- establishment



Stage II

- multiplication



Stage III

- root formation



Stage IV

- acclimatization



Stage I Objectives

To successfully place an explant into aseptic culture and an in vitro environment that promotes stable shoot production

Explant source selection



Explant disinfection



Culture medium



Stabilization



Laboratory Facilities



Laminar
flow
hood



Auto-
clave



Media
prep
room



Culture
room



Media Preparation

Inorganic Salts

Organic Compounds

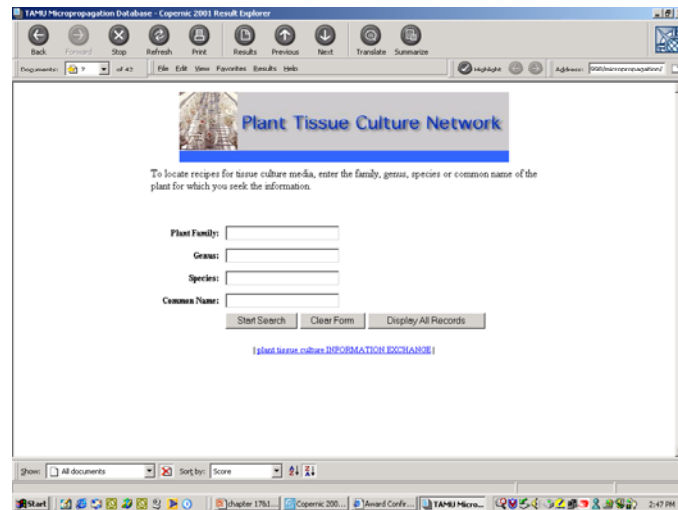
- sucrose
- vitamins
- hormones

Supports

- agar
- membrane boats
- cellulose plugs



<http://horticulture.tamu.edu:7998/micropropagation/>



Containers



Control of the Tissue Culture Environment

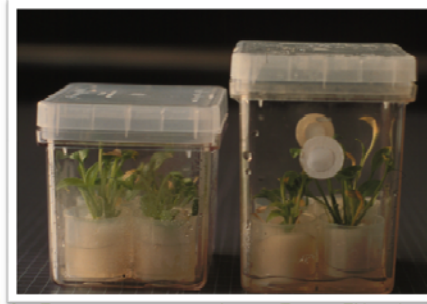
Temperature

Light Intensity

Photoperiod

Light quality

Air exchange



Light



Air Exchange

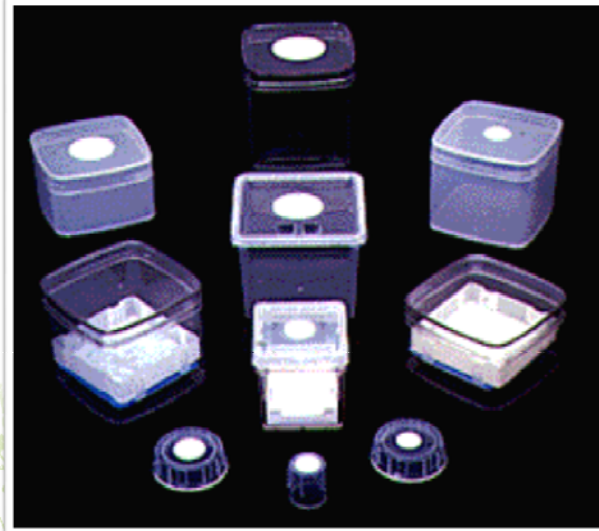


Photo source: <http://www.osmotek.com/StudyVessels.html>



Stage II Objectives

-To maintain the culture in a stabilized state and multiply microshoots to the number required for rooting.

Growth regulators

Subculturing

Propagation ratio



Subculturing

-transferring the explant to a fresh medium

Explant/Propagule

- the piece of the plant used to initiate the micropropagation process



Stage III Objectives

-To root microcuttings and prepare them for transfer to ex vitro conditions

In vitro rooting

Ex vitro rooting



Stage IV Objectives

-To shift from a heterotrophic (sugar-requiring) to an autotrophic condition

Acclimatization

In vitro vs. ex vitro anatomy and physiology



Organogenesis

- The formation of organs, such as leaves, shoots, or roots, from cells or tissues.

