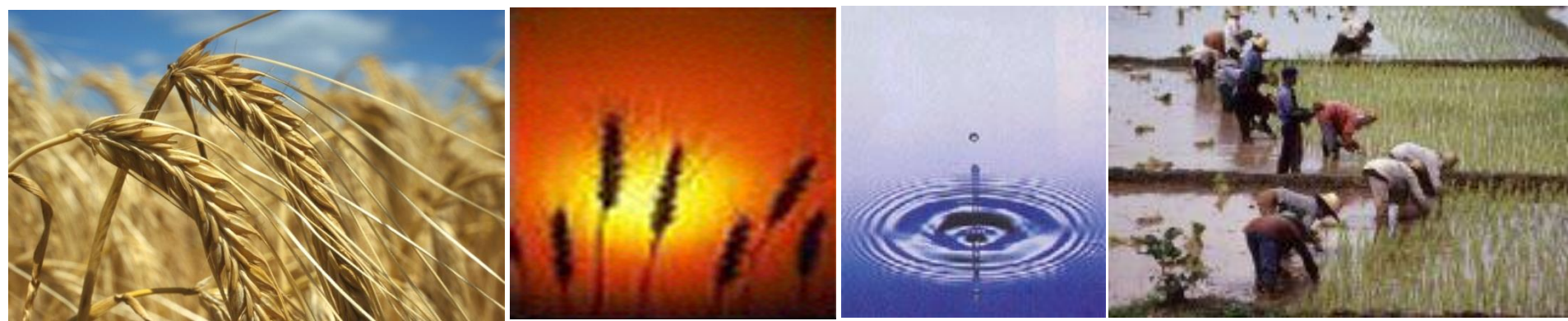


# Lessons from Food, Land and Water Research at IIASA

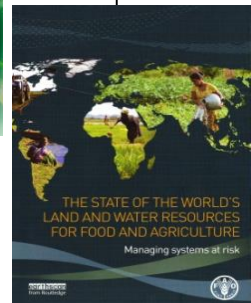
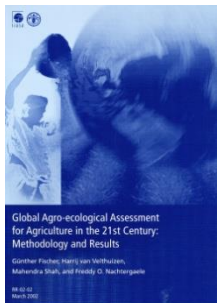
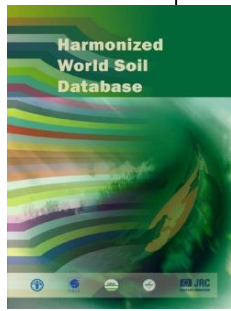
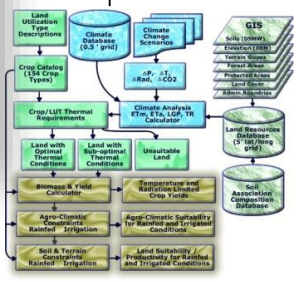
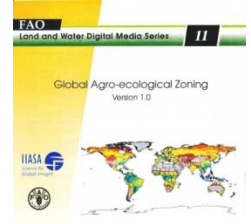
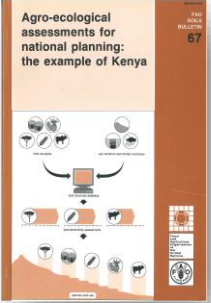
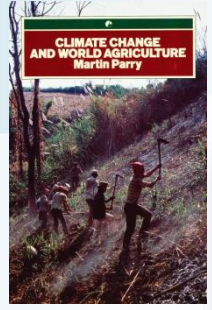
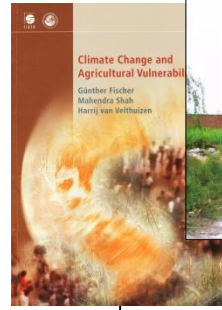
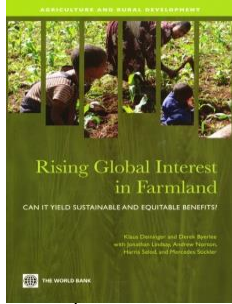
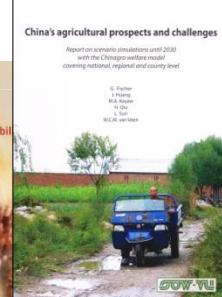
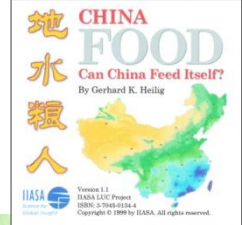
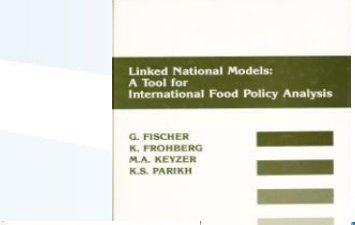
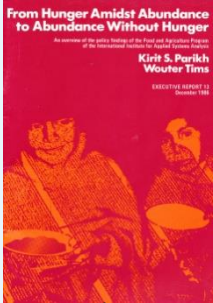
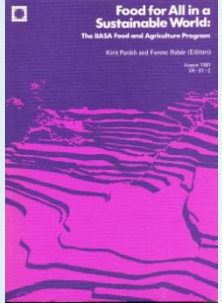


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# IIASA's Food, Land and Water Research



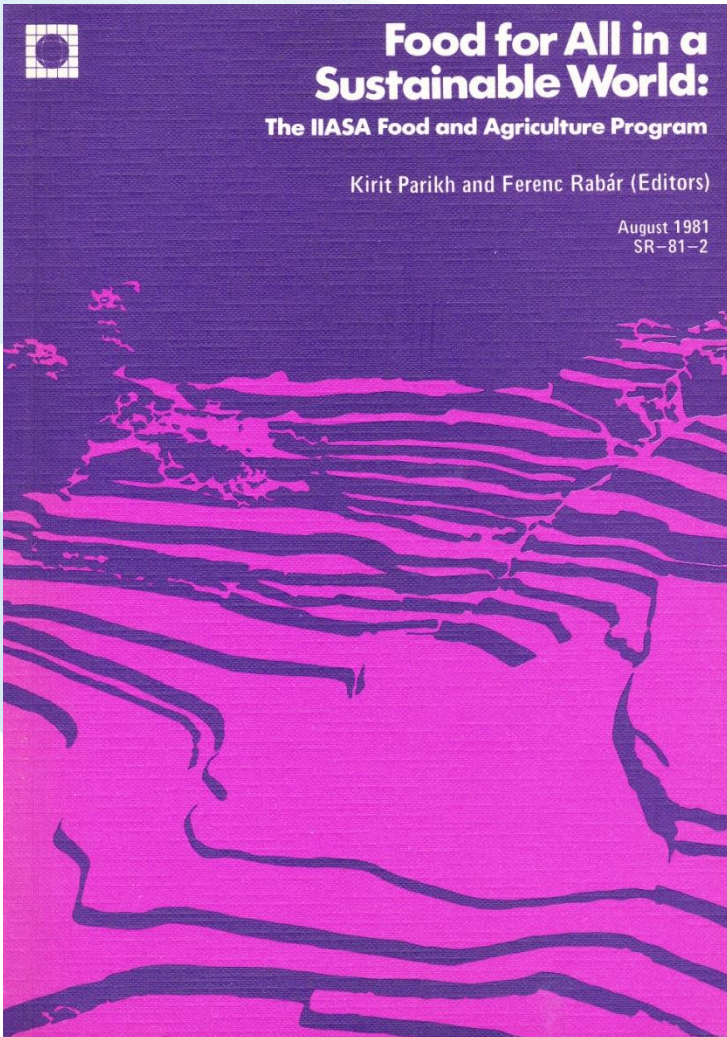
# 1980's–IIASA's Food and Agriculture Program

## What were the key questions?

- What can a study at the IIASA do to help reduce hunger?
- Why do hunger and large food surpluses exist concurrently?
- What prevents the distribution of food surplus to the hungry?
- Can we identify policies to eradicate hunger in our time?

## Why was it undertaken at IIASA?

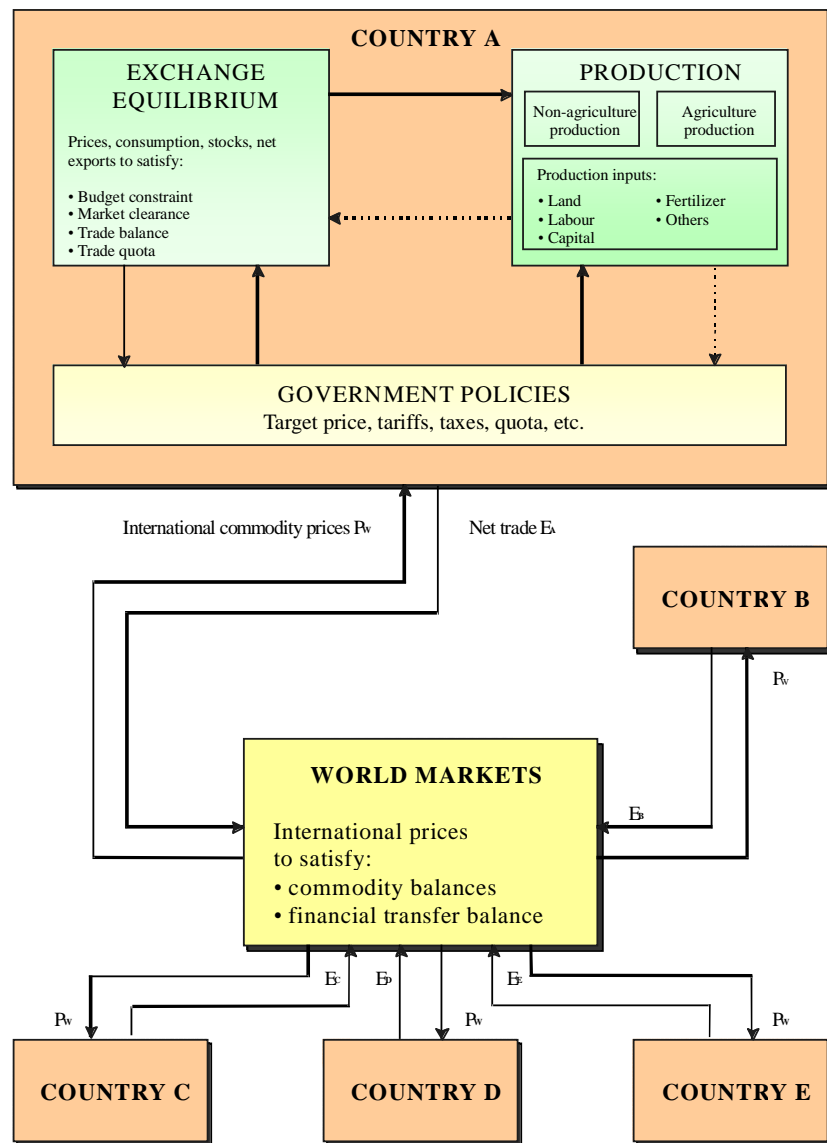
- Although hunger is regionally confined, the growing interdependence of the global food system requires an international approach.
- Economic relations and policies are complex and require the development of new analytical tools.
- The problem requires a multidisciplinary approach as it covers a number of different fields and sectors.



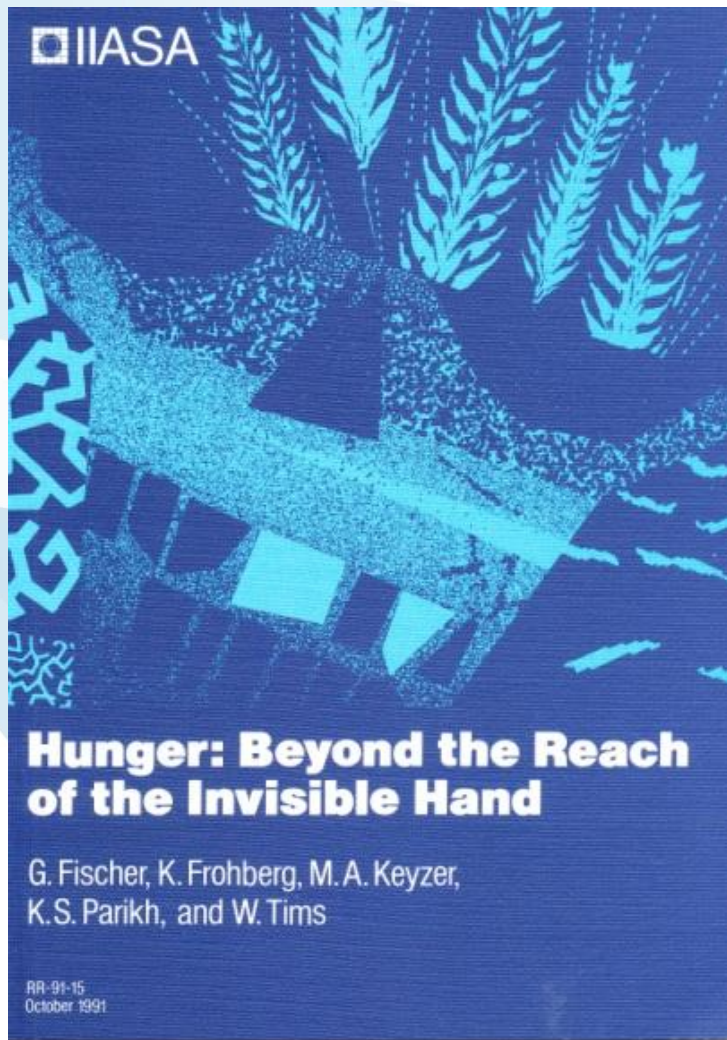
# 1980's – IIASA's Food and Agriculture Program

## The analytical tool

- Formulation and operational implementation of an applied general equilibrium approach.
- A set of national agricultural systems embedded in national economies affected by national governments and interacting through trade, aid and capital flows.
- Empirically estimated demand and production systems.
- In the process of exchange all markets are cleared within each country's balance of trade constraint and the income and resource constraints faced by the actors.
- Population and its growth are exogenous (e.g. taken from UN or SSP projections).
- Land available for cultivation is exogenous (e.g. taken from FAO/IIASA GAEZ data).
- Dynamically recursive simulation model solved in yearly time steps.



# 1980's – IIASA's Food and Agriculture Program



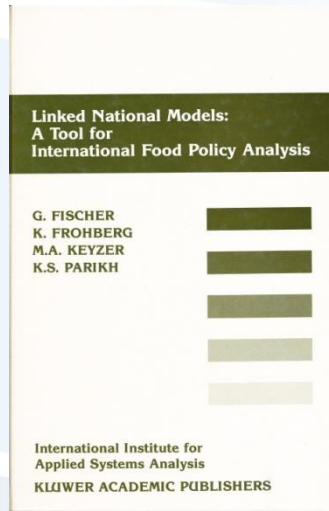
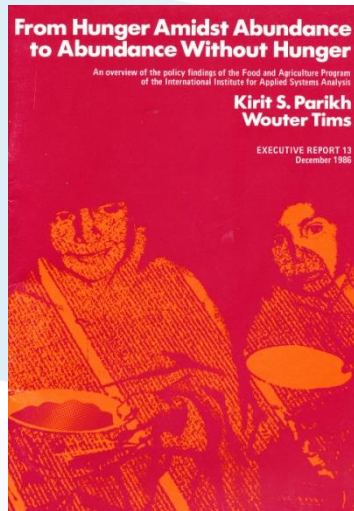
## Main characterization of the hunger problem:

- Hunger is closely related to poverty.
- The majority of the poor earn their incomes by offering unskilled labor in markets with abundant supply of such labor.
- No safety net exists to maintain minimum levels of income to people not employable.
- The daily concerns of the poor with survival and their lack of resources severely limit their influence on national development priorities.
- The existing world food system is resilient for the rich and stubborn for the poor.

## Policy suggestions for alleviating hunger:

- Through trickle down over time.
- Increase food supplies on the world market.
- Increase food production in developing countries.
- Increase productivity of the assets of the poor.
- Increase real incomes of the poor

# 1980's – IIASA's Food and Agriculture Program

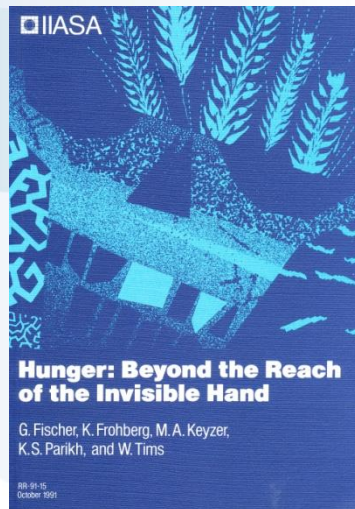
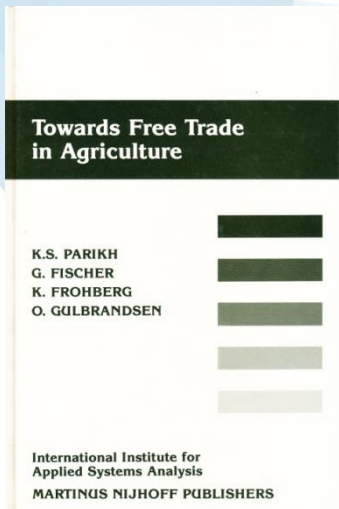


## Major achievements:

- Advanced systems analysis: First global study of this nature, depth and complexity.
- Methodological breakthrough: First global multi-region and multi-commodity applied general equilibrium model of the world food system.
- An in-depth analysis of who are the winners and losers of trade liberalization in agriculture.
- Hunger: Beyond the Reach of the Invisible Hand

## Policy relevant findings:

- Current national and international policies will not lead to significant alleviation of hunger.
- Agricultural trade liberalization will have only marginal effects on hunger and produces mixed effects for developing countries.
- Trade liberalization combined with liberalized international movement of production factors and additional aid to finance redistributive programs in poor developing countries could eradicate hunger.



