

Water.
You can't grow without it.



Agenda

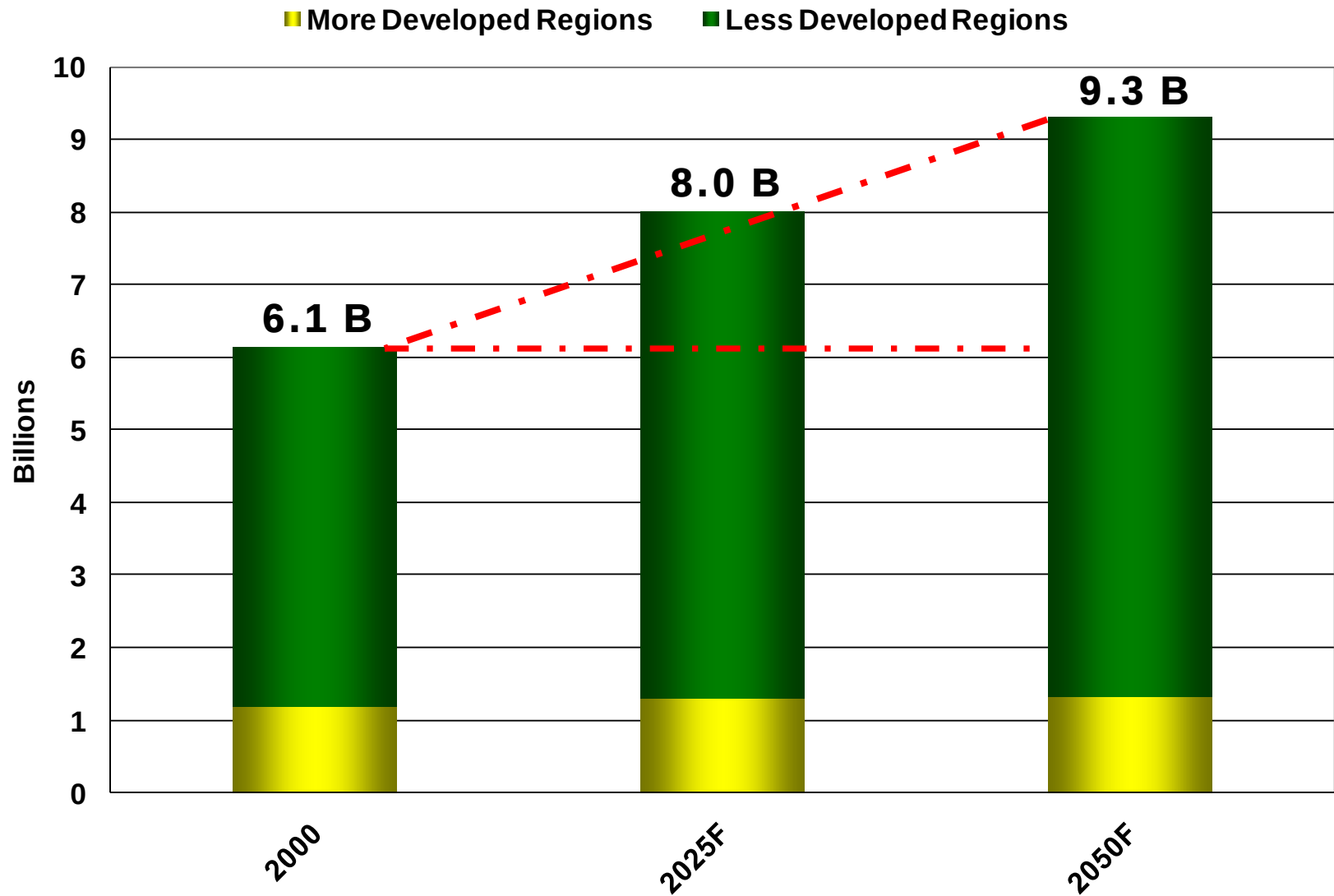
- Importance of water
- Soil Moisture Monitoring
- Mechanized and Drip Irrigation Trends
- Questions



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Importance of Water

Global Population Growth



Source: United Nations, World Population Prospects 2010 Revision



Worldwide Population Growth Requires More Food, Feed and Fuel



In **50** years,
the world **population**
will require



100%
more **food**,¹ and



70%
of this food must come from
efficiency-improving **technology**²

Source: Simmons (2009)



