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From Field to Globe: The Impact of Location-Centric Big Data Across the Value Chain

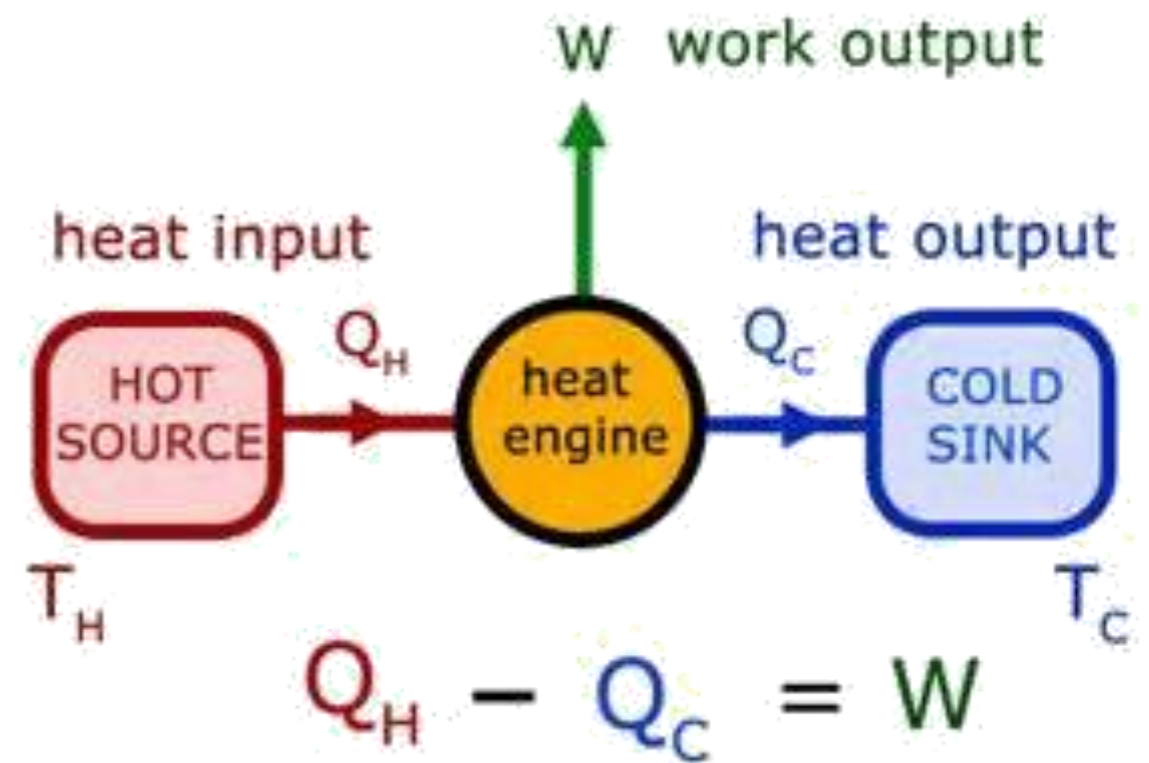
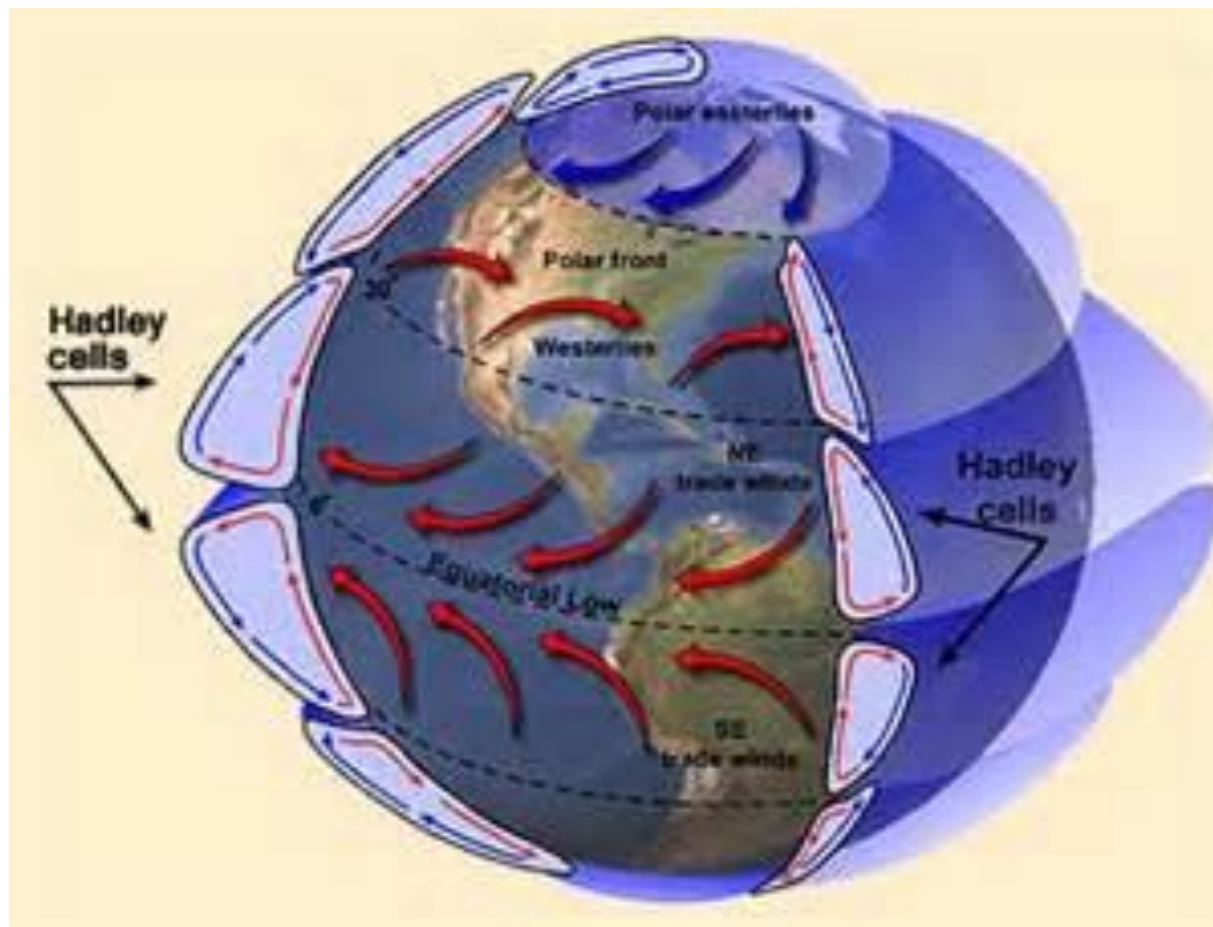
Quantitative Metrics for Better Business (& food security)

John Corbett Ph.D.



The Problem

The Earth's Atmosphere is a Heat Engine... **In transition**



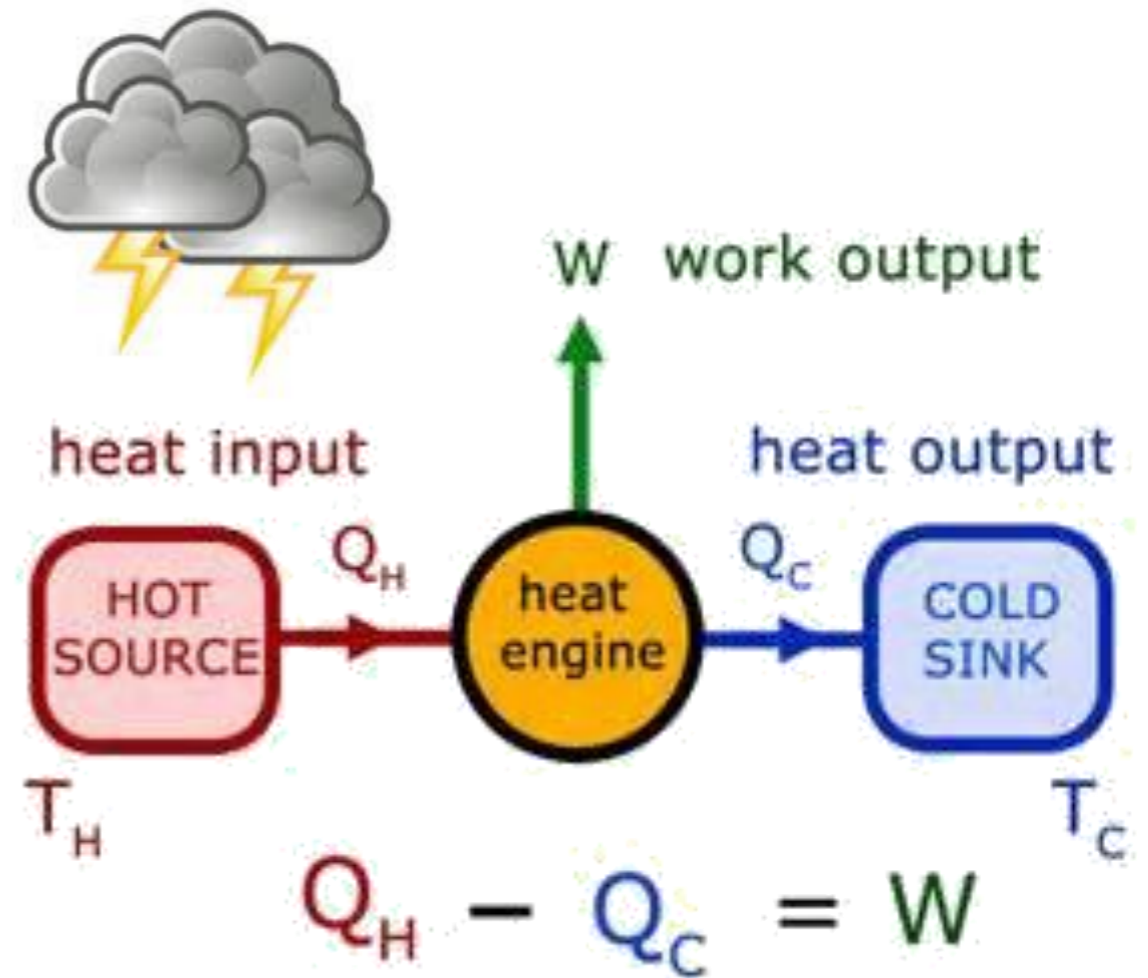
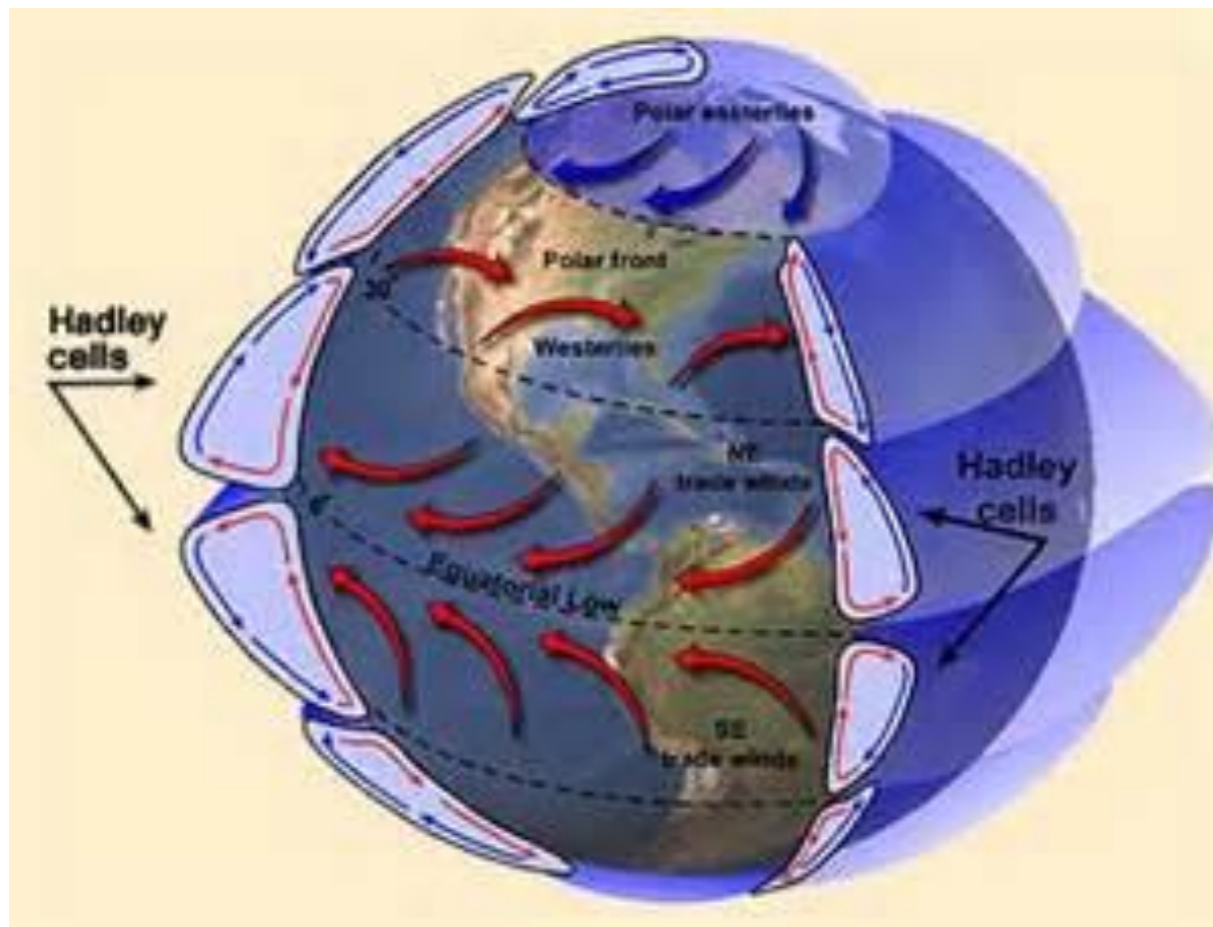
5.5 Quadrillion Ton Heat Engine



The Problem

1°C warming of atmosphere...
Tripling weather variance

Warm gets warmer. Cold gets colder. Dry gets dryer. Wet gets wetter.



5.5 Quadrillion Ton Heat Engine



The Problem

Wall Street Journal

It's the subtle changes

e.g. "Warmer Nights"

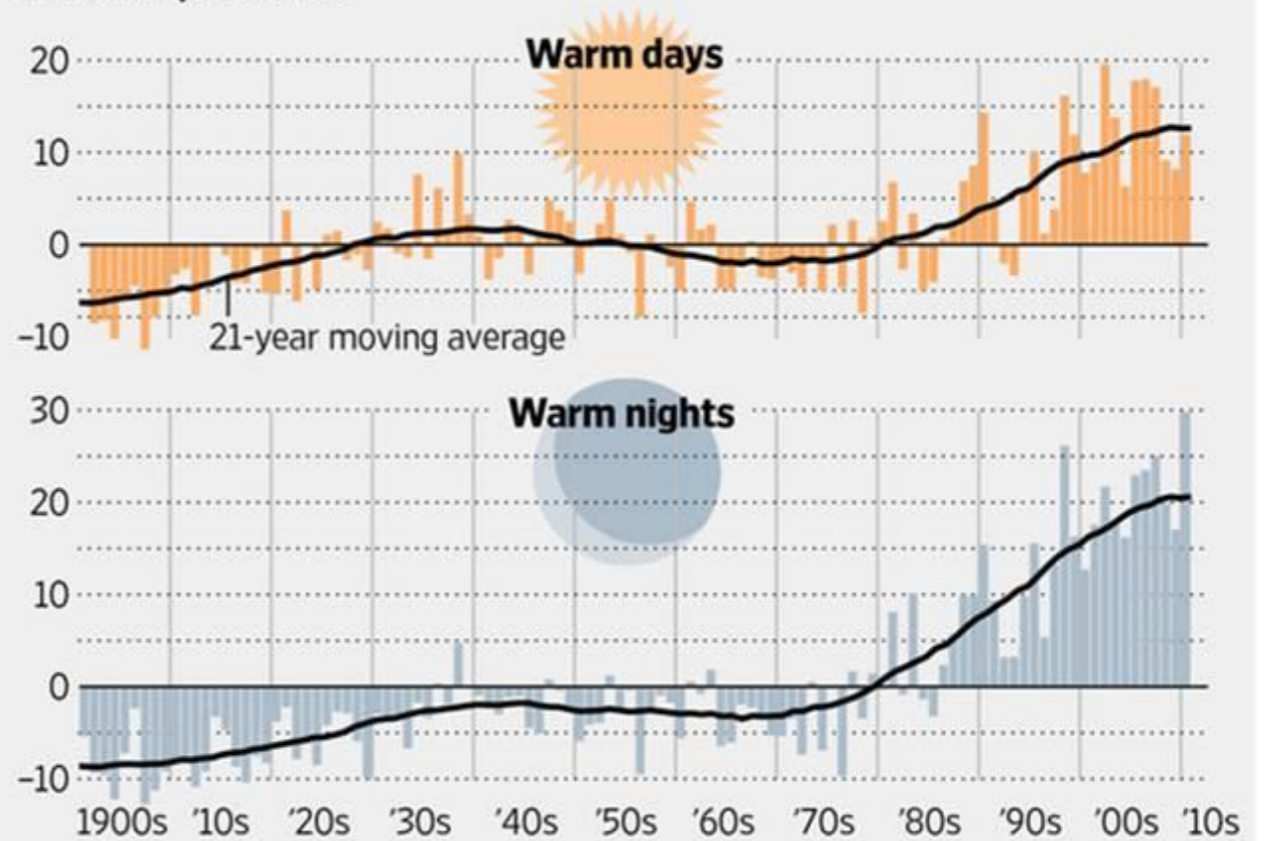
- Explosion of foliar diseases
- Viral, bacterial, fungal

1° of Warming: Extreme weather isn't the worst threat!

A Finer Measure of Weather

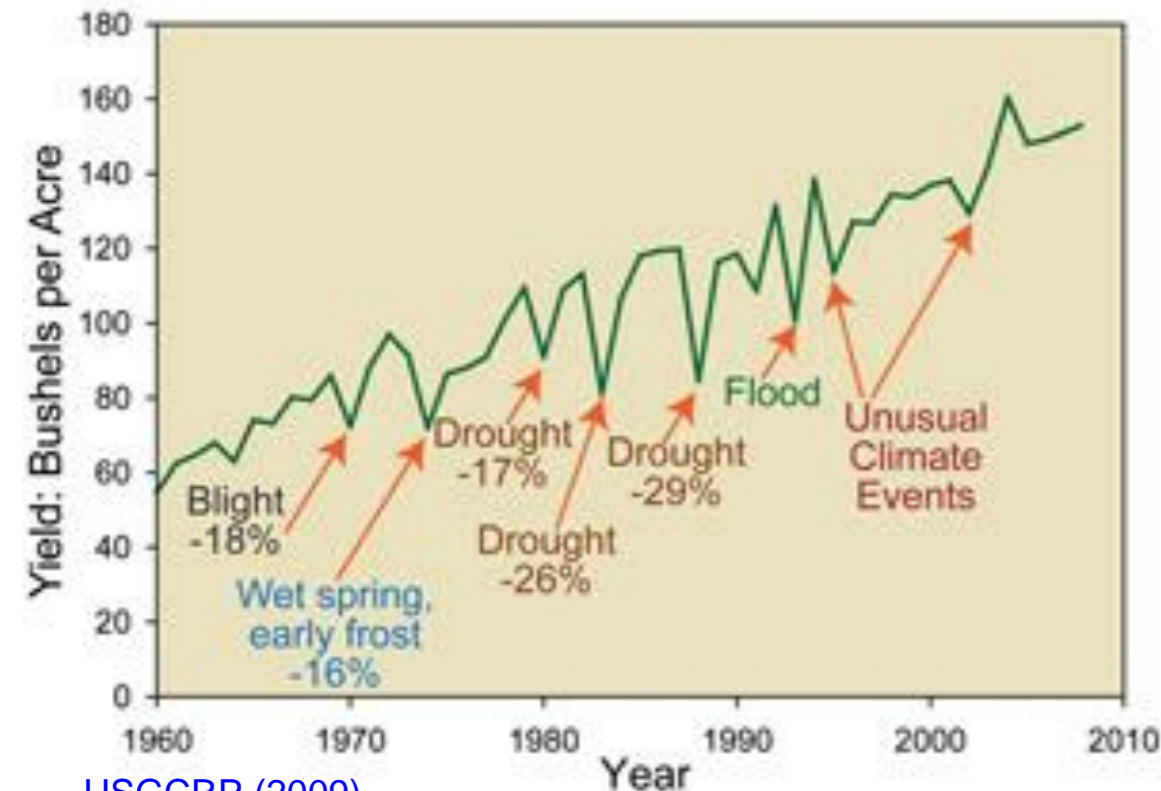
Climatologists use measurements of temperature and precipitation to document changes in climate, such as increases in the number of unusually warm days. These "moderate extremes" occur more frequently than severe storms and are better for analyzing global trends.

