

# *Managing the Global Commons for Climate impacts on agriculture*

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Global-Local-Global Analysis of Systems Sustainability





# GLASSNET

An International Network of Networks

# Global: IPCC WGII 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report

- Increasing pressure on food production and access, undermining food security and nutrition (high confidence).
- Increases in frequency, intensity and severity of droughts, floods and heatwaves, will increase risks to food security (high confidence).
- Global warming will progressively weaken soil health and ecosystem services such as pollination, and increase pressure from pests and diseases.

Impacts on water scarcity and food production

Human systems	Water scarcity	Agriculture/crop production	Animal and livestock health and productivity	Fisheries yields and aquaculture production
				
Global	±	-	○	-
Africa	-	-	-	-
Asia	±	±	-	-
Australasia	±	-	±	-
Central and South America	±	-	±	-
Europe	±	±	-	±
North America	±	±	-	±
Small Islands	-	-	-	-
Arctic	±	±	-	-
Cities by the sea	○	○	○	-
Mediterranean region	-	-	-	-
Mountain regions	±	±	-	○

Impacts Assessment  
**BY THE NUMBERS**

**100 experts**

**50+ organizations**

**10+ reports**



**INCCIA**

Indiana Climate Change  
Impacts Assessment

Scientists & decision makers participated in developing a series of reports that show how a changing climate will affect state and local interests.

[www.IndianaClimate.org](http://www.IndianaClimate.org)

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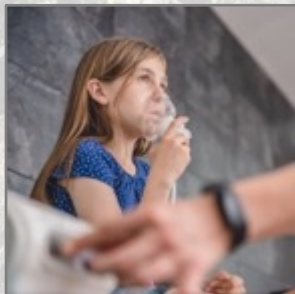


