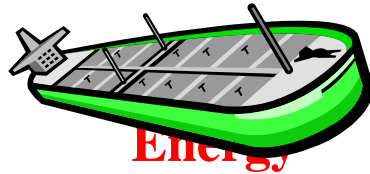
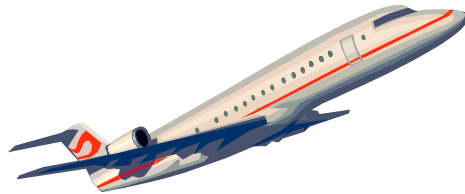


# Climate Change, Livestock and the Inevitability Of Adaptation



**Energy**



**Mitigation**



**Climate Change Effects**



**Adaptation**

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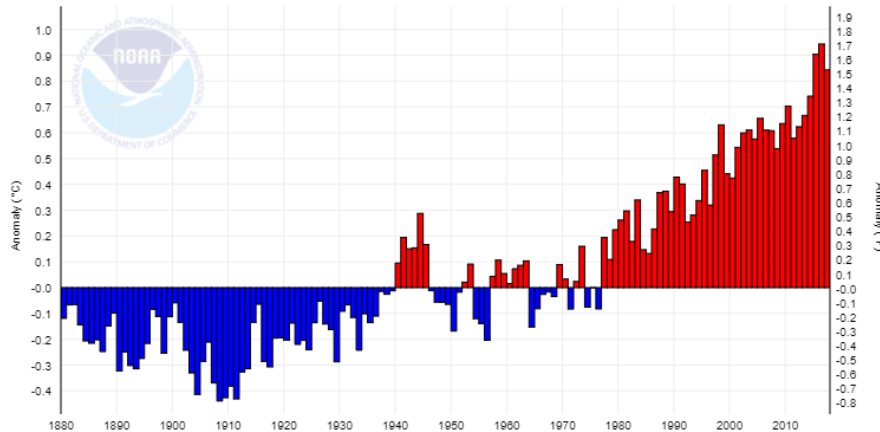
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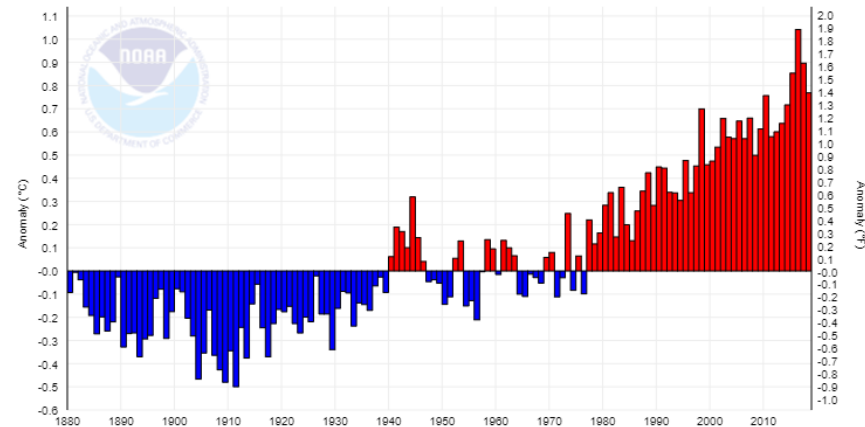
**What have we seen**

# Temperature history

Global Land and Ocean Temperature Anomalies, January-December



Global Land and Ocean Temperature Anomalies, January-July



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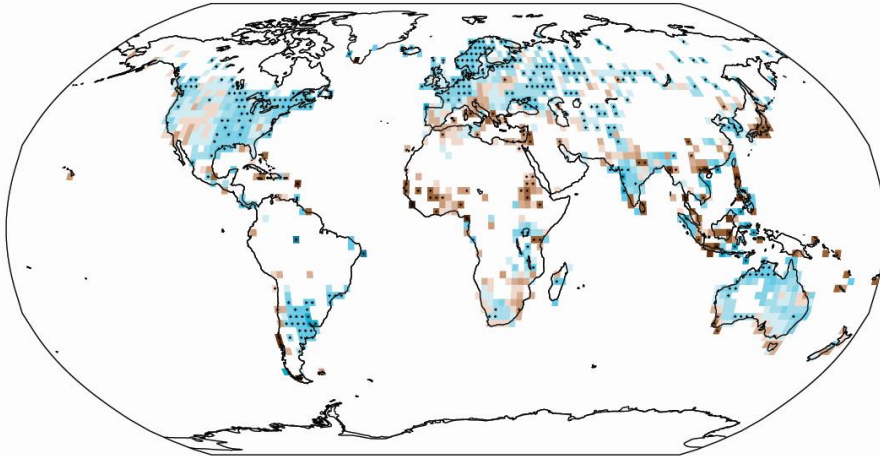
- **2017 was the third warmest year in NOAA's 138-year series.**
- **41<sup>st</sup> consecutive year (since 1977) that annual temperature is above 20<sup>th</sup> century average.**
- **All 17 years of 21<sup>st</sup> century rank are among seventeen warmest on record (1998 is ninth)**
- **Six warmest years have all occurred since 2010**
- **Four warmest have been last 4**
- **Temperatures in 2015-2016 were majorly influenced by strong El Niño**
- **Increased 0.07°C (0.13°F) per decade since 1880 and 0.17°C (0.31°F) since 1970**

year	Change from 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Average	Annual Rank out of 138 years
2014	0.74°C	135
2015	0.90°C	137
2016	0.94°C	138
2017	0.84°C	136

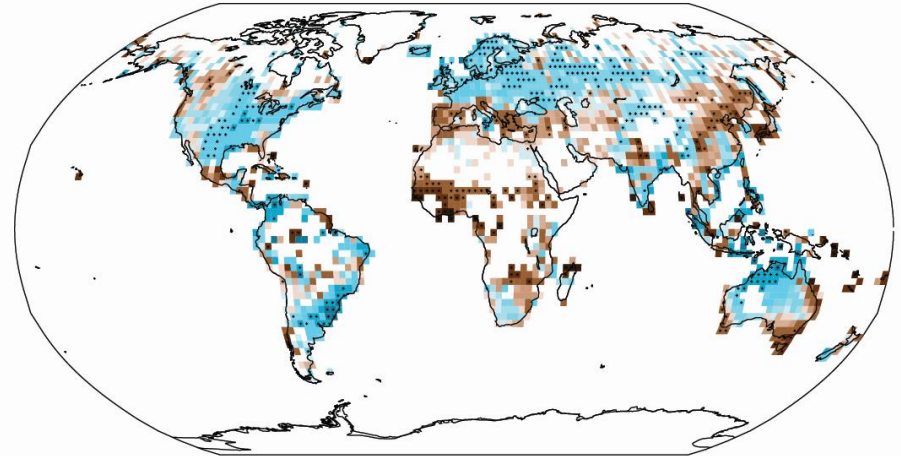
# Precipitation changes

Observed change in annual precipitation over land

1901–2010



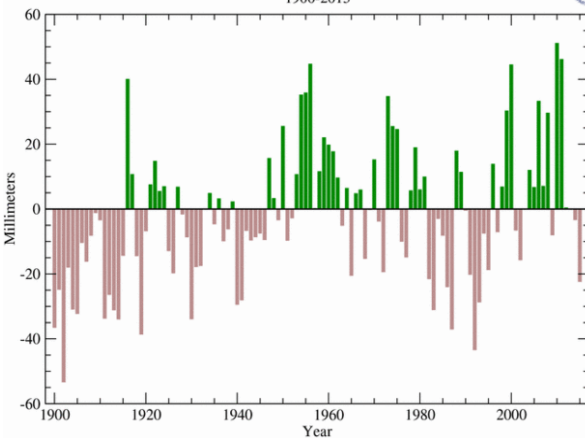
1951–2010



January-December Precipitation Anomalies  
1900-2015



(mm yr<sup>-1</sup> per decade)



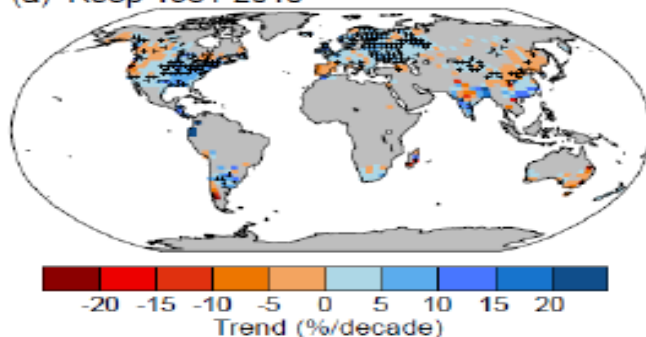
IPCC WGI AR5 Summary for Policy Makers and NOAA state of the Climate

**Rainfall is increasing (ocean evaporation)**

# Precipitation Intensity

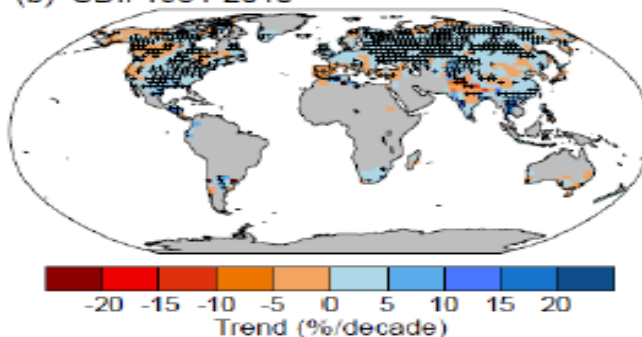
R95 is rain from top 5% wettest days

(a) R95p 1951-2010

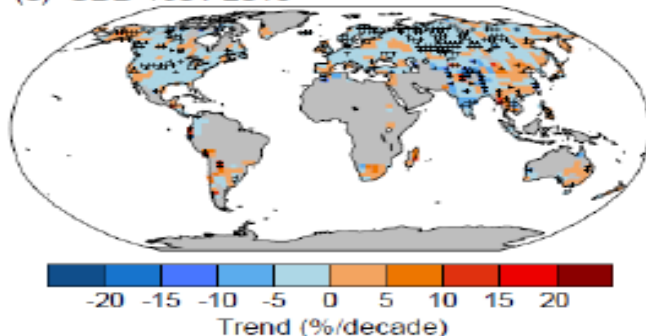


SDII is average daily precipitation intensity

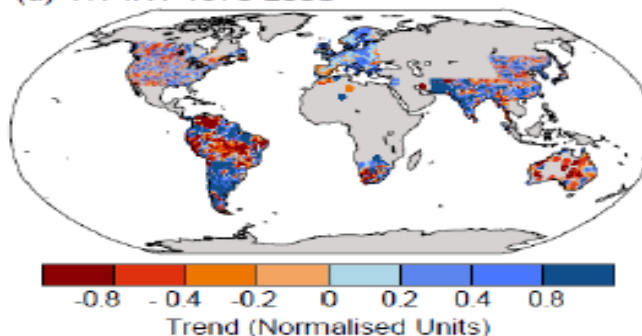
(b) SDII 1951-2010



(c) CDD 1951-2010



(d) HY-INT 1976-2000



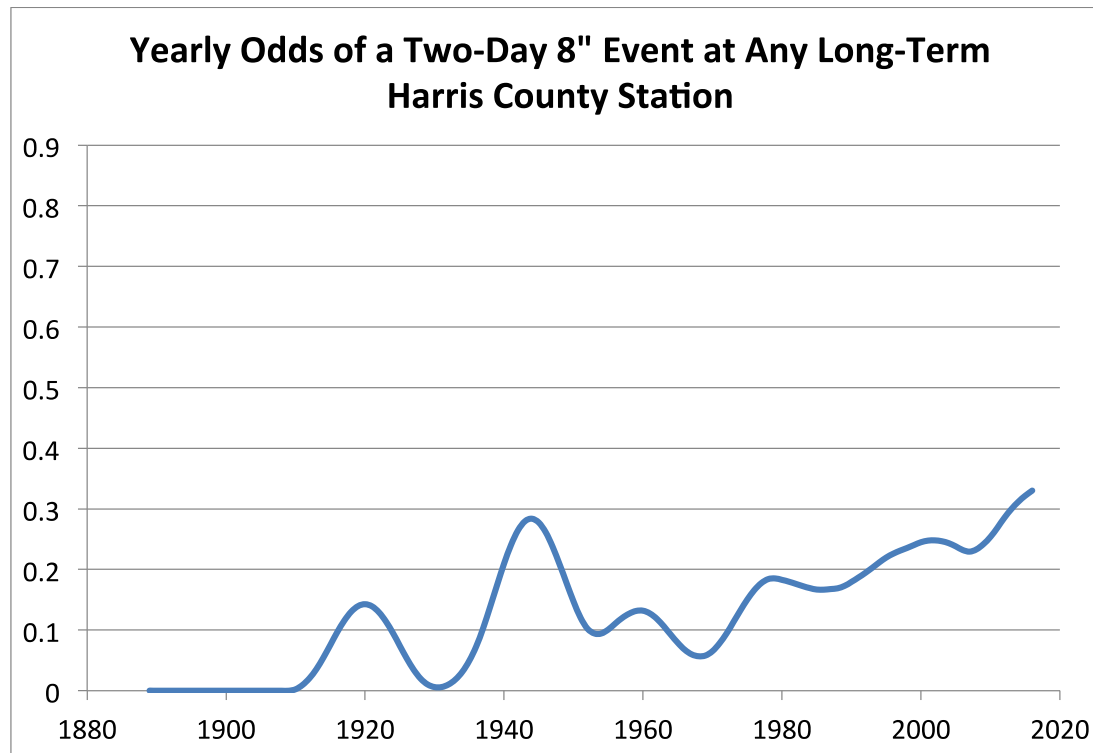
CCD is frequency of consecutive dry days

