



Berry Industry Consultation and Prioritisation Workshop

5 December 2017

Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc.

Our mission is to help farmers, fishermen and food processors be prosperous and profitable



Our unique contribution

Nova Scotia's technical agency developing the agriculture and seafood sectors

- Our 16th year in business
- Understanding and working more in seafood
- 1st year with our new industry-led board of directors
- Balancing development and consulting mandates



Our Team

35 members

14 professional
agrologists

17 staff with MSc.
or higher

14 with BSc. or
equivalent

6 summer students





Our Service Areas

Field Services

Quality and Food
Safety Services

New Product
Development and
Commercialization
Services

Seafood Services

Innovation Centre
facilities

Perennia Field Services

Offers government-supported no fee services to eligible Nova Scotia producers who own a provincially-registered farm operation and are producing for commercial sale.

If you are looking for:

- individual production advice in horticulture, livestock, soils and field crops by phone, electronically and/or in person (farm calls are determined per issue based on need at the specialist's discretion)
- publications and information online and in hard copy on producing commercial crops and herds: issue-specific workshops
- practical applied research on new varieties, pest protection strategies, new production technologies, feeding techniques, body conditioning, etc.
- industry development projects with collaborative partners to tackle large scale issues impeding a specific sector

Perennia's team provides the above services on behalf of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. Other confidential consulting services are available for a fee and include retainers, dairy nutrition, efficacy trials, workshops, and nutrient management and fertigation plans.

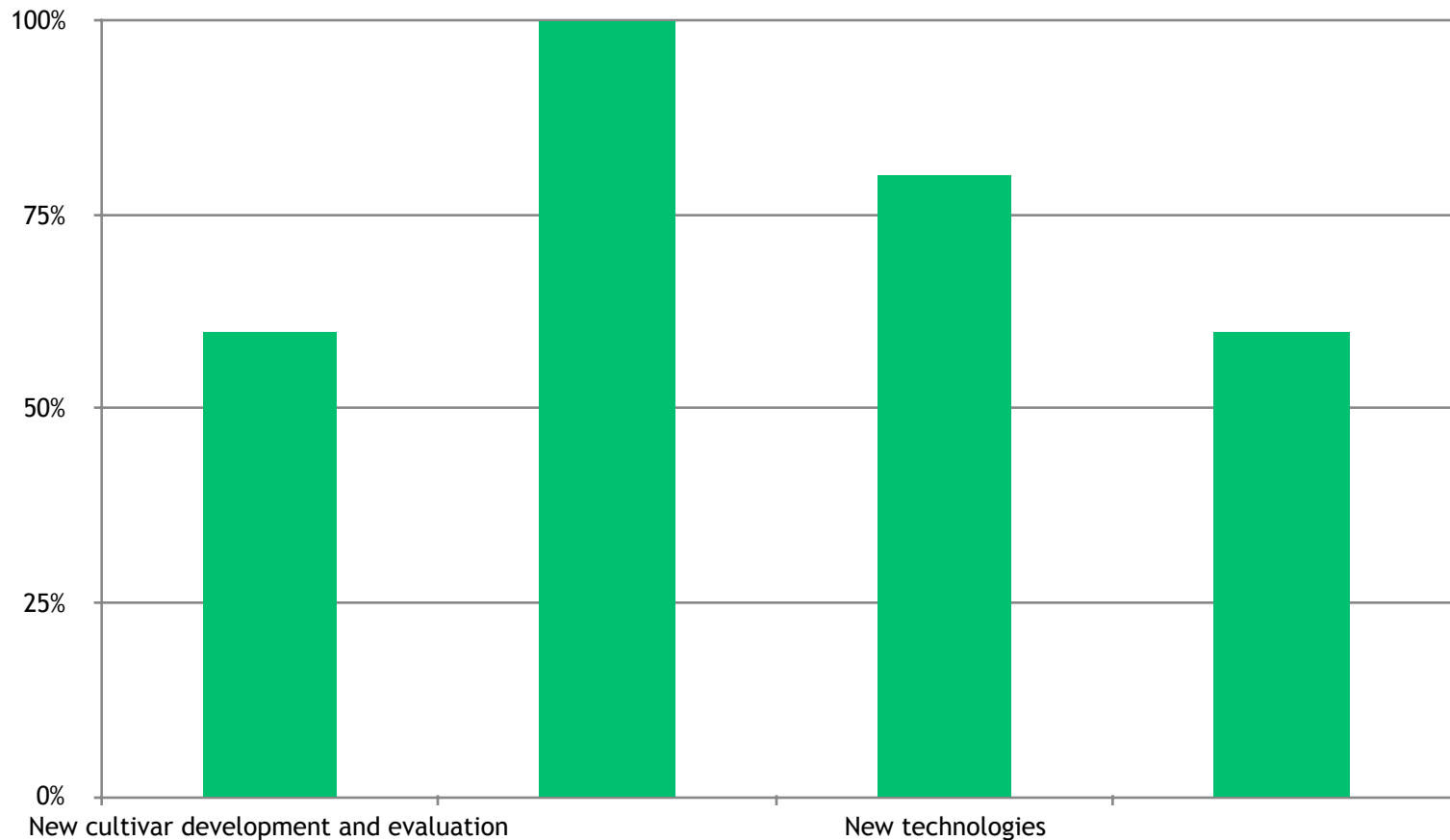


What are we doing today?