# IN CCIA Reports

*Putting global change into local perspective*



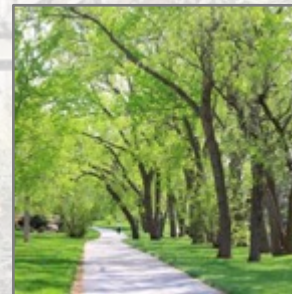
Climate



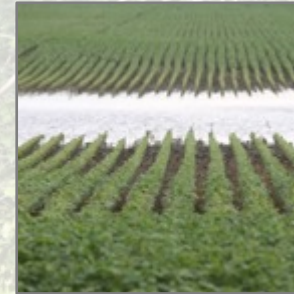
Health



Forest  
Ecosystems



Urban Green  
Infrastructure



Agriculture



Aquatic  
Ecosystems



Tourism &  
Recreation



Water  
Resources



Energy



Infrastructure



# Growing seasons will be longer...



Average date when soil temperature reaches 50°F

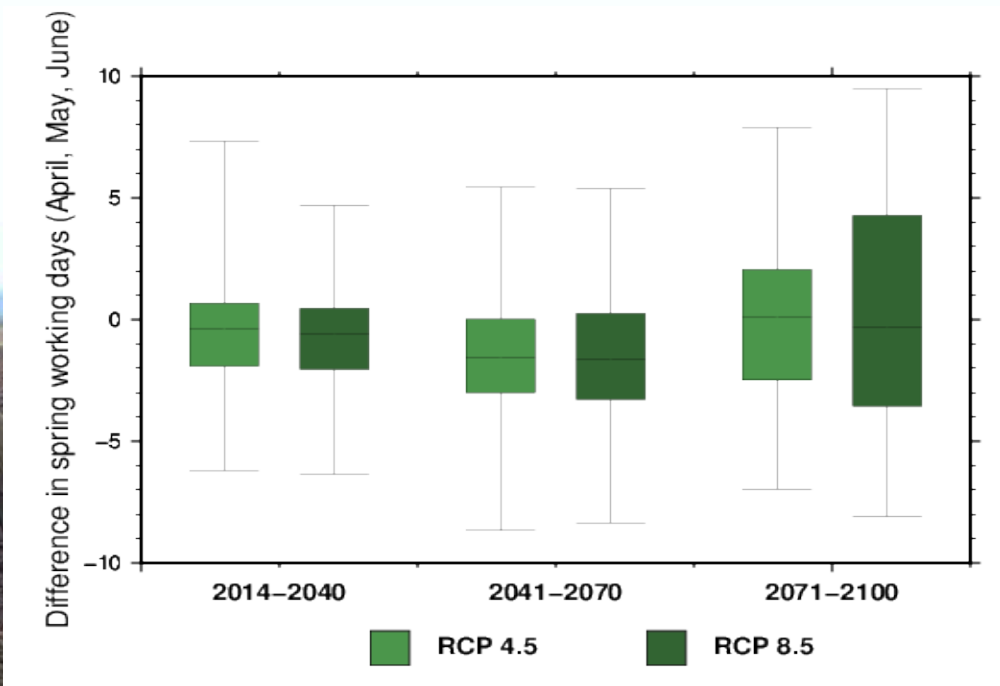
~~Mar. 6-12~~  
Feb. 6-12

Future  
Historical



**21 - 27 days  
earlier**

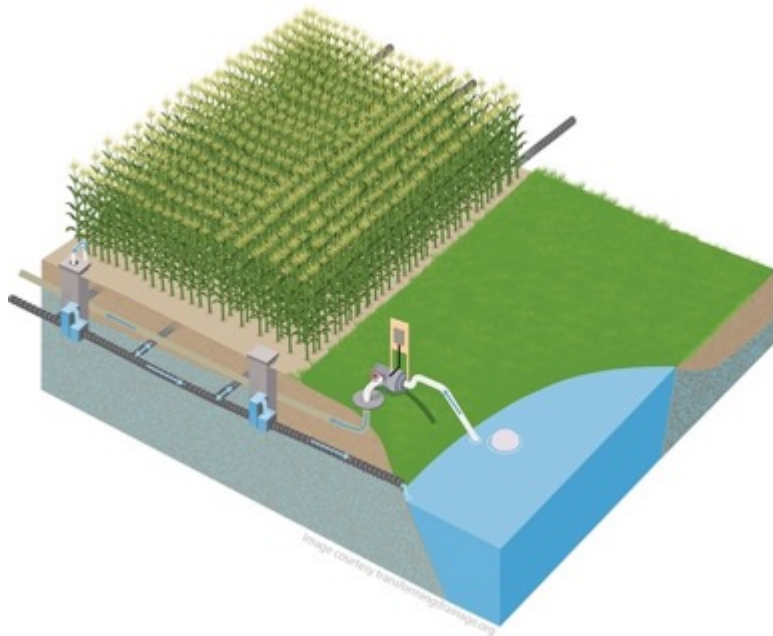




**...but planting may not be much earlier**

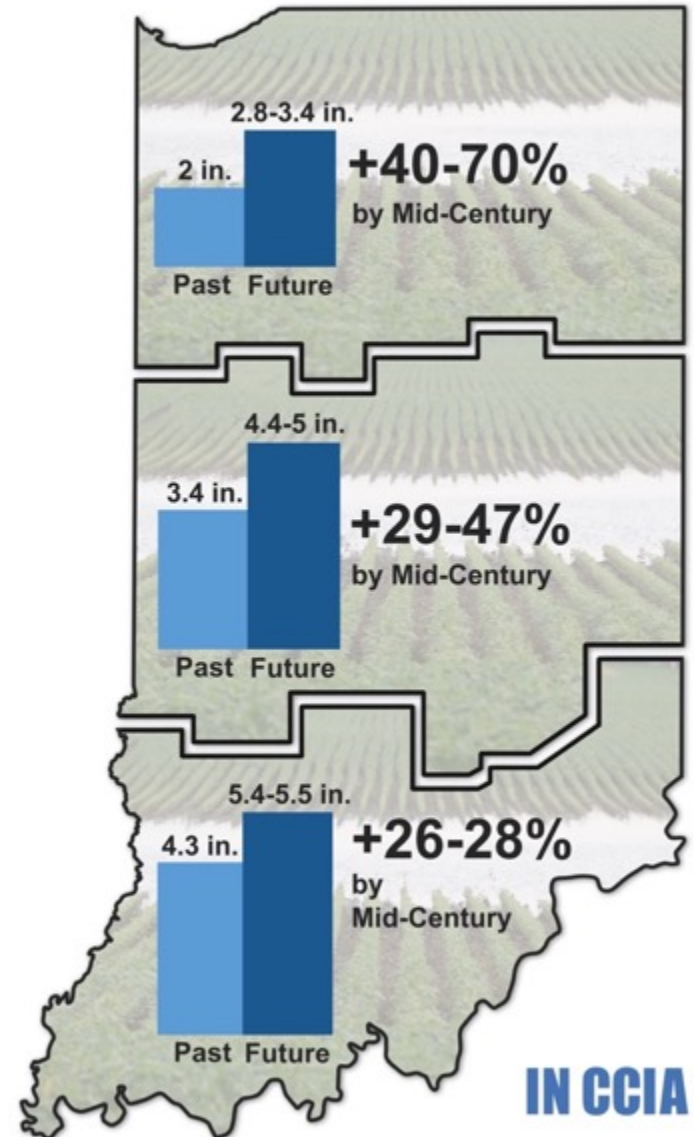
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# Increased potential for drainage water storage and reuse as an adaptation



## Increasing Spring Drainage

Amount of water flowing from subsurface tile drains from March to May



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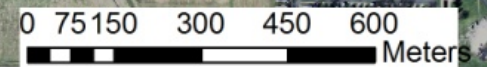
Historical period is from 1981 to 2010. Mid-century represents the period from 2041 to 2070. Range of results based on medium and high emissions scenarios.





### Legend

- Tile\_B\_direction
- Outline of Tile Drains Leading to B
- Tile\_A\_direction
- Outline of Tile Drains Leading to A
- ACRE\_Watershed







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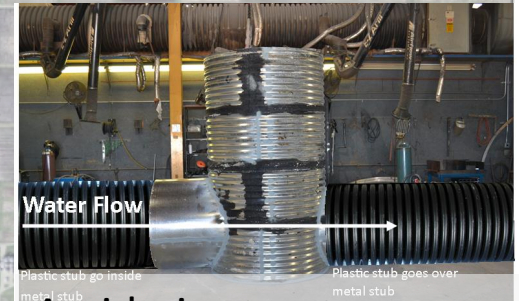
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Irrigation pump station



