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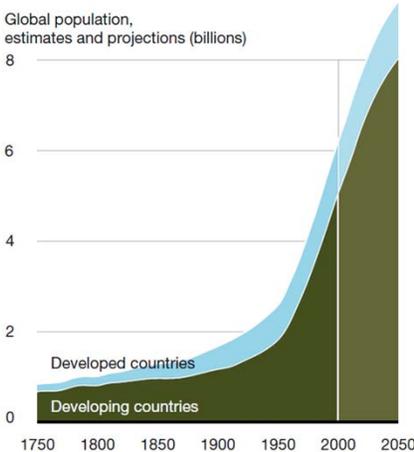
# Food Security and World Changes and Trends since 1992

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  **Demographic Changes** 

Global population, estimates and projections (billions)



**~7 billion in 2011**  
**~ 9 billion by 2050**  
**40% Increase in Asia**



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## Demographic Changes



- **Nearly one billion are food insecure**
- **One billion malnourished children under 5 years of age in Asia in 2000**
- **Over 90% of future population growth will occur in developing countries**
- **Competition for resources is increasingly global**

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## Future food needs



**FAO estimates that Food Production will  
have to increase  
70%  
while combating poverty and hunger**

Source: FAO "How to Feed the World in 2050", Rome 2009

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## Challenges to meet this goal



- I. Competition from Biofuels and Biomass demand**
- II. Dietary Changes**
- III. Availability of Arable Land**
- IV. Water Scarcity**
- V. Climate Change**

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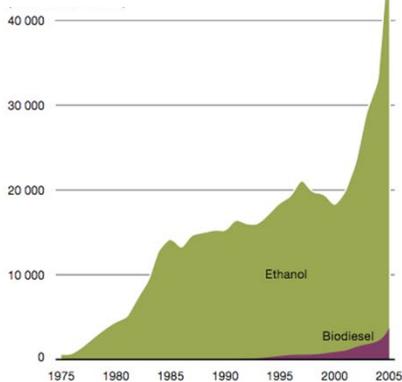
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## I. Biofuels



**Annual World Production liters x 10<sup>6</sup>**



**Sharply Increasing Biofuel Production – diversion food/feed into biofuels**

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## I. Biomass

- Biomass energy 77 % World renewal energy
- Sharp Increase in World Biomass demand, e.g. South Korea: 250 x increase in next 10 years

As a consequence

- Biomass plantations may also compete for the best lands with food crops, adversely affecting local food security and smallholder farming.
- Where biomass production is for export, no improvement in local energy security

Source: Cotula, Finnegan & MacQueen, 2011 IIED

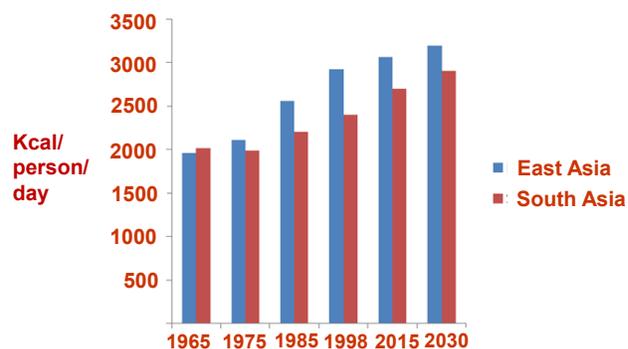
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## II. Dietary Changes

