# Supplementary information

## Raw data plots, diagnostic statistics, and R script

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## **Annual crops**

#### Raw data

In the following graphs, different colors indicate the mean and standard error of undusted (orange) and dusted plants (blue). Open blue points indicate measurements 1-2 hours prior to dust application; closed points represent measurements taken 1-2 hours after dust application.

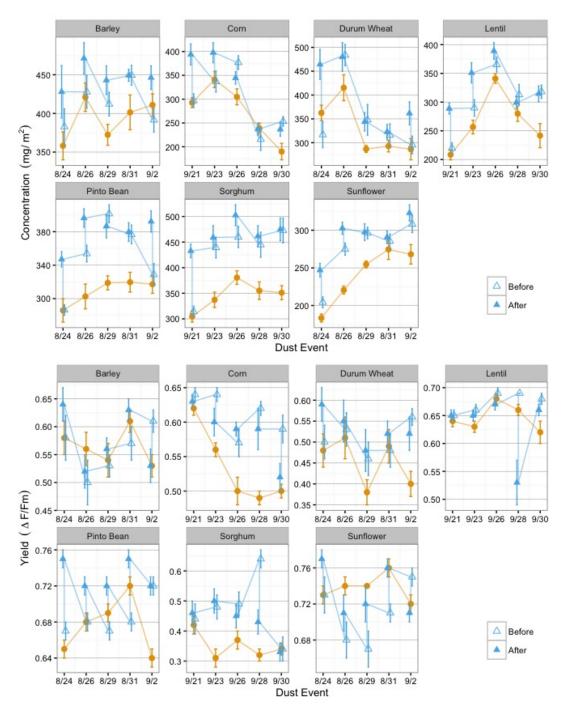


Figure 1: **TOP:** Chlorophyll concentration; **BOTTOM:** Photosynthetic yield.

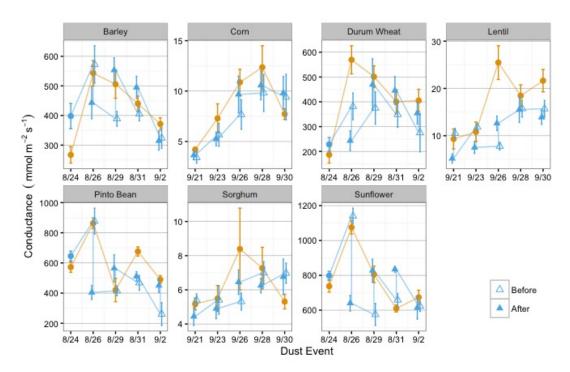


Figure 2: Stomatal conductance

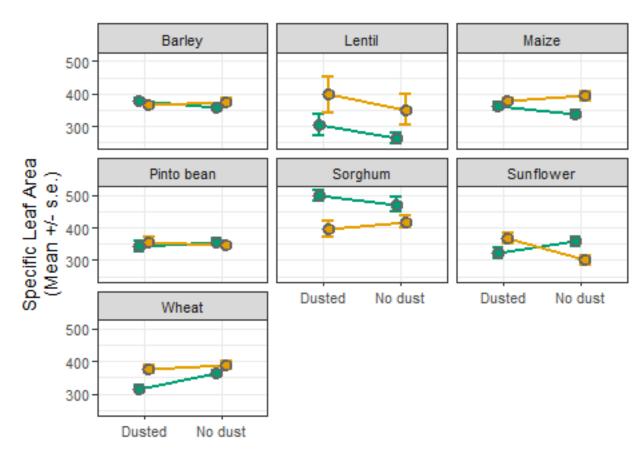


Figure 3: Raw data for specific leaf area by species. Colors differentiate randomly-assigned blocks.

	npar	AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
diff0	2	4292.0	4302.8	-2144.0	4288.0			
diff1	6	4228.8	4261.2	-2108.4	4216.8	71.2	4	0.000

Table 1: Immediate physiological responses to dusting vary among response measurements.

