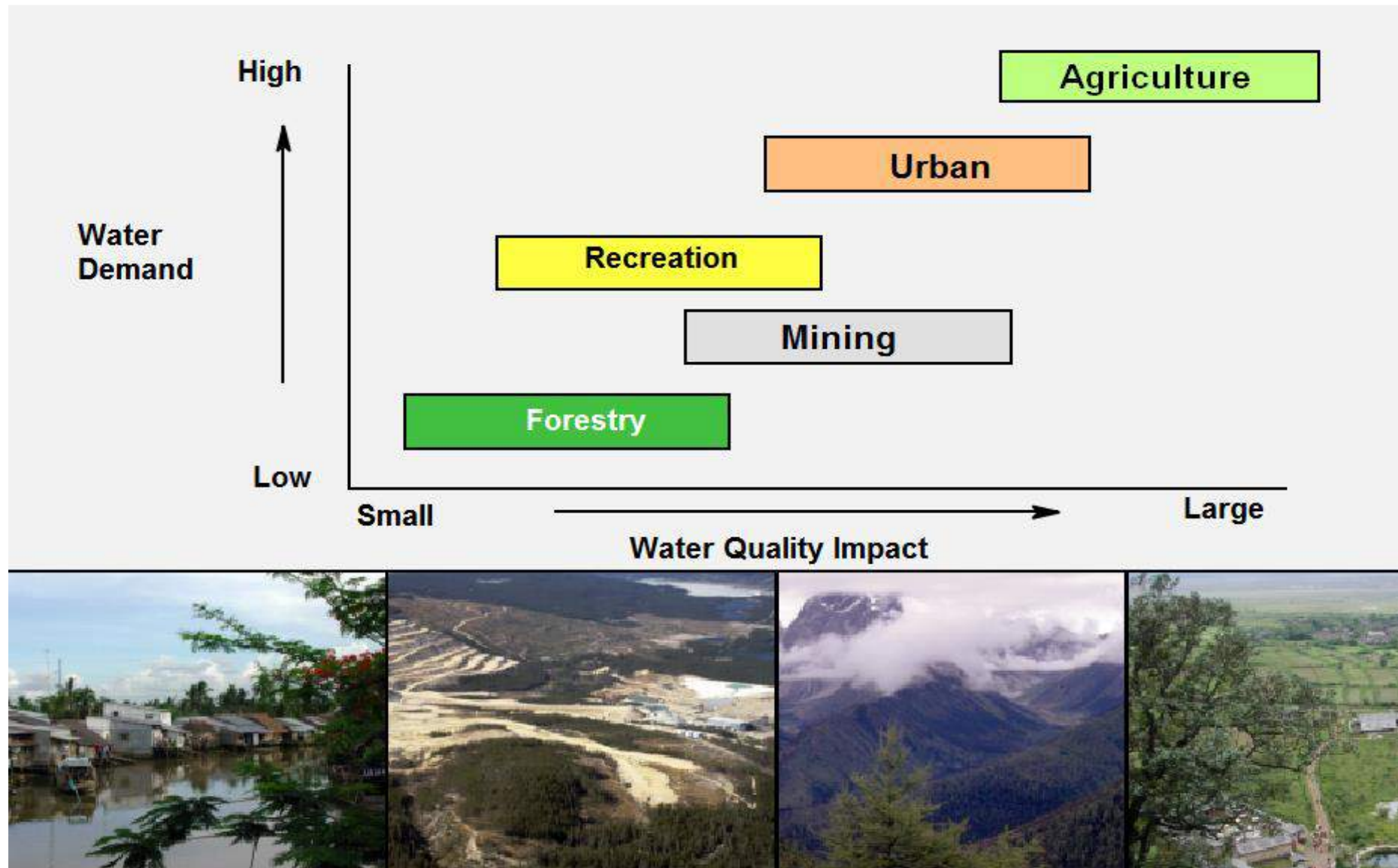


# Land Use Impacts on Water Resources



## Water Quality and Quantity Issues Associated with Different Land Uses

### Urbanization

Flooding = Densification & Impervious Surfaces  
Non-Point Sources = Wide Range of Contaminants  
Water Demand = Rapid Urban Growth

### Agriculture

Water Demand = More Irrigation & Change in Diets  
Water Pollution = Eutrophication, Nutrients & Pathogens

### Mining

Water Pollution = Metals (Hg, Pb), Cyanide  
Sediments = Surface Exposure, Tailings

### Forestry

Stream Flow = Logging, Forest Fires, Disease  
Sediments = Logging Roads

### Recreation

Water Pollution = Pathogens, Pharmaceuticals, Sediments  
Water Demand = Local, Peak Season



# Key Water Issues

## Urban Expansion

Increasing demand for  
safe drinking water  
Increasing Waste Water  
Increasing Non-point  
sources of pollution  
Increase flooding during  
storms events

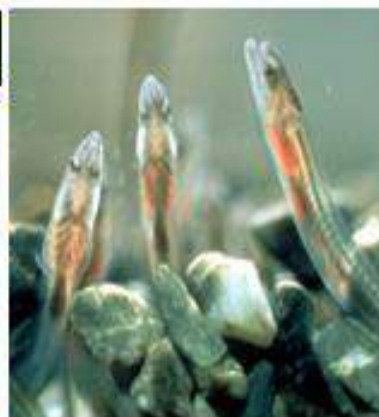


## Agricultural Intensification

Greater water demand for  
irrigation  
Non-point sources of  
pollution  
Manure Management  
Problems  
Virtual Water

## Water & Environment

Increasing requirement to  
maintain sufficient flow during  
dry season to maintain biota  
and environmental services  
Maintaining natural variability



## Increased Climatic Variability

Higher and earlier peakflow  
Lower baseflow  
Warmer Temperatures  
Glacier melt  
Rain on snow events  
More floods & droughts

## Hydropower

Increasing demand for  
Green Energy  
More hydro dams  
More Run-of-River  
Systems



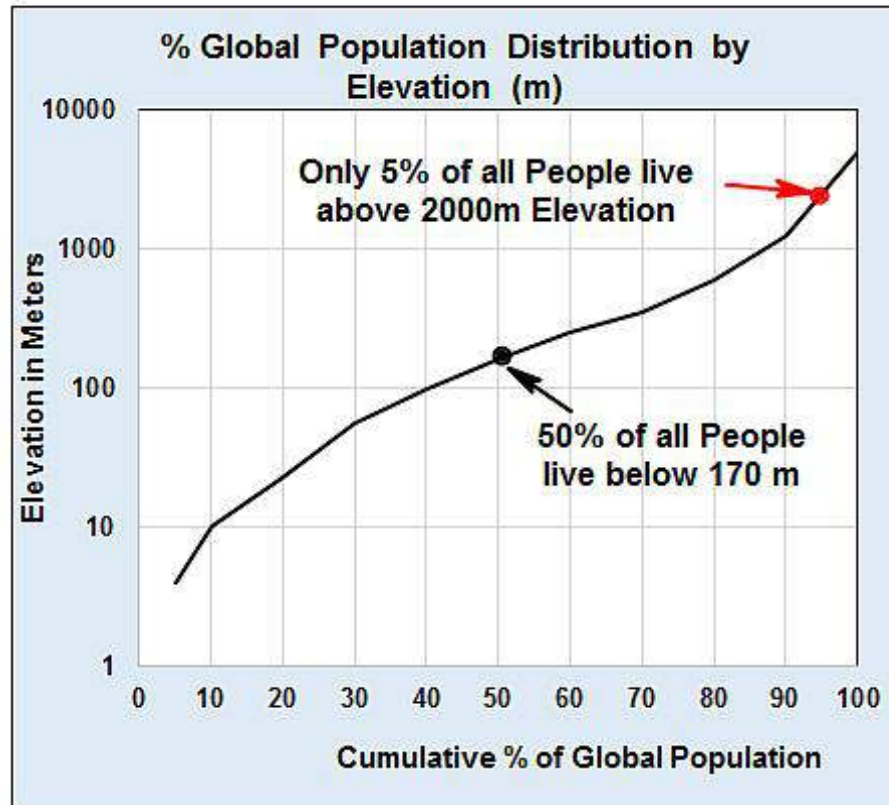
## Water Quality Problems

NPS & cumulative effects  
Pharmaceutical  
Poor Wastewater Treatment  
Eutrophication  
Chemical interactions



# Urban Issues in Mountains

## Urbanization in Mountains



Data Source: B. Rankin 2016, Radical Cartography

## Cities at High Elevations in Latin America

Quito, Bogota, Cali, Mexico City, La Paz etc.

La Paz, Bolivia





**Mountain Population**

**920 Million**

**13% of World**

**Living above 1500m**

**450 Million**

**50% of Mt. People**

**Urban Mt. Population**

**280 Million**

**30% of Mt. People**

**Urban Mega Cities**

**25 Million**

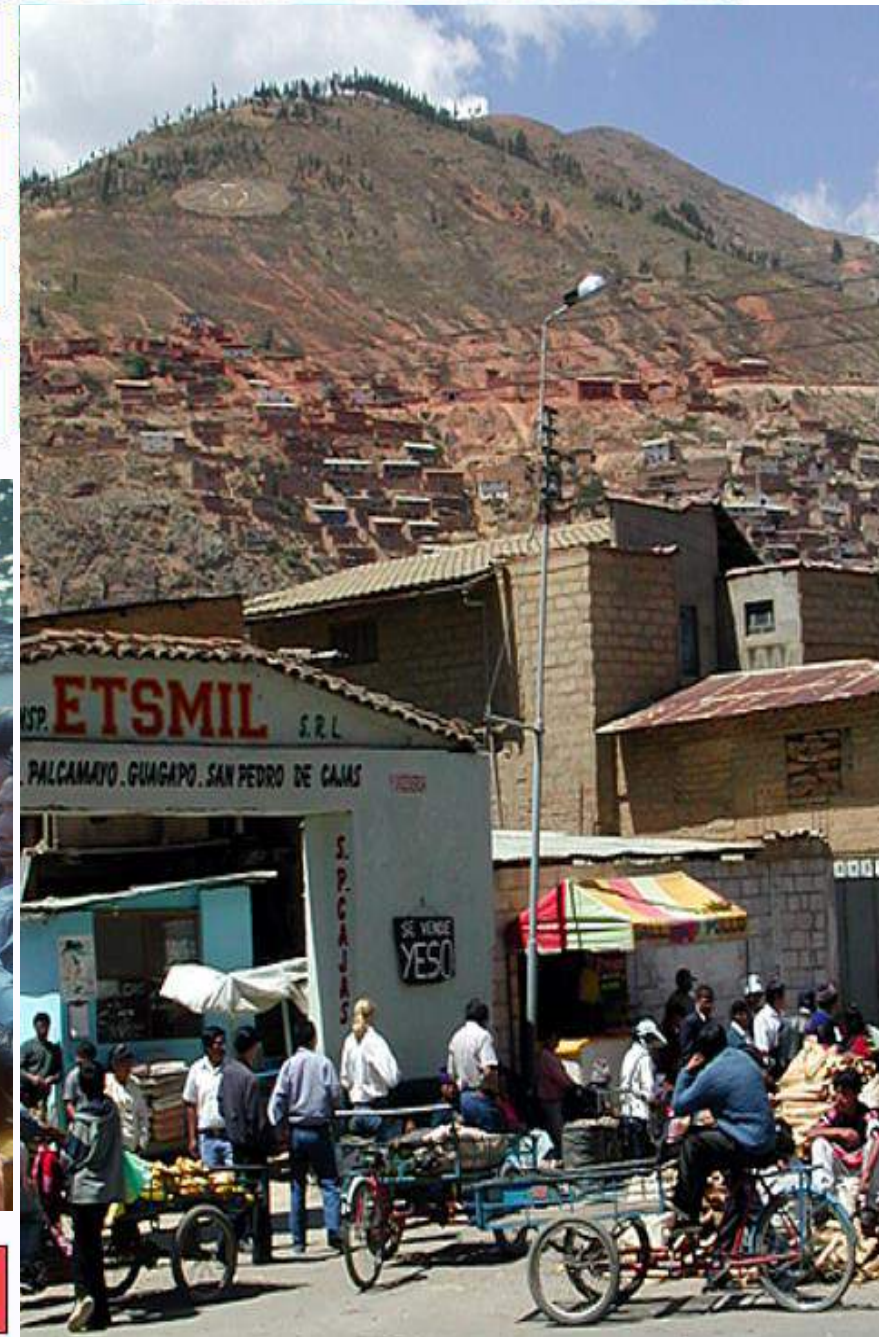
**Cities 2-9 Million**



**Food Insecurity**

**330 Million**

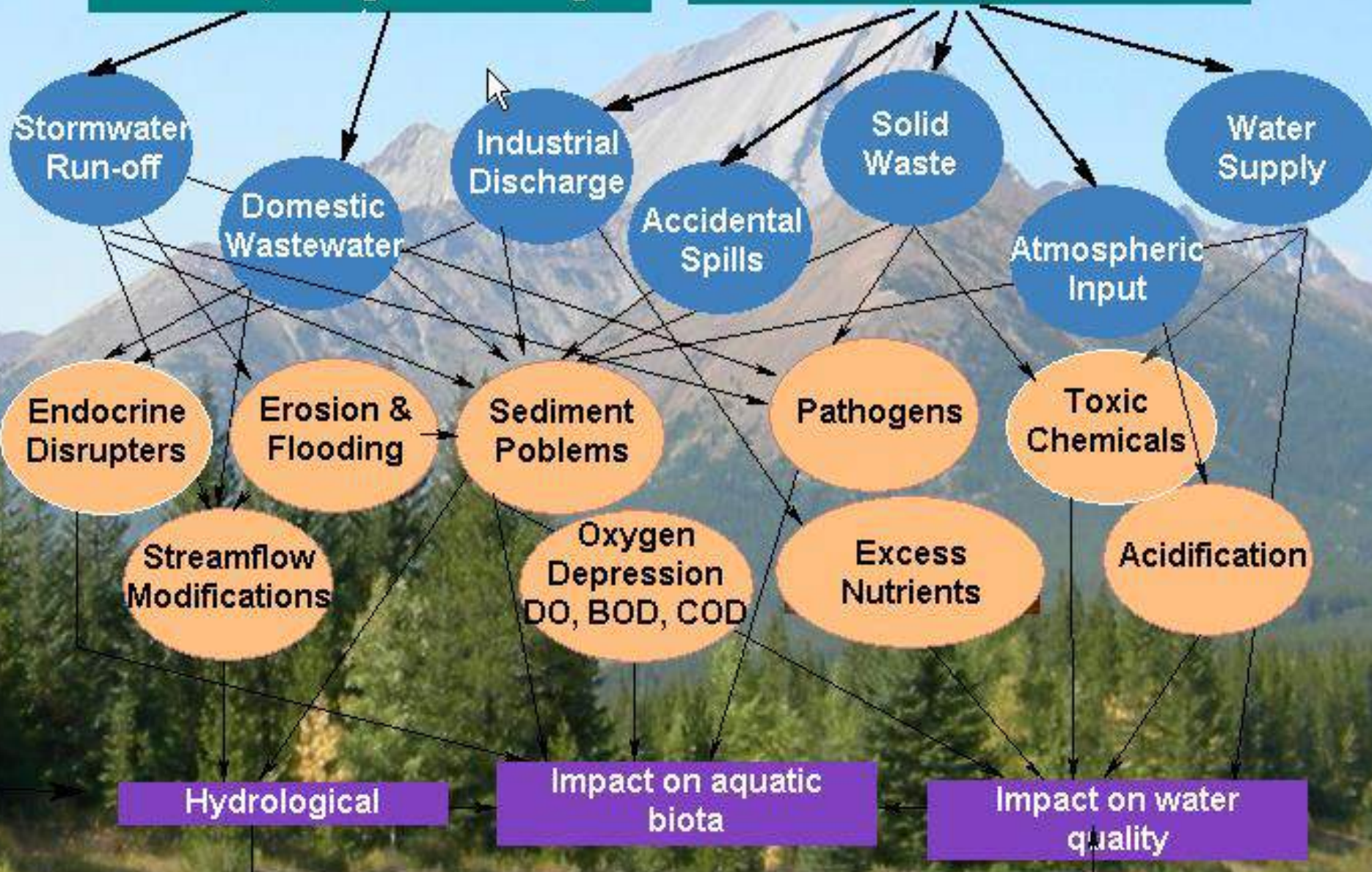
**40% of Mt. People**





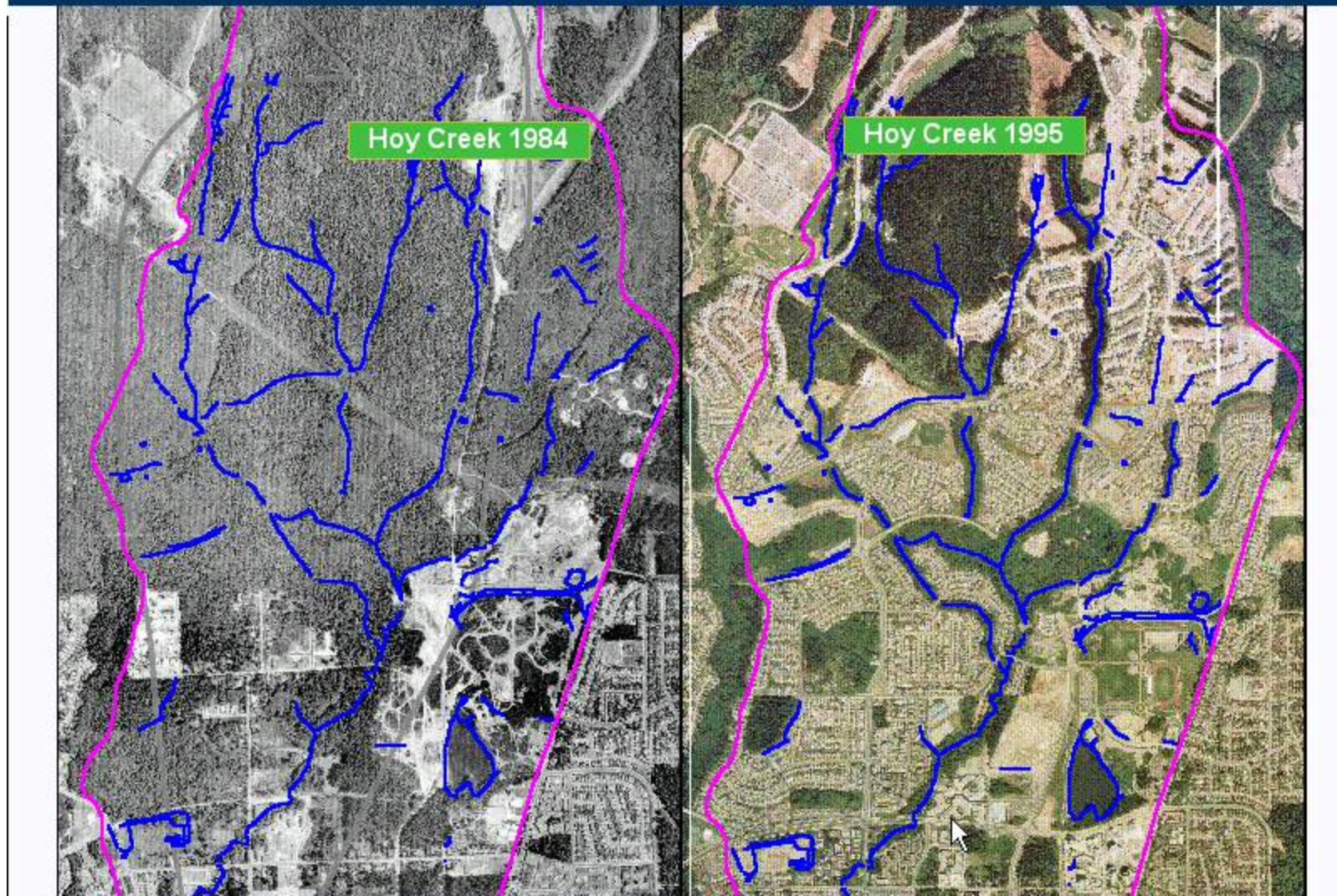
Urban infrastructure  
transportation, impervious  
surfaces, sewage and drainage

