

# Under global surface warming, increased weather extremes reduce crops yields.

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IPCC August 2021, 6<sup>th</sup> assessment, Working Group 1 (Science)  
AR6 WG1)

2021 Abstract Title: **Under global surface warming, increased weather extremes can reduce crops yields.**

Using the IPCC AR6 WG 1 interactive atlas, we find yield declines may compromise world food security at 1.5°C which may be severe for major food producing regions at 2°C, especially if compound extremes, and increased surface ozone.

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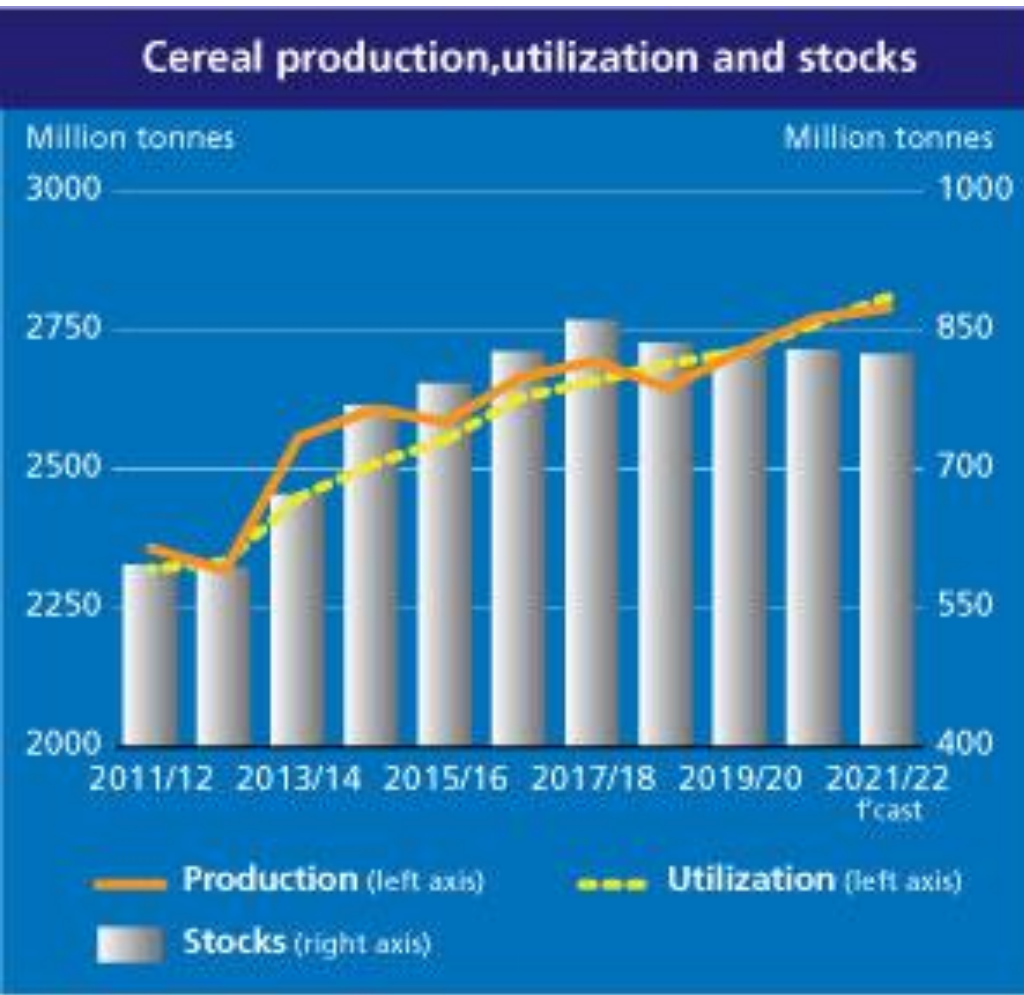
Session Number and Title: NH15G: 2021 Extreme Weather Events and Natural Hazards III

13 December 2021

# FAO (UN Food and Agriculture Organization) World Food Situation December 2021

**World cereal production is still increasing** (though slower since 2019)  
**- but so are extreme weather events**

FAO December 2021



“It is indisputable that human activities are causing climate change, making extreme climate events, including heat waves, heavy rainfall, and droughts, more frequent and severe.”

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# Severe Weather Events

- Super-storms
- Extraordinary cold snaps
- Hurricanes-cyclones
- Tornadoes
- Torrential rains
- Flooding
- Heatwaves
- Forest fires
- Drought
- Compound events

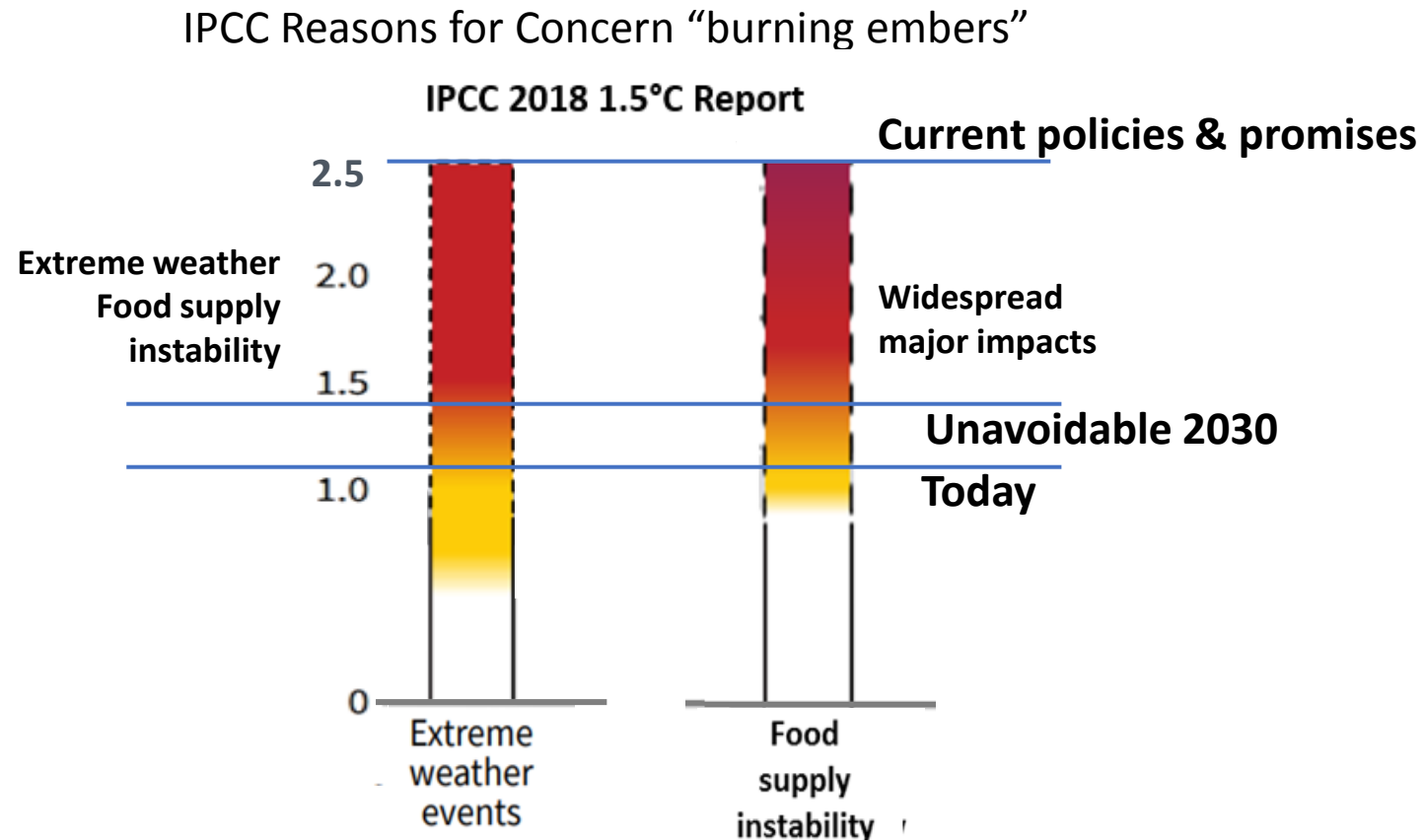
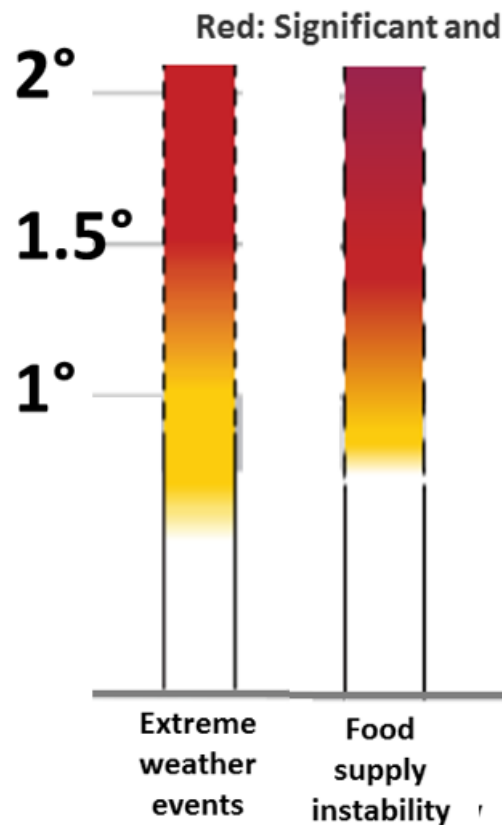
**All being affected  
by climate change with  
adverse effects,**  
most with examples of  
extreme damage  
-including to crops ,  
as well as soil erosion  
and land degradation

# IPCC Extreme Events

In the IPCC treats extreme weather events as an impact category, in which forest wild-fire are included

The extreme weather impact is most damaging to human population and crops, doubly damaging for labor intensive agriculture

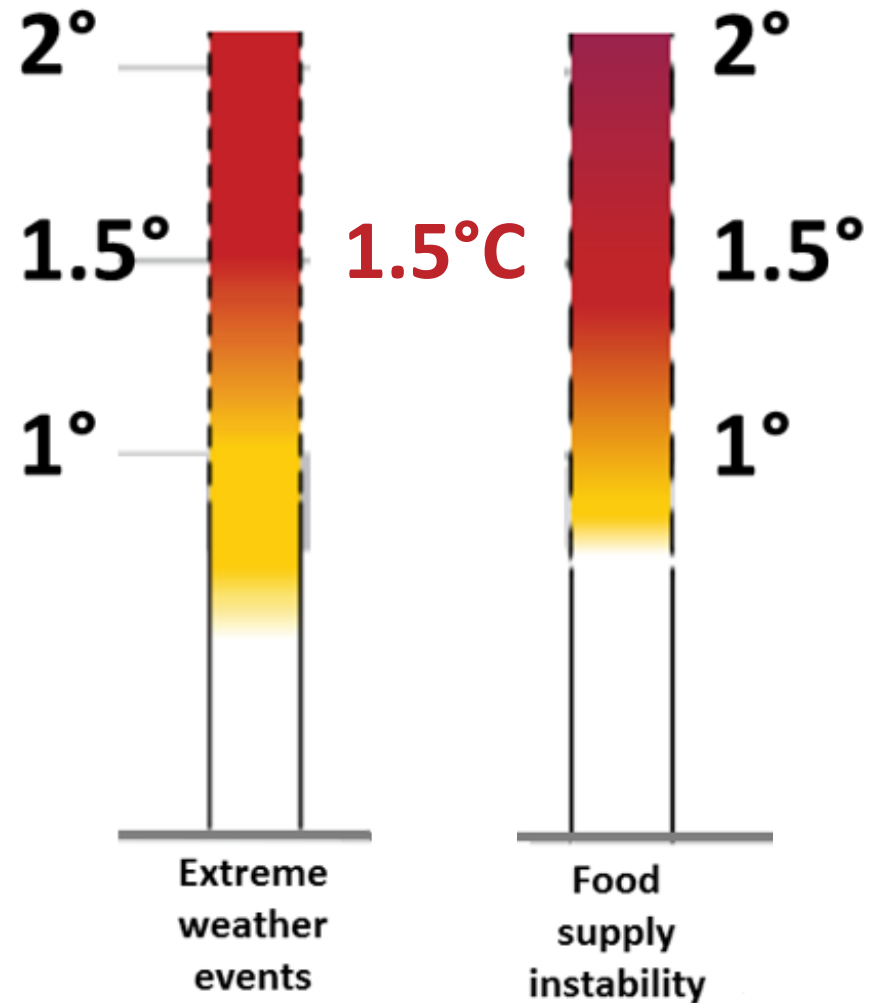
Increasing extreme weather on agriculture is the most vitally important effect of climate change (disruption) effect today

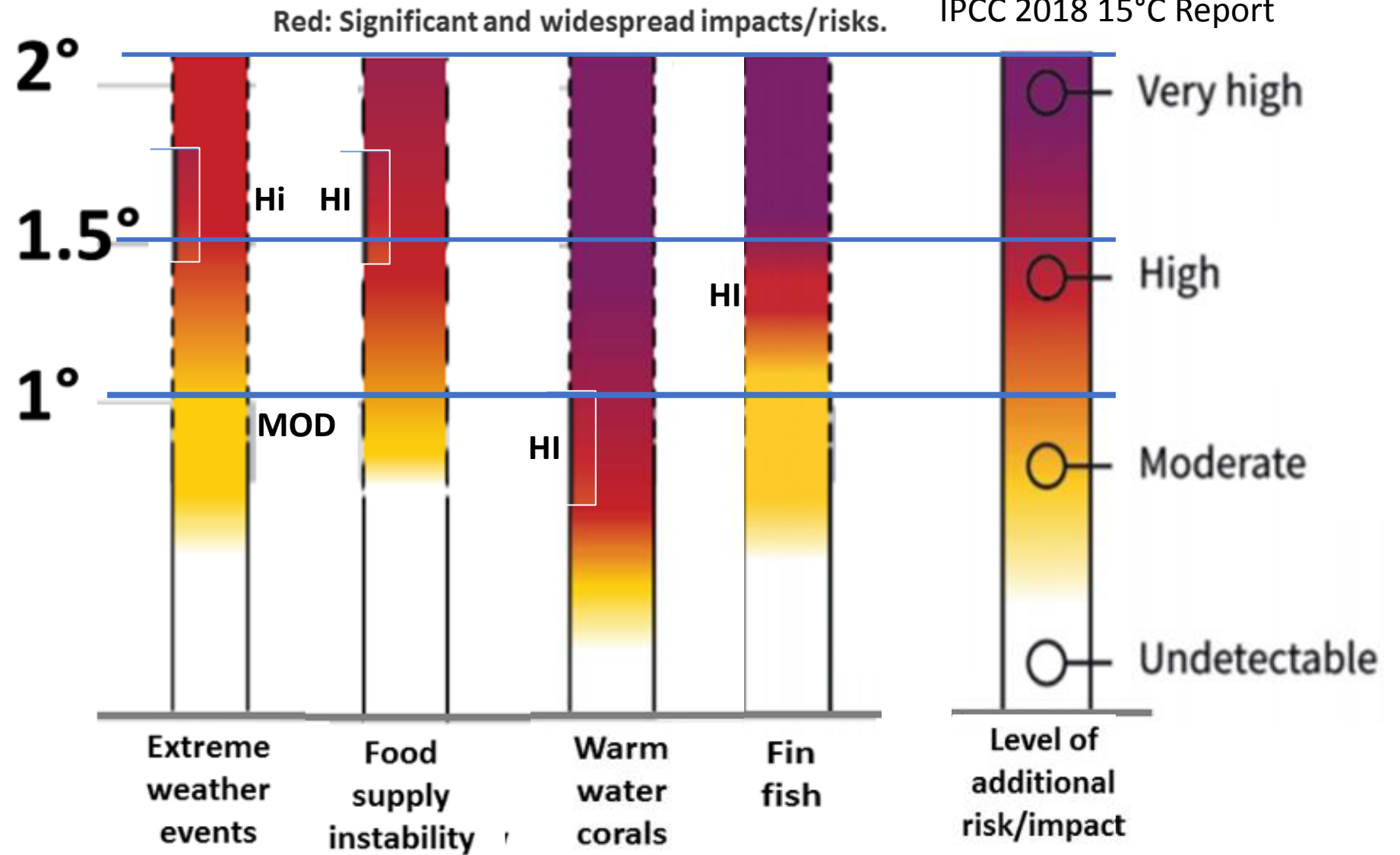


# The world has now entered the world food insecurity stage of global climate disruption



Red: Significant and widespread impacts/risks.





**IPCC 4th assessment 2007**

**Global production potential as equivalent to crop yield or Net Primary Productivity (NPP), is threatened at +1°C local temperature change**

(IPCC 2007 AR4 5.4.2.2 p.285

Review of crop impacts versus incremental temperature change)



# Persistent Extreme Drought Affecting Western USA and Central Canada

31 October 2021

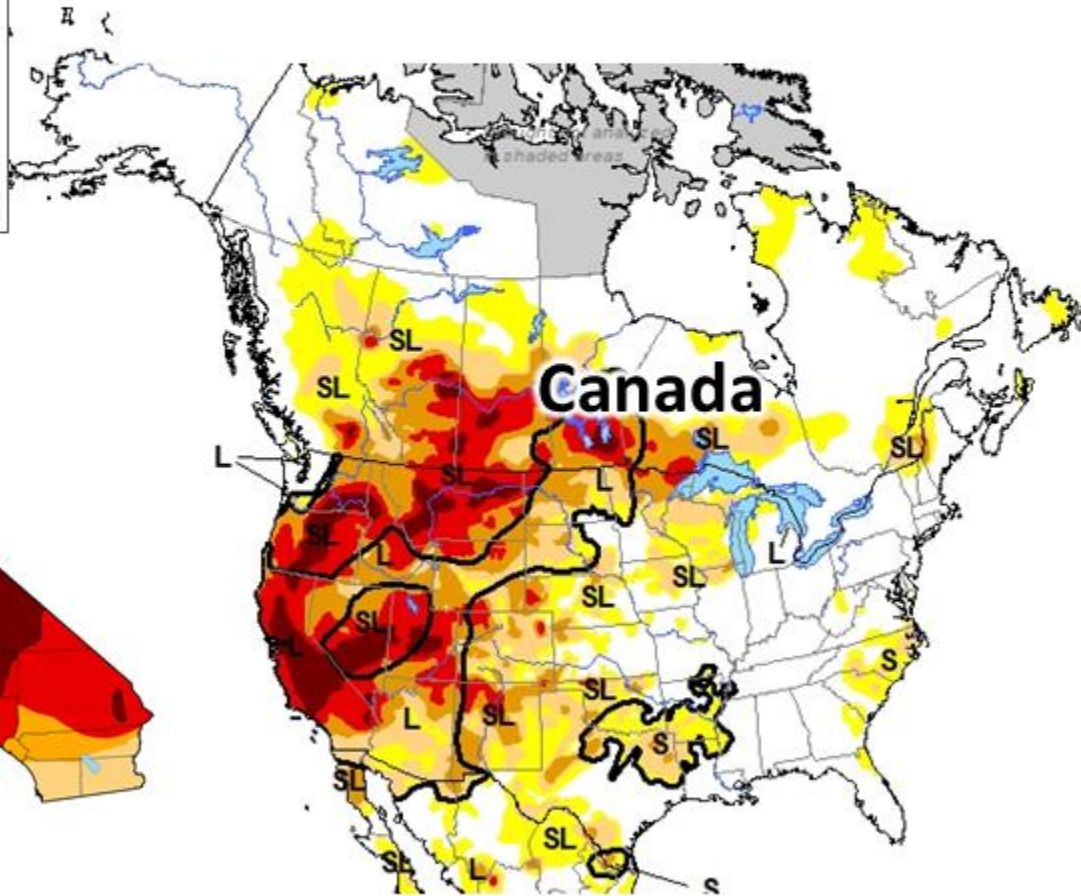
## North American Drought Monitor

October 31, 2021

Intensity:



California





# Key Research Paper

## ***Influence of extreme weather disasters on global crop production***

Corey Lesk, et al, Nature, 6 January 2016

UBC and McGill

**We show that droughts and extreme heat significantly reduced national cereal production by 9–10%.**

**A 7% greater production damage from more recent droughts (?getting worse)**

**There was 10% more damage in developed countries than in developing ones.**

## ***Key Background Research Paper***

Ariel Ortiz-Bobea et al, Nature, 1 April 2021,

## ***Anthropogenic climate change has slowed global agricultural productivity growth***

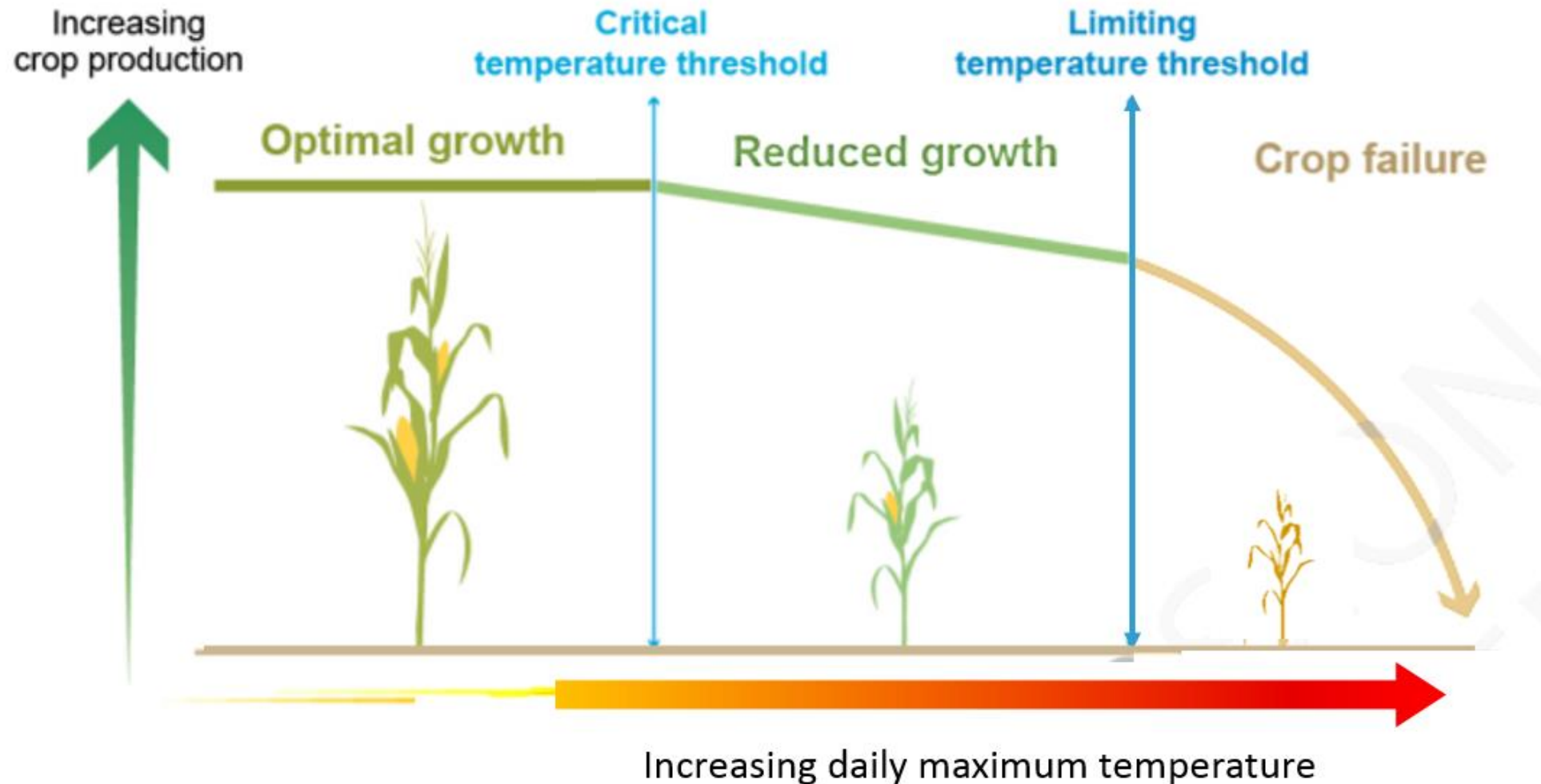
**(Total factor productivity)**

# **IPCC August 2021, WG1 (Science)**

Temperature  
as  
limiting factor of crop growth

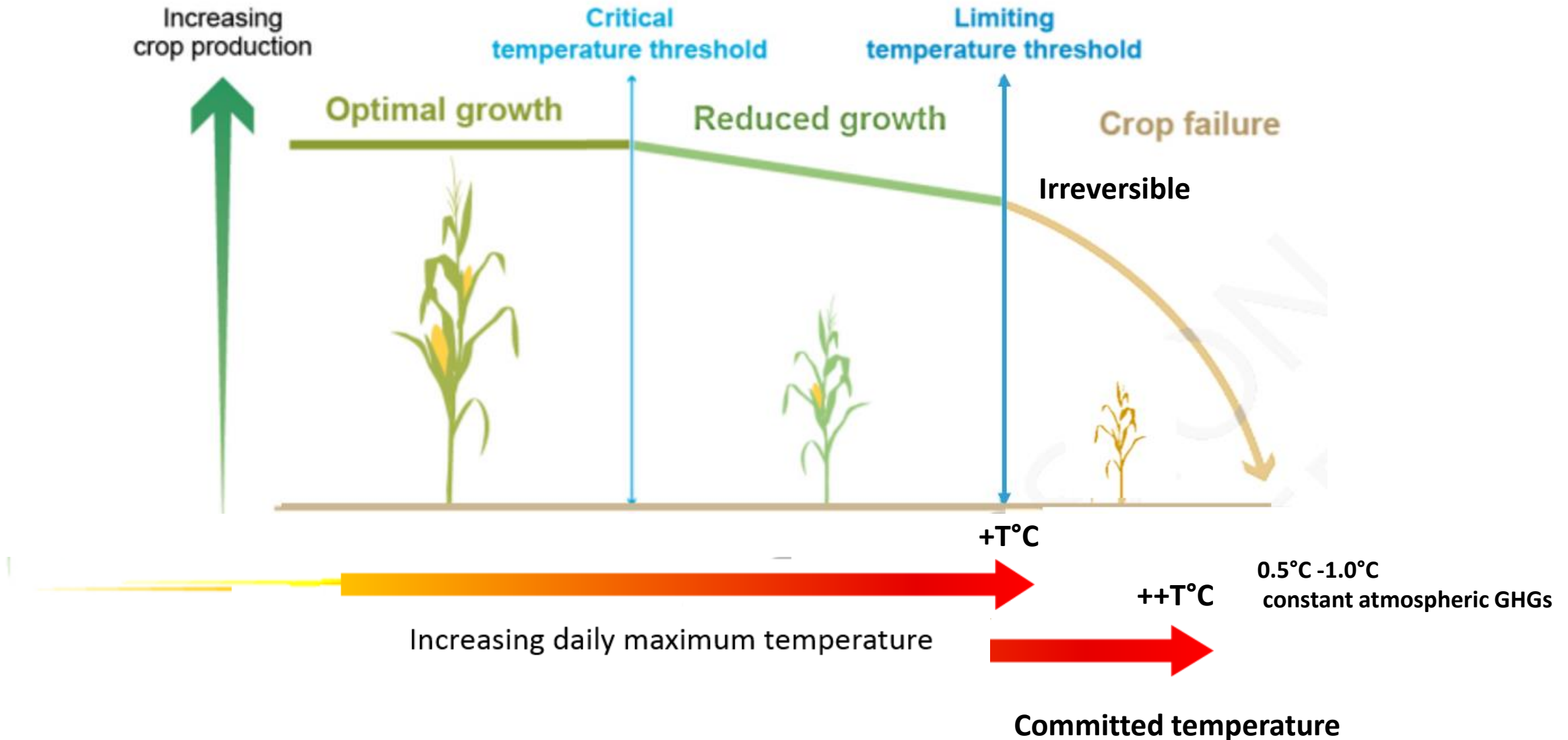
# FUNDAMENTAL: Surface temperature is the crop yield limiting factor for agriculture (without irrigation)

IPCC AR6 WG1



# Global Surface Heating Agricultural Tipping Point

At crop intolerance temperature increase tipping point- decline is irreversible and committed temperature increase is higher

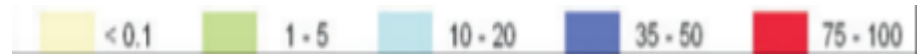


## **Irrigation**

**Large benefit against heat and drought**

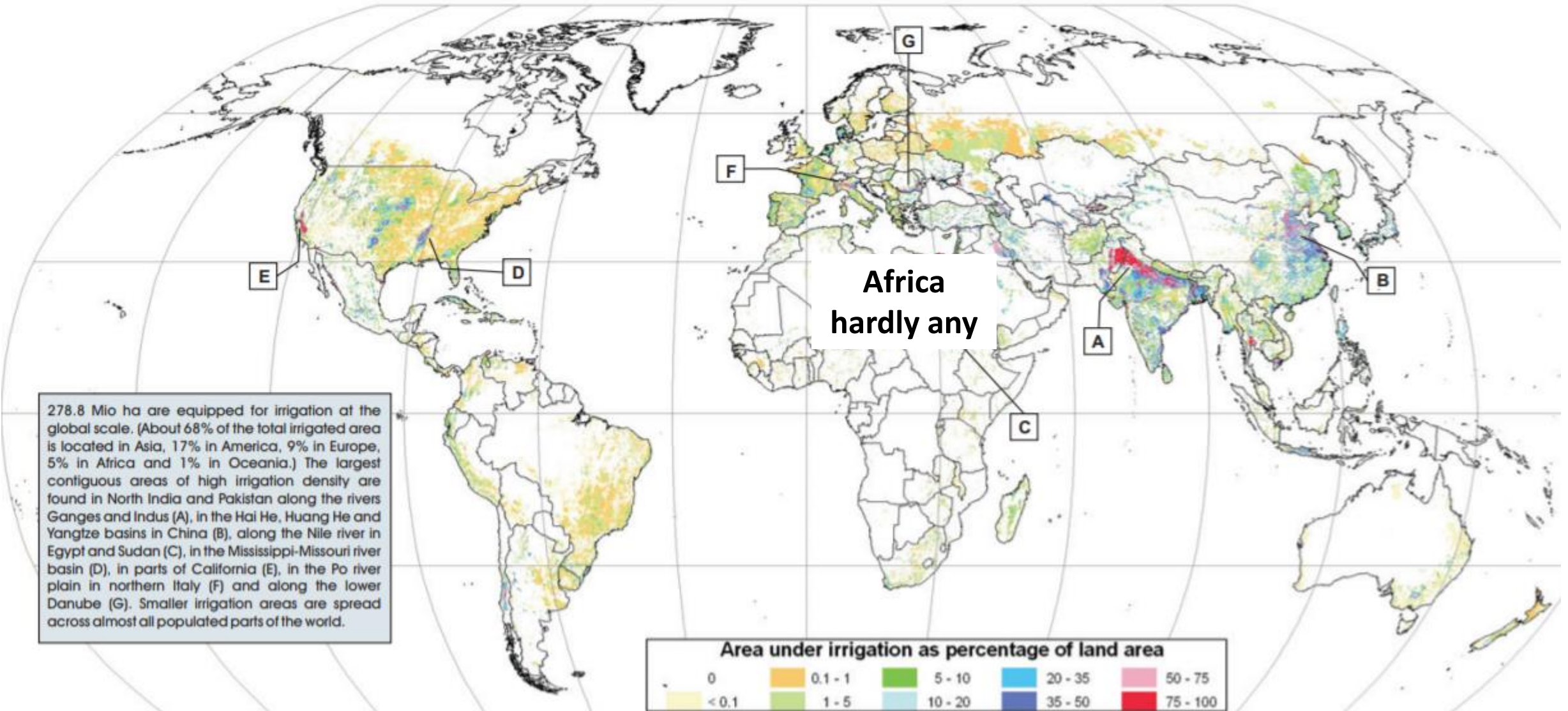
**but likely has a limit to effectiveness**