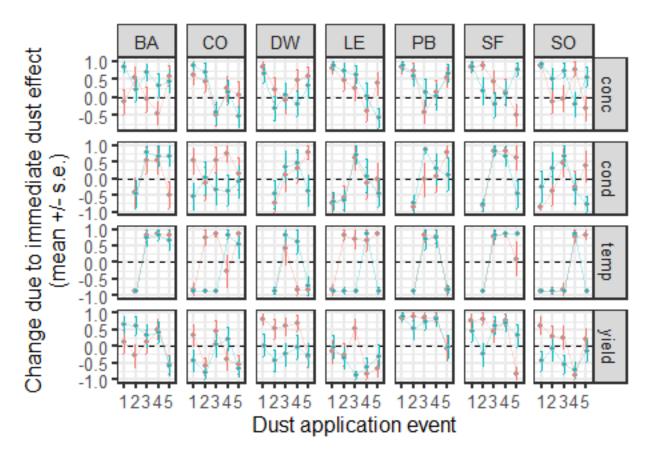


Figure 4: Immediate changes (after dusting values - pre-dusting values) in three physiological responses among 7 annual crop species over 5 dust application events that occurred 3 days apart. Colors indicate two blocks on different greenhouse benches.

## **Perennial Grasses**

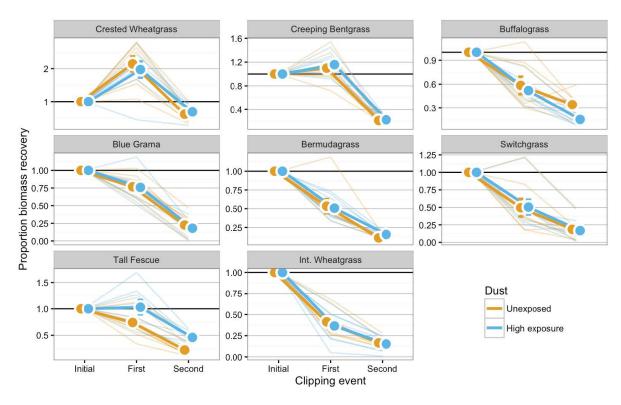


Figure 5: Biomass recovery for eight perennial grasses following two rounds of clipping under dusted and undusted conditions.

