

# 2018 review and fertility management update for California rice systems

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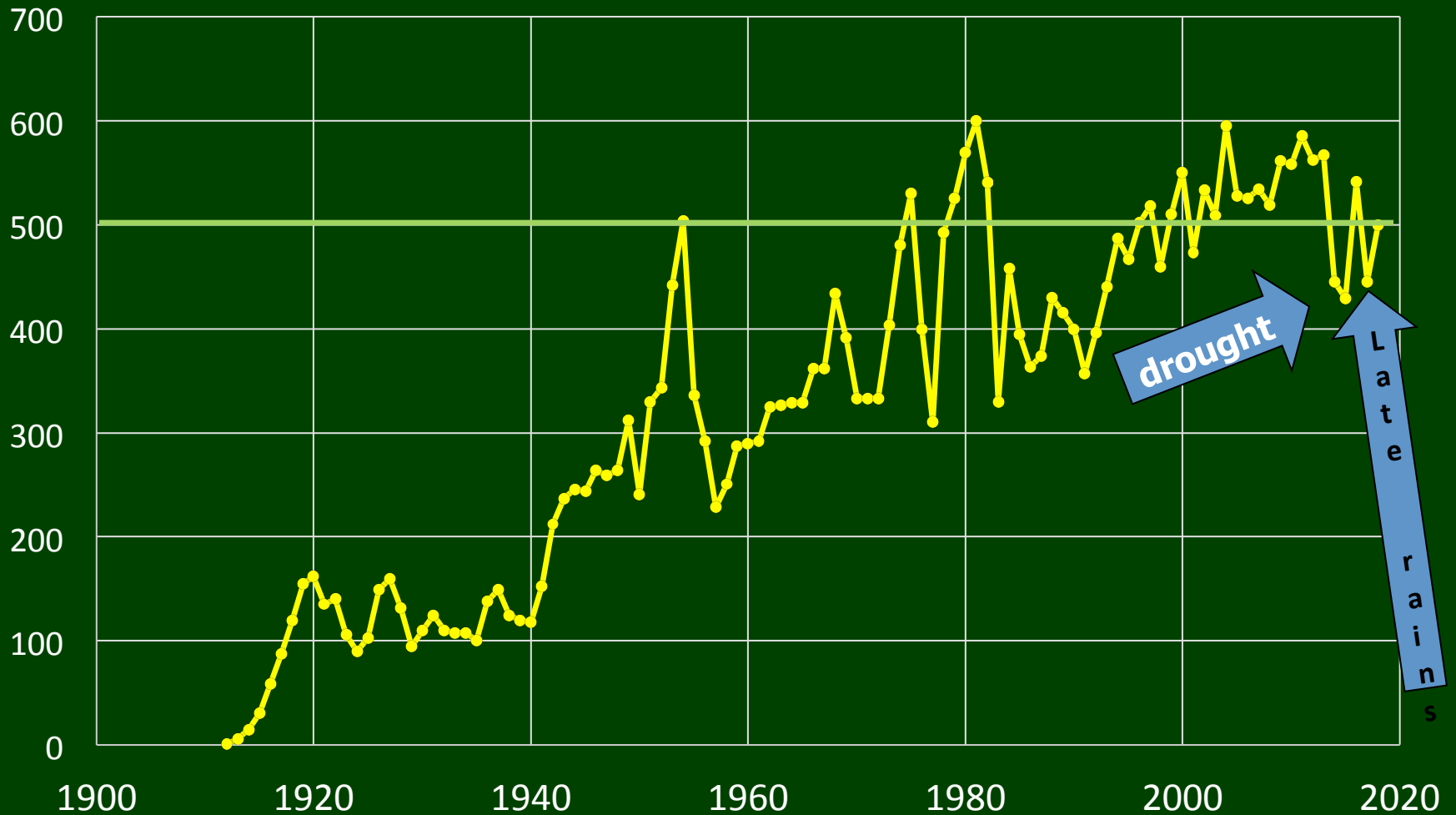
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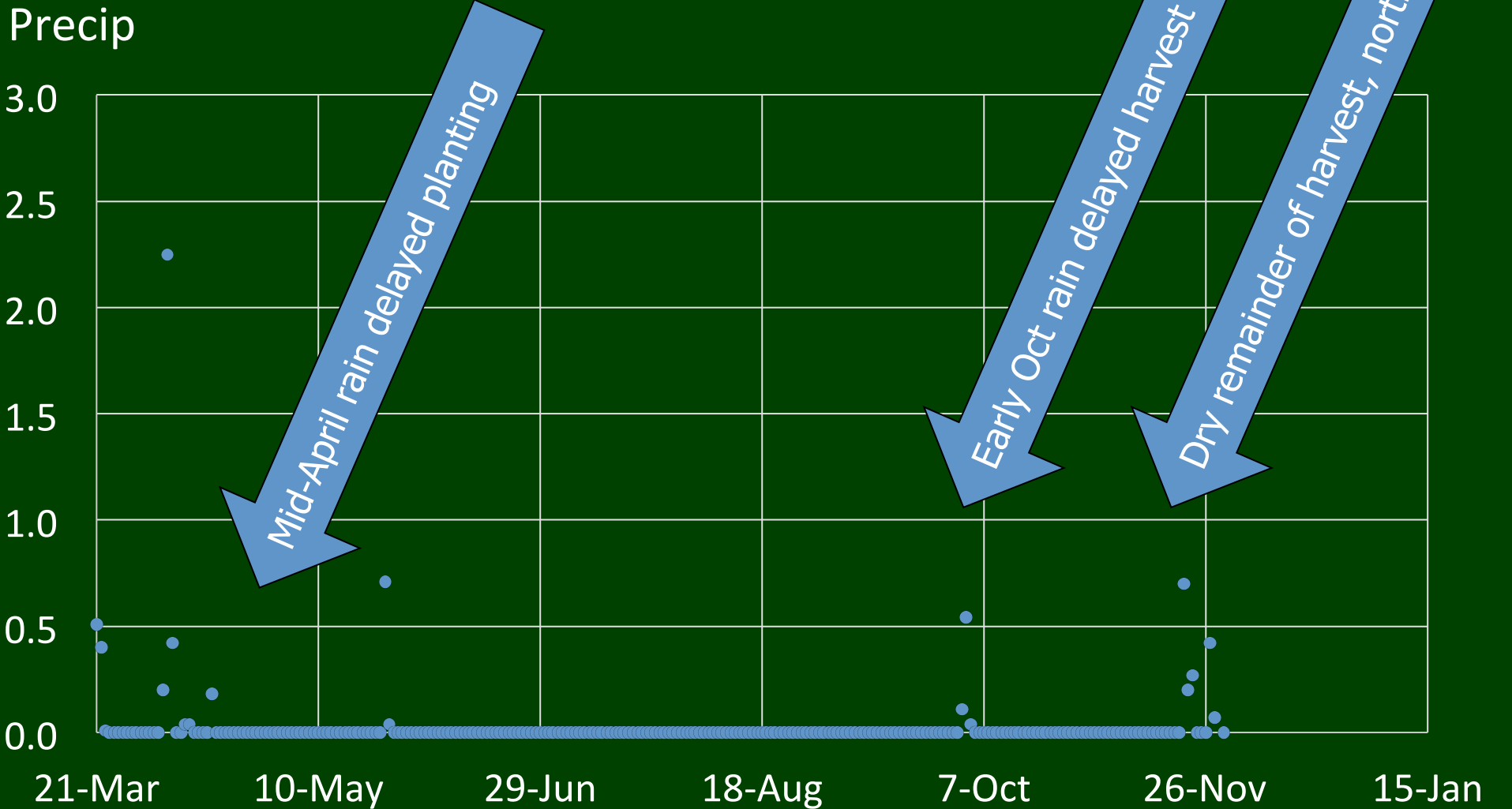
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# Planted acres