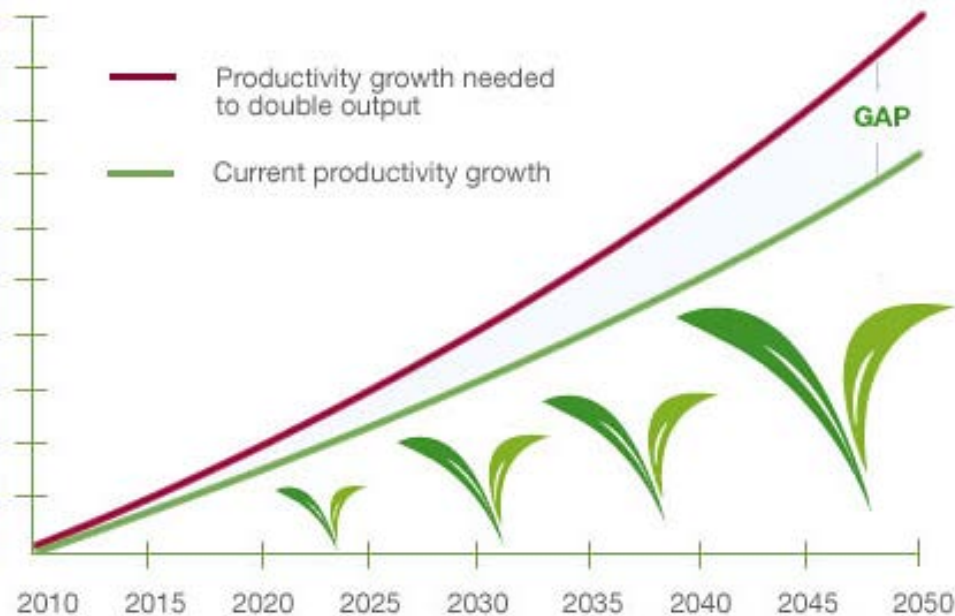
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Dynamics of Food Demand



The Challenge is to Close the Productivity Gap

Global Harvest Initiative Productivity Index



- Satisfying the expected food and feed demand will require a **substantial increase of global food production of 70 percent** by 2050
- Investment in agriculture must increase 50 percent by 2050
- Experts agree that the biggest **productivity** levers are:
 - **Mechanization**
 - **Irrigation**
 - **Genetics**

The Water Opportunity

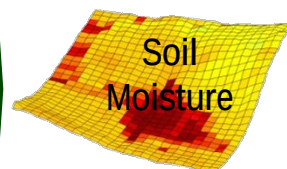
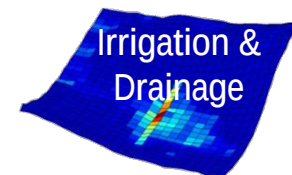
Macro-economic trends:

- Population Growth
- Changing Diets
- Supply/Demand Imbalance
- Climate Variability/Change
- Biofuels
- Subsidies

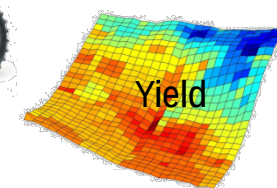
Water Debate:

- Competing uses of water
- Water rights and policy
- Pricing issues
- Conservation vs. increased supply
- Environmental
- Control of resource