# Land Resources & Agro-ecological Zoning:

- **FAO and IIASA** have developed a **spatial analysis system** that enables **rational land-use planning** on the basis of an inventory of land resources and evaluation of biophysical limitations and production potentials of land.

- The **AEZ methodology** provides a **standardized framework** for analyzing synergies and trade-offs of **alternative uses of agro-resources** (land, water, technology) for producing food and energy, while **preserving environmental quality**.

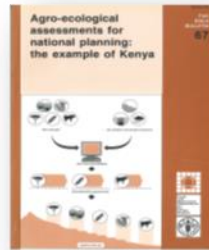


- The AEZ analysis yields knowledge about current and future **production potentials** of land, helps identify **land and water limitations** and provides insight into current **yield and production gaps** and their causes.

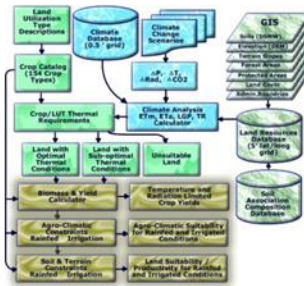
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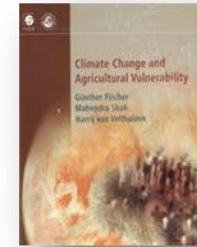
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Methodology  
1978**



**Kenya  
1993**



**Start Global AEZ  
1995**



**GAEZ v3.0  
2011**

Population Supporting Capacity Study



**1984**



**Bangladesh  
1988**



**China  
1994**



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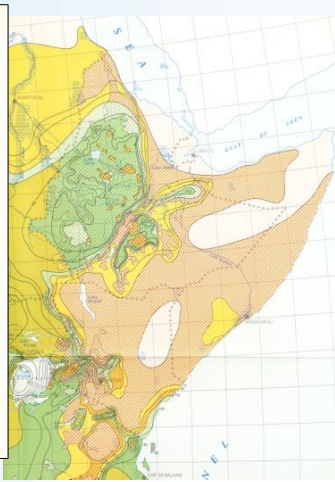
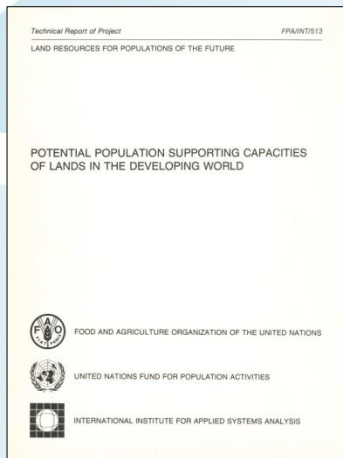
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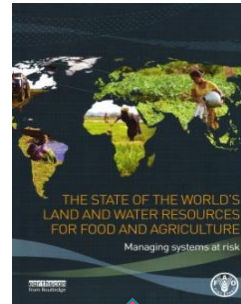
# Major Highlights of Global AEZ Assessments

- 1984 – FAO/UNFPA/IIASA: Population Supporting Capacities of Lands in the Developing World.
- 2000 – IIASA/FAO: First global AEZ assessment (GAEZ v1.0) released.
- 2002 – IIASA/FAO: GAEZ v2.0 released.
- 2011 – IIASA/FAO: GAEZ v3.0 released, including downscaling of actual production and yield gaps.
- 2012 – IIASA/FAO: Launch of GAEZ v3.0 Data Portal at FAO CO-AG providing public access to spatial planning information.
- 2017 – IIASA/FAO: GAEZ v4.0 completed, including assessment of CMIP5 climate model outputs by 4 RCPs.

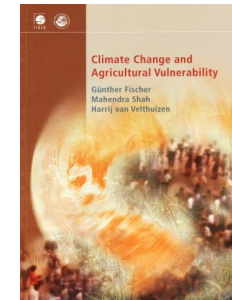


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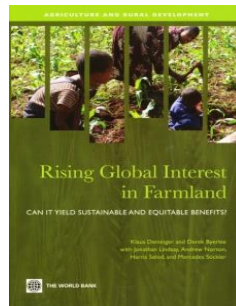
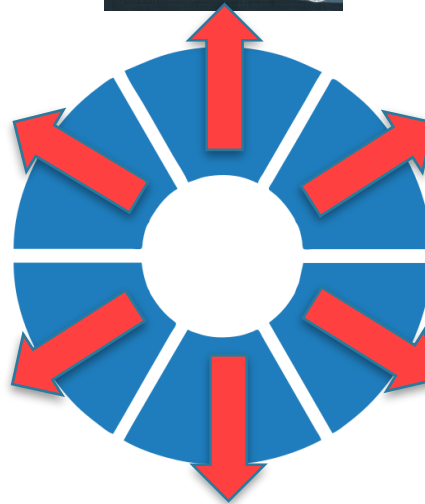
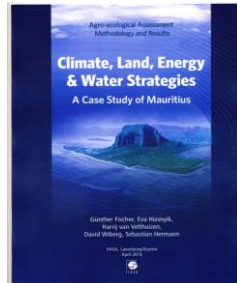
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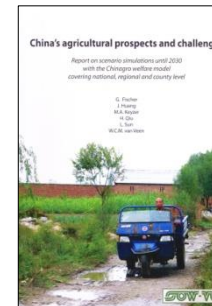
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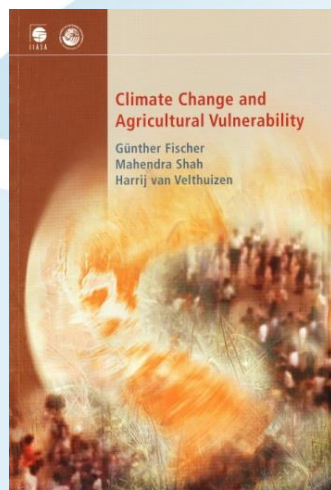
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4. Biofuels and food security



3. National food security and development planning

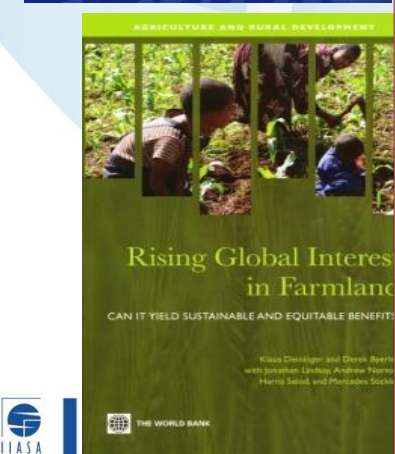


**Socio-economic and climate change impacts on agriculture: an integrated assessment, 1990–2080**  
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**Abstract**  
 A comprehensive assessment of the impact of climate change on agriculture over the century is developed, up to 2080 and at a global level, albeit with significant regional detail. To this end an integrated biological-economic framework is utilized encompassing climate scenarios, agricultural zoning information, socio-economic datasets, as well as world food trade dynamics. Specifically, global simulations are performed using the FAPROSA agricultural zone model in conjunction with IIASA's global food system model, using climate variables from five different general circulation models, under four different socio-economic scenarios from the convergence to a peak on climate change. Five aspects of different scenarios of climate change on the physical soil and crop growth dimensions of 1990 are combined in a 2° resolution global grid, covering the entire globe. The model results are then fed into an economic analysis, to assess how climate impacts may interact with economic development patterns, and how such impacts may be managed for food and rural livelihoods and rural and regional development. The model results are then fed into an economic analysis, to assess how climate impacts may interact with economic development patterns, and how such impacts may be managed for food and rural livelihoods and rural and regional development. The model results are then fed into an economic analysis, to assess how climate impacts may interact with economic development patterns, and how such impacts may be managed for food and rural livelihoods and rural and regional development.

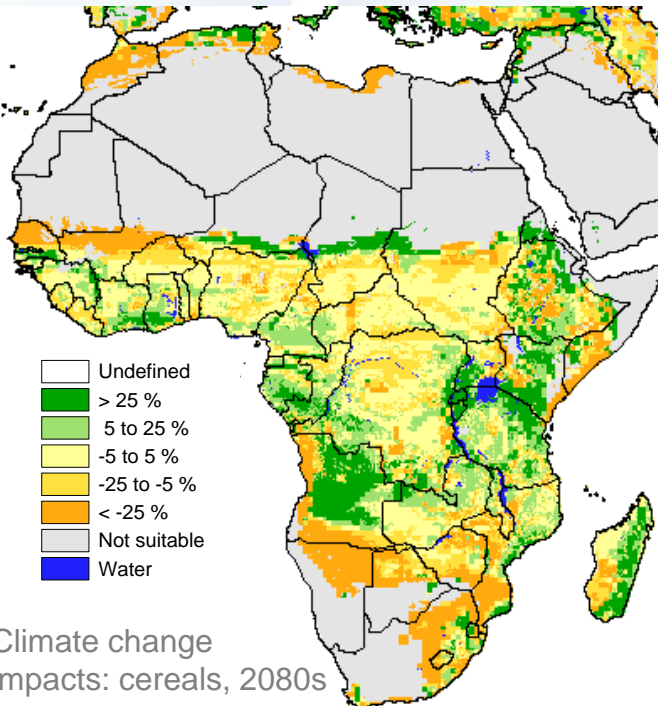
**Keywords:** agriculture, crop production, climate change, food security, sub-Saharan Africa, risk of hunger



# Major Highlights of Global AEZ/WFS Applications

- 2002 – WSSD/IIASA: Johannesburg Special Report on Climate Change and Agricultural Vulnerability.
- 2005 – IIASA: Socio-economic and climate change impacts on agriculture: An integrated assessment, 1990–2080.
- 2007 – IIASA: Reducing climate change impacts on agriculture: Global and regional effects of mitigation.
- 2009 – OFID/IIASA: Biofuels and Food Security.
- 2011 – FAO/IIASA: Looking Ahead in World Food and Agriculture: Perspectives to 2050.
- 2017 – WFaS: Multi-model and multi-scenario assessment of Asian water futures.
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# Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture: An Integrated Assessment, 1990-2080



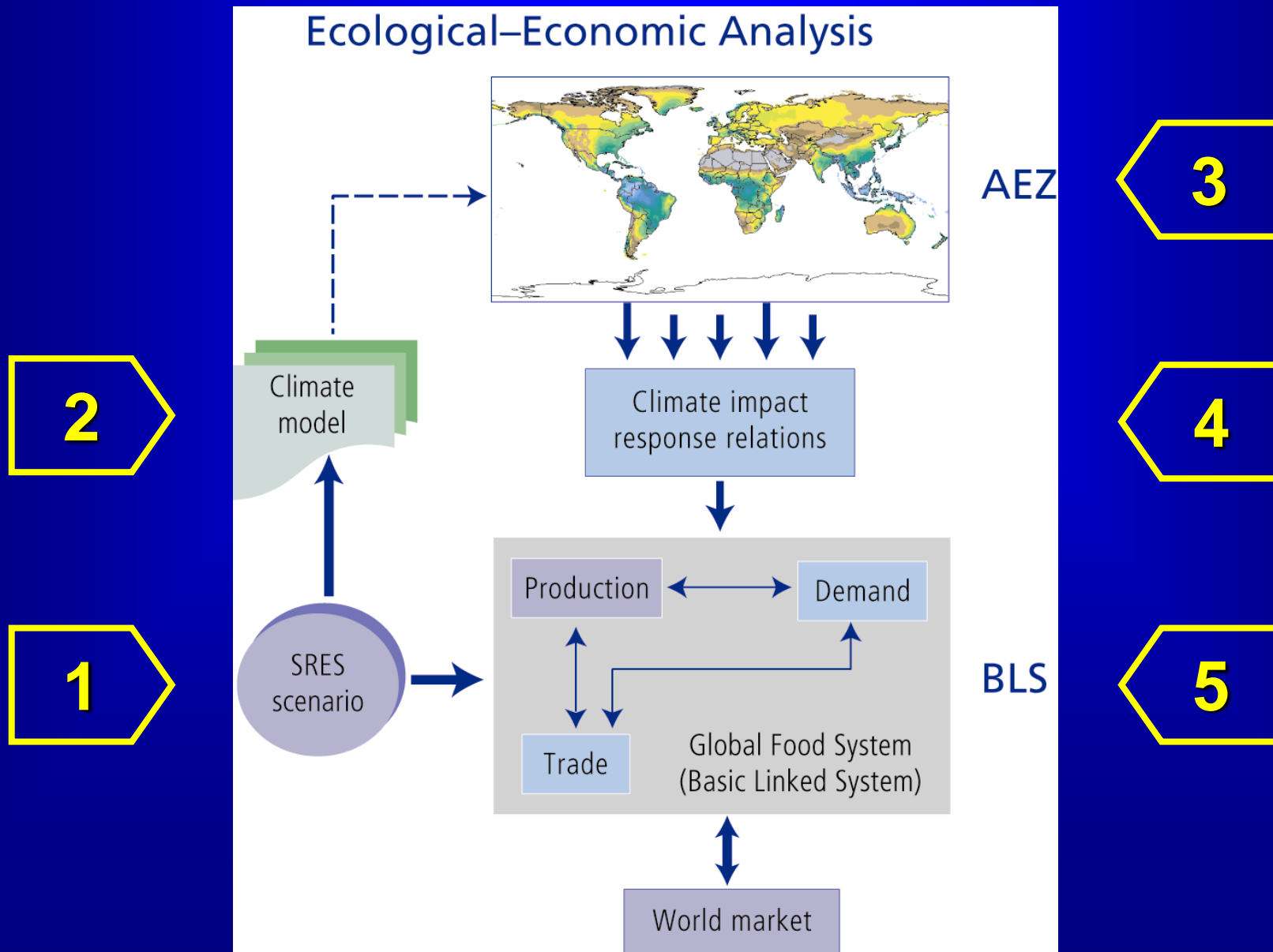
## Major achievement:

- Advanced systems analysis: Integrated multi-scale, multi-region and multi-commodity assessment framework of the climate change – agriculture – food security nexus, combining agronomic bottom-up analysis and spatially detailed data with an economic applied general equilibrium analysis.

## Policy relevant findings:

- Aggregate impacts of projected climate change on the global food system are relatively small. The global balance of food demand and supply is not likely to be challenged until middle of the century.
- The impacts of climate change on crop production are geographically very unevenly distributed and aggregate global figures reveal little.
- Climate change, if not halted, will have a clearly negative impact in the second half of this century.
- Climate change effects will likely further widen the gap between developed and developing countries.

# Integrated ecological-economic Analysis of the Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture and Food Systems





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# Conclusions 1:

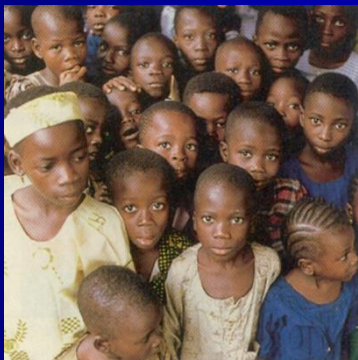
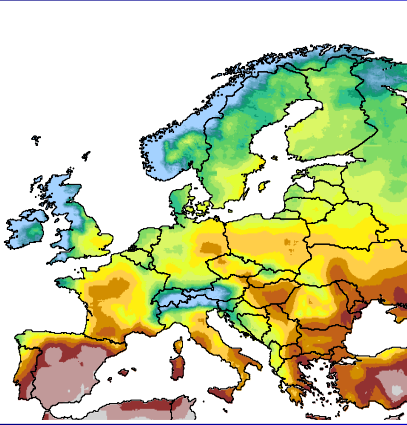
- Aggregate impacts of projected climate change on the global food system are relatively small.
- *Heterogeneity* of climate change impacts, *imbalance* of adaptive capacity, *disconnection* of causes and impacts are intrinsic characteristics of GHG debate.
- The impacts of climate change on crop production are geographically very unevenly distributed and aggregate global figures reveal little.
- While there is *uncertainty* regarding
  - magnitude and geographical detail of impacts
  - response mechanisms of terrestrial ecosystems
  - effectiveness of adaptation and mitigation measures
  - future capacities to respond (technologies, wealth)



model calculations indicate that *developed* countries overall will experience an increase in agricultural productivity. In contrast, *developing* regions as a whole suffer a loss in all estimates.