Planted acres (X1000)

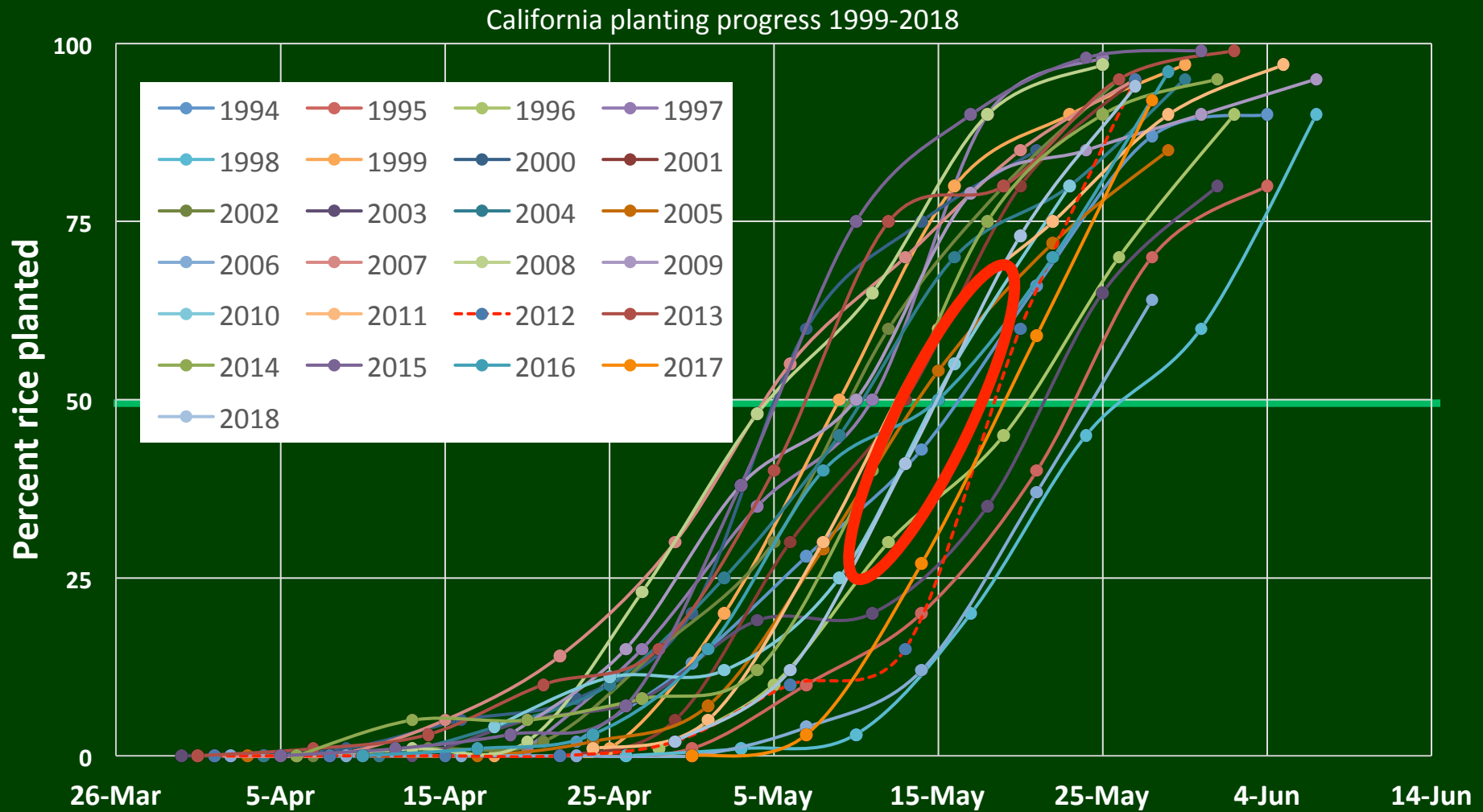


# Rainfall 2018



# Planting Progress:

## 2018 50% on May 15



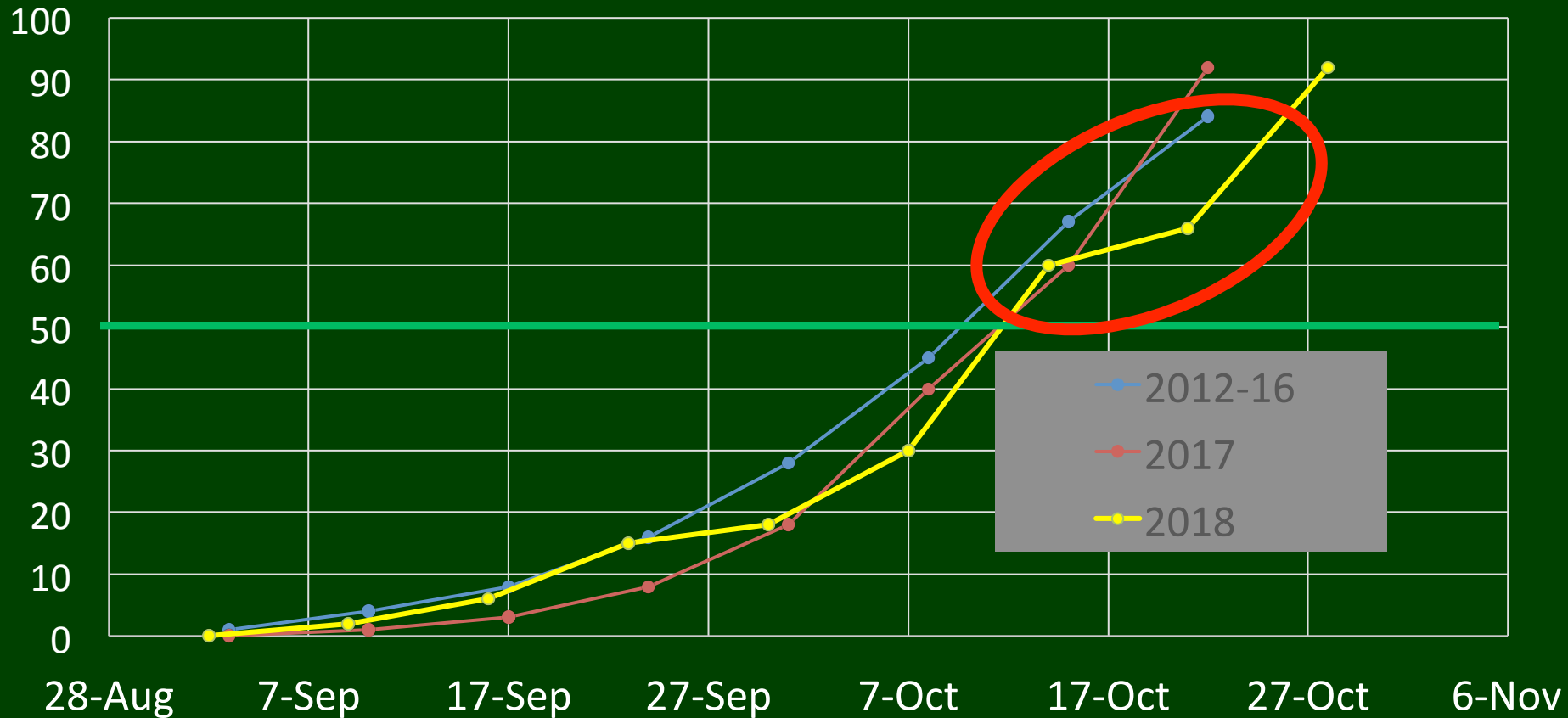


