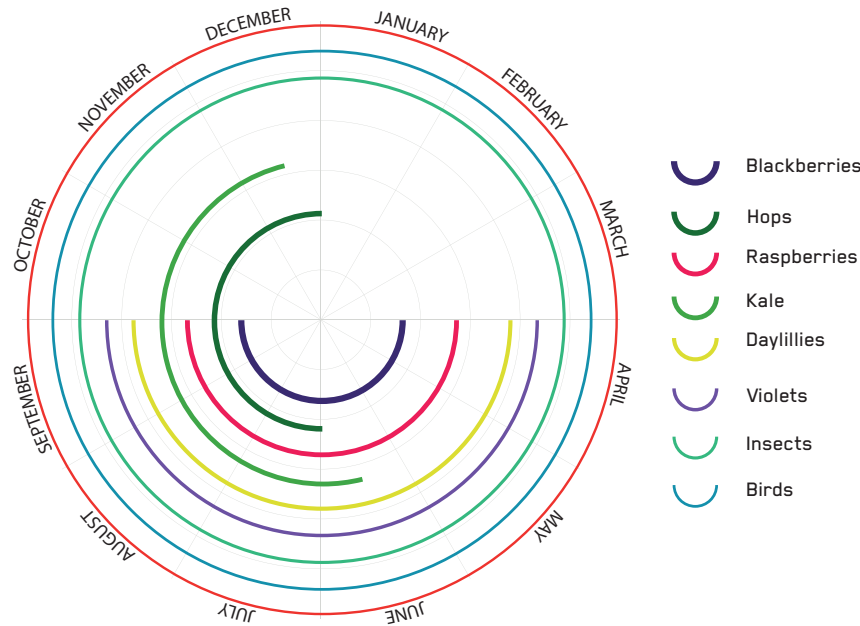


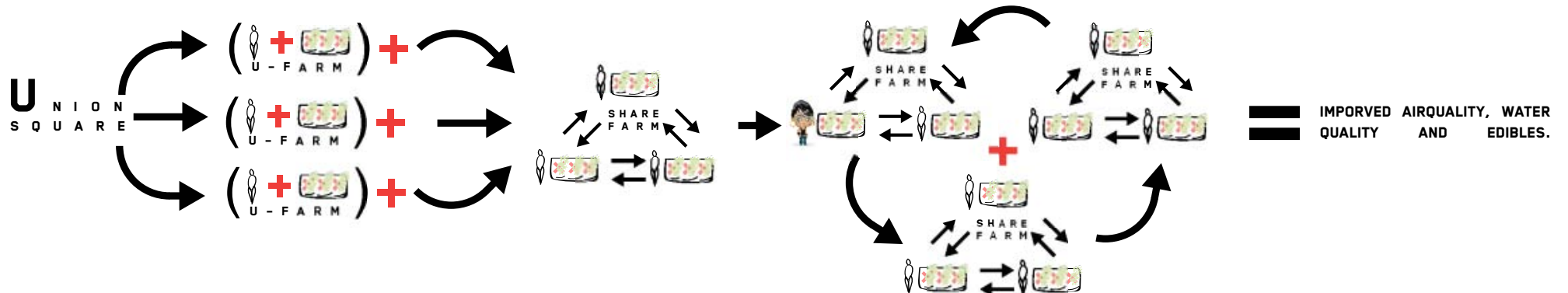


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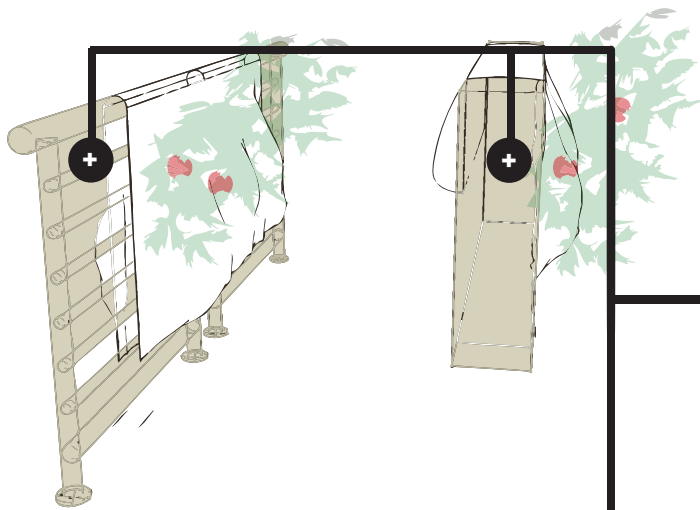
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HOW IT WORKS



