

## Crop Growth and Phenology – Species Variability

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## Crop Growth and Development and Environment Species Variability

- ✓ Effects of multiple environmental factor effects on crop growth and phenology across many important crop species.
- ✓ Can we use environmental productivity index concept across the species to quantify the responses and to develop functional relationships?

## Crop Growth and Development and Environment Major Crops – Global Statistics - 2008

Crop	Area, Million ha	Production, Million Mt.	Productivity, Mt. ha <sup>-1</sup>
Wheat	224	690	3.0
Maize/corn	161	823	5.1
Rice	159	685	4.3
Soybeans	97	231	2.4
Barley	57	158	2.8
Sorghum	45	65	1.5
Millets	37	36	0.96
Seedcotton	31	66	2.1
Rapeseed	30	58	1.9
Beans, dry	28	20	0.73

## Environmental and Cultural Factors Influencing Crop Phenology

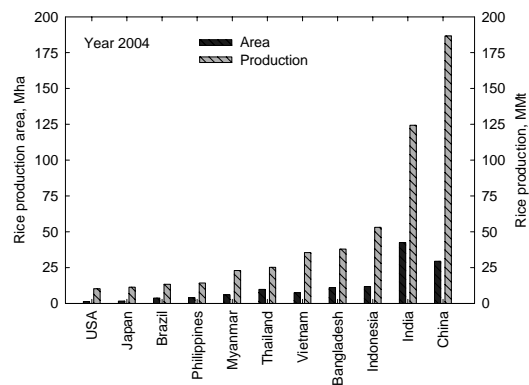
- Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide (indirect)
- Solar Radiation (indirect)
- Photoperiod (direct on flowering, no effect on modern cotton cultivars)
- Temperature (direct)
- Water (indirect)
- Wind (indirect)
- Nutrients (N, P and K) (direct & indirect)
- Growth Regulators (PIX) (indirect)

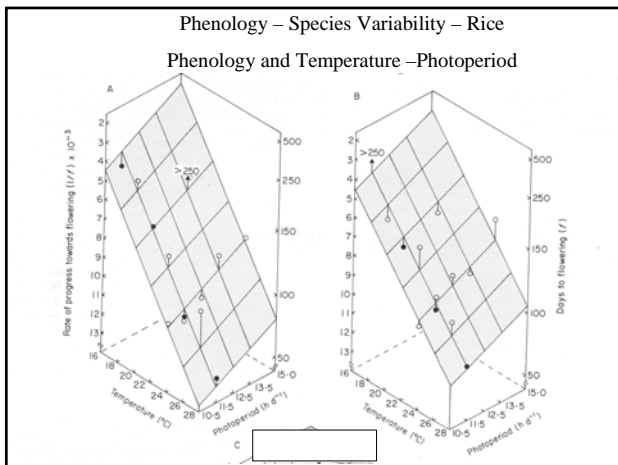
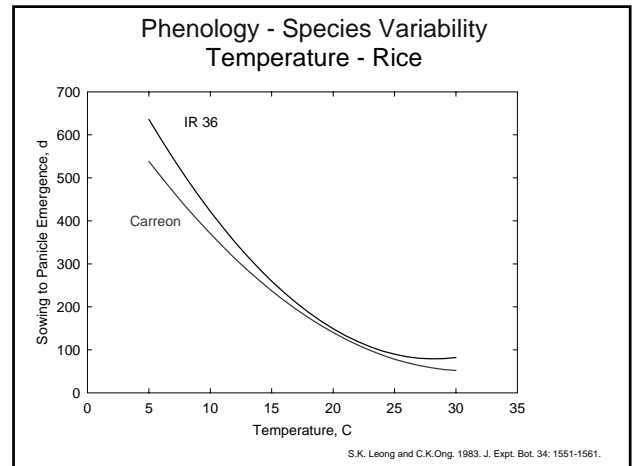
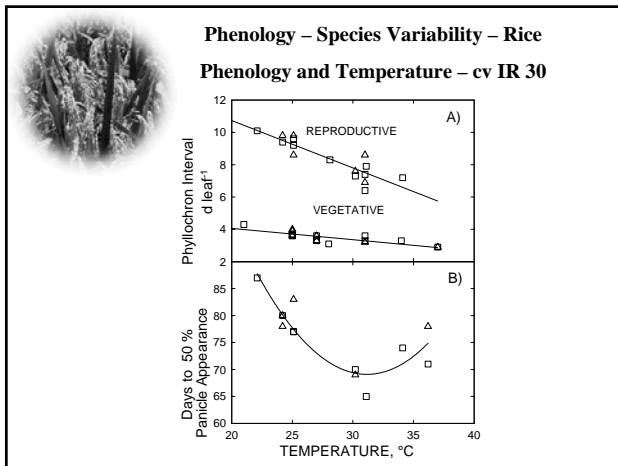
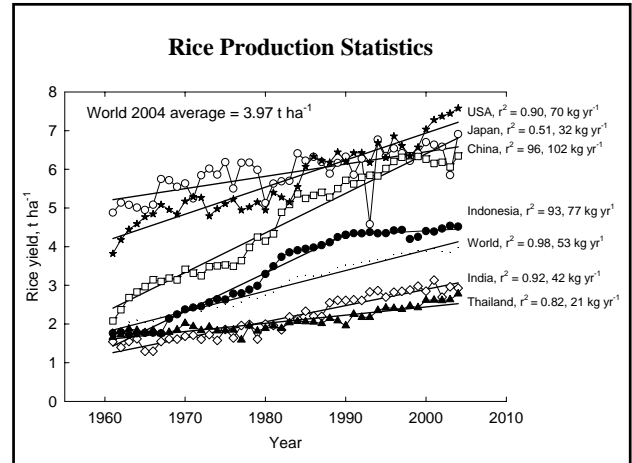
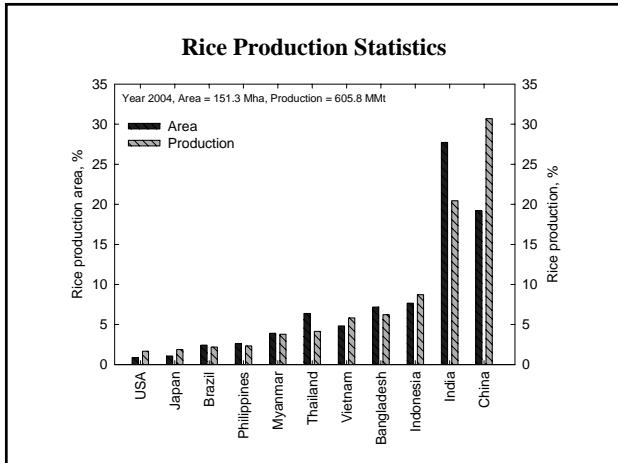

