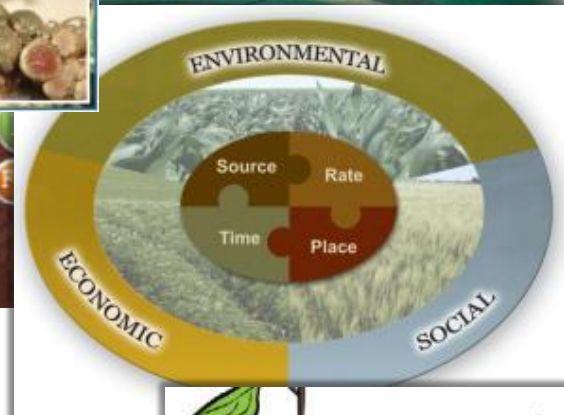


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Soils, Fertilizer and Food Security

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Knowledge to Feed and Sustain the world.

Our Vision

ASA members will integrate and apply science to sustainably double agronomic production.

Institutions with much in common



**Combine science
and fertilizer to:**



**Combine science
and agronomy to:**

**Make life better for human kind through the food
we eat, water we drink, air we breath, the beauty
we see in our surroundings**



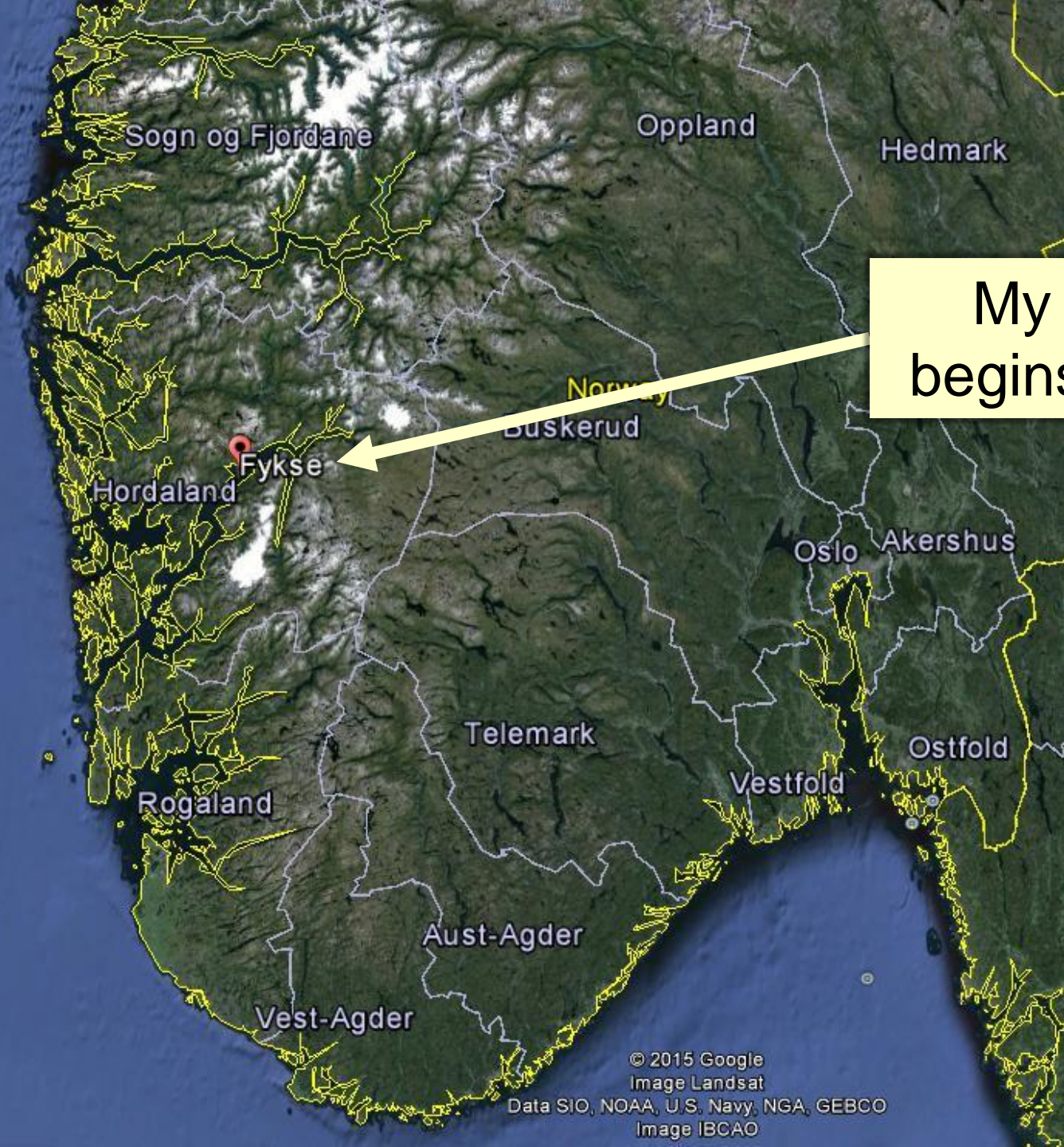
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An opportunity for each of
us to tell our own soil story



My soil story begins in Norway

The original Fixen Farm: near Fykse, Norway

Steep, rocky, shallow soils
low in organic ... and low
in productivity





Poor soil drove the family from its home to a foreign land holding the promise of a better life

Minnesota

Minneota, MN

Where the
clan landed

Minneota, MN

Iowa





**Deep dark high
organic matter
prairie soils ... a
farmer's heaven!**





High school soil judging in FFA

- Soil has 3 dimensions
- What's below the surface explains much of what happens on the surface
- Soil is important to farming ... and complex

Led to a PhD in soils and career in soil fertility

We study and manage soils not just for us ... but for those that follow



Measuring plant height and residue cover

1992



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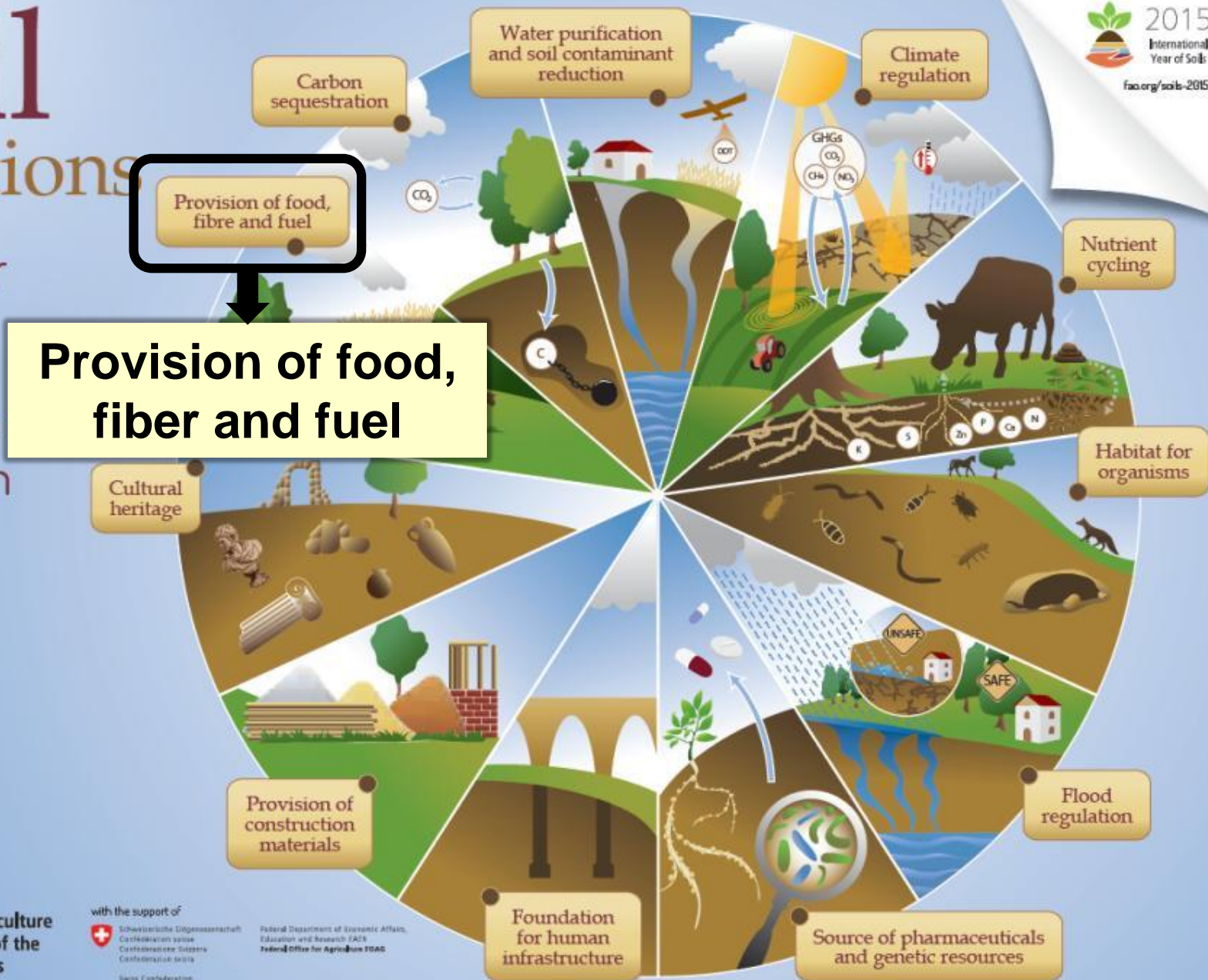
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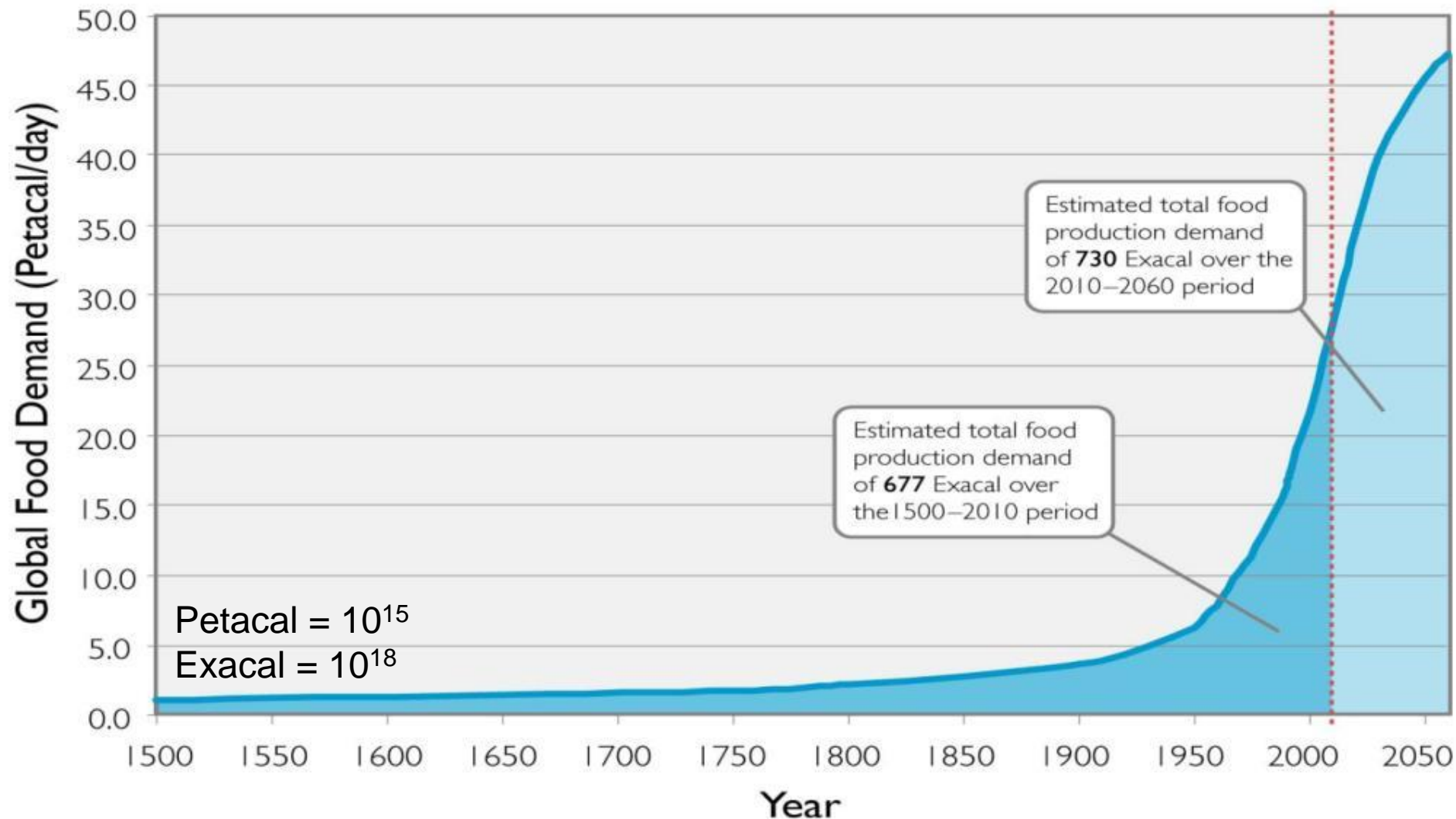
What's your soil story?