# Harvest progression

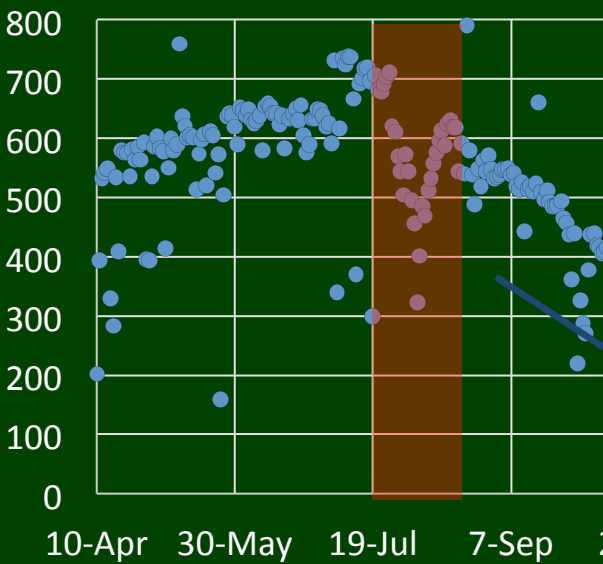
2018 50% harvested Oct 11

Season length was normal

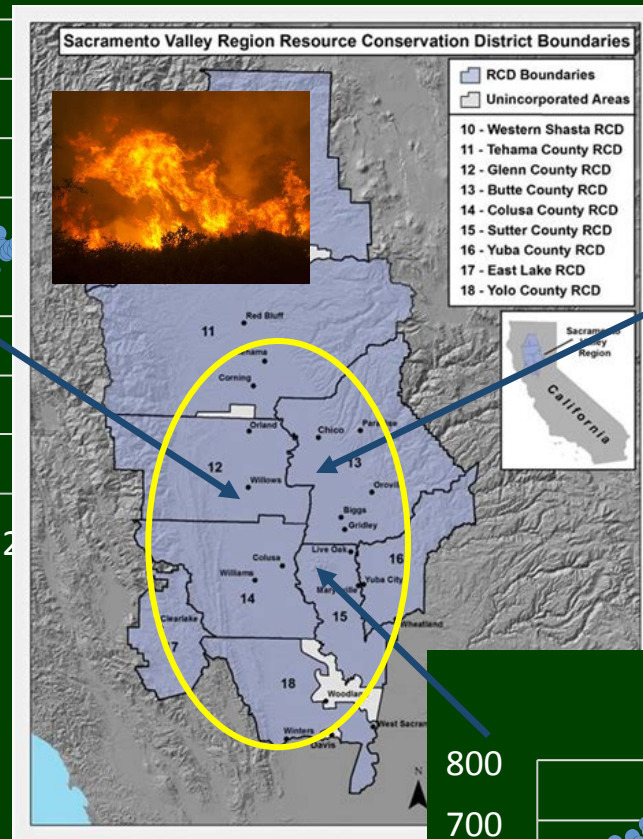
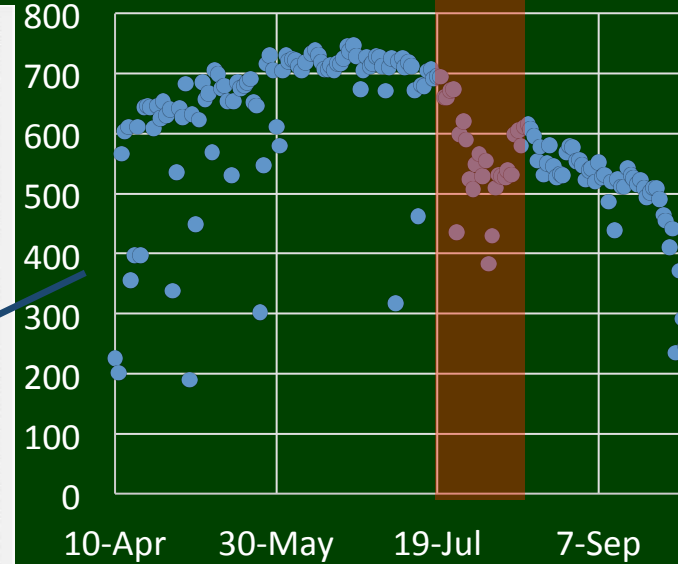
Harvest Progression (%)