# Conclusions 2:

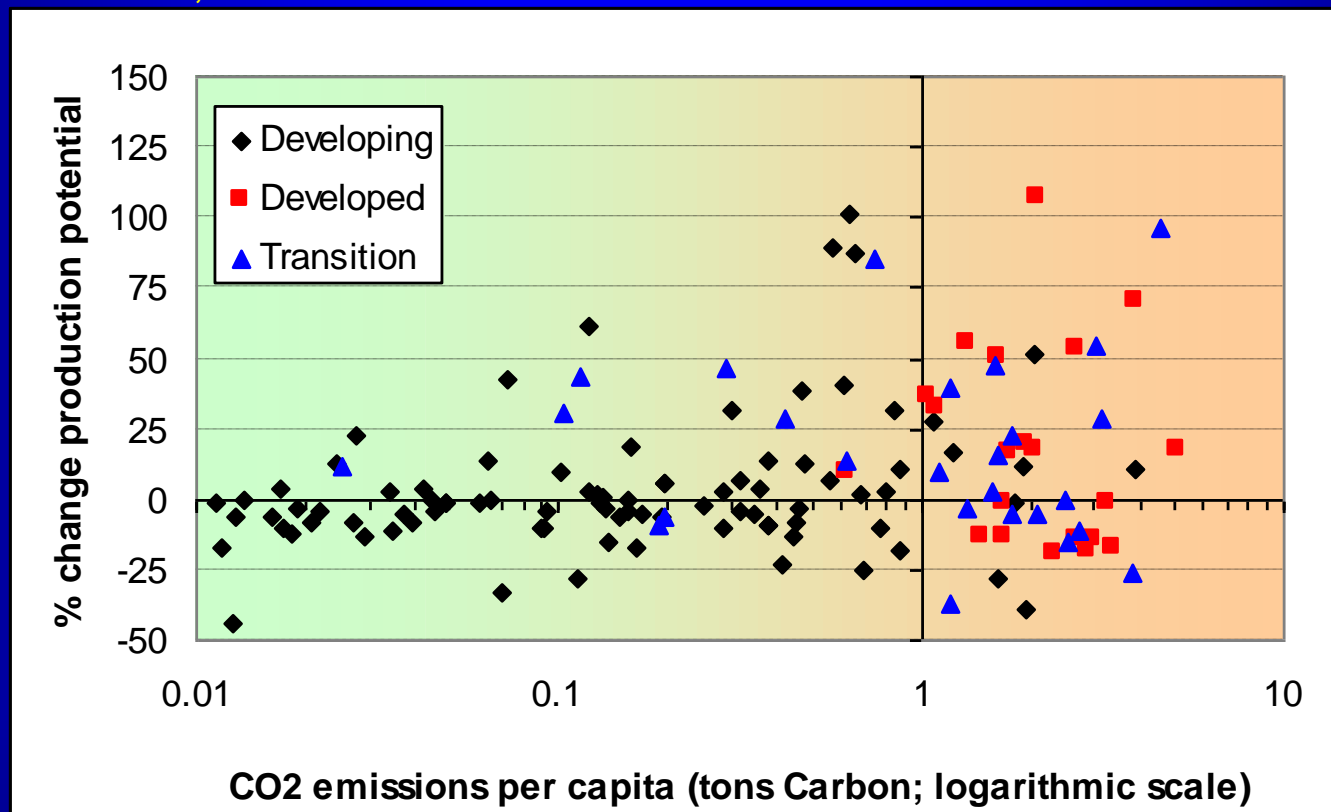
- Climate change will have substantial impacts on Europe's ecosystems and agriculture. Notably, rain-fed agriculture in many areas will be less viable. In Europe, positive climate change impacts are limited mostly to higher latitudes.
- Among developed regions, simulations indicate that North America gains in all GCM scenarios; agricultural GDP increases in Russia; in contrast, Europe loses agricultural GDP in all scenarios.
- Climate change effects will likely further widen the gap between developed and developing countries. Integrating mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development policies appears to improve prospects of achieving long-term environmental goals and of meeting LDC development needs.





# Climate Change Impacts and Past Carbon Dioxide Emissions

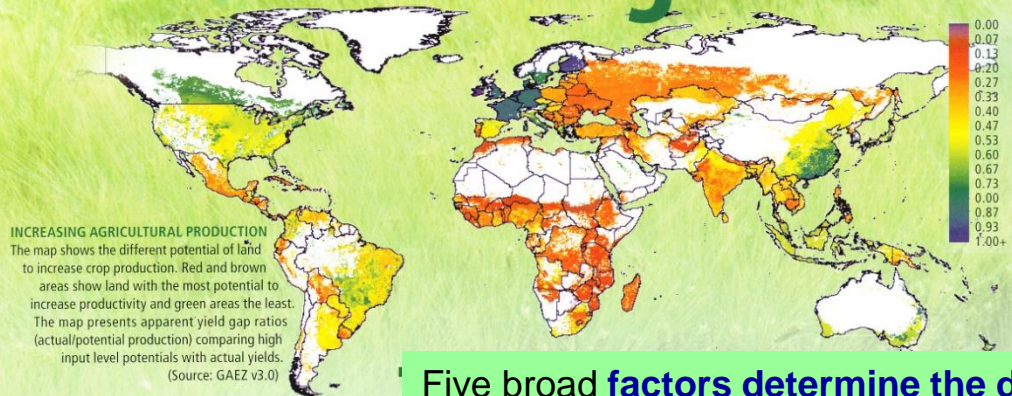
ECHAM4, 2080s



## Fairness and Equity?

Greenhouse gas emissions since 1950:  
75% from developed countries, 25% from developing countries

# Political will is the only way to end hunger



To feed an estimated world population of 9 billion in 2050, agricultural production would need to rise by almost 1.4 percent per year from the year 2000 baseline. This may seem small, but in fact it will take an enormous effort to achieve on the part of farmers, researchers, and agricultural extension workers. Indeed, given all the pressures involved in some regions in making the swift improvements needed in, for example, irrigation, transport infrastructure, and fertilizers, it is uncertain whether such output growth per unit of land can be achieved and sustained to 2050.

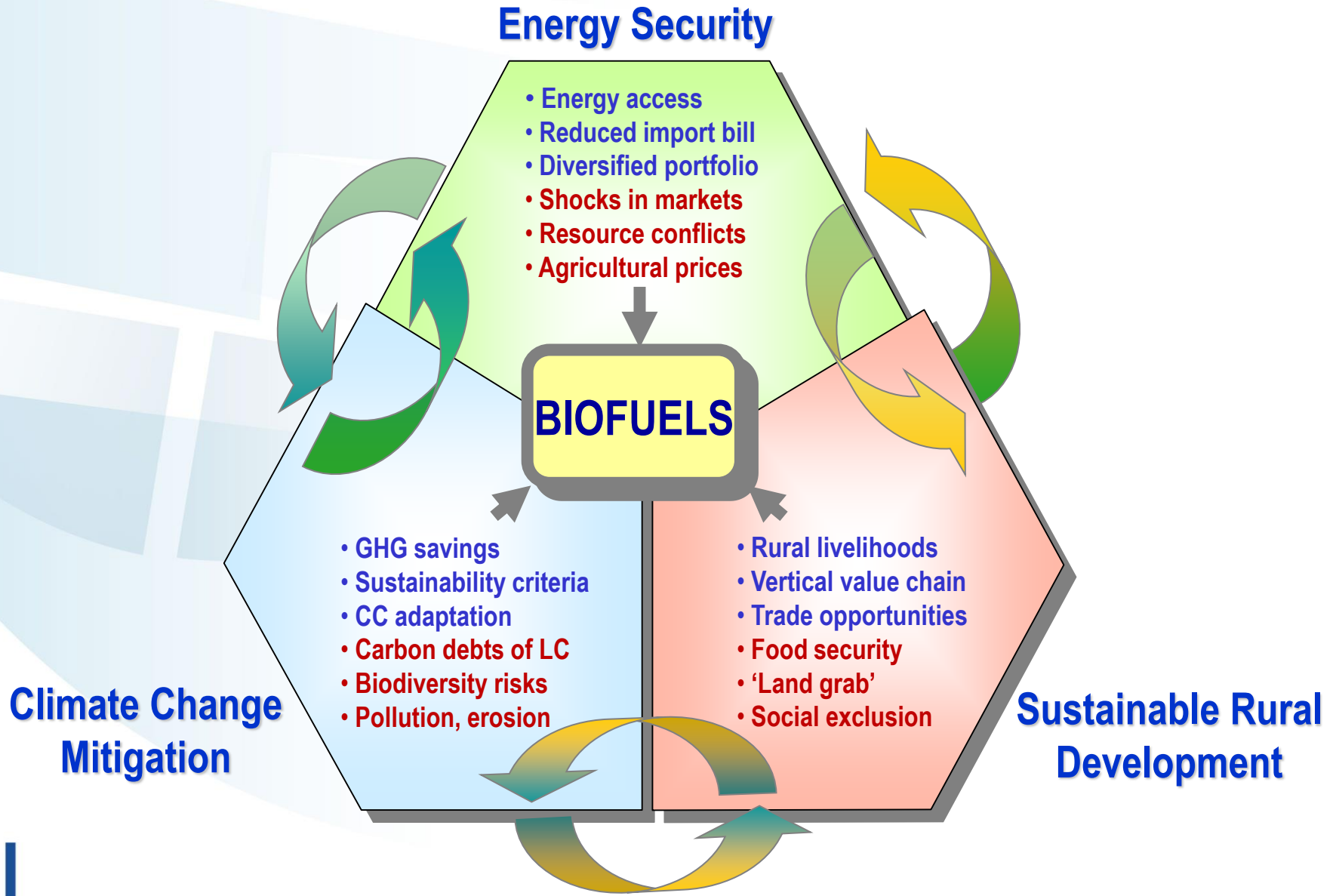
## Food and Water

- There is widespread poverty and inequity. Achieving food and water security can only be realized within the overall framework of poverty eradication.
- Food and water supply are key human sectors exposed to climate change. Climate-change impacts are already being felt in many countries; further global warming will be unavoidable.

Five broad **factors determine the dynamics** of an agricultural land use and production system:

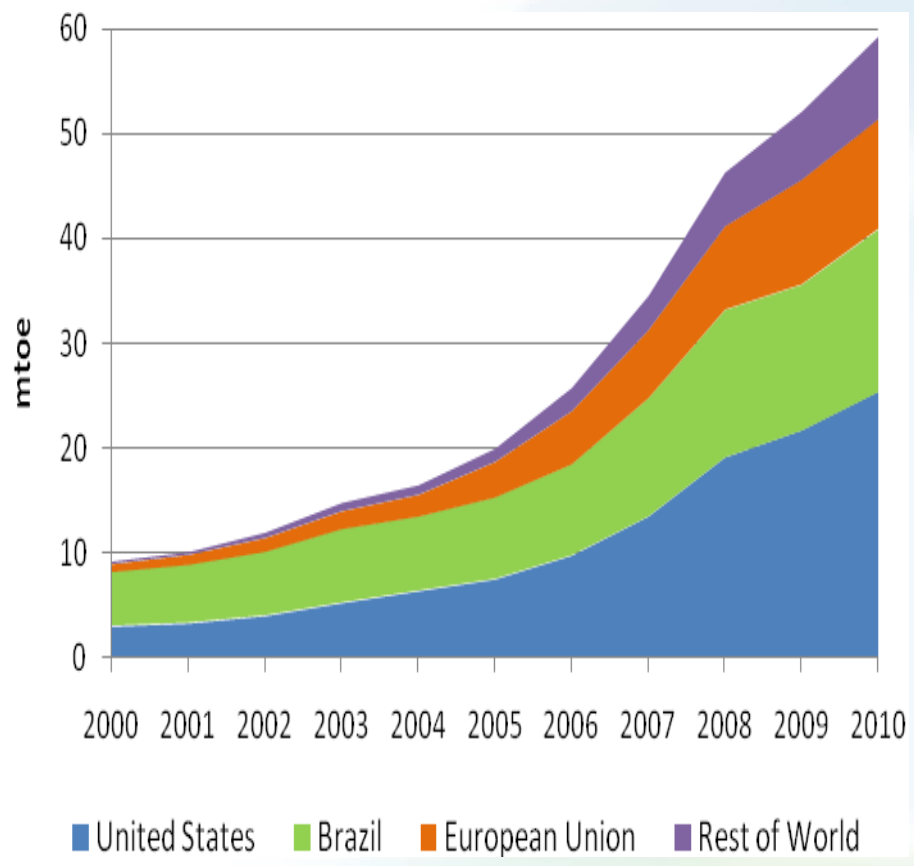
- (i) **Technology development** and availability, as in other economic sectors, is a key determinant of land use effectiveness, both in terms of input-output relationships as well as for environmental impacts;
- (ii) **Level and portfolio of investments** in agriculture are critical for achieving growth and expansion of agricultural production;
- (iii) **Governance systems and institutions** play an important role in determining social aspects, equitable access to resources, resilience and robustness of the system in case of shocks and extreme events;
- (iv) **Policies** create incentives, disincentives, economic distortions and protection, the regulatory context both for overall economic development and agricultural development in particular; and
- (v) **Demographic change and the human capital.**

# Systems Analysis: Biofuels, Food Security, Climate Change

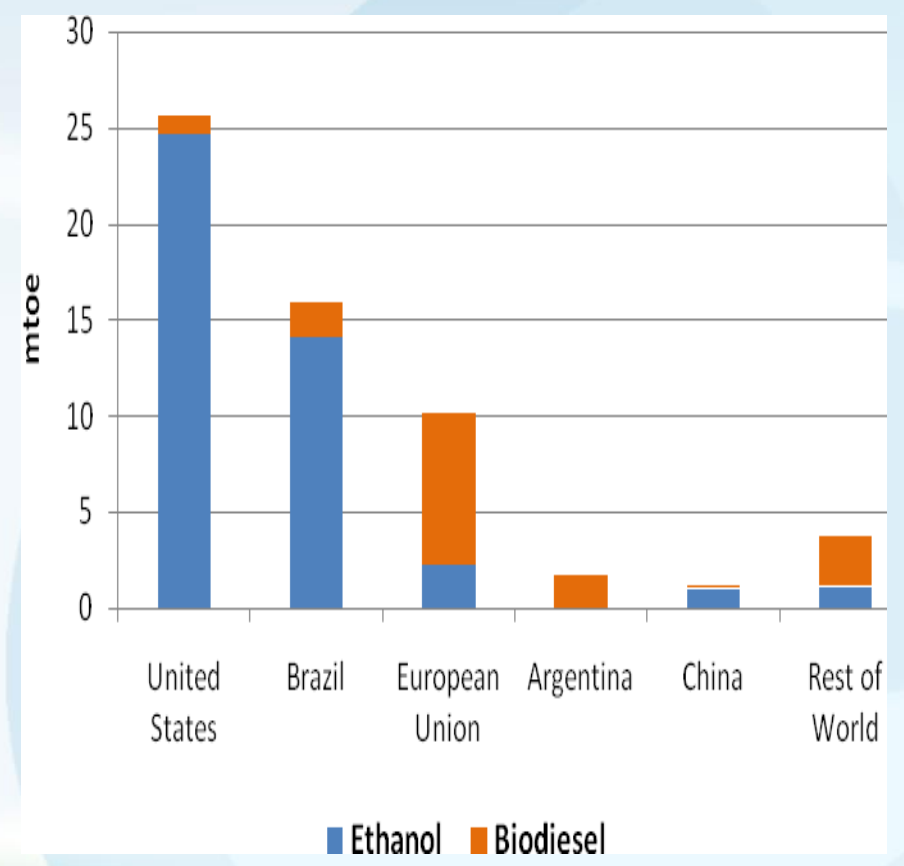


# Global Production of Biofuels

Growth of Biofuels, 2000-2010

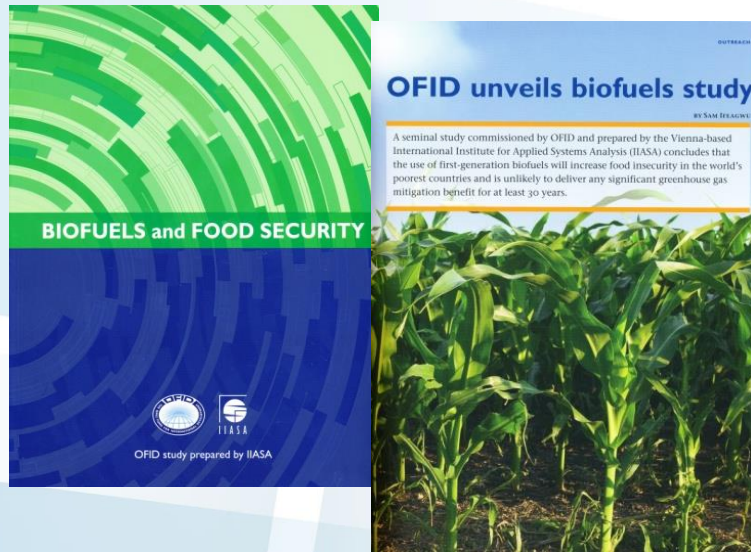


Ethanol and Biodiesel Production in 2010



North- and South America produce about 75% of global biofuels. Ethanol accounts for almost three-quarters of biofuel production; it dominates in USA and Brazil. Europe consumes mainly biodiesel.