## Rice – Some Crop Statistics



- Provides the dietary needs of 1.6 billion with another 400 million rely on rice for one-quarter or one-half of their diet.
- **2004 stats are:** Area = 151 Million ha, production = 606 Million Mt, and average yield = 4.02 t ha<sup>-1</sup>.
- 53% Irrigated flooded-paddy
- 27% Rainfed lowland
- 12% Rainfed upland
- 8% Deep-water

## Rice Production Statistics

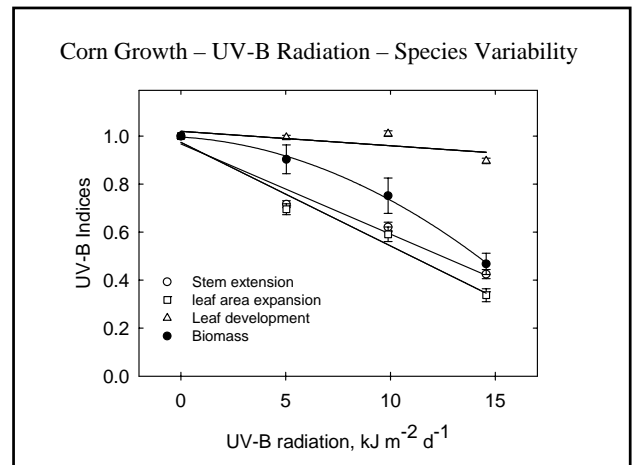
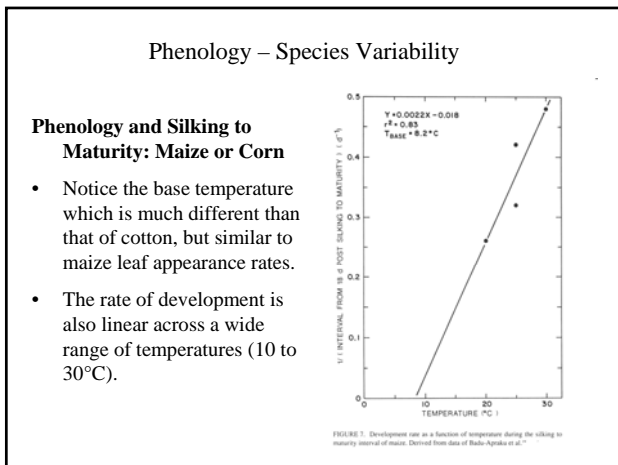
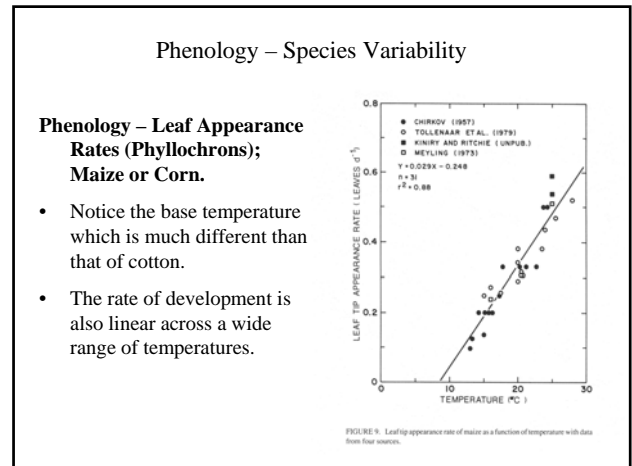
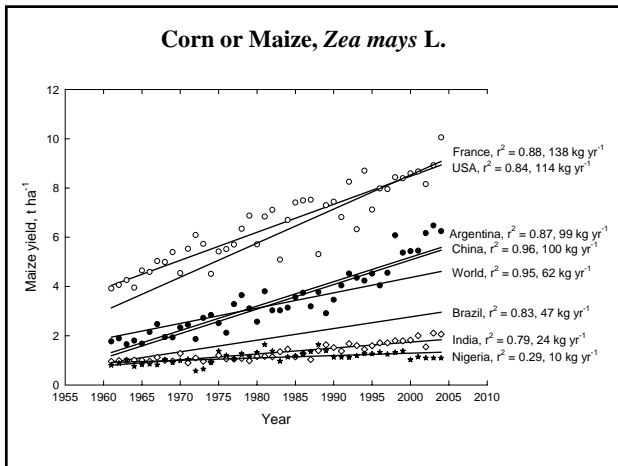
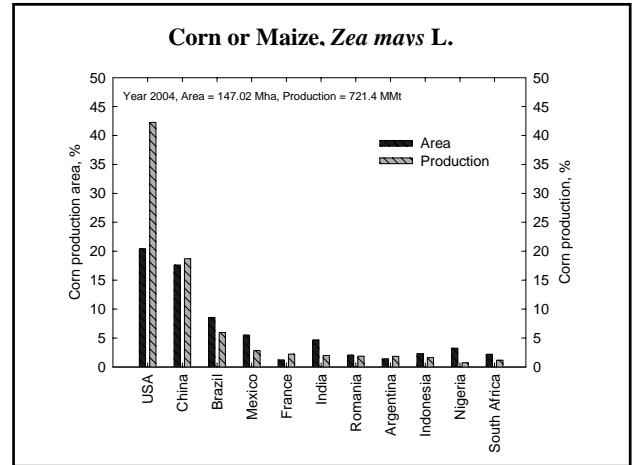
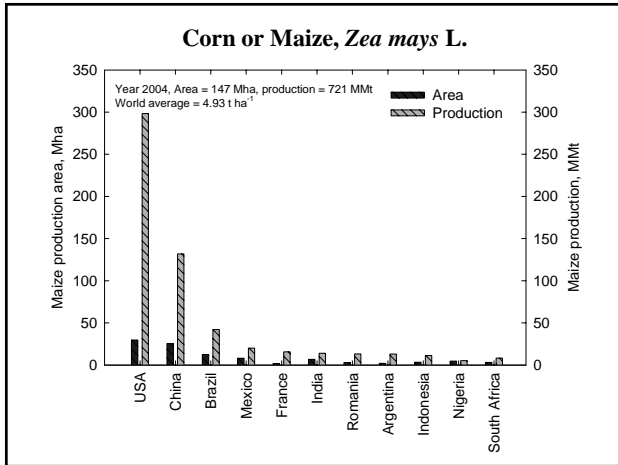


