

# The Toothpick Spore Powder

- Very fine powder
- High spore concentration
- $3 \times 10^7$  cfu/g
- Very vigorous spores
- Spores germinate within one day
- Sufficient shelf life



# Very vigorous Spores



Fusarium oxysporum colony after 24 hours




Fusarium oxysporum growing out of a maize grain

## So far found shelf-life

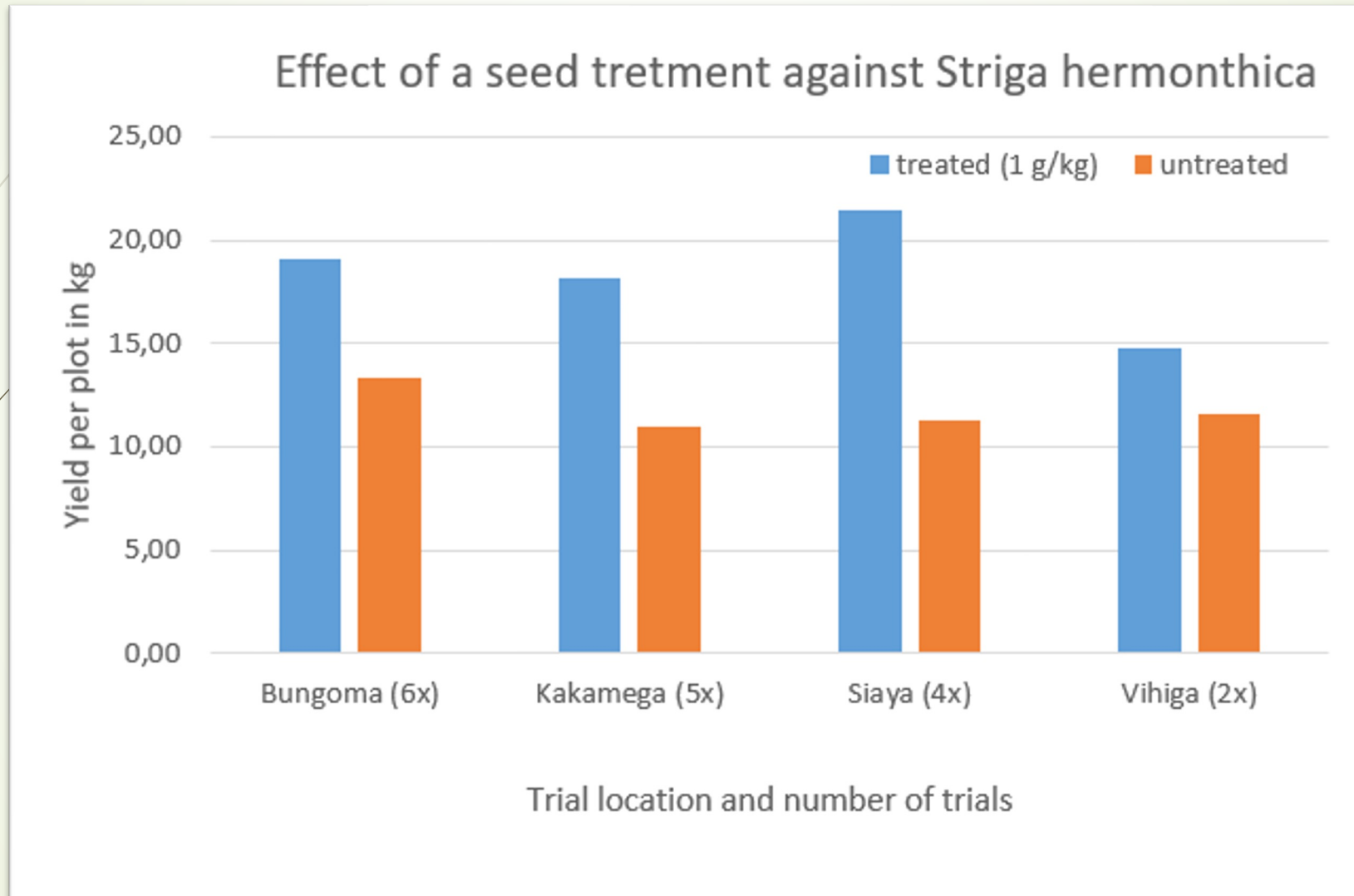
Date	Spore viability in cfu/g dependant on different storage temperatures		
	+25 °C	+7 °C	-10 °C
18/02/2021 (start)	$4.81 \times 10^7$	$4.81 \times 10^7$	$4.81 \times 10^7$
21/05/2021 (3 months)	$0.83 \times 10^7$	$4.35 \times 10^7$	$4.83 \times 10^7$
17/08/2021 (6 months)	$2.33 \times 10^4$	$2.97 \times 10^7$	$4.45 \times 10^7$
23/11/2021 (9 months)	0	$1.91 \times 10^7$	$3.21 \times 10^7$