- The process of developing adventitious shoots and/or roots



Indirect Organogenesis

Somaclonal Variation

- genetic variation induced in plants produced from populations of cells in culture

Primary Explant



Callus



Organ Primordium

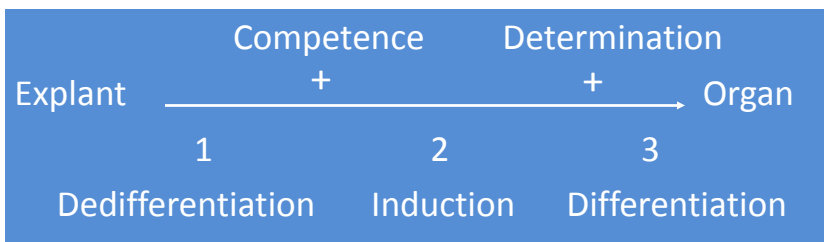


Dedifferentiation

- process of reverting to a non-specialized or undifferentiated state

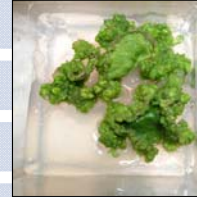
Differentiation

- process of initiating the growth of new and varied tissues or organs for specialized functions

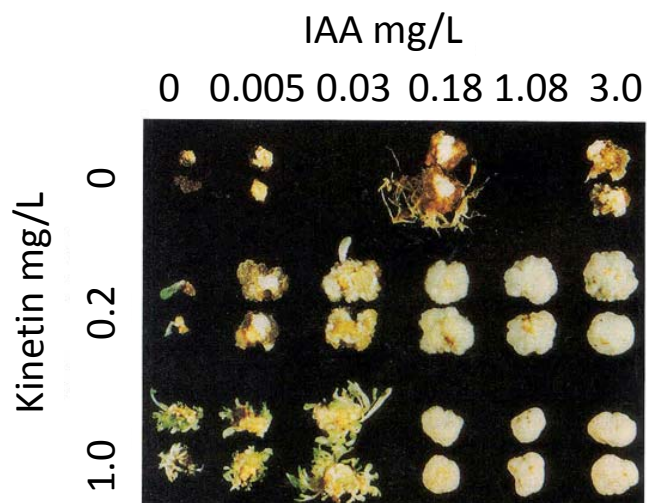


Adventitious Shoot Formation Diploid Plant Regeneration

1. • Leaf pieces
2. • Thin layer epidermal strips
3. • Fragmented shoot apices
4. • Cotyledons and hypocotyls
5. • Young needle fascicles
6. • Immature inflorescences on flower stems
7. • Bulb scales



Effects of Cytokinin and Auxin



Raven et al., 1999

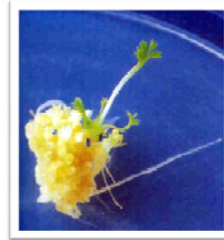


Callus

- Cell division of nondifferentiated parenchyma cells

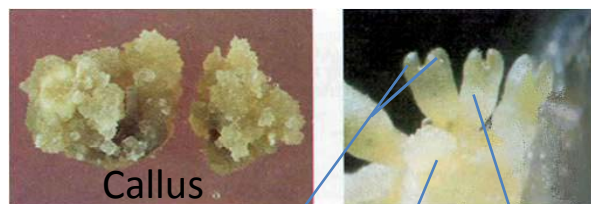
Produced on explants in vitro as a response to wounding and medium supplementation with growth hormones

Seeds, stems, roots, leaves, storage organs, or fruits can be excised, disinfected and induced to form callus



Somatic Embryogenesis

- The development of embryos from vegetative cells rather than from union of male and female gametes.



Callus

Callus

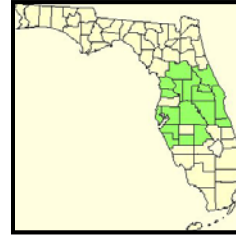
Embryo

Cotyledons

Mauseth, 1998



Osmanthus megacarpus



Osmanthus Embryo



Osmanthus Seed Germination

Trt.	Scarify	GA	Warm Stratify	Cool Stratify
1	No	No	No	No
2	Yes	No	No	No
3	Yes	Yes	No	No
4	Yes	No	No	Yes
5	Yes	No	Yes	No
6	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
7	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
8	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Vegetative Propagation of *Osmanthus*

IBA:NAA (Dip n Grow)	% Rooting
No hormone	25.0
500 IBA: 250 NAA	40.0
1,000 IBA: 500 NAA	35.0
5,000 IBA: 2,500 NAA	46.7
10,000 IBA: 5,000 NAA	45.0

A Possible Candidate for Somatic Embryogenesis?