### Corn or Maize, *Zea mays* L.

Corn is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most important food crops globally in terms of energy and protein (FAO, 2004).

Area: 147 Million ha  
 Total production: 721 Million Mt  
 Average yield: 4.93 t ha<sup>-1</sup>



### Phenology – Species Variability Sorghum, *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench

Sorghum is the 4<sup>th</sup> most important food crops globally in terms of energy and protein (FAO, 2004).

**2004 stats are:**

Area: 43.1 Million ha  
Total production: 57.8 Million Mt  
Average yield: 1.3 t ha<sup>-1</sup>



United States = 2.64 Mha, 4.4 t ha<sup>-1</sup>, 11 MMt  
India = 9.4 Mha, 0.8 t ha<sup>-1</sup>, 7.53 MMt  
Nigeria = 7.1 Mha, 1.13 t ha<sup>-1</sup>, 8.03 MMt  
China = 0.57 Mha, 4.1 t ha<sup>-1</sup>, 2.34 MMt  
Mexico = 1.91 Mha, 3.35 t ha<sup>-1</sup>, 6.4 MMt  
Sudan = 6.0 Mha, 4.33 t ha<sup>-1</sup>, 2.6 MMt



### Sorghum – Cultivar Differences

#### Phenology – Panicle Initiation.

- Notice the base temperature which is almost similar to corn.
- The rate of development can be described by a bilinear model.

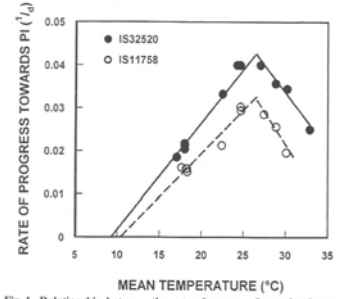


Fig. 1. Relationship between the rate of progress from planting towards PI and mean temperature in sorghum genotypes IS32520 and IS11758 grown in controlled temperature glasshouses under short-days. Fitted lines where  $T_b < T \leq T_2$ :  $y = -0.021 + 0.0020x$ ;  $T_2 < T < T_2 + \Delta T$ :  $y = 0.114 - 0.0031x$ ;  $T < T_2$ :  $y = 0.118 - 0.0026x$ .



### Sorghum – Phenology – Cultivar Differences

#### Phenology – Leaf development.

- Notice the base temperature which is almost similar to corn.
- The rate of development can be described by a bilinear models. Also, notice the genotypic variability.

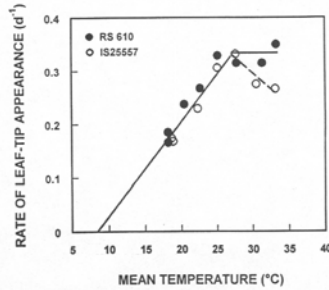
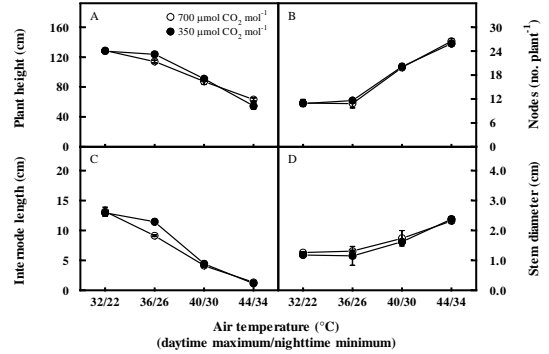


