

# China

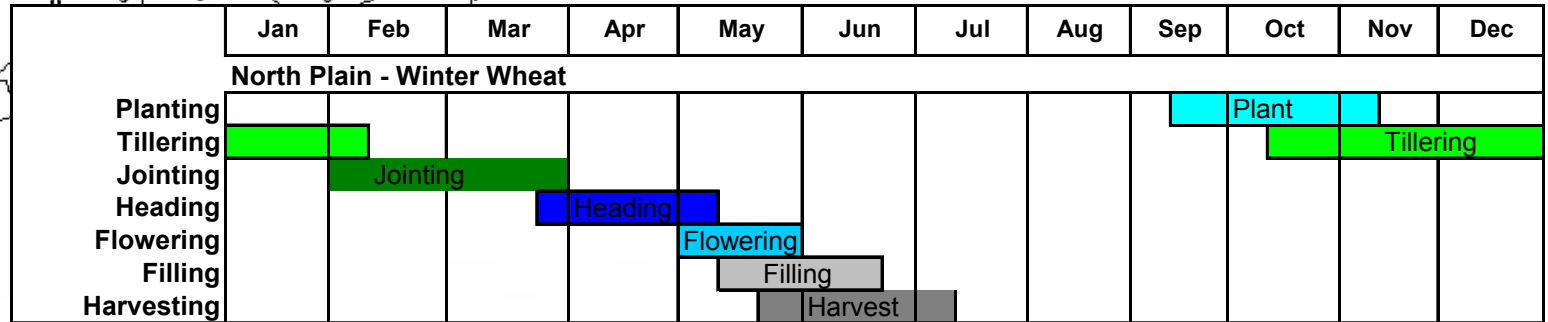
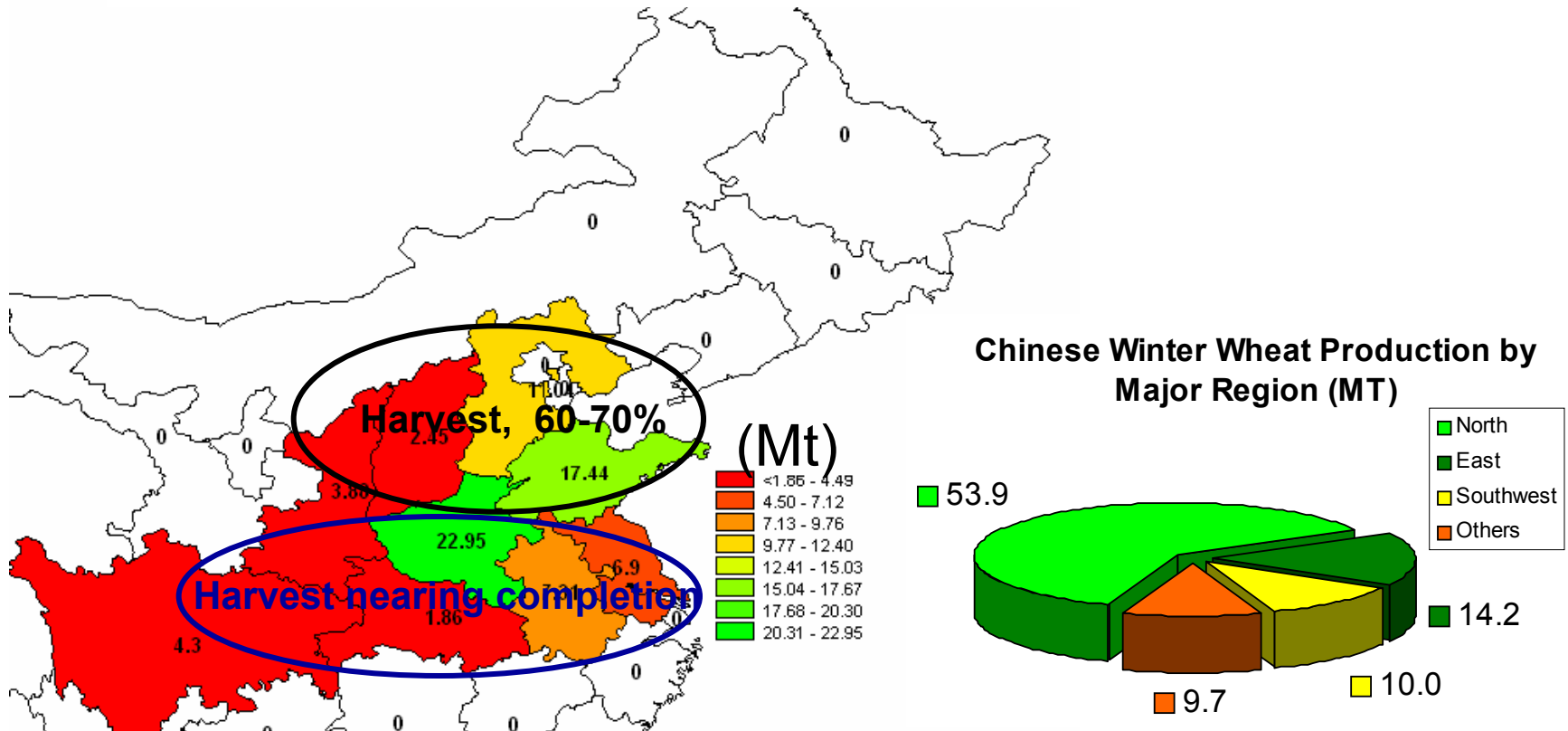
- Good planting conditions last fall and a mild winter resulted in favourable crop prospects early this year - minimal winterkill.
- Timely spring rains over most of North Plain benefit yields.
- Dryness and drought through Hebei and Inner Mongolia limit winter wheat and spring wheat prospects.
- Cold temperatures through the Northeast limit corn and soybean plantings. Recent dryness and warm temperatures have further limited development of row crops.

