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# CropWatch for food security

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# CropWatch® Development



- Kick off in 1998
- Supported by CAS, NDRC , MOST,..., more than 15 projects with 70 millions input
- Release first bulletin in August, 1998
- Improvement and development (15 Years)
  - From manual judgment to quantitative monitoring
  - From instant investigation to dynamic monitoring
  - From after harvest measurement to early prediction. The crop production data can be available one month before its harvest.
- English bulletin, November 2013

## ➤ 4 scales

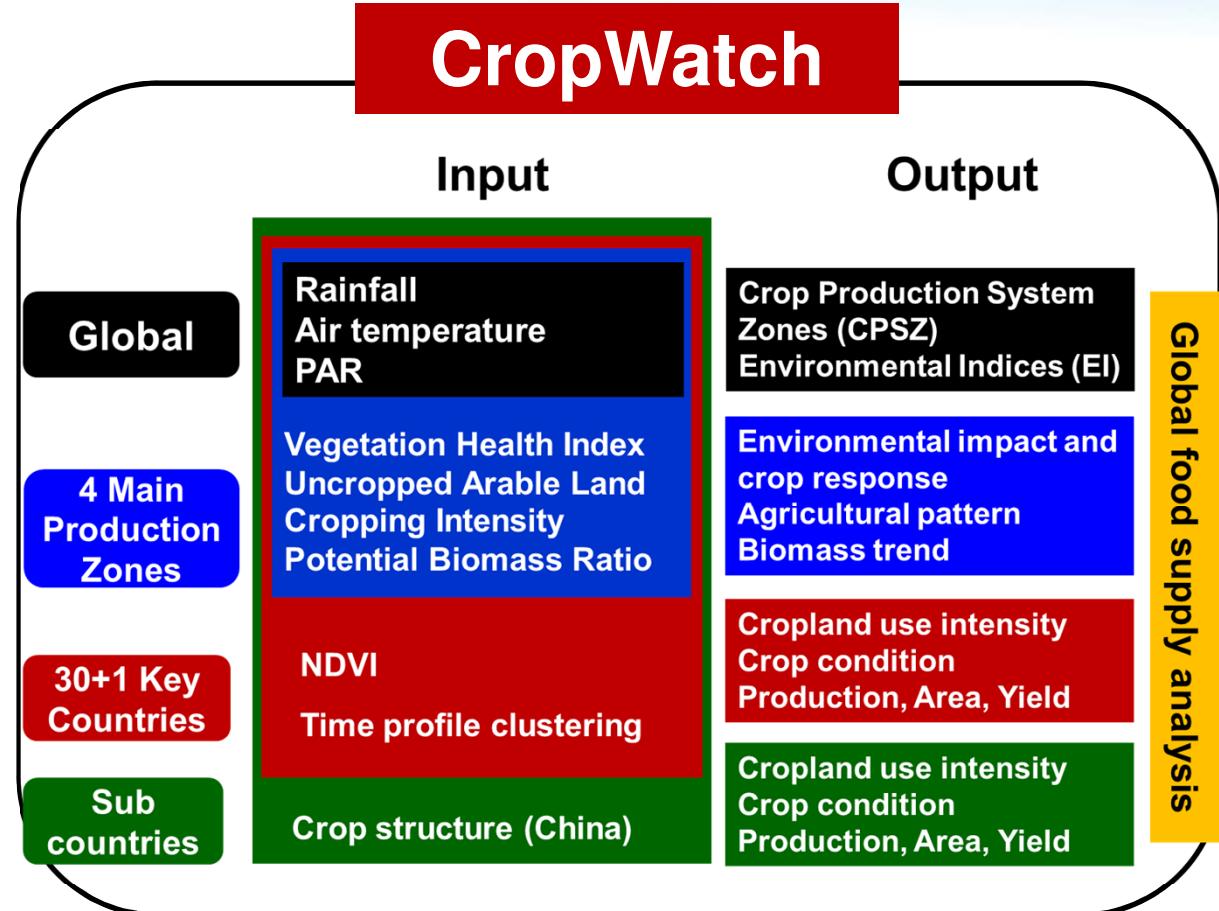
- 60CPSZ
- 4 MPZ
- 31 main crop countries  
80% global production
- Sub-national

## ➤ 3 temporal resolution

- 15 Days: NDVI, Crop condition
- Growing season: Area, Yield, Production
- Year: EI, CI, UAL, PBR

## ➤ 3 spatial resolution

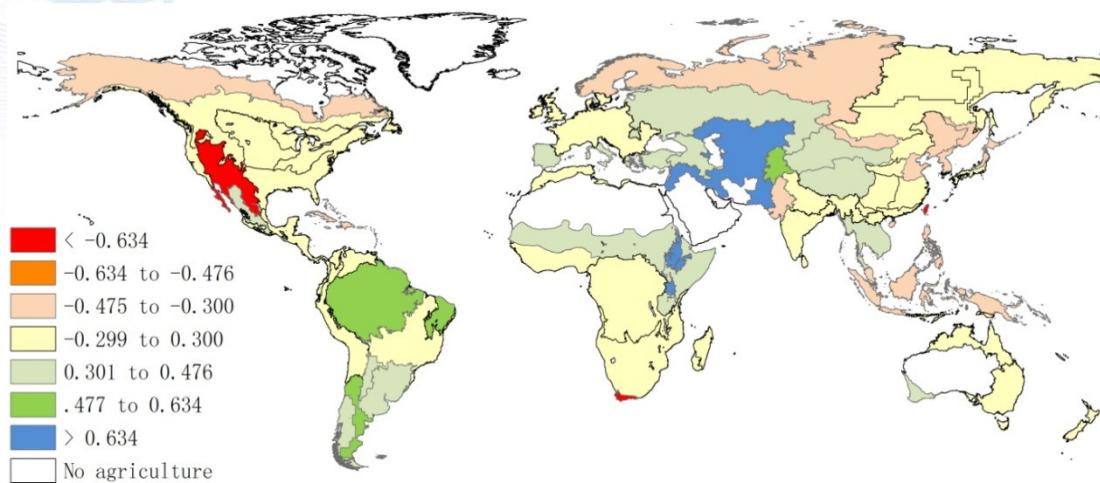
- $0.25^\circ$  (Global)
- 1km (4 MPZ, countries)
- 30m



