

# Climate change effects on the rural north

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## Climate change

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### Shifting Spring



Lindsey Chapman investigates how shifting seasons are affecting our wildlife.

We've just endured a tough winter but some records suggest that Spring now begins on average 26 days earlier than it did 10 years ago. Lindsey Chapman investigates how shifting seasons are affecting our wildlife.

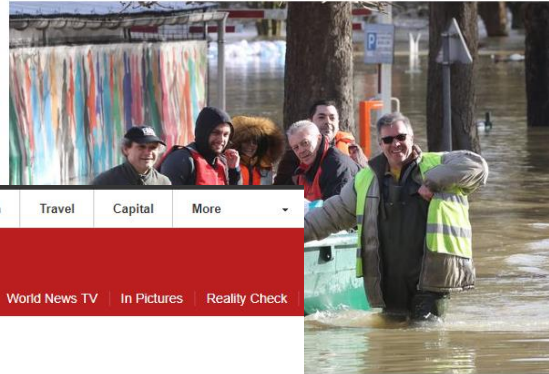
Bumblebees in January, daffodils blooming early, 'thuggish-vegetation' thriving as a result of mild winters and damp summers: the seasons appear to be blurring and wildlife is becoming confused. The overall impact is 'quite staggering' according to Matthew Oates, butterfly expert from the National Trust.

## Hea koht elada: Tallinn on Läänemere ääres ainus pealinn, millele värsked kliimauuringid karmes ilmaolusid ei ennusta

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## Europe's cities face more extreme weather than previously thought

Published on: 21 February 2018

Landmark study shows the impact of flooding, droughts and heatwaves by 2050-2100 will exceed previous predictions.

The research, by **Newcastle University, UK**, has for the first time analysed changes in flooding, droughts and heatwaves for all European cities using all climate models.

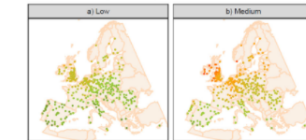
Published today in the academic journal **Environmental Research Letters**, the study shows:

- a **worsening of heatwaves** for all 571 cities
- **increasing drought conditions**, particularly in southern Europe
- **an increase in river flooding**, especially in north-western European cities
- for the worst projections, **increases in all hazards for most European cities**
- **Cork, Derry, Waterford, Wrexham, Carlisle, Glasgow, Chester and Aberdeen** could be the worst hit cities in the British Isles for river flooding
- Even in the lowest case scenario, **85% of UK cities with a river** are predicted to face increased river flooding

### Increase in 'heatwave days' for all European cities

Using projections from all available climate models (associated with the high emission scenario RCP8.5 which implies a 2.6°C to 4.8°C increase in global

Changes in discharge for a 10 year return period



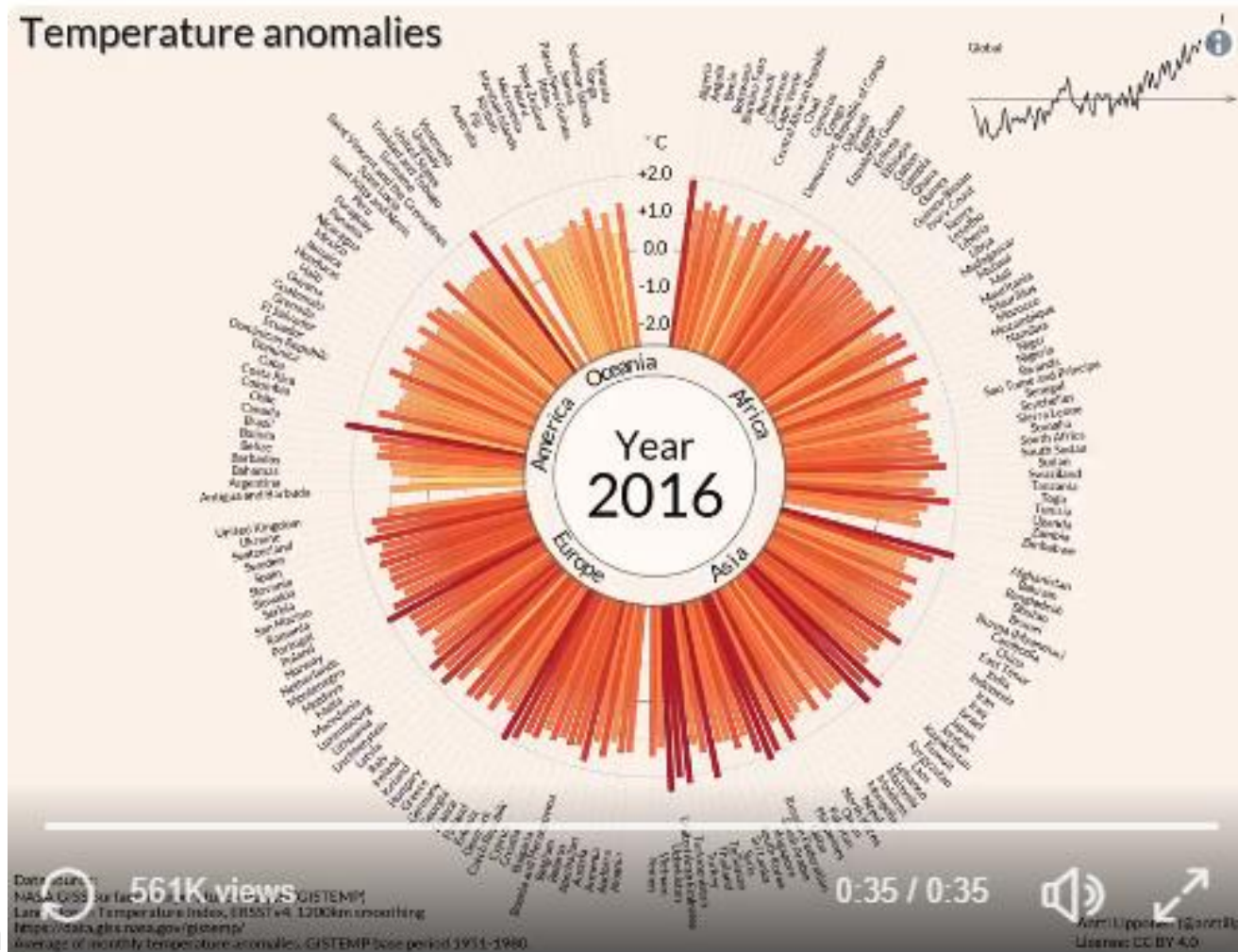
“The research highlights the urgent need to design and adapt our cities to cope with these future conditions”

Professor Richard Dawson, Newcastle University

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# Temperature anomalies in the world 1900-2016