HY-INT reflects length of drought or extreme precip events

**Rainfall has become more concentrated**

AR5 WGI chapter 2 figure 2.33

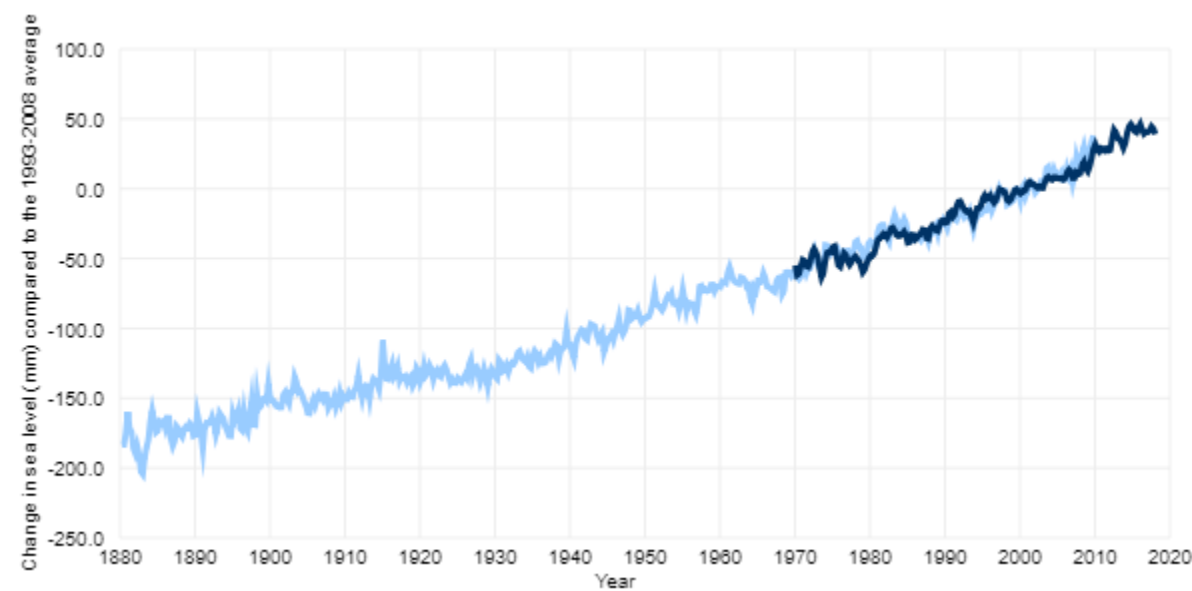
# Precipitation Intensity - Flooding



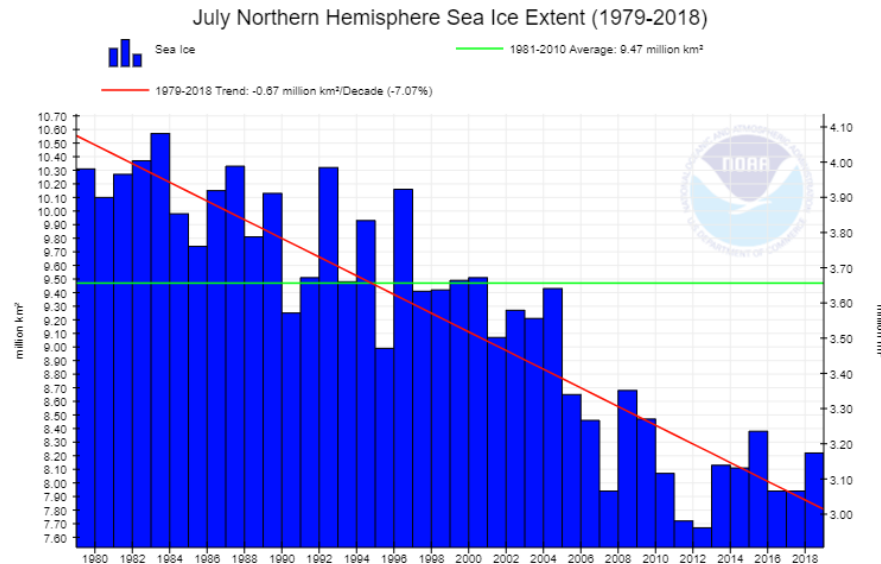
**A Preliminary Examination of Heavy Rainfall Changes  
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# Ocean and Ice/Snow

<https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-global-sea-level>



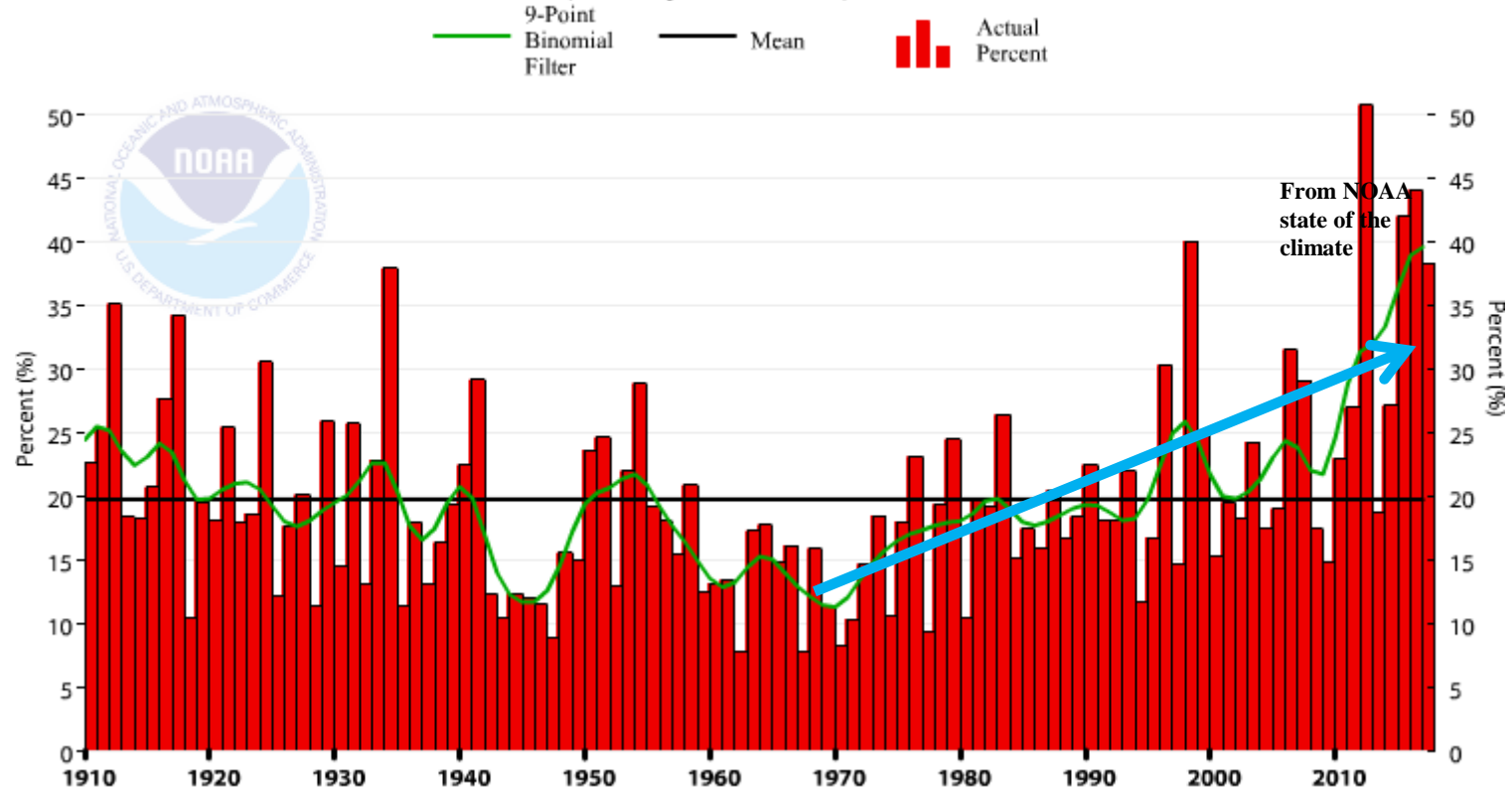
Ice and Snow Melting, Oceans rising (77mm since 1993, – thermal expansion and ice melt)



<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/snow-and-ice/extent/>

# Index of Extremes

Contiguous U.S. CEI (All Steps Combined)  
Annual (January-December) 1910-2017



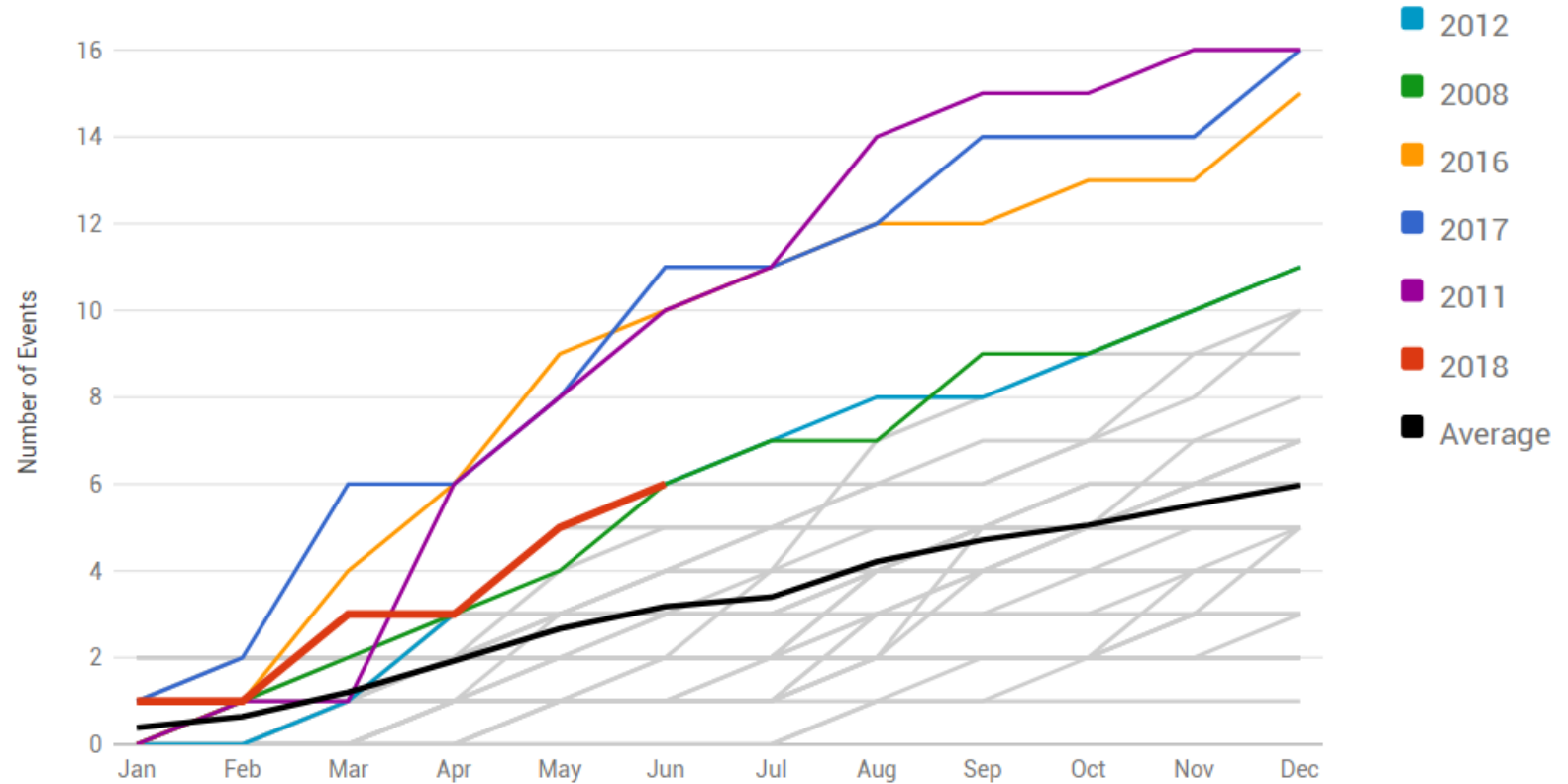
- Maximum temperatures much below normal and much above normal.
- Minimum temperatures much below normal and much above normal.
- Land in severe drought - lowest 10<sup>th</sup> % PDSI and severe moist. surplus highest 10<sup>th</sup> %
- Land with greater than normal share of precip from highest 10<sup>th</sup> % 1-day events.
- Land with a much > than normal days with precip and much > of days without.
- Landfalling tropical storm and hurricane wind velocities.



# Billion Dollar Extremes

## 1980-2018 Year-to-Date United States Billion-Dollar Disaster Event Frequency (CPI-Adjusted)

Event statistics are added according to the date on which they ended.



Statistics valid as of July 9, 2018.

<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/>

**Why is this happening**

# Why are we seeing climate change?

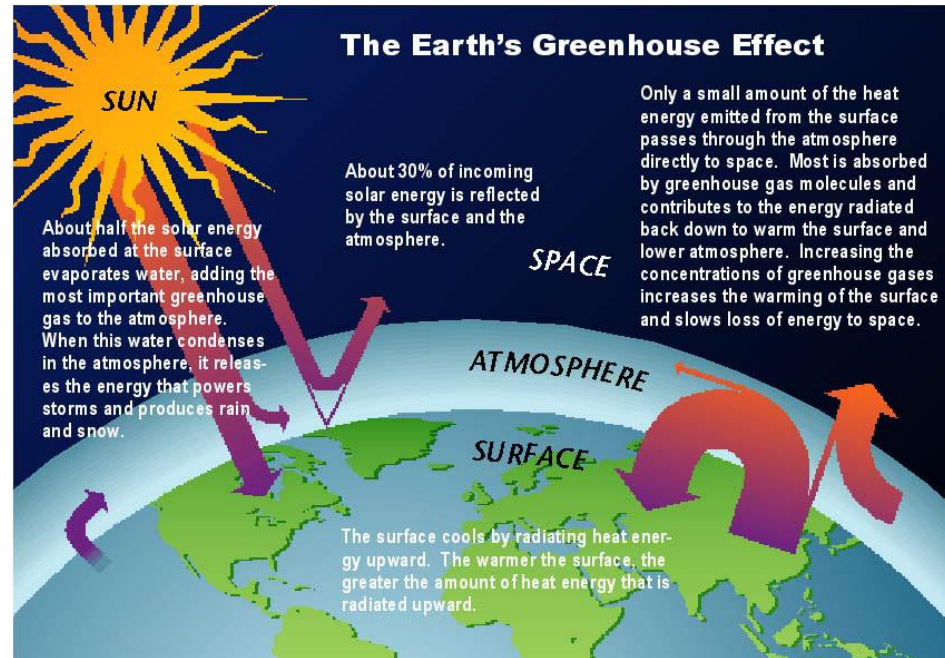
IPCC (1995) “The balance of evidence suggests a **discernible human influence** on global climate.”

IPCC (2001) “Most of the warming of the past 50 years **is likely (>66%) to be attributable to human activities.**”

IPCC (2007) “Most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century **is very likely (>90%) due to the observed increase in anthropogenic (human caused) greenhouse gas** concentrations.”

IPCC (2013) It is **extremely likely (95–100% probability) that human activities caused more than half** of the observed increase in global average surface temperature from 1951 to 2010.

# Greenhouse effect

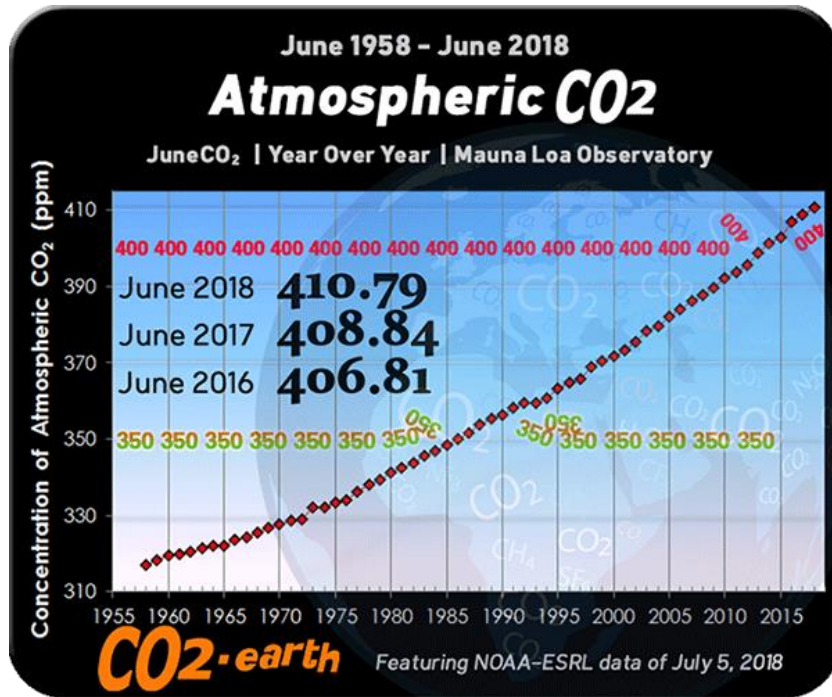


Some gases, like carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), trap heat in the atmosphere by absorbing longwave radiation not letting the Sun's energy pass through. A greenhouse allows in sunlight while keeping in heat. Since the gases act similarly in atmosphere, we name them **greenhouse gases**.

