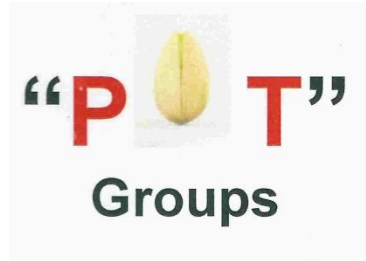
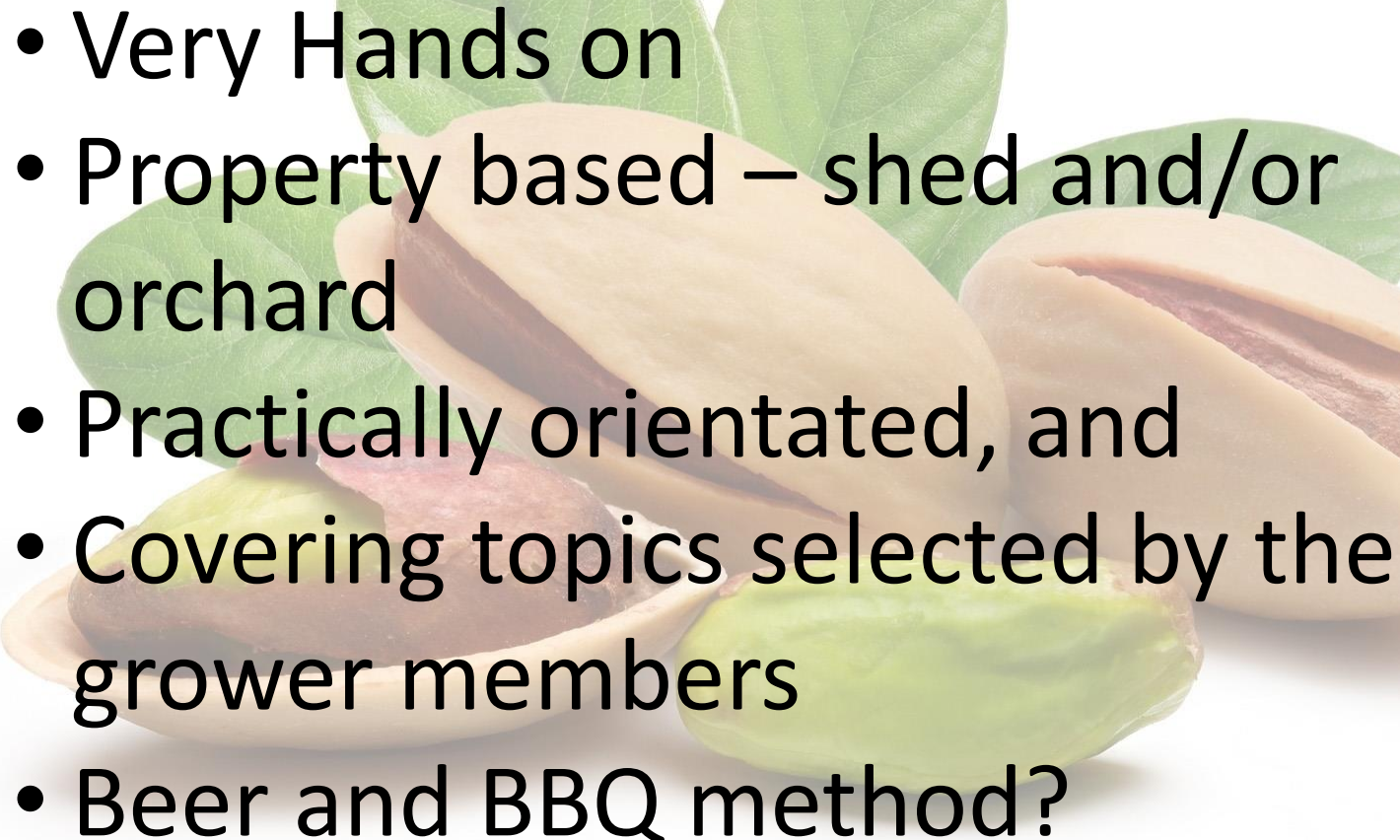


Pistachio Information Groups



The Aim of “PIT Groups”

- Very Hands on
 - Property based – shed and/or orchard
 - Practically orientated, and
 - Covering topics selected by the grower members
 - Beer and BBQ method?
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- A collection of fresh produce including green leafy vegetables, a green bell pepper, and several pieces of salmon, some of which are open like sandwiches.