# Biofuels and Food Security: The Food–Land–Energy–Climate Nexus



## Key questions analyzed at IIASA:

- How will announced biofuel targets affect international agricultural commodity prices, rural incomes and food security?
- What will be the impacts of biofuel expansion scenarios on land use change in developing countries?
- Will the targeted biofuel expansion result in substantial improvements of energy security and net GHG emission reduction?
- How much land and where is available for sustainable production of biomass feedstocks for energy use?
- What are “least disturbing” policies to promote biofuel expansion, i.e. protecting food security, preserving the environment and avoiding disturbances in other biomass sectors.



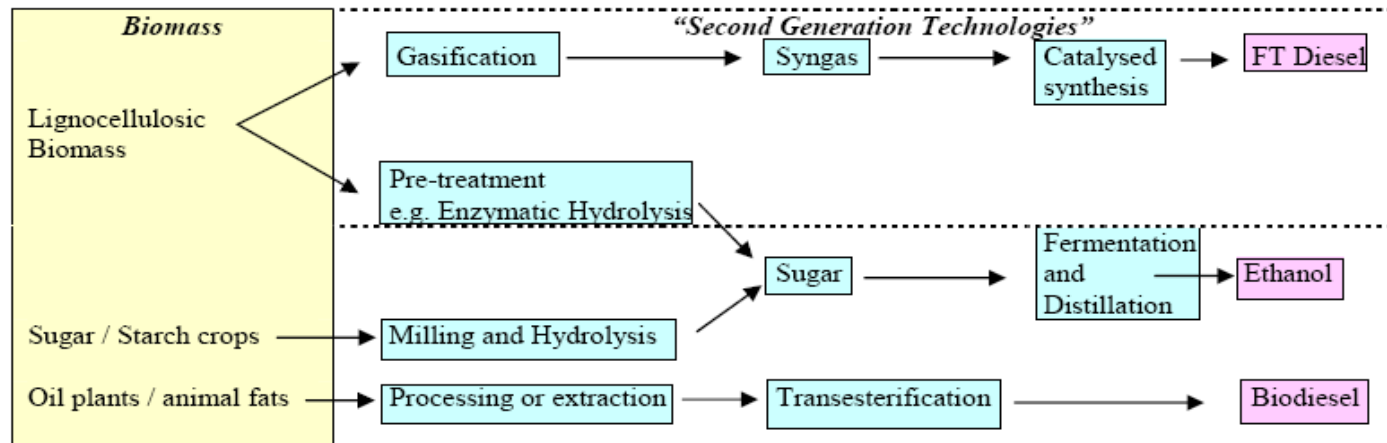
# Bio-fuel Feedstocks



## Feedstock groups:

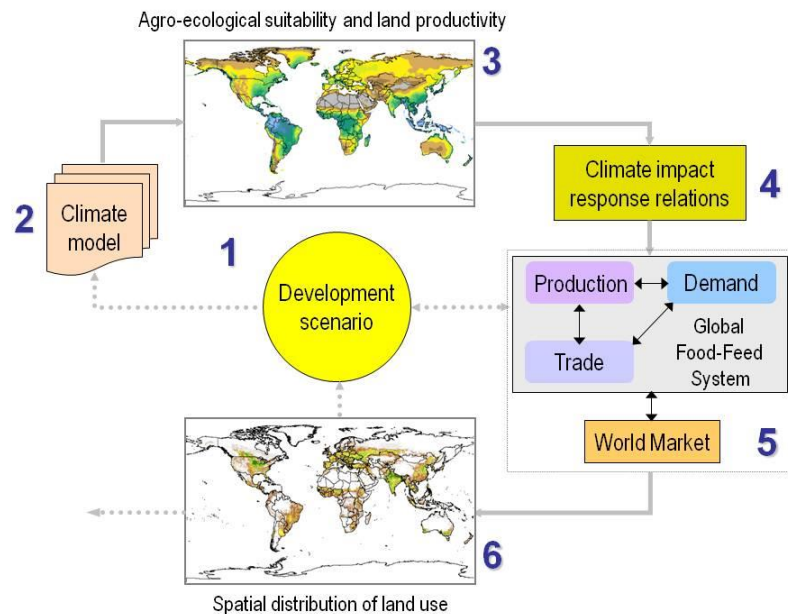
- **Oil crops**  
Rapeseed; Sunflower; Soybean; Oilpalm; Jatropha
- **Sugar crops**  
Sugarcane; Sugar beet; Sweet sorghum
- **Starch crops**  
Wheat; Rye; Triticale; Maize; Sorghum; Cassava
- **Herbaceous lignocellulosic plants**  
Miscanthus; Switchgrass; Reed canary grass
- **Woody lignocellulosic plants**  
Poplar; Willow; Eucalyptus

Figure 1. Fuel production pathways



Source: adapted from BMU (2006) and Hamelinck and Faaij (2006)

# Biofuels and Food Security:



## Major achievements:

- Advanced systems analysis: global integrated multi-scale ecological-economic framework for analyzing social, economic and environmental impacts of biofuel policy options.
- Spatially detailed analysis of land availability and suitability for first- and second-generation biofuel feedstocks.

## Policy relevant findings:

- 'Low disturbing' biofuel development requires agricultural productivity increases to exceed food demand growth.
- Focusing policies on narrowing yield gaps in LDC's could bring about rural income growth, improve food security and provide feedstocks without carbon-intensive land conversion.
- The poor in developing countries pay the price for incoherent MDC policies; equally, they may benefit from well-designed and adaptive biofuel expansion.
- For GHG benefits to materialize, yield gap reduction, carefully monitored speed of biofuel expansion and strict regulation to avoid land conversion is important.

## FAO Food Price Index

2002-2004=100



\* The real price index is the nominal price index deflated by the World Bank Manufactures Unit Value Index (MUV)

- In 2011 the FAO Food Price Index reached the highest level ever calculated since 1990.
- Various factors in commodity markets signal lasting price volatility.
- Raw material prices are expected to remain at high levels.
- The inflation of food prices is concerning.
- Agricultural production expected to grow slowly according to FAO-OECD 2020 projections.
- Growing demand for agricultural feedstocks expected for biofuel production.

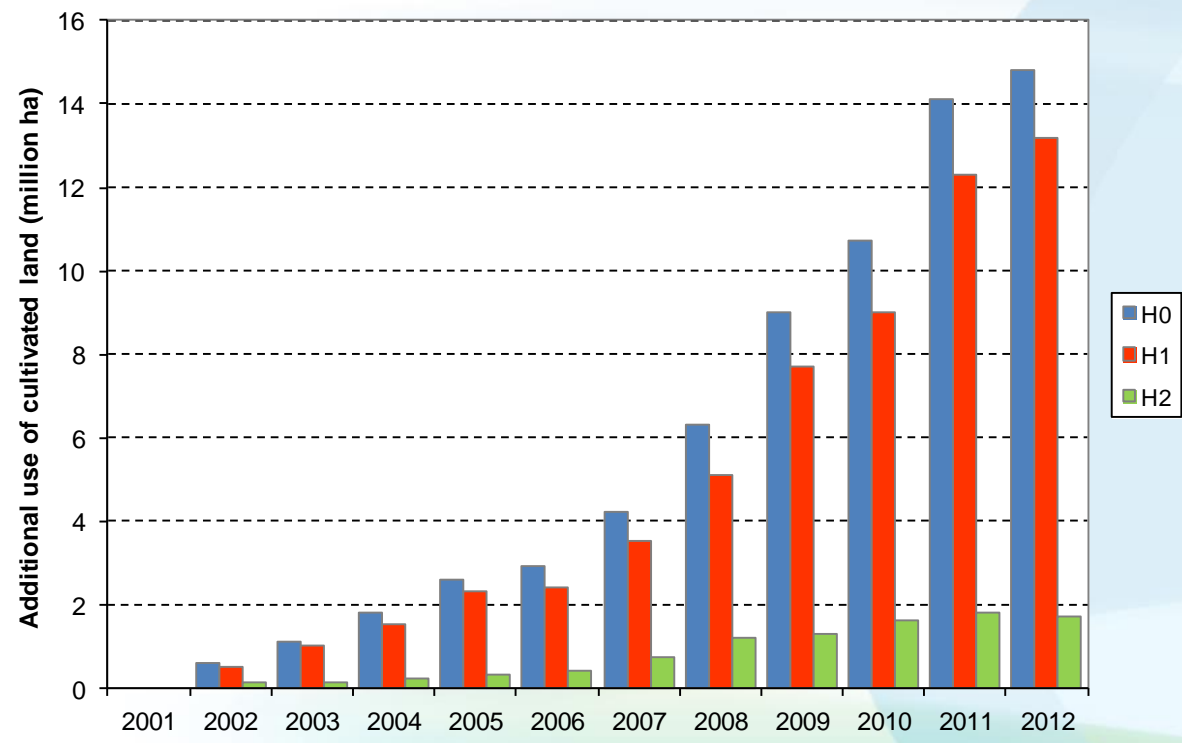


# Impacts of rapid biofuel expansion?

- The rapid rise in food prices of 2007 and 2008 coincided with an unprecedented expansion of maize-based ethanol production in the USA and fast biodiesel production expansion in Europe. At the same time various biofuel consumption mandates and targets were established and the industry received substantial subsidies. Agricultural prices dropped in 2009 but reached record high levels again in the beginning of 2011.
- There have been many speculations and accusations as to what the main causes of the food price surges in 2007 and 2008 were and what contributed to the observed high volatility of food prices in recent years.
- The rapid expansion of biofuel production was one of the explanations offered. Other contributing factors brought up in the discussion were poor harvests due to weather related factors, strong demand increases in economically fast growing and population rich developing countries, low levels of food stocks, and financial speculations affecting agricultural commodity markets.

# PREBS 2014 Project for the European Commission Results

Figure: Use of additional arable land due to biofuel expansion in 2002-2012 relative to a simulation *H3* without biofuels demand



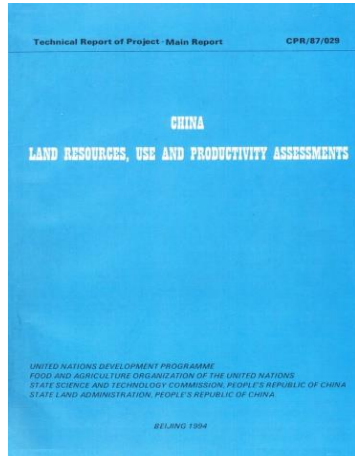
H0 ... all countries  
H1 ... all countries except EU27  
H2 ... only EU27  
H3 ... simulation without observed biofuel expansion

Source: World Food System backcasting scenario simulations, August 2012.

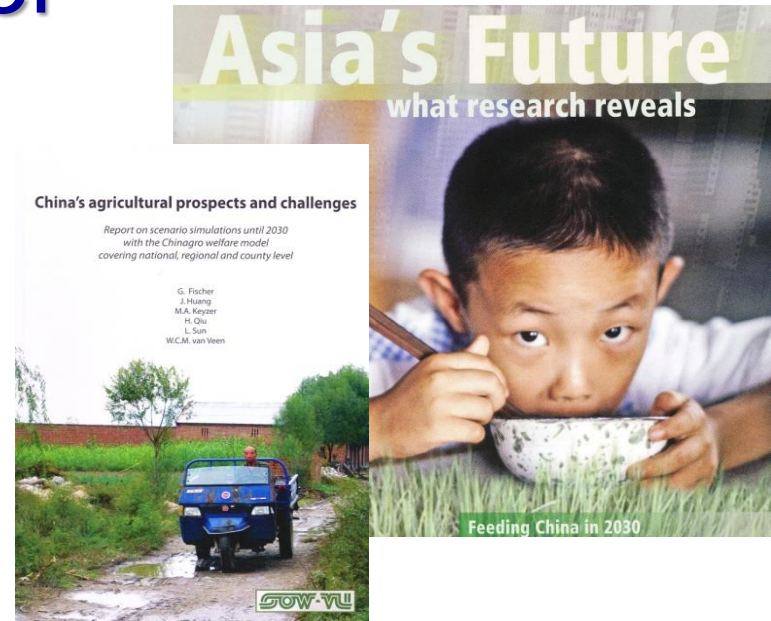
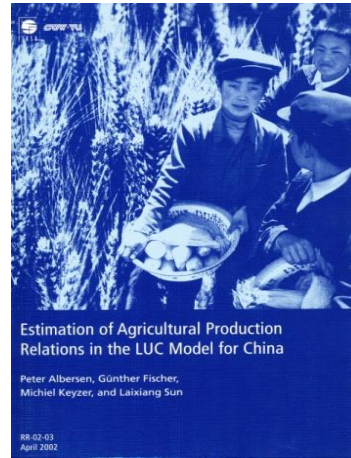
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- Simulating the historical biofuel expansion path, cereal prices are up in 2008 by 19 percent and by 23 percent in 2010 (scenario H0) relative to prices simulated without biofuel expansion (scenario H3).
- Both factors, biofuel production expansion and production distortions, have contributed to widening the demand-supply gap especially in 2008 and 2010. The analysis suggests that the combination of the two factors caused a combined impact that was larger than the sum of the two individual impacts, i.e. there was a mutually reinforcing interaction of the two stress factors.
- The back-casting scenario analysis clearly shows that EU-27 expanding biofuel use has contributed only little to the historical cereal price increases in 2007 to 2010. The impact of EU-27 was more substantial for price increases of non-cereal food commodities, notably through its demand for vegetable oil in the production of biodiesel.

# Food, Land and Water in China



1990's

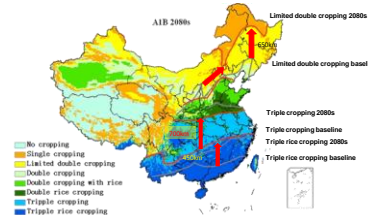
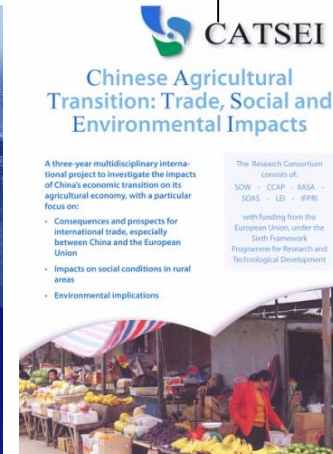
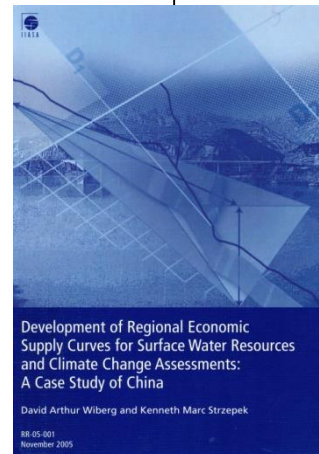