### R script

Data available in attached R environment DustEffectsData.Rdata



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# # # Annual crops
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# # Short-term responses
# Regression modelling
# Model fitting
# Responses by species
  # Chlorophyll concentration
    conc0 <- lme4::lmer(diff ~ 0 + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,</pre>
                         data = filter(diff_dat, response == "conc"))
    conc1 <- lme4::lmer(diff ~ 0 + spp + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,</pre>
                         data = filter(diff_dat, response == "conc"))
    conc_diff_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(conc1)) %>%
                       rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                       slice(-(1:2)) %>%
                       bind_cols(tibble(
                         estimate = lme4::fixef(conc1),
                         response = "Chlorophyll\nconcentration") )
  # Stomatal conductance
    cond0 <- lme4::lmer(diff ~ 0 + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,</pre>
                         data = filter(diff_dat, response == "cond"))
    cond1 <- lme4::lmer(diff ~ 0 + spp + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,</pre>
                         data = filter(diff_dat, response == "cond"))
    cond_diff_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(cond1)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                       slice(-(1:2)) %>%
                       bind_cols(tibble(
                         estimate = lme4::fixef(cond1),
                         response = "Stomatal\nconductance") )
  # Photosynthetic yield
    yield0 \leftarrow lme4::lmer(diff \sim 0 + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,
                         data = filter(diff_dat, response == "yield"))
    yield1 <- lme4::lmer(diff ~ 0 + spp + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,</pre>
                         data = filter(diff_dat, response == "yield"))
    yield_diff_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(yield1)) %>%
                       rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                       slice(-(1:2)) %>%
                       bind_cols(tibble(
                         estimate = lme4::fixef(yield1),
                         response = "Photosynthetic\nyield") )
  # Leaf temperature
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temp0 \leftarrow lme4::lmer(diff \sim 0 + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,
                          data = filter(diff_dat, response == "temp"))
    temp1 <- lme4::lmer(diff \sim 0 + spp + (1|block:round:pot), REML = F,
                          data = filter(diff_dat, response == "temp"))
    temp_diff_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(temp1)) %>%
      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
      slice(-(1:2)) %>%
      bind_cols(tibble(
        estimate = lme4::fixef(temp1),
        response = "Leaf\ntemperature") )
# Overall responses
    diff0 <- lme4::lmer(diff ~ 0 + (1|block:round:spp:pot),</pre>
                         data= diff_dat, REML = F)
    diff1 <- lme4::lmer(diff ~ 0 + response + (1|block:round:spp:pot),</pre>
                         data= diff_dat, REML = F)
    dmc <- anova(diff0, diff1)</pre>
# Overall differences
st_ov <-
  as.data.frame(confint(diff1)) %>%
                 rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                 slice(-(1:2)) %>%
                 bind_cols(tibble(
                   estimate = lme4::fixef(diff1)) ) %>%
    setNames(c("term", "ciL", "ciU", "estimate"))%>%
    mutate(term = recode(term,
                       responseconc = "Chlorophyll\nconcentration",
                       responsecond = 'Stomatal\nconductance',
                       responseyield = 'Photosynthetic\nyield',
                       responsetemp = 'Leaf\ntemperature'))
# # Long-term responses
# Mixed-effect model fitting
  # Specific leaf area
    sla.null <- lme4::lmer(scale(log(SLA)) ~ 1 + (1|block:pot),</pre>
                            data=SLA2, REML=FALSE)
    sla.spp <- lme4::lmer(scale(log(SLA)) ~ spp + (1|block:pot),</pre>
                           data=SLA2, REML=FALSE)
    sla.treat <- lme4::lmer(scale(log(SLA)) ~ t_c + (1|block),</pre>
                             data=SLA2, REML=FALSE)
    sla.add \leftarrow lme4::lmer(scale(log(SLA)) \sim spp + t_c + (1|block:pot),
                           data=SLA2, REML=FALSE)
    sla.int <- lme4::lmer(scale(log(SLA)) ~ spp * t_c + (1|block:pot),</pre>
                           data=SLA2, REML=FALSE)
  # Stomatal conductance
    conduct.null <- lme4::lmer(scale(lcond) ~ 1 + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                 data=Por, REML=FALSE)
    conduct.spp <- lme4::lmer(scale(lcond) ~ spp + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
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data=Por, REML=FALSE)
    conduct.treat <- lme4::lmer(scale(lcond) ~ t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                  data=Por, REML=FALSE)
    conduct.add <- lme4::lmer(scale(lcond) ~ spp + t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                data=Por, REML=FALSE)
    conduct.int <- lme4::lmer(scale(lcond) \sim spp * t_c + (1|block:date:pot),
                                data=Por, REML=FALSE)