Opportunity

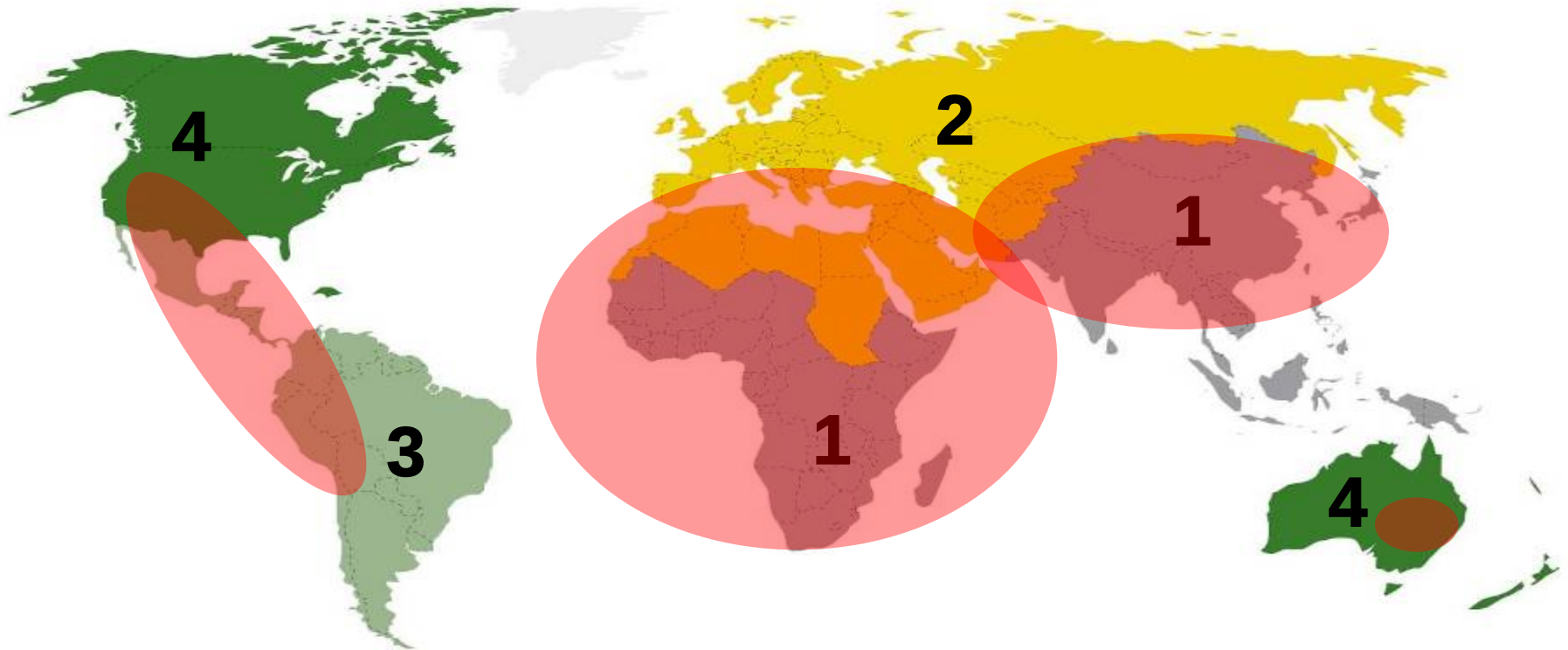


**Improving
output
per unit of
input**



Water is Scarce in Key Markets

Water scarcity constrains agricultural growth



Water management enables agricultural productivity

Areas of physical and economic water scarcity



Agricultural Irrigation

Global Freshwater Withdrawals

Gravity
>50%
40%-60% IE



Drip/Micro
<10%
85%-95% IE



Sprinkler
~30%
70%-80% IE



Ag-Irrigation
71%



Industrial
9%

Domestic
20%

*Irrigated agriculture accounts for 18% of all agricultural land
and 40% of all food production*

Water Management Headlines

Drought

U.S. Drought 2012: Half Of Nation's Counties Now Considered Disaster Areas

By JIM SUHR 08/01/12 10:16 PM ET **AP**



Genetic Traits

Farmers turn to engineered corn to adapt to drought. But will it be enough?

Posted by Brad Plumer on August 15, 2012 at 8:40 am

Drought-Tolerant Corn Efforts Show Positive Early Results

Types of genetically modified corn could offer modest protection for drought tolerance and might help individual farmers recoup yield losses in drought conditions

By Tiffany Stecker and ClimateWire

Environmental Impact

Farming: Wasteful water use

Excessive water use for agriculture is leaving rivers, lakes and underground water sources dry in many irrigated areas.

Westlands Water District facing imminent water shutdown

Idaho trout left high and dry by irrigation ditches

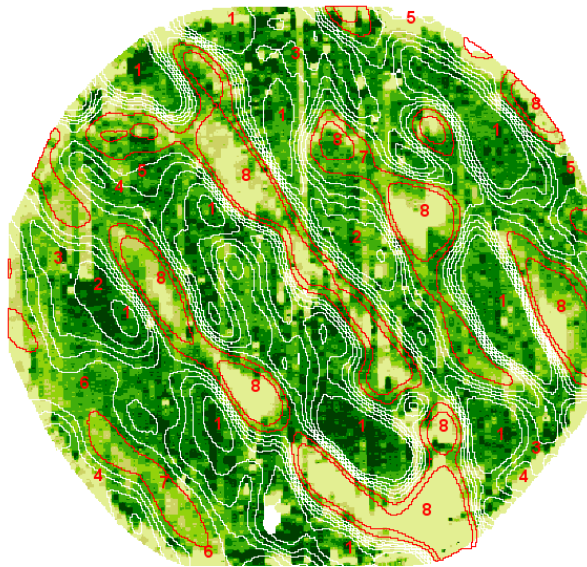
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Idaho Statesman