A background image featuring several green, oval-shaped leaves and several light-colored almonds. Some almonds are whole, while others are cracked open, revealing their dark brown, textured inner shells. The items are arranged in a cluster, with the leaves and almonds overlapping each other.

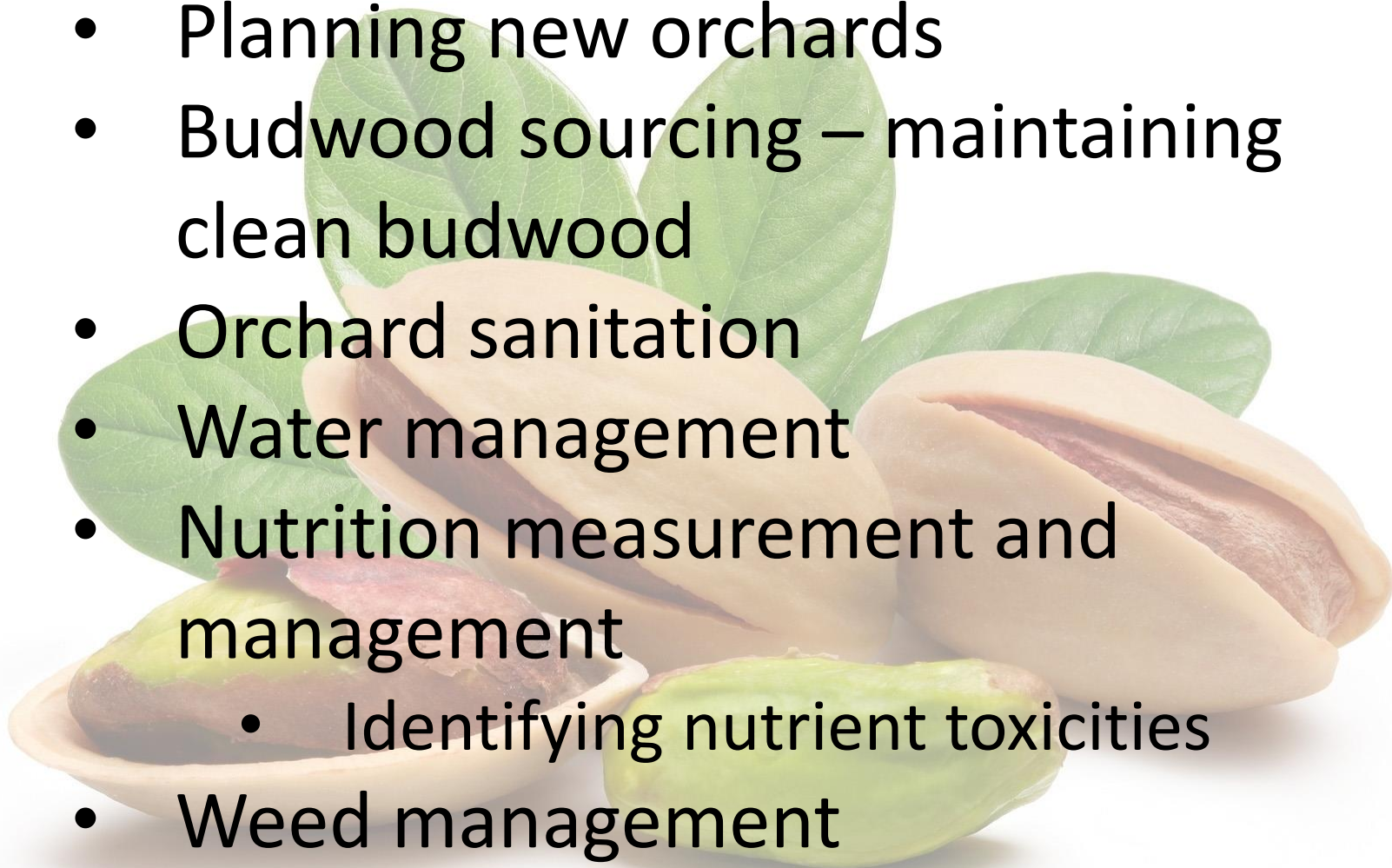
A survey was sent to growers on the database with the following questions

- Topics you would like covered?
- The MOST suitable times for the three meetings in your district for 2015?
- The MOST suitable time of day?