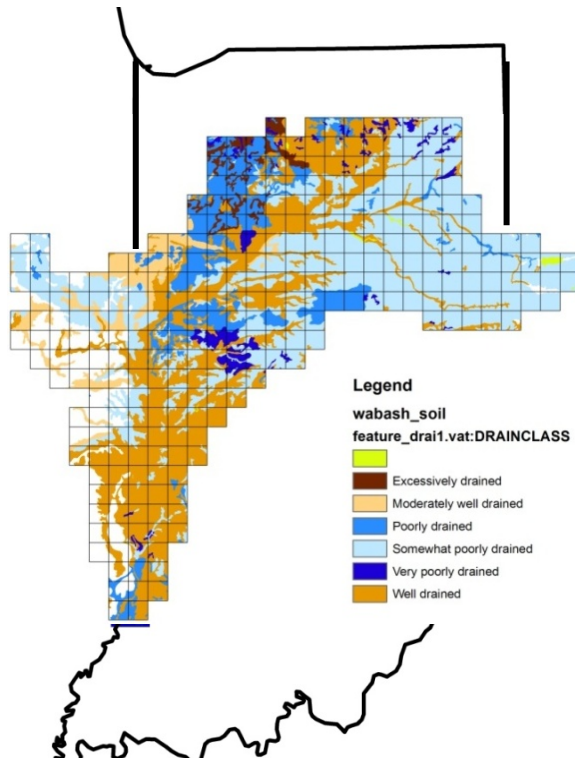
Installed about 20 miles of drip line



Agri-drain structure installed



# Local -> Global Feedbacks: Flooding



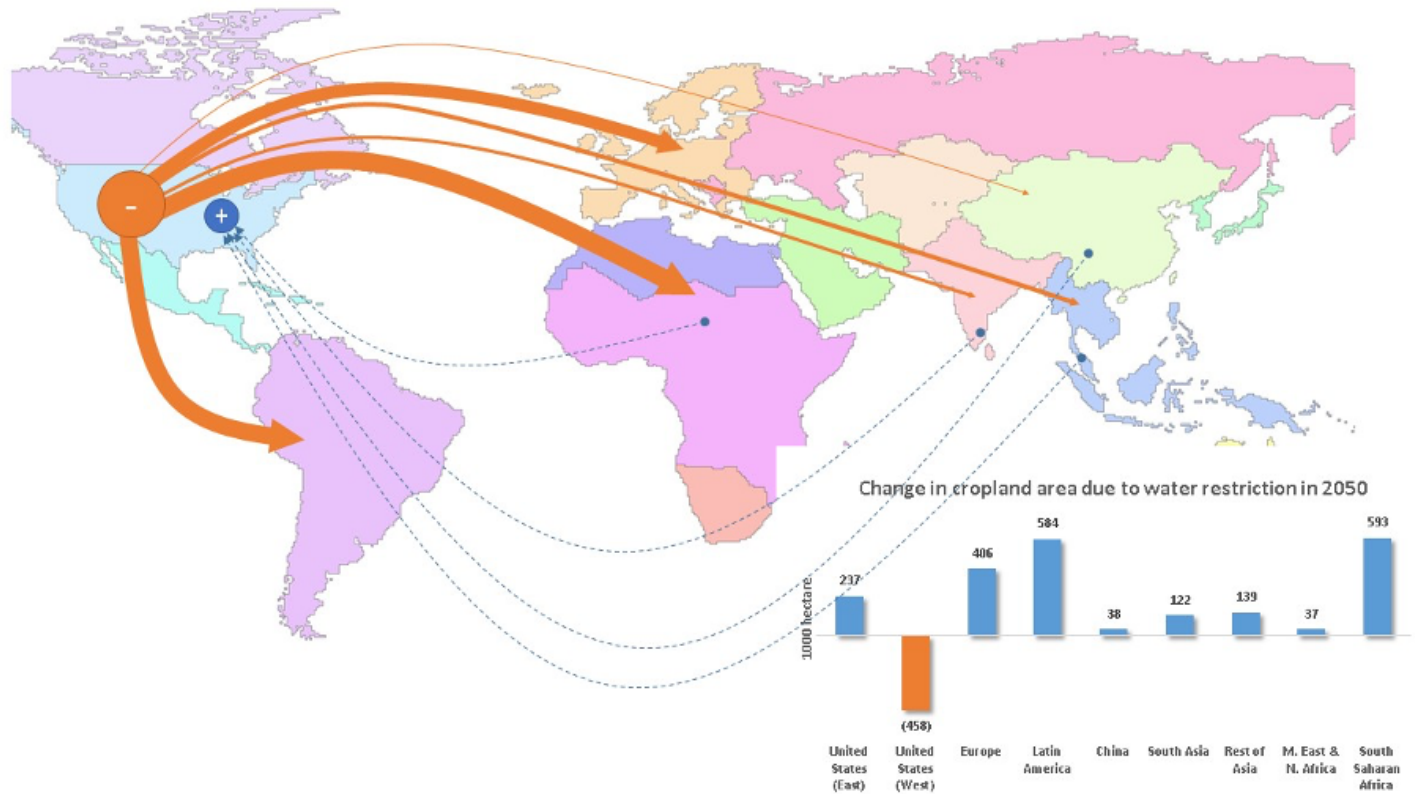
Wabash River at Riverton

- Evaluated potential of reintroducing storage in depressional wetlands
- Decreases:
  - Mean flow by <1%
  - Mean annual flood by 4%
  - Flashiness by 10%



