

Grain Industry Briefing

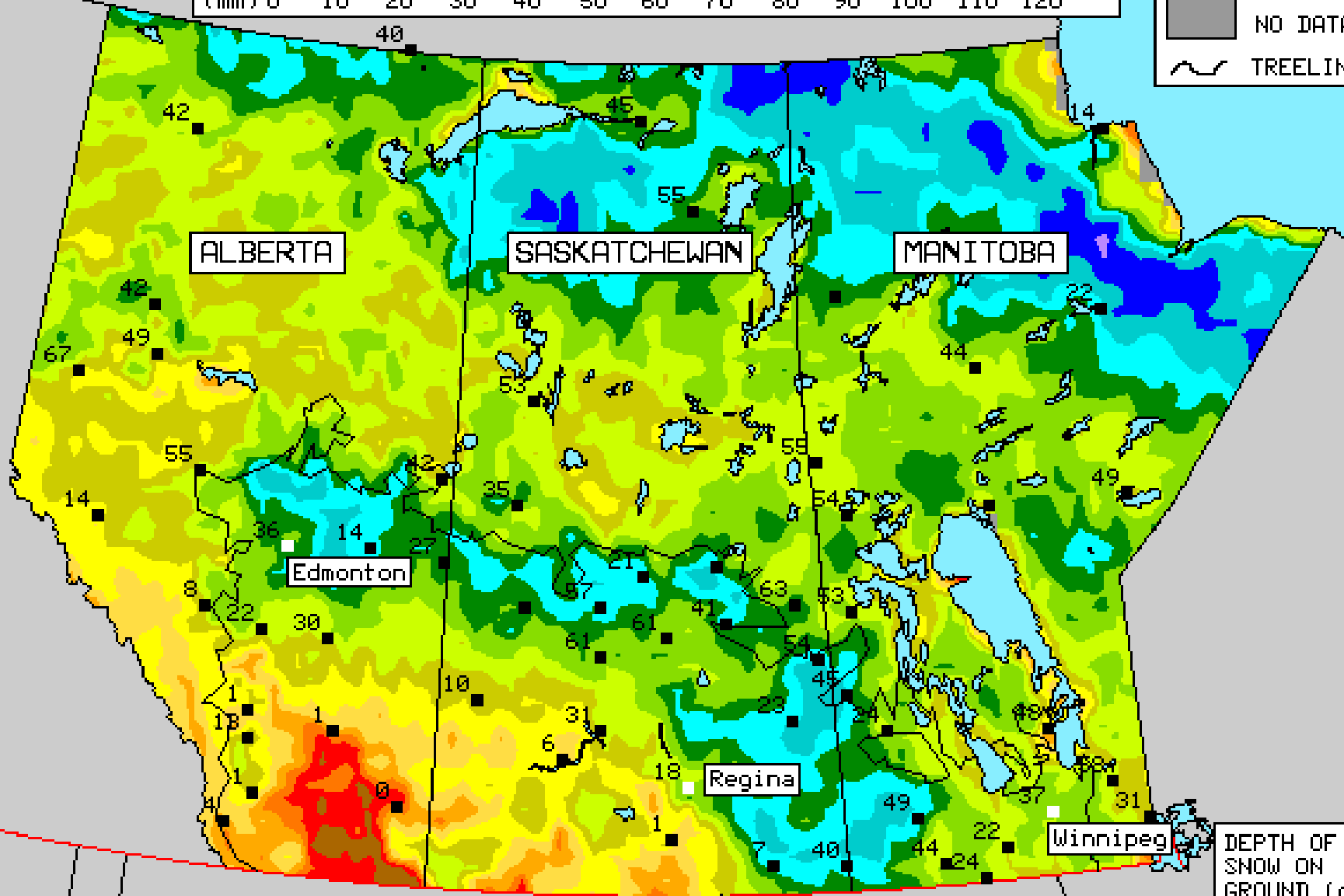
June 14, 2007

Western Canada

- Third consecutive year of delayed plantings and acreage abandonment from wet weather
- Expected acreage abandonment: 650,000 to 750,000 acres
- Soil moisture conditions excellent across the Prairies, but timely rains still needed to achieve the forecast yields
- Prairie crops are mostly in good to excellent condition

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT

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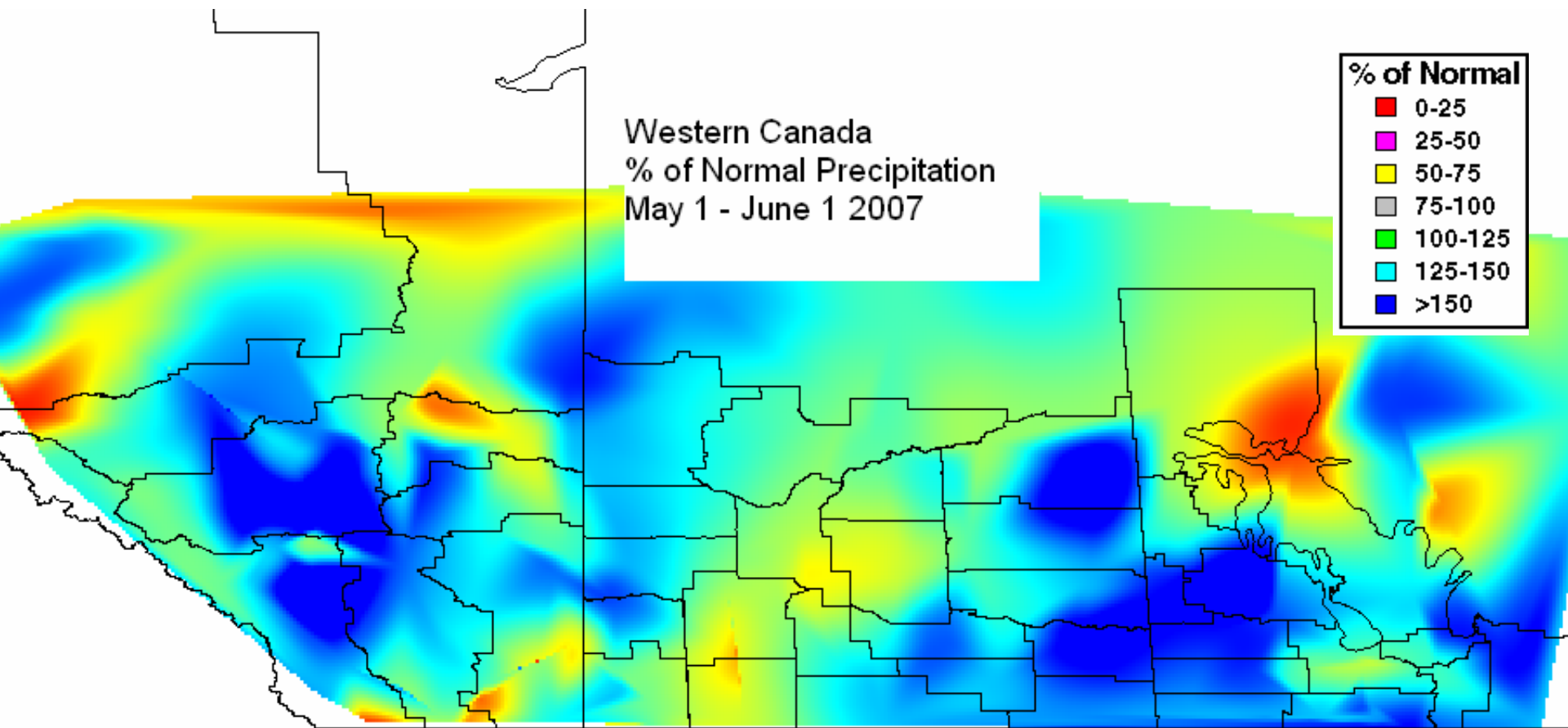
DEPTH OF SNOW ON GROUND (cm)

