



# Breaking the Yield Barrier:

## The Yield Enhancement Network

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# Plan

- UK Agriculture & Arable farming
  - History, trends, structure, future
- Global arable farming
  - Food security, trends
- YEN
  - UK
  - Estonian resources
  - N fert type
  - (cover crops)
- Global wheat yield competitions

# About ADAS

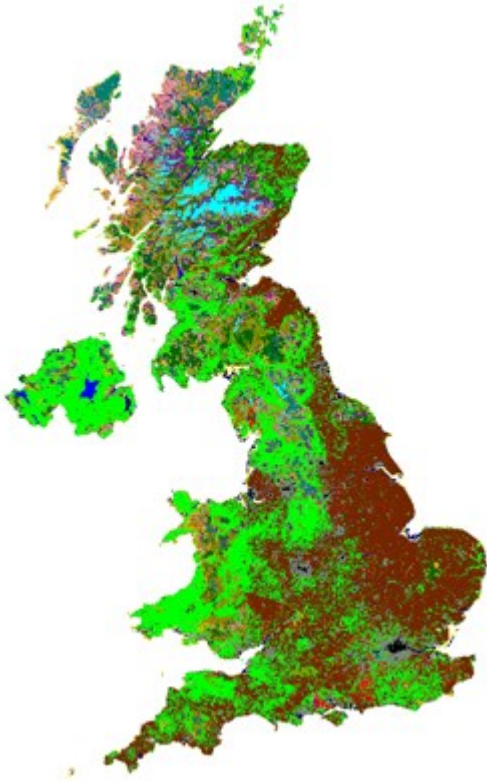


ADAS exists to provide ideas, specialist knowledge & solutions  
to **secure our food & enhance the environment**

- UK's largest independent agricultural & environmental consultancy & research
- Private company .... £30 million turnover
  - History from 1946 – Ministry of Agriculture
  - Branded ADAS in 1971
  - Privatised in 1997
- 15 Offices across England & Wales
  - Over 400 staff
  - Over 60 specialisms
- Very broad range of services & clients
  - Crops, horticulture, pathology, entomology, nutrition, physiology, ecology, soils, water, biodiversity, livestock, chemicals, wastes, supply chains, policy, GIS, web, modelling, surveys, renewables, energy, land development



# UK Agriculture



- 69% of UK land area
  - 17 M ha
    - 6 M ha cropped ... mostly in East
    - 10M ha permanent grass
    - ... mostly in West
- 1.5% UK workforce
  - 450,000 people
  - 200,000 farms
    - 48,000 grow cereals
      - 27,000 with >30ha
    - 56,000 with >30 cattle
      - 21,000 with > 150 cattle
    - 45,000 with >50 sheep
    - 3,200 with >50 pigs



# UK Farming history and trends

- Deforestation when?
- Enclosure Act 1700s...
- Estates with many individual farms
  - Each Mixed ...
- Increasing specialisation
  - Arable
  - Veg
  - Potato
  - Dairy (very few small dairy farms left in East)
  - Pig
  - Poultry

# UK Soils

Wide range of soils:

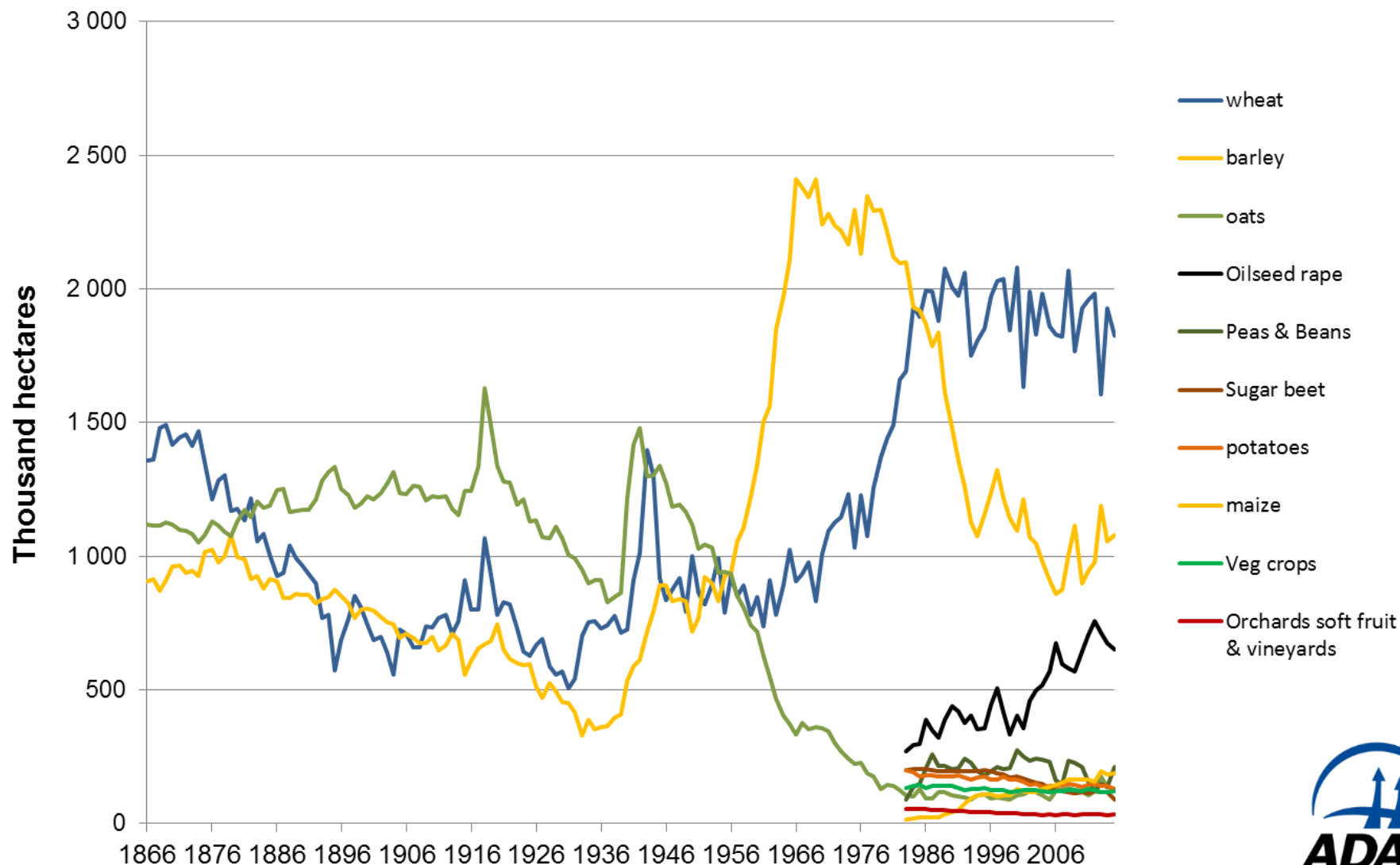
- Massive clays formed in lakebeds
- 'Boulder clay' and 'drift' from melting of glaciers
- Mixed 'glacio-fluvial' deposits from outwash of glacial lakes
- Sands -sedentary and windblown
- Chalks formed in old seas
- River and marine deposits
- Peats formed under bog conditions



# UK arable farming

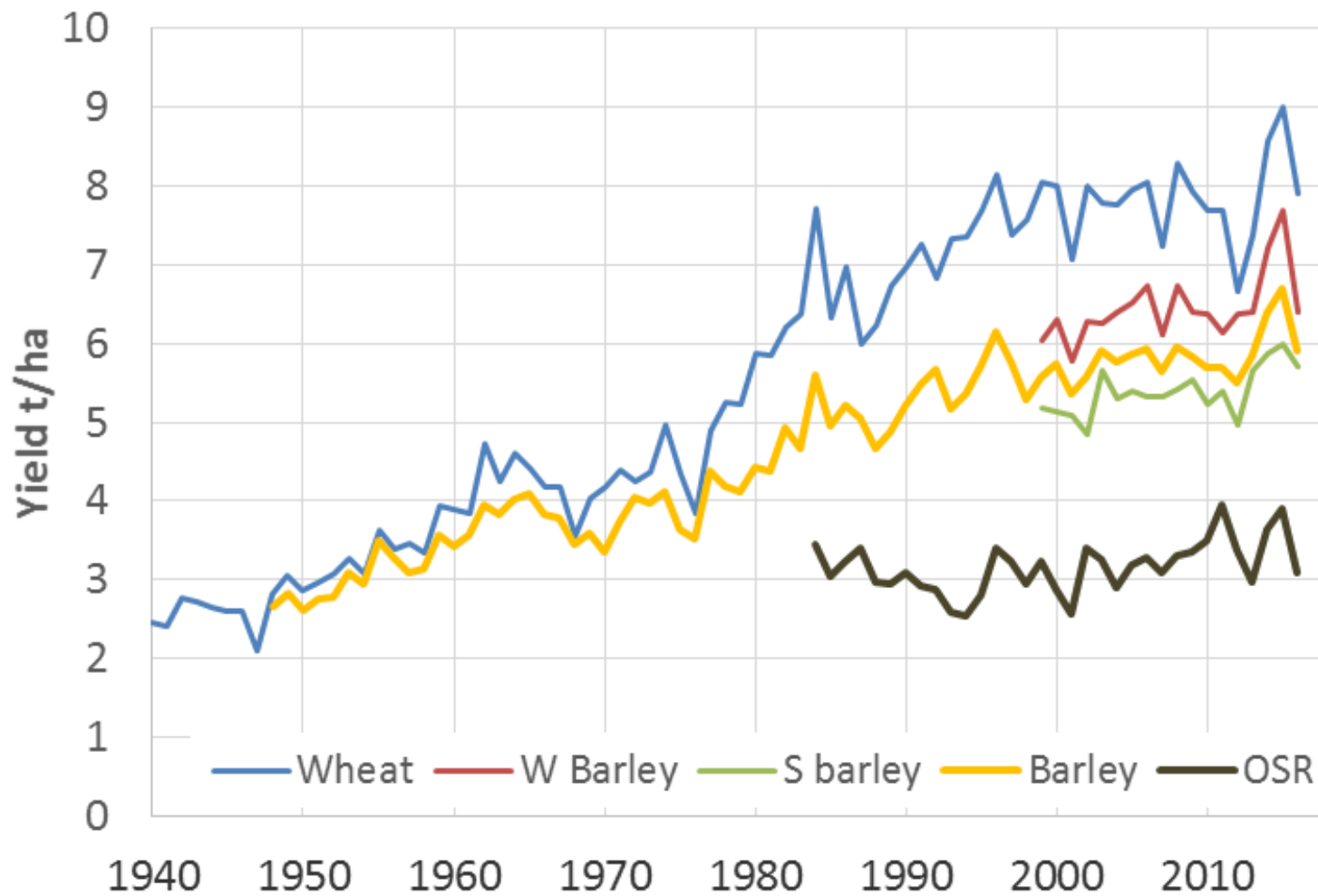
- 80% of arable area farmed by 20,000 farmers
  - Typical farm size ~200 ha
    - many farms >500ha
    - Increasing numbers >1000ha
- Typical british landscapes – mosaic of fields
- Typical rotation:
  - Wheat – barley – OSR- wheat – wheat – Beans

# UK crops - areas





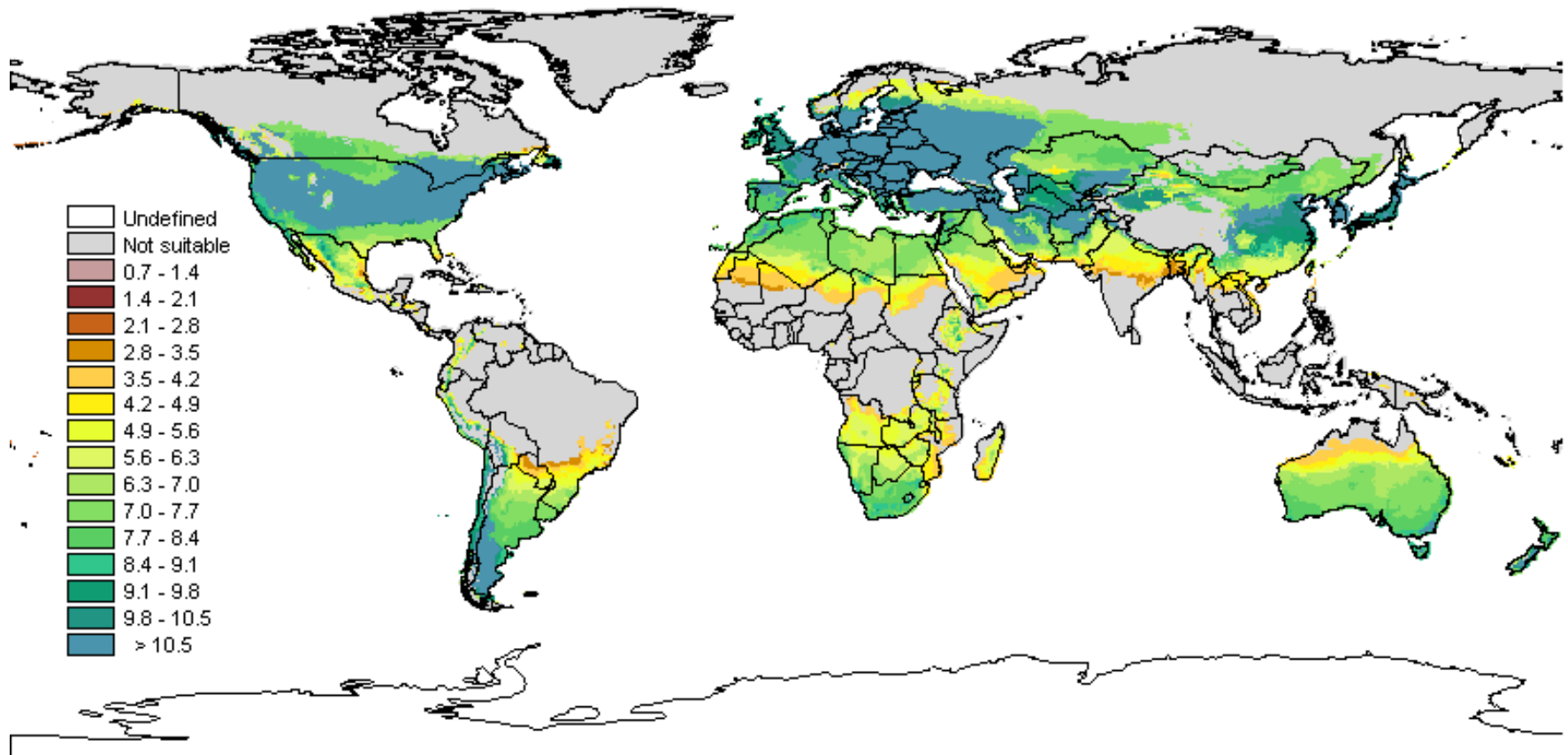
# UK crop yields



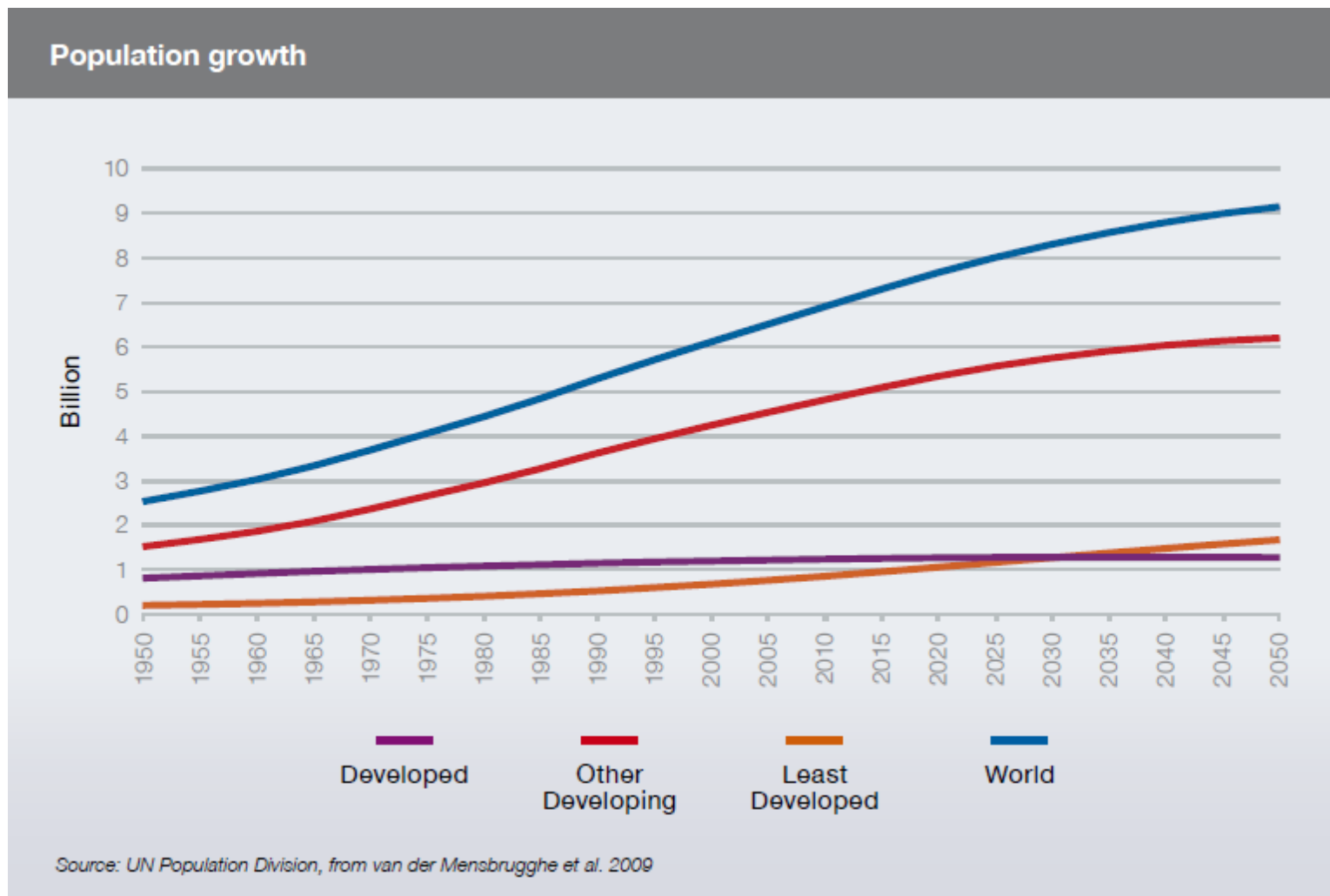
# Global food security

- Price spikes in 2007
- Global yields plateauing
  - Some exceptions
- Projected demand to 2050
- UN reports etc
  
- What action?