Source : U.S. National Assessment <http://www.usgcrp.gov/usgcrp/Library/nationalassessment/images/Greenhouse-s.jpg>.

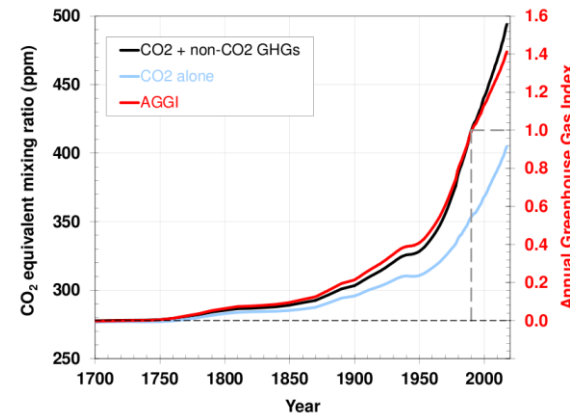
# Why is this happening

## GHG Concentration



Pre industrial - 275  
2018 - 411

<http://co2now.org/>

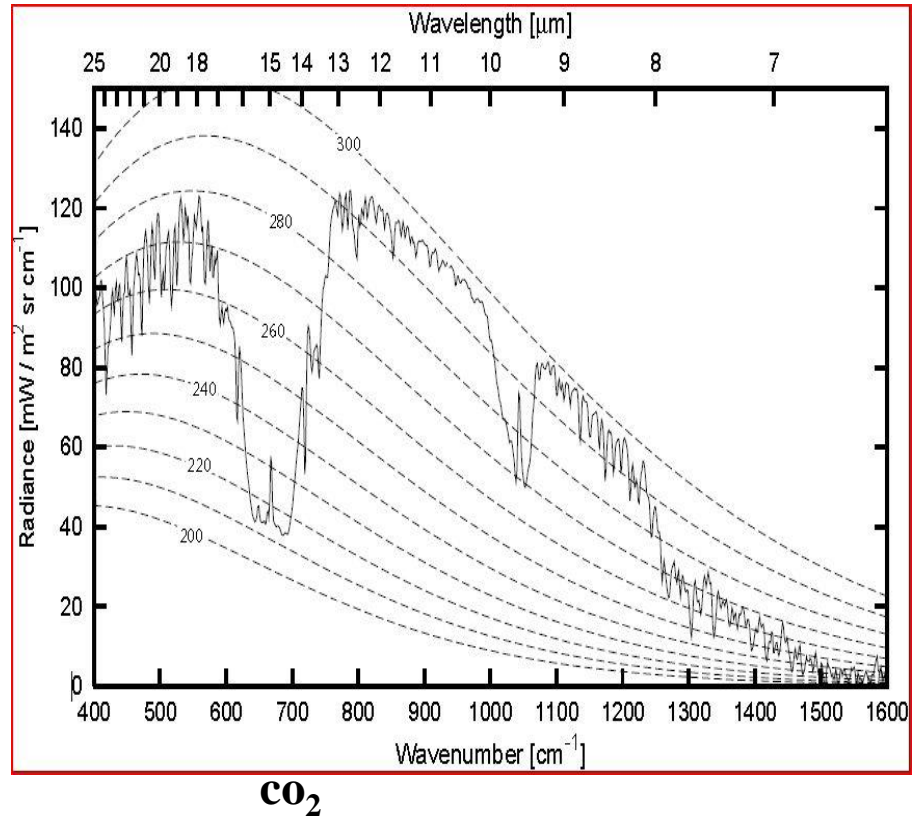


- The AGGI in 2017 was **1.41**, which means that we've turned up the warming influence by **41%** since 1990.
- It took ~240 years for the AGGI to go from 0 to 1, i.e., to reach 100%, and 26 years for it to increase by another 41%.
- In terms of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents, the atmosphere in 2017 contained **493** ppm, of which **405** is CO<sub>2</sub> alone. The rest comes from other gases.

<https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/aggi/>

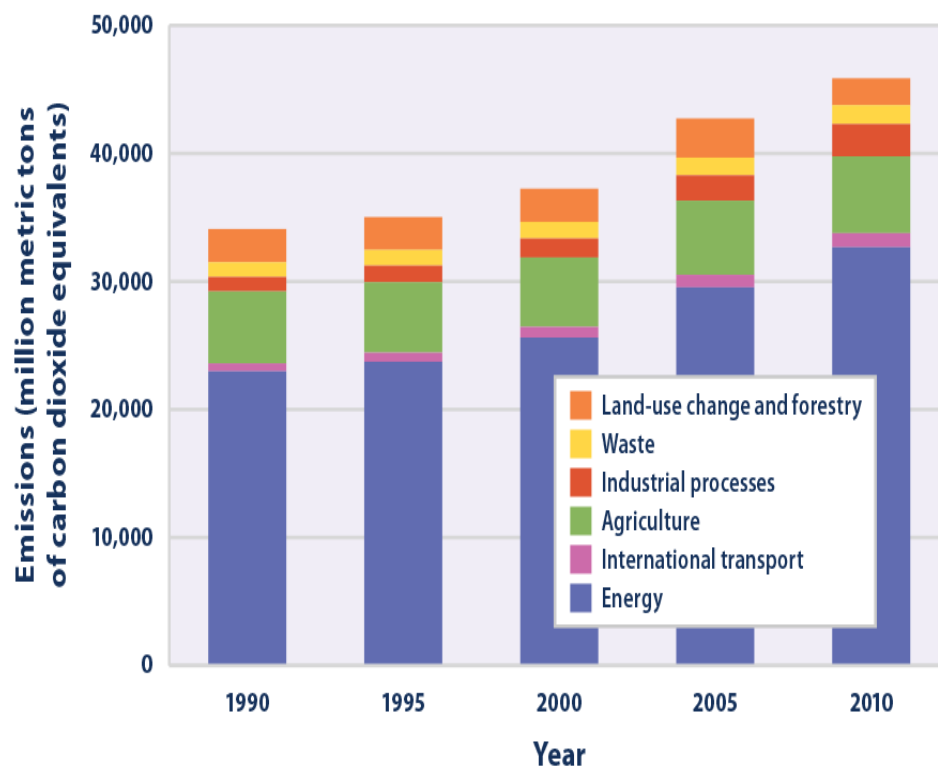
# Radiation Being trapped

Satellite observations show radiation being retained in number of bands along with heat content



<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2011/03/10/visualizing-the-greenhouse-effect-emission-spectra/>

# Global GHG Emissions By Source



**Globally energy is big one – about 75%**

<https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-us-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

# **What is Projected**



# Yet more could happen

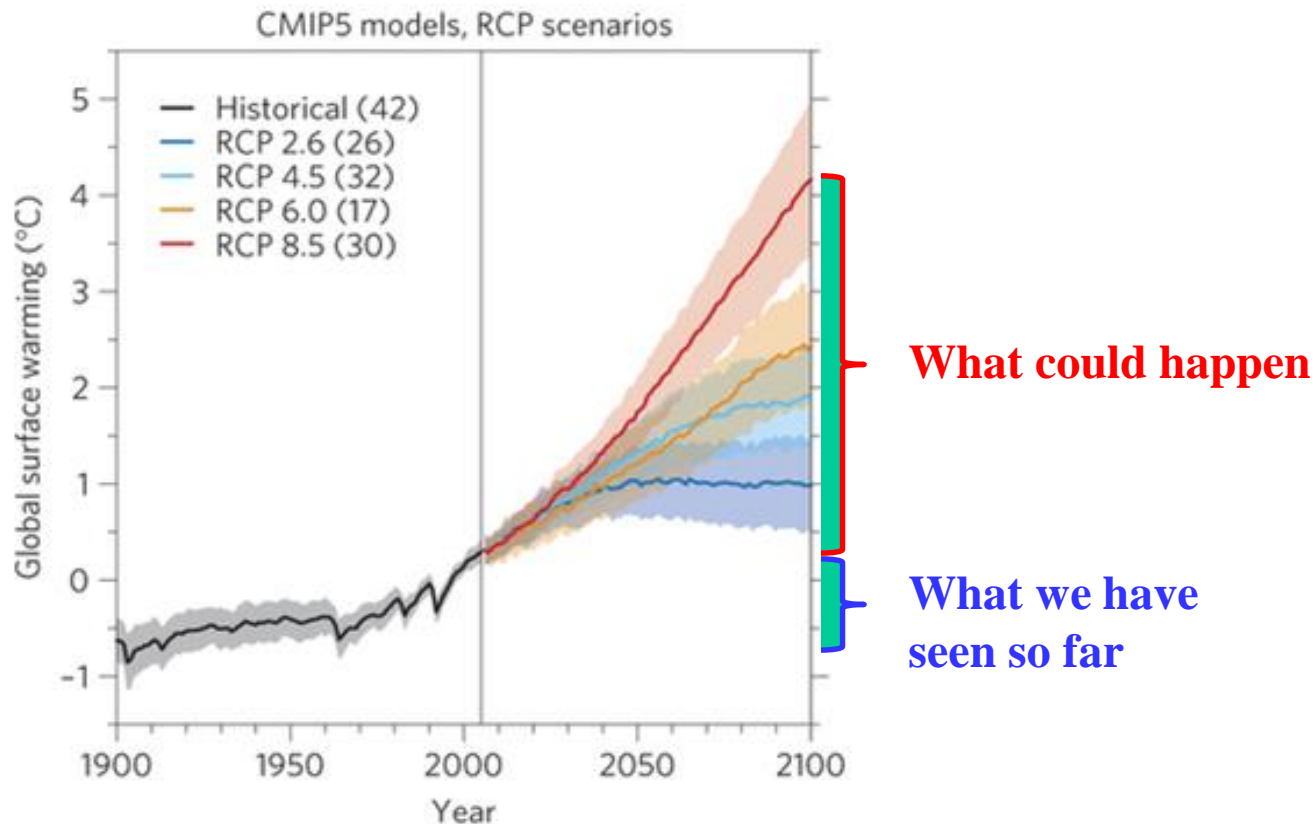
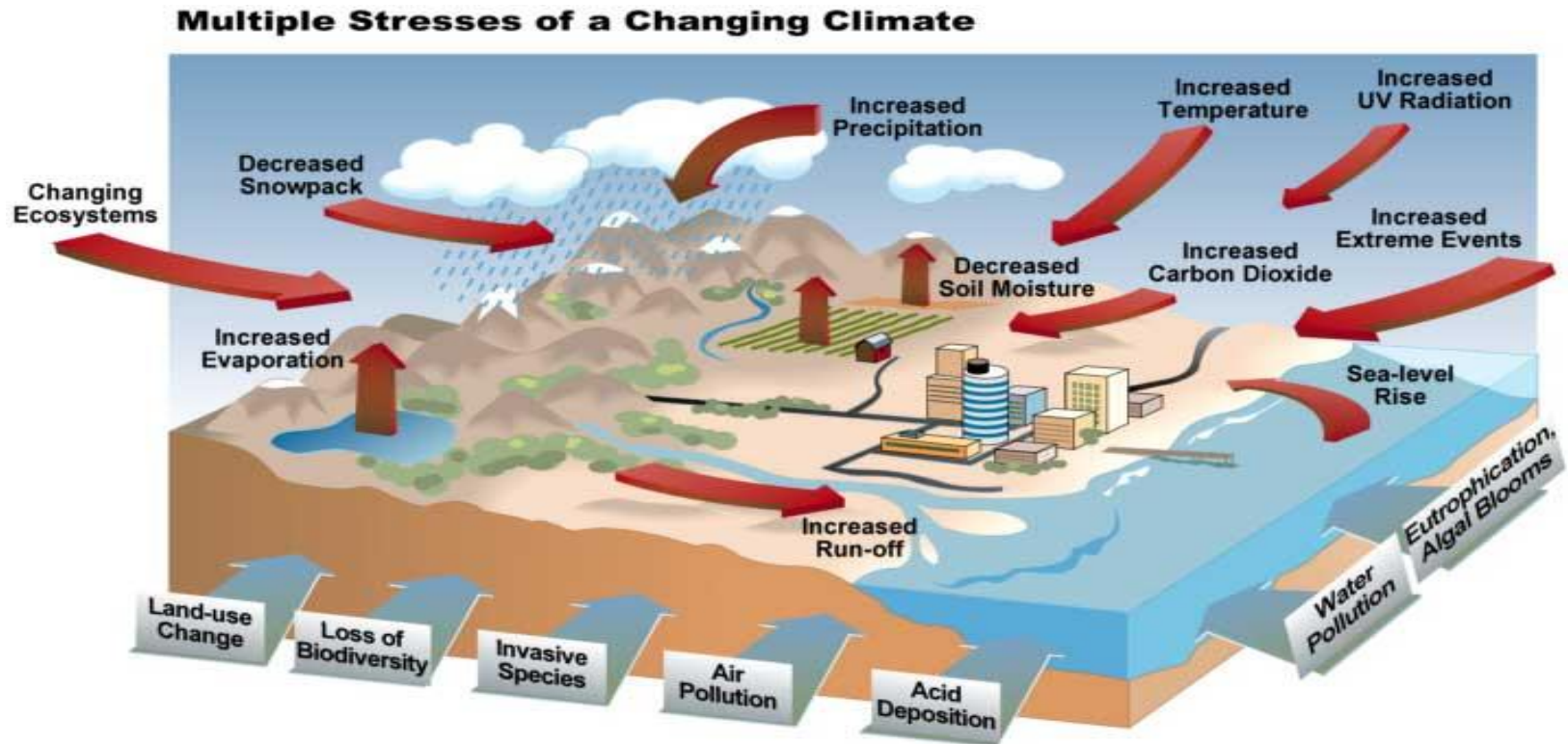


Figure 1: Global temperature change and uncertainty. From Robustness and uncertainties in the new CMIP5 climate model projections  
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**Effects on Ag**