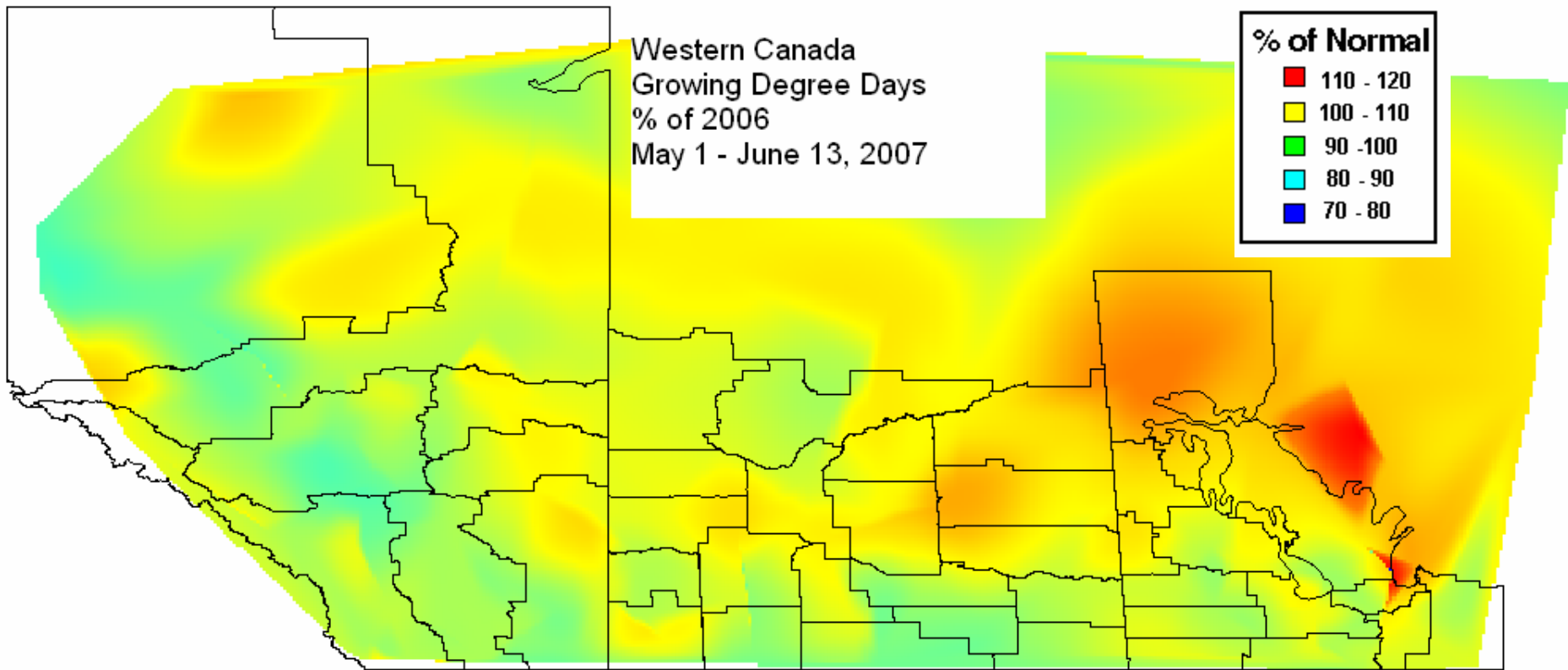
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Western Canada sown area

Western Canada Sown Area (million acres)				
	Intentions 2007	2006	2007	% Change
All Wheat	22.81	24.97	22.17	-11.2%
Durum	4.95	4.35	5.10	17.2%
Oats	5.30	4.30	5.35	24.6%
Barley	10.26	8.92	11.35	27.3%
Rye	0.25	0.29	0.29	0.0%
Flax	1.43	2.08	1.50	-27.9%
Canola	14.78	13.25	13.91	5.0%
Six Grains and Oilseeds	54.82	53.79	54.57	1.4%

Yield estimates

Western Canada			
CWB weather model yields*			
	10th	50th	90th
	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile
	(bu/ac)	(bu/ac)	(bu/ac)
All Wheat	31.9	35.9	38.3
Durum	29.0	33.2	36.0
Oats	62.3	65.5	67.7
Barley	53.1	57.5	60.2
Rye	30.3	34.0	36.1
Flax	17.1	19.6	21.0
Canola	28.2	30.7	32.8

*Estimates based on weather model of Western Canada



Western Canada Production

Western Canada production* (million tonnes)

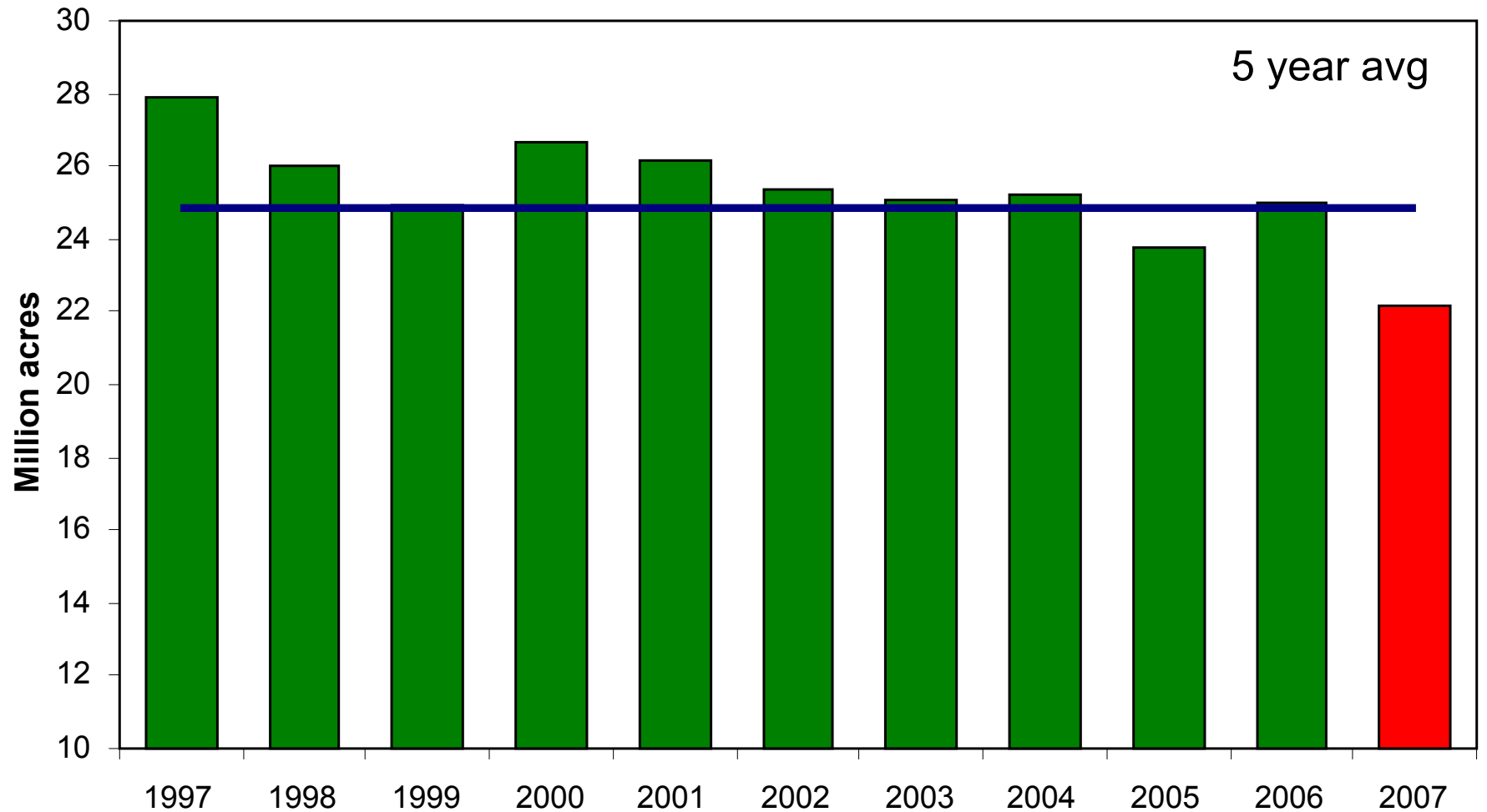
Statistics Canada		CWB			
	5 Year Average	2006	2007		
			10th Percentile	50th Percentile	90th Percentile
All Wheat	21.7	24.4	18.8	21.2	22.6
Durum	4.6	3.8	3.9	4.5	4.9
Oats	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.9
Barley	10.2	9.3	11.6	12.5	13.1
Rye	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Flax	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
Canola	7.4	9.1	8.8	9.6	10.2