# Agriculture Irrigation



Depend on rivers

Global Map of Irrigation Areas Version 4





THE STATE  
OF THE WORLD'S  
LAND AND WATER  
RESOURCES FOR  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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# Systems at breaking point

**FAO, 9 December 2021**

Increasing extreme weather events come on top of this

# **World Agriculture at Breaking Point**



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2021

# THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S LAND AND WATER RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Systems at breaking point

Synthesis report 2021

# FOOD SECURITY

## Effects of climate change

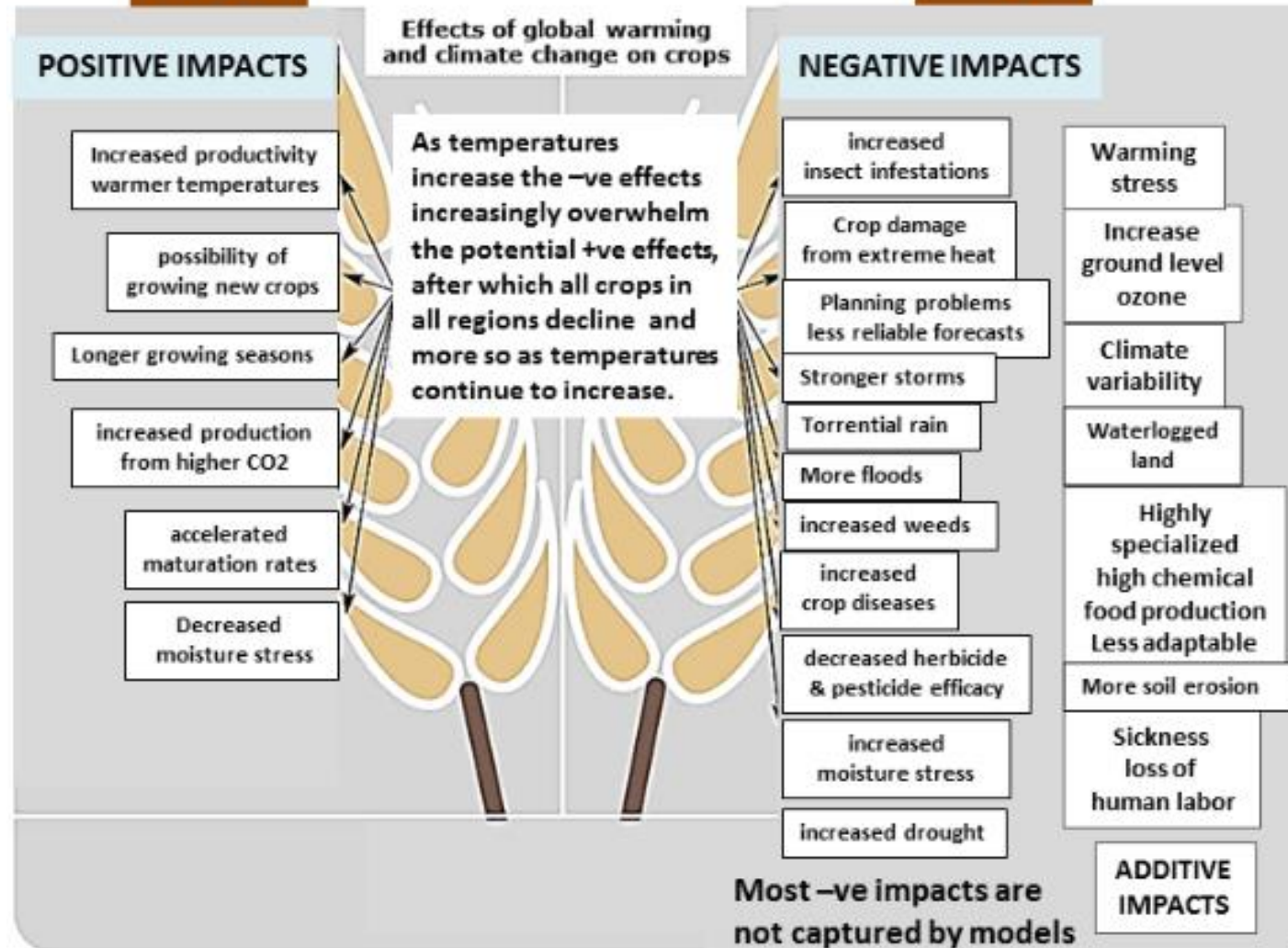
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**+ve**

**on crops**

**-ve**

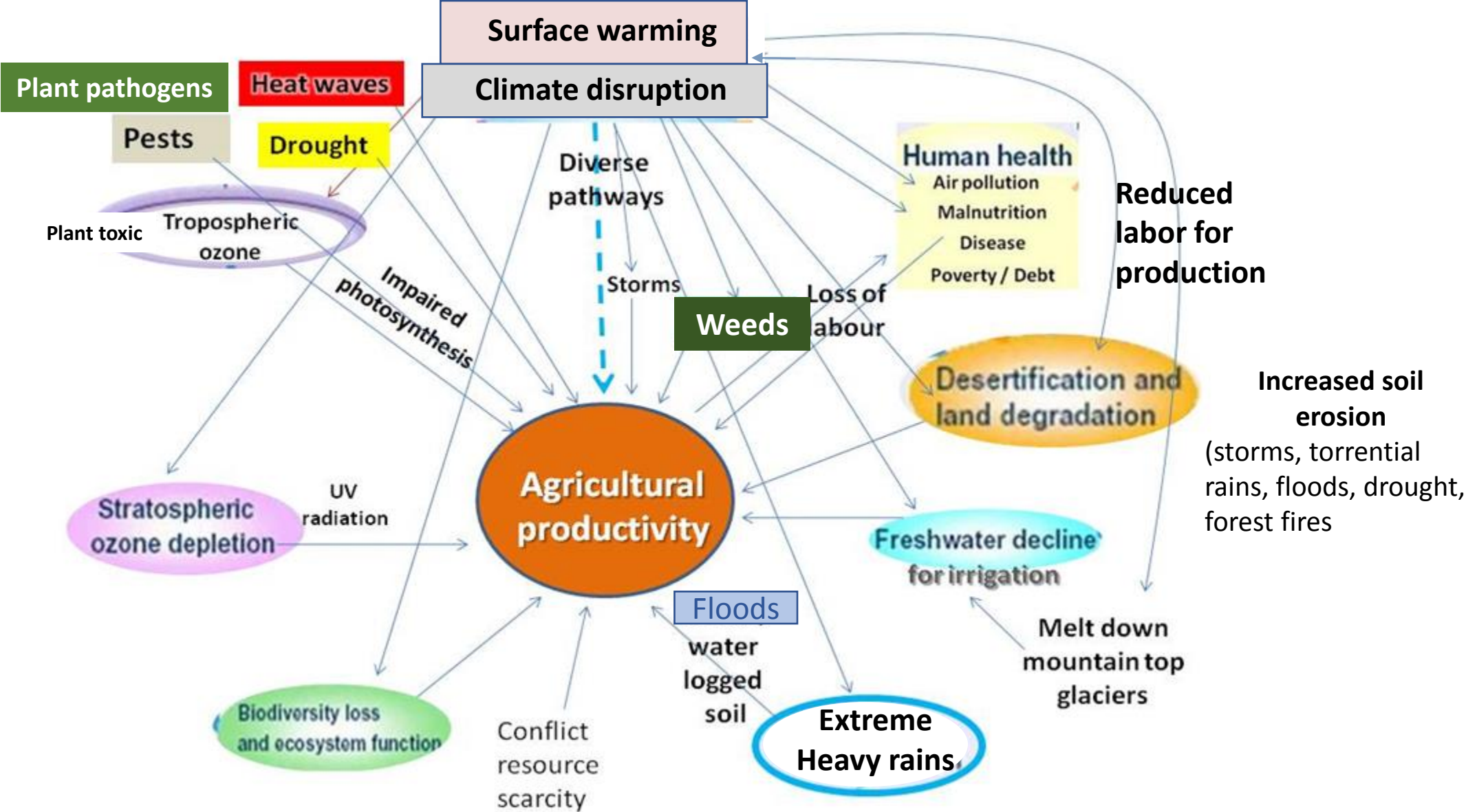
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Feedback  
global  
warming  
acceleration



# So many adverse impacts of global surface heating and climate disruption on agriculture



# **Heat Extremes Affect All Food Sources**

**Crops, Livestock, Fisheries**

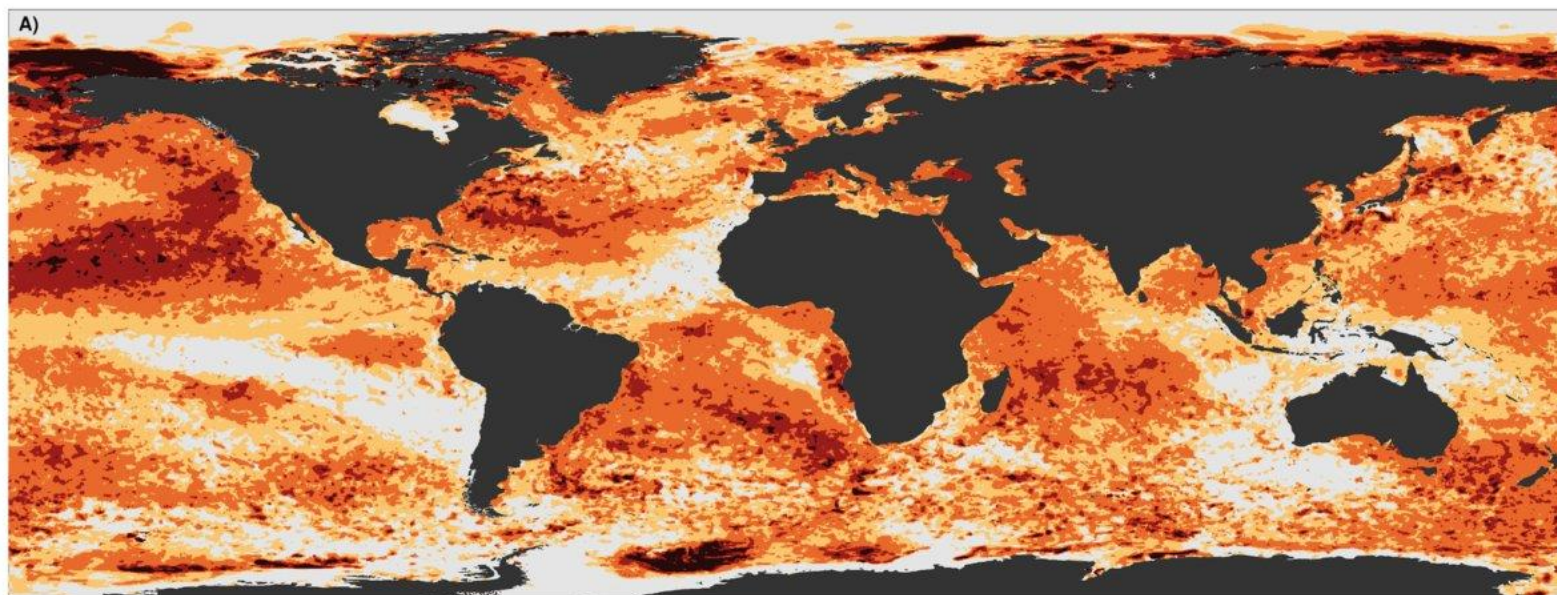


# Fisheries: Extreme Sea Surface Heat Events (2019)

On top of ocean heating



## Marine Heatwave Map



Category  I Moderate  II Strong  III Severe  IV Extreme



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ORGANIZATION

2019

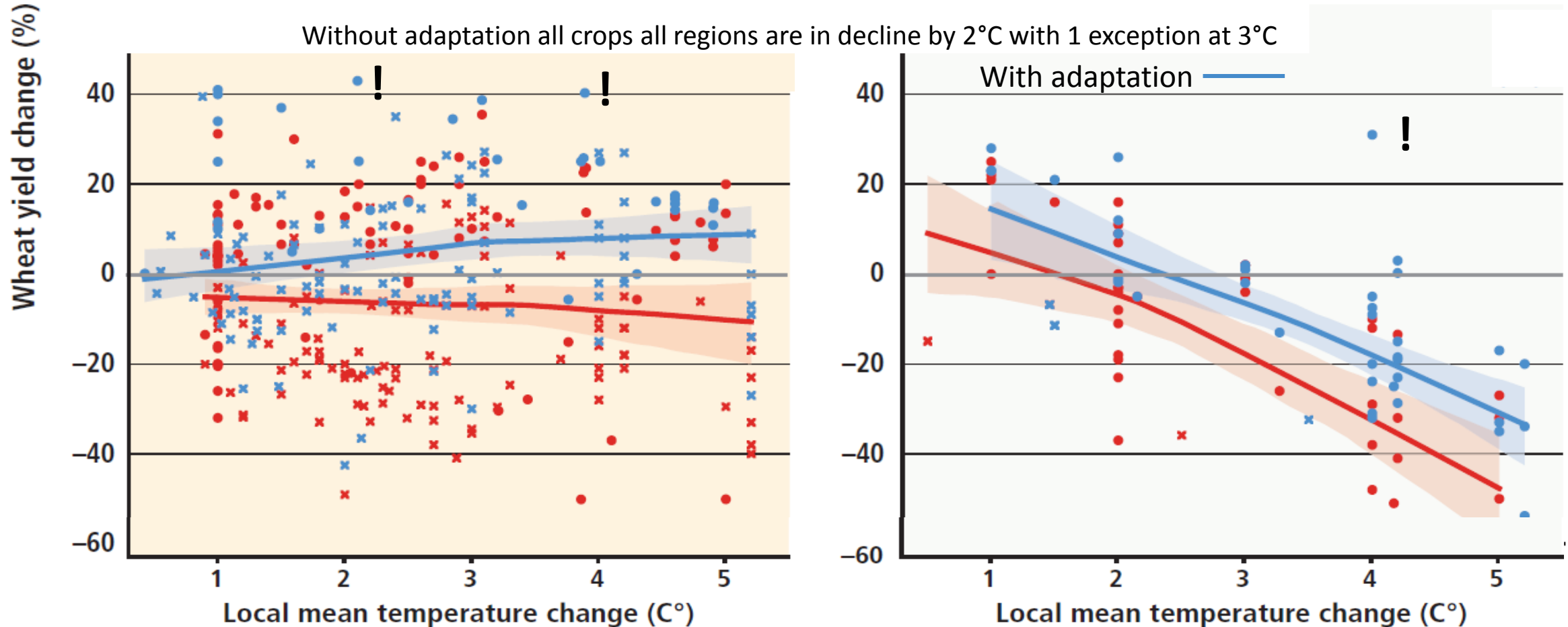
**Model Projections of climate change impact on crops are linear**  
**They don't capture extreme events**

# The several non-linear extreme events are not captured by models

Huge range in model projections for temperate wheat  
and large range for tropical wheat

IPCC last 5<sup>th</sup>  
assessment

Without adaptation all crops all regions are in decline by 2°C with 1 exception at 3°C



**IPCC 2014 AR5 Figure 7-4** | Percentage simulated yield change as a function of local temperature change for the three major crops and for temperate and tropical regions.

# Many Climate-Crop Model Gaps

Assessment of crop yields under climate change assume linear changes as temperature changes, so does not account for abrupt changes under extreme weather events, nor for compound events.

Weeds, pests and plant pathogens are not captured by models

Tropospheric ozone is not accurately captured

Combined adverse impacts are not captured

Effects on soil erosion and land degradation are not captured.

The model does not provide what is needed for future crop production

There will be abrupt, hard to predict losses with climate variability and extreme events

In IPCC projections adaptation is assumed to be successful even at rising degrees of climate change, and to be able to reverse risks to crops.

In addition, if a crop decline is observed at a particular temperature  $+T^{\circ}\text{C}$ , that decline will continue because the temperature increase will continue, so we don't need simple %age crop decline at corresponding  $+T^{\circ}\text{C}$ , we need to project full crop decline and loss at the committed temperature  $++T^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

As population grows  
**water resources**  
per capita per year  
are **decreasing** rapidly

from  
**6994.9** m<sup>3</sup> in 2000

to **6029.4** m<sup>3</sup> in 2012

to **5630.2** m<sup>3</sup> in 2018



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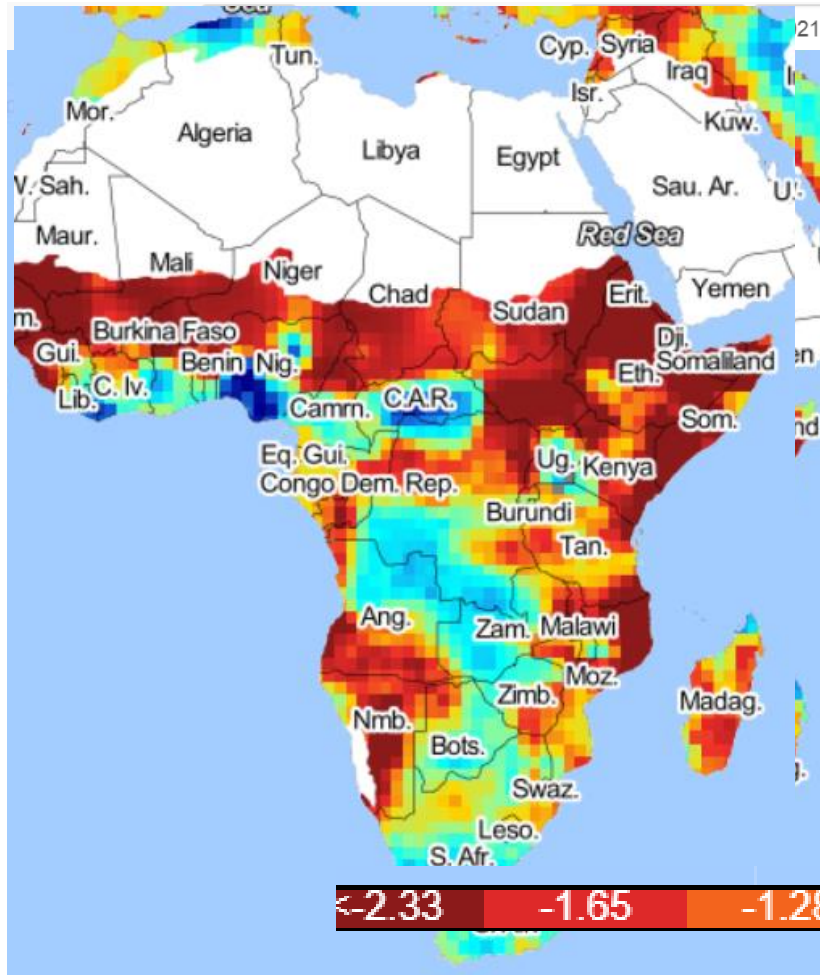


# About 58.6 million people are facing severe acute food insecurity in East Africa.

East Africa Regional Food Security & Nutrition Update (World Food Program))

Africa is projected to suffer increasing drought  
with little to no irrigation

Past 1 months



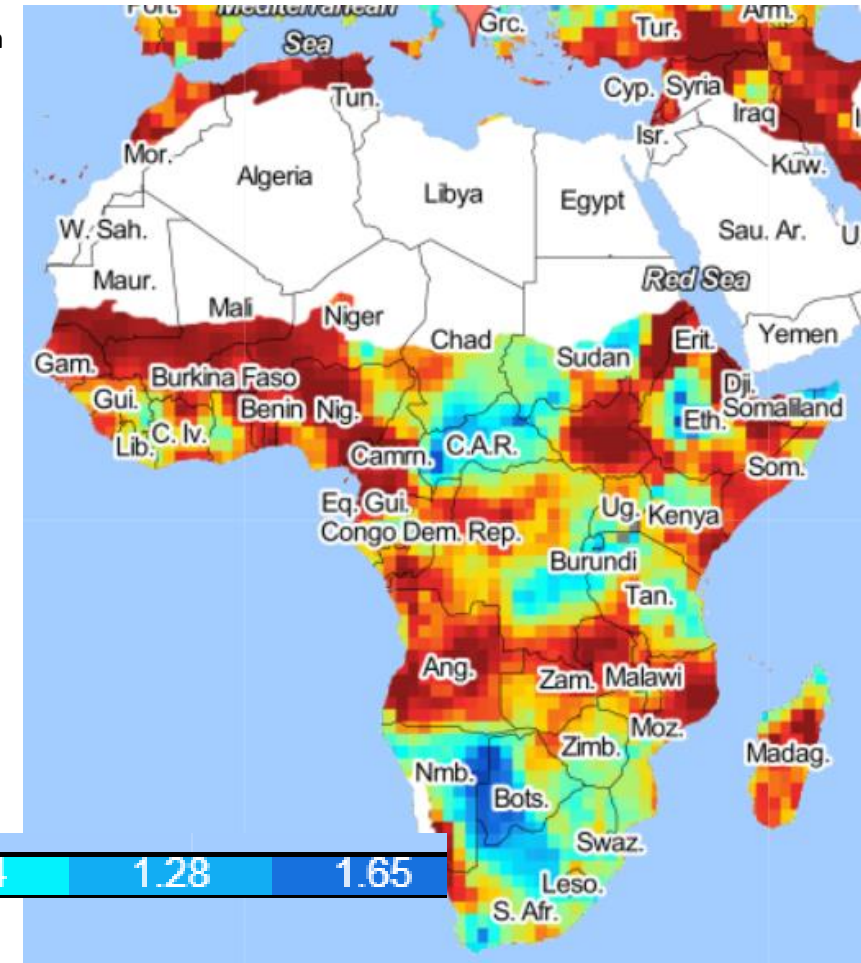
December 2021

Drought (SPEI)

(Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index)

**INCREASING DROUGHT**  
Compared to past 12 months (left) the past 1 month (right) shows large expansion and increasing drought severity

Past 12 month





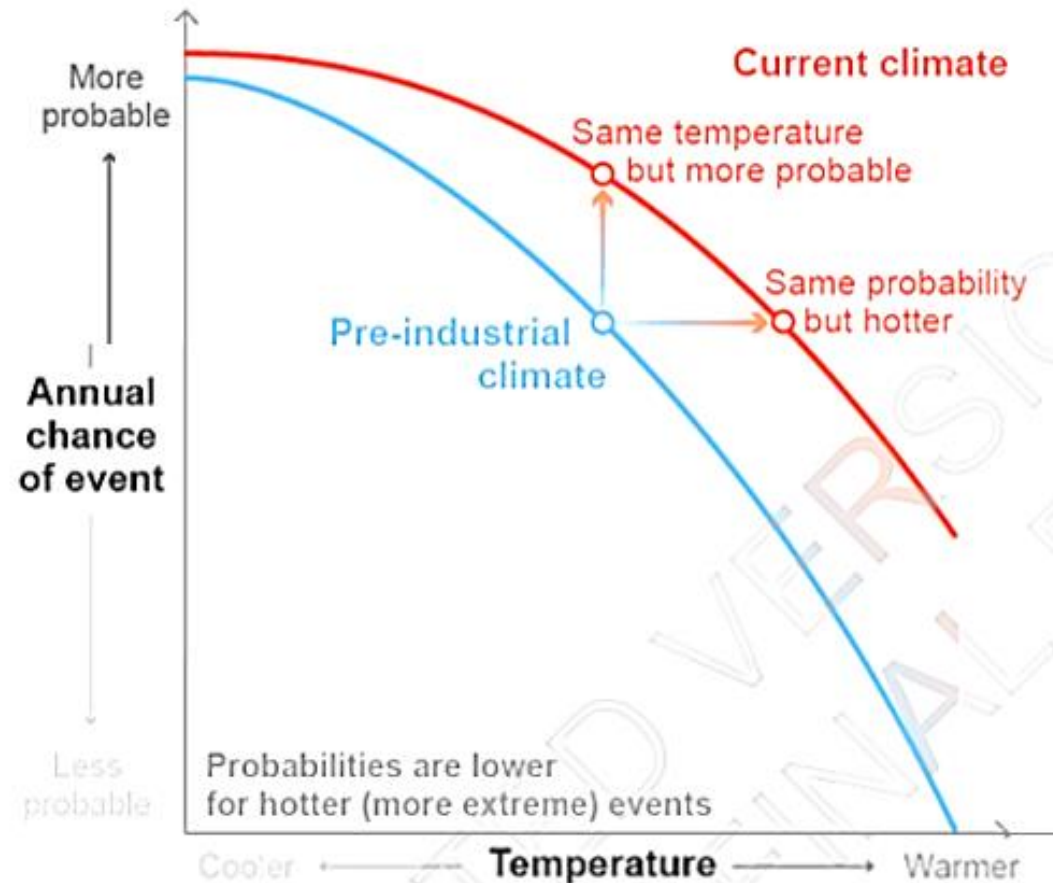
**IPCC August 2021 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment (AR6)**  
**Working Group 1**  
**Science**

# Chapter 11: Weather and climate extreme events in a changing climate

(in assessment for the first time)

## FAQ 11.3: Climate change and extreme events

Extreme events have become more probable and more intense.



## FAQ 11.2: Will climate change cause unprecedented extremes?

Yes, in a changing climate, extreme events may be unprecedented when they occur with...



**Larger magnitude**



**Increased frequency**



**New locations**



**Different timing**



**New combinations**

# Extreme weather Is increasing attributed to emissions driven climate change and will continue to increase

IPCC August 2021, 6<sup>th</sup> assessment, WG1

## EXTREME EVENTS

They will increase further with warming



[Credit: Yoda Adaman | Unsplash]

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## EVERY REGION



[Credit: Hong Nguyen | Unsplash]

“Climate change is already affecting every region on Earth, in multiple ways.

The changes we experience will increase with further warming.

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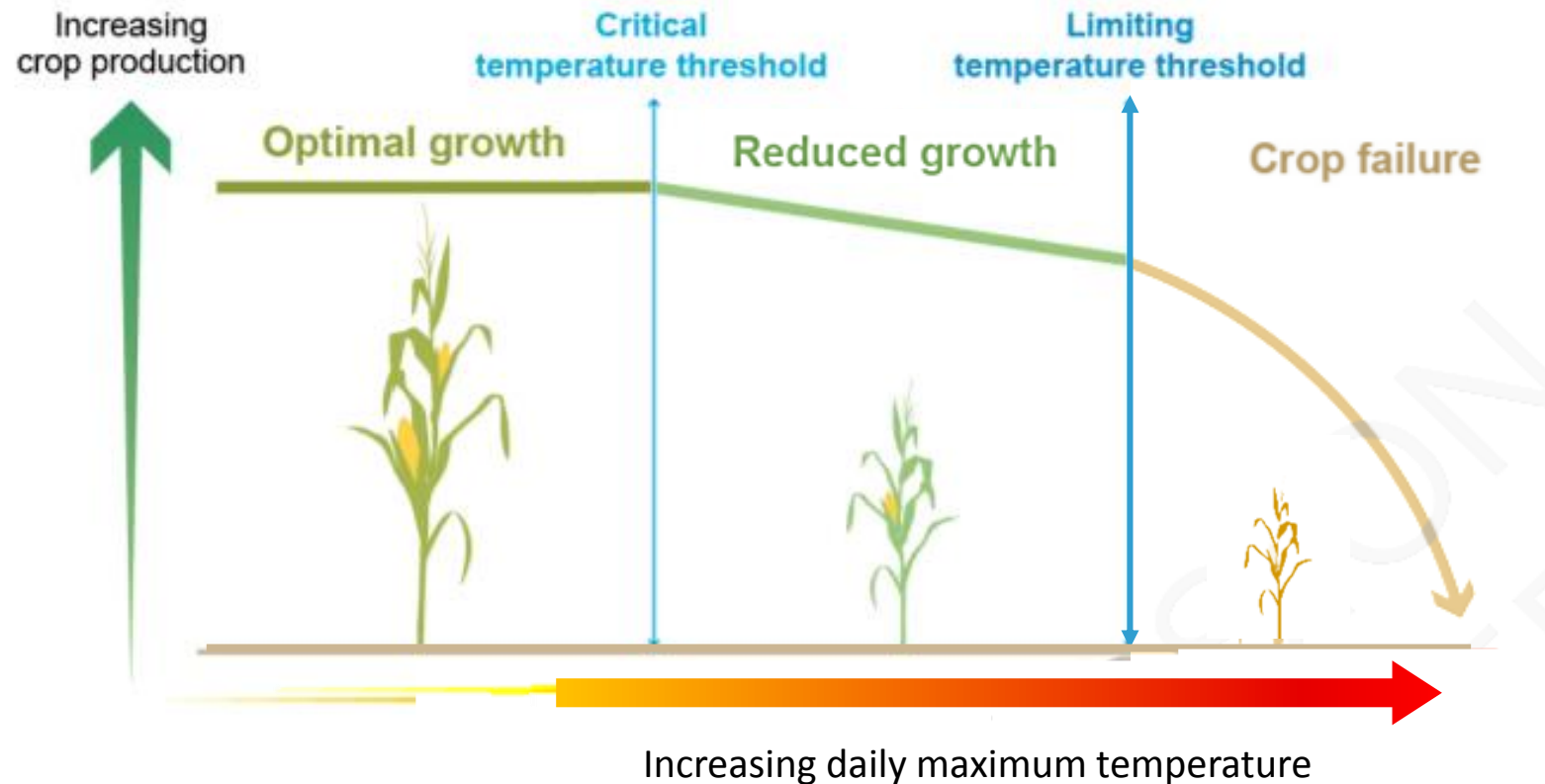
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# Crop tipping point: maximum heat tolerance

At temperature tolerance limit of a crop it growth crashes

IPCC AR6 WG1



**FAQ12.2, Figure 1: Crop response to maximum temperature thresholds.** Crop growth rate responds to daily maximum temperature increases, leading to reduced growth and crop failure as temperatures exceed critical and limiting temperature thresholds, respectively.