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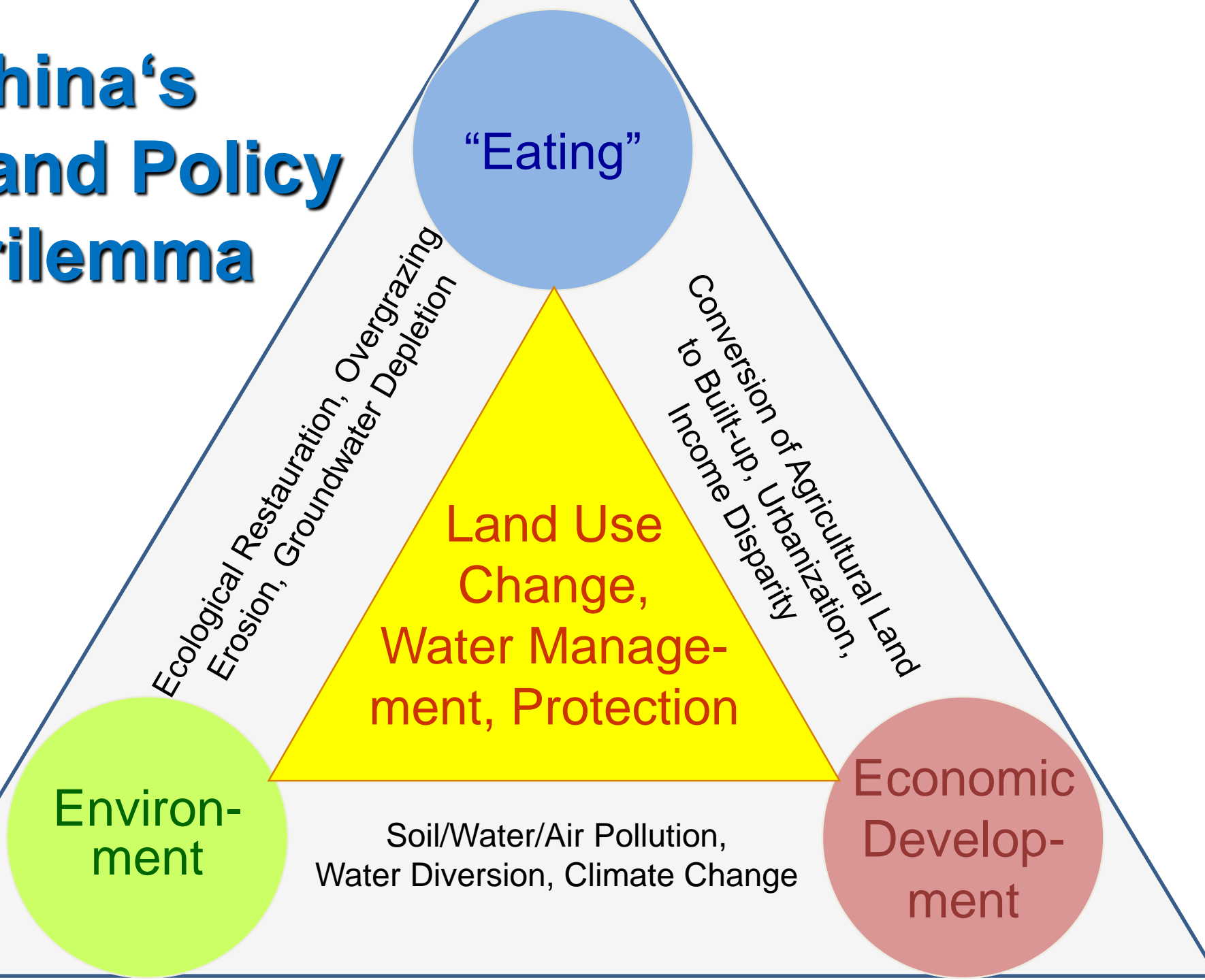
2010's



**What is on the CD-ROM?**  
The ChinaFood CD-ROM brings together new data from various sources, arguments, and in-depth analyses that show that China's farmers will be able to feed the projected population of 1.48 billion by 2025 only if certain policy measures are taken now. Drawing attention to the multidimensional nature of China's food problems, the application shows that food security does not depend solely on the availability of natural resources. The security of water and land



# China's Land Policy Trilemma



# CHINAGRO Model: Main Characteristics and Drivers

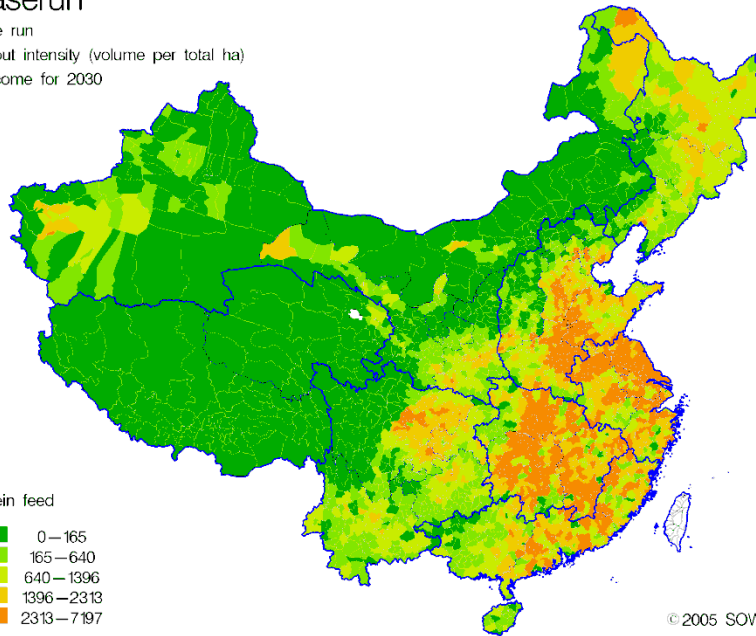
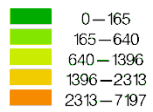
- **CHINAGRO is a General equilibrium model representing consumer and producer behavior, government policies and markets.**
- Main Characteristics:
  - Focus on agriculture (non-agriculture largely given via scenarios)
  - Spatial detail: agricultural supply by county (~2800); commodity detail:
    - 17 tradable commodities (explicit trade flows across regions and from/to abroad)
    - 8 farm types/production activities competing for land and stable capacity in every county
  - Demand more aggregated: 8 regions with 3 rural and 3 urban classes
- Main Drivers:
  - Income growth and urbanization leading to rising meat and feed demand
  - Constraints on agricultural expansion due to environment (land use, pollution, water) and industrialization
  - Steady trade liberalization in agriculture
  - Rural and regional development policies
  - High energy needs but modest bio-fuel targets
- **CHINAGRO is the most detailed agro- economic model of Chinese agriculture available.**

# Baserun

Base run

Output intensity (volume per total ha)  
Outcome for 2030

Protein feed

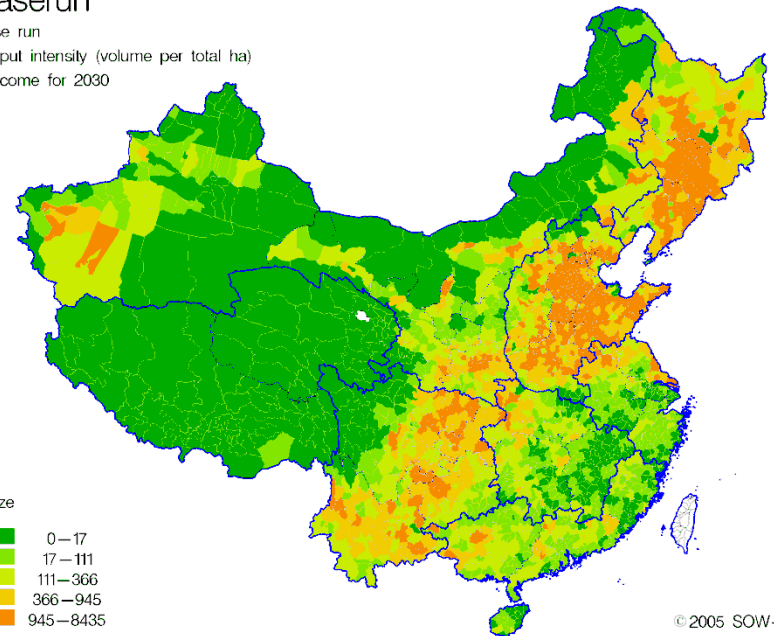
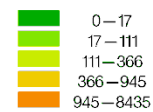


# Baserun

Base run

Output intensity (volume per total ha)  
Outcome for 2030

Maize

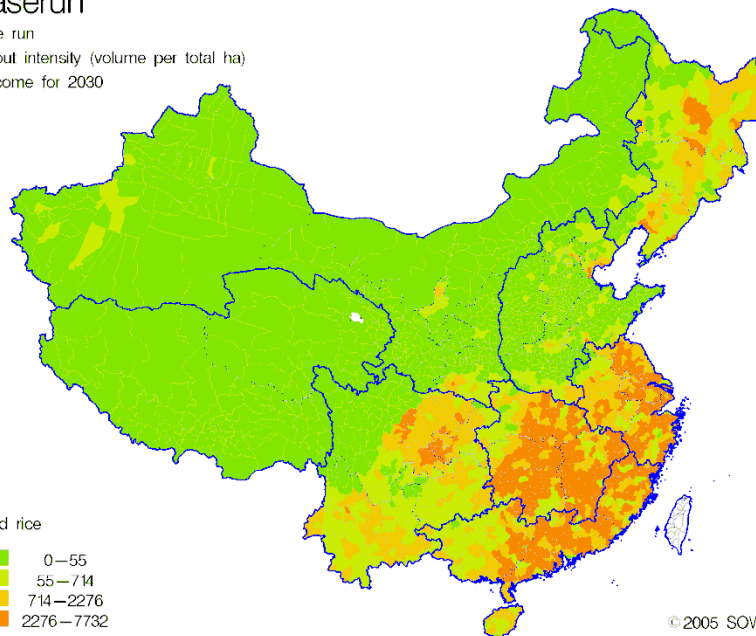
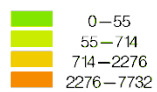


# Baserun

Base run

Output intensity (volume per total ha)  
Outcome for 2030

Milled rice

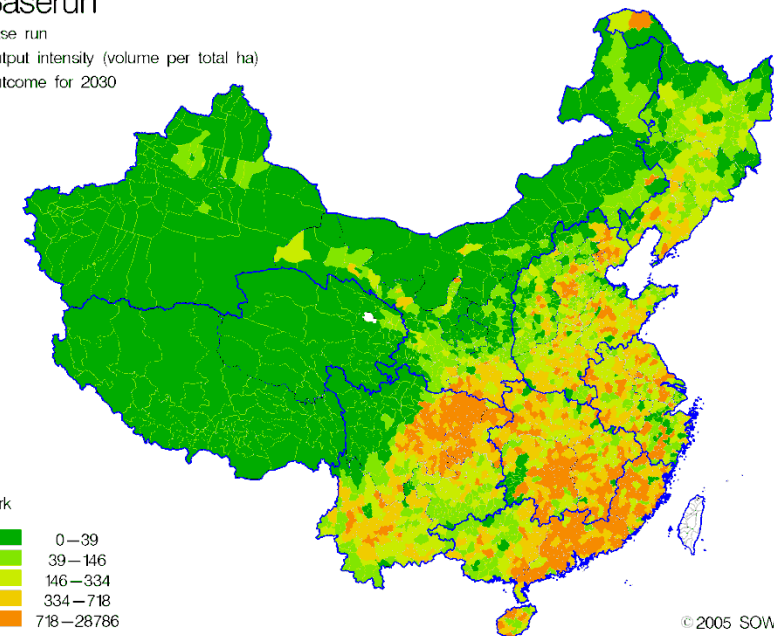
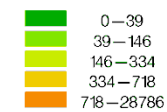


# Baserun

Base run

Output intensity (volume per total ha)  
Outcome for 2030

Pork



# Agriculture, Food and Water: Environmental Impacts and Linkages



## Chinese Agricultural Transition: Trade, Social and Environmental Impacts

A three-year multidisciplinary international project to investigate the impacts of China's economic transition on its agricultural economy, with a particular focus on:

- Consequences and prospects for international trade, especially between China and the European Union
- Impacts on social conditions in rural areas
- Environmental implications

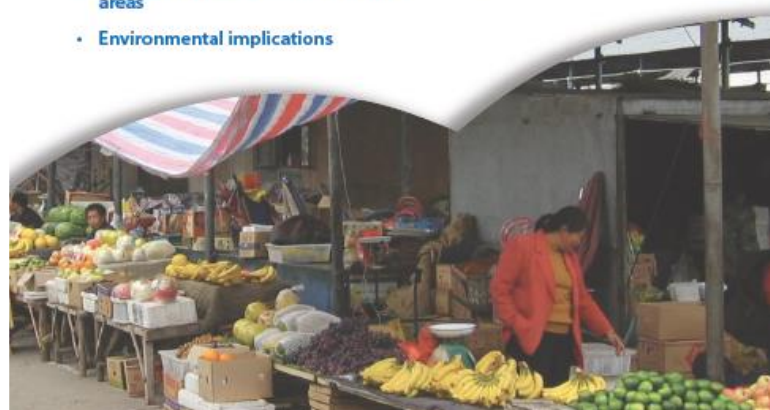
The Research Consortium consists of:

SOW - CCAP - IIASA -  
SOAS - LEI - IFPRI

with funding from the European Union, under the Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development

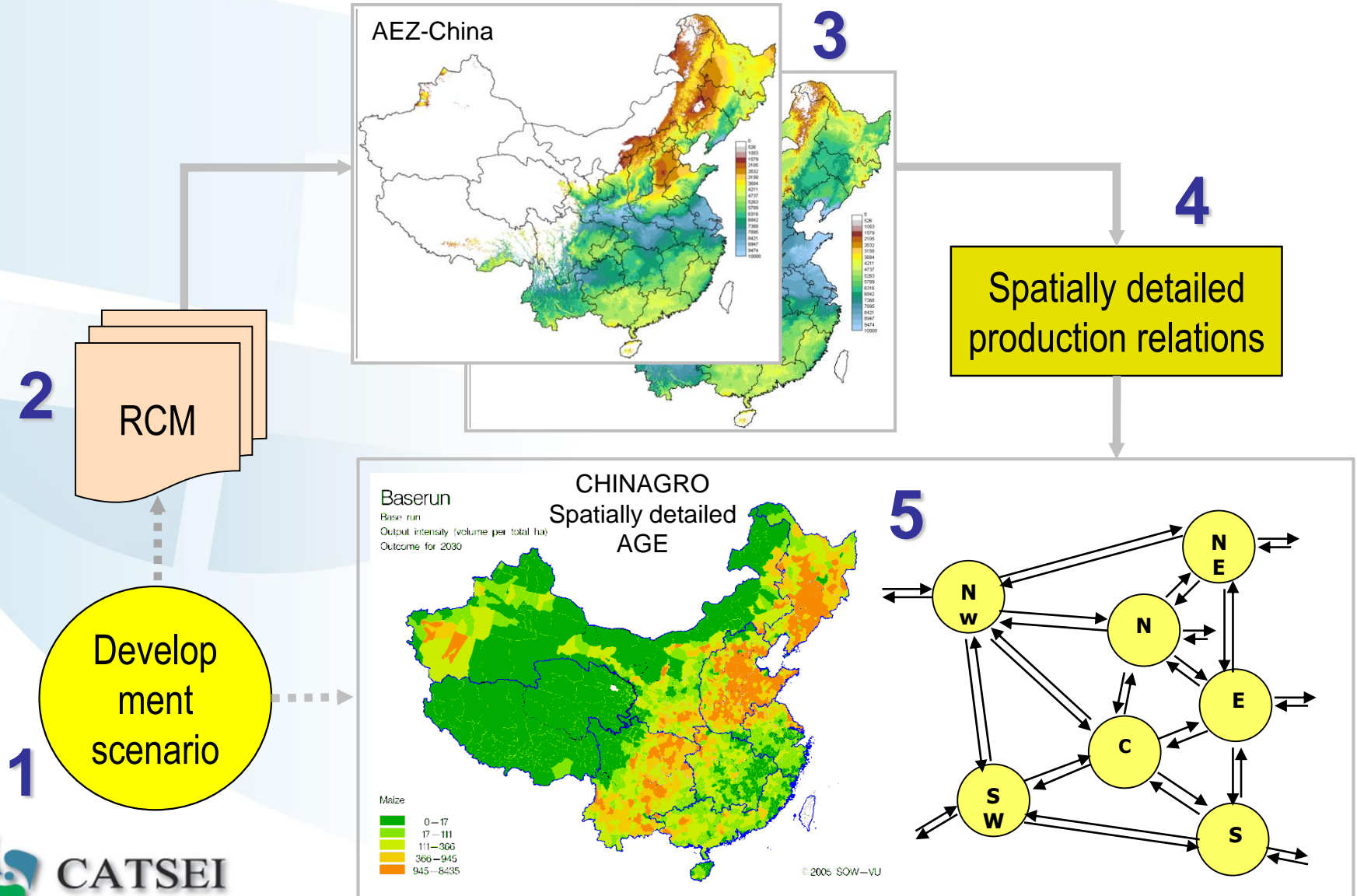
The fast growth of consumption in China, meat in particular, has triggered intensification and concentration of production, requiring additional irrigation and leading to increased emissions of pollutants, interacting with climate change and other environmental stresses:

- Water scarcity
- Climate change
- Non-point source pollution
- GHG emissions
- Ground-level ozone