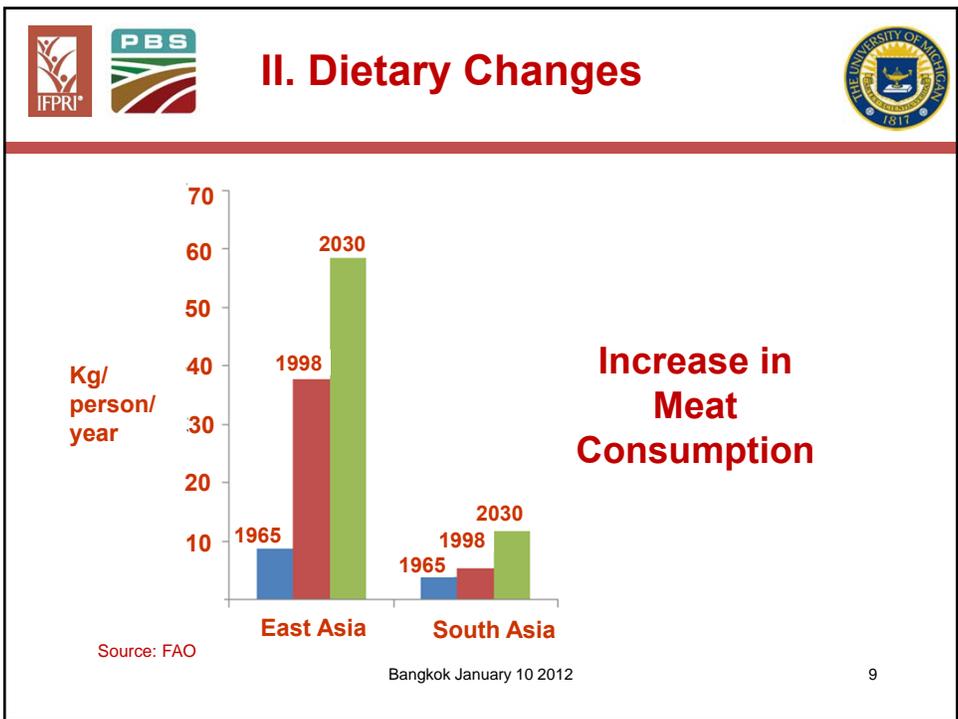
### Calorie/Food Intake has been increasing



Source: FAO

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**Income Growth in Developing Countries**  
 → Increased demand for high valued food, principally meat, fish

**1 kg meat requires**

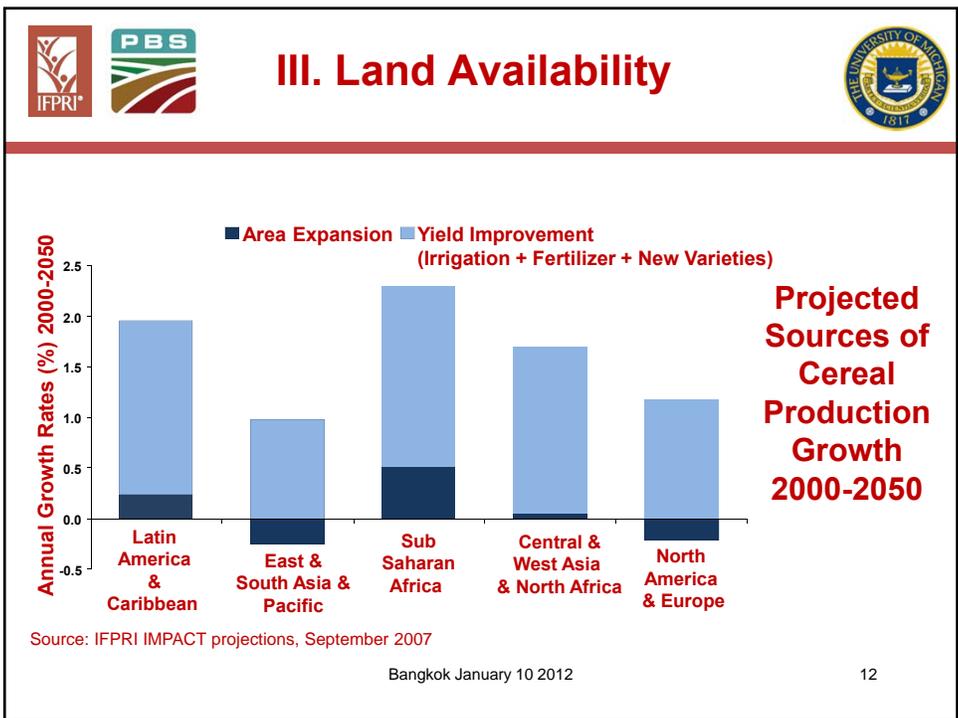
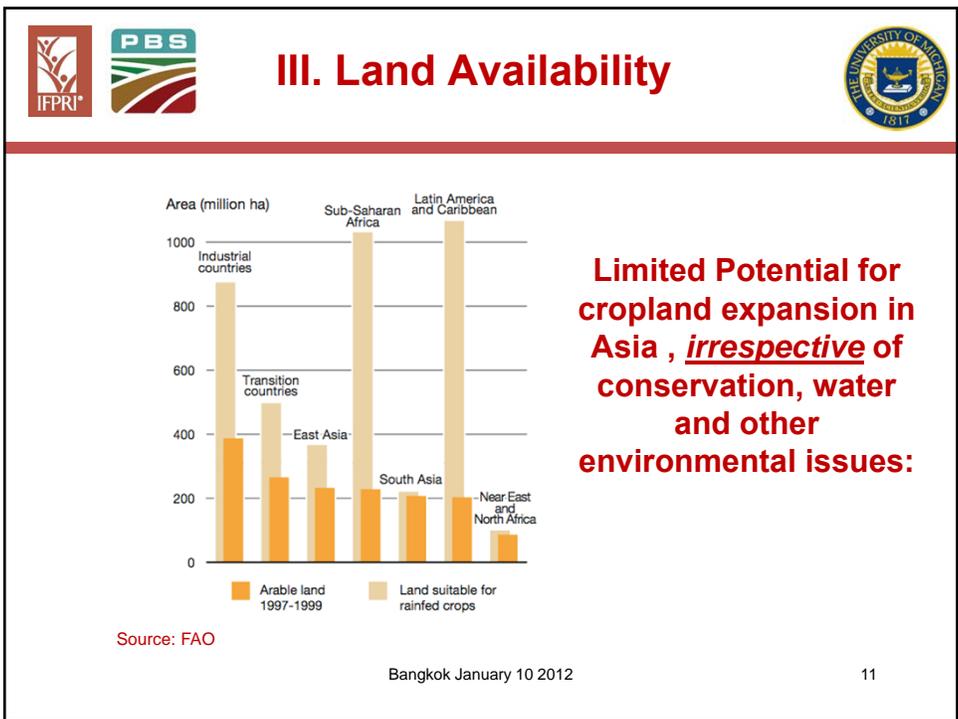
- ~ 3 kg grain
- ~ 16,000 liters water

