

Digiscape: A one-platform solution for seasonal climate integration into Agriculture

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Four Industrial Revolutions

Iron Plough
Mechanical Reaper
Cotton Gin
Telegraph

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Haber-Bosch Process
Mendelian Genetics
Tractors
Rail & Steamship
Telephone

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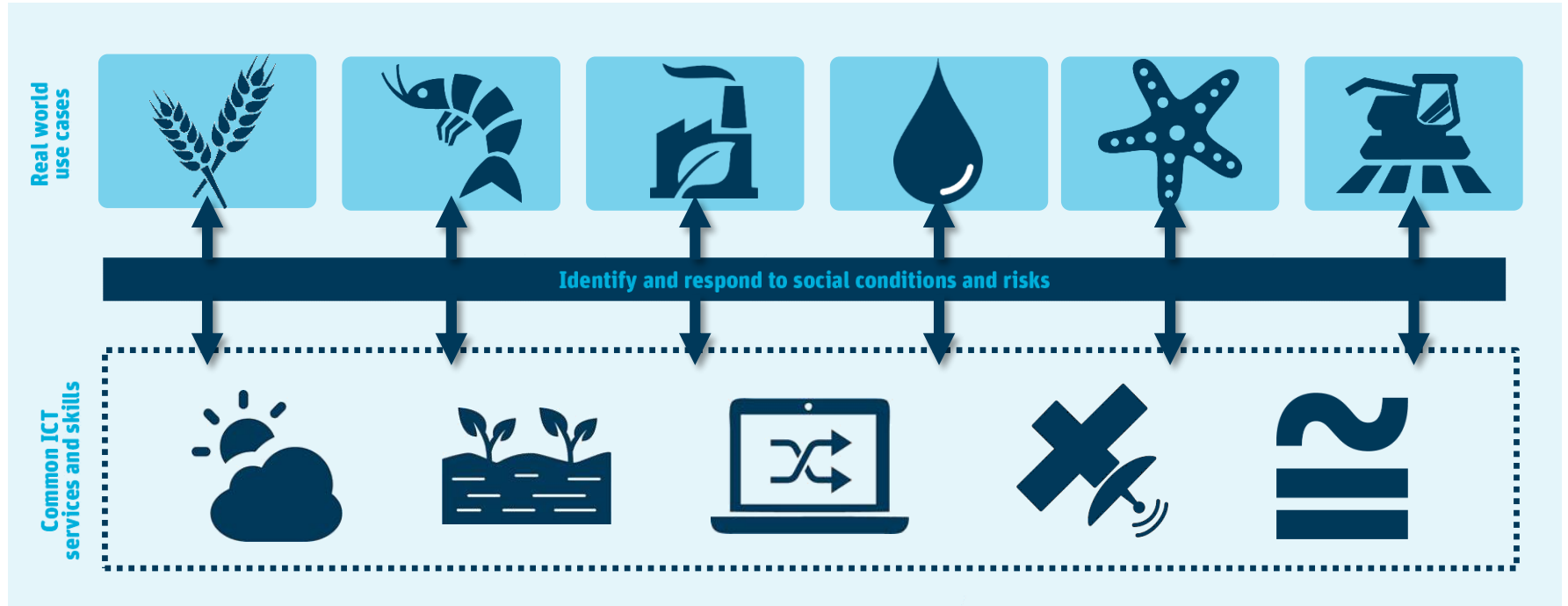
Controlled Traffic
Quantitative Genetics
Internet/Mobile Phone

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Digiscape Future Science Platform



And the Social Scientists!