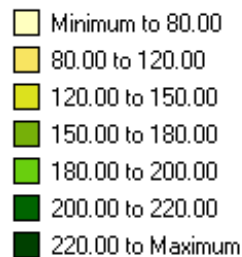
Impact of Water on Field Variability

Key factors of field variability

- Water –too little or too much
- Nitrogen
- Crop establishment
- Hybrid or variety
- Seed rate
- Soil fertility



Corn Yield



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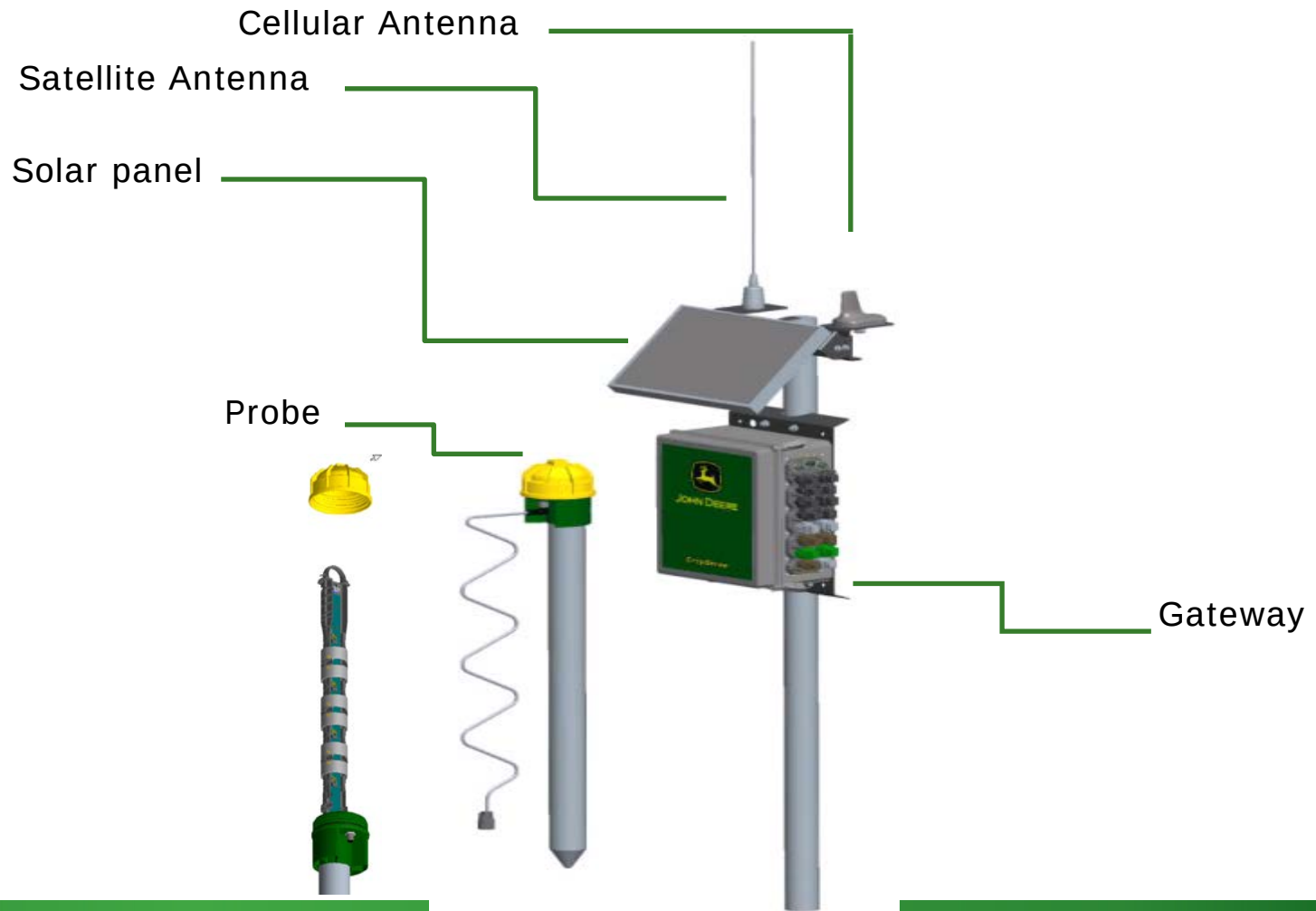
Soil Moisture Monitoring