# GAEZ potential wheat yields

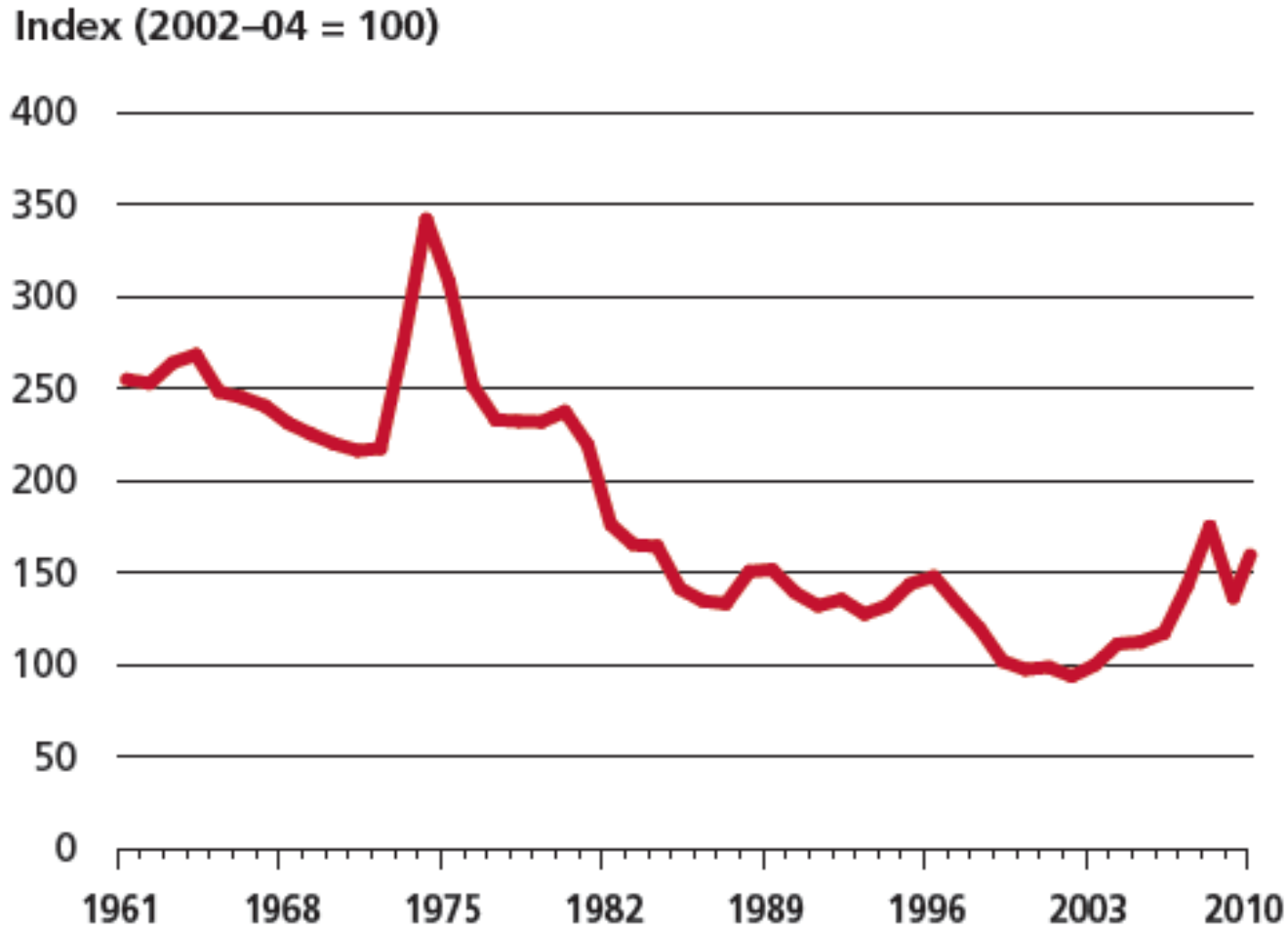


# Need to feed 9 billion people by 2050





# Food prices



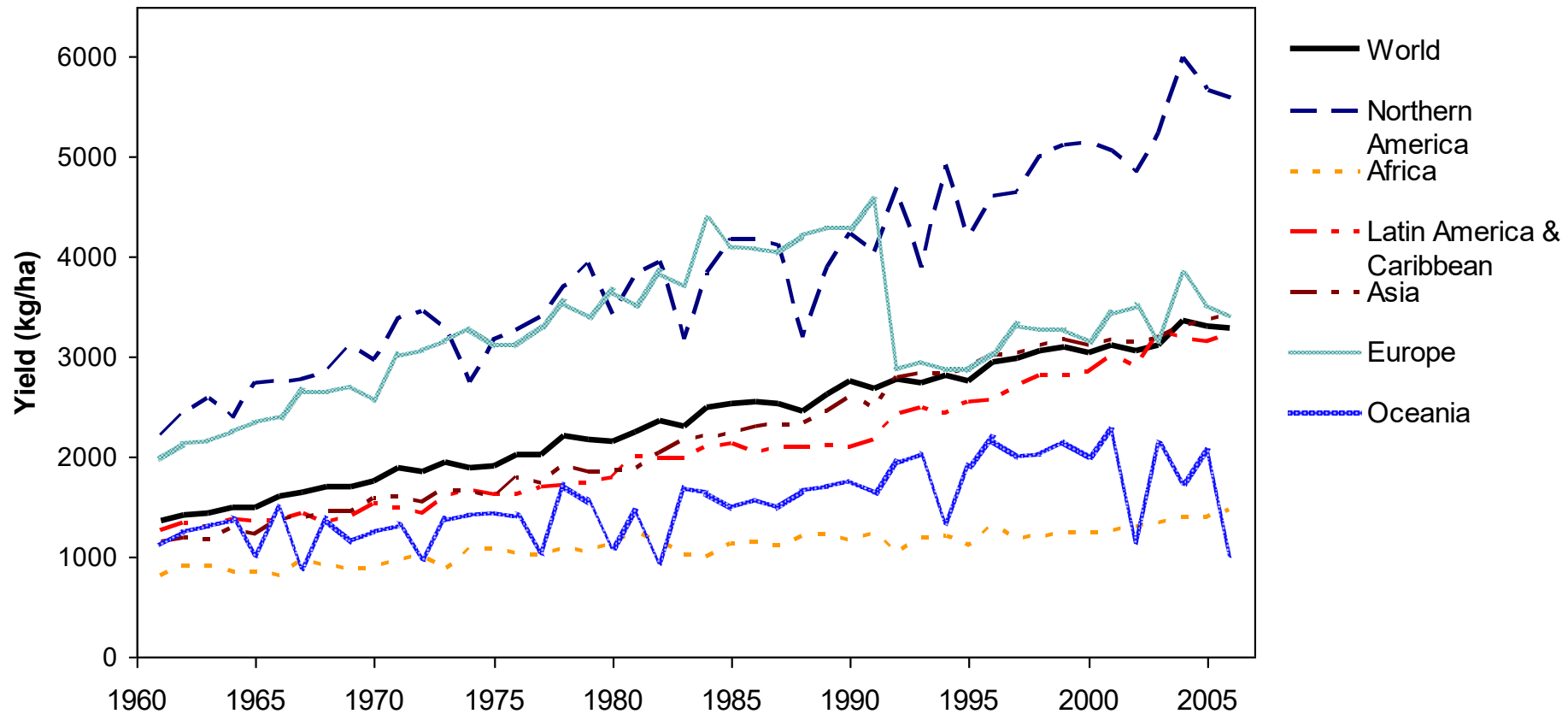
# FAO World Food & Agriculture Review 2009



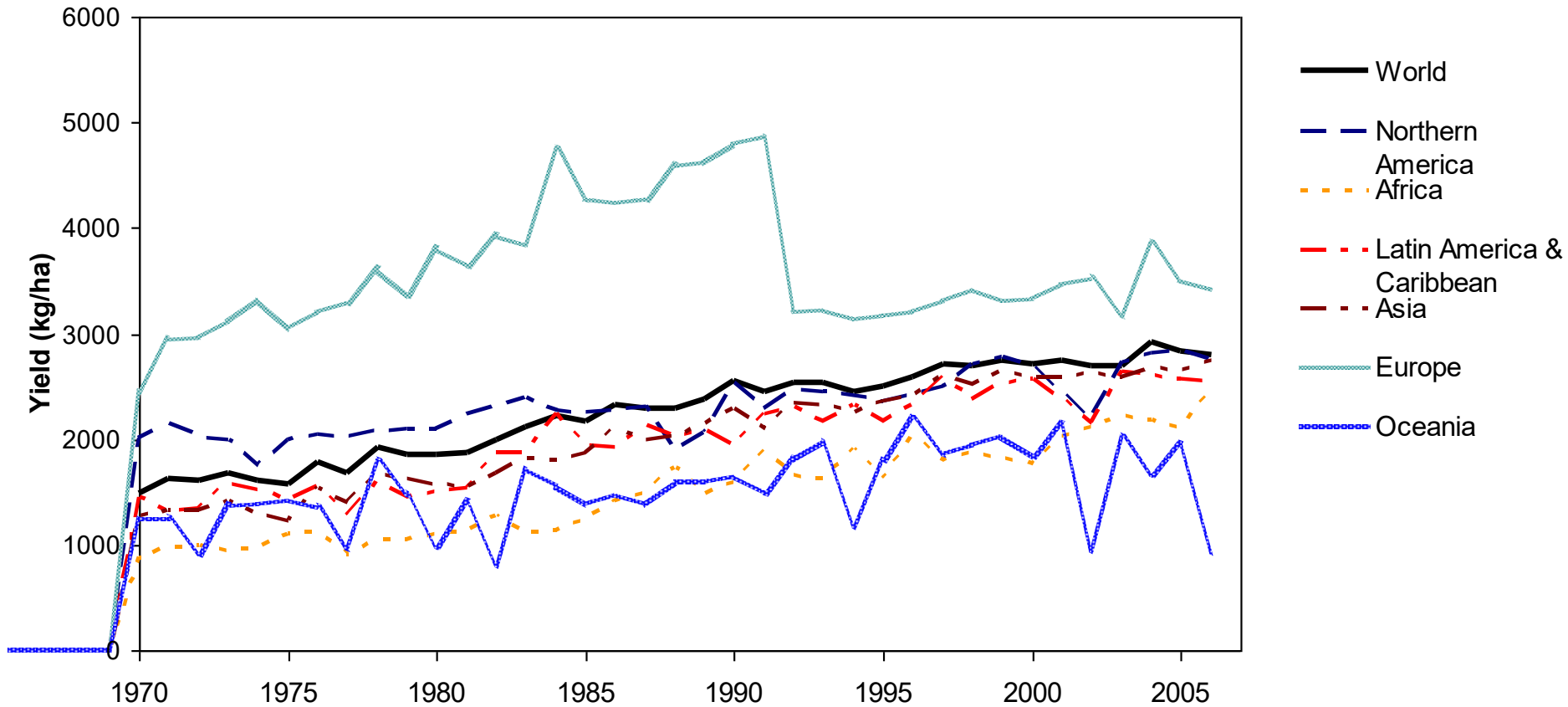
- Increasing population
- Increasing wealth in developing countries
  - Trends to eat more meat
- World cereal demand projected to increase from 2.1 billion tonnes to 3 billion tonnes by 2050
- Need to raise world food production by 70%
  - 90% of increase needs to come from increased yields
  - Minimal opportunities for more land conversion
    - Big Greenhouse Gas costs from land use change
- Biofuels add to demand



