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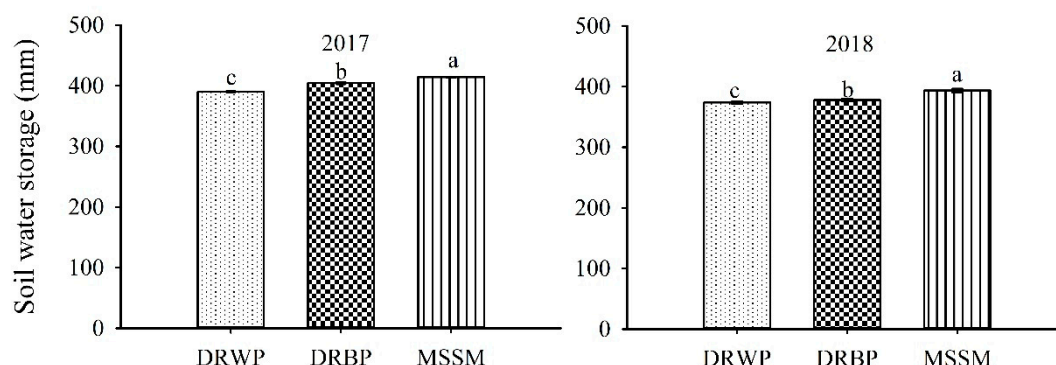


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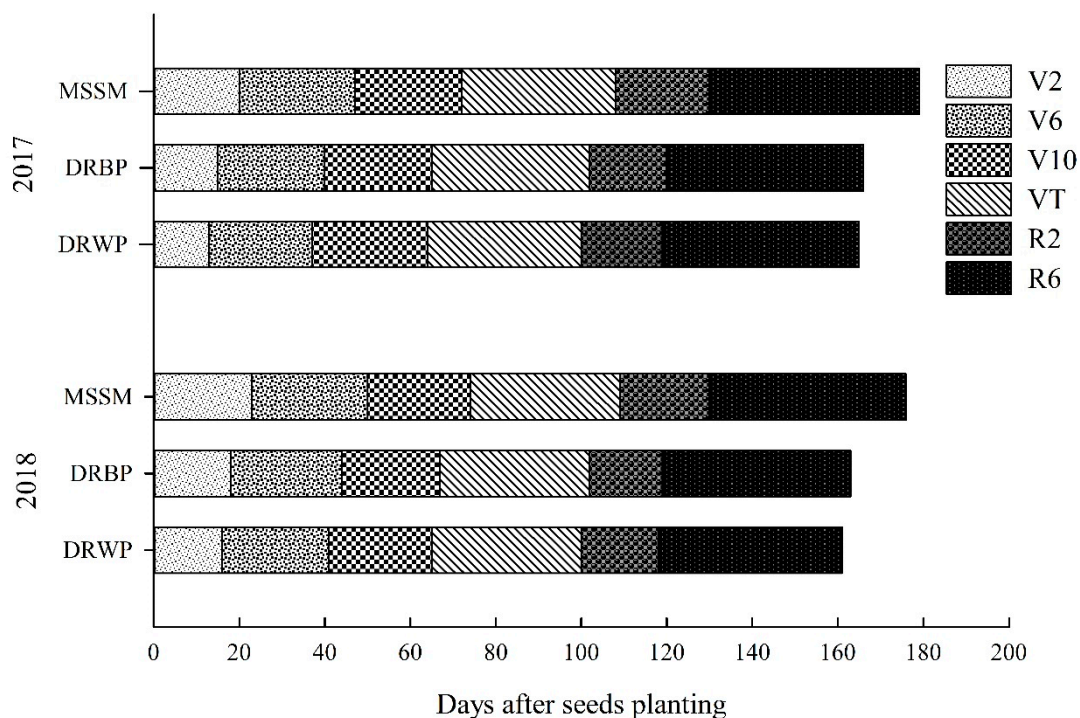