# Climate Change can be disruptive

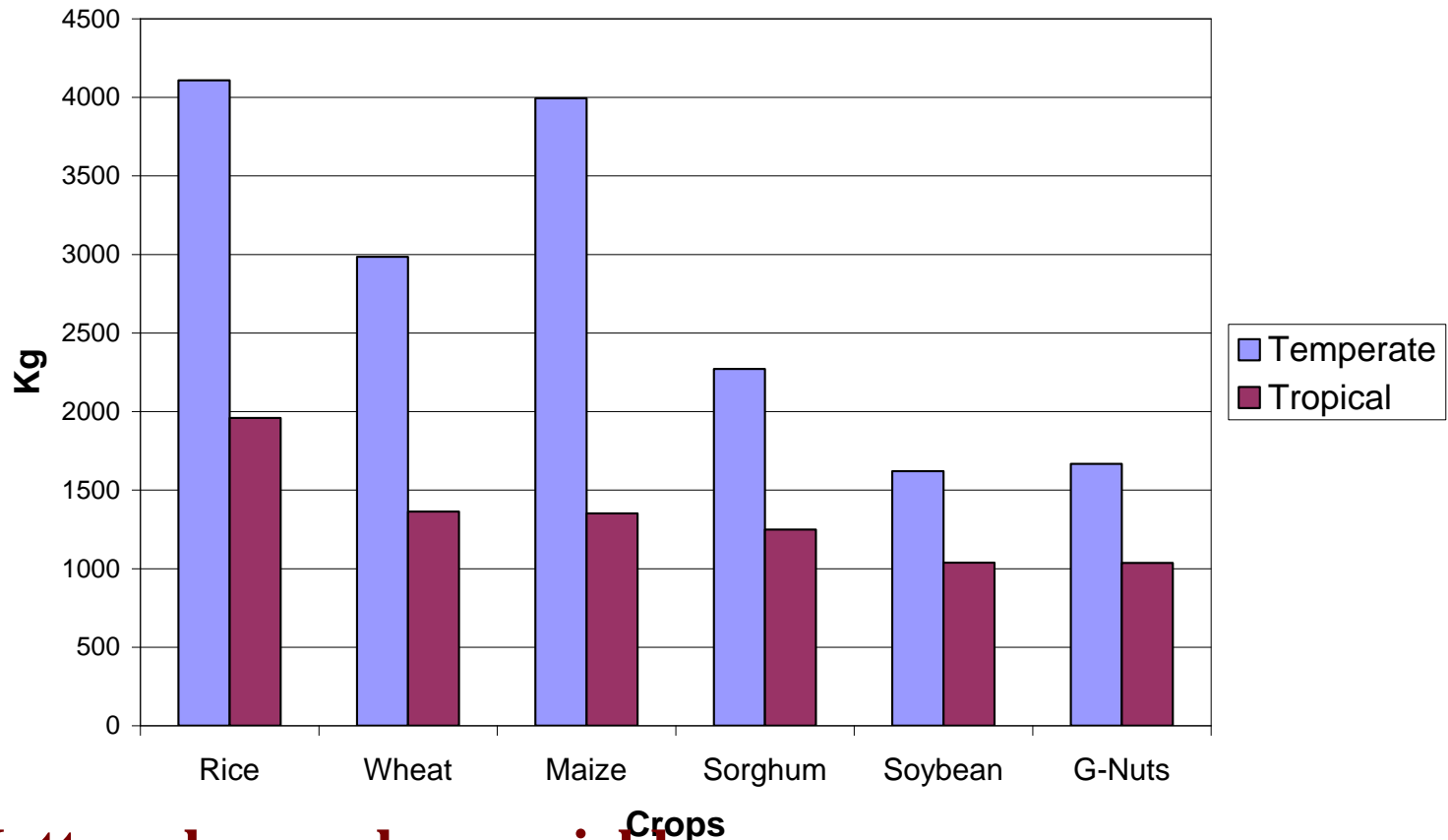


**Lots of effects**



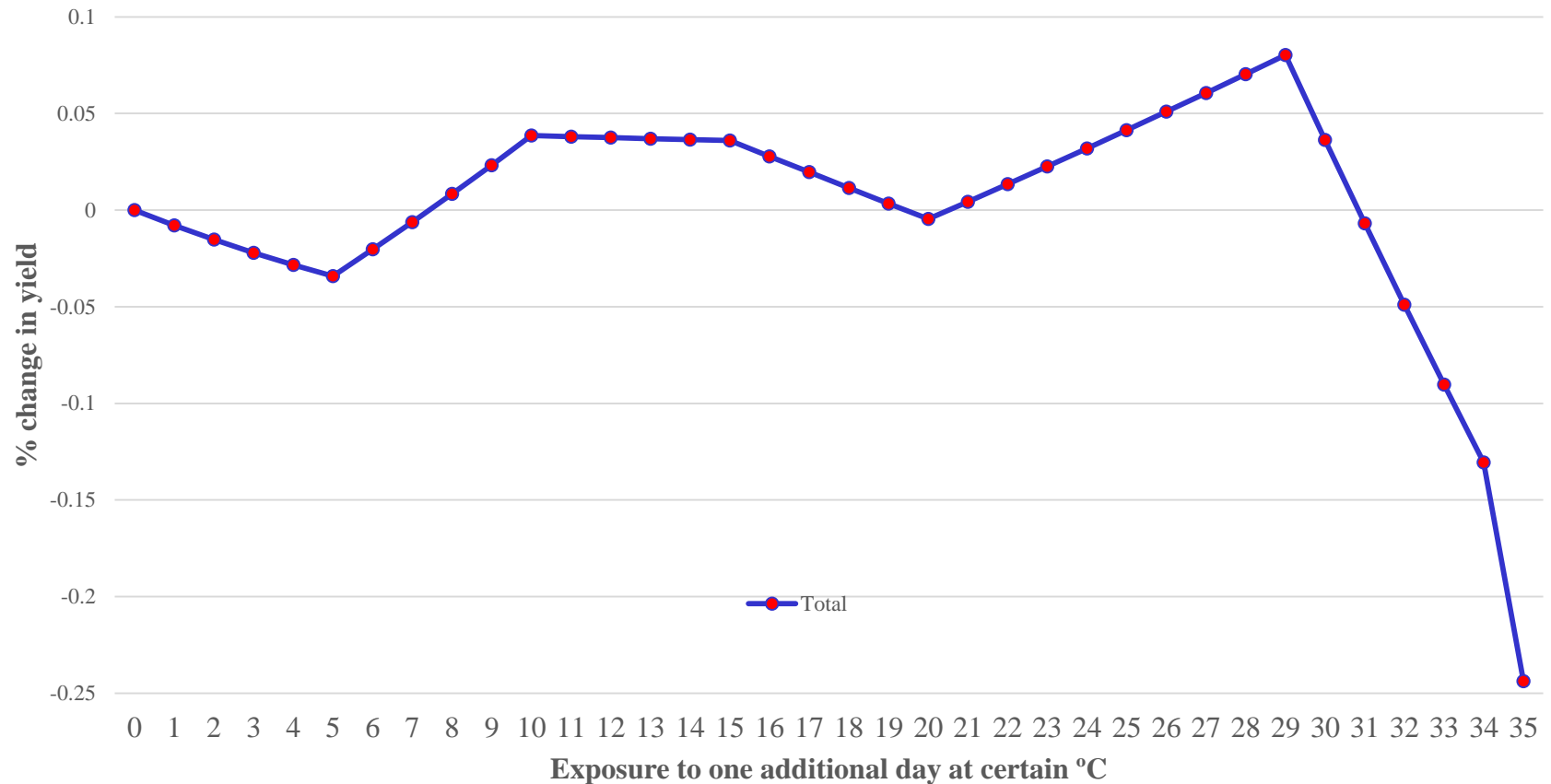
# Climate change and agriculture

Average Yields in Temperate and Tropical Regions (Kg/Hect.)



**Hotter places – lower yields**

# Projected temperature impact on corn yield



## U shaped effects – critical points

Zidong Wang, THREE ESSAYS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE IN THE US, TAMU PhD thesis, 2018

# Climate Change is making things non stationary

## POLICYFORUM

### CLIMATE CHANGE

## Stationarity Is Dead: Whither Water Management?

P. C. D. Milly,<sup>1\*</sup> Julio Betancourt,<sup>2</sup> Malin Falkenmark,<sup>3</sup> Robert M. Hirsch,<sup>4</sup> Zbigniew W. Kundzewicz,<sup>5</sup> Dennis P. Lettenmaier,<sup>6</sup> Ronald J. Stouffer<sup>7</sup>

Systems for management of water throughout the developed world have been designed and operated under the assumption of stationarity. Stationarity—the idea that natural systems fluctuate within an unchanging envelope of variability—is a



Climate change undermines a basic assumption that historically has facilitated management of water supplies, demands, and risks.

that has emerged from climate models (see figure, p. 574).

*Why now?* That anthropogenic climate change affects the water cycle (9) and water supply (10) is not a new finding. Nevertheless, sensible objections to discarding stationarity

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND FUTURE ANALYSIS: IS STATIONARITY DYING?

BRUCE A. MCCARL, XAVIER VILLAVICENCIO, AND XIMING WU

Economists often do risk analysis in support of management decisions. Commonly, such analyses are based on probability distributions arising from historical data where the distributions developed are based on at least a partial assumption of stationarity. For example, in water-based risk analysis one typically assumes the distribution is stationary, and uses the 100 year drought. In yield-related analyses analysts typically assume the mean is changing with time (proxying for technological progress along with monetary inflation) but that the variance is stationary.

assessments (2007, 2001) or the U.S. National Assessment (Reilly et al. 2002). Many studies indicate that climate change alters mean yields (e.g., Adams et al. 1990; Reilly et al. 2002; Deschenes and Greenstone 2007) and/or land values (Mendelsohn, Nordhaus, and Shaw 1994). Chen, McCarl, and Schimmelpfennig (2004) also indicate that in addition to climate change affecting mean yields, it will contribute to a change in crop yield variability, while Mearns, Rosenzweig, and Goldberg (1992) provide crop simulation results to the same point.

## Water - Can we use 100 year flood?

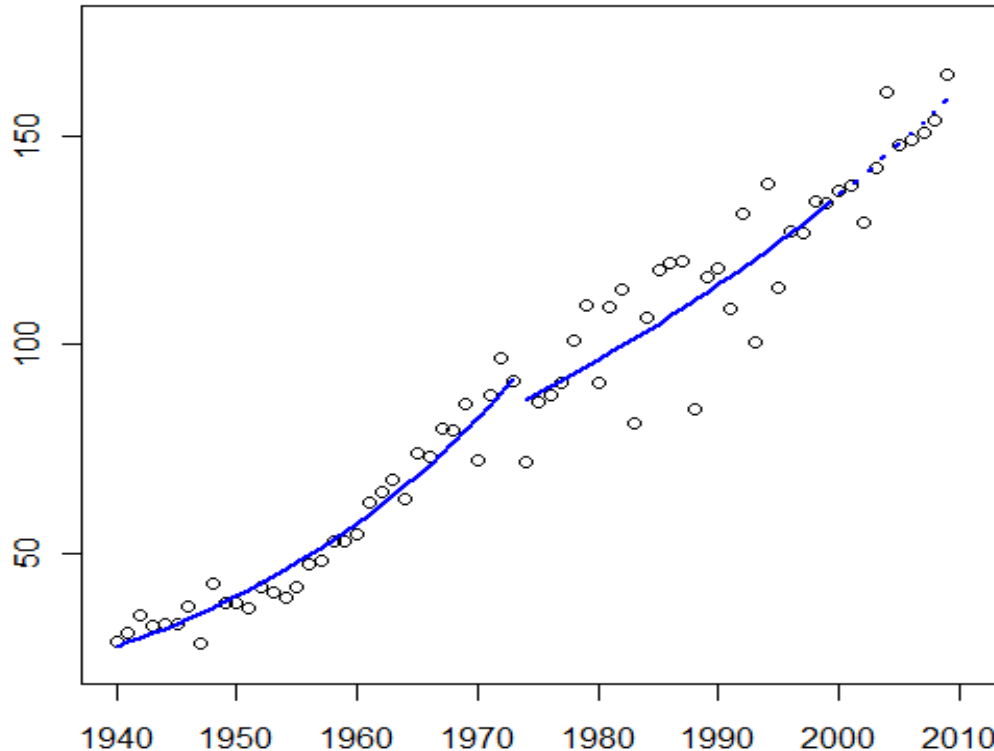
Milly, PCD, J. Betancourt, M. Falkenmark, 2008. Climate Change: Stationarity Is Dead: Whither Water Management?, Science, Vol. 319. No. 5863, pp. 573 – 574.

## Ag yields - Can we history to assess risk?

McCarl, Bruce A., Xavier Villavicencio, and Ximing Wu. "Climate change and future analysis: is stationarity dying?." American Journal of Agricultural Economics 90.5 (2008): 1241-1247.

# Effects- Technological progress

- US corn yields



**Technical progress is slowing down**

**Work shows part due to climate**

**Will we prioritize Biofuels?**

**What about food needs?**

Villavicencio, X., B.A. McCarl, X.M. Wu, and W.E. Huffman, "Climate Change Influences on Agricultural Research Productivity", Climatic Change, Volume 119, Issue 3-4, pp 815-824, 2013.

Baker, J.S., B.C. Murray, B.A. McCarl, S.J. Feng, and R. Johansson, "Implications of Alternative Agricultural Productivity Growth Assumptions on Land Management, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Mitigation Potential", American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 95: 435-441, 2013.