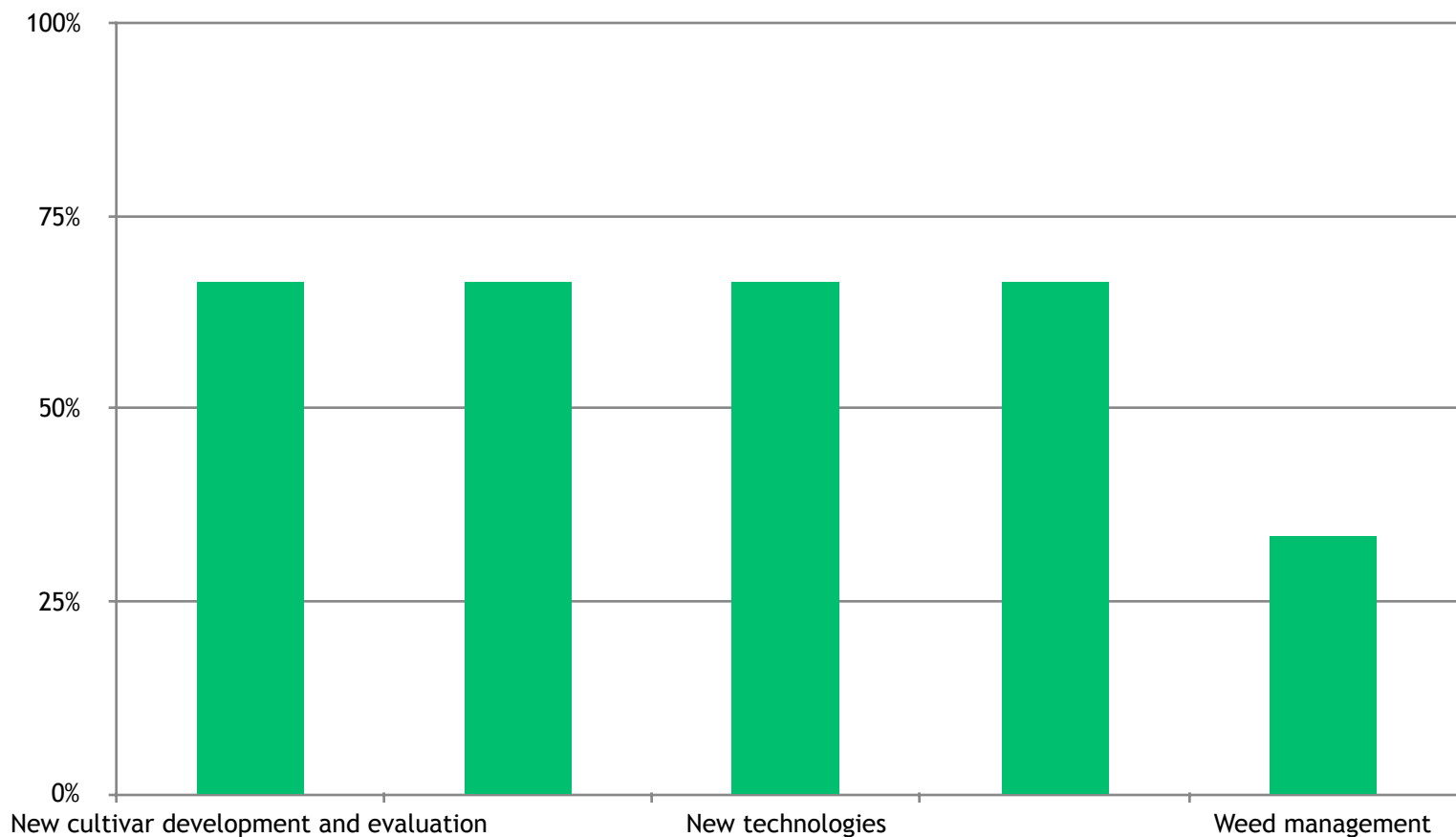
- SWD update
- Meet the new AAFC staff
- Season observations
- Set research and general industry priorities 2018-2019
- Set Minor Use Priorities for 2018