# World Cereal Yields

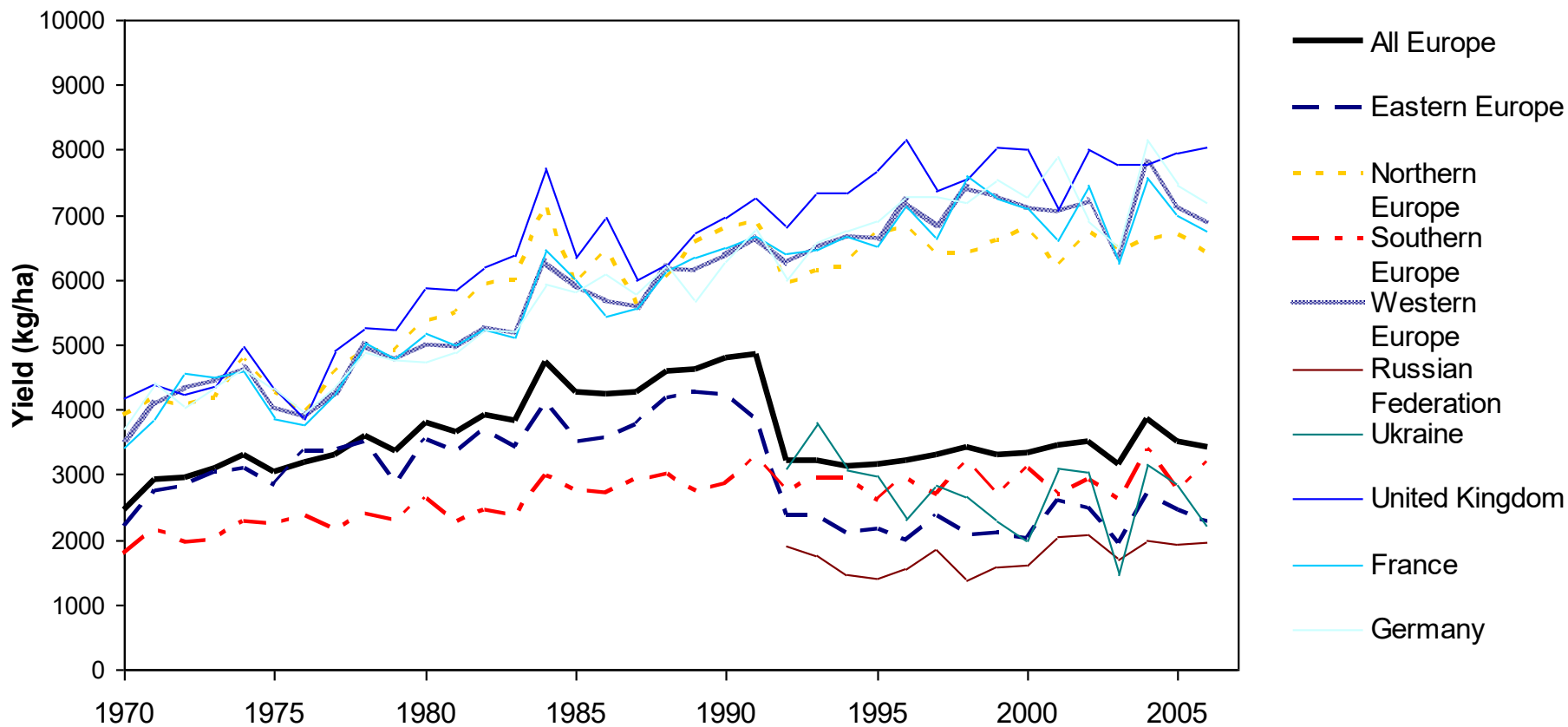


# World wheat yields



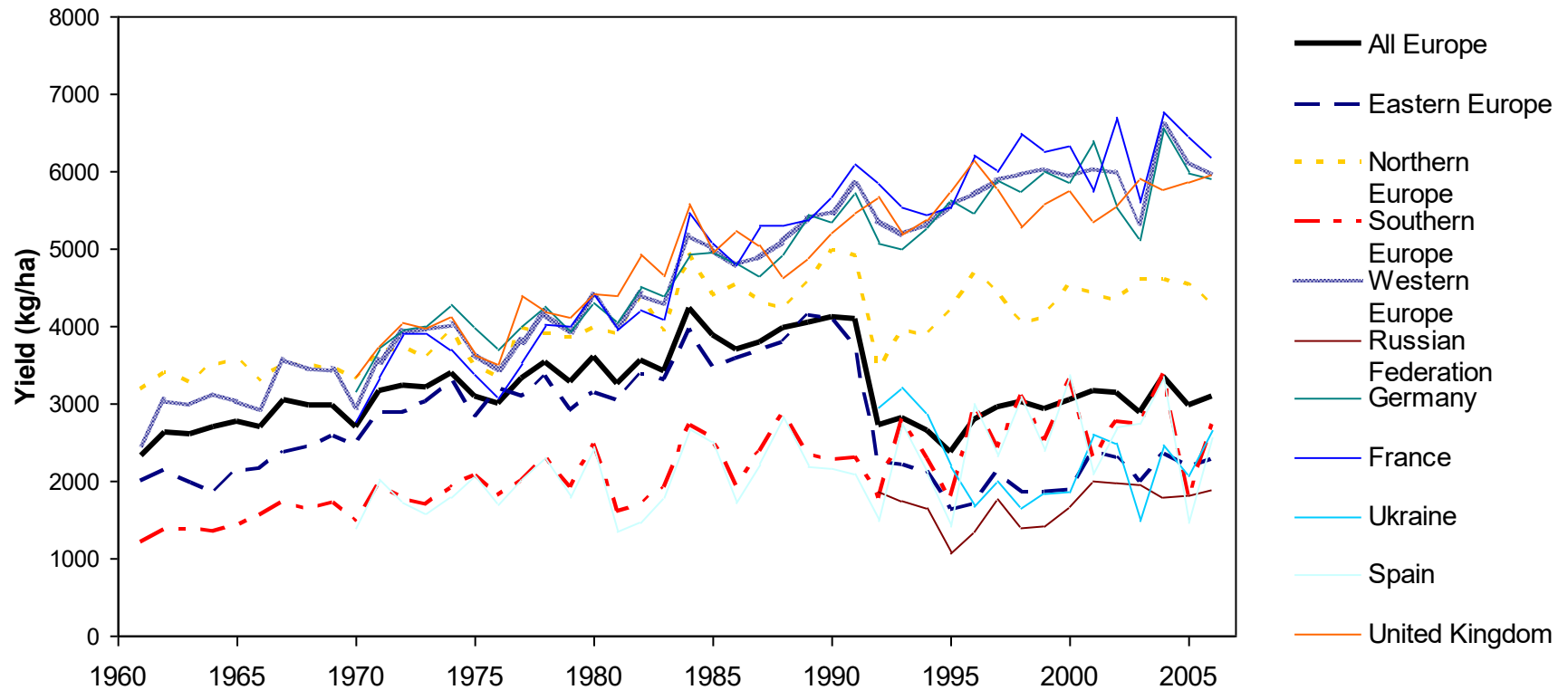


# Wheat yields in Europe

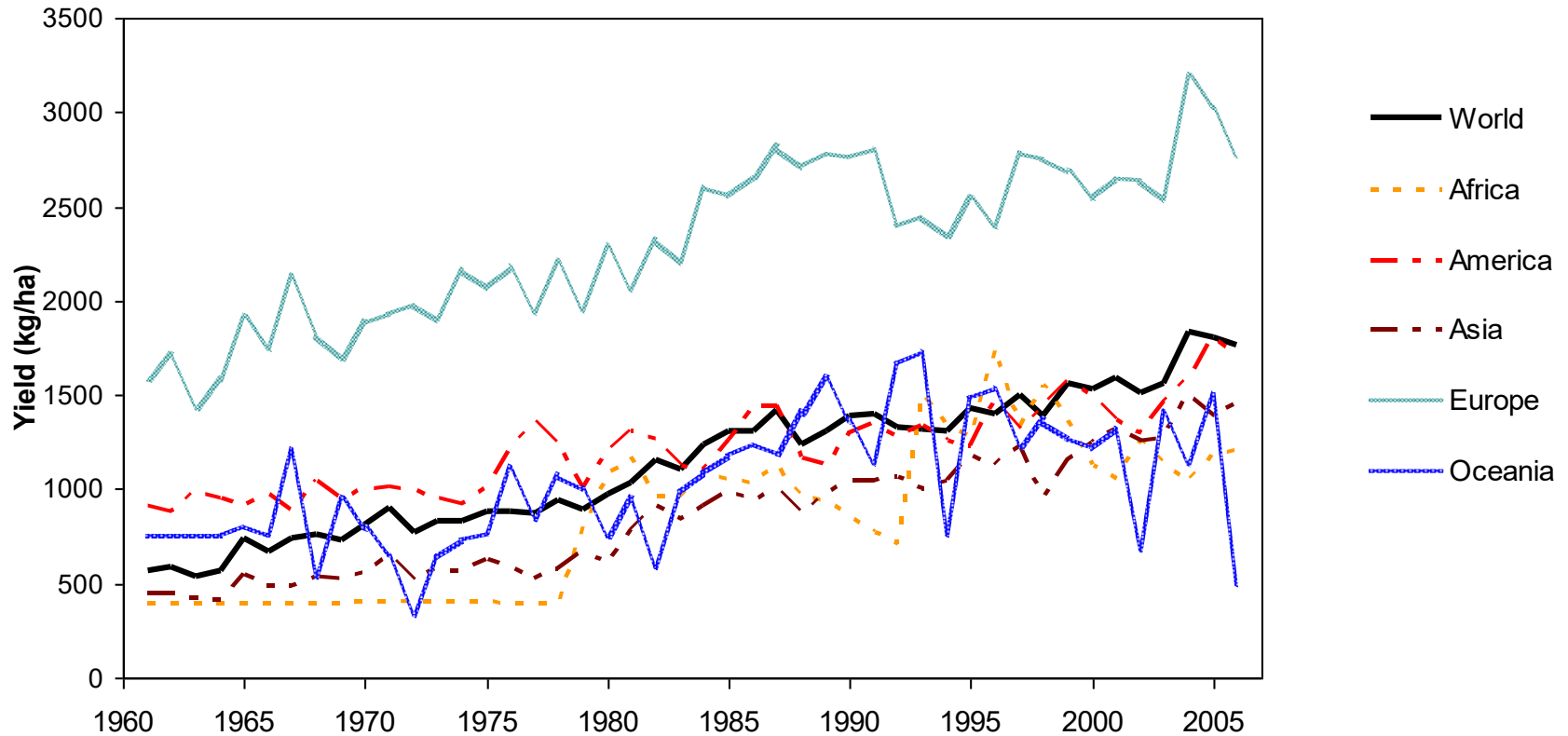


# Wheat yields in Estonia

# Barley yields in Europe

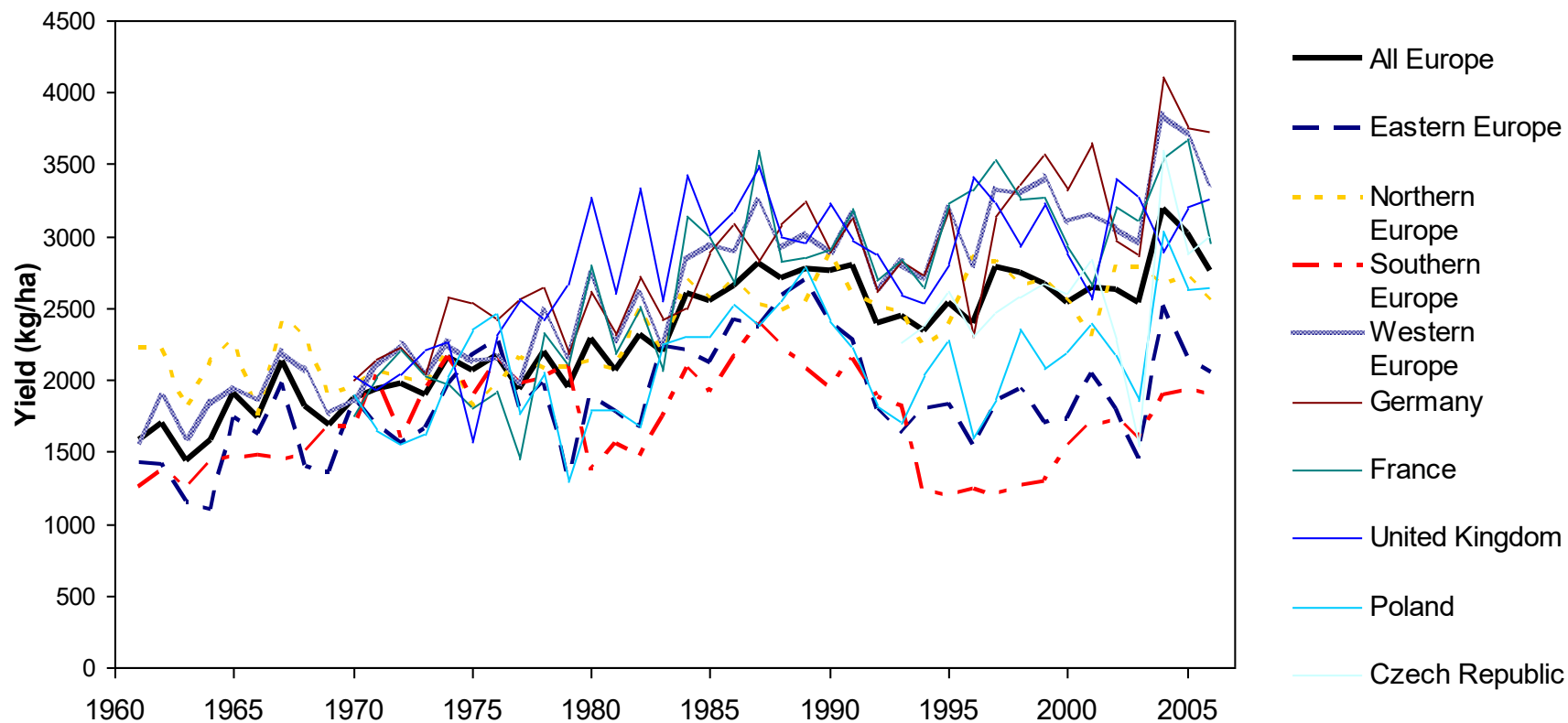


# World Oilseed rape yields

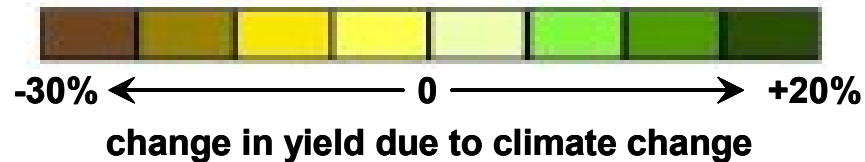
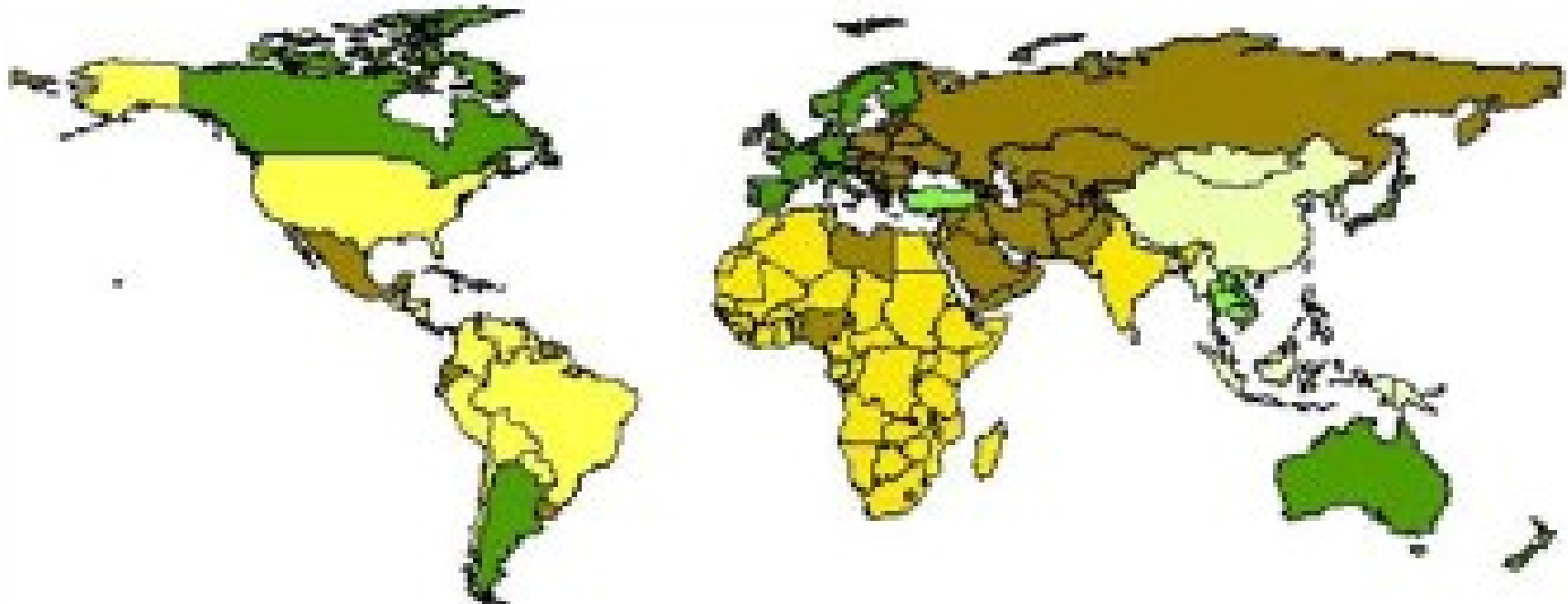




# OSR Yields in Europe



# Impacts of Climate change

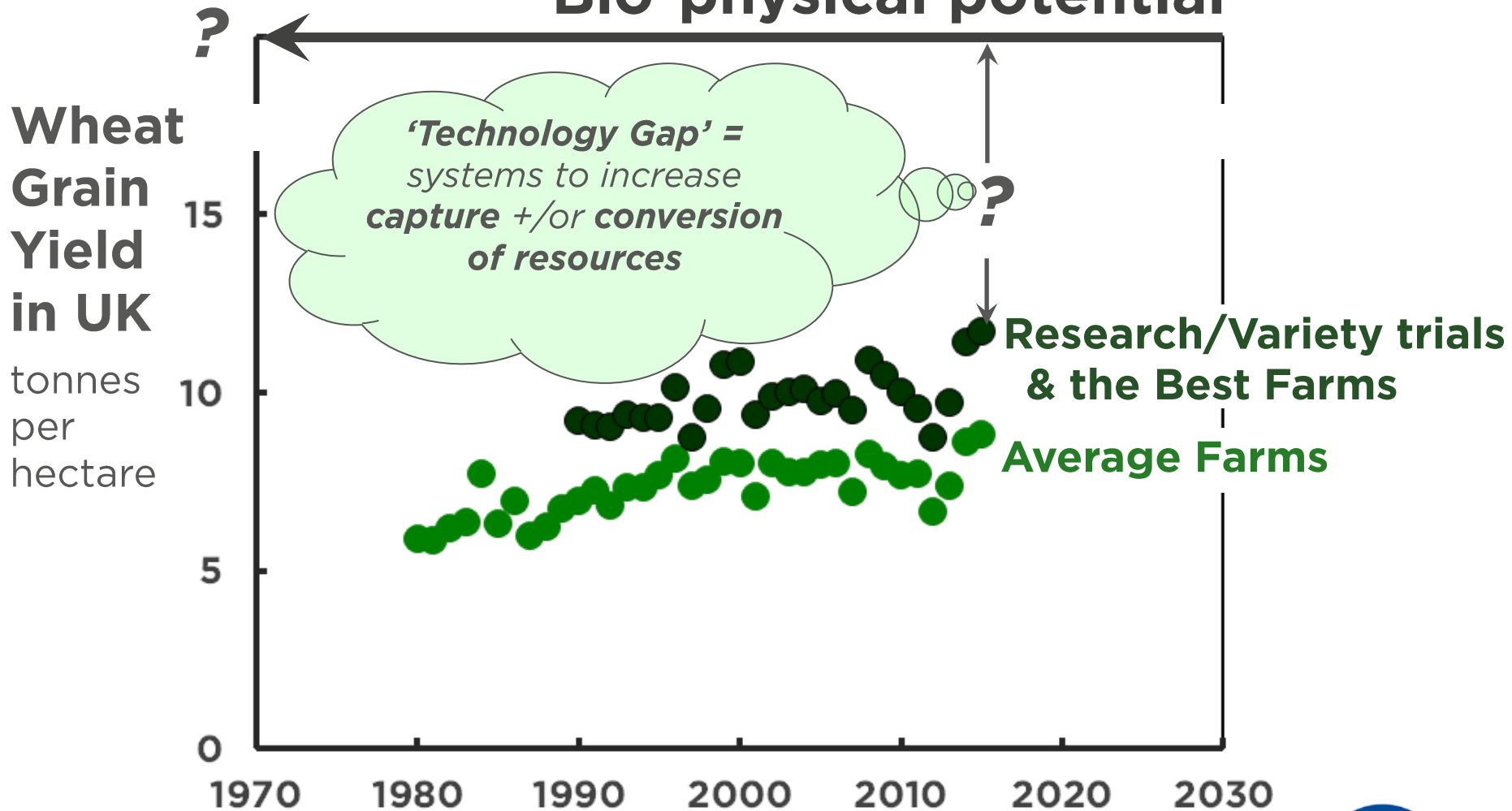


# Summary

- Demand Increasing
  - Population growth
  - Wealth
  - Bioenergy
- Rate of yield increase slowed in past 20 years
- Very limited opportunity to expand arable area
- Climate change likely to constrain yields in many areas ...
- Need to increase yields in North Europe



# Bio-physical potential





*Aims:*

- To identify arable innovators  
*and*
- Support their innovating

### Activities:

1. Competition ... open, with robust yields & explanatory data
2. Analysis ... associations, explanations & ideas
3. Networking ... sharing & dissemination