# Crop & market mission to China – December, 2005



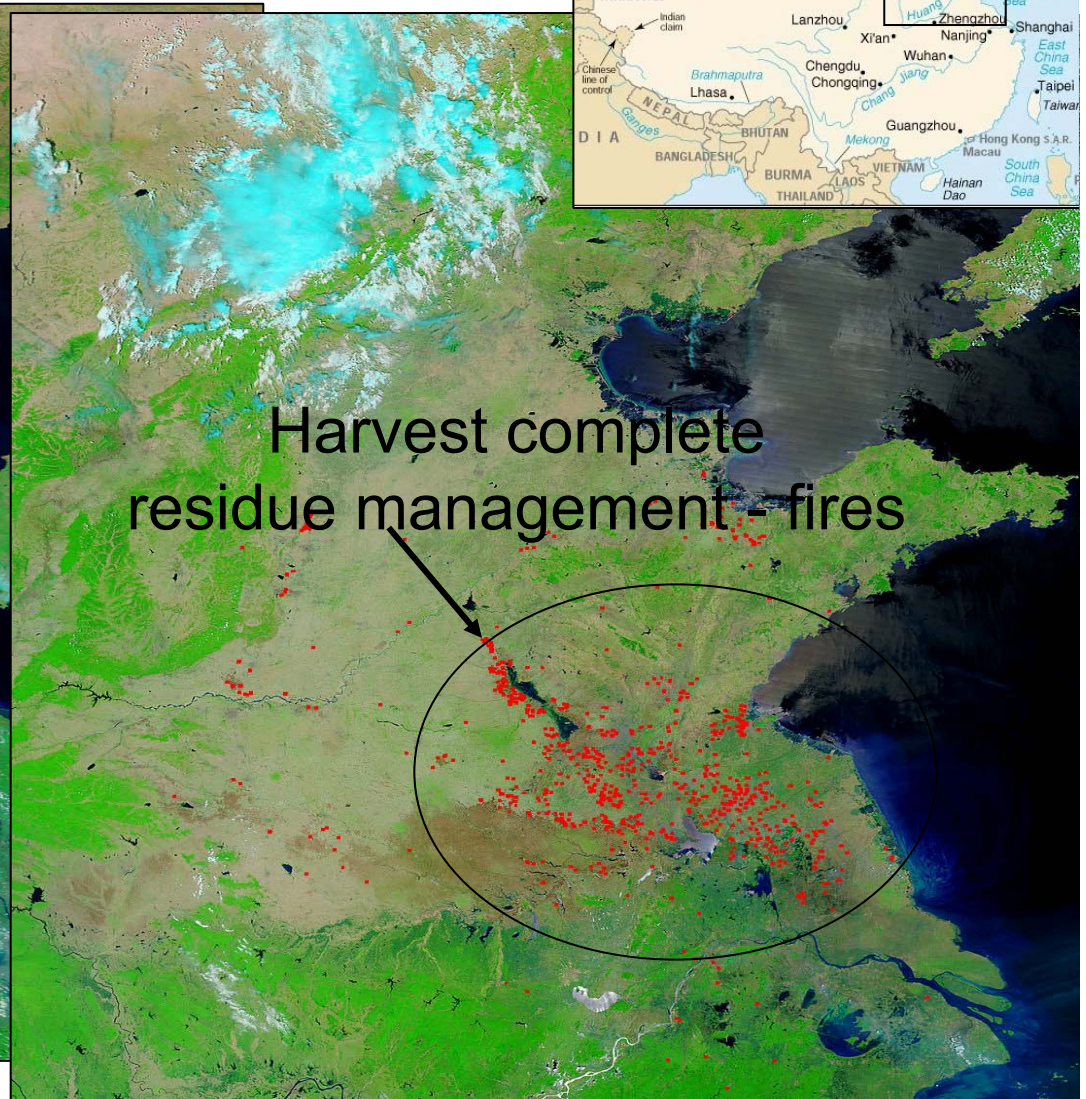
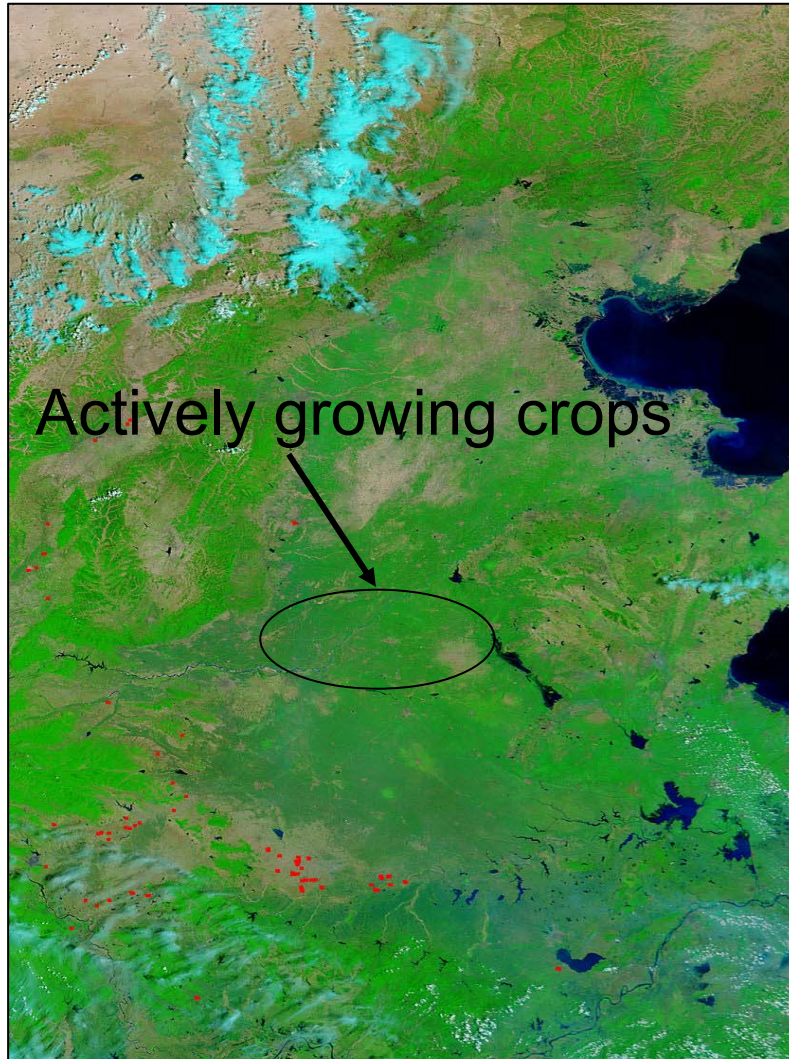