Average number of days per year that the global temperature exceeded the 90th percentile



Source: Markus Donat, Journal of Geophysical Research 2013

The Wall Street Journal



USGCRP (2009)

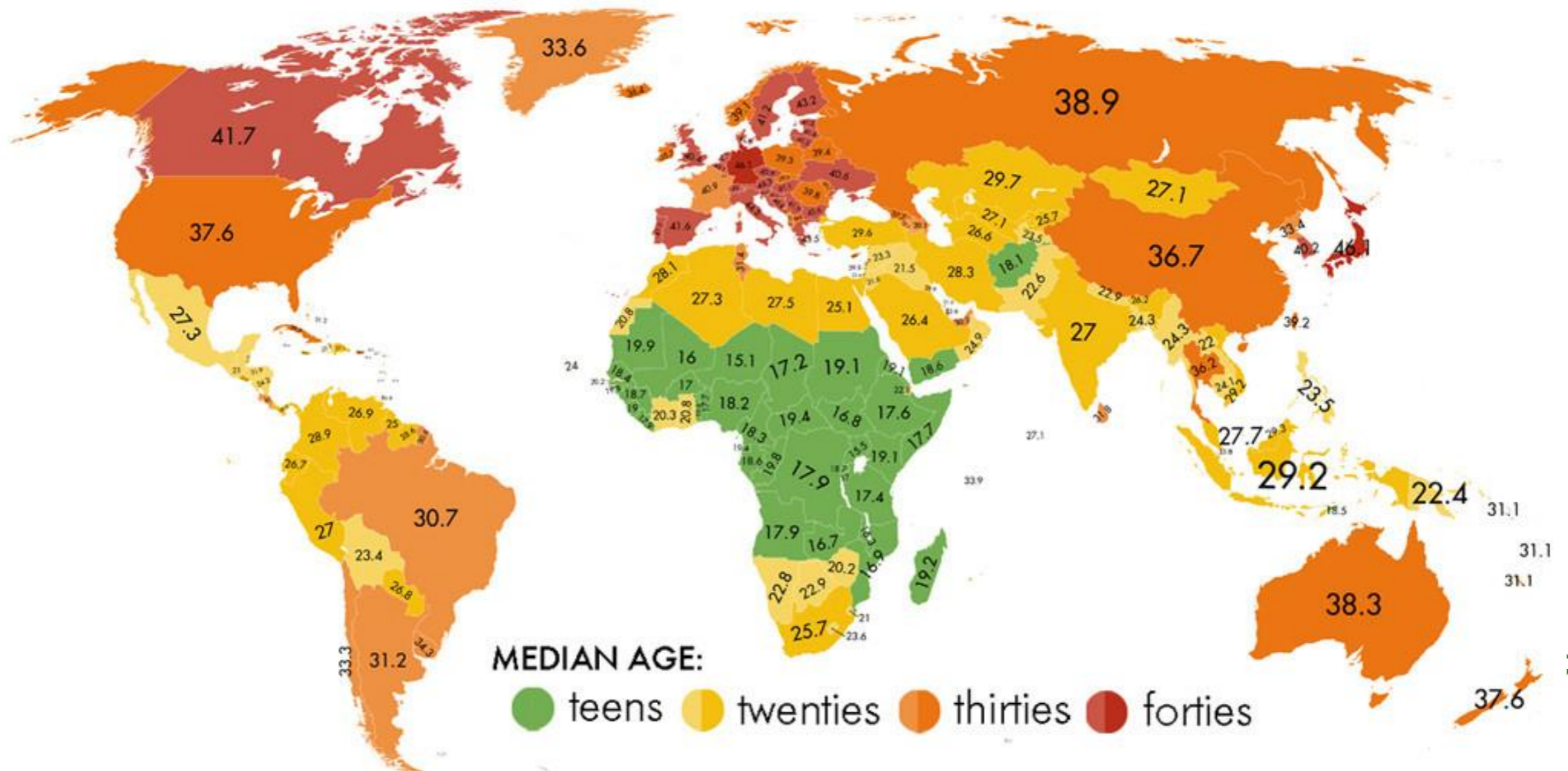


The Problem

📍 By 2050, our population will gain another 2.4 billion people.

Source: United Nations Dept of Economic and Social Affairs

World Median Ages



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Source: CIA Factbook

Simran Khosla/GlobalPost



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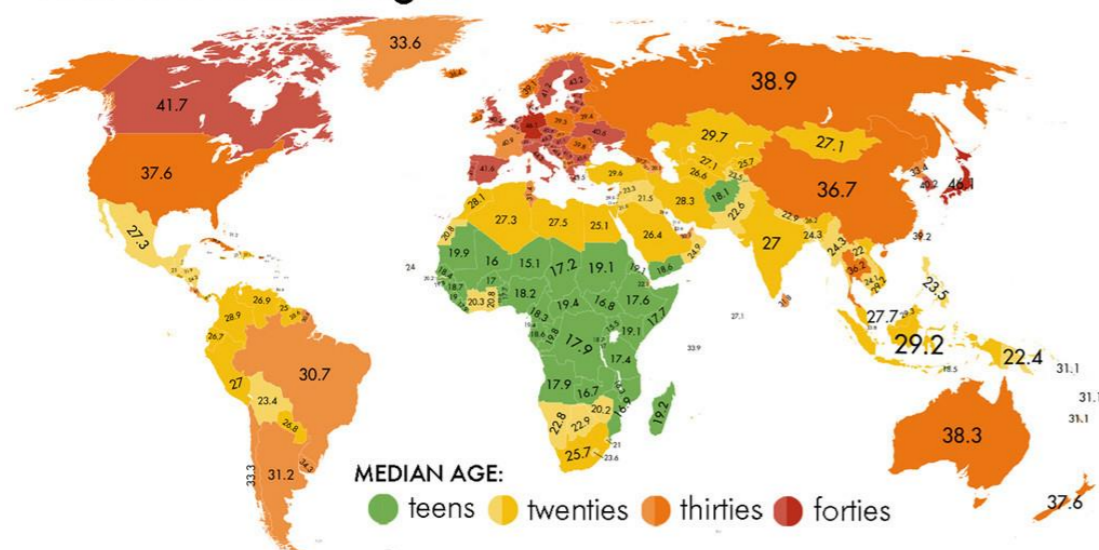
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That means, **in just 35 growing seasons**, the world's **580 million farmers** must feed 9.6 billion while facing:

- Increased weather variability that renders traditional practices ineffective
- Lack of adequate and symmetrical data across the value chain
- Lack of field-level, actionable insight to prevent risk and improve production

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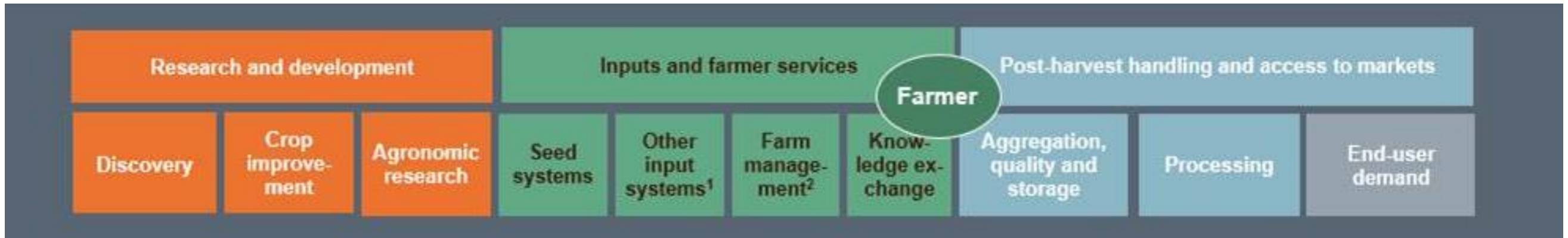
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**Granular data needed:
Location and Time Specific
...a Big Data opportunity**



Solution: Information!

Symmetrical information across
the ag value chain
ensures optimization



Agricultural value chain

agriculture VC's cannot function in isolation



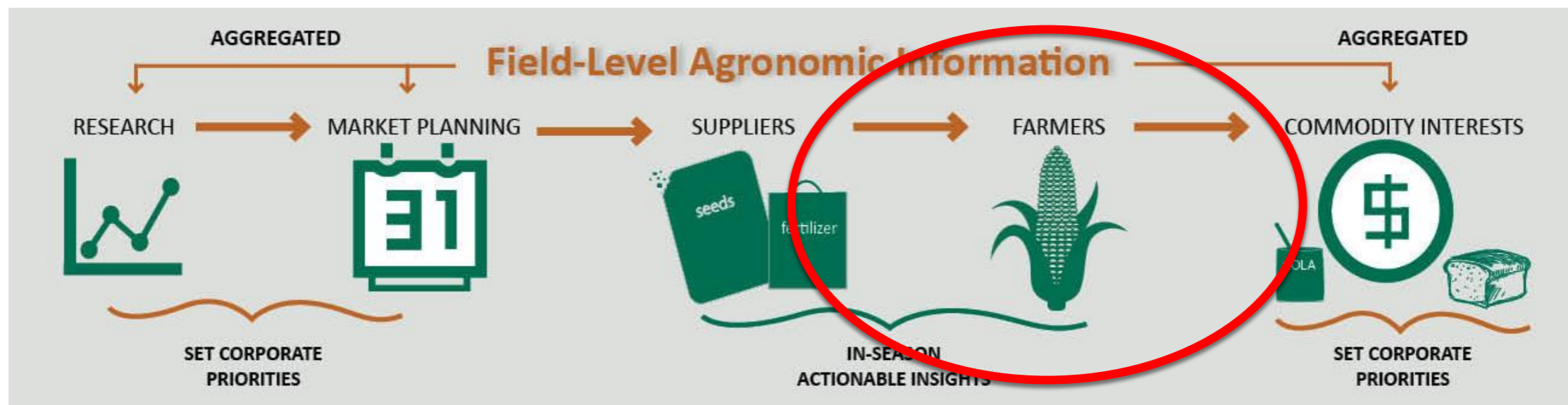
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**Target &
Predict**



Solution: Localized Information!

**Models
When and Where
to “do” X**

Weather

**Planning and pre-season - risk!
Monitor in-season**

Satellite

Monitor and track

**Target &
Predict**

**IoT - Internet of Things – sensors to monitor
Precision Ag**

**Cloud or ‘on-line’
24/7 access to info**

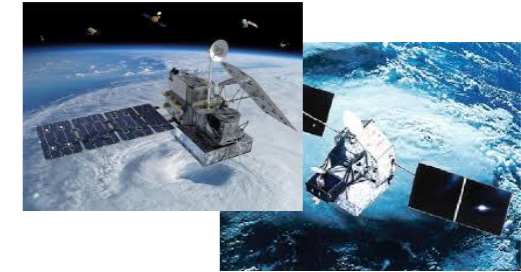


Local Weather

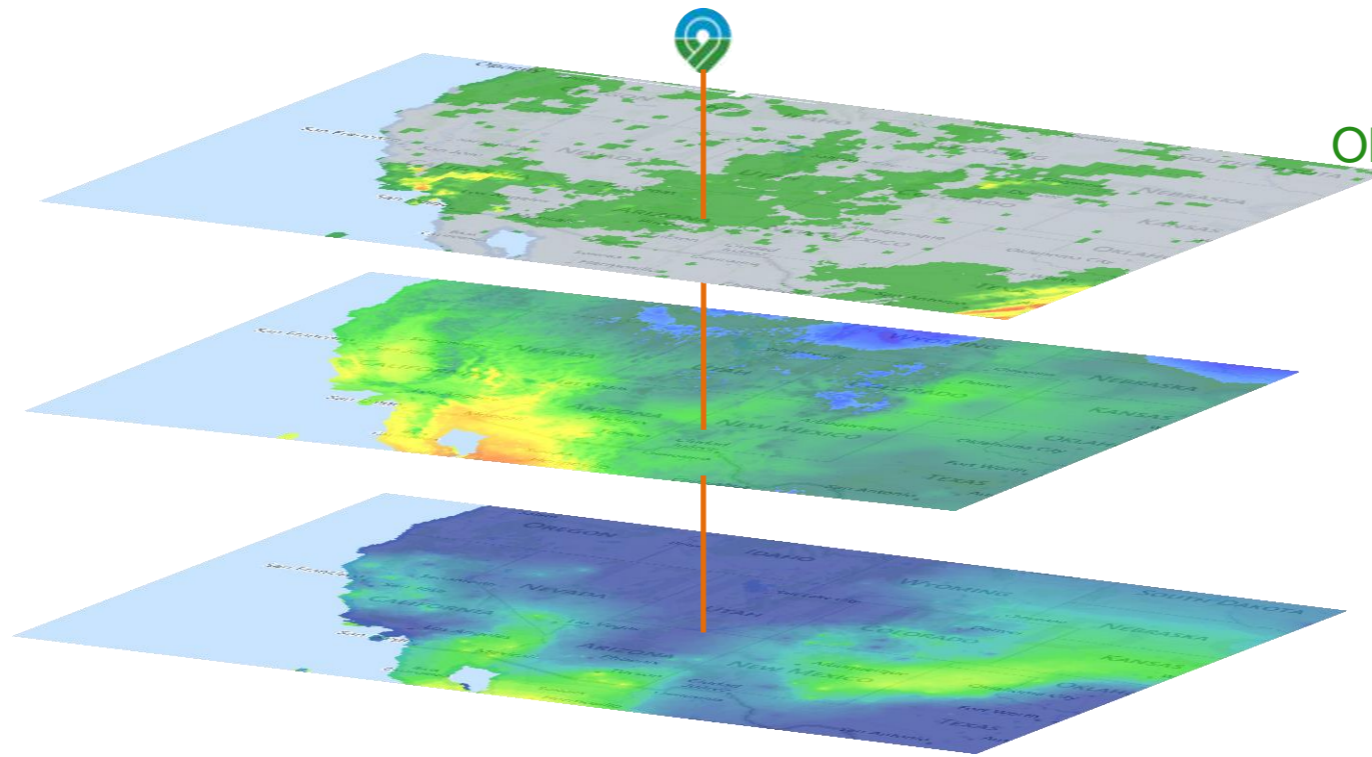
Current Correct Consistent Complete – **4C's**
...and 100% of the time available on demand!



Weather Station Observations



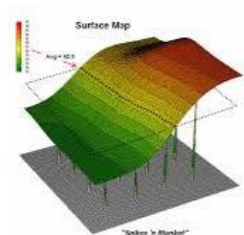
Satellite Observations



User Feedback



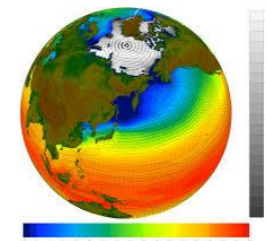
Ground Radar



Spatial Interpolation Models

Download to Excel or Connect by API

- Calculated weather risk,
- Model expected yield (crop/forage)
- Examine various weather stresses
- Simulate effective/adaptive management...

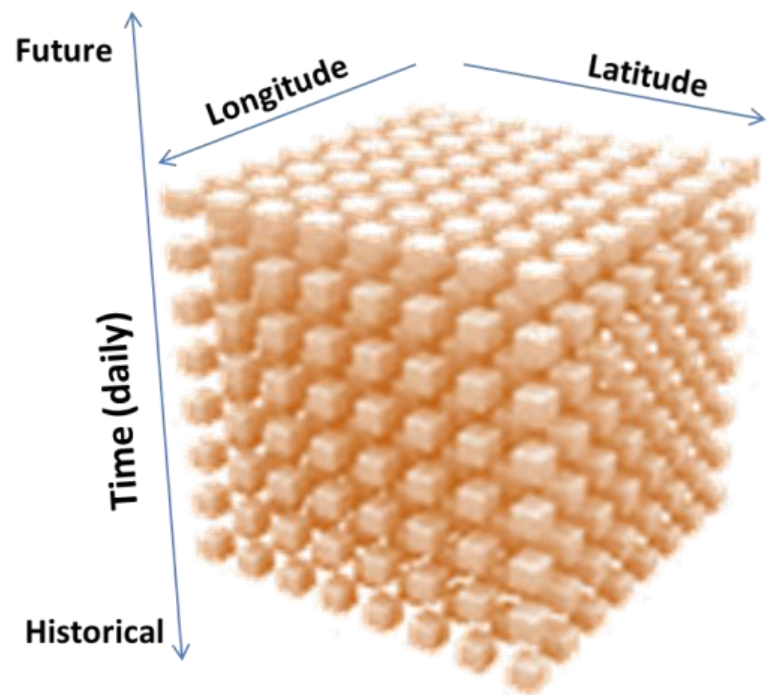


Global Forecast Models

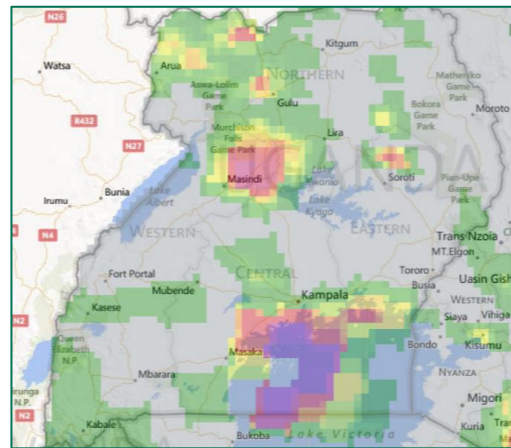


Local Weather

Spatially-coherent weather, particularly rainfall, provides tremendous insight



Map View
Uganda Rainfall,
February 3, 2014



Satellite with ground
station calibration



One day of gridded
rainfall becomes a
single gridded layer in
the database.

