

# Infinito: A unique fungicide with multiple activity for tuber blight control - EU experiences 2005-2008

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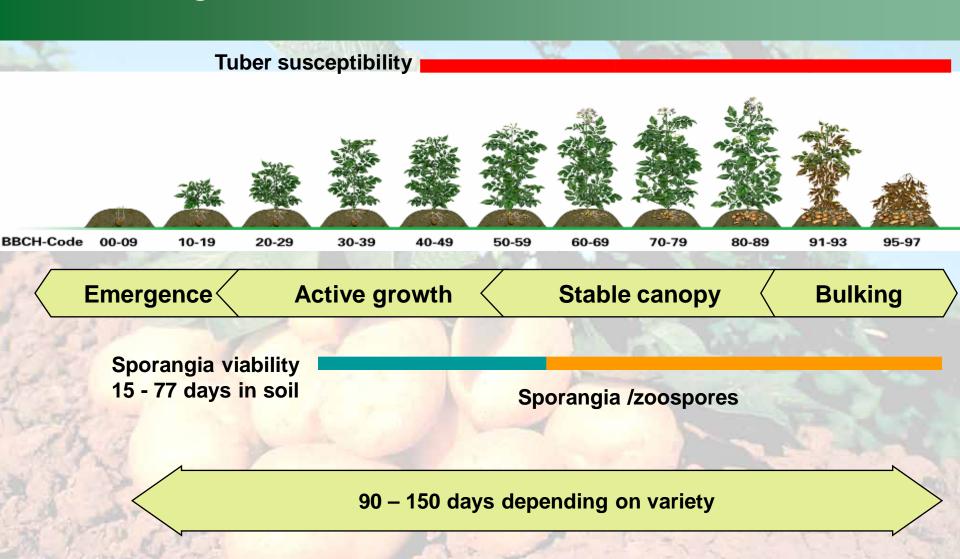
# Tuber blight

- Yield losses at harvest and during storage
- Tuber protection starts even before the plants initiate tubers in mid-season
- Sporangia and zoospores are washed down from the leaves and from infected stems by rainfall and irrigation
- Sporangia washed down to the soil can remain viable for several months





# Tuber Blight Infection







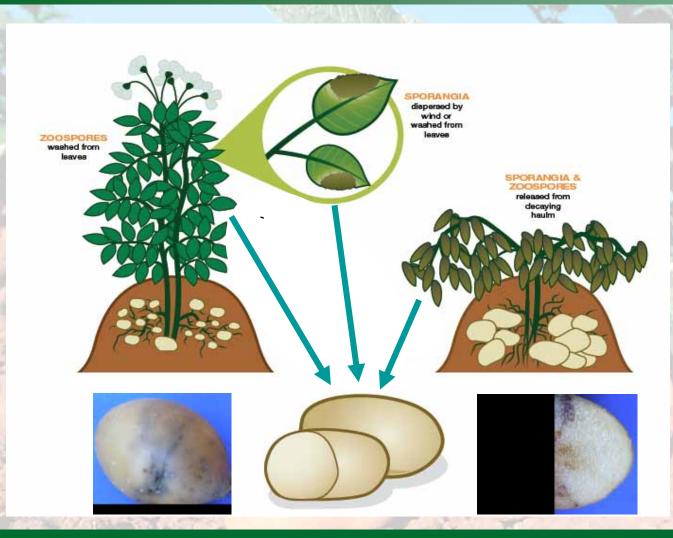
## Infinito Features

- A new mode of action based on fluopicolide
- Excellent regulatory profile
- Reliable and consistent high level of potato late blight control on stems and leaves
- Long-lasting activity
- Protection against tuber blight
- Yield enhancing
- Registered for use in all crops processing, table potatoes and seed





## Tuber Infection



Spore quantity

**Spore mobility** 

**Spore viability** 

### How does Infinito work

Long-lasting and excellent canopy protection

#### Spore quantity

- Protection of new shoots and stems by translaminar and systemic activity
- Strong anti-sporulant activity

#### **Spore mobility**

- Fast sporicidal activity
- Any zoospores released during rainfall or irrigation are killed by Infinito on leaf surface