## Ambition ...

- Platform for industry-science interaction ... & synergies



*"We harvest energy"*

*Edible  
energy*

***Leaf canopies***



Light  
energy



**ADAS**



# Crop metrics:



Yield =

*Solar Energy*

Resources

*TJ / ha*

x Capture

*%*

x Conversion

*tonnes / TJ*

*Water*

*mm*

*%*

*t/ha/100mm*

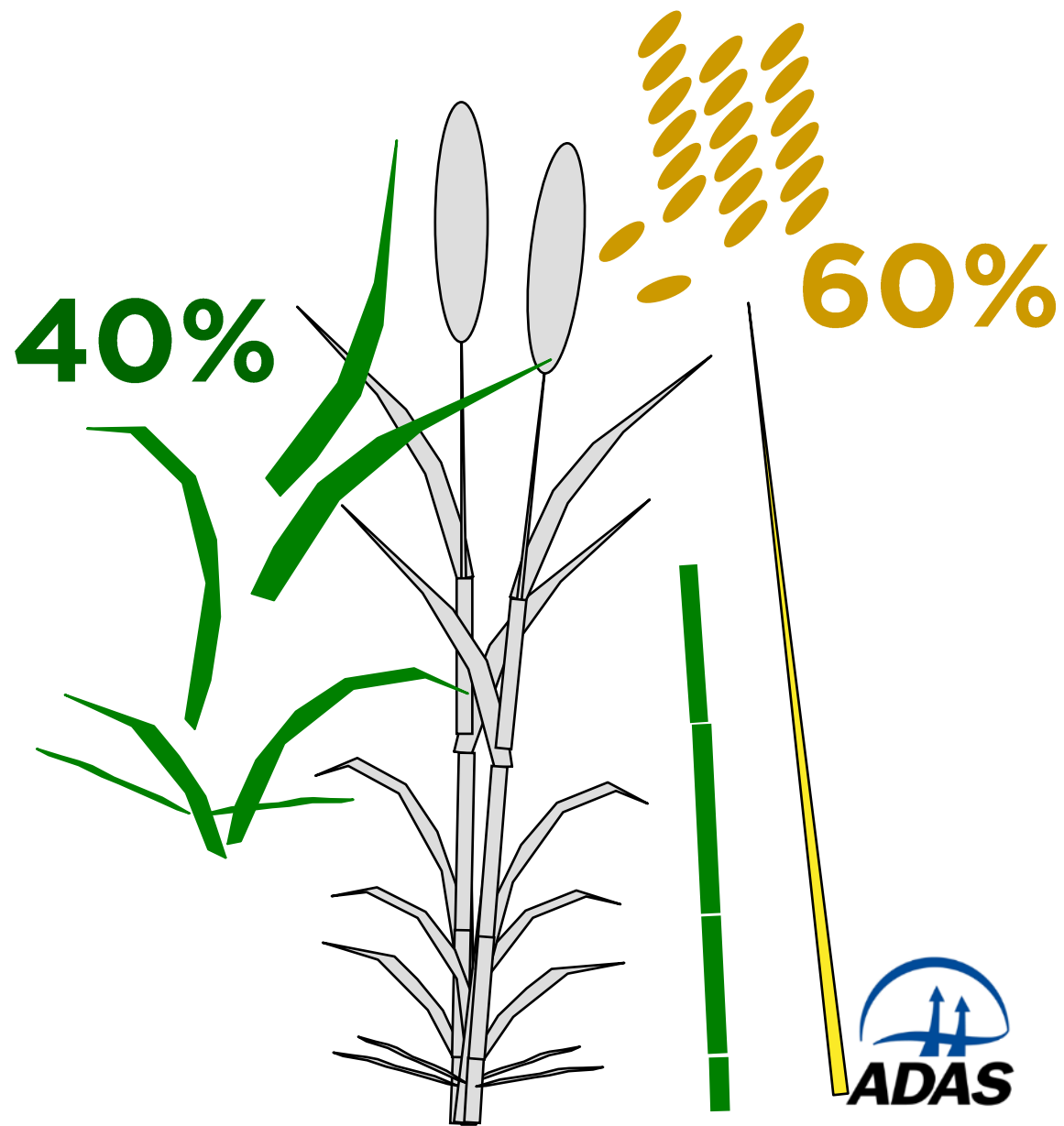


*Crop metrics:*

*Biomass x Harvest Index*

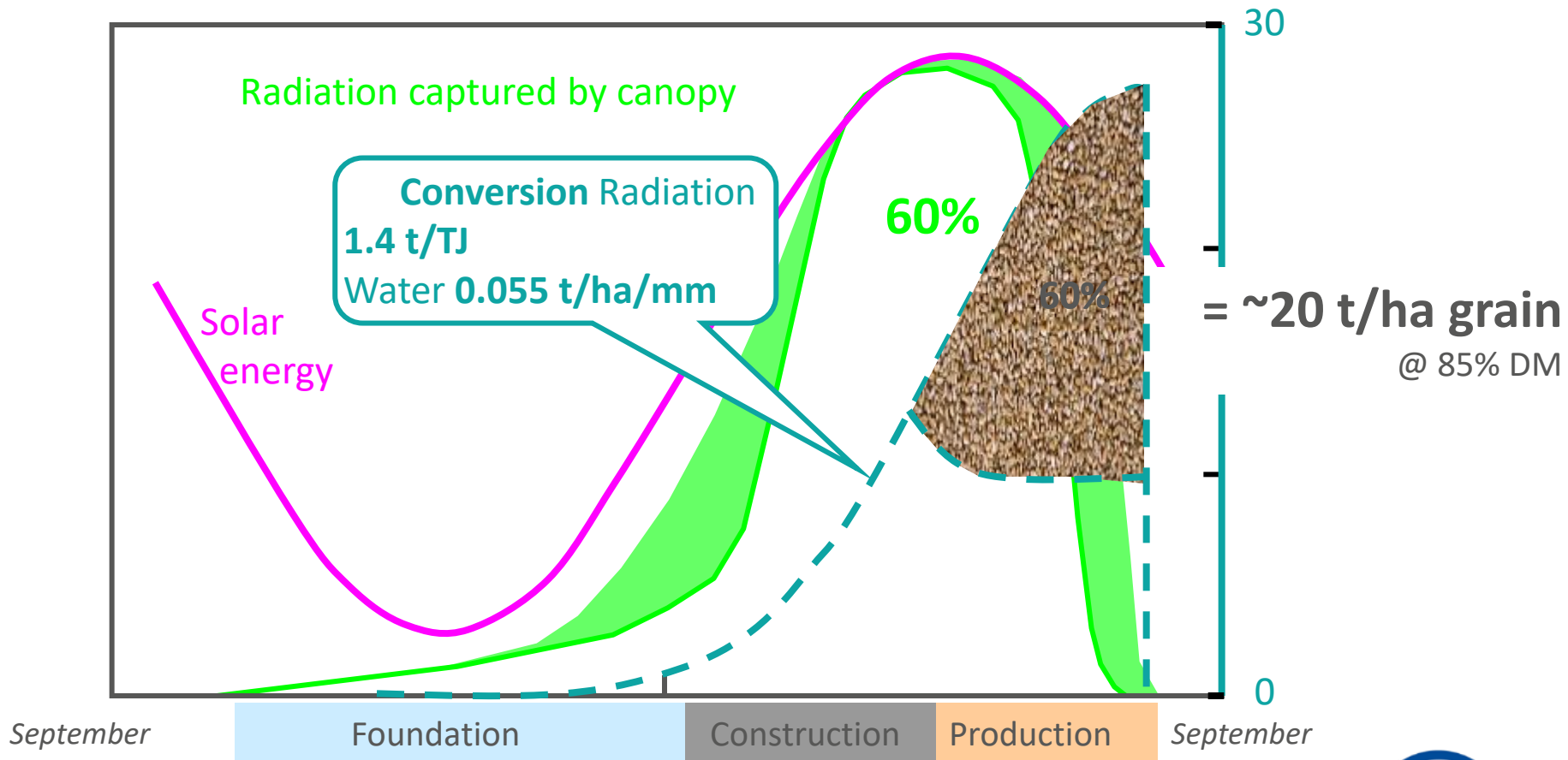


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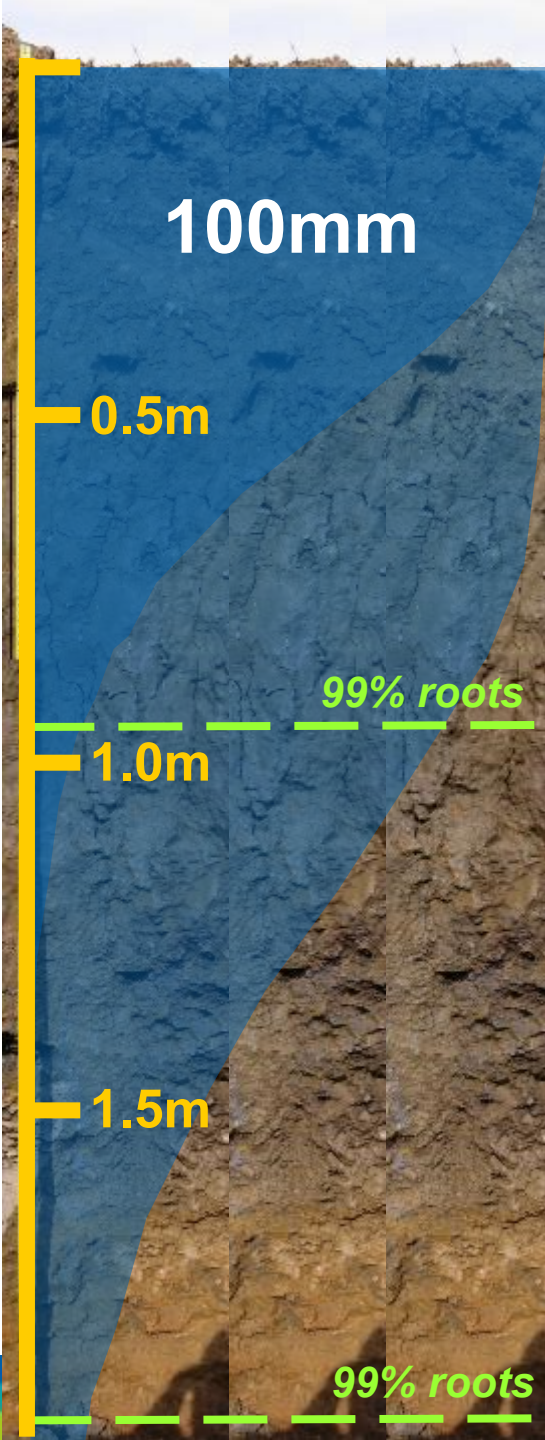


# Estimating *bio-physical potential* cereal yields

... based on *Yields of Farmed Species* (2005) Chapter 11: 'Wheat'



# Soil Water Capture



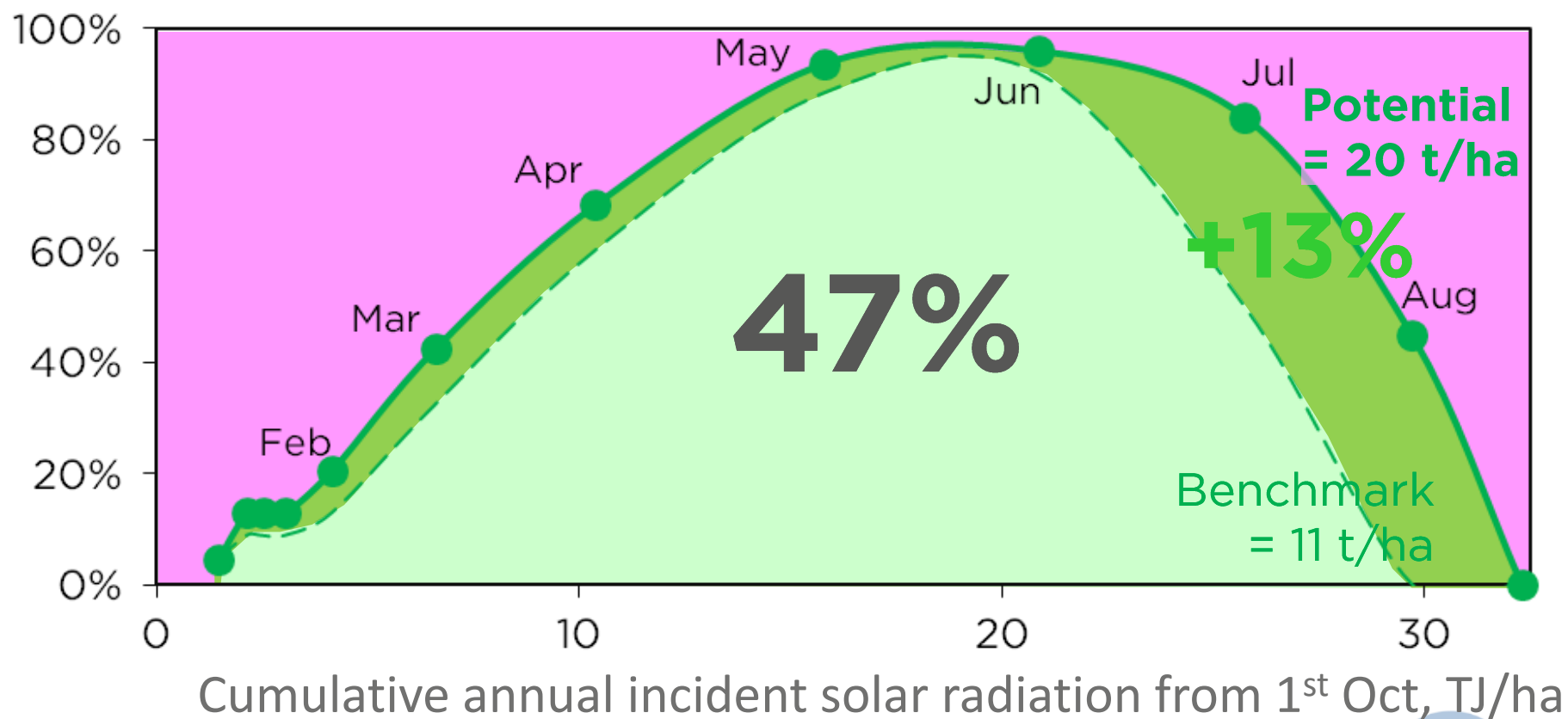
- Available water contents of soils:
  - 12% (sand)- 23% (silt loam) in topsoil
  - 5% (sand) - 17% (silt loam) in subsoil.
- Available water if roots fully explore 1m:
  - 71mm (sand)
  - 188mm (silt loam)
- Feasible to achieve rooting depth to 1.5m?
  - (or 75% exploration of maximum 2m depth)
  - 96mm (sand)
  - 273mm (silt loam)





# YEN aim: a 'Canopy Curve' for each crop

Light capture



# Canopy Progress by Satellite from



Jan 28



Mar 4



Apr 13



Apr 27



May 5



May 12



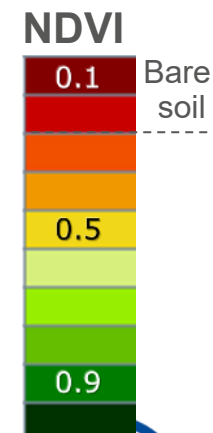
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July 6



Aug 25



Stackyard Field, 2016, AHDB Monitor Farm, Colchester (Tom Bradshaw): KWS Lili



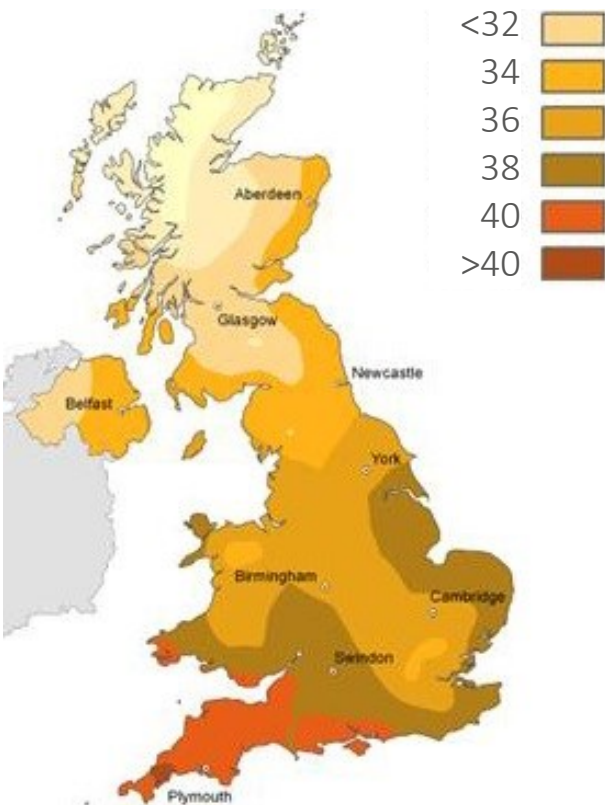




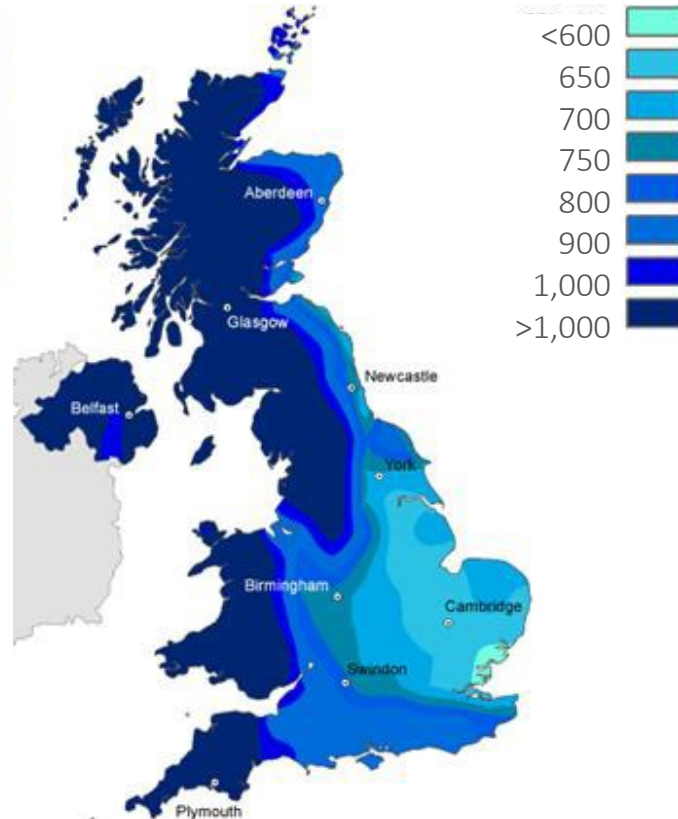
# Resources and potential yields in

UK

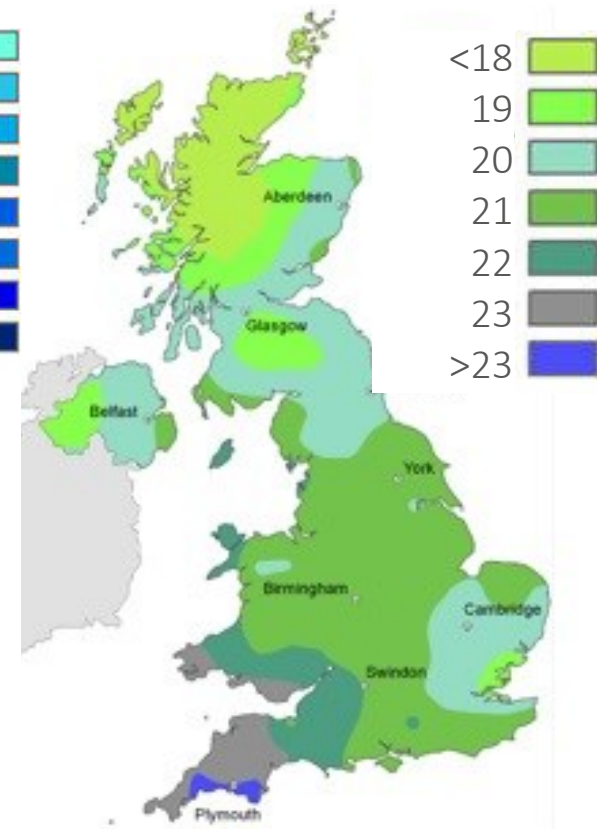
Total Solar Radiation,  
 $\text{TJ ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$



Rainfall,  
 $\text{mm year}^{-1}$

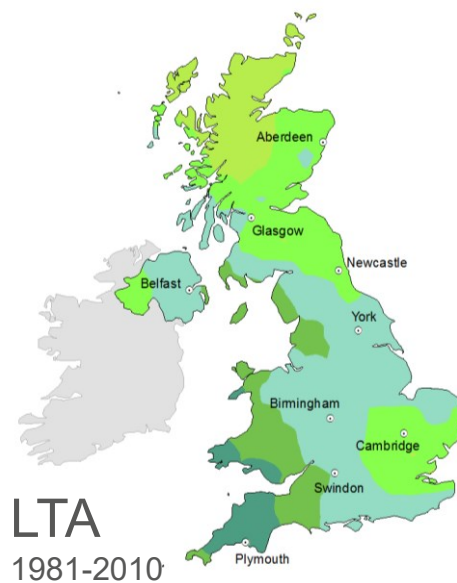


Potential grain yield,  
 $\text{t ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$