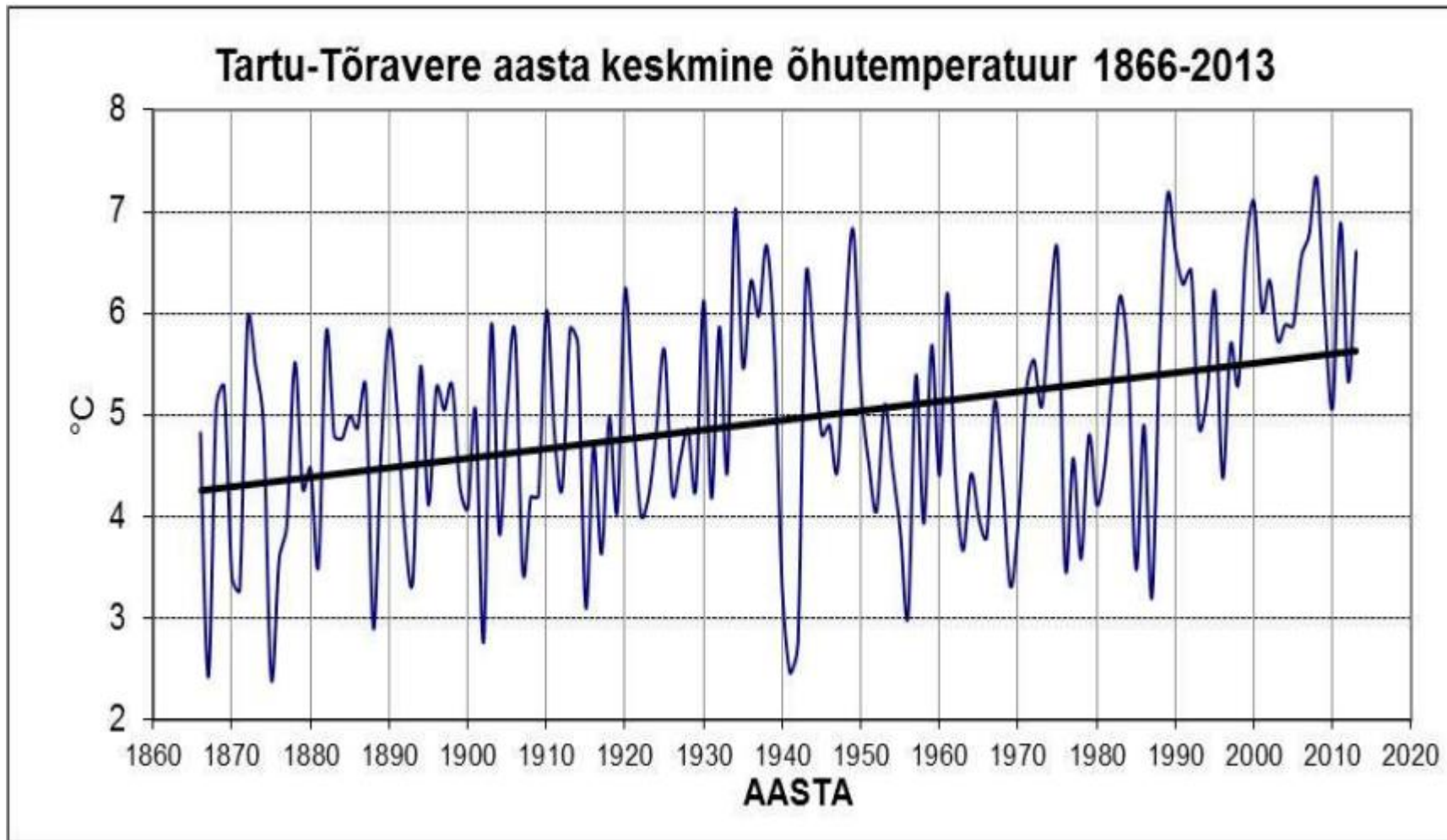
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# Changes in Estonia: warmer January

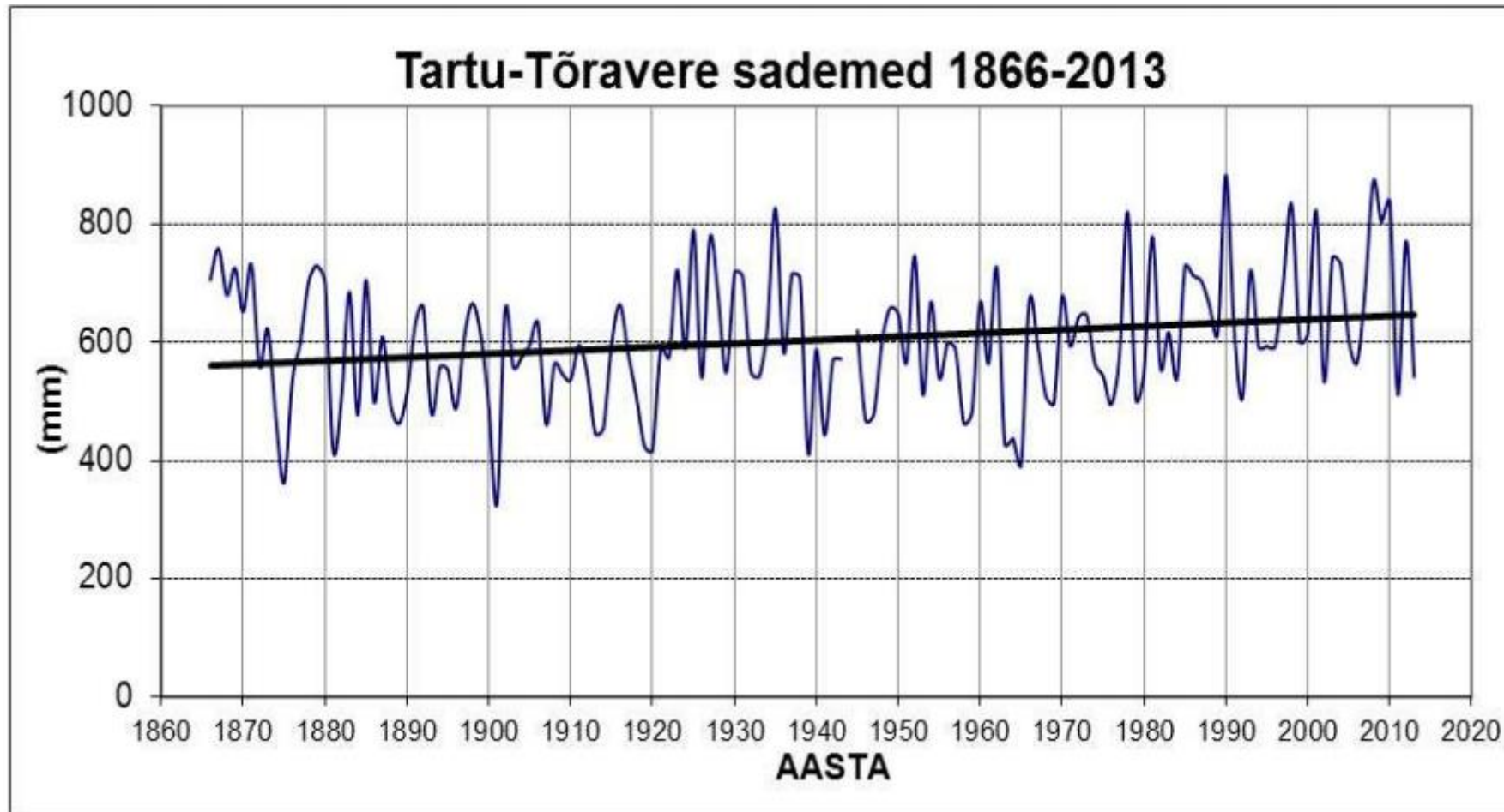


# Absolute temperature change (°C) in Estonia compared to years 1971-2000

Period	2041-2070		2071-2100	
Stsenaarium	RCP4.5	RCP8.5	RCP4.5	RCP8.5
Winter	2,3 °C	2,9 °C	3,1 °C	4,9 °C
Spring	2,4 °C	3,1 °C	3,4 °C	4,9 °C
Summer	1,6 °C	2,2 °C	2,2 °C	3,8 °C
Autumn	1,7 °C	2,2 °C	2,2 °C	3,6 °C
Annual average	2,0 °C	2,6 °C	2,7 °C	4,3 °C



# Changes in Estonia: more precipitation Oct-March

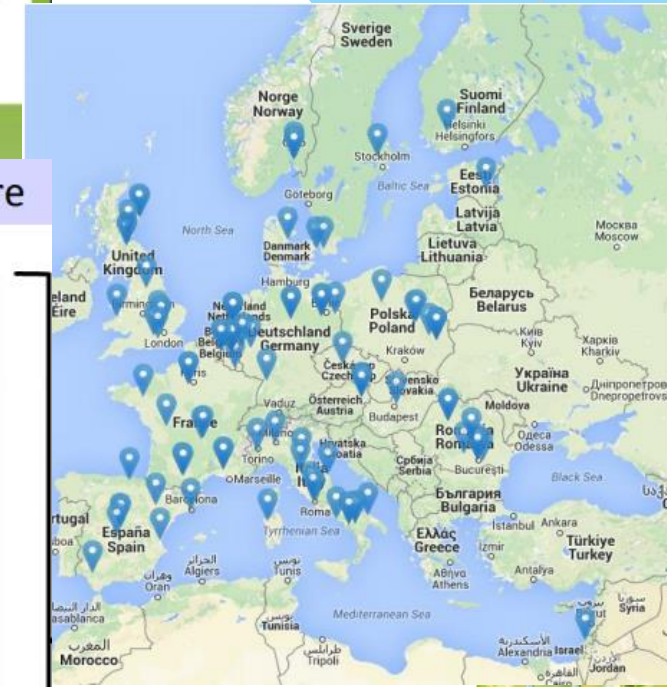


# Average amount of precipitation compared to years 1971-2000

Period	2041-2070		2071-2100	
Stsenaarium	RCP4.5	RCP8.5	RCP4.5	RCP8.5
Winter	9%	15%	16%	22%
Spring	10%	16%	21%	24%
Summer	11%	18%	15%	19%
Autumn	10%	8%	11%	12%
Annual average	10%	14%	16%	19%