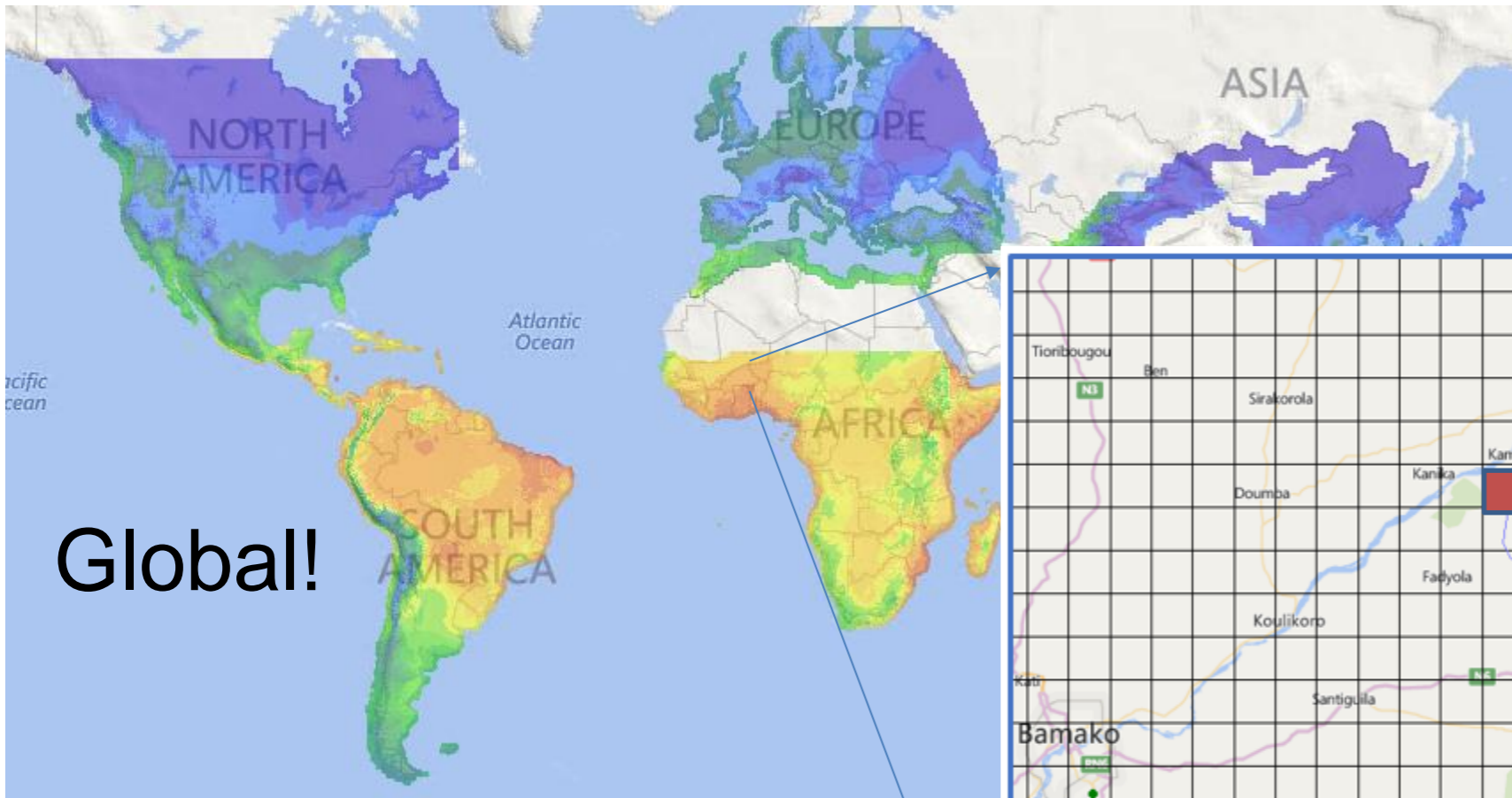
Database includes:

- Intermediate Forecast (hourly and daily to 8-days, conditions)
- Daily Observed (Precipitation, temperature, humidity, windspeed, solar radiation)
- Daily Historical (Observed daily data for at least 10 years)
- Agronomic Models (Pest and Disease, Growing Degree Days)

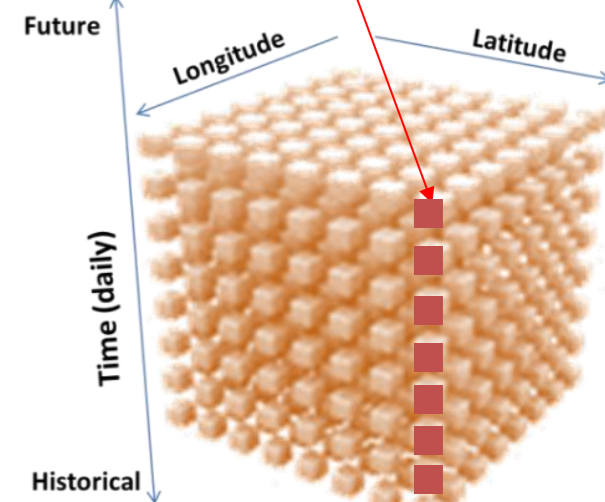
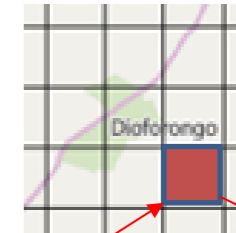
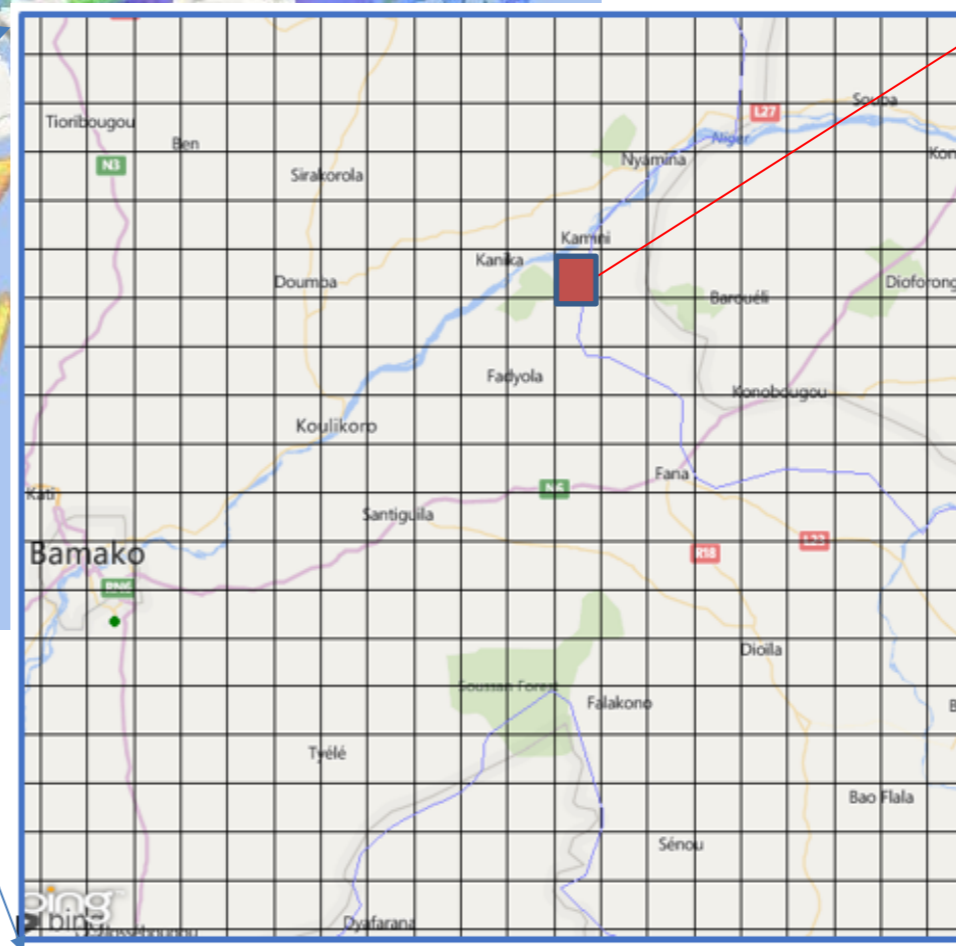


Local Weather

Like having a complete meteorological station every 9 km



Global!



Location/Date	MaxTemp	MinTemp	Prec	Solar	MaxWind	AvgWind	MaxRH	MinRH
1042133 06/01/2009	22.9	12.2	0.0	5217.4	6.9	3.4	82.2	42.9
1042133 06/02/2009	21.9	11.0	0.0	4841.2	6.9	3.0	91.9	29.3
1042133 06/03/2009	22.9	11.9	0.0	5764.4	1.7	0.7	89.5	41.7
1042133 06/04/2009	22.2	11.6	20.1	5374.4	6.0	3.8	86.3	28.6
1042133 06/05/2009	21.1	11.6	0.0	4412.2	6.1	4.1	63.0	36.6
1042133 06/06/2009	21.5	11.6	0.0	4855.6	5.9	4.0	81.4	35.0
1042133 06/07/2009	20.7	10.2	0.0	4846.4	5.0	4.3	94.7	25.2
1042133 06/08/2009	19.7	11.3	0.0	4814.2	2.7	5.2	84.3	37.2
1042133 06/09/2009	20.4	9.3	0.0	5029.8	7.8	5.4	98.3	29.3
1042133 06/10/2009	21.1	9.9	0.0	5124.2	5.2	4.9	95.9	31.3
1042133 06/11/2009	22.5	9.3	0.0	5292.1	6.2	3.8	90.8	25.8
1042133 06/12/2009	22.2	10.4	0.0	5172.0	6.6	4.4	93.2	32.1
1042133 06/13/2009	22.3	11.0	0.0	3797.2	2.7	2.6	90.8	31.0
1042133 06/14/2009	21.2	10.6	0.0	4373.1	8.9	5.2	92.6	43.4
1042133 06/15/2009	20.2	10.6	0.0	4890.1	5.9	4.7	91.7	34.2
1042133 06/16/2009	20.1	12.3	0.0	5593.6	6.1	4.6	100.0	53.8
1042133 06/17/2009	22.3	10.3	0.0	4157.5	6.0	3.9	92.9	40.5
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1042133 06/19/2009	21.6	10.7	0.0	4655.1	7.3	3.9	91.1	31.1
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1042133 06/21/2009	21.1	11.5	0.0	4490.5	7.2	5.0	85.9	35.6

- Minimum Temperature ● Maximum Temperature ● Precipitation ● Minimum Relative Humidity
- Maximum Relative Humidity ● Solar Radiation ● Wind Speed ● Wind Direction ● PET ● GDD



Local Weather

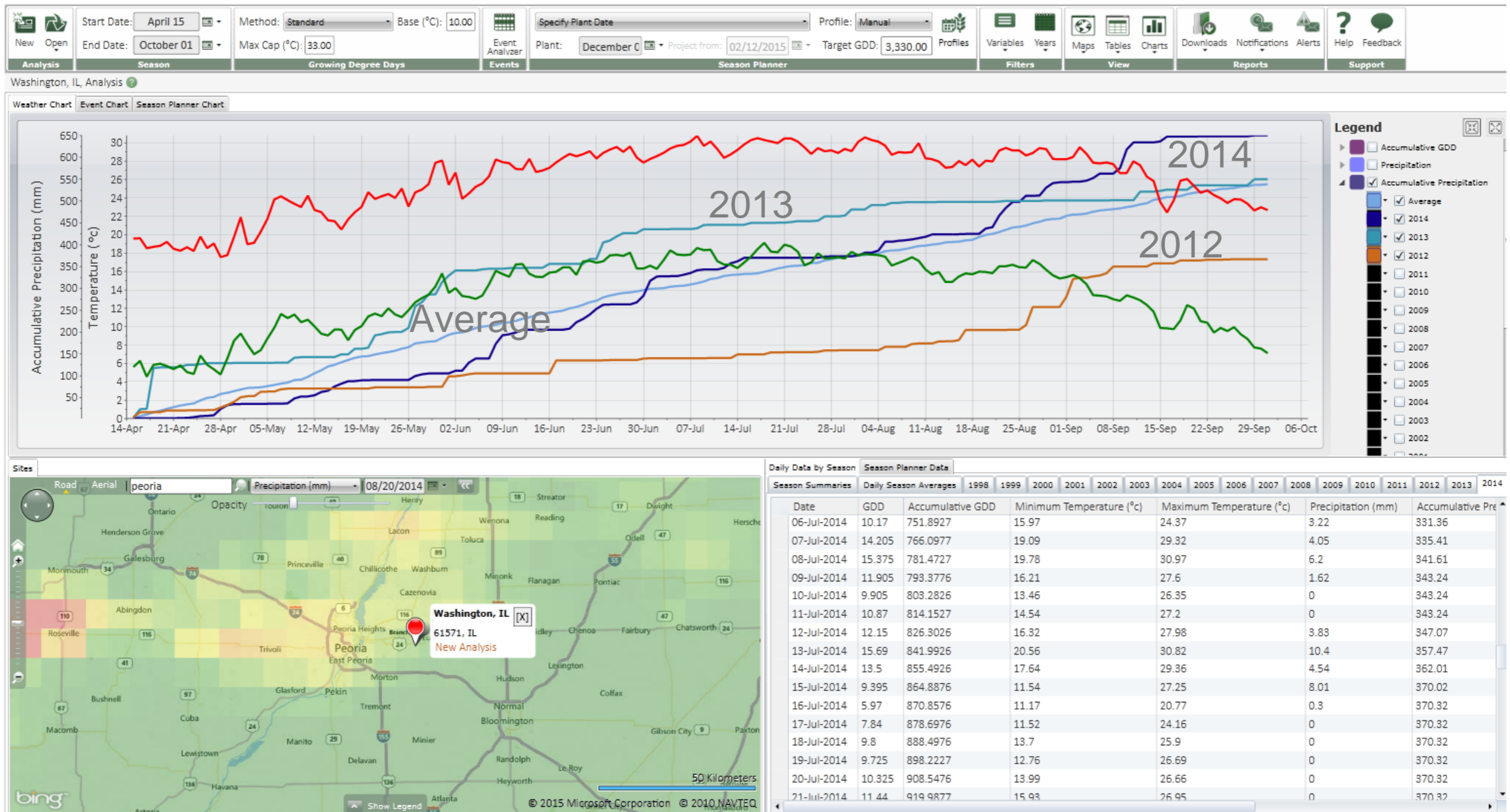
Ag Weather vs “Most Weather”

- 📍 **Most** weather sources are ‘for anywhere’ & not Agriculturally focused
- 📍 **Ag Weather:** Optimized for ag-geographies during growing seasons
 - 📍 Improved accuracy and more relevant
 - 📍 Statistics not “watered down” by non-relevant areas
 - 📍 Utilize sensor technologies = commodity weather stations, IoT
 - 📍 API’s for **agronomic attributes** for utilization across the ag value chain



Tools – Environmental Assessment: Risk

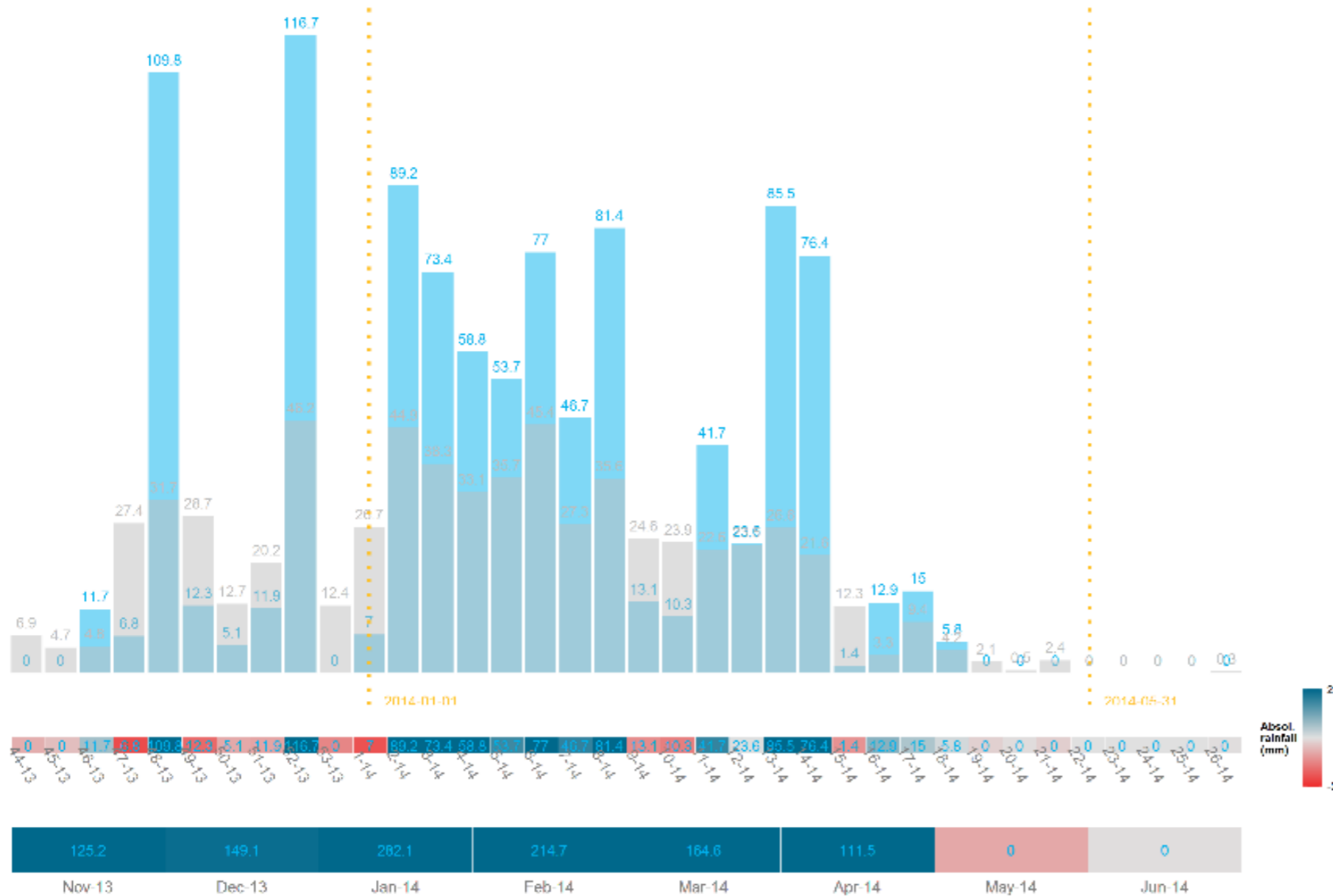
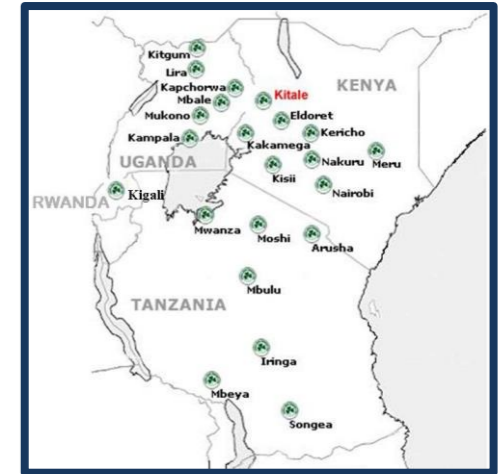
Just east of Peoria, Illinois: 2014, 2013, 2012 and LTN precipitation, April 15-September 30



Augment existing knowledge with real-time, current monitoring



Applications – direct calls (API) or via Excel optimized for your business



Field by field
Day by day
Week by week
Over seasons &
Over Years

Risk
Opportunity

Bond to your grower
customers

Support your Agents

Give 'Extension' real
authority!

Songea Ruvuma, Tanzania





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api.hydrobioars.com

TIM Demo

HydroBio Choose a Field Field Notes Comparison View Map View

Taylor_Clark-B1	Irrigation Demand (in)	0.412	Min T °F	66.0	Min Hum %	19.7	Pivot Status	wet
07-05-2013	Irrigation (in)	0.247	Max T °F	95.9	Max Hum %	56.7	Pivot Location	in
	Rain (in)	0.00					Pivot Pressure	16.3

Water Use Dryness Index Yield Potential

Cumulative Water Use Soil Moisture Temp Humidity

0.205 (in) 0.428 (in)

Each Square Represents 1/8 of an Acre

Water Use Overpass Date 07-05-2013

Water (in.)