*These estimates based on weather model yields and CWB area forecasts



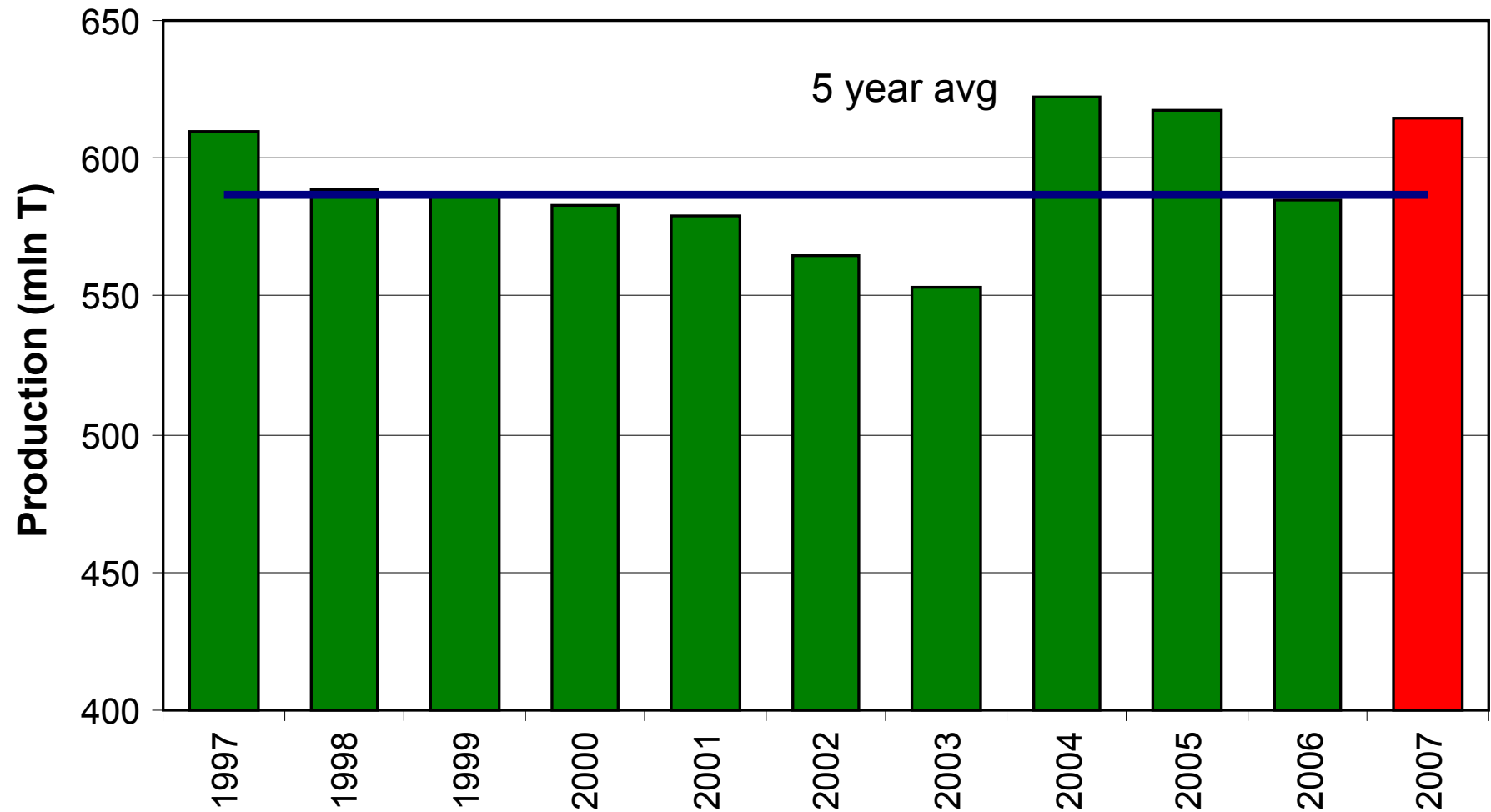
Western Canada spring wheat area

Western Canada Spring Wheat Area



World wheat estimates

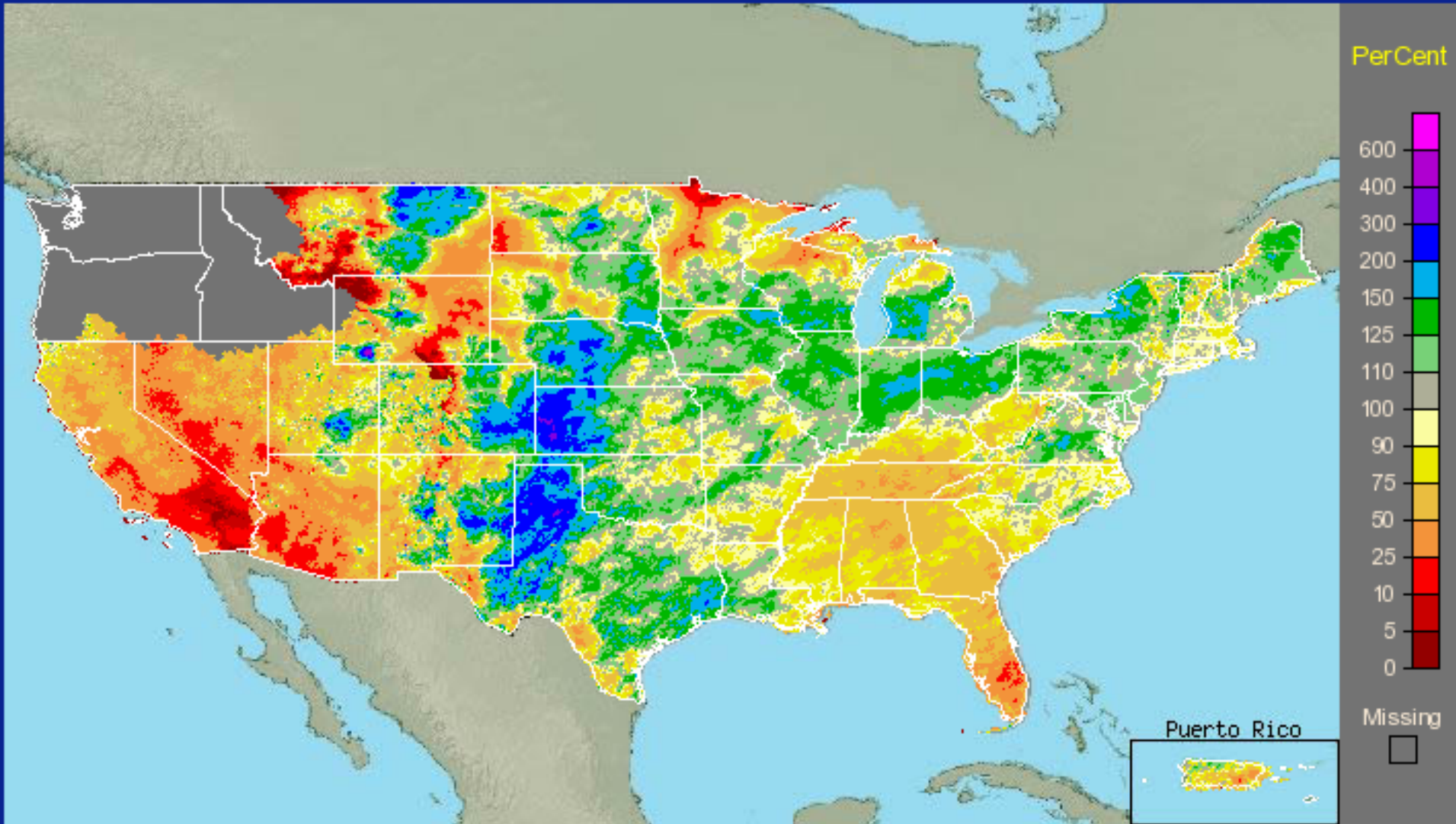
World Wheat Production

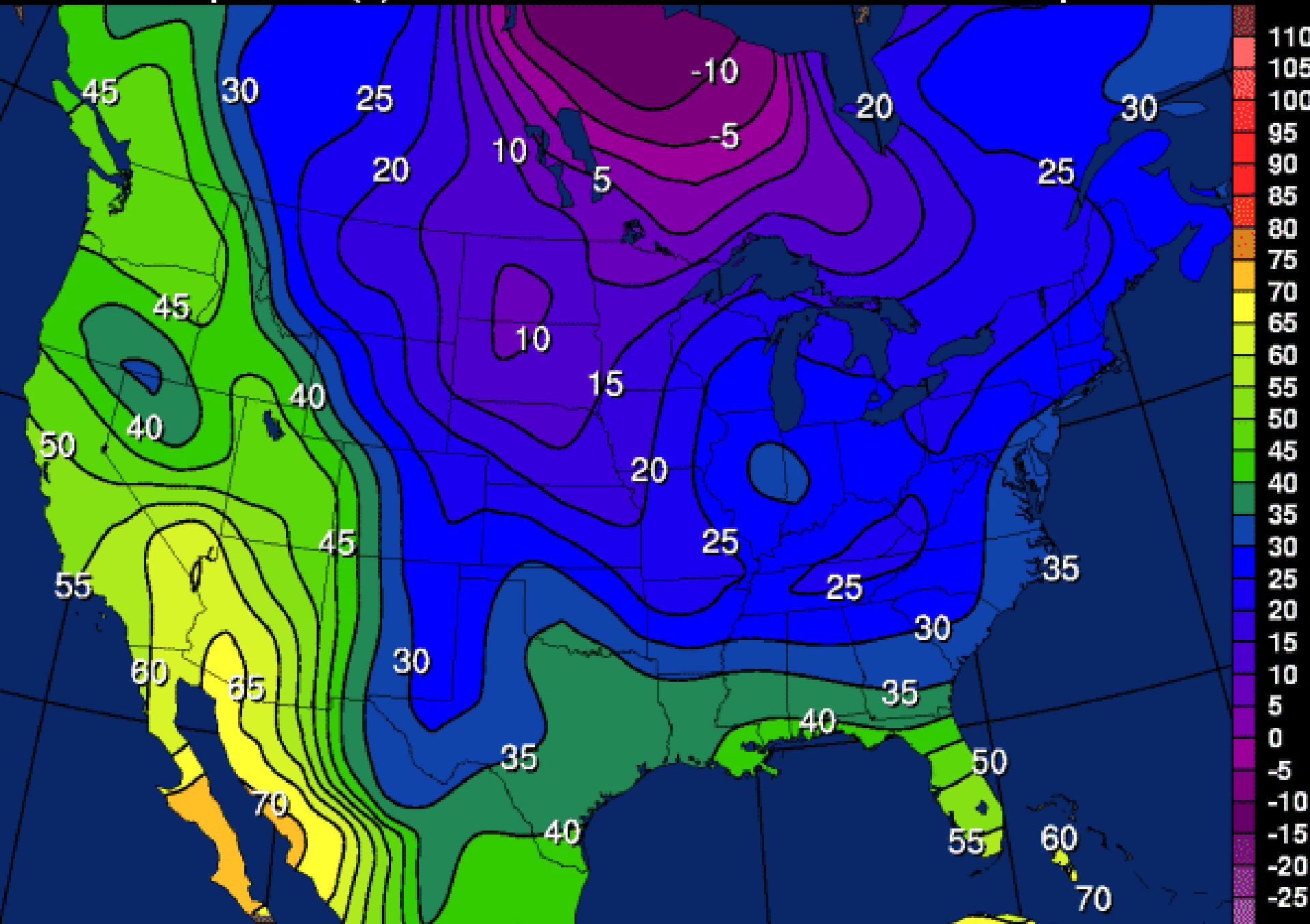


United States

- Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat production increased over last year