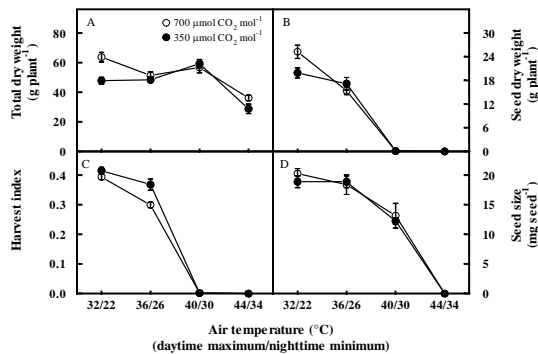
Fig. 4. Relationship between rate of leaf-tip appearance and mean temperature in sorghum genotypes RS610 and IS25557 grown in controlled temperature glasshouses under short-days. Fitted lines where  $T_b < T \leq T_2$ :  $y = -0.148 + 0.018x$ ; and where  $T_2 < T < T_2 + \Delta T$ :  $y = 0.660 - 0.01215x$ ;  $T < T_2$ :  $y = 0.335$ .



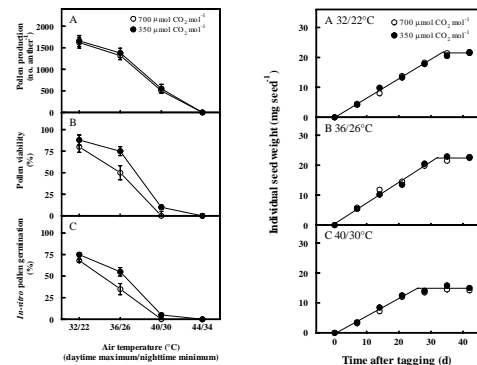
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### Sorghum – Vegetative and Reproductive Growth and Development



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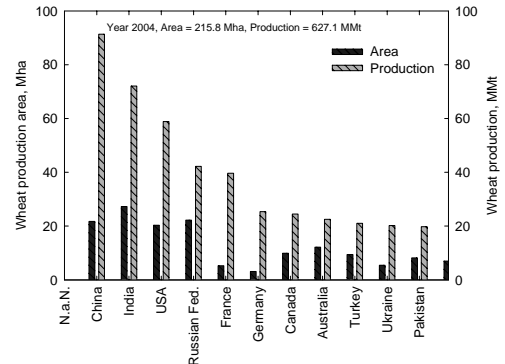




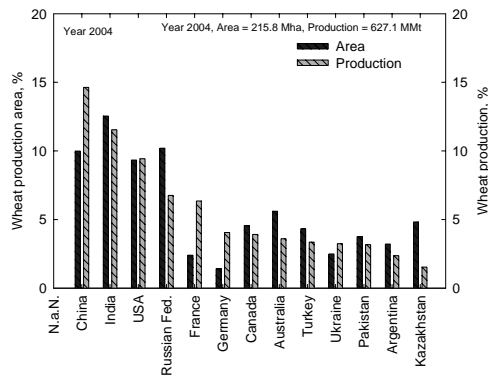
### Wheat – Some Crop Statistics

- Provides 20% of the energy and 25% of the protein requirements of over 6 billion population.
- **2004 stats are:**  
 Area = 217 Million ha  
 Production = 633 Million Mt  
 Average yield = 2.84 t ha<sup>-1</sup>.