Urban activities  
traffic, industrial, residential,  
recreation





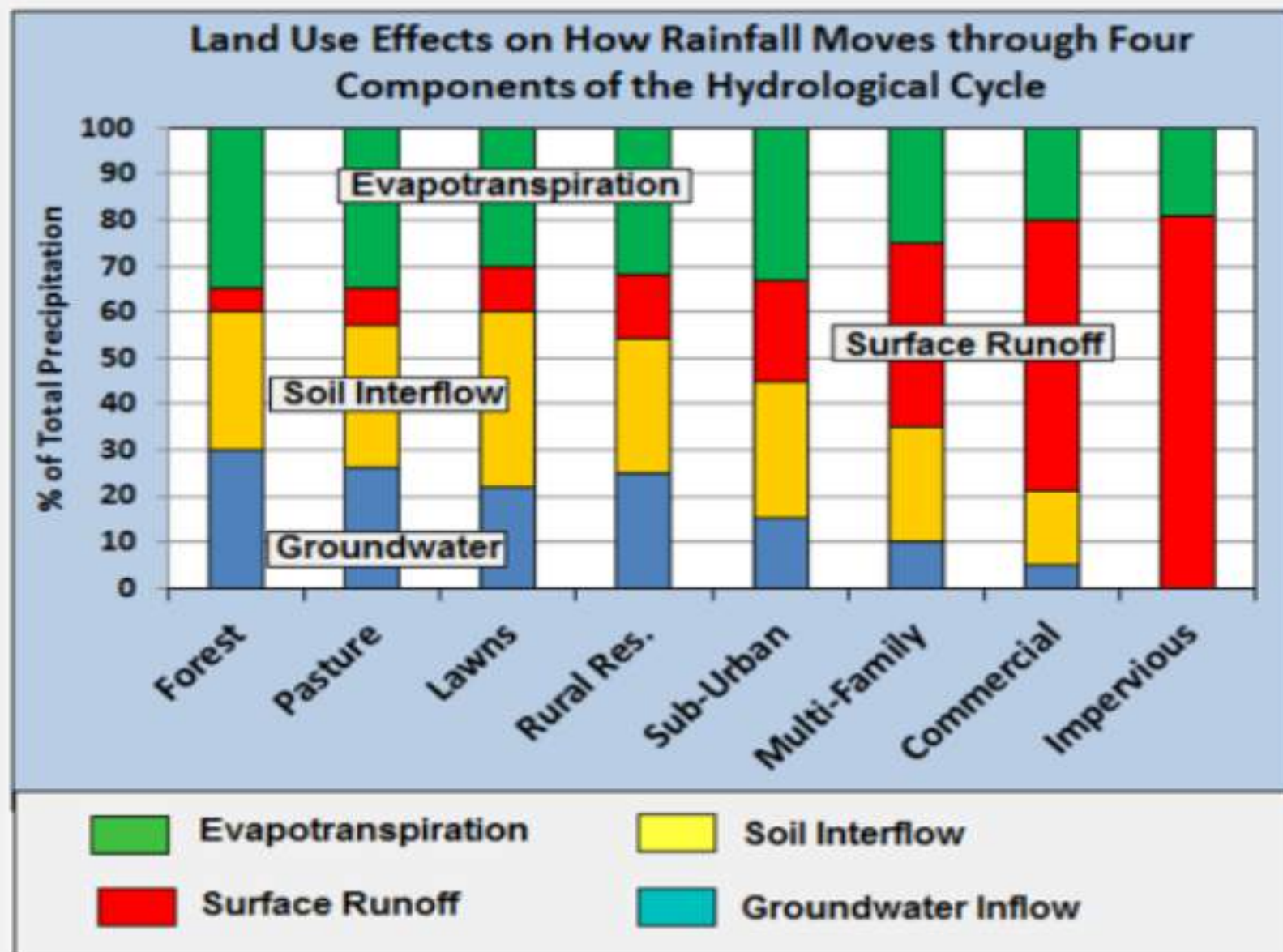
## Imperviousness & Soil Compaction





## Rainfall Redistribution by Land Use

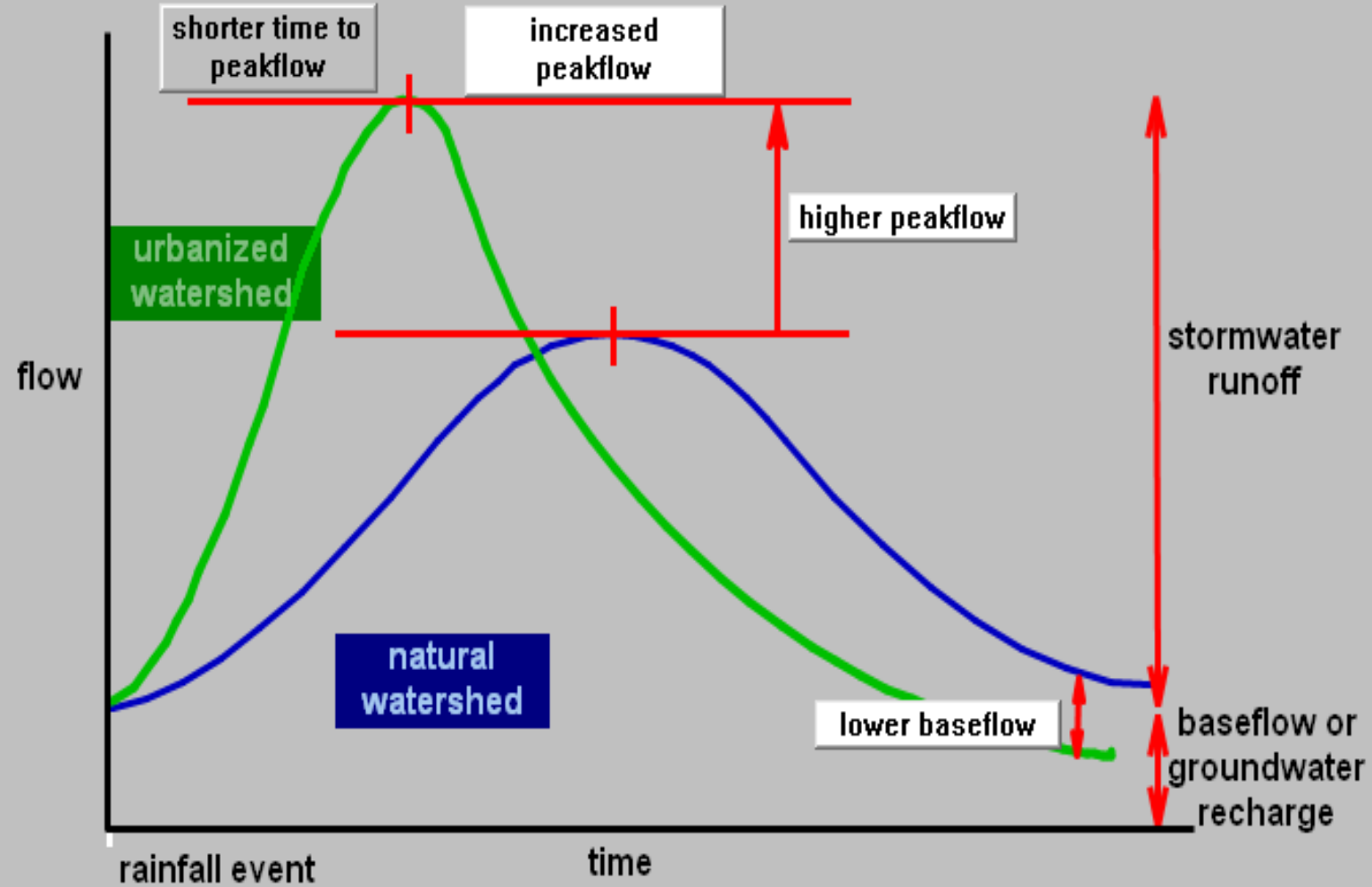
**Note:**  
Change in  
Surface  
Runoff as a  
result of land  
use changes  
(in Red)





## Streamflow Conditions

### Main impacts of urbanization on the generalized hydrograph





# Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity

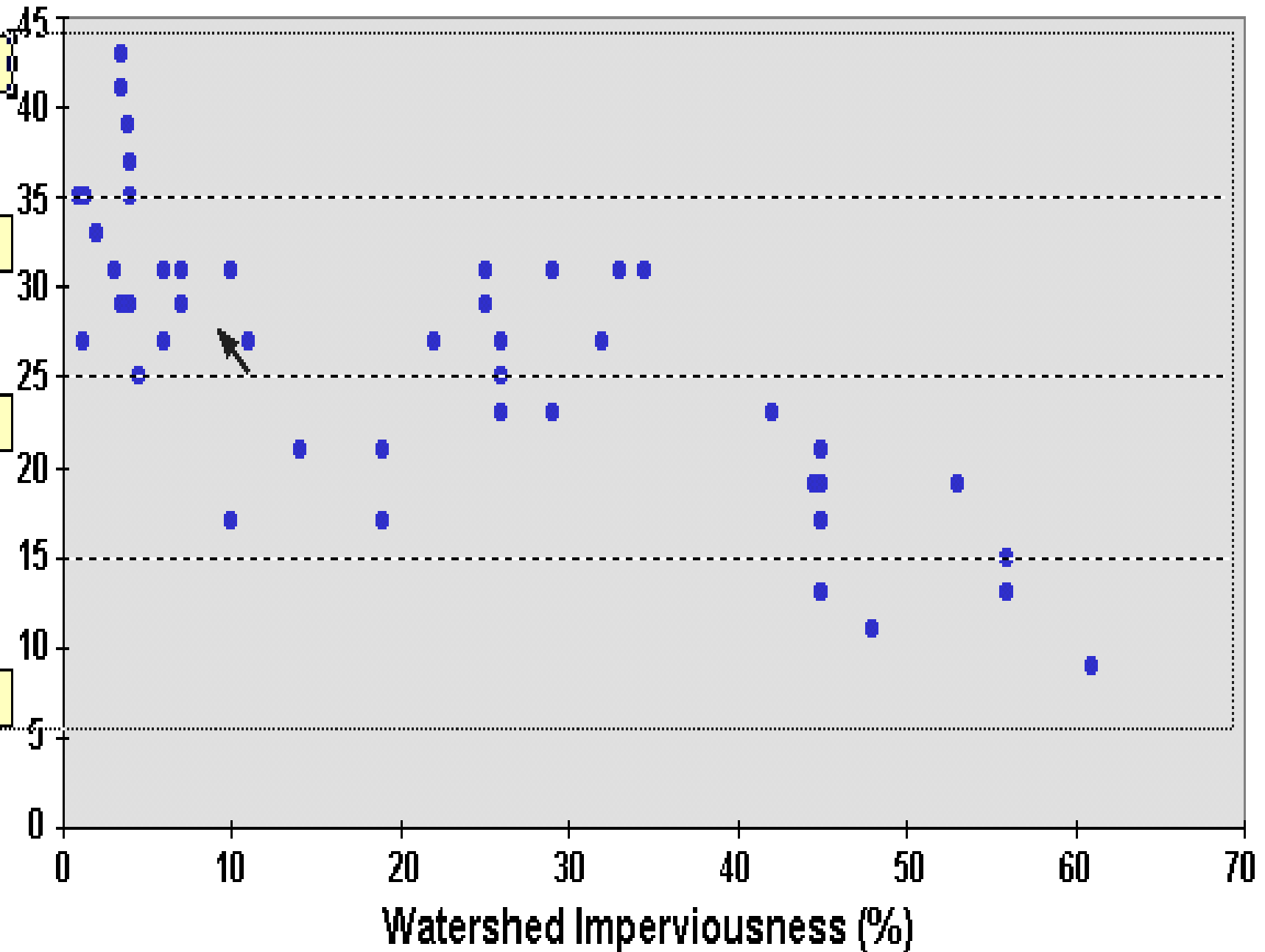
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fair

poor

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# **Impervious Surfaces and Conveyance Systems = Increases Pollution**

## **Typical Non-Point Sources of Pollution (NPS)**

**Deposition of atmospheric pollutants (NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>)**

**Nutrient & Pesticides from applications to lawns, golf courses, right-of-ways**

**Land clearing and construction activities**

**Accidental spills and illegal dumping of waste**



**Vehicle traffic, wear and tear exhaust fumes and leaks in parking lots**

**Organic Materials and pathogens from animal wastes (pets & wildlife)**

**Combined sewers and septic systems discharges**

**Commercial and Industrial runoff and discharge**



# Water Supplies & Conservation



Reservoir



Lake Water

## Domestic Water Sources



Groundwater



Spring Water



Rainwater Harvesting



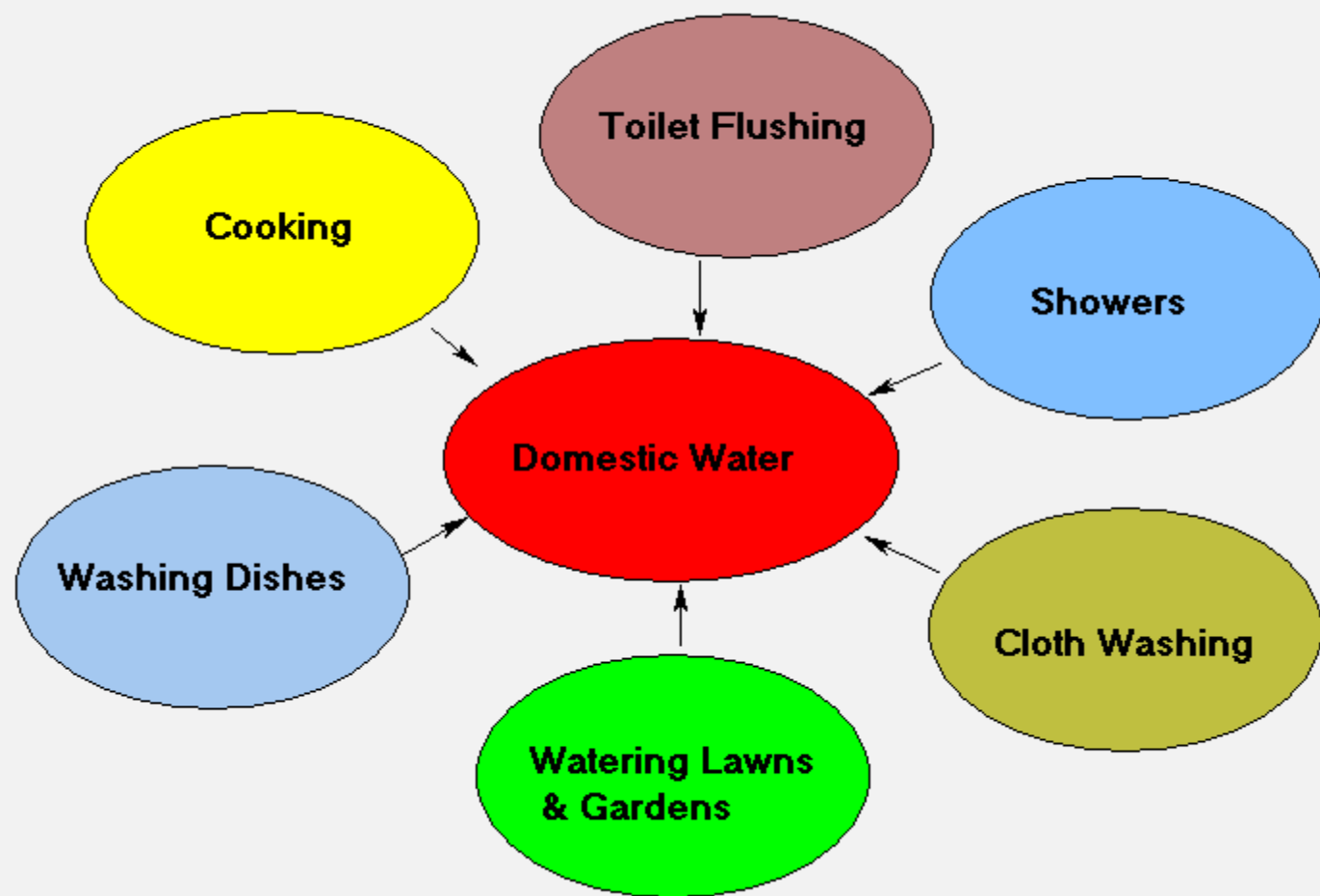
Streamwater

**Examples:**  
Everest Water from Texas  
Yosemite Water from LA Municipal Sources  
Glacial & Arctic Water from Florida





### Multiple Use of Water



## Wastewater

**BLUE WATER**

Rainfall that ends up into lakes, rivers & groundwater

**GREEN WATER**

Rain interception in soils & plants and evapotranspired

**WHITE WATER**

Water evaporated leaving the watershed (non-productive)

**GREY WATER**

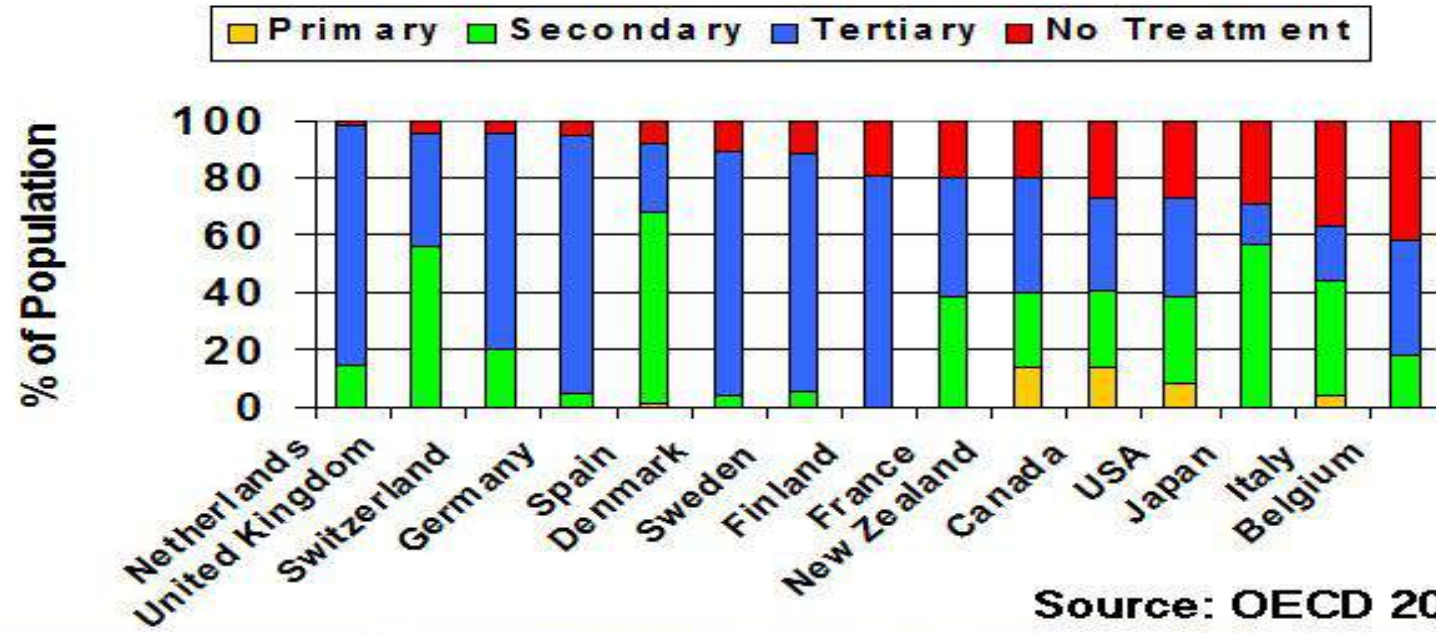
Wastewater, polluted but usable for certain purposes