Soil functions

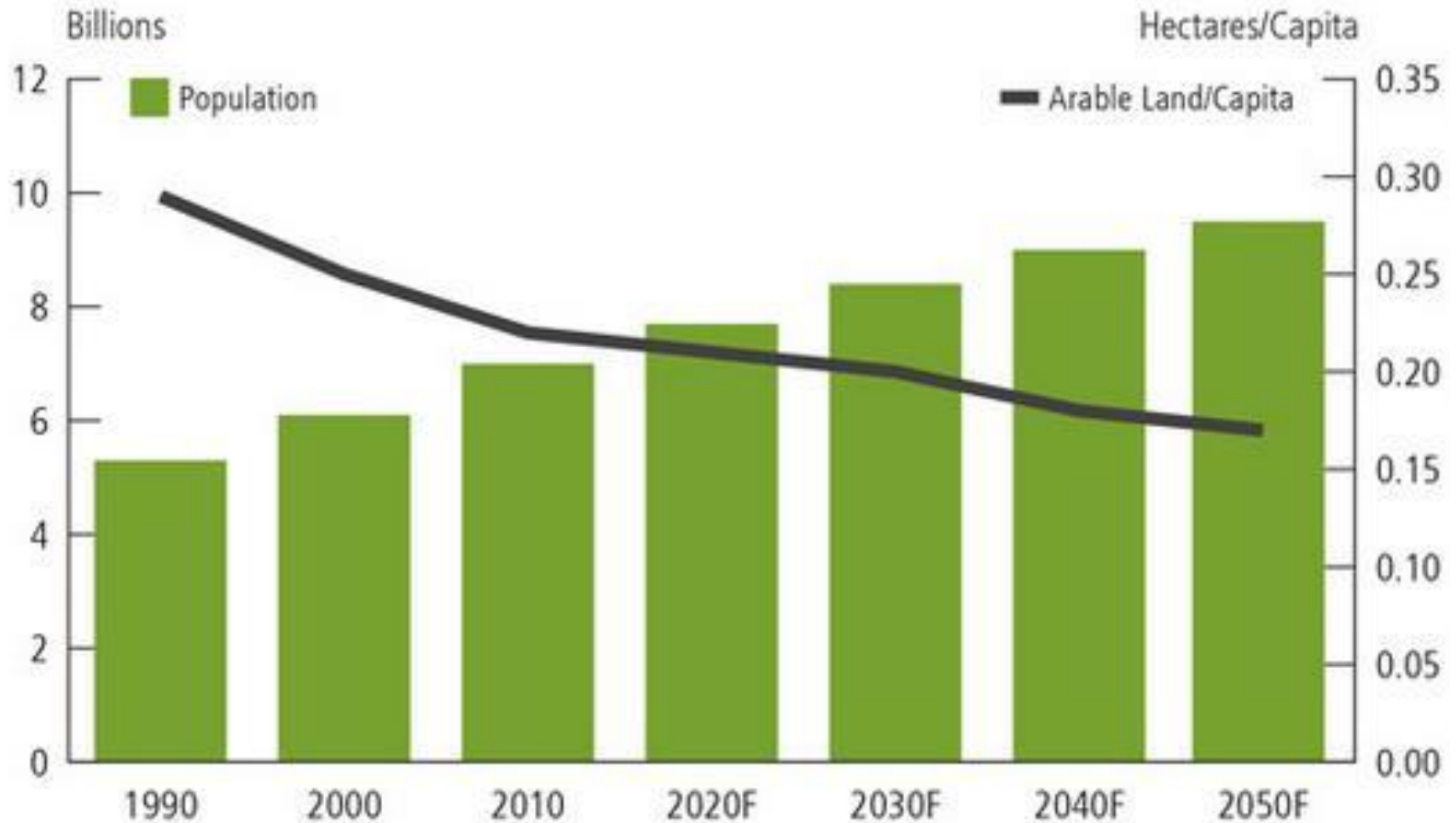
Soils deliver ecosystem services that enable life on Earth



The food security challenge: to produce more food over the next 50 year than in all of human history



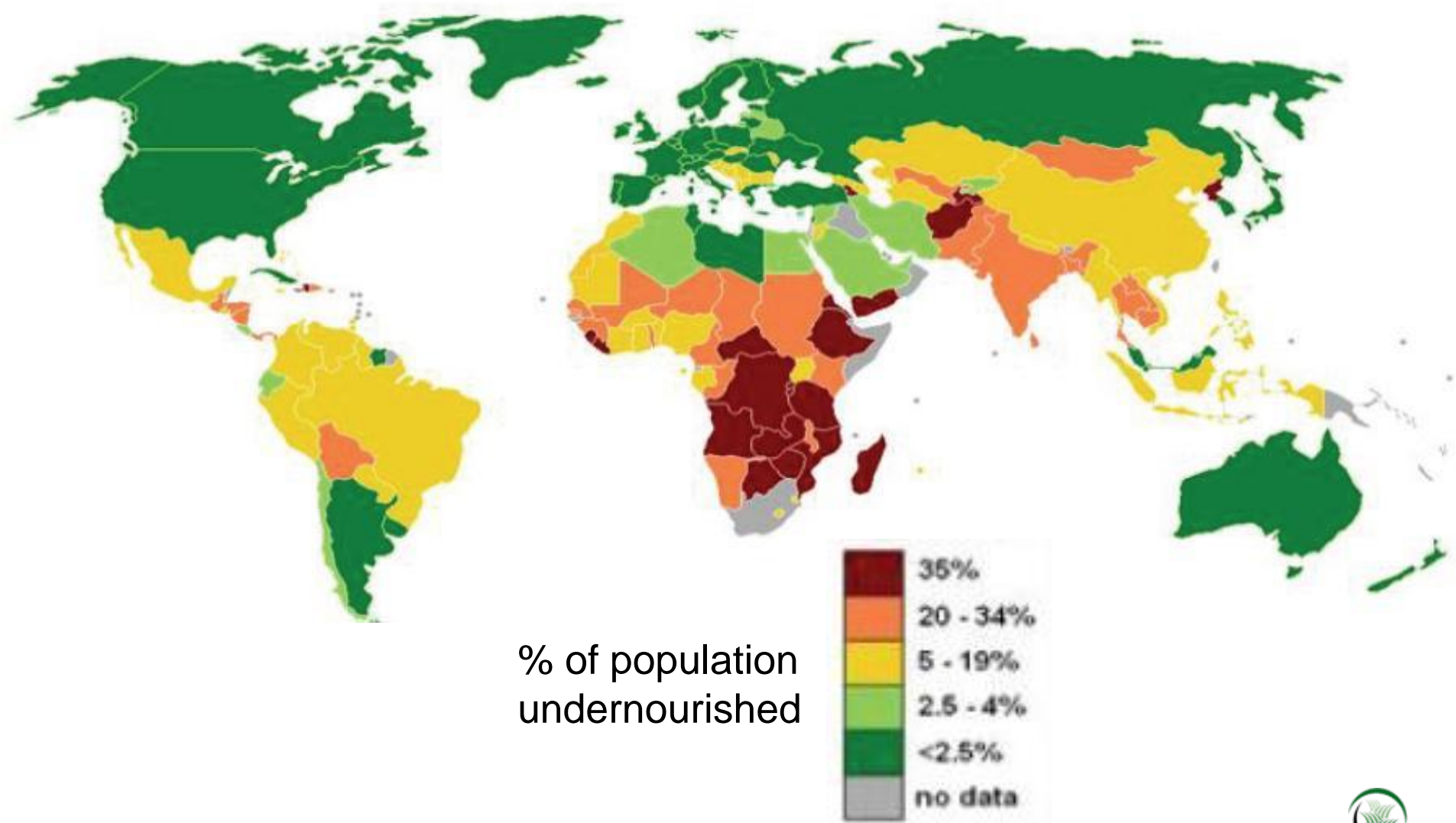
Global population and arable land per capita