40
30
20
10
0

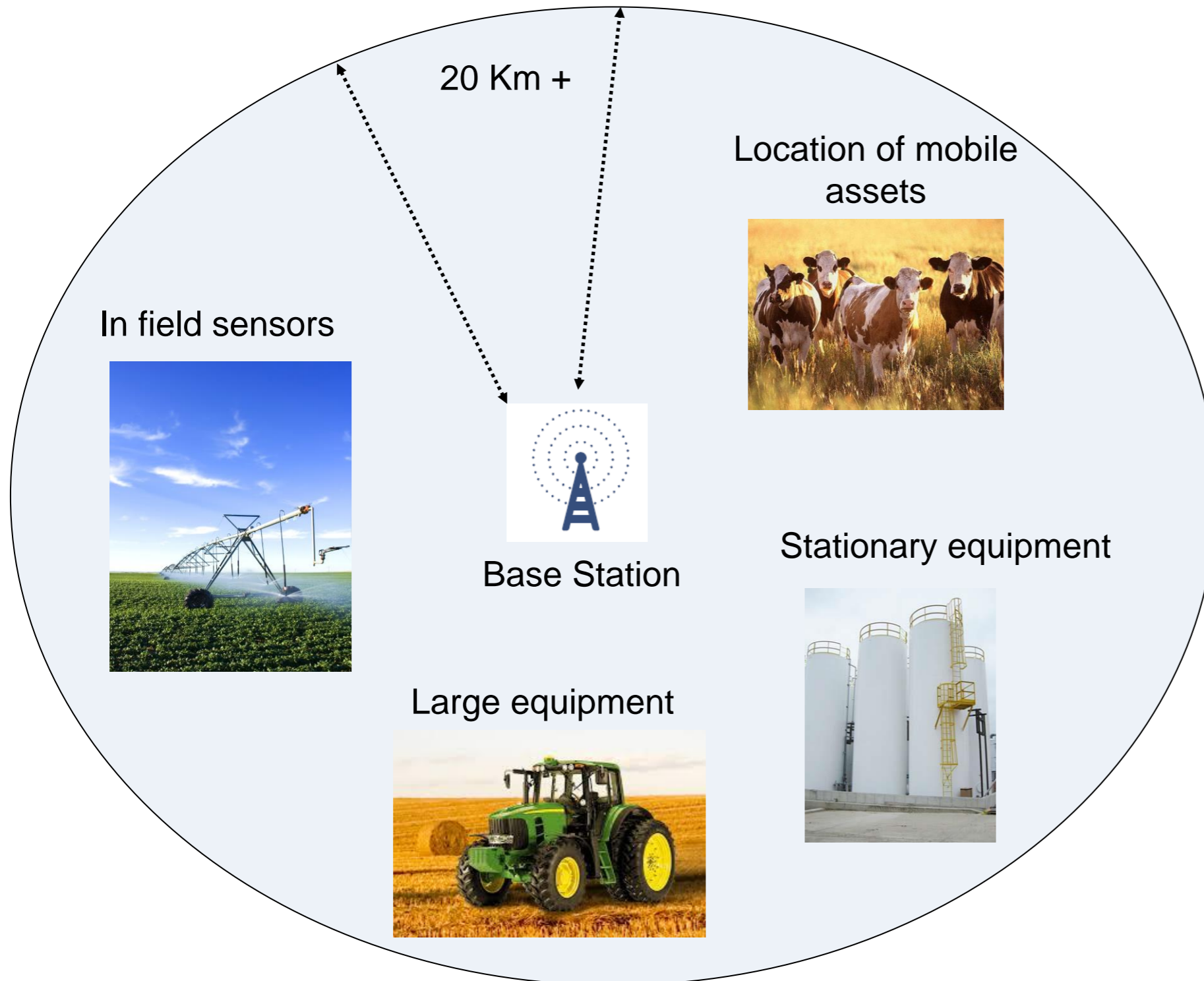
Jun 01 Jul 01 Aug 01 Sep 01 Oct 01

- Irrigation
- Total Applied
- Rain
- Irrigation Demand

Satellite (NDVI)
soils, weather

NWave IoT LPWANs – Smart Agriculture

...sensors to observe



Smart Farming

Using NWave IoT LPWANs enable cost effective deployment of multitude of IoT sensors that measure information from any place or of anything In order to increase the efficiency of faming



Multi-directional data

- 📍 Tailored by the grower (crop, variety, date planted...) - real-time hyper local weather and agronomic data delivered to grower, input providers, research organizations government, buyers – through API, widgets, and applications

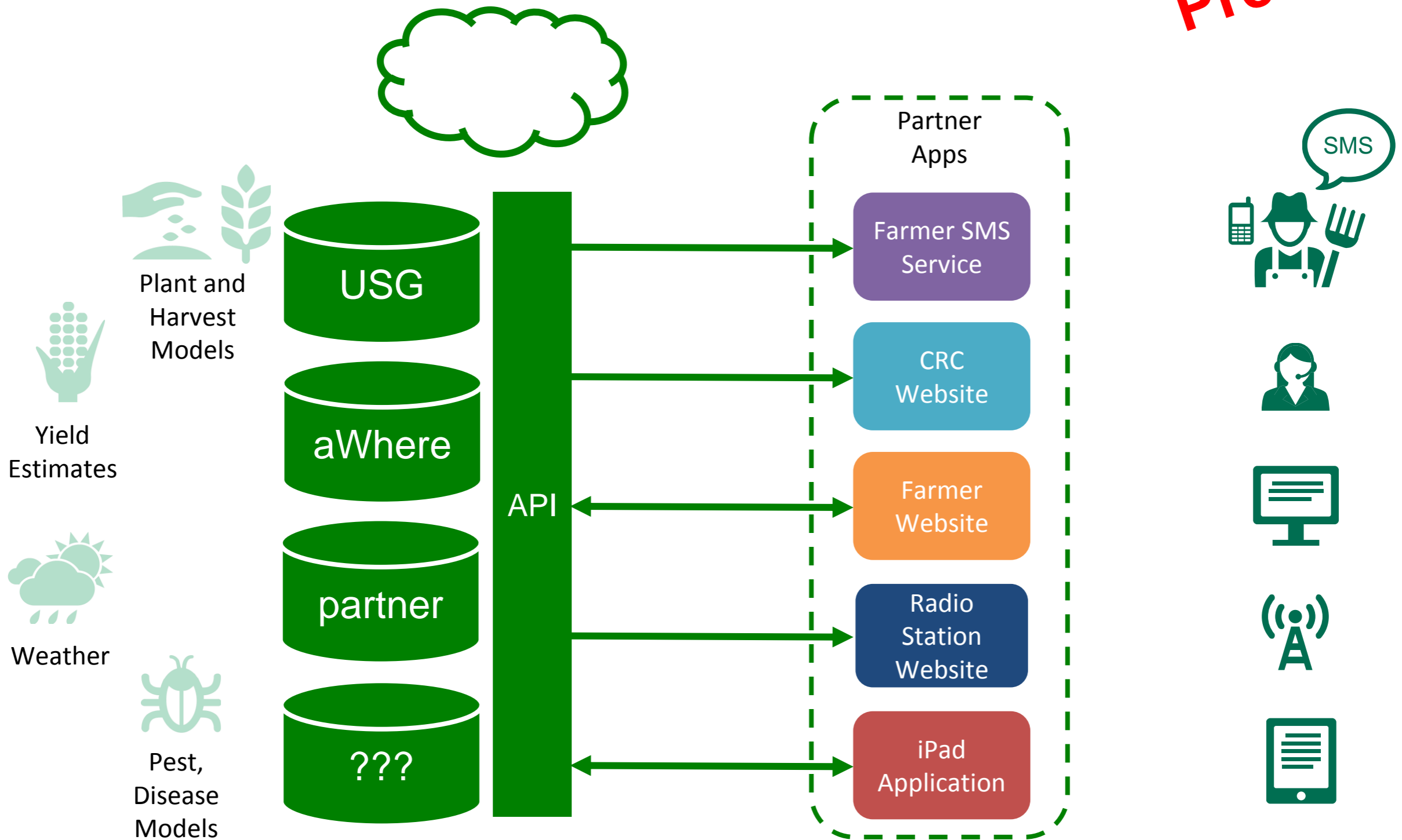


ICT's



Data Access

Target & Predict



Value across agricultural value chain

...since all of this can be done for the farm & field then:



...for a more wildly changing environment

Research priorities can be better articulated
Input providers (i.e., crop protection and fertilizer) informed
Markets optimized



Spatial Characterization

Target & Predict

The Problem

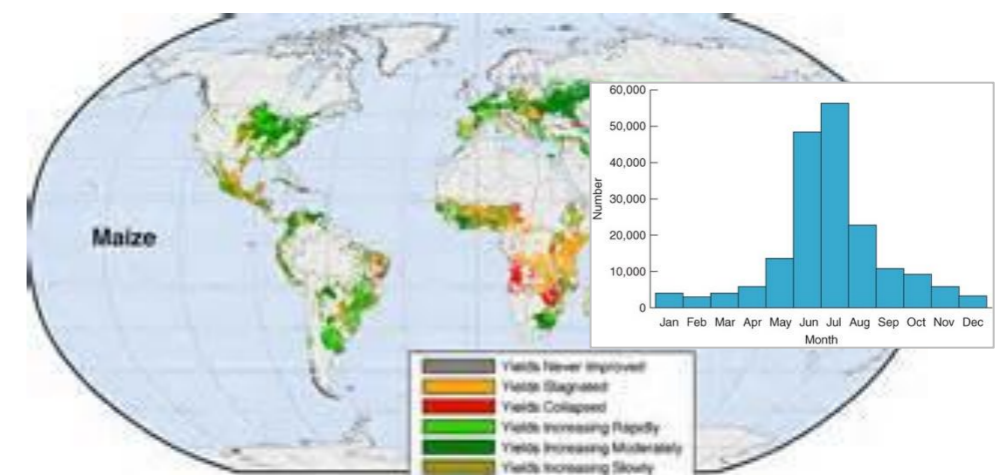
- How to dynamically query and map areas of similar weather and pest/disease characteristics globally or regionally
- Seamlessly develop, train and translate agronomic scientific knowledge into operational systems

The Action

- Use big data technologies to dynamically mine and query Local Weather database identify areas of similarity .
- Run R in the Hadoop environment allowing iterative development of models on large datasets, deployment across broader geographies, operational runs of models.

The Applications

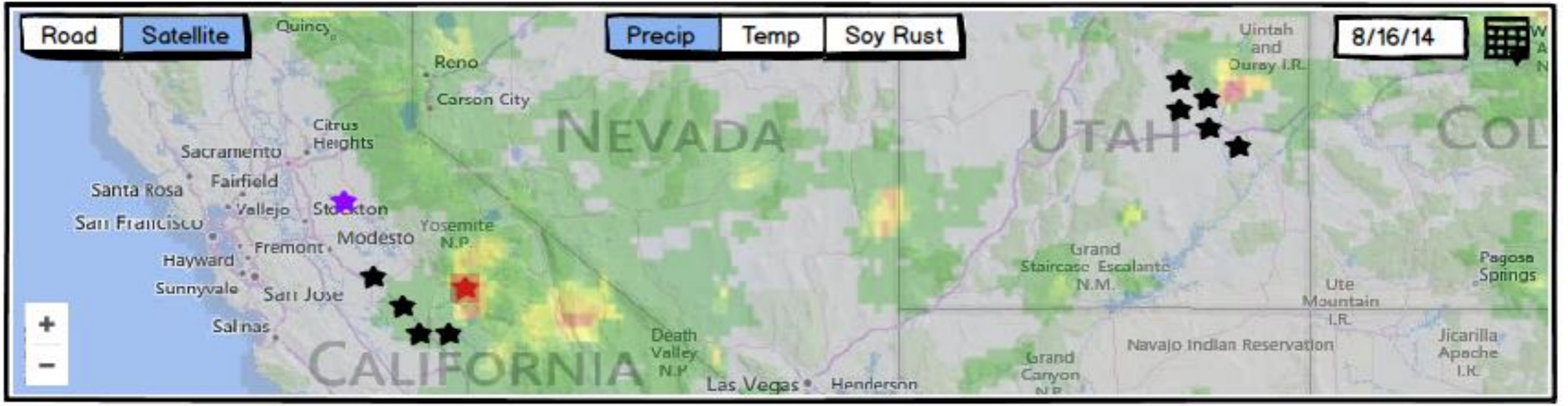
- Dynamic agro-ecological zones
- Commodity analysis
- Suitability zone mapping



Import

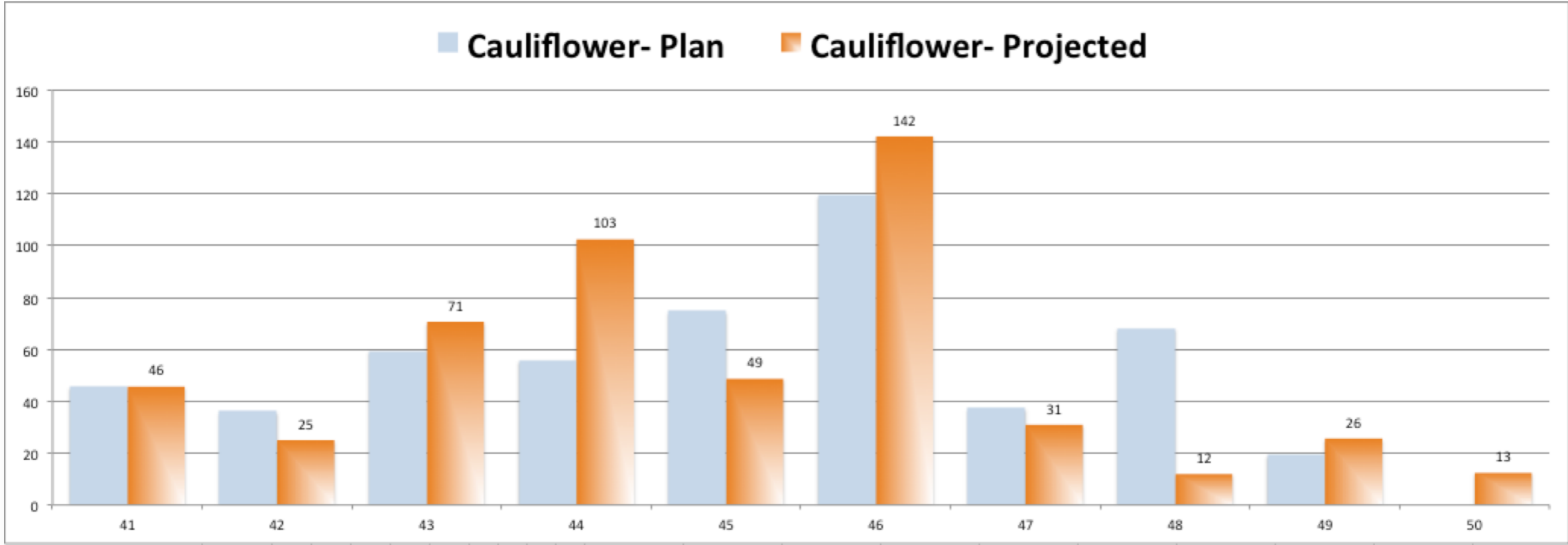
Field Mgr: Robert Palmer

Farm Info				Crop Info			Projections							
Farm	Field/ Plot ID	Sub Plot	Plot Size	Crop	Variety	Target Event	Plant Date	Original Target Date	Alerts	Projected Date	Event Window	Days to Go	Days Early/Late	
BF	3405			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/09/14	09/19/14		09/15/14	5	46	-4	
BF	2005	B		Romain	INFERNO	Harvest	07/09/14	09/22/14		09/19/14	5	50	-3	
BF	4405			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/15/14	09/23/14		09/19/14	3	50	-4	
BF	2005	C		Romain	SPARX	Harvest	07/09/14	09/22/14	▲	Rust	09/20/14	3	51	-2
BF	2101			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/18/14	09/26/14		09/21/14	5	52	-5	
BF	2004	D		Romain	GRN THUNDER	Harvest	07/09/14	09/22/14		09/22/14	5	53	0	
BF	3404			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/16/14	09/26/14		09/22/14	5	53	-4	
OF	1201			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/24/14	09/30/14	▲	Warm!	09/22/14	11	53	-8
BF	4602			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/23/14	09/29/14		09/24/14	3	55	-5	
BF	2005	A		Romain	GRN THUNDER	Harvest	07/09/14	09/22/14		09/25/14	3	56	3	
OF	703	A		Broccoli	AVENGER	Harvest	07/20/14	10/02/14	▲	Warm!	09/25/14	9	56	-7
BF	2102			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/25/14	10/01/14		09/26/14	5	57	-5	
BF	2006	A		Romain	INFERNO	Harvest	07/19/14	09/29/14		09/30/14	5	61	1	
BF	3020			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/29/14	10/05/14		10/01/14	4	62	-4	
BF	4603			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/30/14	10/06/14		10/01/14	5	62	-5	
AMN ☺	5718			Cauliflower	ABSOLUTE	Harvest	07/13/14	09/21/14	▲	Cool!	10/01/14	13	62	10
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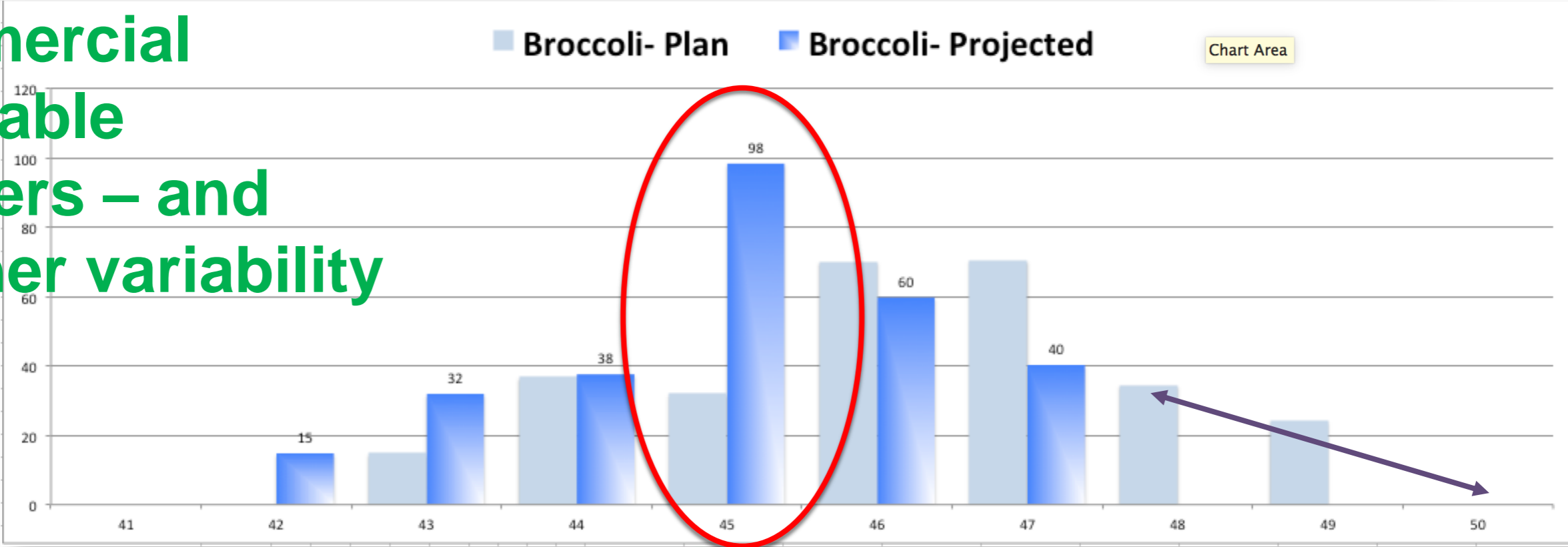


Prediction: veg crop, by variety, by plant date and location

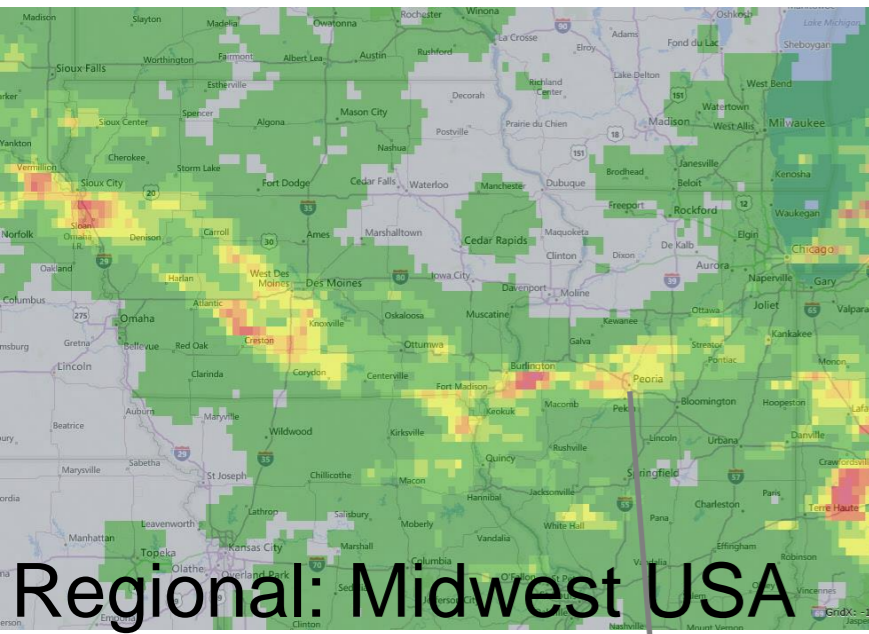
Number of acres to harvest: Plan vs. Actual