# CO<sub>2</sub> Enrichment Empirical results

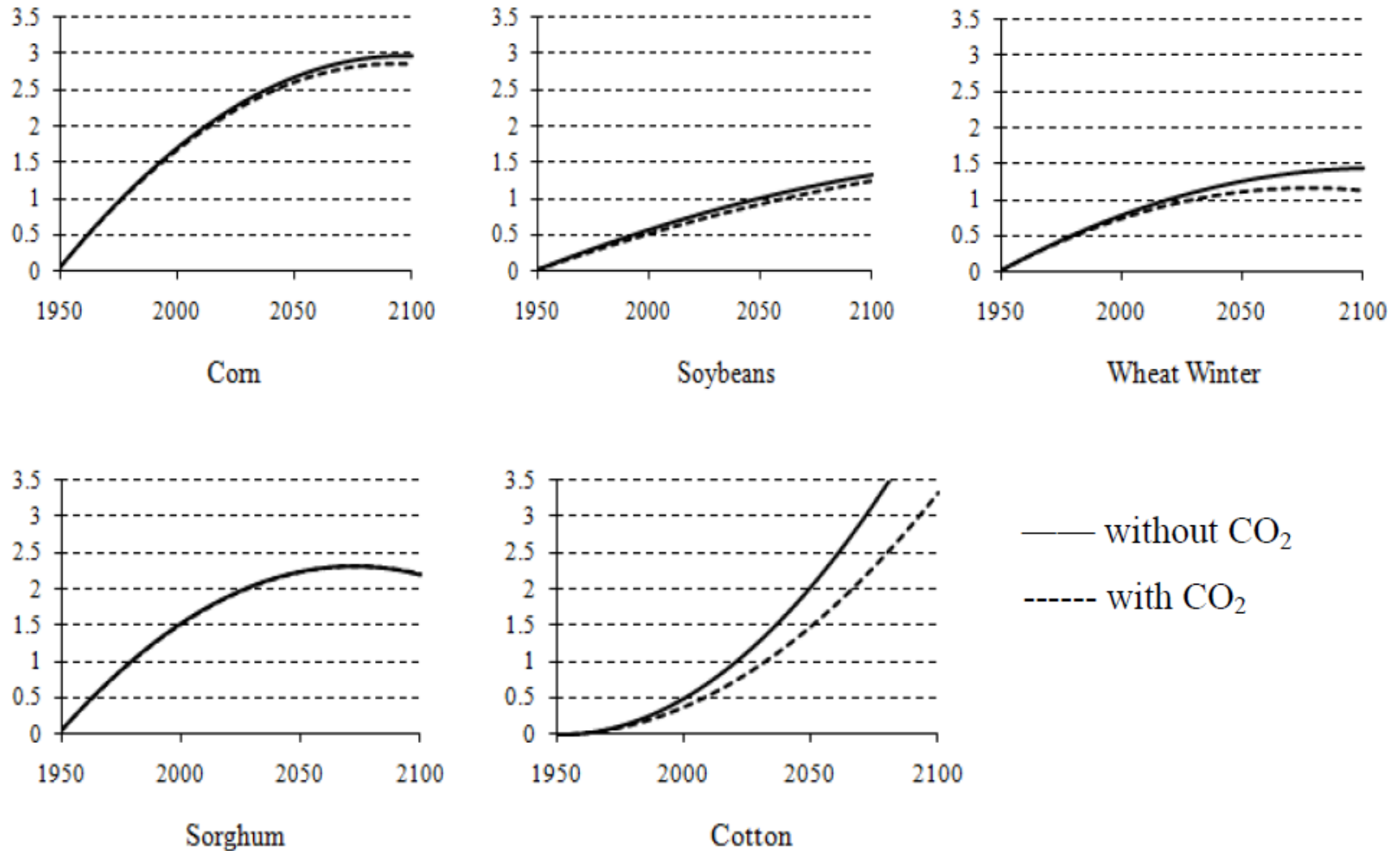
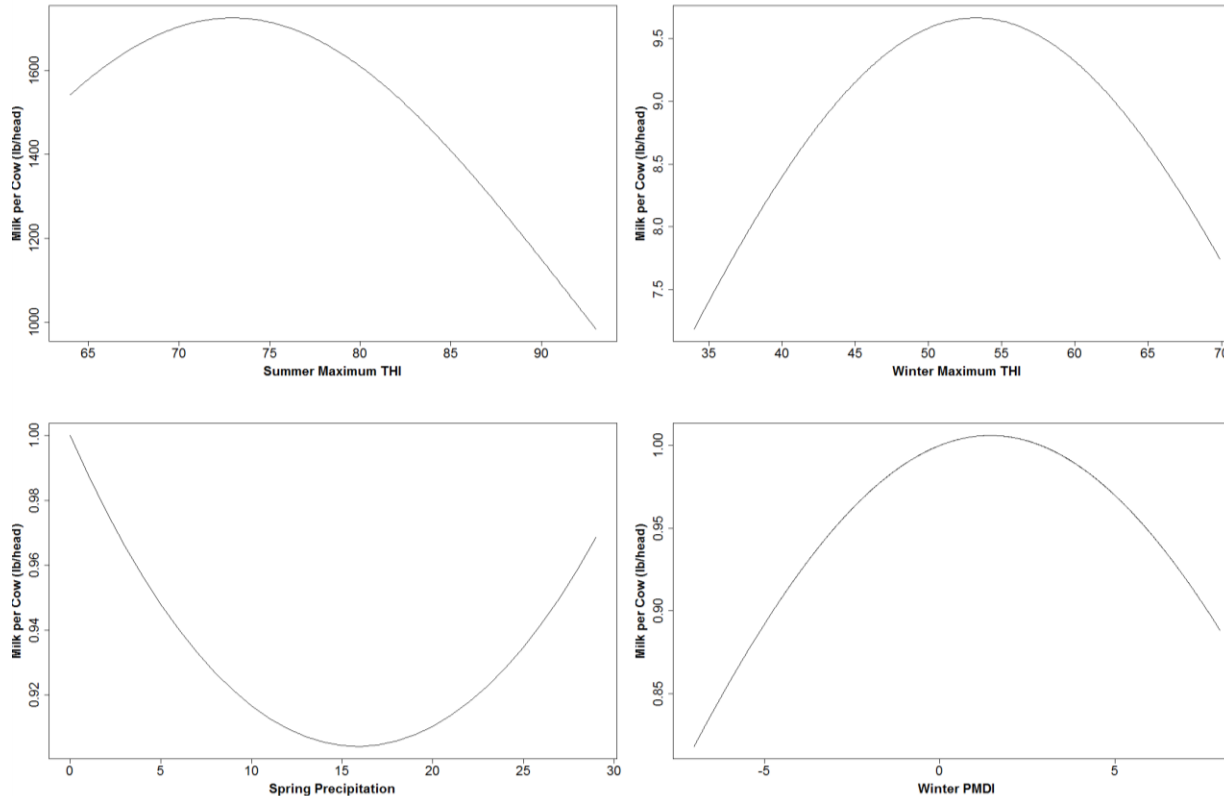


Figure 1. Marginal effect of crop production technology

**Wheat and cotton enhanced**



# Livestock performance- milk



**Milk yields  
have  
optimal  
point  
declines  
after**

**Projections  
show many  
declines**

- **Summer maximum THI, winter maximum THI and winter PMDI: inverse U-shaped relationships, respectively with a critical value of 72, 55, 1.5**
- **Spring precipitation: U-shaped relationship with a threshold value of 15**

# Projected temperature impact on cattle sale weight

Scenarios	Sale Month	Texas	Kansas	Nebraska	Iowa	Colorado	California	Wisc
Base Scenario:								
Actual Average Sale Weight Between 1993 and 2010	Jun.	1122	1203	1234	1196	1218	1268	1297
	Dec.	1106	1175	1234	1203	1213	1271	1290
A1F Scenario: 2020								
Projected Sale Weight for Period 2010-2039	Jun.	1125	1187	1219	1220	1214	1262	1239
	Dec.	1128	1185	1217	1213	1225	1262	1237
A1F Scenario: 2050								
Projected Sale Weight for Period 2040-2069	Jun.	1127	1187	1222	1224	1213	1263	1243
	Dec.	1129	1188	1216	1214	1220	1265	1236
A1F Scenario: 2080								
Projected Sale Weight for Period 2070-2099	Jun.	1133	1189	1225	1227	1214	1267	1248
	Dec.	1134	1194	1220	1220	1217	1271	1241

## Livestock yields lower in places

# Observations - Livestock

## Hotter climate in south

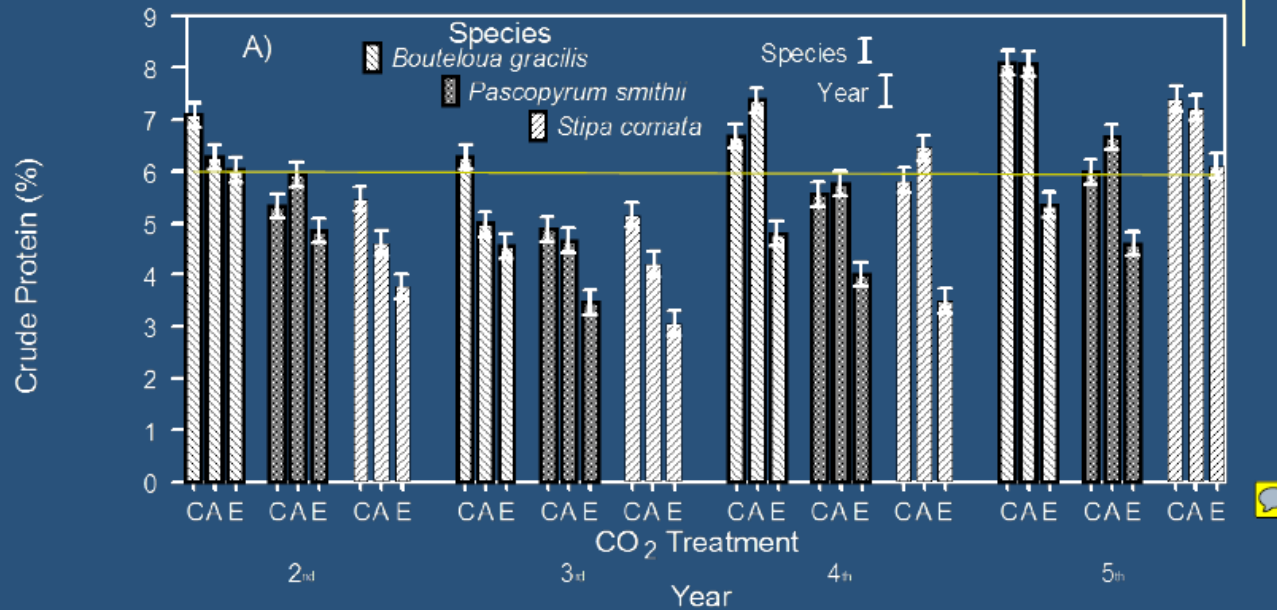
- Increases time to grow beef cattle and swine to a given weight
- Decrease calving rate
- Decreases milk production
- Decreases grass growth

Beach, R.H., Y.W. Zhang, J.S. Baker, A.D. Hagerman, and B.A. McCarl, "U.S. Livestock Production under Climate Change: Implications for International Trade", Presented at the 2012 USDA ERS Conference: Emerging Issues in Global Animal Product Trade in Washington DC September 27-28, 2012.

Reilly, J.M., J. Hrubovcak, J. Graham, D.G. Abler, R. Darwin, S.E. Hollinger, R.C. Izaurralde, S. Jagtap, J.W. Jones, J. Kimble, B.A. McCarl, L.O. Mearns, D.S. Ojima, E.A. Paul, K. Paustian, S.J. Riha, N.J. Rosenberg, C. Rosenzweig, and F. Tubiello, Changing Climate and Changing Agriculture: Report of the Agricultural Sector Assessment Team, US National Assessment, prepared as part of USGCRP National Assessment of Climate Variability, Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Mader, Terry L., Katrina L. Frank, John A. Harrington, G. Leroy Hahn, and John A. Nienaber. 2009. Potential climate change effects on warm-season livestock production in the great plains. *Climatic Change* 97 (3-4): 529 - 541.

# Forage Quality in High CO<sub>2</sub>

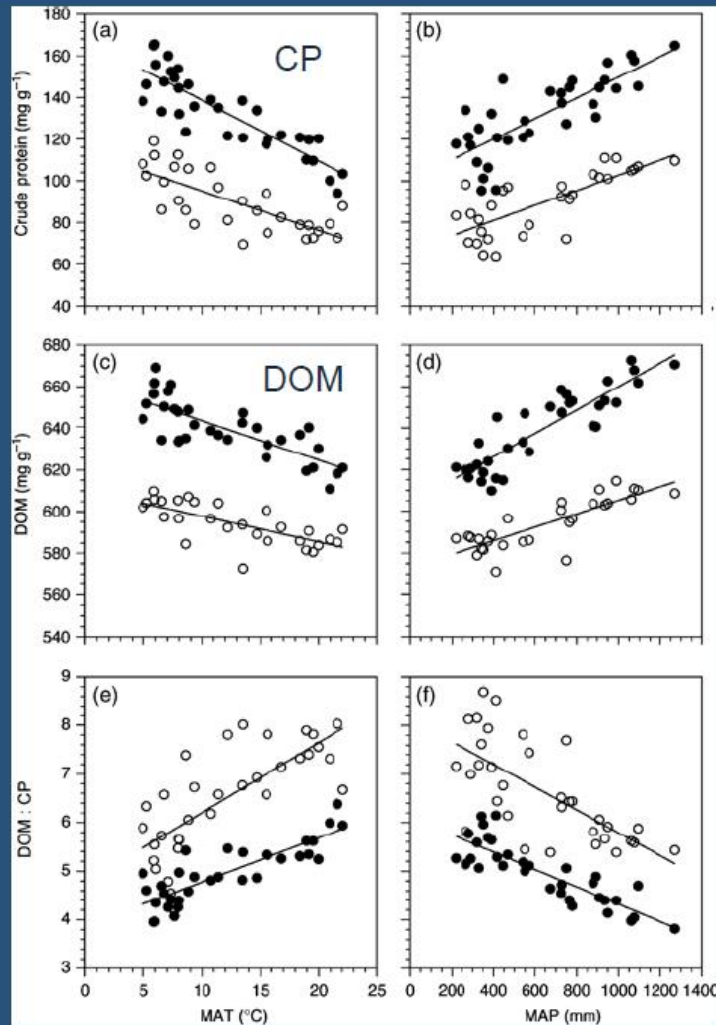


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## Forage Quality

- Annual Temperature
- Annual Precipitation



Craine et al. GCB 2010

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# Climate Effects on Pests

Impacts of rainfall on total pesticide usage cost for corn, cotton, soybeans and wheat are positive. mixed effect of temperature.

## % Change in Pesticide Cost for a % Change in Climate

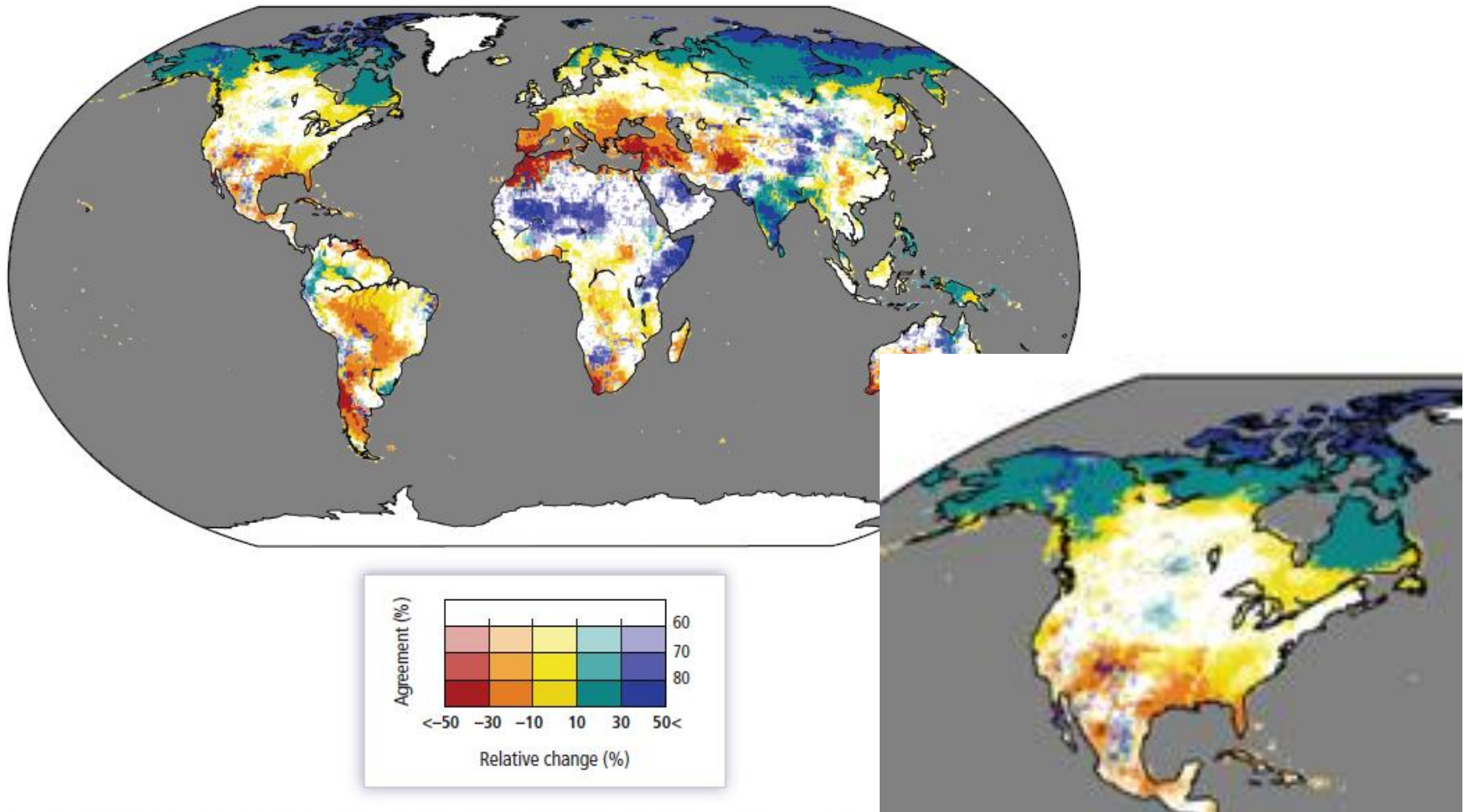
	Precipitation	Temperature
CORN	-0.0292	0.2284
COTTON	0.3100	0.6607
POTATOES	-0.0777	0.2998
SOYBEANS	-0.0435	-0.1042
WHEAT	-1.1579	1.8678

## Pest and pest cost expansions

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# Projections are for altered river flow



**Figure 3-4** | Percentage change of mean annual streamflow for a global mean temperature rise of 2°C above 1980–2010 (2.7°C above pre-industrial). Color hues show the multi-model mean change across 5 General Circulation Models (GCMs) and 11 Global Hydrological Models (GHMs), and saturation shows the agreement on the sign of change across all 55 GHM–GCM combinations (percentage of model runs agreeing on the sign of change) (Schewe et al., 2013).