Topics you would like covered? In no preferred order:

- Tree Management
 - Training
 - Pruning/shaping
 - Budding
 - Understanding and measuring Chill Requirements
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- Planning new orchards
- Budwood sourcing – maintaining clean budwood
- Orchard sanitation
- Water management
- Nutrition measurement and management
 - Identifying nutrient toxicities
- Weed management



- Pest and Disease management
 - Chemical spray timings
 - Fungal diseases and available fungicides
 - Spray oils – timing and long term effects
- Harvest
 - Machine harvesting
 - Handling – pre cooling bins
 - Transport
- Marketing



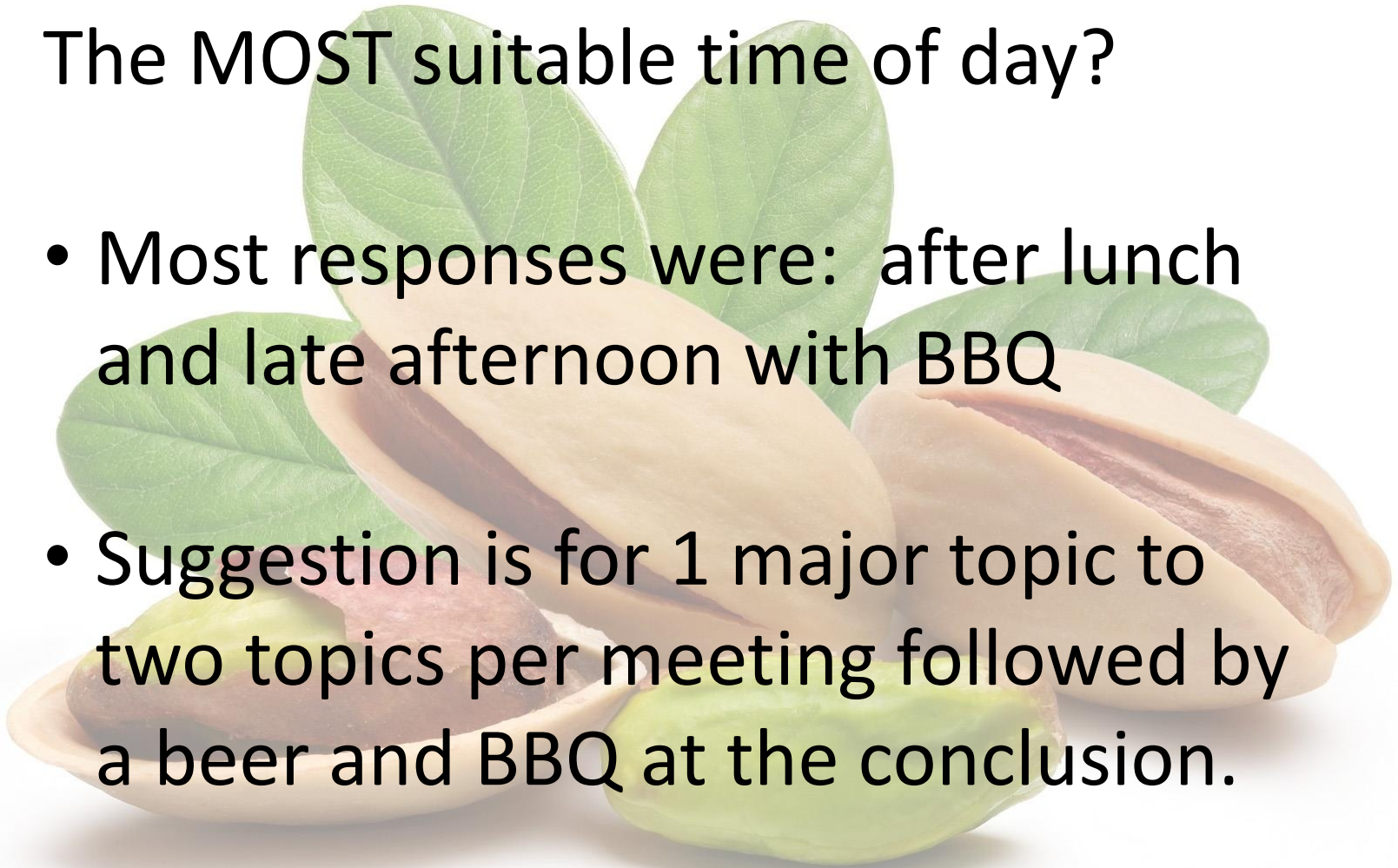
The MOST suitable times for the three meetings in your district for 2015?