Williams



Biggs

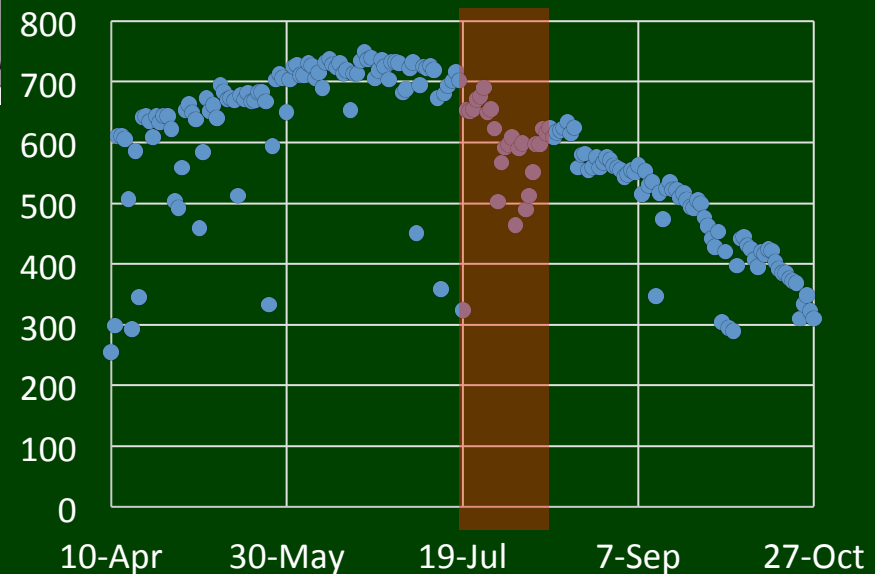


Solar Radiation  
(Ly/day)

Wildfires

Redding wildfire:  
end July/beginning Aug  
during booting

Verona

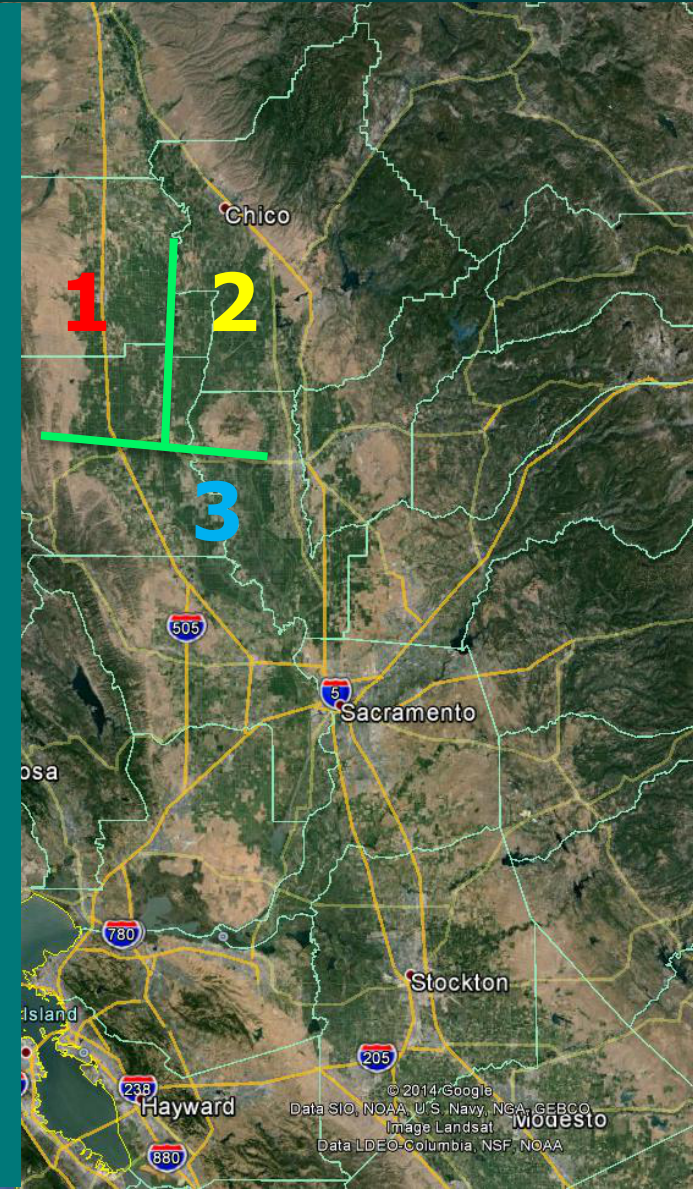


# 2018 Season Summary

- Wet spring
  - Late planting
- Increased kernel smut
- Smoke a problem in some areas?
- Lower yields on the northwest side of valley
- Good harvest weather
- Good grain quality
- State wide yields up from 2017 but not as high as 2015 and 2016 yields???