# Hot Extremes

IPCC AR6 WG1, Figure SPM.3 | Synthesis of assessed observed change in hot extremes attributed to human contribution

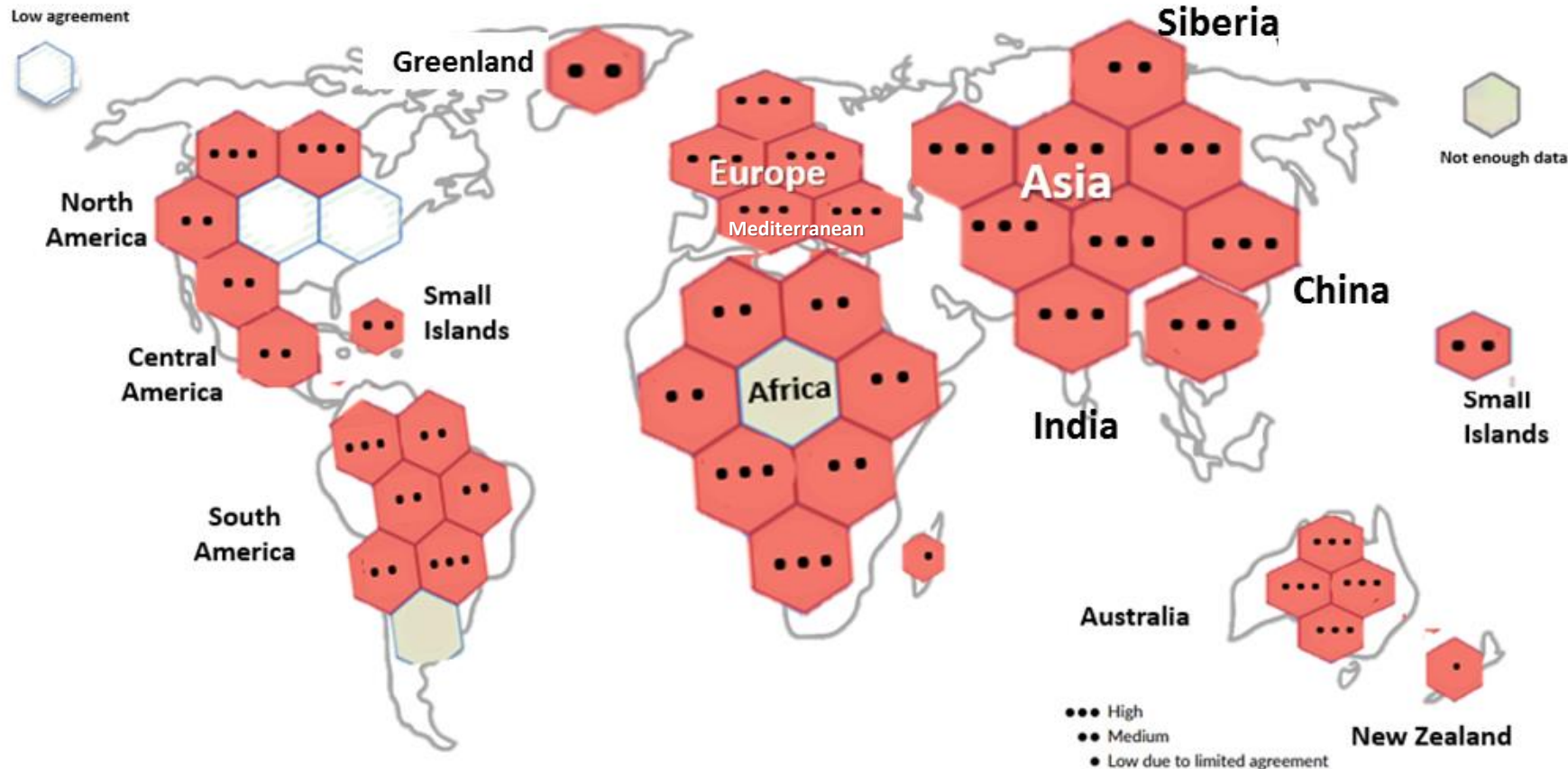
## World-wide Increase in Climate Change Driven Extreme Heat

BIOSPHERE CARBON FEEDBACKS, FIRES

since 1950s

IPCC AR6 WG1

‘Climate change is already affecting every inhabited region across the globe, with human influence contributing to many observed changes in weather and climate extremes’

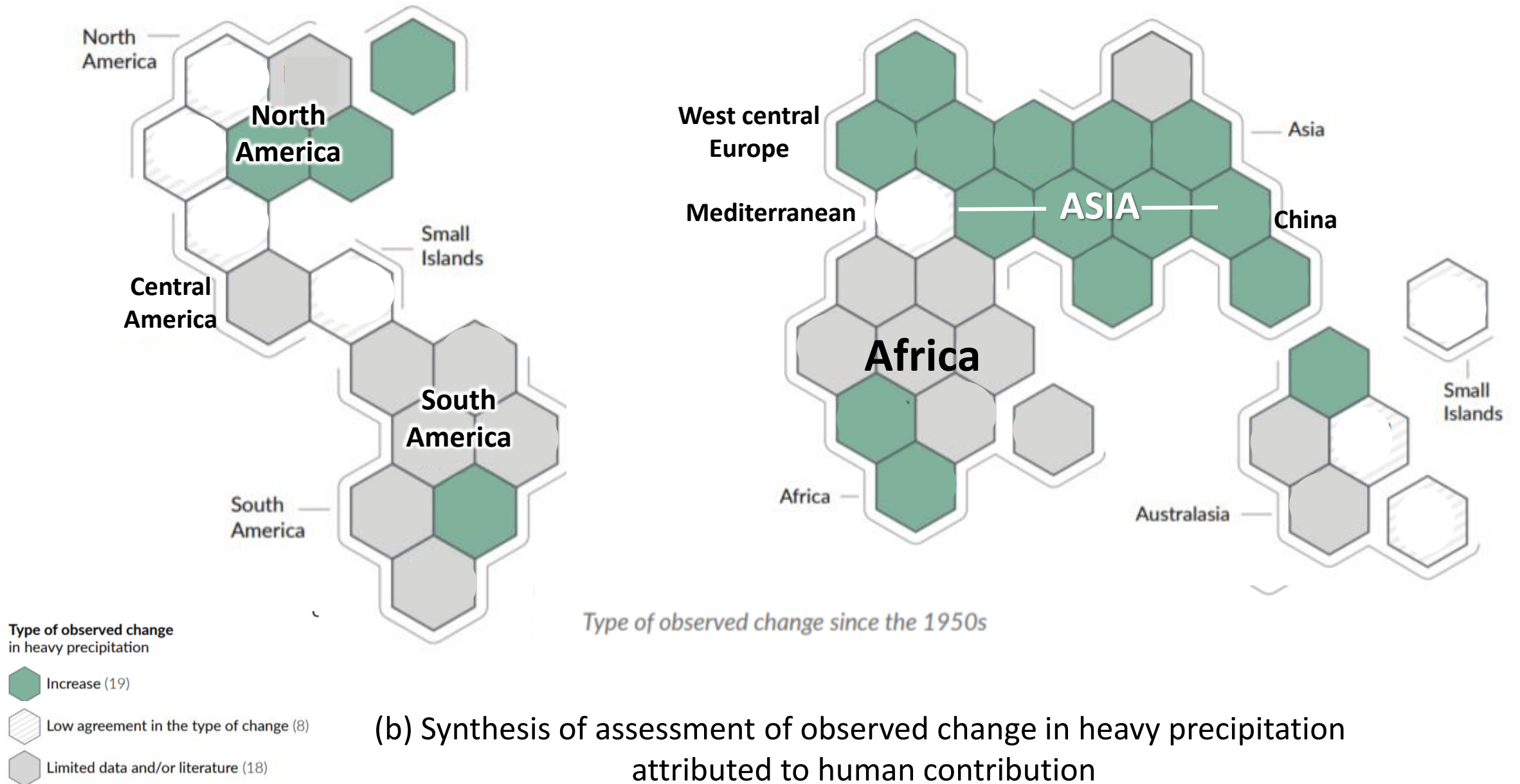


Adapted from IPCC AR6 WG1, synthesis of assessment of observed change in extremes and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

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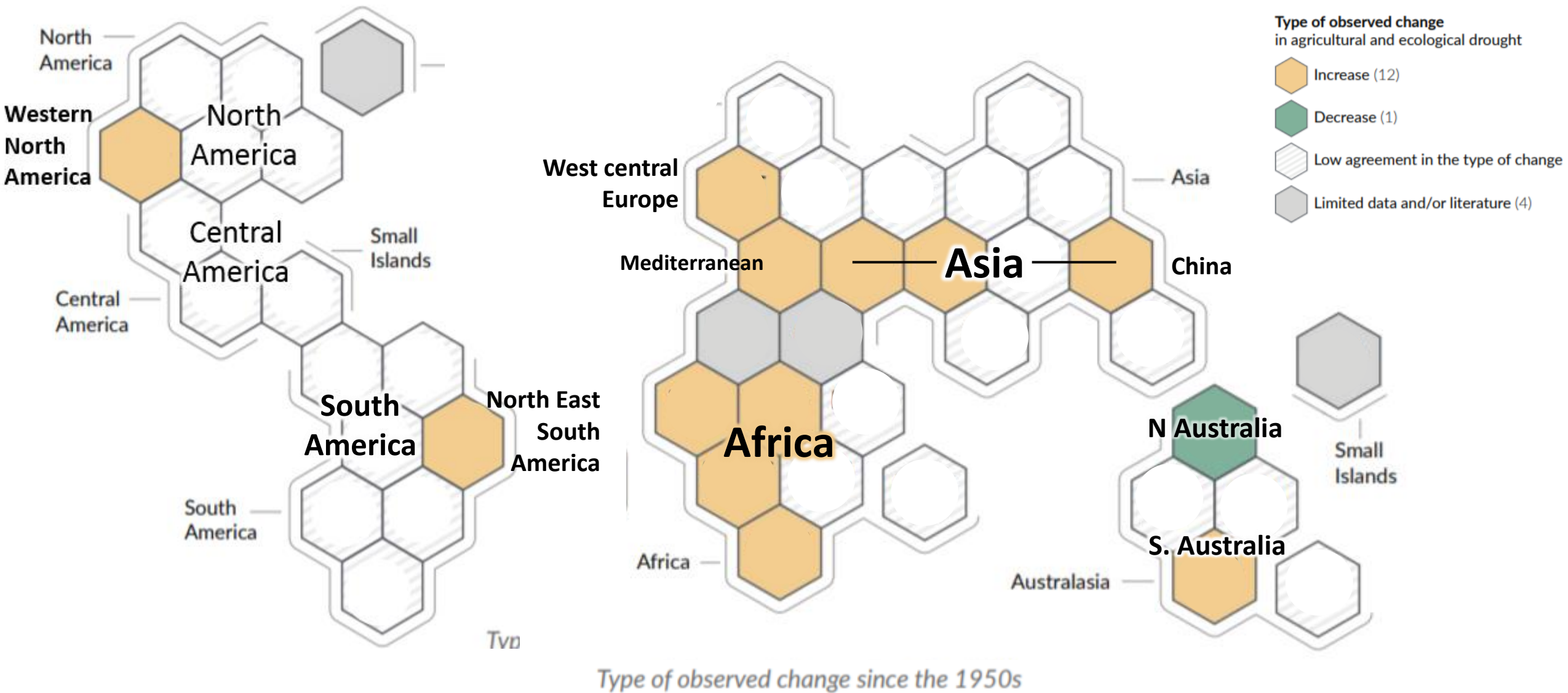


# Heavy Precipitation



(b) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in heavy precipitation attributed to human contribution

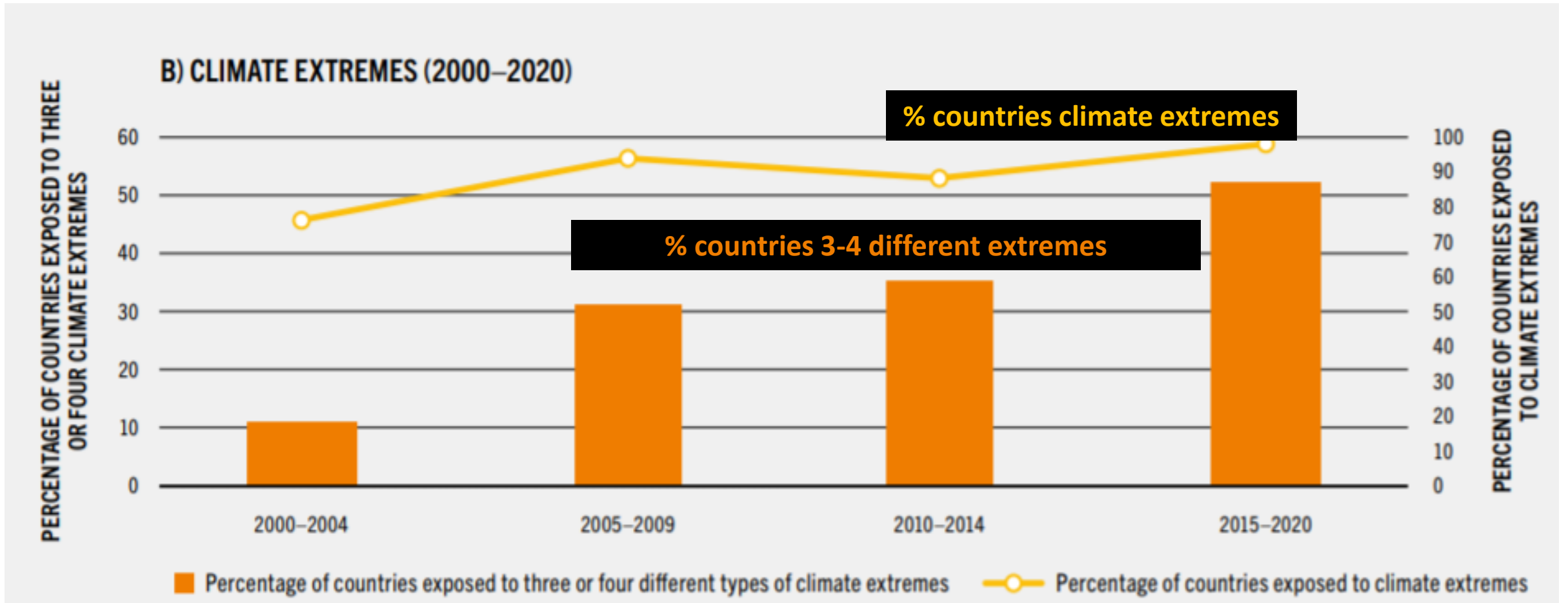
# Drought



IPCC AR6 WG1, Figure SPM.3 Synthesis of assessment of observed change in agricultural and ecological drought attributable to human contribution

# Climate Extremes

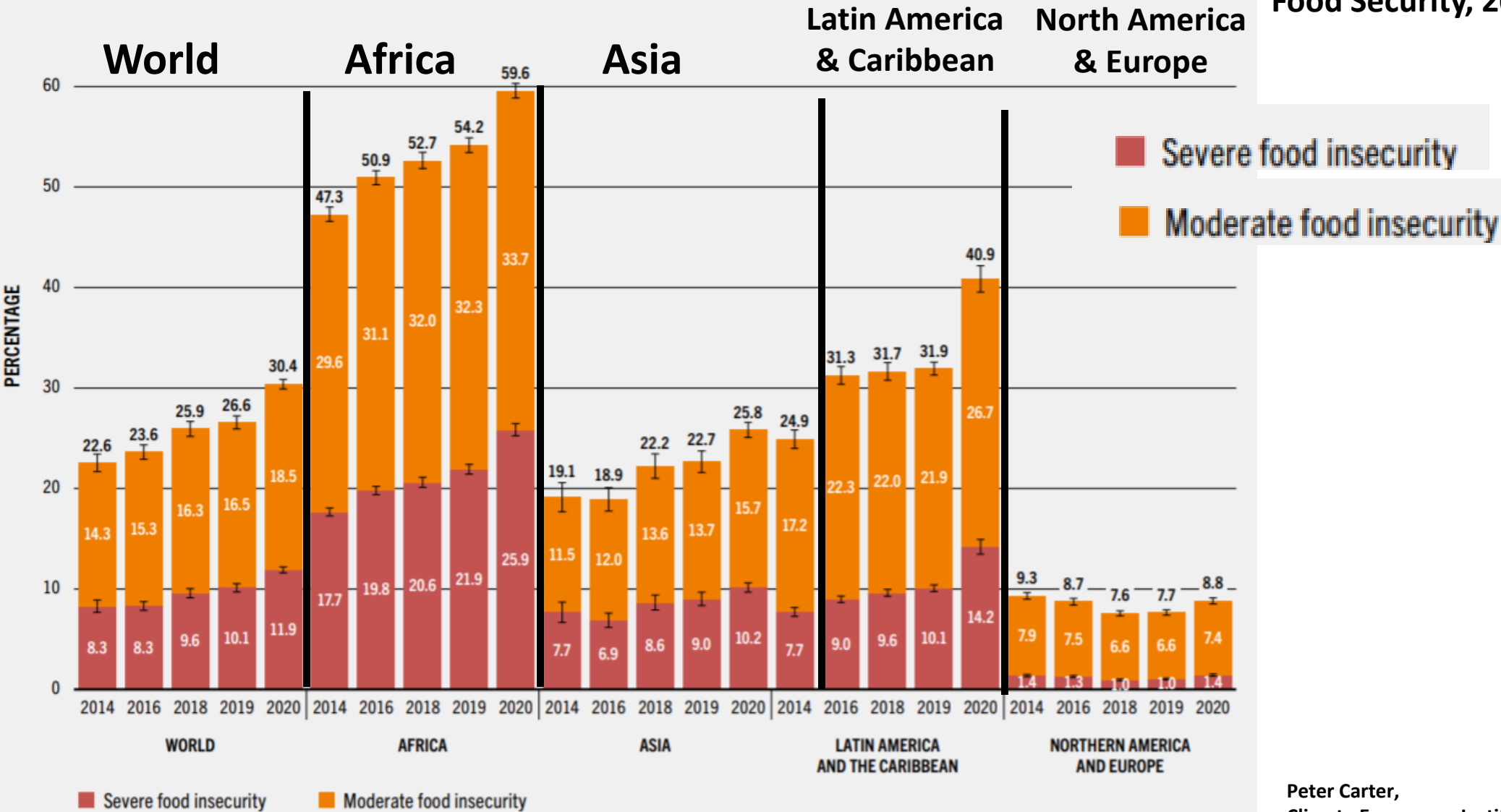
FAO state of World Food Security 2021



# Food insecurity now affects over 30% of the world population

**FIGURE 4** MODERATE OR SEVERE FOOD INSECURITY HAS BEEN CLIMBING SLOWLY FOR SIX YEARS AND NOW AFFECTS MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF THE WORLD POPULATION

FAO,  
State of World  
Food Security, 2021



# How climate change drives extreme events impact on crops

Increasing extreme weather is being driven by climate change and so will increase with global temperature increase.

They have yield impact shocks, depending on severity, duration and combination of extreme events

IPCC has Extreme Weather Events (that includes fires)

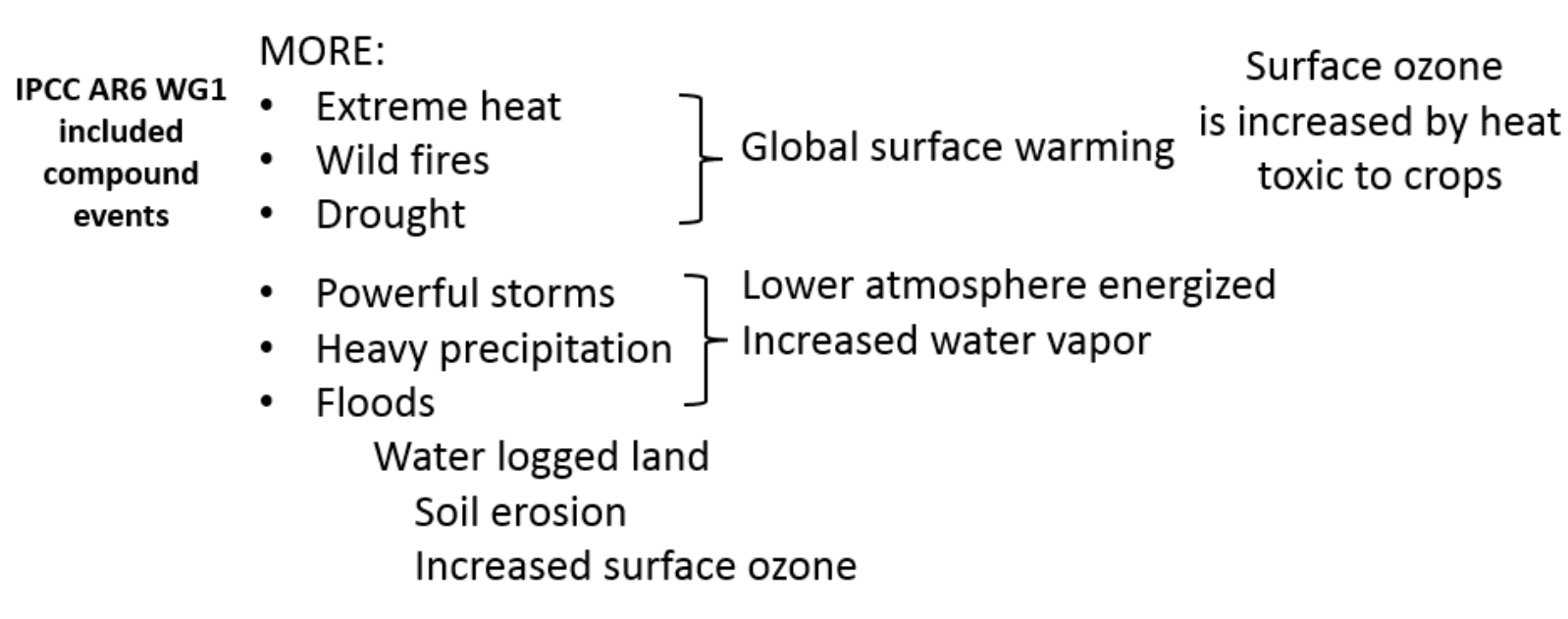
as a single category of climate change impacts

It is the most damaging impact to people and crops

- even more so on crop yields with labour intensive

Africa and lower latitude food production

## Climate change crop impacts



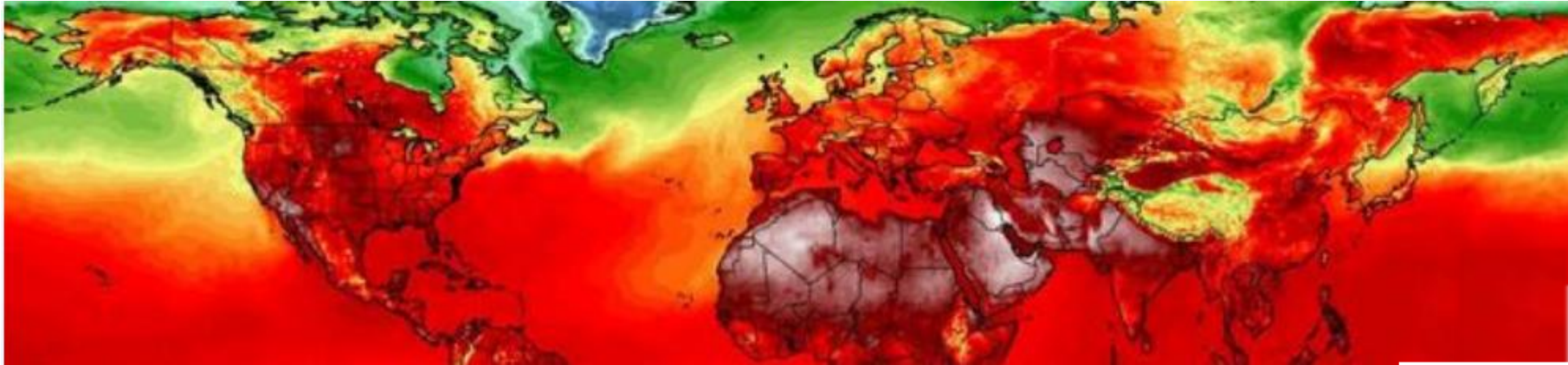
**MODELS** Climate change crop yield models in climate change assessments do not capture the impact of extreme weather

**CLIMATE SHOCKS** Extreme weather acts as production shocks, but if severe, widespread and long lasting (blocking phenomenon) can impact a regional harvest.

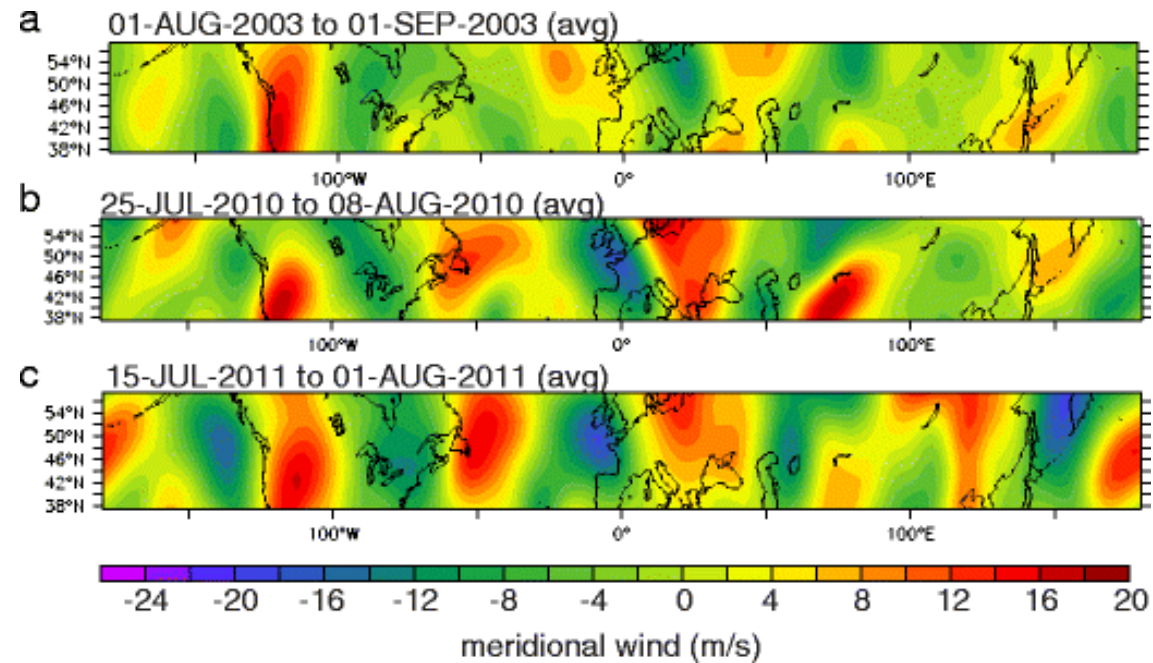


# Intense Prolonged Northern Hemisphere Extreme Events

7 Jul 2018 **Killer heatwave grips Northern Hemisphere as temperature records broken from Canada to Oman**  
**At least 54 people have died amid an extreme heatwave in the Canadian province of Quebec**

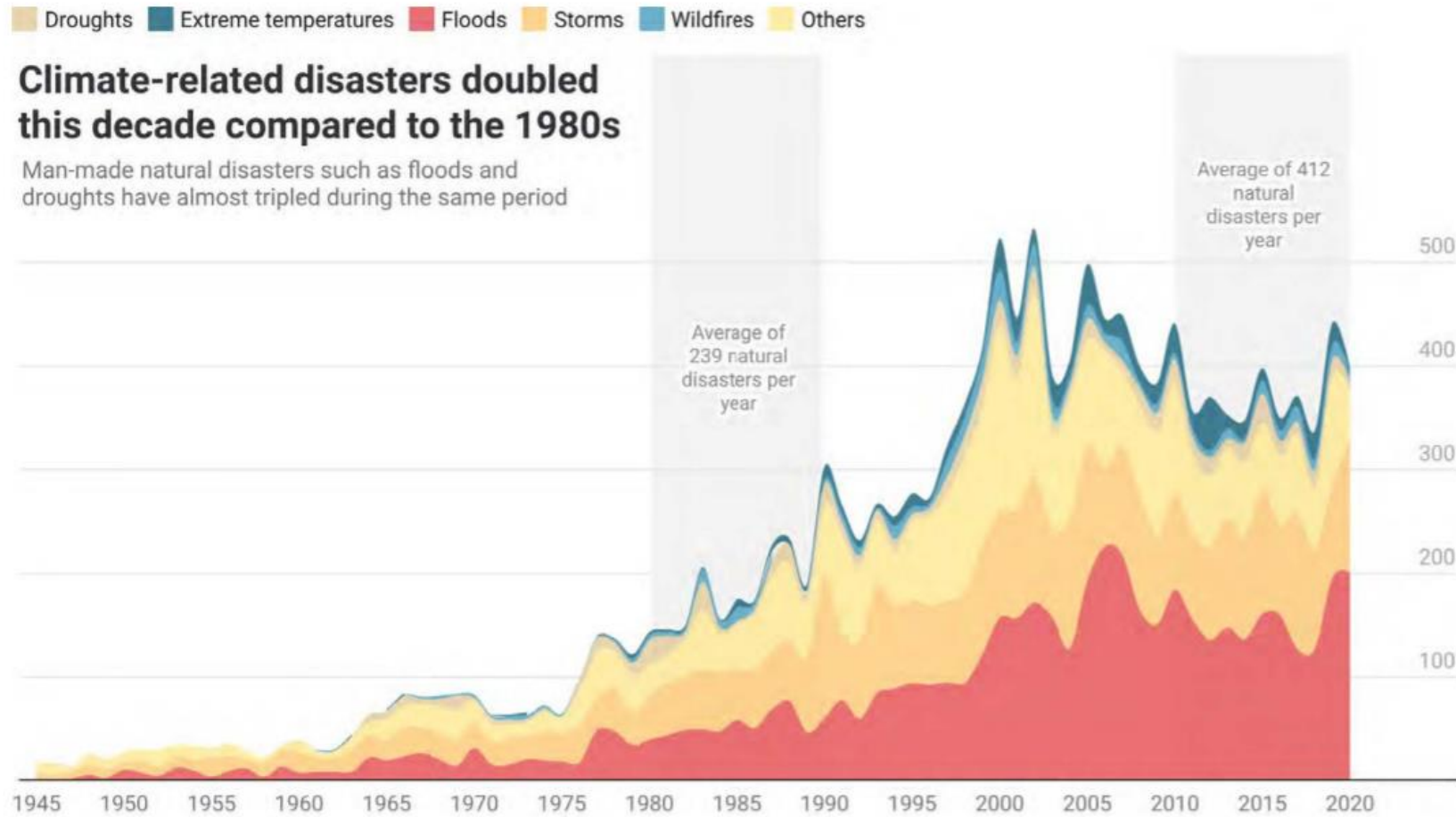


**Quasiresonant amplification of planetary waves and recent Northern Hemisphere weather extremes**  
Vladimir Petoukhov, et al, PNAS, January 16, 2013