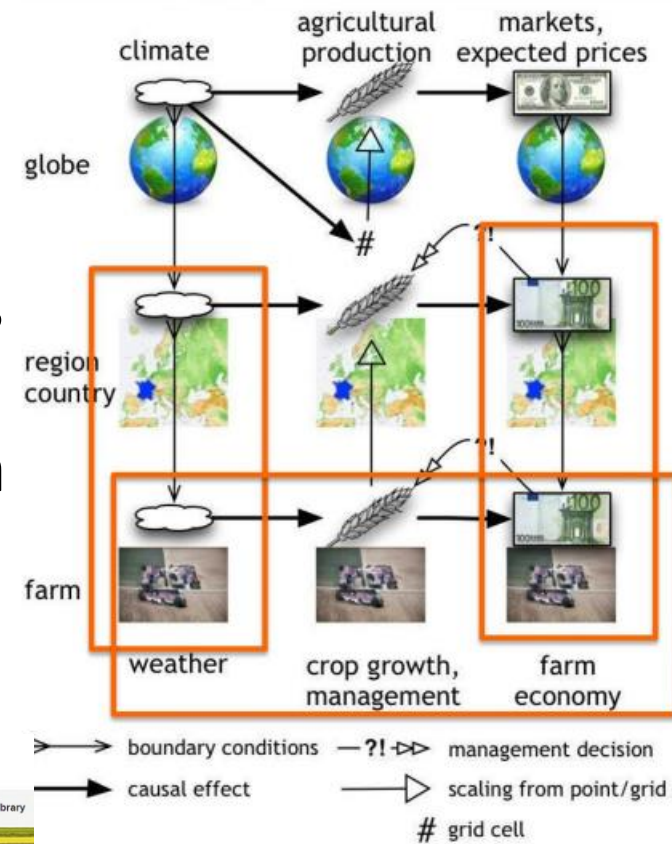






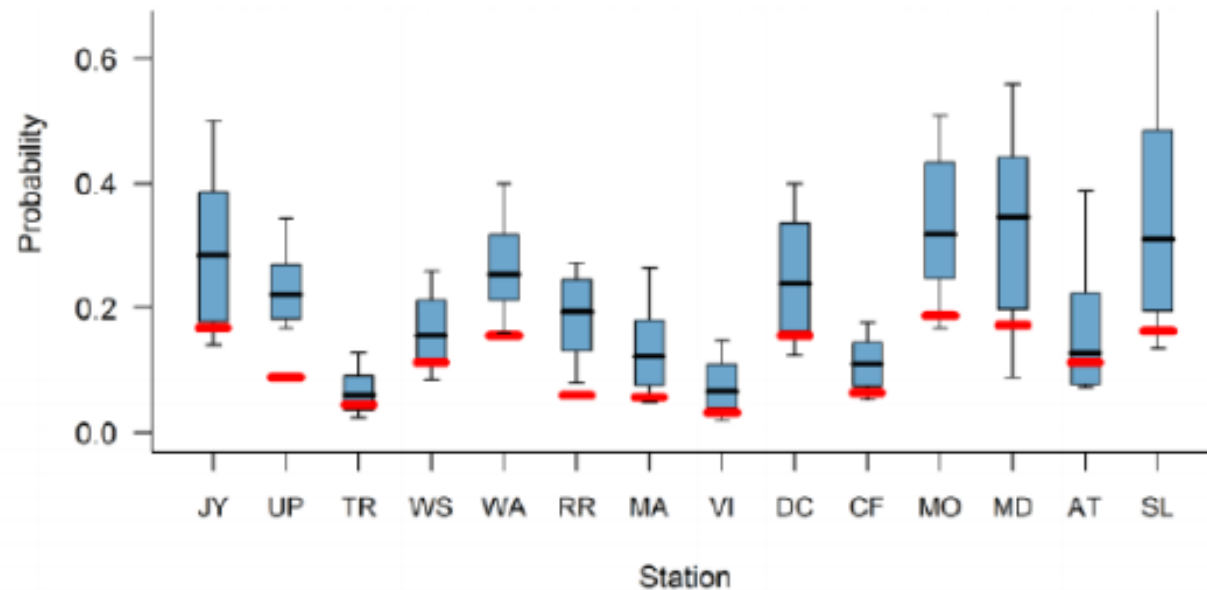
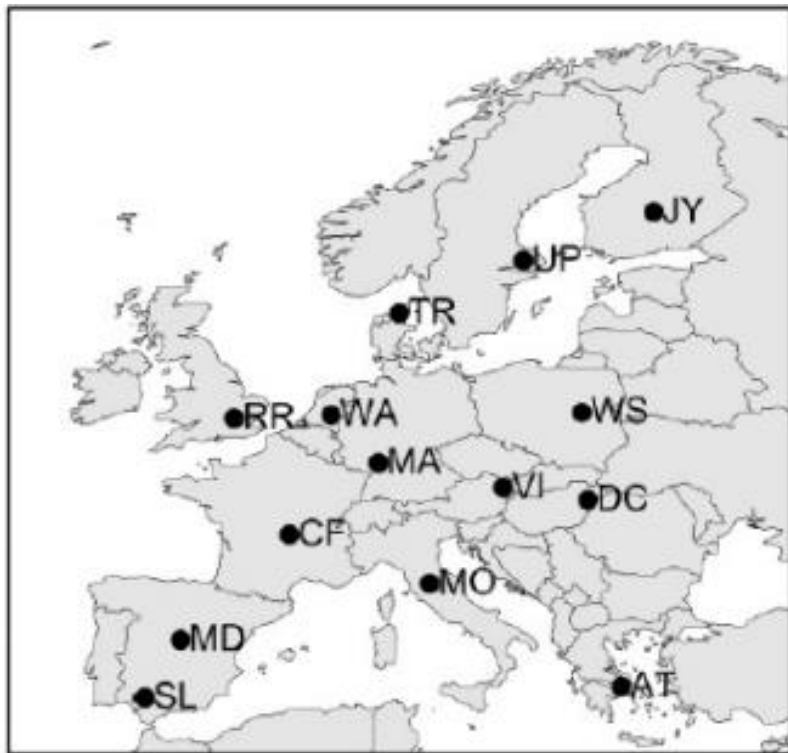
- Integration and improvement of models
- Case studies
- To find the risks and consequences related to adaptation and mitigation to the climate change in agriculture