John Deere Field Connect – Making Sense out of Soil Moisture Monitoring



Field Connect Product Line and Technology

Field Components



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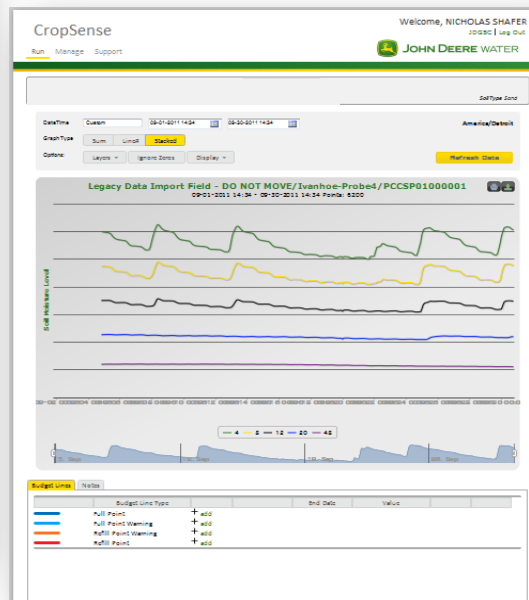
Web Application

Data Collection - Graph Types

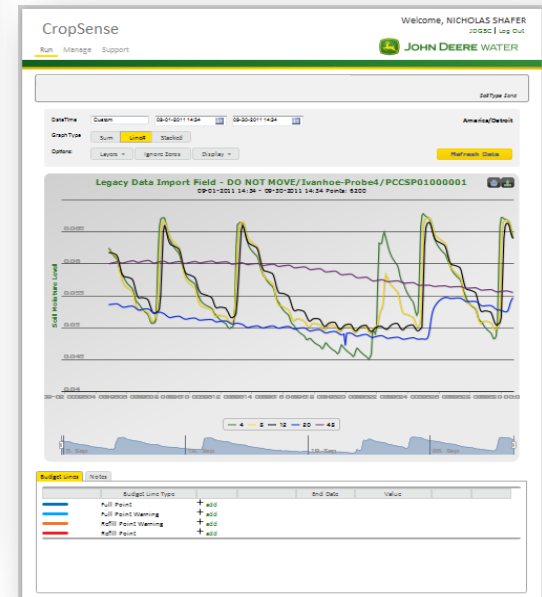
Field Connect graphs soil moisture readings both at individual sensor levels and over the monitored profile.