  # Leaf temperature
    temp.null <- lme4::lmer(scale(temp) ~ 1 + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                 data=Temp, REML=FALSE)
    temp.spp <- lme4::lmer(scale(temp) ~ spp + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                data=Temp, REML=FALSE)
    temp.treat <- lme4::lmer(scale(temp) ~ t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                  data=Temp, REML=FALSE)
    temp.add <- lme4::lmer(scale(temp) ~ spp + t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                data=Temp, REML=FALSE)
    temp.int <- lme4::lmer(scale(temp) ~ spp * t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                data=Temp, REML=FALSE)
  # Chlorophyll content
    conc.null <- lme4::lmer(scale(lconc) ~ 1 + (1|block:date),</pre>
                              data=CCM, REML=FALSE)
    conc.spp <- lme4::lmer(scale(lconc) ~ spp + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                             data=CCM, REML=FALSE)
    conc.treat <- lme4::lmer(scale(lconc) ~ t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                               data=CCM, REML=FALSE)
    conc.add <- lme4::lmer(scale(lconc) ~ spp + t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                             data=CCM, REML=FALSE)
    conc.int <- lme4::lmer(scale(lconc) ~ spp*t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                             data=CCM, REML=FALSE)
  # Quantum yield
    yield.null <- lme4::lmer(scale(yield)~ 1 + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                               data=OS1, REML=FALSE)
   yield.spp <- lme4::lmer(scale(yield)~ spp + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                              data=OS1, REML=FALSE)
    yield.treat <- lme4::lmer(scale(yield)~ t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                                data=OS1, REML=FALSE)
    yield.add <- lme4::lmer(scale(yield)~ spp + t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                              data=OS1, REML=FALSE)
    yield.int <- lme4::lmer(scale(yield) ~ spp*t_c + (1|block:date:pot),</pre>
                              data=OS1, REML=FALSE)
# AICc-based model selection
  # Specific leaf area
    sla.mod.names <- c("sla.null", "sla.spp",</pre>
                        "sla.treat", "sla.add",
                        "sla.int")
    sla.mods <- lst( )</pre>
    for(i in 1:length(sla.mod.names)) {
      sla.mods[[i]] <- get(sla.mod.names[i]) }</pre>
      sla_aic_tab <- AICcmodavg::aictab(cand.set = sla.mods,</pre>
                                          modnames = sla.mod.names)
  # Stomatal conductance
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conduct.mod.names <- c("conduct.null", "conduct.spp",</pre>
                             "conduct.treat", "conduct.add",
                             "conduct.int")
    conduct.mods <- lst( )</pre>
    for(i in 1:length(conduct.mod.names)) {
      conduct.mods[[i]] <- get(conduct.mod.names[i]) }</pre>
      cond_aic_tab <- AICcmodavg::aictab(cand.set = conduct.mods,</pre>
                                            modnames = conduct.mod.names)
  # Leaf temeprature
    temp.mod.names <- c("temp.null", "temp.spp",</pre>
                             "temp.treat", "temp.add",
                             "temp.int")
    temp.mods <- lst( )</pre>
    for(i in 1:length(temp.mod.names)) {
        temp.mods[[i]] <- get(temp.mod.names[i]) }</pre>
          temp_aic_tab <- AICcmodavg::aictab( cand.set = temp.mods,</pre>
                                                 modnames = temp.mod.names)
  # Chlorophyll
    conc.mod.names <- c("conc.null", "conc.spp",</pre>
                          "conc.treat", "conc.add",
                          "conc.int")
    conc.mods <- lst( )</pre>
    for(i in 1:length(conc.mod.names)) {
      conc.mods[[i]] <- get(conc.mod.names[i]) }</pre>
       conc_aic_tab <- AICcmodavg::aictab(cand.set = conc.mods,</pre>
                                             modnames = conc.mod.names)
  # Photosynthetic yield
    yield.mod.names <- c("yield.null", "yield.spp",</pre>
                           "yield.treat", "yield.add",
                           "yield.int")
    yield.mods <- lst( )</pre>
    for(i in 1:length(yield.mod.names)) {
      yield.mods[[i]] <- get(yield.mod.names[i]) }</pre>
        yld_aic_tab <- AICcmodavg::aictab(cand.set = yield.mods,</pre>
                                             modnames = yield.mod.names)
# Estimating regression coefficients & 95% CIs
# By crop species
  cond_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(conduct.int)) %>%
                       rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                          slice(-(1:9)) %>%
                     bind_cols(tibble(
                                  estimate = lme4::fixef(conduct.int)[8:14],
                                  response = "Stomatal\nconductance") )
  temp_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(temp.int)) %>%
                       rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                         slice(-(1:9)) %>%
                     bind_cols(tibble(
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estimate = lme4::fixef(temp.int)[8:14],
                                 response = "Leaf\ntemperature") )
  conc_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(conc.int)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                         slice(-(1:9)) %>%
                 bind_cols(tibble(estimate = lme4::fixef(conc.int)[8:14],