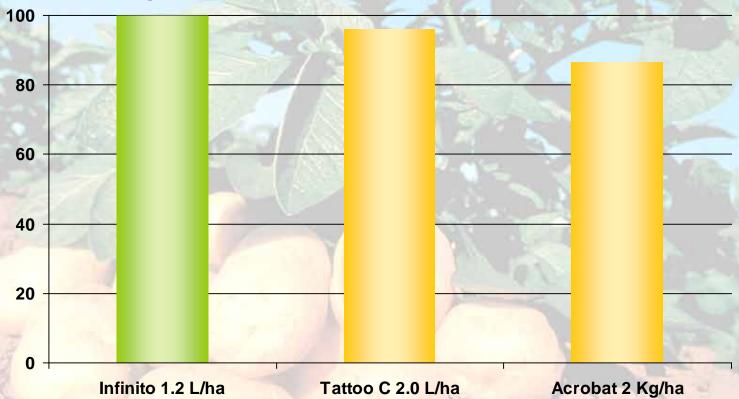
#### **Spore viability**

 Spore viability reduced through preventing the release of zoospores from sporangia leading to strongly reduced germination



# Anti-sporulant activity

#### % Inhibition of sporangia formation

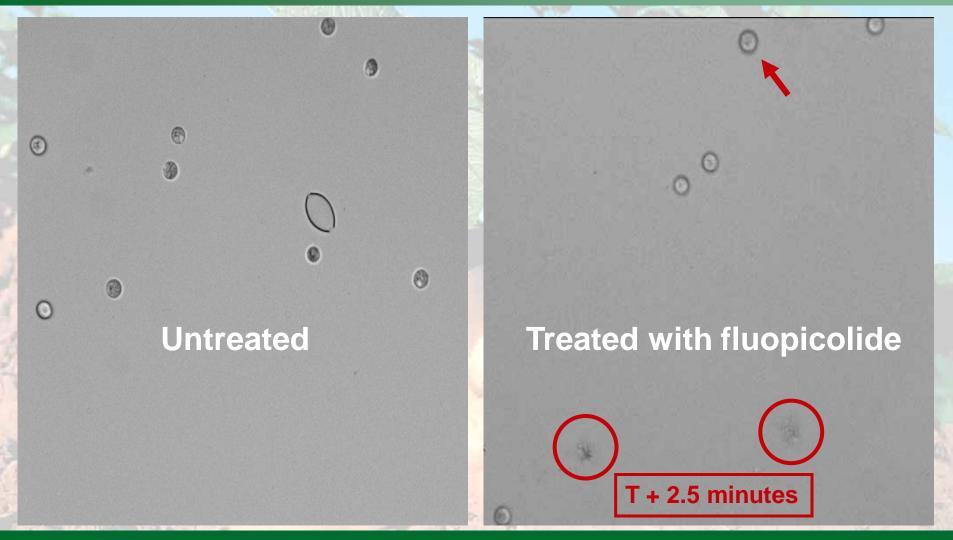


7 days after inoculation - 166.000 sporangia / ml in untreated Source: Bayer CropScience, Fungicide Reseach, Lyon





# Fast-action of fluopicolide on zoospores







## **Effect of Infinito**

**Spore quantity** 

**Spore mobility** 

**Spore viability** 

Potential infection sources reaching the soil are eliminated

Infinito – Unique multiple action against tuber blight





## Field trials: - Treatments and dose rates

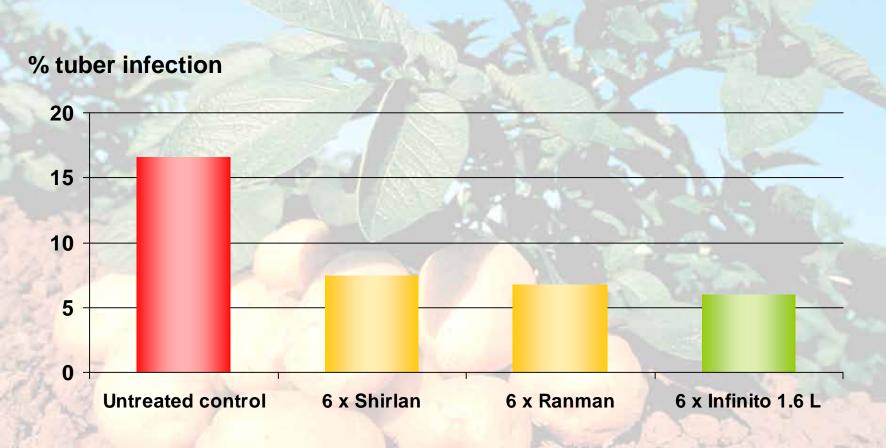
#### All treatments used as detailed below unless stated