# 2006 winter wheat production by province (Mt)



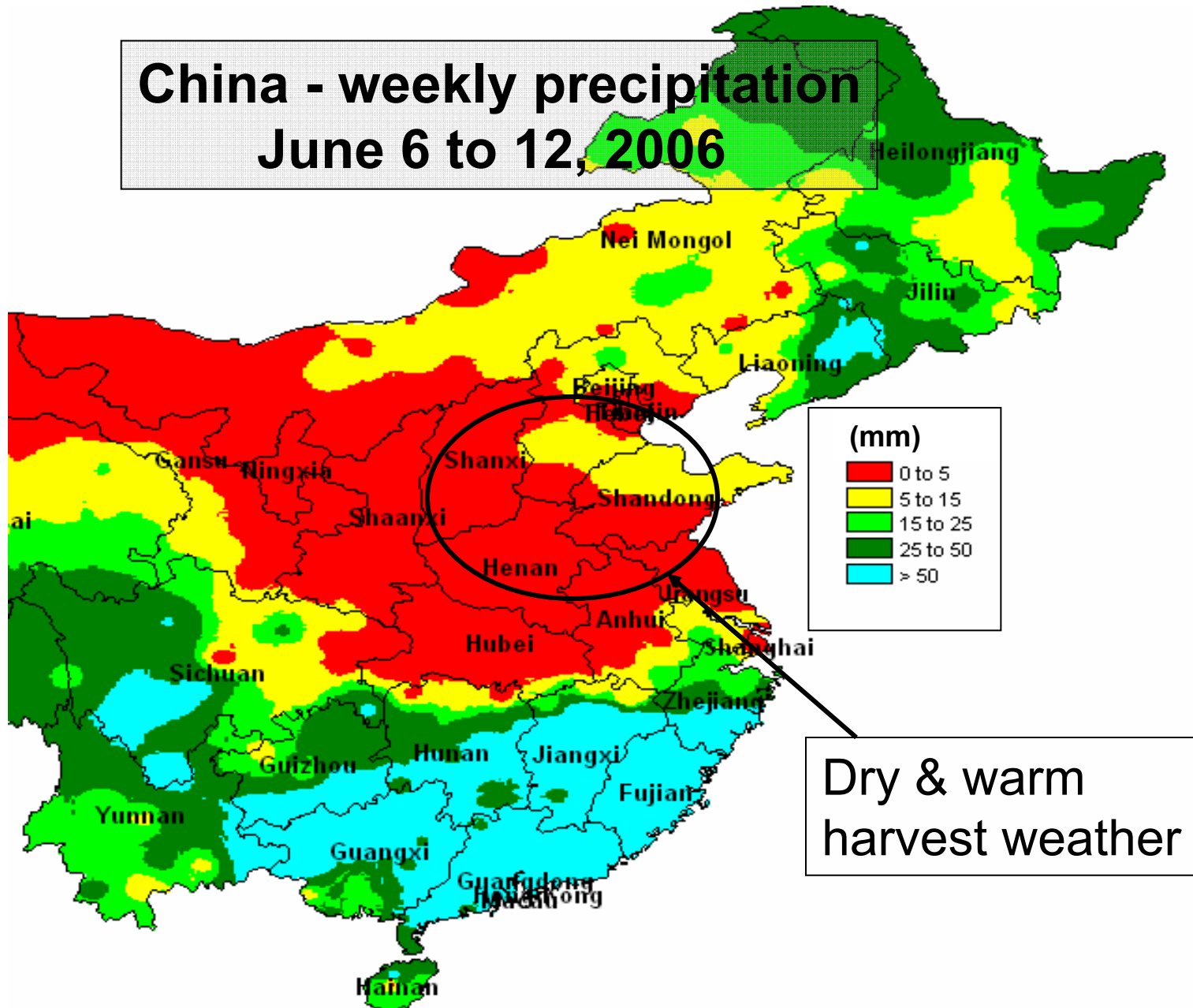


# MODIS satellite imagery – May 29 & June 12, 2006