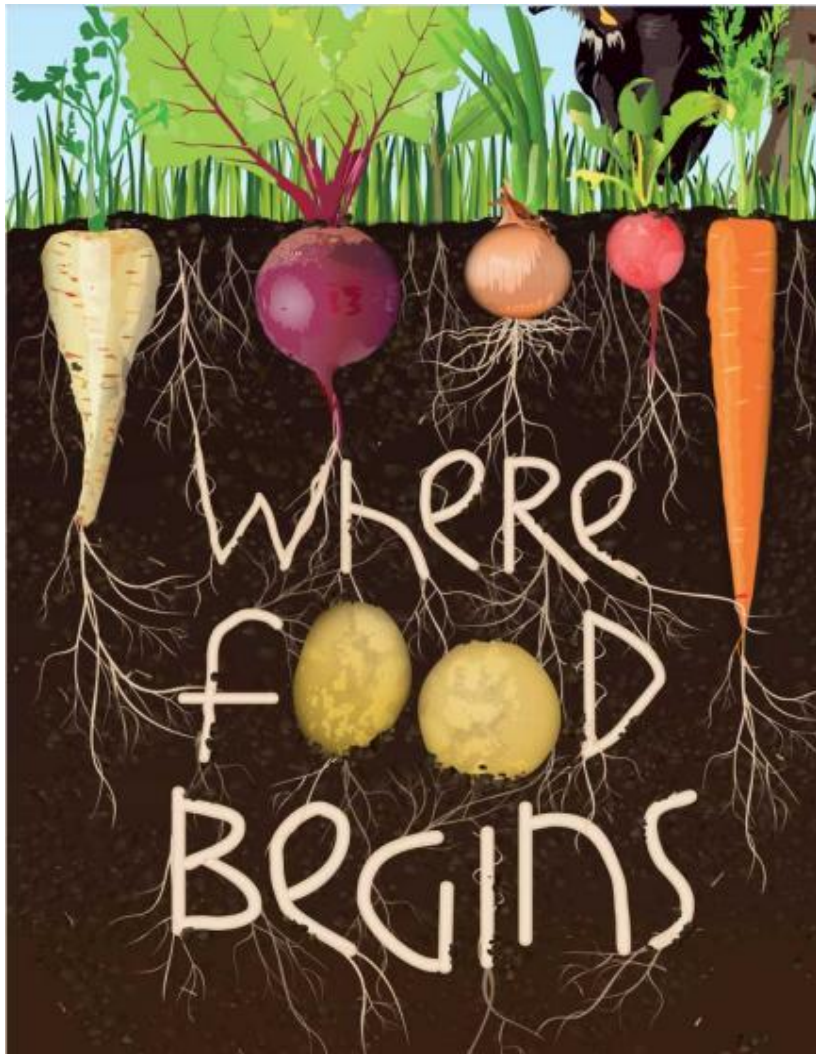


Source: FAO, United Nations, PotashCorp

Last updated: Aug 31, 2014

Our biggest challenge: the permanent “greening” of this map







iStockphoto/Son-Ho

Terraced soils supporting intensive rice production in Mu Cang Chai, Yen Bai, Vietnam.



Scenes that are far too common



- Food crops come from only **12%** of earth's land area
- Approximately **40%** of agricultural soils are degraded ... **65%** in sub-Saharan Africa
- **Half** of earth's topsoil has been lost during the last 150 years

Soil conserving/building practices are essential components of sustainable systems



SOIL HEALTH



DATE: February 27, 2014

TIME: 12:30 - 5 p.m.

PLACE: University Inn - Best Western
1516 W. Pullman Rd.
Moscow, Idaho

SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Featured Speakers--

- *Mathew Slaughter*, Earthfort
Biological Analysis Lab, Corvallis OR
-Soil Microbiology & Biological Analysis
- *Dave Huggins*, ARS & Latah SWCD
-New methods to address soil health
- *Tabitha Brown*, Latah SWCD
-pH liming reasearch update
- *Pamela Pavek*, Pullman Plant Lab
-Cover Crops & National Soil Health
- *John Hammel*, U of Idaho, Soil Health
-Impacts of Field equipment on soil health
- *Marlon Winger*, NRCS State Office
-Soil Health:

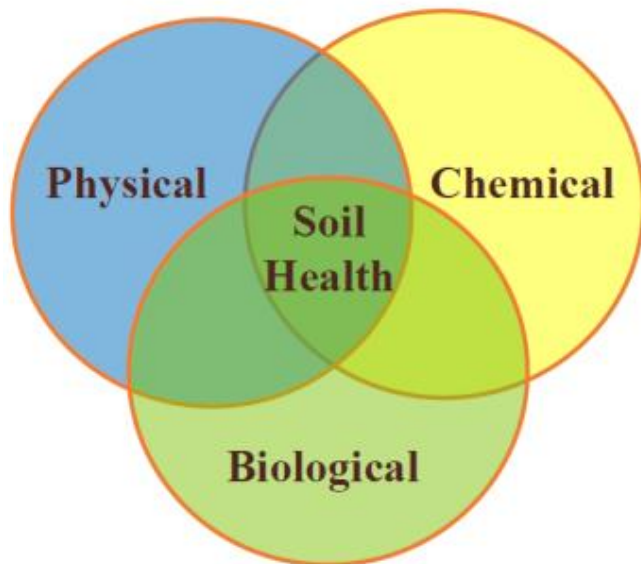
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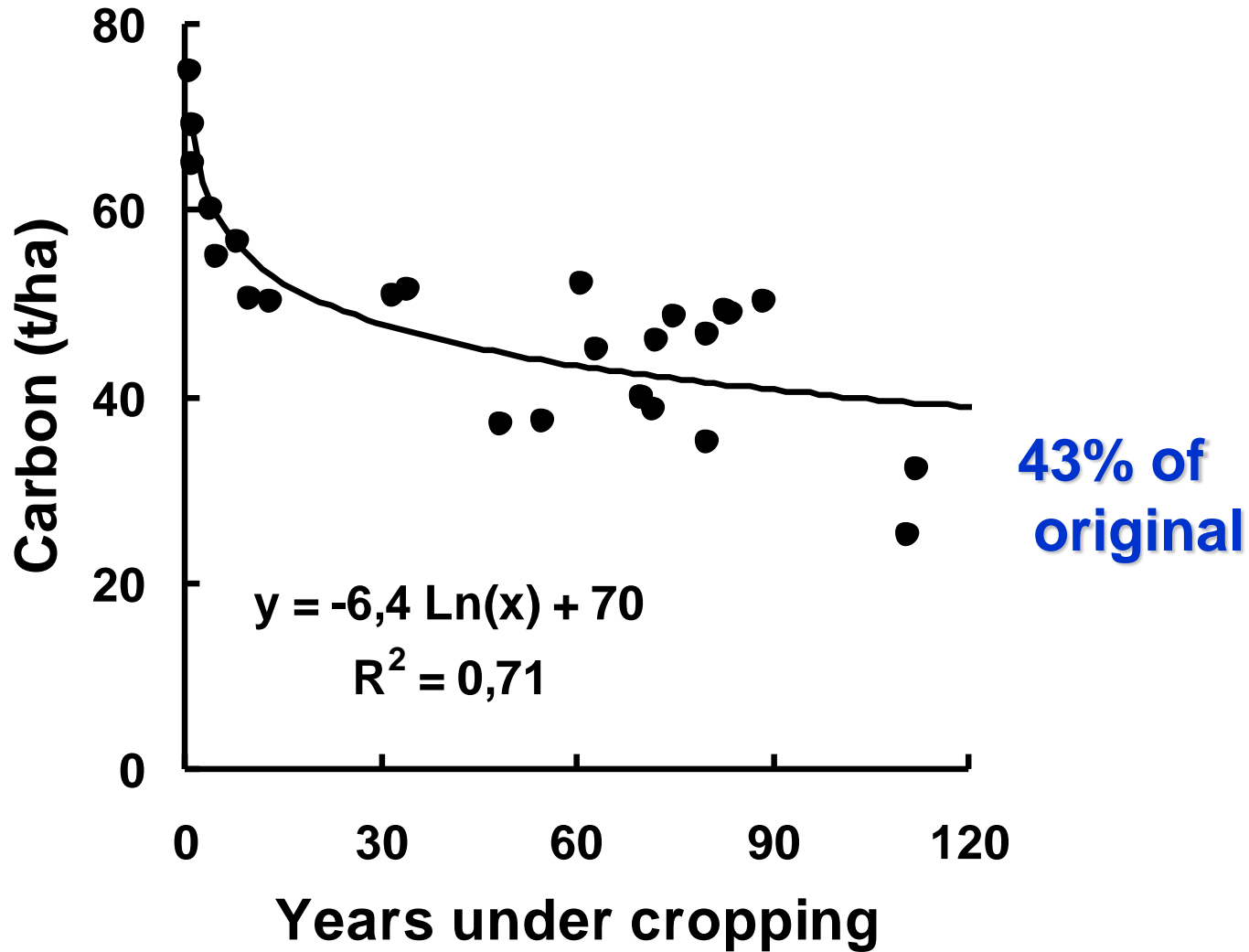
Soil health

- **Soil health** (USDA-NRCS): the continued capacity of the soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans
- **Soil health** management requires an integrative approach that recognizes the physical, biological and chemical processes in soils.

