

# Managing weeds in variable weather: insights from data mining

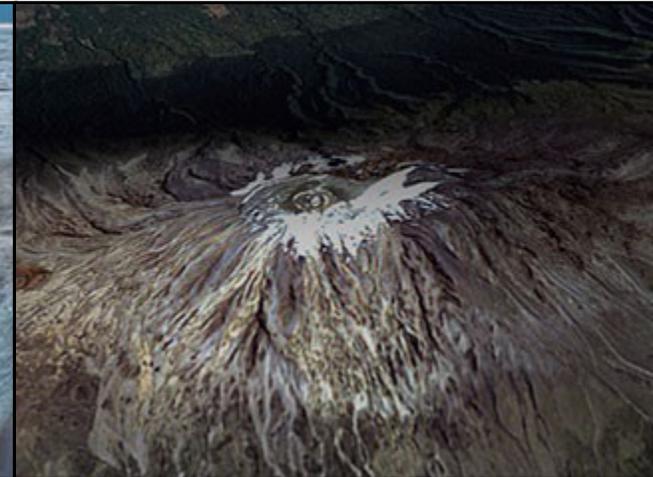
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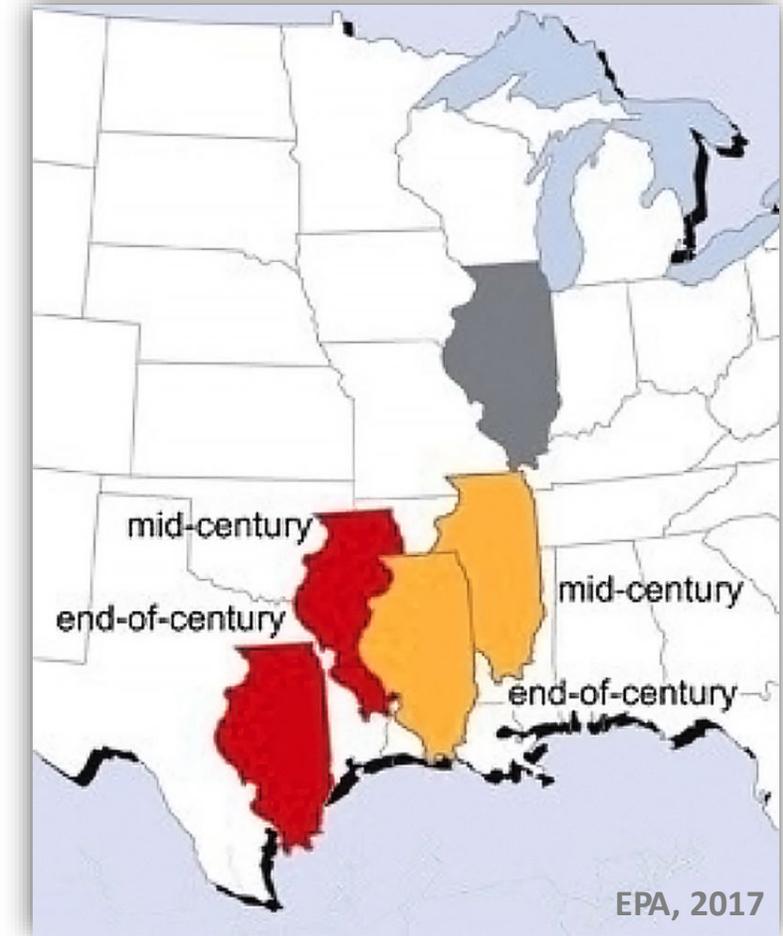
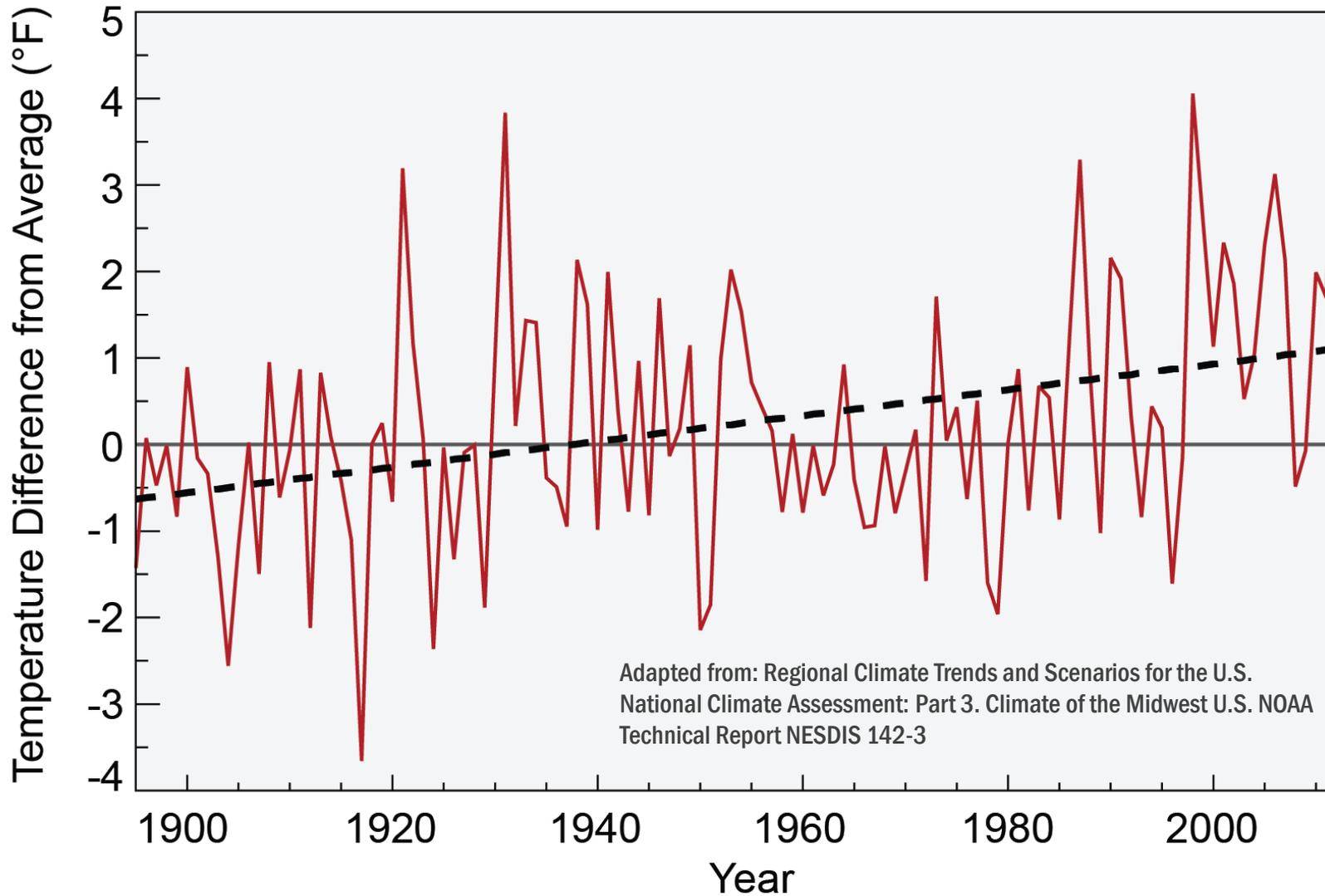