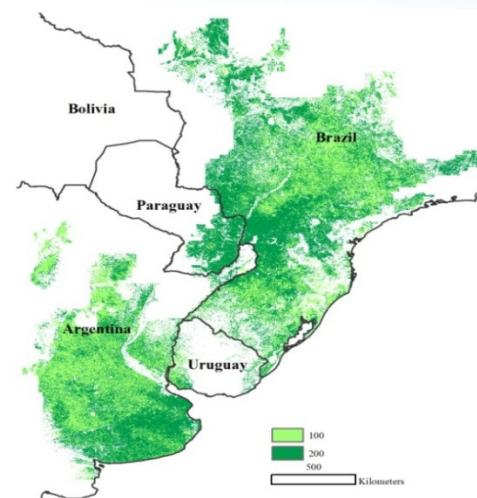
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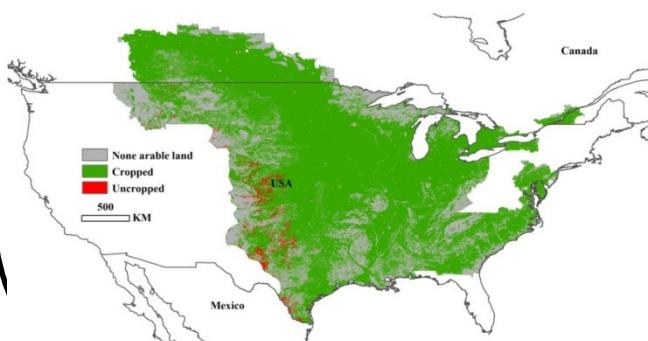
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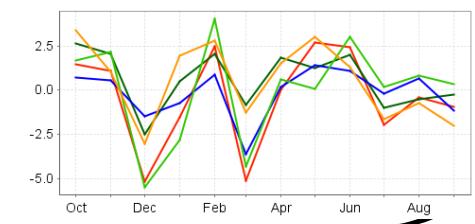
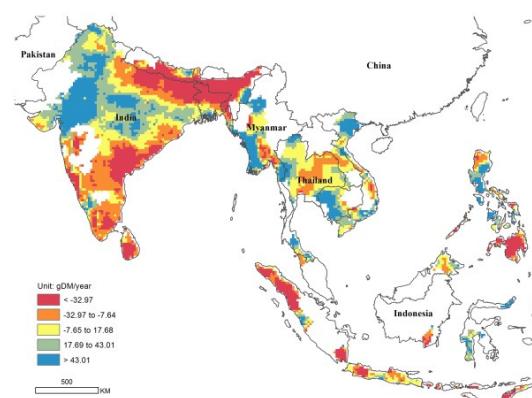
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## Uncropped Arable Land ratio (UAL)



## Potential Biomass Ratio (RBR)



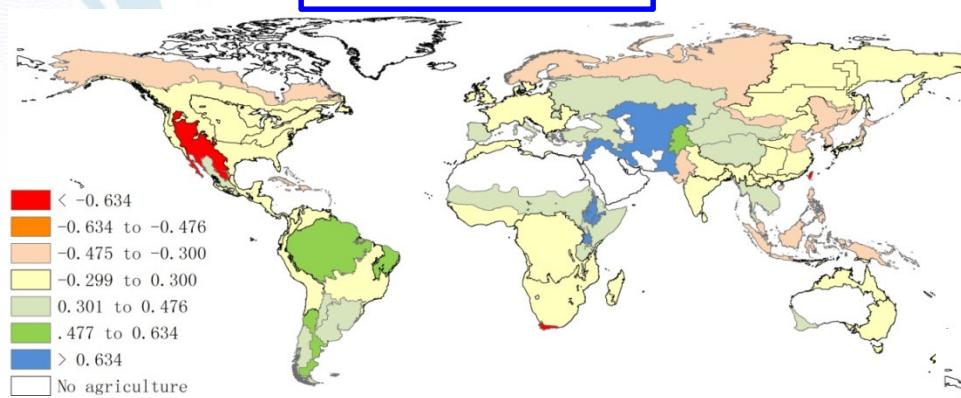
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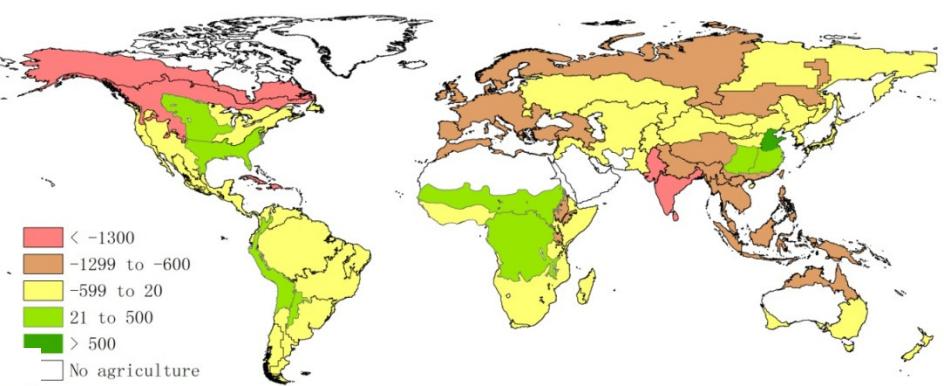
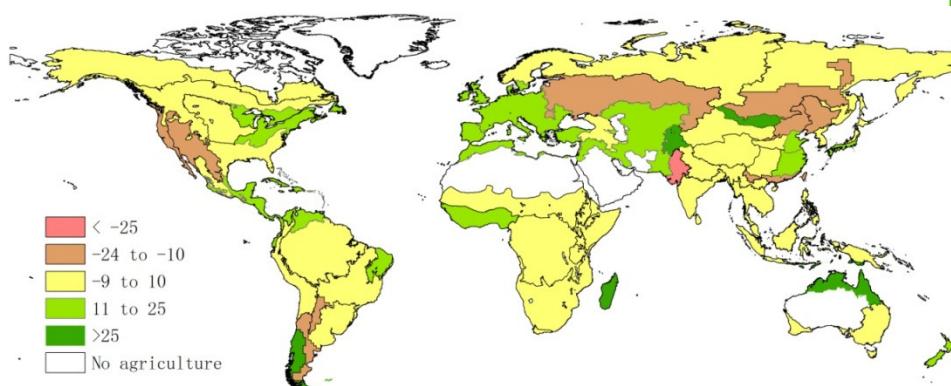
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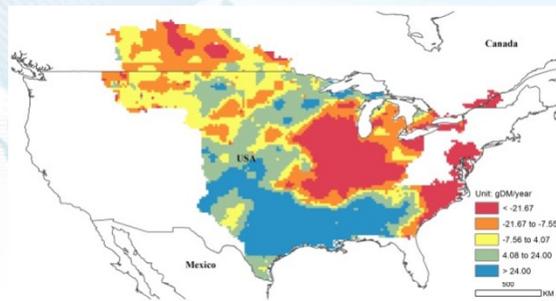
Global **temperature** trends

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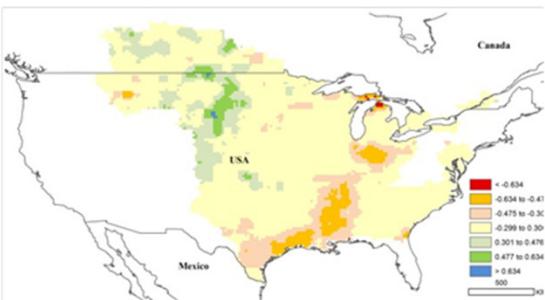