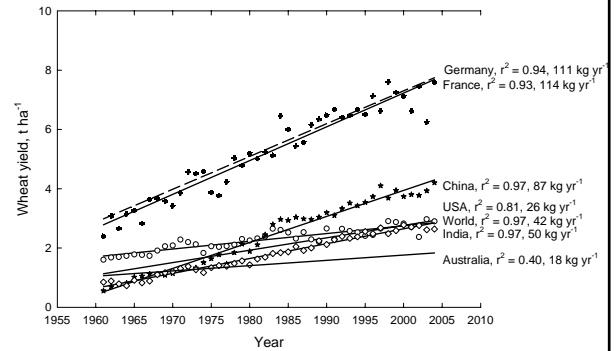
### Wheat – Production Trends



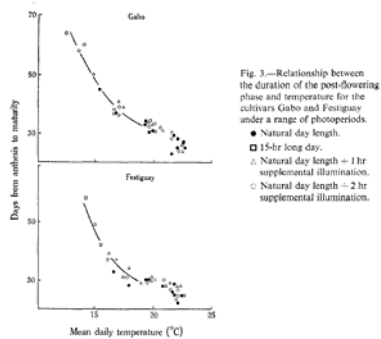
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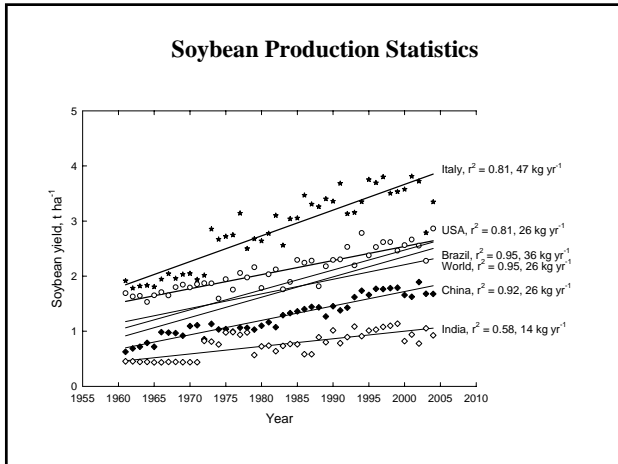
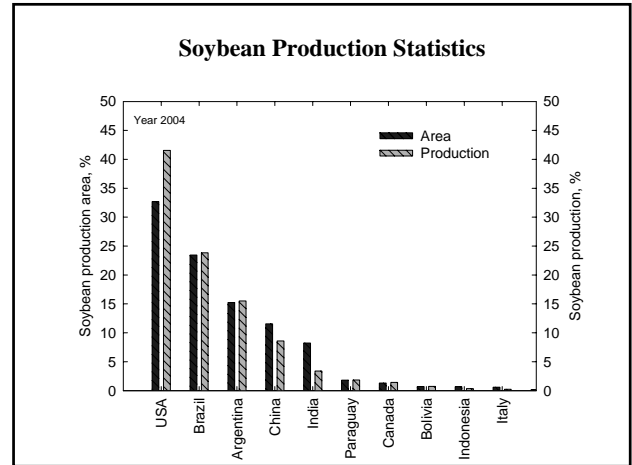
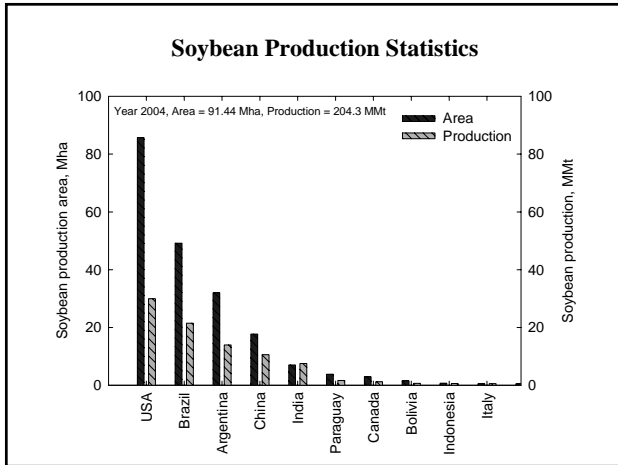
### Wheat and Phenology Temperature Effects on Flowering to maturity



### Soybean Production Statistics

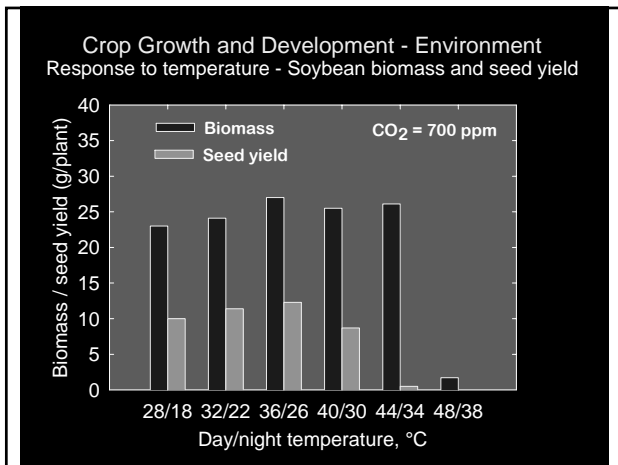
Soybean the most important protein and oilseed crop globally (FAO, 2004).

Area: 91.4 Million ha  
 Total production: 204.4 Million Mt  
 Average yield: 2.23 t ha<sup>-1</sup>



### Temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> Effects on Soybean Developmental Rates

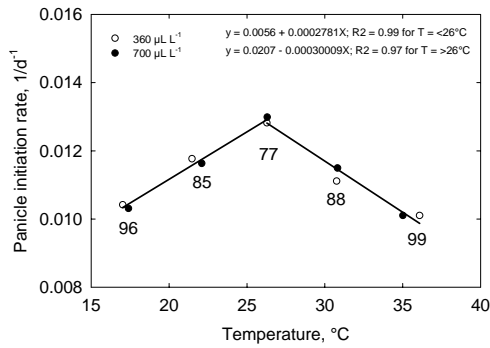
CO <sub>2</sub> , ppm	Temp. °C	Plastochron interval, d leaf <sup>-1</sup>	Final node number, no. plant <sup>-1</sup>
300	26/19	4.2	10.3
	31/24	3.3	11.5
600	36/29	3.2	12.0
	26/19	3.9	11.2
	31/24	2.7	11.4
	36/29	2.6	12.1



### Rangeland grass – Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)

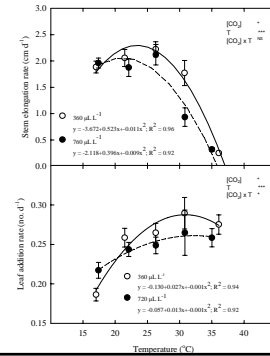
- C4 photosynthetic pathway
- Clump forming perennial grass
- Grows 3 to 6 feet tall but occasionally up to 9 feet.
- Lower stems are a purplish or bluish color
- Leaves are 1/2 inch wide and up to 20 inches long.
- Arrangement of the flowers in three dense elongate clusters is the reason for the common name of turkey-foot grass.
- Grows best in moist well drained soil in full sun and is a major component of the tallgrass prairie.

