# Assessment of the Use of RGB Vegetation Indices to Determine Chlorophyll Content in Sugar Beet Leaves in the Final Cultivation Stage 

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Table S1. Summary of descriptive statistics for all the RGB vegetation indices studied in this work using mean values from all shoots

| Vegetation index | Max | Min | Mean | Std. Error | CV (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R | 230.00 | 92.00 | 153.92 | 1.92 | 20.88 |
| G | 202.47 | 105.00 | 157.46 | 1.33 | 14.15 |
| B | 107.00 | 47.93 | 76.26 | 0.64 | 14.09 |
| R/(R+G+B) | 0.45 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.00 | 6.68 |
| G/(R+G+B) | 0.44 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.00 | 3.02 |
| B/(R+G+B) | 0.27 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 13.18 |
| R-G | 33.00 | -19.00 | -3.53 | 0.76 | -358.01 |
| R-B | 138.00 | 22.00 | 77.66 | 1.73 | 37.14 |
| G-B | 118.00 | 34.00 | 81.20 | 1.14 | 23.37 |
| (R-G)/(R+G) | 0.09 | -0.07 | -0.02 | 0.00 | -230.59 |
| (R-B)/(R+B) | 0.51 | 0.13 | 0.33 | 0.01 | 26.06 |
| (G-B)/(G+B) | 0.49 | 0.18 | 0.35 | 0.00 | 17.99 |
| (R-G)/(R+G+B) | 0.07 | -0.06 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -242.53 |
| (R-B)/(R+G+B) | 0.31 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 26.18 |
| (G-B)/(R+G+B) | 0.28 | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 15.07 |
| RGRI | 1.19 | 0.87 | 0.97 | 0.00 | 8.14 |
| GLI | 0.21 | 0.08 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 15.88 |
| VARI | 0.10 | -0.11 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 213.62 |
| IPCA | 268.47 | 65.51 | 165.90 | 2.79 | 28.10 |
| ExR | 0.25 | 0.09 | 0.14 | 0.00 | 28.76 |
| ExB | -0.01 | -0.22 | -0.13 | 0.00 | -32.08 |
| ExG | 0.31 | 0.11 | 0.22 | 0.00 | 16.67 |
| ExGR | 0.19 | -0.12 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 88.98 |
| GREY | 0.39 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.00 | 1.73 |
| CIVE | 18.74 | 18.67 | 18.70 | 0.00 | 0.08 |
| PCA1 | 0.85 | -0.01 | 0.44 | 0.01 | 42.98 |
| PCA2 | 263.87 | 63.89 | 162.63 | 2.75 | 28.28 |
| I1 | 248.00 | 56.00 | 1588.86 | 2.82 | 29.69 |
| SRL1 | 62.97 | -6.88 | 24.94 | 0.88 | 58.70 |
| SRL2 | 58.00 | -8.34 | 19.97 | 0.83 | 69.11 |
| SRL3 | 59.08 | -6.82 | 22.38 | 0.84 | 62.92 |
| SRL4 | 62.36 | -8.97 | 22.86 | 0.85 | 61.79 |
| SRL5 | 57.18 | -7.36 | 22.67 | 0.82 | 60.44 |
| I2 | 0.51 | 0.01 | 0.21 | 0.01 | 58.62 |
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Table S2. Factor analysis results for PCA1 vegetation index

## Descriptive Statistics

|  | Mean | Std. Deviation | Analysis N | Missing N |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B/(R+G+B) | .199627956731097 | .027028231802961 | 139 | 0 |
| $(R-G) /(R+G)$ | -.019443921070417 | .038754594797646 | 139 | 0 |
| $(\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}) /(\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{B})$ | .326277485061056 | .087558626795844 | 139 | 0 |
| $(\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{B}) /(\mathrm{G}+\mathrm{B})$ | .344705529957940 | .064710443168605 | 139 | 0 |

## Correlation Matrix

| Correlation |  | B/(R+G+B) | (R-G)/(R+G) | (R-B)/(R+B) | (G-B)/(G+B) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | B/(R+G+B) | 1.000 | -.652 | -. 989 | -. 980 |
|  | (R-G)/(R+G) | -. 652 | 1.000 | . 757 | . 494 |
|  | (R-B)/(R+B) | -. 989 | . 757 | 1.000 | . 942 |
|  | (G-B)/(G+B) | -. 980 | . 494 | . 942 | 1.000 |
| Sig. (1-tailed) | B/(R+G+B) |  | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 |
|  | (R-G)/(R+G) | . 000 |  | . 000 | . 000 |
|  | (R-B)/(R+B) | . 000 | . 000 |  | . 000 |
|  | (G-B)/(G+B) | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 |  |

KMO and Bartlett's Test

| Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy. | .544 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bartlett's Test of Sphericity | Approx. Chi-Square | 2152.984 |
|  | Sig. | 6 |

## Component Matrix ${ }^{\text {a }}$

> Component

|  | Component |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 |
| $(R-B) /(R+B)$ | .995 |
| $B /(R+G+B)$ | -.977 |
| $(G-B) /(G+B)$ | .916 |
| $(R-G) /(R+G)$ | .771 |

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.
a. 1 components extracted.

