The Daily Bread

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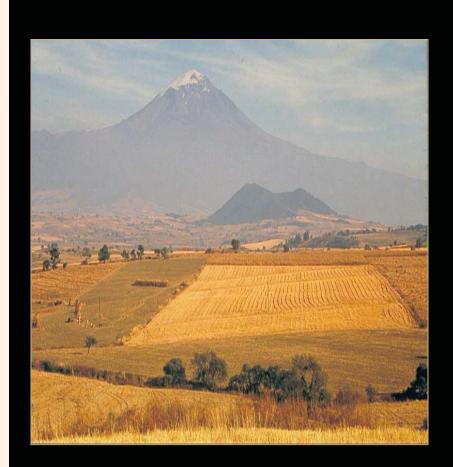


Charles Crooke Auchincloss: 1881-1961



Challenges for the 21st Century

- •How to feed a more populous and richer world in the decades to come?
 - -With global climate change?
- -Without destroying the environment in the process?
- •How to provide food access to the ~1 billion people who remain chronically hungry?
- •How to address food insecurity within traditional national security circles?





Food Security



When all people at all times have physical and economic access to the food necessary to lead a healthy and productive life.



World Bank estimates:

Pop <\$1/day: 15%

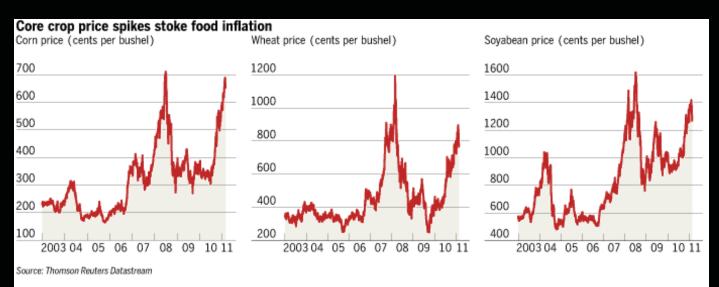
Pop <\$2/day: 50%







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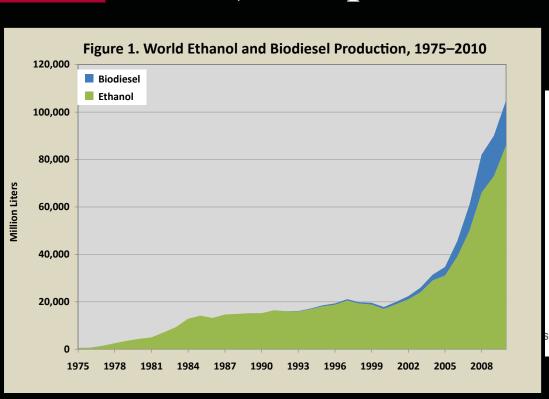


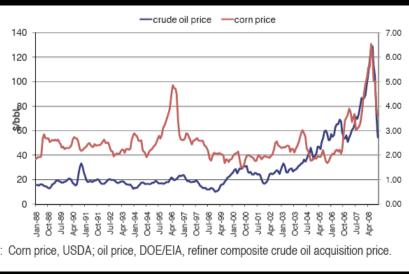
Frontier Issues

- 1. Biofuels
- 2. Land expansion and acquisition
- 3. Aquaculture
- 4. Climate
- 5. Distributed Irrigation
- 6. Food and Security



1) Crop-Based Biofuels Boom





Over 40% of the US corn crop is now used for ethanol;

The share of ethanol in US corn consumption now exceeds that of livestock for first time



U.S. ethanol policy may be the single most significant contributor to world food price instability.

The Global Costs of AMERICAN ETHANOL

by Rosamond L. Naylor & Walter P. Falcon

"Mess up the corn market, and you pretty much mess up everything..."

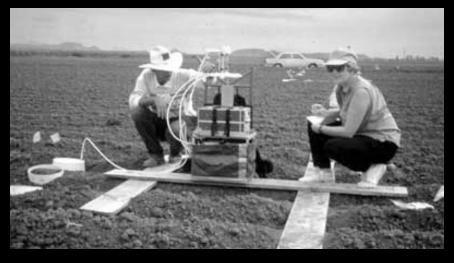
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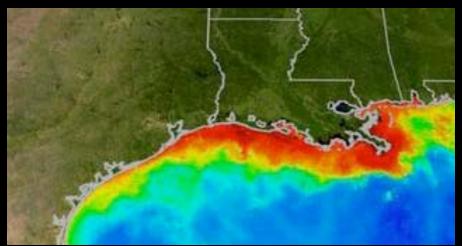


Agricultural Intensification











2) Land Expansion and Acquisition



% achieved through area expansion (1995-2009)

• Brazil soy: 81%

• Asia oil palm Asia: 92%









- 42 million ha in 2008-09
- Land speculation when financial markets have low yields
- 75% land sales in Sub Saharan Africa
- Countries with weak land institutions, "under-utilized" e.g., Sudan, Zambia, Mozambique, Madagascar