**Rangeland grass – Big Bluestem, *A. girardii***  
 Reproductive Response – Panicle initiation



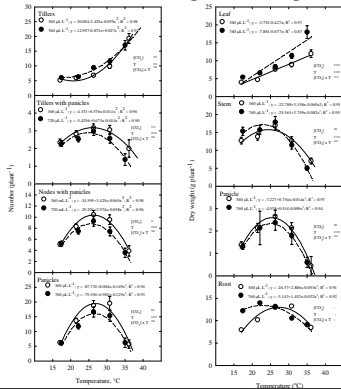
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Growth and Developmental Responses



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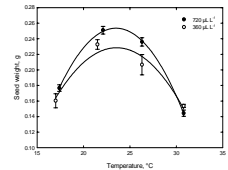
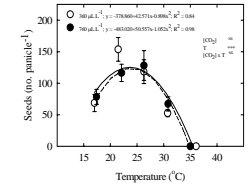
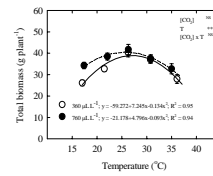
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Seed number and weight response

Total weight response



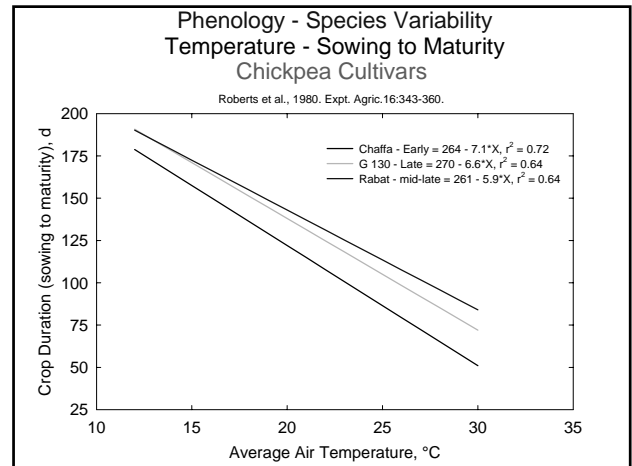
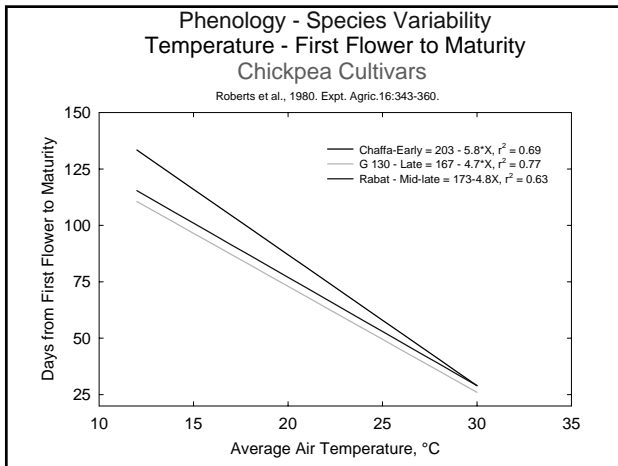
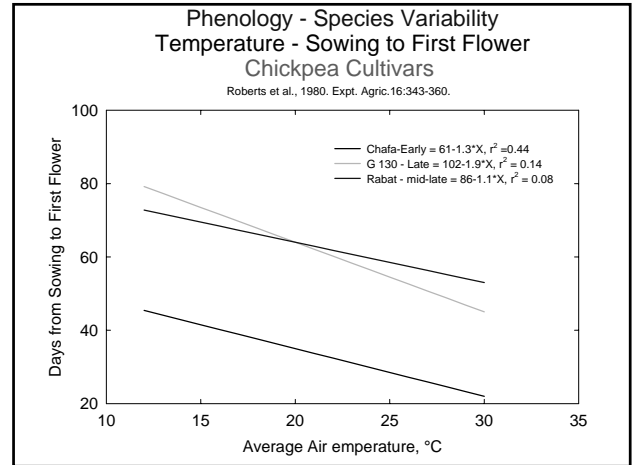
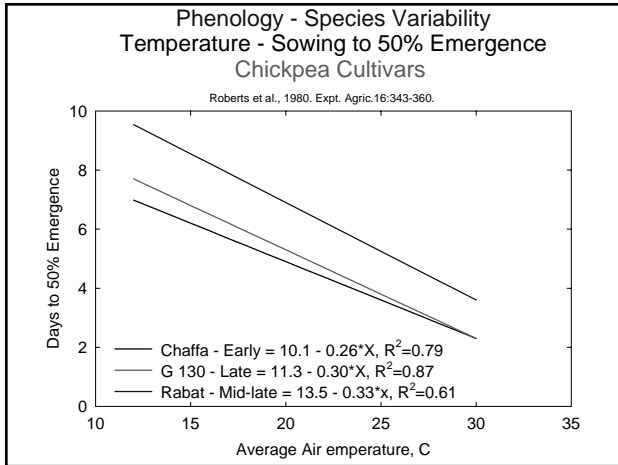

Chickpea is a cool-season crop grown substantially in South and West Asia, the Mediterranean region, and South and Central America.



**Chickpea - *Cicer arietinum* L.**


**Production and distribution**

- Chickpea is a cool season food legume crop grown on >10 million ha in 45 countries of the world.
- Chickpea is either the first or the second most important, rainfed, cool season food legume, grown mainly by small farmers in the semi-arid tropics (SAT) and West Asia and North Africa (WANA) regions.
- The crop is also grown in southern and eastern Africa (particularly important in Ethiopia), Europe, the Americas and, more recently, Australia.
- World production is 7 million tones.
- International trade in chickpeas has increased over the years.

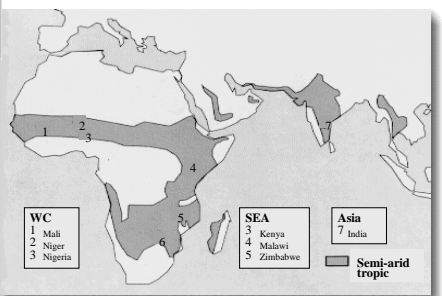



**Groundnut or Peanut**  
(*Arachis hypogaea* L.)

Groundnut, an important cash crop, is an annual legume. Its seeds are a rich source of edible oil (43-55%) and protein (25-28%). About two thirds of world production is crushed for oil and the remaining one third is consumed as food. Its cake is used as feed or for making other food products and haulms provide quality fodder.