**BLACK WATER**

Wastewater, heavily polluted, not economically unusable



## % of Population with Different Levels of Wastewater Treatment



Source: OECD 2008





## Chapman Lake; Water Supply for 28000 People on the Sunshine Coast, B.C.





## Chapman Creek Reservoir, Sunshine Coast, B.C.

Photo Sources:  
Monte Staats 2014

July 2012



September

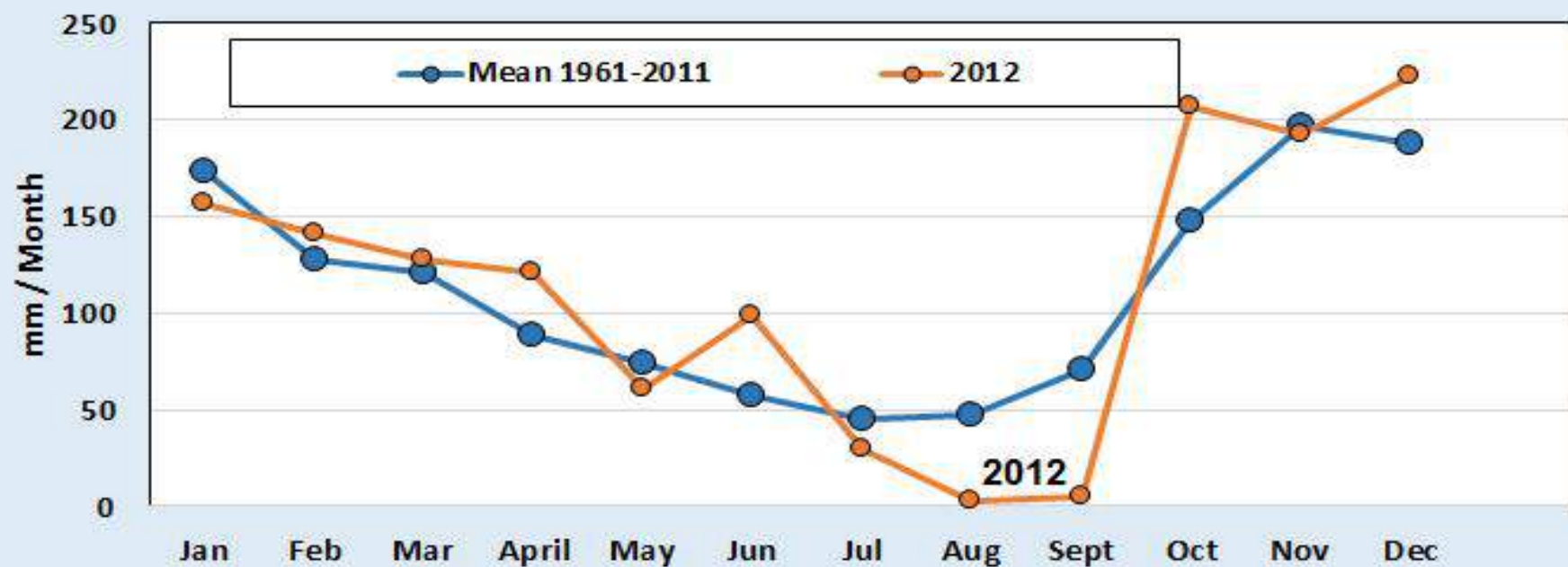


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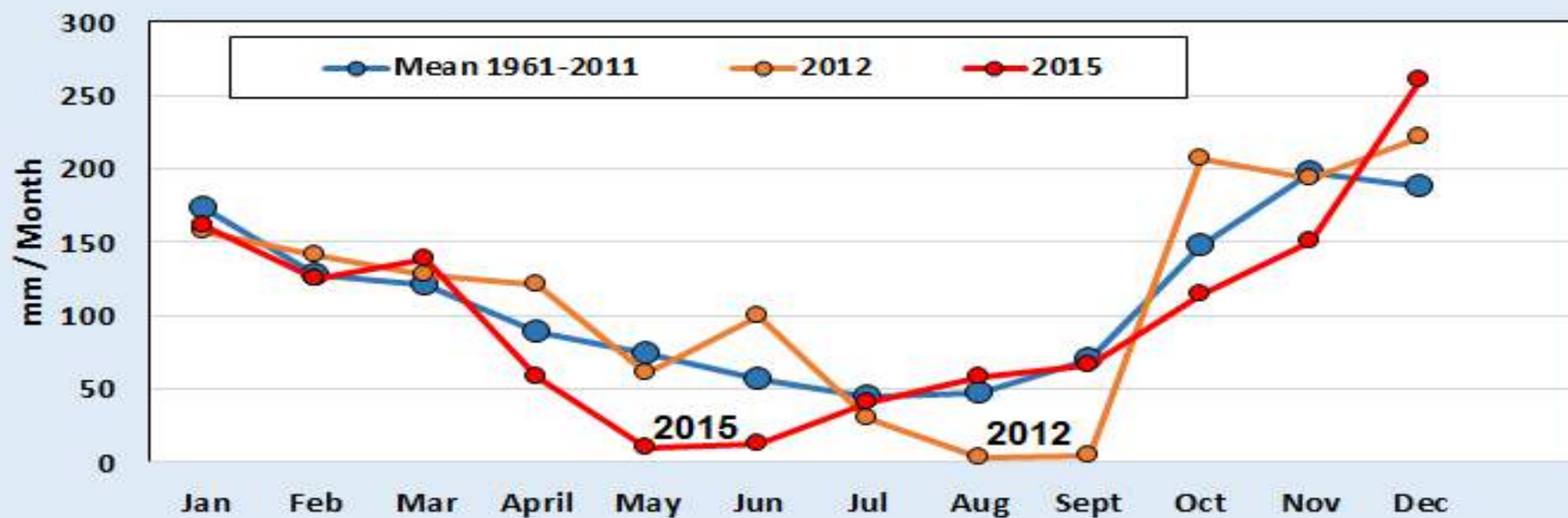


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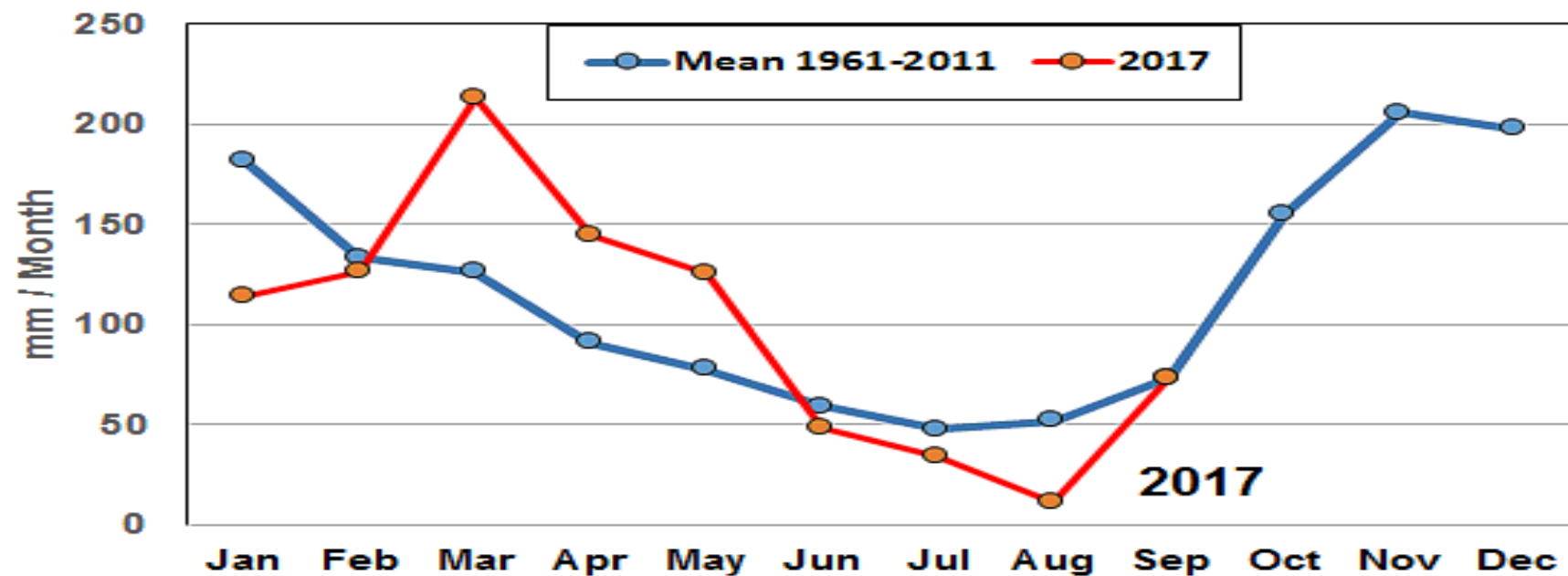




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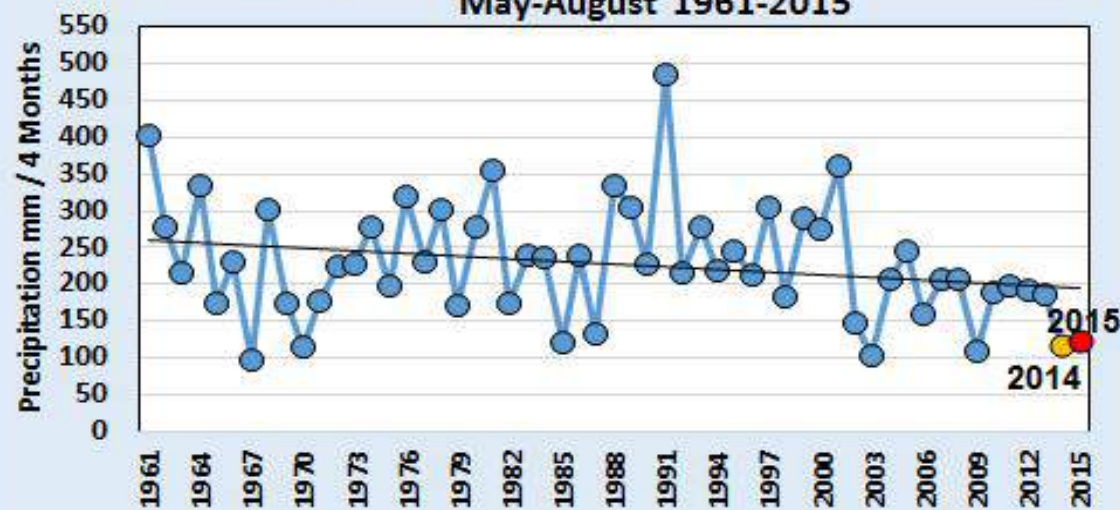


Monthly Precipitation in Gibsons in 2017



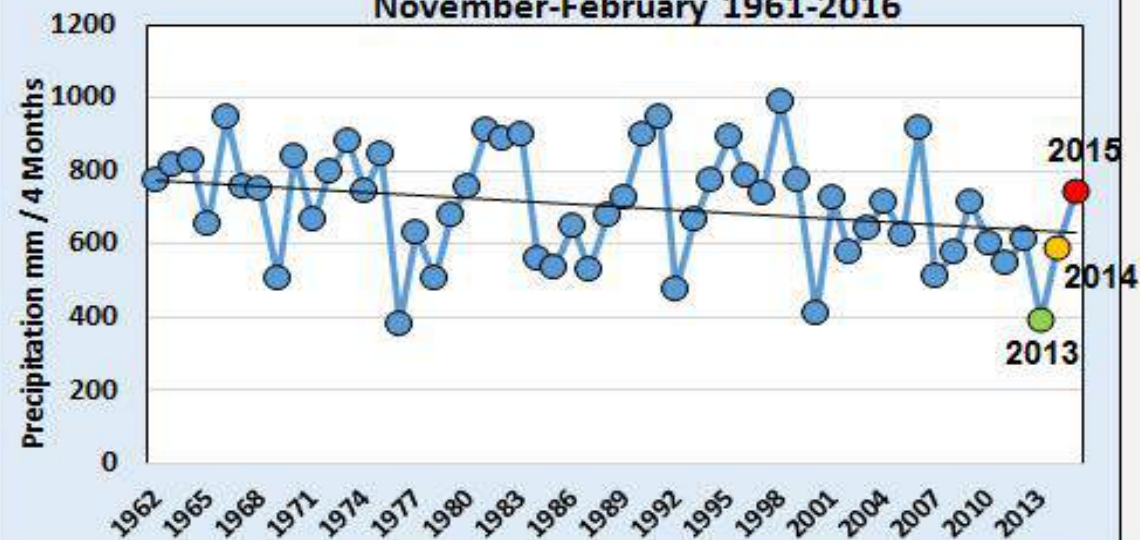
## Summer Precipitation

Changes in Summer Precipitation in Gibsons, B.C.  
May-August 1961-2015



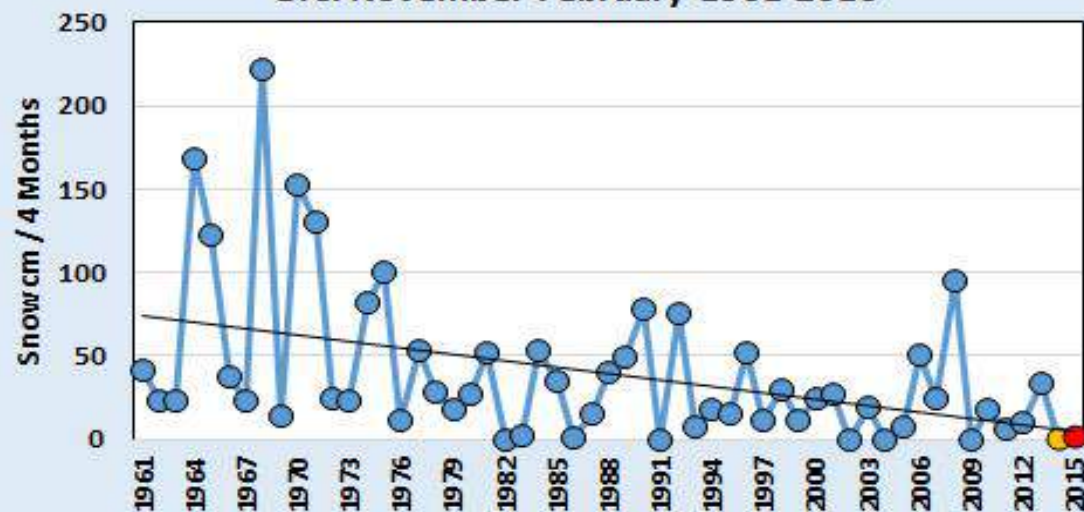
## Winter Precipitation

Change in Winter Precipitation in Gibsons, B.C.  
November-February 1961-2016



## Winter Snow Accumulation

Changes in Winter Snow Accumulation in Gibsons,  
B.C. November-February 1961-2016





## **Urban Impacts on Water Resources**

### **Urban Impacts**

### **Reasons**

**Urban Water Demand > Supply**

**Increasing Urban Population  
Urban Heat Island & Droughts  
Neglected Infrastructure (leakages)**

**Urban Flooding is Increasing**

**Densification & Impervious Surfaces  
Stormwater Conveyance into Stream  
Channelizing Stream Channels**

**Urban Pollution**

**Urban Runoff without Treatment  
Insufficient Wastewater Treatment  
Traffic and Air Pollution**

# Water for Food: Are We Heading for a Crisis?



## Projections:

50% increase food production is needed over the next 40 years.

## Why?

2 Billion new people  
0.8 Billion have not enough  
1 Billion is changing diets  
10-20% of food biomass for ethanol & biodiesel

## Water Use by Agriculture:

Agriculture uses about 70% of all fresh water

40% of all food comes from 19% irrigated land







**Can we increase the irrigated areas in agriculture ?**

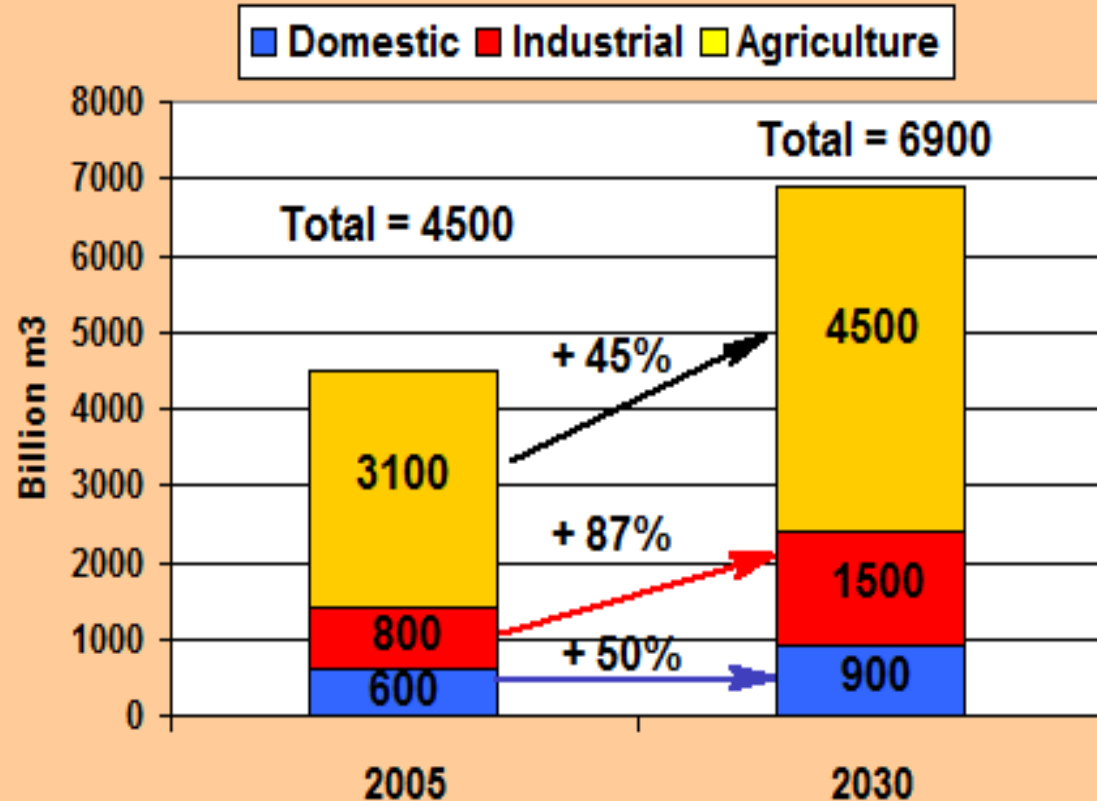
**Can we produce more food from rainfed agricultural land ?**

**When:**

- 1. Demand for water for other uses is increasing**
- 2. The agricultural land base is shrinking**
- 3. Climatic variability is increasing**
- 4. Soil and water degradation problems are increasing**
- 5. Energy problems are accelerating**