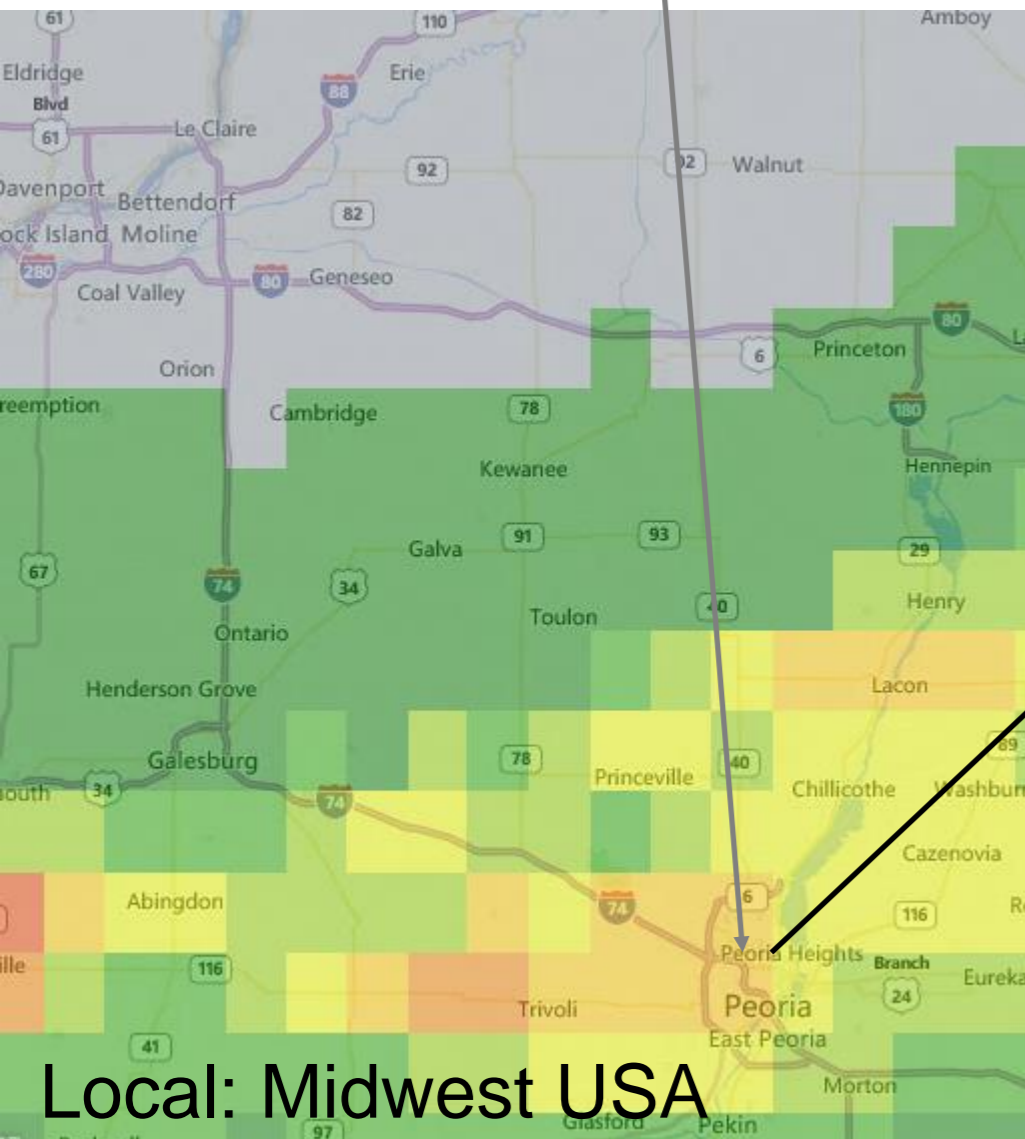
Commercial Vegetable Growers – and weather variability



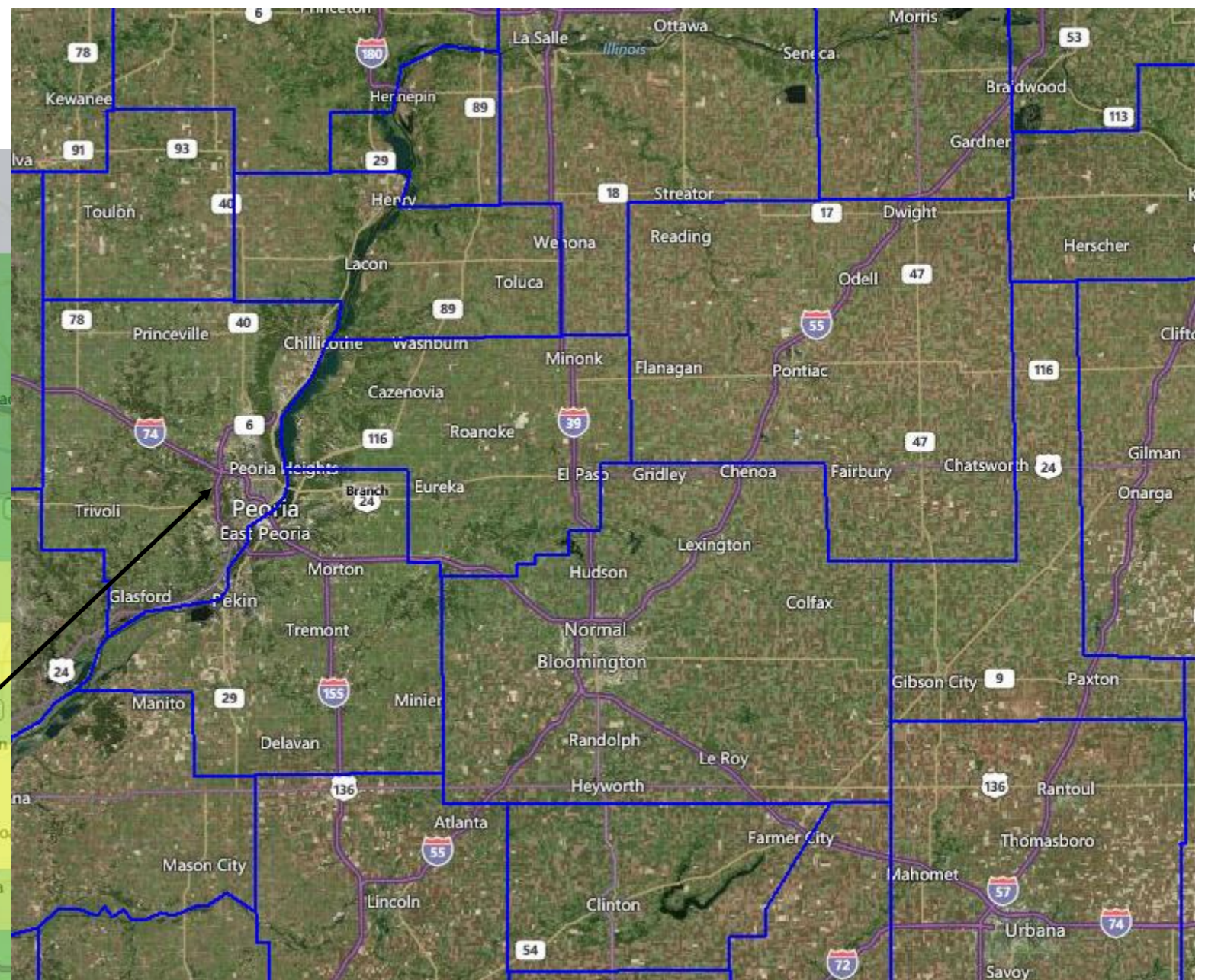
For example: **Central IL (Peoria!)**
Number farms by county
Number acres under which crop
...input volume (crop protection, fertilizer)
...how much produced?? (tons)
with localized weather, satellite

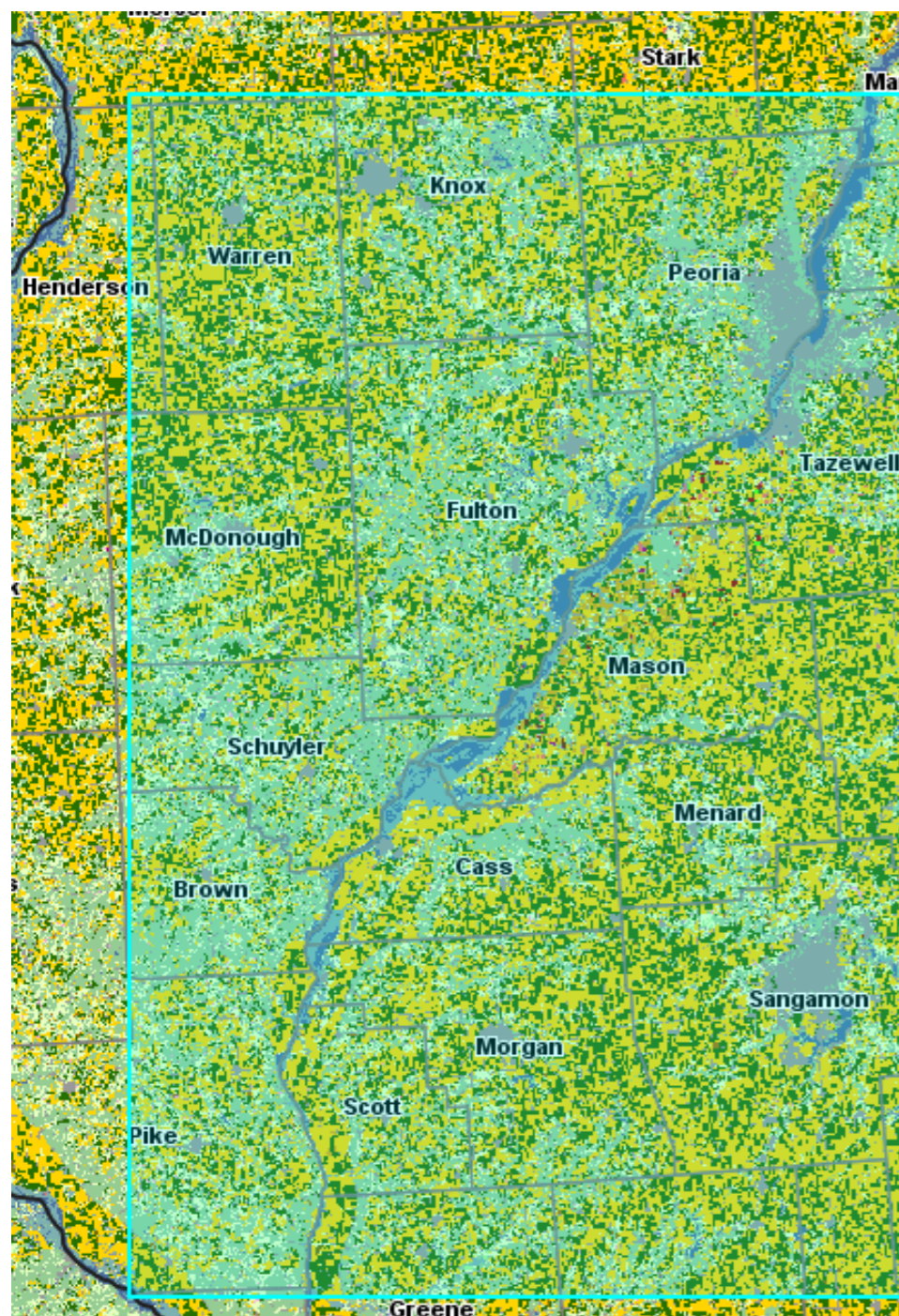


Regional: Midwest USA



Local: Midwest USA





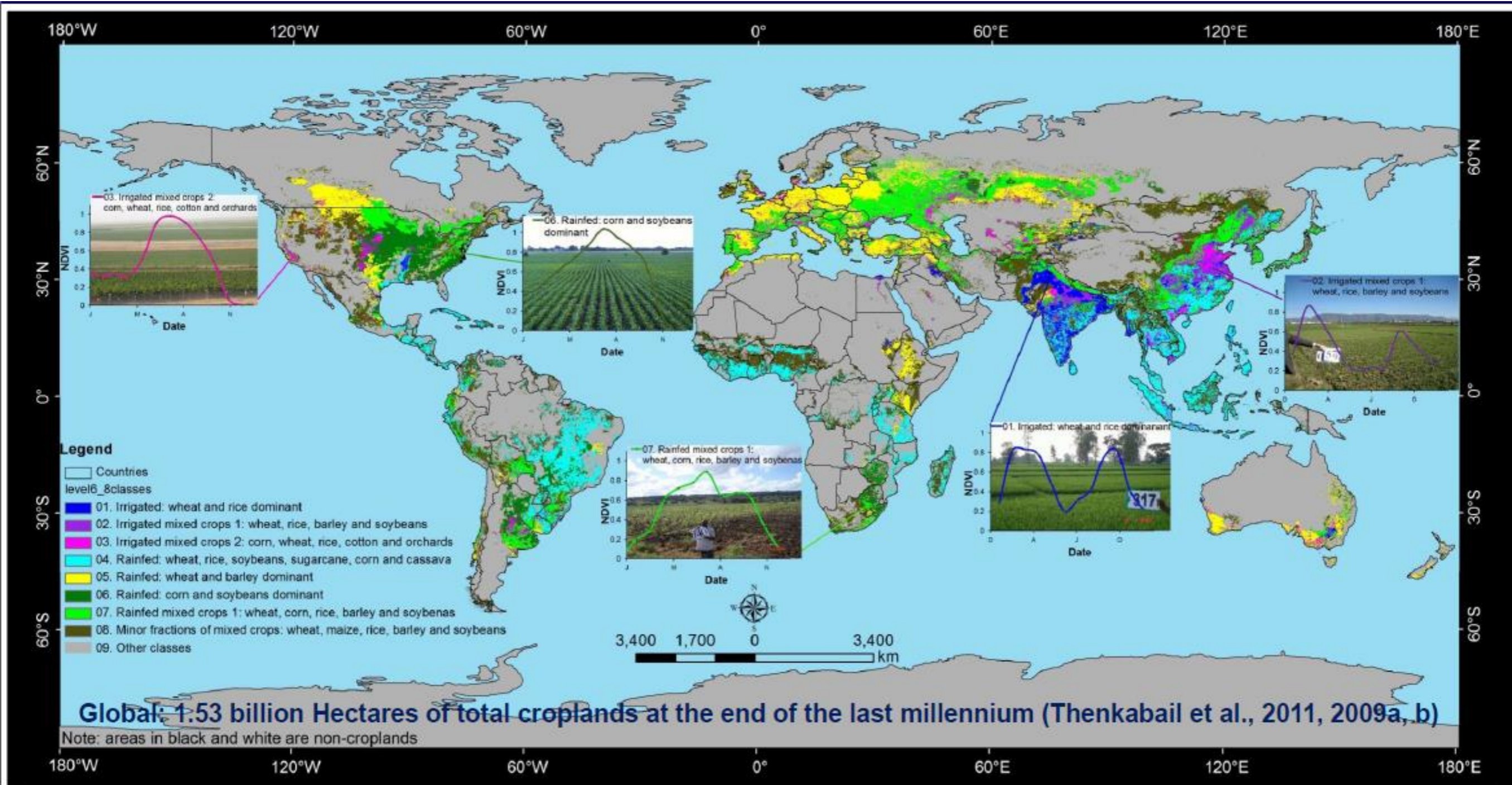
2014 Cropland Data Layer Statistics for the Defined Area of Interest

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<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Sweet Corn	6173	1372.8
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<input type="checkbox"/>	29	Millet	13	2.9
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	Alfalfa	131625	29272.7
<input type="checkbox"/>	37	Other Hay/Non Alfalfa	36636	8147.7
<input type="checkbox"/>	39	Buckwheat	223	49.6
			13640	3033.5

FROM-GC: 30 m global cropland extent derived through multisource data integration

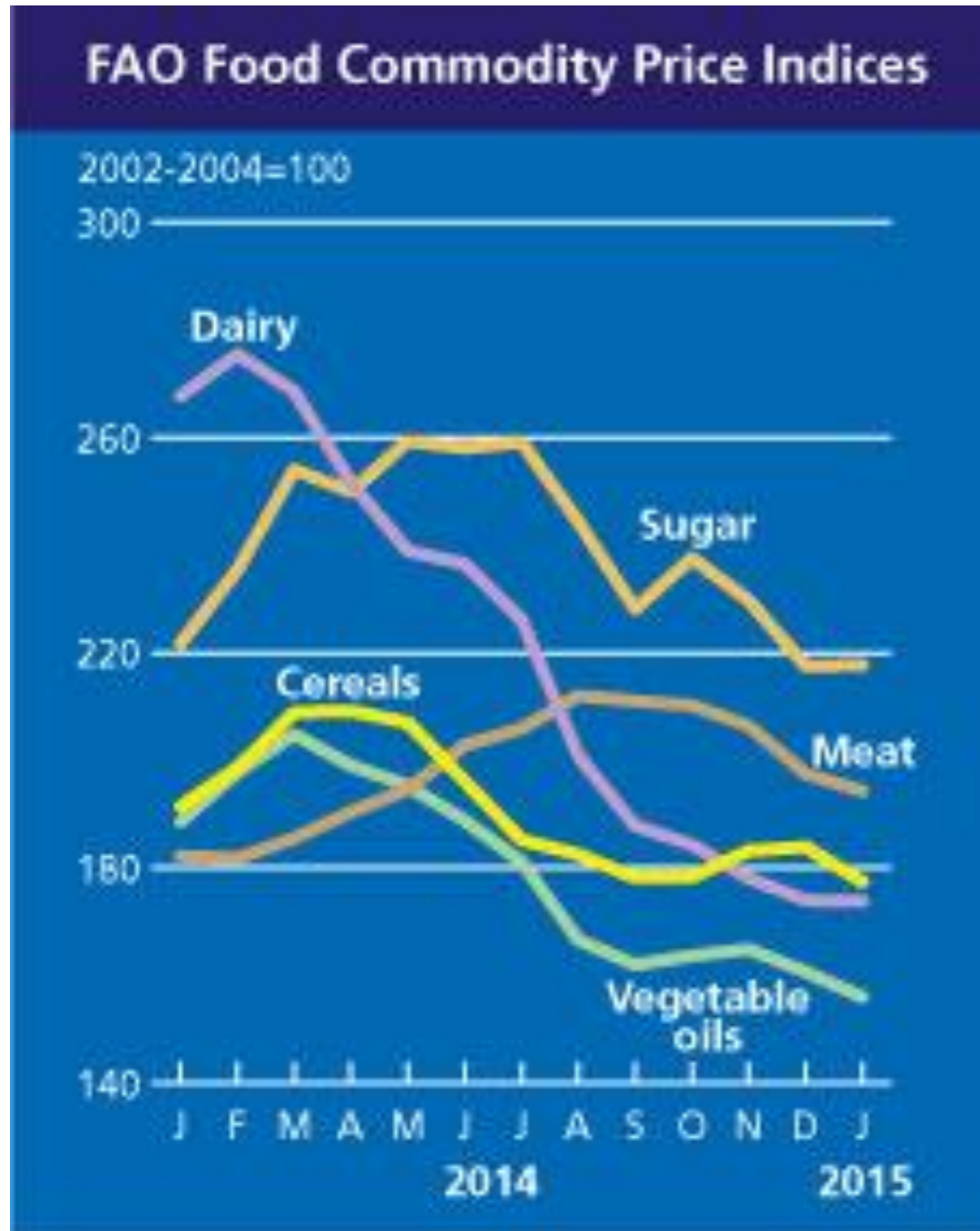
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Global Cropland Area Database @ 30m (GCAD30)



Global Food Supply & Price Risk Management

What to expect in 2015?