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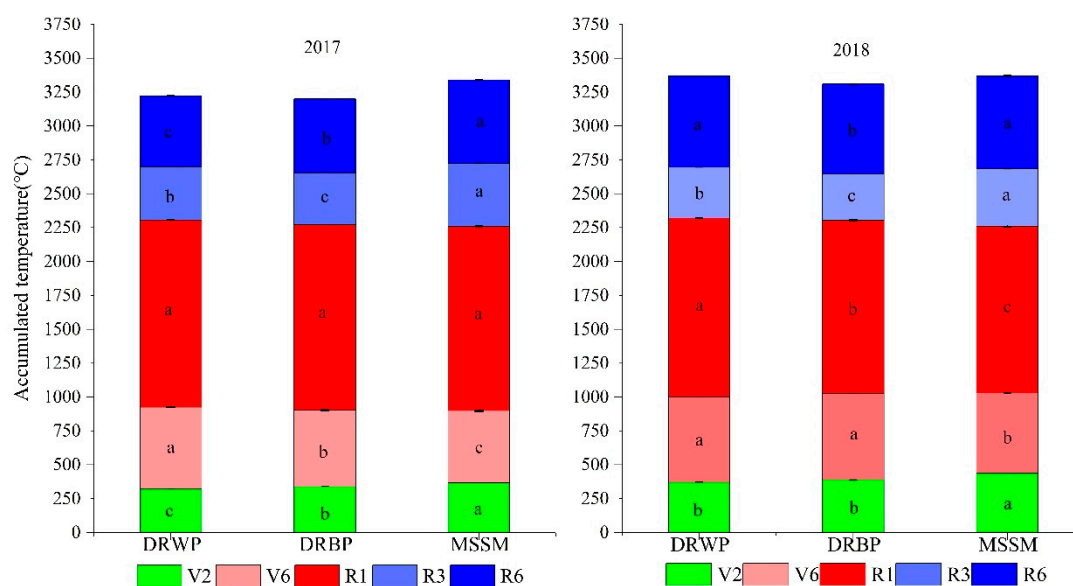


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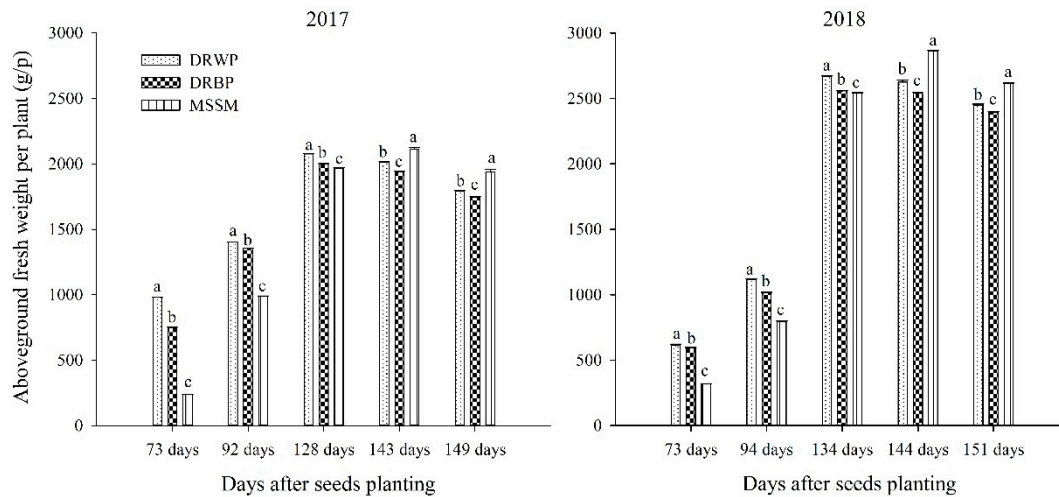