- Smaller Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat production due to freeze damage
- Spring cereals too wet in Minnesota and eastern Dakotas
- Dryness in eastern cornbelt and southeastern U.S. causing concerns for row crops

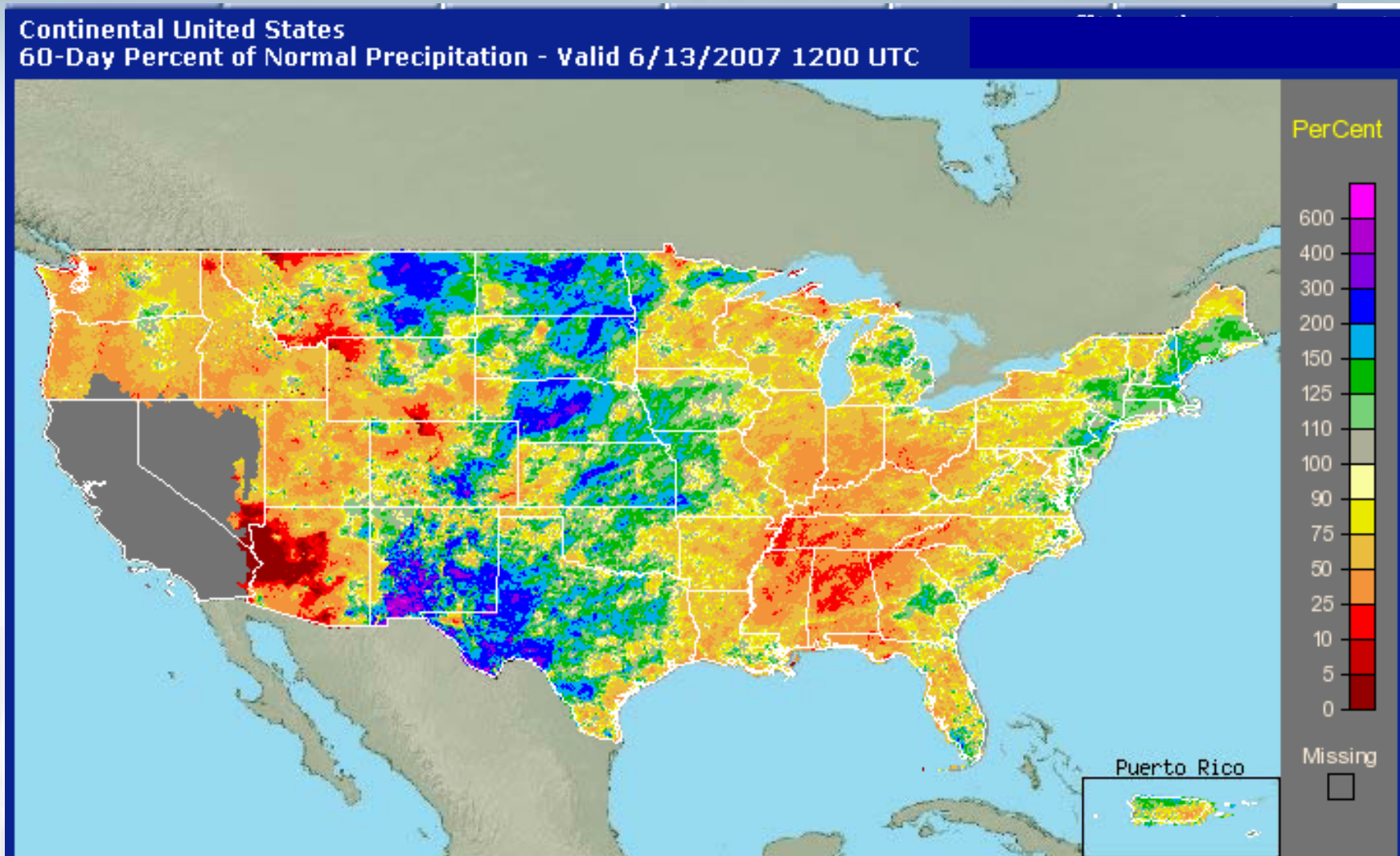
Continental United States
180-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation - Valid 4/3/2007 1200 UTC