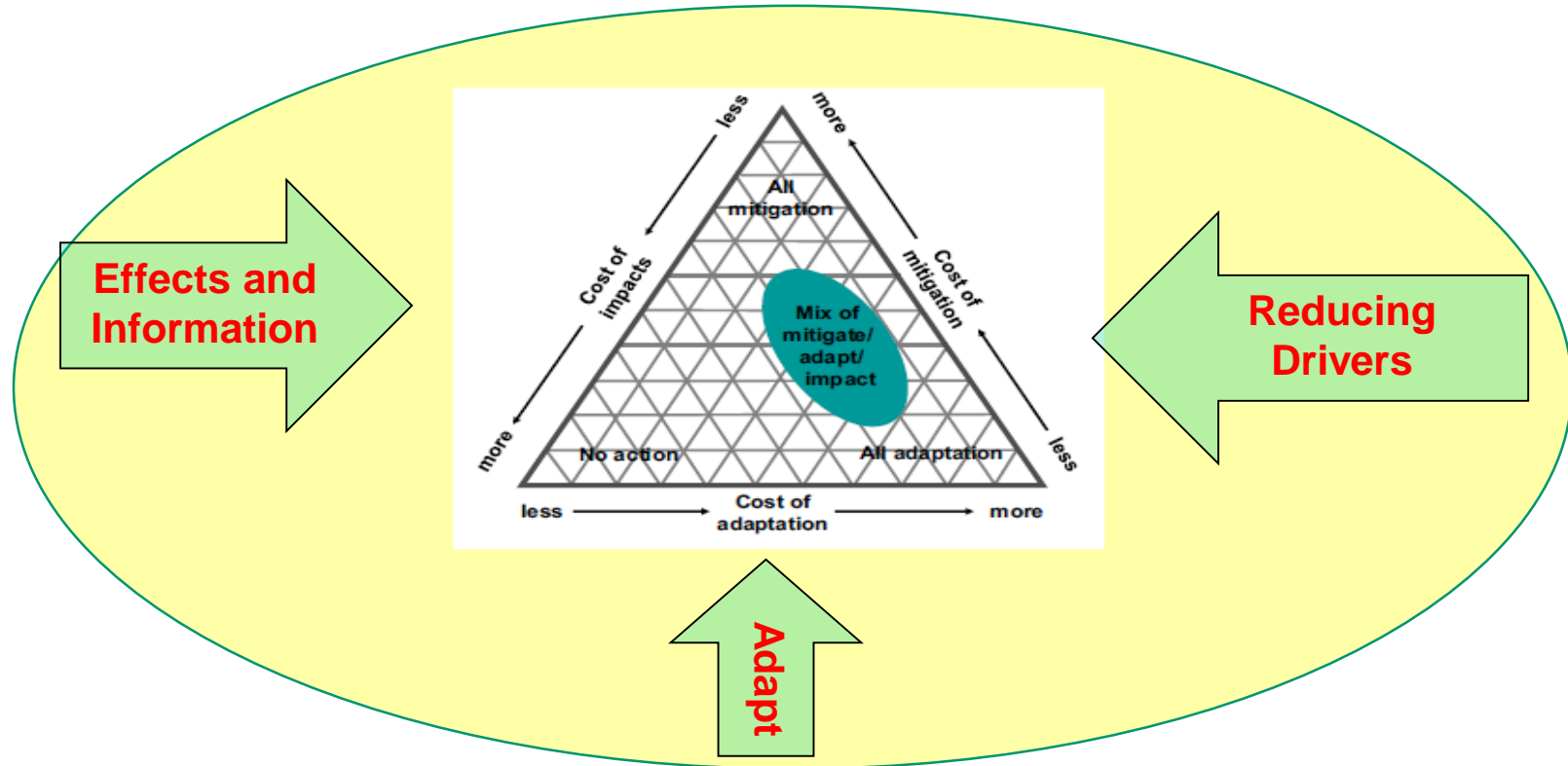
## Less water in many regions

**What do we do**



# Meeting the Challenge

## Basics of Climate Change Action



- Climate shift alters growing conditions and productivity - **Effects**
- Alter operations reduce future extent by limiting drivers **Mitigation**
- Alter management to reduce impact of change - **Adaptation**

# Policy Challenge

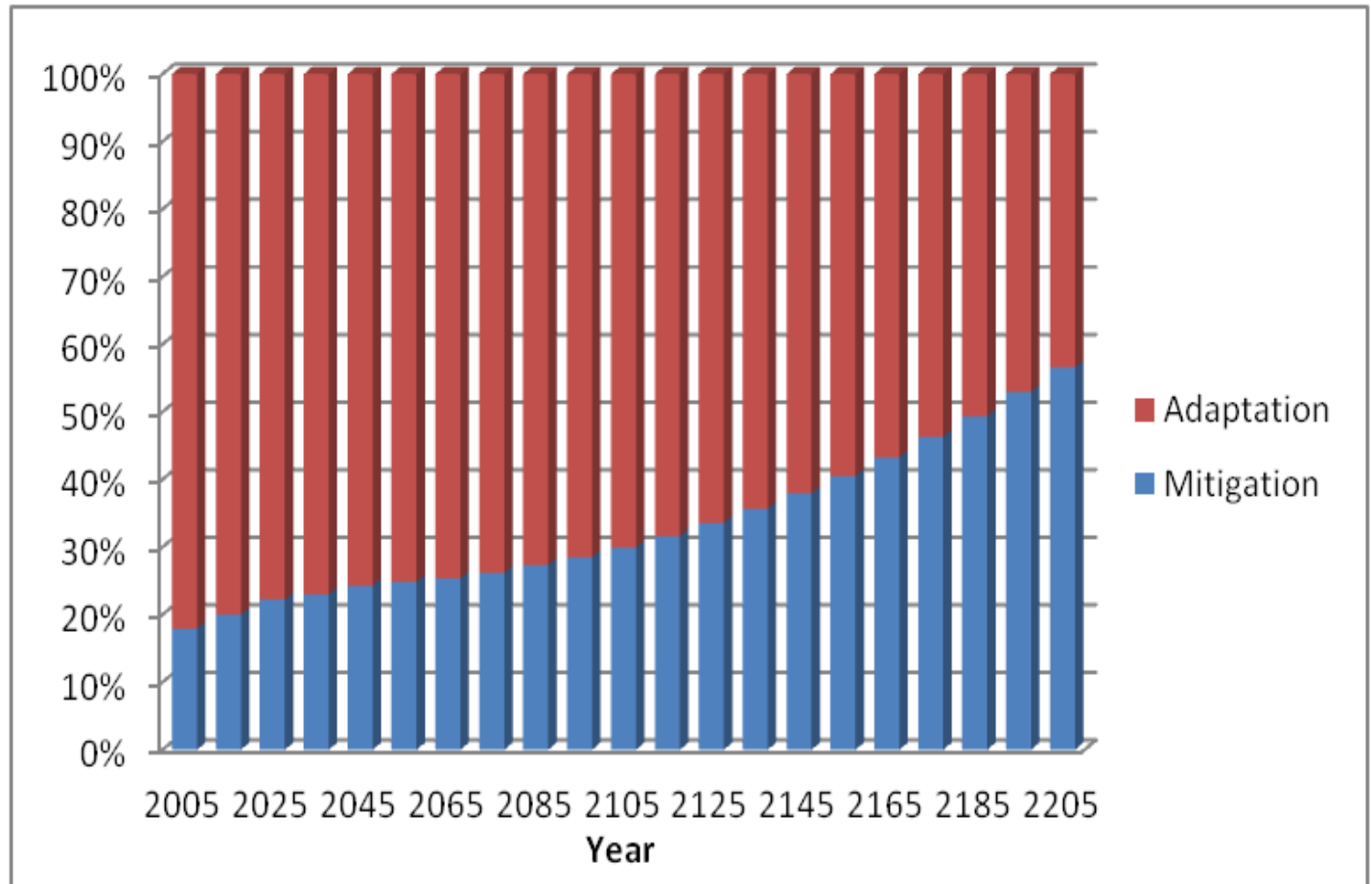
- Most effects in future but much of **Mitigation and adaptation costs now**
- Exact nature of **effects** and effectiveness of **adaptation** and mitigation are **uncertain**
- **Unilateral action on mitigation not effective** but collective no action means nothing gets done
- **Resource and investment competition** between current production/R&D and mitigation/adaptation

**So grand challenge is**

**How much to invest now in mitigation and adaptation in interest of future parties at likely cost of current?**

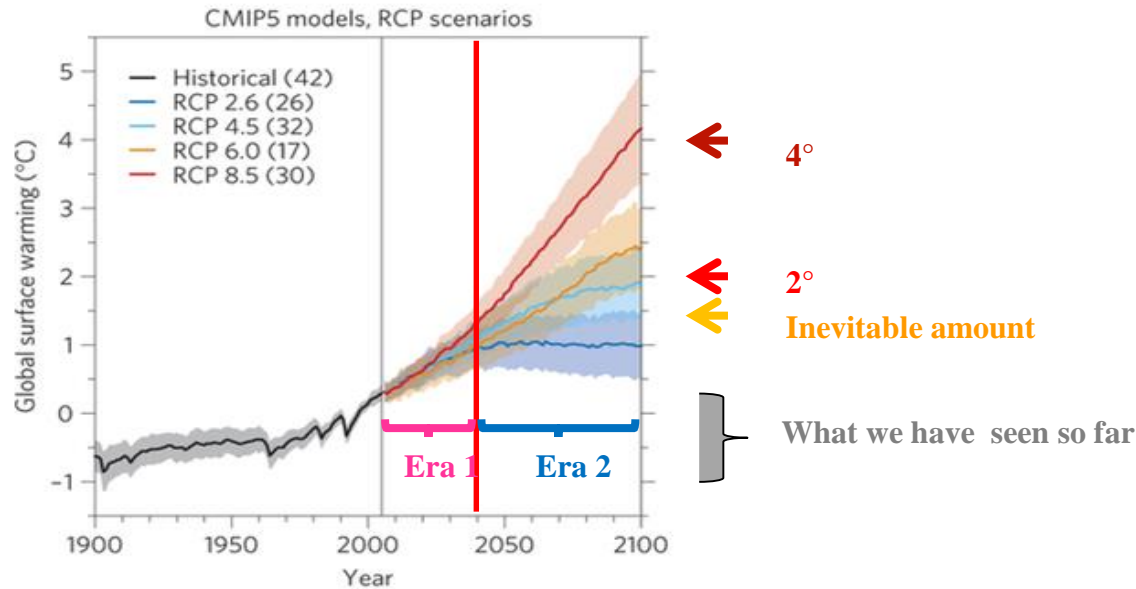
**Here I focus on adaptation**

# Adaptation Share Over Time



**Adaptation dominates for first 100 years**

# Adaptation – Inevitability



**Era 1** For now until 2040-2050 there is not much contribution from limiting emissions with an inevitable amount of climate change of about 1 degree C. Need adaptation plus mitigation

**Era 2** – In this time period (2050-2100) mitigation has effects and the climate is warming the question is how much

## Huge Ag Challenge -- Need to adapt to accommodate 1 degree change

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[http://www.choicesmagazine.org/magazine/pdf/cmsarticle\\_432.pdf](http://www.choicesmagazine.org/magazine/pdf/cmsarticle_432.pdf), 2015.

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# **Huge Ag Challenge**

**Need to adapt to accommodate 1 degree  
change**

**Forms of Adaptation**

# Key Concepts

Throughout history, **people and societies have adapted to and coped with climate, climate variability, and extremes, with varying degrees of success particularly in agriculture.**

But the **pace of adaptation may be unprecedented.** We may be on the treadmill requiring almost constant adaptive actions.

Adaptation is **place- and context-specific**, with no single approach for reducing risks appropriate across all settings.

# Adaptation can be “natural” or “autonomous” or “planned.”

**Natural** adaptations are actions in ecosystem stimulated by species reacting to climate

**Autonomous** adaptations are actions taken voluntarily by decision-makers (such as farmers or city leaders)

**Planned** adaptations are interventions by governments to address needs unlikely to be met by autonomous actions (**Public goods**)

A public good is an item where individuals cannot be effectively excluded from use and where use by one individual does not reduce availability to others **like a sea wall or a new cropping practice**

Public goods include NASA findings fresh air, , flood control systems, lighthouses, and street lighting.