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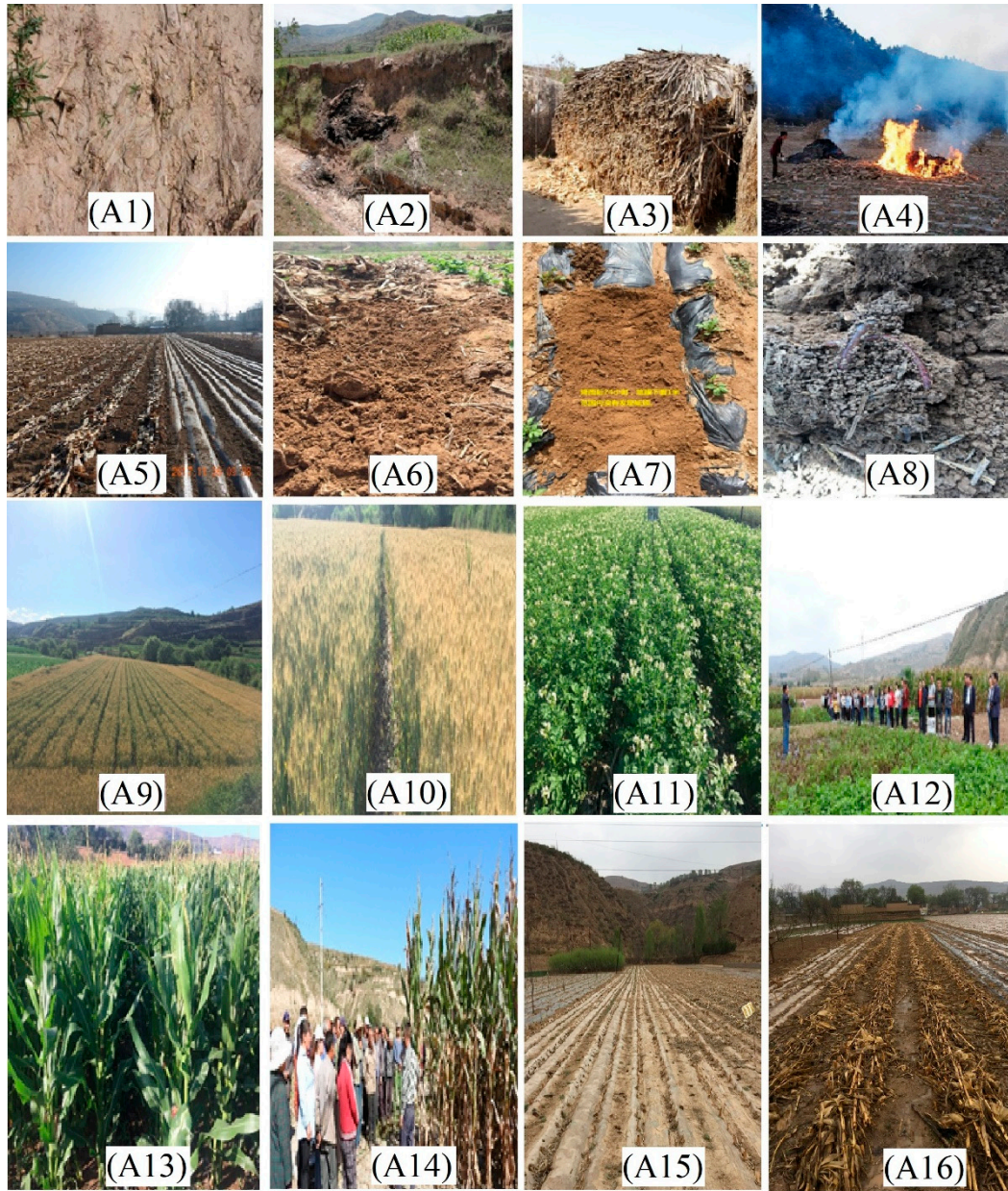


Figure S5. Agricultural ecological environment before and after straw strip mulching wheat, potato and maize production at Tongwei, Gansu Province, China in 2017 and 2018. (A1) residual film in surface soil. (A2) evidence of residual film burning in field. (A3) idle maize straw in field. (A4) evidence of maize straw burning in field. (A5) the application of maize straw strip mulching for wheat, maize and potato production. (A6) the soil condition under straw strip mulching. (A7) the soil condition under double ridge mulching with plastic film. (A8) earthworms in surface soil under straw strip mulching. (A9–A10) straw strip mulching winter wheat production. (A11–A12) straw strip mulching potato production. (A14) straw strip mulching spring maize production. (A15) Field after harvest stage under double ridge mulching spring maize production. (A16) Field scene after harvest stage under straw strip mulching spring maize production.