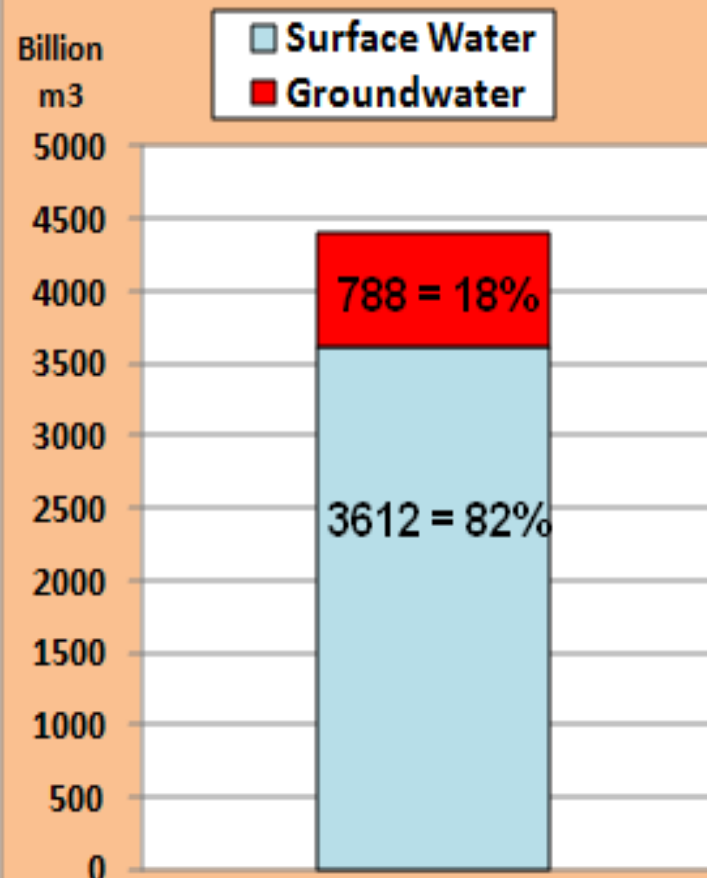


## Global Water Demand 2005-2030 (Existing vs. Projected)



Without efficiency gains the water demand will increase by 64% between 2005-2030

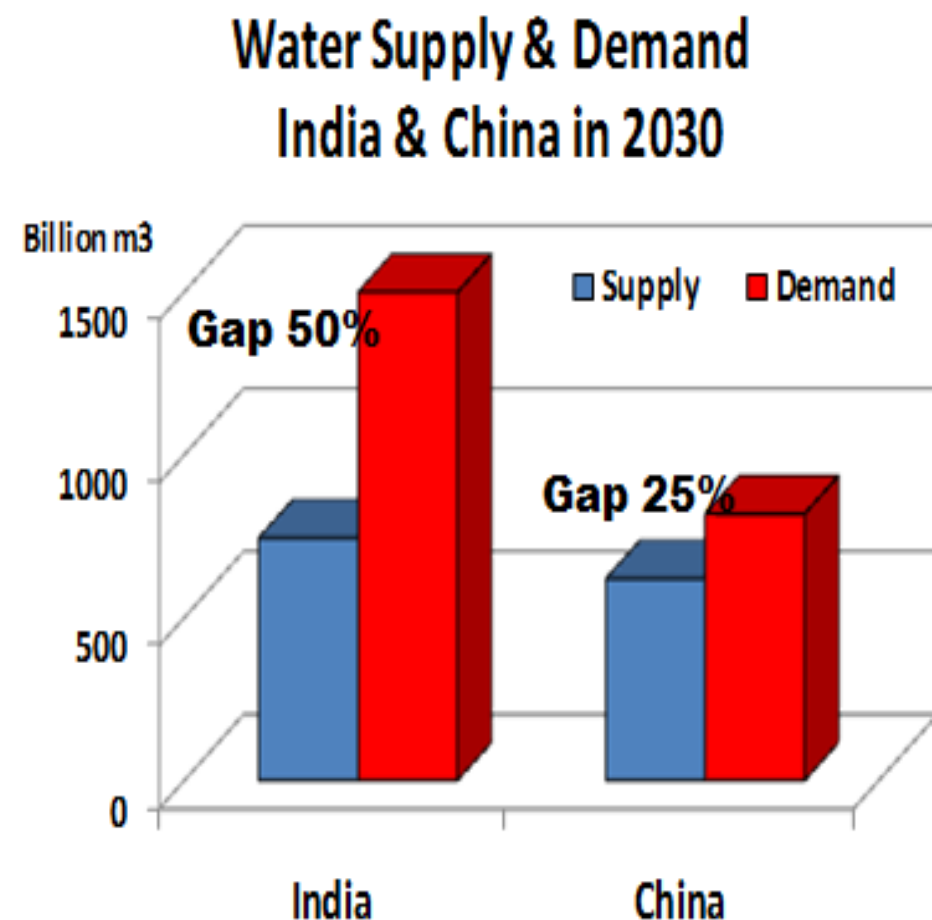
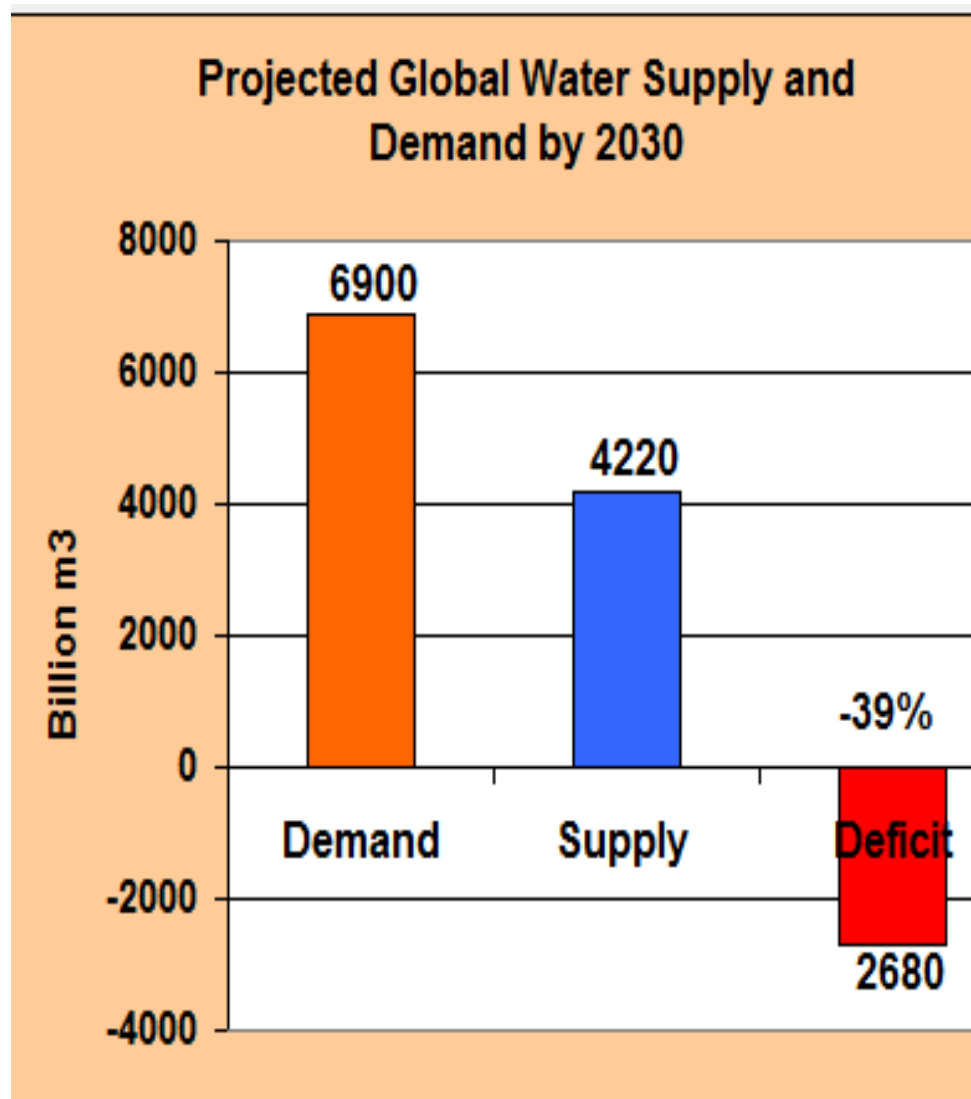
## Reliable Water Supply 2005



Surface Water remains as the dominant water source for agriculture

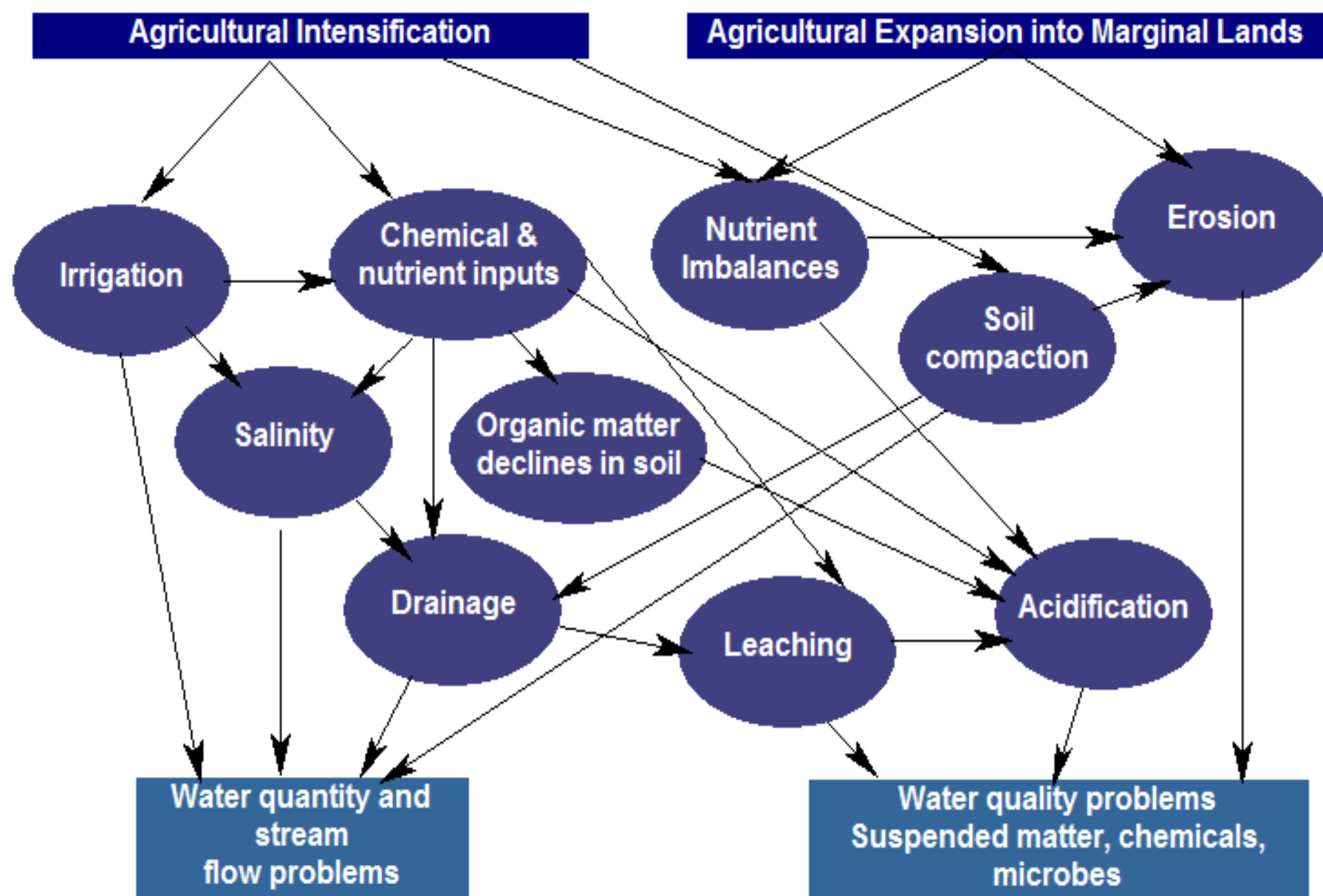
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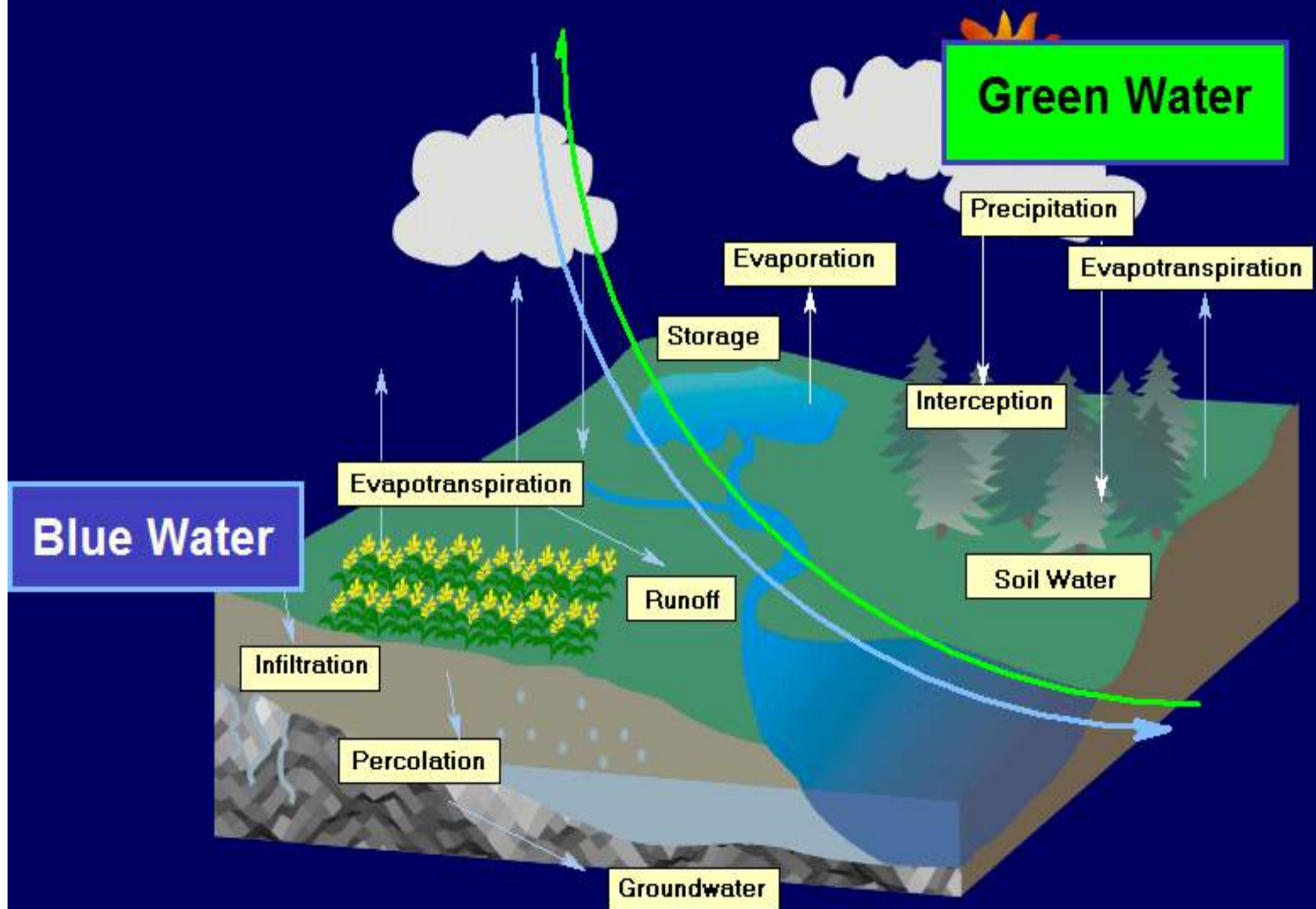
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# Agricultural Impacts on Water Resources

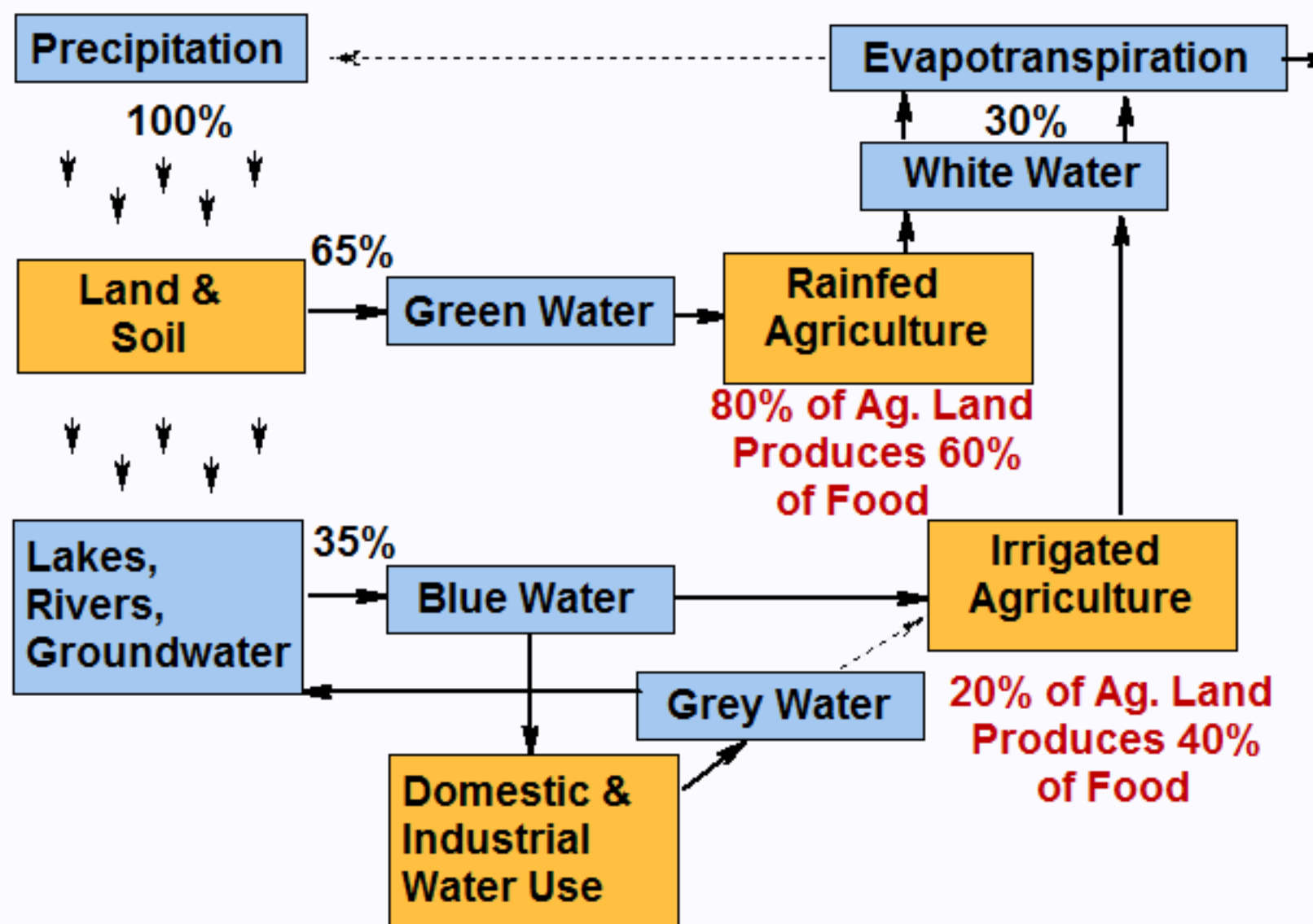




# Hydrological Cycle

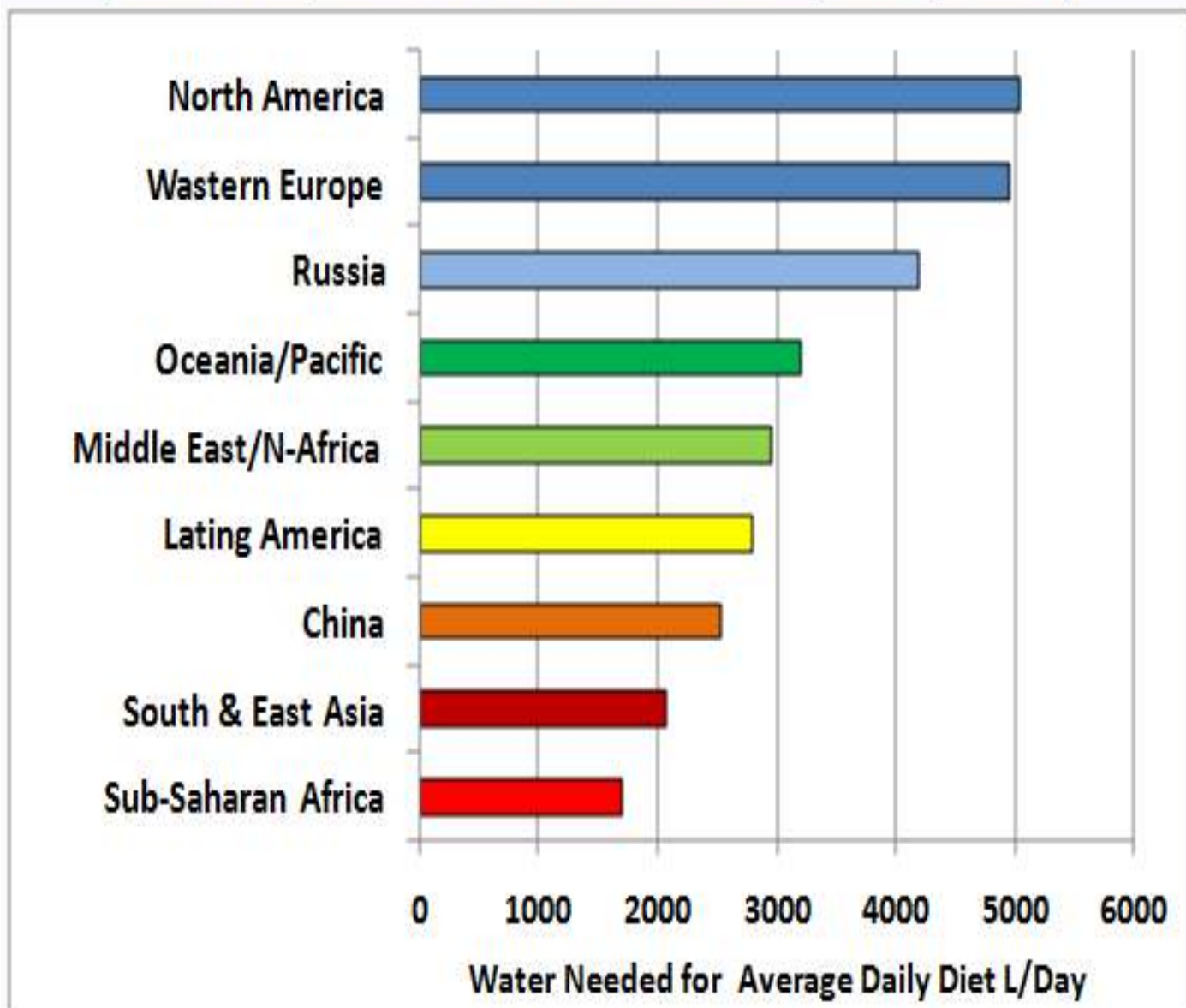


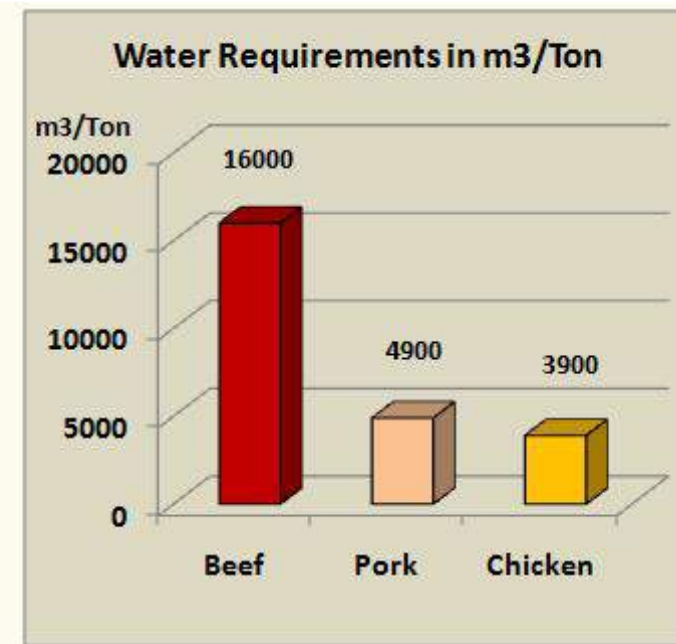
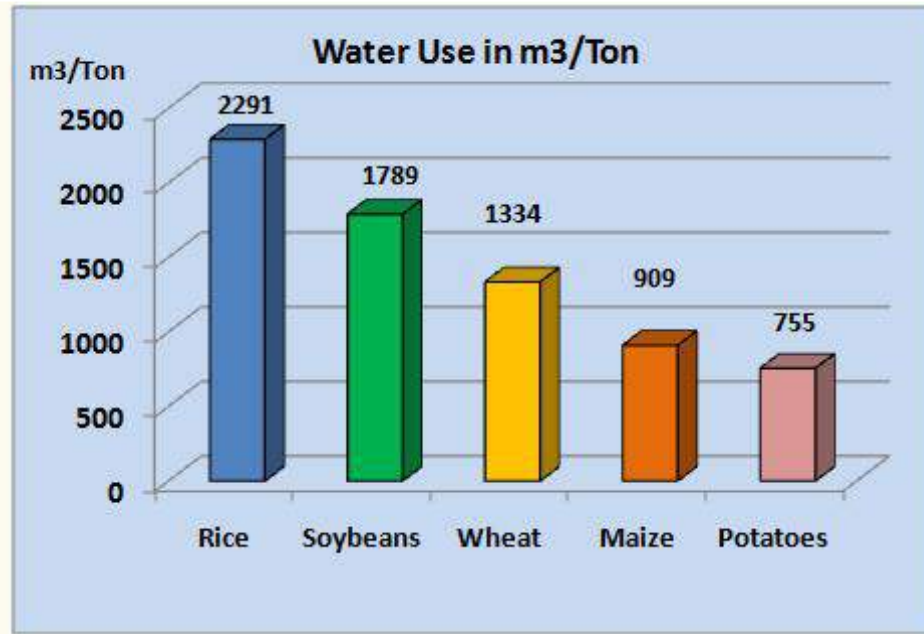
## Green Water, Blue Water, White Water, Grey Water