## Communalities

|  | Extraction |
| :--- | :--- |
| $B /(R+G+B)$ | .974 |
| $(R-G) /(R+G)$ | .584 |
| $(R-B) /(R+B)$ | 1.000 |
| $(G-B) /(G+B)$ | .880 |

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

## Total Variance Explained

|  | Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Component | Total | \% of Variance | Cumulative \% |
| 1 | 3.438 | 85.952 | 85.952 |

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

Table S3. Factor analysis results for $P C A 2$ vegetation index

## Descriptive Statistics

|  | Mean | Std. Deviation | Analysis N | Missing N |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mid$ R-B $\mid$ | 2109.3165 | 3816.02731 | 139 | 0 |
| $\|G-B\|$ | 2131.0144 | 3743.85989 | 139 | 0 |
| $\mid$ R-G $\mid$ | 243.3813 | 501.97229 | 139 | 0 |

## Correlation Matrix

|  |  | $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | $\|\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{G}\|$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Correlation | $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | 1.000 | .957 | .745 |
|  | $\|\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | .957 | 1.000 | .768 |
|  | $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{G}\|$ | .745 | .768 | 1.000 |
| Sig. (1-tailed) | $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}\|$ |  | .000 | .000 |
|  | $\|\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | .000 |  | .000 |
|  | .000 | .000 |  |  |

KMO and Bartlett's Test

| Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy. | .697 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bartlett's Test of Sphericity | Approx. Chi-Square | 458.840 |
|  | dig. | 3 |

## Component Matrix ${ }^{\text {a }}$

Component

|  | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\|\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | .920 |
| $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | .999 |
| $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{G}\|$ | .886 |

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.
a. 1 components extracted.

## Communalities

|  | Extraction |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | .926 |
| $\|\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{B}\|$ | .941 |
| $\|\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{G}\|$ | .784 |

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

## Total Variance Explained

|  | Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Component | Total | \% of Variance | Cumulative \% |
| 1 | 2.651 | 88.351 | 88.351 |

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.


Figure S1. Relationship between (Left) $(\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}) /(\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{B})$ and (Right) (R-B)/(R+G+B) indices and the chlorophyll content measured with CCM-200 chlorophyll-meter for the dataset with information from the four days of the experiment (mean values of three shots are used for the first and last days). Regression lines, equations, $R^{2}$ and $R$-values are shown.


Figure S2. Relationship between (Left) ExR and (Right) IPCA indices and the chlorophyll content measured with CCM-200 chlorophyll-meter for the dataset with information from the four days of the experiment (mean values of three shots are used for the first and last days). Regression lines, equations, $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ and R -values are shown.


Figure S3. Relationship between (Left) PCA2 and (Right) $I_{1}$ indices and the chlorophyll content measured with CCM-200 chlorophyll-meter for the dataset with information from the four days of the experiment (mean values of three shots are used for the first and last days). Regression lines, equations, $R^{2}$ and $R$-values are shown.


Figure S4. Relationship between (Upper left) SLR1, (Upper right) SLR4 and (Bottom left) $I_{2}$ indices and the chlorophyll content measured with CCM-200 chlorophyll-meter for the dataset with information from the four days of the experiment (mean values of three shots are used for the first and last days). Regression lines, equations, $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ and R -values are shown.


Figure S5. Relationship between $(R-B) /(R+G+B)$ index and chlorophyll concentration measured with CCM-200 chlorophyll-meter for three shoots on (Left) the first day of the experiment and on (Right) the last day of the experiment. Regression lines, equations and coefficient of determination are shown.


Figure S6. Relationship between IPCA index and chlorophyll concentration measured with CCM200 chlorophyll-meter for three shoots on (Left) the first day of the experiment and on (Right) the last day of the experiment. Regression lines, equations and coefficient of determination are shown.


Figure S7. Relationship between $I_{1}$ index and chlorophyll concentration measured with CCM-200 chlorophyll-meter for three shoots on (Left) the first day of the experiment and on (Right) the last day of the experiment. Regression lines, equations and coefficient of determination are shown.


Figure S8. Relationship between $I_{2}$ index and chlorophyll concentration measured with CCM-200 chlorophyll-meter for three shoots on (Left) the first day of the experiment and on (Right) the last day of the experiment. Regression lines, equations and coefficient of determination are shown.


Figure S9. Relationship between (Left) (R-B)/(R+G+B) and (Right) IPCA indices and the chlorophyll content for the validation subdataset. Regression lines, equations, daily and global $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ values are shown.


Figure S10. Relationship between (Left) $I_{1}$ and (Right) $I_{2}$ indices and the chlorophyll content for the validation subdataset. Regression lines, equations, daily and global $R^{2}$ values are shown.