Infinito	fluopicolide+propamocarb	1.2 - 1.6 L/ha
Ranman	cyazofamid +adjuvant	0.2 + 0.15 L/ha
Shirlan	fluazinam	0.4 L/ha
Fubol Gold / Ridomil Gold	metalaxyl-M+mancozeb	1.0 or 2 Kg/ha
Revus	mandipropamid	0.6 L/ha
Curzate M WG	cymoxanil + mancozeb	2.0 Kg
Electis / Unikat Pro	zoxamide+mancozeb	1.8 Kg/ha
Dithane	mancozeb	2.25 Kg/ha





# Tuber Blight Control – Netherlands 2005

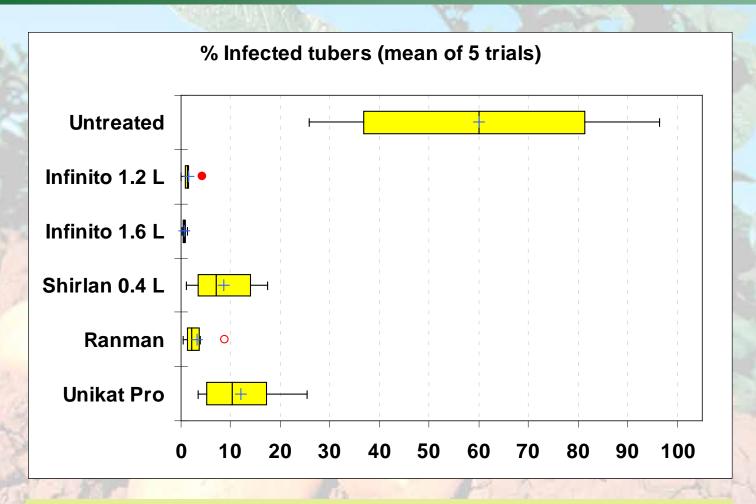


Source: Applied Plant Research, Lelystad, The Netherlands, 2005





# Tuber Blight Control, Netherlands 2005-2007



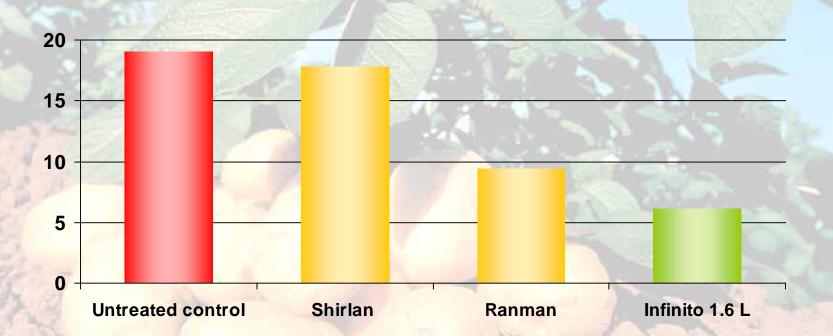
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# Tuber Blight Control, France 2006



