

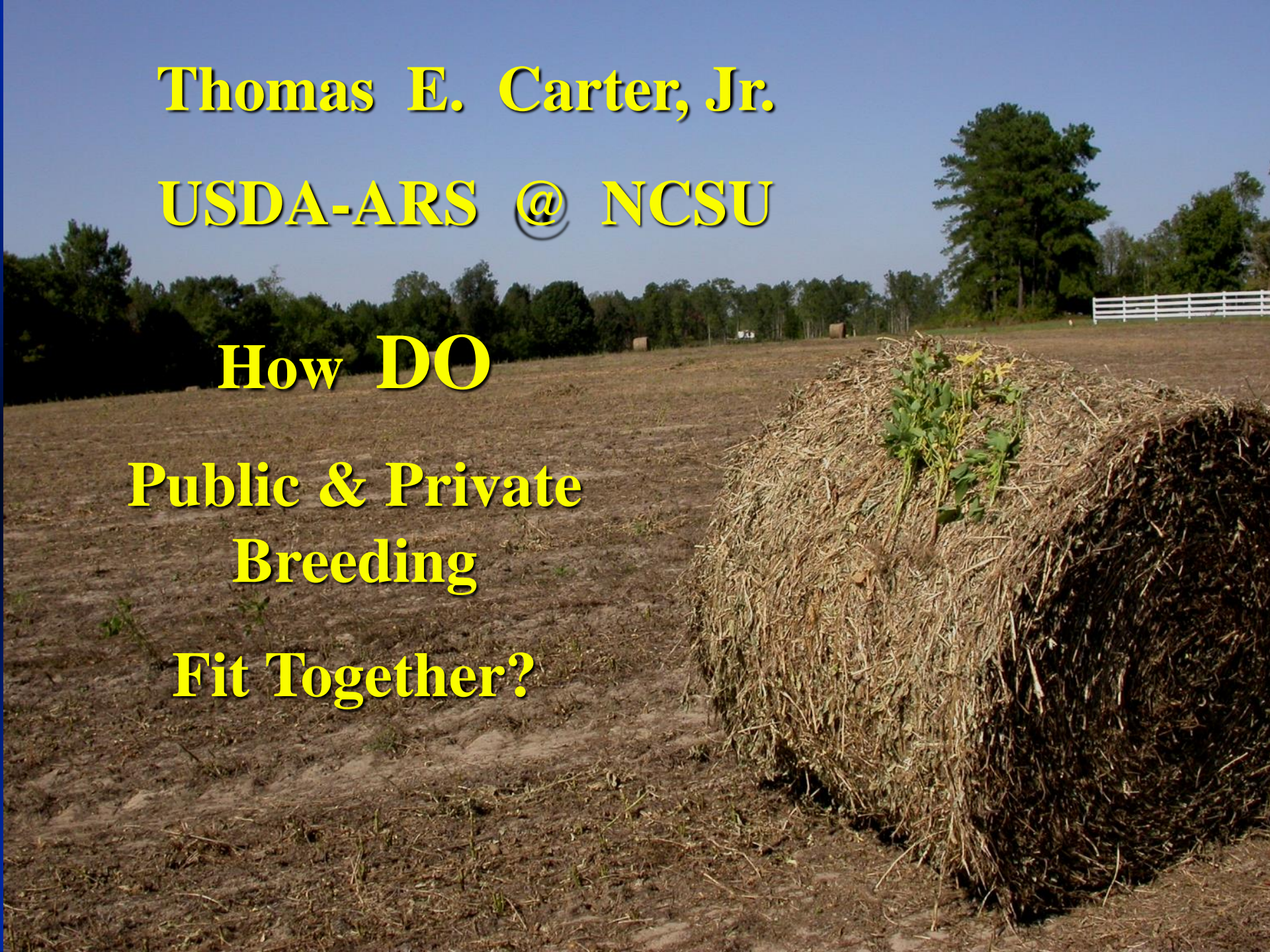
**Thomas E. Carter, Jr.**

**USDA-ARS @ NCSU**

**How DO**

**Public & Private  
Breeding**

**Fit Together?**



# First Came Public Breeding

The USDA Soy Breeding  
program started in 1943

On NCSU campus

1<sup>st</sup> in the South

Edgar Hartwig-



# First Came Public Breeding

The USDA Soy Breeding  
program started in 1943

Then Charlie Brim



• Together  
they  
Released -  
**'Lee'**



Soybean in 1953

**Changed Soy from**



**to**



- **Successes -**
  - **Set up 1st**  
**Winter Nursery in Soy-**



# Private Industry Winter Nursery in Puerto Rico

A wide-angle photograph of a large-scale agricultural nursery. The foreground and middle ground are filled with numerous rows of young, green plants, likely tobacco, planted in rich, reddish-brown soil. Each plant is accompanied by a small white marker. The rows are organized in a grid pattern, extending towards the background. In the background, there is a dense field of mature corn plants. Beyond the corn field, there are rolling green hills under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. Several tall, thin utility poles are visible, spaced out across the field.