**1 kg wheat requires**

- ~1,300 liters water




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### III. Land Availability

#### Land loss due to irrigation practices

- **Pakistan 11% of arable land lost due to salinization from irrigation**

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### IV. Water scarcity

- **In 1995, about 1.8 billion people were living in areas experiencing severe water stress**
- **In 2025, about two-thirds of the world's population – about 5.5 billion people – are expected to live in areas facing moderate to severe water stress**

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## V. Climate Change



### Compounding the Problem

- The Data
- The Consequences
  - a. Rise in Sea Levels
  - b. Increased unpredictability
  - c. Change in Growing Season Length
  - d. Yield Changes
  - e. Price Increases
  - f. Impact on Trade

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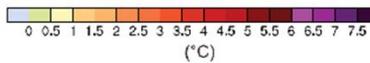
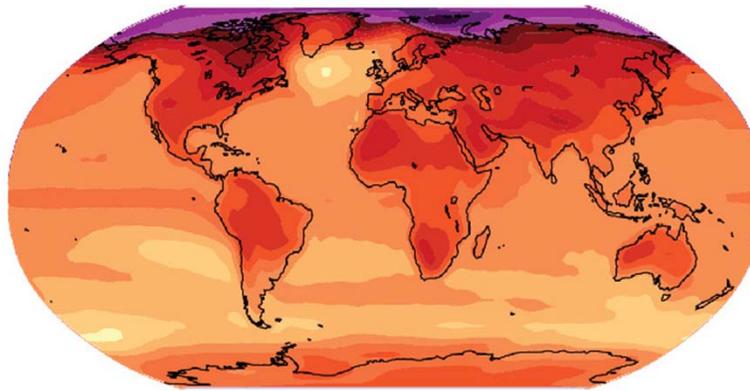
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## V. Climate Change: the data Global Warming