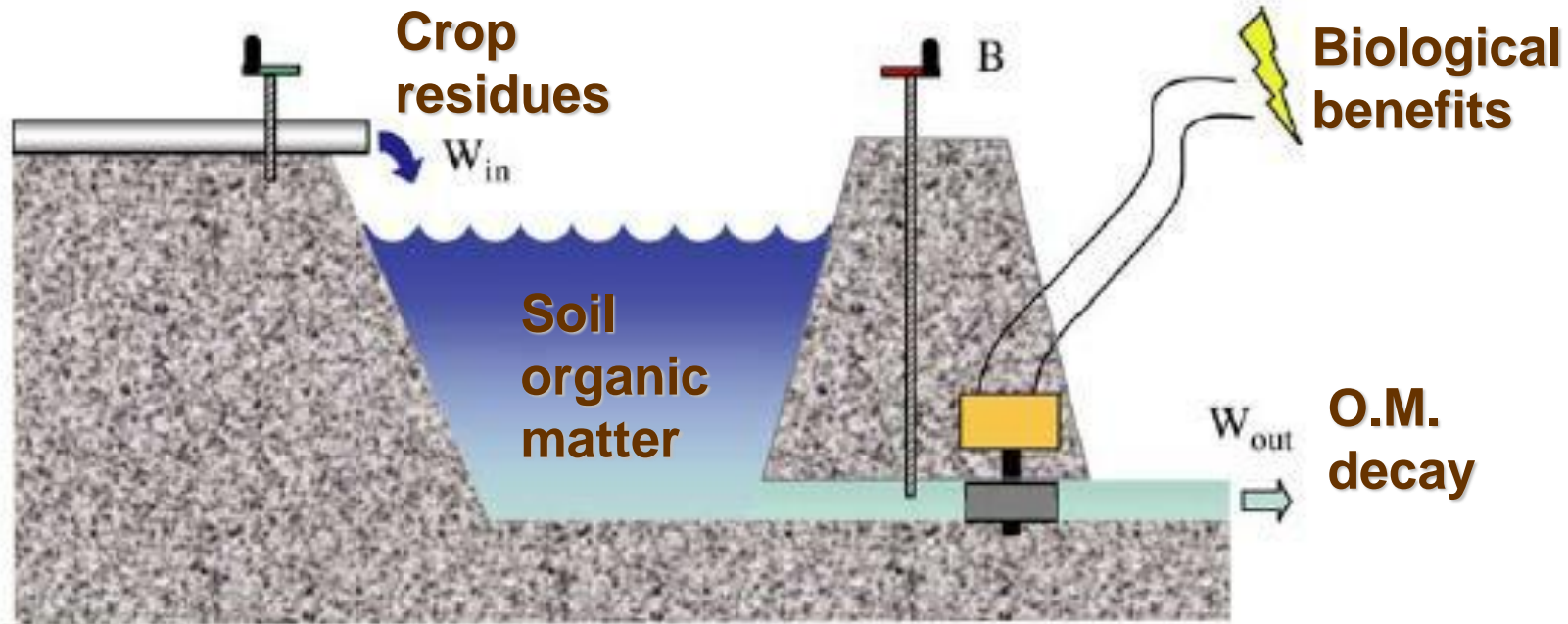


Soil organic matter is a primary factor in all three processes

Organic C levels in soils of the northern Pampas since beginning of agriculture (Argiudolls)



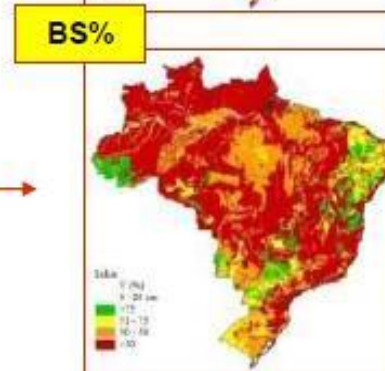
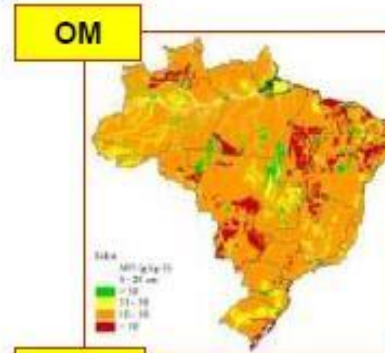
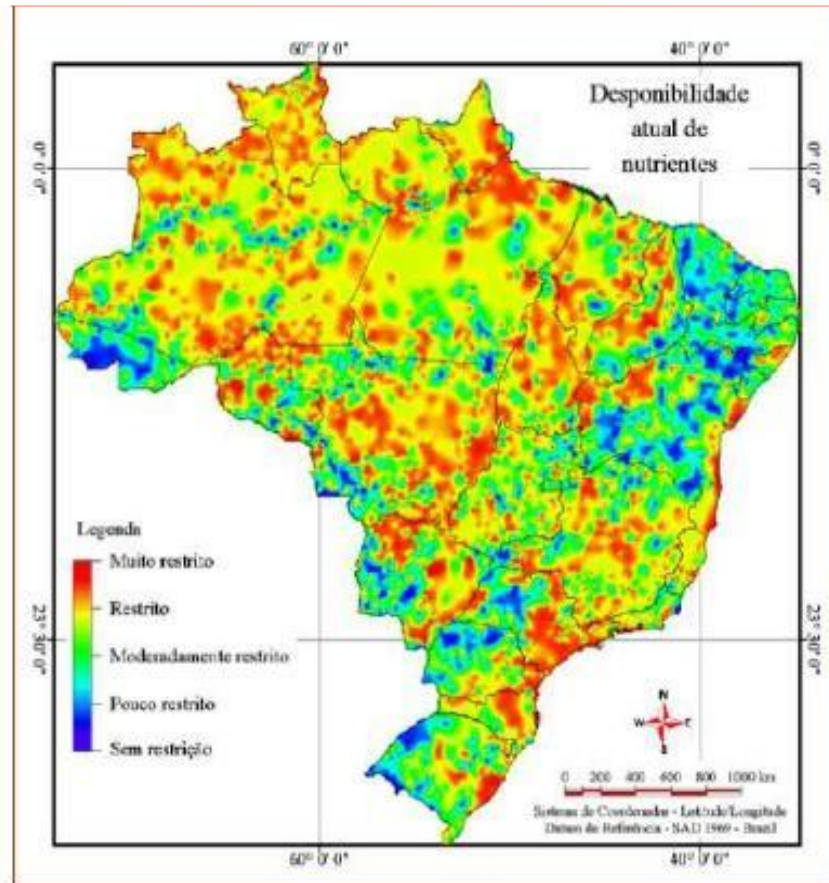
Hypothetical hydroelectric plant



- Opening valve B temporarily increases power generation, but at the expense of water storage.
- Closing valve B increases water stored, but reduces power generation.
- Increasing both storage and power requires an increase in water inflow.

More residue production

Soil fertility restrictions in Brazil



Response to P & K fertilization in the cerrado of Brazil



Yield attributed to fertilizers

- Temperate soils: 40-60%
- Tropical soils: much higher

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The Contribution of Commercial Fertilizer Nutrients to Food Production

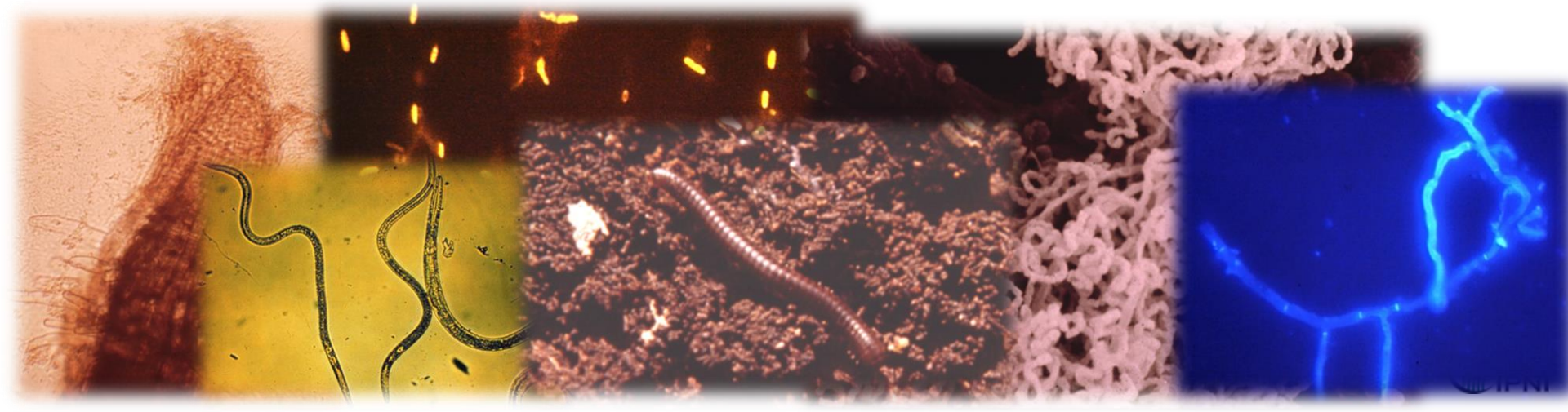
—W. M. Stewart,* D. W. Dobb, A. E. Johnston, and T. J. Smyth

Stewart et al., 2005.