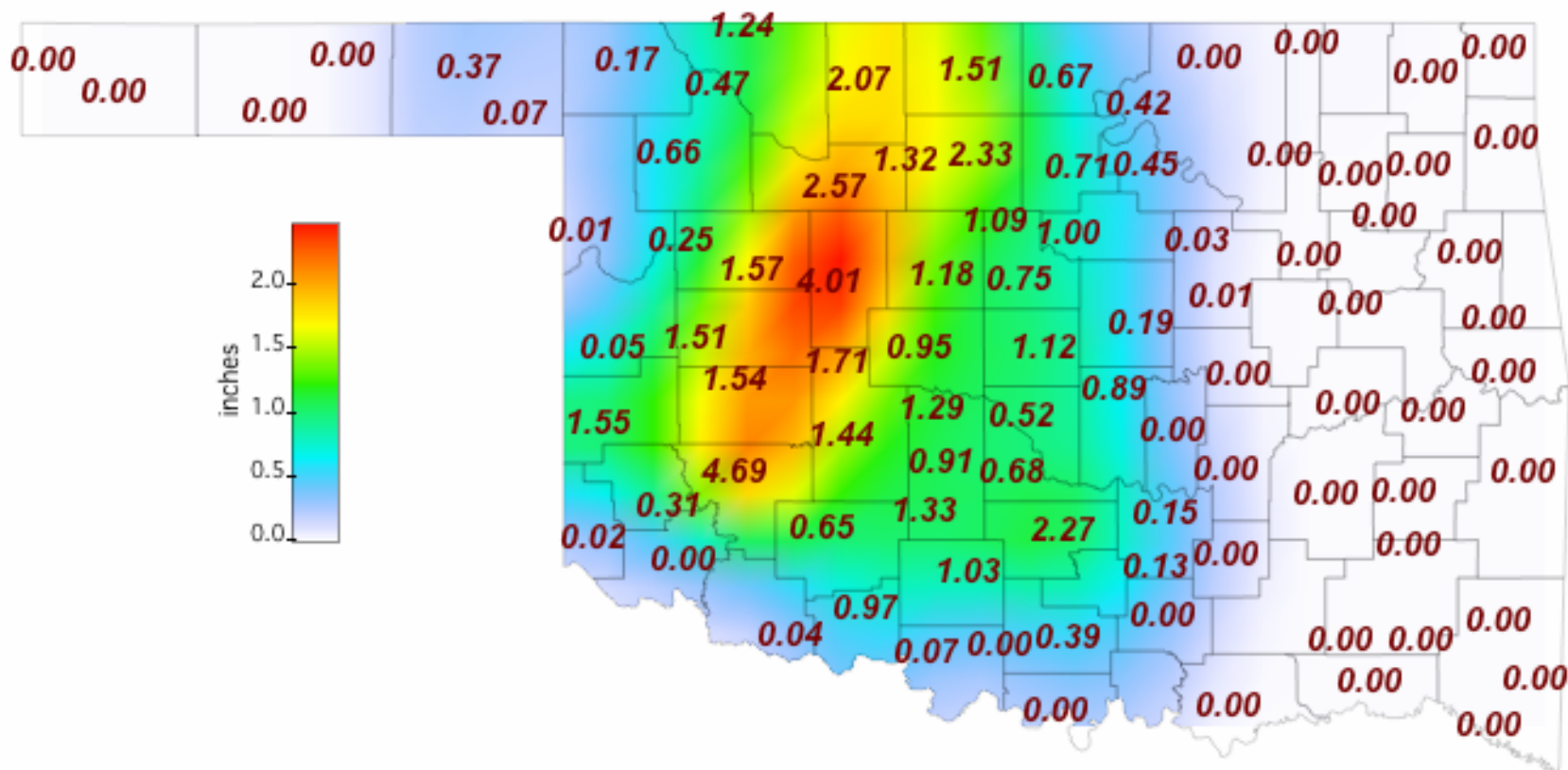




US % of Normal



Oklahoma 24 Hour Precipitation



Rainfall since Midnight GMT
06-14-2007 07:05 AM CDT





U.S. Production Projections

(mln bu)

2005

2006

2007

Total Wheat

2,104

1,812

2,168

HRW

930

682

1,028

SRW

309

390

347

White Winter

235

227

222

Spring and Durum

601

507

571

Barley

212

180

210

Sorghum

384

277

380

Soybeans

3,090

3,186

2,745

Corn

11,101

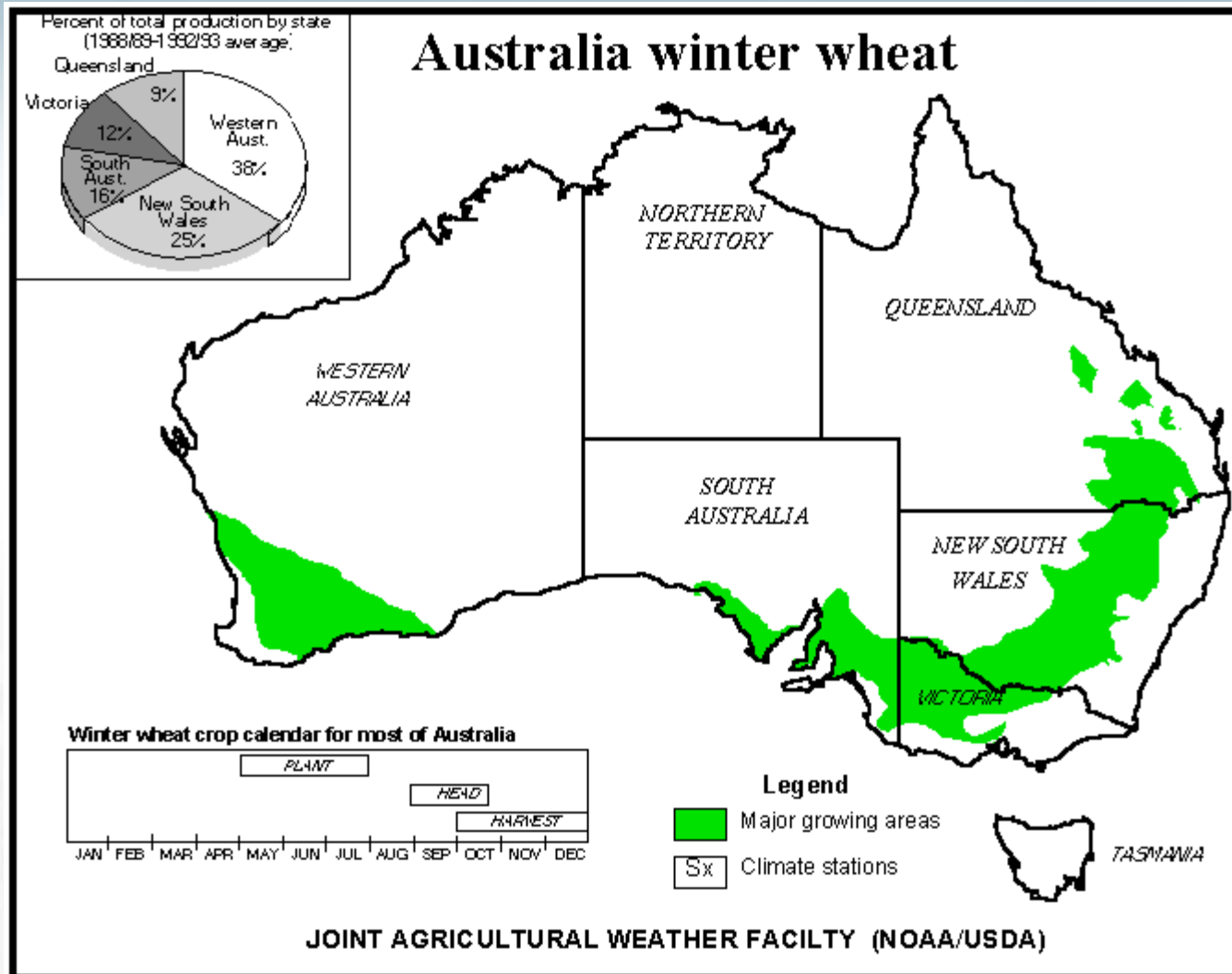
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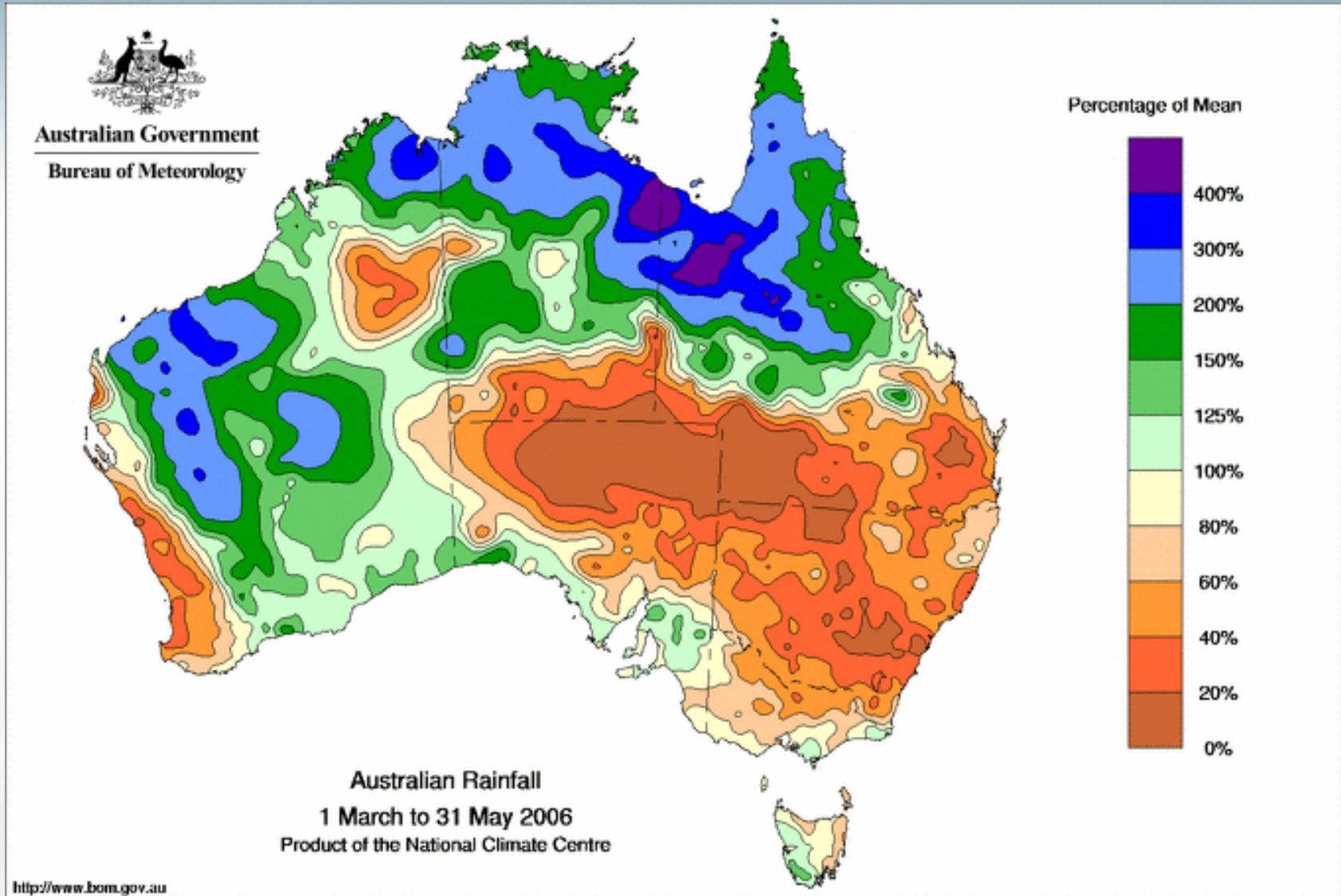
Australia