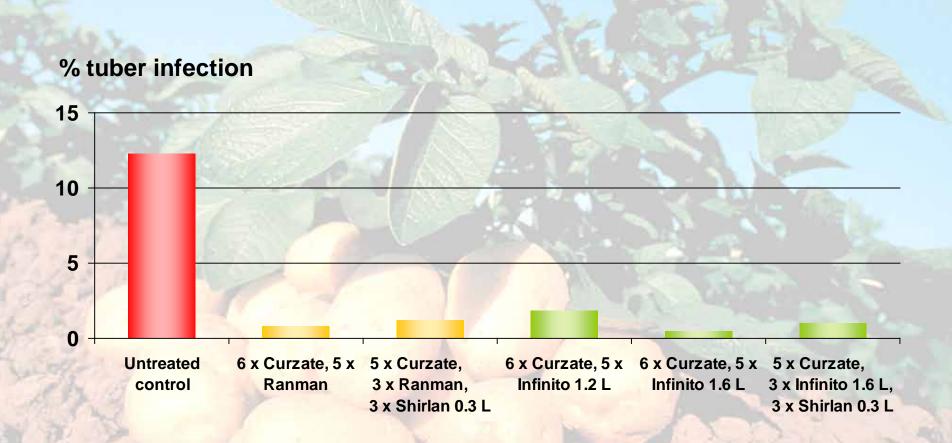


Source: mean of 2 trials, Bayer CropScience France





# Tuber Blight Control – UK 2005



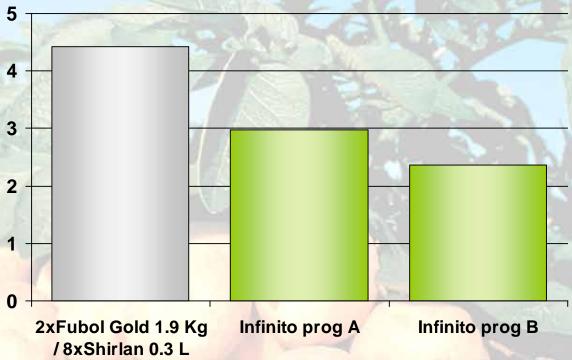
Source: SAC, Auchincruive, Scotland 2005





# Tuber Blight Control, Northern Ireland 2007

#### % infected tubers



Infinito programme  $A = 2 \times Fubol Gold / Shirlan alternating with Infinito 1.6 L/ha Infinito programme <math>B = 2 \times Fubol Gold / 1 \times Shirlan, 4 \times Infinito 1.6 L/ha, 3 \times Shirlan$ 

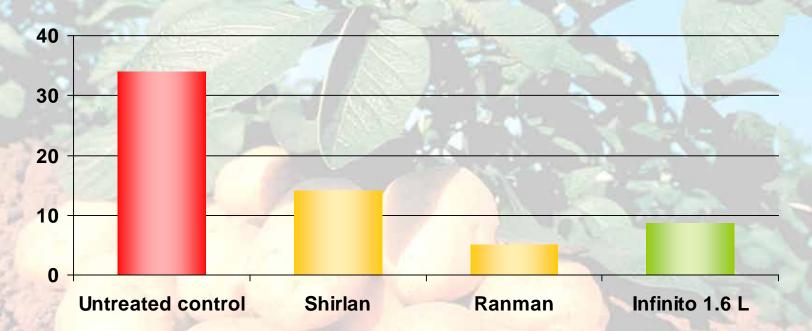
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# Tuber Blight Control - Germany 2006





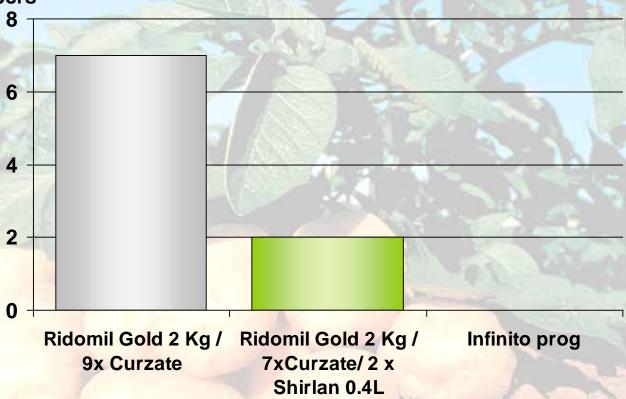
Source: mean of 2 trials Amtlicher Dienst NRW, Brentler, Germany





# Tuber Blight Control, Germany 2008

% infected tubers



Infinito prog Ridomil Gold/3 x Curzate 4 x Infinito 1.5 L / 2 xShirlan 0.4 L

Source Bayer CropScience trial, Germany





## Conclusions

- Unique multiple action of Infinito gives all-round protection
  - Long-lasting protectant activity on foliage
  - Protection of new growth
  - Translaminar activity
  - Anti-sporulant activity
  - Sporicidal activity
  - Reduction in spore viability and germination
- Multiple action is the basis for robust control of tuber blight





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