## MACSUR conceptualization and structure

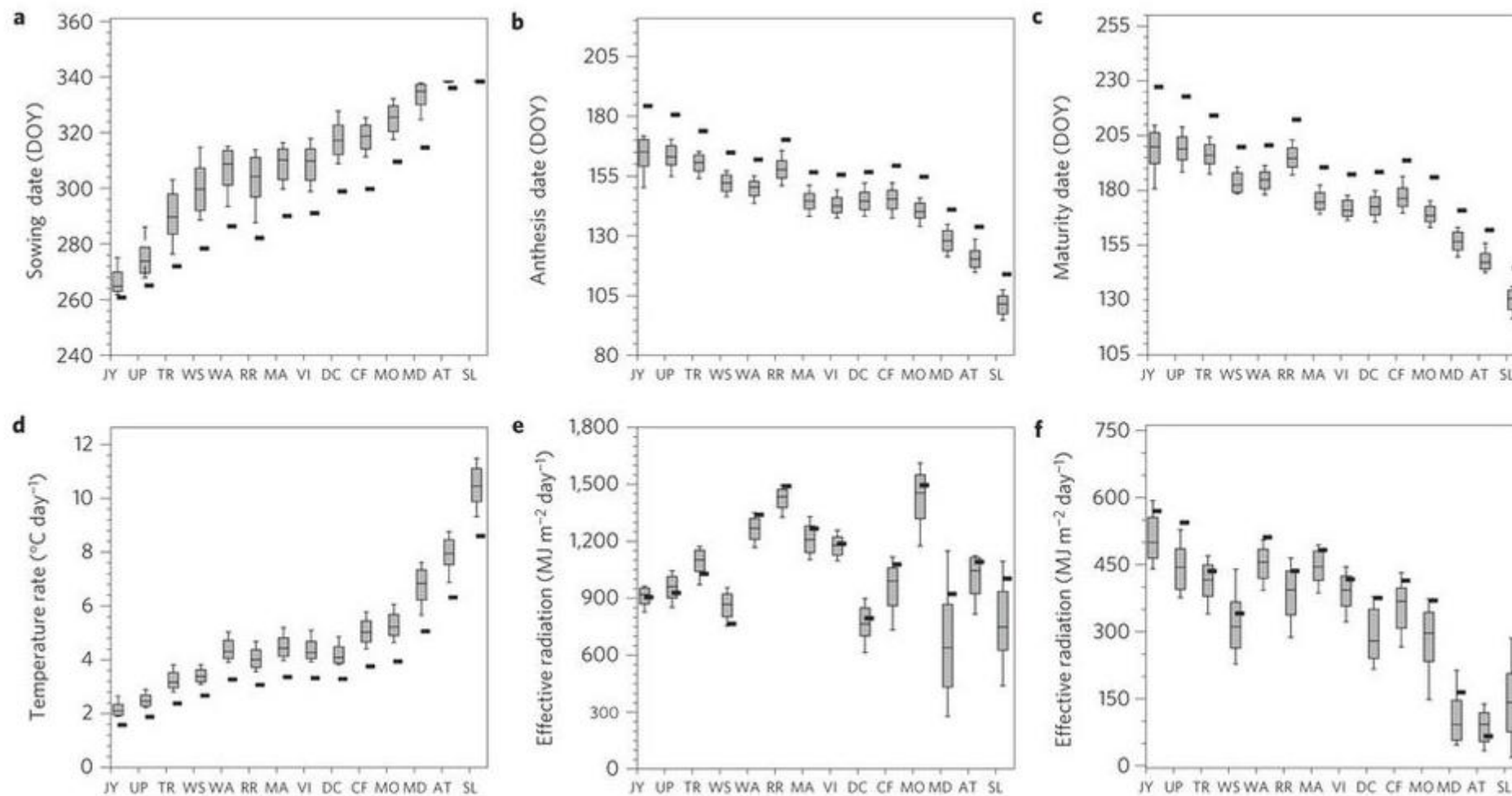




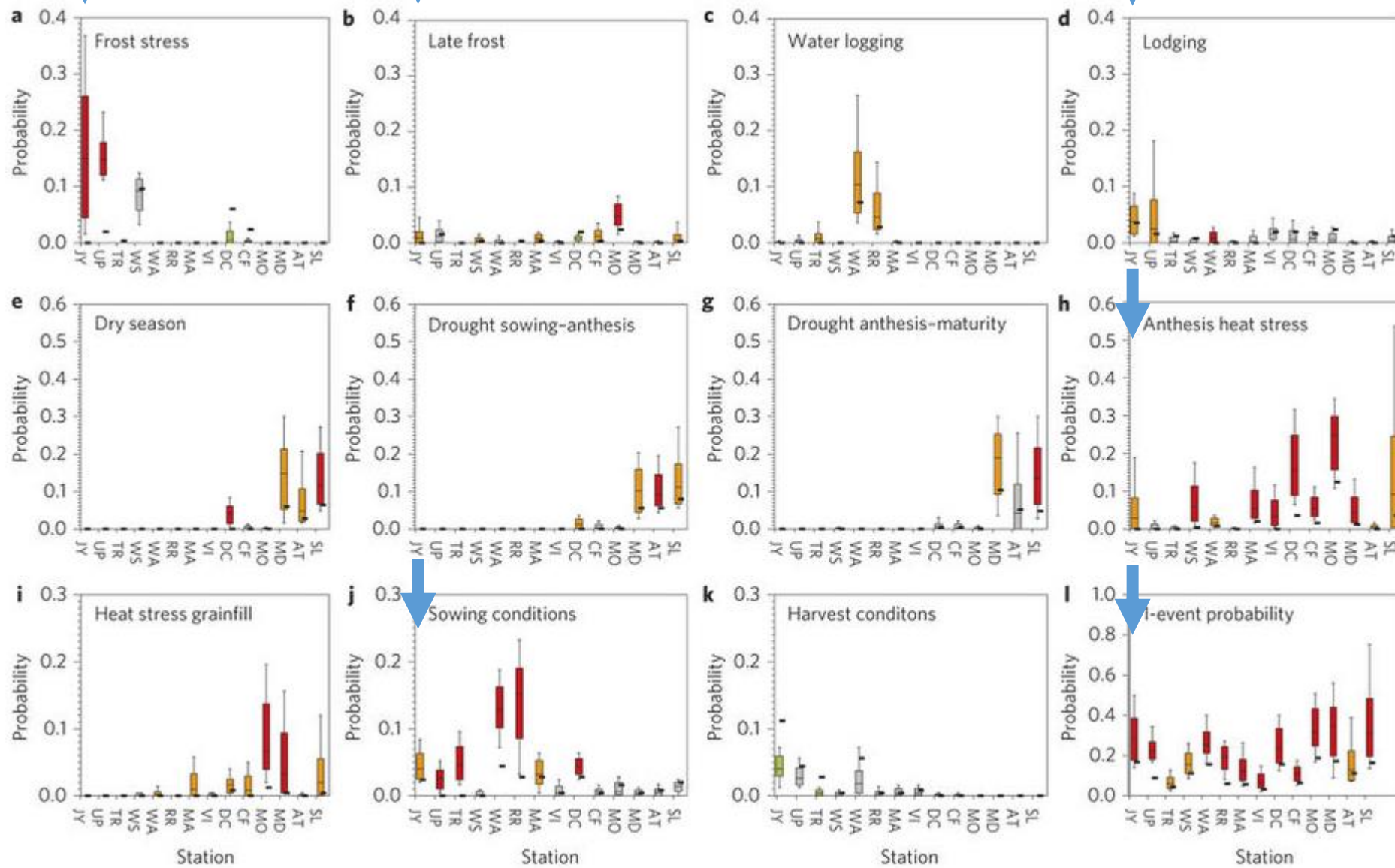
# Probabilities of occurrence of adverse events from sowing to maturity causing major threats for wheat production are projected to increase all over Europe under climate change



# 1981-2010 (-) versus 2060 (box)









Review

## Impacts and adaptation of European crop production systems to climate change

J.E. Olesen<sup>a,\*</sup>, M. Trnka<sup>b</sup>, K.C. Kersebaum<sup>c</sup>, A.O. Skjelvåg<sup>d</sup>, B. Seguin<sup>e</sup>,  
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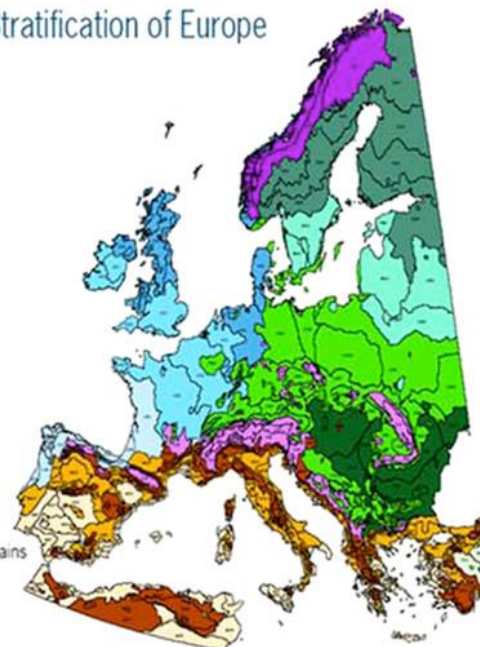
<sup>i</sup> European Commission, JRC Ispra, Ispra, Italy