Crop residue you do not see - roots

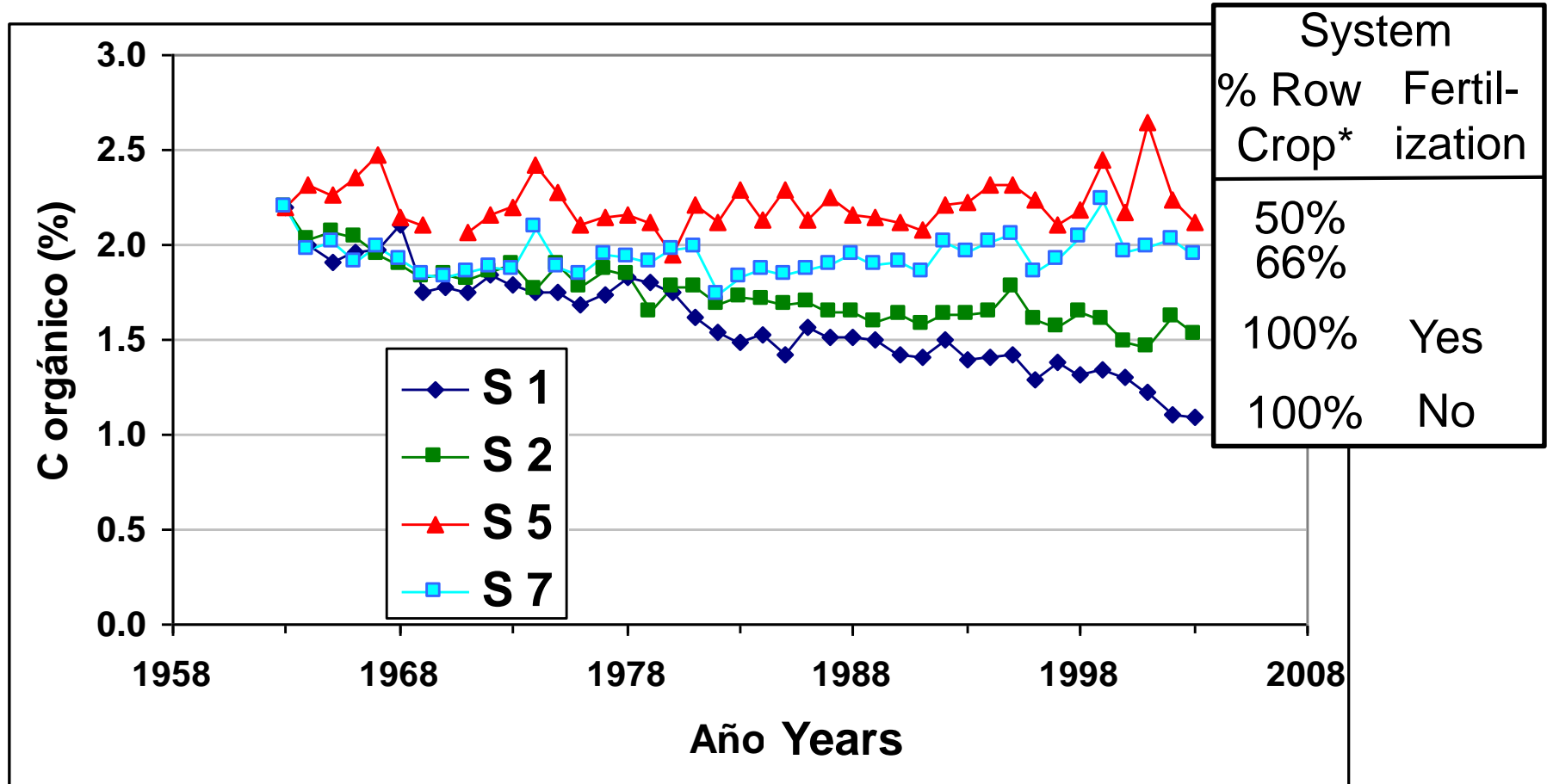


And much additional biota below the soil surface



Organic C evolution during 40 years

Rotations Study INIA La Estanzuela (Uruguay)

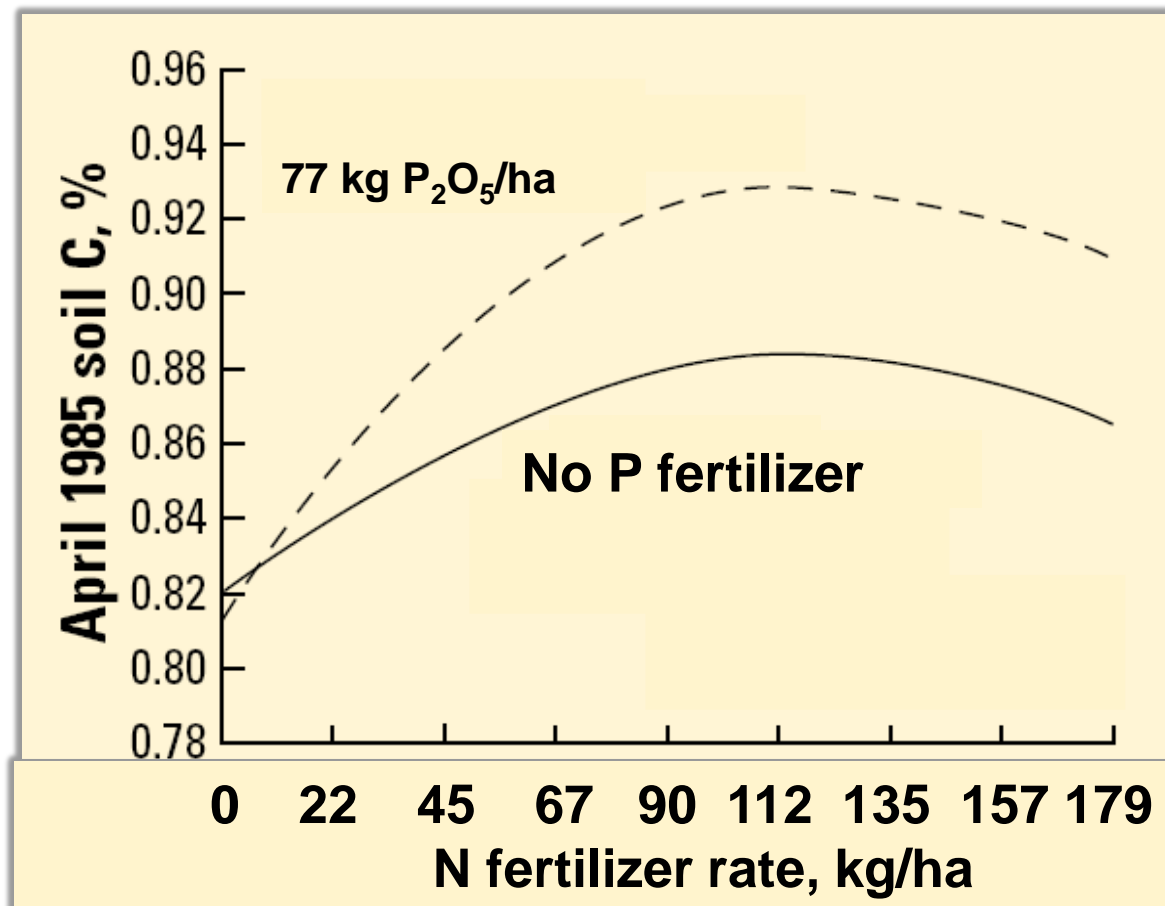


*Other crop in rotation is pasture

Source: A. Morón (2003)



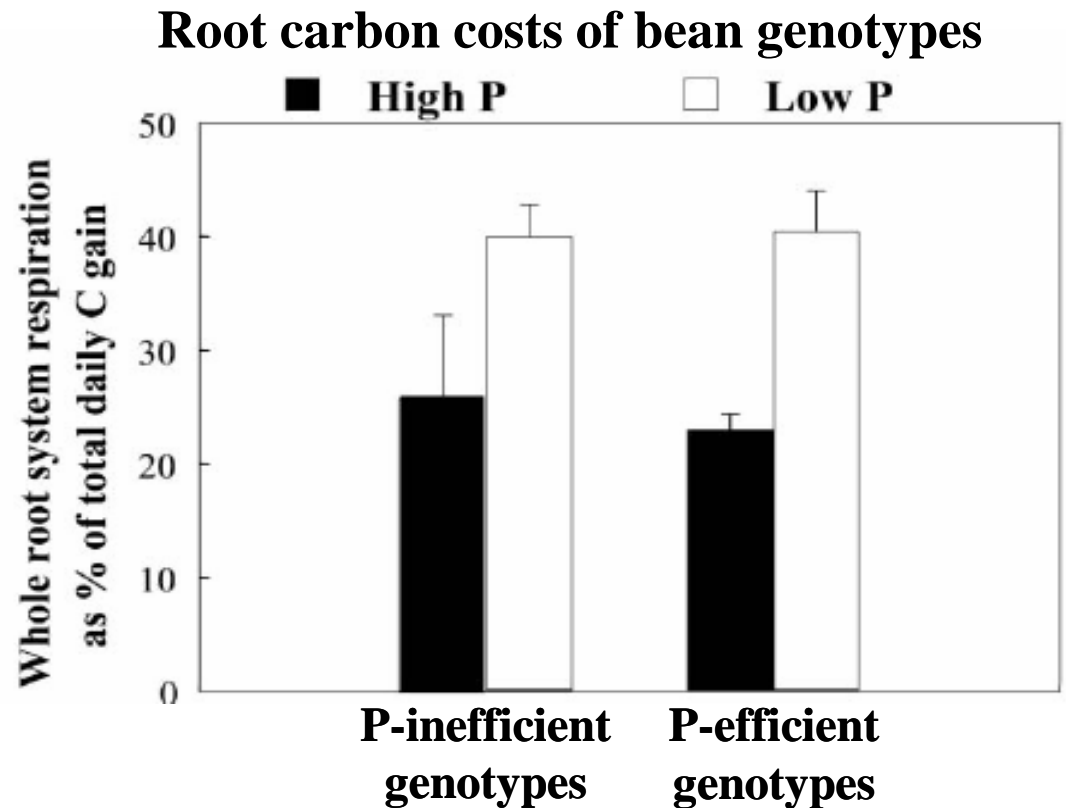
Soil carbon in 0-7.5 cm soil depth as a function of N and P fertilizer rates.