Public goods problems are often closely related to the "free-rider" problem, in which **people not paying for the good may continue to access it**. Thus, the good may be **under-produced**, overused or degraded. **Many adaptation actions fall here**

# **Adaptation and the treadmill**

**Climate change and its continual progression raises a new demand on agriculture research and extension**

**Traditionally in agriculture we did research on yield improvement and some maintenance for say pest resistance**

**We could count on weather being stationary but now this is likely not so.**

**So we must devote resources to technological adaptation in maintaining productivity at a spot**



# Adaptation Possibilities

## Ag/Ecosystem items

- **R&D** - Heat tolerant crops, Low water using crops, Pest and disease resistance/treatment, Heat tolerant livestock breeds
- **Risk management assistance**
  - Variability insurance
- **Information Dissemination**
  - Adaption practices
  - Altered enterprises
- **Infrastructure investment** - water control, migrated processing
- **Managing previously unmanaged items** – ecosystems,

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# Burden of Adaptation

			Primary Only		Plus processing	
	Today	BAU Gain	CC Add	Mitig CC ADD	CC Add	Mitig CC ADD
AFF Research	\$35,959	\$30,075	\$3,007	\$2,632	\$3,007	\$2,632
AFF Extension	\$6,426	\$547	\$55	\$48	\$55	\$48
AFF Capital Formation	\$124,658	\$118,995	\$2,380	\$2,082	\$9,795	\$8,570
<i>Total</i>	\$167,043	\$149,617	\$5,442	\$4,762	\$12,857	\$11,250

**Climate change adaptation could mean an investment of \$5 - \$13 billion per year globally.**

# Adaptation Economics Key Concepts

- **We will have residual damages** - damages that remain after adaptation actions are taken. Likely because of diminishing returns to adaptation effort.
- **We face a current and will face future Adaptation deficit** a gap between current state and a state that minimizes adverse impacts from climate.
- **We will see Maladaptation** Actions improving local adaptation leading to increased vulnerability here , elsewhere or future. (may be economically rational)
- **We will need to choose additional, permanent, certain non leaking adaptations**

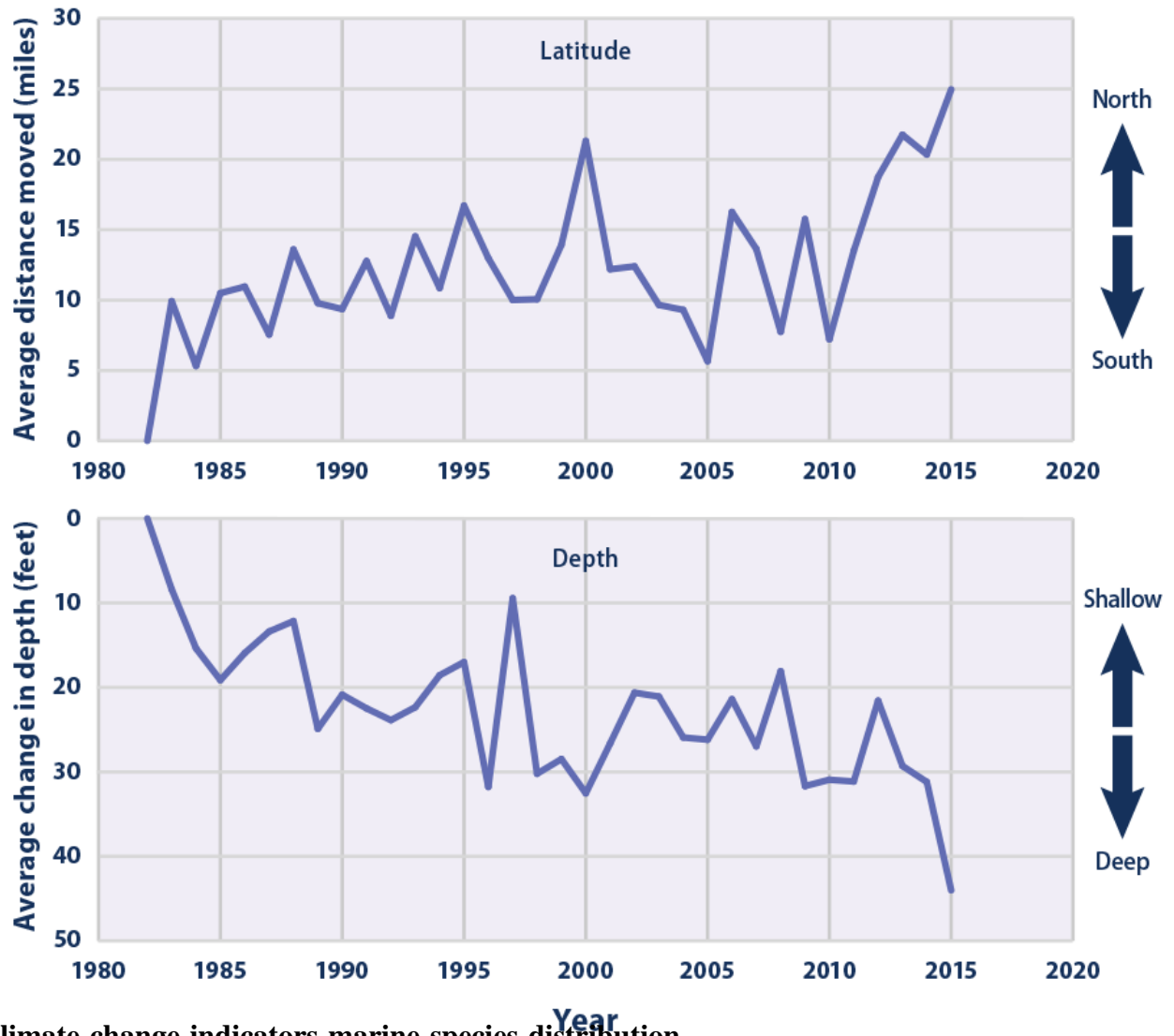
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# **Observed Ag Adaptations**

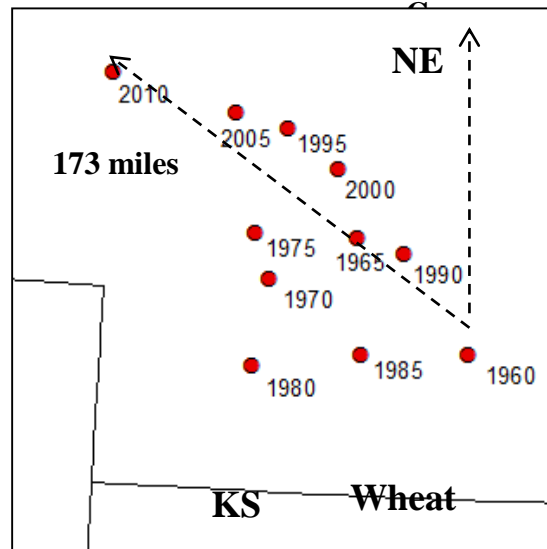
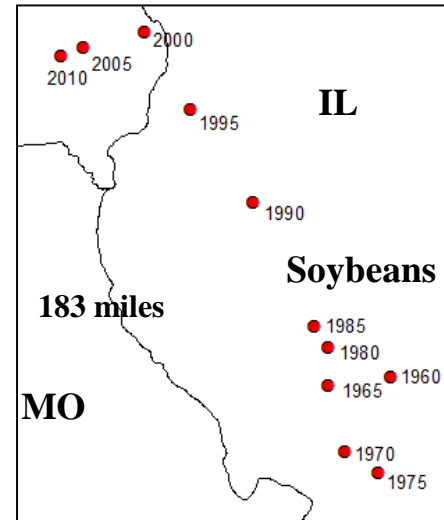
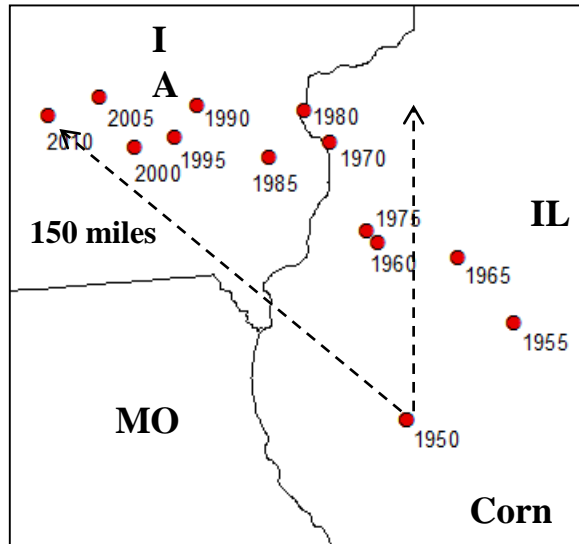
# Observed Natural Adaptation

Observations  
show natural  
patterns  
changing

Change in Latitude and Depth of Marine Species, 1982–2015



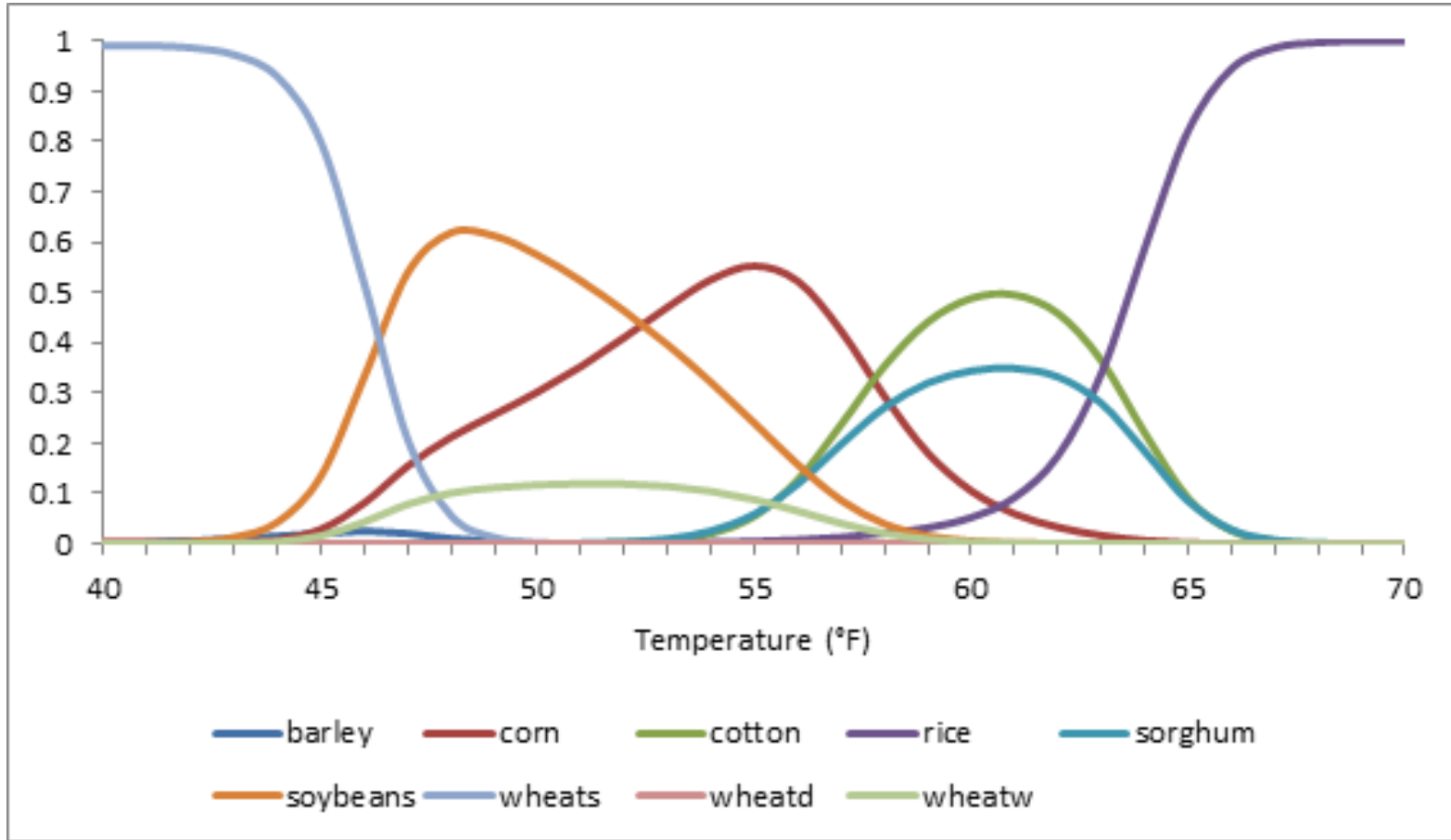
# Observed Autonomous Adaptation – Crop mix shift



- Shifts have already happened
- Greater yield has transport implications
  - wheat yields 44 bu/acre
  - corn yields 165 bu/acre
- More demands for transport and grain movement in the north

Attavanich, W., B.A. McCarl, Z. Ahmedov, S.W. Fuller, and D.V. Vedenov, "Climate Change and Infrastructure: Effects of Climate Change on U.S. Grain Transport", Nature Climate Change, on line at doi:10. 1038/nclimate1892, VOL 3 JULY 2013, 638-643, 2013.

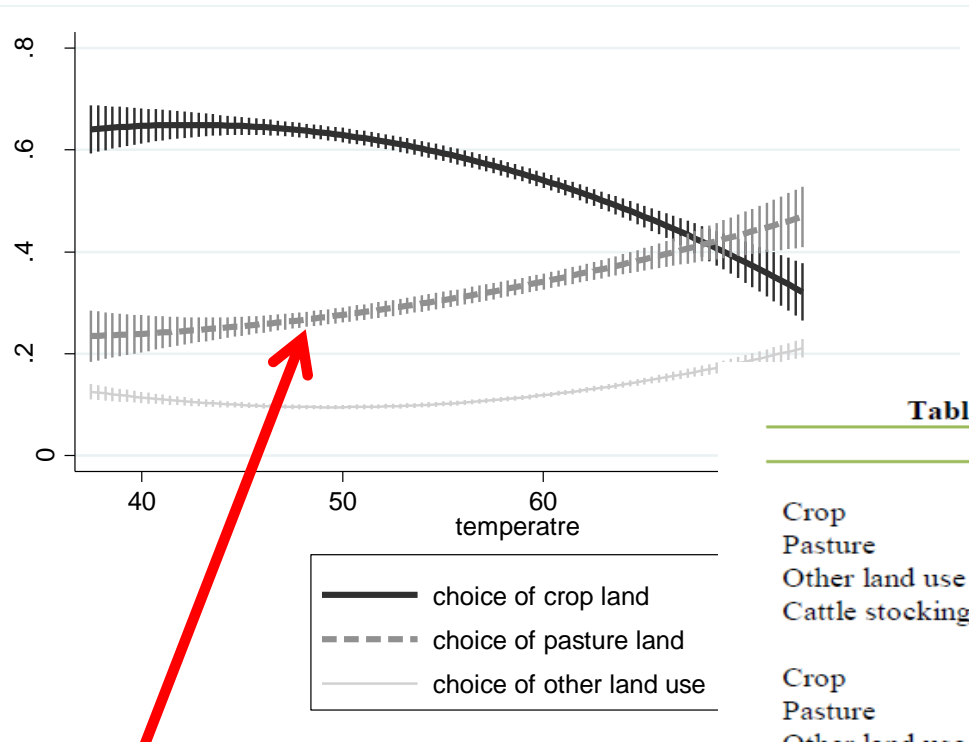
# Observed Adaptation – Crop Choice



**Farmer autonomously adopt crops reflects optimal growing conditions**

Park, J.Y., B.A. McCarl, and X.M. Wu, "The Effects of Climate on Crop Mix and Climate Change Adaptation", 2013.

# Observed Adaptation – Land use and stocking rate



**Cropland to pasture/range**

**Decreased stocking rate**

Mu, J.E., B.A. McCarl, and A.M. Wein,  
"Adaptation to climate change: changes in  
farmland use and stocking rate in the U. S",  
Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for  
Global Change, doi:10. 1007/s11027-012-9384-  
4, 2012.