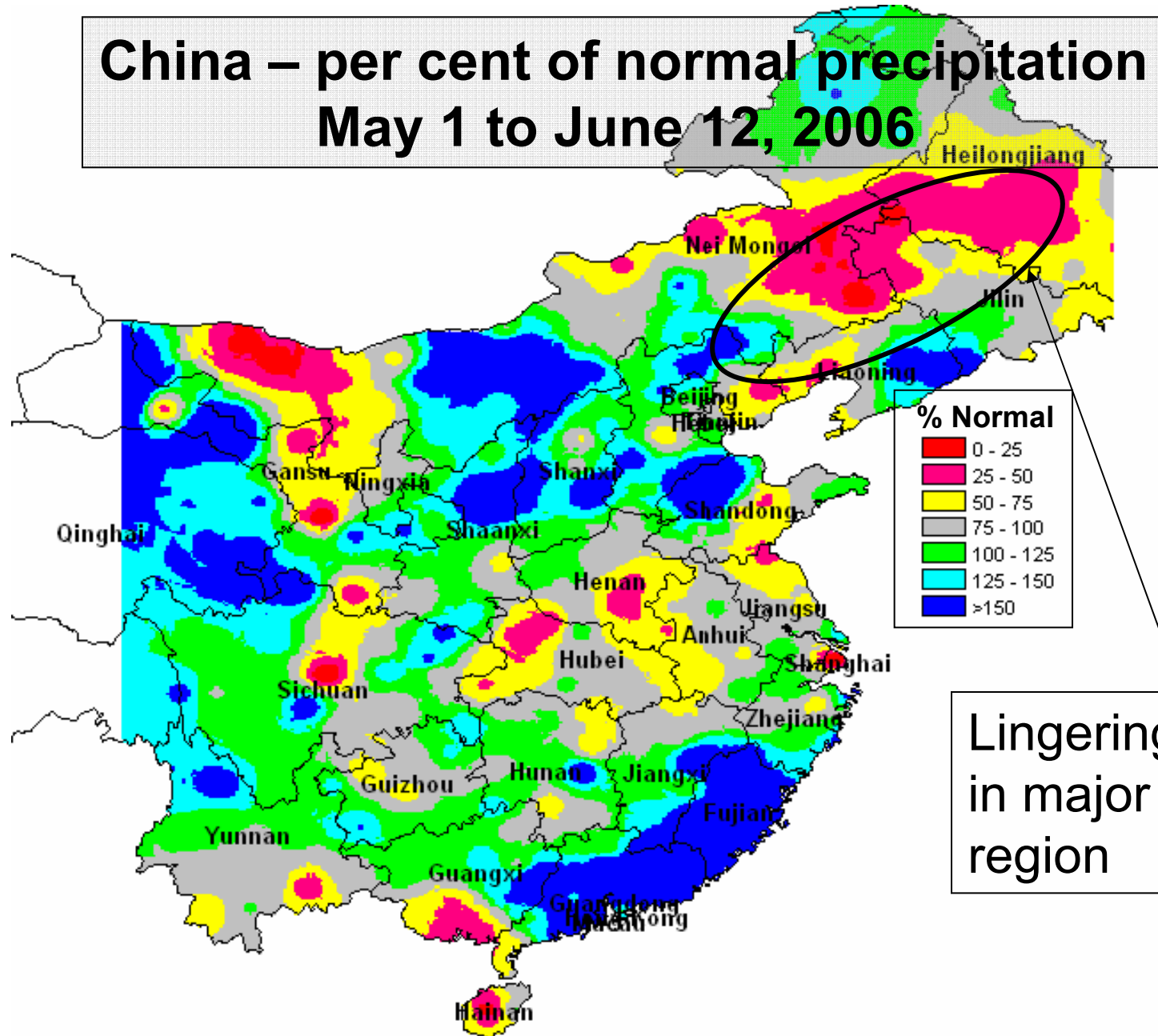




# China - weekly precipitation June 6 to 12, 2006

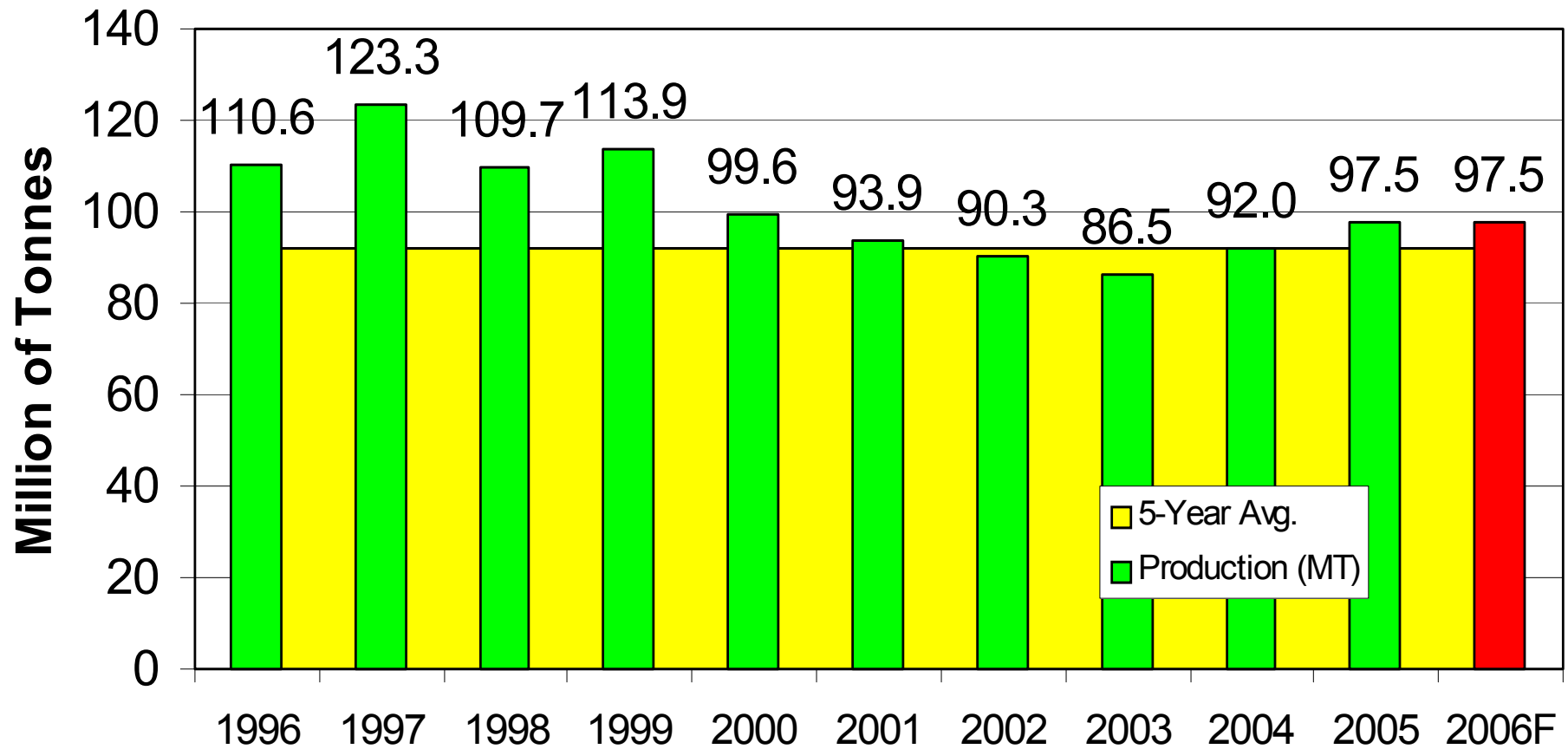


# China – per cent of normal