- Meeting 1: April/May
- Meeting 2: July/August
- Meeting 3: October/November



The MOST suitable time of day?

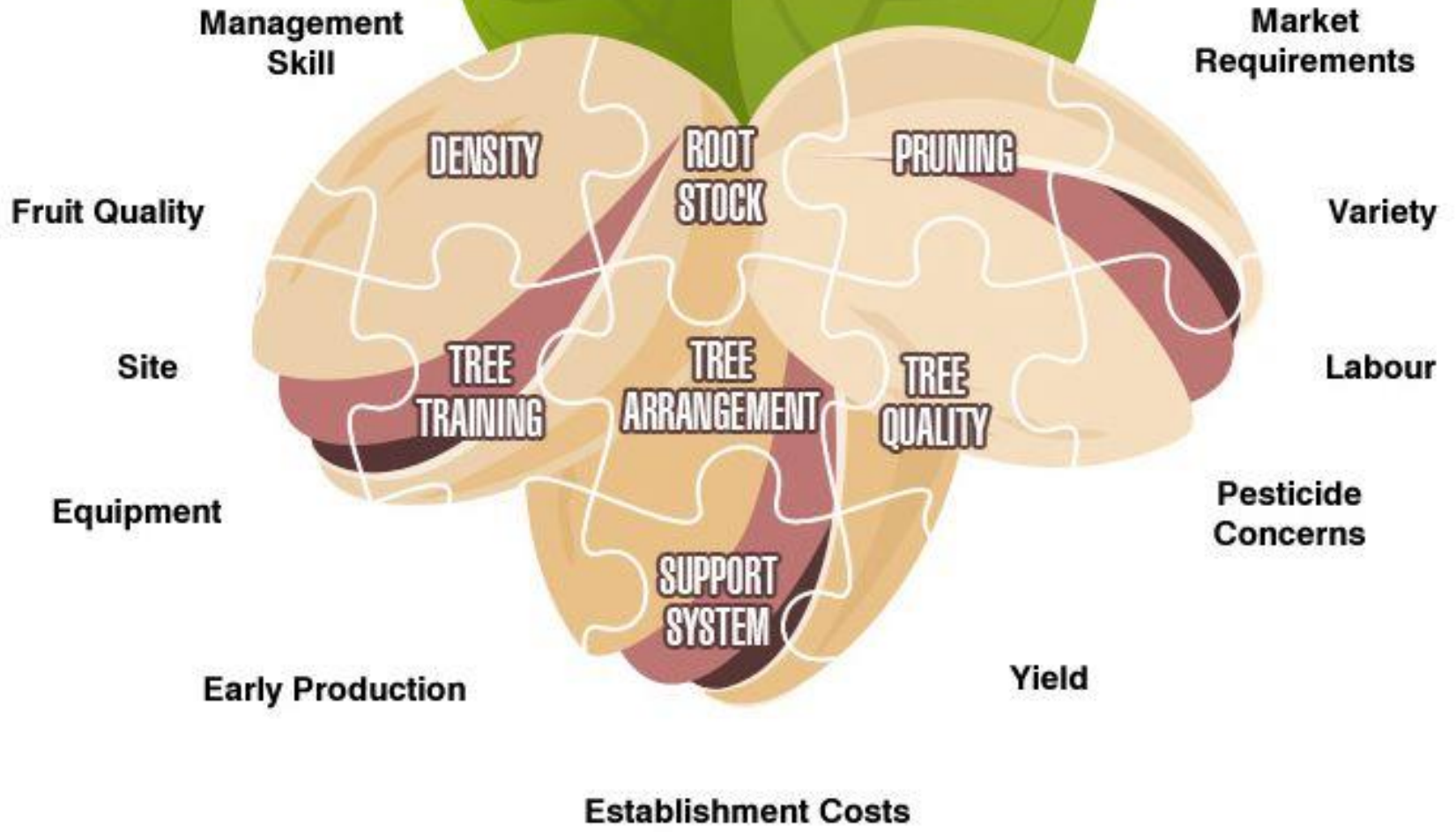
- Most responses were: after lunch and late afternoon with BBQ
- Suggestion is for 1 major topic to two topics per meeting followed by a beer and BBQ at the conclusion.