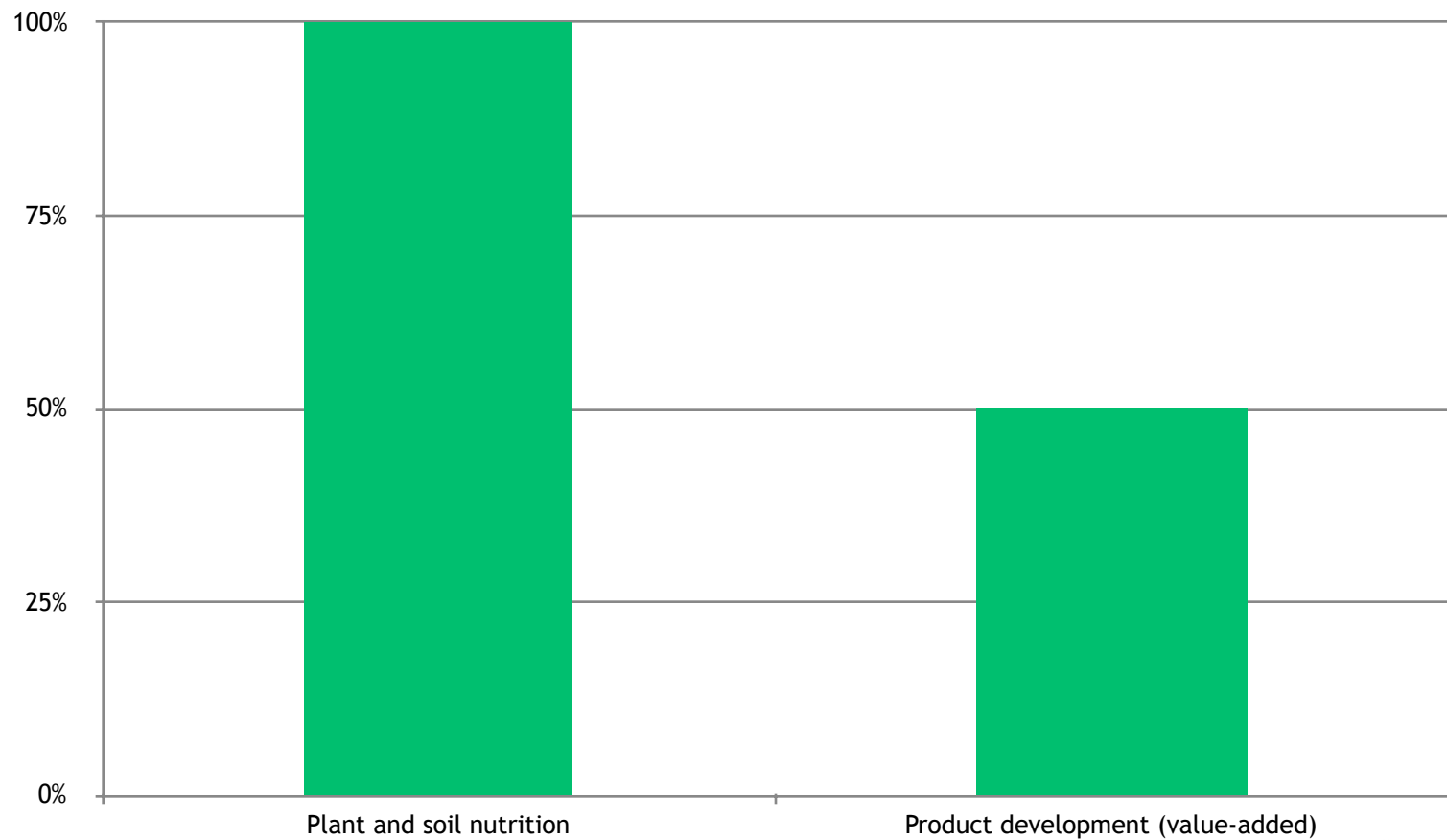
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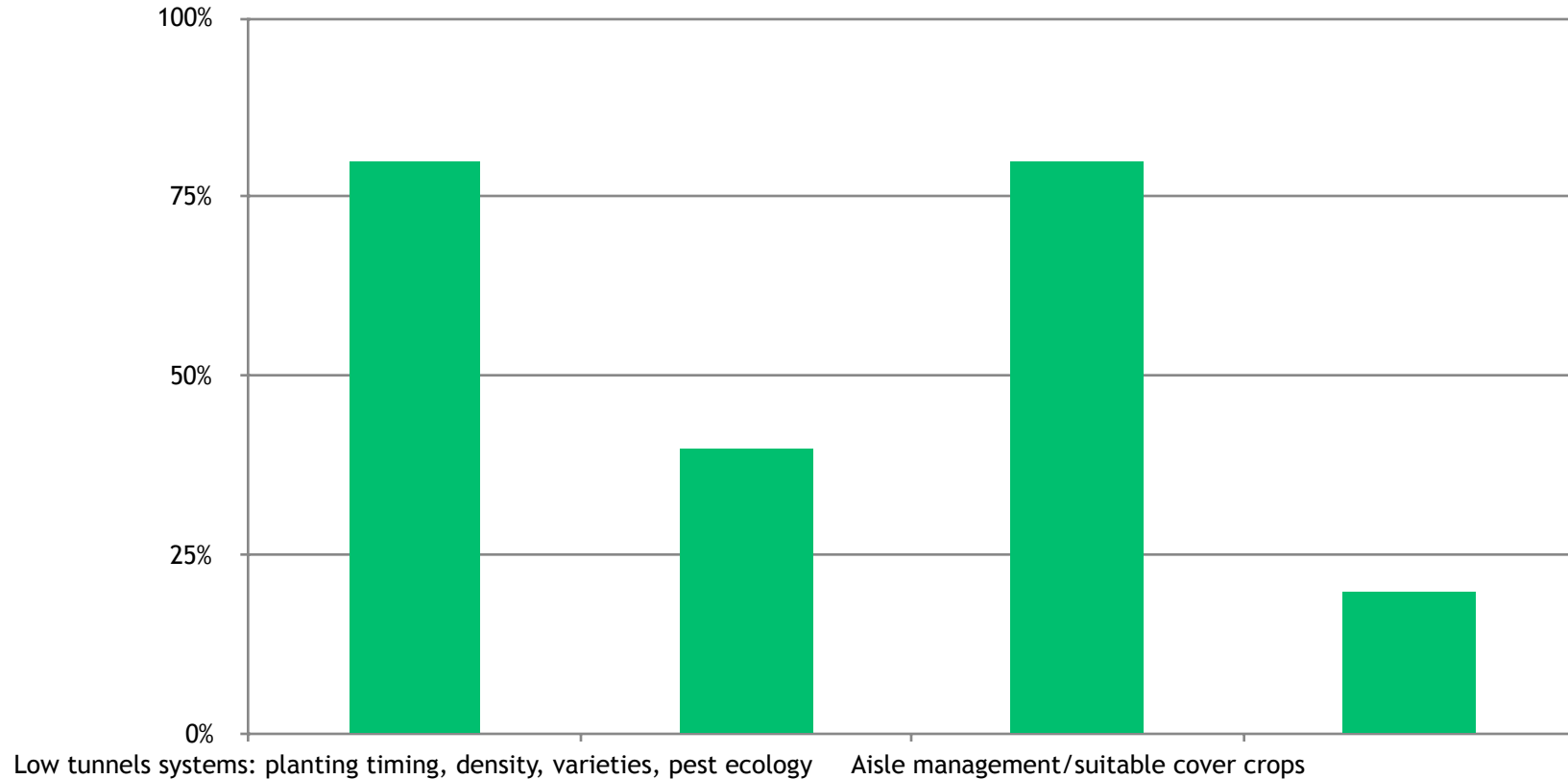
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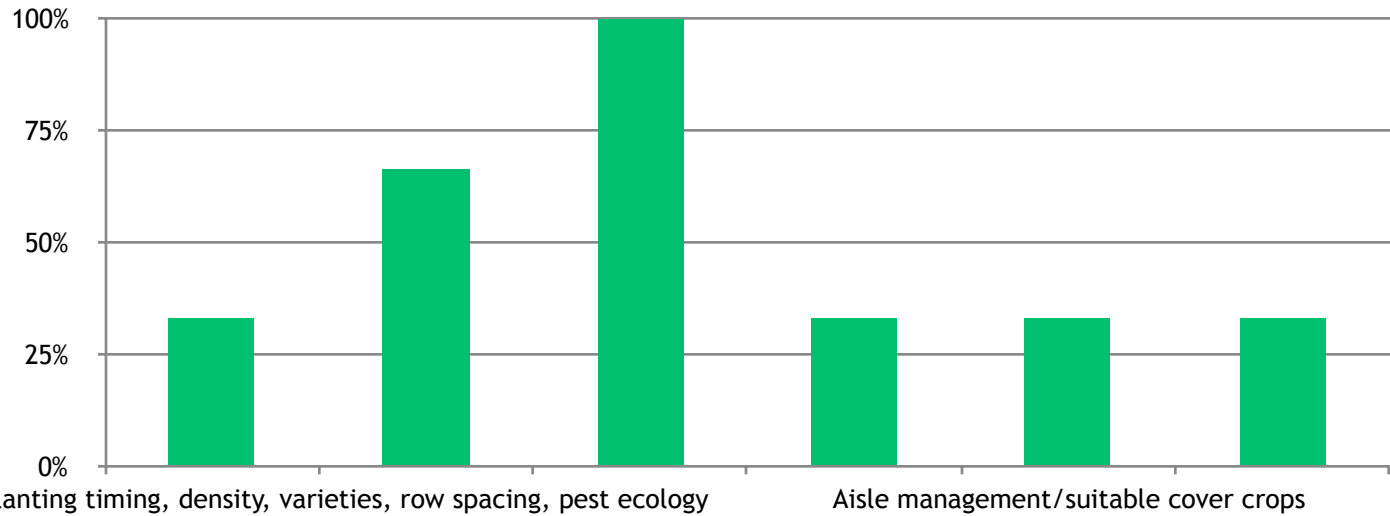