precipitation May 1 to June 12, 2006



Lingering drought  
in major row crop  
region

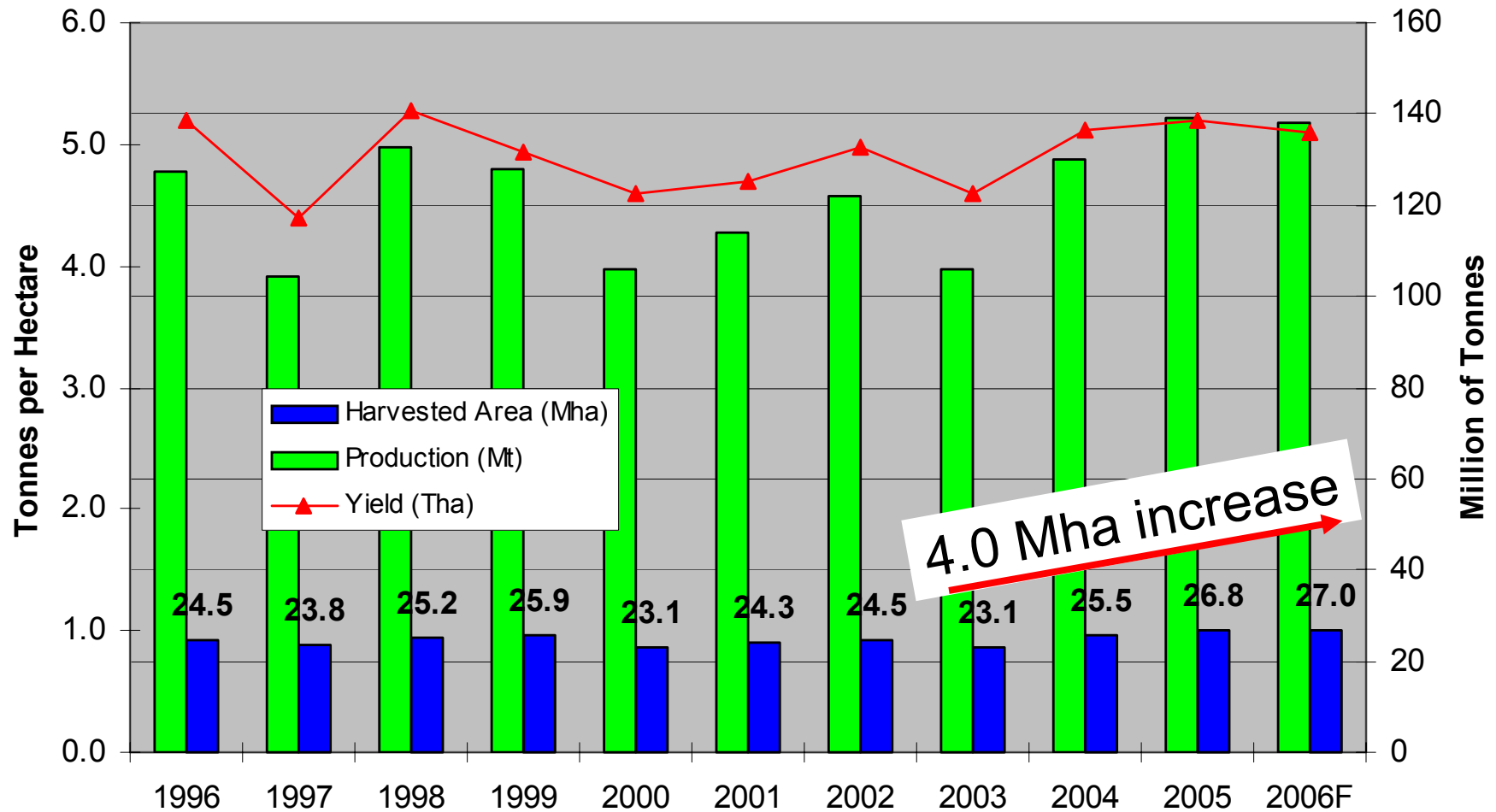
# China All Wheat Production (MT)