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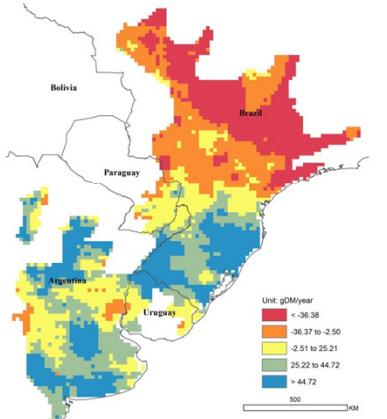
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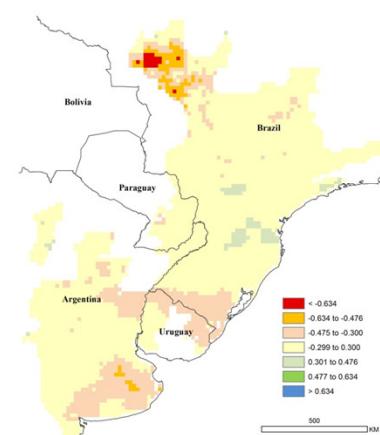
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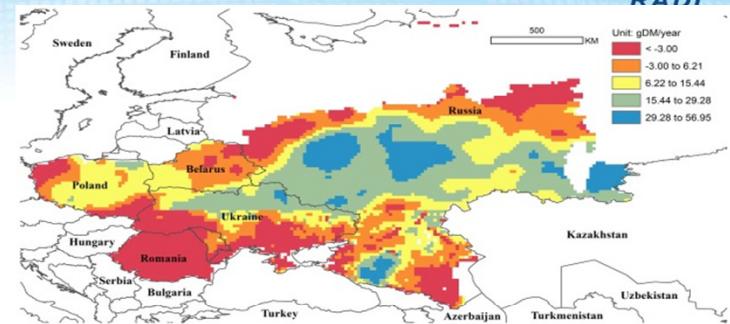
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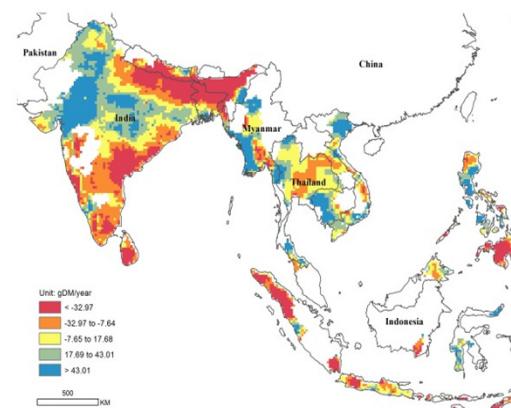
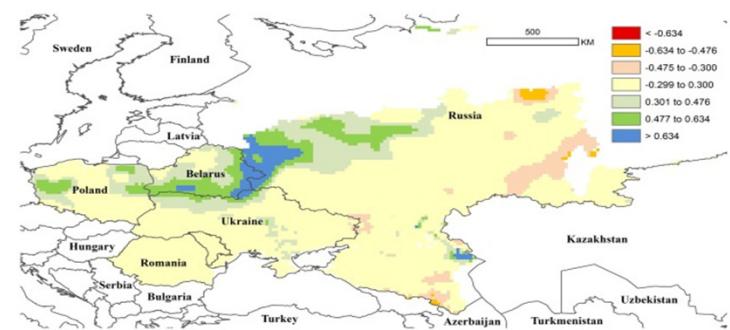
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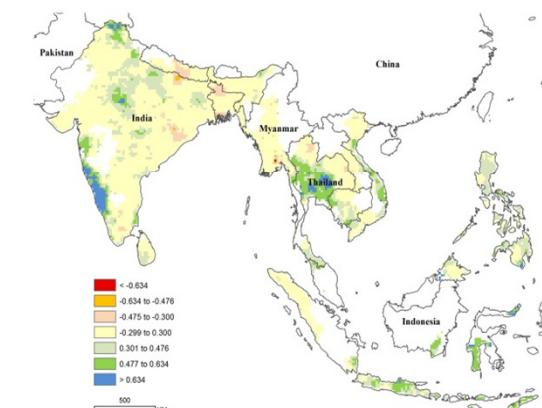
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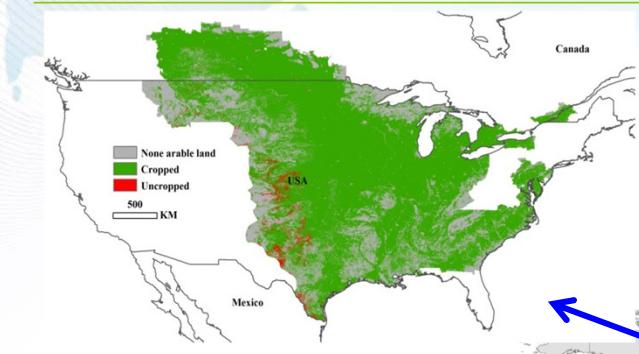


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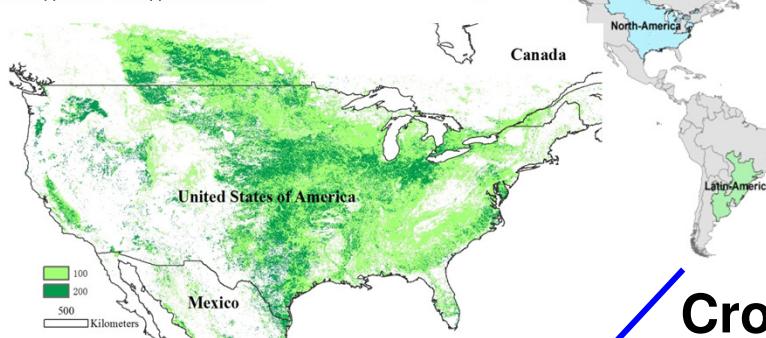