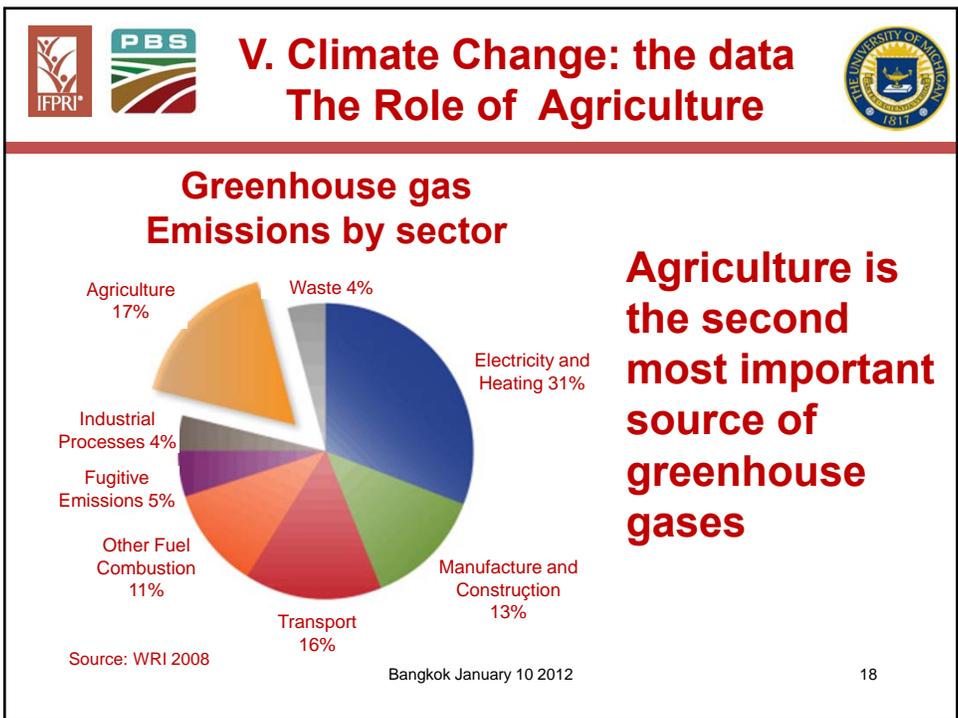
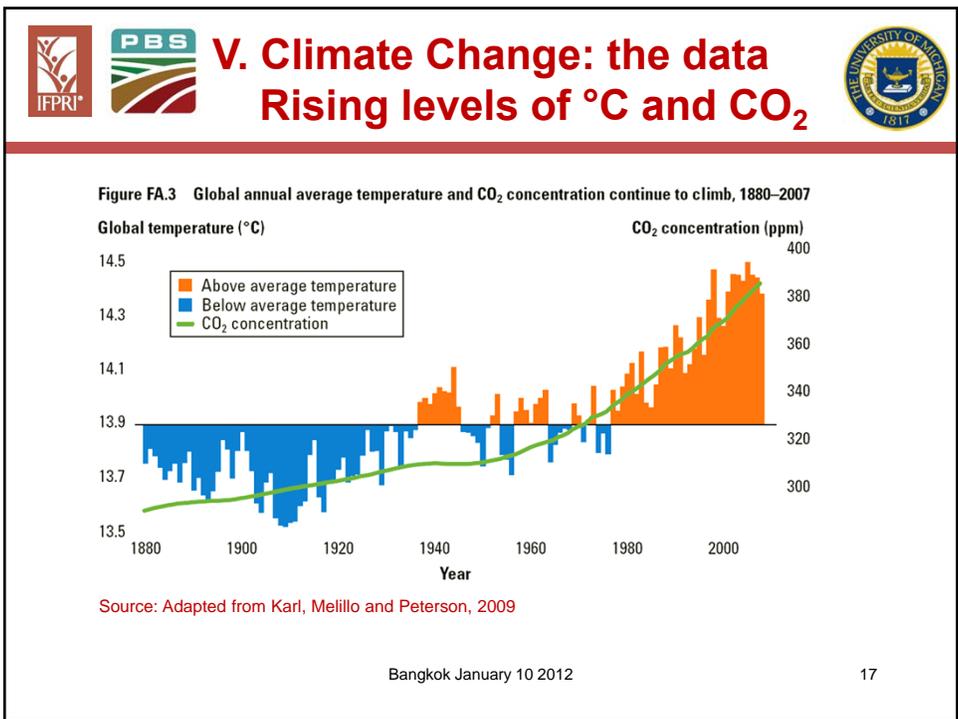
### Predicted increase in surface temperature in 2090



Source: IFPRI

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## V. Climate Change: the data Greenhouse Gases