Source: USDA



# China Corn Production, Area and Yields (MT)

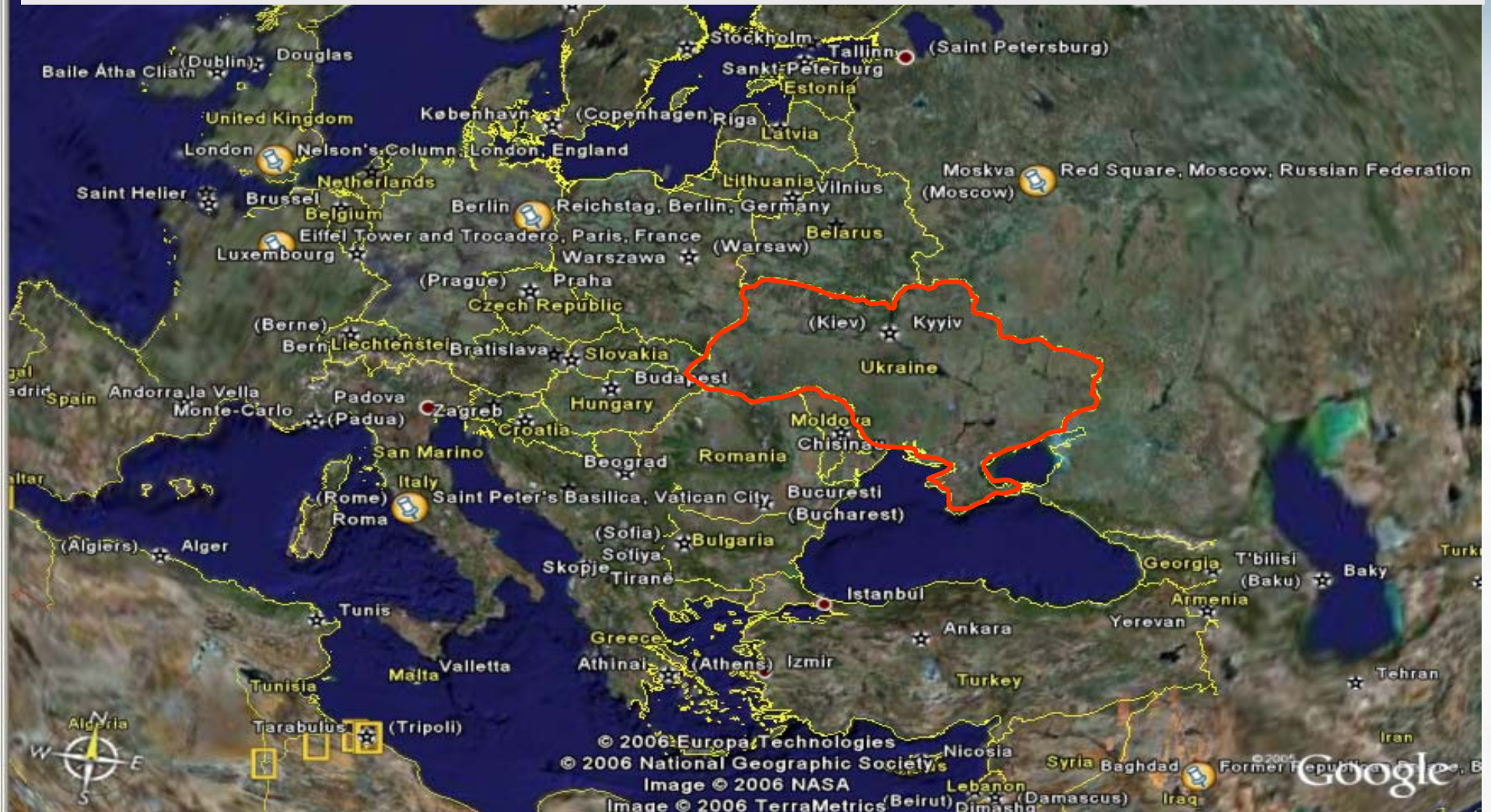


Source: USDA

# FSU-12

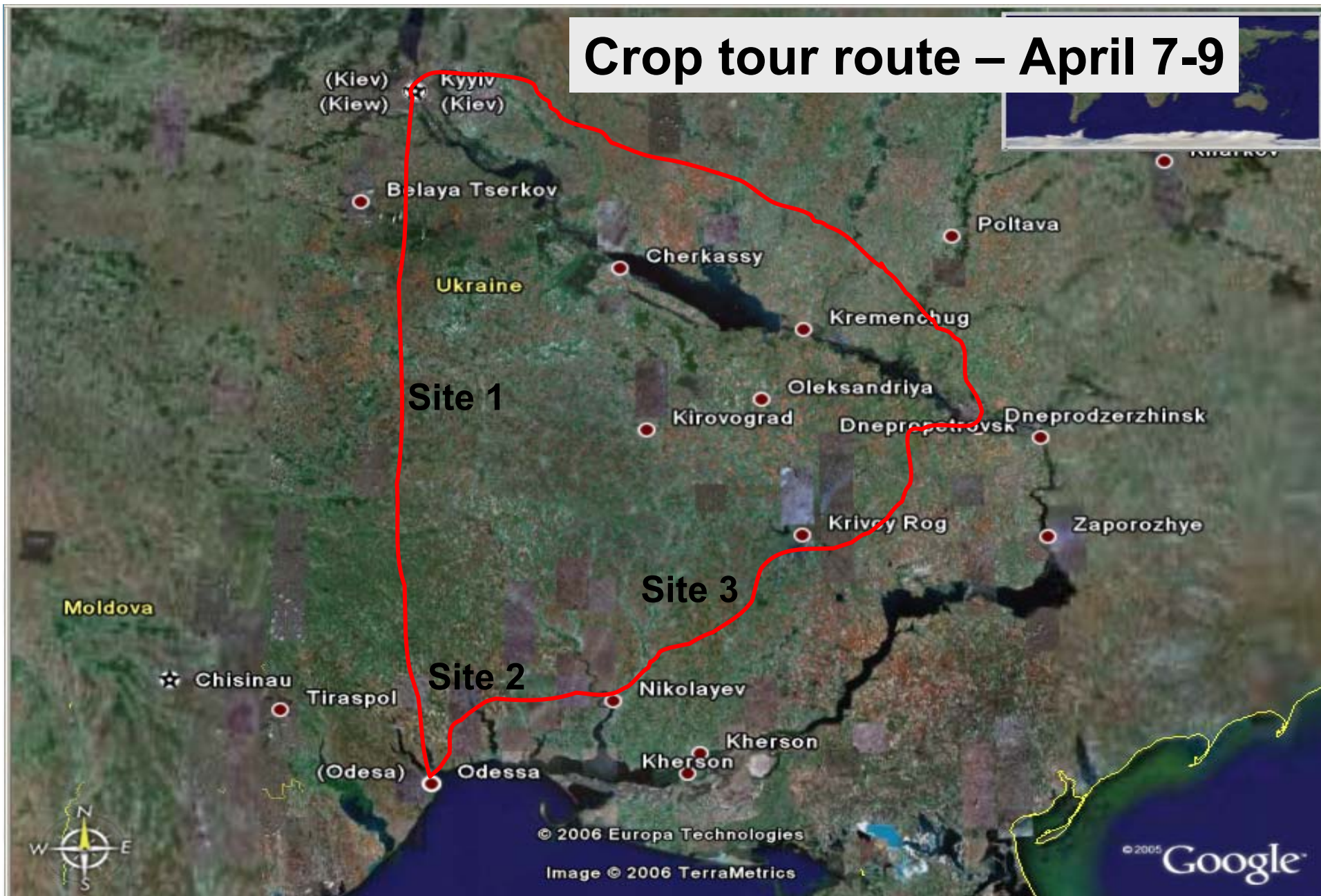
- Poor planting and establishment of fall cereals – about 3.0 Mha less seeded in the Ukraine and Russia.
- Anticipated high winterkill in Russia and Ukraine – as high as 25 to 30%. Crop tour results of Ukraine indicated far less – about 10%.
- Cool spring across the Ukraine, Russia and Kazakhstan - developmental delays and lower yield potential.
- Sown area for spring cereals at near record low levels in Russia (especially Siberia), with farmers switching to oilseeds and coarse grains for livestock needs.
- Dry conditions with hot daytime (30+°C) temperatures in late May and early June have stressed spring cereals in Kazakhstan.