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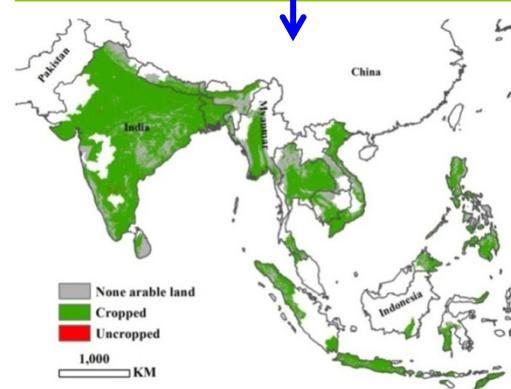
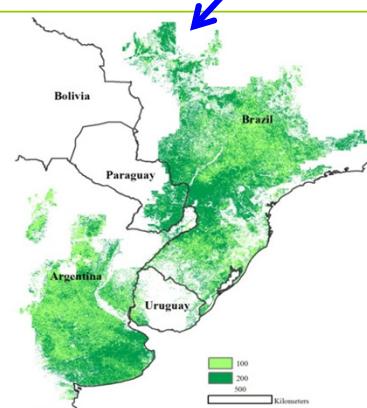
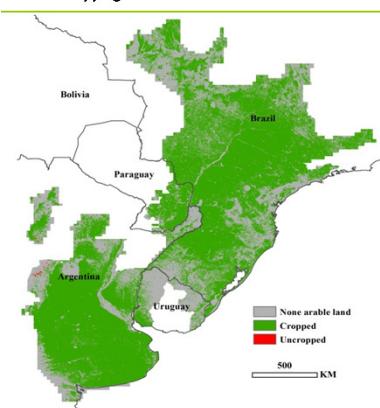
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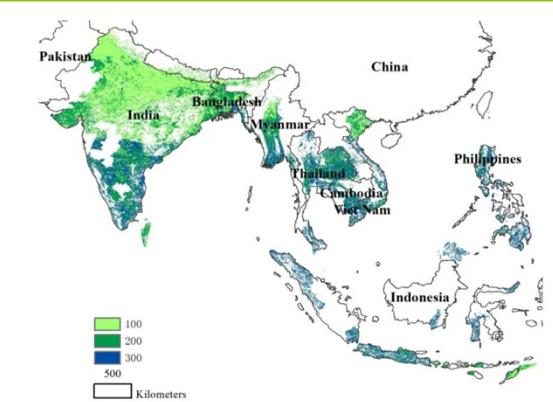
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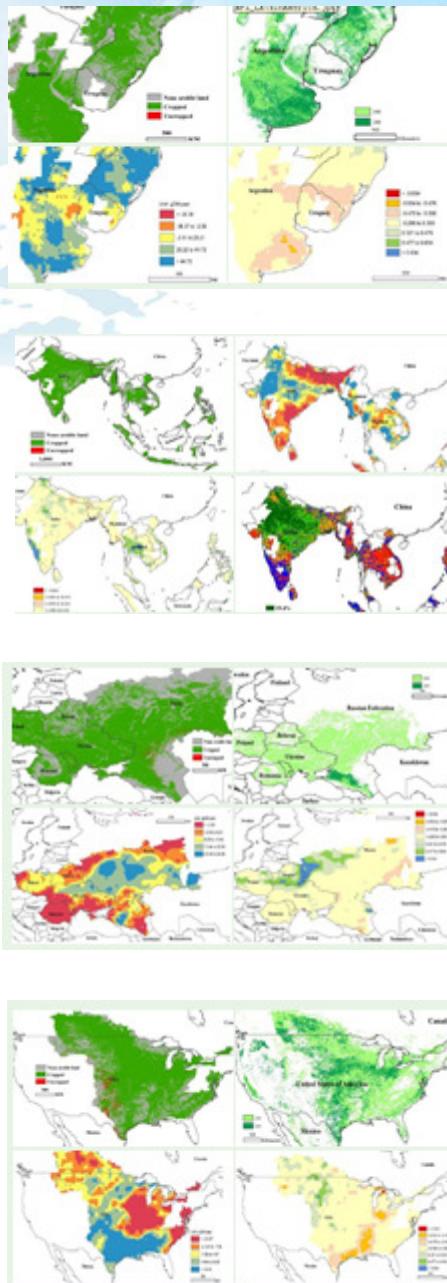
Crop Intensity



Cropped and uncropped arable land



a. Cropped and uncropped arable land

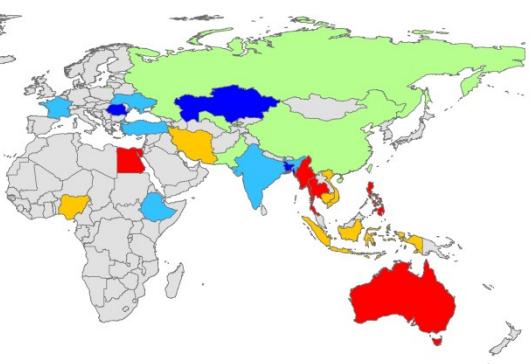
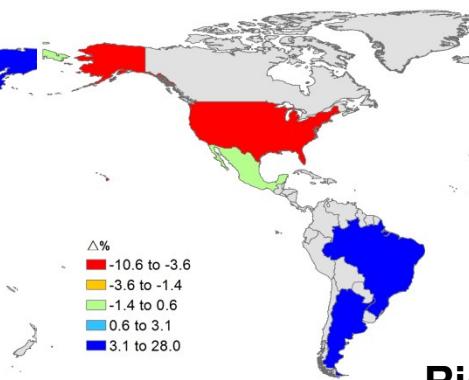
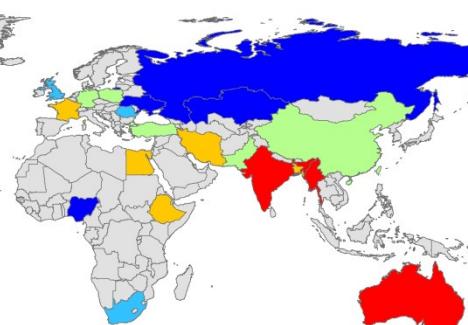
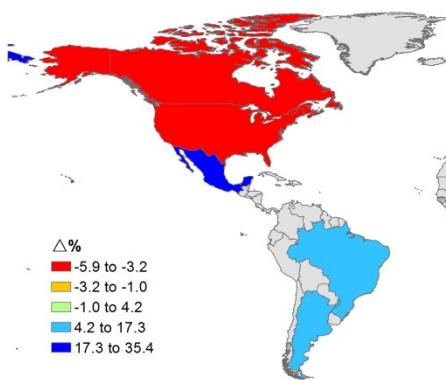
**Cropping Intensity    Uncropped arable land    Potential biomass ratio**


	2013	Δ%	Trend	2013(%)	Δ%	Trend	2013	Δ%	Trend
<b>AFRICA</b>									
Egypt	134	-2.5	-0.560*	21.37	-3	-0.807**	0.872	1.889	0.643**
Ethiopia	140	-4.2	-0.226	0.42	-65	0.036	0.881	0.138	-0.761**
Nigeria	133	4.5	0.758**	1.61	-45	0.067	0.867	-0.159	-0.586 *
S-Africa	123	2.3	-0.156	6.18	+359	-0.290	0.812	-7.393	0.377
<b>WEST ASIA</b>									
Iran	140	-3.6	-0.195	16.44	-46	0.090	0.738	7.266	-0.014
Turkey	159	5.3	-0.425	0.85	-89	-0.332	0.881	7.116	0.664**
<b>Central Asia</b>									
Kazakhstan	100	-3.4	0.253	3.01	-78	0.470	0.834	13.825	-0.527*
Uzbekistan	111	-10.2	-0.291	3.16	-80	0.300	0.804	0.742	-0.341
<b>EAST ASIA</b>									
China	169	-3.0	0.773**	1.07	-29	-0.593*	0.902	0.117	0.796 **
S. Asia									
Bangladesh	180	0.8	0.250	1.27	+16	0.542*	0.858	-3.407	0.116
India	165	1.9	-0.011	0.74	-48	-0.712**	0.854	-0.893	0.771**
Pakistan	153	0.9	0.072	12.45	-23	-0.786**	0.798	4.476	0.688**
<b>SOUTHEAST ASIA</b>									
Cambodia	256	-3.3	-0.007	0.17	-46	-0.657**	0.805	-6.929	-0.042
Indonesia	296	0.9	0.219	0.08	+30	0.320	0.918	-0.858	0.026
Myanmar	204	-4.2	-0.010	0.98	+47	0.258	0.848	-5.450	-0.410
Philippines	293	0.1	0.531*	0.04	+40	-0.633*	0.910	-1.518	0.398
Thailand	260	-0.7	0.066	0.03	-41	-0.602*	0.862	-3.662	0.308
Vietnam	230	-4.8	0.442*	0.29	-16	-0.488*	0.891	-2.421	0.324
<b>EUROPE-RUSSIA</b>									
France	101	-2.1	0.090	0.12	-55	0.244	0.905	-0.646	-0.149
Germany	101	-4.4	0.284	0.03	+15	-0.204	0.916	0.100	-0.209
Poland	100	-4.8	0.260	0.01	0	-0.092	0.926	1.053	0.045
Romania	100	-1.7	0.084	0.04	-37	-0.205	0.899	0.067	-0.066
United Kingdom	100	-3.3	0.016	0.03	+31	0.257	0.882	-4.195	-0.206
Ukraine	101	-2.5	0.438	0.20	-23	0.332	0.885	-0.538	-0.084
Russia	106	-0.7	0.161	0.69	-44	0.649**	0.884	1.088	-0.677 **
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>									
Canada	127	-0.9	-0.366	0.18	-76	-0.426	0.942	3.979	0.629 *
Mexico	130	-1.2	-0.388	3.49	-2	0.225	0.849	-1.485	-0.282
United States	135	-1.4	-0.011	3.54	-1	0.117	0.889	-0.023	-0.250