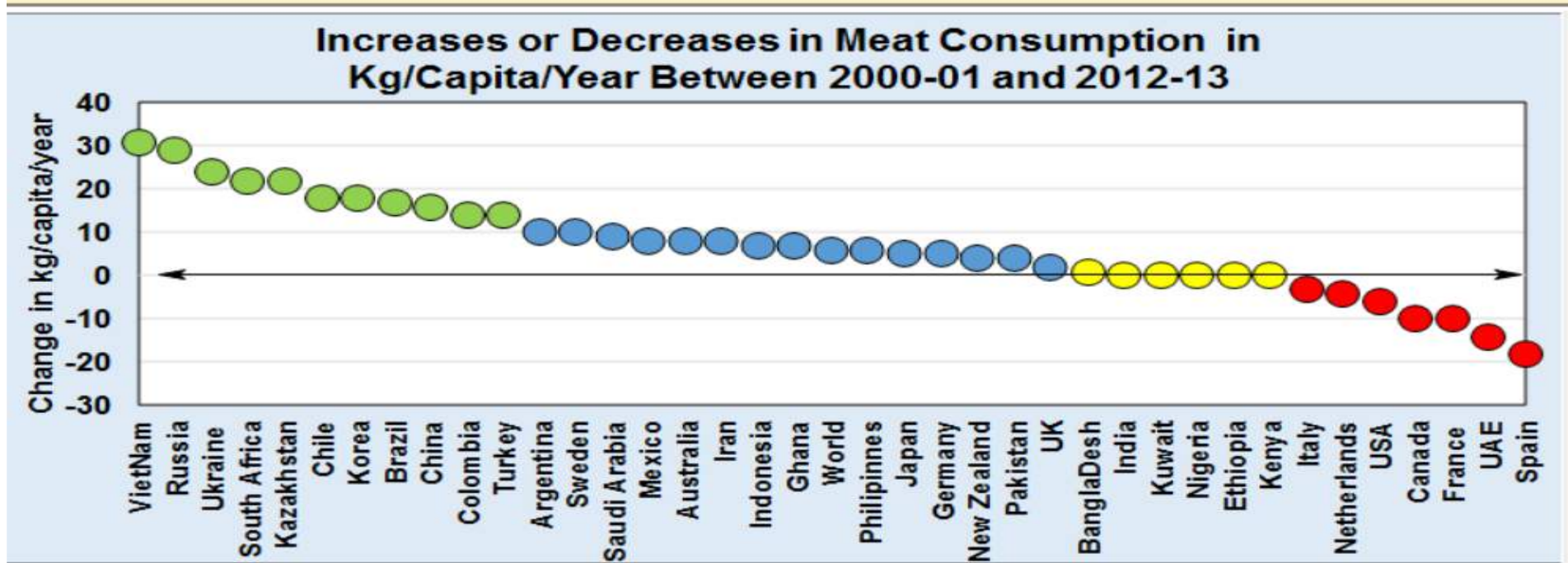
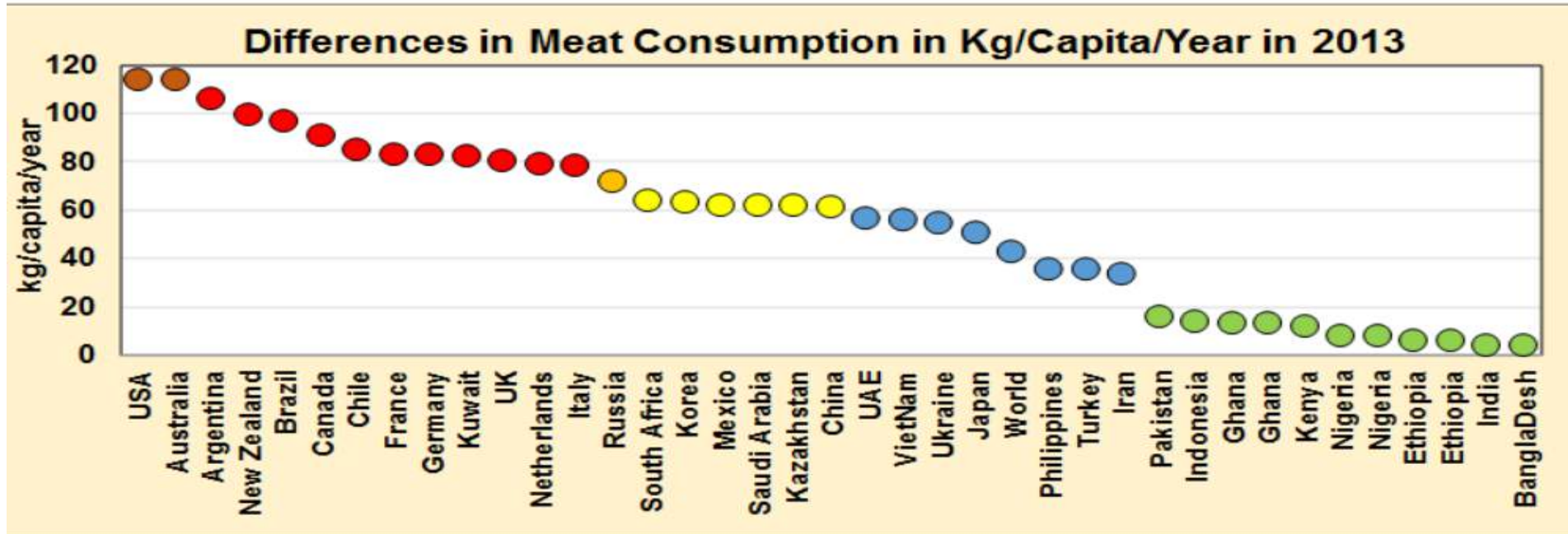


## Water Requirements to Maintain Average Daily Diet









## % Changes in Livestock Numbers Between 2000 and 2014

	Cattle	Pigs	Sheep	Chicken	Human Population
World	13 %	15 %	13 %	49 %	18 %
Canada	-7 %	2 %	10 %	6 %	16 %
USA	-10 %	14 %	-35 %	7 %	13 %
Australia	5 %	-8 %	-39 %	15 %	23 %
Brazil	57 %	20 %	19 %	57 %	17 %
China	5 %	22 %	49 %	29 %	8 %

**Global Numbers  
in Billions 2014**

**Cattle  
1.47 Billions**

**Pigs  
0.99 Billions**

**Sheep  
1.19 Billions**

**Goats  
1.01 Billions**

**People  
7.3 Billions**

**Total Ruminants  
4.7 Billions**



Nitrogen in Human Waste  
= 4kg N /Person/Year

Nitrogen in Animal Manure  
= 30-40 kg N /LUE/Year

Number of People in the World  
= 7 Billion

Number of LUE (Cow Equivalent)  
= 3 Billion

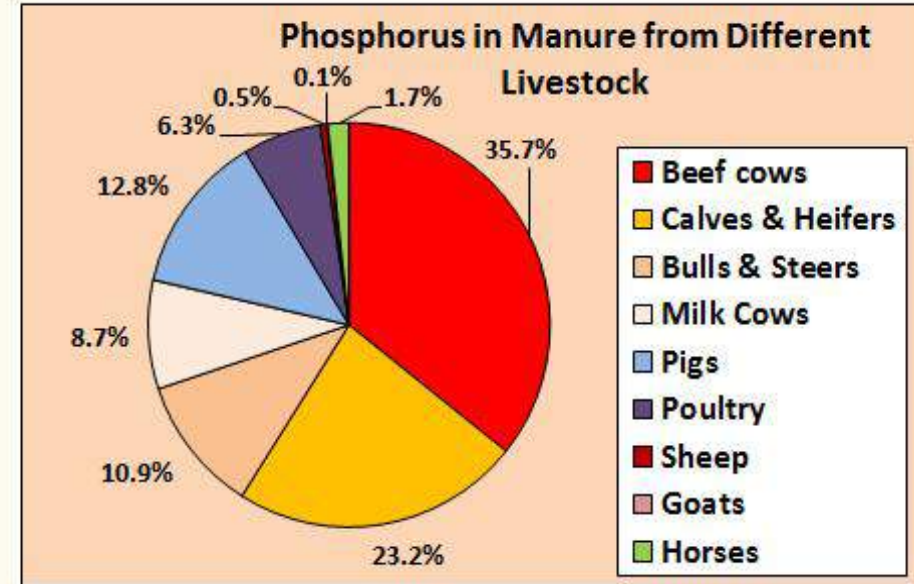
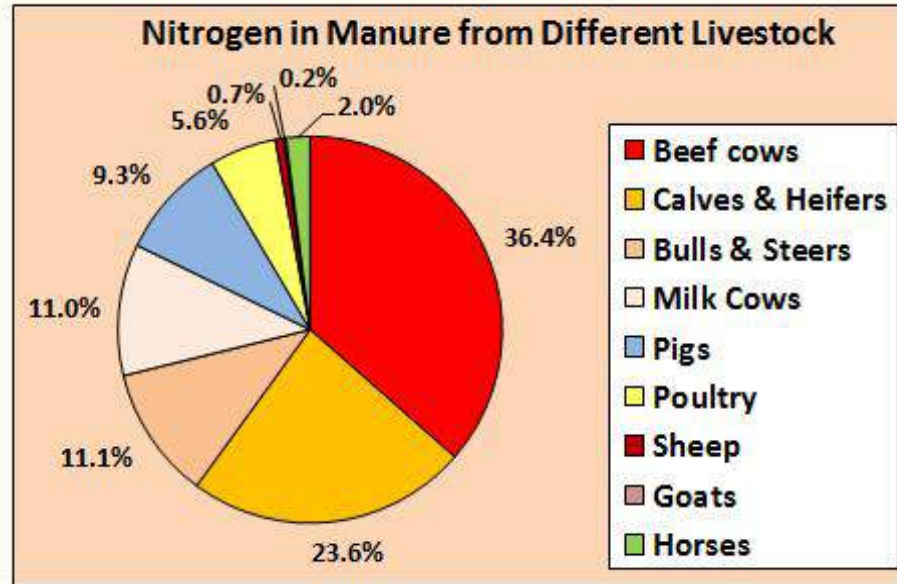


Cows generates 7 times the nitrogen in the waste that a human being

Global Nitrogen in Animal Waste = Equivalent to **21 Billion People**

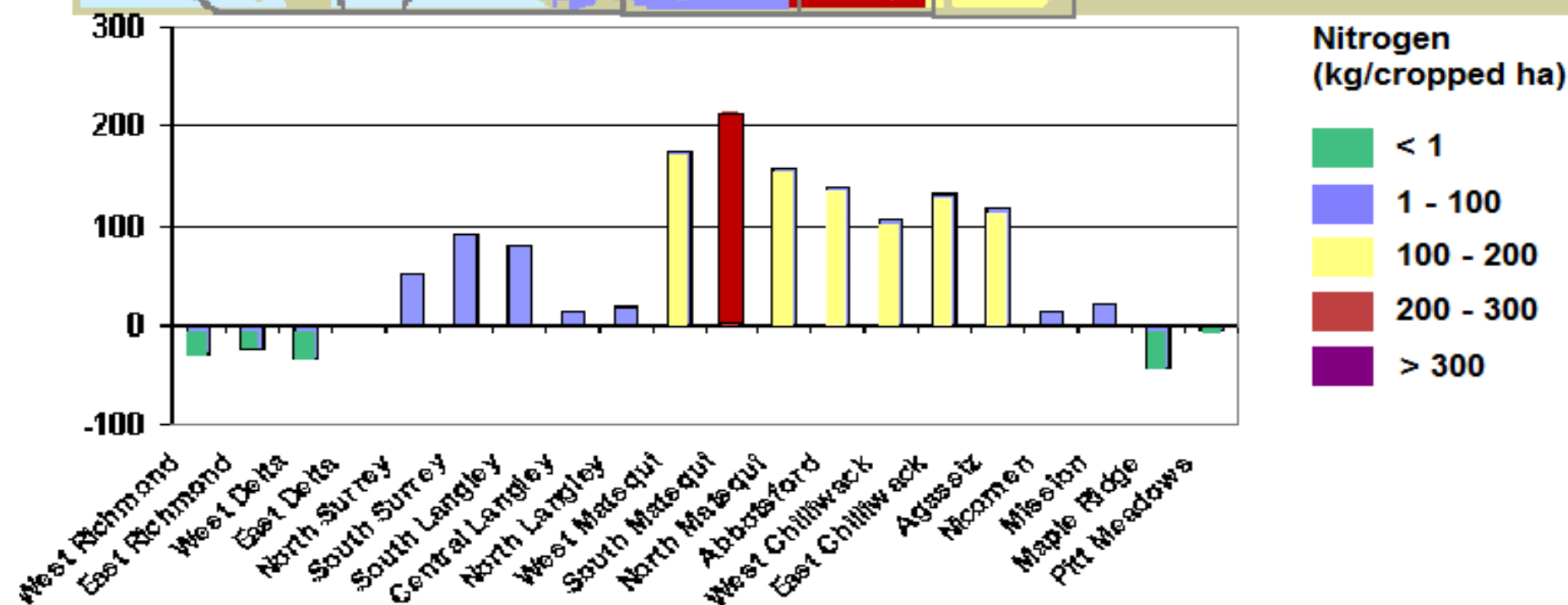
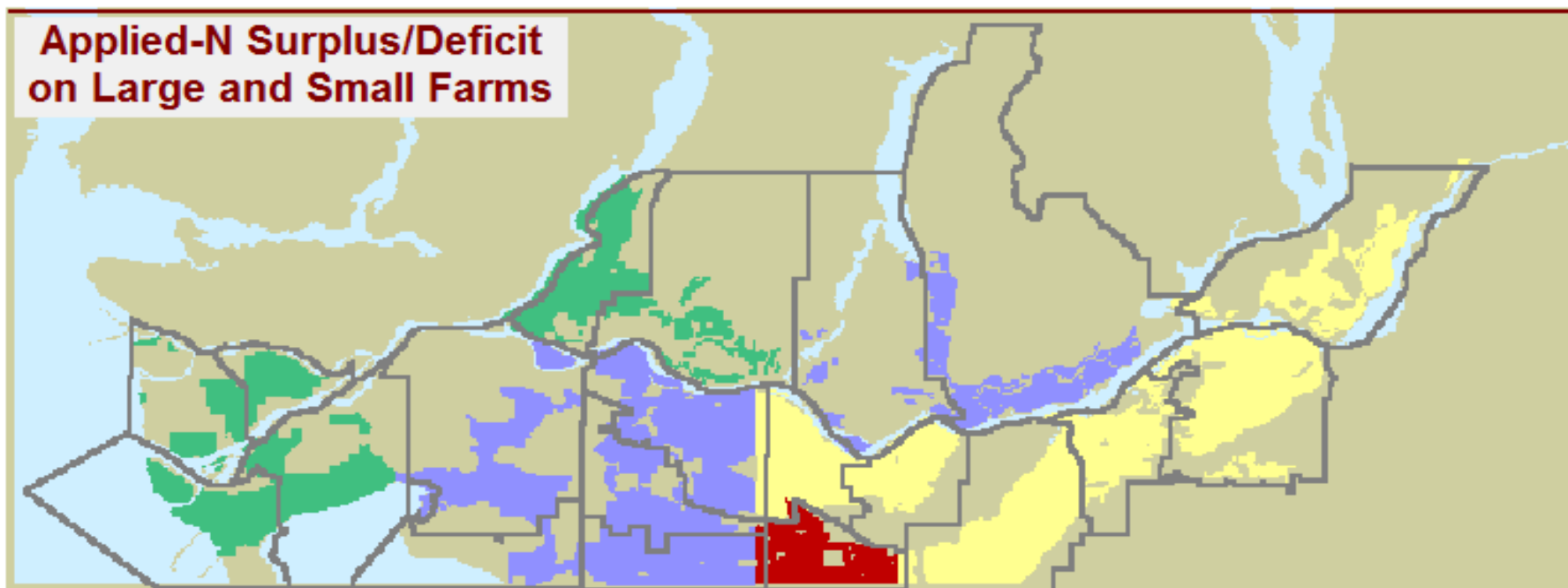
**We try to treat Human Waste in the City**  
**Why not treat Animal Waste in Large Operations**

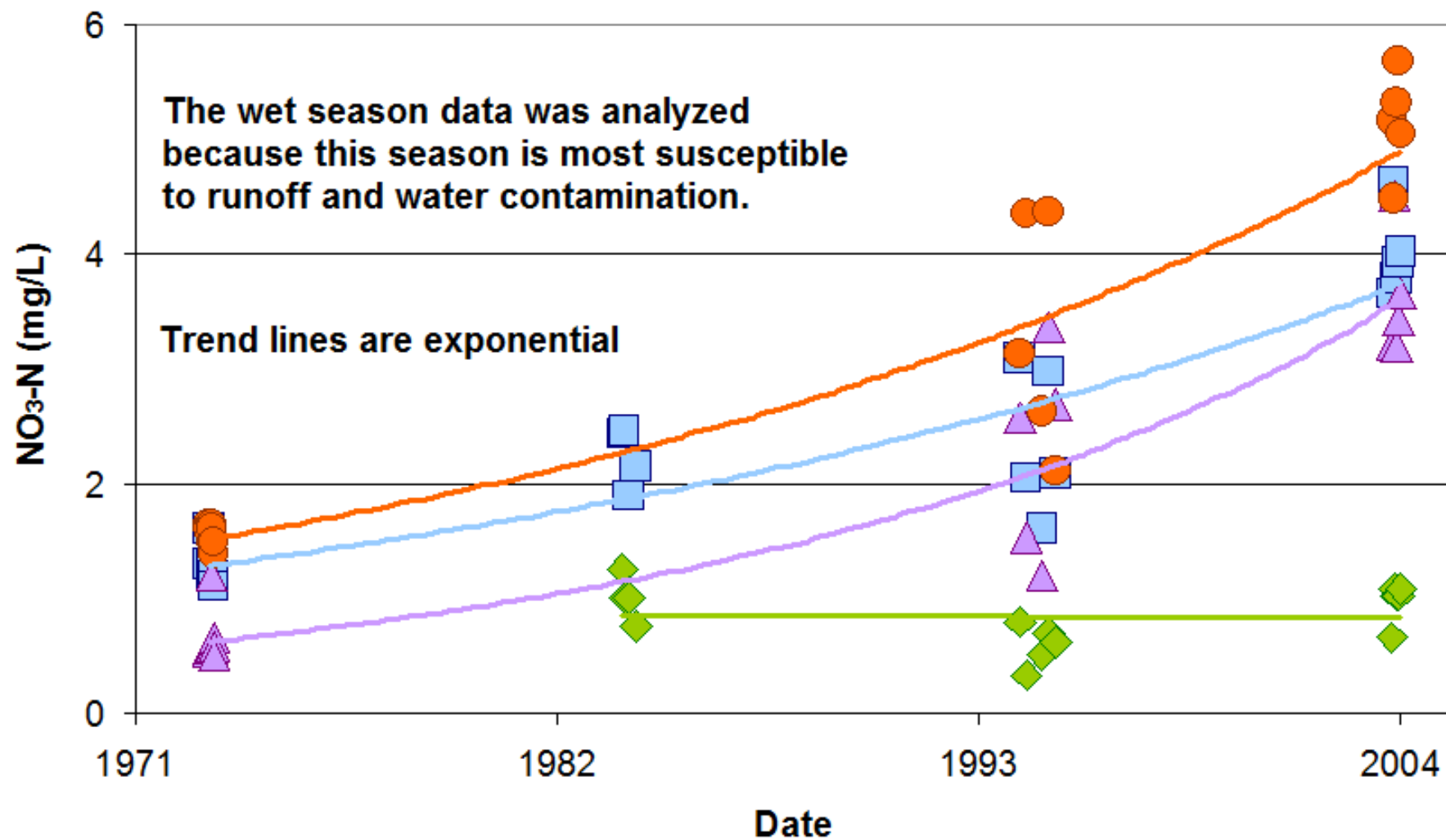
## 81% of all N and 75% of all P in Manure is from Cattle