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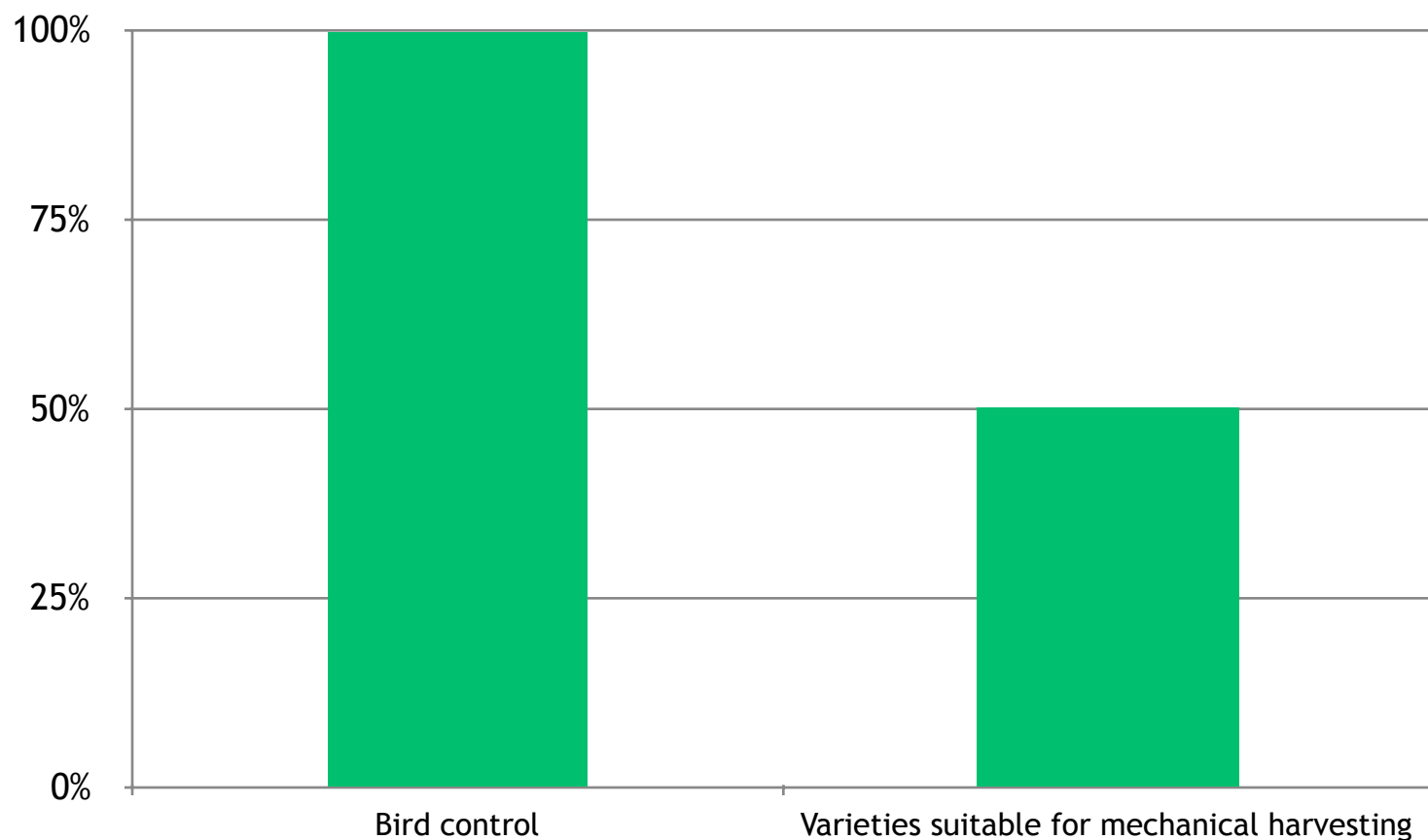
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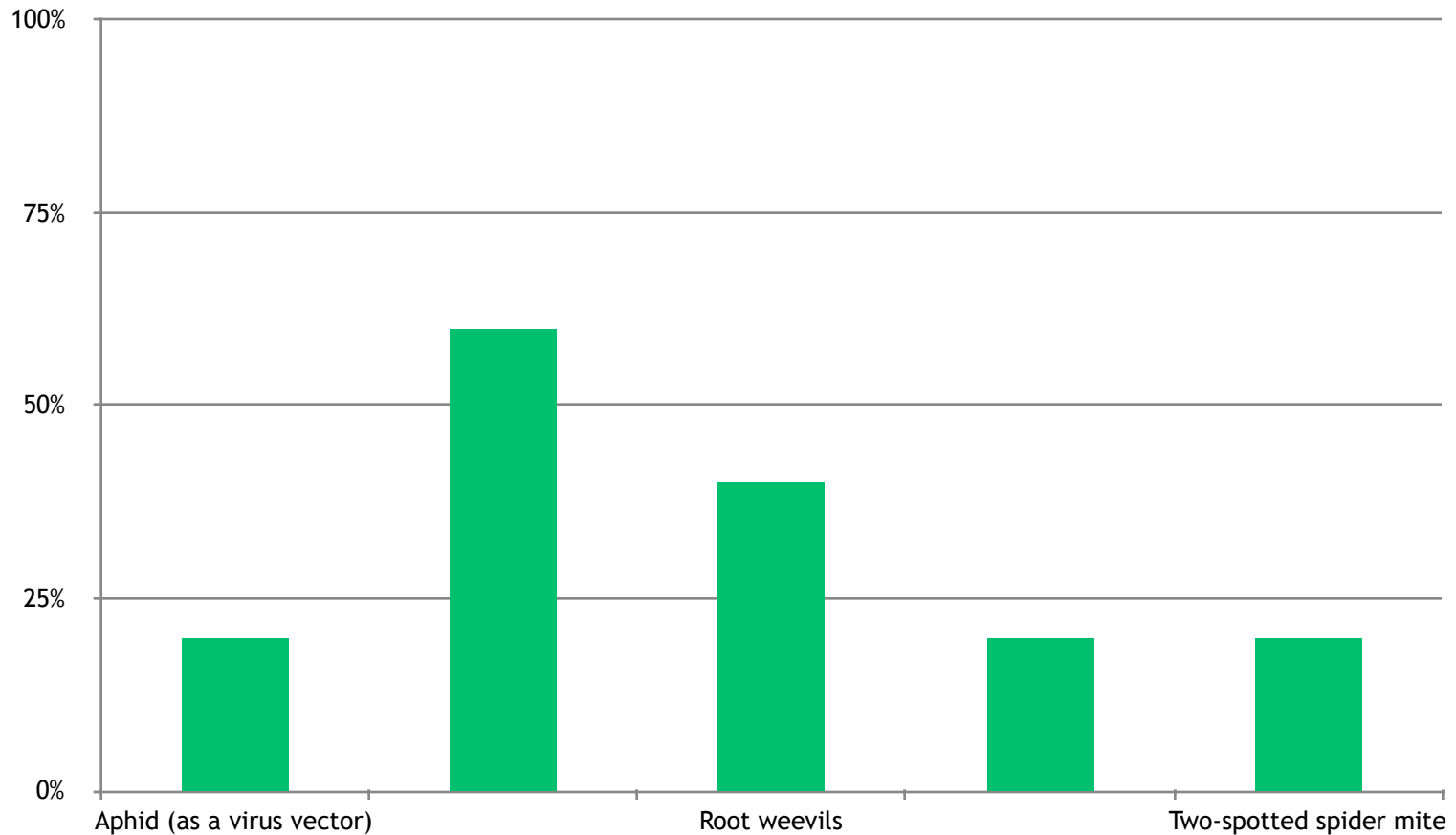