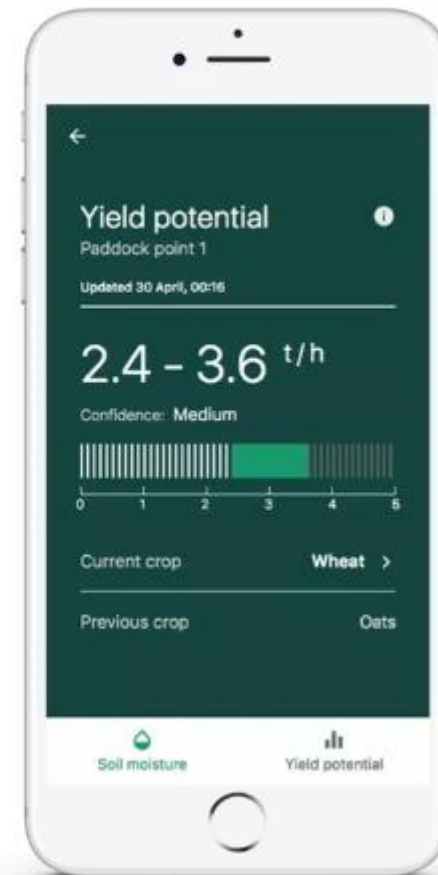


Source: Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, Australian Government, 2011

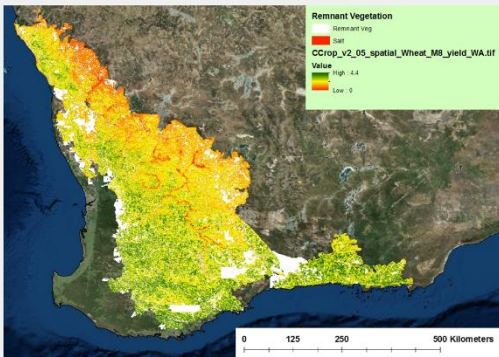
GRAINCAST – Finding the value of Yield Predictions

To estimate yield you need to know:

- The future climate
- Soil type
- What has been planted
- Management decisions
- On-going crop decisions.