		FAO food price index					
		Food Price Index ¹	Meat ²	Dairy ³	Cereals ⁴	Vegetable Oils ⁵	Sugar ⁶
2000		91.1	96.5	95.3	85.8	69.5	116.1
2001		94.6	100.1	105.5	86.8	67.2	122.6
2002		89.6	89.9	80.9	93.7	87.4	97.8
2003		97.7	95.9	95.6	99.2	100.6	100.6
2004		112.7	114.2	123.5	107.1	111.9	101.7
2005		118.0	123.7	135.2	101.3	102.7	140.3
2006		127.2	120.9	129.7	118.9	112.7	209.6
2007		161.4	130.8	219.1	163.4	172.0	143.0
2008		201.4	160.7	223.1	232.1	227.1	181.6
2009		160.3	141.3	148.6	170.2	152.8	257.3
2010		188.0	158.3	206.6	179.2	197.4	302.0
2011		229.9	183.3	229.5	240.9	254.5	368.9
2012		213.3	182.0	193.6	236.1	223.9	305.7
2013		209.8	184.1	242.7	219.3	193.0	251.0
2014		201.8	198.3	224.1	191.9	181.1	241.2
2014	January	203.2	182.2	267.7	191.4	188.6	221.7
	February	208.6	181.8	275.4	198.6	197.8	235.4
	March	213.8	185.5	268.5	208.9	204.8	254.0
	April	211.5	190.4	251.5	209.2	199.0	249.9
	May	210.4	194.6	238.9	207.0	195.3	259.3
	June	208.9	202.8	236.5	196.1	188.8	258.0
	July	204.3	205.9	226.1	185.2	181.1	259.1
	August	198.3	212.0	200.8	182.5	166.6	244.3
	September	192.7	211.0	187.8	178.2	162.0	228.1
	October	192.7	210.2	184.3	178.3	163.7	237.6
	November	191.3	206.4	178.1	183.2	164.9	229.7
	December	186.2	197.5	174.0	183.9	160.7	217.5
2015	January	182.7	194.3	173.8	177.4	156.0	217.7

Source: fao.org



Global Food Supply & Price Risk Management

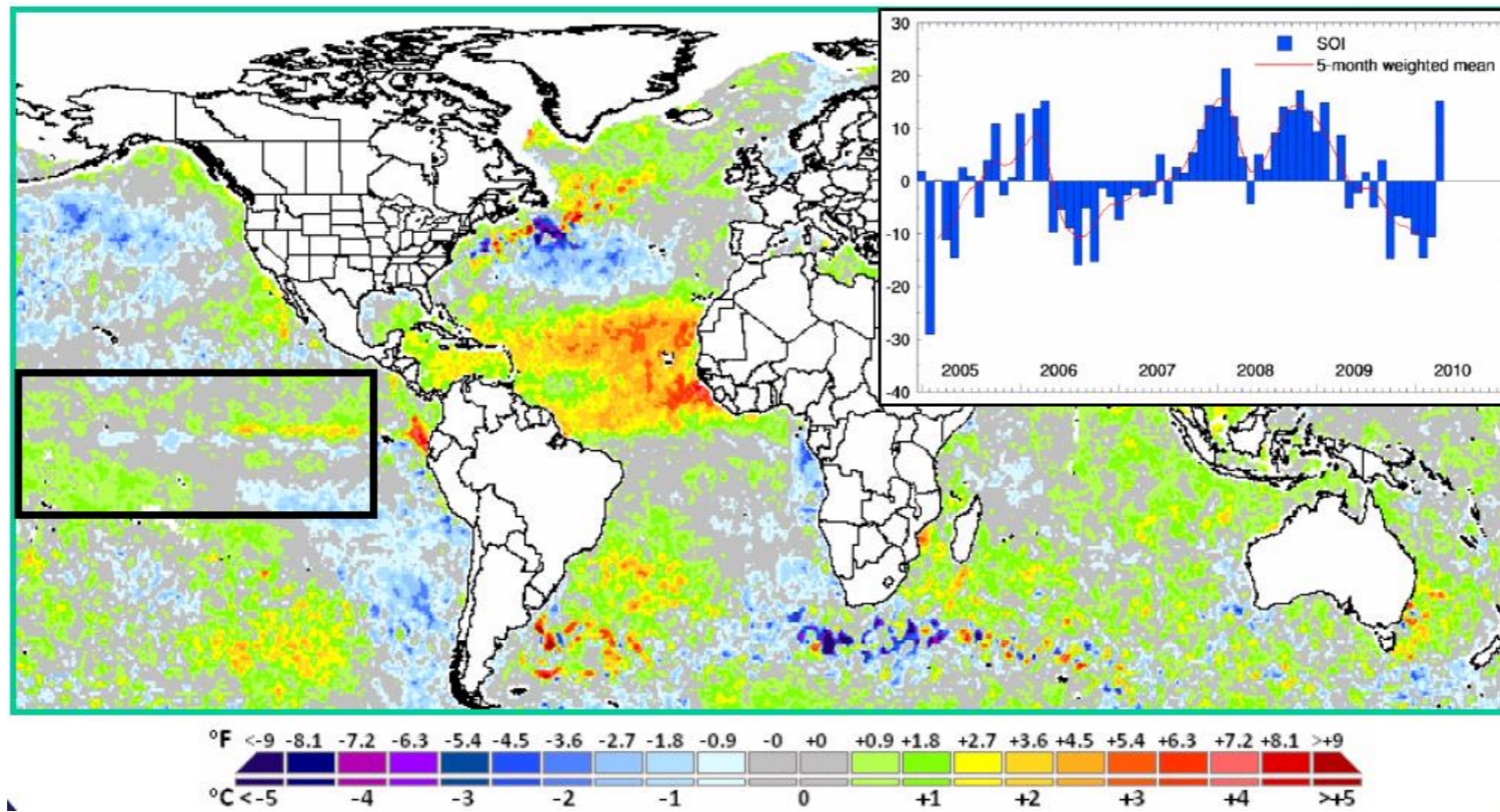


For Spot Corn contract (above):

- (A): Carry-over stocks from 2013 into 2014 supported a constructive market.
- (B): Cold winter (*remember the misused polar vortex term*) contributed to market fears of a late start.
- (C) Cold spring delayed planting; resulted in continued price support.
- (D/E): THEN: US weather turned favorable & market price reaction followed. Once US crop was near harvest completion, record yields softened prices to low \$3 range.
- (F) **What to expect in 2015??**

Source:
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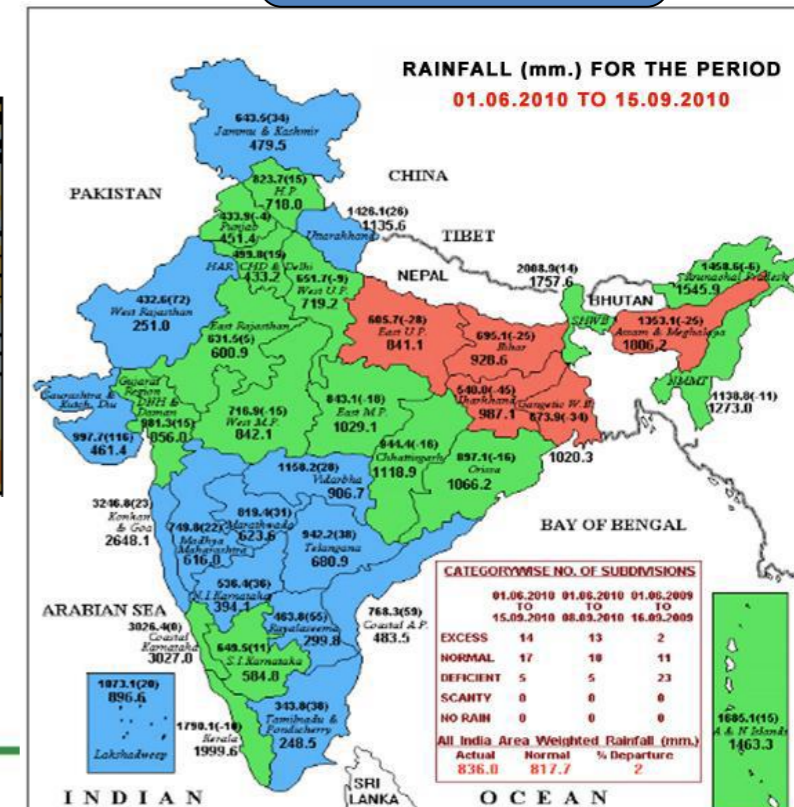
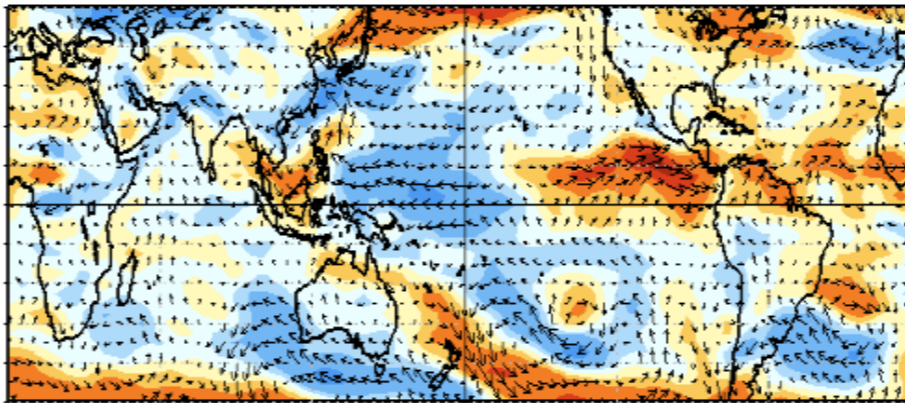
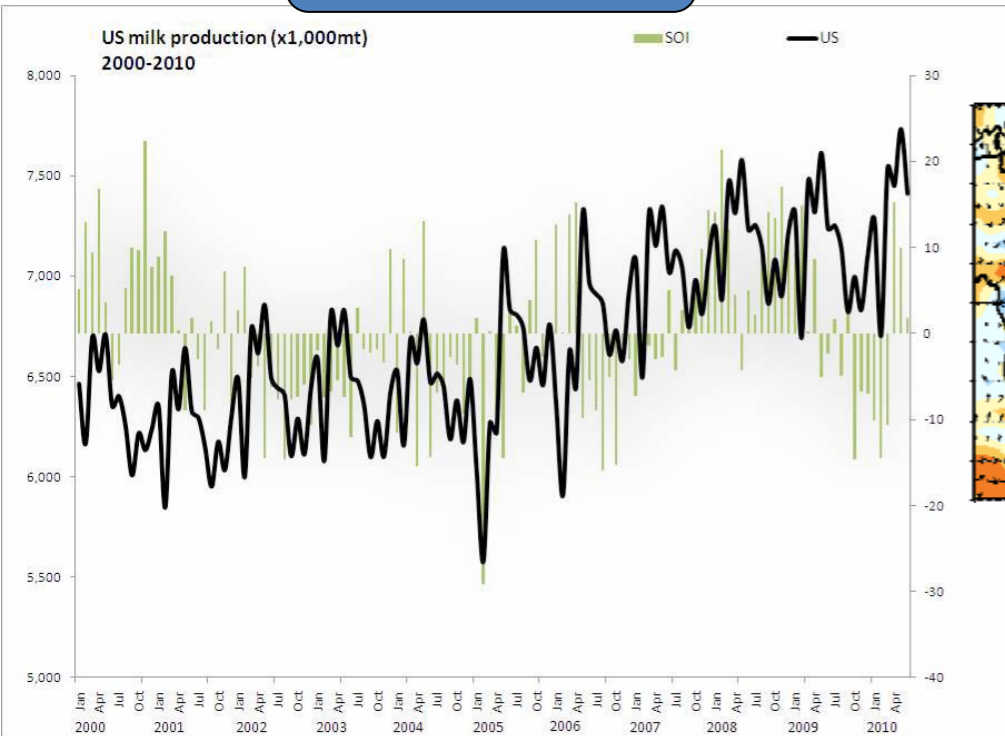
ENSO Relationships



Food Production

Extreme Events (Pakistan Floods)

Monsoon Activity



CHINA

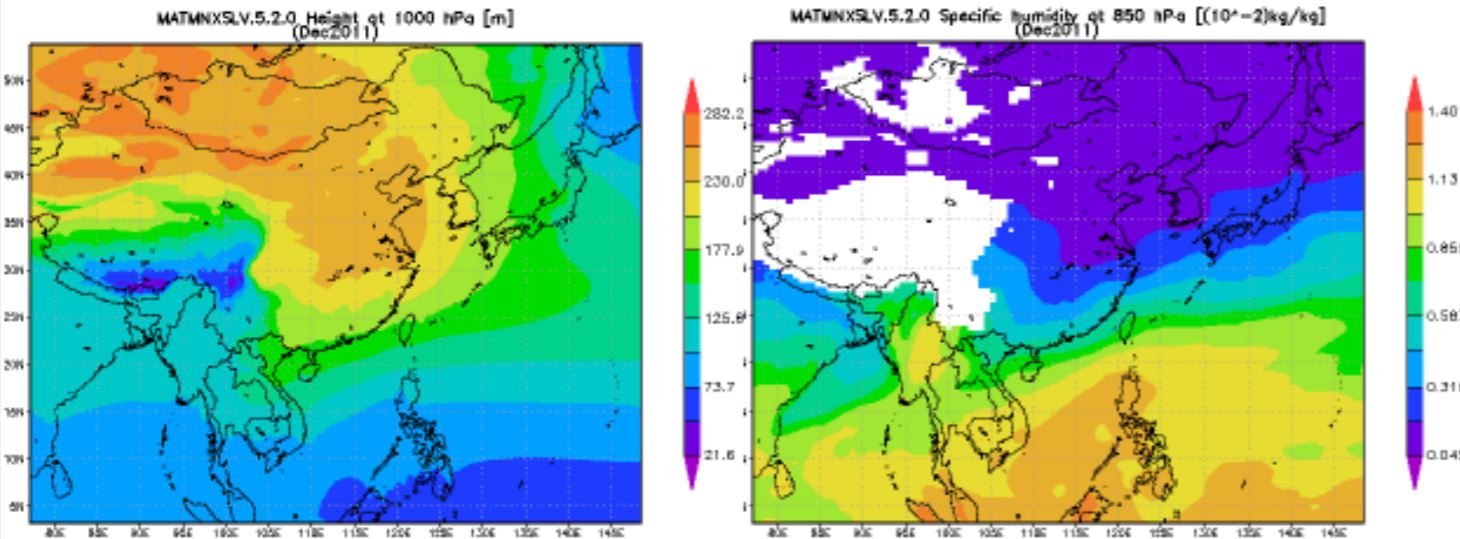
The North China Plain region had another dry month in December, the first map from MERRA below highlights the surface pressure for December – note the higher heights from Shandong through Liaoning, where growers are in need of a more active moisture pattern this year. The specific humidity map at the 850 mb level, a good proxy for surface precipitation, notes that the north/northeastern provinces are still dry, confirmed by the February 2012 Global Drought Monitor published by University College, London.