Photo source: Vendrame, 2004



Commercial-Scale Micropropagation Agristarts, Apopka, FL



Weekly Production Goals Estimated by Propagation Ratio 80,000 units/week

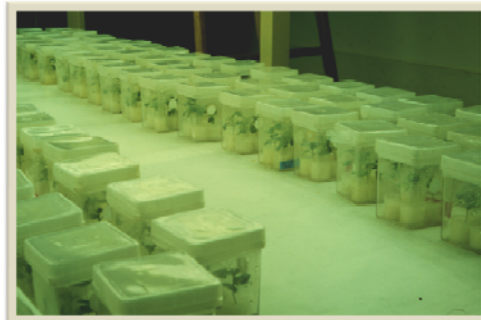
WEEK	GOAL	ACTUAL	PERCENT
1	75,210	53,210	
2	75,280	70,408	
3	75,280	65,985	
4	75,280	78,954	
5	75,280	73,994	
6	75,280	49,392	
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Micropropagation Technology

Automation

Natural sun

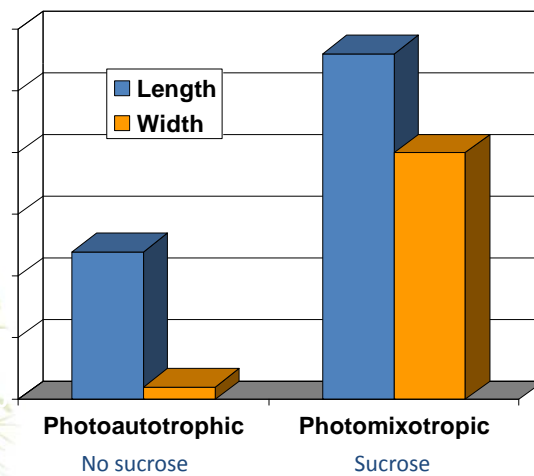
Biotechnology



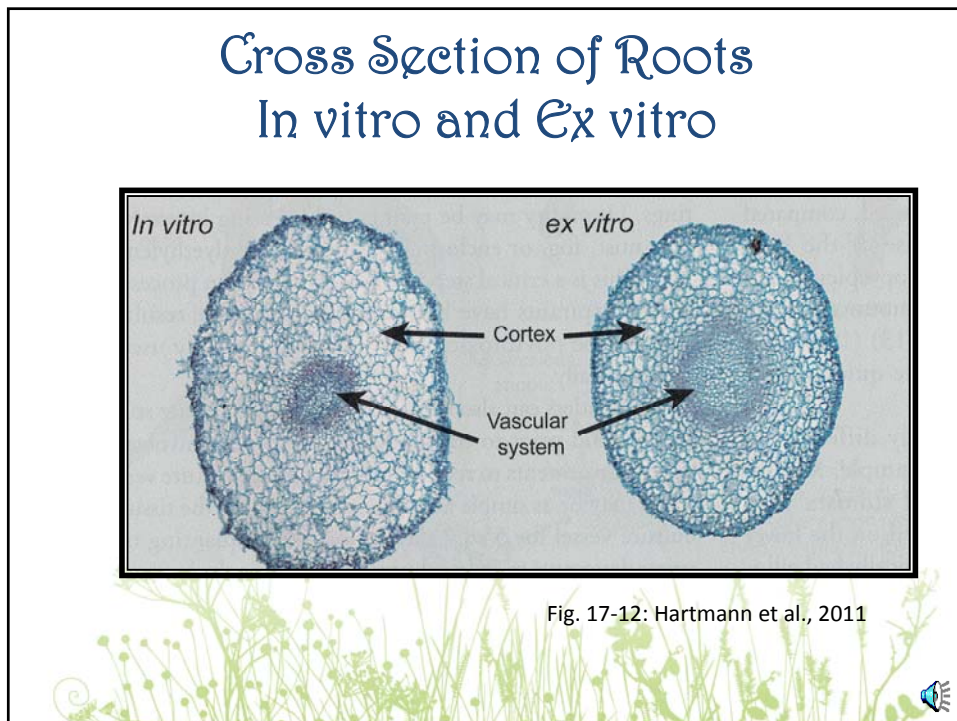
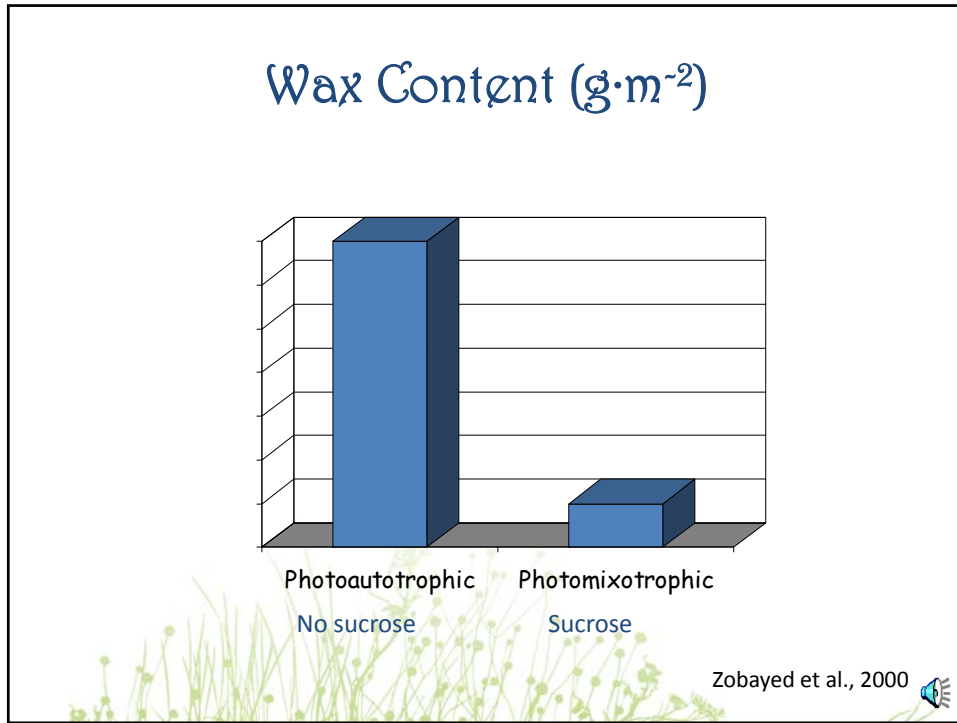
Responses of Plants to the In Vitro Environment