### Agriculture is the second most important source of greenhouse gases

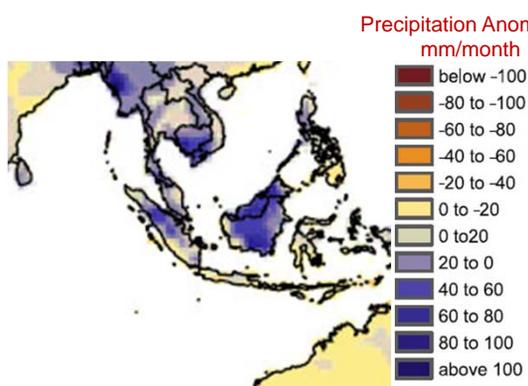
- The synthesis and use of nitrogenous fertilizers is the principal cause
- The nitrogen is converted into Nitrous Oxide in the soil
- Nitrous Oxide is 30-300 times worse than Carbon Dioxide

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## V. Climate Change: the data Change in Rainfall Patterns



**One model of  
changes in  
patterns of  
rainfall for the  
end of the  
century**

Source: Gumpenberger *et al.*, *Env. Res Letters* 2010

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## V. Climate Change Consequences

### a. Rise in Sea Level



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Global warming would result in the melting of the polar ice-caps which will in turn cause a reduction in the availability of arable land

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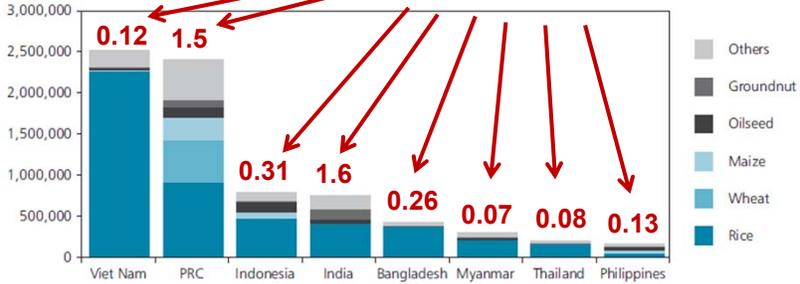
### a. Rise in Sea Level



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### Hectares lost due to rise of 1 meter in sea level

Predicted population size in 2050



Country	Population in 2050 (Millions)
Viet Nam	0.12
PRC	1.5
Indonesia	0.31
India	1.6
Bangladesh	0.26
Myanmar	0.07
Thailand	0.08
Philippines	0.13

Source: Asian Development Bank; UNPFA

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## V. Climate Change Consequences

### a. Rise in Sea Level



#### a. Rise in Sea level degradation of other lands

- Increased salinization of coastal regions

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## V. Climate Change Consequences

### b. Unpredictability



#### Increase in the frequency of floods



**Damage  
due to  
flooding:  
Thailand**

Source: P. Ronald U.C. Davis

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## V. Climate Change Consequences b. Unpredictability



- and also of droughts

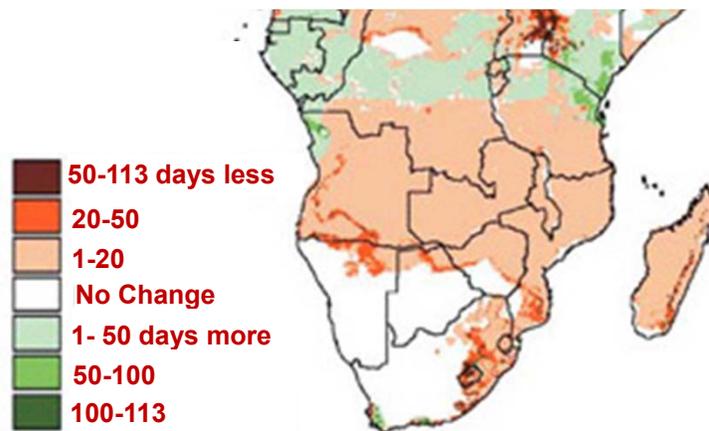


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## V. Climate Change Consequences c. Growing Season Length



Source: WRI

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## V. Climate Change Consequences d. Yield



**Many factors may be involved, both positive and negative, e.g.**

- CO<sub>2</sub> Fertilization – Positive Effect
- Heat stress: an increase of 1 °C in night-time minimum temperatures is associated with a loss in rice yield of 10% - Negative Effect