**A \$100-million Enterprise annually today**

- **Successes -**

- **Released 1<sup>st</sup> Cyst Nematode Resistant Variety- Pickett**



- **Developed Breeding Method that makes winter nursery work for Private Breeders**

**SSD**

# GOOGLE scholar— ‘Single Seed Descent’

**3370 papers !!**

Soybean	-	1730
Wheat	-	1210
Maize	-	1710
Peanut	-	305
Sunflower	-	196
Potato	-	945
Alfalfa	-	856
Tobacco	-	1030
Sorghum	-	354



**Then came T. Carter and Joe Burton**

**Released varieties**

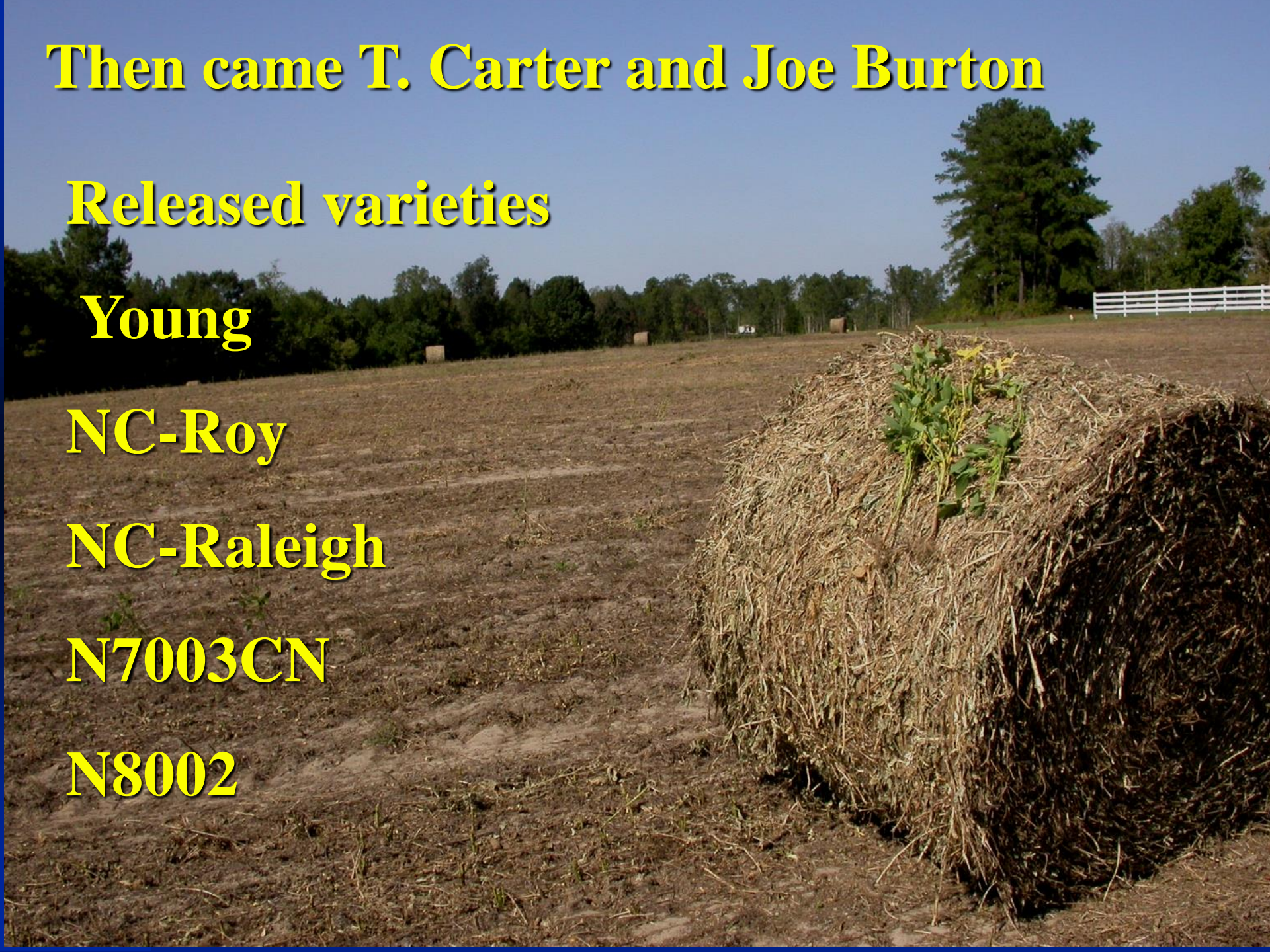
**Young**

**NC-Roy**

**NC-Raleigh**

**N7003CN**

**N8002**





# **Big Change in 1995 - advent of Roundup Ready**

**Forced USDA to  
Re-Think Mission  
'Do WE need Public  
Breeding?'**

**Food For thought—**

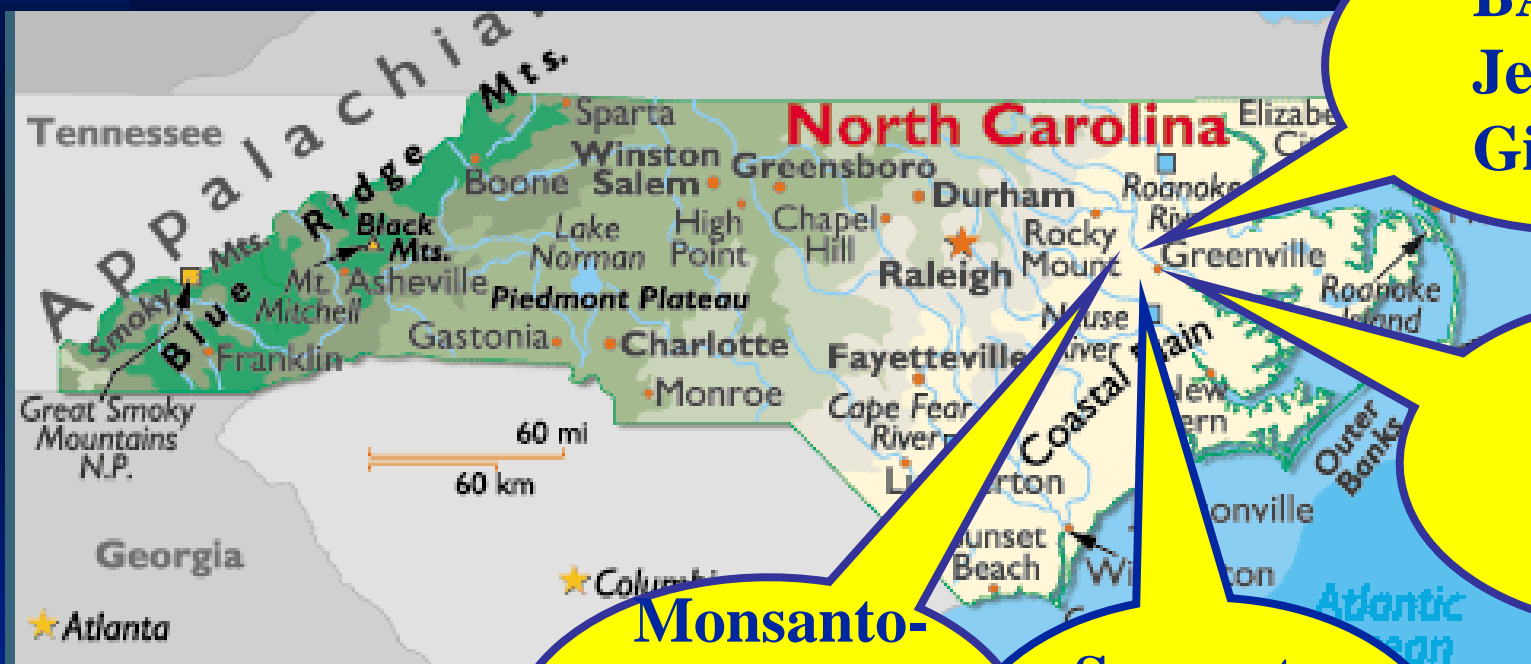
**There is No University of Pioneer**

# Public Sector Trains Industry Staff

**Four Private Soy Breeding Programs  
In North Carolina**

**All Four are  
NCSU alums**

**We interact with these programs**



**BASF-  
Jesse  