                                   response = "Chlorophyll\ncontent"))
 yield_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(yield.int)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                        slice(-(1:9)) %>%
                 bind_cols(tibble(estimate = lme4::fixef(yield.int)[8:14],
                                   response = "Photosynthetic\nyield"))
  sla_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(sla.int)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                         slice(-(1:9)) %>%
                 bind_cols(tibble(estimate = lme4::fixef(sla.int)[8:14],
                                   response = "Specific\nleaf area"))
  # Combine CIs
   sppCIs <- bind_rows( cond_CI,</pre>
                        conc_CI,
                        yield_CI,
                        sla_CI,
                        temp_CI) %>%
             setNames(c("term", "cil", "ciU",
                         "estimate", "response")) %>%
             mutate(term = factor(term,
                   levels=c("t_cT", "sppDW:t_cT",
                             "sppC0:t_cT", "sppS0:t_cT",
                             "sppLE:t_cT", "sppPB:t_cT",
                             "sppSF:t_cT"),
                  labels=c("Barley (C3)", "Wheat (C3)",
                            "Maize (C4)", "Sorghum (C4)",
                            "Lentil", "Pinto bean",
                            "Sunflower")) )
# Overall dust effects
  # Specific leaf area (using model averaging)
  sla.mod.names.top <- c("sla.spp", "sla.add")</pre>
  sla.mods.top <- lst( )</pre>
     for(i in 1:length(sla.mod.names.top)) {
    sla.mods.top[[i]] <- get(sla.mod.names.top[i]) }</pre>
   sla.av <- AICcmodavg::modavg(parm = paste('t_cT'),</pre>
               cand.set = sla.mods.top,
               modnames = sla.mod.names.top)
sla_dust_CI <- tibble( term = 't_cT',</pre>
                             `2.5 %` = round(sla.av$Lower.CL, 3),
                             `97.5 %` = round(sla.av$Upper.CL, 3),
                             estimate = round(sla.av$Mod.avg.beta, 2),
                             response = "Specific\nleaf area")
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# Other responses from additive models alone
  conduct_dust_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(conduct.add)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                         filter(term == "t_cT") %>%
                    as_tibble() %>%
              mutate(estimate = lme4::fixef(conduct.add)
                             [length(lme4::fixef(conduct.add))] ,
                                 response = "Stomatal\nconductance")
  temp_dust_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(temp.add)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                         filter(term == "t_cT") %>%
                    as_tibble() %>%
              mutate(estimate = lme4::fixef(temp.add)
                           [length(lme4::fixef(temp.add))] ,
                                 response = "Leaf\ntemperature")
  conc_dust_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(conc.add)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                         filter(term == "t_cT") %>%
                    as_tibble() %>%
              mutate(estimate = lme4::fixef(conc.add)
                           [length(lme4::fixef(conc.add))] ,
                                   response = "Chlorophyll\ncontent")
  yield_dust_CI <- as.data.frame(confint(yield.add)) %>%
                      rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                         filter(term == "t_cT") %>%
                    as_tibble() %>%
              mutate(estimate = lme4::fixef(yield.add)
                           [length(lme4::fixef(yield.add))] ,
                                   response = "Photosynthetic\nyield")
  # Combine CIs
   cropCIs <- bind_rows(conduct_dust_CI,</pre>
                        conc_dust_CI,
                        yield_dust_CI,
                        temp_dust_CI,
                        sla_dust_CI) %>%
              rename(lwr = ^2.5 \%), upr = ^97.5 \%)
# Perennial grasses
# Model fitting
  gr_null <- lme4::lmer(recovery~ 1 + (1|block:event:pot),</pre>
                           data=recovery.dat, REML = F)
  gr_trt <- lme4::lmer(recovery ~ trt + (1|block:event:pot),</pre>
                          data=recovery.dat, REML = F)
  gr_spp <- lme4::lmer(recovery ~ 0 + species*trt + (1|block:event:pot),</pre>
                           data=recovery.dat, REML = F)
  gr_photo <- lme4::lmer(recovery~ 0 + photo*trt + (1|block:event:pot),</pre>
                            data=recovery.dat, REML = F)
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# AICc-based model selection
  rcv.mod.names <- c("gr_null", "gr_trt",</pre>
                       "gr_spp", "gr_photo")
  rcv.mods <- lst( )</pre>
   for(i in 1:length(rcv.mod.names)) {
    rcv.mods[[i]] <- get(rcv.mod.names[i]) }</pre>
   grass_aic_tab <- AICcmodavg::aictab(cand.set = rcv.mods,</pre>
                                           modnames = rcv.mod.names)
# Parameter extraction
  gr_params <- bind_cols(</pre>
                   confint(gr_spp) %>%
                     as.data.frame %>%
                     rownames_to_column("term") %>%
                     slice(-c(1:2)),
                   enframe(lme4::fixef(gr_spp)) %>%
                     select(value) )
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