Source: Peng *et al.* 2004 PNAS 101:9971-9975

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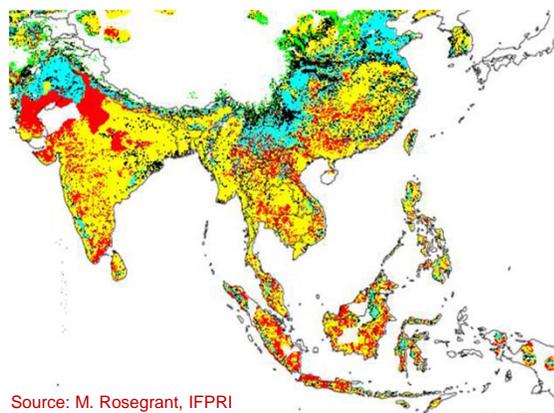
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## V. Climate Change Consequences d. Yield



### Percentage change in Irrigated Rice production in 2050



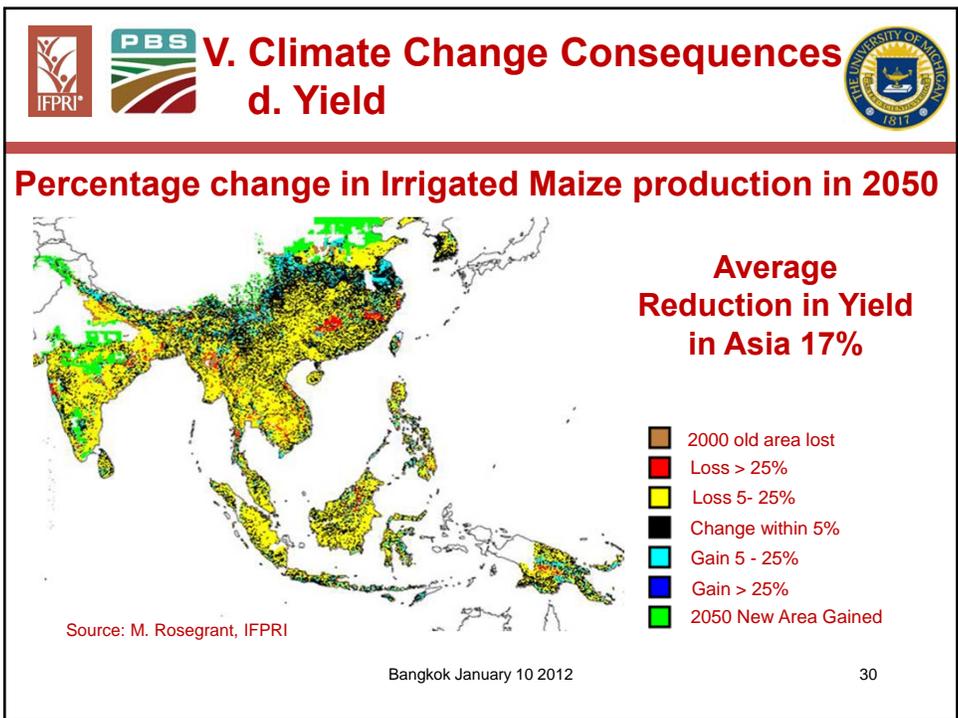
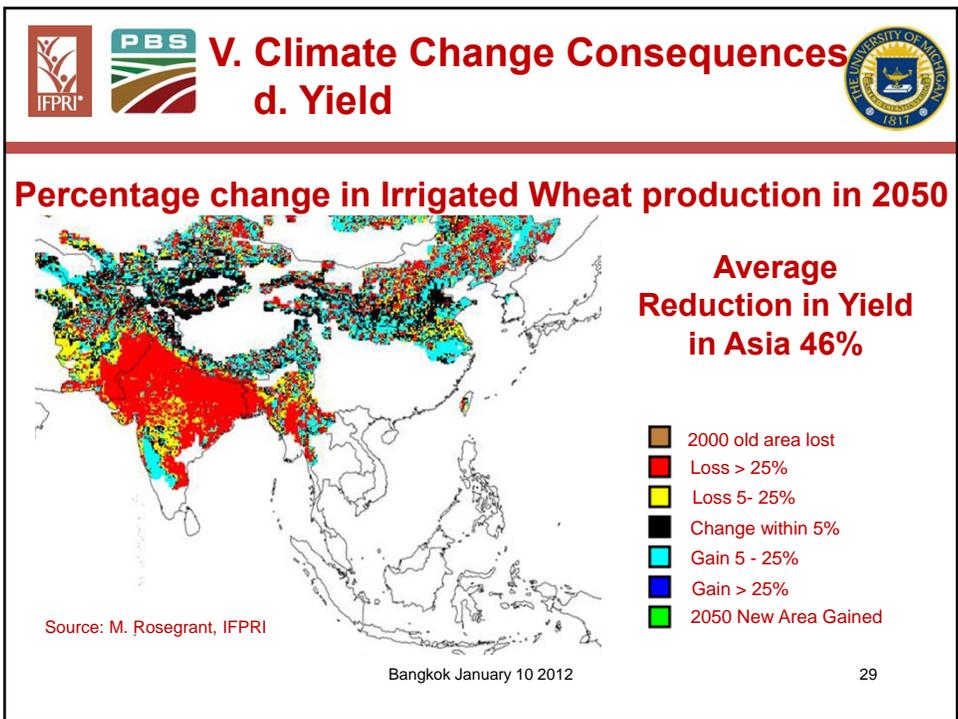
**Average  
Reduction in  
Yield in Asia 27%**