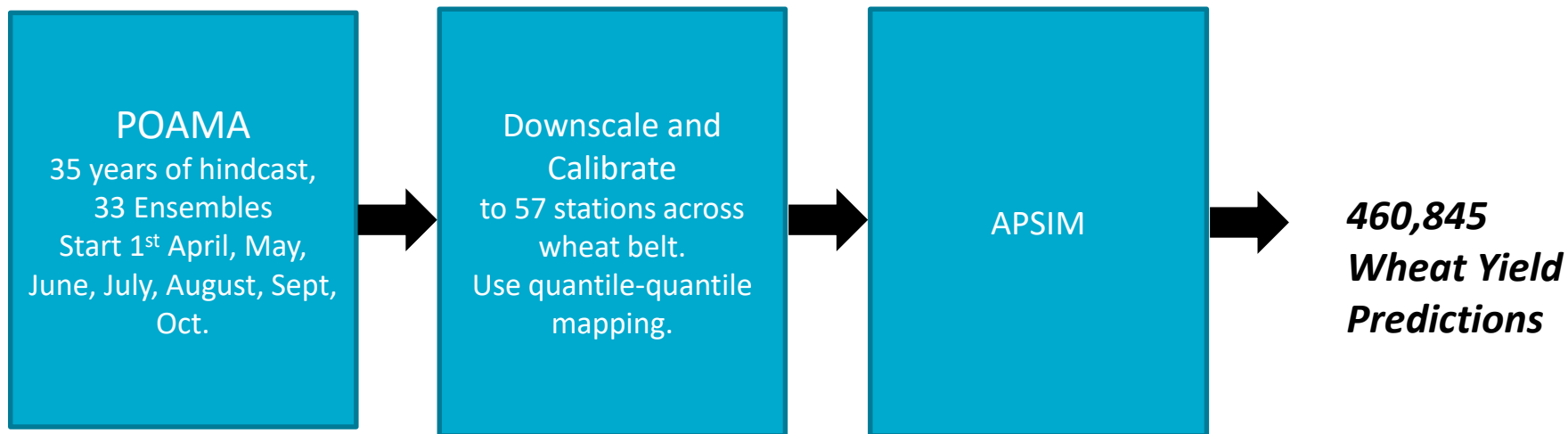


Graincast: Interlocking Yield Forecasts



Ground Truth

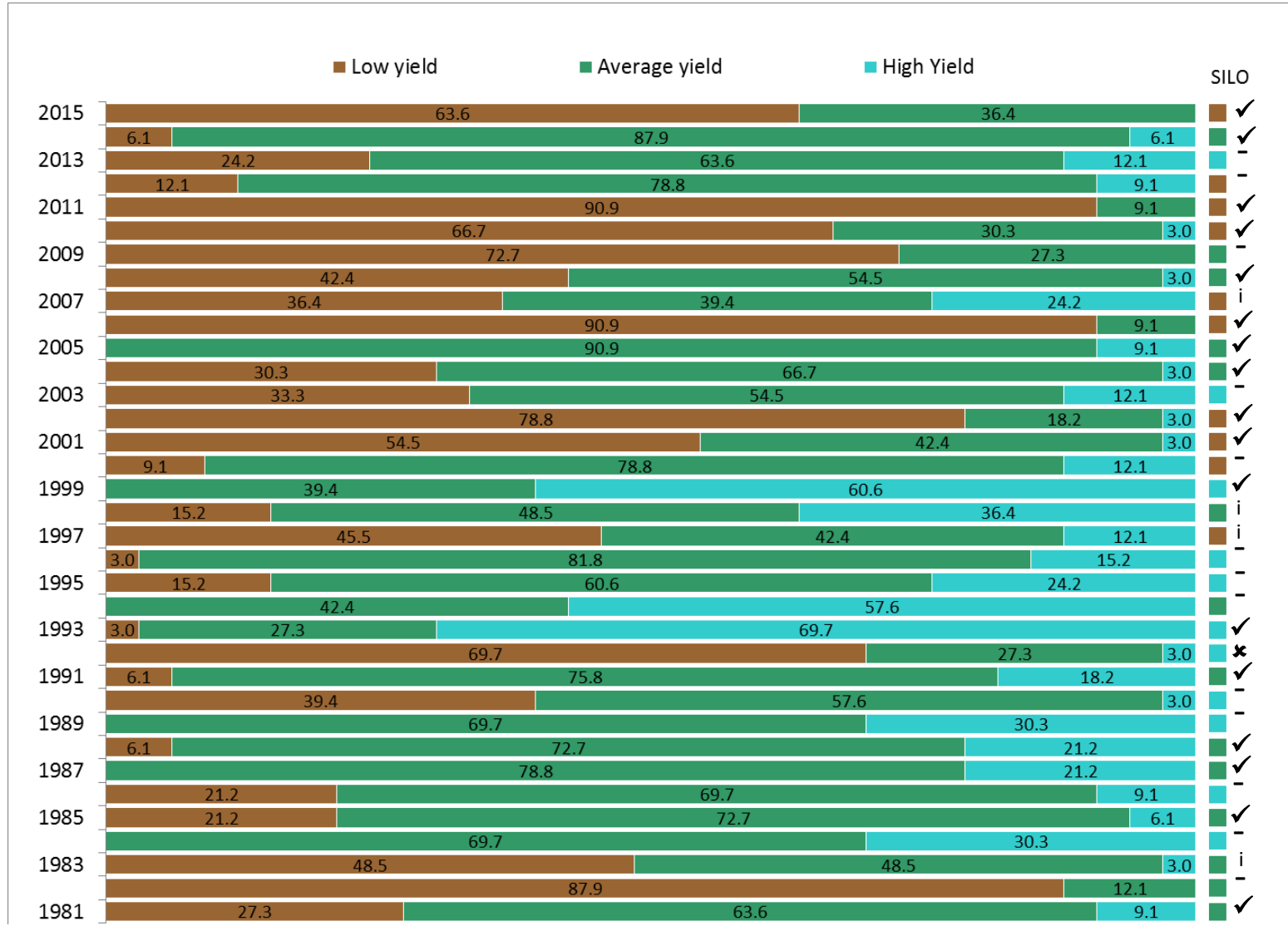




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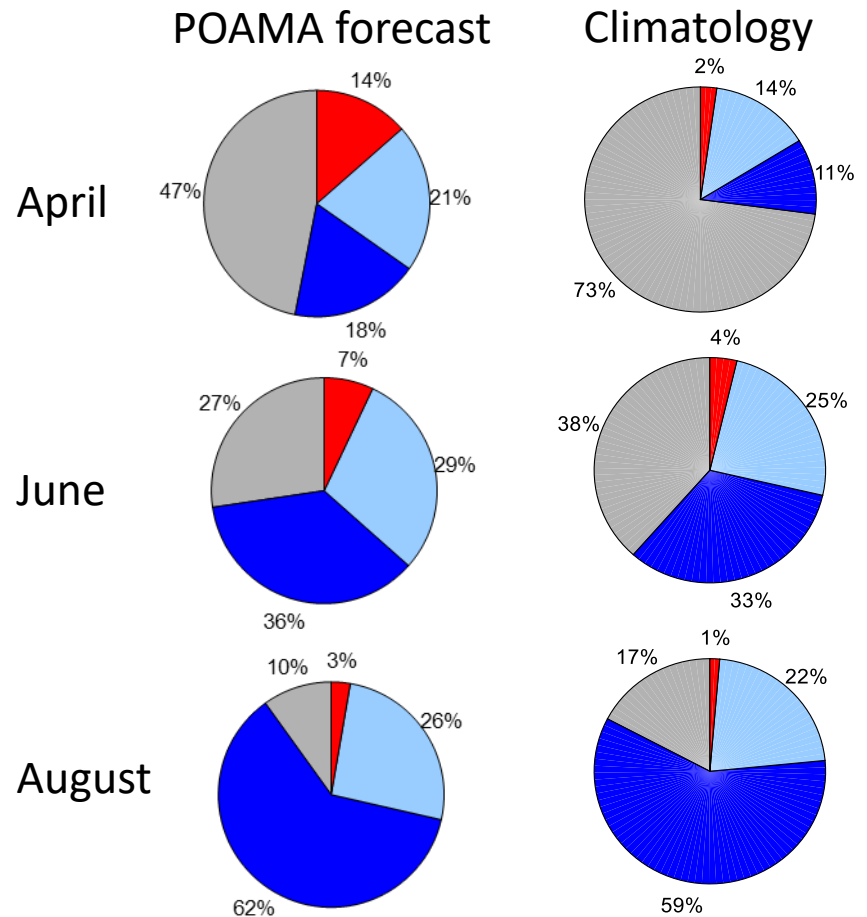