- Questionnaire in 2007

a The Environmental Stratification of Europe

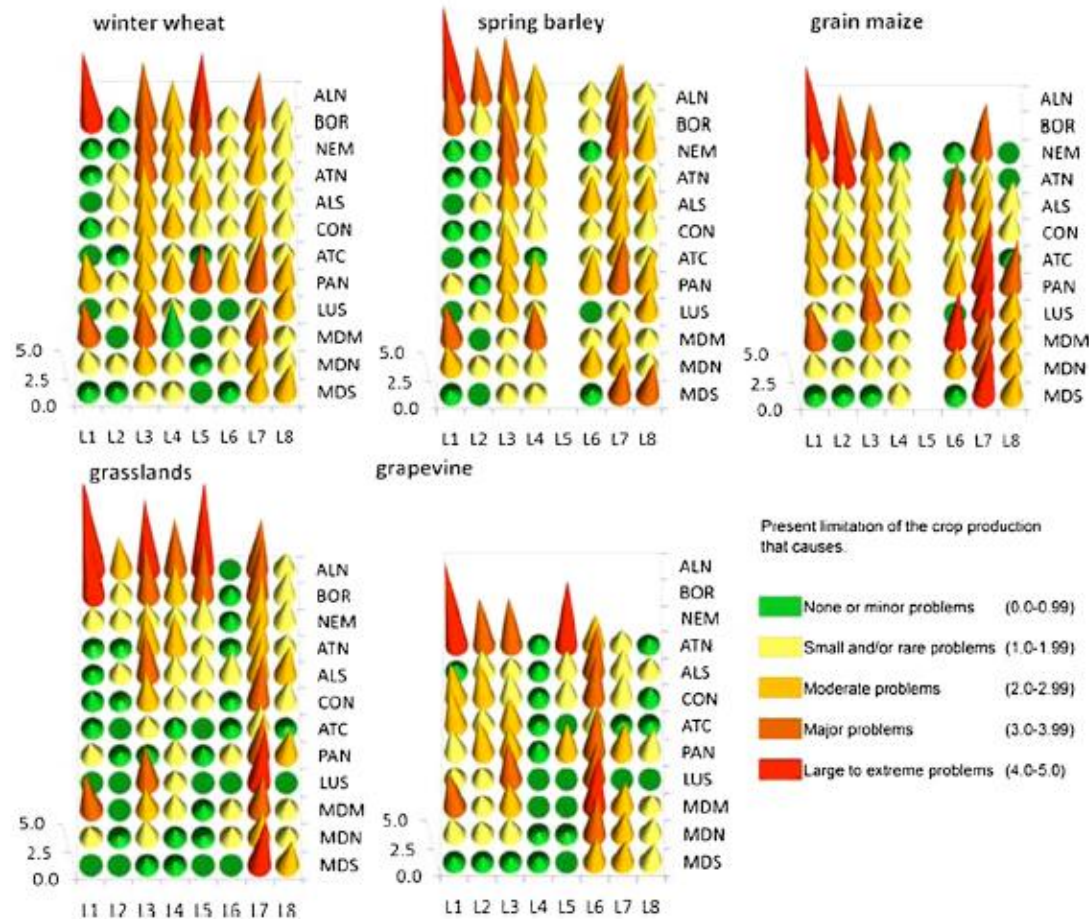
Environmental Zone

- ALN - Alpine North
- BOR - Boreal
- NEM - Nemoral
- ATN - Atlantic North
- ALS - Alpine South
- CON - Continental
- ATC - Atlantic Central
- PAN - Pannonian
- LUS - Lustranian
- ANA - Anatolian
- MDM - Mediterranean Mountains
- MDN - Mediterranean North
- MDS - Mediterranean South





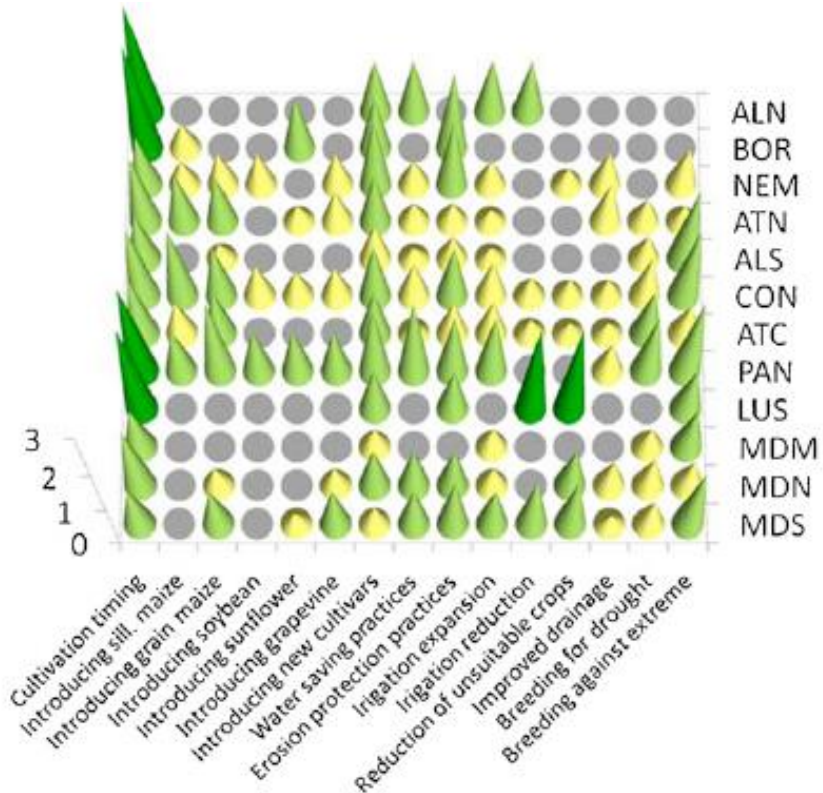
# Climate related factors limiting crop production



- L1 – length of growing season
- L2 – occurrence of late/early frost
- L3 – rain during sowing/harvesting
- L4 – floods
- L5 – winter damage
- L6 – hail damage
- L7 – drought
- L8 – heat stress

Fig. 4. Present limitation of crop production by climate factors for five selected crops over the individual European environmental zones. Legend: L1 length of the growing season; L2 occurrence of late/early frosts; L3 rain during sowing/harvesting; L4 occurrence of floods; L5 crop damage during winter; L6 crop damage by hail; L7 occurrence of drought; L8 heat stress.

# Adaptation strategy for year 2050



Cultivation time  
New crops and varieties



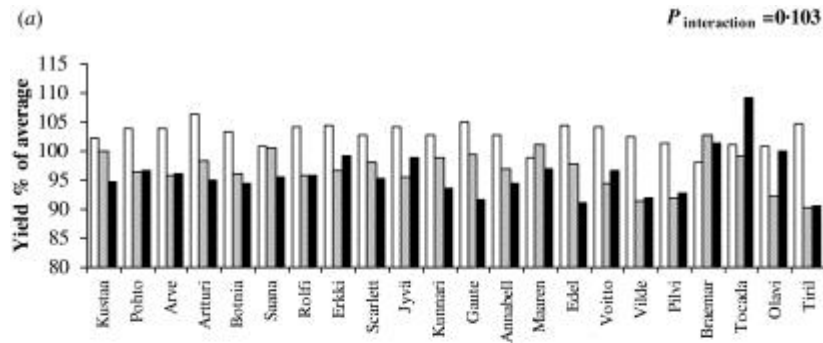


# Adaptation strategy in Estonia: 1991-2000 versus 2012- 2017

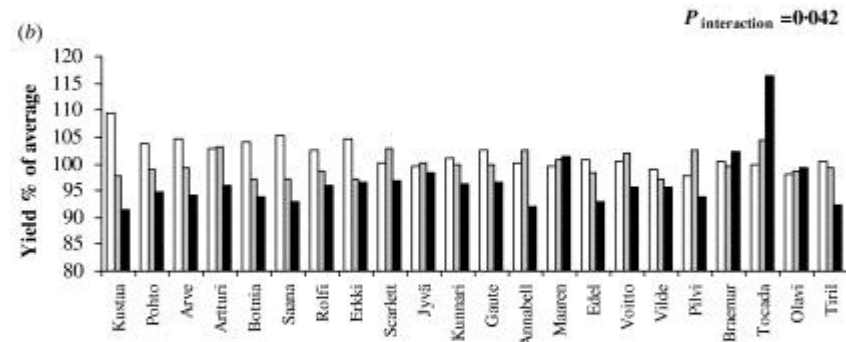
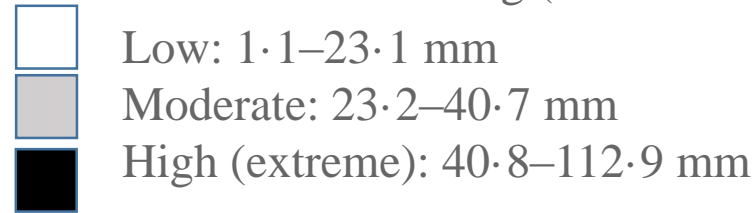
- Wheat, rape seed, potato
  - More varieties
  - More winter crops
  - More pathogens and diseases (and pesticides)
  - Changed sowing and harvesting times
  - Changed cultivation times
- **Novel crops**
  - Soybean, hemp, buckwheat, winter barley, triticale



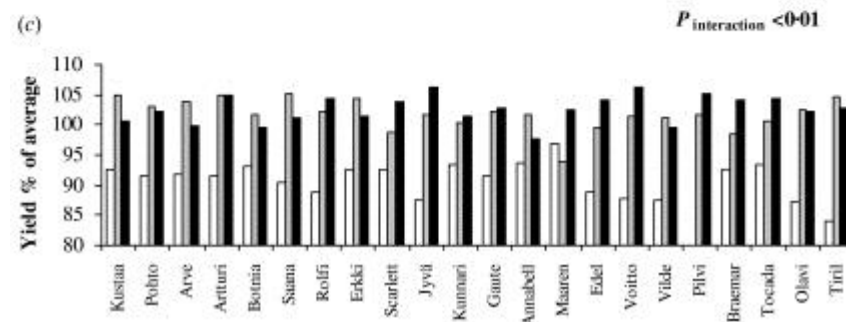
# Barley yield depending on rain and sowing date