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# First trial results using a pilot batch

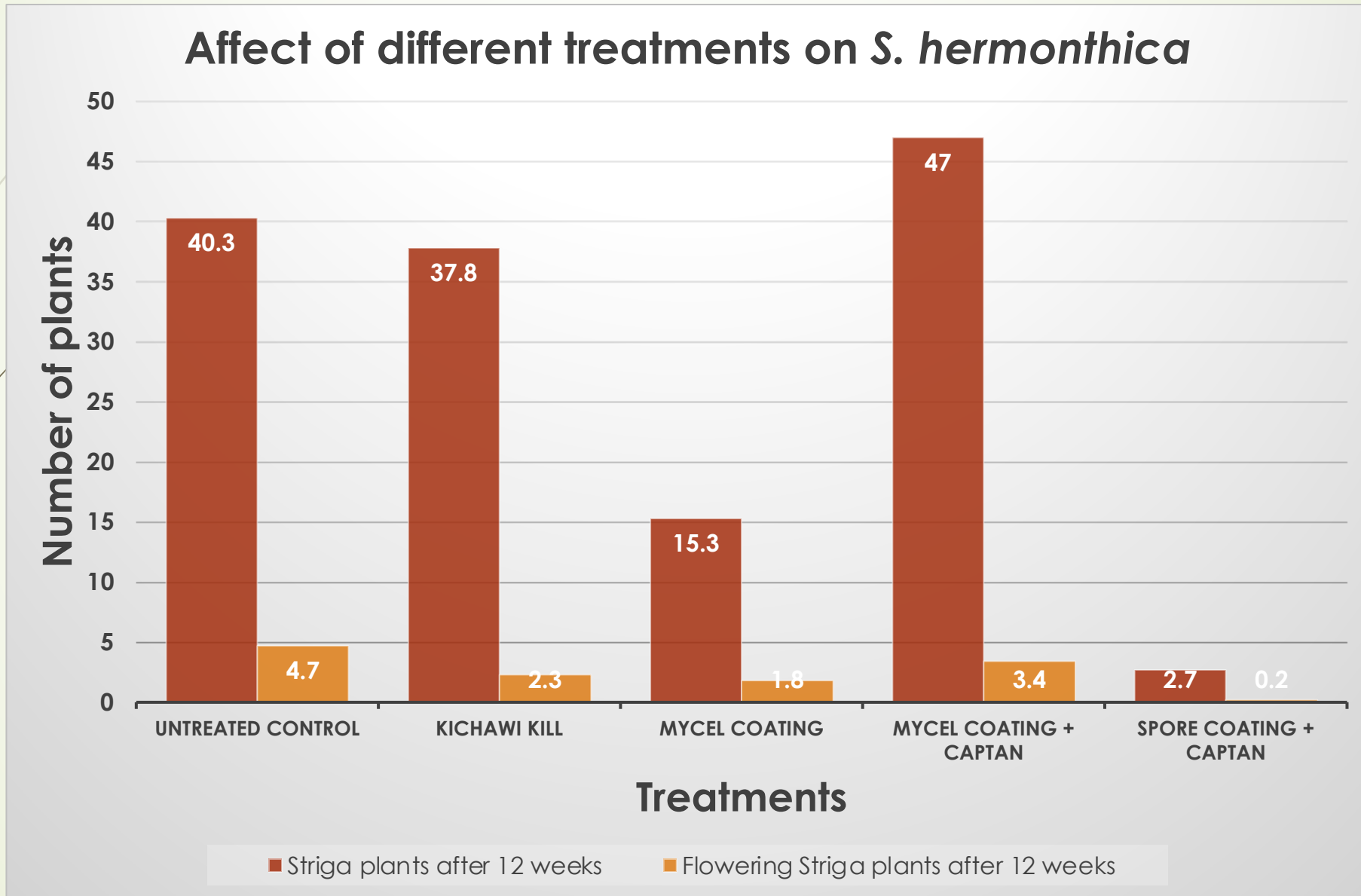
- **Trial was carried out in 4 counties**
    - Bungoma (6 farmers)
    - Kakamega (5 farmers)
    - Siaya (4 farmers)
    - Vihiga (2 farmers)
  - **Each farmer set a treated and an untreated plot (10 x 10 m)**
  - **The seed was treated with 1g/kg spore powder**
  - **DUMA 43 maize seed variety was used on all plots**
  - **As a result the yield per plot in kg was evaluated**
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- Several thin, curved lines in shades of grey and brown on the left side of the slide, resembling stylized grass or reeds.