- Poor pre-planting soil moisture in West Australia
- Early planting in eastern parts of Australia due to good rains
- Recent rainfall in the eastern parts of Australia will allow farmers to plant more of the intended wheat area

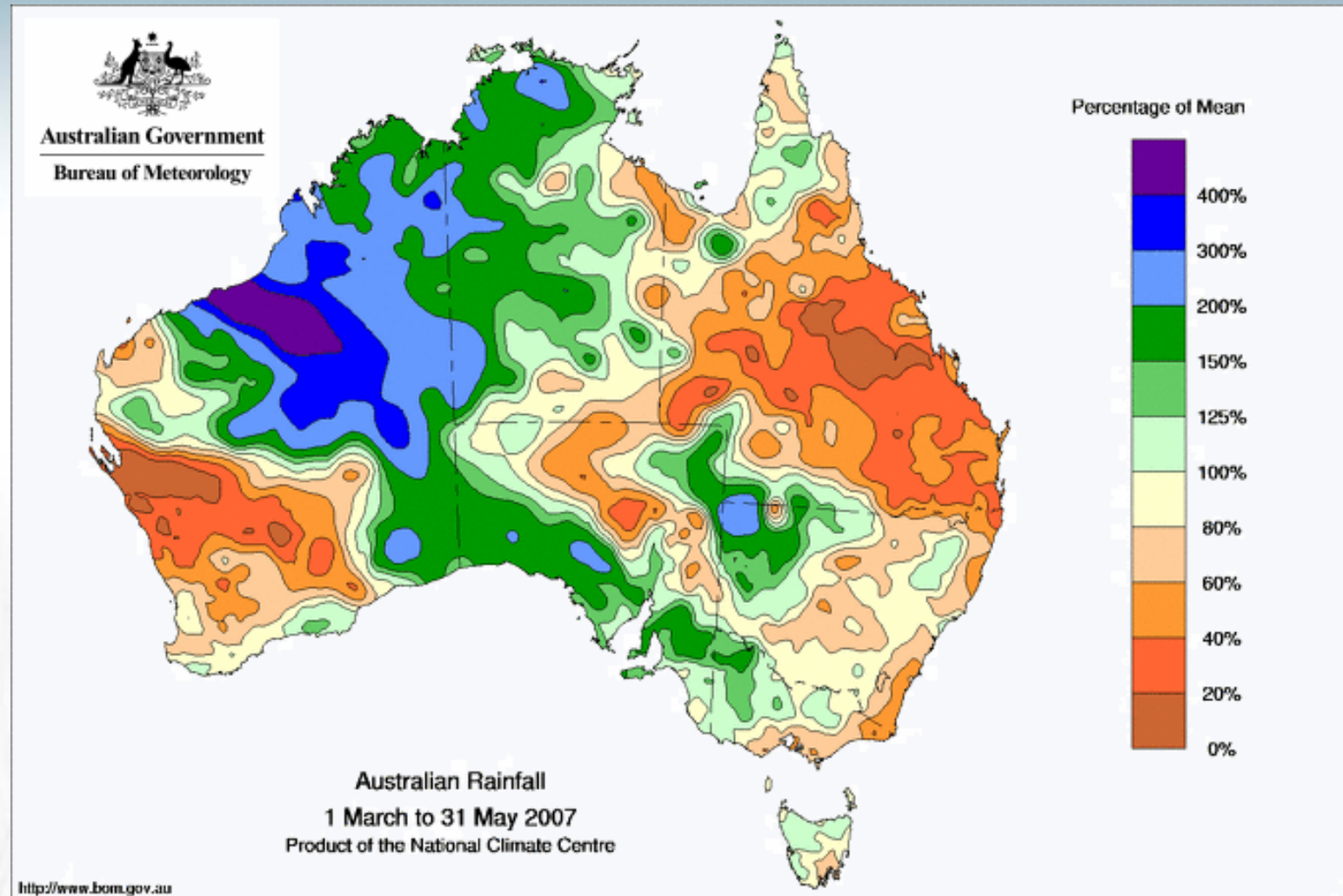
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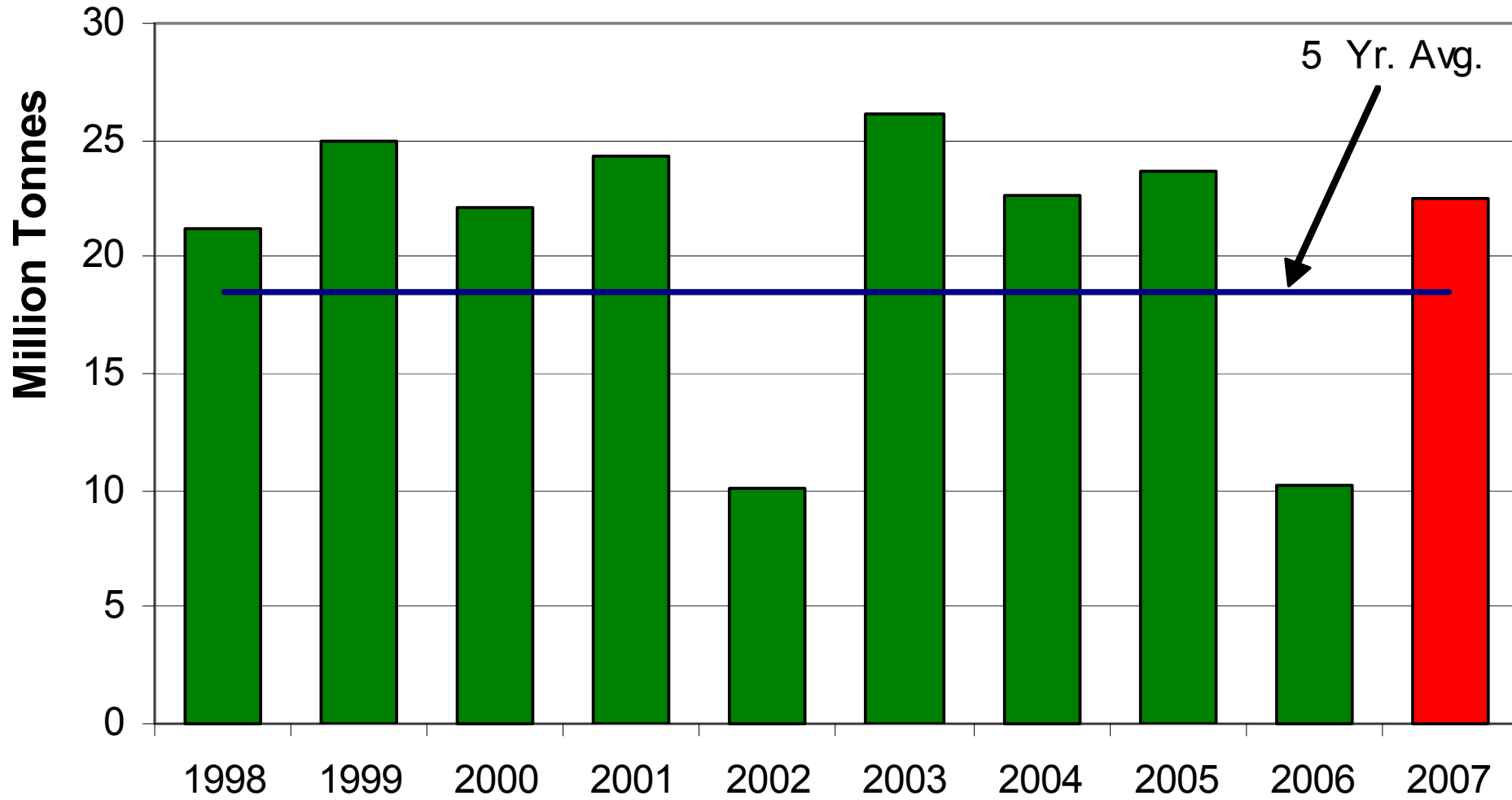