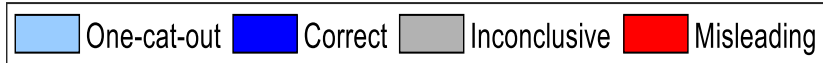


Example: Forecast in June for Ouyen (the best one!) Percentage of 33 ensembles in each category



Wheat Yield Forecasts for WA.

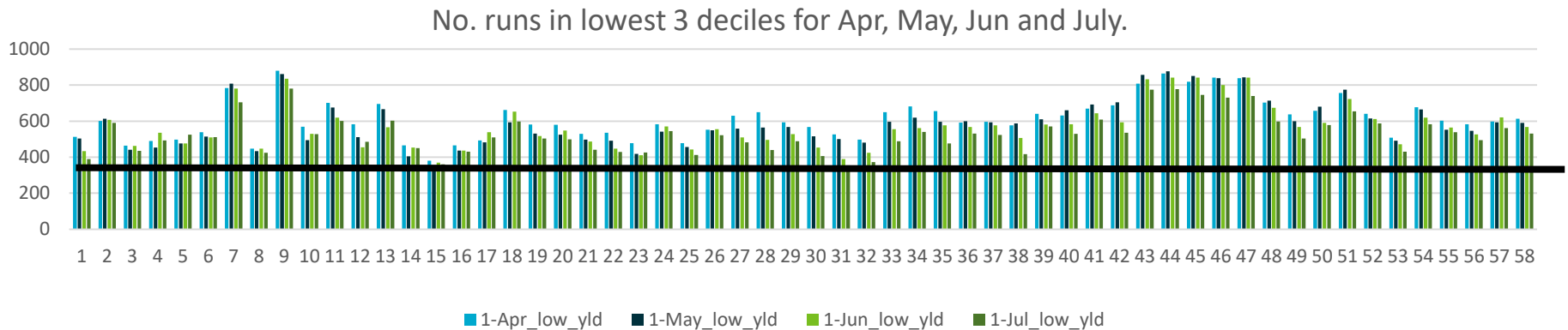
All stations, 35 years.