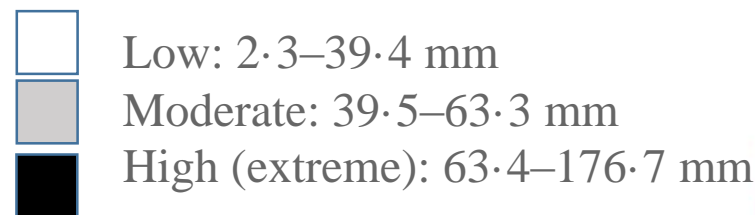
Rain for 1 month before sowing (mm/month),



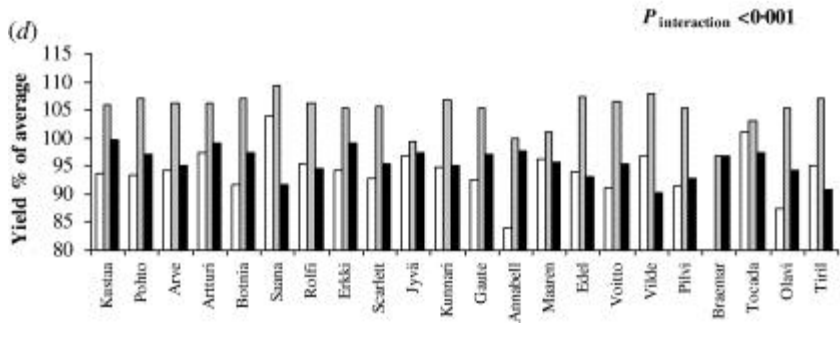
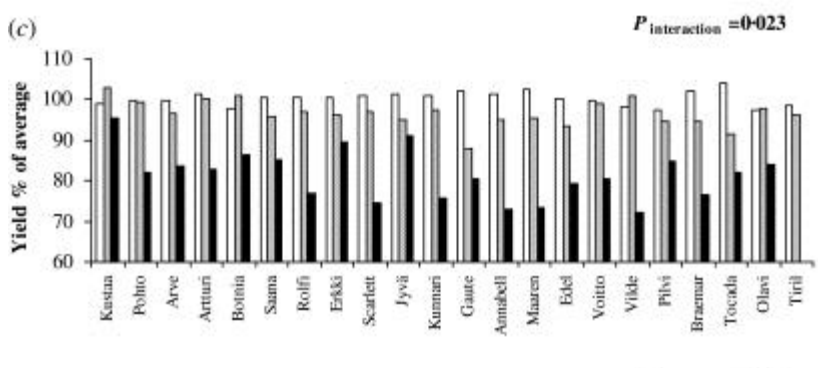
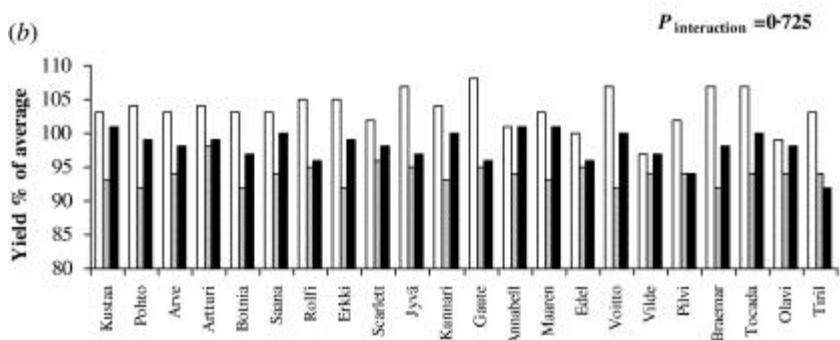
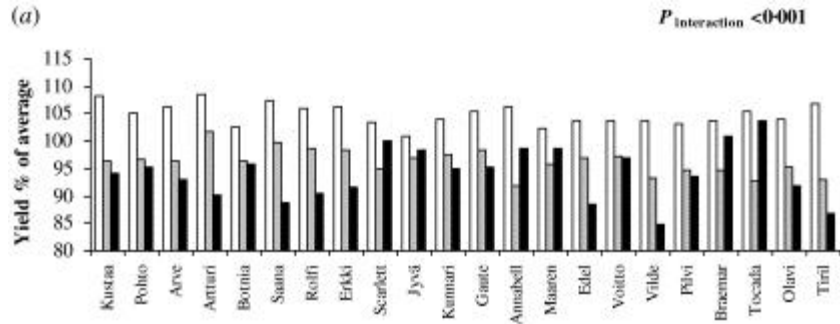
Delay of sowing (sowing date)



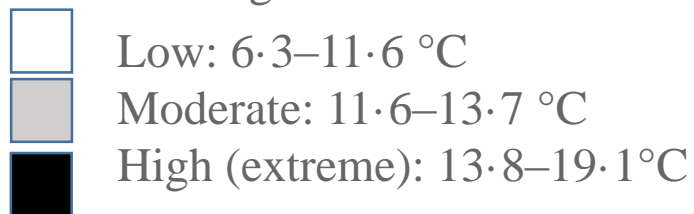
Rain during 3–7 weeks after sowing (rain sum mm/period)



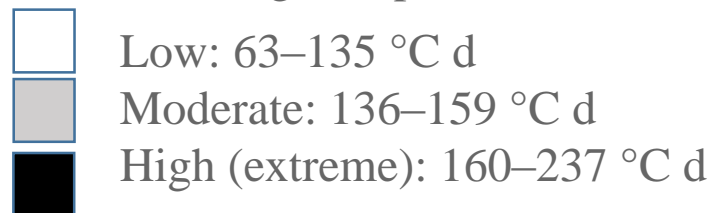




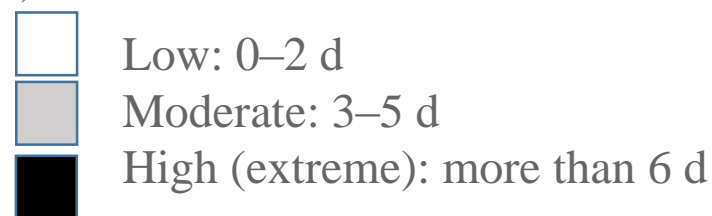
Temperatures during 3rd and 4th weeks after sowing (average temp)



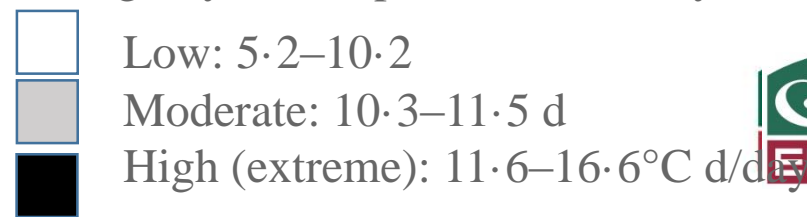
Temperature sum accumulation rates during the period of 2 weeks before heading (temperature sum)



Very high temperatures (maximum day temperatures 28°C or higher) during the period of 7 days before and 14 days after heading (duration)

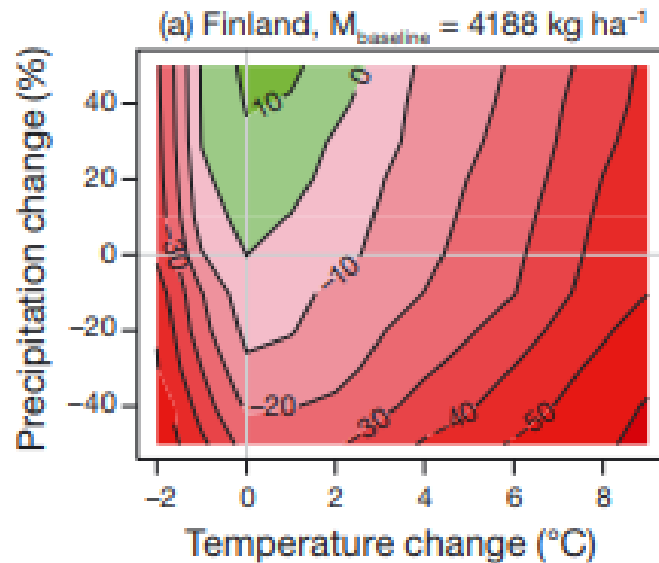


Temperature sum accumulation rate during the period of grain filling (heading to yellow ripeness) (°C d/day during the period)