Gilsinger**

**Pioneer-  
Zach  
Shearin**

**Monsanto-  
Bayer  
Dawn  
Frazer**

**Syngenta-  
Wesley  
Hancock**

# More Food for Thought-

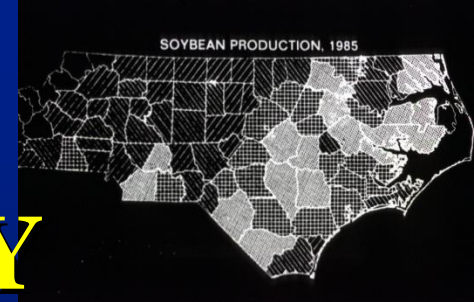
A Private Soy Breeding Program is like a Herd of Cows

**How do you improve the Herd?**

**Where does New Stock Come from?**

**Public Breeding Provides Stock**

# USDA Soybean Unit on NCSU Campus TODAY



Over 20 people in our Unit



# USDA Soybean Unit at NCSU

**Tommy Carter & Rouf Mian -  
Soybean Breeders**

**Anna Locke - Plant Physiologist**

**Earl Taliercio - Molecular Geneticist**

**(Kent Burkey, plant physiologist)**





# **Our Mission**

## **Make Soybean More Profitable in the South**

- ✓ **Drought, Heat and Flood Tolerance**
  - ✓ **Break the Yield Ceiling**
  - ✓ **Higher Protein in Seed (competition with S.A.)**
  - ✓ **Accomplish these Goals using Exotic Breeding Stock from Around the World-Wild & Domesticated**
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# USDA Soybean Unit at NCSU