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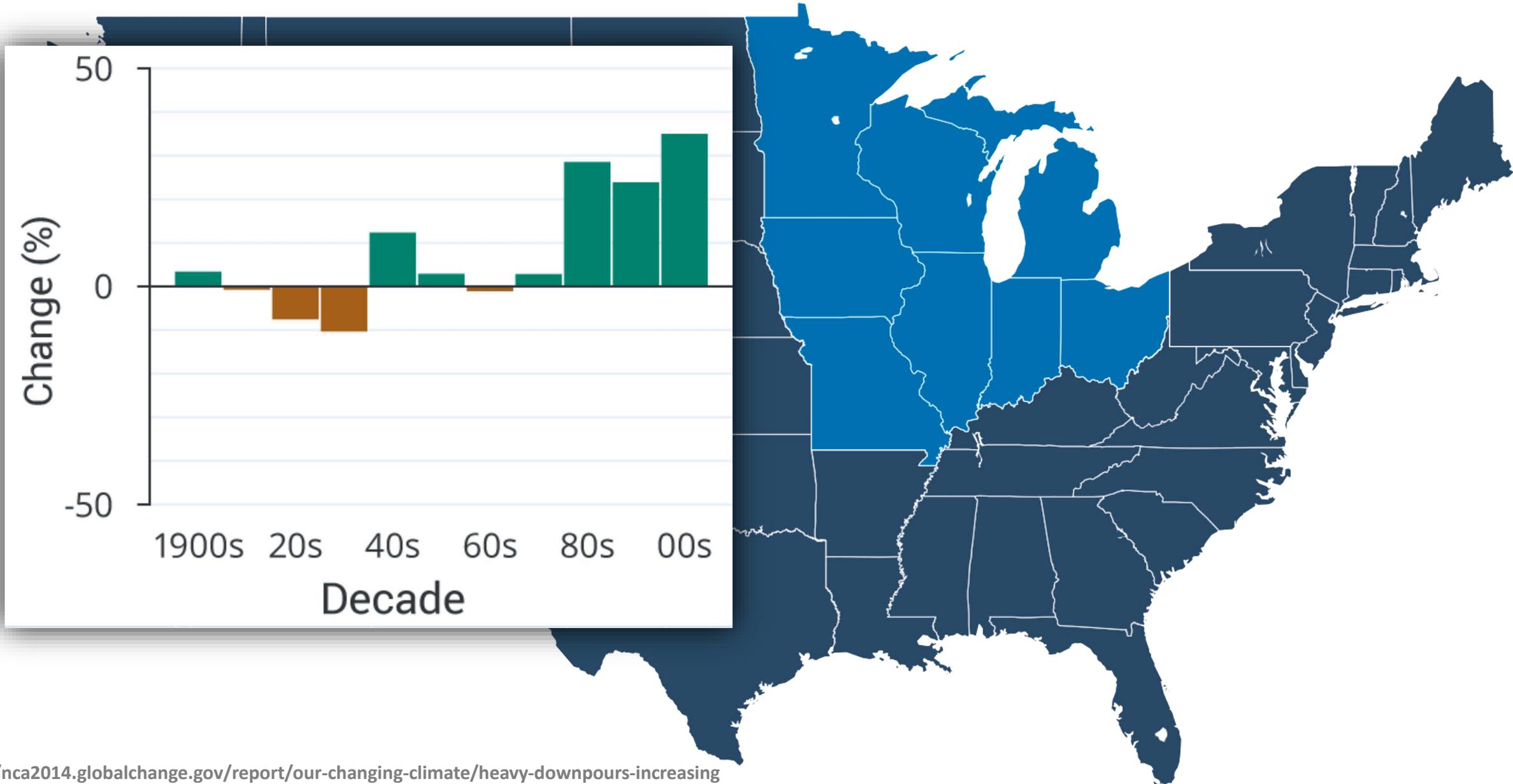
# Global Climate Change