# **Applied-N Surplus/Deficit on Large and Small Farms**

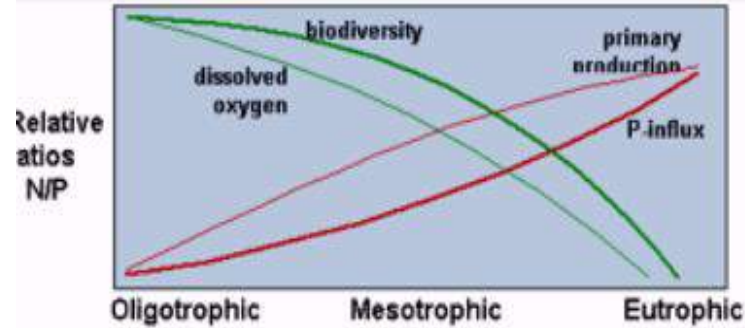




- Marshall Creek at North Parallel Road ( $R^2=0.901$ )
- Sumas River at International Border ( $R^2=0.833$ )
- ◆ Sumas River Downstream by Pump Station ( $R^2=0.888$ )
- ◆ Sumas River Headwaters (no significant change over time)



# Agriculture and Eutrophication



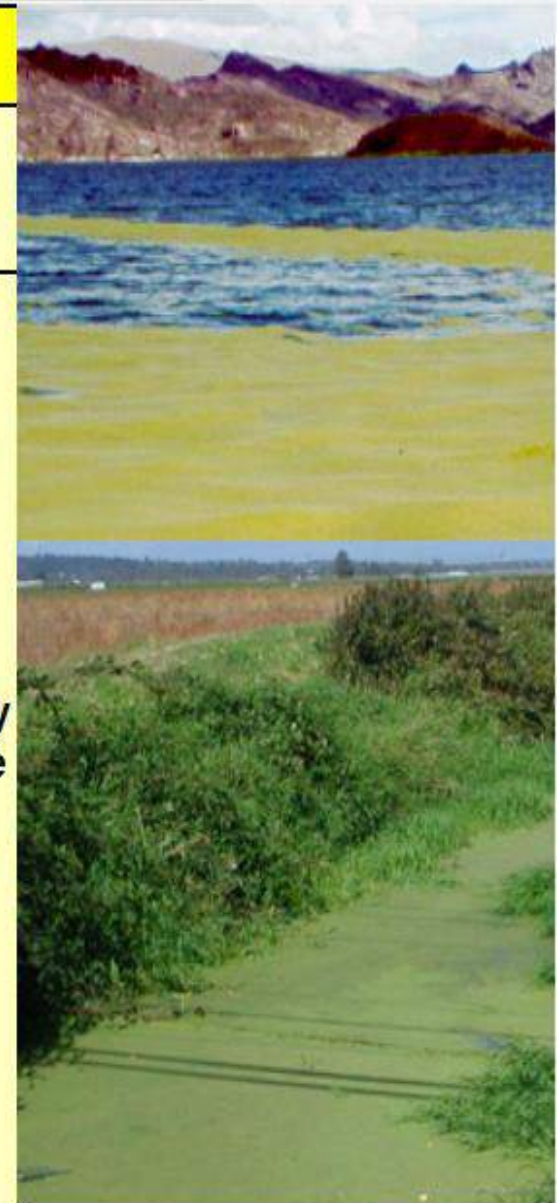
Low productivity	↔	High productivity
Scarce littoral plants		Abundant littoral plants
Low nutrient levels		High nutrient levels
Oxygen in hypolimnion		Hypolimnion O depletion
Usually deeper lakes		Usually shallower lakes
Large diversity of plankton		Low diversity of plankton



## Eutrophication

Control Nitrogen and Phosphorus Inputs (N/P)

1. Annual Nutrient Budgets
2. Move Manure from Surplus Area to Deficit Areas
3. Precision Fertilization
4. Store Manure and only Apply to Land at Appropriate Time
5. Determine Soil Phosphorus Absorption Capacity
6. Animal Stocking Density Regulation based on Soil Absorption Capacity
7. Process Manure (Treatment with Nutrient Recovery)

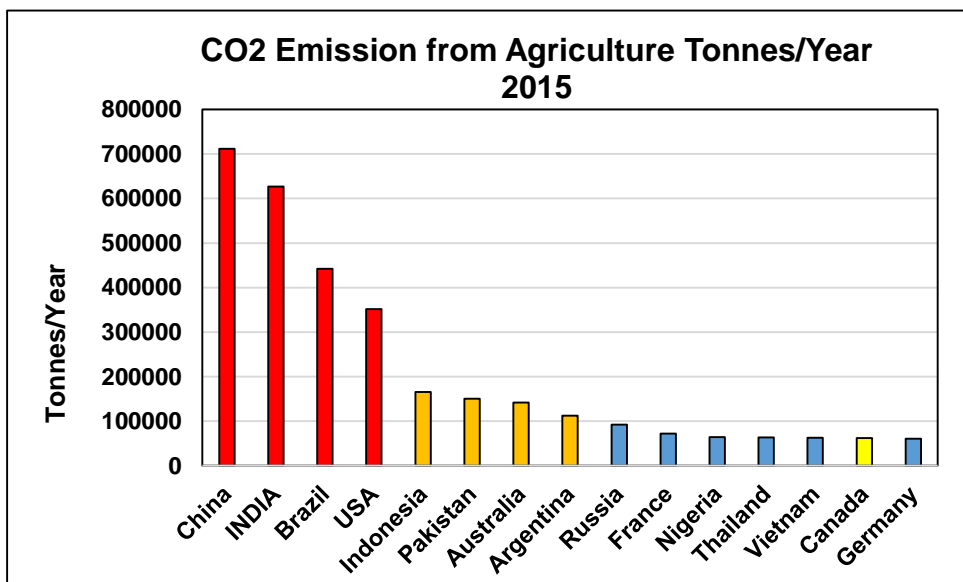
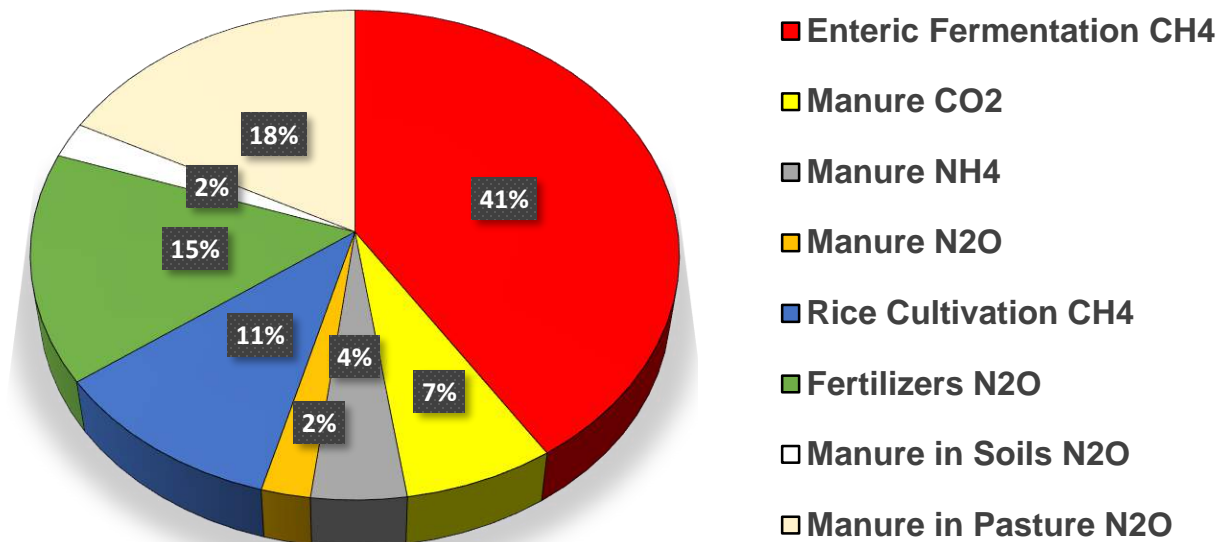


**Agriculture produces 13-14% of  
Global Green House Gases**

**65% CH<sub>4</sub> & N<sub>2</sub>O**

**Increases between 1990-2010  
8%**

**Global GHG Emission from Agriculture (in CO<sub>2</sub> Equ.)**

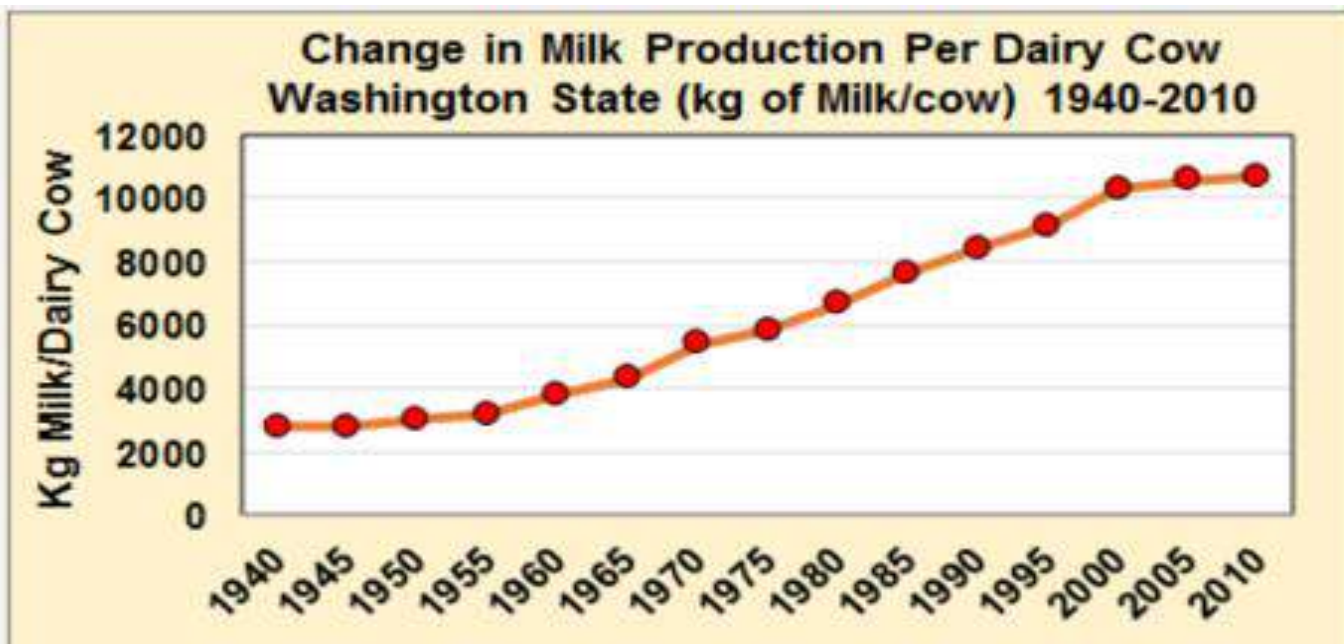


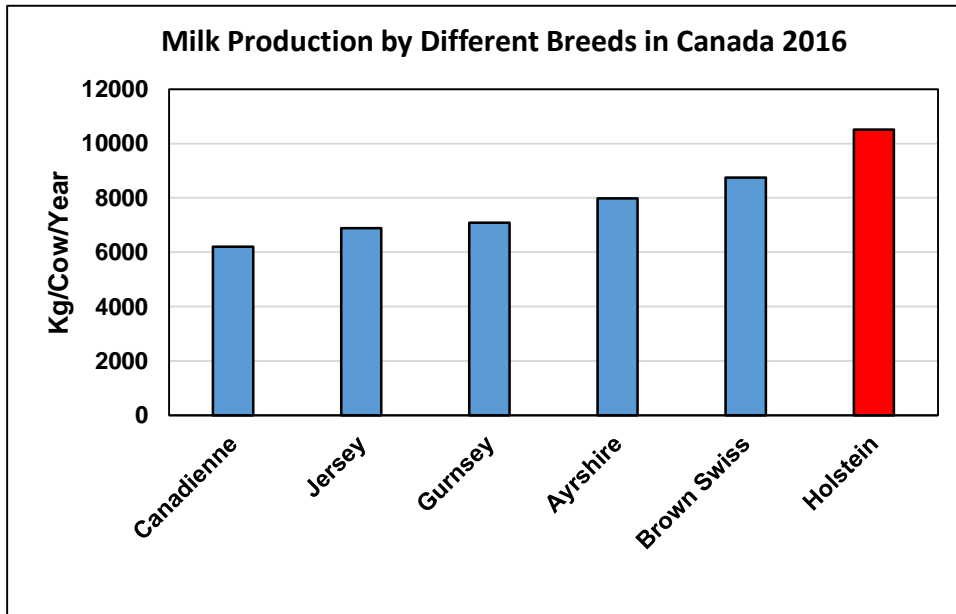
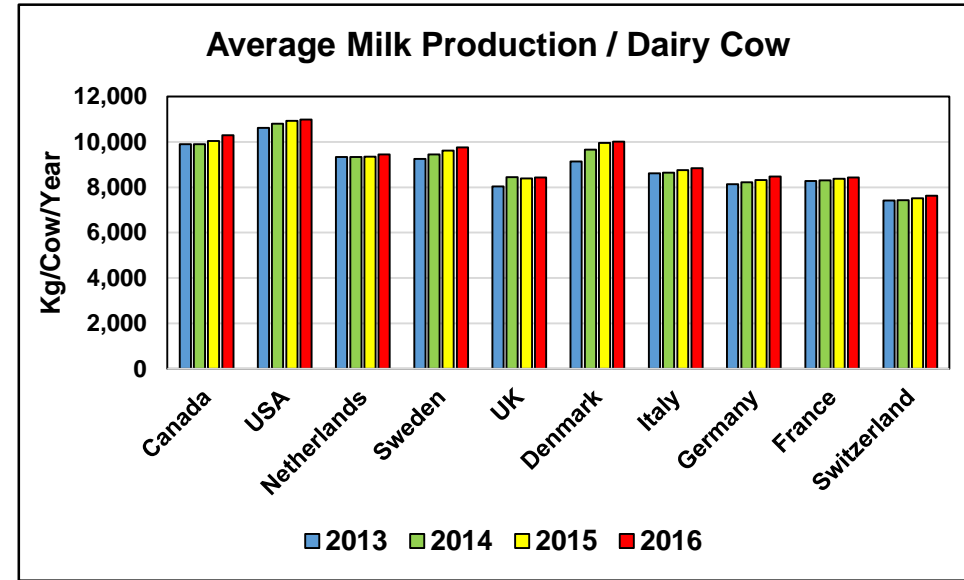
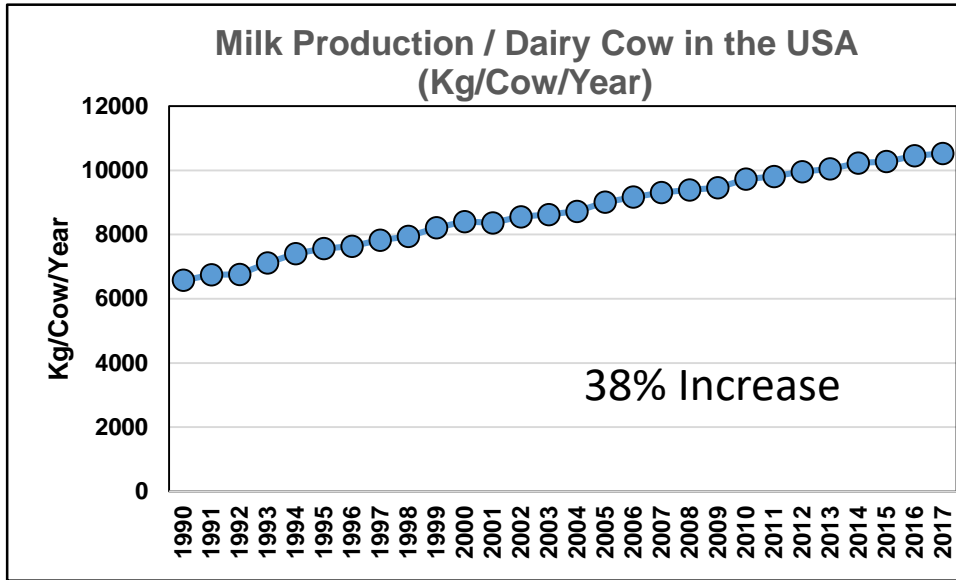
**Cattle is the largest  
Contributor to GHG**

**Employs 1.3 Billion People  
40% of Agricultural Output  
Using about 30% of all Land**









**Dairy Cows are the most water  
consumptive Livestock  
20000—30000 m<sup>3</sup>/year**

**For every 1 kg of Milk they produce  
1.7-2.6 kg of Manure (Holstein)**







## Manure Storage for 110 Dairy Cows



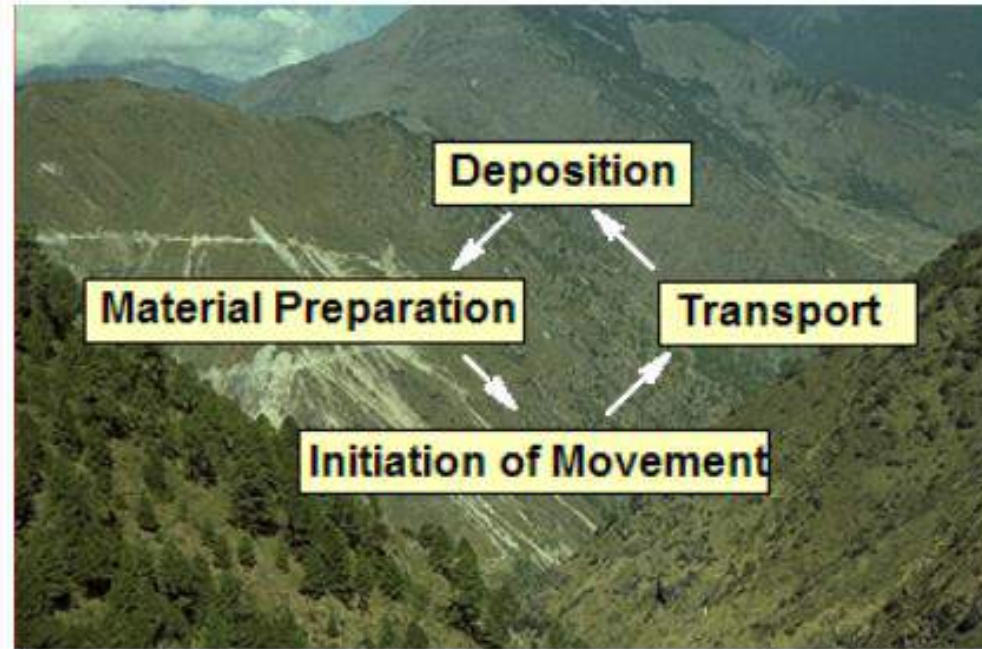
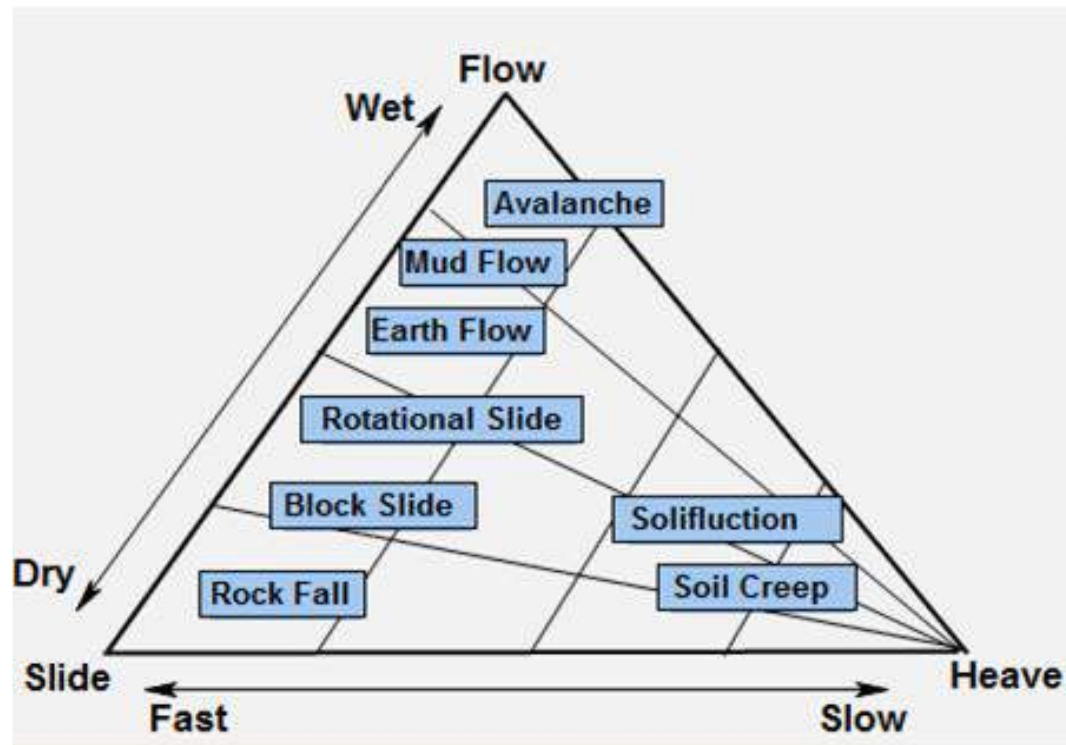