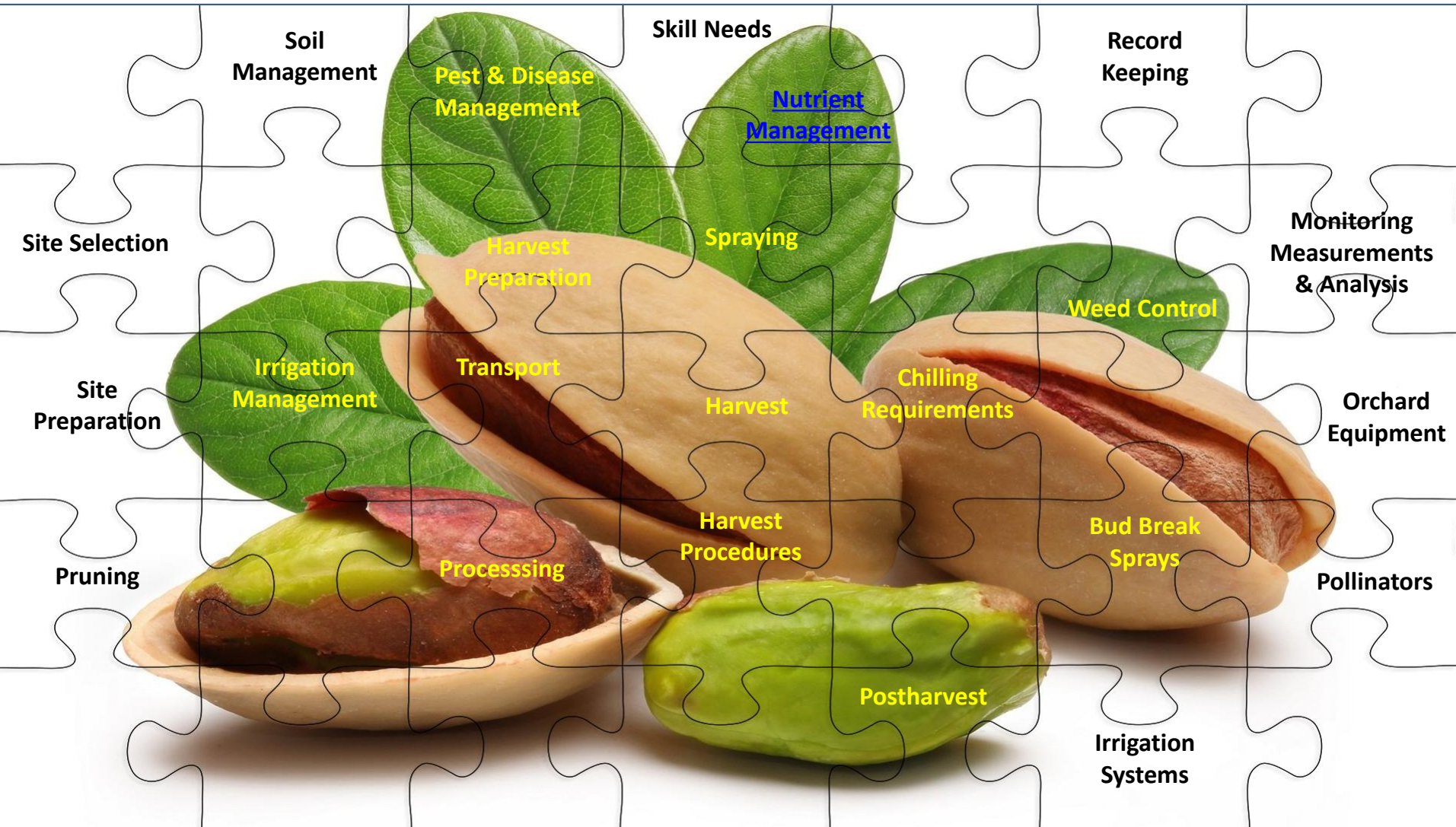
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THE ORCHARD SYSTEM PUZZLE



Orchard Systems Puzzle



Nutrient Management

A photograph of several pistachio nuts and green leaves. Some nuts are in their light brown, papery husks, while others are shelled, showing the green, wrinkled kernel. The leaves are vibrant green and have a smooth, slightly waxy texture.