25,000 plots per year

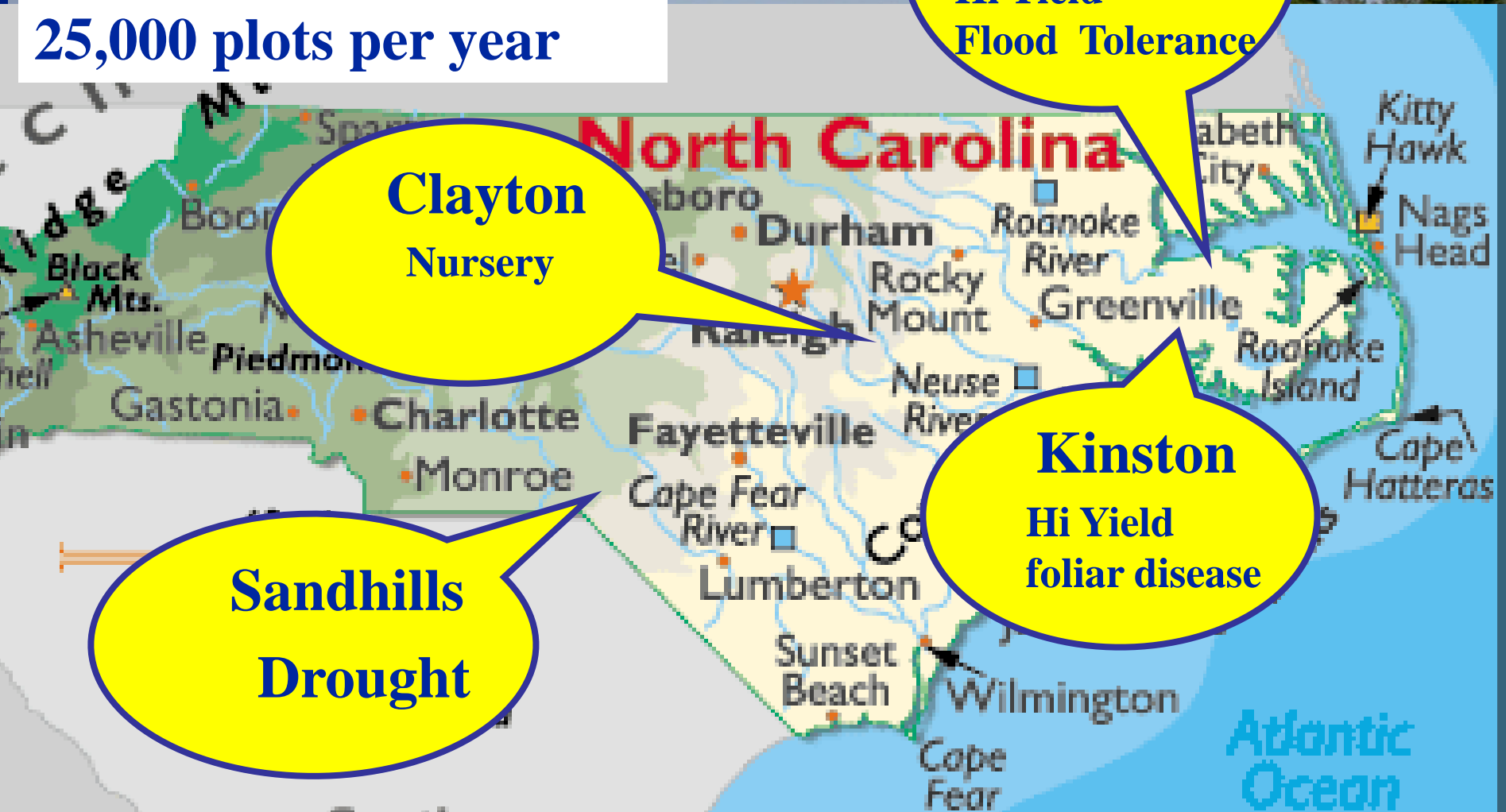
**Plymouth**

Hi Yield  
Flood Tolerance

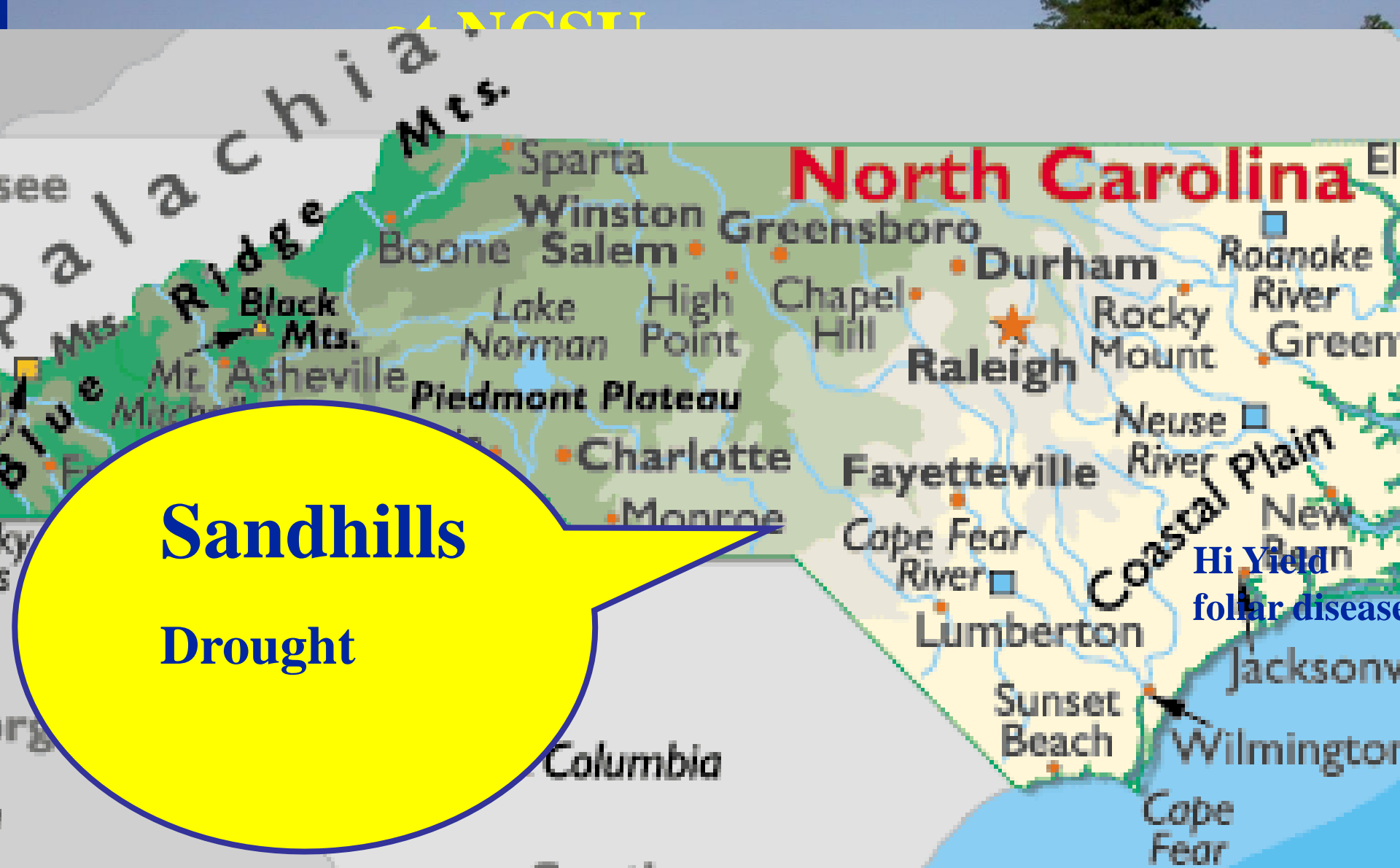
**Clayton  
Nursery**

**Sandhills  
Drought**