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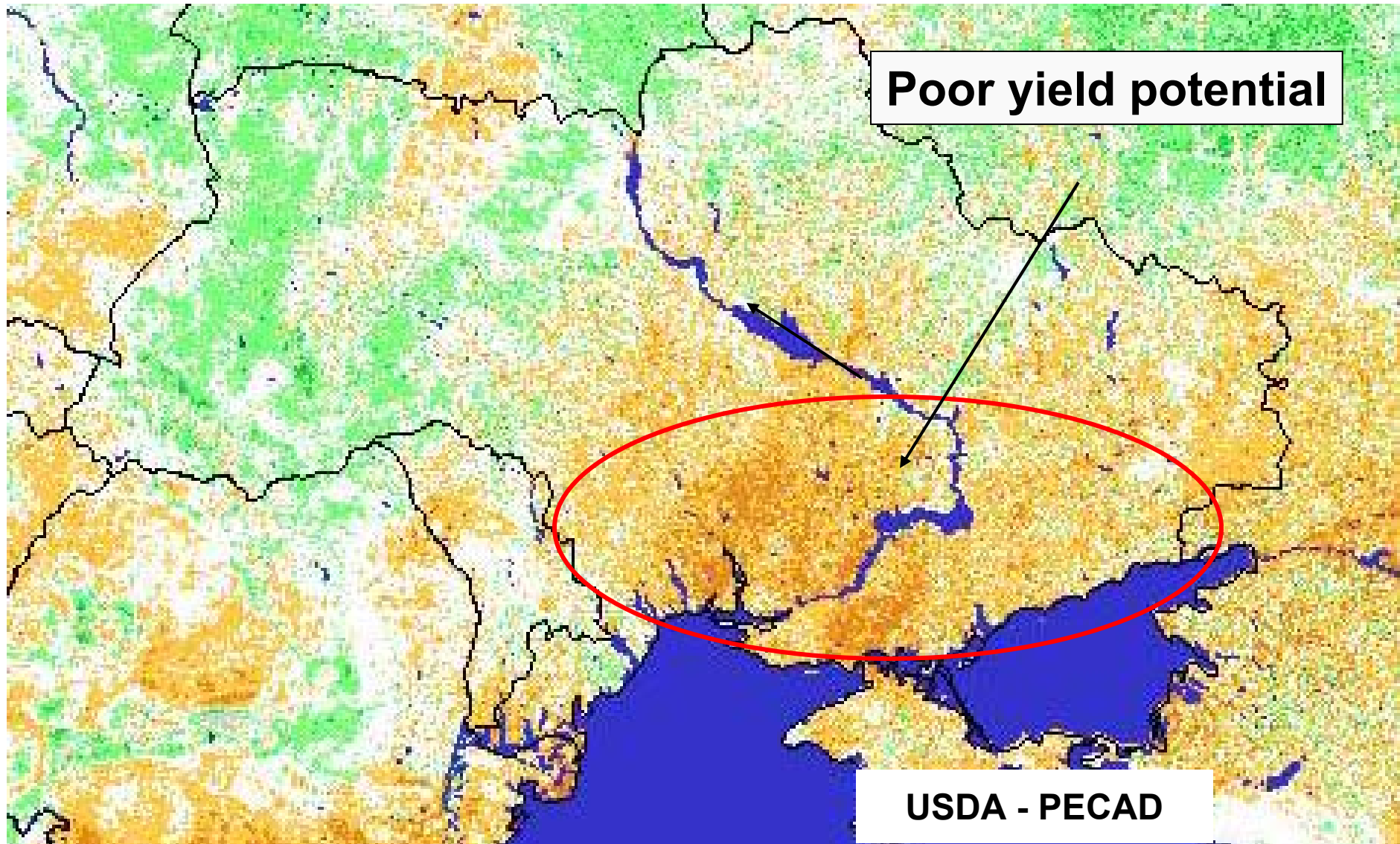
Australia Wheat Production



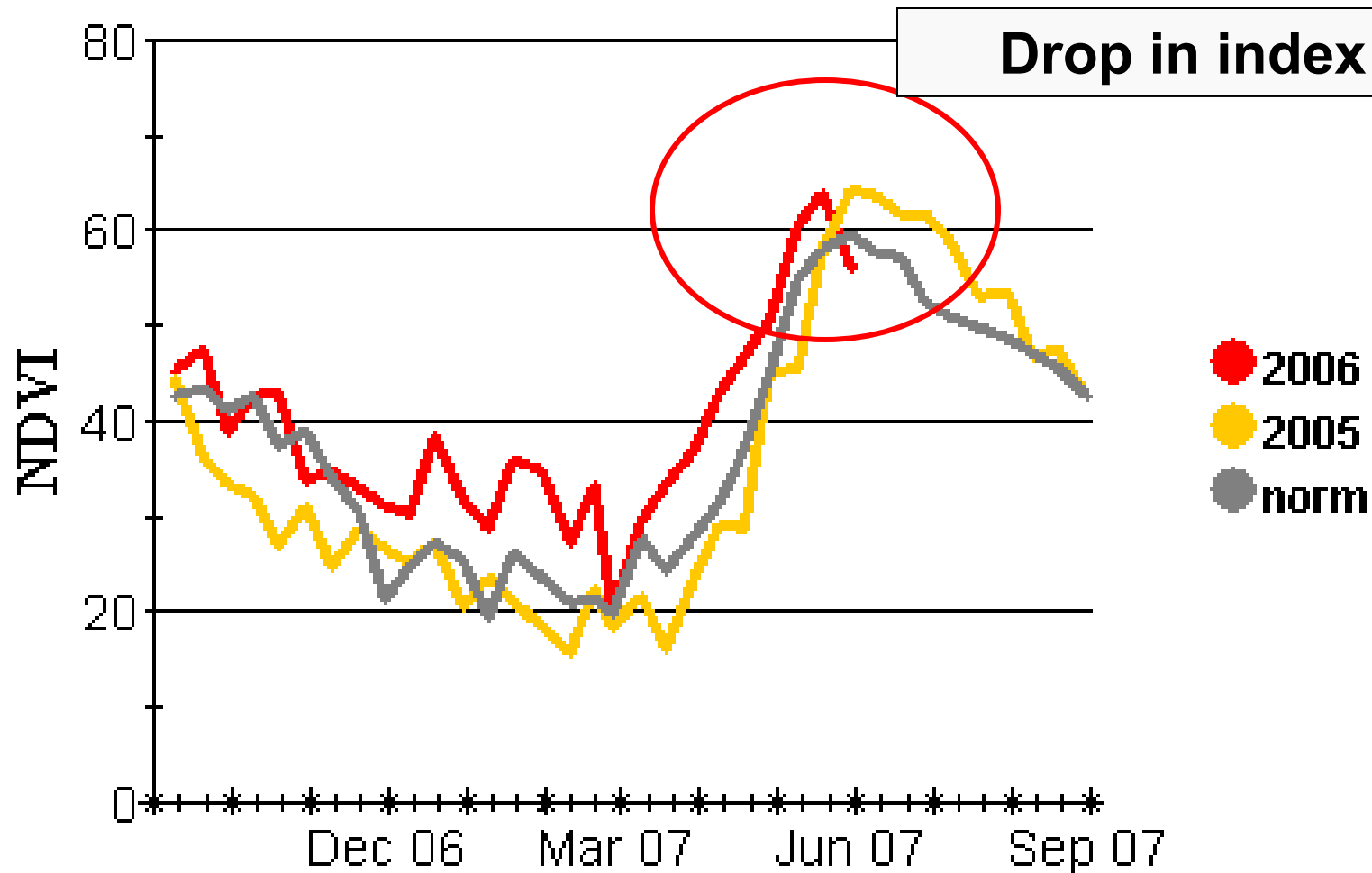
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- Good establishment conditions in the fall of 2006 resulted in higher sown area than in 2005
- Mild winter conditions resulted in excellent survival rates, but increased water demand
- Dry conditions with hot daytime (30 to 40 °C) temperatures in May and early June have stressed spring cereals in Southern Russia and Ukraine
- Wet conditions in the Urals and Volga region have resulted in late planting of spring cereal crops