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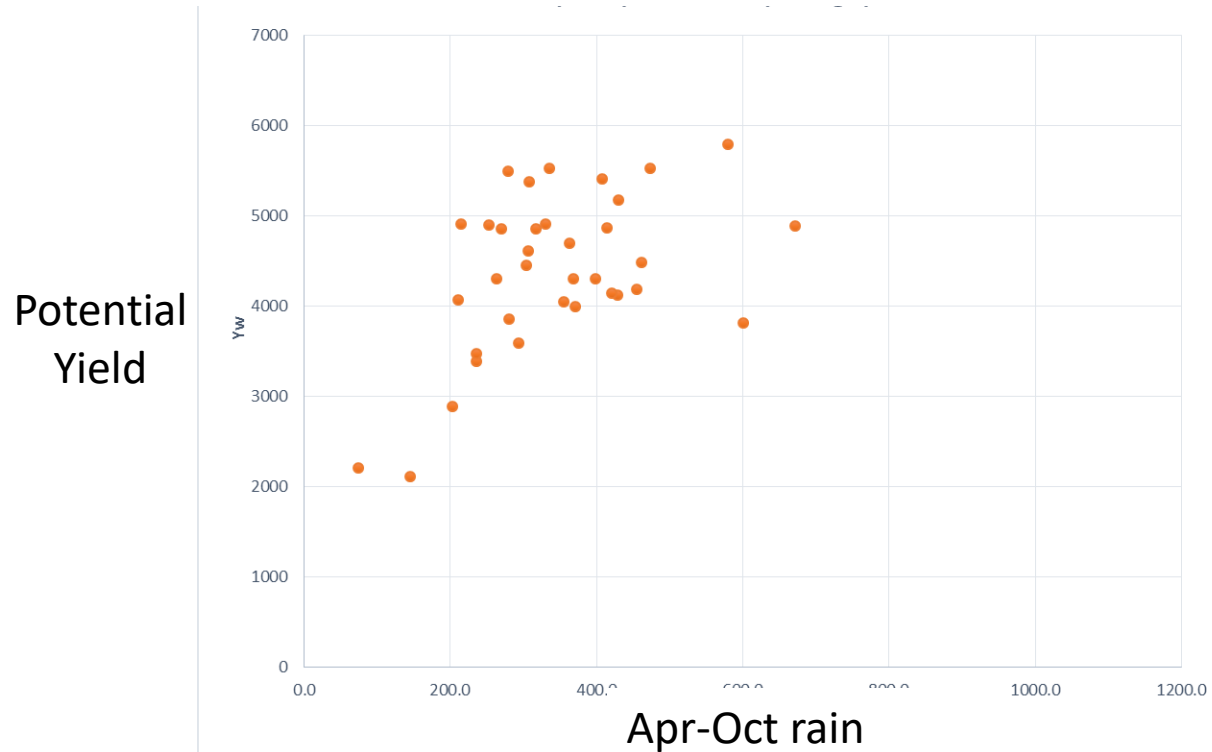
33 ensembles x 35 years = 1155 runs @ 57 stations.

Expect ~ 30% to be in lowest 3 deciles (~347 runs)