# Yield Contest

- 21 test fields (30+ entrants)
  - Region 1: 4
  - Region 2: 6
  - Region 3: 11
- Top Yields
  - 11 entrants yields greater than 110 cwt
  - 7 entrants yields greater than 115 cwt
  - 3 entrants yields greater than 120 cwt
  - 2 entrants yields greater than 130 cwt







# Yield Contest

## ■ 2015-2017:

- Yields ranged from 99 to 127 cwt

## ■ 2018: Yields from 92 to 135 cwt

- NW: 102.3 (227 bu) M-401
- NE: 118.8 (264 bu) M-105
- S: 135.0 (300 bu) M-209

Sean Doherty



Josh Sheppard



Gordon Wylie

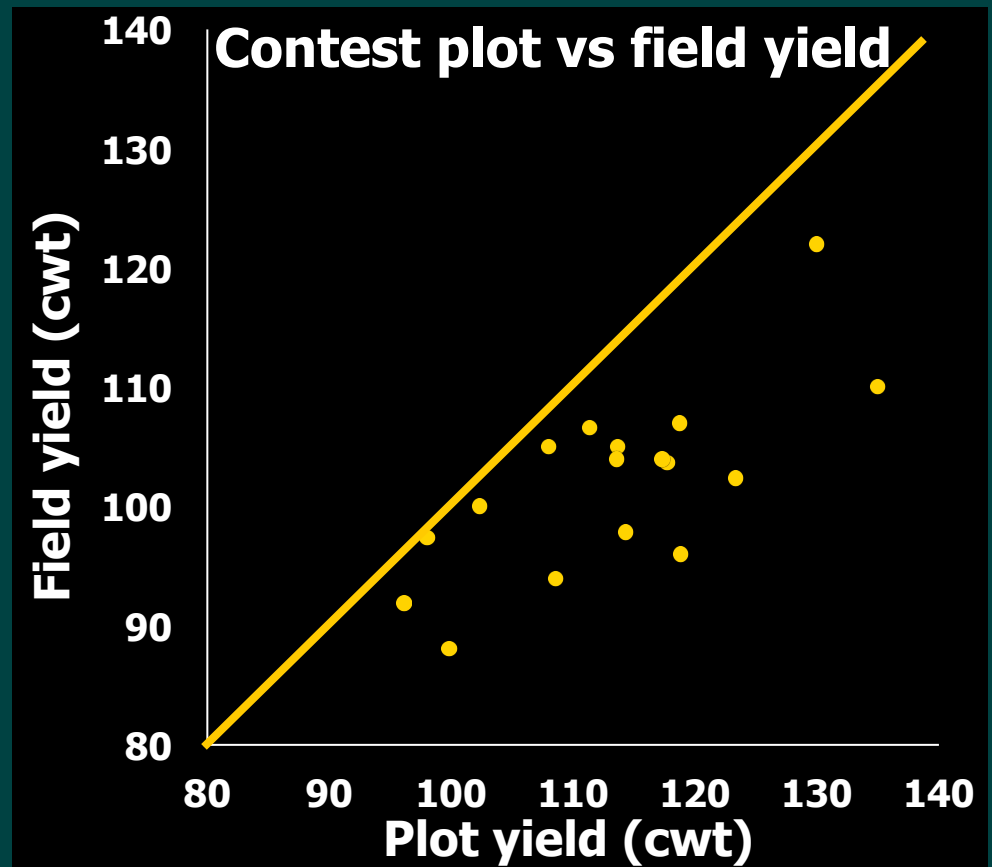


# General info

- Yield results by region
  - Region 1 (NW): 91.9 – 102.3 cwt
  - Region 2 (NE): 99.8 to 118.8 cwt
  - Region 3 (S): 103.6 to 135.0 cwt
- Varieties entered
  - M-105 (2)
  - M-206 (11)
  - M-209 (7)
  - M-401 (1)
- Seed rates
  - 150 to 200 lb/ac (average – 170 lb/ac)
- Previous year
  - Fallow (6)
  - Alternate crop (5)
  - Rice (9)

# Yields and quality

- Yields in full field were on average 9% lower than contest plot
- Head and totals
  - Head: 65-71
  - Total: 70-75



# Fertilizer

- N rates
  - 122 to 187 lb N/ac
- Starter timing
  - 8 applied late (20-30 DAP)
  - 9 applied pre-plant
- Top-dress
  - 10 applied
  - of those getting more than 115 cwt 4 applied/ 3 did not
  - Top-dress ranged from 16 to 42 lb N/ac
- 20/21 applied P



# Herbicide programs

- Winners and fields above 115 cwt
  - (3) League MVP/Superwham/Grandstand\*
  - (2) Butte/Regiment\*
  - (2) Bolero/Grandstand
  - (1) Clomazone/Granite/Stam-Grandstand

# Yield components of some yield contest entrants

Grower	Yield (cwt)	Variety	Tiller density (tiller/ft2)	Productive tillers (%)	Total spiklets/ panicle	Blanks (%)	1000 grain wt (g)
K. Gallagher	131.3	M-209	70	97	83	11.1	26.7
Doherty (1)	135.0	M-209	73	100	73	12.5	26.7
J. Gallagher	117.8	M-206	65	97	71	4.8	27.6
Doherty (2)	123.3	M-206	91	98	57	4.9	28.7





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### Purpose



The purpose of the California Rice Yield Contest is to provide an opportunity for rice producers and UC scientists to share information about intensive rice production in California and to recognize individuals who have achieved the highest yields in the state. Please read the rules carefully.

### Organization

The California Rice Yield Contest is run and operated by the University of California Cooperative Extension. If you have any questions please call Bruce Linquist (530 752-3125), Randal Muttters (530 538-7 201) or Luis Espino (530 458-0578). Entry form, Rules and Harvest forms can all be viewed and downloaded here.