3) Aquaculture: Intensive Fish Production





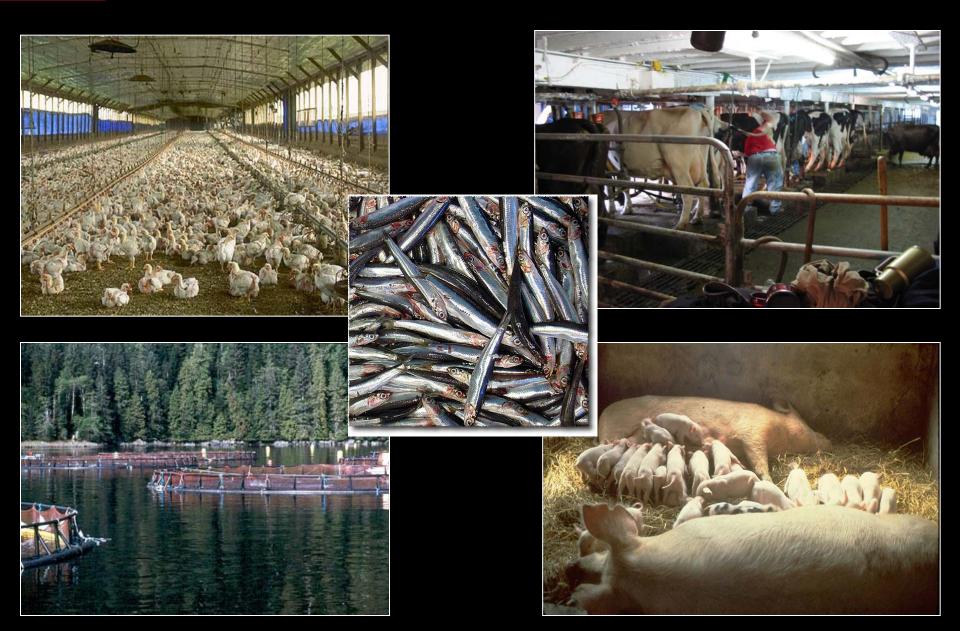








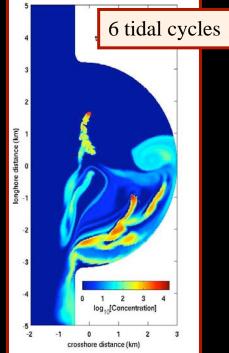
Lessons from Industrial Animal Production

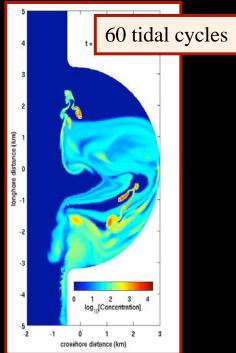




Feedlots of the Sea?