# Climate change driven disasters are increasing and will continue to increase with global surface temperature



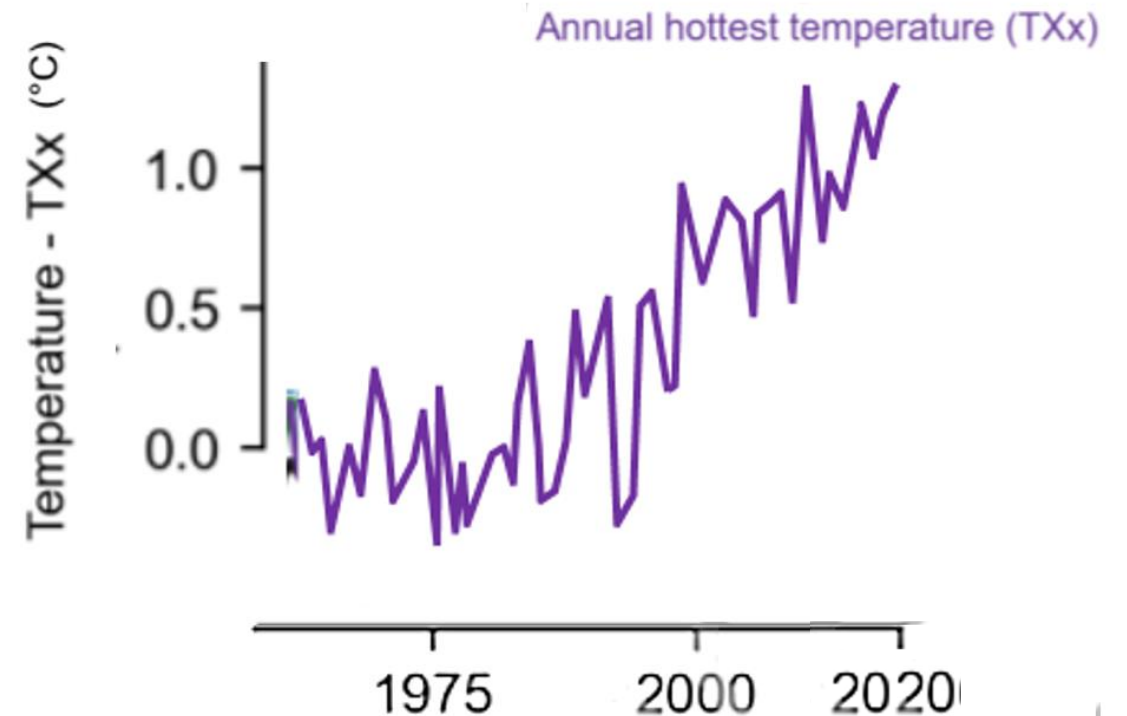
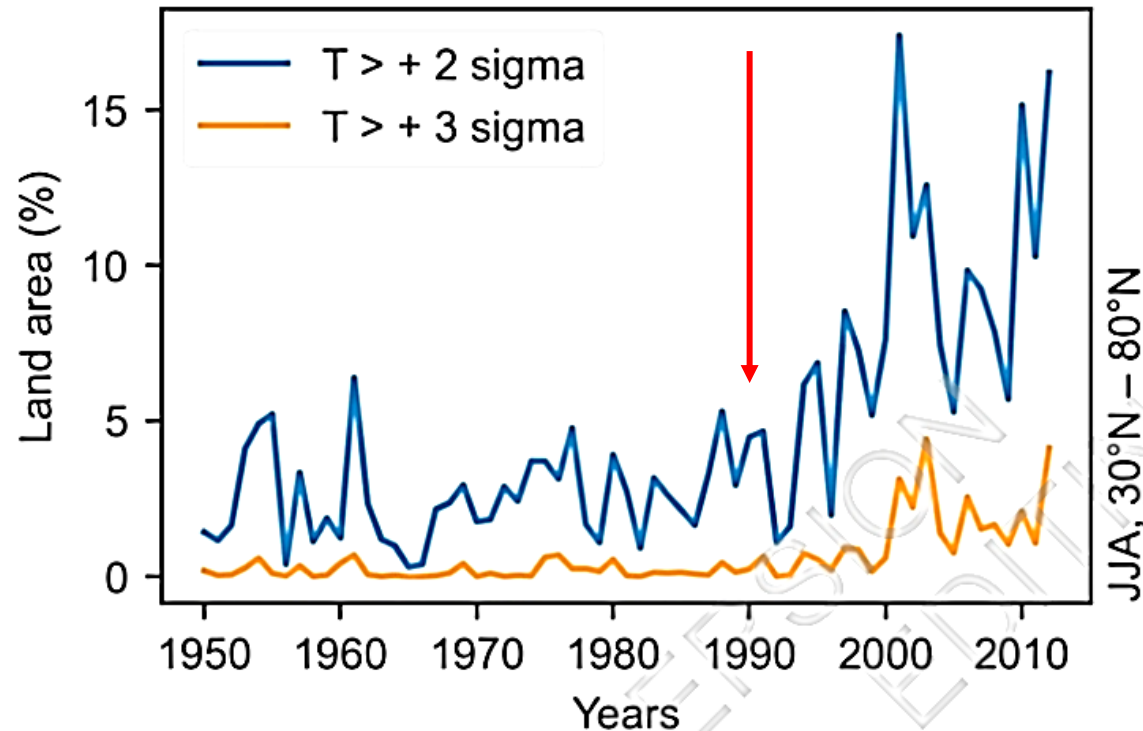
Source: The December 2021 Global Humanitarian Overview 2022,  
United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

# Observed Northern Hemisphere Heat Extremes

IPCC AR6 WG1

Increasing northern hemisphere land area affected by extreme heat and increasing extreme heat temperatures over time

Observed Land area affected by temperature extremes

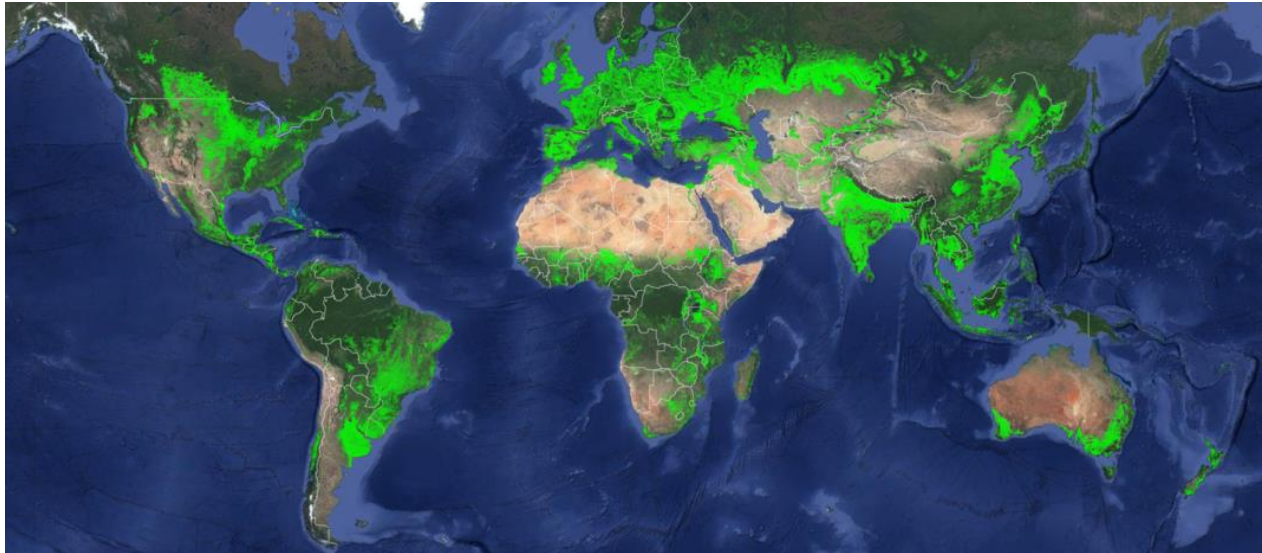


IPCC 2021, AR6, WG1, Box 11.4, Figure 1: Analysis of the percentage of land area affected by temperature extremes larger than two (orange) or three (blue) standard deviations in June-July-August (JJA). These panels show for both estimates a substantial increase in the overall land area affected by very high hot extremes since 1990 onward.

# Extreme Heat Will Affect Most Food Producing Regions

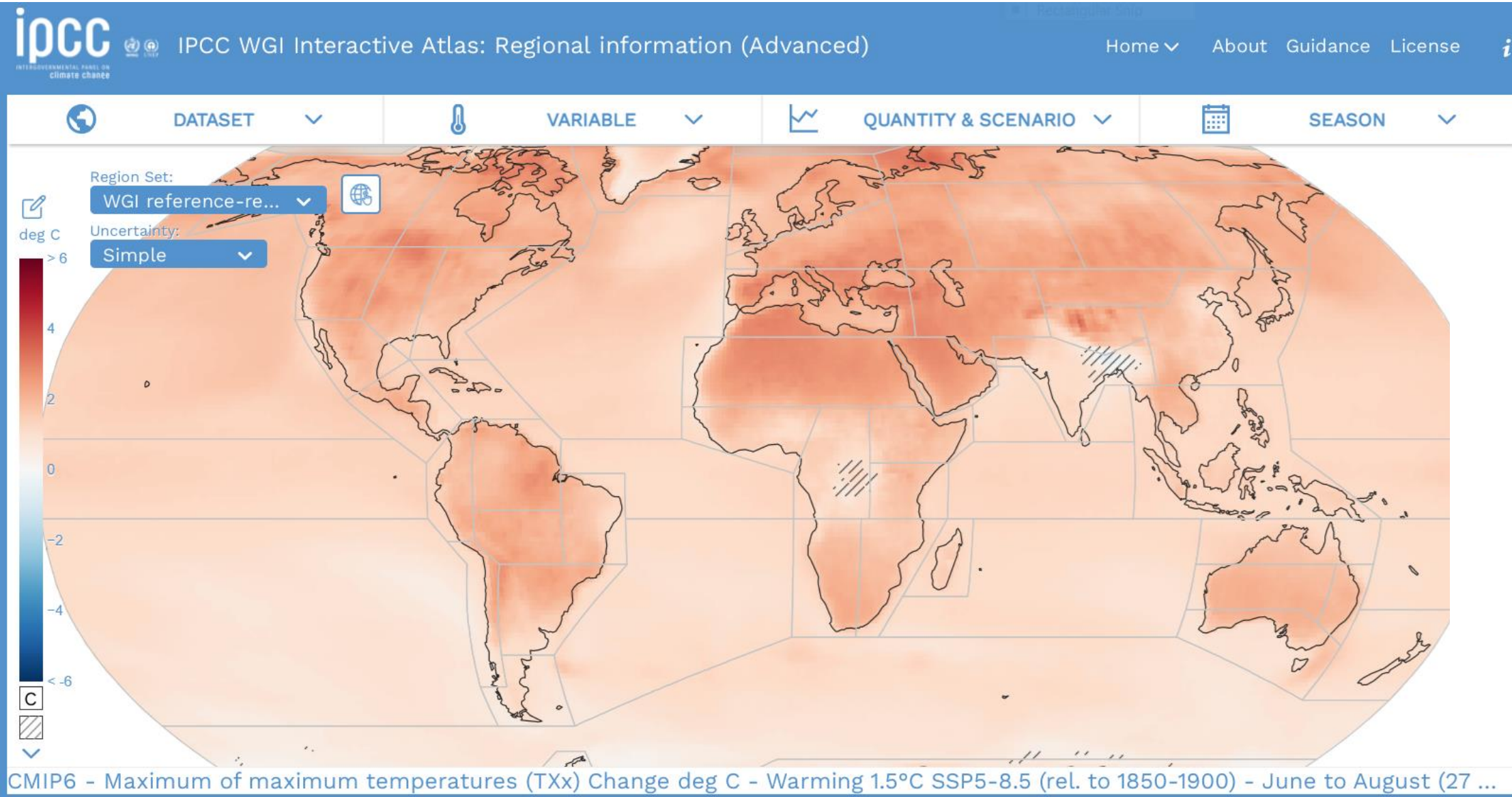
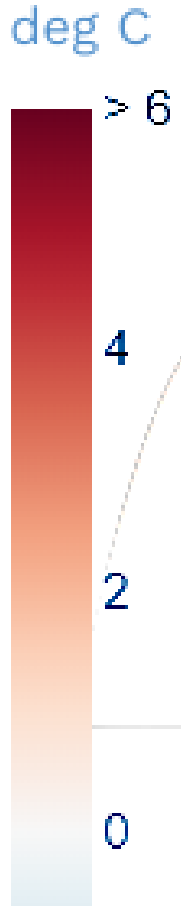
from AR6 WG1 interactive atlas

## Crop extent and density



**USGS Crop area and density 2017** (satellite data)

# Extreme heat 1.5°C





# Extreme heat 2°C

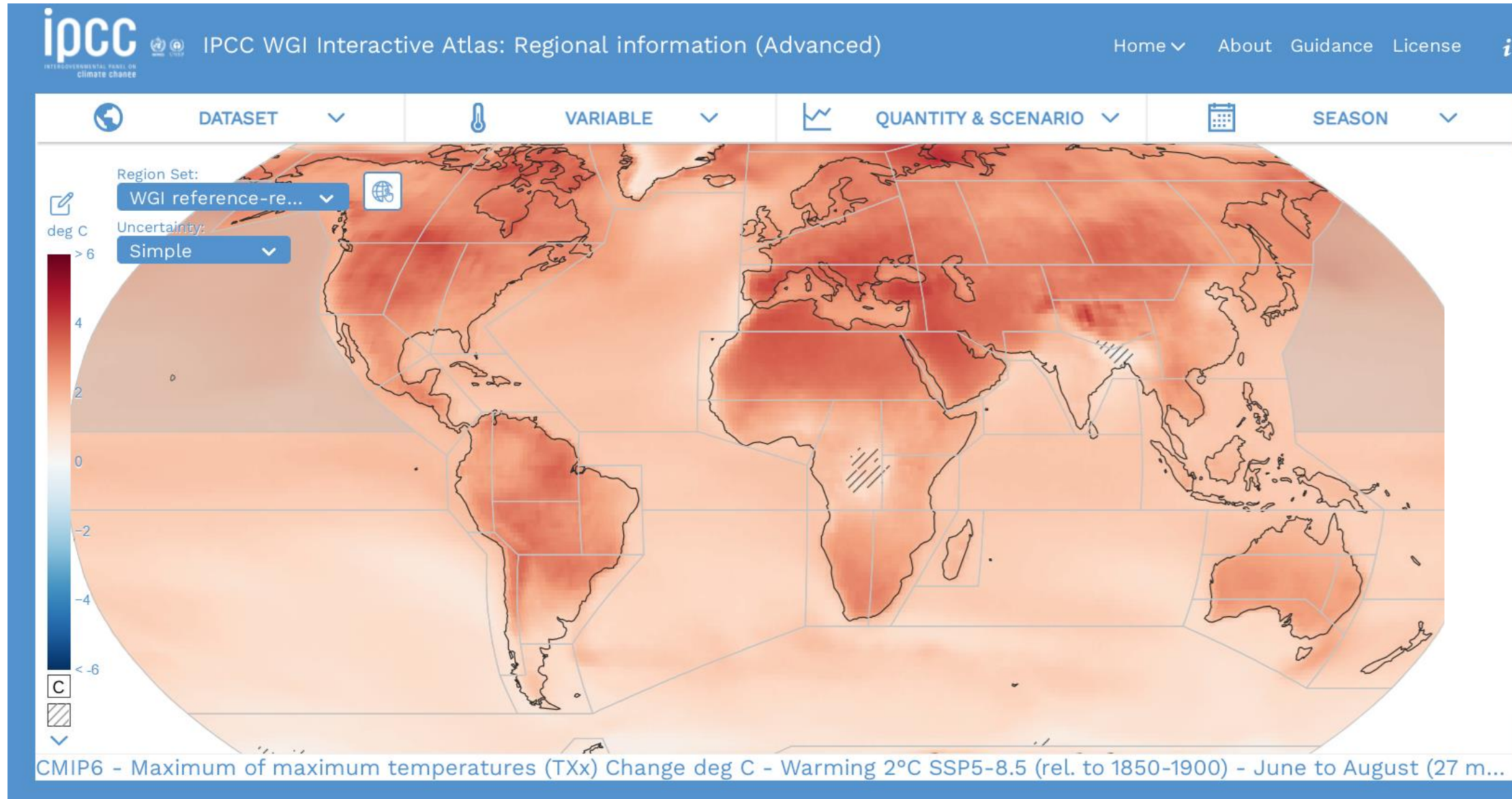
deg C

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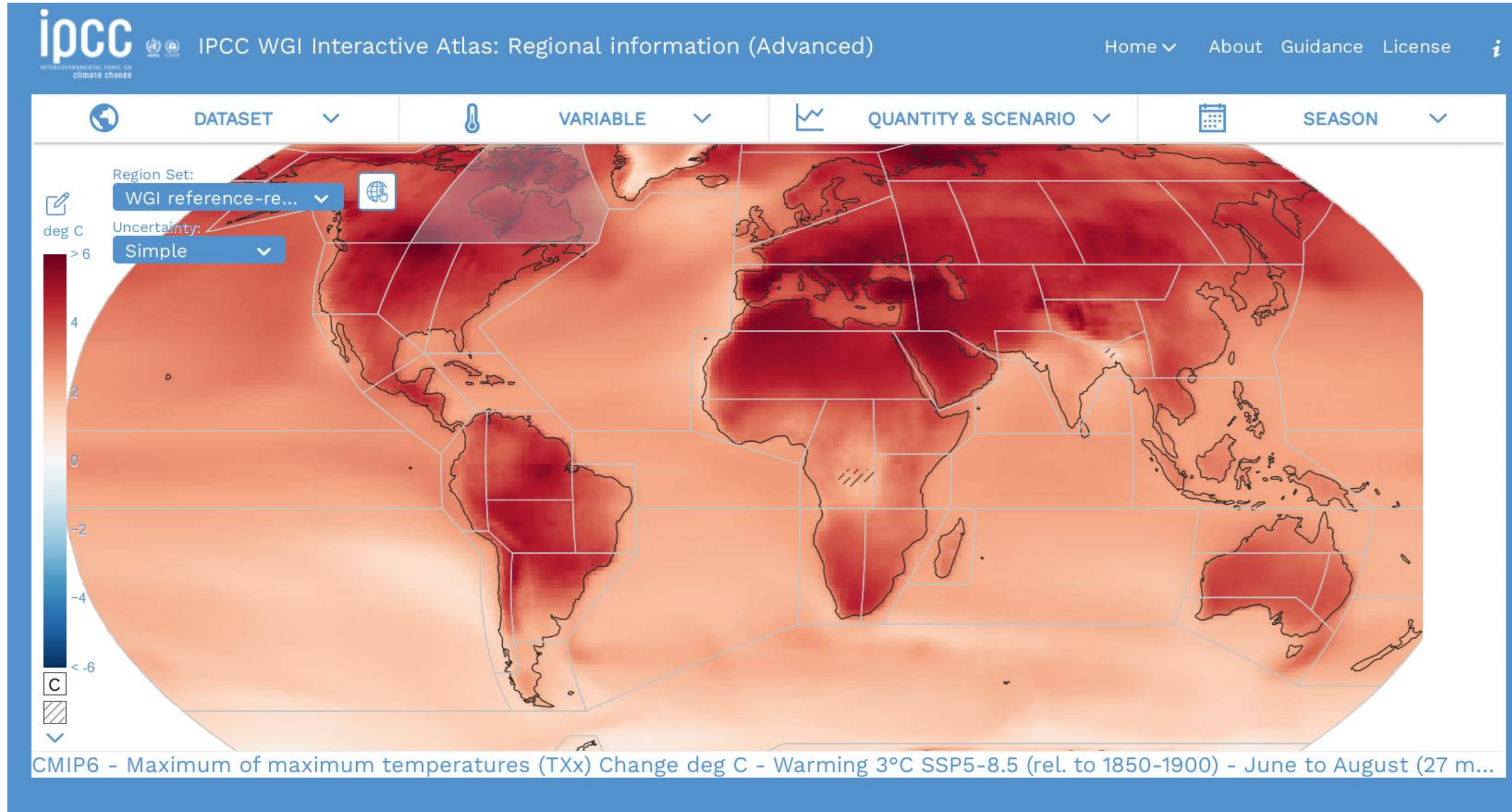
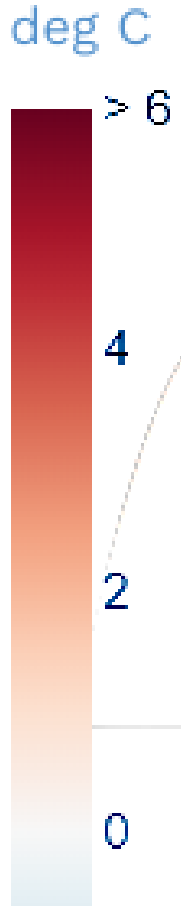
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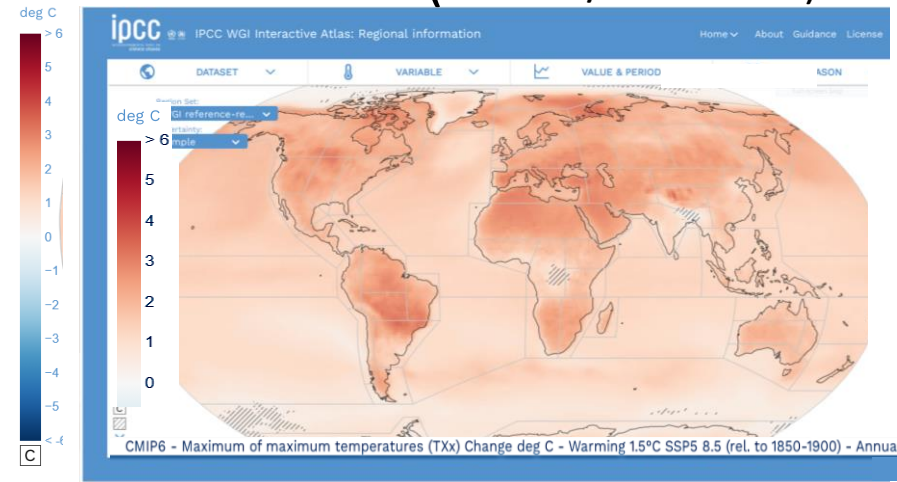
## 3°C



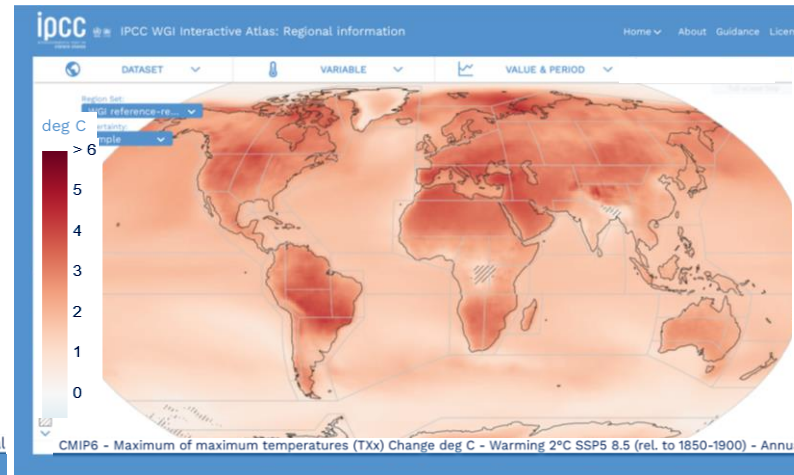
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Extreme heat at 1.5°C, 2°C and 3°C from IPCC AR6 WG1 Interactive Atlas

**+1.5°C (2030 /soon after)**

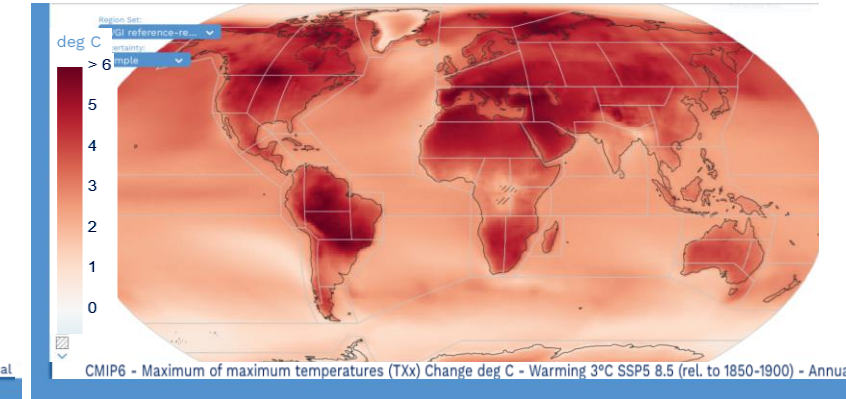


**+2.0°C ( 2045)**



**+3.0°C**

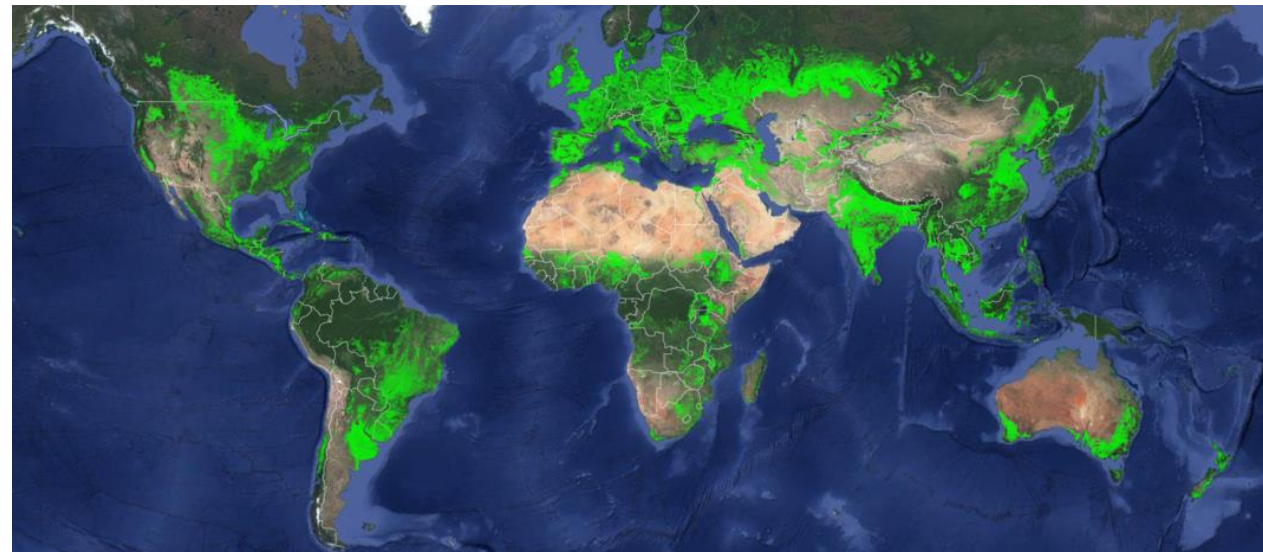
**(by national emissions targets)**



## USGS Crop area and density 2017 (satellite data)

Studies have documented a large negative sensitivity of crop yields to extreme daytime temperatures around 30°C. These sensitivities have been identified for several crops and regions and exist throughout the growing season (high confidence)

IPCC, 2014, AR5 WG2, Ch.7  
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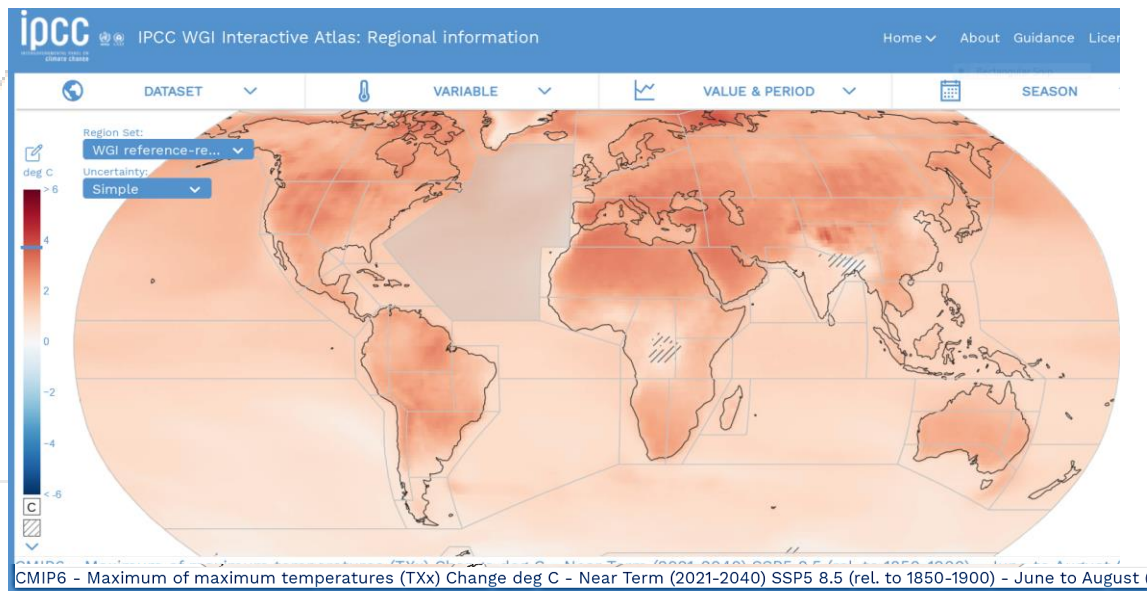


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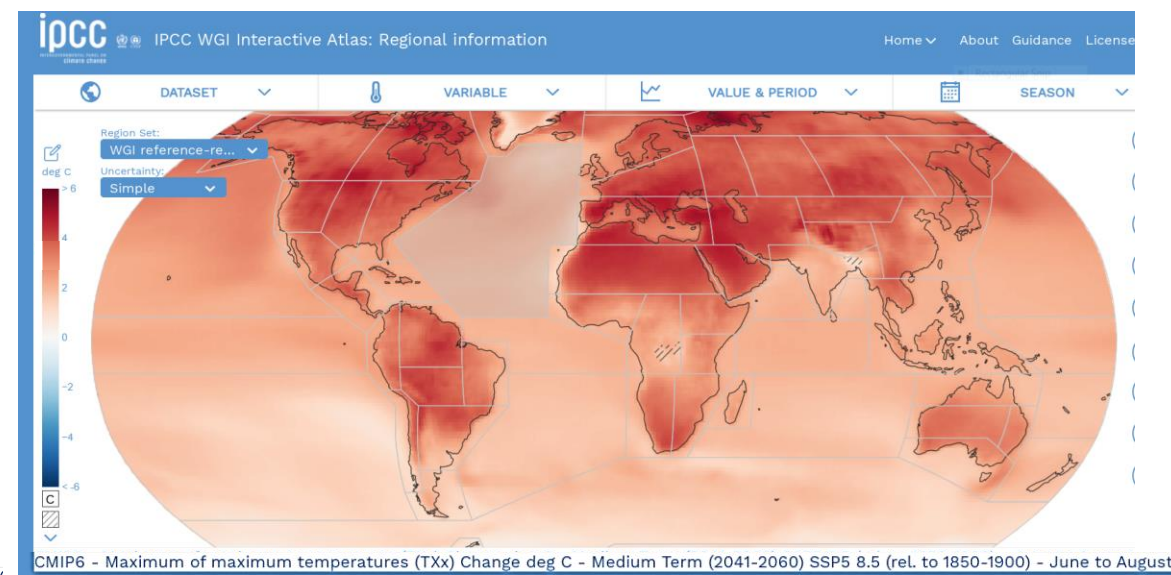
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Maximum of maximum temperature (TXx) global change °C , June-August relative, to 1850-1900

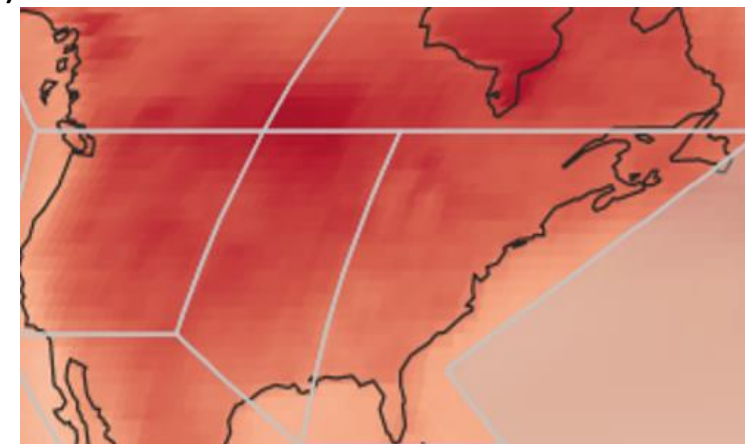
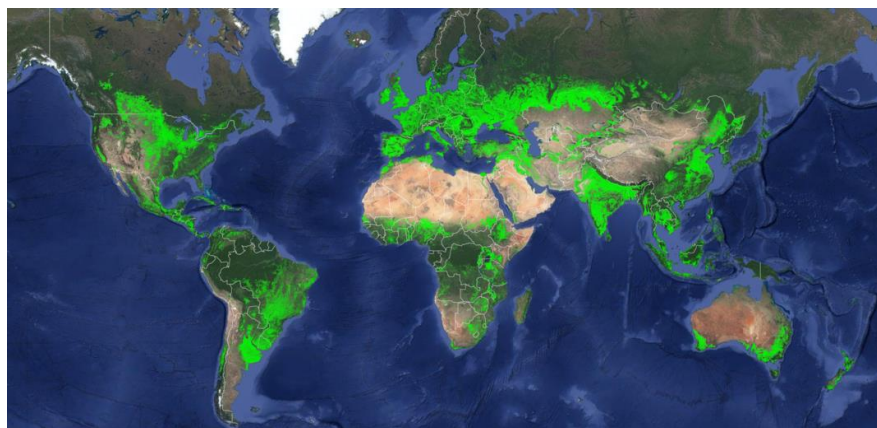
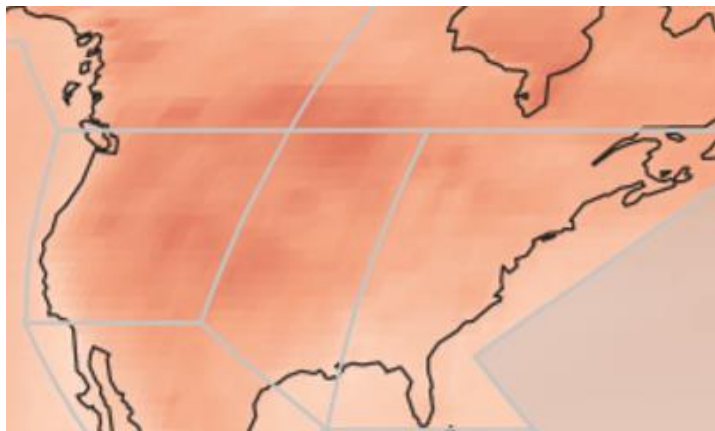
1.5°C