Target & Predict

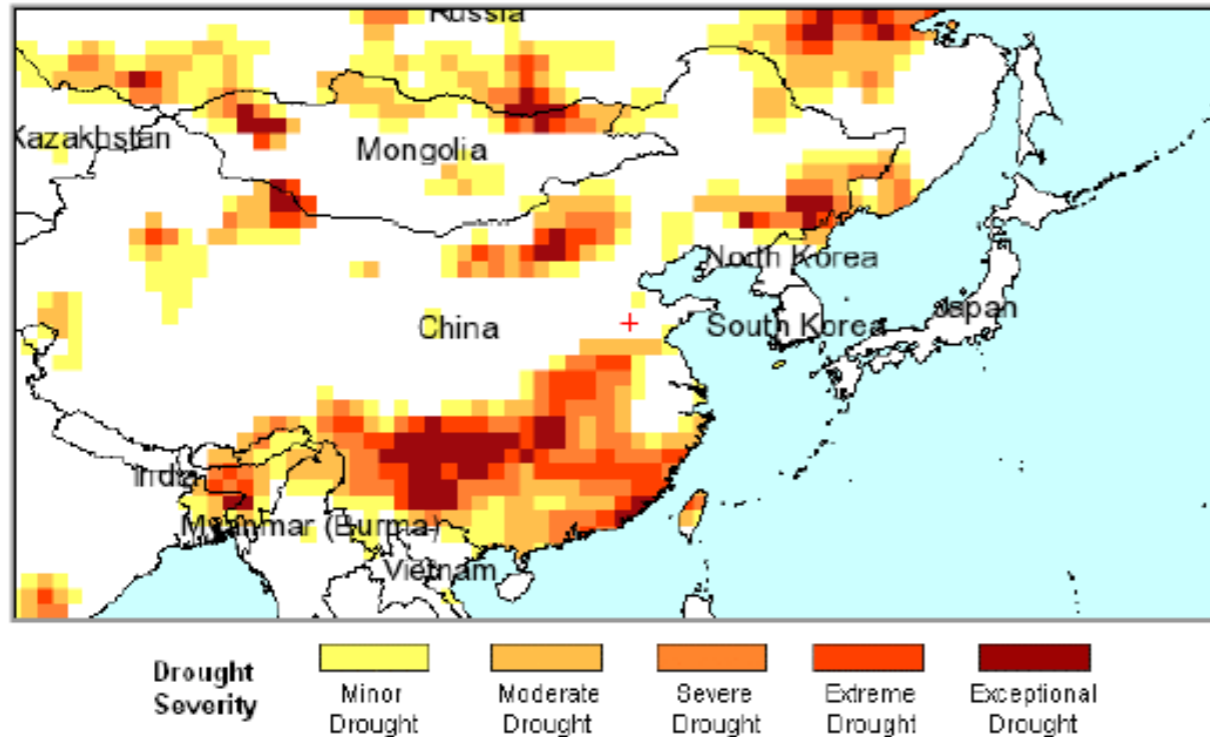
Big Data +
Models & Analytics

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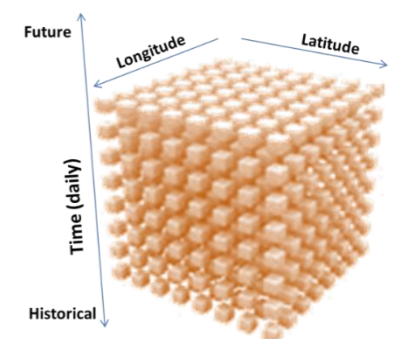
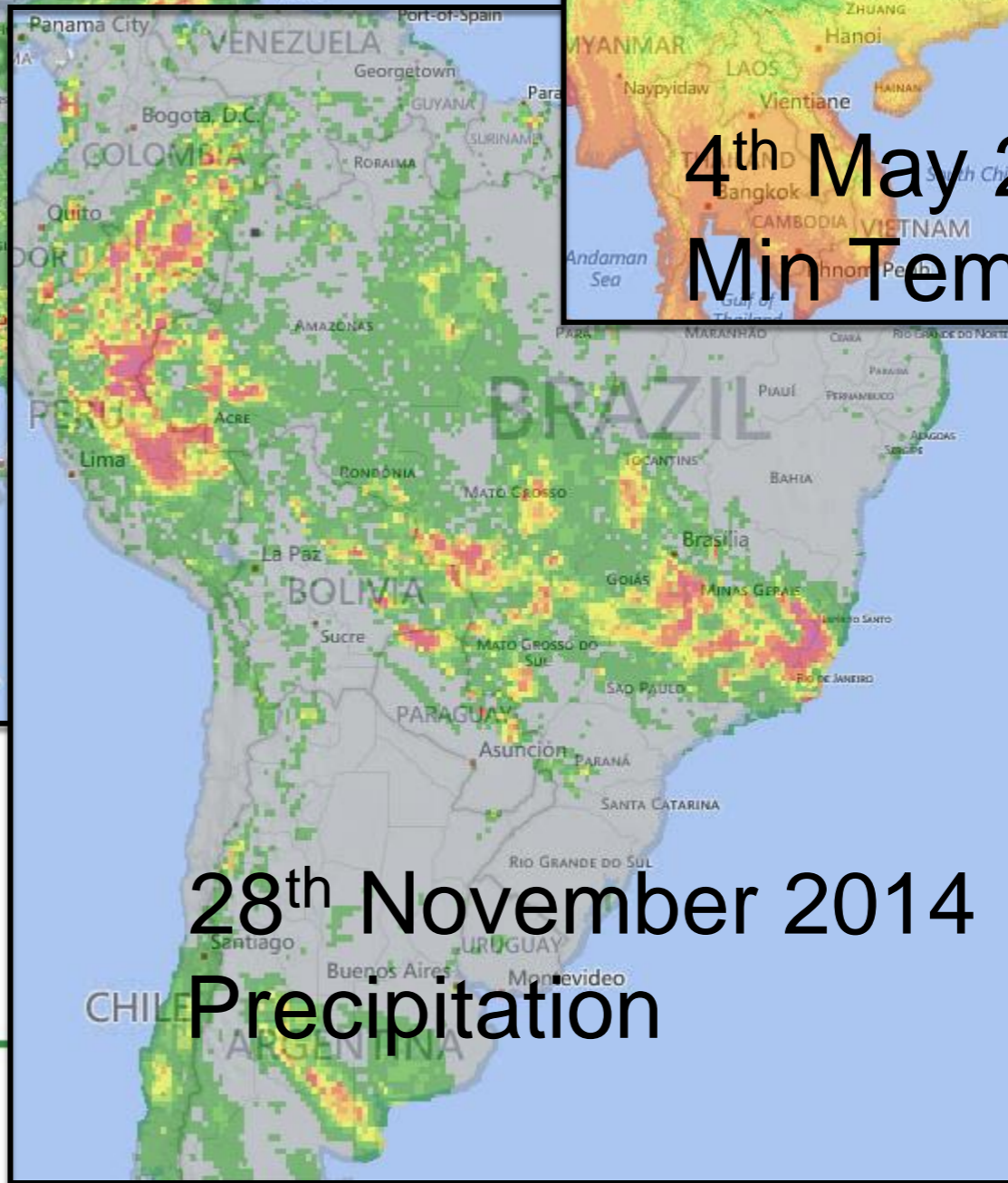
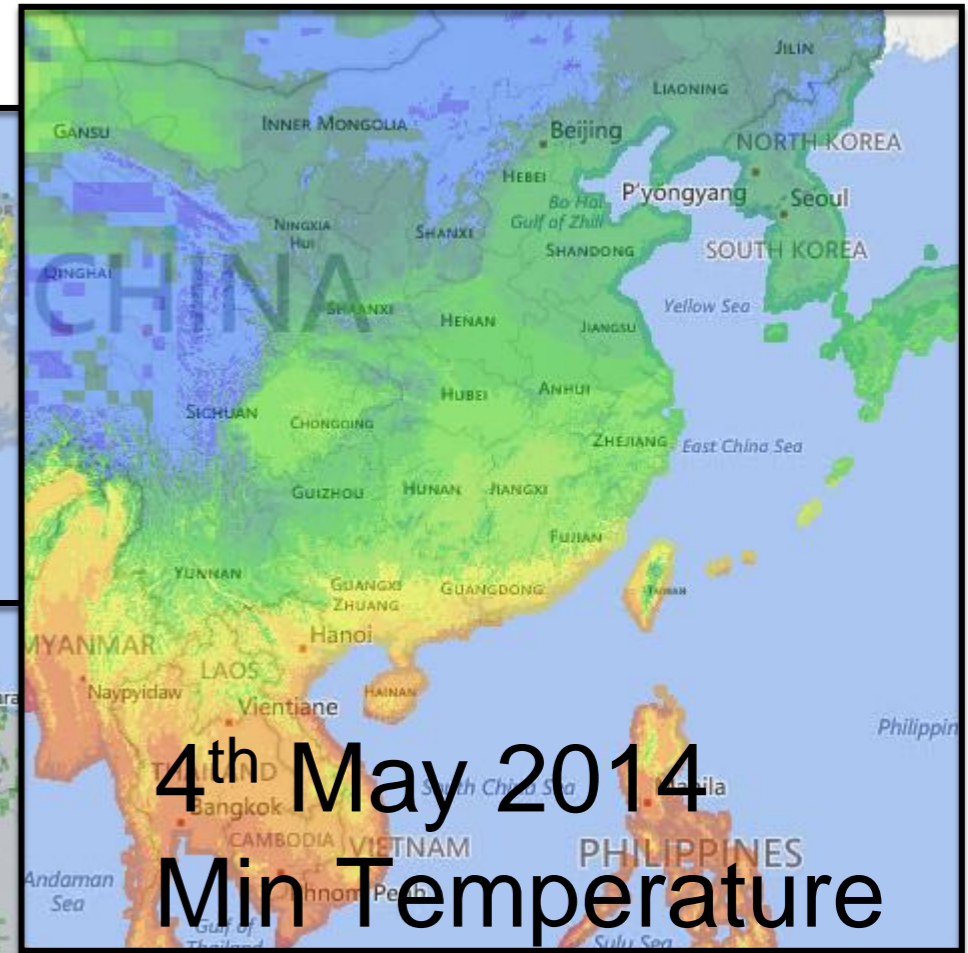
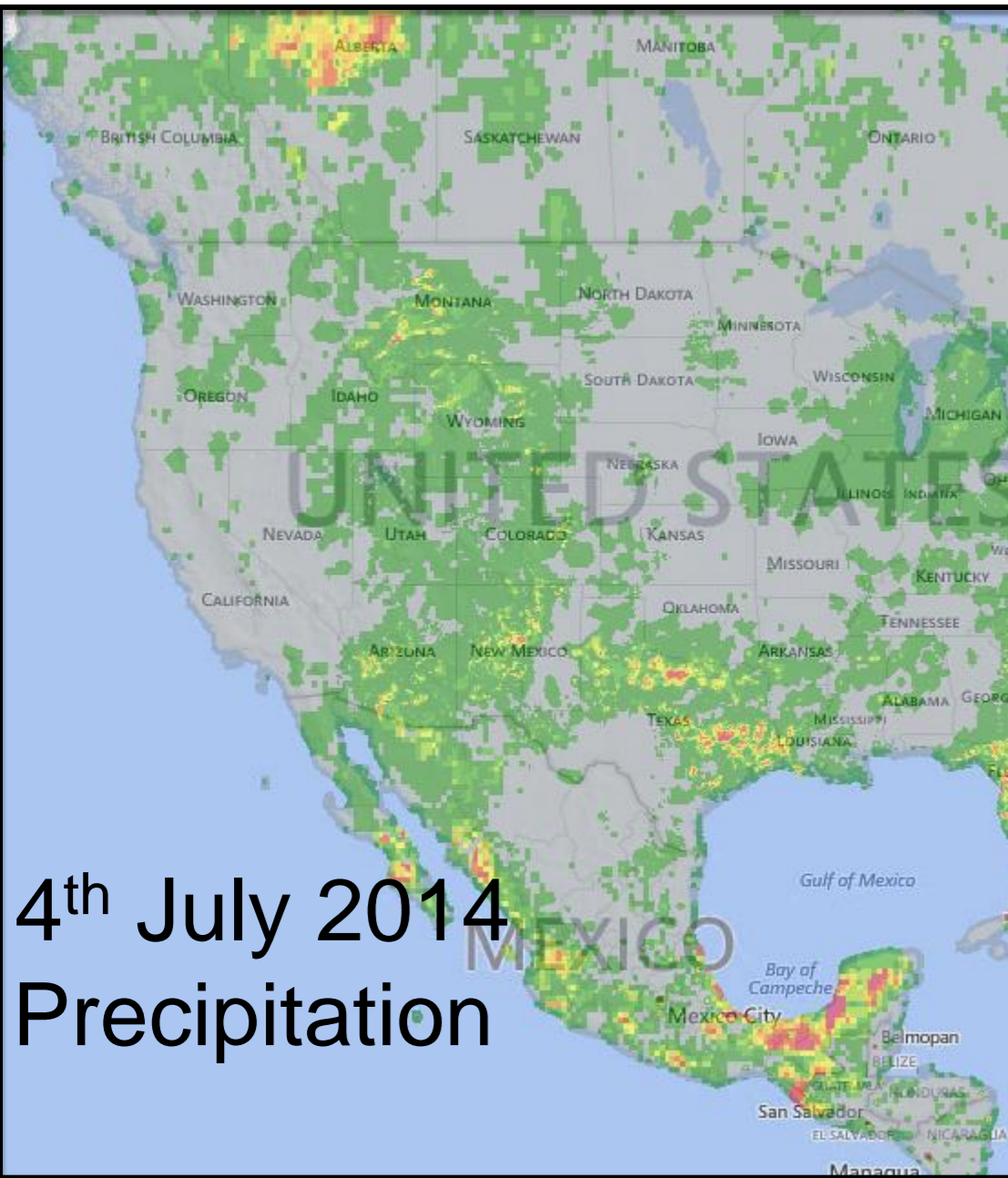
More real time
More granular
(location)



Source: MERRA



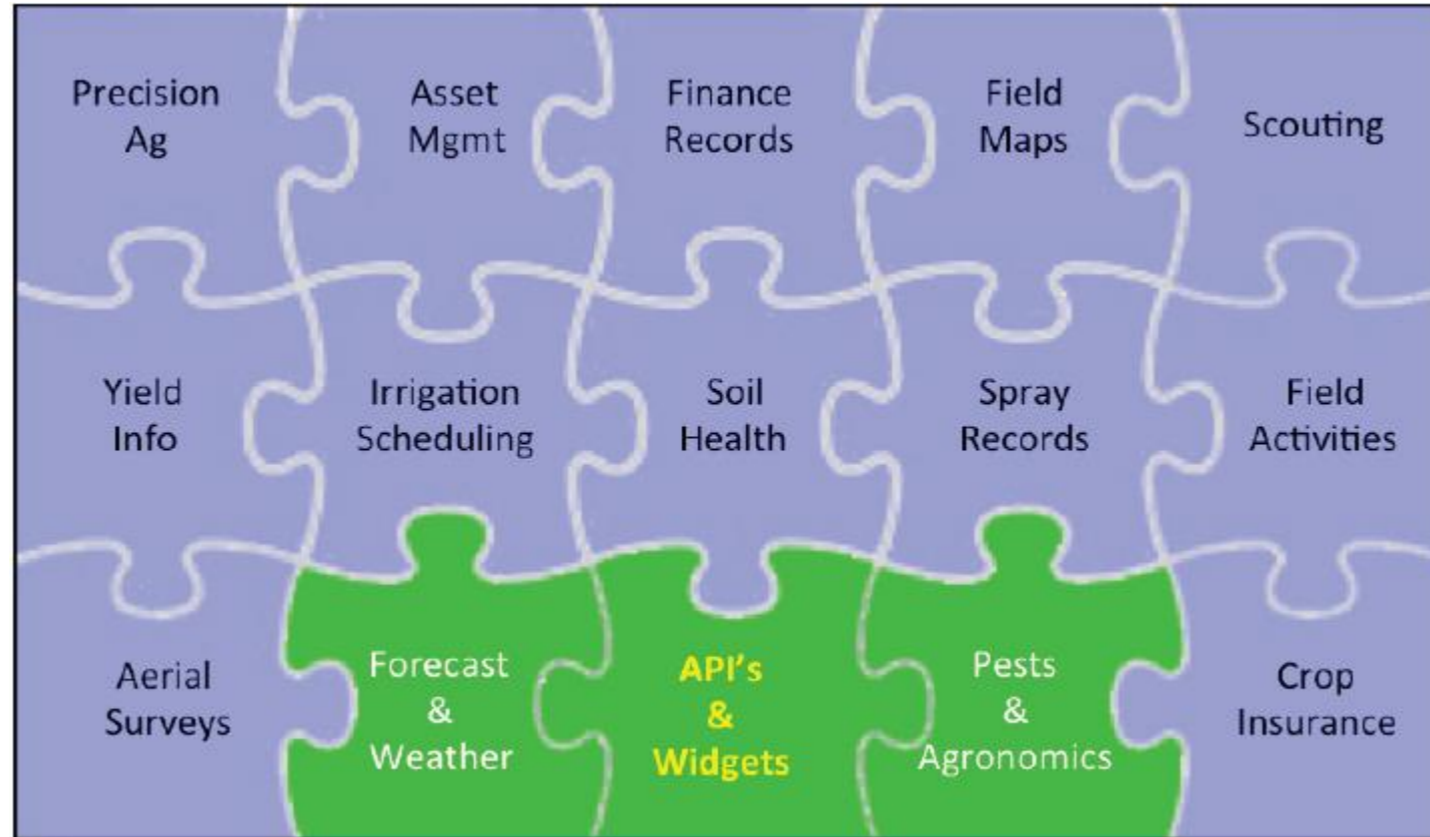
Now granular (location) and in real time...
And we know what crop, where.



Big data: the questions we can address...

Weather & Satellites

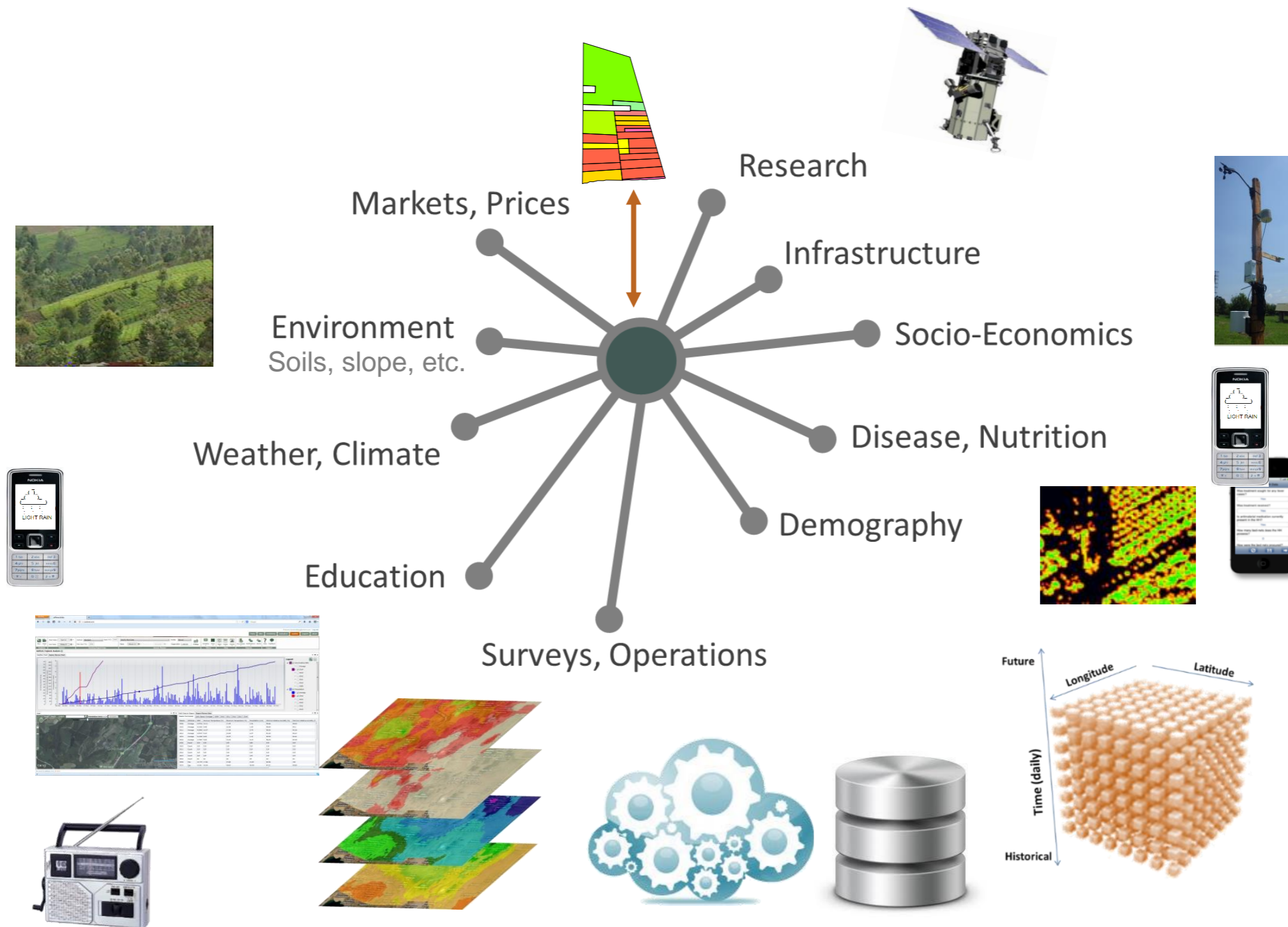
...Big data is part of the solution



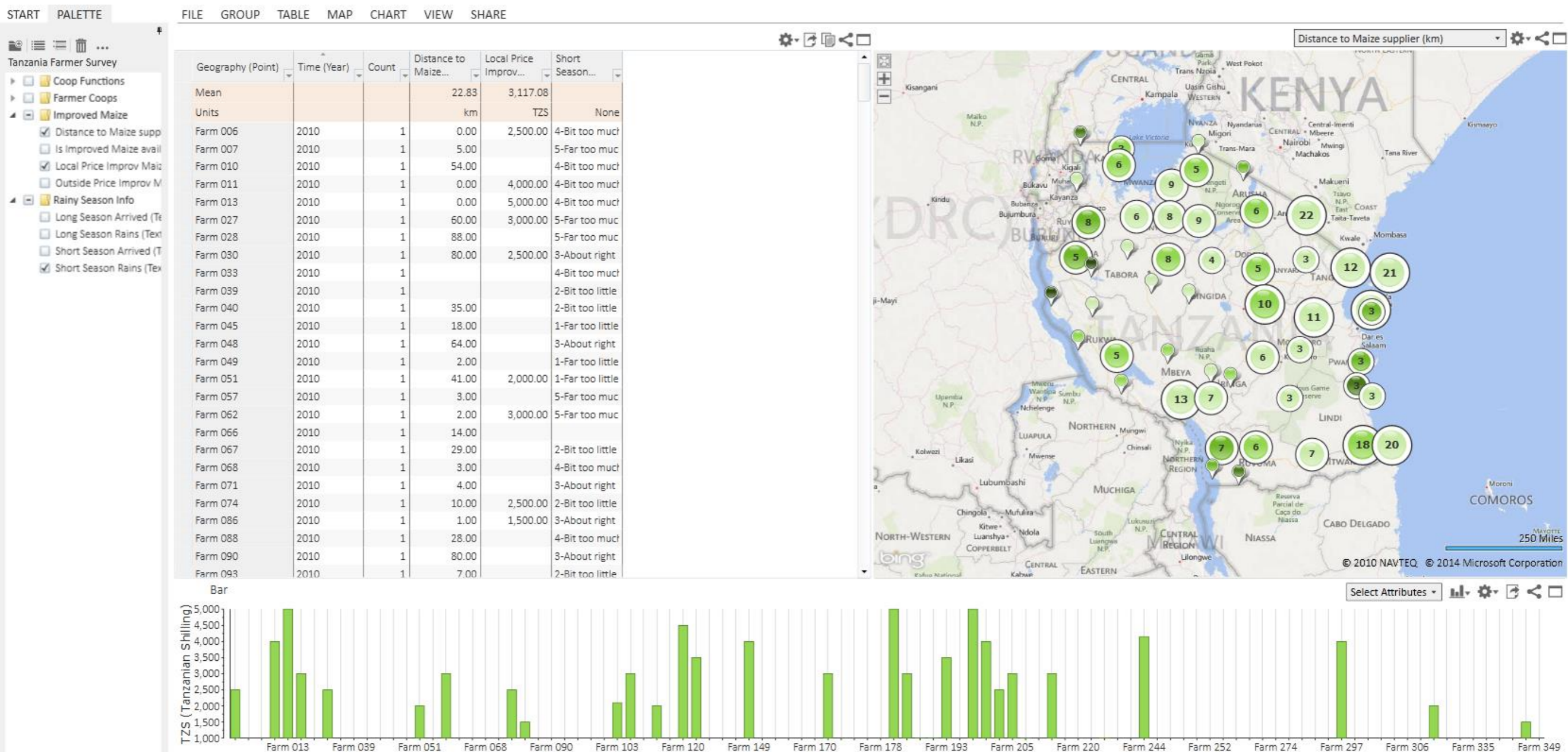
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for
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Location Intelligence for Agriculture

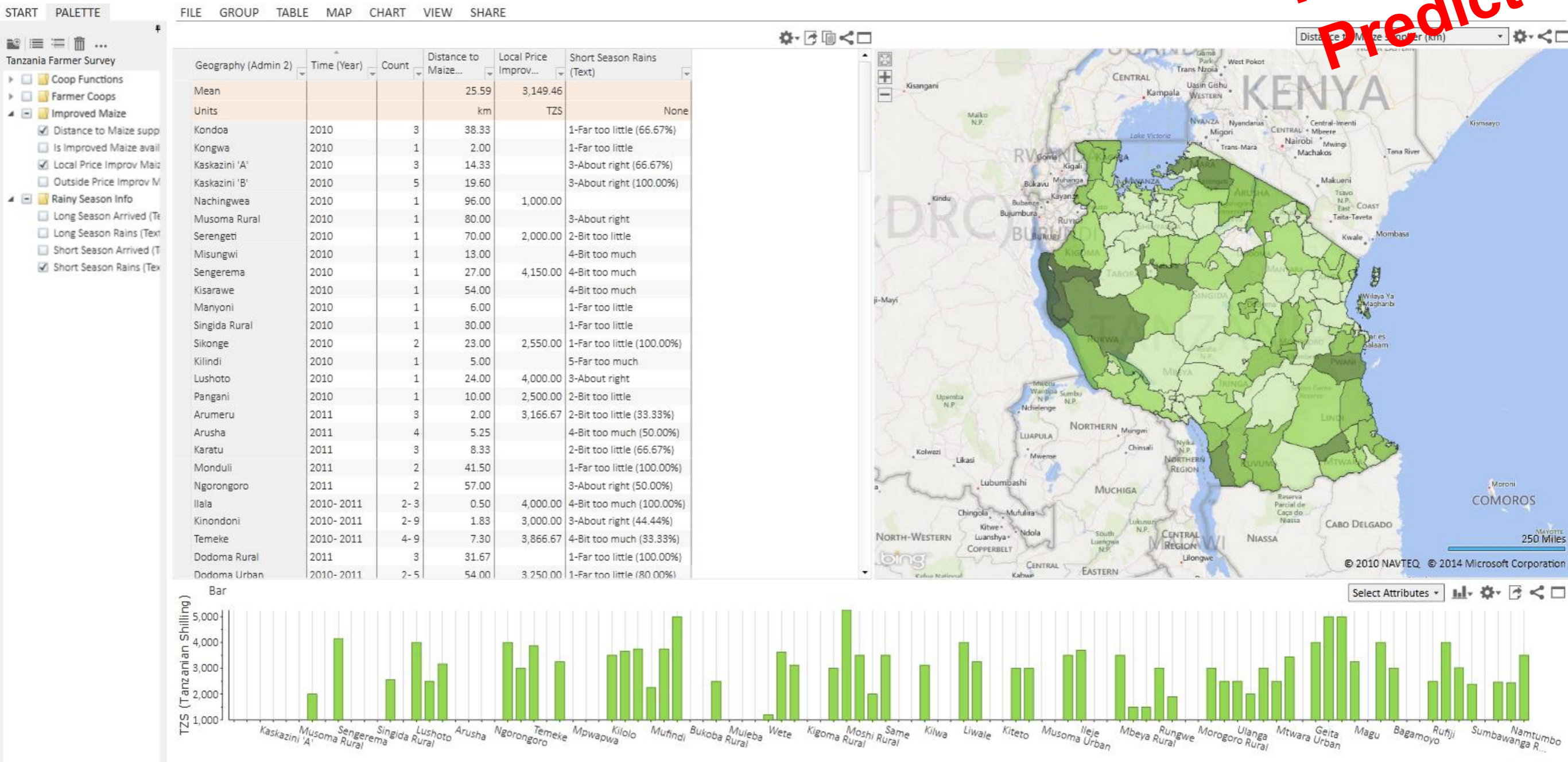


1,000s of fields? 1,000s of farmers??