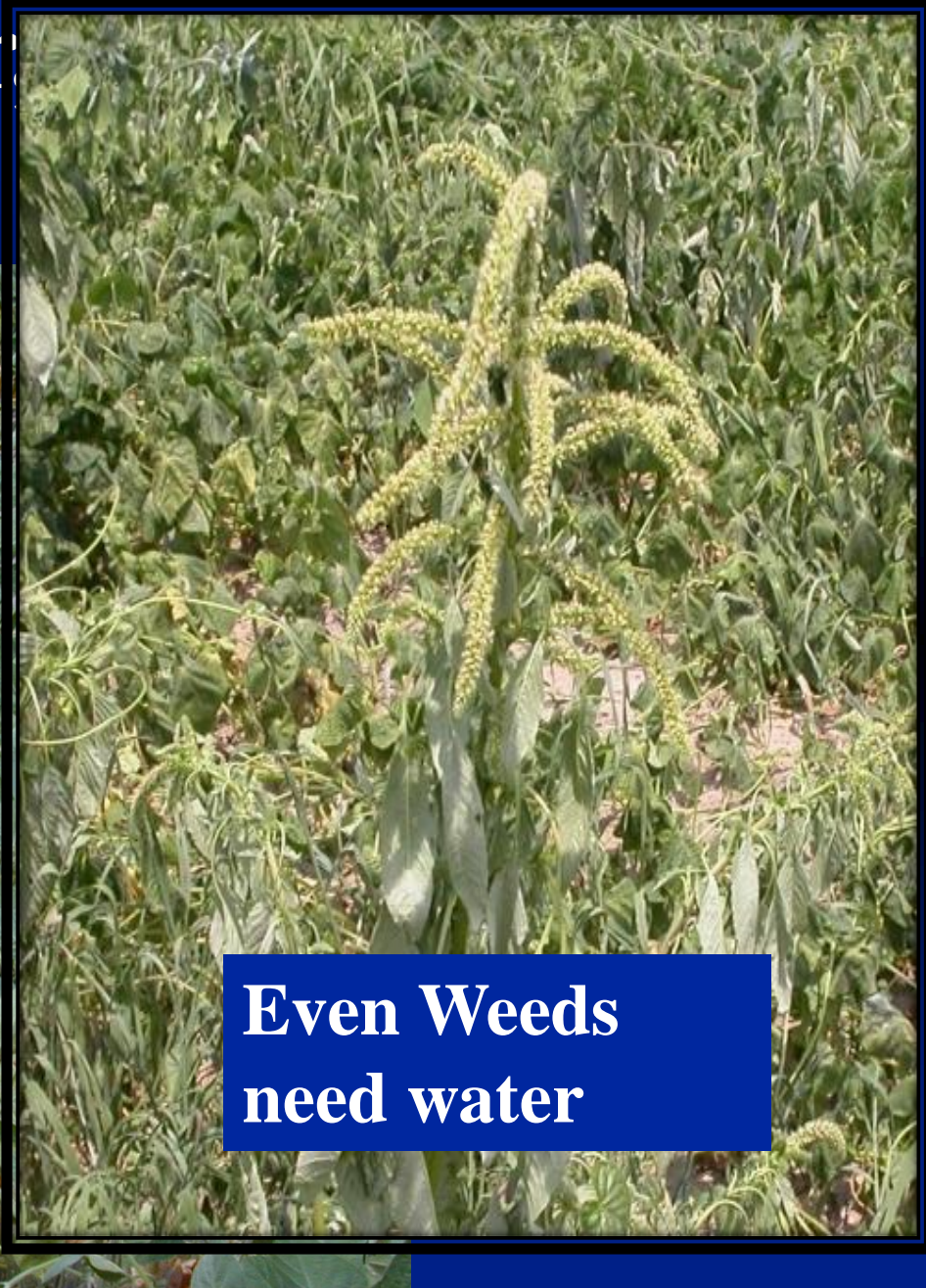
**Kinston**  
Hi Yield  
foliar disease



# USDA Soybean Unit



**Plants need water  
a lot of it.**



**Even Weeds  
need water**