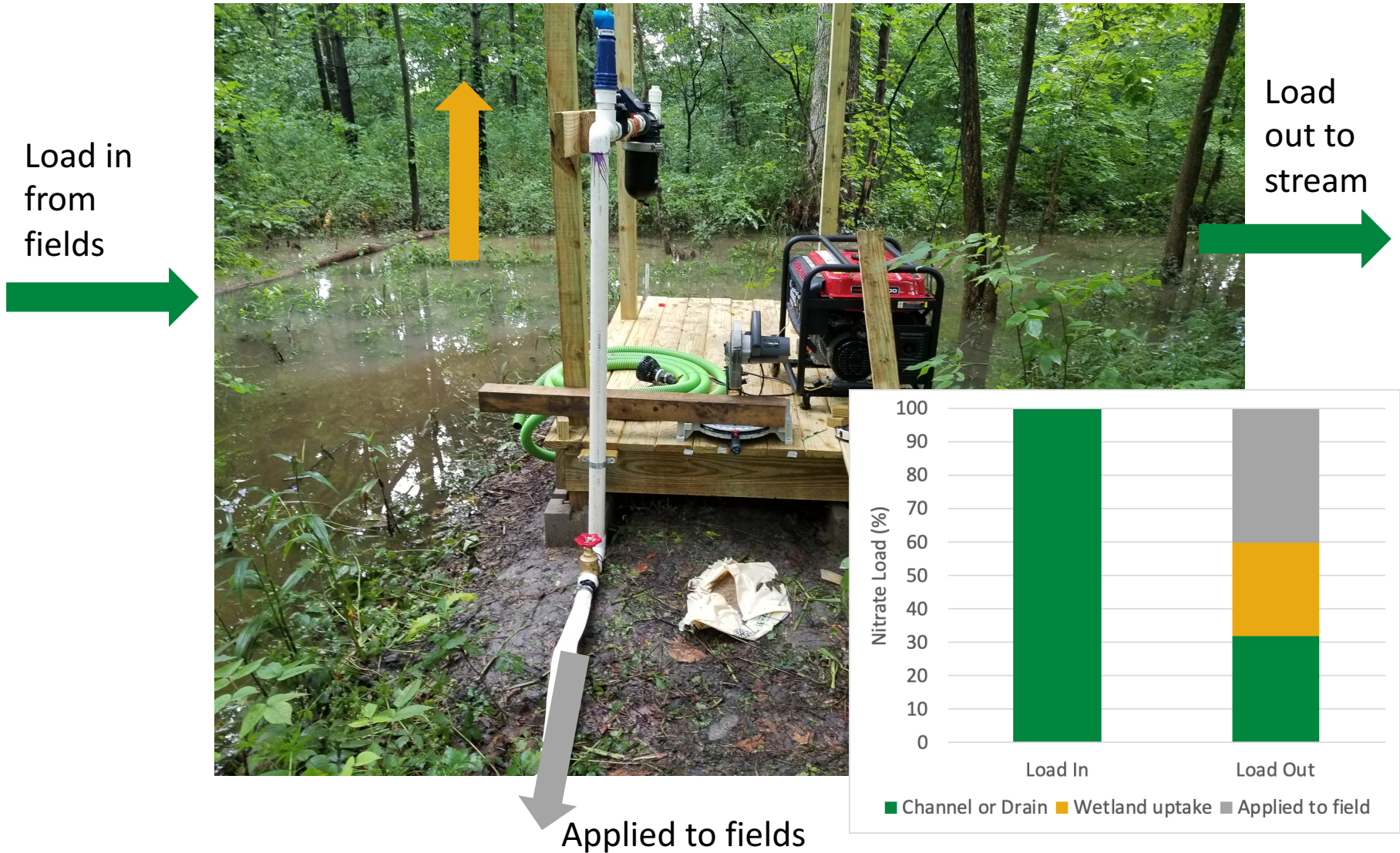
# Local -> Global Feedbacks: Yield

Reverse experiment: crop exports due to