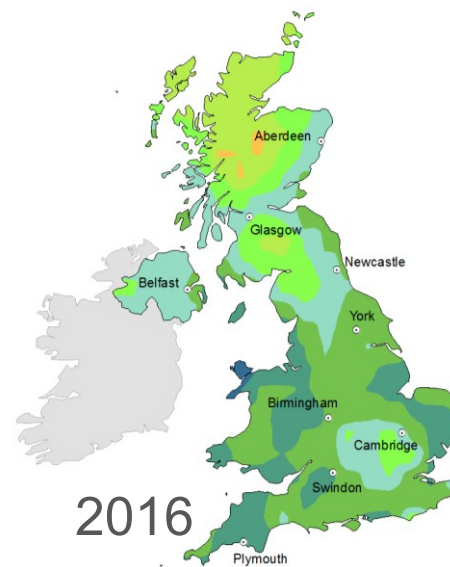
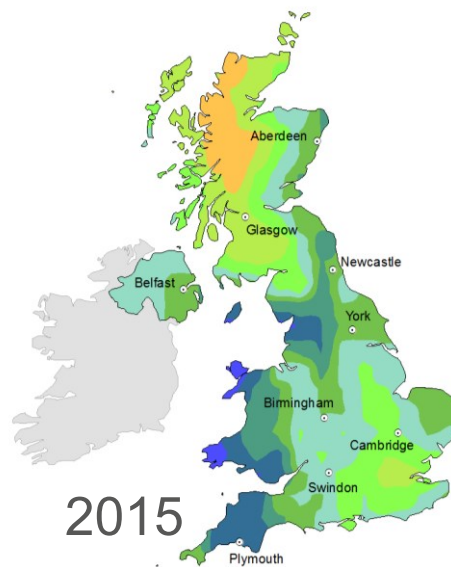
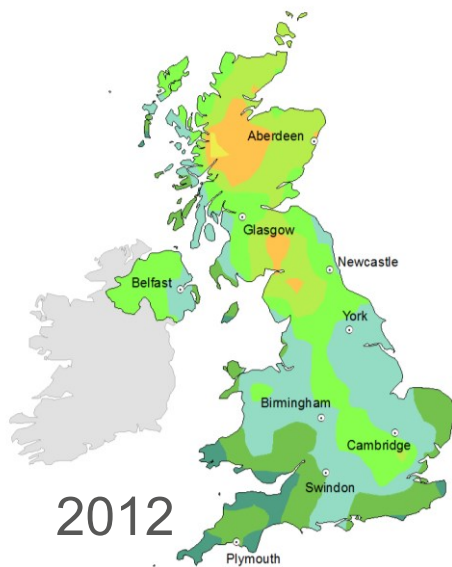
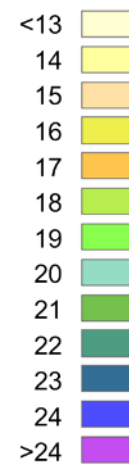


Medium soil AWC = 200 mm

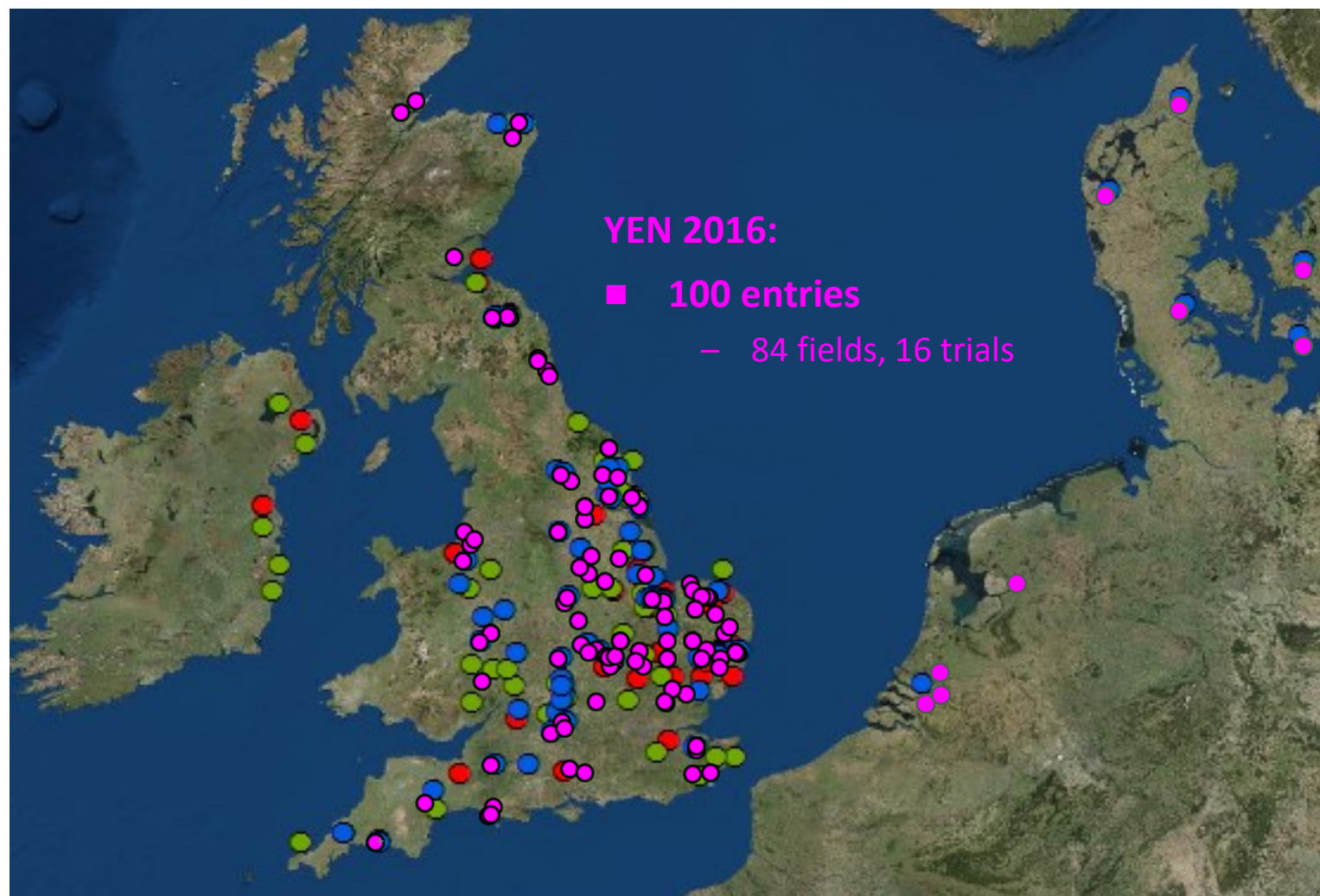
# Potential yields on medium soils (holding 210 mm water)



Potential yield  
t/ha

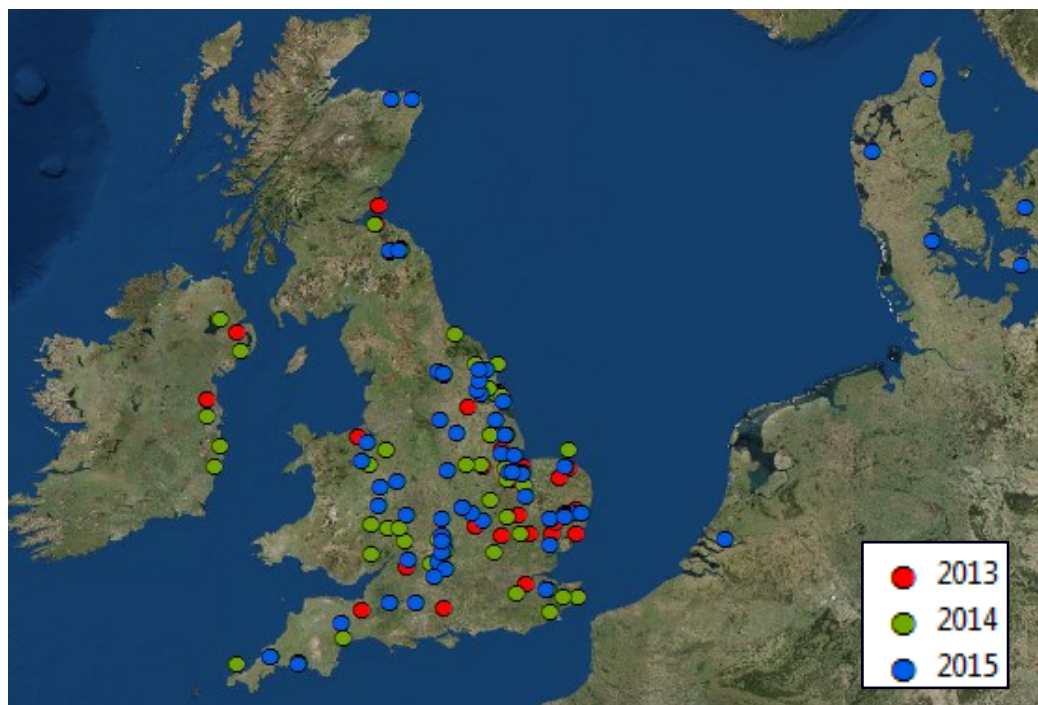


# YEN entrants 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016





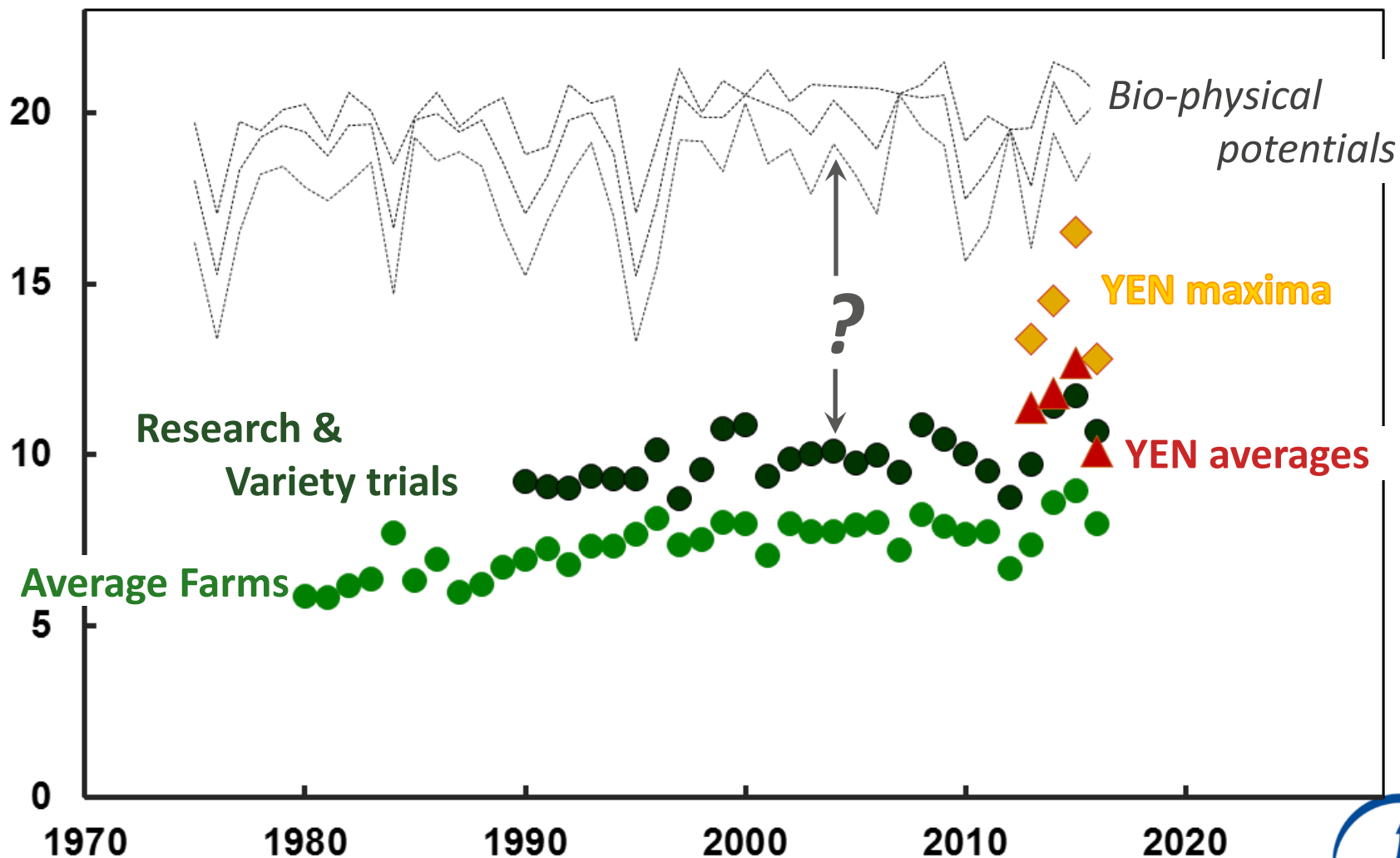
# YEN entrants



- Results & Awards conference in Nov
- Individual reports & recommendations for each site

- Open to anyone
- Calculate potential yield for each site
  - For LTA weather
  - & in season
- Collect crop info
  - Photos
  - dates of key GS
  - Agronomy
- Verified yields
- Grain sample
  - Protein & specific wt
- Grab sample
  - Yield components
  - Harvest Index, Biomass
  - N uptake

# Wheat Grain Yields in the UK, tonnes per hectare



# NEW World Record Yields, 2015

❑ Grain cv. Reflection 16.5 t/ha

- @ 15% MC & 11.5% protein

❑ Incident Solar Radiation: 36 TJ/ha

❑ Summer Water Supply: 470 mm

- 200 mm summer rain
- 270 mm soil water

❑ Fert Nitrogen Supply: 330 kg/ha

- After OSR so SNS~80 kg/ha
- Grain N 'offtake' 282 kg/ha ...
- Total N uptake 353 kg/ha
- Fertiliser recovery 71%

❑ ESTIMATED POTENTIAL 21.0 t/ha

Yield achieved : 79% of potential



Tim Lamyman, Worlaby, near Louth, Lincs, UK

\* Claimed by Rod Smith, Northumberland accepted by the Guinness Book of Records with 16.52 t/ha



# Tim Lamyman, Louth, Lincs.

*Sponsored by Hutchinsons*



	<b>Bench- mark</b>	<b>Entry</b>
Ears / m <sup>2</sup>	460	711
Grains / ear	48	49
TGW @ 15% MC	50	47
Sp Wt, kg/hl	NA	81
Grain protein %	11.6	11.5
Biomass, t/ha	18.4	26.2
Harvest Index	51%	54%
N 'offtake', kg/ha	209	282
<b>Yield, t/ha (rank)</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>16.5 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>
<b>Yield % Potential</b>		<b>79% (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>

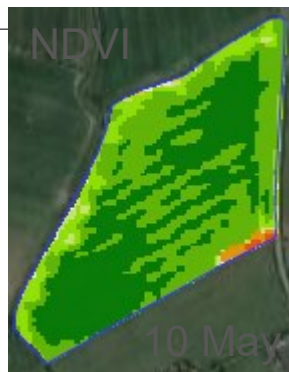


# 2016

- Highest yields in Denmark
  - 13 t/ha
- Highest UK yield = 12.8 t/ha



# Shaun Watson, near Newcastle upon Tyne *Sponsored by Bayer*



YEN294: Reflection

	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Entry</b>
TJ/ha SR (% capture)	36 (47%)	<b>35 (45%)</b>
mm H <sub>2</sub> O (% capture)	444 (83%)	<b>459 (80%)</b>
Ears / m <sup>2</sup>	460	<b>498</b>
Grains / ear	48	<b>56</b>
TGW @ 15% MC	50	<b>46</b>
Sp Wt, kg/hl	NA	<b>77</b>
Grain protein %	11.6	<b>11.6</b>
Biomass, t/ha	18.4	<b>18.3</b>
Harvest Index	51%	<b>59%</b>
N 'offtake', kg/ha	189	<b>221</b>
<b>Yield, t/ha (rank)</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.8 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>
<b>Yield % Potential</b>		<b>64% (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>

# Shaun Watson – Canopy progress by satellite

Jan 15

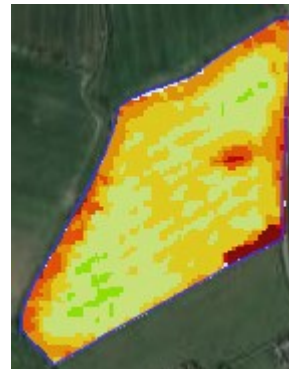
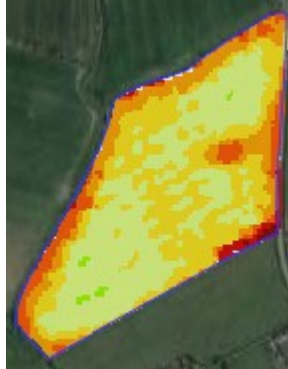
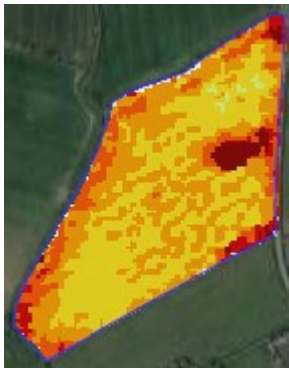
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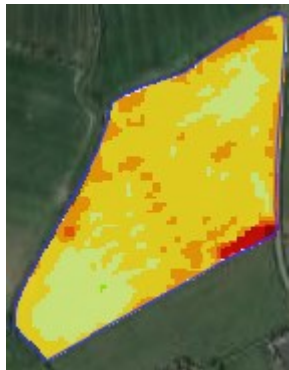
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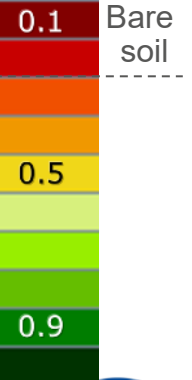
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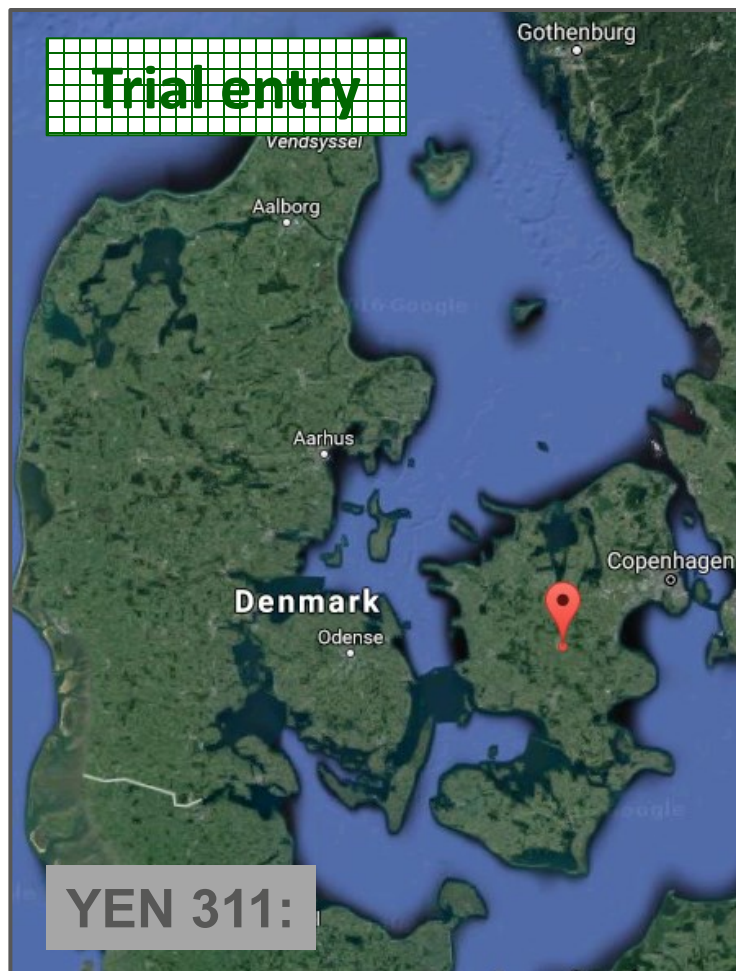
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NDVI