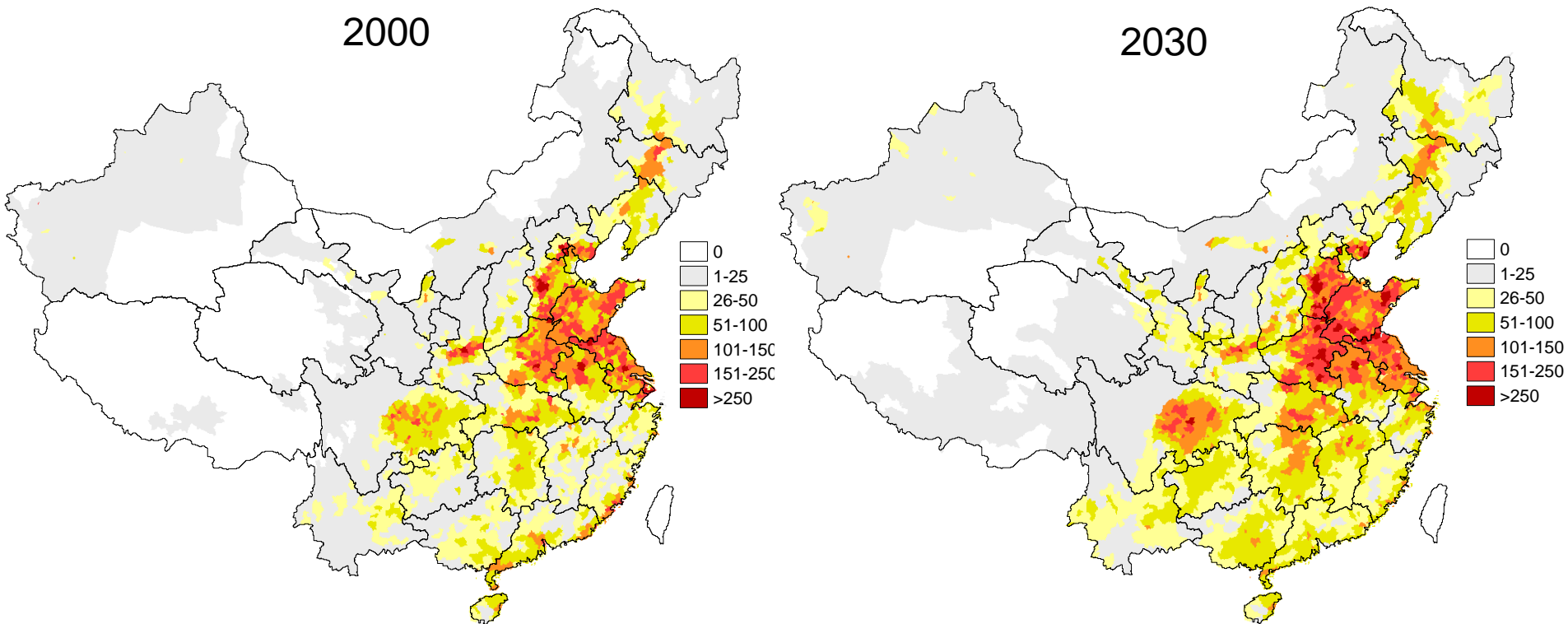




# CHINAGRO – A Spatially Detailed National Food System Assessment Framework

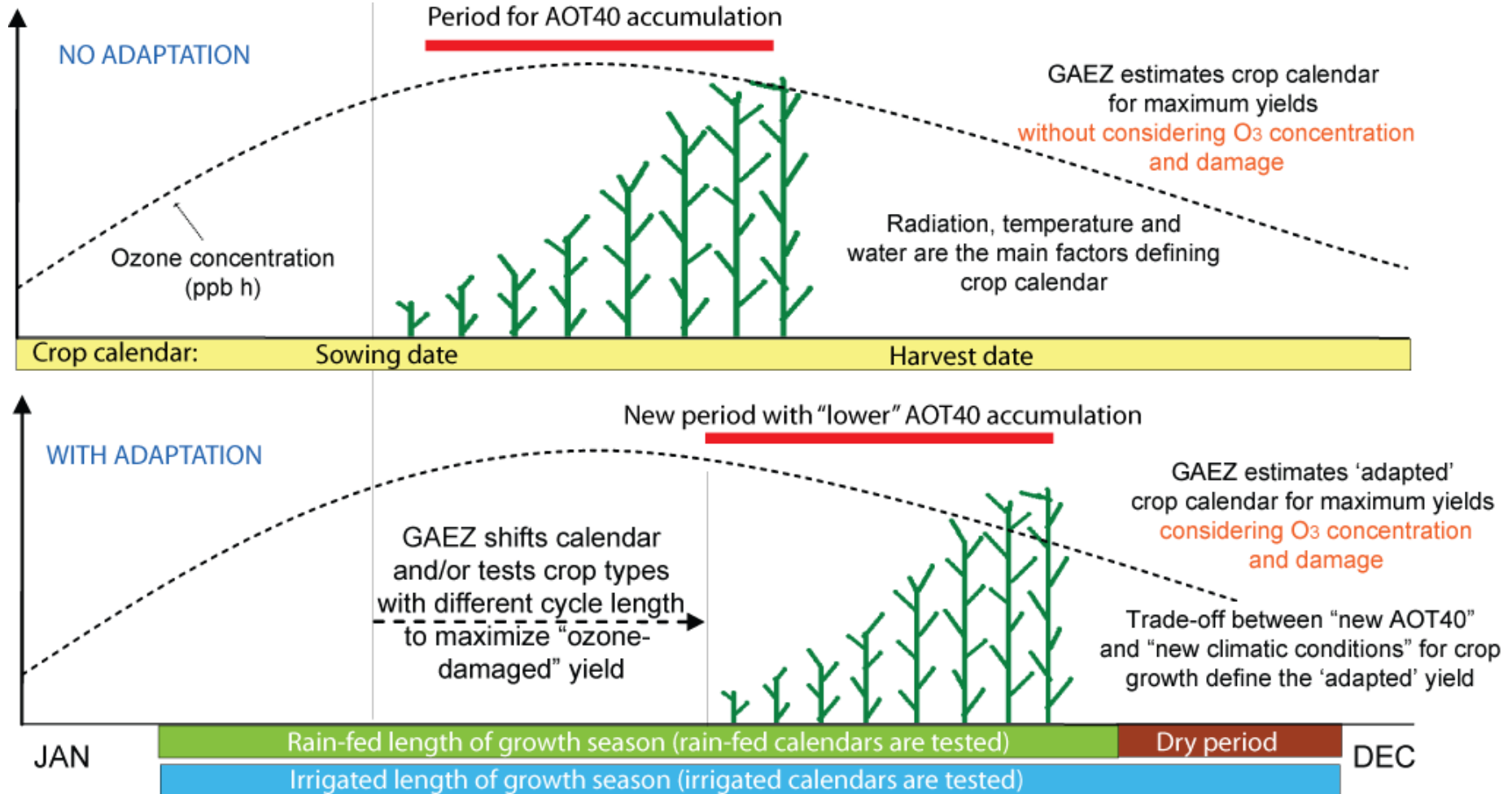


# Intensity of nitrogen losses (kg N/ha total land)



The nitrogen surplus is one of the factors undermining the supply potentials of China's agroecosystems. Negative impacts of increasing excess nitrogen such as lowering soil quality, water and air pollution would diminish future crop production. There are also obvious impacts on climate change and public health. The national cropland nitrogen surplus has raised concern of local and central government institutions, e.g. Shanghai Meteorological Bureau (SMB), China Meteorological Administration (CMA) and China Ministry of Agriculture (MOA).

# Using GAEZ to test adaptation to O<sub>3</sub>

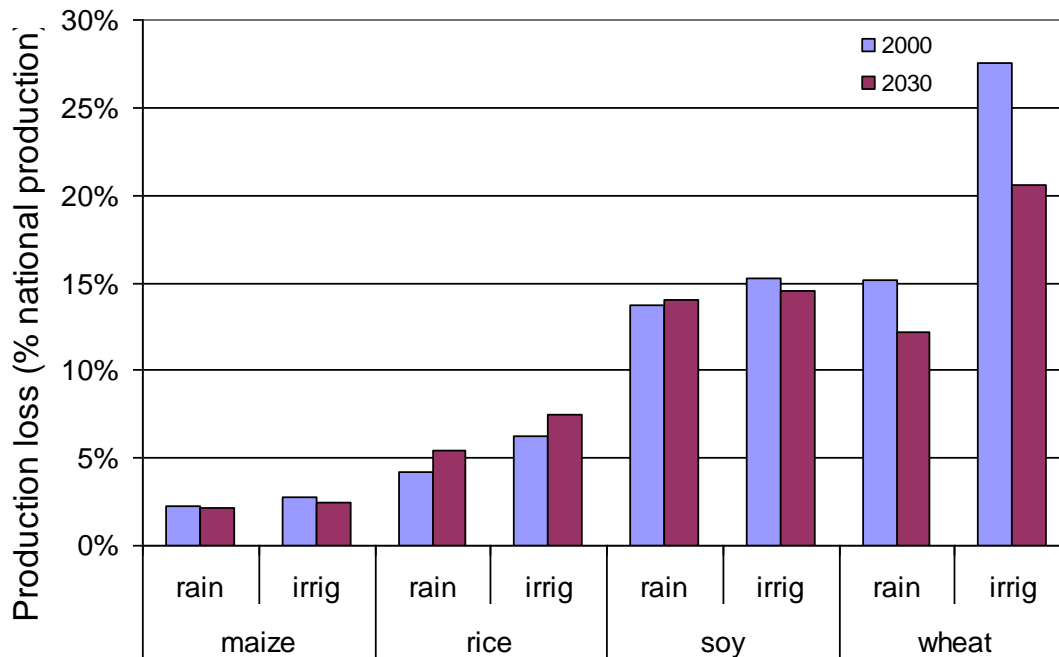
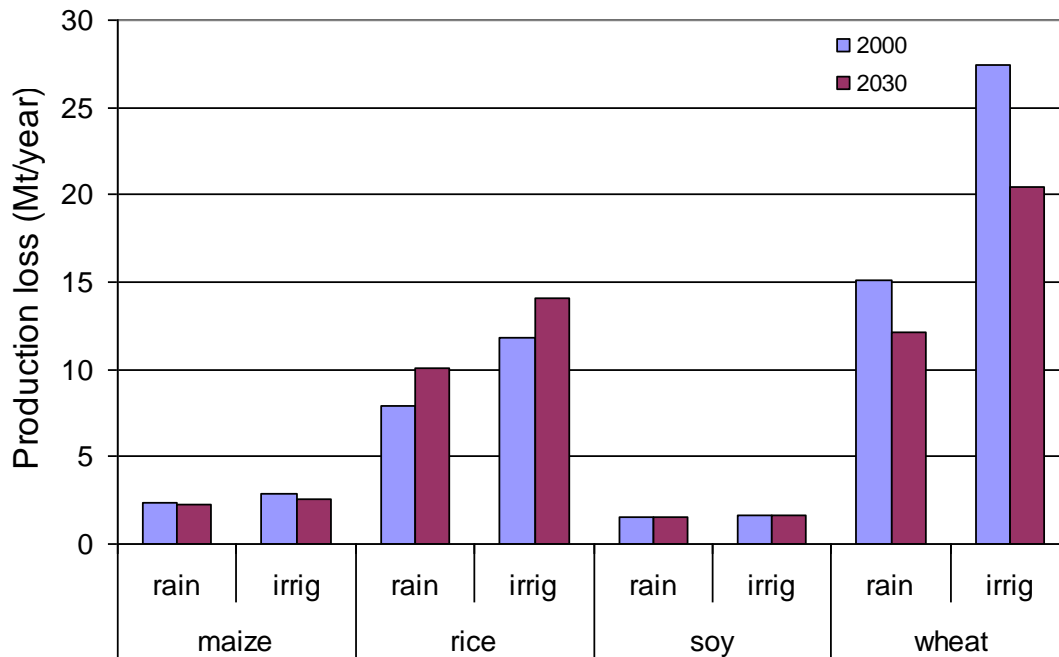


# China

Yield loss due to ground-level ozone

Assumptions:

- TM5 runs
- IIASA CLE emissions scenario
- AOT40 index
- Rain-fed and irrigated systems independent



# “Assessing the Impact of Climate Change and Intensive Human Activities on China’s Agro-Ecosystem and its Supply Potentials”

- Establish a common database of bias-corrected climate projections to 2100 using high resolution RCMs;
- Simulate the spatial and temporal distribution of China’s agro-meteorological resources, such as cumulative temperature sums, moisture index, length of growing period and multi-cropping conditions under different future climate projections.



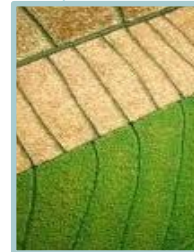
1. Characterize climate and agro-meteorological resource change of China with IPCC SRES Projection, two Regional Models

- Apply new data-model fusion method to up-scale the site specific crop model (DSSAT), providing a site-informed “micro foundation” for AEZ model.
- Assess the climate change impact on the production potential of main crops.



2. Establish an integrated multi-scale data-modeling fusion framework for agro-ecosystem analysis.

- Quantify the influence of population growth and changes in domestic diet structure on food demand and supply;
- Simulate land-use changes, rural labor supply and possible adaptations to climate change;
- Assess their combined impacts on the supply potential of China’s agro-ecosystems.



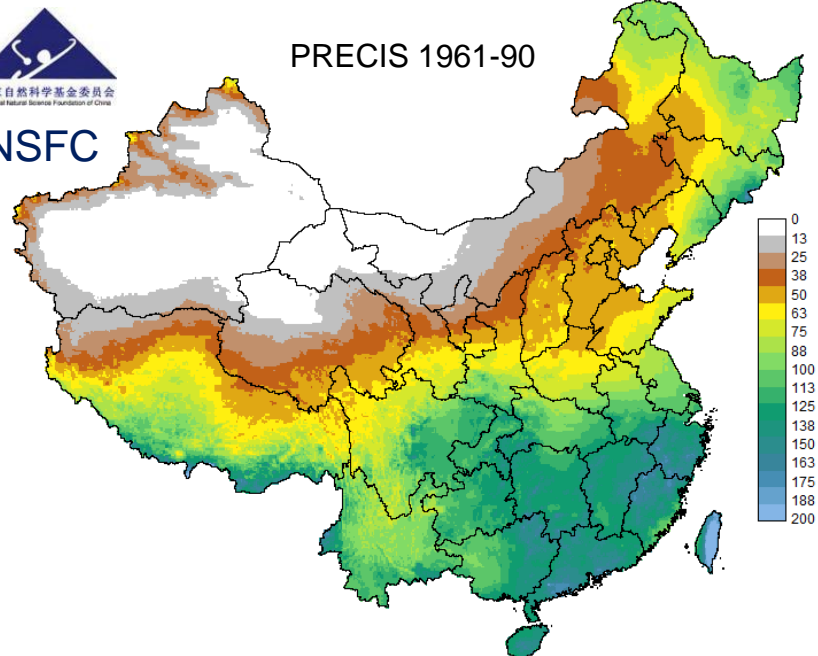
3. Project land use changes and population dynamics consistent with future climatic and socio-economic trends.

- Develop and apply policy assessment tools to simulate input and output management options for sustainable development of Chinese agriculture in general and the climate change issue in particular.