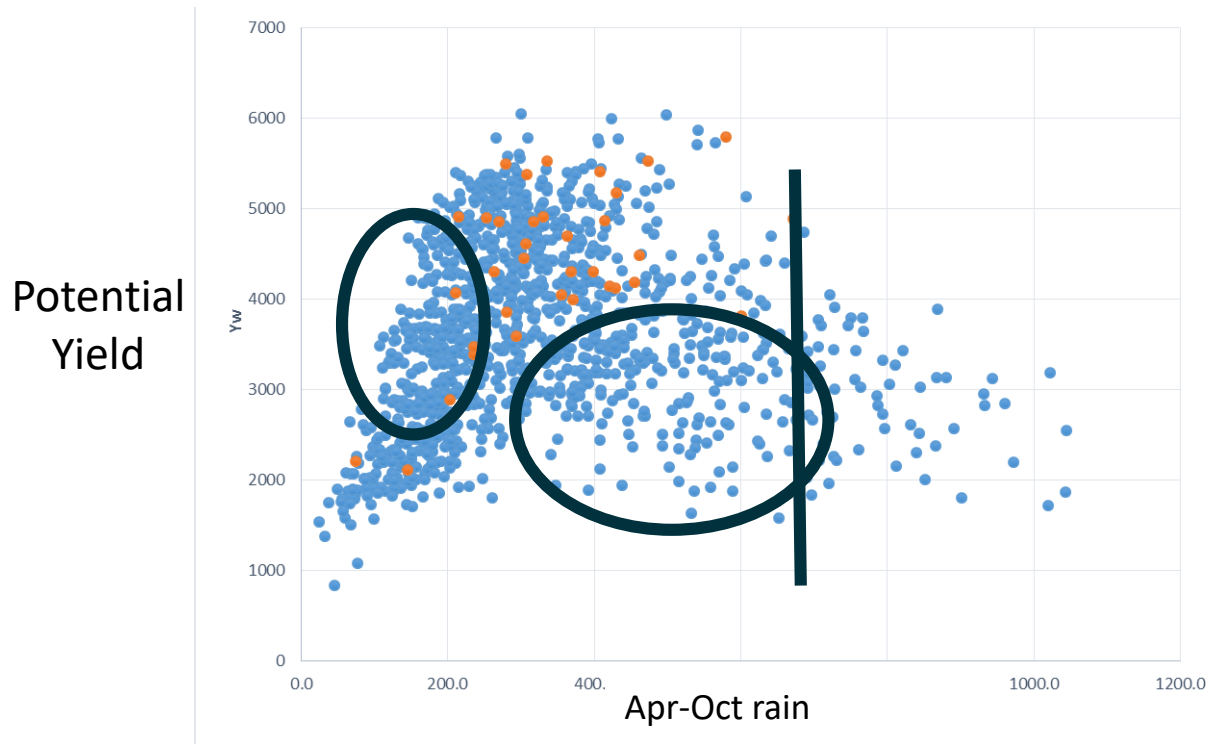


This is clearly too many to be a statistical artefact!
Major reason for the errors in the forecast.

Rainfall-Yield relationship at Parkes, NSW



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SILO ave: 377
POAMA ave: 344



AgScore:

A really fancy climate model metric related to growing grains.

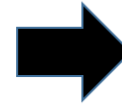


The Solution ... on Senaps.

Called from Matlab, R or Python on desktop computer anywhere in the world.

Inputs from Climate Scientist

- Location e.g. Birchip
- Time Period e.g. 1980-2015
- Ensemble of climate forecasts
 - rainfall,
 - max T,
 - min T,
 - radiation.



Outputs back to climate scientist.

AgScore metrics

- Accuracy
- Distribution
- Comparison with climatology

NOT A REAL YIELD FORECAST

What we need to know from you (our customer):

- Would you use this tool?
- What file format would you submit to AgScore?
- What metrics are you interested in having come back?
- What sort of research questions would you address with this tool?
- Would you like to work with us on developing the tool?

Thank you

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Some Farming Enterprises:

**70% of profits are made in
3 years out of 10.**

Important to know which 3 years so you can
maximise your profit.

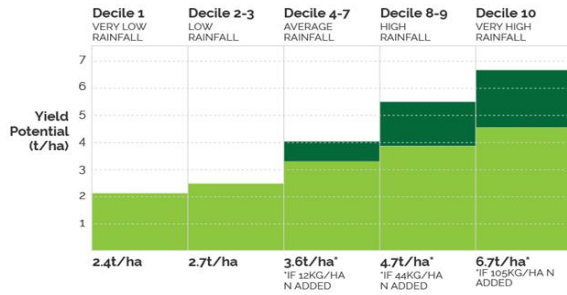
Your Selection

Crop  WHEAT	Grown near  BIRCHIP, VIC	Total soil water  130mm	Total soil nitrogen  73kg/ha	Soil organic carbon  1.5%
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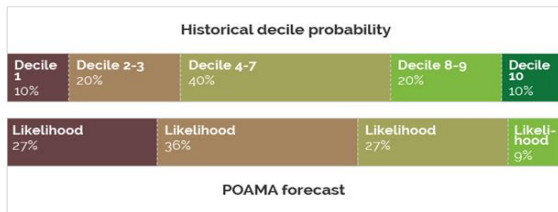
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Results

Based on what you entered, we predict the following potential yield ranges, depending on the rainfall decile of the season finish.



POAMA predicts a greater than average chance of a dry season finish.



For more detailed data [Sign up for Yield Prophet!](#)

Mostly due to a really strong low yield bias at many locations!
e.g. Parkes