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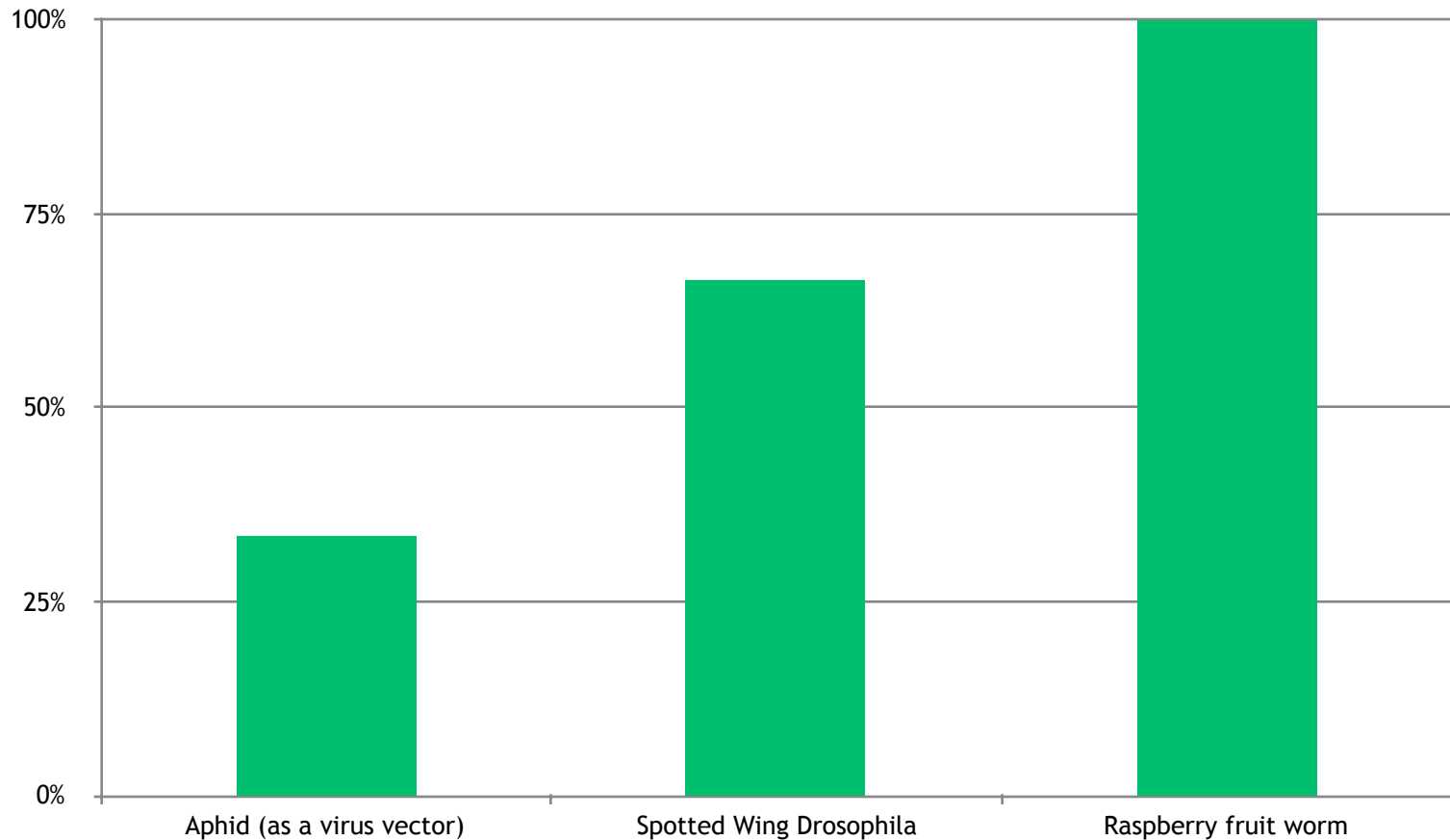
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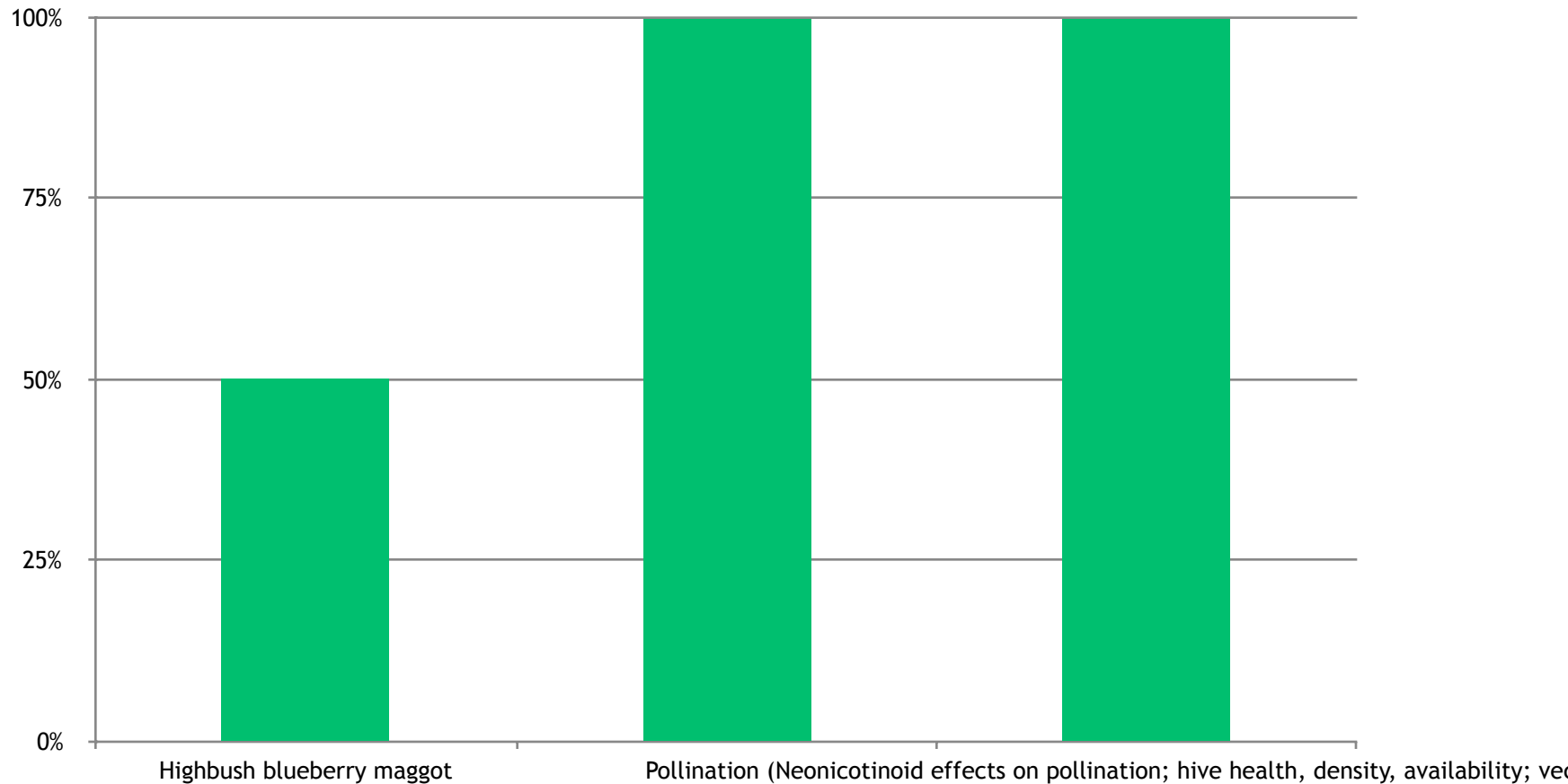
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