# Crop Production



2013-2012  $\Delta\%$   
(difference percentage )

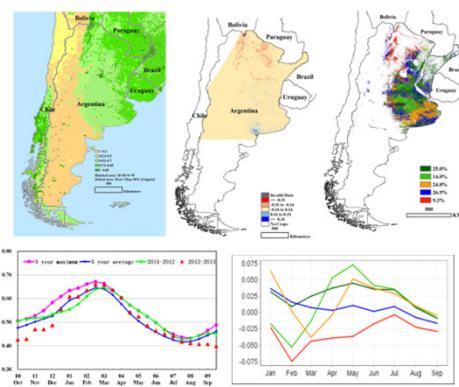
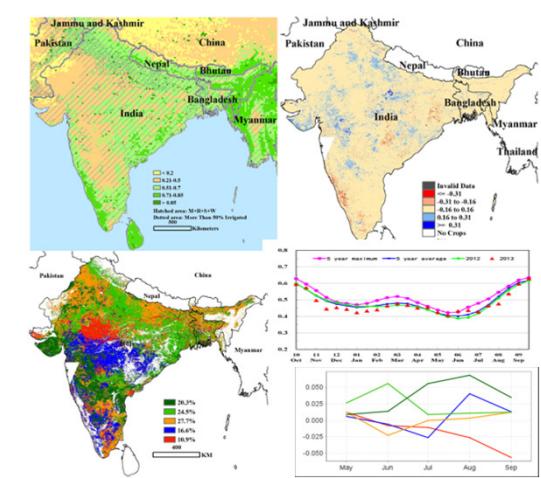
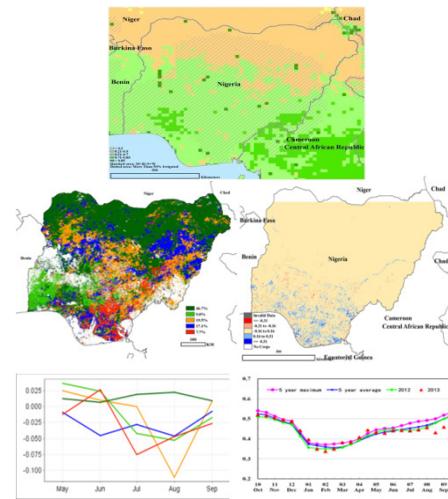
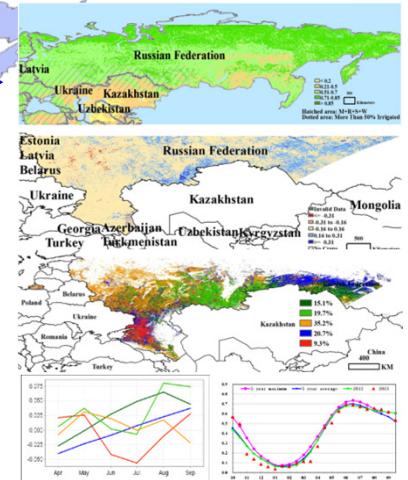
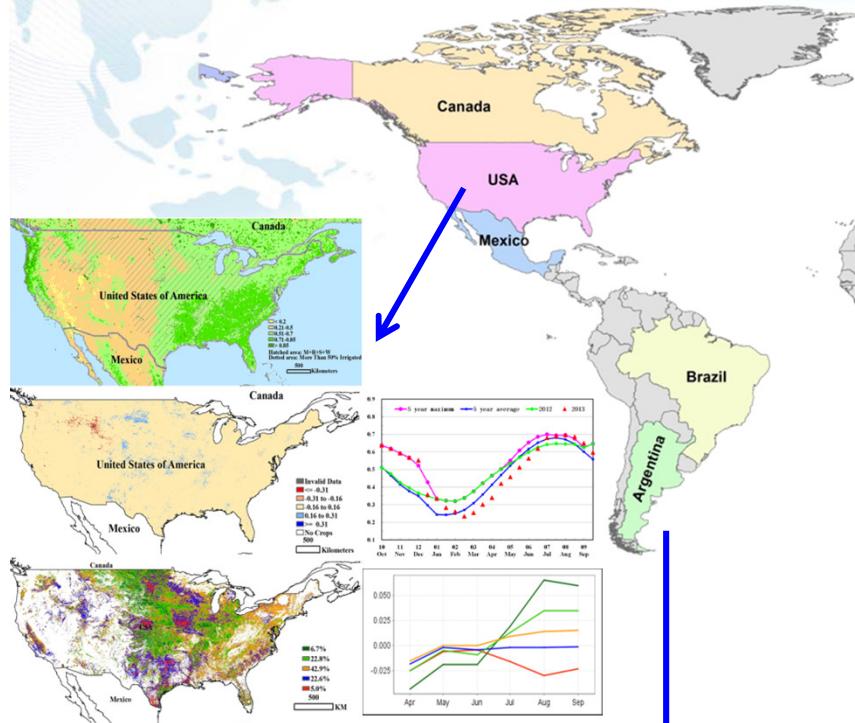