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# California variety usage

- Questions are for growers or PCAs
- Grower
  - Base questions on primary region and practice (conventional vs organic)
- PCA
  - Base questions on one grower you work with
  - Use growers primary region and practice
  - Preferably not a grower in the room

# Variety selection



# Grain yield (lb/acre @14% moisture) summary (2014-2018)

Location	Year	M105	M205	M206	M209
Butte (1)	2014	9070	9140	9610	9140
	2015	9350	7780	9370	8580
	2016	10060	9640	10400	10220
	2017	8910	9670	9330	9350
	2018	8350	8540	8270	7990
	Mean	9148	8954	9396	9056
Butte (2)	2016	10090	9110	9600	9010
	2017	8930	8550	9650	8480
	2018	9990	9200	10270	9580
	Mean	9670	8953	9840	9023
Colusa	2014	9100	9370	9280	9600
	2015	10500	10050	9850	10490
	2016	10390	9730	9960	9600
	2017	7390	8040	7530	7850
	2018	8470	8540	8960	9120
	Mean	9170	9146	9116	9332
Glenn	2014	7370	8910	8270	8610
	2015	9550	9420	9620	9700
	2016	7340	8490	7860	8520
	2017	7520	8500	7140	8200
	2018	9520	9840	9300	9990
	Mean	8260	9032	8438	9004
Yuba	2014	8590	9120	8950	8800
	2015	9970	9650	9940	10240
	2016	9110	8430	9090	8760
	2017	8370	8020	8770	9060
	2018	9450	7090	9350	8400
	Mean	9098	8462	9220	9052
Loc/Years Mean		9069	8909	9202	9093

Kernel smut



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Location	Year	M105	M205	M206	M209
Yolo	2014	10150	9780	9770	9960
	2015	7210	7870	7490	7700
	2016	10420	9590	10980	9580
	2017	8550	8390	8890	9130
	2018	10010	9760	10090	9790
	Mean	9268	9078	9444	9232
Sutter	2014	10380	9170	9710	9310
	2015	10350	9790	9900	10490
	2016	11630	9780	11110	10710
	2017	9380	8100	9240	8790
	2018	9540	9270	9250	9090
	Mean	10256	9222	9842	9678
South Yolo	2017	8590	7280	7530	7280
	2018	8210	6940	7640	7580
	Mean	8400	7110	7585	7430
Loc/Years Mean		9308	8470	8957	8780

Cold  
sites

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Rice growing area (lightest green) within California counties where rice is produced (darkest green). Rice variety yield trial locations are indicated (red pins).  
Information about UC Rice Variety Trials  
Click on top red pins to view variety trial data for each location

TEHAMA BUTTE PLUMAS  
GLENN COLUSA RICE EXPERIMENT STATION SIERRA  
LAKE SUTTER WEST YUBA NEVADA PLACER  
YOLO SUTTER EAST EL DORADO  
SONOMA NAPA SACRAMENTO AMADOR  
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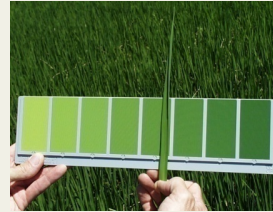


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Preplant aqua-N  
application

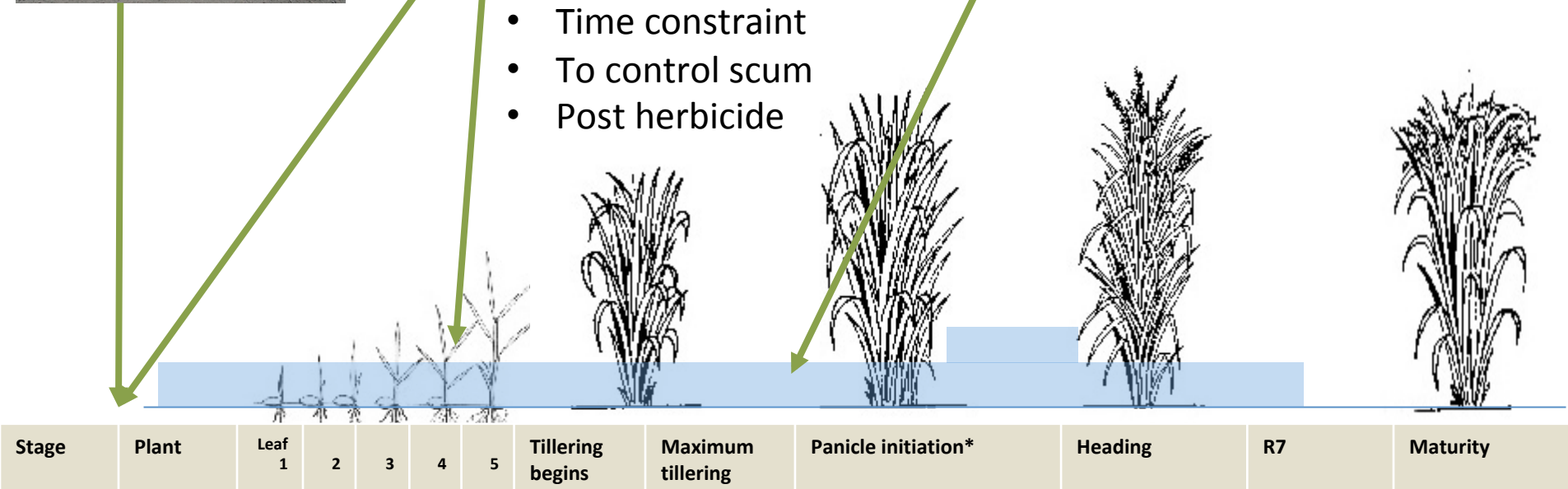
Starter blend  
(NPK w/  
lowest  
amount of N  
possible)

Access need for topdress N  
application at PI



During first month

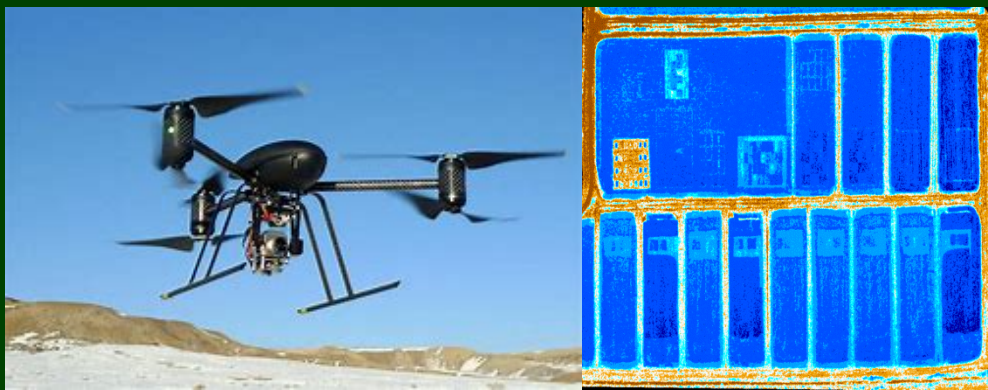
- Time constraint
- To control scum
- Post herbicide



# Tools to access need for top-dress

Even when applying all N upfront a top-dress may be necessary.