# Temperatures are Rising in the Cornbelt



# Winter/spring precip is up, summer precip is down



# What does climate change mean for weed management?

- How will weeds adapt?
- How will weed emergence patterns change?
- Will future conditions favor growth of some species?
- How will the geographic distribution of species change?
- Which species will become more problematic?
- How will herbicide efficacy be affected?
- Will mechanical control be affected?
- How will crop-weed interactions change?
- Will new opportunities to weed management arise?

# UIUC Herbicide Evaluation Program

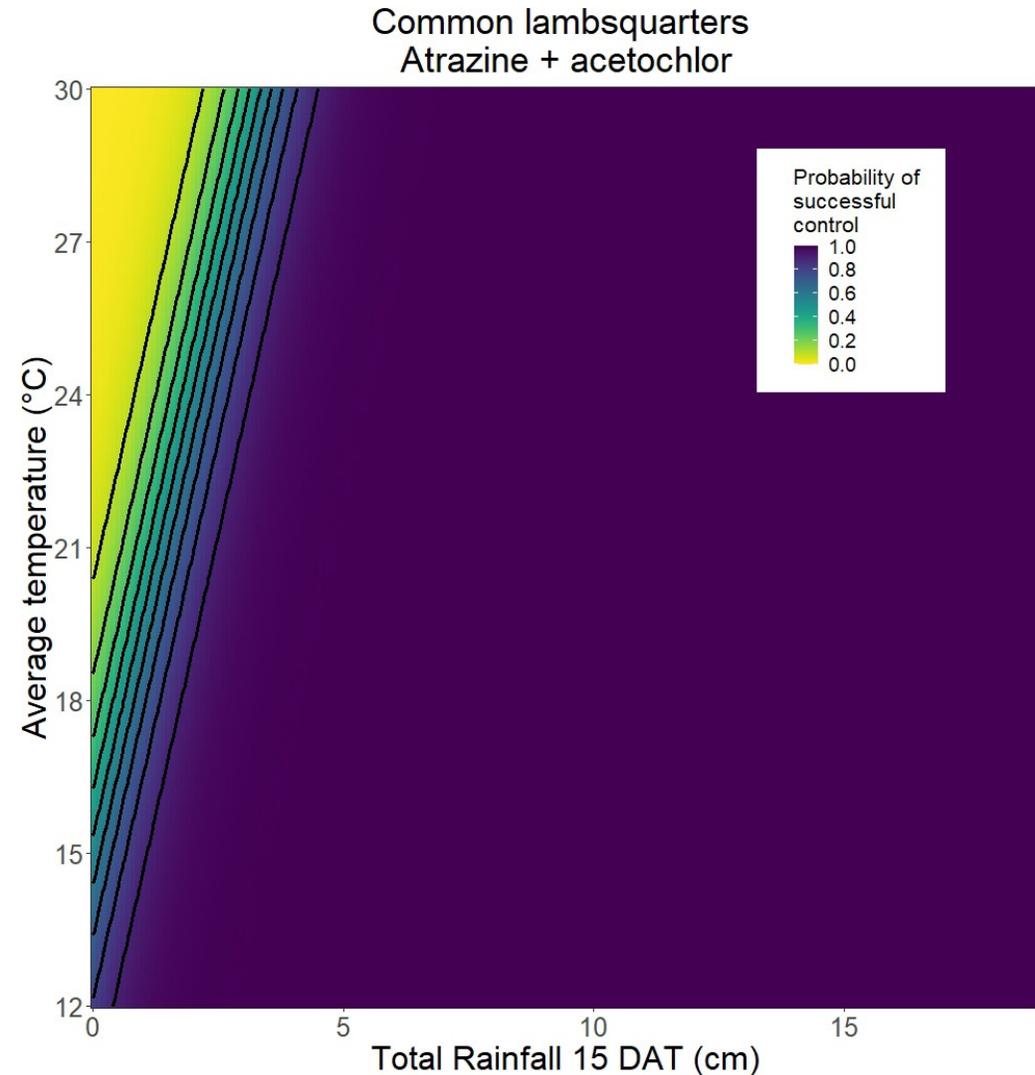
- 1992 – present
- Locations throughout the state
- Range of weather conditions
- Weed control on various species
- Crop yield
- >3,000 individual trials
- >50,000 observations