# Soil Erosion



Typical Erosion	Rating
• 2- 5 t/ha/year	low
• 5-10 t/ha/year	moderate
• 10-15 t/ha/year	high
• 15-25 t/ha/year	very high
• 25-100 t/ha/year	excessive





## Soil Erosion Processes

### Inherent factors that influence erosion

1. Type of Material (rocks & soil)
2. Soil texture and structure
3. Amount of swelling clays
4. Crusts and impervious layers
5. Infiltration and percolation rates
6. Topography and slope

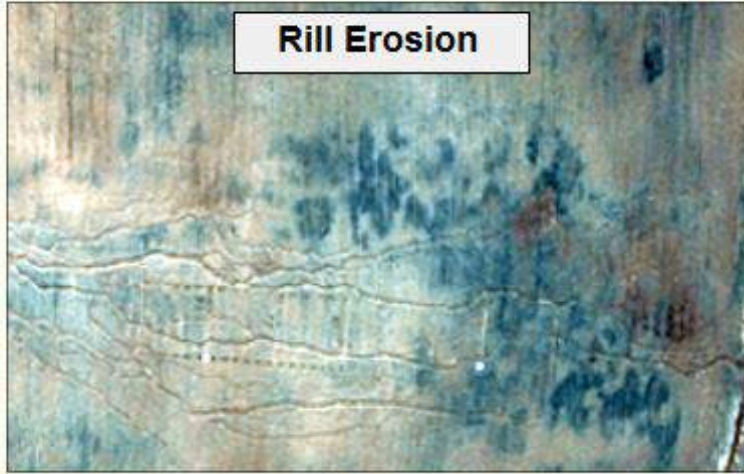
### External factors that influence erosion

1. Rainfall intensity, duration & amount
2. Temperature
3. Change in surface conditions & cover
4. Change in soil moisture content
5. Vegetation cover, density & structure
6. Adjacent activities



## Type of Erosion

Rill Erosion



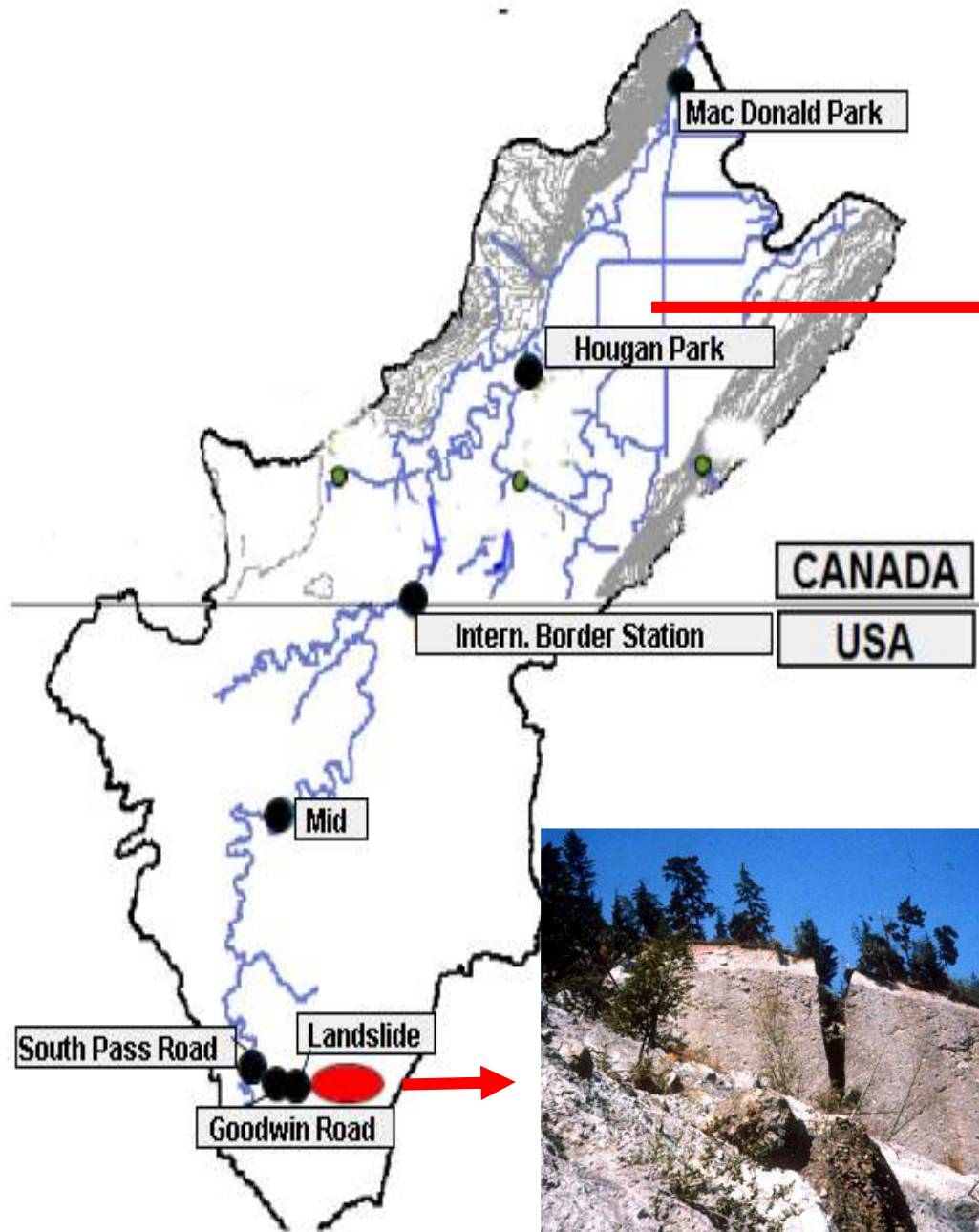
Sheet Erosion



Gully Erosion



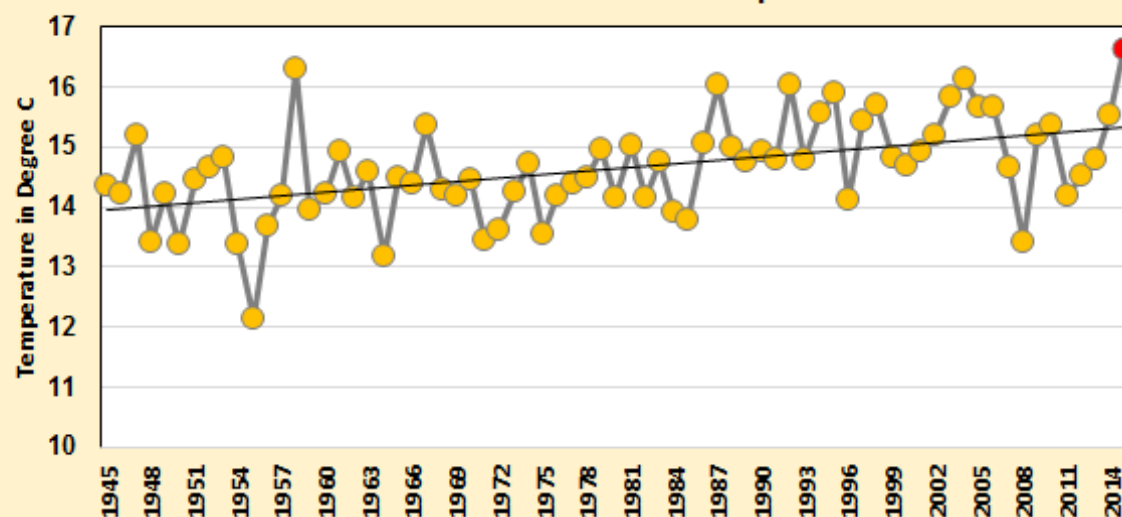






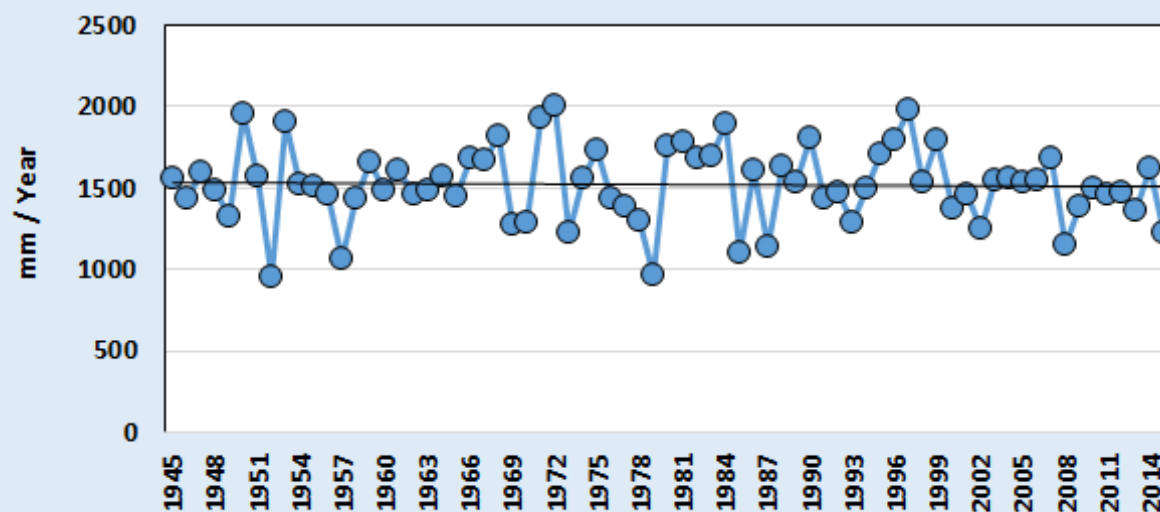
## The Impacts of Land Use Changes in the Sumas Watershed

Annual Mean Maximum Temperature Changes Between 1954-2015 at the Abbotsford Airport



**Temperature  
Increases**

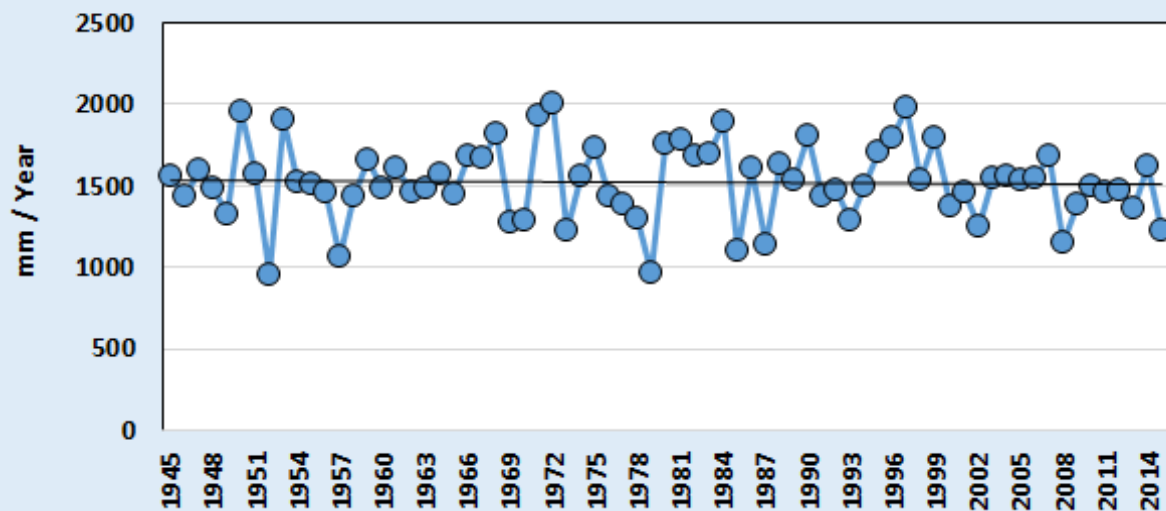
Annual Precipitation in Abbotsford, B.C. 1945-2015



**No Change in  
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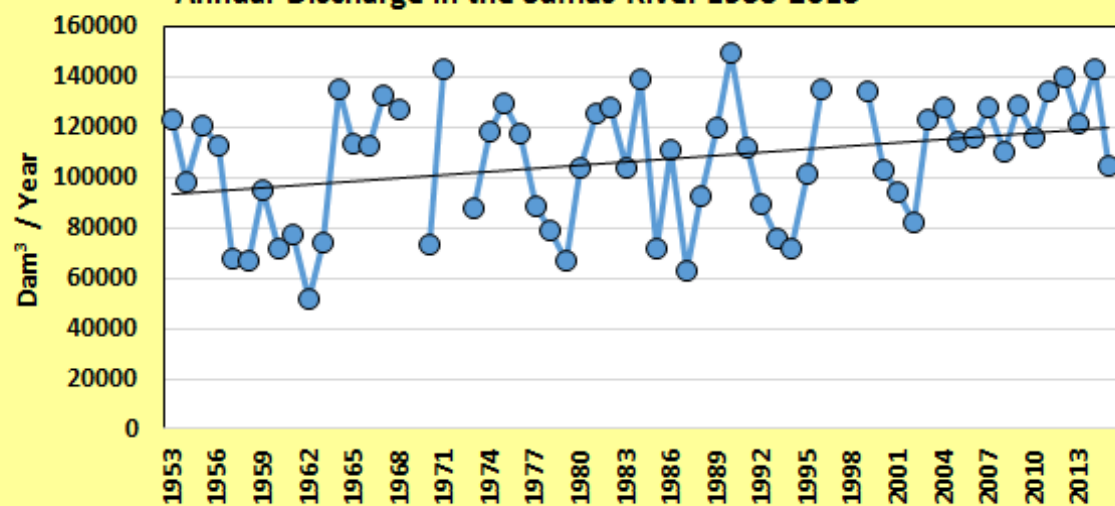
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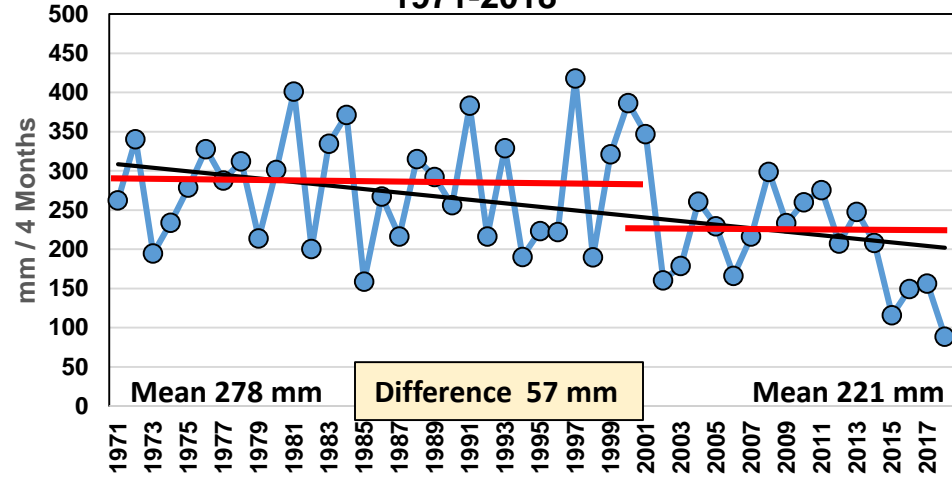
Annual Discharge in the Sumas River 1953-2015



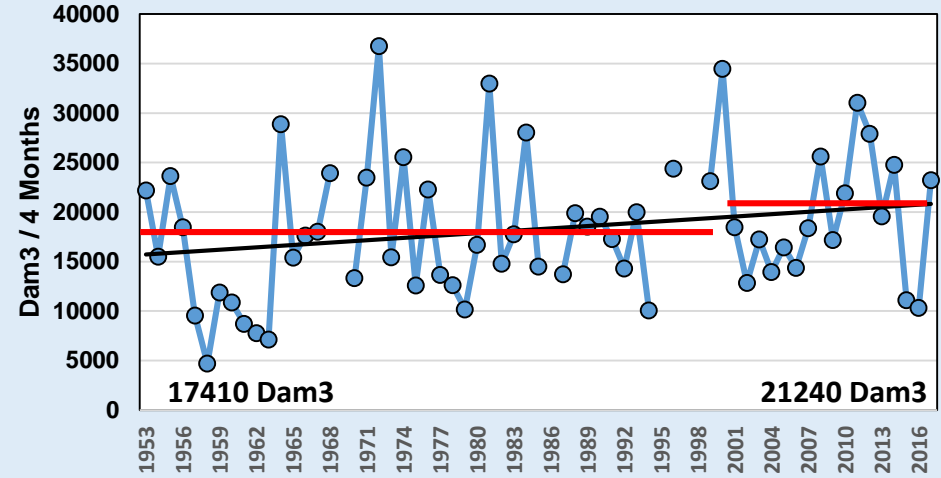
**Increase in River  
Discharge**



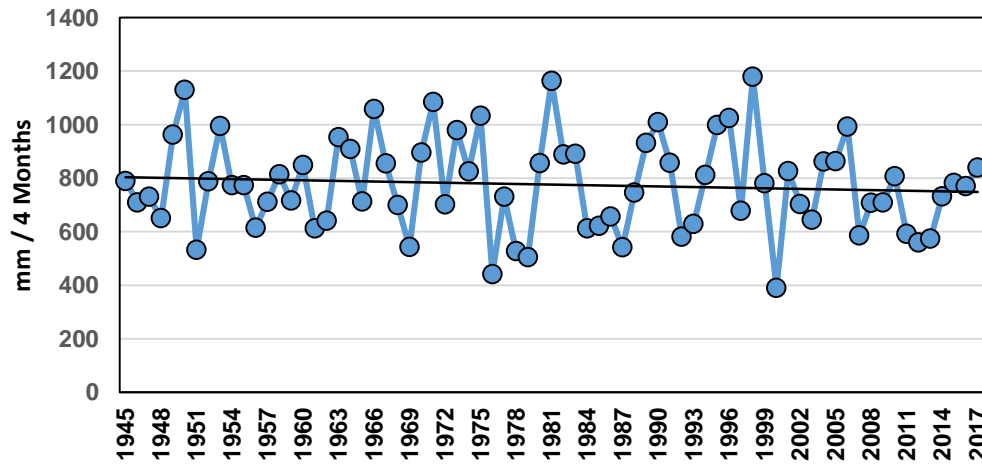
**Summer Precipitation (May-Aug) in Abbotsford  
1971-2018**



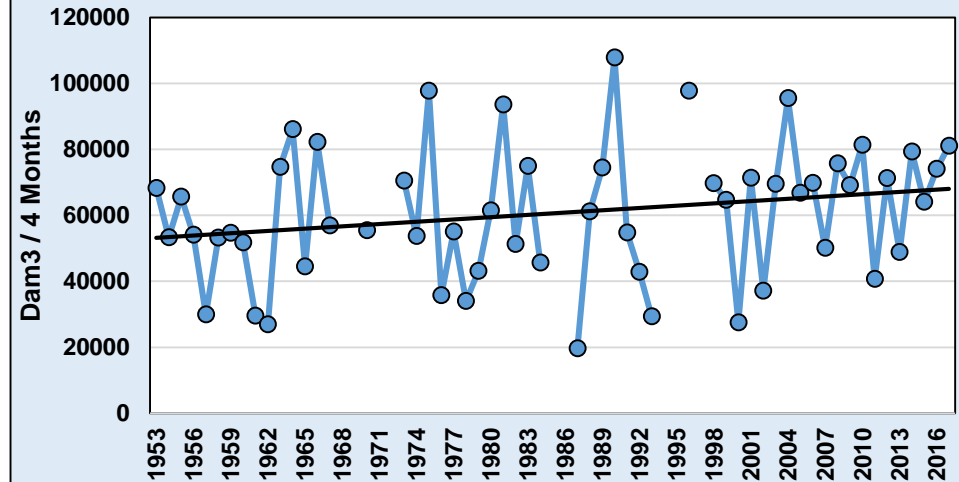
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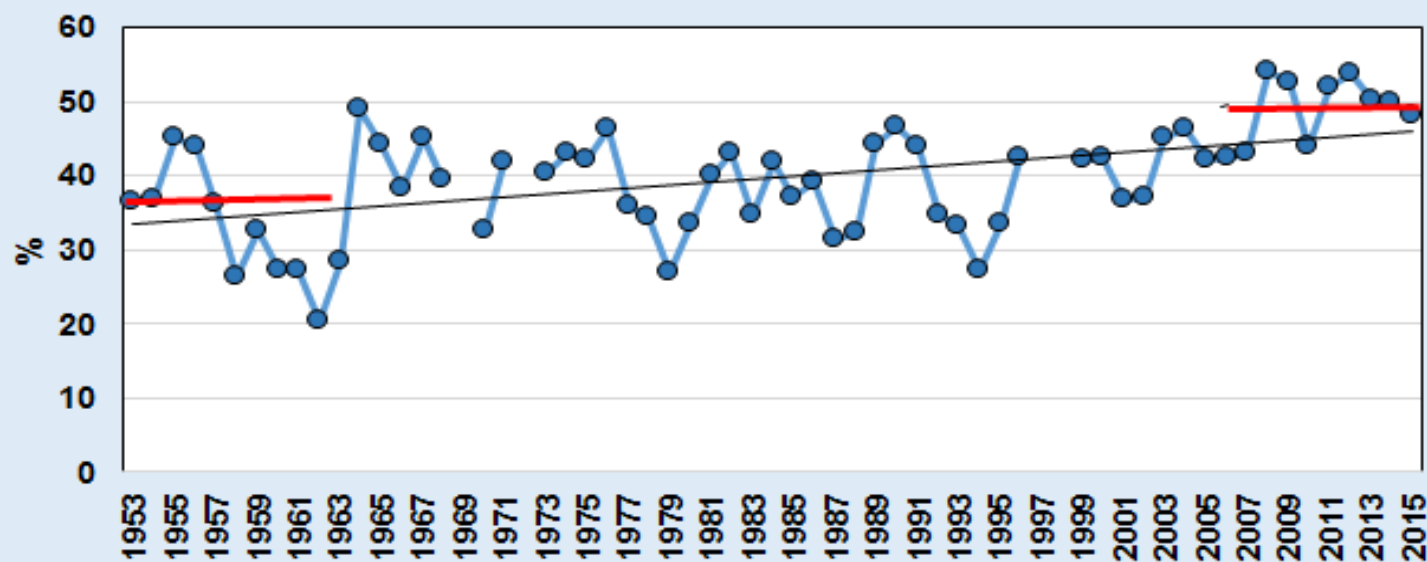
**Winter Precipitation Trends in Abbotsford  
Nov-Feb 1945-2018**