Sum Graph



Stacked Graph



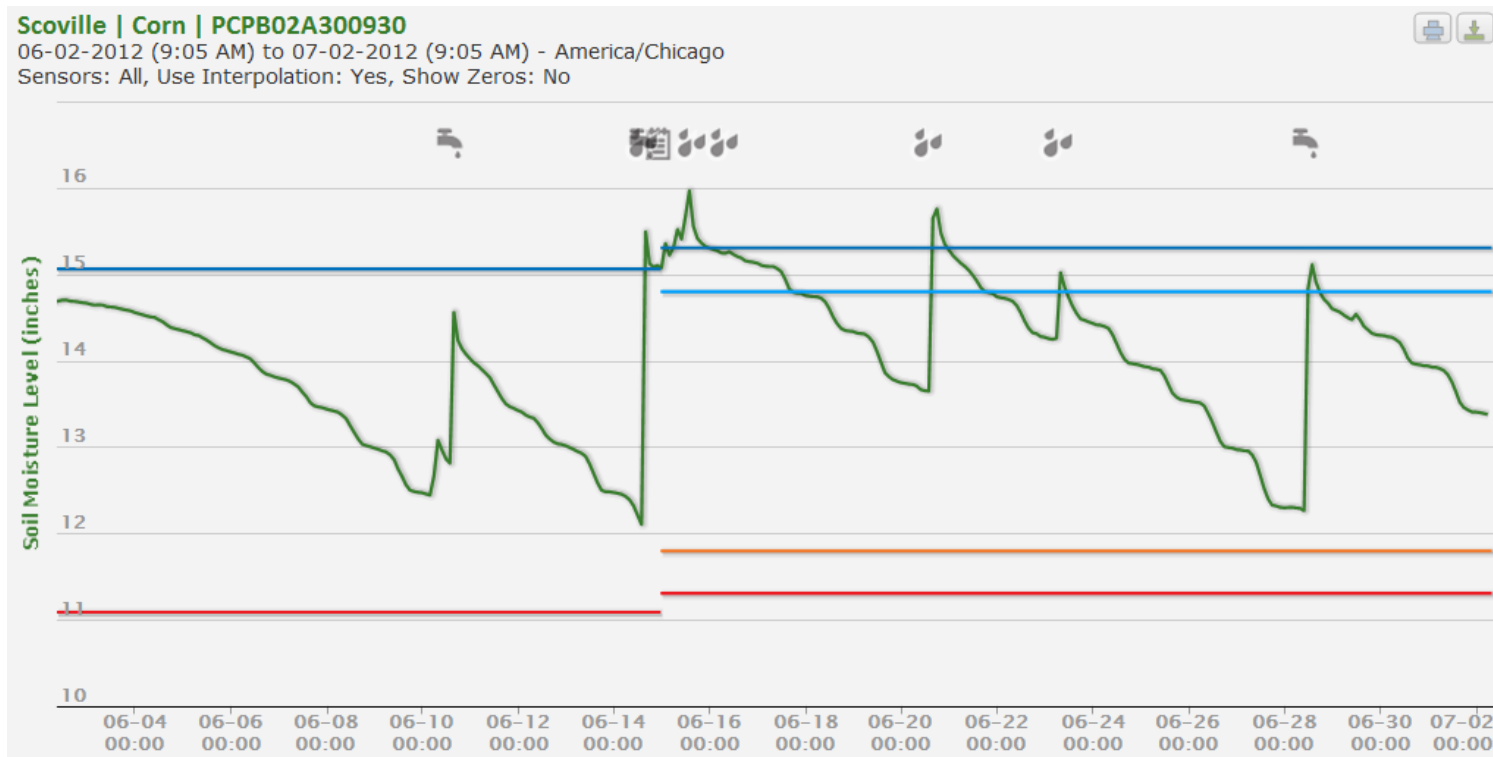
Line Graph



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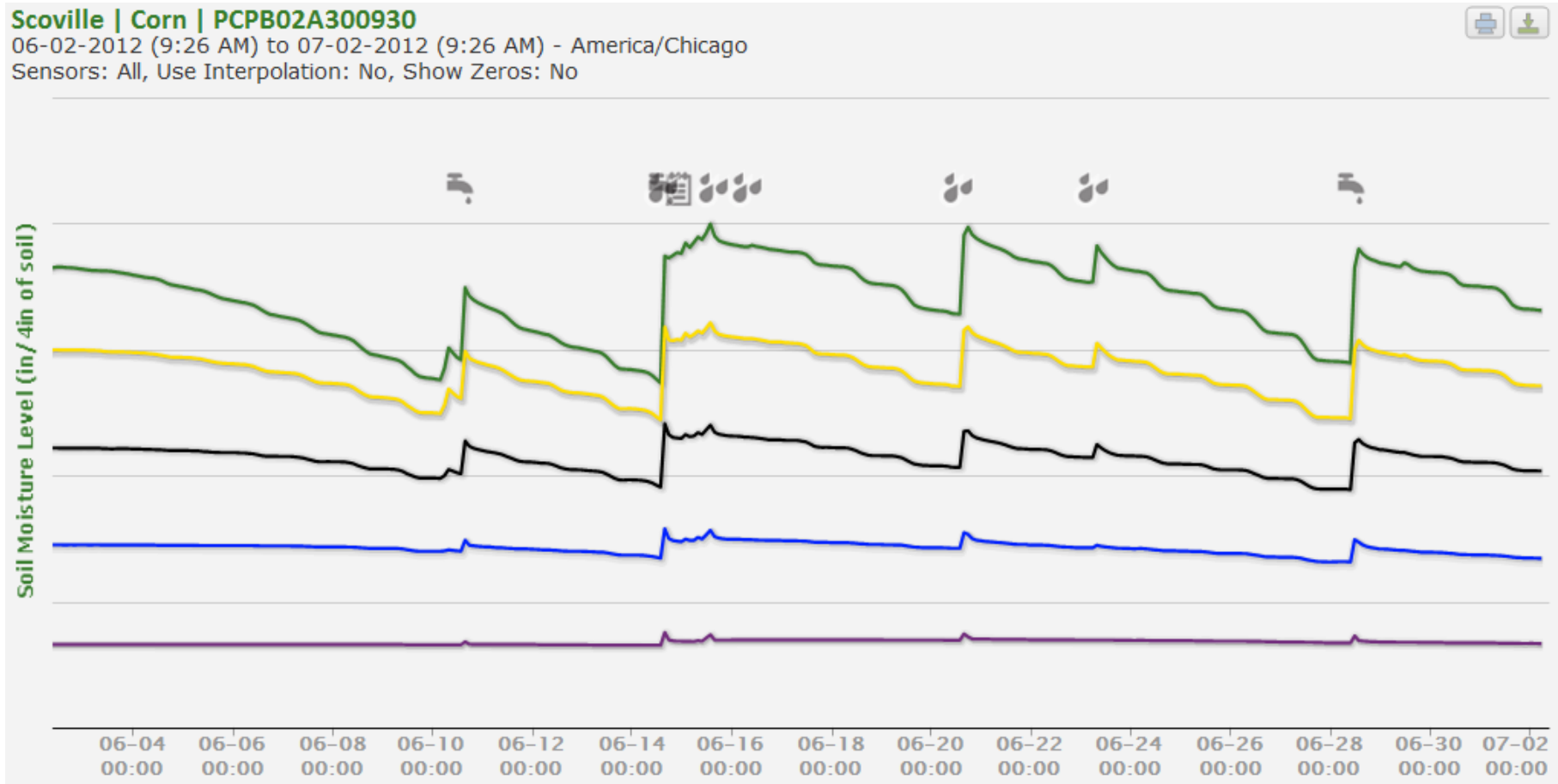
Benefits of Sum Graph

- Shows total soil moisture for all sensors on a single line.
- Budget lines available:
 - Full Point
 - Full Point Warning
 - Refill Point Warning
 - Refill Point



Benefits of a Stacked Graph

Shows relative soil moisture and water movement of each sensor from top to bottom.