groundwater sustainability restriction

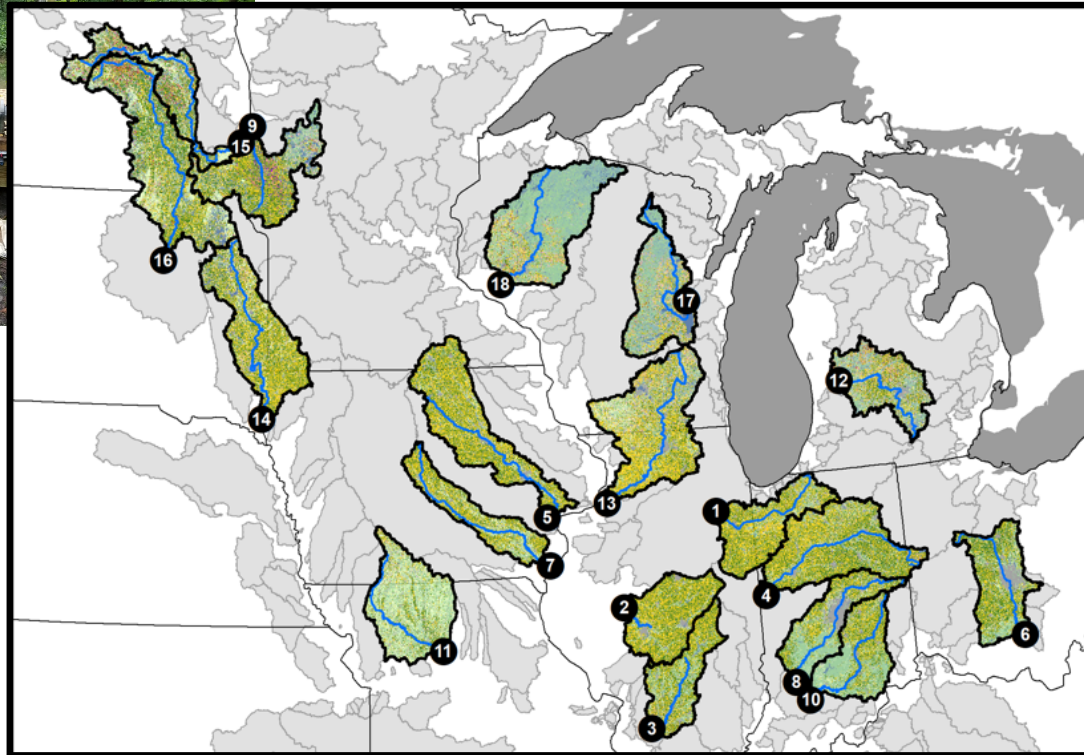
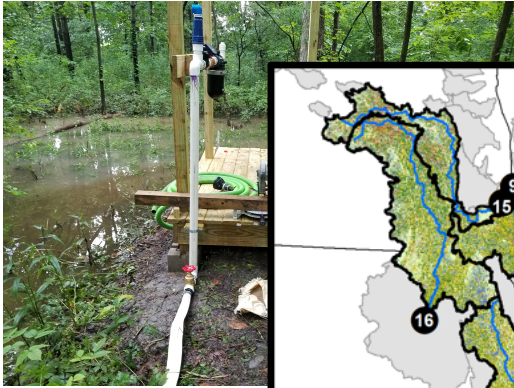