SPOT 1Km - vegetation health 2007 versus average



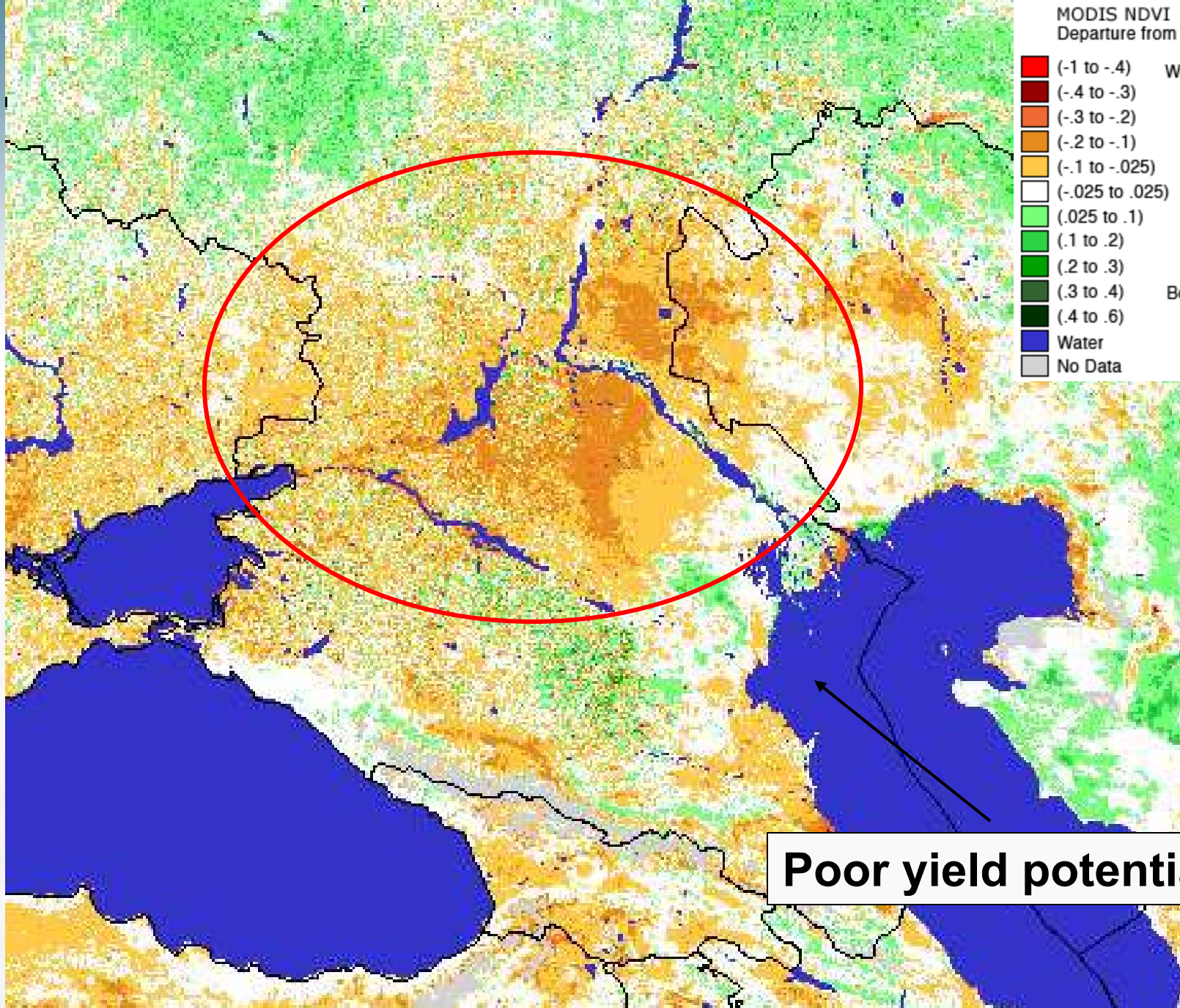
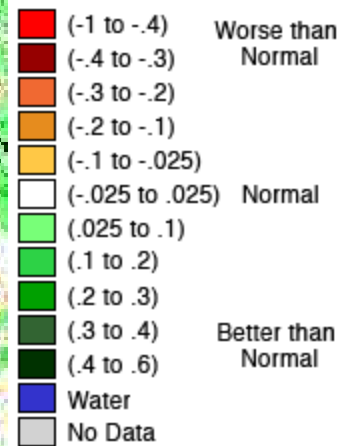
Southern Ukraine: SPOT-VEG



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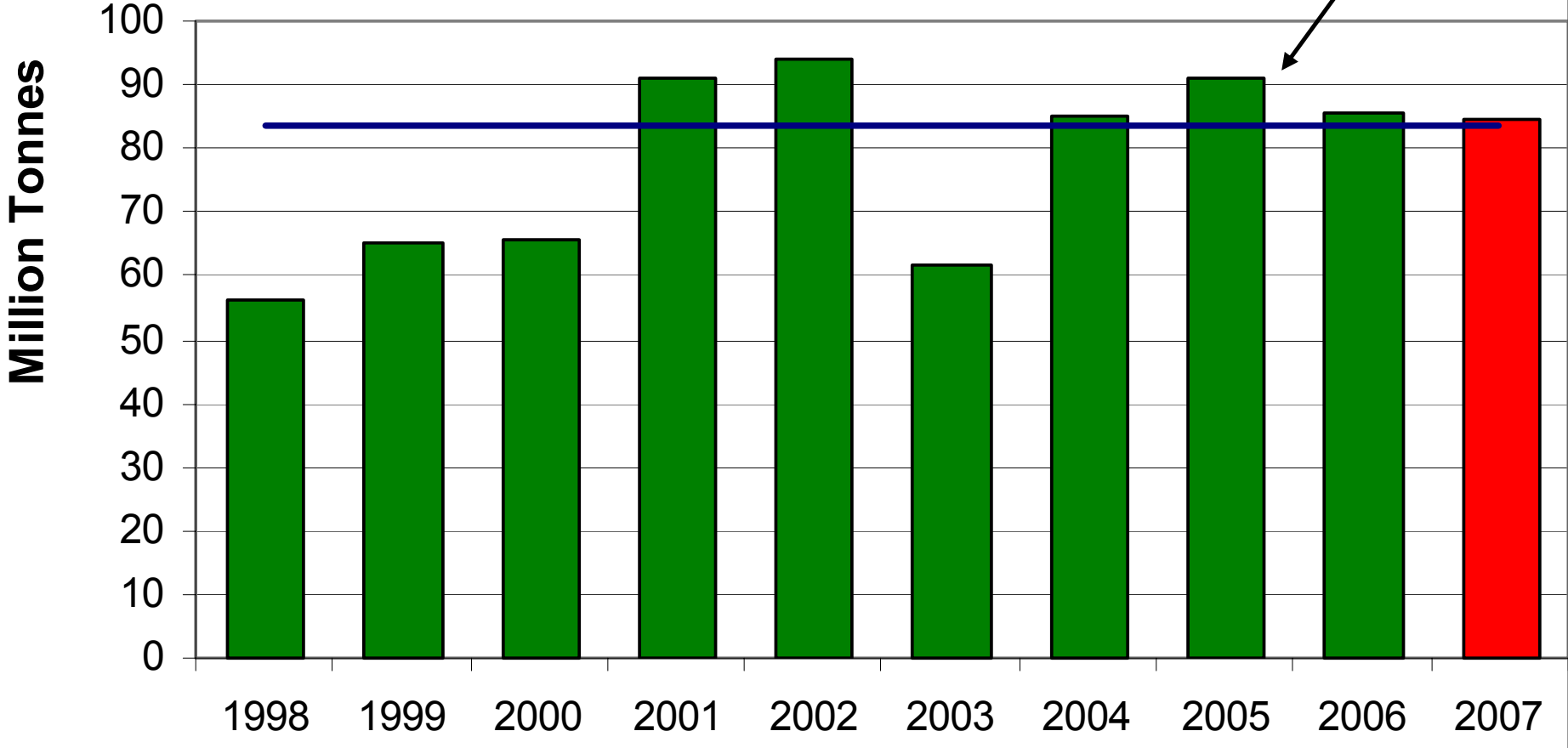
MODIS NDVI
Departure from 5-year Average



Poor yield potential

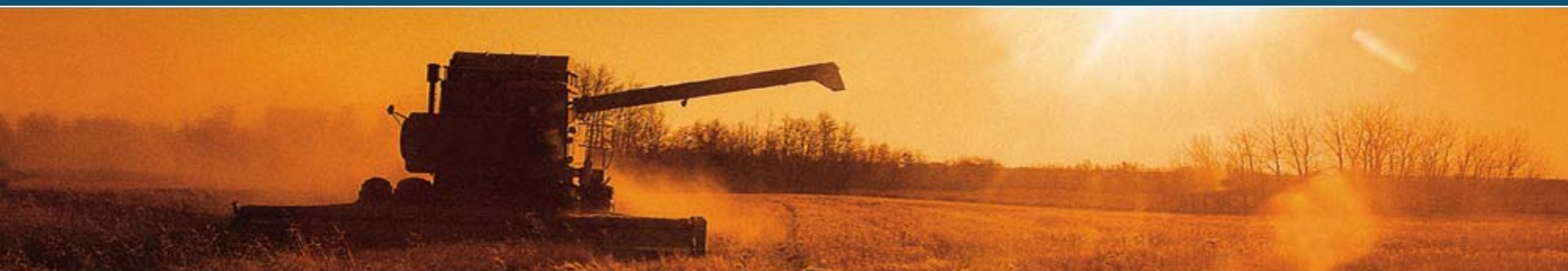
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5 year avg



Source: USDA





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