AGBAG FEATURES

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system minimized root space and maximizes leaf area index via

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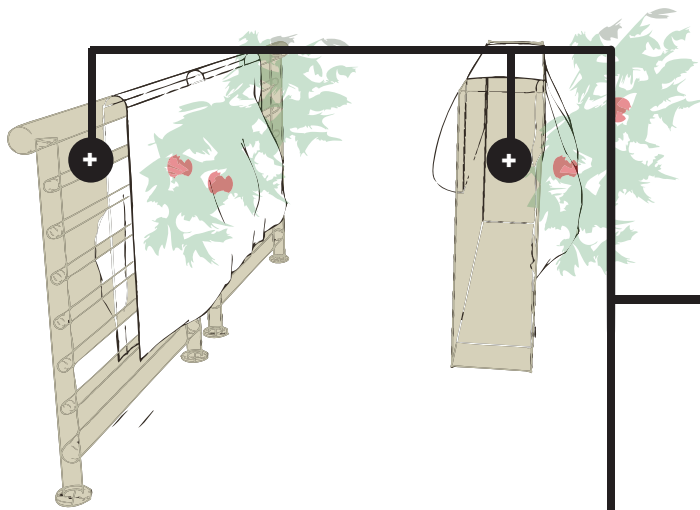
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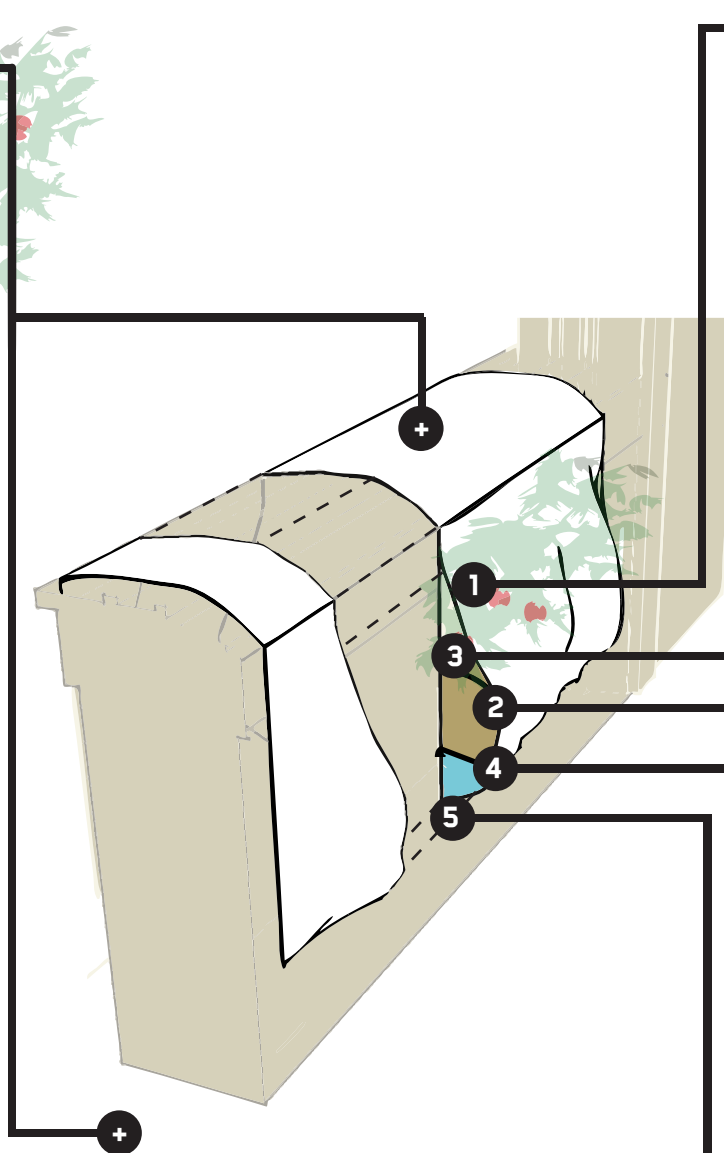
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