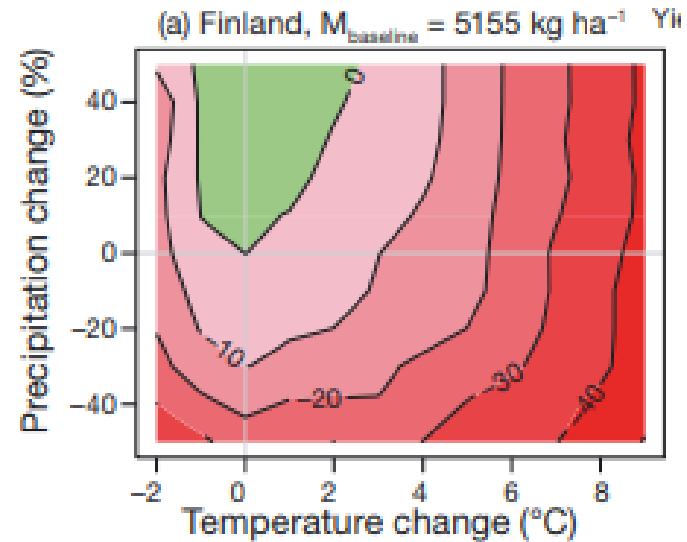


# Wheat yield change prognosis in Finland 26 models combined

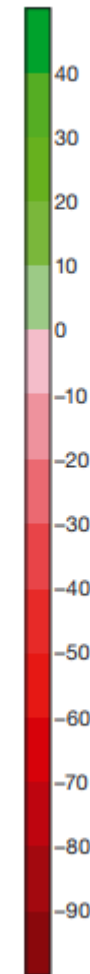
Spring wheat



Winter wheat

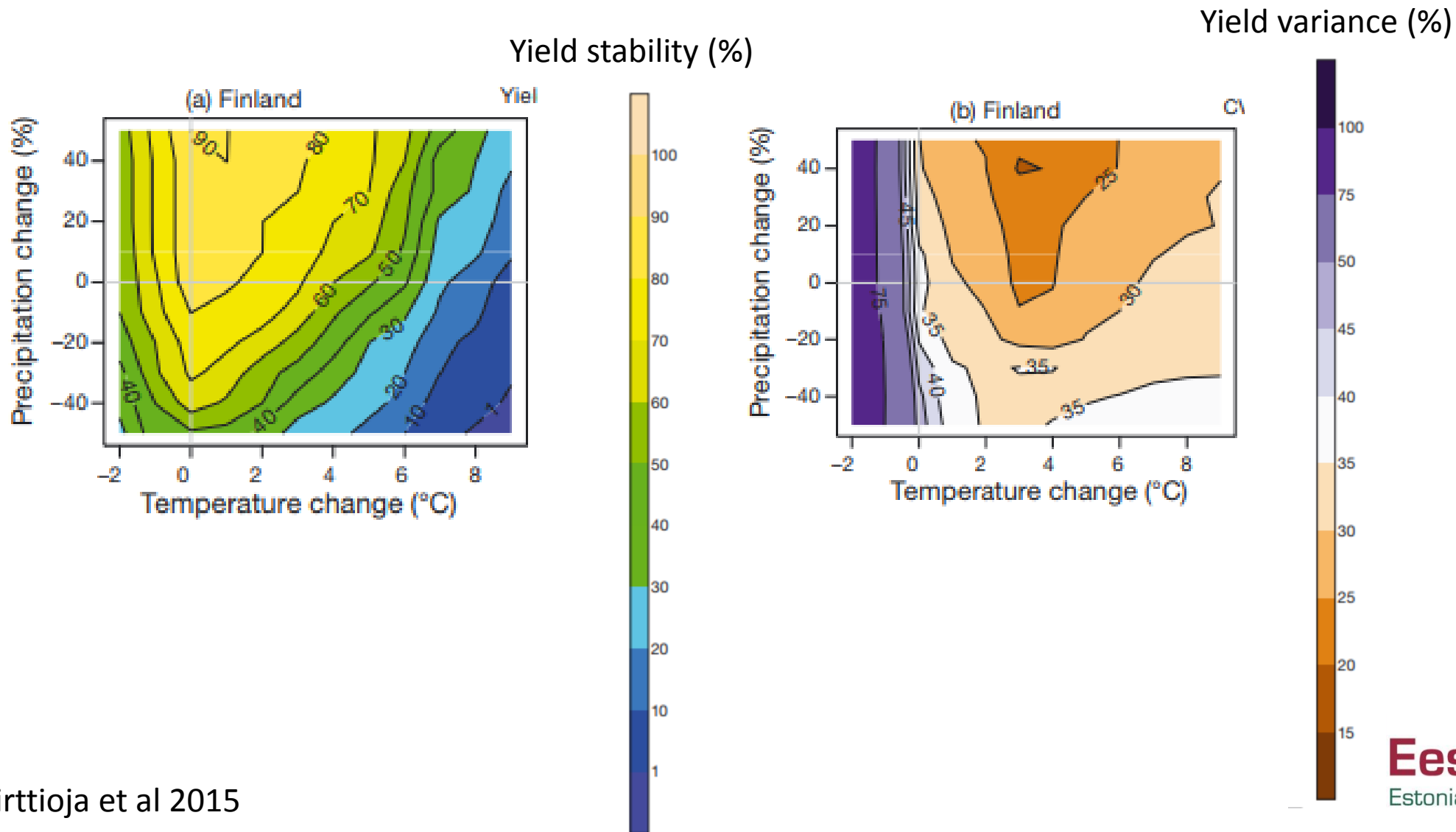


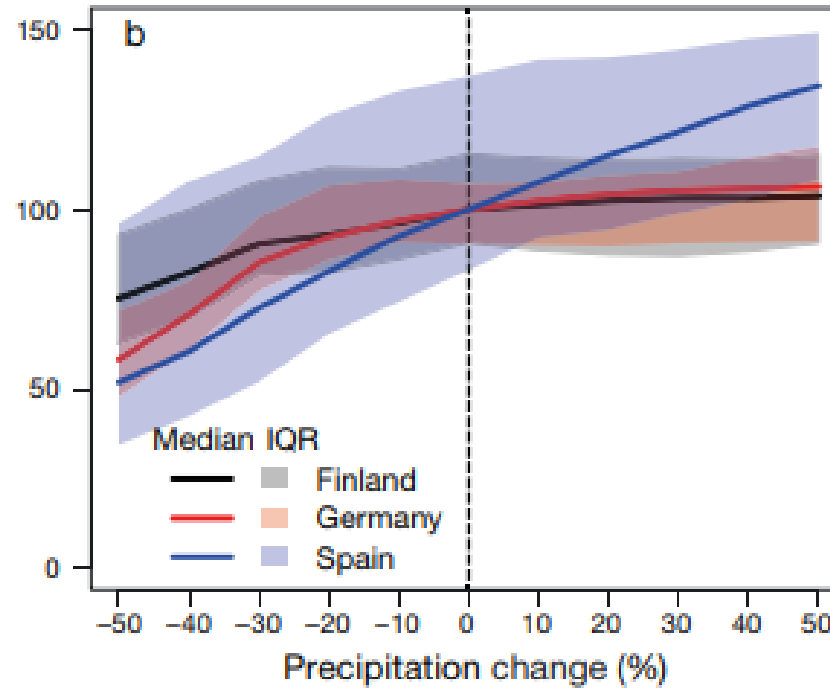
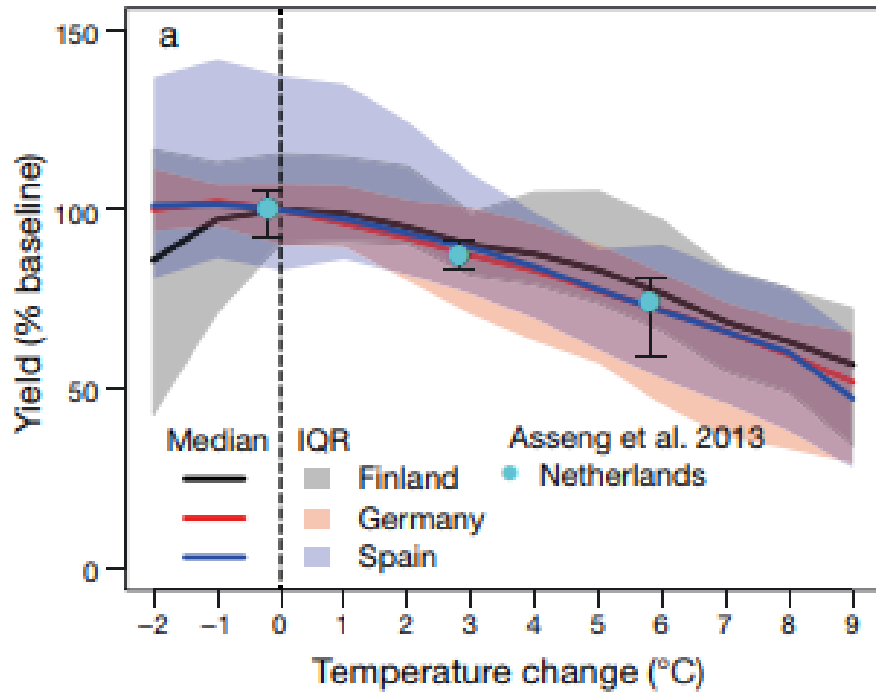
Change in yield (%)





# Spring wheat yield stability and variance







# Wheat yield potential

- Wheat yield potential may rise by 59-109% by year 2050 thanks to genetics and breeding:
- Improvement in light conversion efficiency, extended duration of grain filling resulting in a higher harvest index, and optimal phenology.