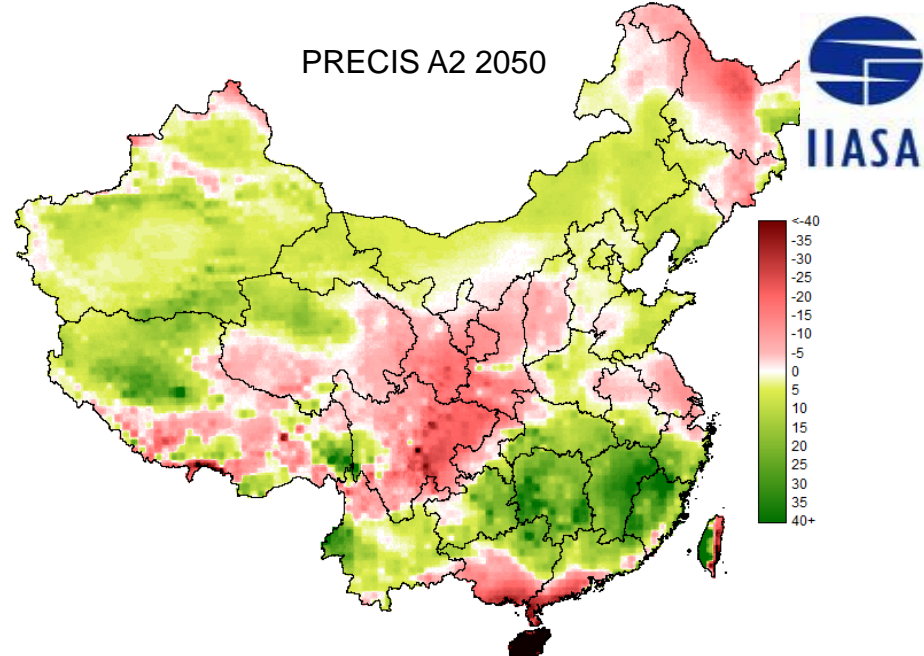


4. Assess different policy issues: climate change impacts on China’s food economy; feeding China’s livestock.

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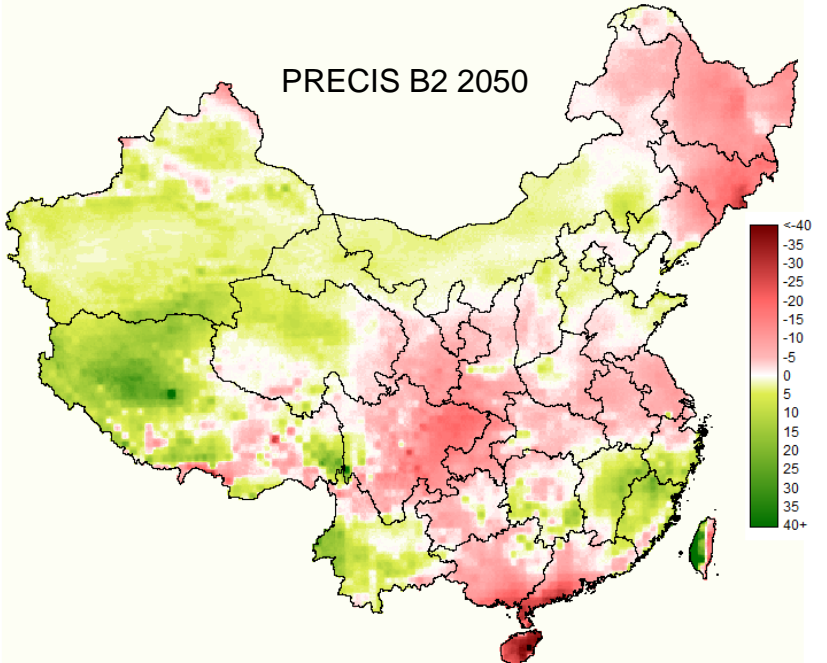


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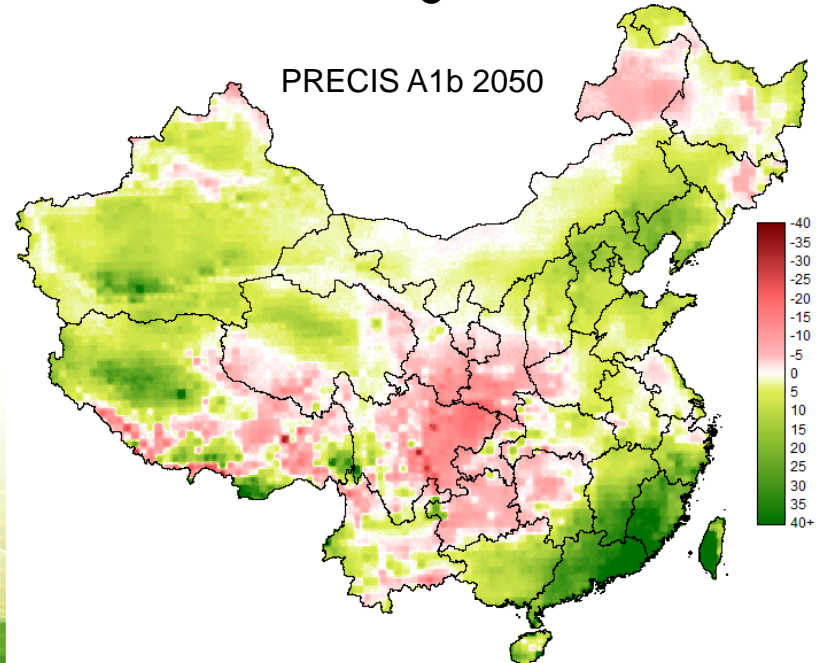


# Moisture Supply Index ( $100 * P / ET_0, \Delta MSI$ )

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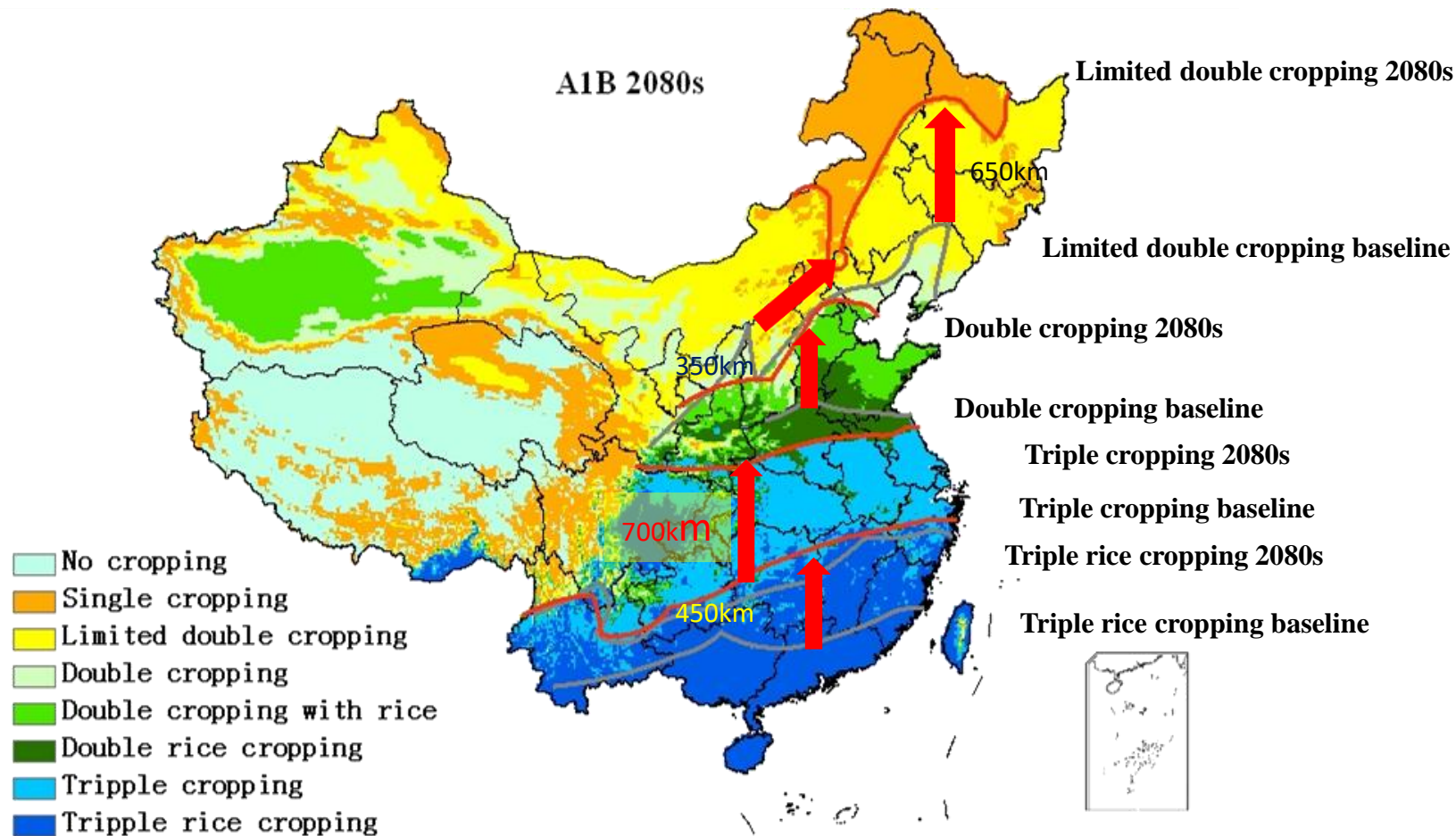


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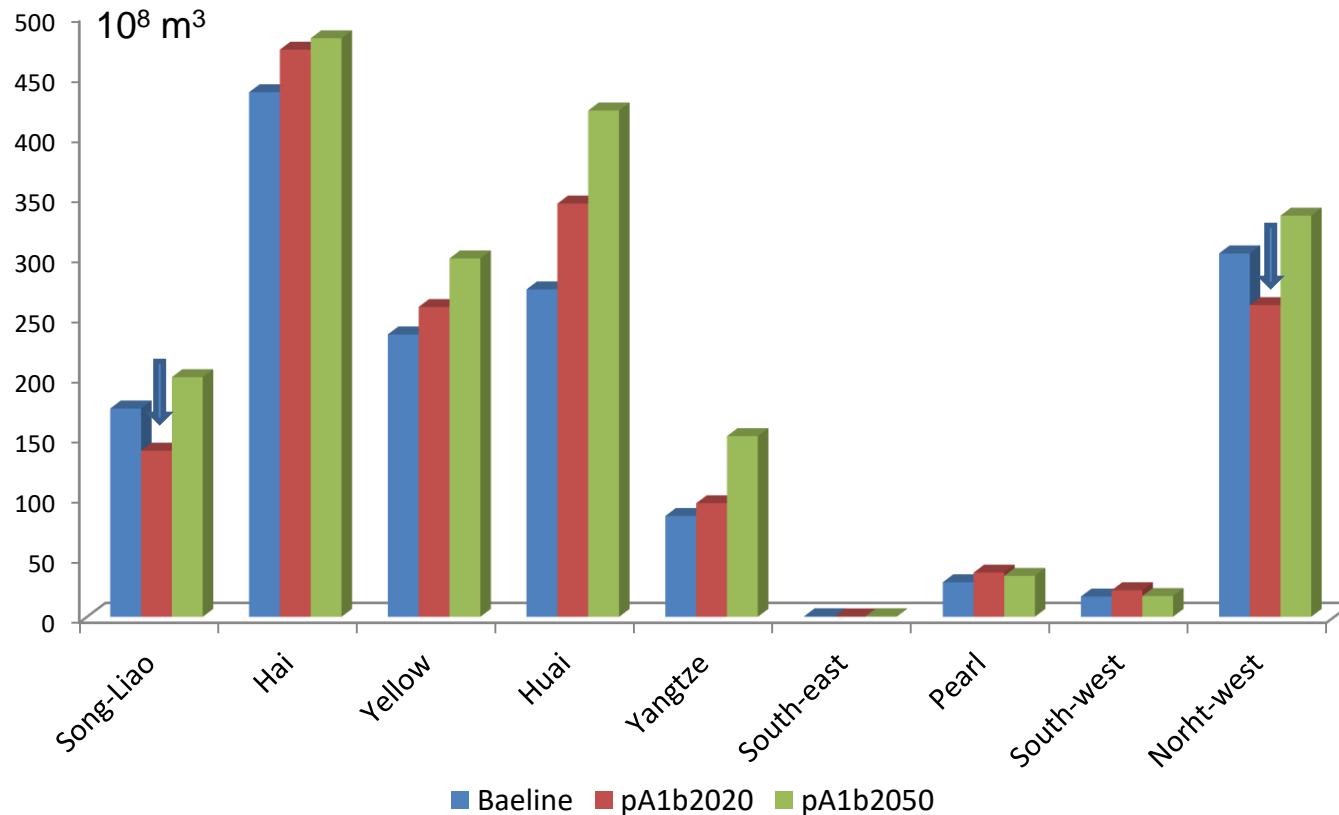
# Northward Shift of Cropping Systems Zones

(2071-2100, PRECIS, A1B)



Under the A1B scenario in 2080s, the ***cropping systems will move northwards***, increasing potential multi-cropping and sown area. This could ***increase the potential crop production especially in Northeast and Northwest China***. The AEZ analysis demonstrates that the cropping systems will change significantly and multi-cropping zones will shift by several hundred kilometers.

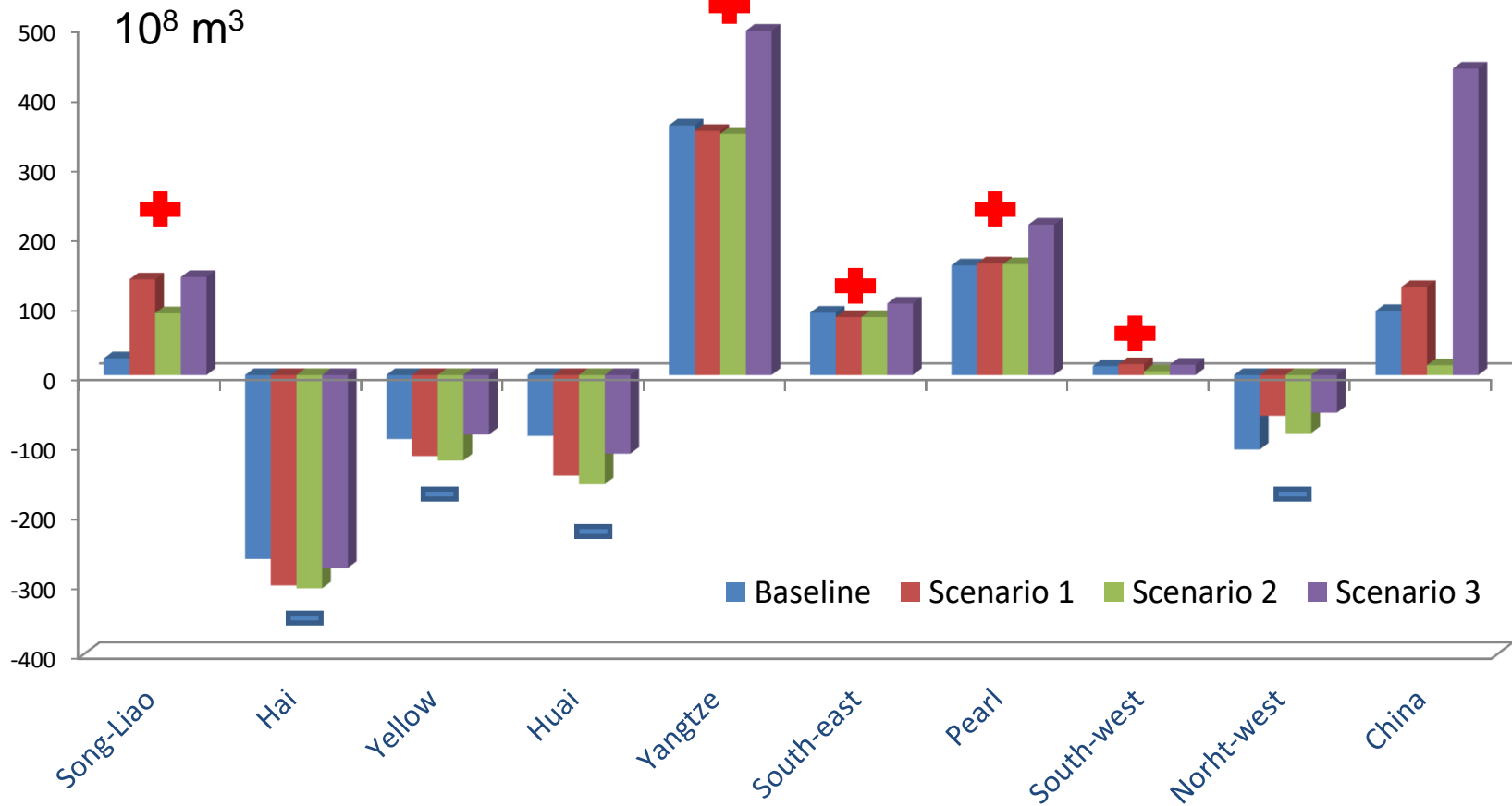
# Estimated Irrigation Water Requirements



The Northern basins like Yellow, Huai, Hai & North-west basin have large requirements for irrigation water. Song-Liao and North-west requirement will reduce in 2020s. In 2050s the irrigation requirements will be greater than Baseline in all 9 major river basins. Total net irrigation water requirements will increase **5%** in A1B 2020s and **25%** in A1B 2050s.



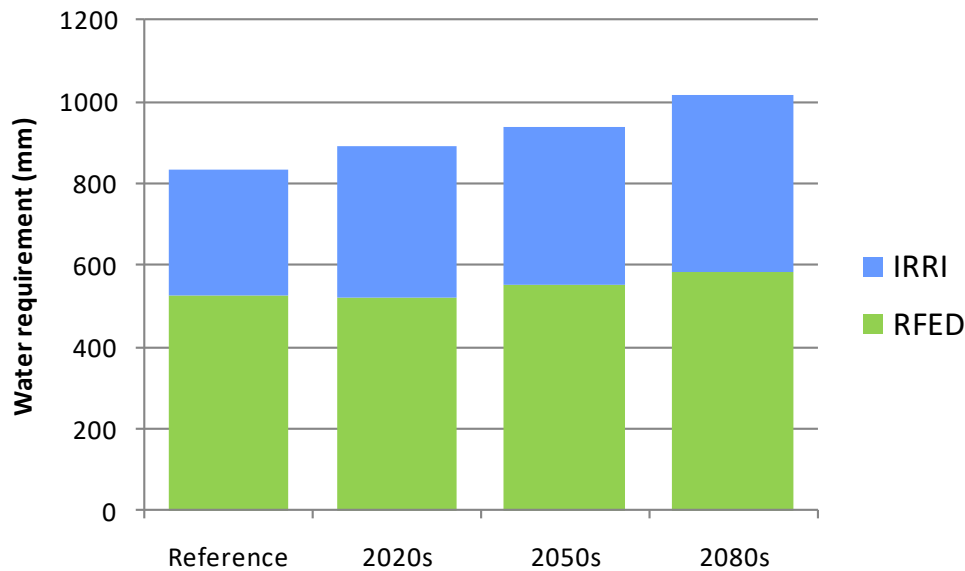
# Water Resources Budget in the Nine River Basins



unit: $10^8\text{m}^3$	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Diversion in 2030
Hai basin	-301.9	-306.0	-276.9	163.4
Yellow basin	-116.2	-122.8	-85.2	97.6
Huai basin	-144.2	-156.7	-112.8	218.6

# China: Climate Change Impacts on Crop Yields and Water Requirements

HadCM3, IPCC A2 Scenario



With climate change the share of irrigation in total crop water requirements as well as the total amount of water to be supplemented by irrigation increases, varying with scenario/ climate model.