Haqiqi et al. (2018) "Global Drivers of Land and Water Sustainability Stresses at Mid-century," *Purdue Policy Research Institute (PPRI) Policy Briefs: Vol. 4 : Iss. 1, Article 7.*

# Local -> Global Feedbacks: Water Quality



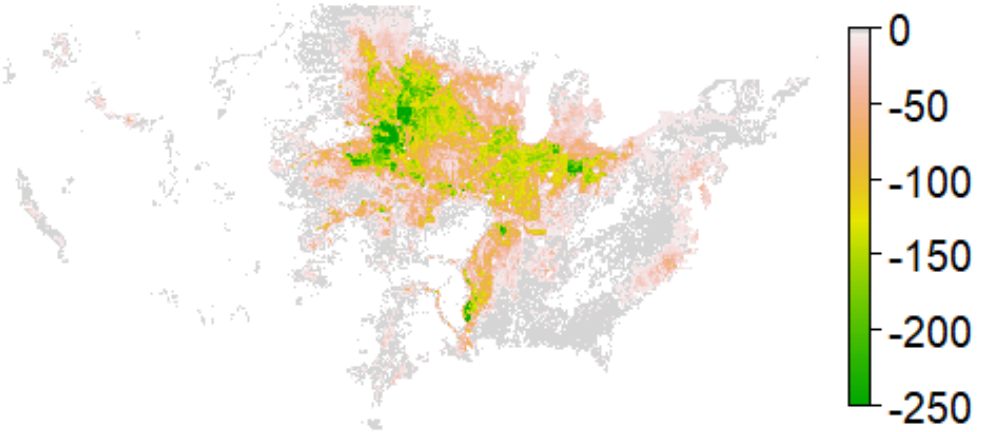
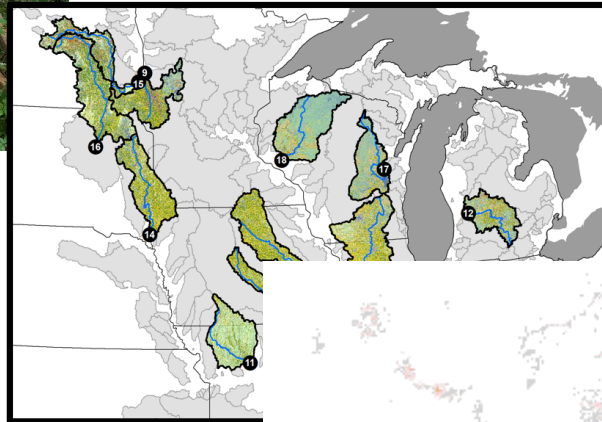
# Local -> Global Feedbacks: Water Quality



*Hydrologic model simulations to show potential reduction throughout the Upper Mississippi*



# Local -> Global Feedbacks: Water Quality



*SIMPLE-G*  
*Nitrate load reduction in tons per grid cell*

# Research Questions

- What are the limits of breeding and genetics for climate change adaptation?
- What local information is needed to **identify** and **initiate** beneficial local adaptations?
- How will **producer adaptations** feed back to the atmosphere, to downstream ecosystems and the global economic system?

# Warming winters put perennials at risk



Average date of first hard freeze (25°F)