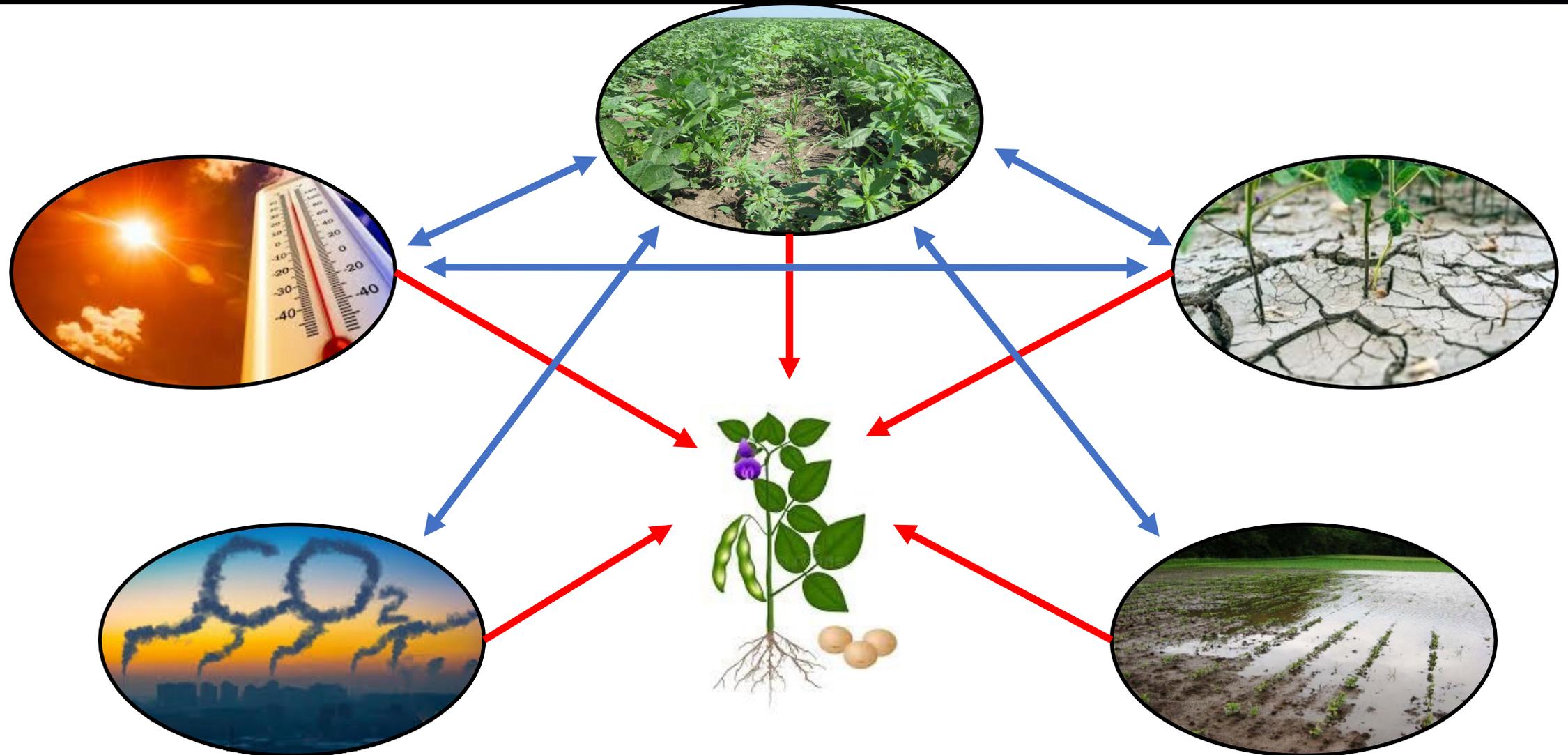
# Lesson #1: Future efficacy of PRE herbicides is threatened by more variable weather