# Jes Hasselbalch *with SEGES at Hejsager, Denmark*



	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Entry</b>
TJ/ha SR (% capture)	36 (47%)	37 (39%)
mm H <sub>2</sub> O (% capture)	444 (83%)	460 (78%)
Ears / m <sup>2</sup>	460	442
Grains / ear	48	68
TGW @ 15% MC	50	43
Sp Wt, kg/hl	NA	73
Grain protein %	11.6	11.7
Biomass, t/ha	18.4	18.1
Harvest Index	51%	61%
N 'uptake', kg/ha	189	228
<b>Yield, t/ha (rank)</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>13.0 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>
<b>Yield % Potential</b>		<b>61.5% (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>



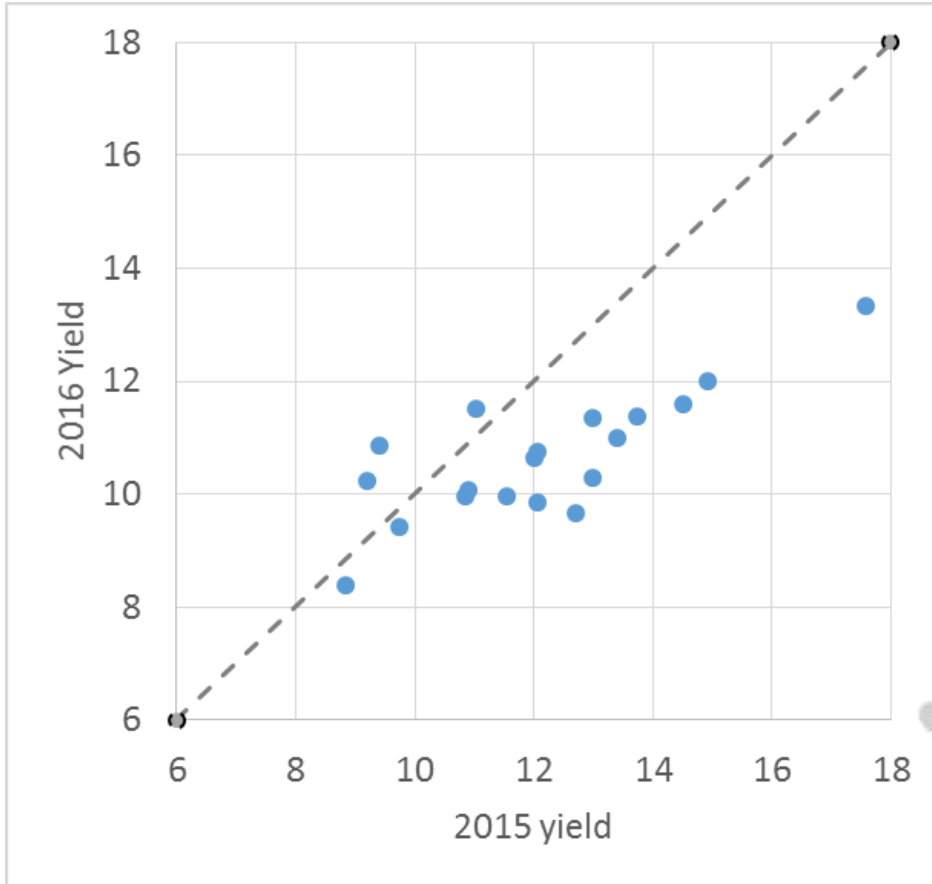
# Peter Karlsen *with SEGES* at Ringsted,



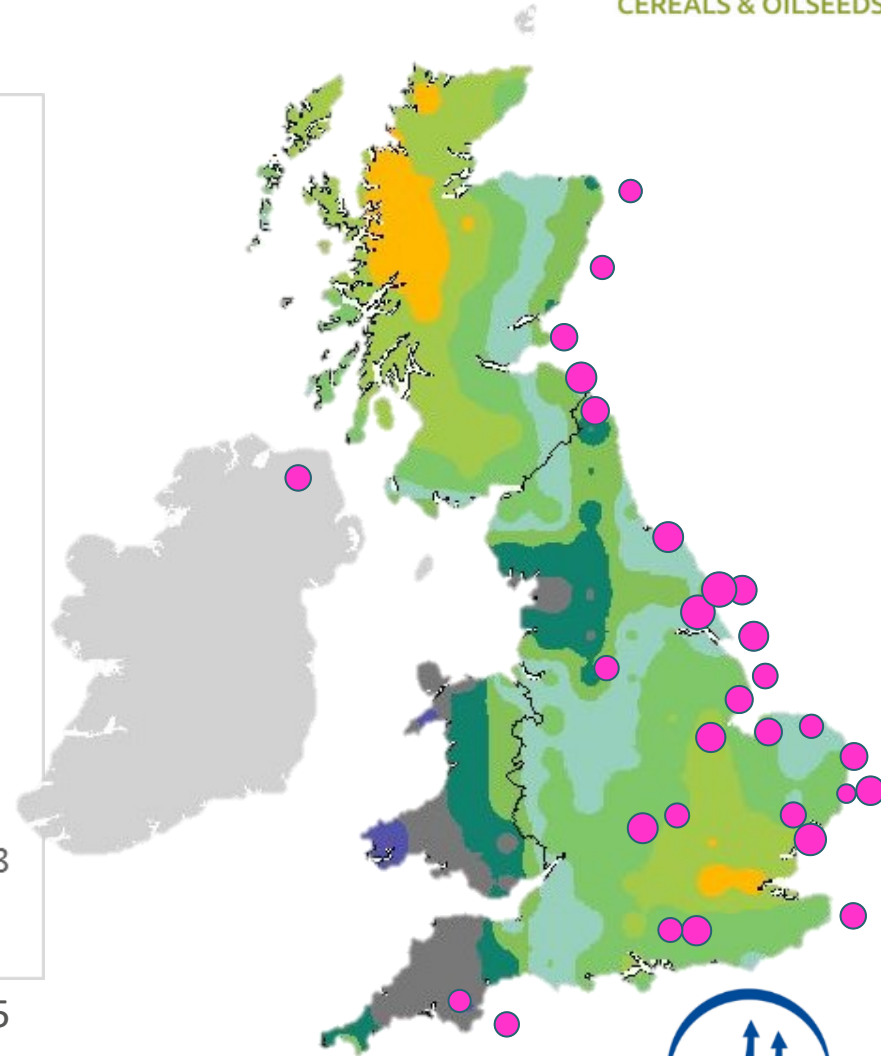
	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Entry</b>
TJ/ha SR (% capture)	36 (47%)	<b>37 (42%)</b>
mm H <sub>2</sub> O (% capture)	444 (83%)	<b>499 (77%)</b>
Ears / m <sup>2</sup>	460	<b>575</b>
Grains / ear	48	<b>50</b>
TGW @ 15% MC	50	<b>44</b>
Sp Wt, kg/hl	NA	<b>74</b>
Grain protein %	11.6	<b>14.3</b>
Biomass, t/ha	18.4	<b>19.1</b>
Harvest Index	51%	<b>57%</b>
N 'offtake', kg/ha	189	<b>271</b>
<b>Yield, t/ha (rank)</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.7 (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>
<b>Yield % Potential</b>		<b>57% (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>



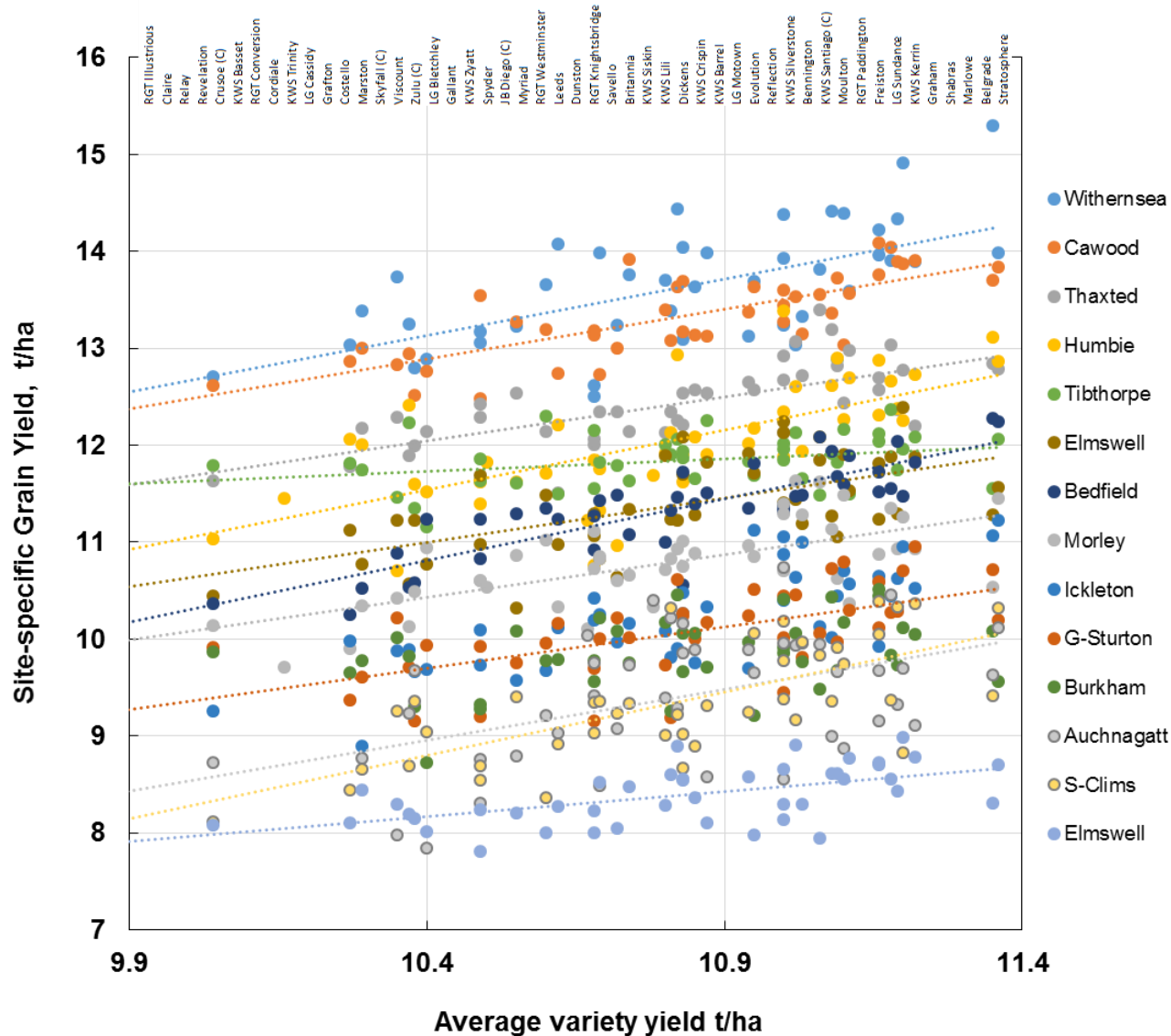
# RL yields 2016



RL yields 10.7 t/ha down from 11.6 t/ha in 2015  
 13 of 30 trials exceeded 12 t/ha in 2015  
 ... only 4 trials >12 t/ha in 2016



# Variety & Site variation : RL 2016 ... 14 out of 29 sites



- Site effects exceed genetic effects
  - Variety range  $1.3 \text{ t ha}^{-1}$
  - Site range  $5.2 \text{ t ha}^{-1}$ 
    - include soil, weather, rotation, husbandry, etc.
- Slopes are all +ve
  - Slope range 0.3 to 1.4
  - $R^2$  range 0.1 to 0.7



# YEN Database analysis 2013 – 2015



16.5 t/ha, 2015

53% harvest index

*Explanatory power,  $R^2$*

- Ears / m<sup>2</sup> 0.15
- Grains / ear 0.01
- Grains / m<sup>2</sup> 0.32
- TGW, g 0.12
- Harvest Index 0.00
- Grain N, %DM 0.01
- Biomass, t/ha 0.81
  - Straw DM, t/ha 0.48



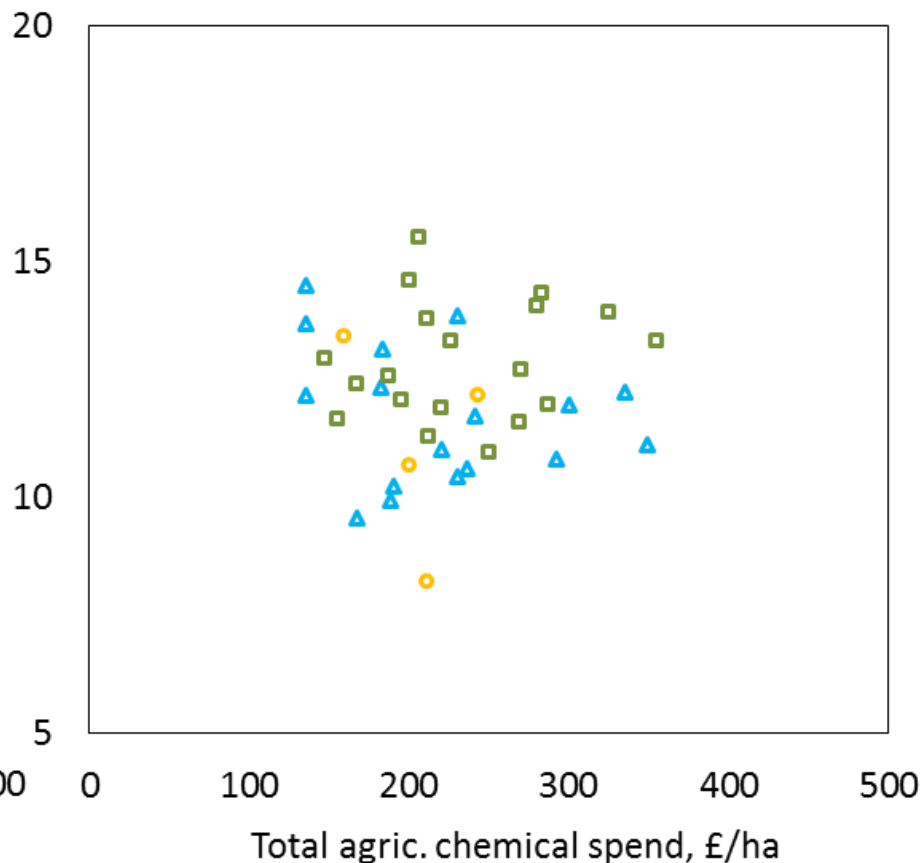
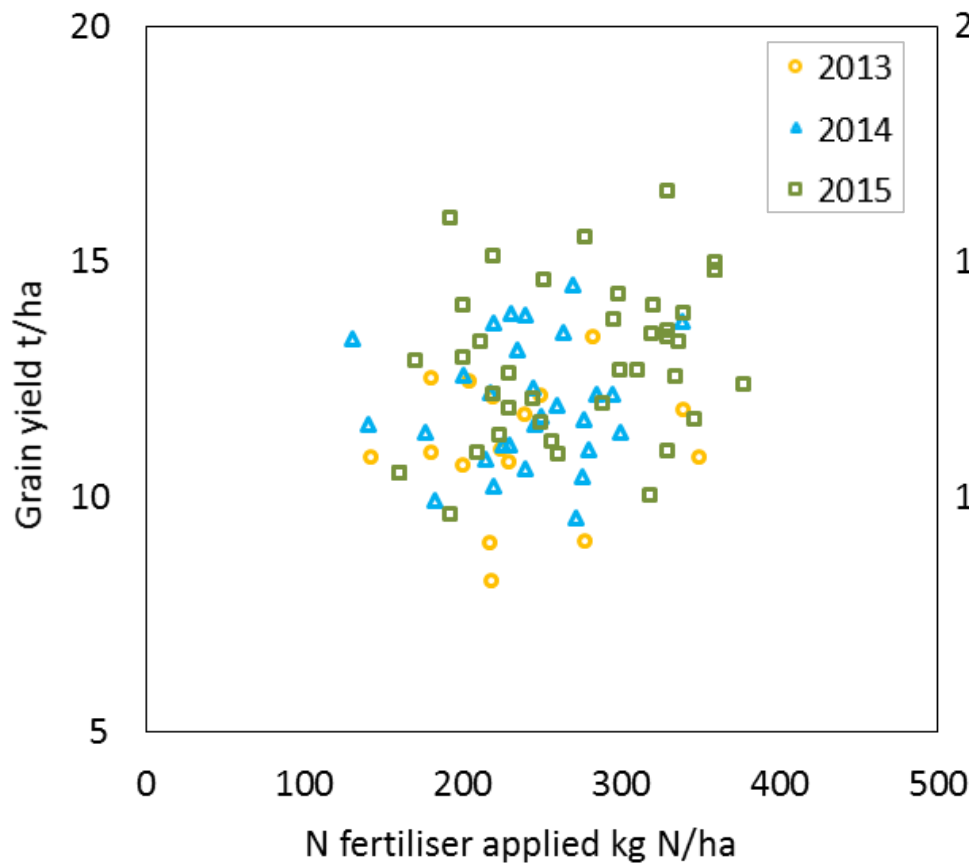
# New Database analysis 2013 – 2015