~~Nov. 9-12~~  
**Nov. 19-21**

Historical



**10 - 12 days  
later**

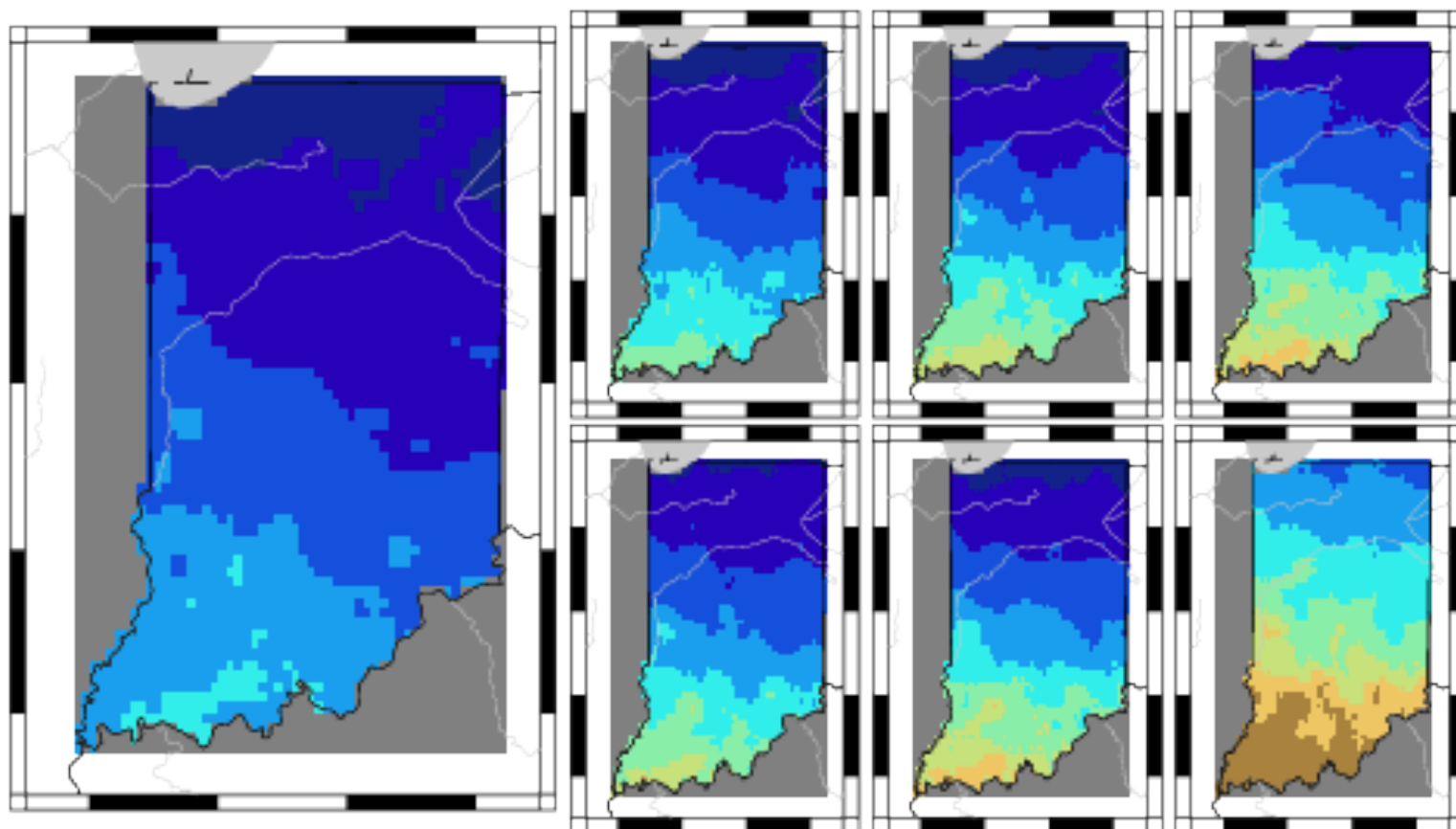


Historic

2014–2040

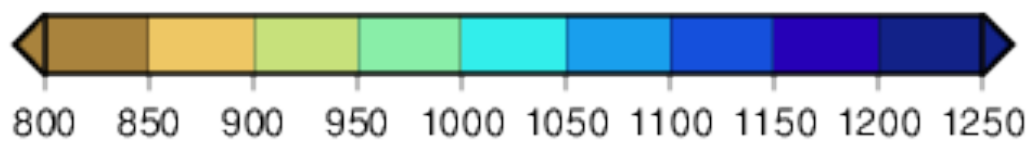
2041–2070

2071–2100



RCP 4.5

RCP 8.5



Chilling Hours by September 31st (count)