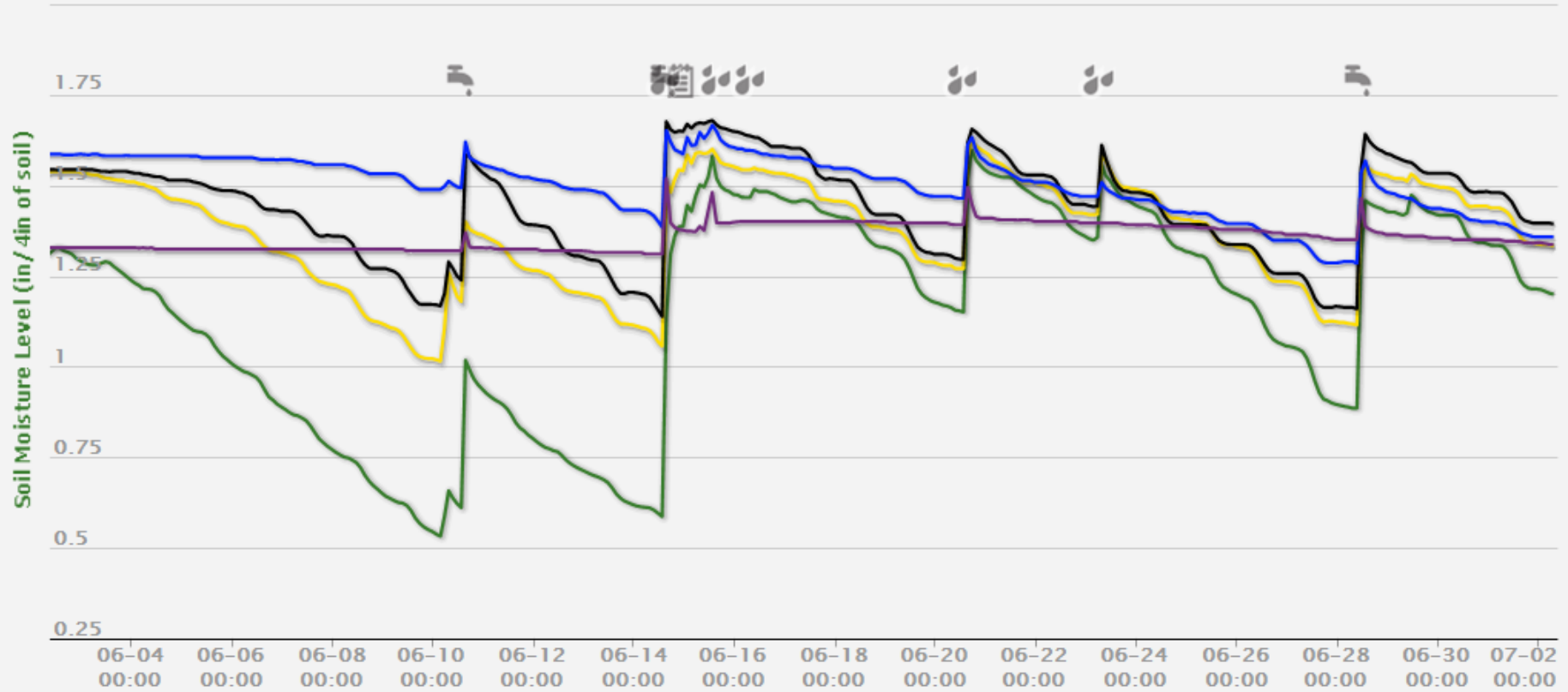
Benefits of a Line Graph

Shows the soil saturation level at each sensor level

Scoville | Corn | PCPB02A300930

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Sensors: All, Use Interpolation: No, Show Zeros: No



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Field Connect

Why Customers Care



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Quantify the Customer Value

2010 QTV Results*

Avg. Energy Cost Savings	\$11.35 per Acre
Avg. Increase in Yield	5.5 Bushels per Acre
Avg. Additional Yield Income	\$25.00 per Acre
Avg. Net Profit Increase	\$36.35 per Acre

Additional Savings

Avg. Amount of Pumped Water Saved	2 acre inches per Pivot
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*Fontanelle Hybrids 2010 Aqua ViewSM

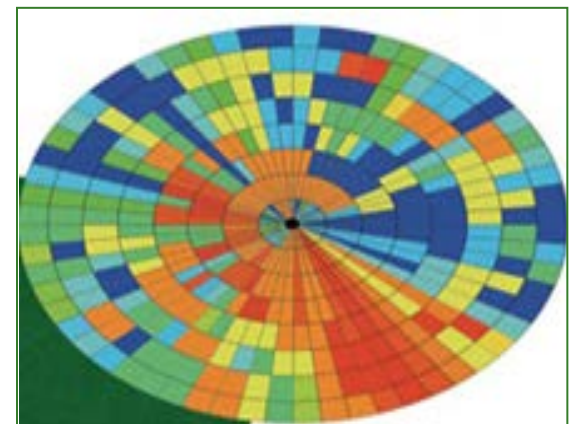
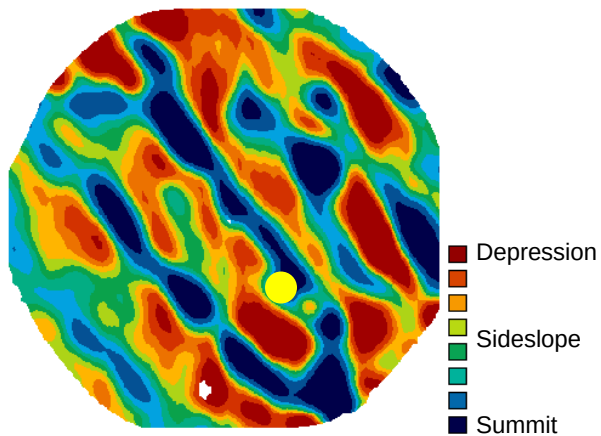


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Irrigation Trends

Growth of Mechanized Irrigation and VRI Technology



Expansion of Drip Micro Technology



- GPS Installation and Management
- Expansion in broad acre crops
- Difficult fields
- Fertigation/chemigation



Questions