# Crop & market mission to the Ukraine - April, 2006





# Crop tour route – April 7-9

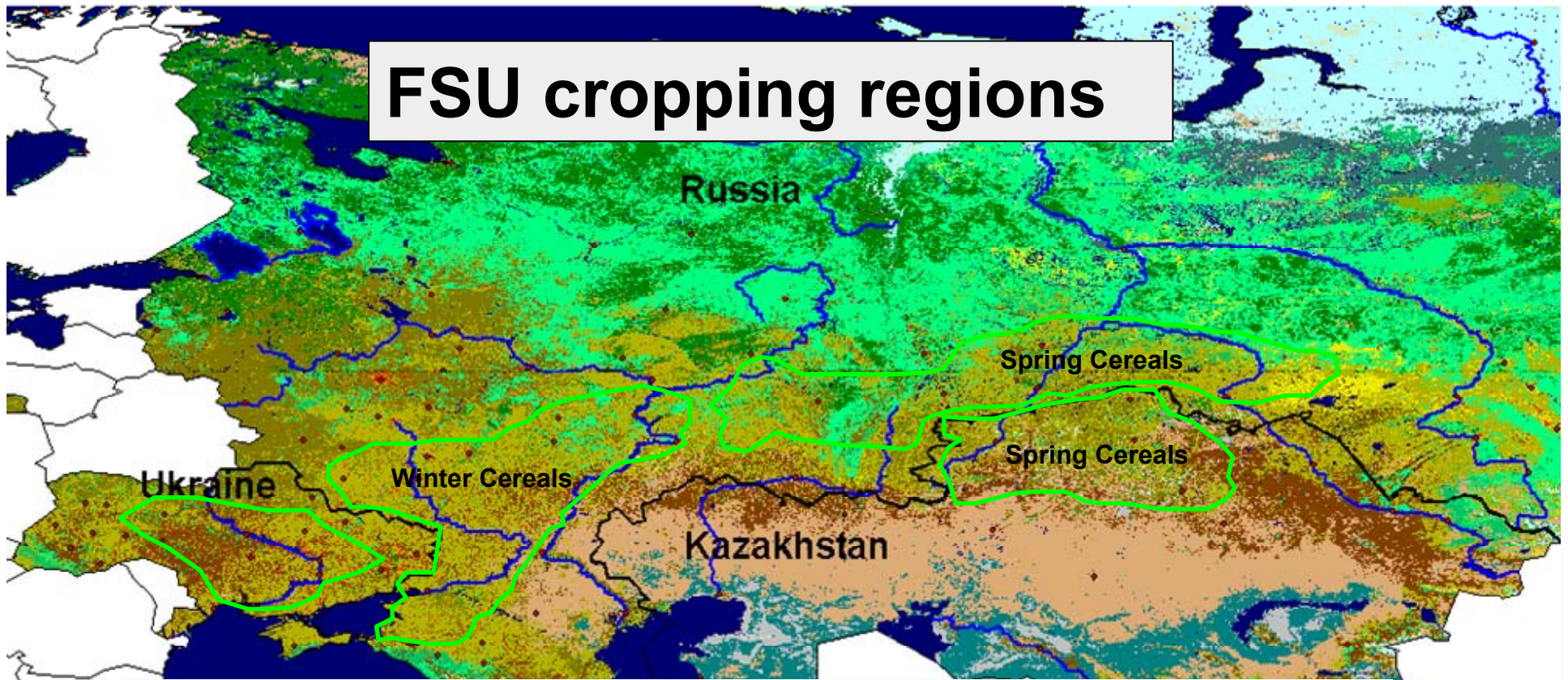








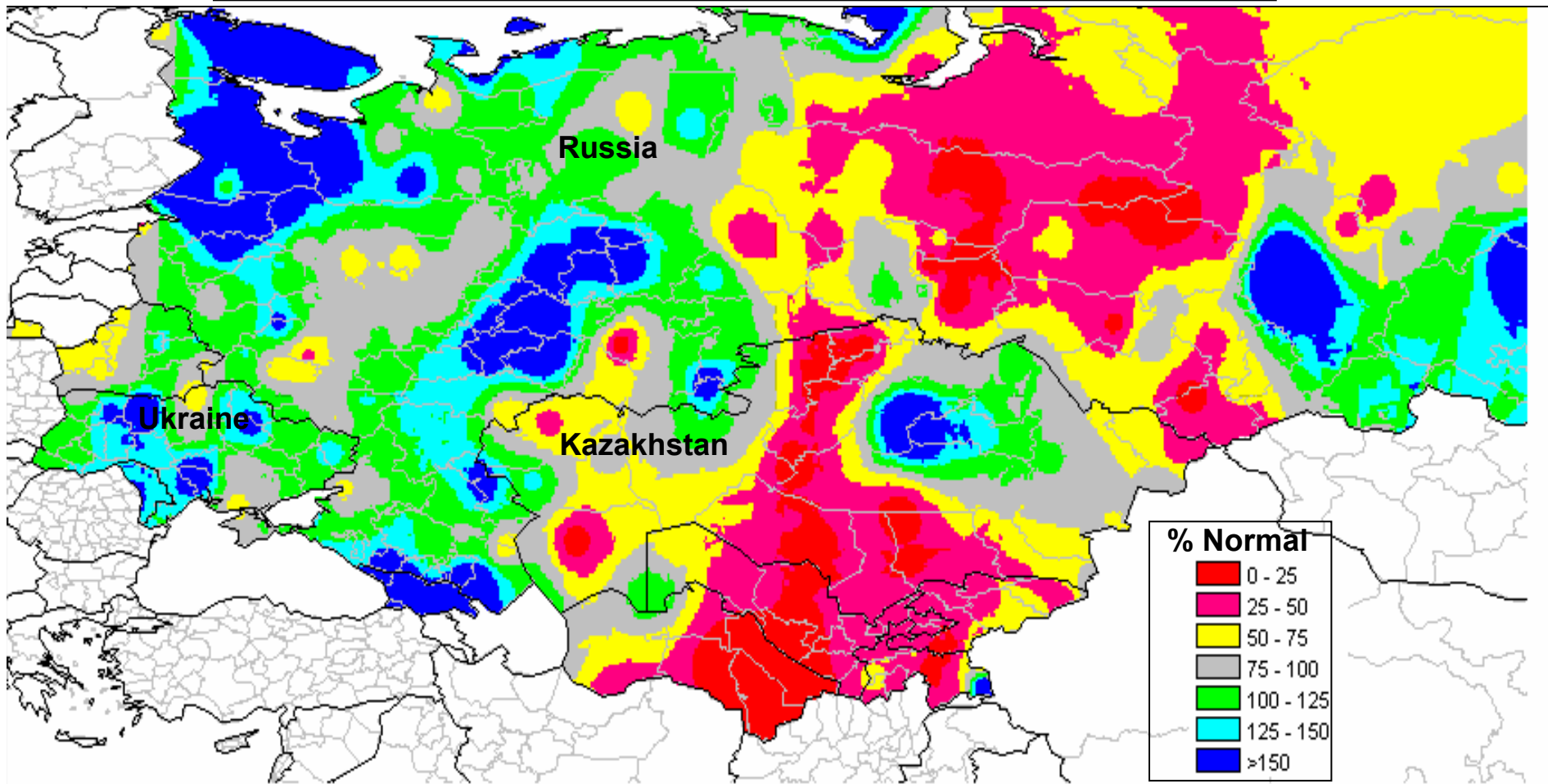
# FSU cropping regions



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Russia - Winter Wheat</b>												
Planting												
Tillering												
Jointing												
Heading												
Filling												