2°C



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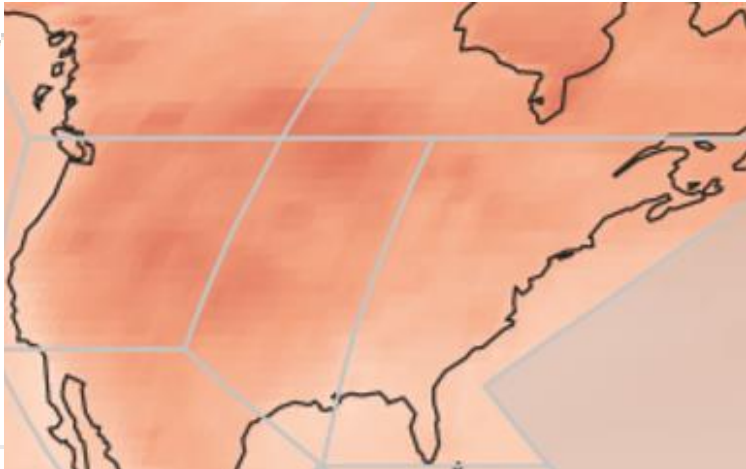
# Extreme heat affects US food producing regions at 1.5°C-2°C

Maximum of maximum temperature (TXx) change °C June-August relative to 1850-1900

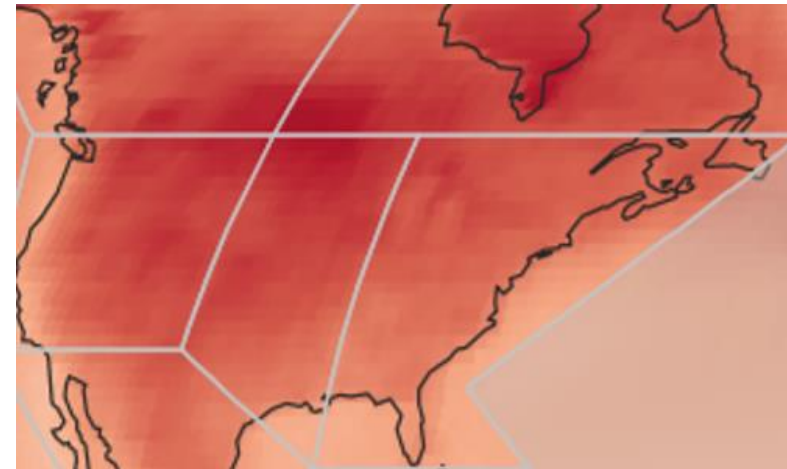
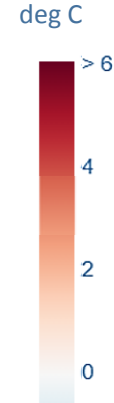
1.6°C

of increasing severity

2.4°C



CMIP6 - Maximum of maximum temperatures (TXx) Change deg C - Near Term (2021-2040) SSP5 8.5 (rel. to 1850-1900) - June to August



CMIP6 - Maximum of maximum temperatures (TXx) Change deg C - Medium Term (2041-2060) SSP5 8.5 (rel. to 1850-1900) - June to August



USGS Crop area and density 2017 (satellite data)

## **Days of temperatures above 35°C**

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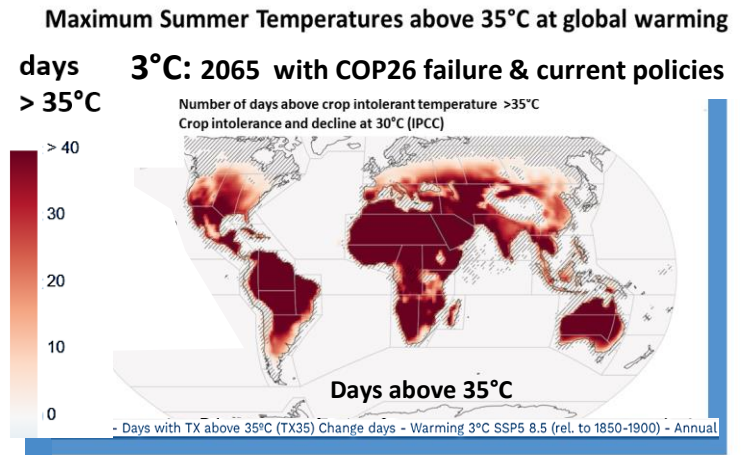
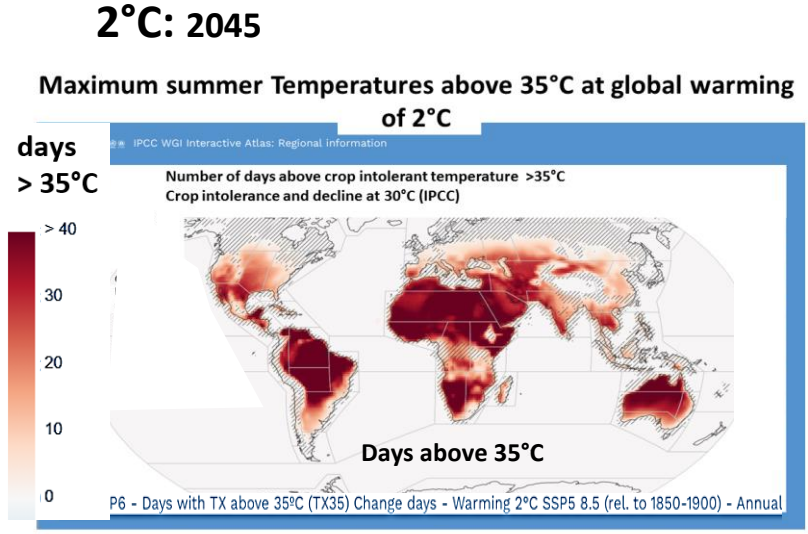
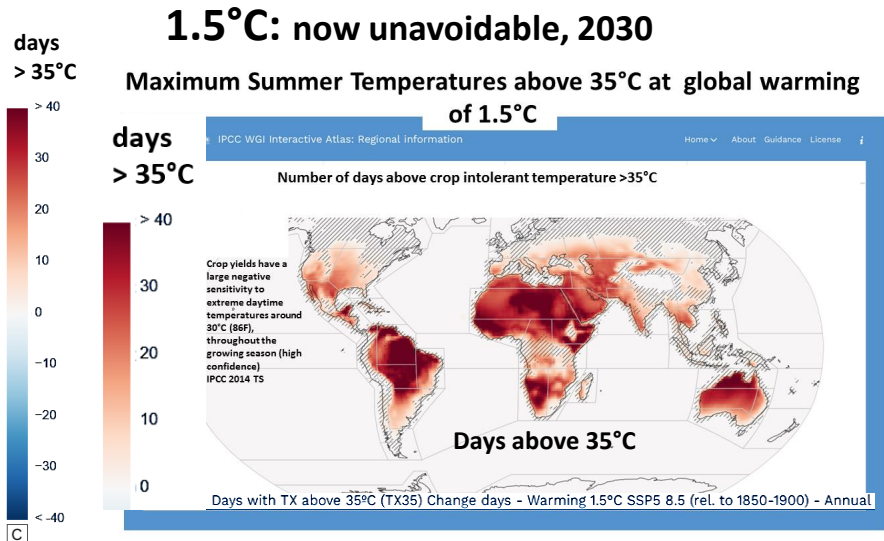
**IPCC, 2014, AR5 WG2, Ch.7  
Food Security and Food Production Systems**



# Heat stress temperatures to crops is projected in major food producing regions for an increasing number of days, from 1.5°

## Days of temperatures above 35°C

August 2021 IPCC AR6 WG1 Interactive Atlas



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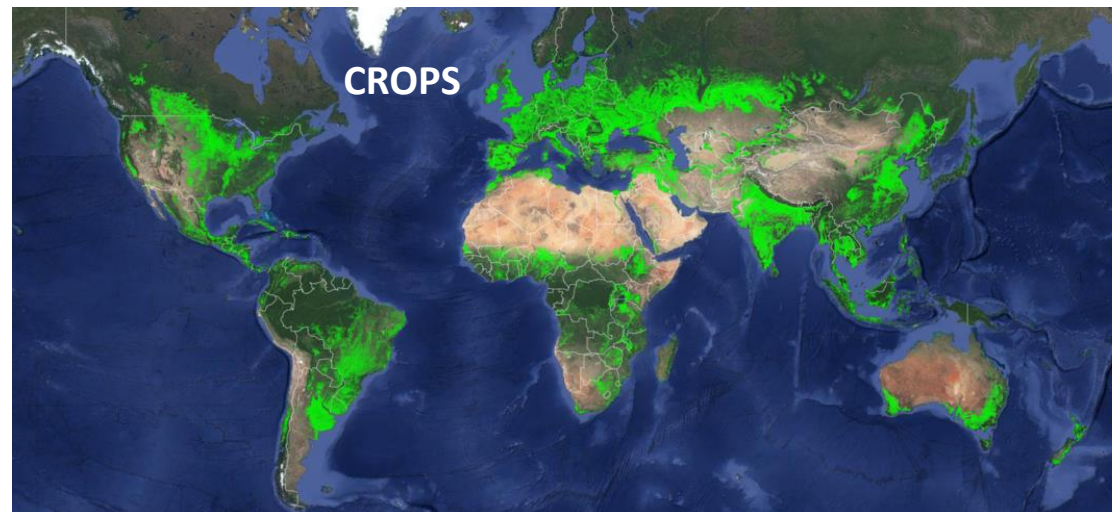
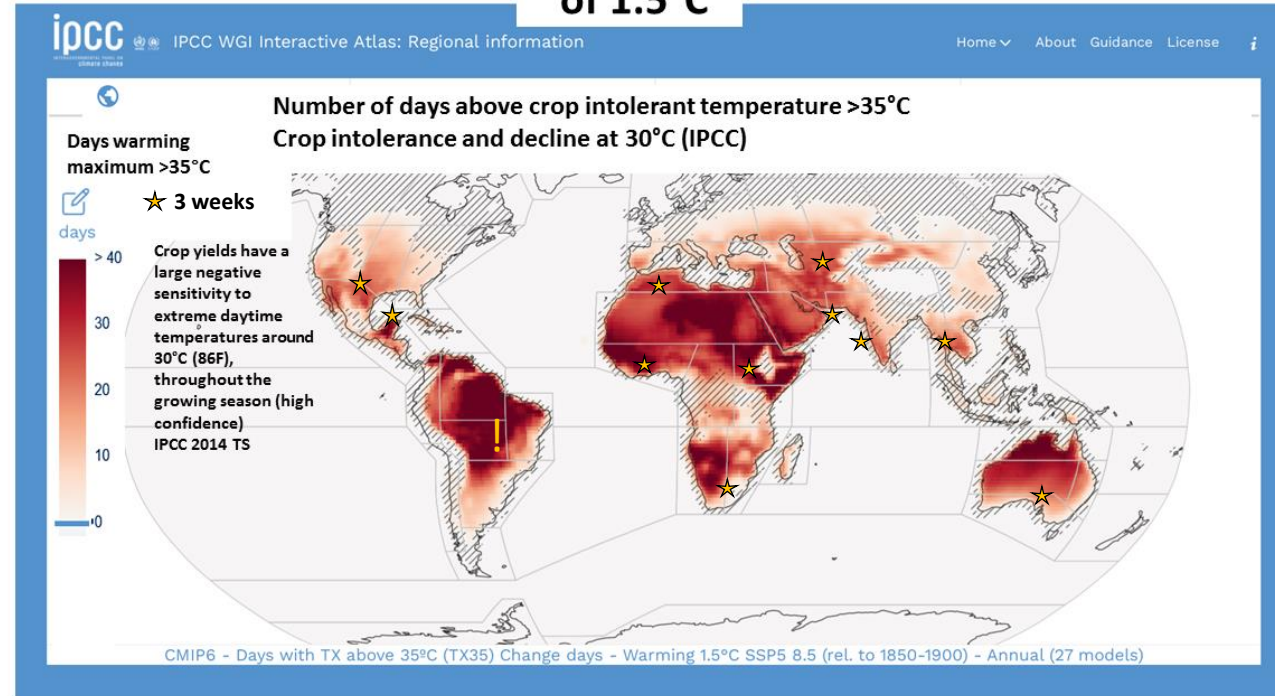
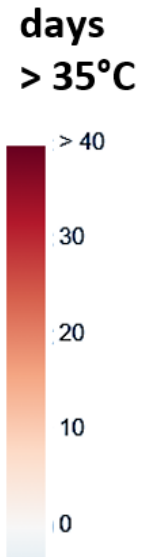
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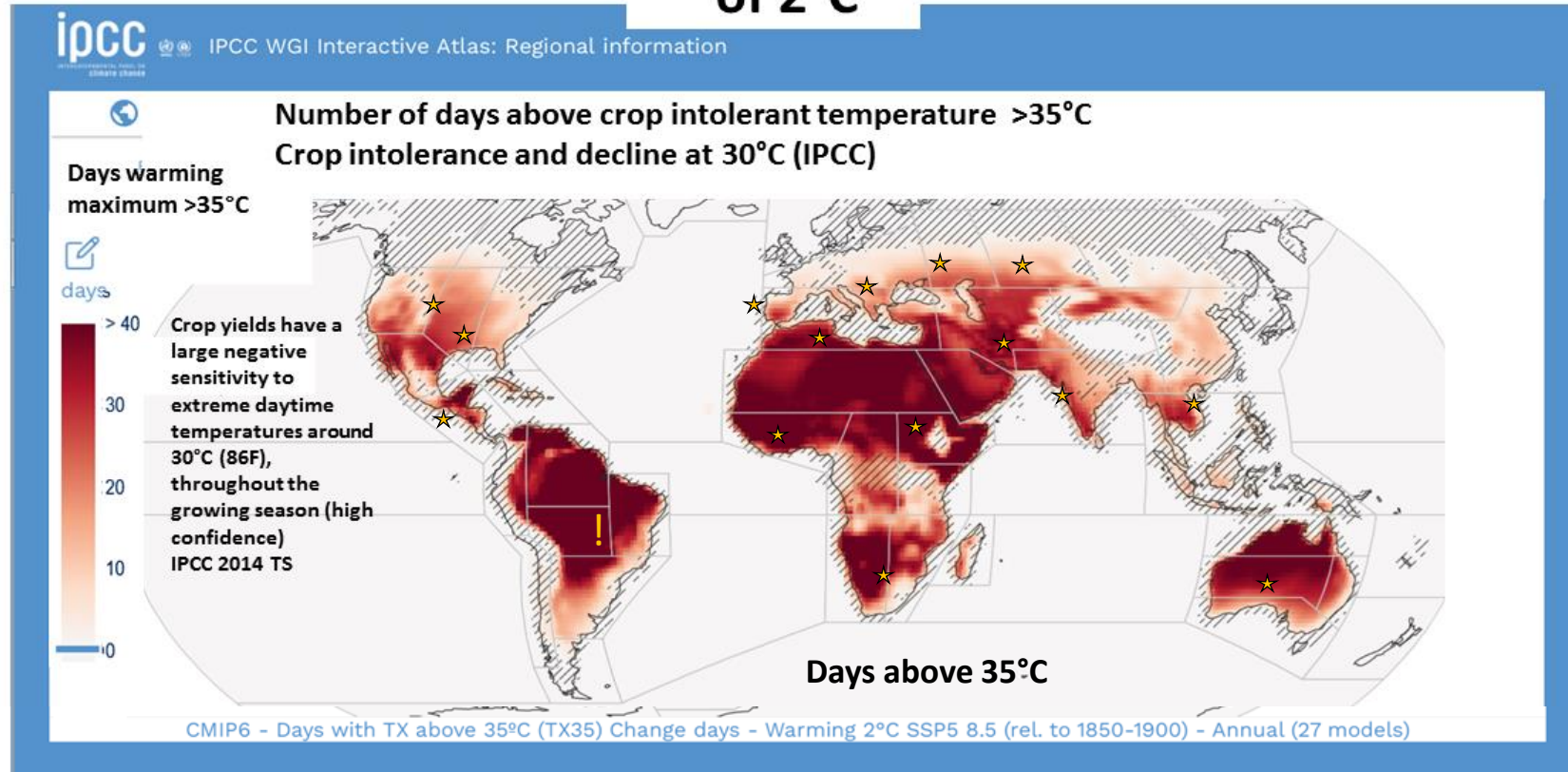


# Maximum Summer Temperatures above 35°C at global warming of 1.5°C





# Maximum summer Temperatures above 35°C at global warming of 2°C

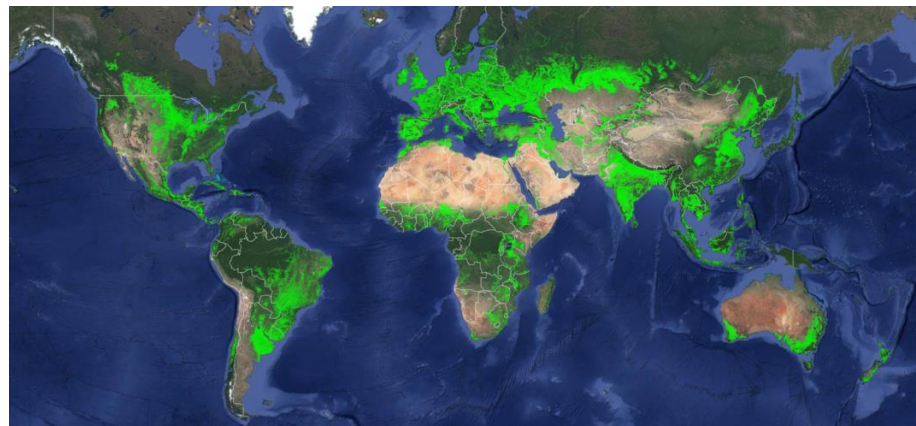


## Affects

USA  
South America  
Spain  
Saudi Arabia  
Iraq  
Iran  
Pakistan  
Turkey  
The ...stans  
All African regions  
Thailand  
Cambodia  
Australia

## Affected but less so

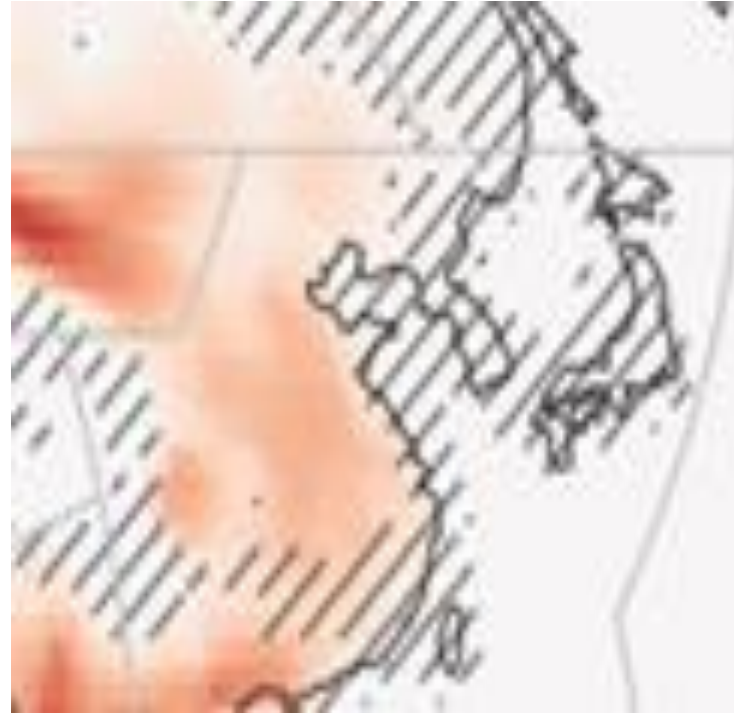
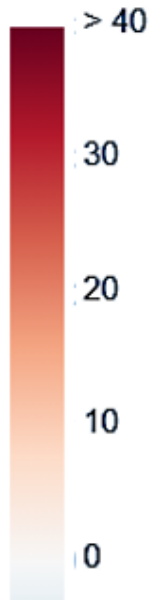
(Italy)  
(Greece)  
(China)



# China at 2°C

China ranks first in the world in terms of the production of cereals, cotton, fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry, eggs and fishery products. (FAO)

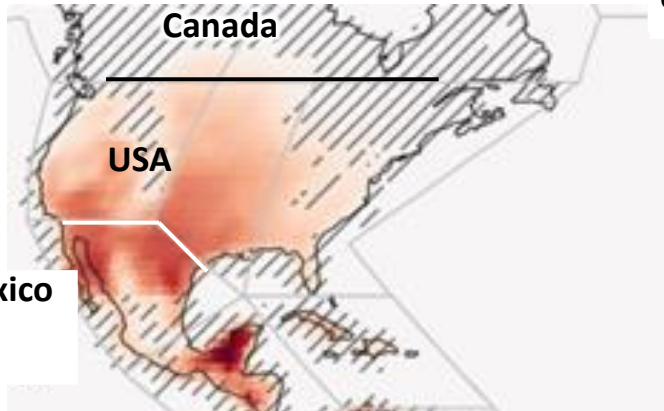
days  
> 35°C



# Heat Stress affects crops in US and Mexico food producing regions for an increasing number of days at and from 1.5°C Canada's grain belt is also stressed

Days  
over 35°C  
days

**1.5°C (2030)**



Days of temperatures above 35°C

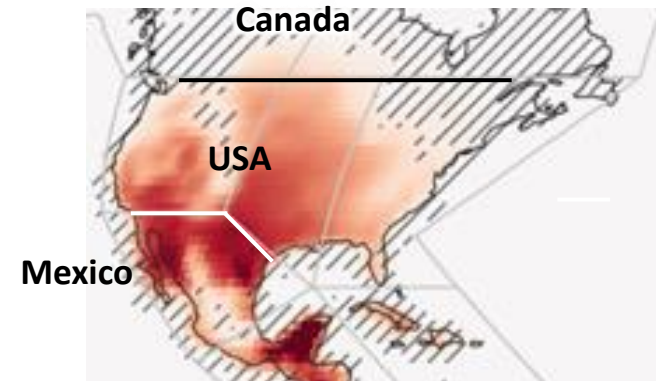
**2.0°C (2045)**

Days  
over 35°C  
days

> 40  
30  
20  
10  
0

days

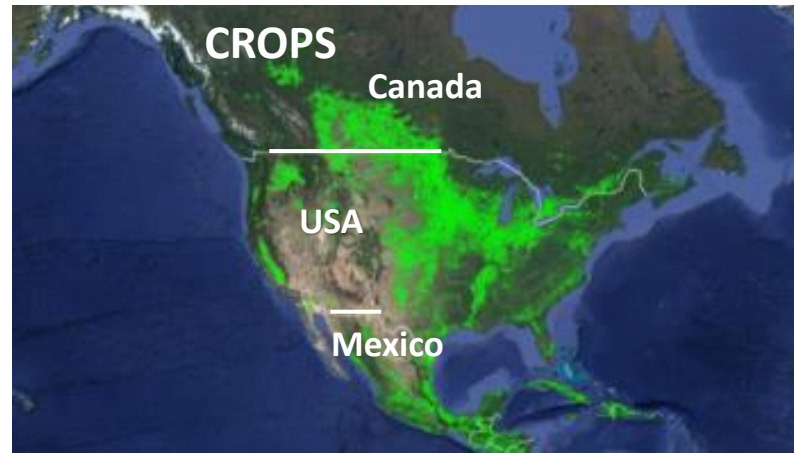
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USGS Crop area and density 2017 (satellite data)



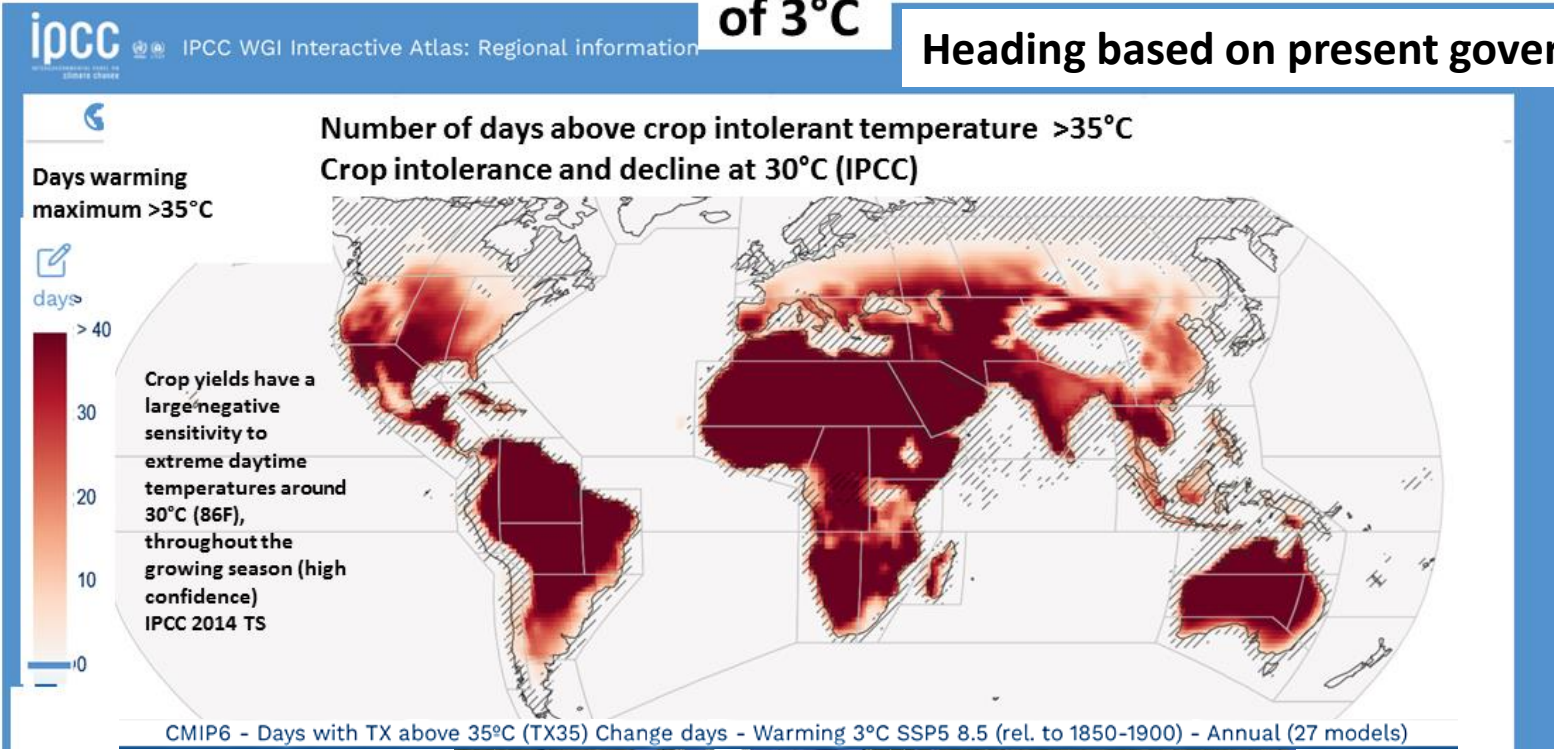
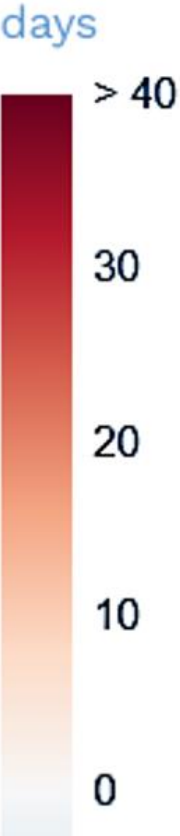
August 2021 ,IPCC AR6, WG1, Interactive Atlas



At 3°C of global warming almost all food producing regions have maximum high temperatures above 35°C for many days- long periods in USA and Mexico

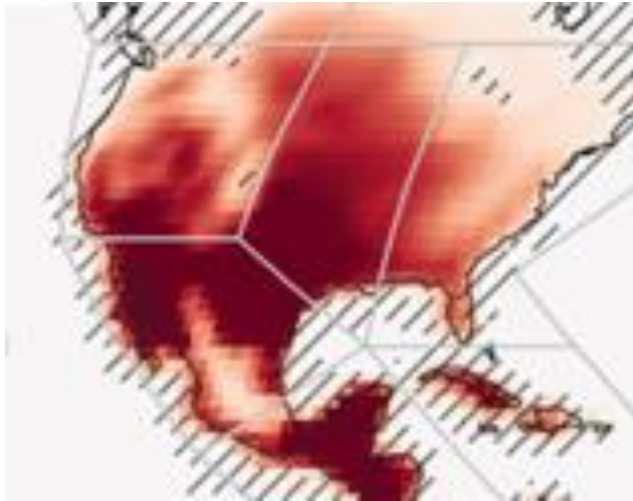
Maximum Summer Temperatures above 35°C at global warming of 3°C

Heading based on present government policies



**At 3°C of global warming almost all food producing regions  
have maximum high temperatures above 35°C for many days-  
Longest USA and Mexico**

days



CMIP6 - Days with TX above 35°C (TX35) Change days - Warming 3°C SSP5 8.5 (rel. to 1850-1900) - Annual (27 models)