**Table 5 Changes of Land Use Allocation and Cattle Stocking Rate**

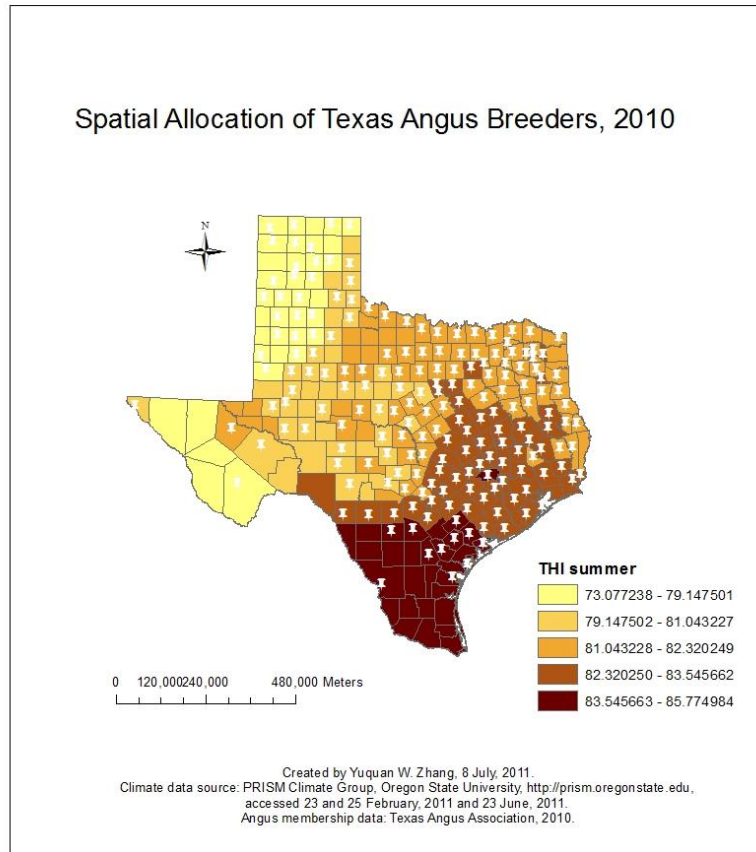
	Base	2010-2039	2040-2069	2070-2099
HadCM3-B1 emission scenario				
Crop	0.60	-0.22	-0.28	-0.3
Pasture	0.29	0.28	0.35	0.4
Other land use	0.11	0.06	0.07	0.0
Cattle stocking rate*(animal/acre)	0.25	-35.48	-41.86	-48.8
HadCM3-A1B emission scenario				
Crop	0.60	-0.31	-0.38	-0.4
Pasture	0.29	0.39	0.46	0.5
Other land use	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.0
Cattle stocking rate*(animal/acre)	0.25	-49.89	-58.01	-66.3
HadCM3-A2 emission scenario				
Crop	0.60	-0.28	-0.35	-0.4
Pasture	0.29	0.35	0.43	0.5
Other land use	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.0
Cattle stocking rate *(animal/acre)	0.25	-47.72	-54.63	-70.2

Note: For land use allocation, this table shows the changes of predicted probabilities that are calculated from the FMNL model with pooled sample and sub-regional dummies;

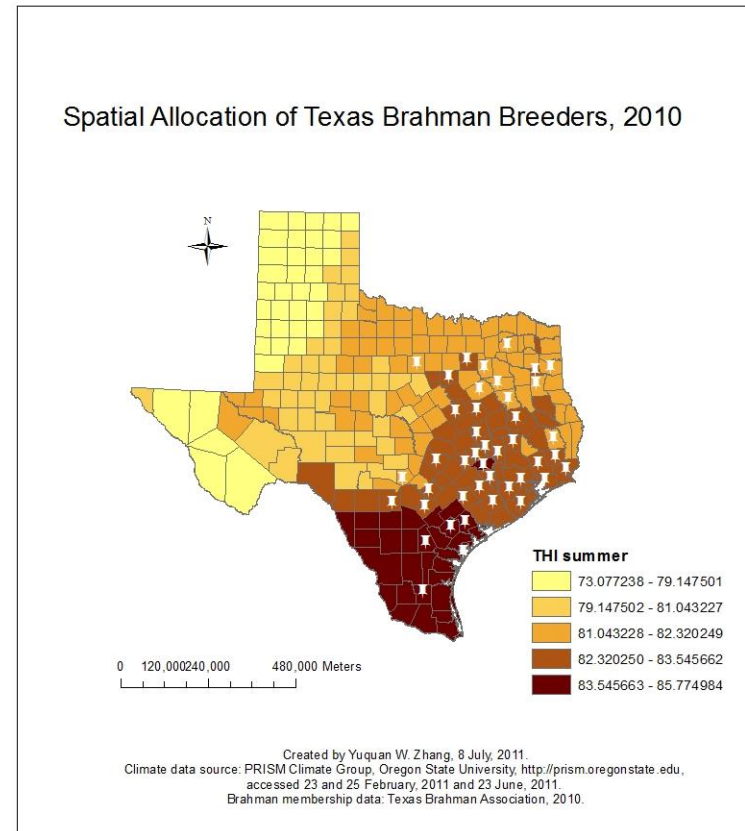
For cattle stocking rate, this table shows the predicted changes of cattle stocking rate that are derived from the OLS model with pooled sample.



# Observed Adaptation – Cattle breed location



Angus breeders spread across Texas.



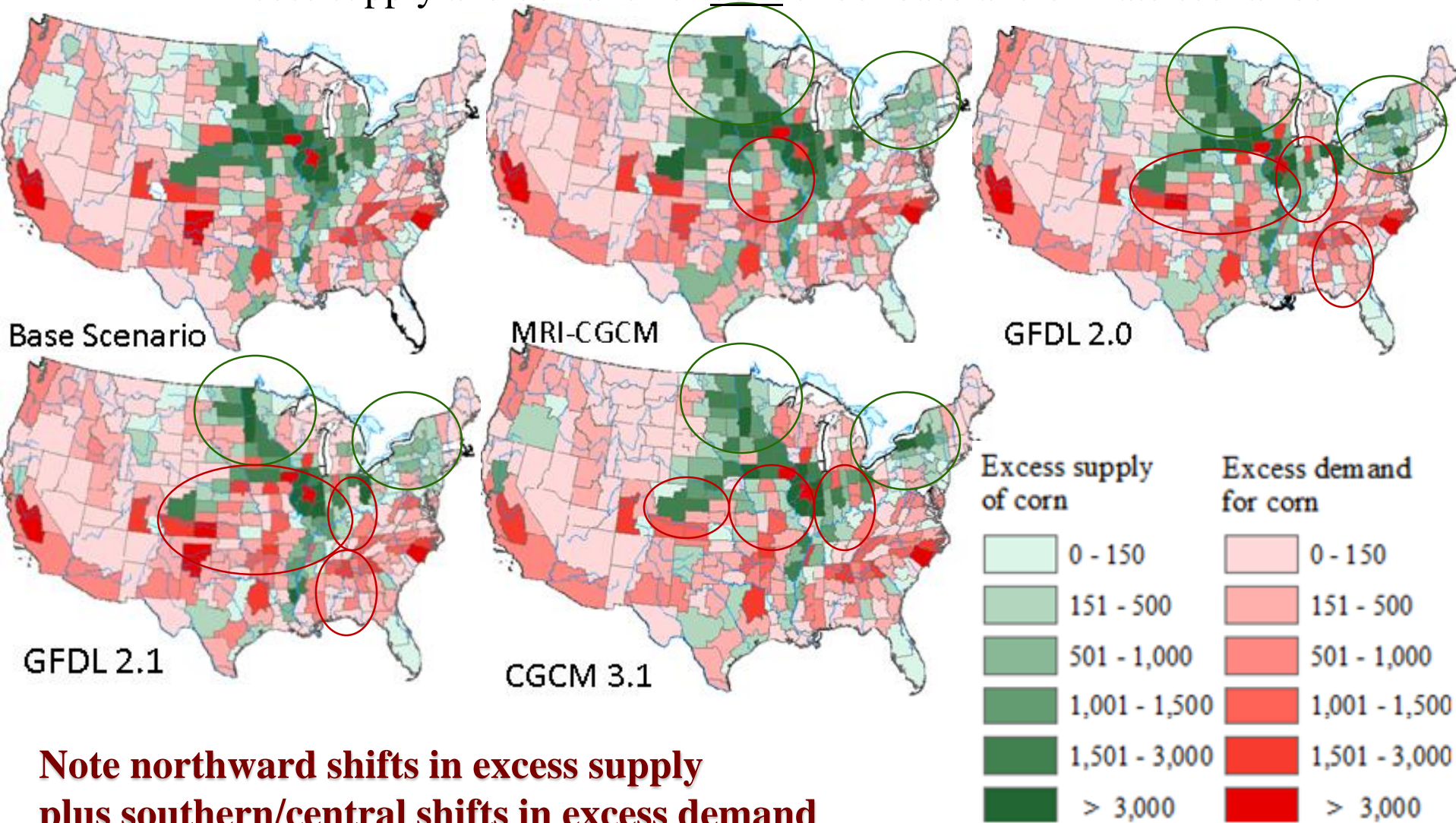
Brahman breeders are located in Southeast Texas, where the temperature-humidity index (THI) values for summer are high.

**Animal choices shift with climate**

Zhang, Y.W., A.D. Hagerman, and B.A. McCarl, "How climate factors influence the spatial distribution of Texas cattle breeds", Climatic Change, Volume 118, Issue 2, 183-195, 2013.

# Model Results: Spatial Mapping (CRD level)

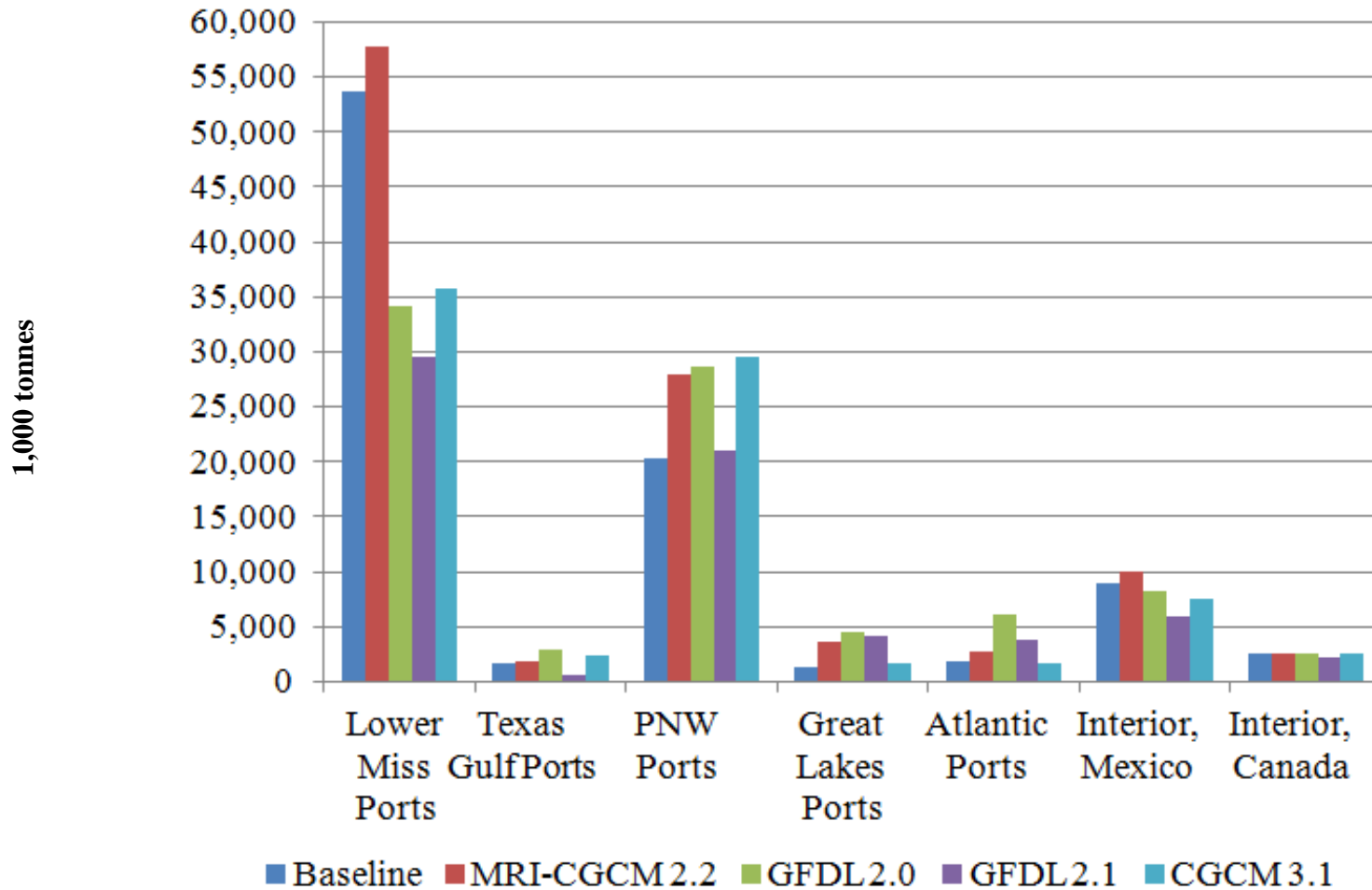
Excess supply and demand for corn under base and climate scenarios



**Note northward shifts in excess supply  
plus southern/central shifts in excess demand**

# Transport effects of Crop mix shifts

Total grain shipments to port areas for export



- **More generally affects location of infrastructure – transport, processing , facilities**

# **Livestock adaptations**

**Conservation/drought planning**

**Supplemental feeding i.e., protein**

**Stocking rates**

**Cow body size**

**Ectoparasite control**

**Livestock breeds and species**

**Use of novel communities**

**Location of operations**

**Alternative production systems**

**Income diversification**

**Fire policy –fuel management**

# Concluding comments

- Climate change has multidimensional implications
- Yield and tech progress effects raise risks
- Food production is at risk in many places
- Production is shifting and will shift more
- Extremes are of concern
- Will be a continuous process for sometime

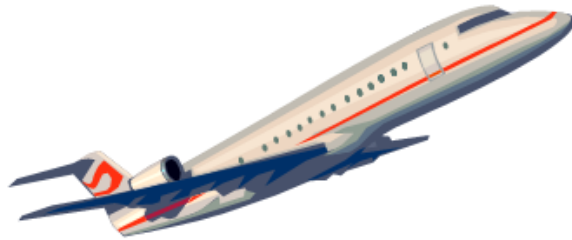
# Concluding comments

- Adaptation will be a continuous force and may move opportunities plus influence industry location
- Public role needed for some but not all adaptation
- Industry will need to fund some adaptation
- Identify responses to vulnerability
- Need to observe emerging adaptations
- Value adaptation actions now and in future
- Examine income distribution effects
- Look at market conditions – altered prices, production, locations of production, risk distributions
- Design adaptation incentives



# The onset and exact effects of climate change are uncertain

Energy



Adaptation



Mitigation



Effects

Food Supply is **Vulnerable**  
**Some Regions** will be Squeezed

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