- Reduced wax formation
- Stomatal malfunction
- Low chlorophyll content in leaves
- Low percent dry matter
- Restricted leaf expansion
- Low stomatal density on leaves
- Inferior vascular development
- Low photosynthetic ability

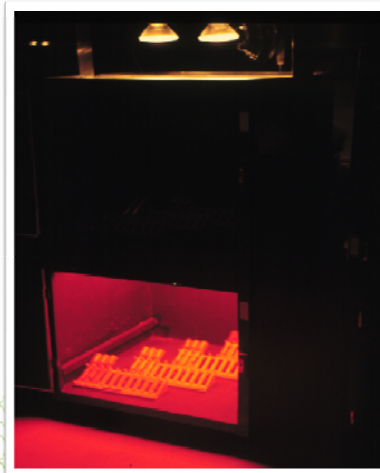
Stomatal Pore Size (μm)



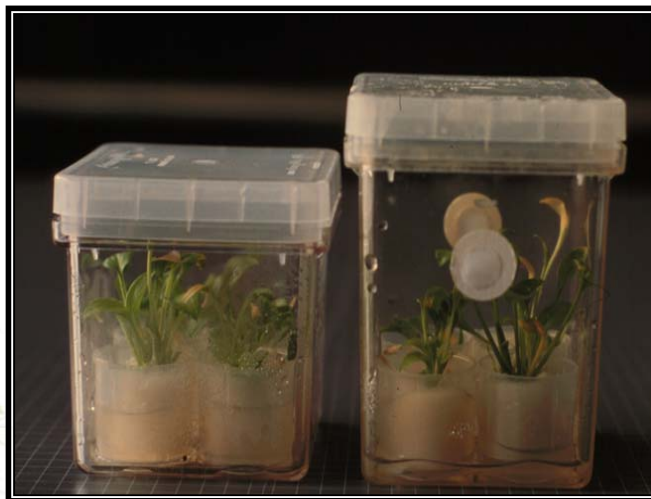
Zobayed et al., 2000



IPT-Transgenic Tobacco Responses to End of Day Red and Far-red Light



Micropropagated Hosta Storage at Light Compensation Point



Light Quality Growth Chambers



White

Red

Blue

Dark



12 Weeks Storage at 10 °C and 60 days in Greenhouse



Suc.

No
Suc.