# **Toxic Surface Ozone**

**Formed from fossil fuel air pollutants**

**Also called tropospheric or ground level ozone**

**Toxic to humans and green plants, so crops**

**It is increased by heat**

**-so increased by heat waves**

## Chemical reaction

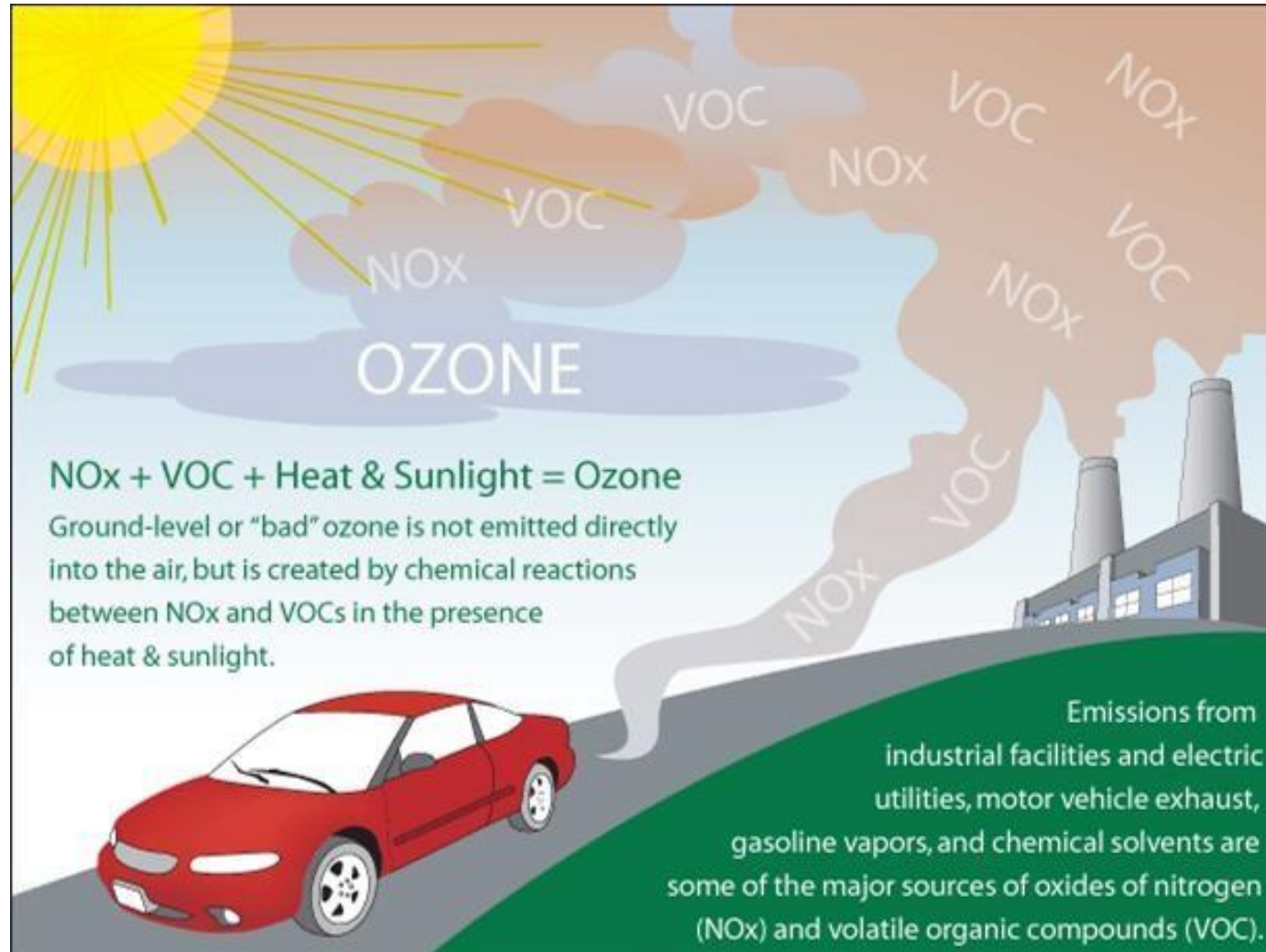
Fossil fuel air pollutants

Heat from the sun

# Toxic Surface Ozone

Toxic to humans and green plants

Increased by heat





# Toxic Surface Ozone

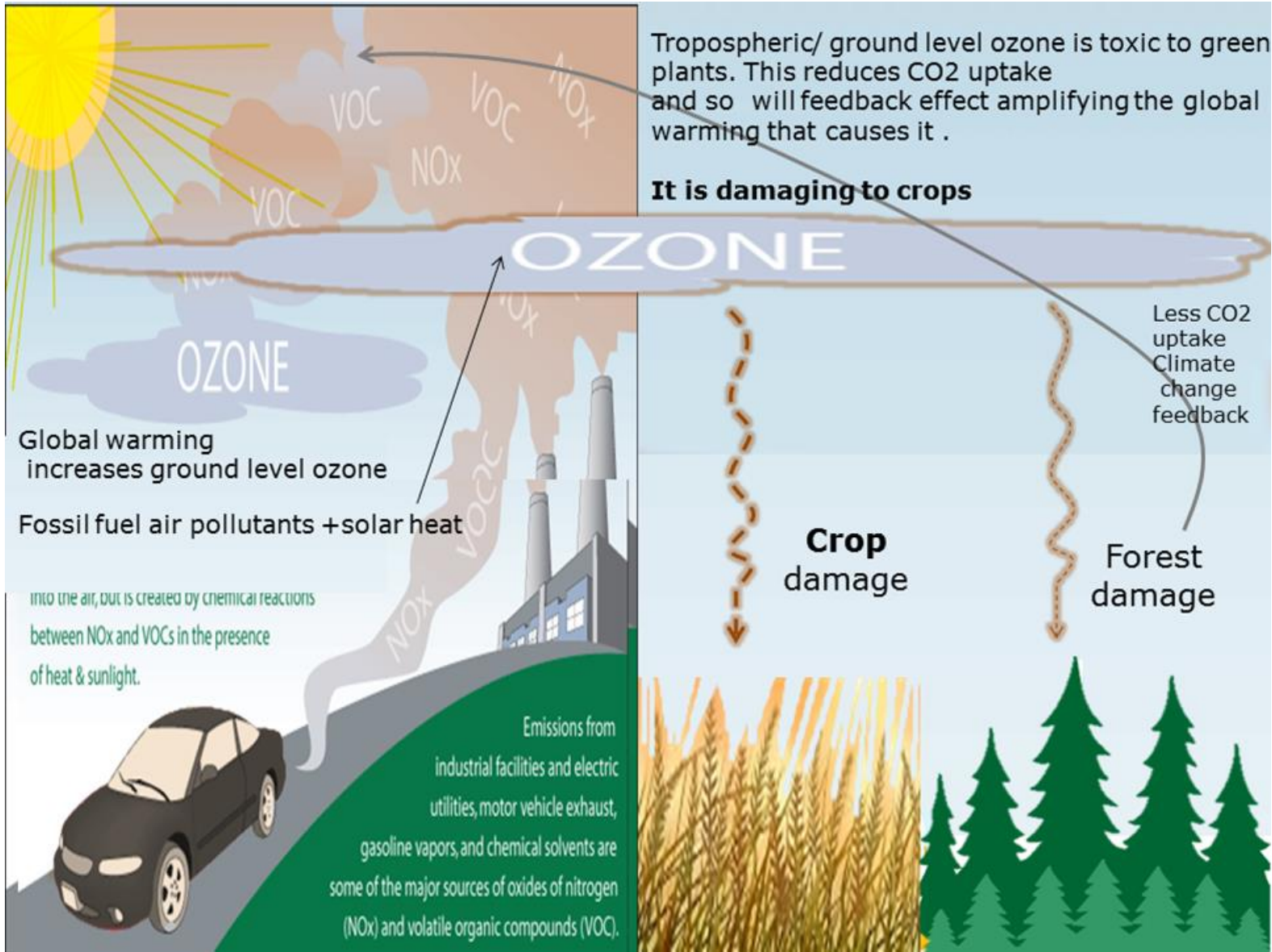
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Heat from the sun

Toxic to humans and green plants

Increased by heat

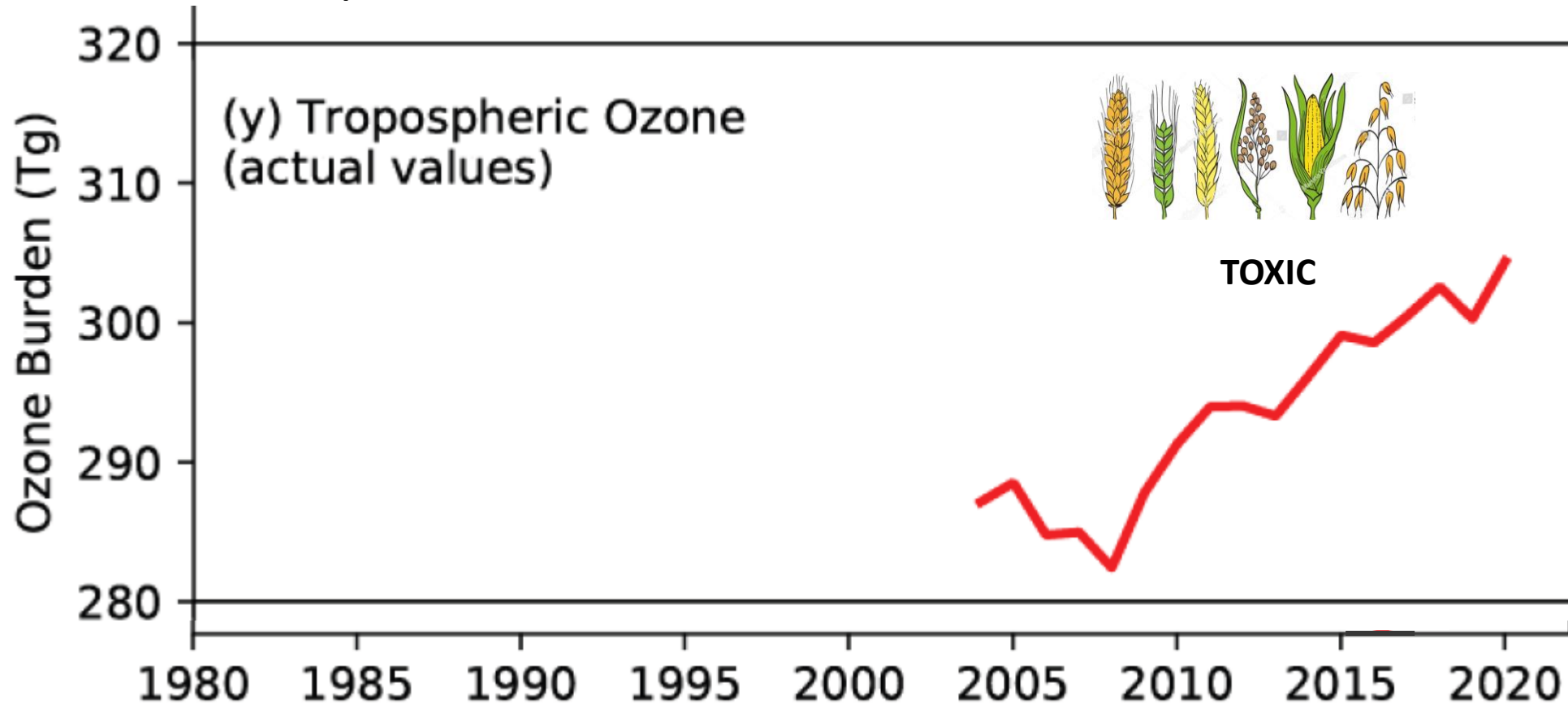




# Increasing Surface Ozone (mainly northern hemisphere )

Tropospheric (surface or ground level) ozone is a toxic air pollutant, toxic to green plants including crops  
- as well the human respiratory tract

Its level increases with surface temperature



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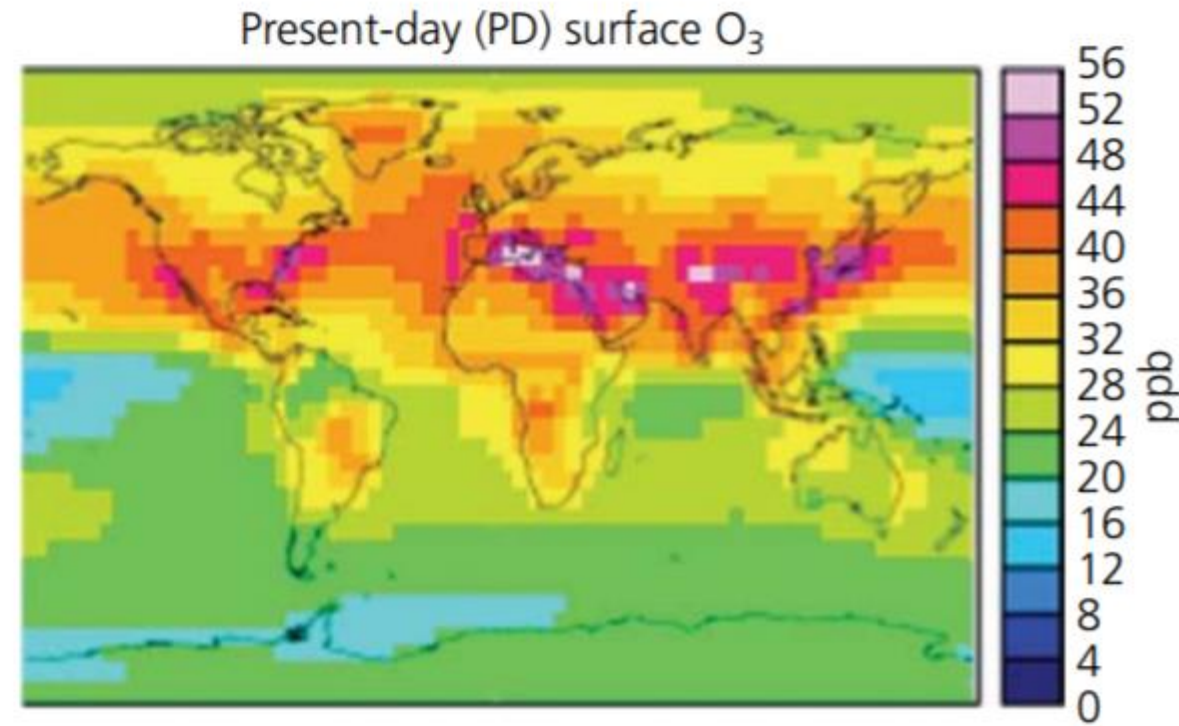
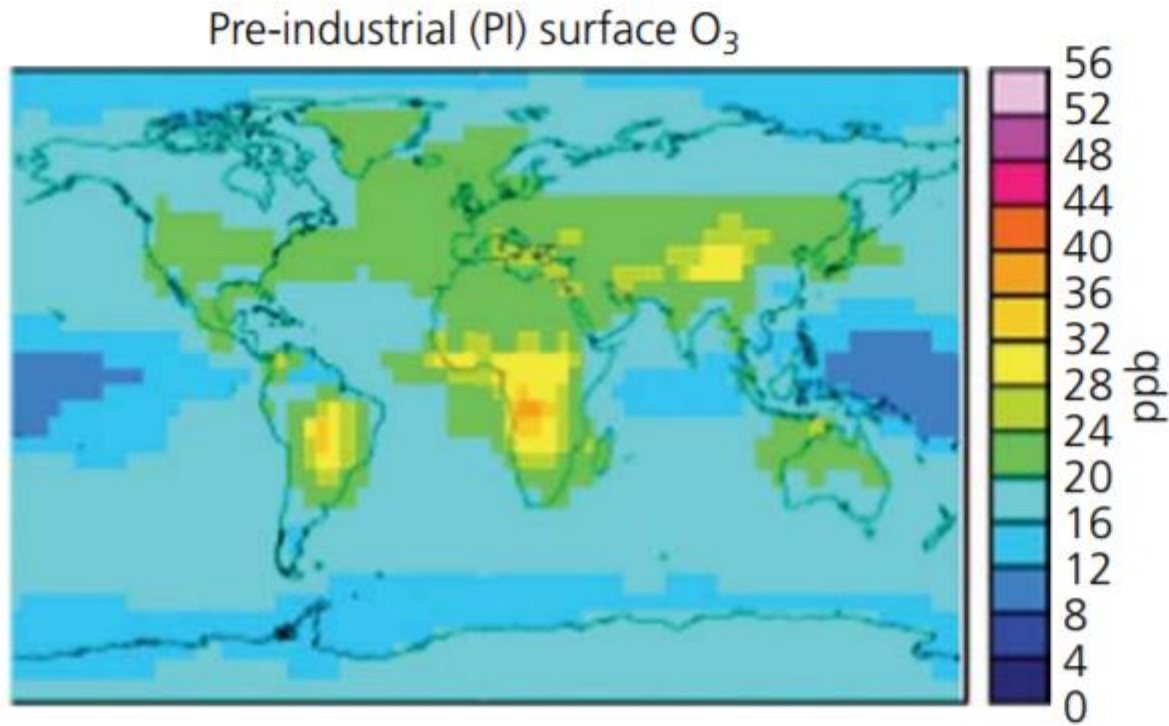
ALSO

***Aircraft observations since the 1990s reveal increases of tropospheric ozone at multiple locations across the Northern Hemisphere,***

A. Gaudel et al, 21 August 2021

# Surface ozone has increased mainly in the northern hemisphere with increasing air pollution and global surface warming

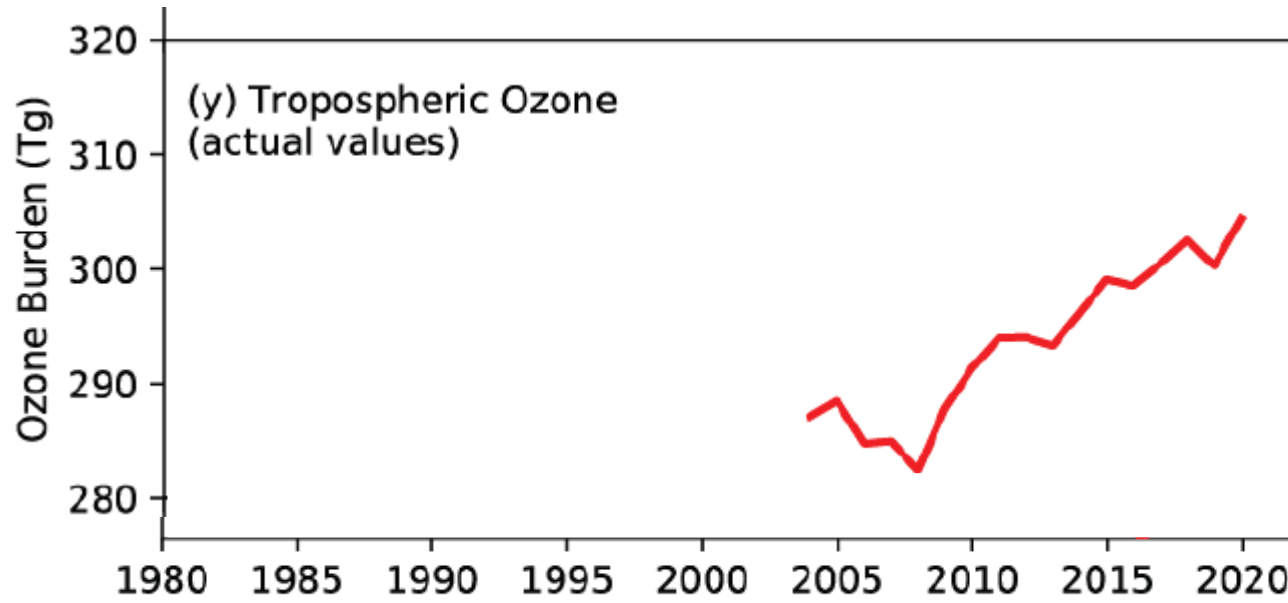
Ground-level ozone in the 21st century: future trends, impacts and policy implications, Royal Soc, 2008



# Tropospheric (surface/ground level) Ozone Rapid Increase

Mainly the temperate northern hemisphere

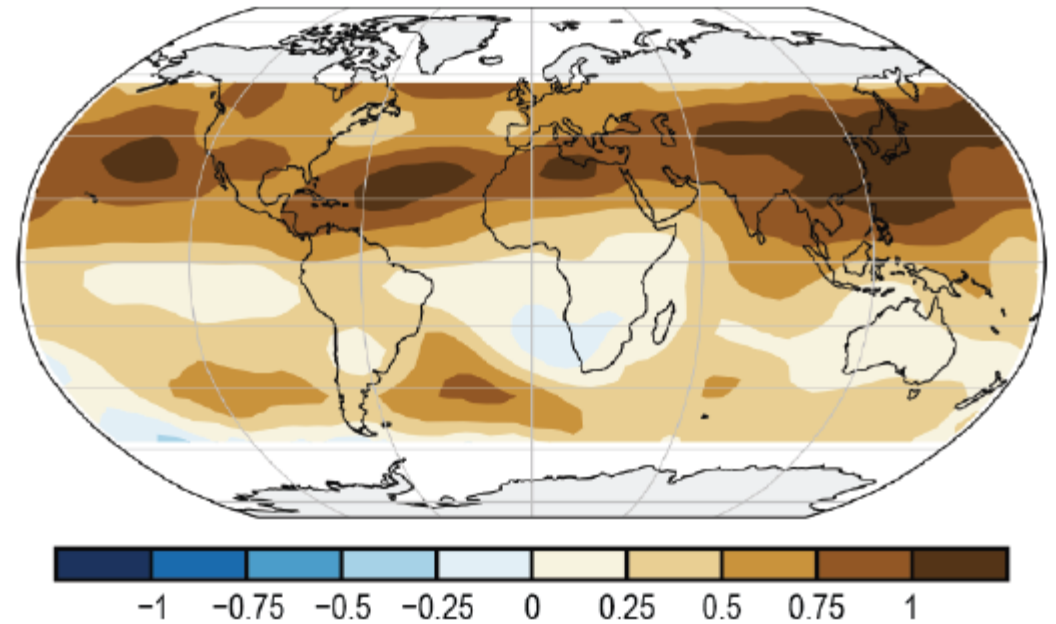
**Heat** increase surface ozone,  
which is **toxic to crops** as well as human health



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(ab) OMI/MLS Tropospheric Column Ozone



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# 1.5°C

ppb



DATASET ▾



VARIABLE ▾



QUANTITY & SCENARIO ▾



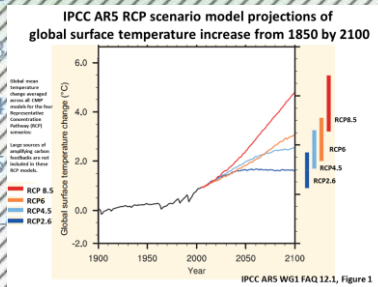
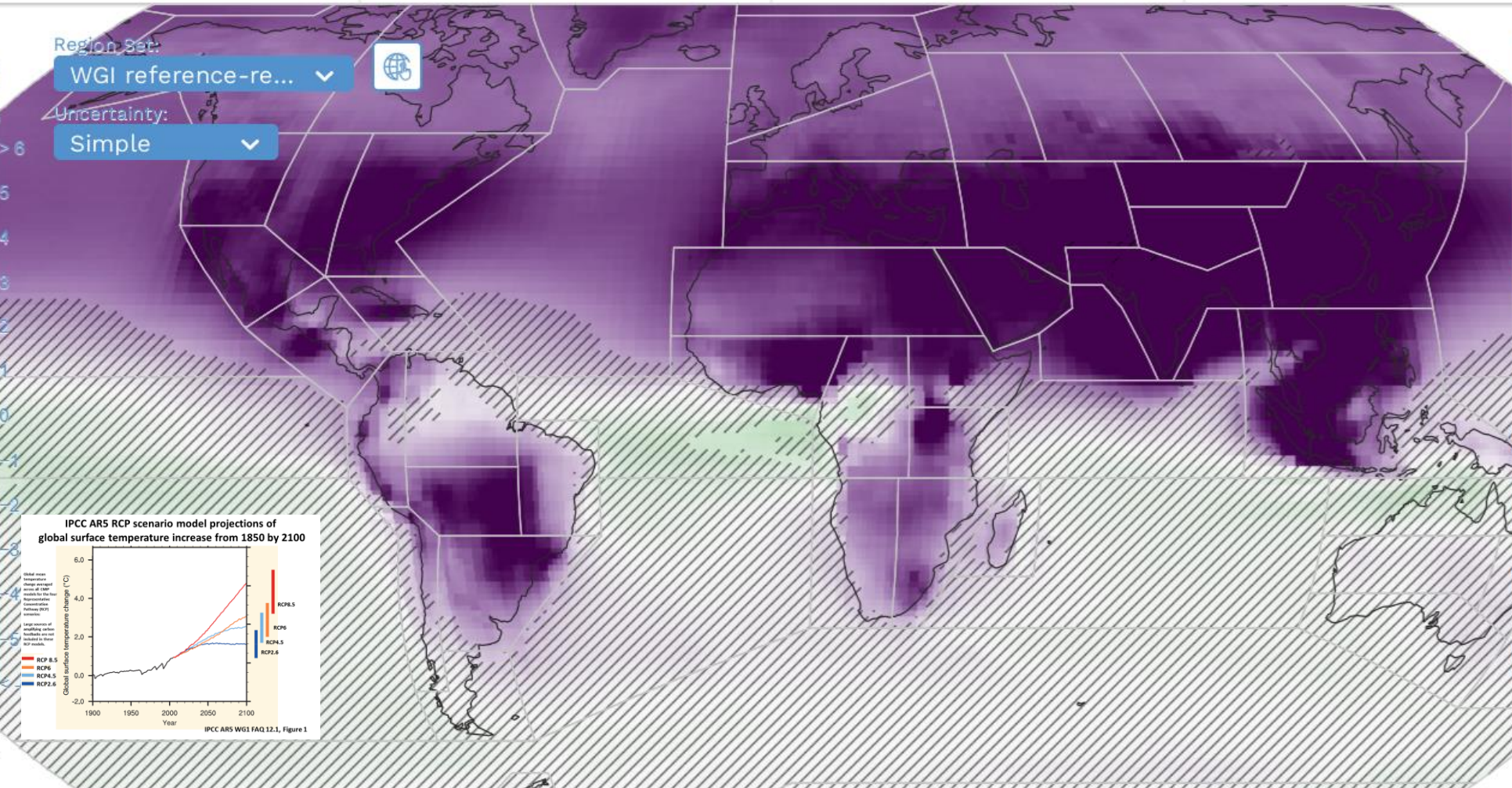
SEASON ▾

Region Set:

WGI reference-re... ▾

Uncertainty:

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CMIP6 - Surface ozone Change ppb - Long Term (2081-2100) SSP1-2.6 (rel. to 1850-1900) - Annual (4 models)

# 2°C

ppb



DATASET ▾



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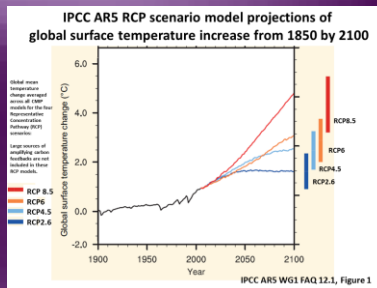
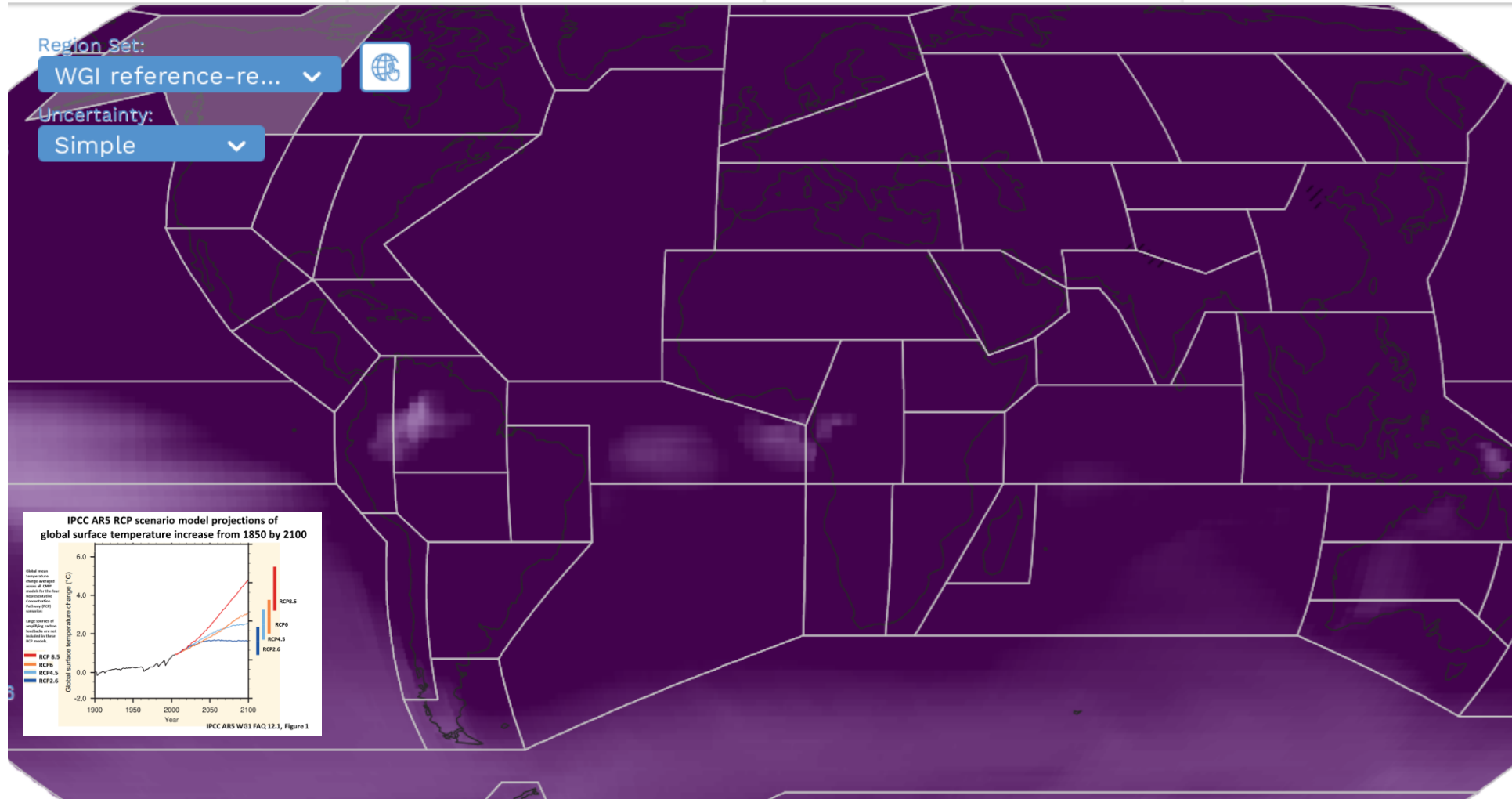
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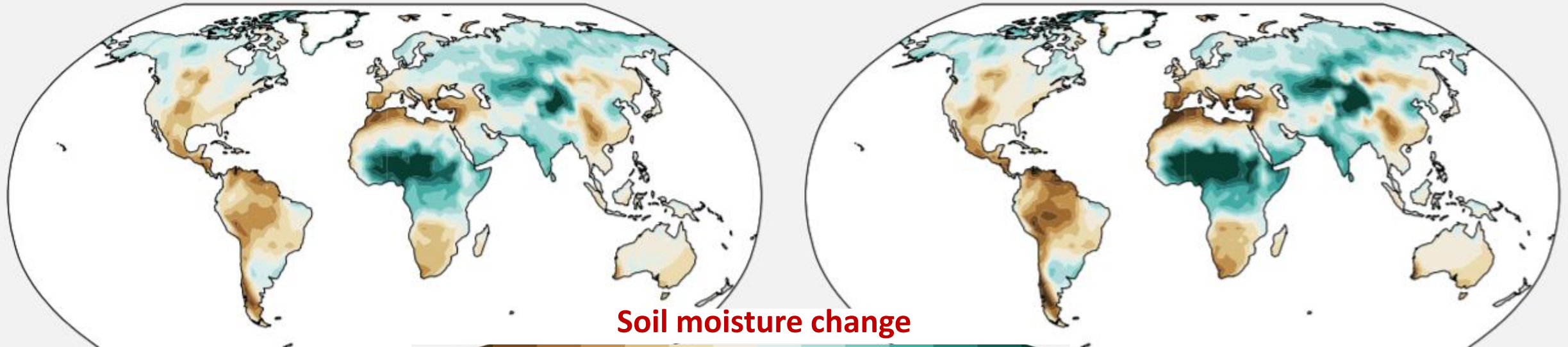
**Drought**

# Increasing world-wide drought from 1.5°C affecting major food producing regions

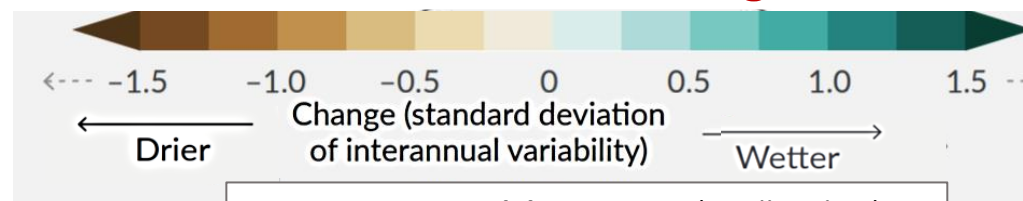
AR6 WG1  
soil moisture

Simulated change at 1.5°C global warming

Simulated change at 2°C global warming

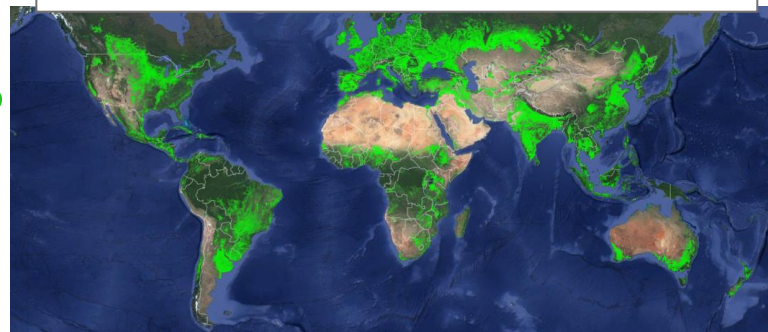


Soil moisture change



USGS Crop area and density 2017 (satellite data)