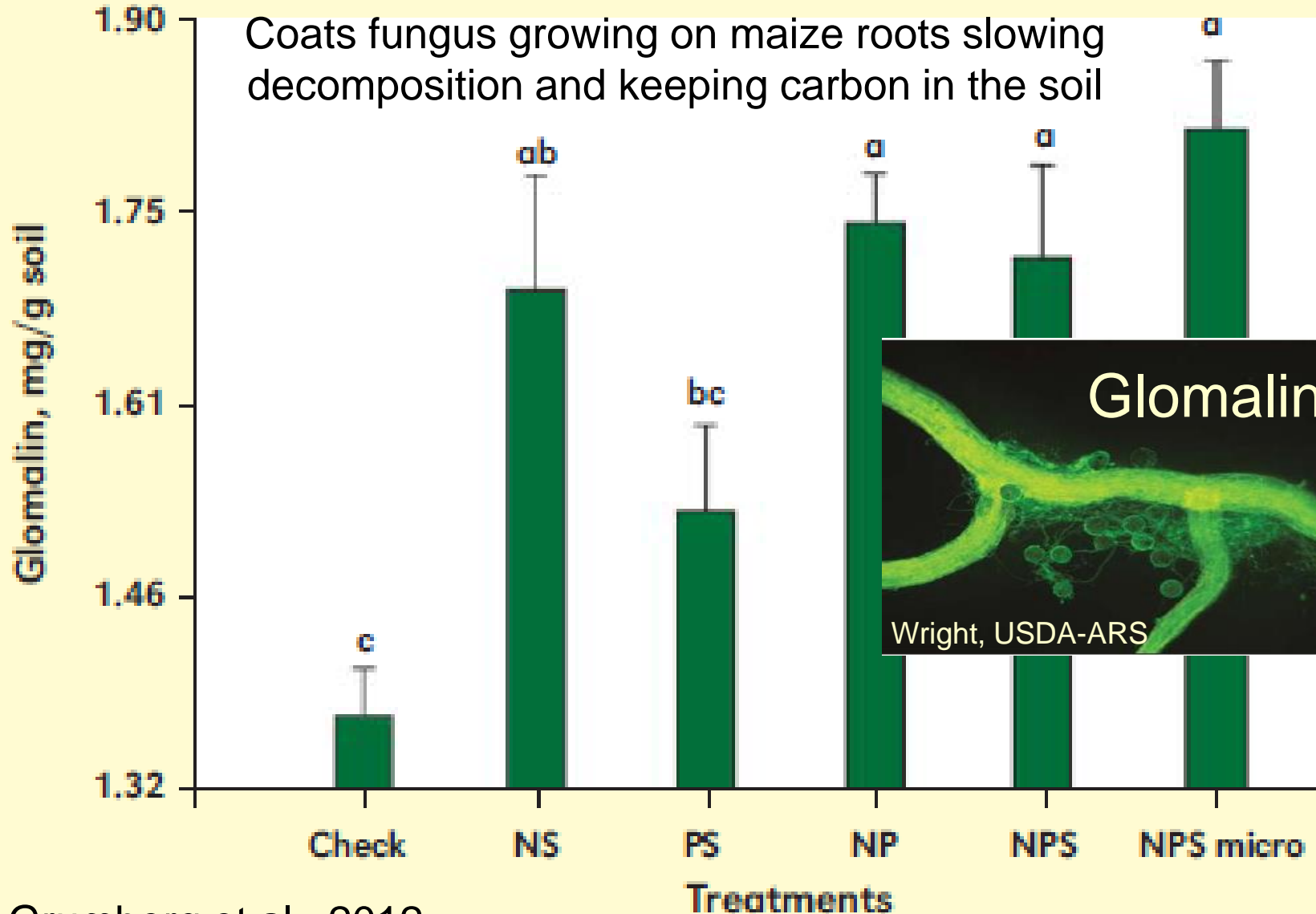
Insufficient P leads to reduced C sequestration ... bad for soils, bad for climate

- **Low P plants:**

- Lose more C through root respiration
- Have increased root exudation of C
- Often have increased physiological C costs



Soil glomalin concentration under different fertilization treatments (Argentina)



Integrated management of fertilizers and organic nutrient sources

Treatment		Avg	Soil org. C
N-P-K	Manure	yield (9yrs)	after 9 yrs
<i>kg/ha</i>	<i>t/ha</i>	<i>t/ha</i>	<i>t/ha</i>
0-0-0	0	1.3	14.1
0-0-0	10	1.7	15.4
120-26-33	0	2.4	16.9
120-26-33	10	3.0	18.6
LSD _{0.05}		0.2	1.9

Irrigated wheat/soybean system in sub-temperate region of North India.

Nutrient removal by the 18 leading crops of Brazil

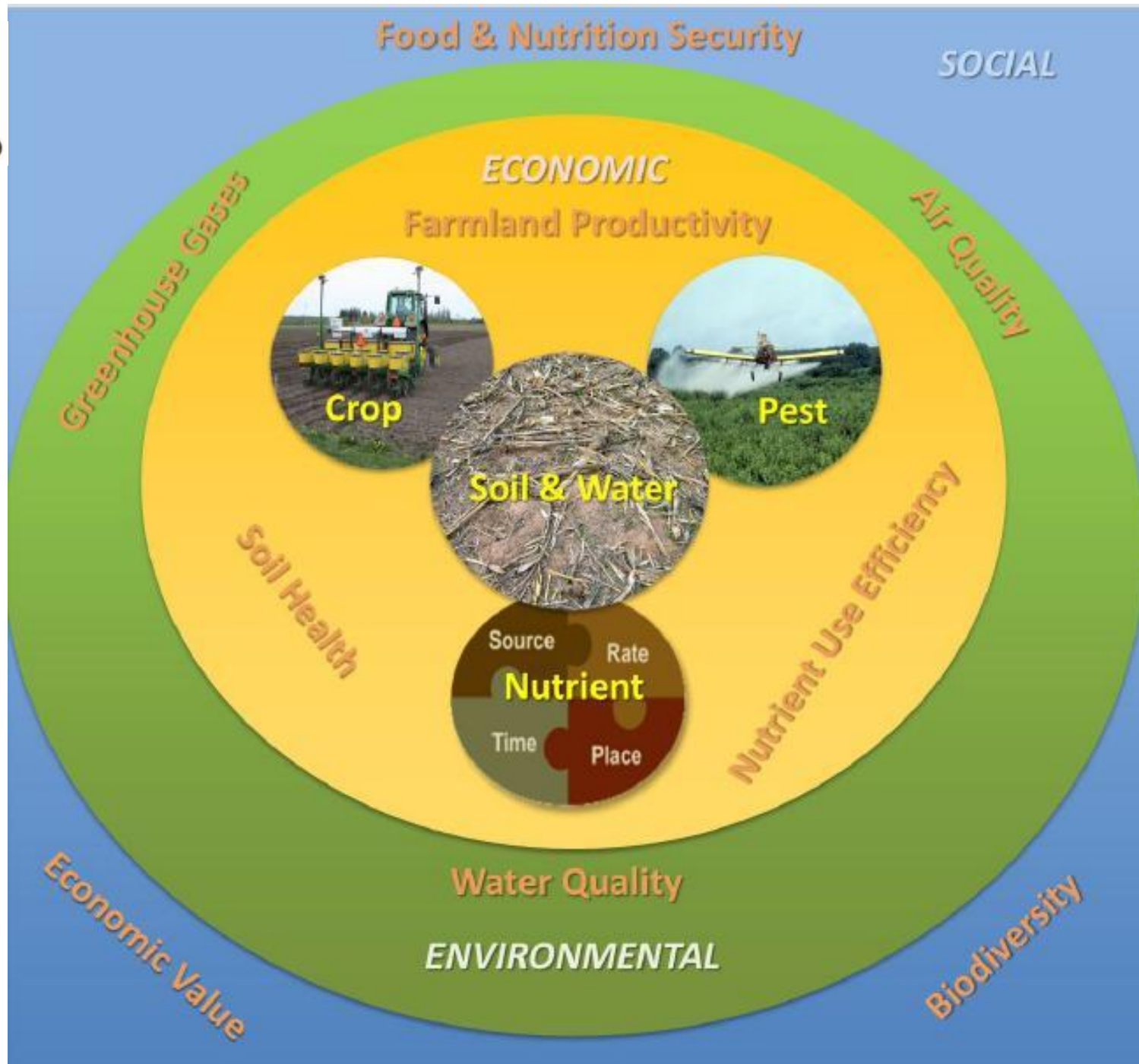
Factor	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
	Million tons		
Crop removal	6.50	1.84	3.03
Legume fixation	4.35		

Average of 2009-2012.

- Fertilizer nutrients replace those removed by crop harvest to avoid soil nutrient exhaustion **AND ...**
- To maintain or build soil organic matter



Outcomes
of
4R Nutrient Stewardship
are greatly
influenced
by
crop and pest
management
and by
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 - **Use as Dry or Liquid**
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Organic Liquid Humic Concentrate
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- Benefits:**
- High concentrations of both Humic and Fulvic acids;
 - Benefits the plant now, and improves soil conditions over time.
 - Low in heavy metals and other impurities.
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Ful-Grow Gold Fulvic Acid is made with the finest organic materials available.