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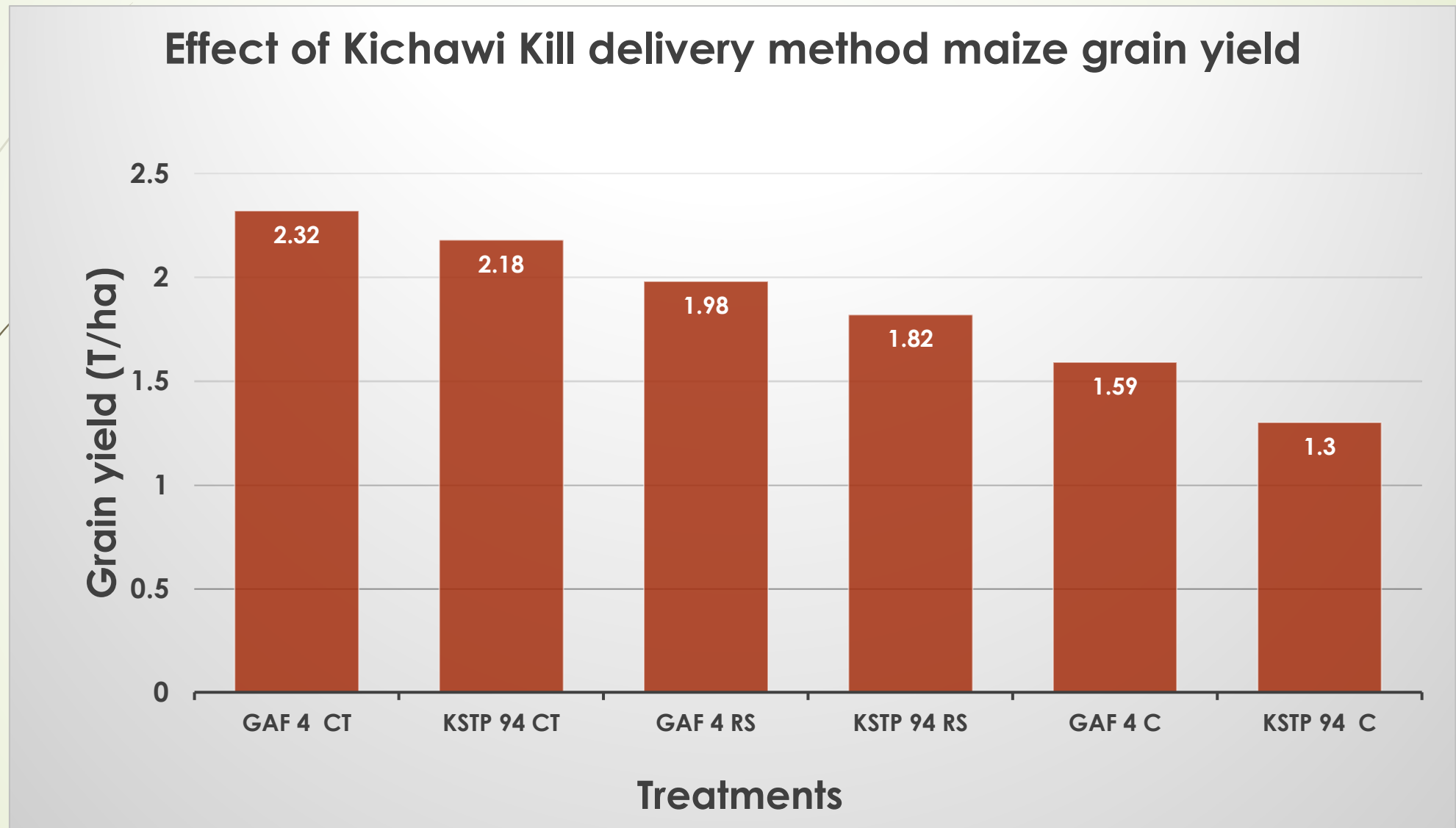


The differences in Bungoma, Kakamega and Siaya have been highly significant.

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