- Height
- Ears / m<sup>2</sup>
- Spikelets
- Chaff DM per ear
- Grains / ear
- TGW
- Specific weight
- Harvest Index
- Grain N%

[illegible]

# New YEN database analysis 2013 – 2015 : Agronomy

## How important is Nitrogen? .. or Pesticides?



... high yielding crops tend to use resources more efficiently, and increase margins  
... BUT they do not relate to bought-in inputs

LOTS	Units	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
	WGG Benchmark										
	Mean	128	0	0.1	201.9	50.5	361.7	0	44.3	322.5	254.5
	Max	304	4	3.1	534.9	121.6	1063.4	6	37.0	333.4	728.8
	Min	61	0	0.0	105.9	24.7	167.9	0	21.0	152.3	118.4
	SD	54	1	0.5	100.7	19.6	154.5	1	11.6	105.0	106.8
	Range	243	4	3.1	429.0	96.9	895.5	6	16.0	181.1	610.4
	Count	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
YEN0000146	Jessie Goldsworthy	82	0	0.0	123.2	28.8	236.2	0	25.3	212.9	170.1
YEN0000147	David Shephard	103	0	0.0	145.5	47.5	218.8	0	33.9	195.3	156.7
YEN0000148	James MacWilliam	103	1	0.5	146.9	36.0	276.7	1	32.6	247.6	190.8
YEN0000151	Natalie Wood	97	0	0.0	141.3	34.4	319.6	0	30.4	281.7	227.9
YEN0000152	Roger Edwards	108	0	0.0	186.8	45.6	370.2	0	40.6	326.2	264.3
YEN0000155	Robert Barker	67	0	0.0	129.8	46.8	251.6	0	33.9	232.2	173.7
YEN0000157	Matthew Reed	100	0	0.0	138.6	34.7	263.7	0	30.2	234.5	183.9
YEN0000158	James Price	251	0	0.0	443.7	95.9	747.3	0	84.8	660.5	527.1
YEN0000161	Julian Gold	111	0	0.0	167.7	24.7	264.9	0	21.6	238.1	185.3
YEN0000162	James MacWilliam	110	0	0.0	179.2	41.2	313.5	0	36.2	285.8	235.5
YEN0000163	Mark Means	101	0	0.0	133.5	33.3	245.2	0	23.5	216.5	171.7
YEN0000164	Natalie Wood	100	4	3.1	534.9	121.6	1063.4	0	37.0	333.4	728.8
YEN0000165	Robert Barker	55	0	0.0	158.1	53.3	316.2	0	48.1	288.1	231.0
YEN0000166	Robert Barker	55	0	0.0	192.3	46.5	358.6	0	40.9	328.8	266.1
YEN0000169	Kieran Walsh	93	0	0.0	133.1	33.8	228.0	0	23.7	199.7	148.9
YEN0000171	Bob Bulmer	100	0	0.0	162.8	45.4	325.0	0	41.6	291.3	236.9
YEN0000172	Bob Bulmer	102	0	0.0	137.8	38.0	289.0	0	35.2	259.4	207.2
YEN0000173	Bob Bulmer	101	0	0.0	130.8	41.9	281.4	0	37.3	253.2	193.3
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YEN0000175	David Fuller-Shapcott	89	0	0.0	201.0	50.1	260.4	0	42.0	224.4	172.6
YEN0000176	Bryn Thomas	106	1	0.7	183.8	40.6	282.3	0.7	36.1	265.1	203.4
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YEN0000185	Tom Rowe	97	0	0.0	177.2	42.9	310.4	0	37.9	272.4	221
YEN0000186	Jon Hodgson	108	0	0.0	174.0	44.6	378.1	0	33.6	331.6	255.1
YEN0000187	Bob Bulmer	227	0	0.0	321.1	76.0	538.8	0	67.4	485.7	375
YEN0000188	Tom Rowe	108	0	0.0	198.8	44.6	289.8	0	40.2	257.8	205.2
YEN0000189	Tom Rowe	107	0	0.0	190.1	47.3	320.8	0	41.7	282.4	223.2
YEN0000190	Rob Fox	210	0	0.0	370.0	90.8					

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|------------|-----------------------|-----|----|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|------|-------|-------|
|            | WGG Benchmark         |     |    |     |       |       |        |     |      |       |       |
|            | Mean                  | 128 | 0  | 0.1 | 201.9 | 50.5  | 361.7  | 0   | 44.3 | 322.5 | 254.5 |
|            | Max                   | 304 | 4  | 3.1 | 534.9 | 121.6 | 1063.4 | 6   | 37.0 | 333.4 | 728.8 |
|            | Min                   | 61  | 0  | 0.0 | 105.9 | 24.7  | 167.9  | 0   | 21.0 | 152.3 | 118.4 |
|            | SD                    | 54  | 1  | 0.5 | 100.7 | 19.6  | 154.5  | 1   | 11.6 | 105.0 | 106.8 |
|            | Range                 | 243 | 4  | 3.1 | 429.0 | 96.9  | 895.5  | 6   | 16.0 | 181.1 | 610.4 |
|            | Count                 | 65  | 65 | 65  | 65    | 65    | 65     | 65  | 65   | 65    | 65    |
| YEN0000146 | Jessie Goldsworthy    | 82  | 0  | 0.0 | 123.2 | 28.8  | 236.2  | 0   | 25.3 | 212.9 | 170.1 |
| YEN0000147 | David Shephard        | 103 | 0  | 0.0 | 145.5 | 47.5  | 218.8  | 0   | 33.9 | 195.3 | 156.7 |
| YEN0000148 | James MacWilliam      | 103 | 1  | 0.5 | 146.9 | 36.0  | 276.7  | 1   | 32.6 | 247.6 | 190.8 |
| YEN0000151 | Natalie Wood          | 97  | 0  | 0.0 | 141.3 | 34.4  | 319.6  | 0   | 30.4 | 281.7 | 227.9 |
| YEN0000152 | Roger Edwards         | 108 | 0  | 0.0 | 186.8 | 45.6  | 370.2  | 0   | 40.6 | 326.2 | 264.3 |
| YEN0000155 | Robert Barker         | 67  | 0  | 0.0 | 129.8 | 46.8  | 251.6  | 0   | 33.9 | 232.2 | 173.7 |
| YEN0000157 | Matthew Reed          | 100 | 0  | 0.0 | 138.6 | 34.7  | 263.7  | 0   | 30.2 | 234.5 | 183.9 |
| YEN0000158 | James Price           | 251 | 0  | 0.0 | 443.7 | 95.9  | 747.3  | 0   | 84.8 | 660.5 | 527.1 |
| YEN0000161 | Julian Gold           | 111 | 0  | 0.0 | 167.7 | 24.7  | 264.9  | 0   | 21.6 | 238.1 | 185.3 |
| YEN0000162 | James MacWilliam      | 110 | 0  | 0.0 | 179.2 | 41.2  | 313.5  | 0   | 36.2 | 285.8 | 235.5 |
| YEN0000163 | Mark Means            | 101 | 0  | 0.0 | 133.5 | 33.3  | 245.2  | 0   | 23.5 | 216.5 | 171.7 |
| YEN0000164 | Natalie Wood          | 100 | 4  | 3.1 | 534.9 | 121.6 | 1063.4 | 0   | 37.0 | 333.4 | 728.8 |
| YEN0000165 | Robert Barker         | 55  | 0  | 0.0 | 158.1 | 53.3  | 316.2  | 0   | 48.1 | 288.1 | 231.0 |
| YEN0000166 | Robert Barker         | 55  | 0  | 0.0 | 192.3 | 46.5  | 358.6  | 0   | 40.9 | 328.8 | 266.1 |
| YEN0000169 | Kieran Walsh          | 93  | 0  | 0.0 | 133.1 | 33.8  | 228.0  | 0   | 23.7 | 199.7 | 148.9 |
| YEN0000171 | Bob Bulmer            | 100 | 0  | 0.0 | 162.8 | 45.4  | 325.0  | 0   | 41.6 | 291.3 | 236.9 |
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| YEN0000174 | Bob Bulmer            | 103 | 0  | 0.0 | 167.4 | 42.1  | 236.2  | 0   | 38.5 | 213.5 | 153.2 |
| YEN0000175 | David Fuller-Shapcott | 89  | 0  | 0.0 | 201.0 | 50.1  | 260.4  | 0   | 42.0 | 224.4 | 172.6 |
| YEN0000176 | Bryn Thomas           | 106 | 1  | 0.7 | 183.8 | 40.6  | 282.3  | 0.7 | 36.1 | 265.1 | 203.4 |
| YEN0000179 | Bob Bulmer            | 210 | 0  | 0.0 | 330.4 | 77.8  | 436.7  | 0   | 63.7 | 433.9 | 341.2 |
| YEN0000180 | Rob Addicott          | 103 | 0  | 0.0 | 127.8 | 31.8  | 281.4  | 6.3 | 28.6 | 251.2 | 204.4 |
| YEN0000182 | Tim Hinchley          | 108 | 0  | 0.0 | 158.5 | 39.7  | 232.8  | 0   | 35.7 | 264.2 | 203.6 |
| YEN0000185 | Tom Rowe              | 97  | 0  | 0.0 | 177.2 | 42.9  | 310.4  | 0   | 37.9 | 272.4 | 221   |
| YEN0000186 | Jon Hodgson           | 108 | 0  | 0.0 | 174.0 | 44.6  | 378.1  | 0   | 33.6 | 331.6 | 255.1 |
| YEN0000187 | Bob Bulmer            | 227 | 0  | 0.0 | 321.1 | 76.0  | 538.8  | 0   | 67.4 | 485.7 | 375   |
| YEN0000188 | Tom Rowe              | 108 | 0  | 0.0 | 198.8 | 44.6  | 289.8  | 0   | 40.2 | 257.8 | 205.2 |
| YEN0000189 | Tom Rowe              | 107 | 0  | 0.0 | 190.1 | 47.3  | 320.8  | 0   | 41.7 | 282.4 | 223.2 |
| YEN0000190 | Rob Fox               | 210 | 0  | 0.0 | 370.0 | 90.8  |        |     |      |       |       |



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LOTS	WGG Benchmark										
Mean	128	0	0.1	201.9	50.5	361.7	0	44.3	322.5	254.5	
Max	304	4	3.1	534.9	121.6	1063.4	6	37.0	933.4	728.8	
Min	61	0	0.0	105.3	24.7	167.9	0	21.6	152.3	118.4	
SD	54	0	0.2	90.7	19.6	154.5	1	16.5	136.0	106.8	
Range	243	4	3.1	429.6	96.9	895.5	6	75.4	781.1	610.4	
CS	0.65	0	0.0	0.65	0.65	0.65	0	0.65	0.65	0.65	
YEN00000146	Toddle Goodworthy	82	0	0.0	123.2	28.8	236.2	0	25.3	212.9	170.2
YEN00000147	David Shephard	109	0	0.0	145.5	47.5	218.8	0	33.9	195.3	156.7
YEN00000148	James MacWilliam	103	1	0.5	146.9	36.0	276.7	1	32.6	247.6	190.8
YEN00000151	Natalie Wood	97	0	0.0	141.3	34.4	319.6	0	30.4	281.7	227.9
YEN00000152	Roger Edwards	108	0	0.0	186.8	45.6	370.2	0	40.6	326.2	264.3
YEN00000155	Robert Barker	6	0	0.0	129.8	46.8	251.6	0	33.9	223.2	179.7
YEN00000157	Matthew Reed	100	0	0.0	128.6	34.7	262.7	0	30.2	234.5	189.3
YEN00000158	Matthew Price	251	0	0.0	128.6	35.9	747.3	0	84.8	660.5	527.1
YEN00000161	Robert Barker	100	0	0.0	128.6	35.9	747.3	0	84.8	660.5	527.1
YEN00000162	Mark Wood	280	4	3.1	534.9	121.6	1063.4	6	36.2	285.8	235.5
YEN00000163	Mark Wood	280	4	3.1	534.9	121.6	1063.4	6	36.2	285.8	235.5
YEN00000164	Natalie Wood	280	4	3.1	534.9	121.6	1063.4	6	36.2	285.8	235.5
YEN00000166	Natalie Wood	105	0	0.0	158.1	53.3	316.2	0	48.1	268.1	231.0
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YEN00000182	Tim Hackley	106	0	0.0	129.0	31.1	260.4	6.3	28.6	251.2	204.4
YEN00000185	Tom Rowe	97	0	0.0	177.2	42.9	310.4	0	35.7	264.2	203.6
YEN00000186	Jon Hodgson	108	0	0.0	177.2	42.9	310.4	0	37.9	272.4	221
YEN00000187	Bob Balmer	227	0	0.0	321.1	76.0	538.8	0			

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| LOTS        | WGG Benchmark     |      |     |       |       |        |        |      |       |       |       |
| Mean        | 128               | 0    | 0.1 | 201.9 | 50.5  | 361.7  | 0      | 44.3 | 322.5 | 254.5 |       |
| Max         | 304               | 4    | 3.1 | 534.9 | 121.6 | 1063.4 | 6      | 37.0 | 933.4 | 728.8 |       |
| Min         | 61                | 0    | 0.0 | 105.3 | 24.7  | 167.9  | 0      | 21.6 | 152.3 | 118.4 |       |
| SD          | 54                | 0    | 0.2 | 90.7  | 19.6  | 154.5  | 1      | 16.5 | 136.0 | 106.8 |       |
| Range       | 243               | 4    | 3.1 | 429.6 | 96.9  | 895.5  | 6      | 75.4 | 781.1 | 610.4 |       |
| CS          | 0.65              | 0    | 0.0 | 0.65  | 0.65  | 0.65   | 0      | 0.65 | 0.65  | 0.65  |       |
| YEN00000146 | Toddle Goodworthy | 82   | 0   | 0.0   | 123.2 | 28.8   | 236.2  | 0    | 25.3  | 212.9 | 170.2 |
| YEN00000147 | David Shephard    | 109  | 0   | 0.0   | 145.5 | 47.5   | 218.8  | 0    | 33.9  | 195.3 | 156.7 |
| YEN00000148 | James MacWilliam  | 103  | 1   | 0.5   | 146.9 | 36.0   | 276.7  | 1    | 32.6  | 247.6 | 190.8 |
| YEN00000151 | Natalie Wood      | 97   | 0   | 0.0   | 141.3 | 34.4   | 319.6  | 0    | 30.4  | 281.7 | 227.9 |
| YEN00000152 | Roger Edwards     | 108  | 0   | 0.0   | 186.8 | 45.6   | 370.2  | 0    | 40.6  | 326.2 | 264.3 |
| YEN00000155 | Robert Barker     | 6    | 0   | 0.0   | 129.8 | 46.8   | 251.6  | 0    | 33.9  | 223.2 | 179.7 |
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| YEN00000158 | Matthew Price     | 251  | 0   | 0.0   | 128.6 | 35.9   | 747.3  | 0    | 84.8  | 660.5 | 527.1 |
| YEN00000161 | Robert Barker     | 100  | 0   | 0.0   | 128.6 | 35.9   | 747.3  | 0    | 84.8  | 660.5 | 527.1 |
| YEN00000162 | Mark Wood         | 280  | 4   | 3.1   | 534.9 | 121.6  | 1063.4 | 6    | 36.2  | 285.8 | 235.5 |
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| YEN00000167 | Robert Barker     | 93   | 0   | 0.0   | 192.3 | 46.5   | 358.6  | 0    | 40.9  | 328.8 | 266.1 |
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| YEN00000172 | Bob Balmer        | 102  | 0   | 0.0   | 137.8 | 38.9   | 269.0  | 0    | 35.2  | 259.4 | 207.2 |
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| YEN00000187 | Bob Balmer        | 227  | 0   | 0.0   | 321.1 | 76.0   | 538.8  | 0    |       |       |       |

- prioritise crop traits
- show a few agronomic effects
- find a few weather effects

2016 gave 100 more yields, and ...