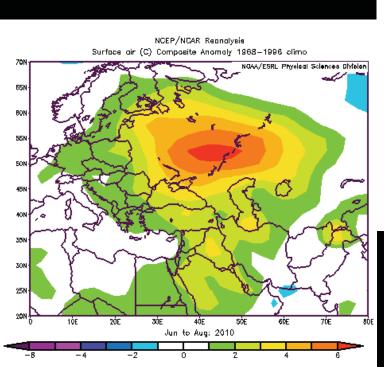


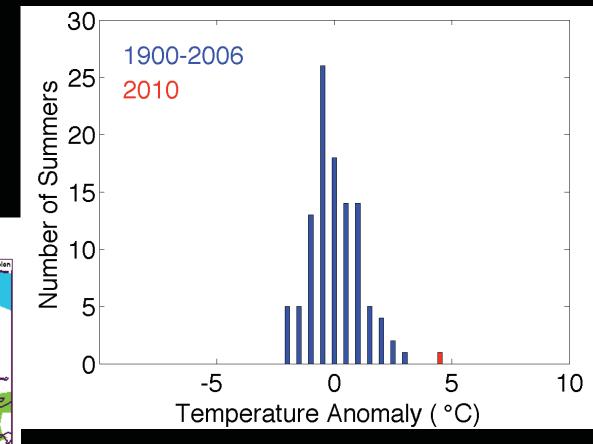
4) Global Climate Change





Heat Wave in Russia's Prime Wheat Region, 2010

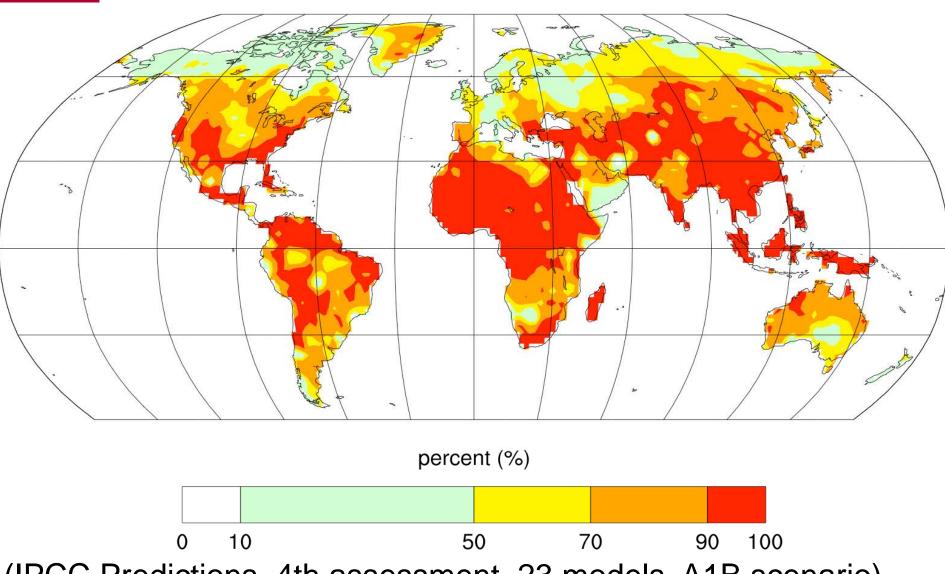




Src: Battisti, UW 20



Summers in 2080-2100 Warmer than Warmest on Record



(IPCC Predictions, 4th assessment, 23 models, A1B scenario)



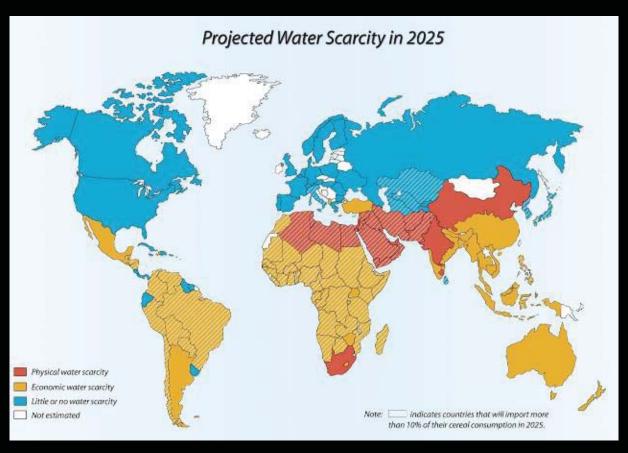
Water scarcity for food production?

Physical scarcity:

Not enough water.

Economic Scarcity:

No infrastructure to make water available to farmers.

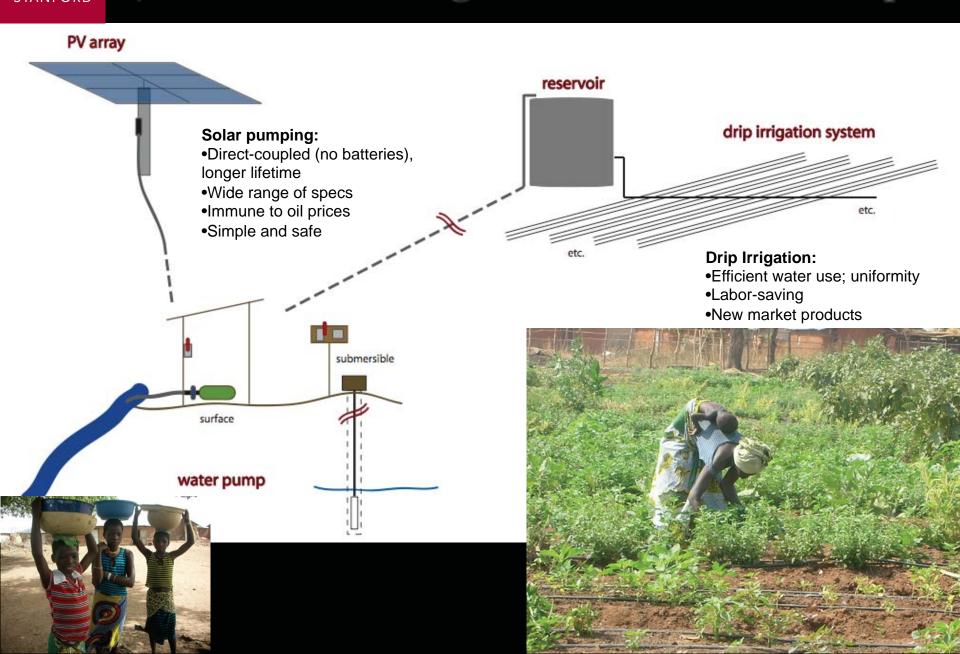


Source: IWMI

Also a problem for consumption...

A third of the world's population will suffer from water scarcity in 2025

5) Distributed Irrigation: Ex of Solar Drip





6) Food and Security





What Kills People?	Estimated annual totals,	decadal avg ~ 2000

Terrorism (intl + domestic) 3,000

Direct battle deaths (combatants) 20,000

Direct civilian deaths from conflict (e.g. genocide) 50,000 - 100,000

Indirect civilian deaths from conflict 500,000 - 1 mil

Hunger and malnutrition 6 mil - 8.4 mil



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