Dynamic aggregation... Decision driving

Target & Predict



Location Intelligent Platform

High-resolution Weather Data
Crop Specific Satellite Data
Census, survey, public/private



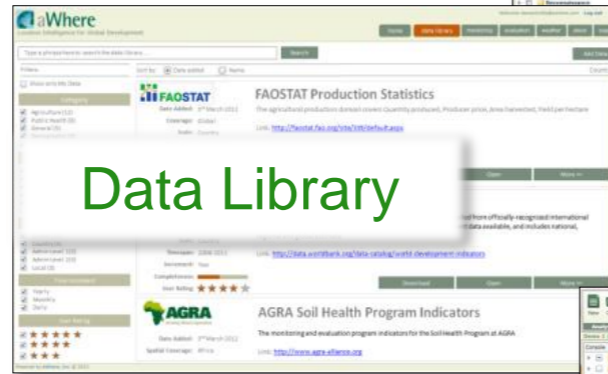
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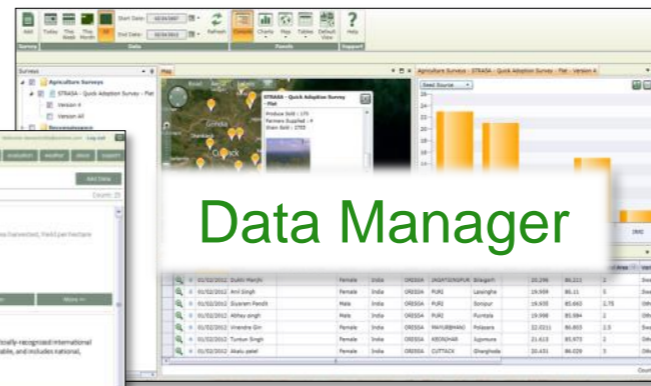
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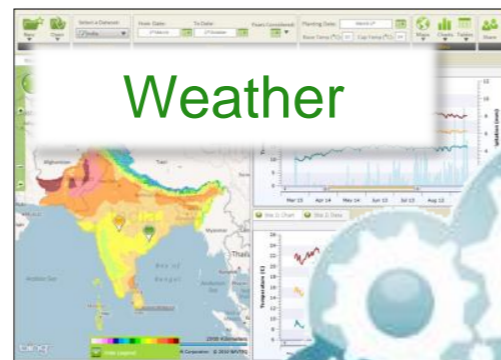
Data Manager



Analysis



Weather



Smart Content
Recommendations &
Alerts



Big Data - Business Model

Technology & Data Platform

- 📍 SaaS-based Location Intelligence – **BI for Agriculture**
- 📍 Real-time, hyper-local agro-meteorological modeling – generate agile content
- 📍 Bi-directional content flow– Last Mile Integration

EVERY *farmer* reachable direct or channels – *partners!*

- 📍 Big data – terabytes of high resolution weather and other key data – growing everyday

Domain Knowledge

- 📍 Agriculture
- 📍 Agri-business
- 📍 Food security / commodities

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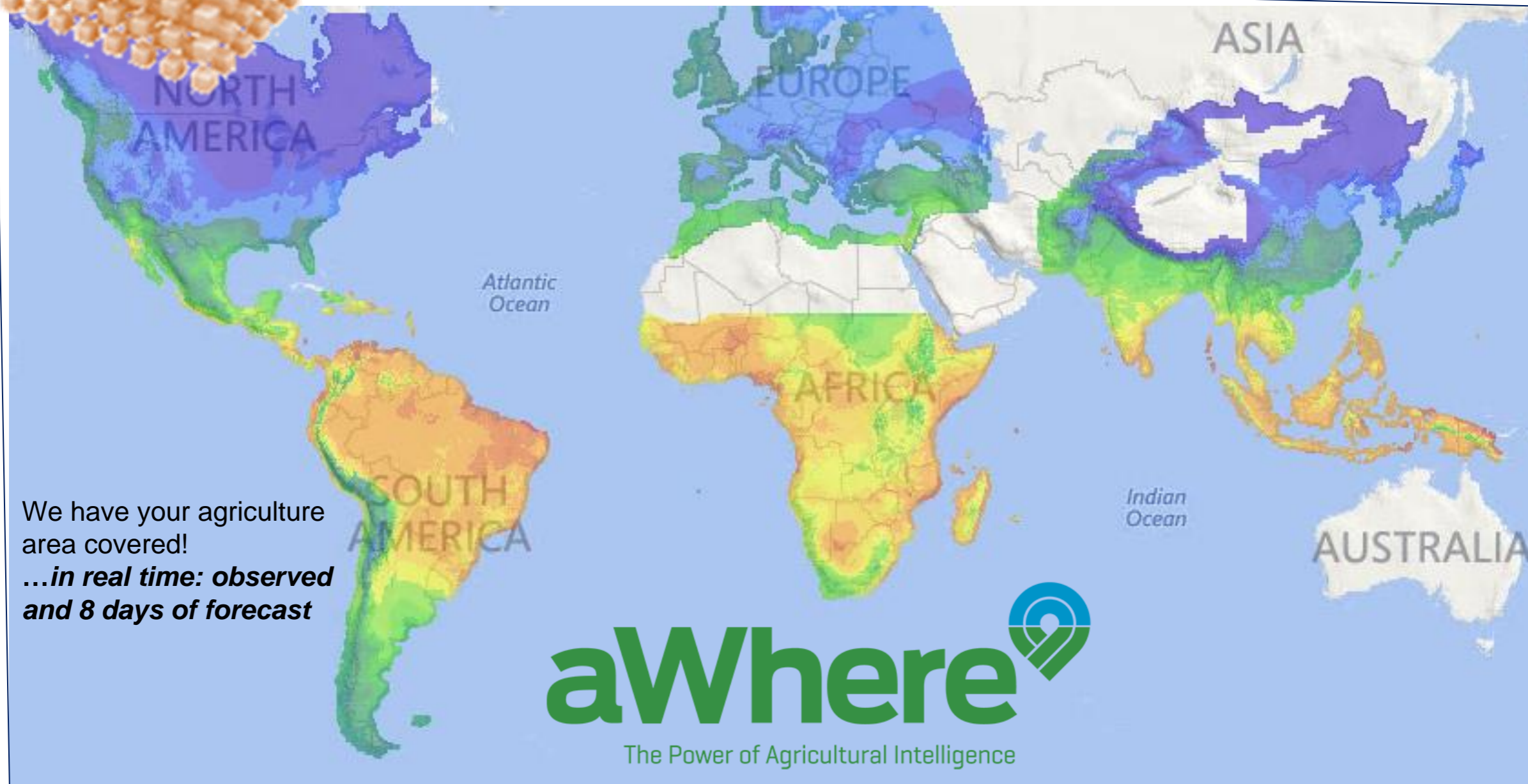
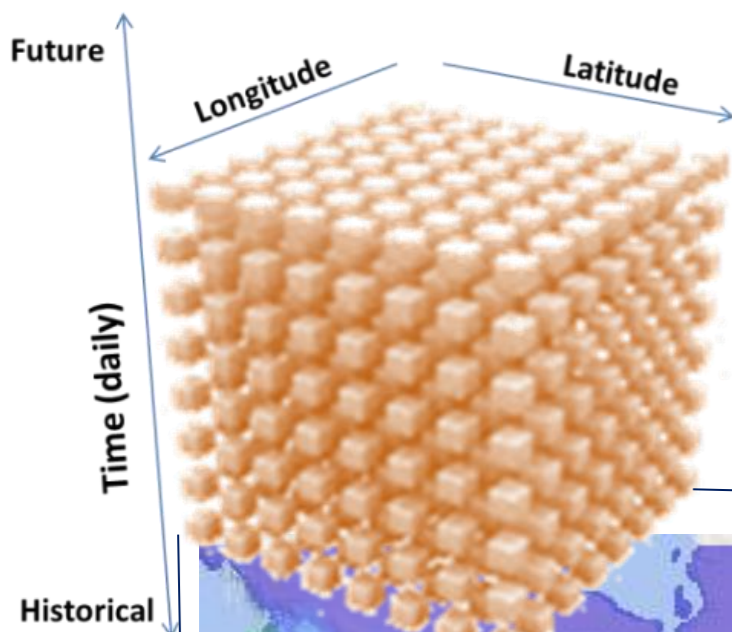




Current, Correct, Consistent, Complete

Each of 8 agro-met variables, EVERY day
...a virtual weather station every ~9x9km – GLOBALLY

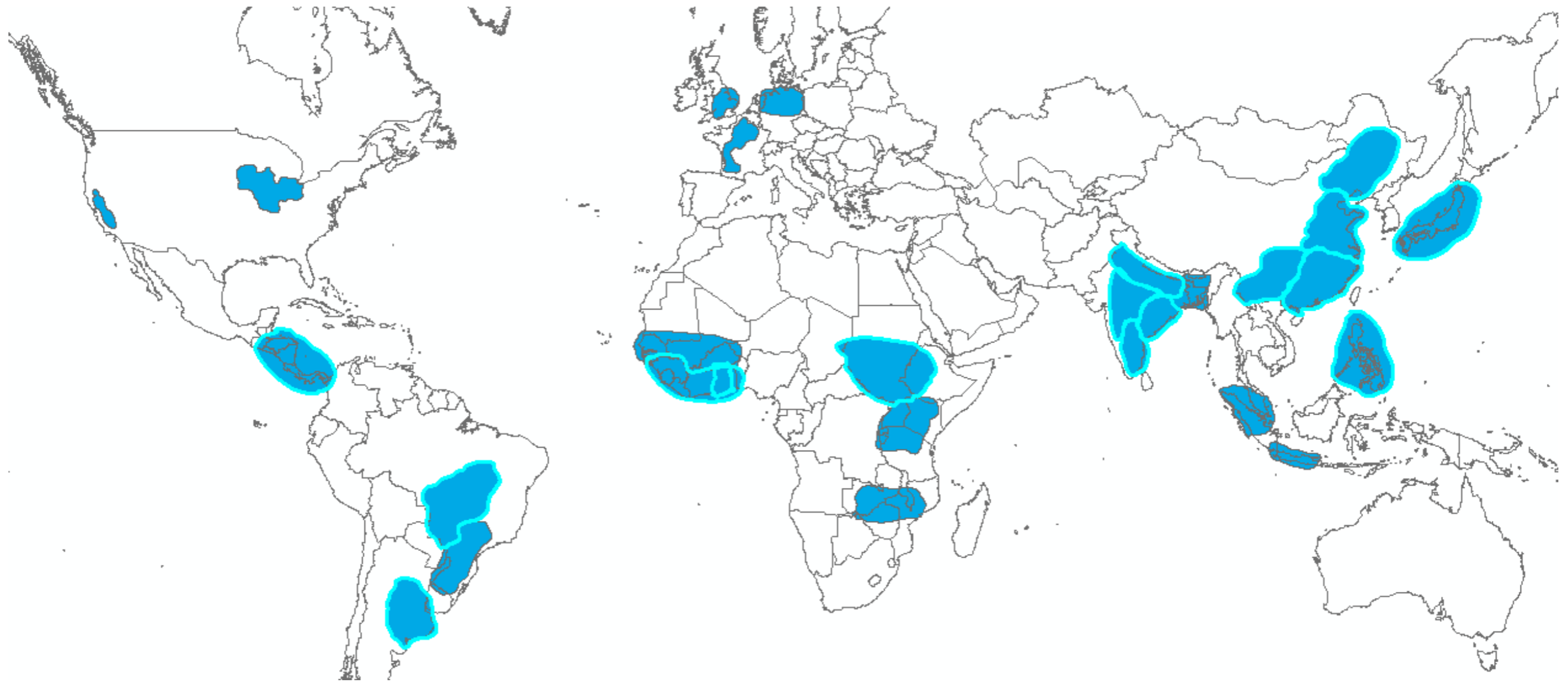
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Agricultural Service: utilization of weather data

Questions:

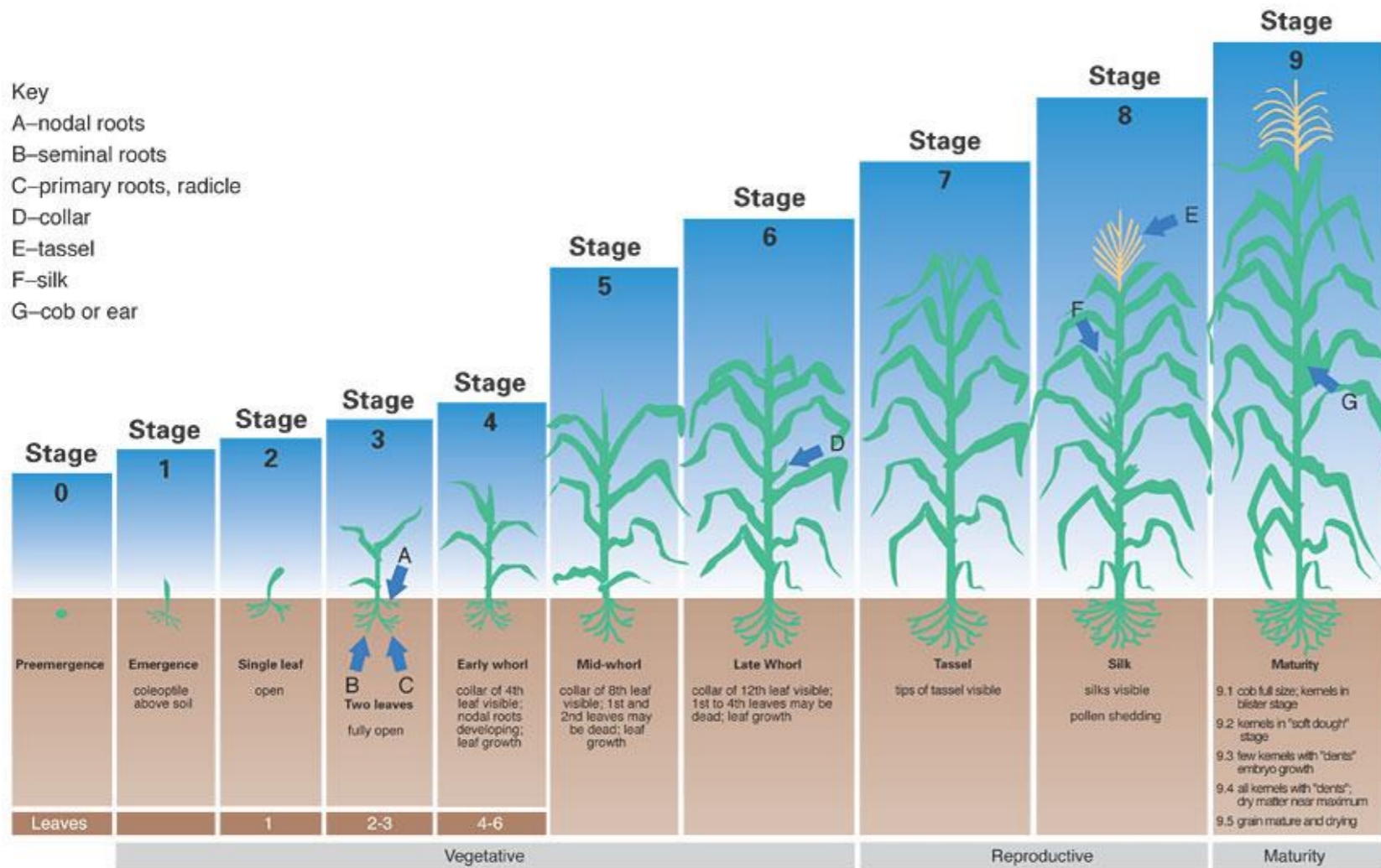
- Understand the influence of weather:
 - Simulation: How does weather influence weed/crop competition?
 - Statistical analysis: What is the ROI for each kg of N applied?
- Where to invest (and invest in what?):
 - Yield maps / Yield gap
- Predict the impact of changing weather patterns on distribution of crop pests

Decision models – farmers and advisors:

- Recent weather:
 - Which field is most at risk for pest impact?
- Historical weather:
 - What crops to grow given the uncertainty of precipitation?
- Short-term forecast:
 - Should I apply insecticide? N? When is optimal harvest?
 - Will it rain tomorrow afternoon? Morning after tomorrow?



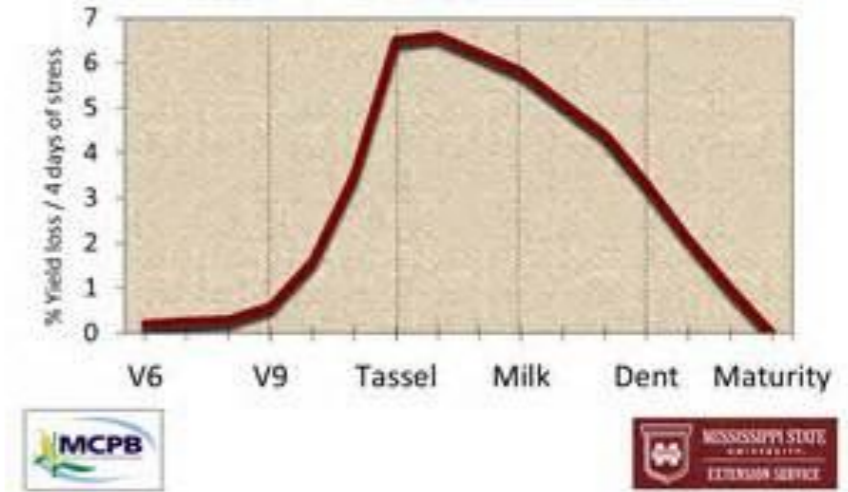
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Maize

When to plant?
 Add N? How much?
 Field work – rains in forecast?
 Growth stage and ROI (pests)

Corn Yield Reduction due to Water Deficit



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Technical Bulletin 976 and Honway, J. J., 1966 Special Report 48, Iowa State University

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