White

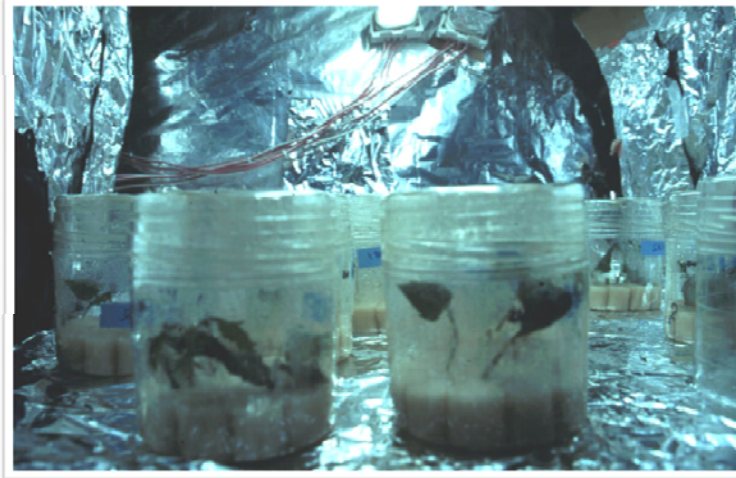
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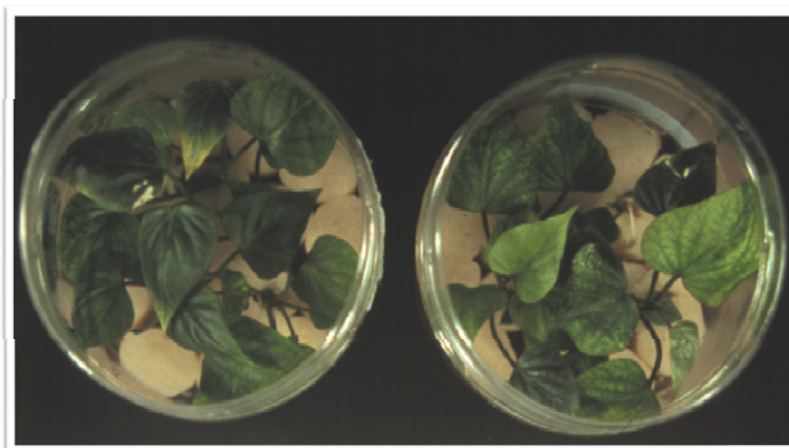
Dark



CO₂-Enriched Growth Chamber



Sweet Potato Day 17

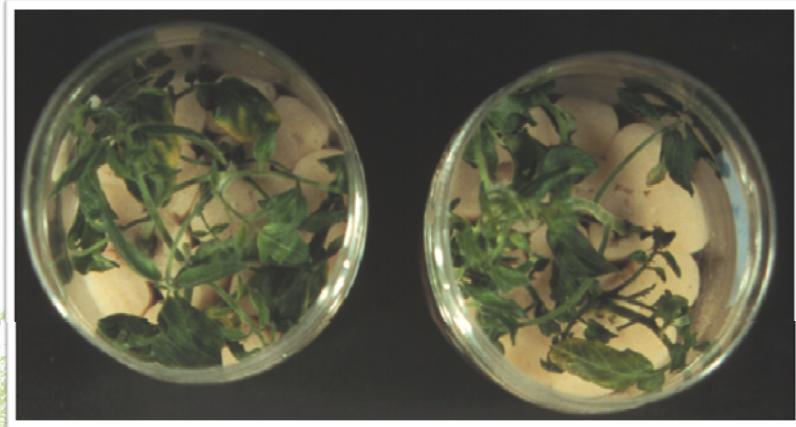


Photoautotrophic

Photomixotrophic



Tomato Day 17

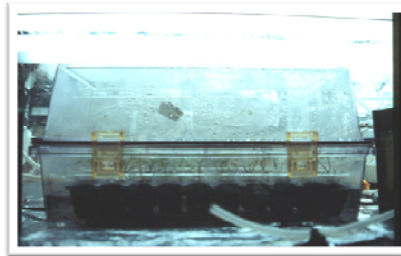


Photoautotrophic

Photomixotrophic



Forced Ventilation System



Effects of CO₂ Enrichment



No sucrose and forced CO₂

With sucrose and natural ventilation

Traditional method in agar with sucrose

Sea Oats

A vertical stack of four pairs of small glass containers, each containing a pair of Sea Oats plants. The plants show varying degrees of growth and root development. The top pair is the shortest, the second pair is taller, the third pair is similar in height to the second, and the bottom pair is the tallest.

Liquid-No Sucrose

Liquid-3% Sucrose with CO₂

Liquid-3% Sucrose no CO₂

AGAR-3% Sucrose

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Web Lecture

Objectives are to Understand:

- The history of micropropagation
- Advantages of micropropagation
- Five stages of shoot culture



Dr.
Mike
Kane

Video

- Demonstration of sterile technique to divide micropropagules

Video

- Agristarts, commercial micropropagation



Web Lecture



Dr. Wagner Vendrame

Objectives are to Understand

- The advantages of micropropagation
- Somatic embryogenesis applications
- Embryo conversion



Final Exam

80% New Material:

- Lecture from chapters 14-18
- Web lectures and videos

20% Review Material:

- Seed Propagation (10 pts)
- Vegetative Propagation (10 pts)