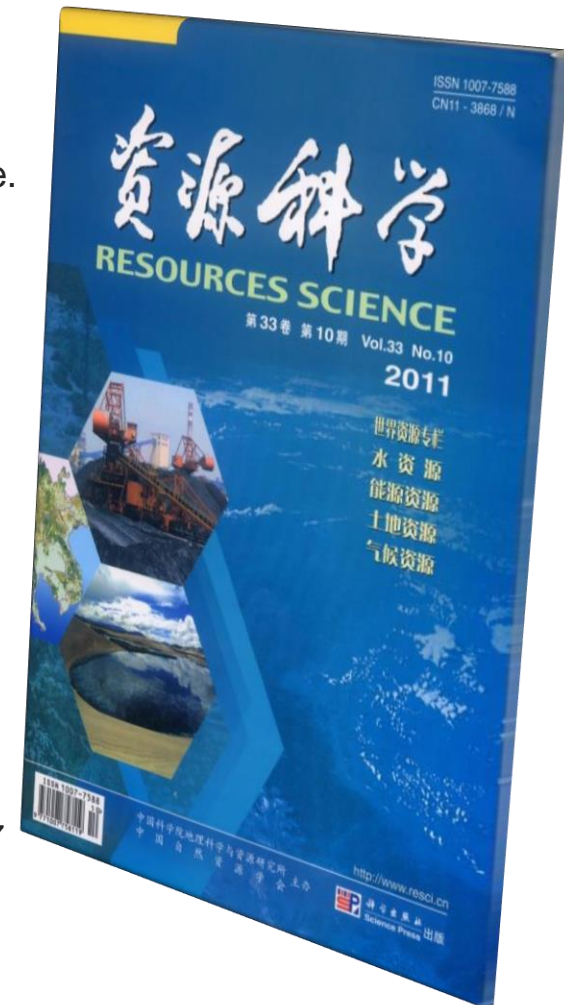
## Policy relevant findings:

- Climate change requires substantial adaptation of cropping systems in China's regions;
  - Crop production potential is shifting northwards with climate change;
  - Positive temperature effects may be limited by soil moisture deficits and more frequent extreme events;
  - Crop water requirements projected to increase more than 10% by 2050; a growing fraction to be supplied by irrigation;
  - High risk that water stress will increase with climate change. Magnitude of effects varies with GCM and scenario.
- ➔ The impacts of climate change on China's agriculture will largely depend on the consequences for regional water resources.

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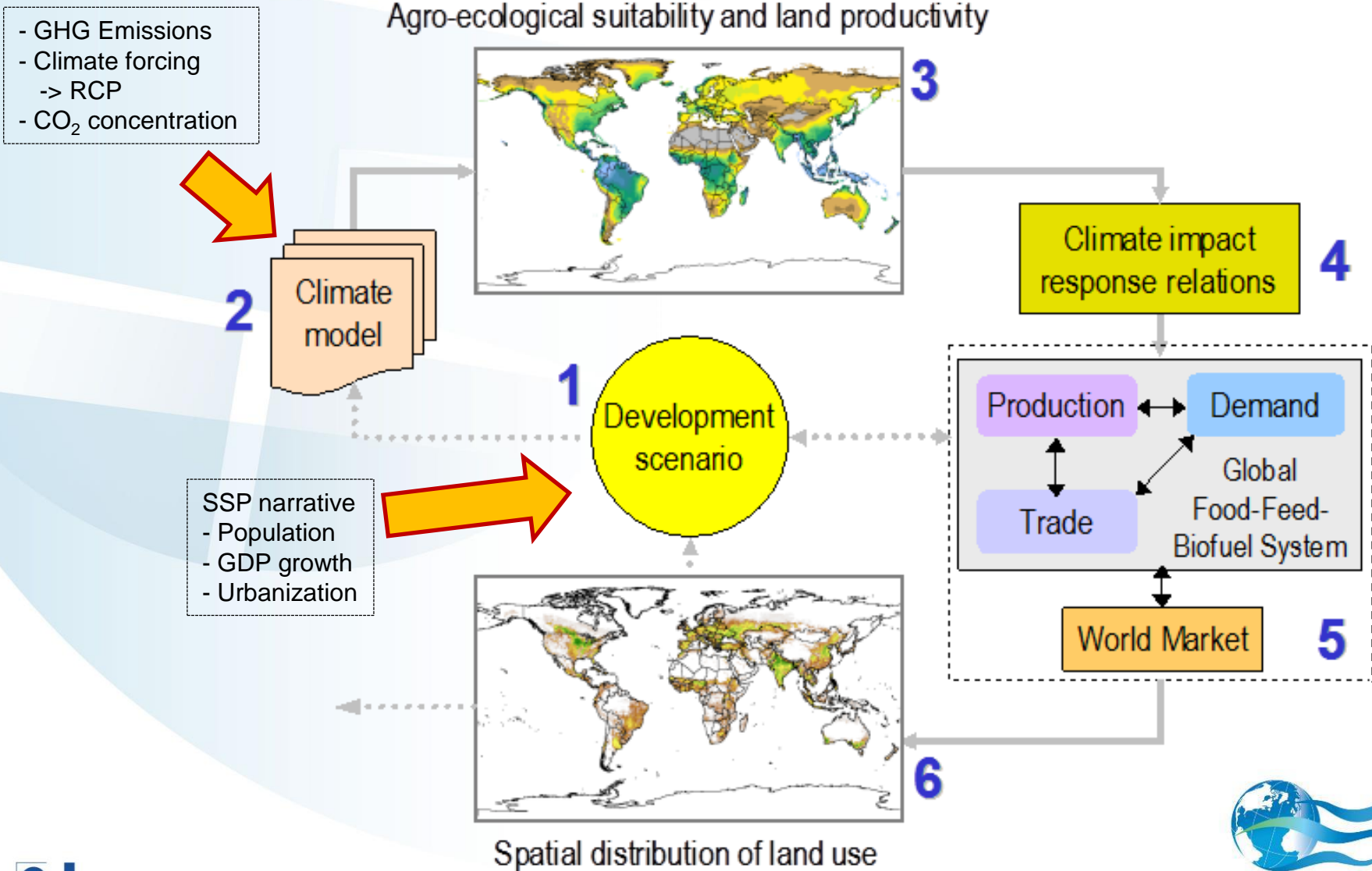
1. **Who will feed China's livestock? - A policy report on feed security issue in the future.** This policy report is of more concerns than ever before and more effort should be made to improve both domestic production and the import of feedstuffs (DDGs). This report was well received by the state council.
2. **Assessment on the impact of climate change on the environment in China.** Our research on the impact of climate change on the environment and its impact on the nitrogen surplus. The government highly appreciated the nitrogen surplus.
3. **"The status of environmental pollution and its implications to environment and organization."** and organization that suggested that low-carbon development should be implemented in the regions with severe pollution. to China Meteorological Administration.



# Water and Agriculture:

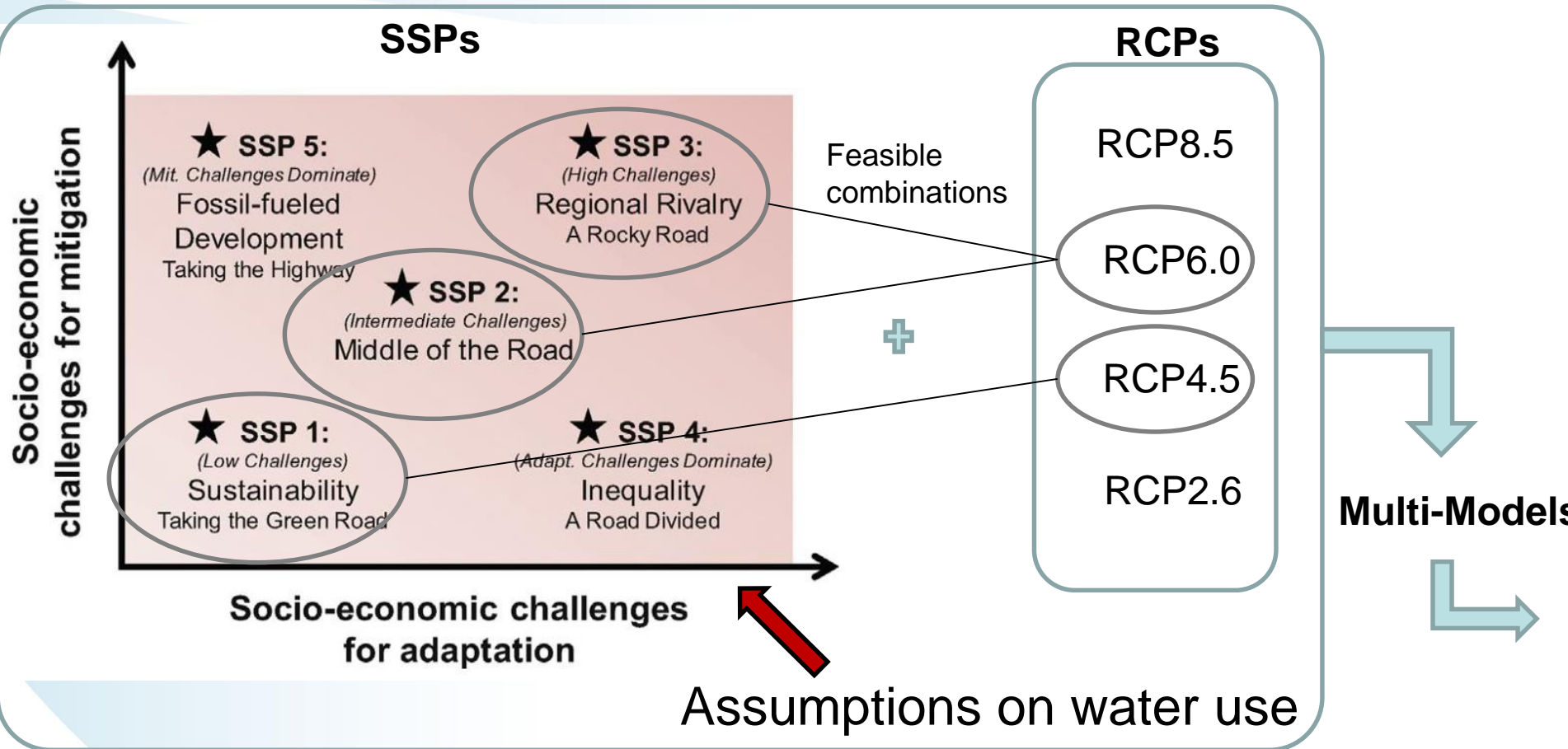
- Irrigated area has expanded to about 300 million ha worldwide, about 20% of total cultivated land.
- **Agriculture is the largest user of water** among human activities: irrigation water withdrawals are 70% of the total anthropogenic use of renewable water resources.
- Agriculture is in **competition with other water users** and has **impacted negatively on the environment**.
- In many areas **water availability rather than warming** per se is expected to be the most critical CC impact factor.

# Framework for Global Food and Agriculture Systems Analysis



Source: IIASA, WAT Program WFS simulations, Jan 2016

# Food and Water Future Scenarios



- ① Socio-Economic change scenario:  
**Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)** (IIASA data archive)
- ② Climate change scenario:  
**Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs)**

# Food and Water – Main Messages

- Food security in Central, East and South Asia is vitally dependent on water resources generated in the high mountain regions.
- Changes in volume, timing or variability of water resources will affect food production and hydropower generation.
- The Asian water crisis is intensifying and, if unmitigated, will be affecting economic development, food and energy security.
- Preparedness for greater variability and more frequent extreme events.
- Need to adapt cropping patterns, management guidelines and extension services to the changing agro-ecological conditions and water availability.
- Promote healthy diets (less meat, sugar; more vegetables, fruit) with co-benefits of reducing the environmental burden of agriculture.
- Water is cross-cutting. Consistent and robust solution portfolios need to be identified that work across economic sectors, borders, and scales of management and are tailored to the specific basin conditions.



# Systems Approach needed!

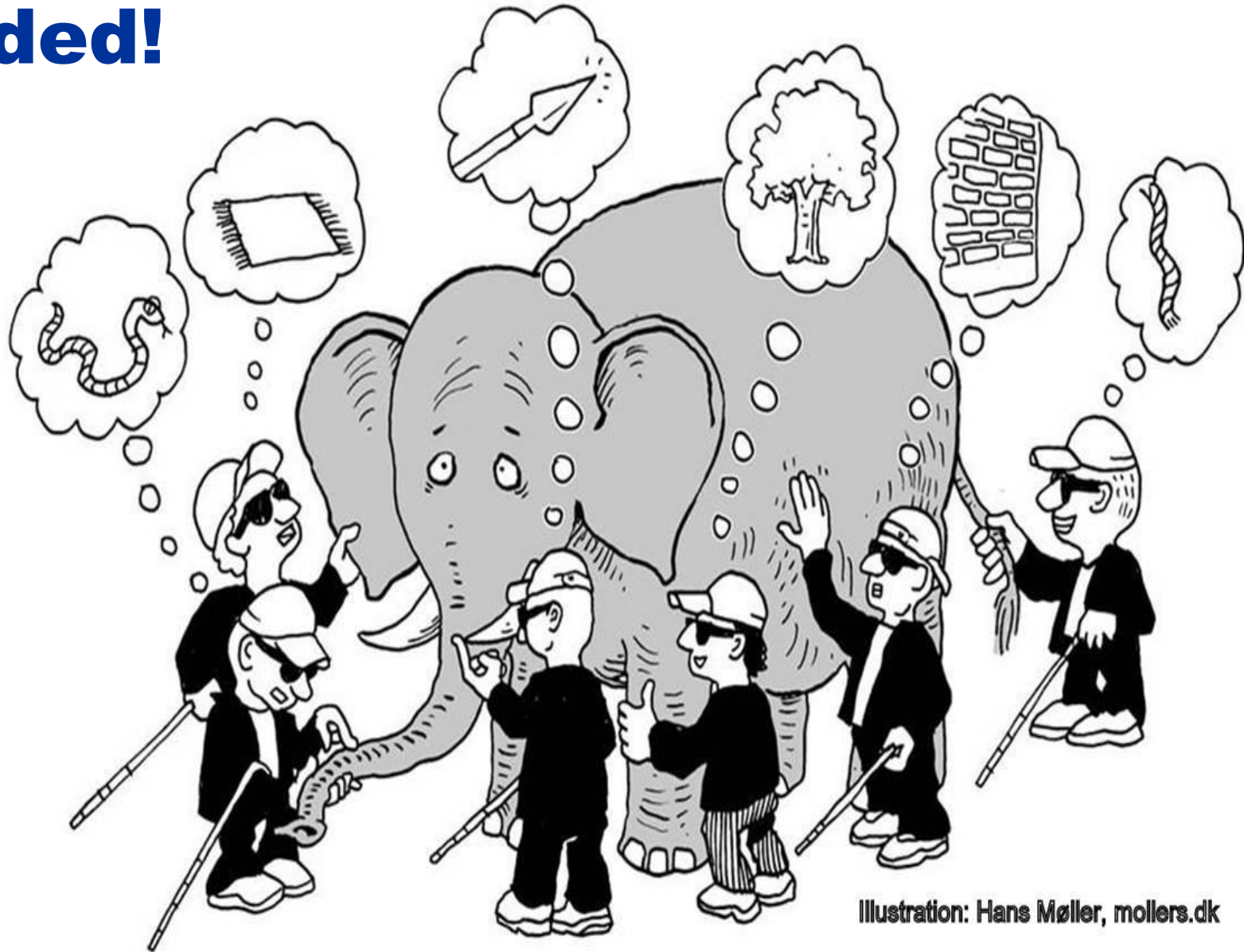


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# Successful Systems Analysis at IIASA: What does it require?

- A global or universal problem
- An identification and understanding of the system at stake at the appropriate scale(s) and level of detail
- Identification of stakeholders and understanding of stakeholder perceptions, needs and priorities
- A clear solution strategy and rigorous methodological approach
- Reliable research partners providing expertise, local knowledge, access to data and dissemination channels
- Funding to do the work
- A comparative advantage in carrying out the research
- A window of opportunity to elaborate or adapt adequate analytical tools

and

- A motivation to make the future world a better place



**Thank you!**