**Groundnut or Peanut**  
(*Arachis hypogaea* L.)



WC  
1 Mali  
2 Niger  
3 Nigeria

SEA  
3 Kenya  
4 Malawi  
5 Zimbabwe

Asia  
7 India

Semi-arid tropic

The semi-arid tropics of Asia and Africa (WC = western and central Africa; SEA = southern and eastern Africa (Source: [http://www. cg iar.org/icrisat/](http://www.cg iar.org/icrisat/)))



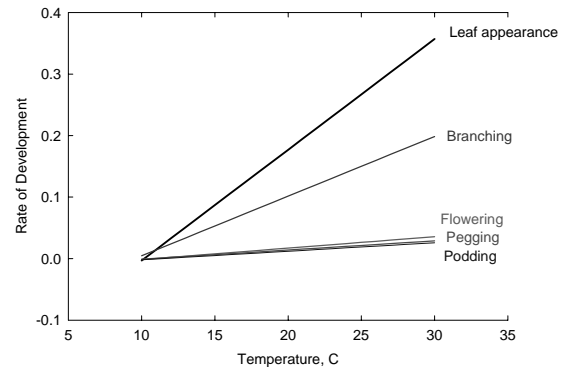
**Distribution:**

Groundnut originated in the southern Bolivia/north west Argentina region in south America and is presently cultivated in 108 countries of the world.

Asia with 63.4% area produces 71.7% of world groundnut production followed by Africa with 31.3% area and 18.6% production, and North-Central America with 3.7% area and 7.5% production.

Important groundnut producing countries are China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam in Asia; Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Zaire, Chad, Uganda, Cote d'Ivory, Mali, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mozambique, and Cameroon in Africa; Argentina and Brazil in South America and USA and Mexico in North America.

**Phenology - Species Variability**  
**Temperature - Groundnut (Peanut, cv. Robut 33-1)**



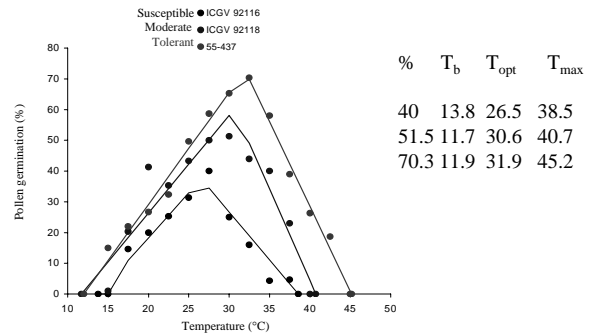
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Event	Equation	CGDD	Tbase
Leaf appearance	$= 0.018 * T - 0.183, r^2 = 0.79,$	56	10.0
Branching	$= 0.0097 * T - 0.0924, r^2 = 0.89,$	103	9.5
Flowering	$= 0.00186 * T - 0.0201, r^2 = 0.96,$	538	10.8
Pegging	$= 0.00149 * T - 0.0158, r^2 = 0.90,$	669	10.6
Podding	$= 0.00139 * T - 0.0158, r^2 = 0.98,$	720	11.4

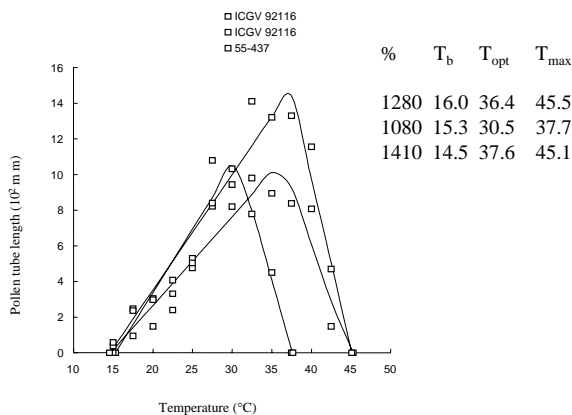
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**Temperature - Pollen Germination**



Effect of temperature on percentage pollen germination of susceptible (T<sub>opt</sub> < mean-LSD), moderately tolerant (T<sub>opt</sub> = ±mean) and tolerant (T<sub>opt</sub> > mean+LSD) genotypes. Symbols are observed values and lines are fitted values.

**Temperature - Pollen Tube Growth**



**Cowpeas** (*Vigna unguiculata* belong to the family *Fabaceae*).

*Cowpeas* were originally native to Asia and are now an important forage and cover crop in the southern United States. The seeds, usually called black-eyed peas or black-eyed beans, are cooked and eaten.

### Phenology – Species Variability – Cowpea Lines

#### Sowing to Flowering

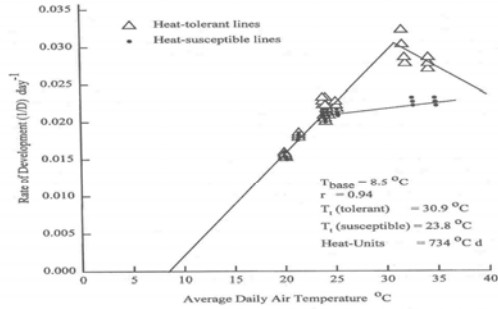


FIGURE 6.1 Rate of development (1/D) of heat-tolerant and heat-susceptible cowpea lines, where D is the period between sowing and first flowering as a function of average air temperature. The heat-unit and  $r$  values are based on the linear part of the curve. Ismail, A.M., and A.E. Hall. Positive and potential negative effects of heat-tolerance genes in cowpea. *Crop Sci.* 38: 381–390.