- Benefits:**
- Boosts cation exchange
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 - Positive effect on plant DNA and RNA
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 - Acts as catalyst in plant respiration
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 - Enhances cell division and cell elongation
 - Aids Chlorophyll synthesis
 - Increases drought tolerance and prevents wilting
 - Restores electrochemical balance
 - Detoxifies various pollutants

COST EFFECTIVE REDUCED SHIPPING COST
REDUCED WAREHOUSE SPACE

ONE PALLET (1 Metric Ton)
100% SOLUBLE POWDER / GRANULES

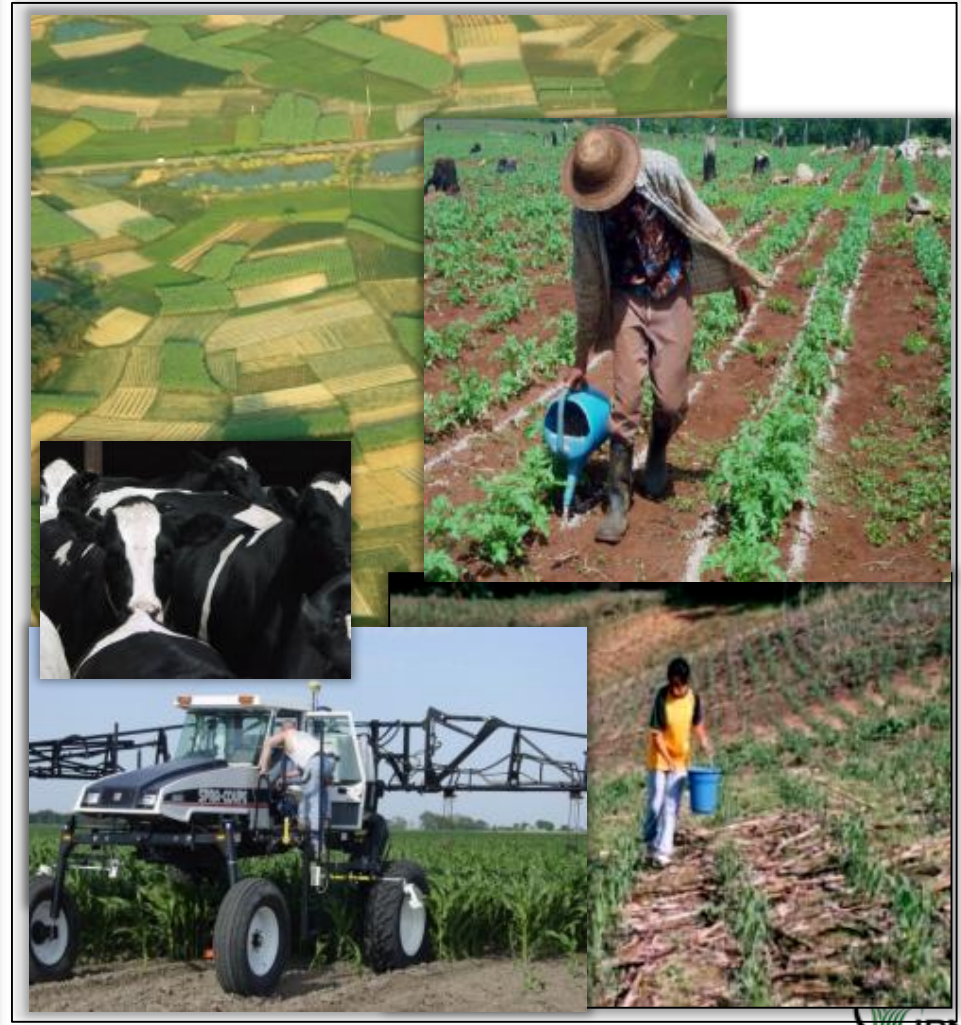
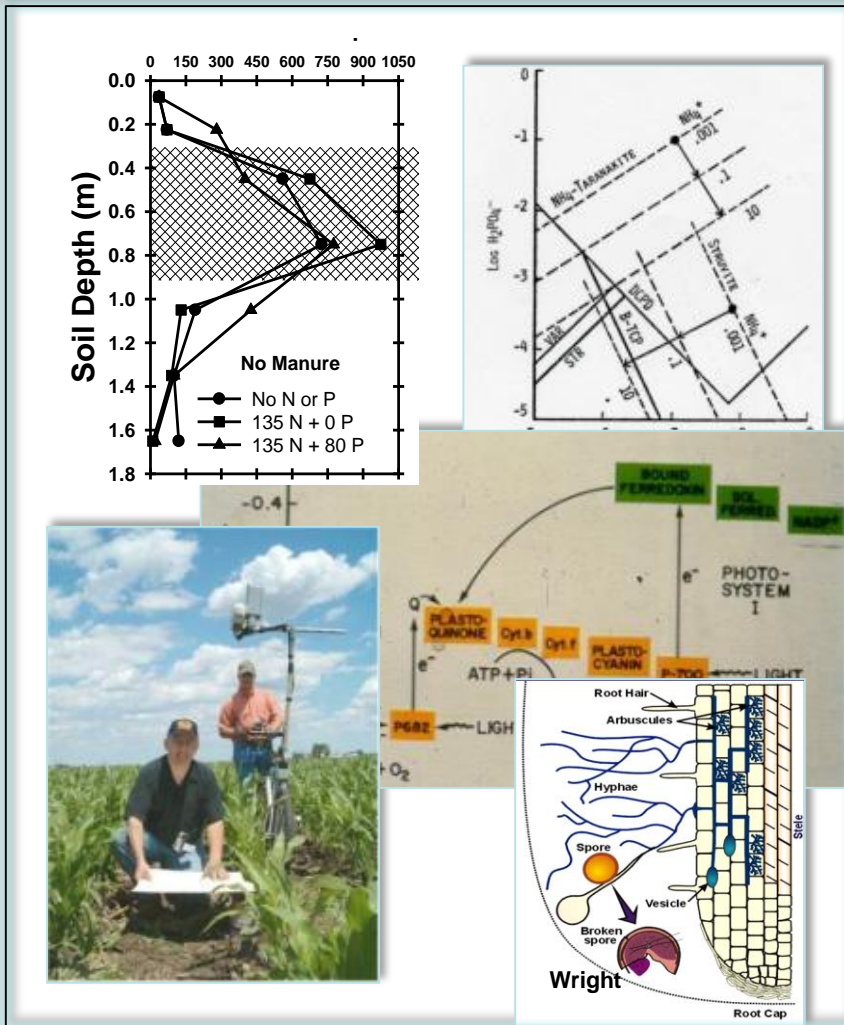
8 - 250 gallon totes of 12% Humic Acid



4R Practices are found at the intersection of:

The rigorous world of science ...

and the practical world of real farms.



Scale down to the environment of individual plants ... remembering genetics, culture, and technology