Harvesting												
<b>Russia - Spring Wheat</b>												
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Tillering												
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# SPOT 1Km - vegetation health 2006 versus 2005, May 21

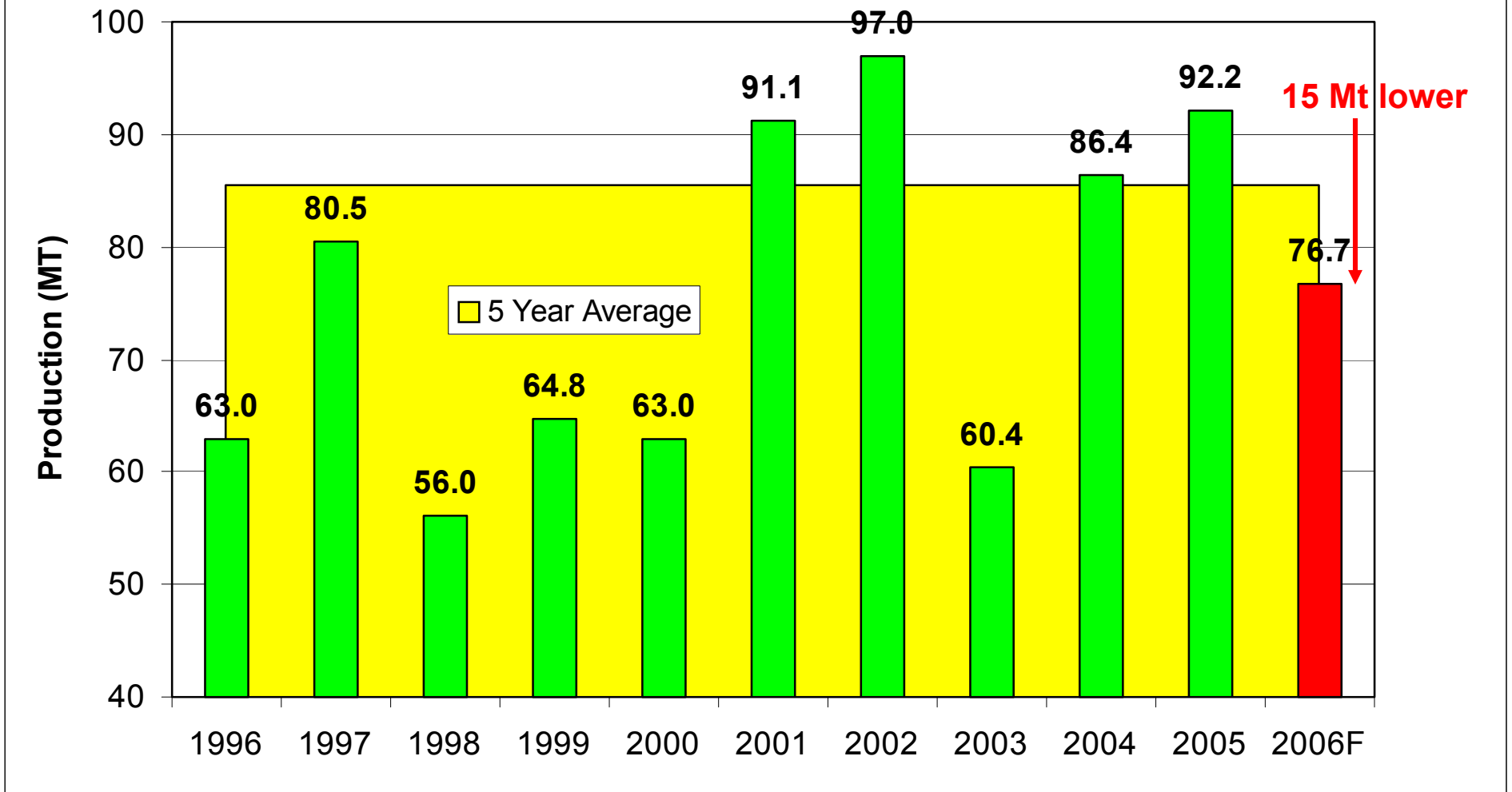


**Delayed development,  
poor yield potential**

**USDA - PECAD**



# FSU-12 wheat production



Source: USDA