Wheat

Rice

# Crop Condition

## 30 Key Countries



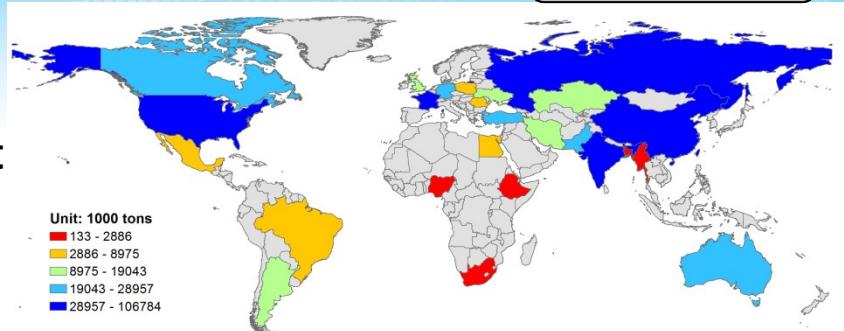
# Crop Production

2013

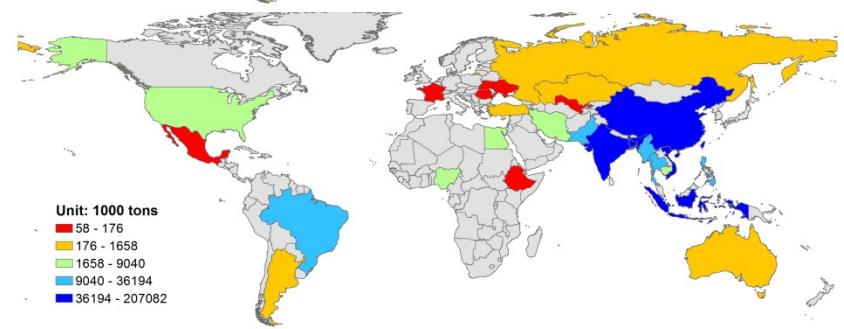
## World

	Maize		Rice (paddy)		Soybean		Wheat	
	2013	Δ%	2013	Δ%	2013	Δ%	2013	Δ%
<b>AFRICA</b>								
Egypt	6938	-0.9	6088	-6.3	31	-3.5	8602	-2.2
Ethiopia	5528	-9.0	90	1.0	26	-28.0	2886	-1.0
Nigeria	9295	-1.2	4700	-2.7	507	12.7	133	32.5
S-Africa	11430	-8.6			780	-8.2	1899	5.9
<b>WEST ASIA</b>								
Iran	1259	2.9	2350	-2.1	185	-7.5	13650	-1.1
Turkey	4400	-4.3	890	1.1	109	-5.5	20950	4.2
<b>Central Asia</b>								
Kazakhstan	295	175.1	284	28.0	152	-10.9	18019	35.4
Uzbekistan	232	11.6	120	0.1				
<b>EAST ASIA</b>								
China	205632	2.3	207082	0.7	13321	-3.5	106784	-0.2
<b>SOUTH ASIA</b>								
Bangladesh	1529	-25.0	42414	24.0	64	3.1	1001	-2.8
India	21410	1.7	155250	1.7	11857	3.1	90877	-4.2
Pakistan	3903	10.4	9297	-1.1			24365	3.6
<b>SE ASIA</b>								
Cambodia	754	-4.6	9040	-2.8	117	-2.3		
Indonesia	18503	-4.5	67393	-2.4	848	-0.5		
Myanmar	1492	-0.5	31005	-6.1	221	7.8	179	-3.6
Philippines	7189	-2.9	17358	-3.7				
Thailand	4815	0.04	36194	-4.3	178	-1.1		
Vietnam	4819	0.3	43030	-1.5	221	26.0		
<b>EUROPE-RUSSIA</b>								
France	15764	1.0	126	2.1	113	8.7	39161	-2.8
Germany	5088	1.9			2	0.0	22616	0.8
Poland	2731	-19.8					8975	4.3
Romania	8835	48.4	58	14.1	123	18.4	6215	17.3
United Kingdom							14259	7.5
Ukraine	21900	4.5	165	3.2	2337	-3.0	19043	20.8
Russia	7588	-7.6	1054	0.2	1781	-1.4	46980	24.5
<b>N. AMERICA</b>								
Canada	11196	-4.3			4558	-6.4	26137	-3.2
Mexico	19852	-10.1	176	-1.2	226	-8.5	2943	30.3
United States	293890	7.3	8719	-3.6	83123	1.3	58084	-5.9

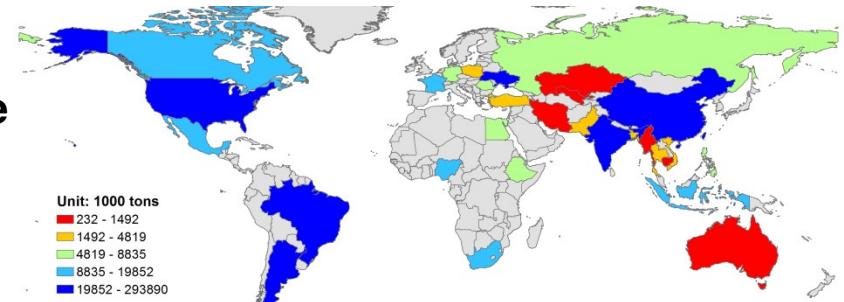
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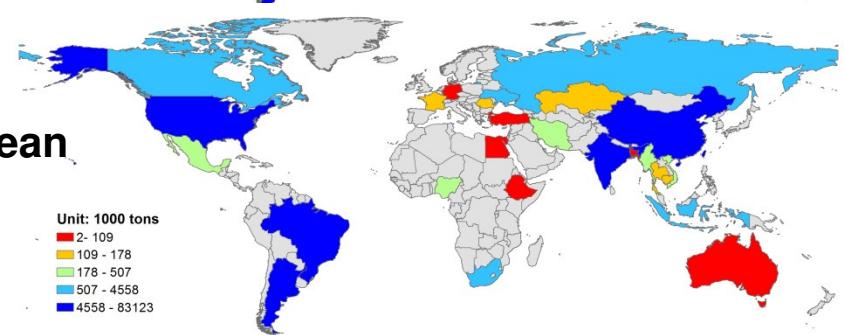
## Rice



## Maize



## Soybean



# Crop Production in China



China	Maize		Rice (paddy)		Soybean		Wheat	
	2013	Δ%	2013	Δ%	2013	Δ%	2013	Δ%
Anhui	3696	-1.3	15776	1.23	1021	-3.6	8115	-1.7
Chongqing	2613	1.2	4046	3.54			1021	1.7
Fujian			3312	-1.69				
Gansu	4331	2.6					3201	-0.9
Guangdong			12798	1.52				
Guangxi			12174	1.34				
Guizhou	3396	-0.1	4254	-0.26				
Hebei	16644	1.4			415	-3.3	10878	1.1
Heilongjiang	29627	5.5	18604	1.60	4443	-5.2	480	-37.2
Henan	17185	0.9	4107	1.81	994	-1.2	27510	0.1
Hubei			16206	0.19			2359	-2.9
Hunan			26378	-0.25				
Inner								
Mongolia	17961	5.2			1115	-2.4	1185	7.5
Jiangsu	2317	-0.03	16958	-0.39	646	1.0	8499	-1.6
Jiangxi			18405	-0.51				
Jilin	23360	1.9	4445	1.33	525	-4.0		
Liaoning	13823	2.2	5063	0.81	389	-3.7		
Ningxia	1302	4.0	648	-2.27			741	-6.5
Shaanxi	5802	3.8	764	1.02			1971	-1.1
Shandong	19954	0.03			762	-2.2	22075	1.3
Shanxi	8737	0.4			262	-0.6	1976	-2.1
Sichuan	6991	1.3	16566	2.39			4930	1.3
Yunnan	6074	2.0	5090	-1.60				
Zhejiang			6666	0.59				
Sub-total	183813		192261		10572		94941	
Remaining provinces	12							
	21817		14821		2749		11843	
National Total	205632	2.3	207082	0.7	13321	-3.5	106784	-0.2

2001

## Decision support

### Background:

During year 2000 and 2001, a sever drought prevailed in most area of China.