Original Research

## Designing high-yielding wheat ideotypes for a changing climate

Mikhail A. Semenov [✉](#), Pierre Stratonovitch

First published: 18 September 2013 [Full publication history](#)

DOI: [10.1002/fes3.34](https://doi.org/10.1002/fes3.34) [View/save citation](#)



# Case studies: Northern Savo, Finland

- Observed climate change
  - longer growing period, higher mean temperatures, more total rain
  - greater variability, summer droughts, less snow cover, feed quality losses, wet conditions more frequent  $\Rightarrow$  soil compaction by machines
- adaptation in cultivars, fertilization, pest mngmt., farm machinery, drought risk mngmt, silage storage, crop rotations, sowing dates
- Increasing grass growth benefits dairy and beef
  - limited by EU N directive, greening rules; national land buying regulations
- Increase in yield potential of cereals and oilseeds is uncertain: more frequent summer droughts, daylight
- Positive market development and more flexible and encouraging policies (N, land) needed for adaptation





# Opportunity in breeding?

Review

### Feasibility of new breeding techniques for organic farming

Martin Marchman Andersen<sup>1</sup>, Xavier Landes<sup>1</sup>, Wen Xiang<sup>2</sup>, Artem Anyshchenko<sup>2</sup>, Janus Falhof<sup>3</sup>, Jeppe Thulin Østerberg<sup>3</sup>, Lene Irene Olsen<sup>3</sup>, Anna Kristina Edenbrandt<sup>4</sup>, Suzanne Elizabeth Vedel<sup>4</sup>,

**(A) Introgression breeding**

**Wild relative** **Domestic crop**

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The European Union is dragging its feet on gene-editing rules and scientists should push the issue.

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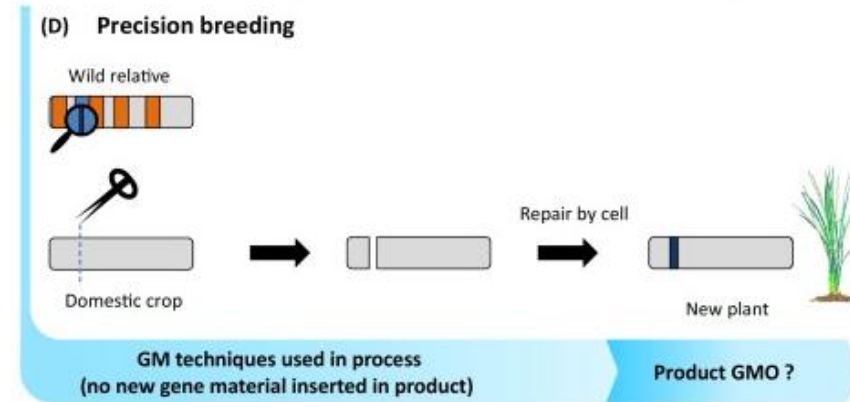
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**Wild relative**

Germany and other countries in Europe are wrestling with how to regulate gene-edited plants.

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## European court suggests relaxed gene-editing rules

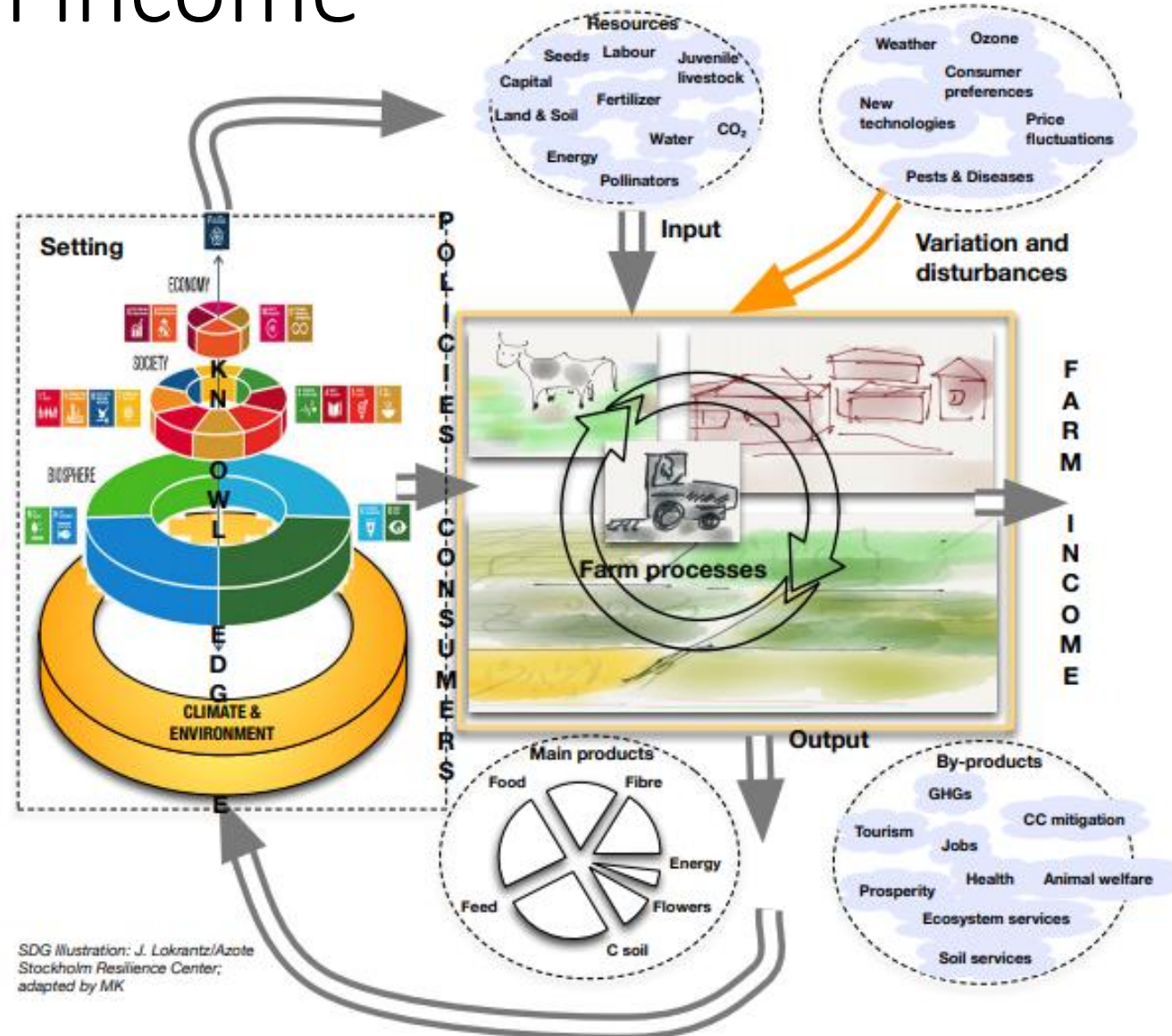
Judicial opinion says restrictive regulations may not apply to plants and animals bred using CRISPR technique.

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# Whole system is complex: inputs, outputs, settings and farm income



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# Summary

- The climate change will impact the life of a farmer: more opportunities (if temperature raise is less than 2 degrees and there will be more rain) and more risks. Need for a smart farmer.
  - Novel crops and varieties
  - Crop rotations and caring for soil is important
- The opportunities for rural life may lie in the development of bioeconomy and improving the valorization of local produce.



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