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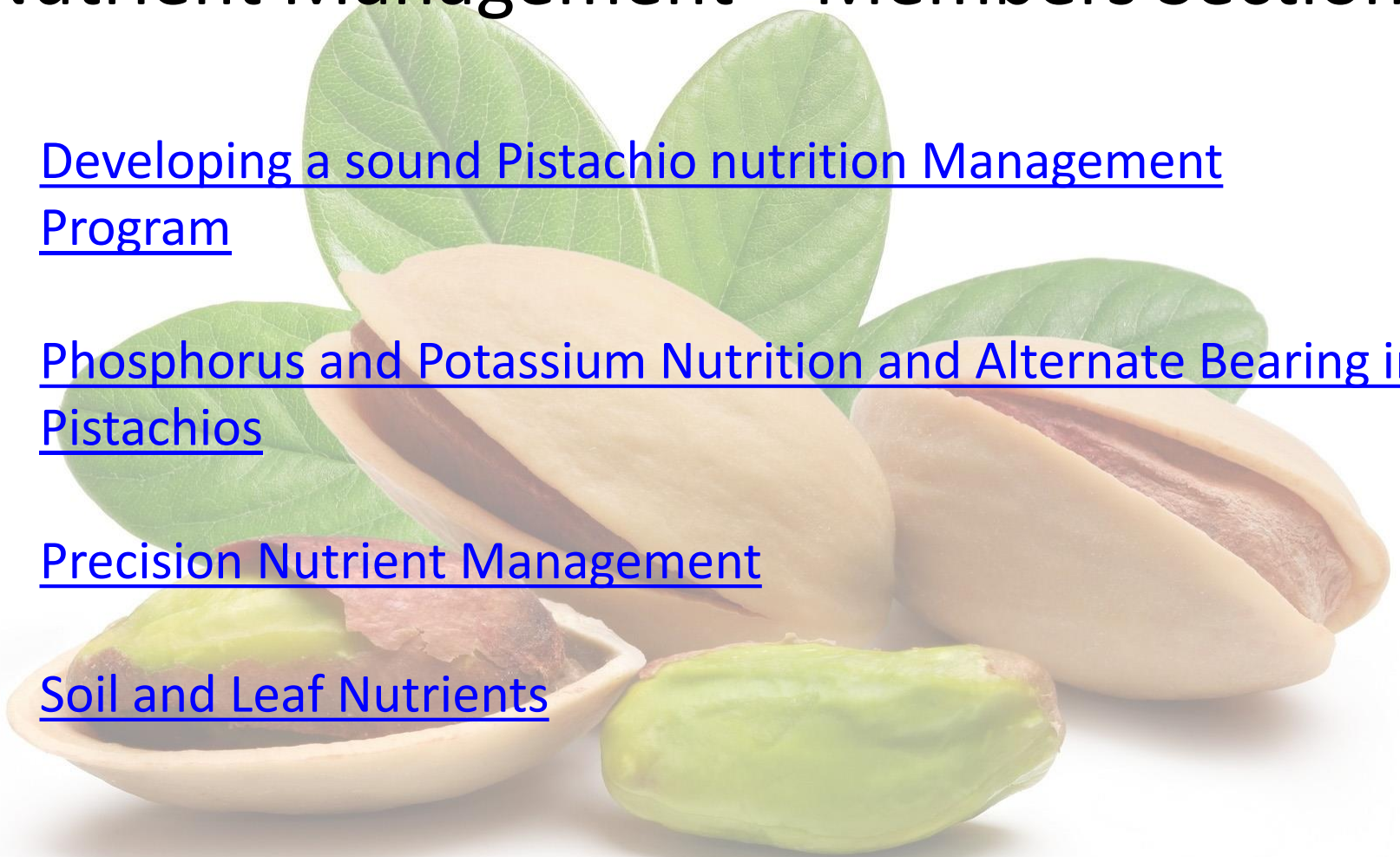


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General Nutrient Management in Pistachios



A fertilization program is typically designed for a specific crop and orchard. At establishment, the soil is sampled for existing available nutrients. After the application program is initiated, leaf analysis in mid-August is used to monitor it. Growers are advised to keep long-term records for an orchard of: their application program, including applications of fertilizer and soil amendments, results of leaf sampling, and yield. These records provide information for decision-making in orchard management.

Application Program: Nutrients are best applied to the root zone at the time of greatest need, which is typically early in the season. Due to the "alternate year" nature of the pistachio yield, fertilization is lighter during "off" years. General fertilization schedules for nitrogen (N) and potassium (K) below should be modified for extremes in soil type: on very heavy clay soils, K applications would be very light. Interactive models have been developed to customize an N and K fertilization program to a specific site.

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