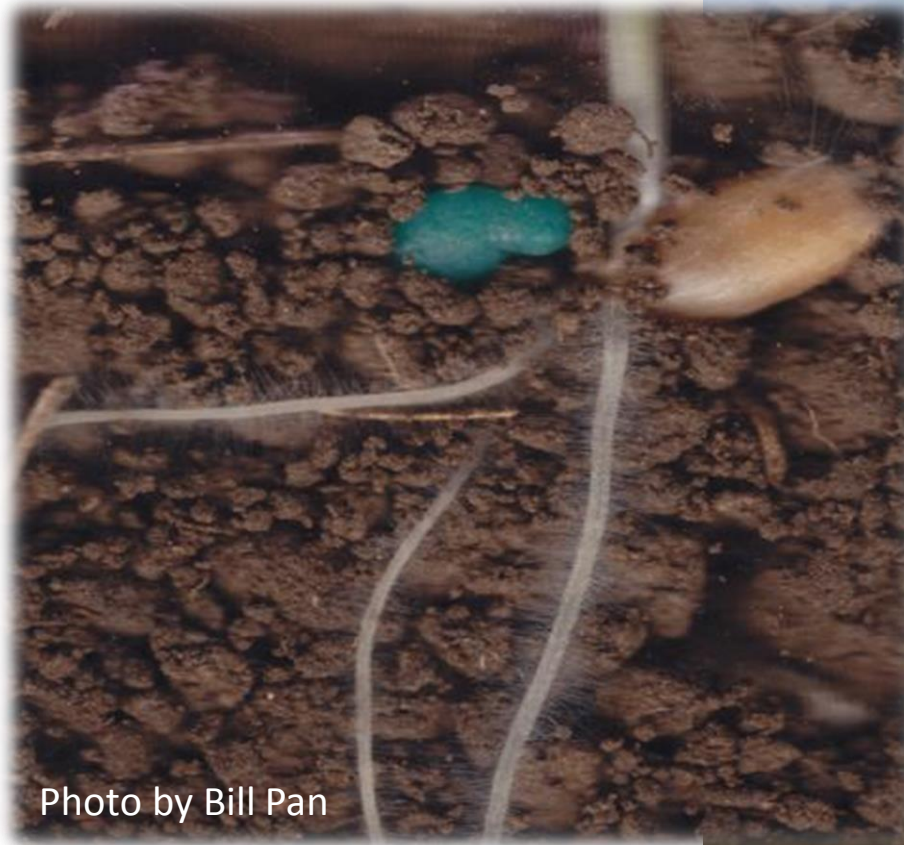


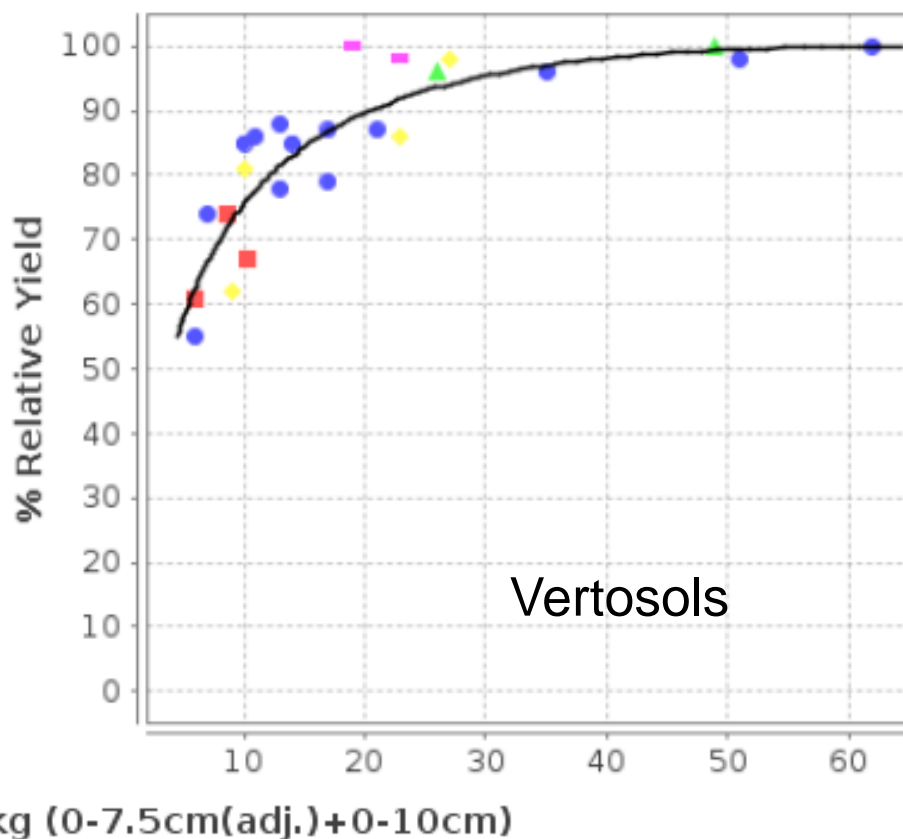
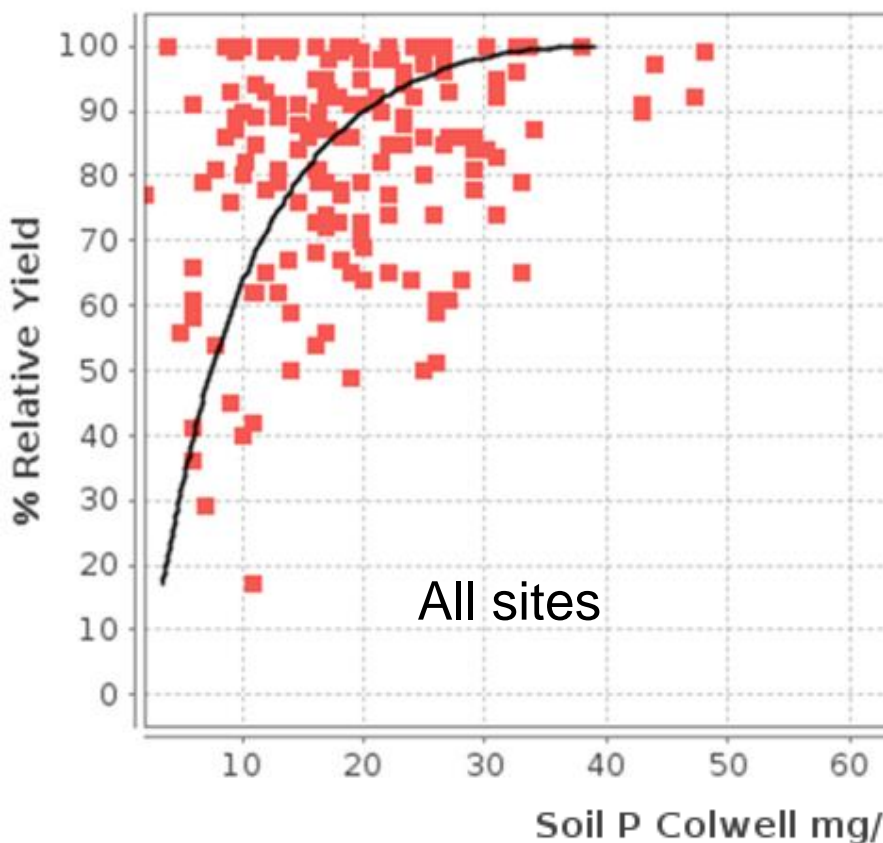
Photo by Bill Pan



Think about how we manage **soil** conditions and **nutrition** of each plant

Soil type matters - wheat response to P fertilizer in Australia

“Better Fertilizer Decisions for Crops in Australia”



Soil type and condition can significantly influence nutrient response

Negative effects on soil health resulting from above optimum nutrient use

- Soil acidification
- Altered microbial composition



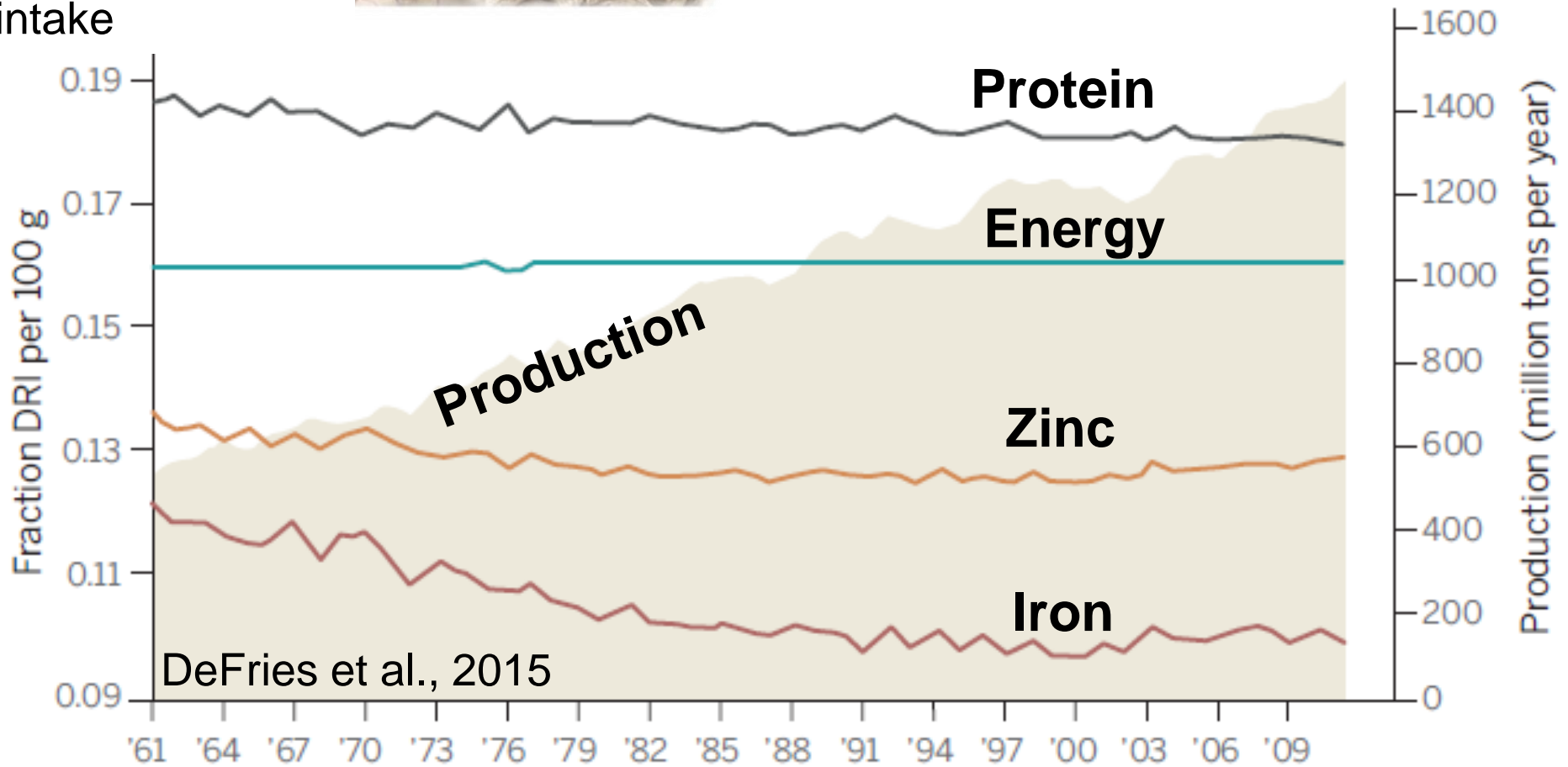
Essential nutrients produced with efficient use of land.
Sacks filled with wheat in Punjab, India.

Food or nutritional Security?

Nutrient content of global cereal supply has declined as production increased



Dietary reference intake



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- Field Management for Improved Soil Health and Environmental Quality (4)
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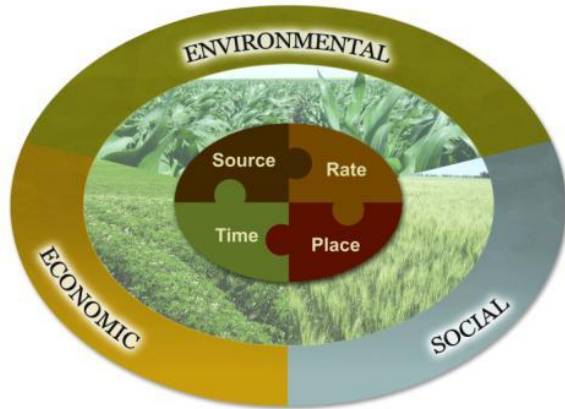
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60 Presentations on Soil Health

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critical role of fertilizers in soil health



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“Upon this handful of soil our survival depends. Husband it and it will grow our food, our fuel, and our shelter and surround us with beauty. Abuse it and the soil will collapse and die taking man with it.”

Sanskrit literature from between 2000 and 1500 BC

Fertilizer nutrients used according to the concepts of 4R Nutrient Stewardship are a critical component of that husbandry.