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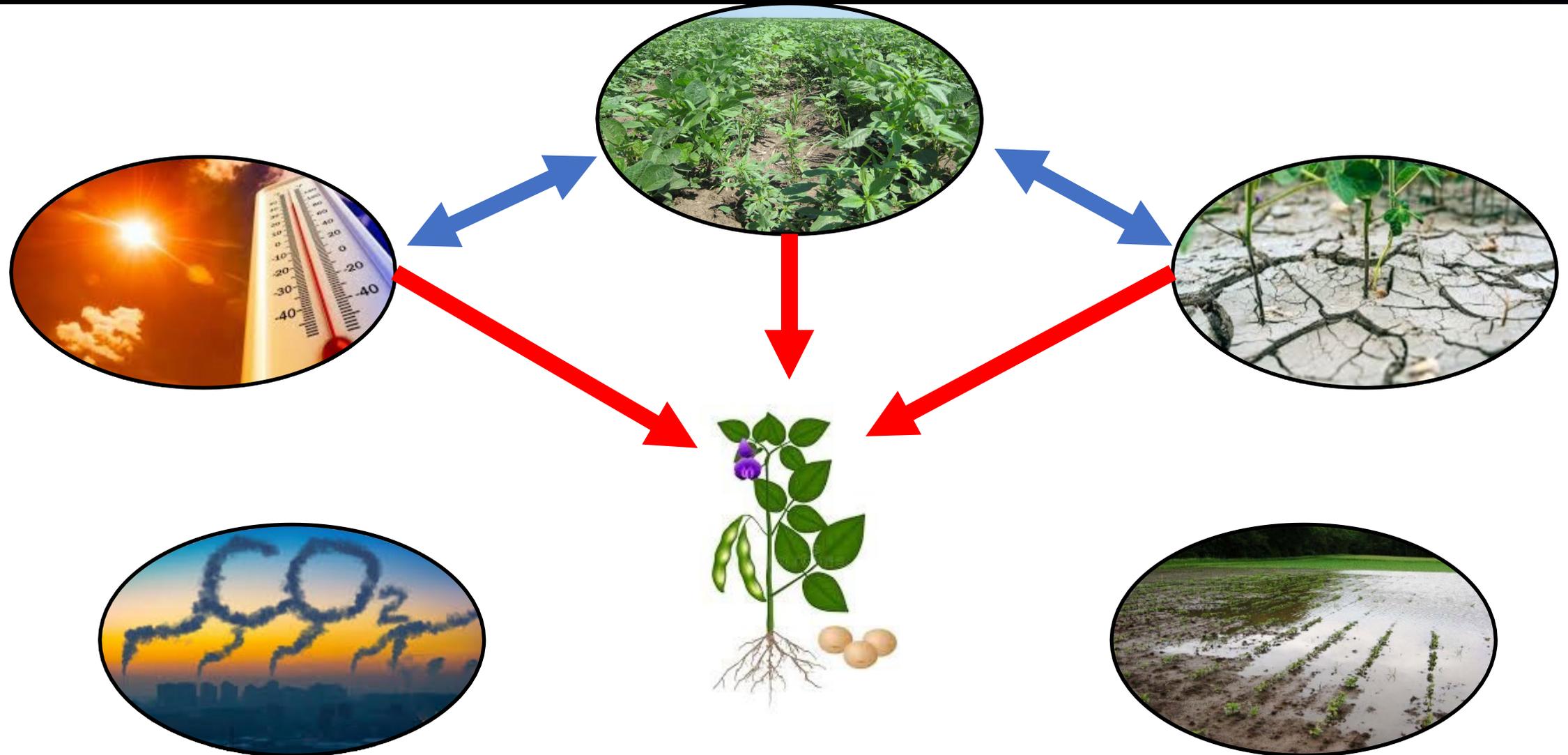
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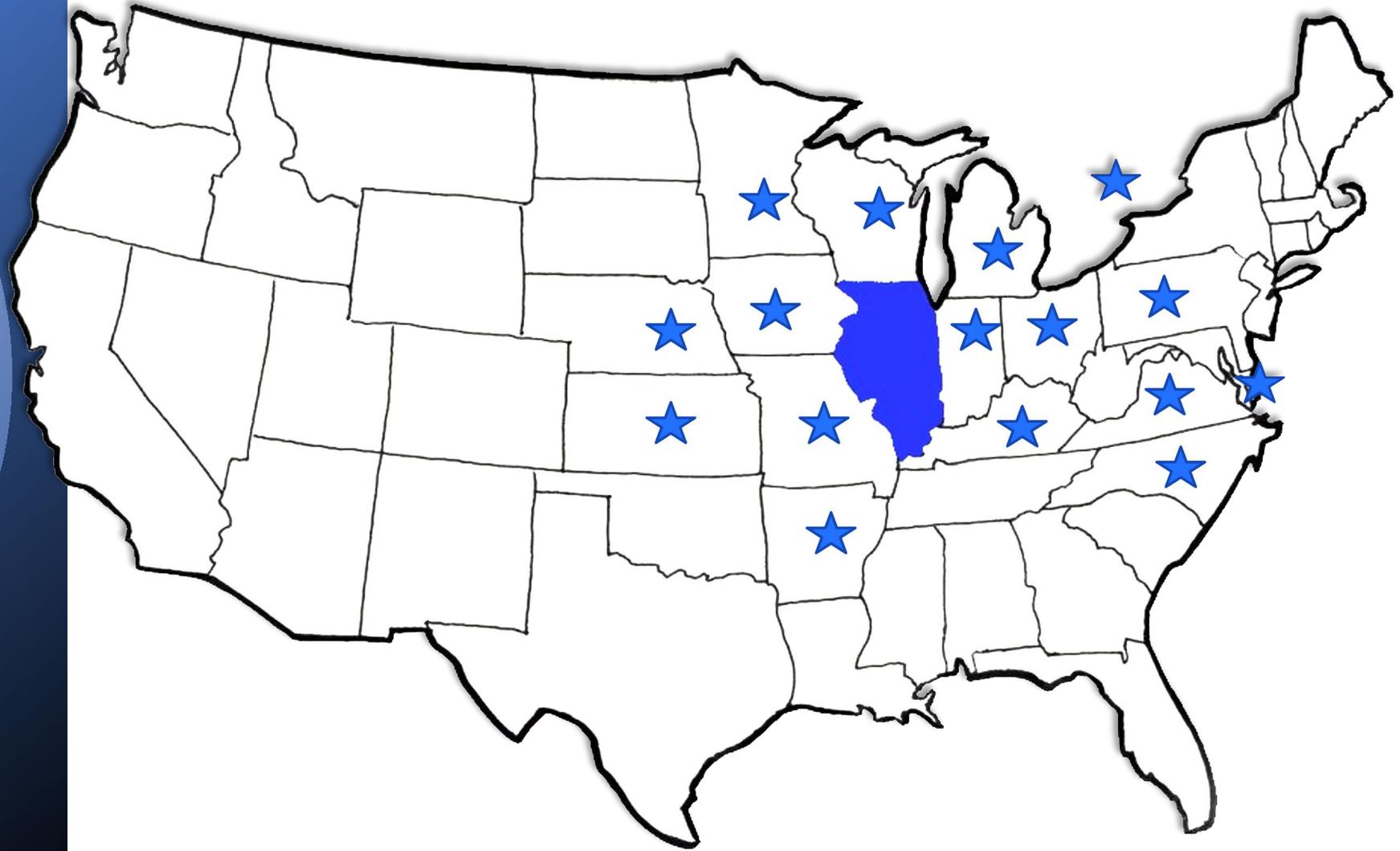
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**The need for  
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# Future Research



# Thank you!

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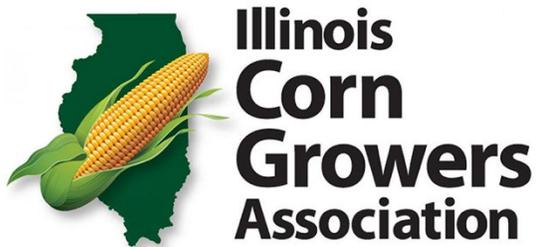


The article, “Diminishing weed control exacerbates maize yield loss to adverse weather,” is published in *Global Change Biology* [DOI: [10.1111/gcb.15857](https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.15857)]



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