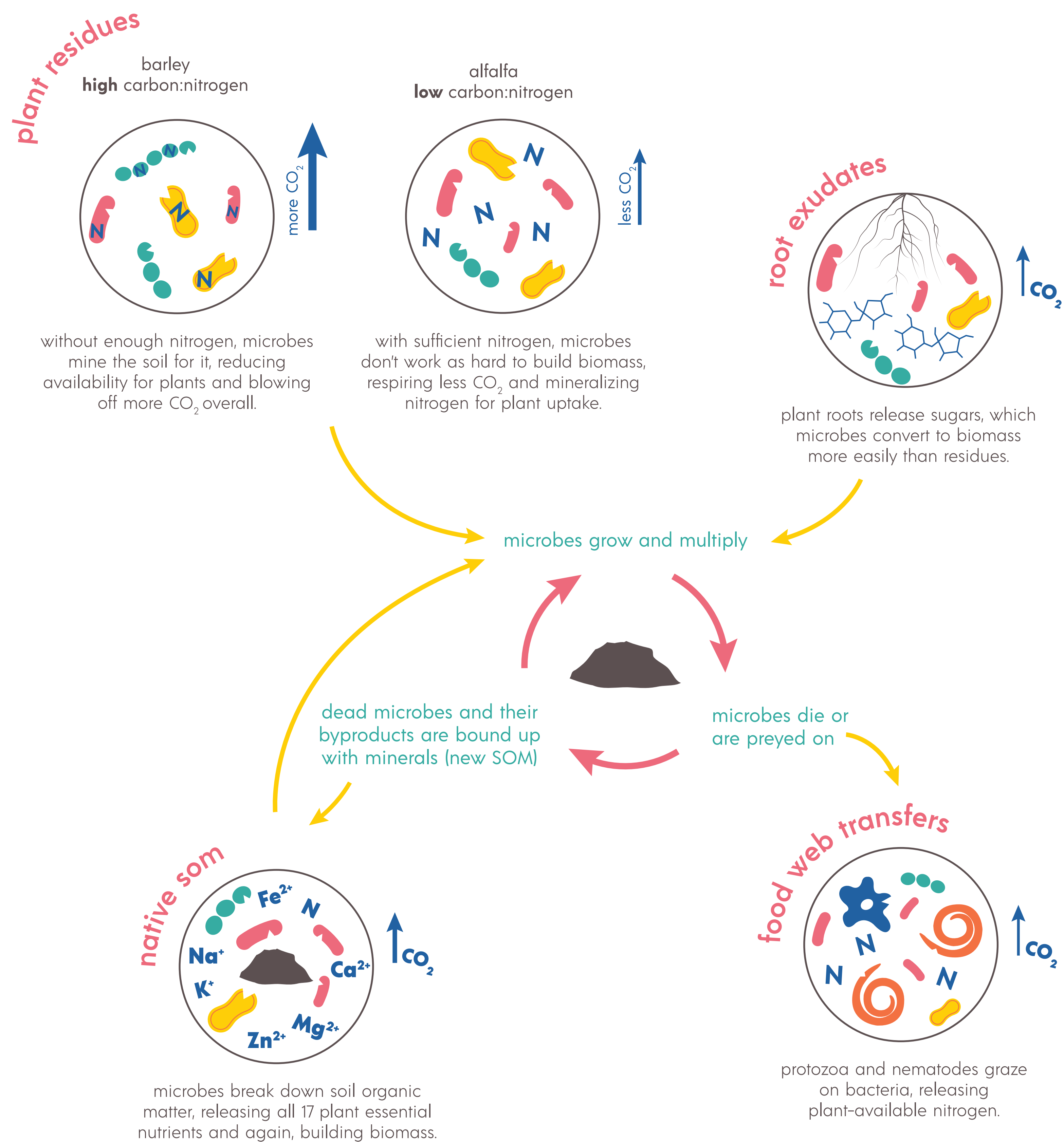


if you feed them, they will come!

50-80% of soil organic matter (SOM) is simply dead microbial bodies.
if you want to increase SOM, then you must build microbial biomass.



while roots and residues are both important microbial foods,
roots are easier to break down, forming more microbial biomass,
and sticking around longer as soil organic matter.