### Other department

Many department and organizations came to the conclusion that the crop yield will suffer a **great loss**, and some estimate a **10-15% production decrease**.

### CropWatch

Based on our own analysis, CropWatch concluded that crop yield in 2001 would be **similar** as year 2000, and **only 3% production decrease was estimated**.

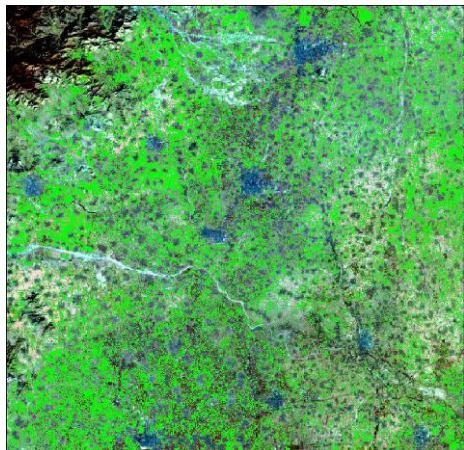
Our conclusion was considered and reported to the Vice president Wen Jiabao, which provided strong support for the national food control and gained highly praise.



2001 2004

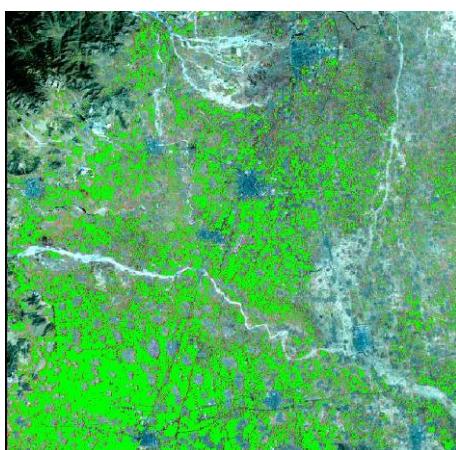
## Policy performance

- Planting area of summer crop decreased 4.1% and the production decreased 1.26%
- The early rice area increased 21.7% and the production increased 20.8%

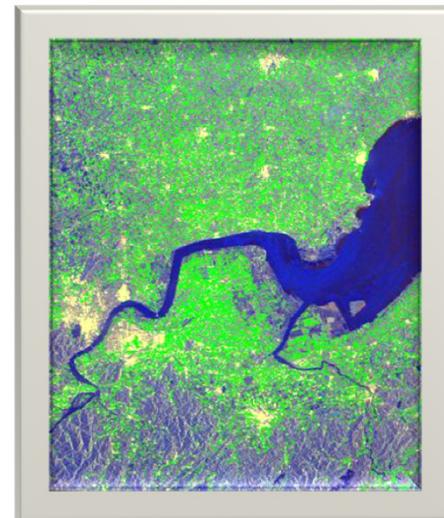


2003

Bao Ding, Hebei province



2004



2003

Zhejiang province

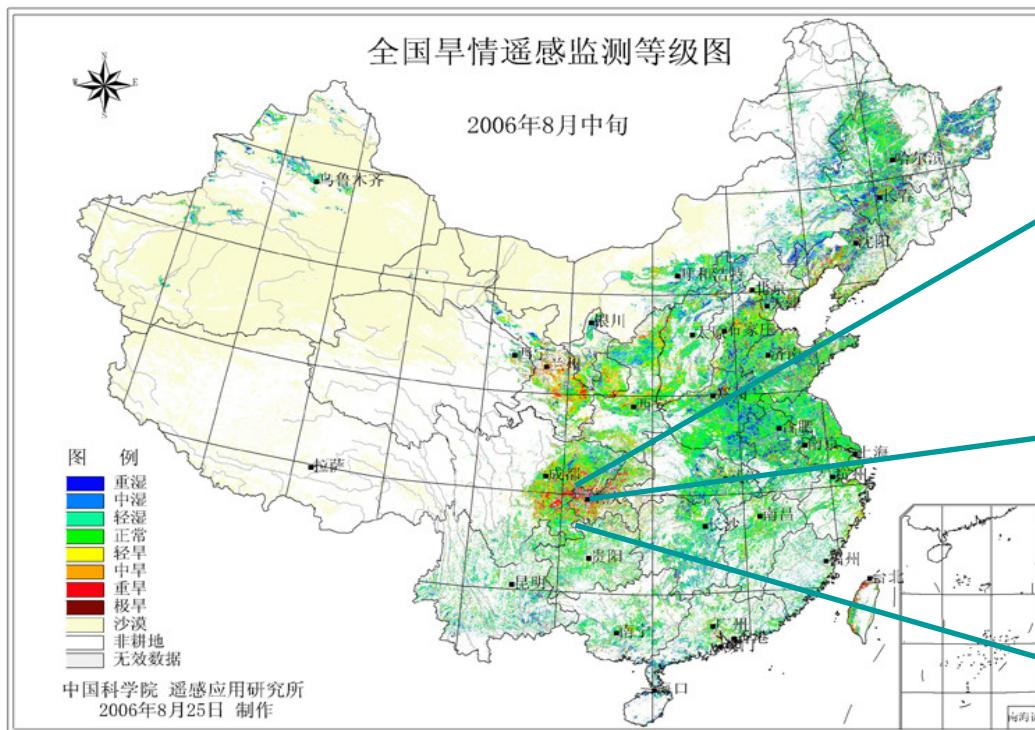


2004



2001 2004 2006

## Accurate monitoring of the severe drought in Sichuan and Chongqing province in China



- 60-70% farmland in Chongqing and 40-50% farmland in Sichuan were affected by drought
- The autumn production had 1% decrease due to this drought in August