CROPS



IPCC, 2021, AR6 WG1, SPM, Figure SPM.5 |  
Changes in ...soil moisture

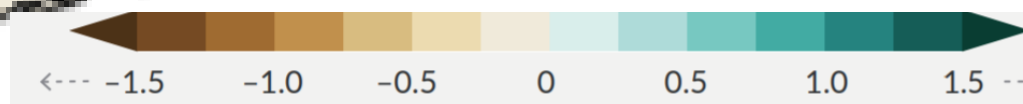
# Soil Moisture Change at 1.5°C and 2°C

## DROUGHT

1.5°C

(d) Annual mean total column soil moisture change (standard deviation)

Soil moisture change

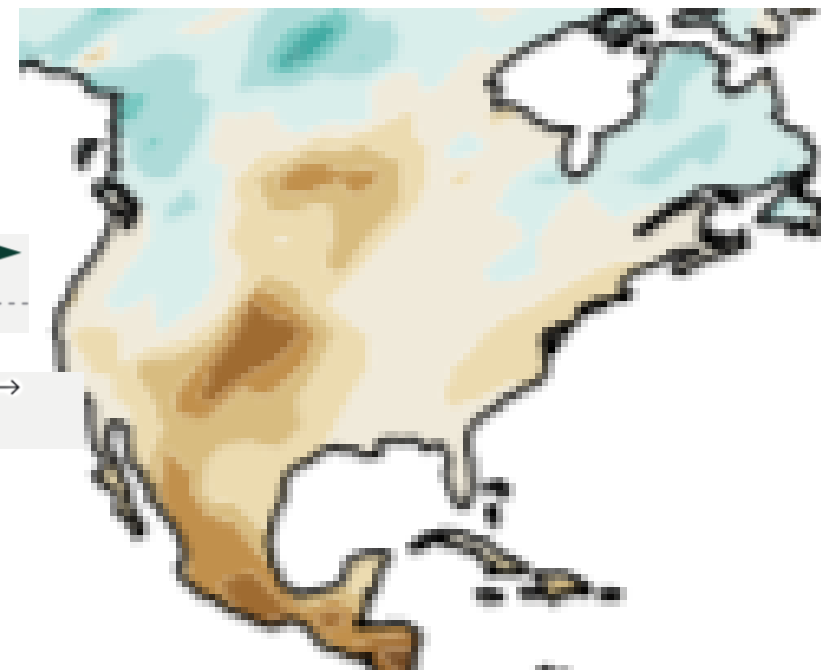


← Drier Change (standard deviation of interannual variability) Wetter →

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2°C

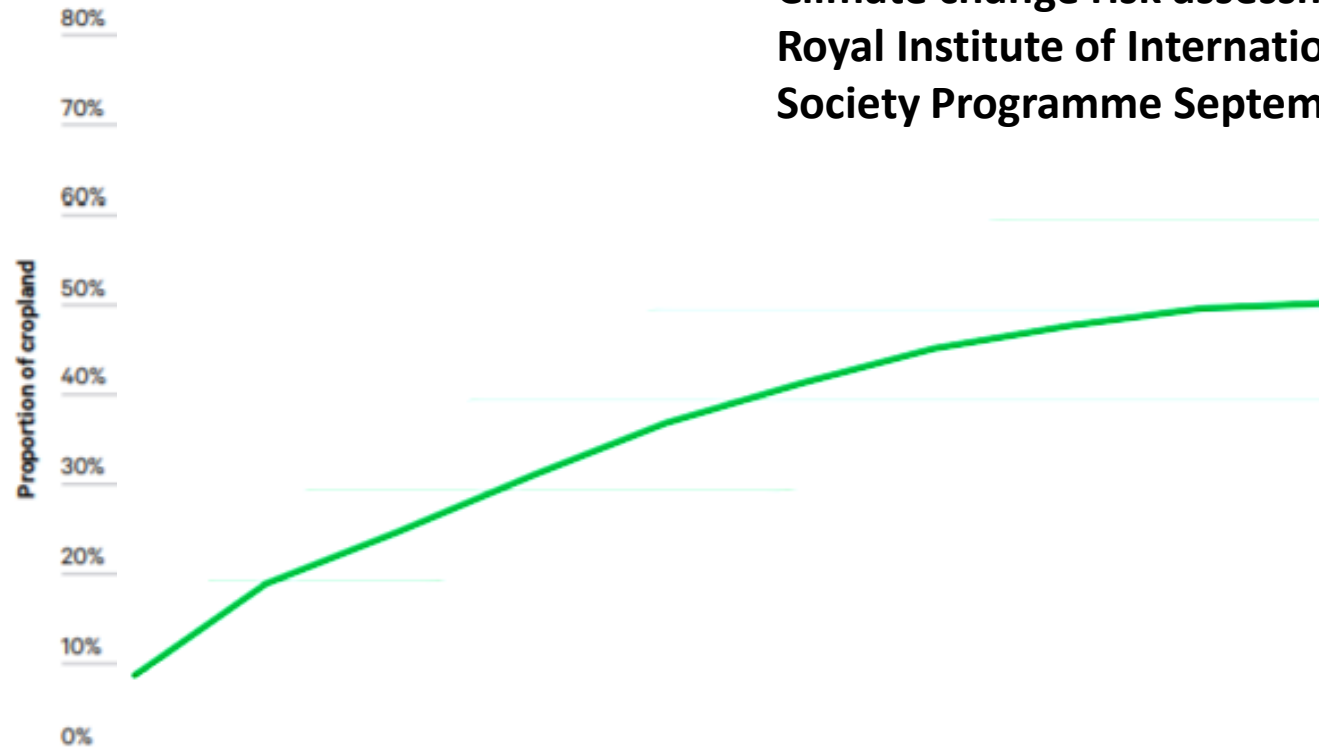


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Changes in ...soil moisture

# % Increases in drought at 2.4°C

By 2040, the average proportion of global cropland affected by severe drought will likely rise to 32 per cent each year, more than three times higher than the historic average.

**Figure 9a.** Proportion of global cropland experiencing severe drought of three months or more per year



Climate change risk assessment 2021, Chatham House  
Royal Institute of International Affairs, Environment and  
Society Programme September 2021, Daniel Quiggin et al

Source: Adapted from Arnell et al. (2019).

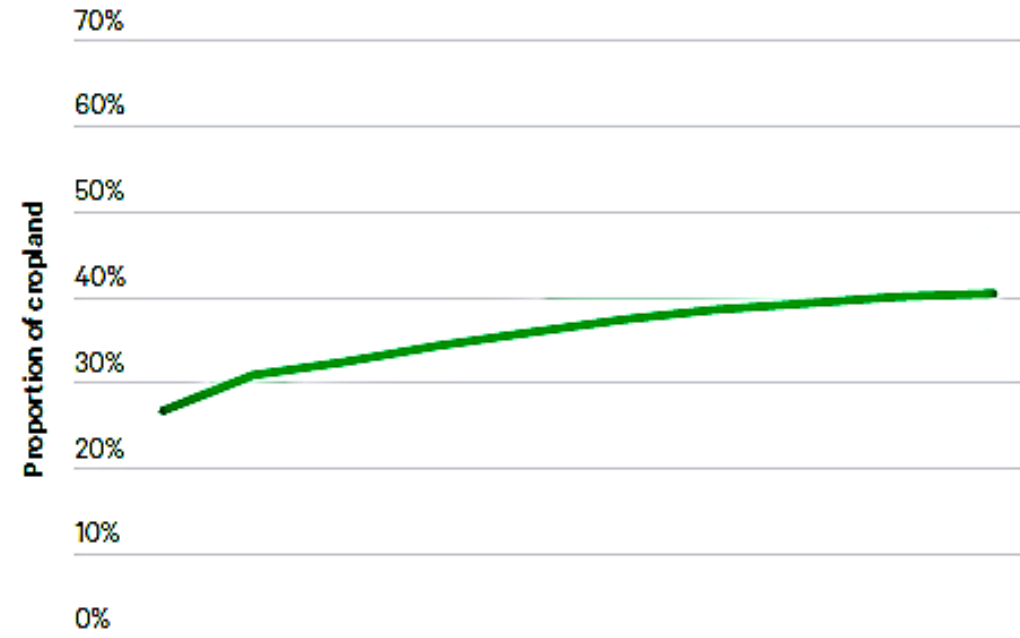


# % Increases in drought at 2.4°C

**Figure 10a.** Proportion of global winter wheat crop area experiencing damaging hot spells



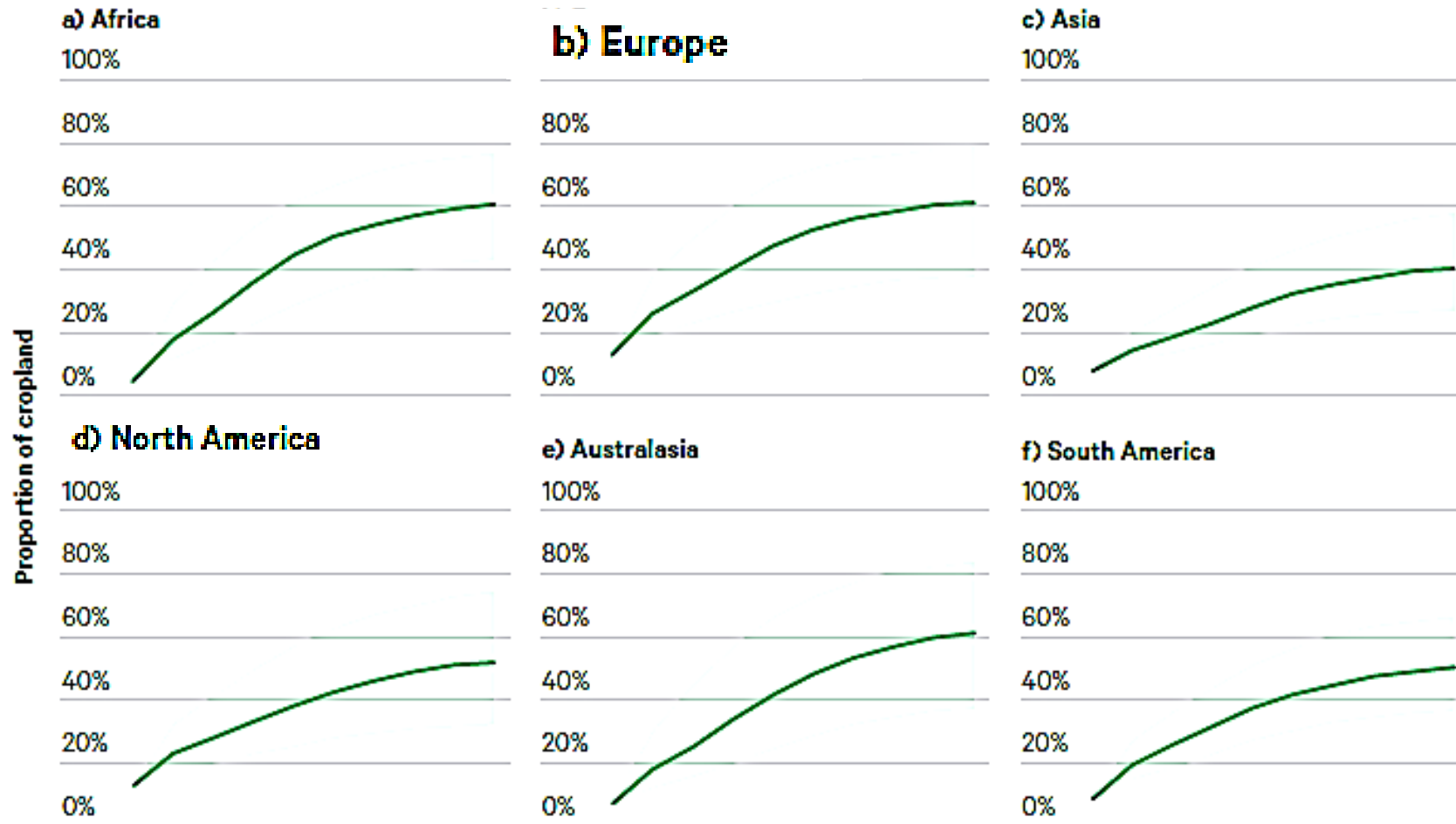
**Figure 10b.** Proportion of global rice crop area experiencing damaging hot spells



Source: Adapted from Arnell et al. (2019).

# % Increases in drought at 2.4°C

**Figure 12.** Proportion of continental cropland experiencing severe drought of three months or more  
2.4°C



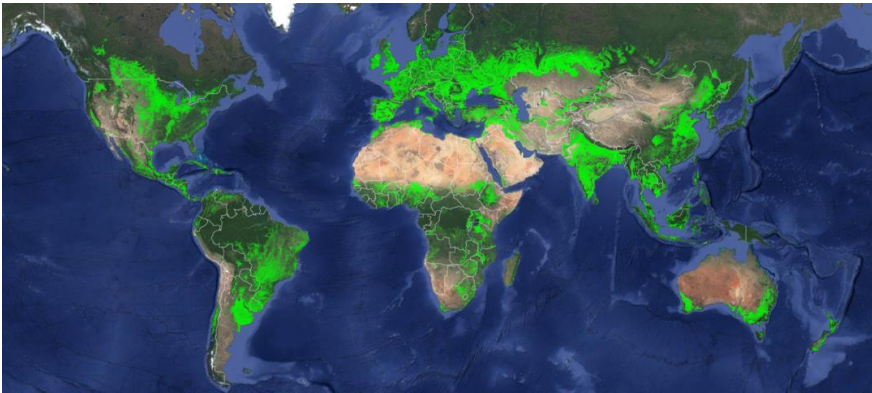
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# Proportion of regional cropland exposed to severe drought, in 2050

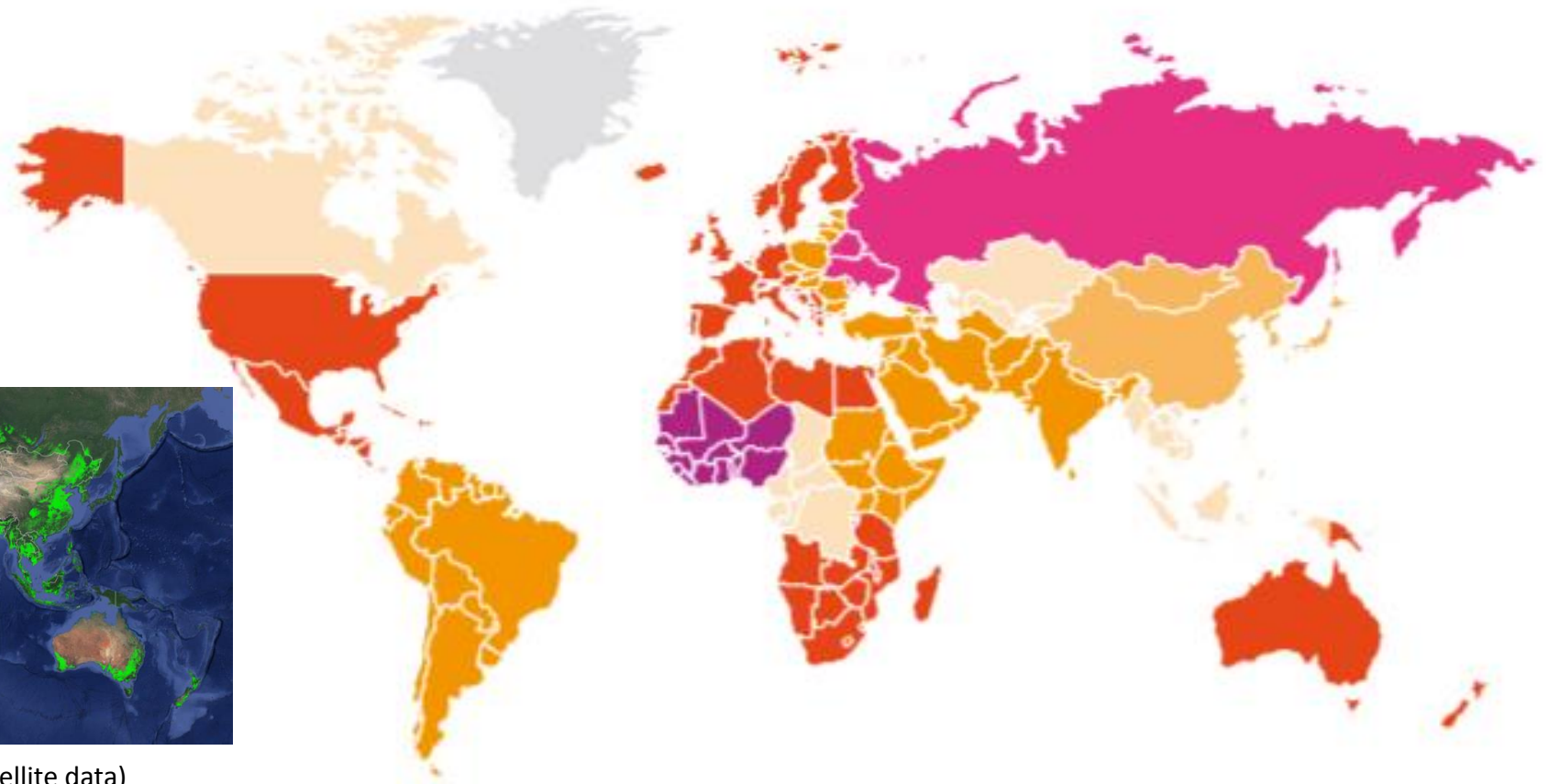
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USGS Crop area and density 2017 (satellite data)



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# **Extreme Rainfall Floods**



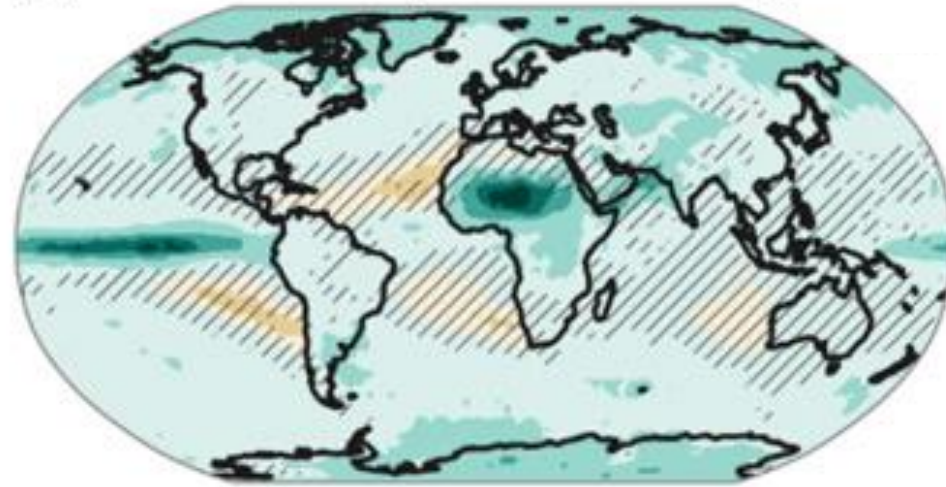
# Annual maximum daily precipitation change (Rx1day) - median

**Almost all countries affected at 2°C**

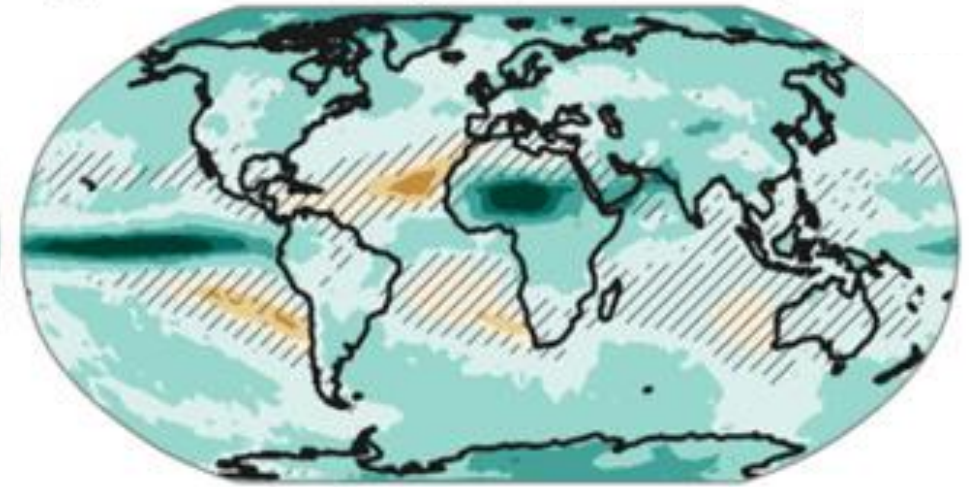
IPCC AR6 WG1

**Damaging to crops and agricultural land**

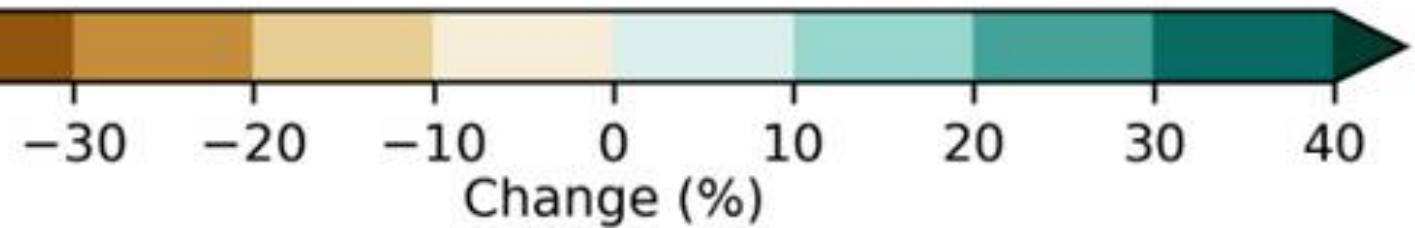
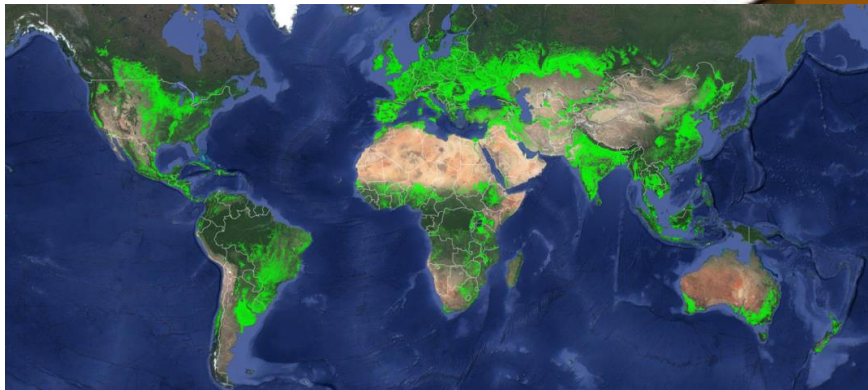
(a) At 1.5°C global warming



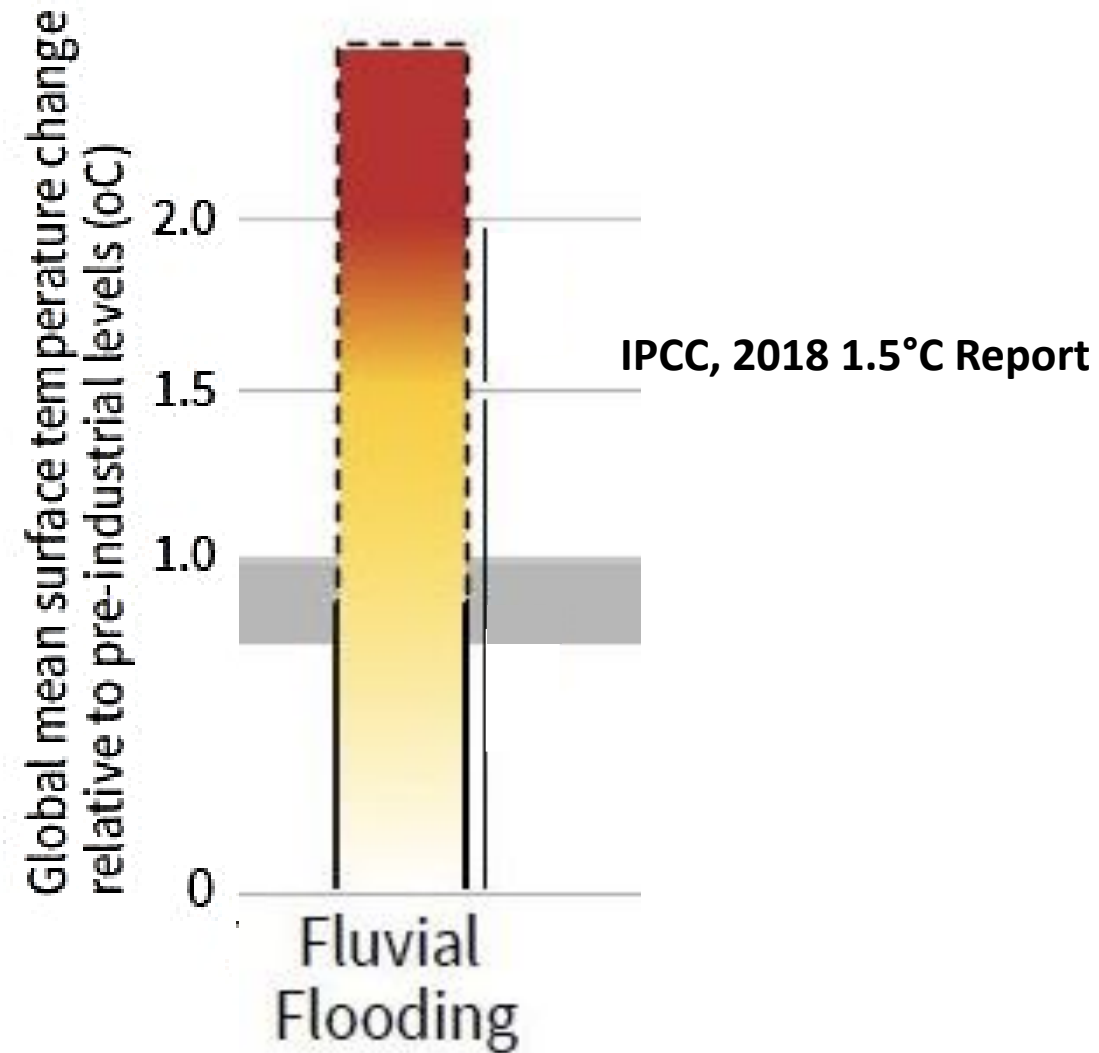
(b) At 2.0°C global warming



**CROPS**



# River Flooding

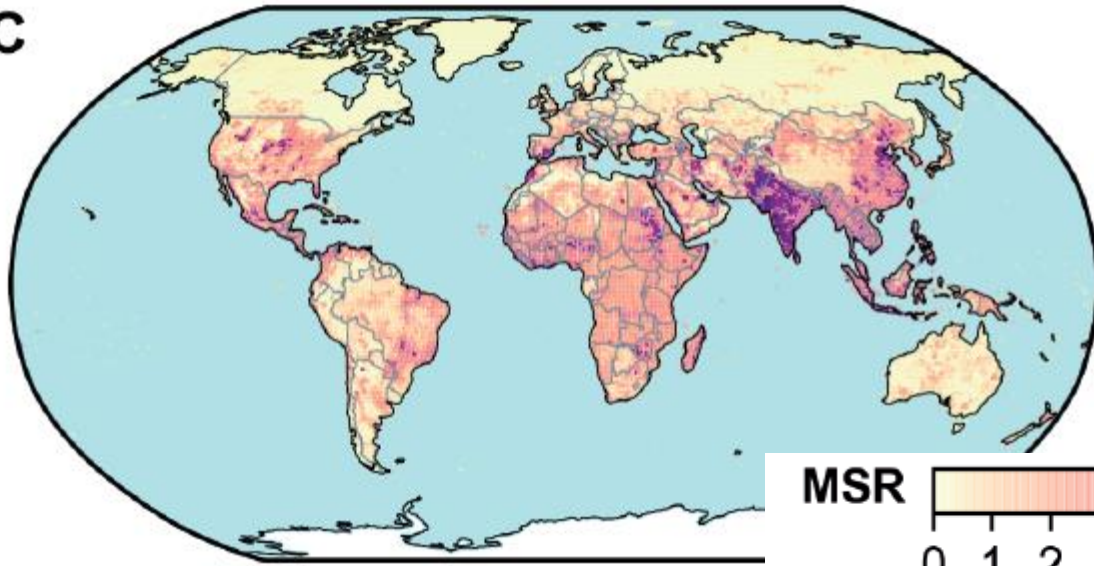


# Compound extreme events

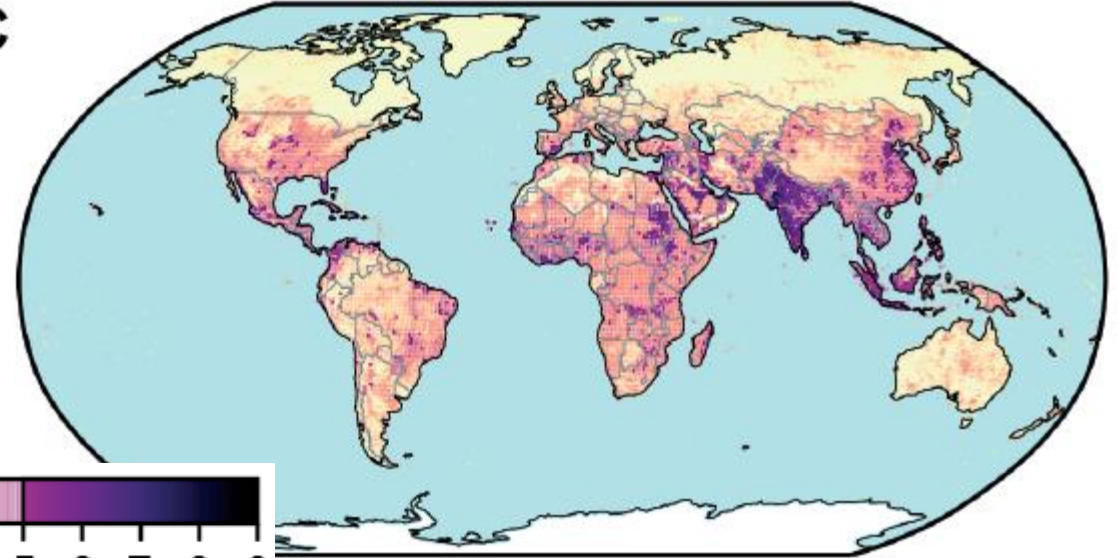
## *Interacting and Cascading Risks*

IPCC, 2018, 1.5°C Report

1.5°C



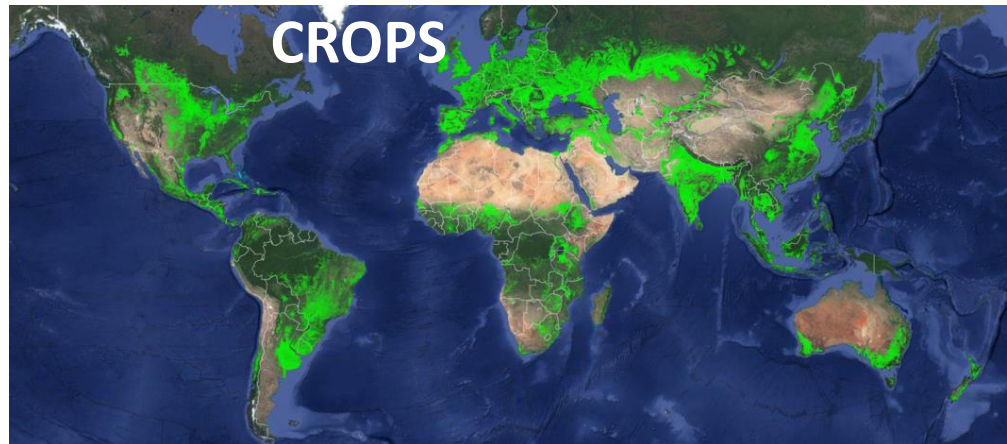
2°C



MSR

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IPCC 2018, 1.5°C Report ,Figure 3.19 | Multi-sector risk maps for 1.5°C and 2°C