**Irrigated**

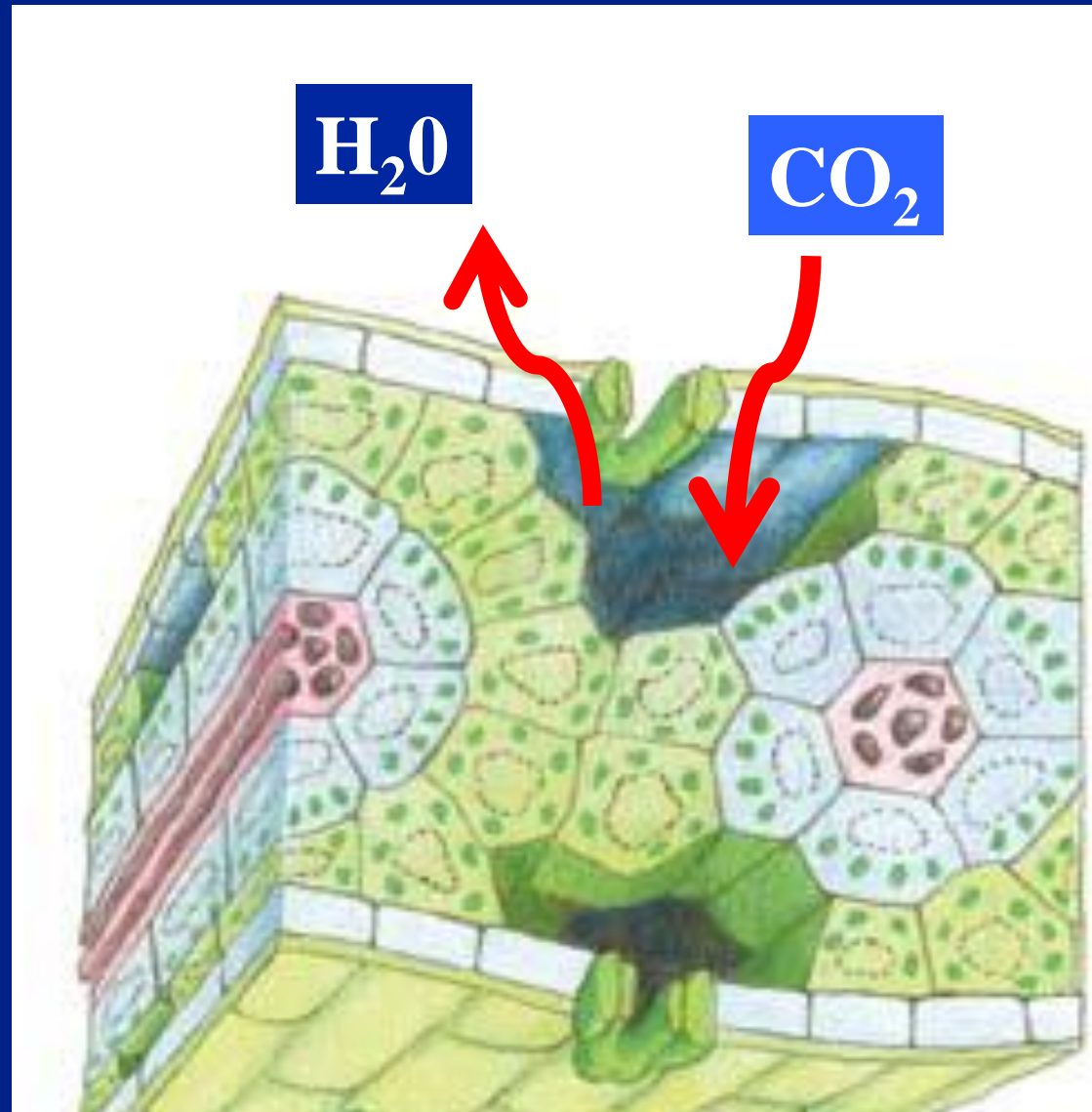
**Non-Irrigated**

**Comparison of irrigated and non-irrigated corn growth**

# Why is drought a problem for plants?

To Grow  
(trap carbon  
from the air)