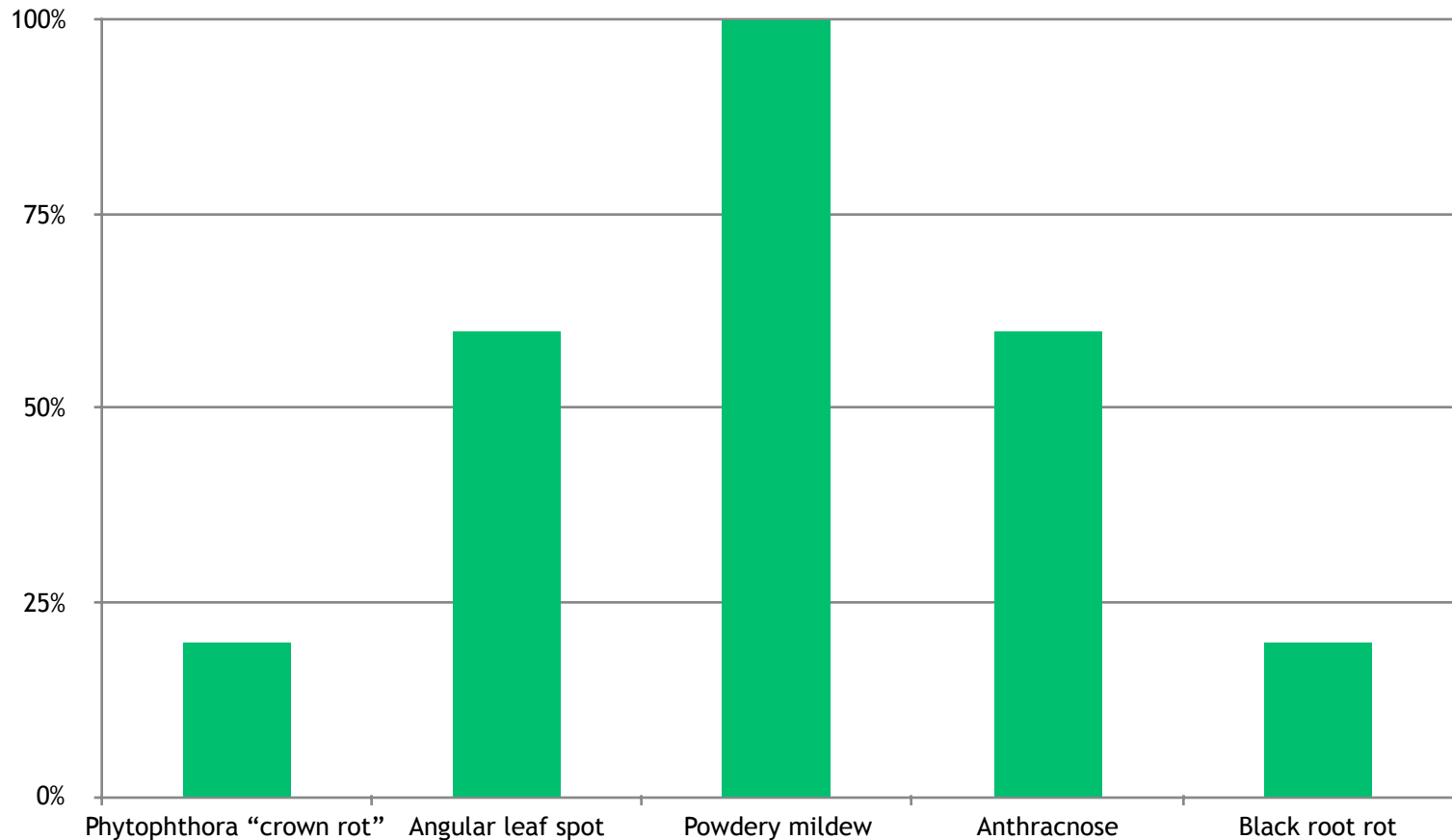
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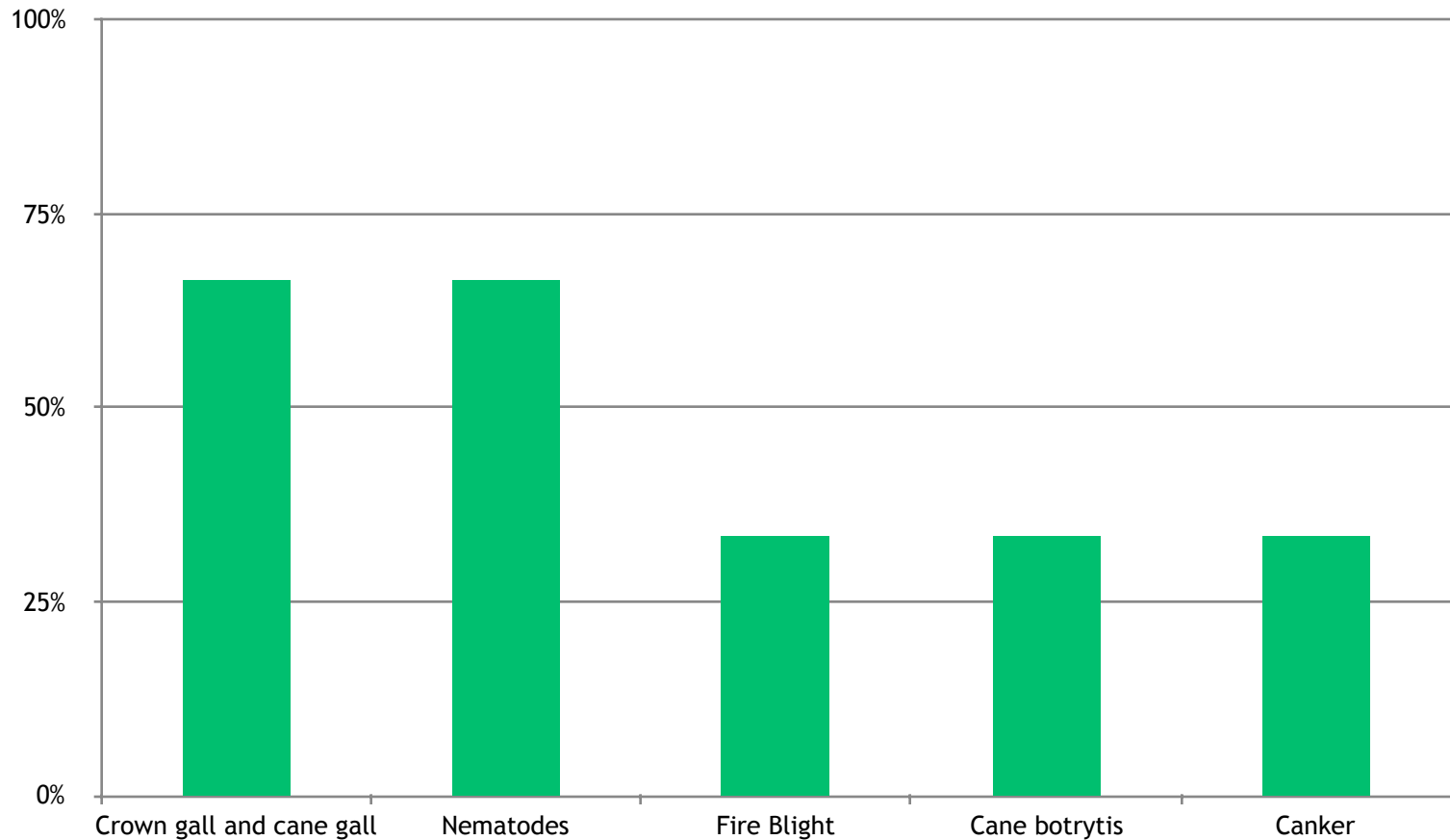
Highbush Blueberries: Pest Issues



Strawberry: Pathology Pests



Brambles: Pathology Pests



Perennia 2017-2018 Initiatives

- Spray Workshop
- Province-Wide Twilight Meetings SB
- Chill Hour eval. of northern nursery plants
- Revamping pest management guides
- Developing new entrant basics
- HBB pruning workshop spring 2018
- Aphid & Virus Program 2017-2021



Quick Season Recap

- Spotted Wing Drosophila
- Mummy berry
- Black root rot - strawberry
- Botrytis - strawberry
- Aftermath of 2016 drought