- 2000 old area lost
- Loss > 25%
- Loss 5- 25%
- Change within 5%
- Gain 5 - 25%
- Gain > 25%
- 2050 New Area Gained

Source: M. Rosegrant, IFPRI

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**d. Yield** **THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

**Positive effect in Temperate and Northern zones**

Projected changes in agricultural productivity to 2080 due to climate change, incorporating the effects of carbon fertilization

-50%	-15%	0	+15%	+35%	No data
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Source: W. Cline, 2007; WRI

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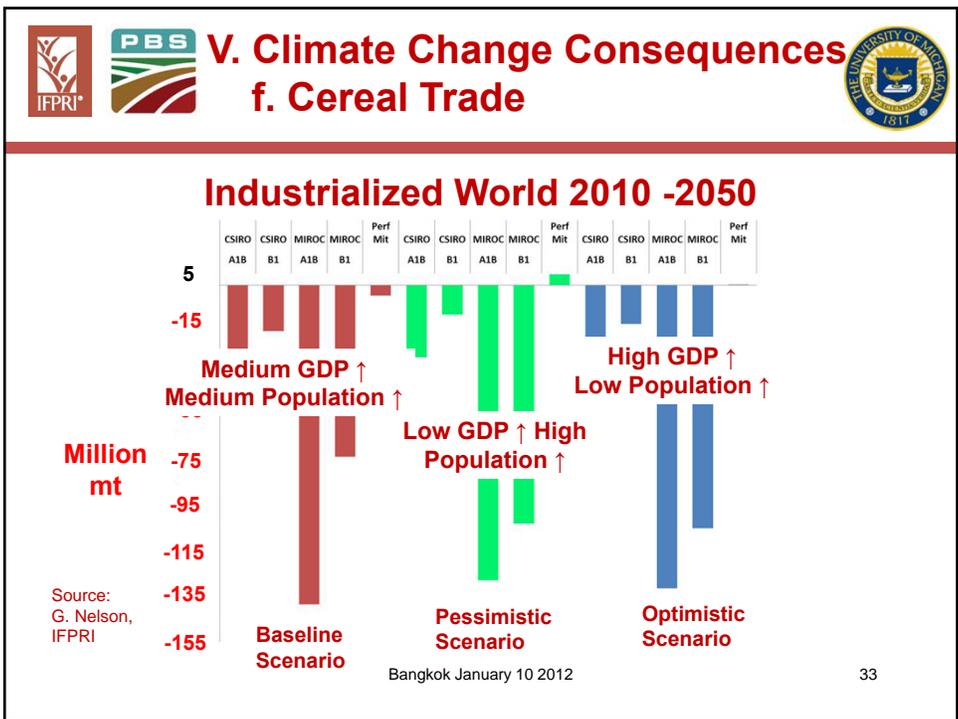
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**e. Price Increases** **THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Crop	% Increase 2010 - 2050
Maize	~50
Rice	~30
Wheat	~25

Source: G. Nelson, IFPRI

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**Can Biotechnology offer a solution to these challenges?**

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