CROPS

USGS Crop area and density  
2017 (satellite data)



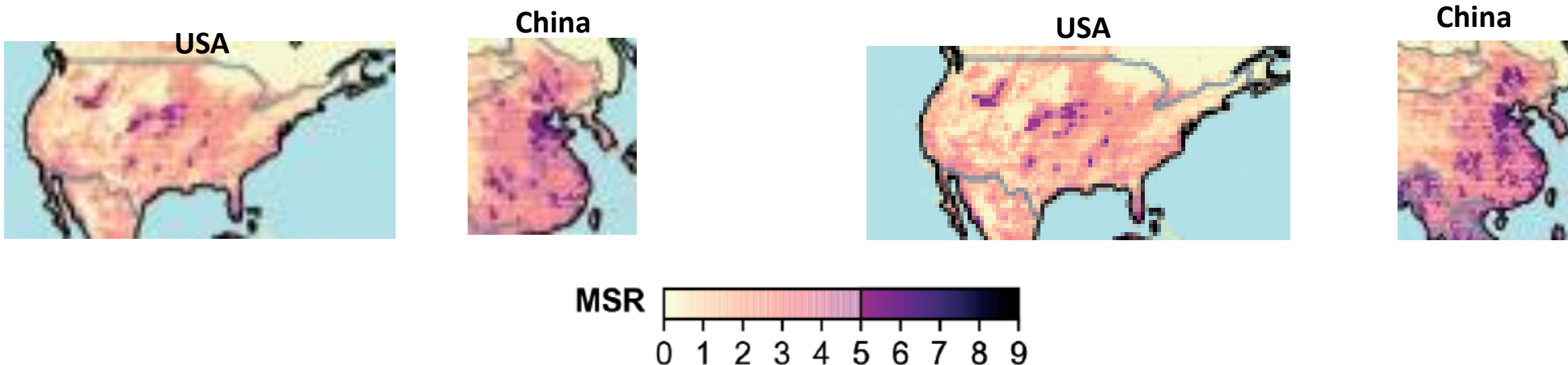
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# CONCLUSION

The world today is in a state of world food insecurity emergency due to impacts at already committed degrees of climate change at 1.5°C to 2°C

The world's food producing regions are impacted substantially by multiple extreme weather events at 1.5°C increasing to 2°C

This includes compound extreme events

Increased surface ozone is an added adverse effect of high temperatures and heat waves, particularly the temperate northern hemisphere

These impacts affect the industrialized northern hemisphere as well as the south  
This includes top world food producing countries, USA and China

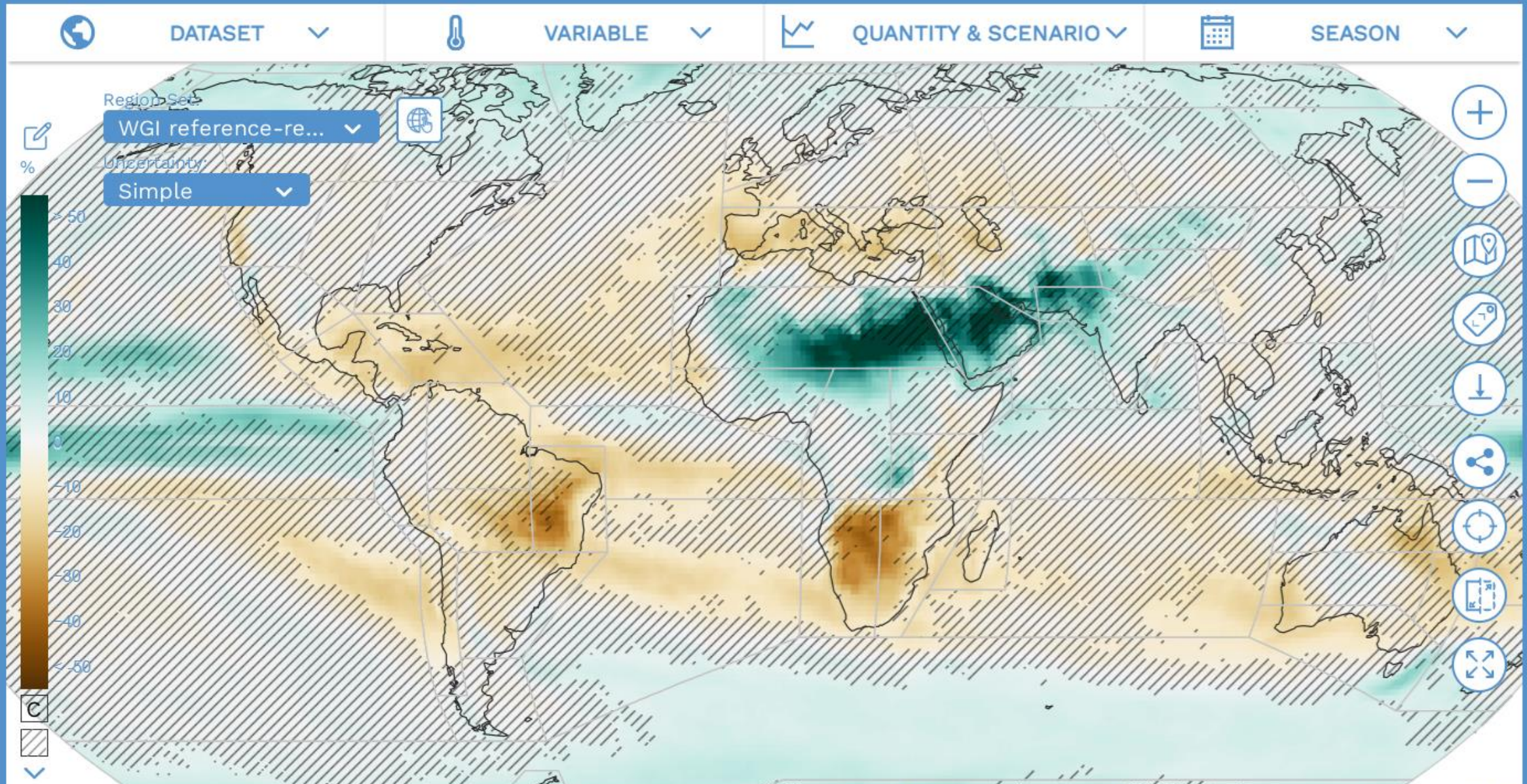
Africa is impacted by far the worst

These impact on top of world agriculture systems at breaking,  
and also on top increasing linear impacts  
of global climate change  
on food production

The world today is in a world food

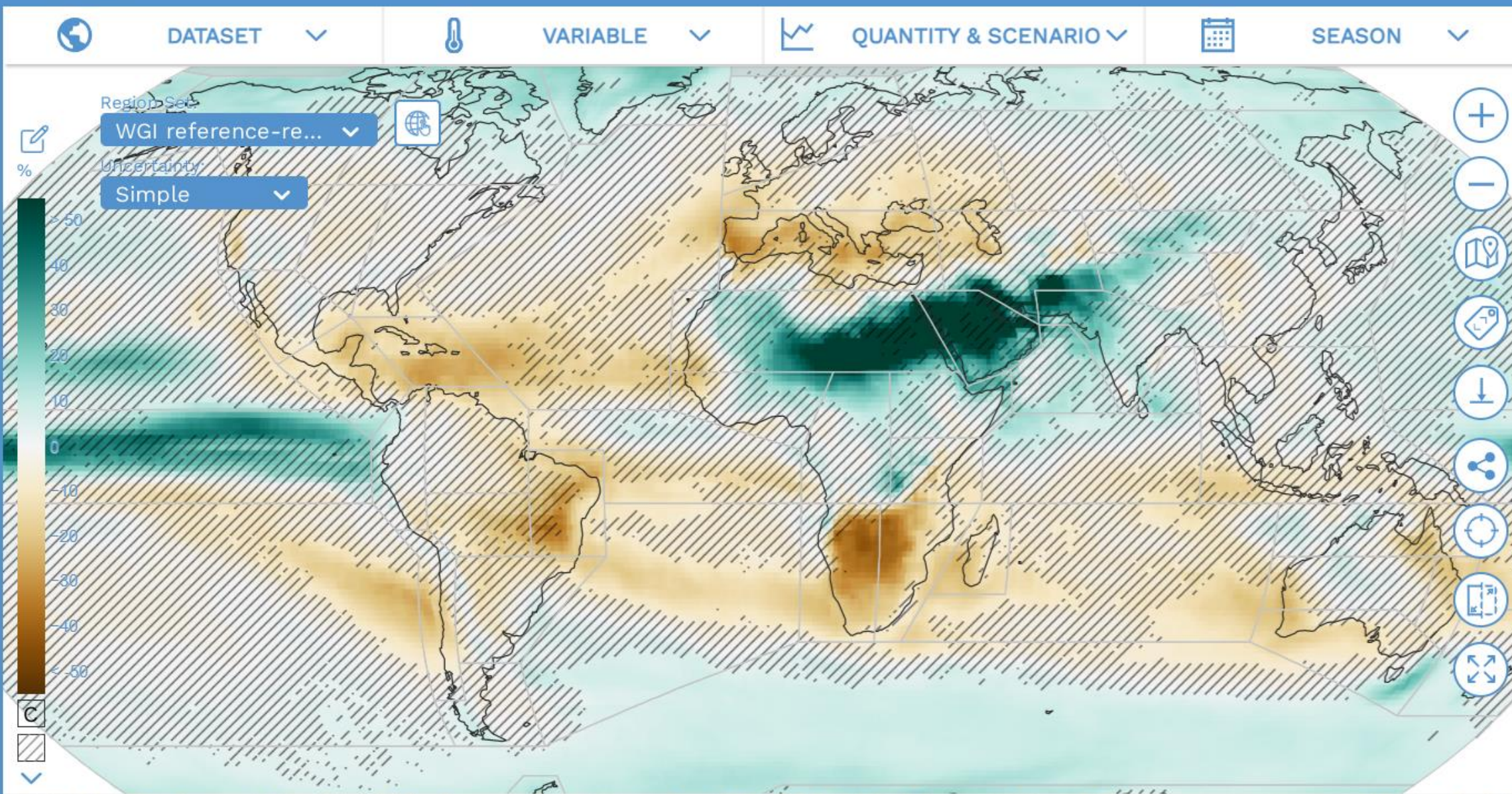
# **The climate change background of increasing extreme events**



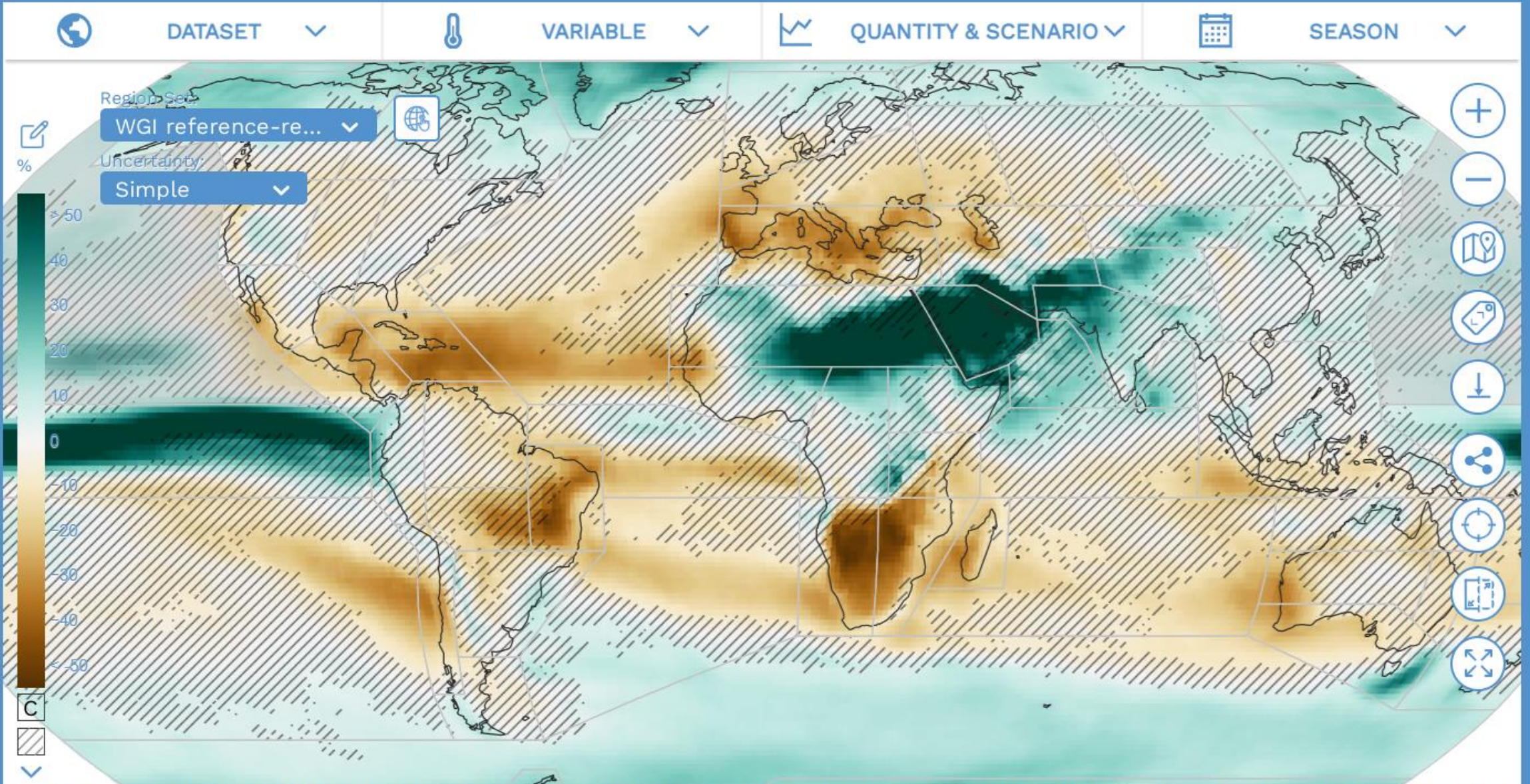


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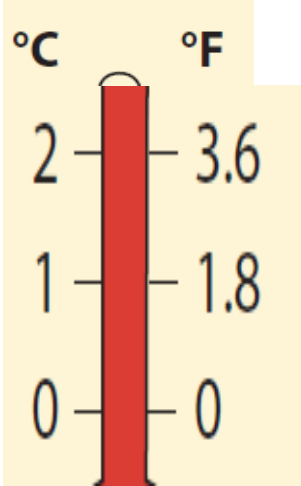


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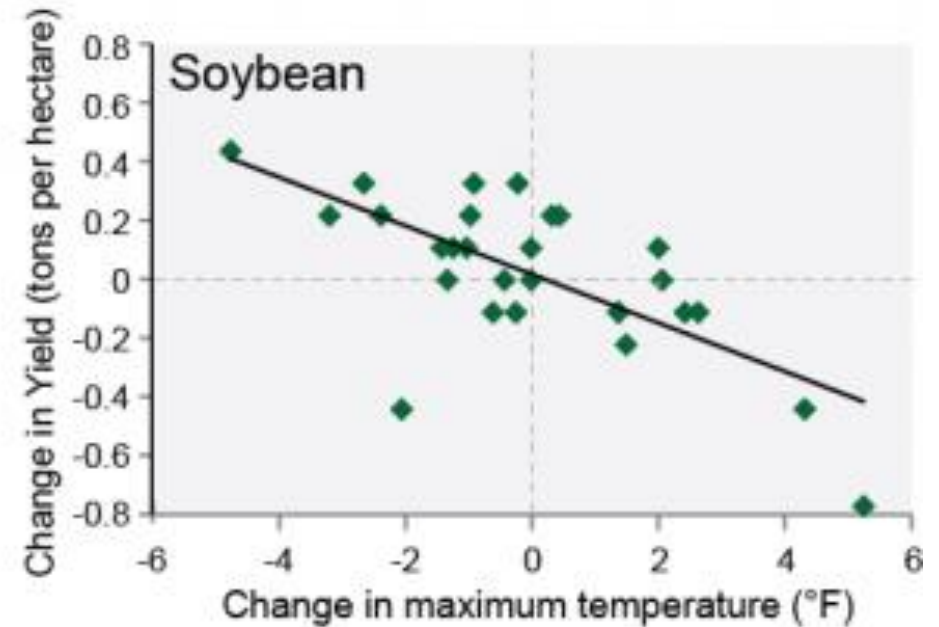
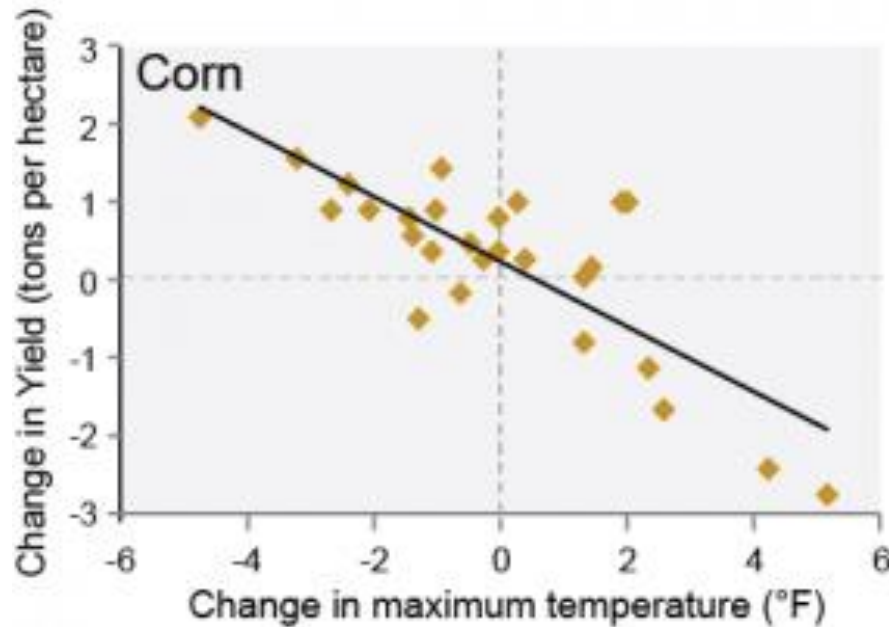


# USA crop yields under higher temperatures

US global change research, 2019



## Crop Yields Decline under Higher Temperatures



Crop yields are very sensitive to temperature and rainfall. They are especially sensitive to high temperatures during the pollination and grain filling period. For example, corn (left) and soybean (right) harvests in Illinois and Indiana, two major producers, were lower in years with average maximum summer (June, July, and August) temperatures higher than the average from 1980 to 2007. Most years with below-average yields are both warmer and drier than normal. There is high correlation between warm and dry conditions during Midwest summers due to similar meteorological conditions and drought-caused changes.

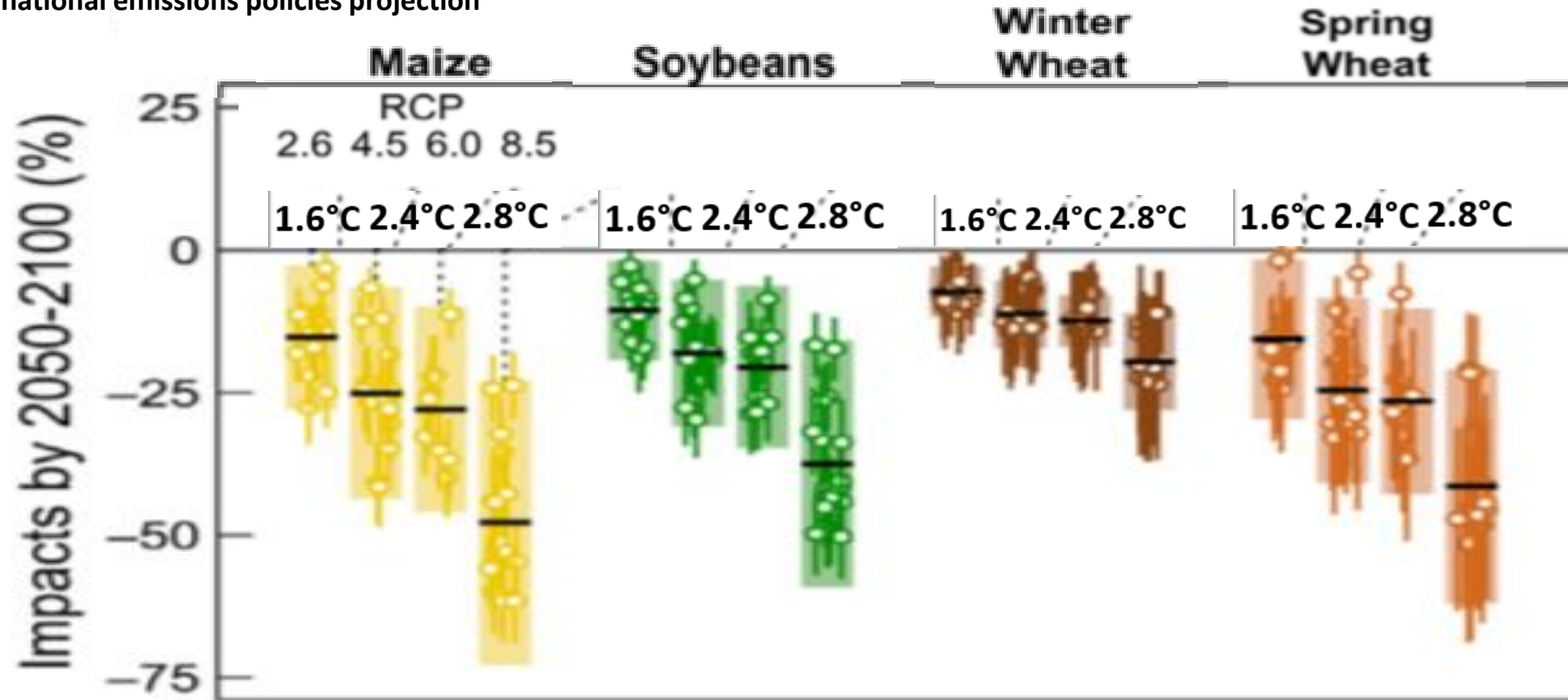
# Increasing US crop yield decline with increase of global warming above 1.5°C

## *Unpacking the climatic drivers of US agricultural yields, 2019*

1.6°C: unavoidable,

2.4°C: requires immediate rapid emissions decline

2.8°C : national emissions policies projection



*Unpacking the climatic drivers of US agricultural yields, A. Ortiz-Bobea , H, Wang, Carrillo and T. Ault, 29 April 2019*

Figure 4. Climate change impact projections on United States crop yields. Each dot represents a particular GCM in CMIP5 for the end of the century (2050–2100). Vertical lines around each dot represents the 95% confidence. The horizontal solid black line and the colored bands correspond to the mean and  $\pm$  two standard deviation of each ensemble, respectively. Climate change scenarios are increasingly severe from RCP 2.6–8.5). Traditional model with constant intra-seasonal effects of precipitation and temperature.



# ***Anthropogenic climate change has slowed global agricultural productivity growth***

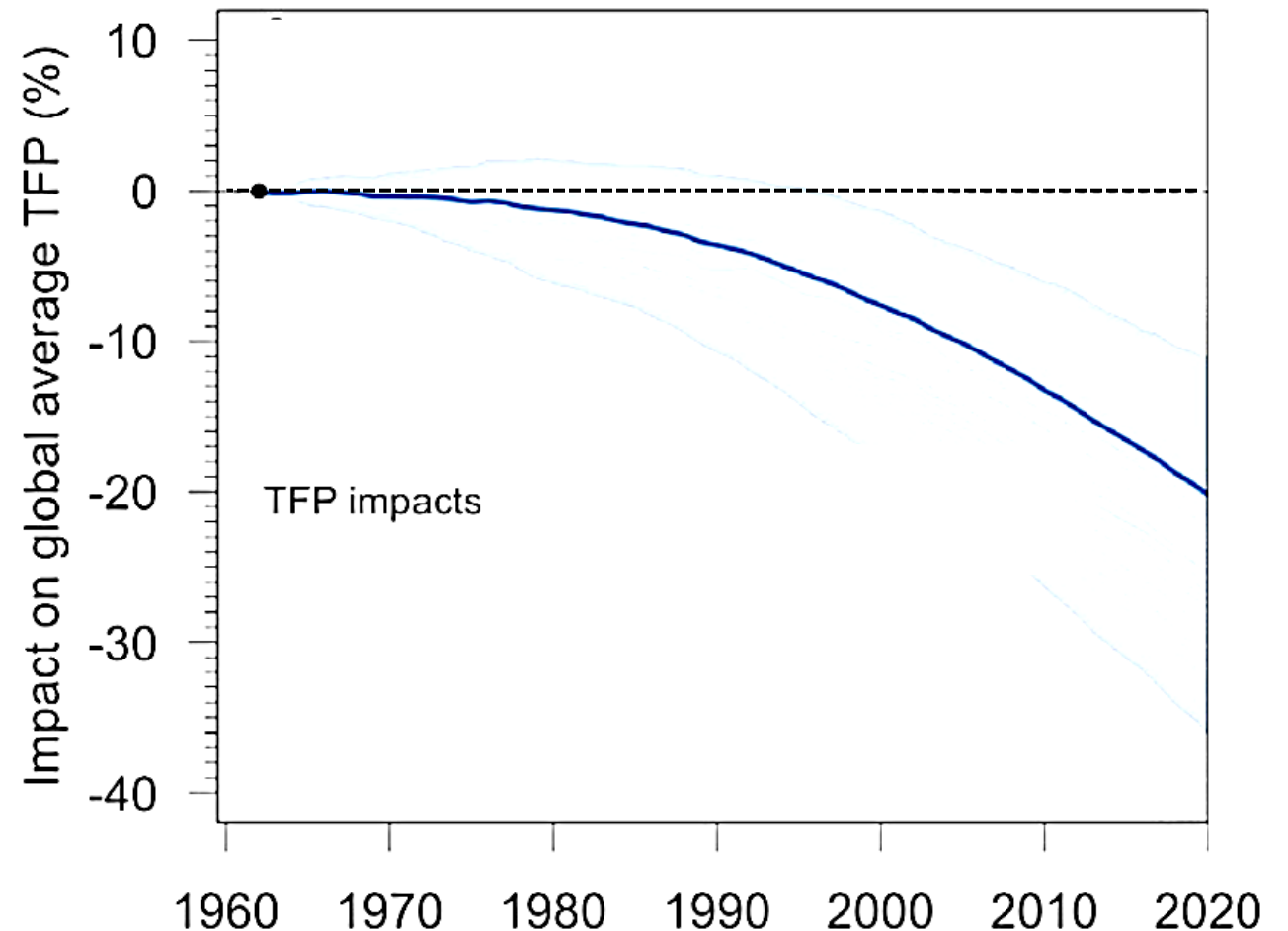
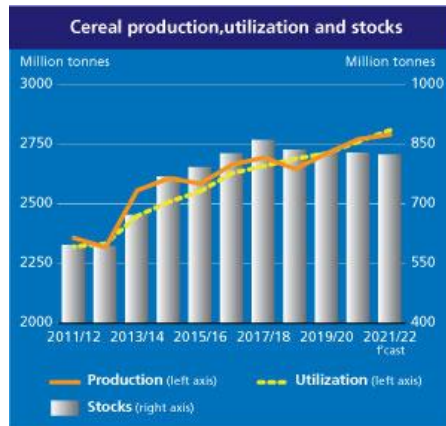
01 April 2021, Nature, Ariel Ortiz-Bobea, Toby R. Ault, Carlos M. Carrillo, Robert G. Chambers & David B. Lobell

TFP measures aggregate total output per unit of measured aggregate input

“Anthropogenic climate change has reduced global agricultural TFP by about 21% since 1961, a slowdown that is equivalent to losing the last 9 years of productivity growth.

The effect is substantially more severe (a reduction of ~30-33%) in warmer regions such as Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

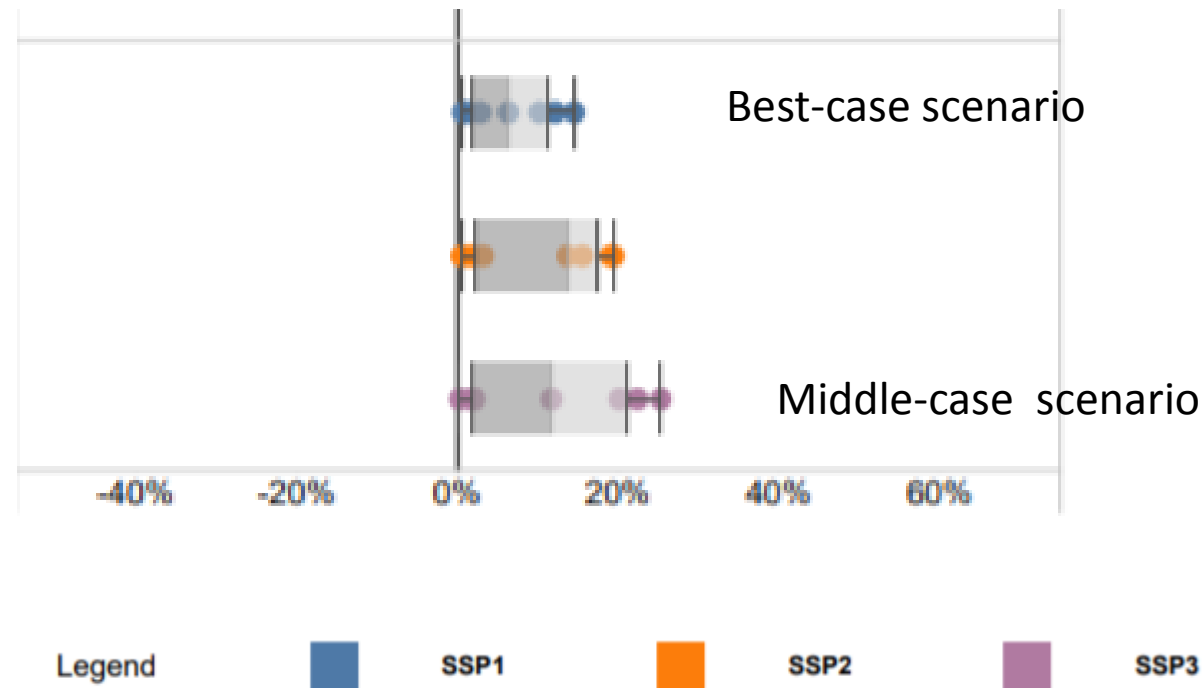
We also find that global agriculture has grown more vulnerable to ongoing climate change.”



# IPCC 2019 Land Report, food Prices under climate change

World

## Climate Change Impacts



IPCC 2019 Land Report Figure 5.14 | Regional impacts of climate change on food price in 2050 under different socio-economic scenarios (SSP1, SSP2 and SSP3) based on AgMIP Global Economic Model analysis.