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#### Horticultural Crops



### Phenology – Species Variability

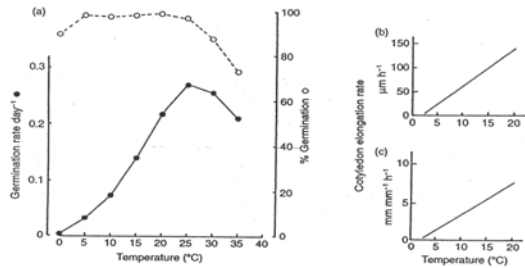


Fig. 10.3. (a) Relationship between temperature and the rate and percentage of germination of onion seeds on moist paper. Rates are reciprocals of the number of days for 50% of viable seeds to germinate (data of Harrington, 1962). (b) Relationship between temperature and rate of cotyledon elongation before hook formation for newly germinated onion seedlings cv. White Lisbon (Wheeler and Ellis, 1991). (c) Relationship between temperature and relative rate of cotyledon elongation after hook formation for the same seedlings as in (b) (Brewster, 1997).

### Phenology – Species Variability – Crops and weeds

Species	T <sub>min</sub> or T <sub>base</sub> , °C	GDD per leaf tip
<b>Maize</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>
Sorghum	8	48
<b>Pearl millet</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>
Wheat	0	99
<b>Barley</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>
Rice	5	90
<b>Soybean</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>
Sunflower	9	29
<b>Cowpeas</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>
Sugar beet	2	30
<b>Velvet leaf</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>
Pigweed	10	12
<b>Banana</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>196</b>

### Phenology – Species Variability

#### Phenology and Seed Germination:

- The minimum or the base temperature, heat sum (s) or the growing degree days (GDD) from that base temperature for a number of horticultural crops.

Table 18.2. Minimum germination temperature (T<sub>min</sub>) and heat sum (S) in degree-days for seedling emergence, and the applicable temperature (T) range for germination of various vegetables. Crops are ranked within groups by heat sum (S) in degree-days. (from Taylor, 1997.)

Group	Crop	Genus and species	T <sub>min</sub> (°C)	S (degree-days)	T (°C)	
Leaf vegetables and botanical crops	Purslane	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	11.0	48	15–25	
	Cress	<i>Lepidium sativum</i>	1.0	64	3–17	
	Lettuce	<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	3.5	71	6–21	
	Witloof, Chicory	<i>Cichorium sativum</i>	5.3	85	9–25	
	Endive	<i>Cichorium endivia</i>	2.2	93	3–17	
	Savoy cabbage	<i>B. oleracea</i> var. <i>sabauda</i>	1.9	95	3–17	
	Tomato	<i>B. conpositiva</i> var. <i>rosa</i>	1.4	97	3–17	
	Borecole, kale	<i>B. oleracea</i> var. <i>acephala</i>	1.2	103	3–17	
	Red cabbage	<i>B. oleracea</i> var. <i>purpurata</i>	1.3	104	3–17	
	White cabbage	<i>B. oleracea</i> var. <i>capitata</i>	1.0	106	3–17	
	Brussels sprouts	<i>B. oleracea</i> var. <i>gemmifera</i>	1.1	108	3–17	
	Spinach	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>	0.1	111	3–17	
	Cauliflower	<i>B. oleracea</i> var. <i>botrytis</i>	1.3	112	3–17	
	Corn salad	<i>Valerianella oleracea</i>	0.0	161	3–17	
	Fruit vegetables	Leek	<i>Allium porum</i>	1.7	222	3–17
Celery		<i>Apium graveolens</i>	4.6	237	5–17	
Parsley		<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	0.0	268	3–17	
Caroten pea		<i>Pisum sativum</i>	3.2	86	3–17	
French sugar pea		<i>P. sativum</i> var. <i>sacharatum</i>	1.6	96	3–17	
Bean (French)		<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	2.7	130	13–25	
Broad bean		<i>Vicia faba</i>	0.4	148	3–17	
Root crops		Radish	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	1.2	75	3–17
		Sicilian turnip	<i>Sisyrinchium hippocata</i>	2.0	90	3–17
		Beet	<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	2.1	119	3–17
	Carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>	1.3	170	3–17	
	Onion	<i>Allium cepa</i>	1.4	219	3–17	

### EPI Concept and Plant Growth and Development

One way to quantify the effects of environmental factors on plant growth and development is to use the EPI concept similar to the one that we used in cotton as model crop.

$$\text{EPI-phenology} = \text{Temperature (potential)} * \text{Nutrient Index (C, N, P, K)} * \text{Water index} * \text{PPF Index} * \text{PGR Index etc.,}$$

$$\text{EPI-growth} = \text{Temperature (potential)} * \text{Nutrient Index (C, N, P, K)} * \text{Water index} * \text{PPF Index} * \text{PGR Index etc.,}$$

Once the potential is defined and quantified, then we can use EPI concept to decrease that potential to account for the effects of multiple environmental factors on given process such growth or development of any plant/crop species as in cotton crop.

## EPI Concept and Plant Growth and Development

- Environmental productivity index concept, if applied, works across species and locations.
- EPI also allows one to interpret and to understand stresses in the field situations.
- If we know the factor that is limiting most at any point of time during the growing season, then, we can make appropriate management decisions to correct that limitation.
- EPI concept is the way to quantify the effects of multiple environmental factors on plant growth and development (photosynthesis, phenology, and growth) and thus productivity of any species or crop.