**Winter Discharge (Nov-Feb) Sumas River**



**% of Annual Precipitation that is Discharged Annually from the Sumas River**

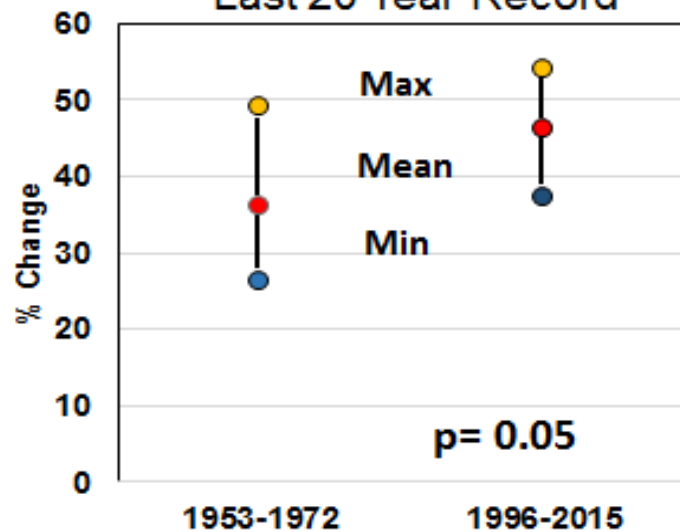


### 10 Year Comparison

1953-1962 = 36%

2006-2015 = 49%

**Difference between First and Last 20 Year Record**



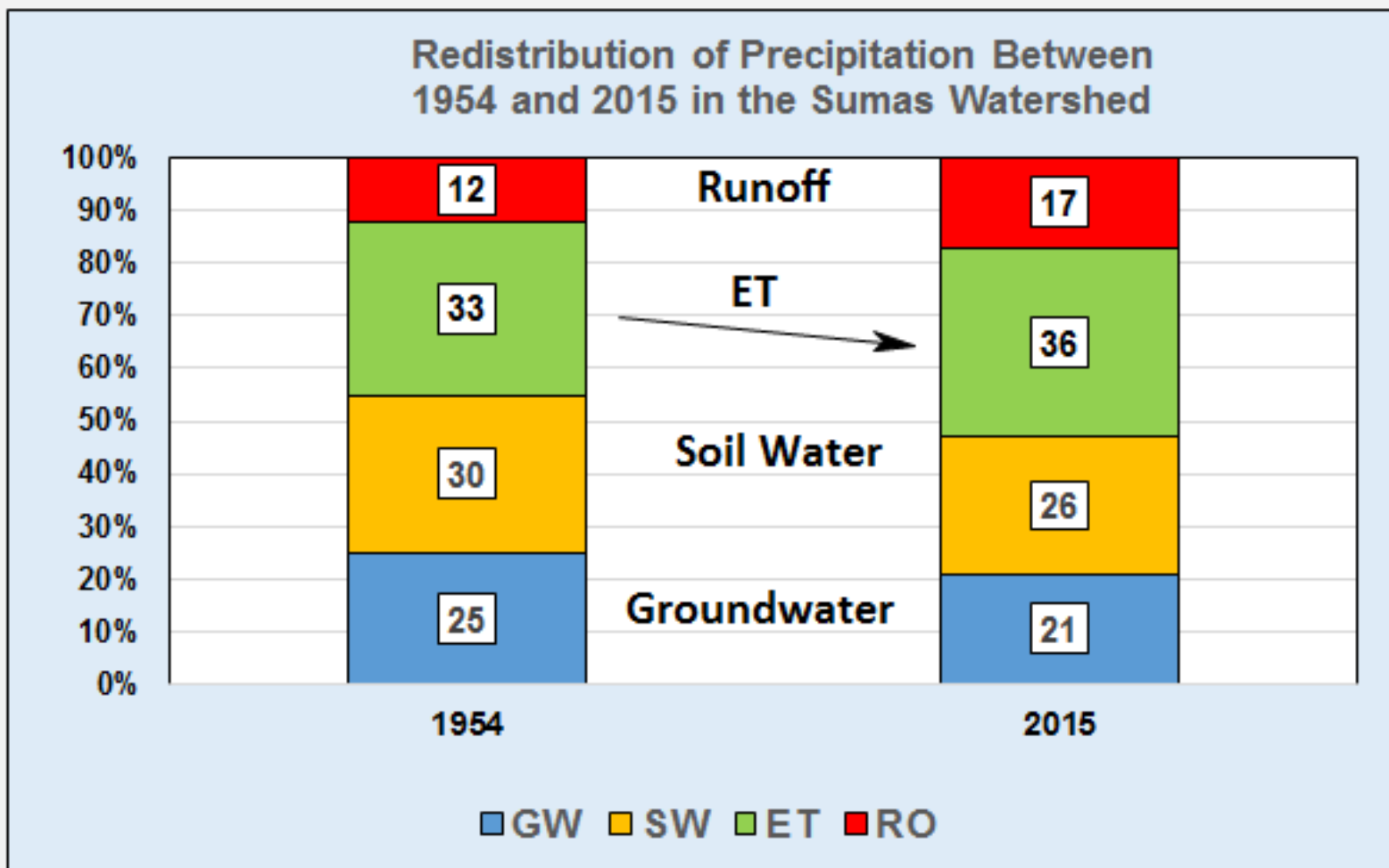
### 20 Year Comparison

1953-1972 = 36%

1996-2015 = 46%



## Redistribution of Precipitation Between 1954 & 2015 Sumas River Watershed



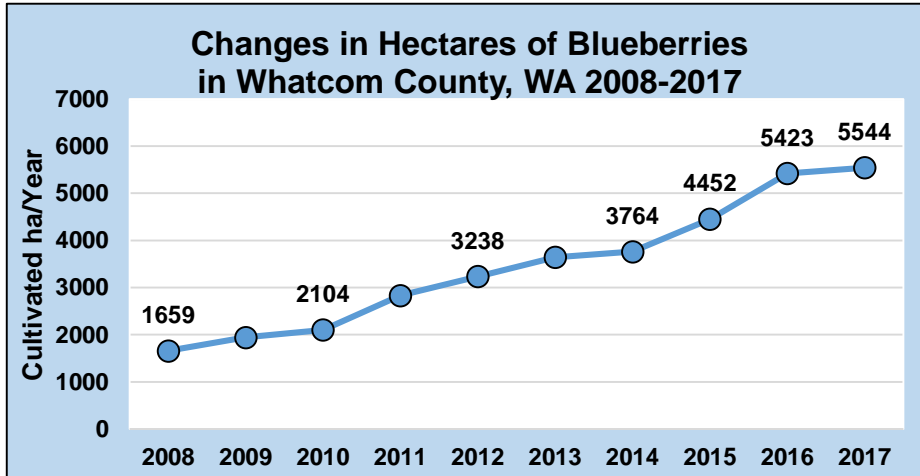
### Water Balance

$$ET + SW + GW = P - Q$$

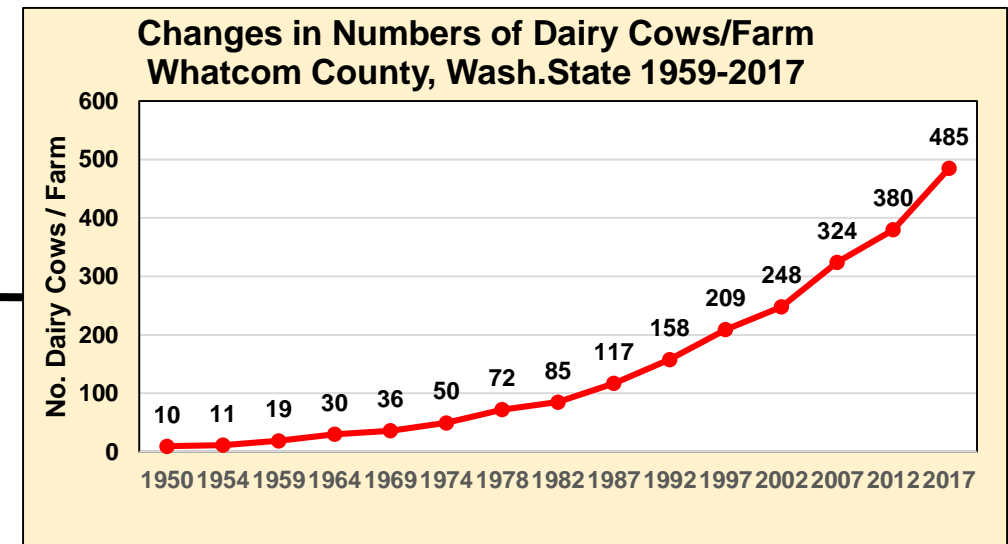
1. Soil Compaction
2. Drainage Increases
3. Increases in GW Use
4. More ET - Higher Temp.
5. SW & GW Recharge

# SOIL Compaction

Dominant Land Use Activity in Watershed:  
Dairy, Raspberries, Blueberries



Whatcom County, WA



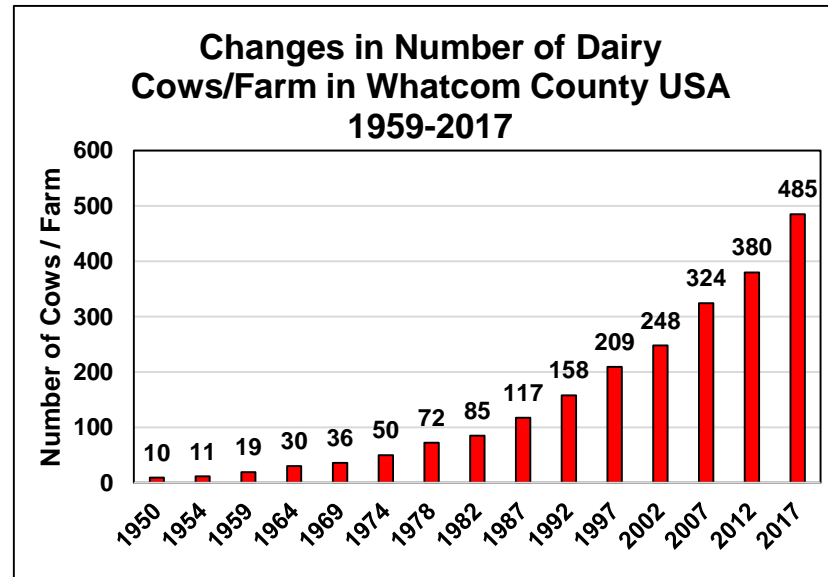
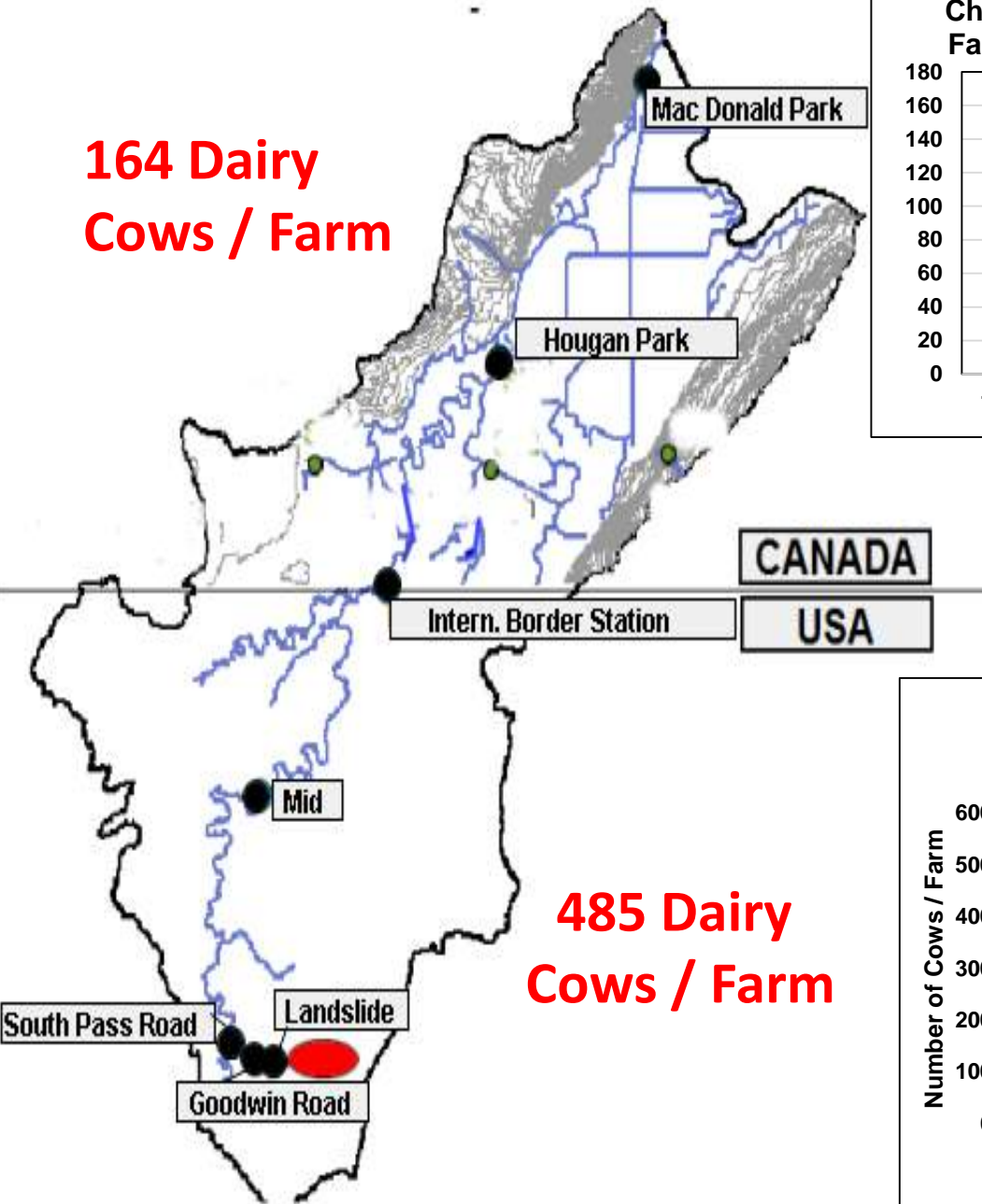
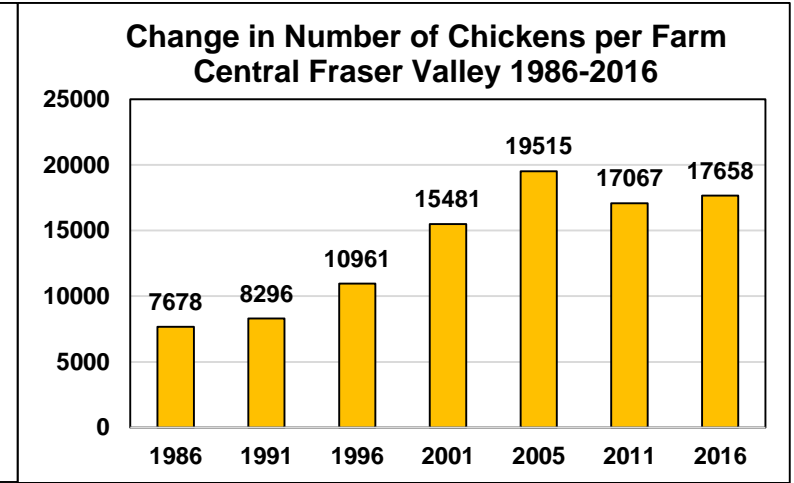
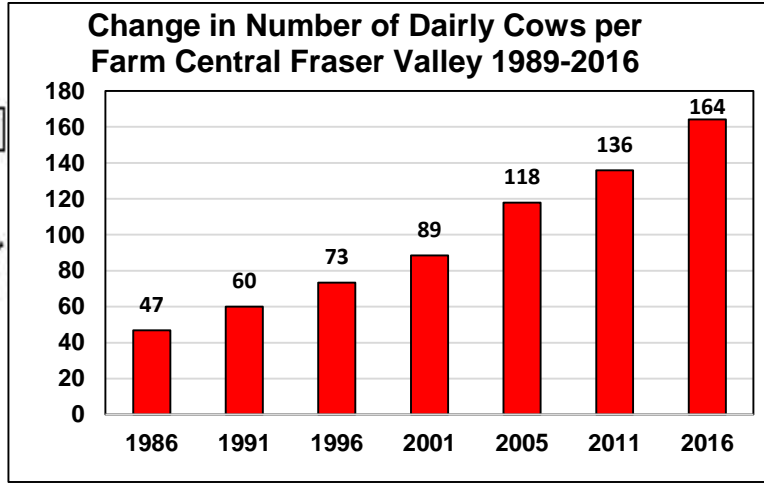




**Soil Compaction and Impervious Surfaces = More Surface Runoff**



**164 Dairy  
Cows / Farm**











## Number of Discharge Event Leading to Floods

← Discharge in m<sup>3</sup>/Sec →

	30-39	40-49	50-58	Total #
1953-1973	3	0	0	3
1974-1994	4	3	1	8
1995-2015	8	1	1	10

Minor Floods      Major Floods



## **Agricultural Impacts on Water Resources**

### **Urban Impacts**

### **Reasons**

**Increasing Water Demand**

**Need to Increase Production (>50%)  
Increases for Irrigated Agriculture  
Changes in Diets (Meat )**

**Increasing Pollution (NPS)**

**More Manure and Fertilizer Use  
Land Degradation (Erosion, Turbidity)  
More Pathogens (More Livestock)**

**Increasing Green House Gases**

**Large Increases in Ruminants (Manure)  
Intensive Cultivation (Soil OM Loss)  
Increases in Fertilizer Use**

**Increased  
Climatic  
Variability**

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**Urbanization**

**Agriculture**

**Forestry**

**Mining**

**Recreation**

**Hydro-Power**

**Combined Land Use**



**Creates Complexity  
in Cumulative Effects**





<b>Land Use Activities</b>	<b>Water Demand &amp; Use</b>	<b>Surface Runoff</b>	<b>Water Pollution</b>
<b>Urbanization</b>	<b>Increasing Demand Summer Peak Use</b>	<b>Increased Surface Runoff &amp; Floods</b>	<b>NPS &amp; Wastewater Discharge</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>More Irrigation</b>	<b>More Runoff due to Soil Compaction</b>	<b>Nutrient, Sediments Pathogen Leaching</b>
<b>Forestry</b>	<b>Water for Fire Fighting</b>	<b>Road and after Fire Runoff</b>	<b>Sediments</b>
<b>Mining</b>	<b>Fracking Water &amp; Processing</b>	<b>Runoff from Tailing Failures</b>	<b>Metals &amp; Organics Hg and Cyanide</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Water for Snow Increasing Peak Use</b>	<b>Changes in Seasonal Runoff</b>	<b>Pathogens &amp; Sediments</b>
<b>Hydro-Power</b>	<b>More Reservoirs Pump Storage</b>	<b>Release during Peak Demand</b>	<b>Flushing during Summer</b>
<b>Combined Land Use</b>	<b>Cumulative Effect on Water Use, Runoff &amp; Pollution</b>		