- Leaf Color Chart
- SPAD meter
- Green Seeker (NDVI-Normalized Difference Vegetation Index)
- Drones with camera such as an NDVI camera



# Methodology

- Site years
  - 3 in 2016
  - 3 in 2017
  - 4 in 2018
- Preplant N rates
  - -ranged from 0 to excessive
- Each N rate receives top-dress N at PI
  - 30 lb/ac in 2018
- NDVI (and NDRE in 2018) taken at PI before top-dress
  - GreenSeeker and drone



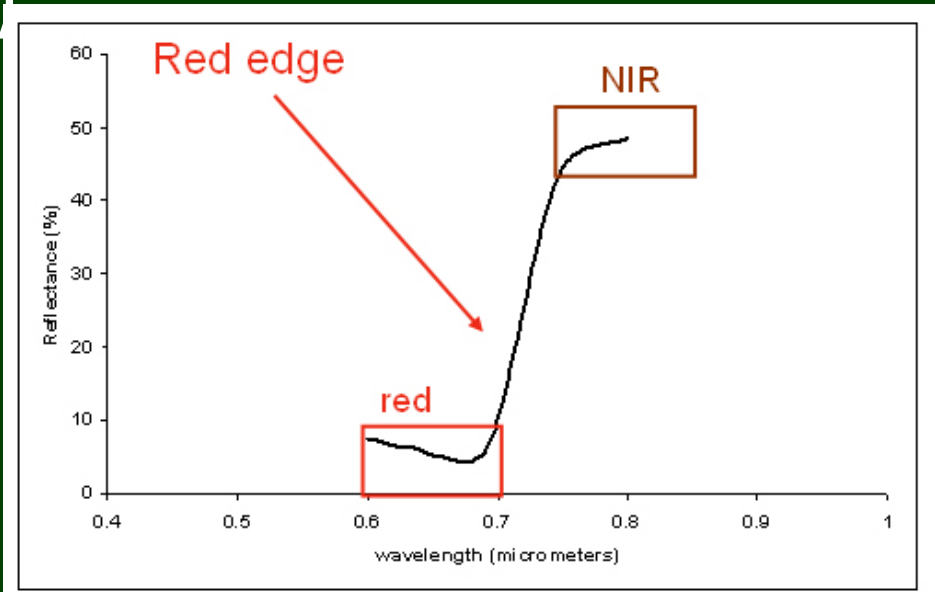
# NDVI vs NDRE

- Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)

$$NDVI = \frac{(NIR - Red)}{(NIR + Red)}$$

- Normalized Difference Red Edge (NDRE)

$$NDRE = \frac{(NIR - RE)}{(NIR + RE)}$$





# Response index

- Ratio of High N strip to test area

- = NDVI High N / NDVI test

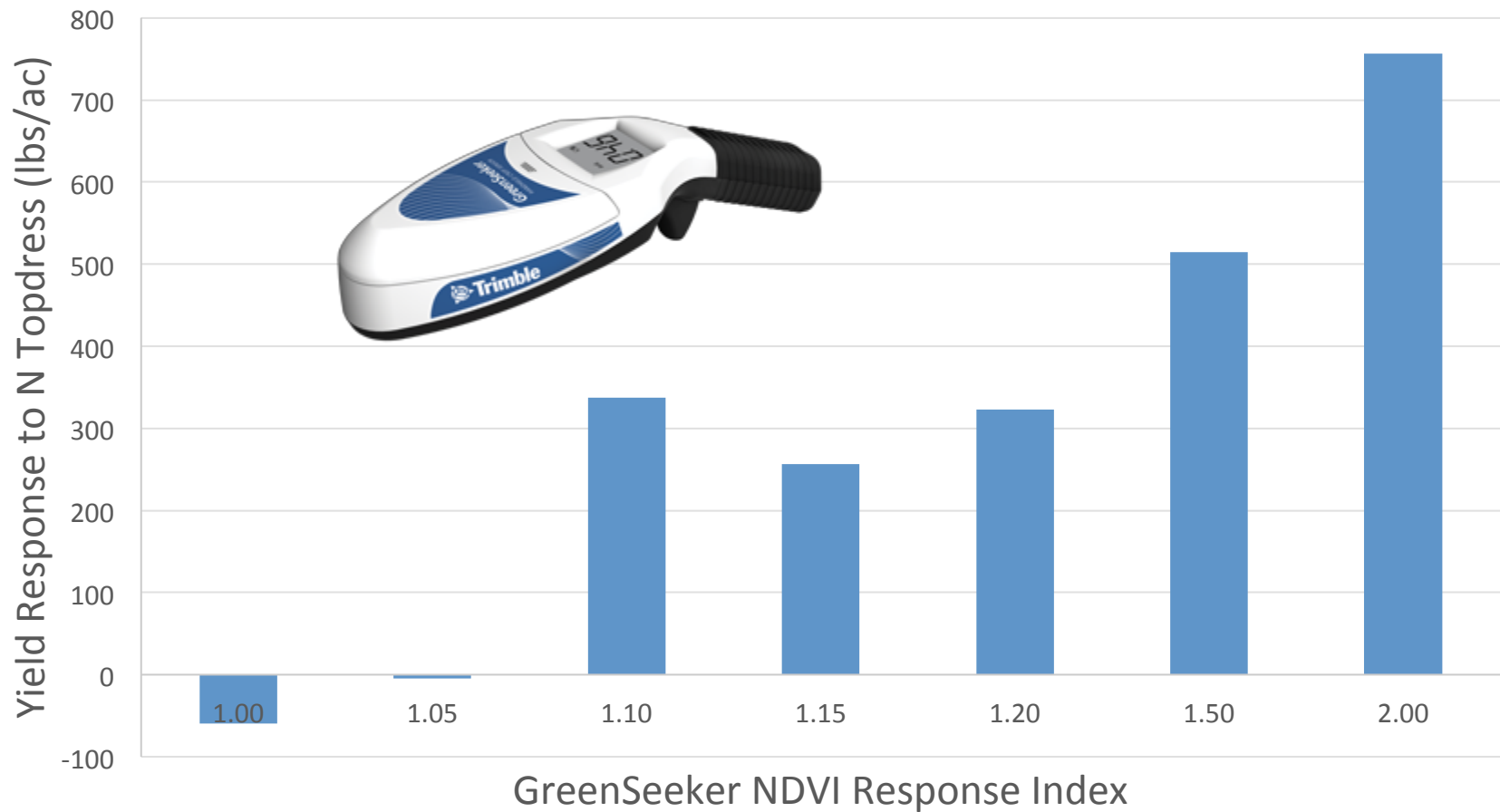
- For example:

$$\boxed{72} / \boxed{65} = 1.1$$

- Response index to apply: >1.1



# Grain yield response in relation to Response Index



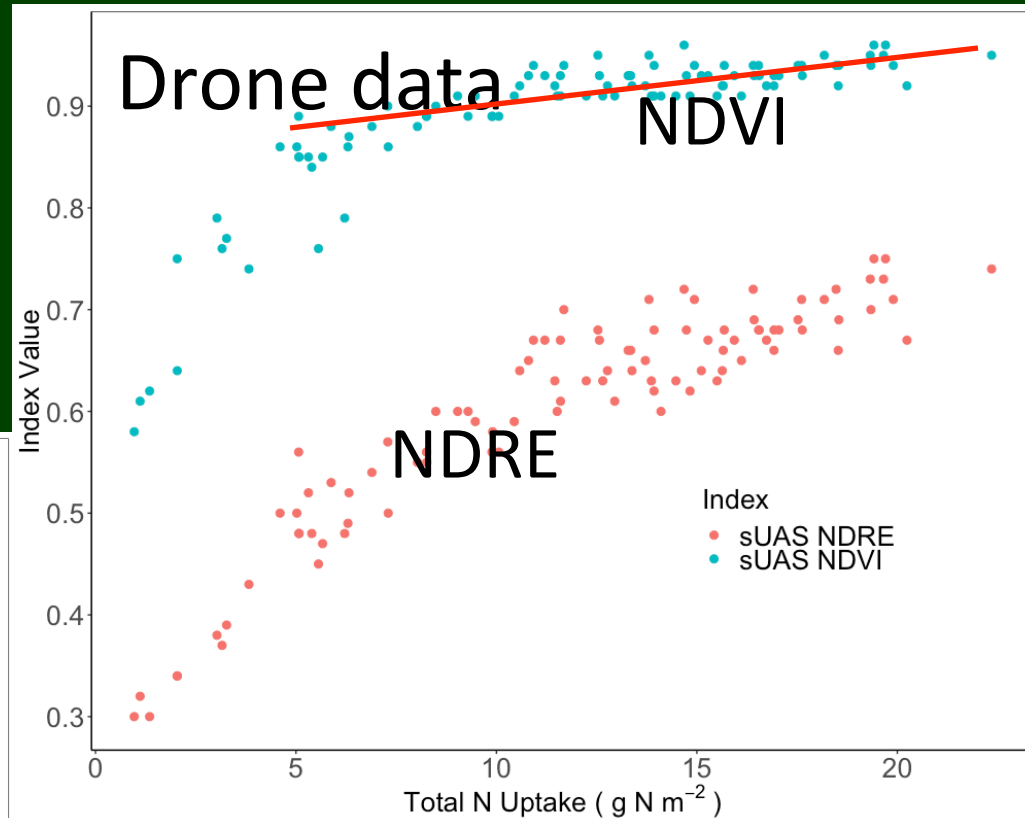
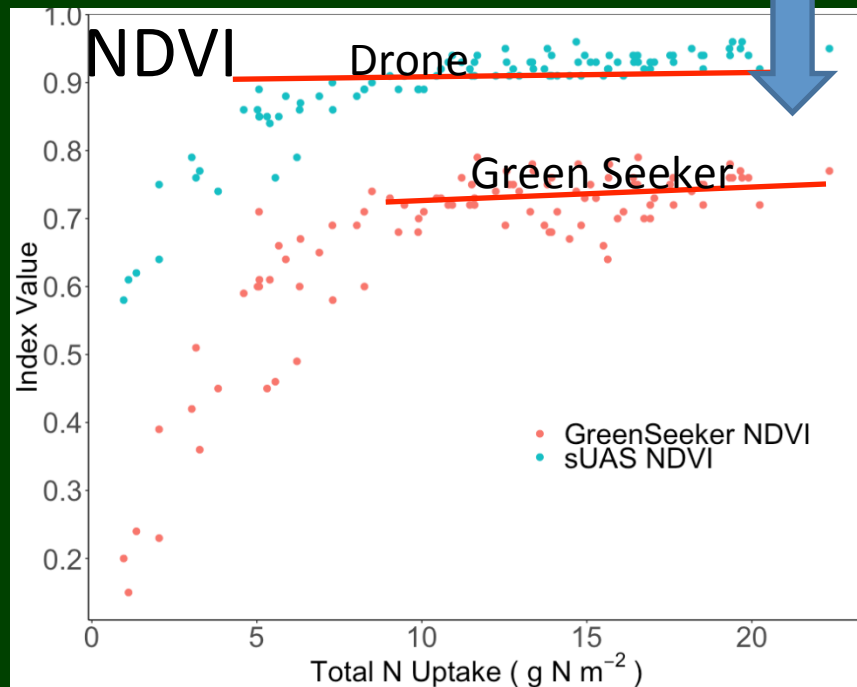
# GreenSeeker vs remotely sensed data from a drone

- GreenSeeker has a active sensor
  - Only NDVI
  - Own light source
  - Clouds, haze, time of day does not matter
- Sensors from drones are passive
  - Can have various sensors (NDVI, NDRE)
  - Require sunlight
  - Readings at mid-day
  - Readings can not be taken if clouds are moving in front of sun
- Drones cover a much bigger area



# NDVI vs NDRE

- NDVI saturates more than NDRE
- GreenSeeker NDVI better than drone NDVI





# Thank you