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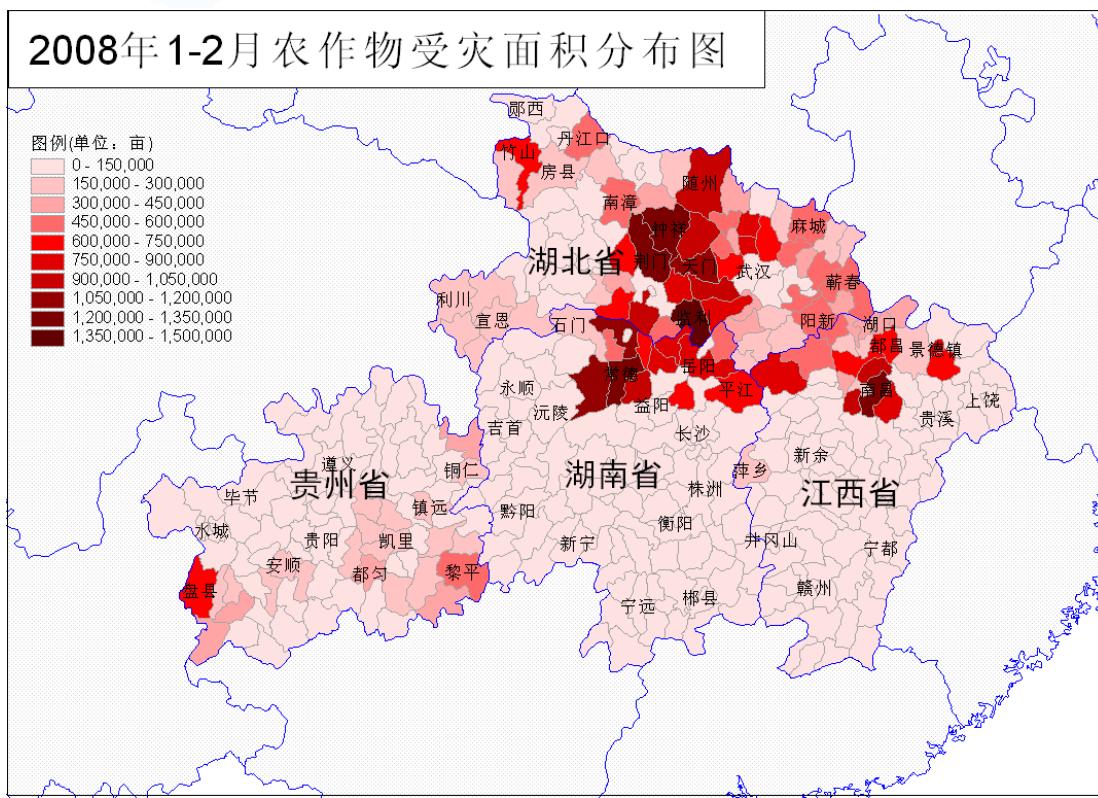
2001

2004

2006

2008

## Snow damaged area estimation in south China



Total damaged area  
4,297kHa.

Province	Damaged area (kHa.)
Jiangxi	895
Hubei	1882
Hunan	957
Guizhou	563



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2001



2004



2006

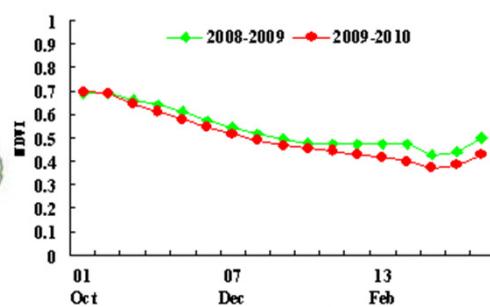
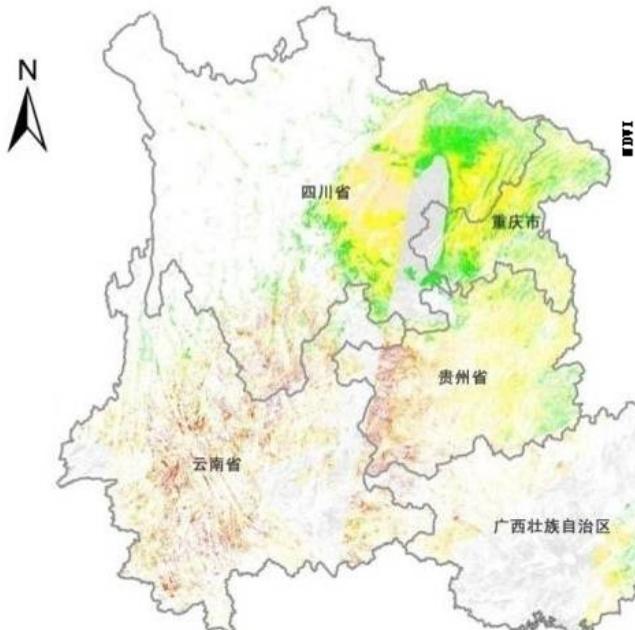


2008

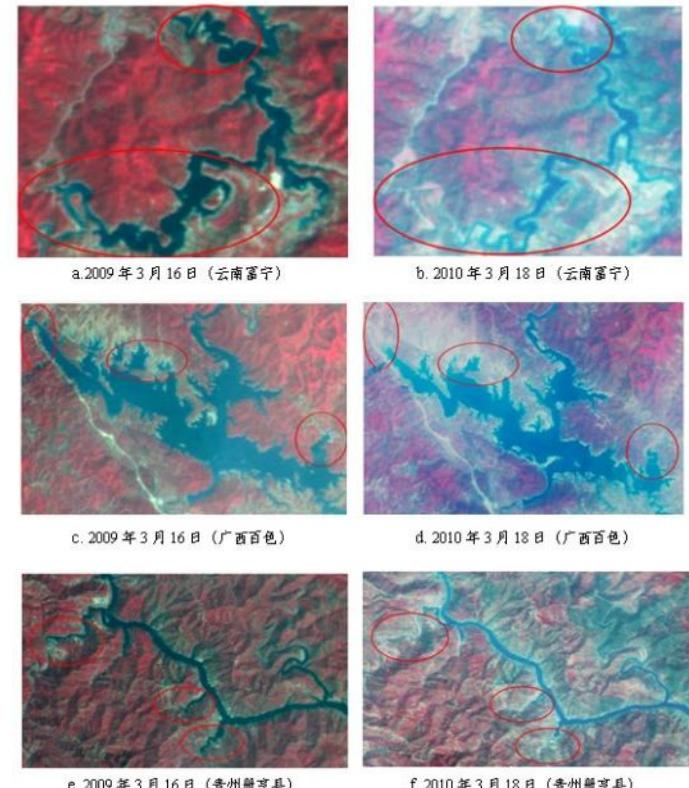


2010

## Yield loss estimation due to the severe sprint drought in Southwest China



	Chongqing	Sichuan	Guizhou	Yunnan	Total
Reduction in WW prod. (10kT)	5.9	24.9	12.9	39.3	83.0
Percentage of total prod. (%)	5.7	5.6	30.7	48.0	13.7



**Total loss of winter wheat (WW) production reached  $8.3 \times 10^5$  t, taking account 13.7% of four provinces production and 0.8% of the whole country's production**

2001 2004 2006 2008 2010 2013

Wheat	Maize	Rice	Soybean
China	United States	China	United States
India	China	India	Brazil
Russia	Brazil	Indonesia	Argentina
United States	Argentina	Bangladesh	China
France	Ukraine	Vietnam	
Australia	India	Thailand	
Canada	Mexico	Myanmar	
Pakistan	Indonesia	Philippines	
Germany	France	Brazil	
Kazakhstan	Romania	Cambodia	
Ukraine	Canada	Pakistan	
Turkey	South Africa	United States	
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