Plants  
Must Lose  
Water



Leaf Cross Section

***How many gallons of water  
does it take to grow an acre  
of crop like soybean?***

***It takes about***

***500,000 gallons***



**This water tower holds about 300,000 gallons of water,  
Enough for  $\frac{3}{5}$  of an acre.**

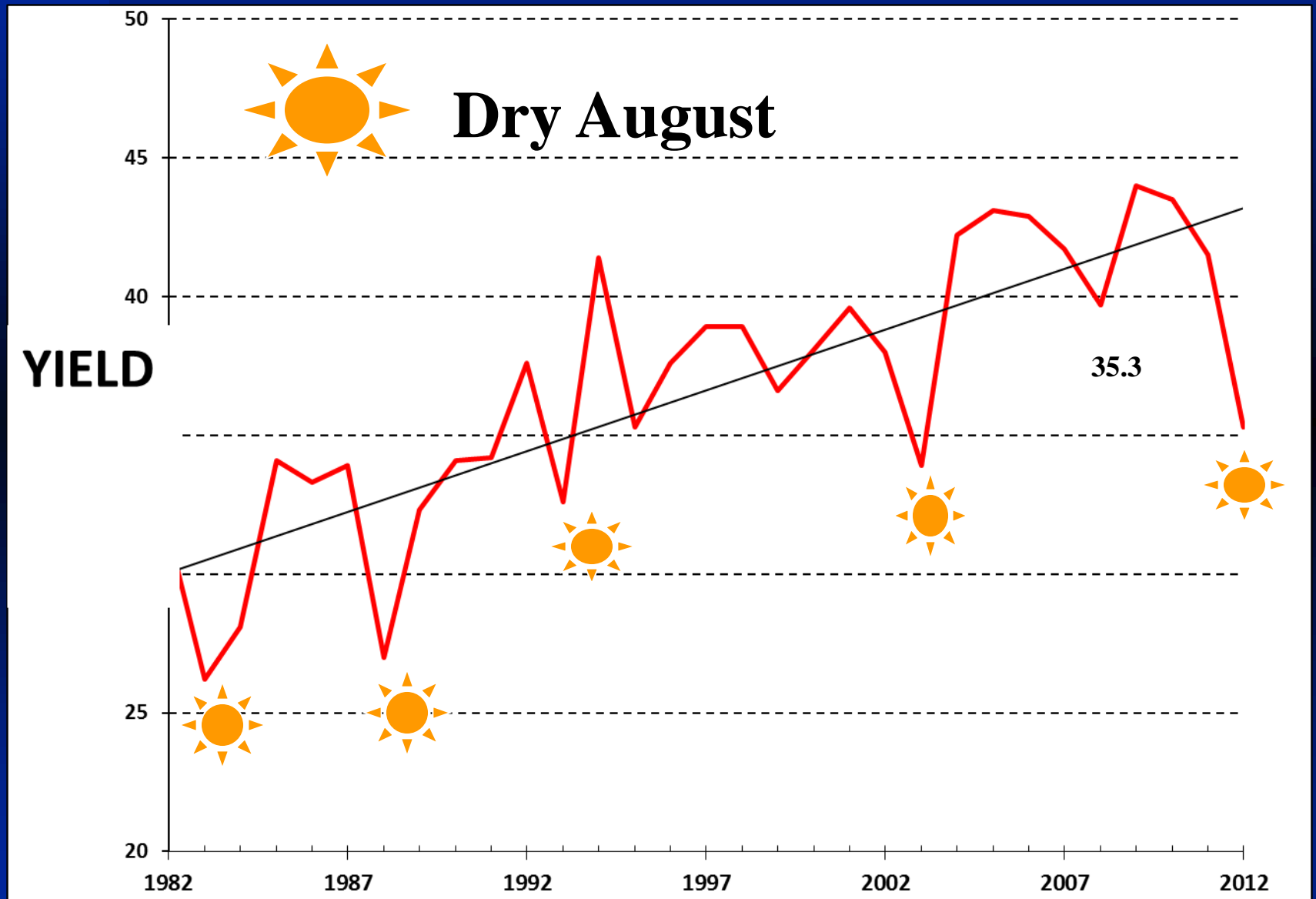


# Bean Economics

Only about 15%  
of soybeans  
are irrigated



# U.S. Soybean Yield – August Drought

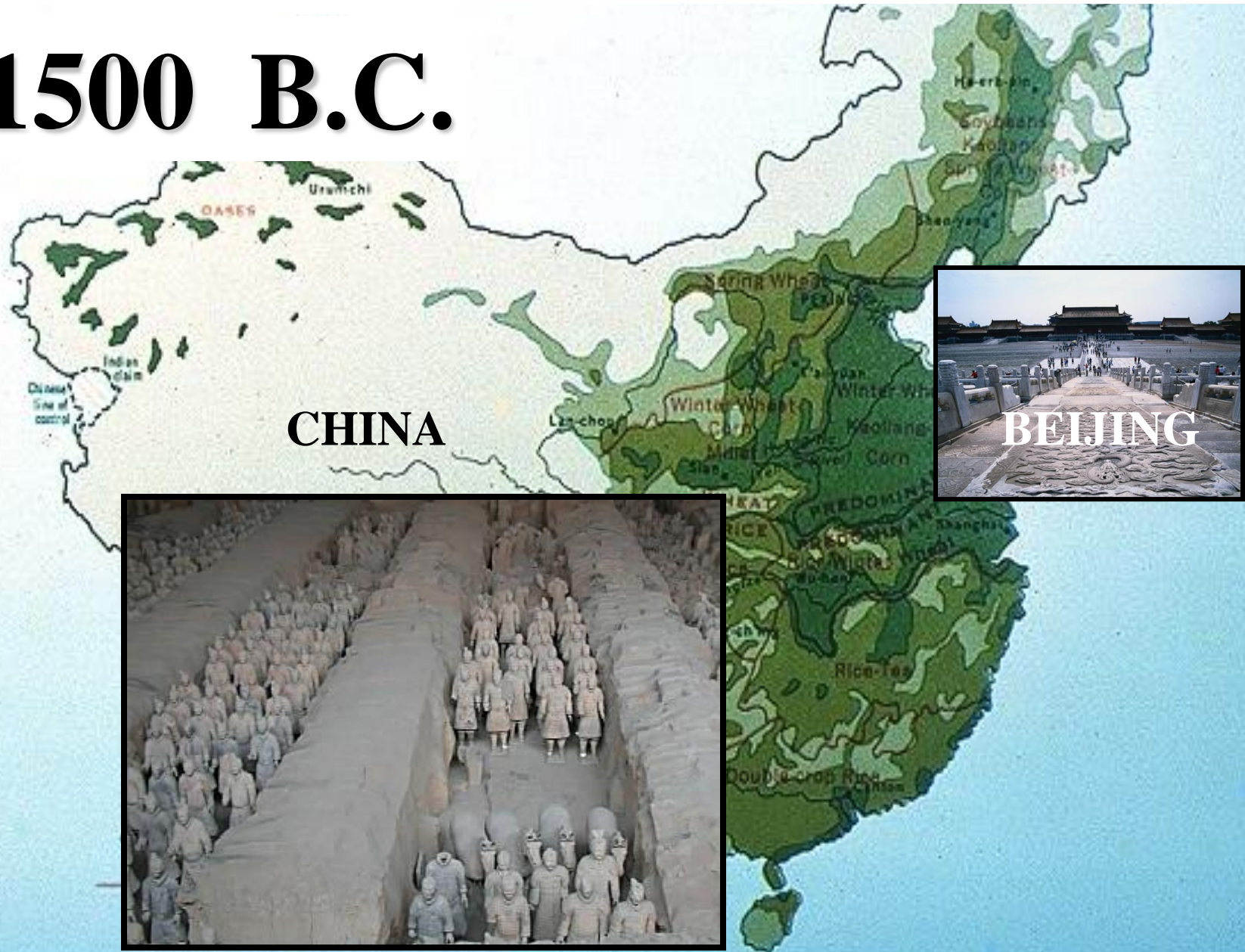


# How Do we Attack the Drought Problem using Breeding?



# DOMESTICATION OF SOYBEAN

~1500 B.C.