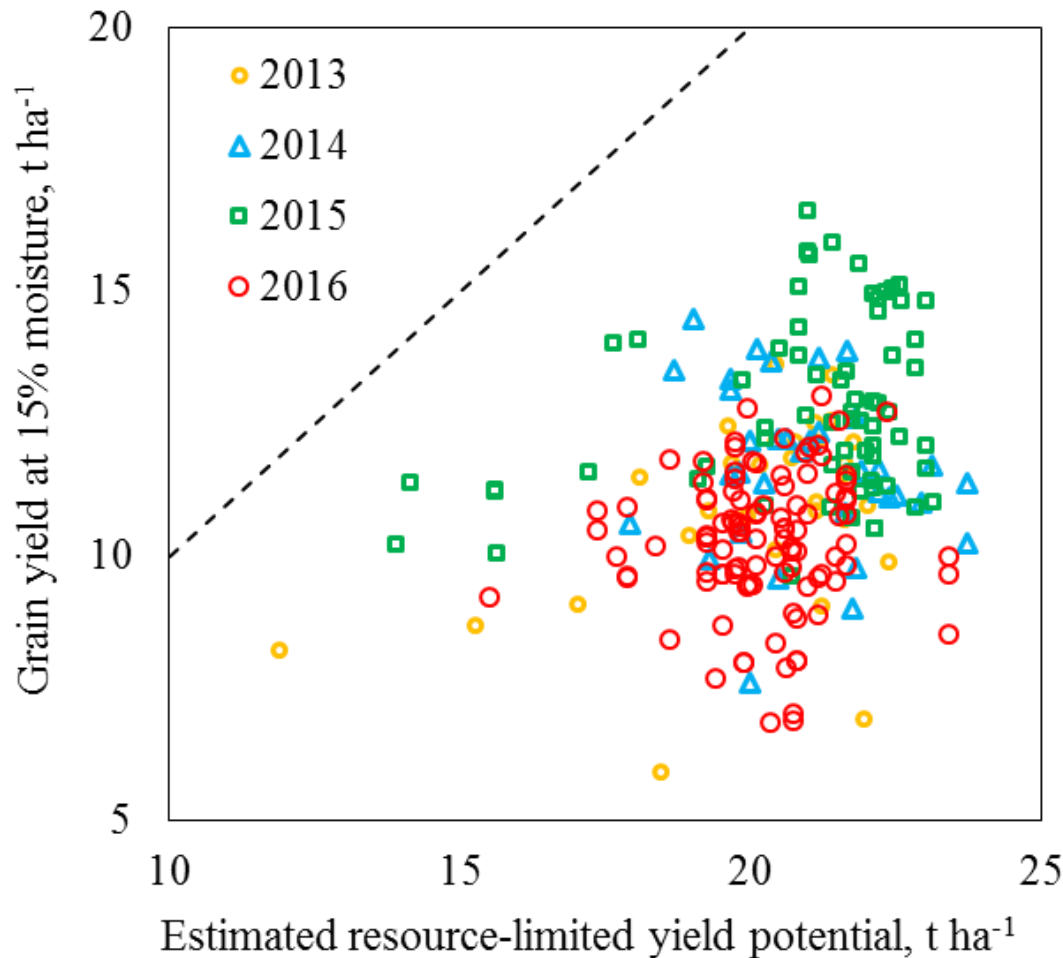
## More yields

## More understanding





# Potential yields vs actual yields

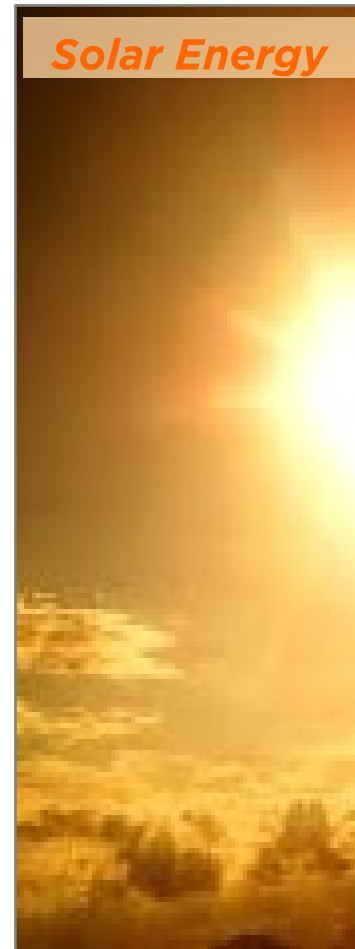


- Bigger gap between potential and achieved in 2016
- Most variation between sites not due to differences in calculated by potentials
- Much still to understand about what is driving differences between fields
  - Temperature & weather
  - Sink impacts
  - Soil differences
  - Farmer Skill



# Routes to enhancing yields

- Increase light capture
  - Earlier canopy closure
  - Keep crop & canopies alive for longer
    - Genetics
    - Nutrition
    - Disease control
- Increase water capture
  - Increase available water content of soil
    - Increase SOM
      - ... limited direct impact?
  - Encourage deeper rooting
    - Soil management?
    - Rotations with deep rooting crops
      - lucerne
  - Healthy top soil gives greater access to subsoil?
    - increase earthworm channels





# Farm Strategy and Innovation

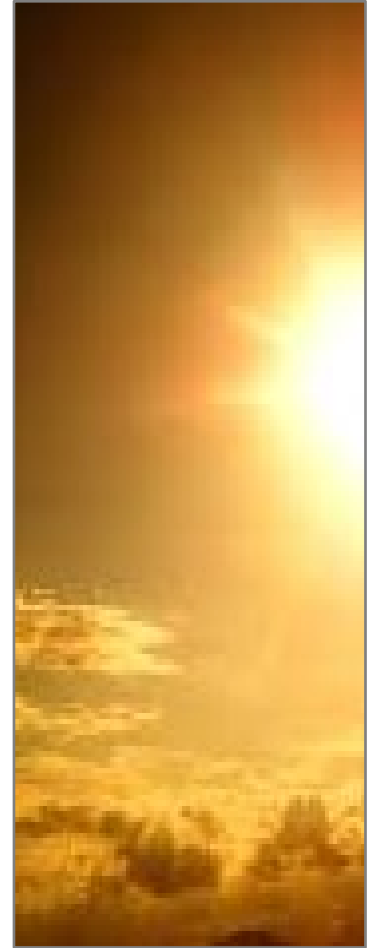
- Soil & Climate
- Rotation
- Cultivations
- Species
- Variety
- Establishment
- Nutrition
- Protection





# Increasing light capture

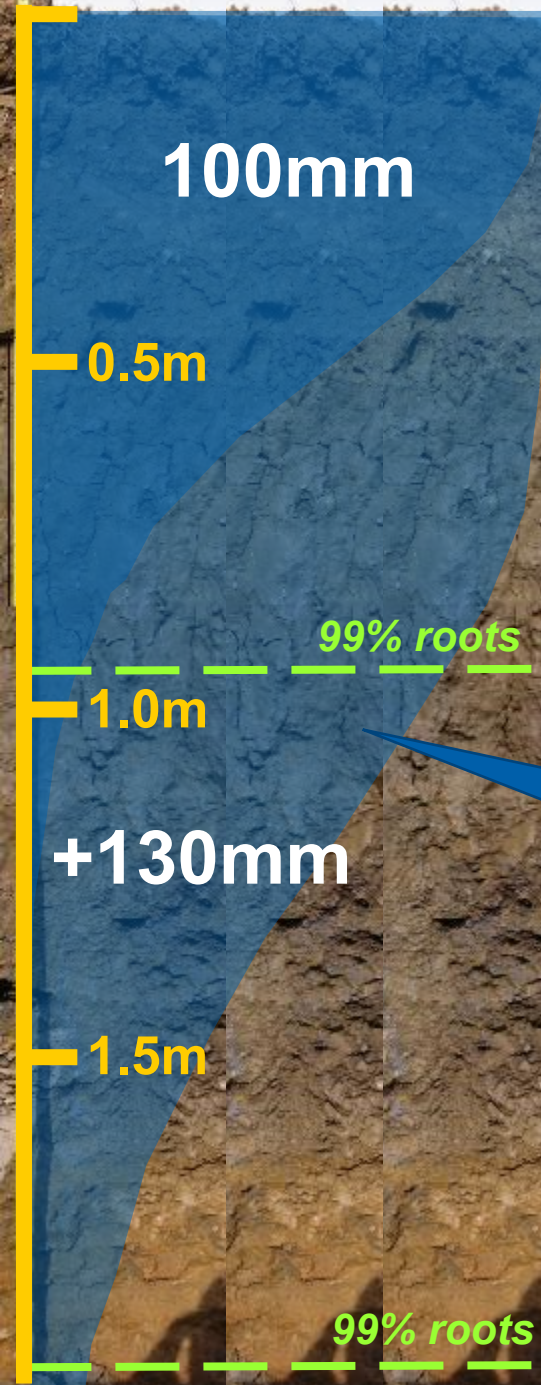
- Genetics
- Nutrition
  - Rate
  - Timing
  - N type
    - AN vs Urea vs UAN???
- Disease control



# Increasing water capture

- Increase available water content of soil
  - Increase SOM
    - ... limited direct impact?
- Encourage deeper rooting
  - Soil management?
  - Cover crops?
  - Rotations with deep rooting crops
    - lucerne
- Healthy top soil gives greater access to subsoil?
  - increase earthworm channels

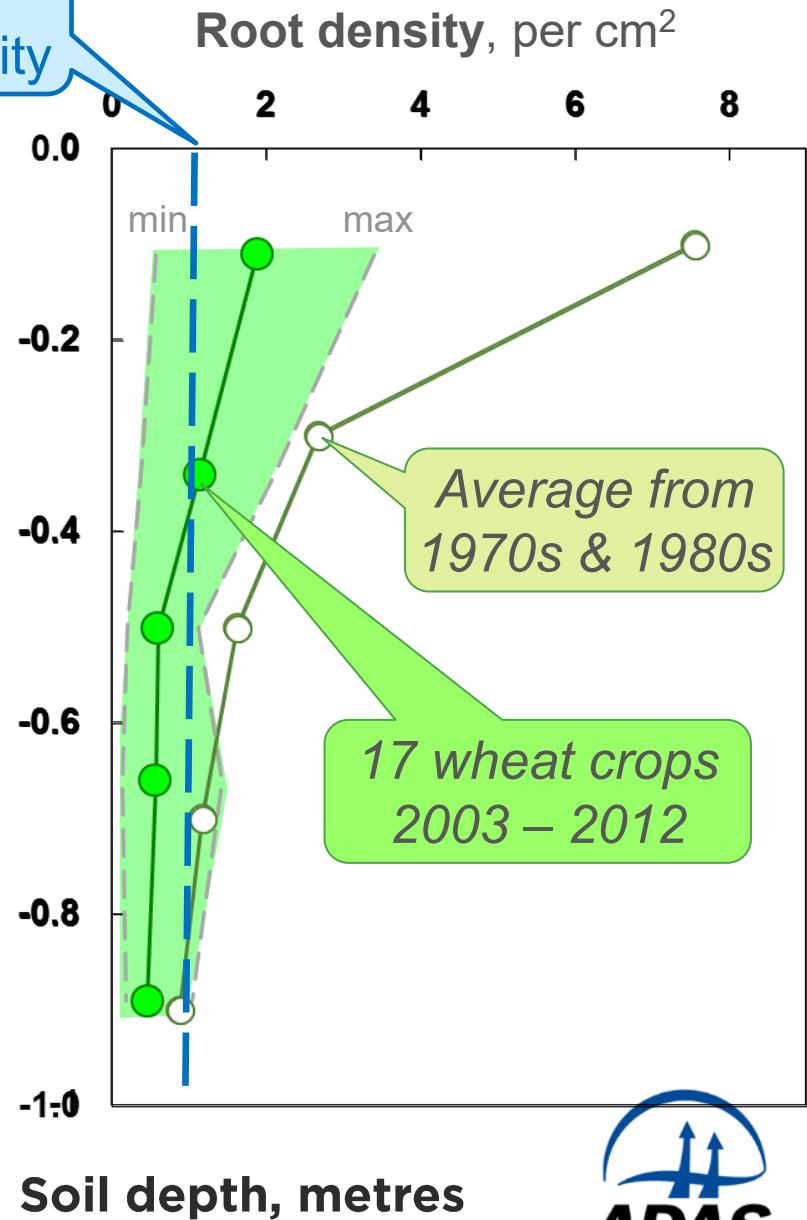




Soil  
Water  
Capture

*Potential*

*Critical  
Root Density*





# Summary – the YEN vision

## ❑ Inspiring innovation for better yields, through:

- Good measurements .. esp. yields
- Analysis / Understanding
- Networking

## ❑ **Testing Ideas ..**

- Farm groups, with shared interests
- Trustworthy yields
- Verified comparisons



# Conclusions

- Clear scope for further yield enhancement
  - Natural resources are sufficient for 20 t ha<sup>-1</sup> grain
  - Record yields >16 t ha<sup>-1</sup> grain
  - Maximising yields depend on increasing capture of light and water
    - Not fundamentally dependent on intensifying bought inputs
- Environmental impacts of yield enhancement
  - Contrasting effects: increase hectare<sup>-1</sup> versus decrease tonne<sup>-1</sup>
  - Neutral (ha<sup>-1</sup>) for most manufactured inputs
  - Nutrient impacts depend on better systems & supply-chain requirements
  - Water: mixed effects, site-dependent
- YEN database of validated yields
  - Good, validated data will allow analysis & modelling of actual farm yields
  - Develop hypotheses from data, farmers, agronomists & industry
  - Network of farmers to test hypotheses & engage in research – Agronomics
  - PLEASE JOIN THE YEN !!

# Yield Competitions

# New Oilseed YEN 2017

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# Pea YEN 2016



ADAMA





# World Record Yield .. 2010

- Grain cv. Einstein 15.7 t/ha
  - @ 15% MC & 10.9% protein ... ~320 kg/ha crop N
- Incident Solar Radiation: 50 TJ/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Mean temp: 11.6 °C (UK norm: 14.6 °C)
- Summer Water Supply: 660 mm
  - 394 mm summer rain plus >200 mm soil water
- Nitrogen Supply: 535 kg/ha
  - After peas, 85 kg/ha soil N supply
  - + 450 kg/ha fertiliser N applied.
- ESTIMATED POTENTIAL 25.7 t/ha  
**Yield achieved : 61% of potential**



Mike Solari, Alvia Farm,  
near Gore, Southland, NZ

# World Record Yield 2015

- Grain cv. Dickens 16.52 t/ha
  - @ 15% MC & 11% protein ... ~350 kg/ha crop N
- Incident Solar Radiation: 37.3TJ/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Mean temp: 12.4 °C (UK norm: 14.6 °C)
- Summer Water Supply: 444 mm
  - 212 mm summer rain plus ~232 mm soil water
- Nitrogen Supply: 395 kg/ha
  - After spring beans, ~85 kg/ha soil N supply
  - + 310 kg/ha fertiliser N applied.
- ESTIMATED POTENTIAL 22.1 t/ha  
***Yield achieved : 75% of potential***



Rod Smith,  
Northumberland, England

# US National wheat Yield contest re-started 2016

- <https://yieldcontest.wheatfoundation.org/>



## Welcome!

For the first time in over 20 years, the National Wheat Foundation (NWF) is hosting a National Wheat Yield Contest. The Foundation's objectives are to drive innovation in the industry; enable knowledge transfer between growers; encourage the use of available technology; and identify top wheat growers across the U.S. The Contest features two primary competition categories: winter wheat and spring wheat. The top five winners from each category will be recognized nationally, including at the 2017 Commodity Classic in San Antonio, Texas. Please make sure you are a member in good standing of a recognized state wheat grower association (or NAWG if from a state without a recognized state wheat grower association) before completing and submitting the NWYC Entry Form. All NWYC Entry and Harvest Report Forms, entry payments and weigh tickets must be submitted electronically. NO PAPER ENTRY AND HARVEST FORMS OR CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please read all National Wheat Yield Contest Rules and Procedures at [www.wheatworld.org](http://www.wheatworld.org) before submitting your entry form and payment. There will be no entry payment refunds. Thanks for your interest in the NWYC and good luck!

### Grower Login

Email  
Email  
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[2015 NWYC Entry and Harvest Rules, PDF](#)



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# Regional contests in US

2016 Kansas Wheat  
**Yield Contest**  
WINNERS

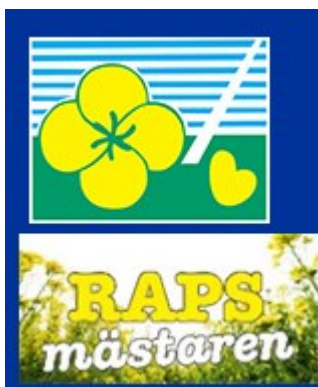
<b>Eastern</b> 87.46 bu/ac	<b>Spencer West</b> LeRoy, Kansas Variety: Redhawk	NEW REGION RECORD
<b>Central</b> 109.38 bu/ac	<b>Doug Keas</b> Plainville, Kansas Variety: SY Wolf	NEW REGION RECORD
<b>Western</b> 121.48 bu/ac	<b>Alec Horton</b> Leoti, Kansas Variety: Joe	NEW CONTEST RECORD



# Swedish Yield competition

- <http://www.svenskraps.se/rapsmastaren/index.asp>

Segrare i tävlingen Rapsmästaren blev Gunnar Henningsson



Vi gratulerar Gunnar till en mycket fin insats! Med sina 6570 kilo frö per hektar toppade han klart övriga 39 deltagare. Gunnars skörd låg drygt 50 % över det lägsta tävlingsresultatet.

Gunnar har lagt ner ett mycket stort engagemang, hjärta och själ i sin raps. Han har tidigare vunnit internationella mästerskap i mest ekonomiska höstrapsodling - nu visar han att han även behärskar maximal skörd.

Se filmen där Gunnar helt kort berättar om tävlingen. Artiklar om tävlingen hittar du i Svensk Frötidning och Tidningen Lantmannen. Fler uttömmande filmer där Gunnar redogör i detalj för sina insatser i tävlingen kommer. Här finns mycket att lära!





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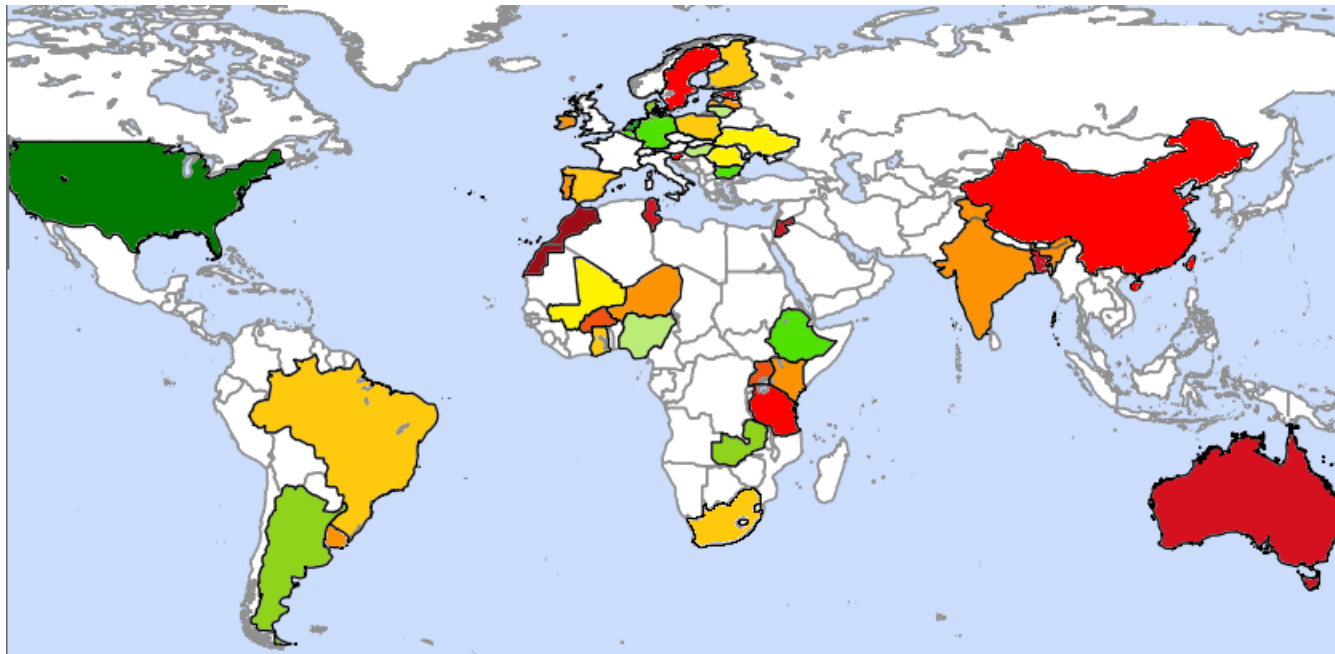


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