# 3000 Years of On Farm Breeding

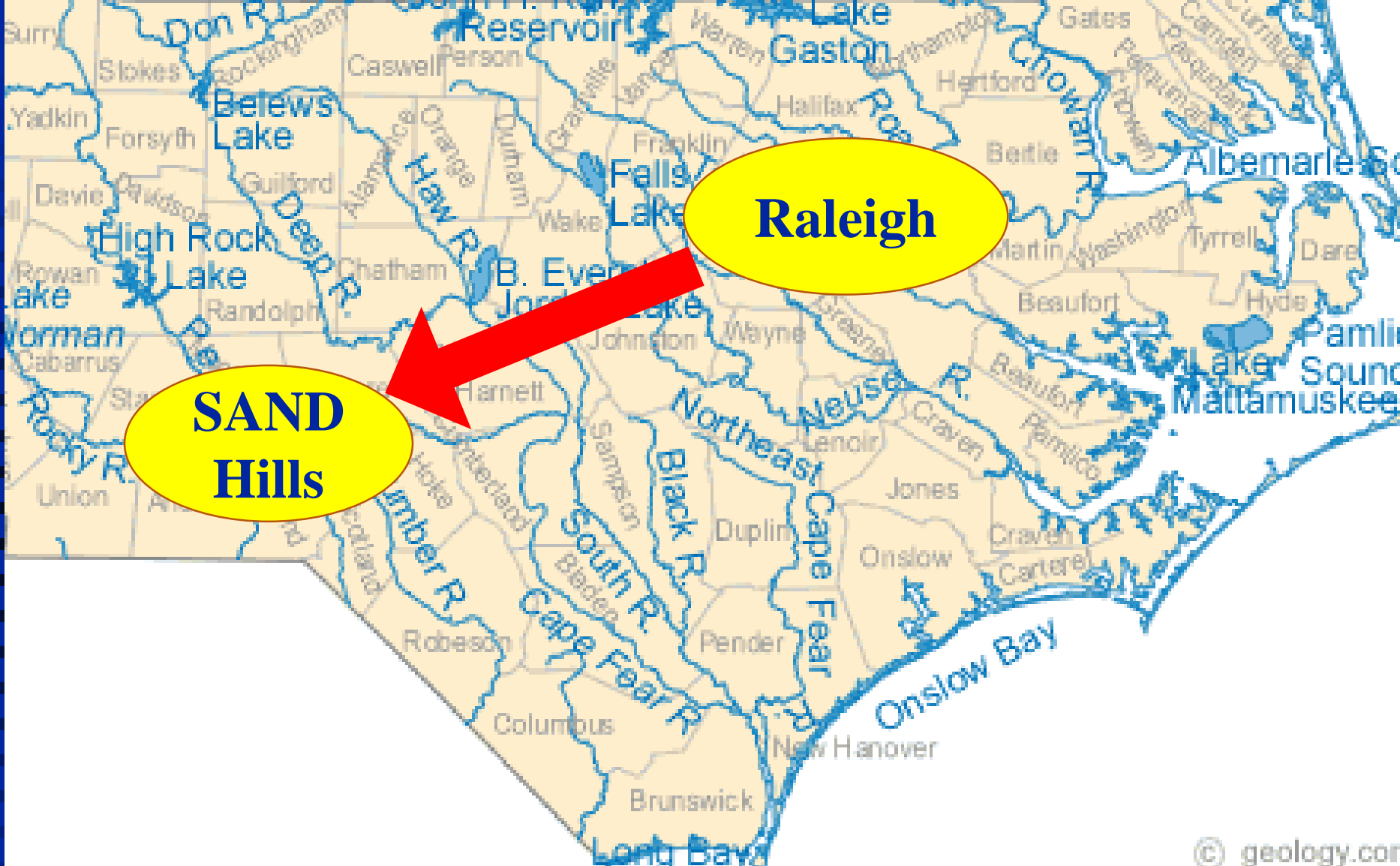


**More than 20,000 Types  
of Soybean Developed  
by farmers - and Collected**

**By USDA**







# SANDHILLS Research Station, NC

## USDA & N.C. State University









# Slow Wilting Trait

**Fast  
wilting**

**Slow  
wilting**

**All Varieties are FAST  
Wilting ---  
Some worse than others**

**Screened 5,000 soybean types**

**Discovered 10 Slow wilting types**

**Spent 20 Years of R&D**

# Field Day in North Carolina



**Proof of Concept**

**New  
USDA  
Drought  
Variety  
N8002**