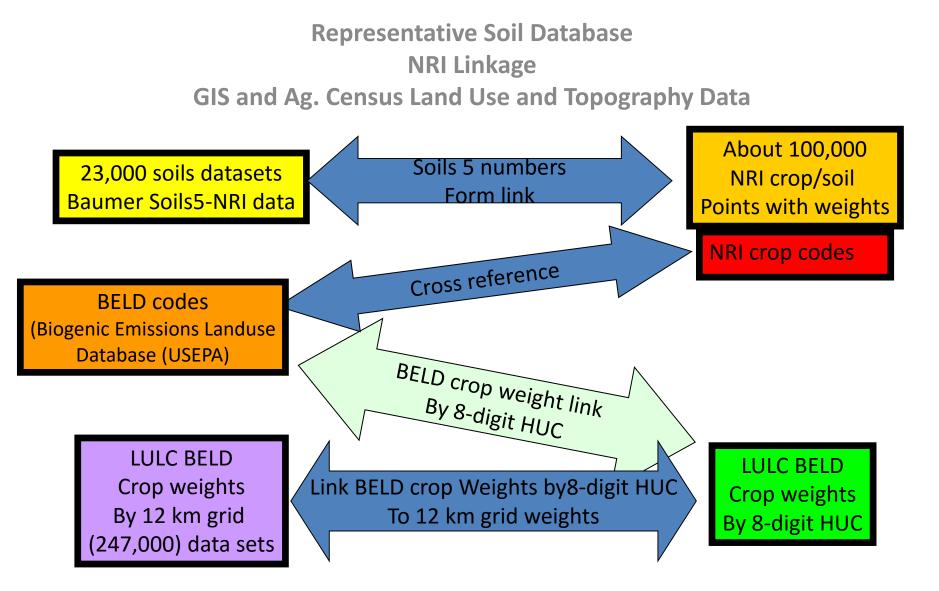
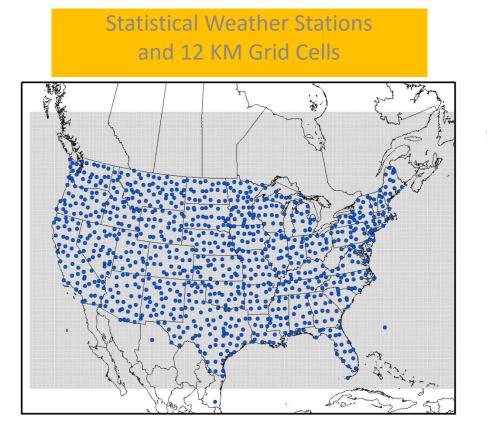
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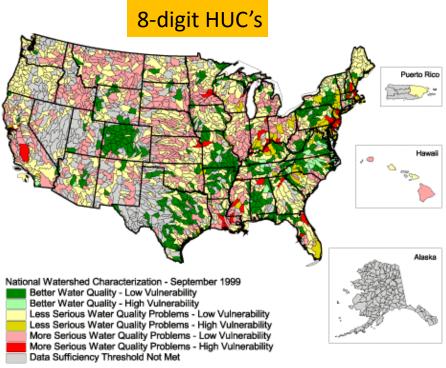
### The goal of this presentation is to stimulate cooperatives efforts

### **Major Components**

**Representative Soil Database NRI Linkage** GIS and Ag. Census Land Use and Topography Data **Statistical Weather Data Daily Weather Files by Grid Agricultural Management Generator EPIC Model EPIC Spinup Creation of Soil Data Sets with Nutrient Content Estimates EPIC Spinup Nitrogen Application Estimates by Crop and Grid** Semi-annual Fertilizer Sales Data by State Fertilizer Allocation by Region by Crop by Application Timing **GIS Linkage for Output Maps FEST-C Interface to Facilitate Analyses** 

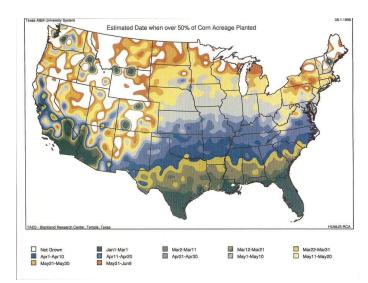






Agricultural Management Generators (Over 500,000 files)

Plant date and germination are based on Crop base temperature Air and soil temperatures



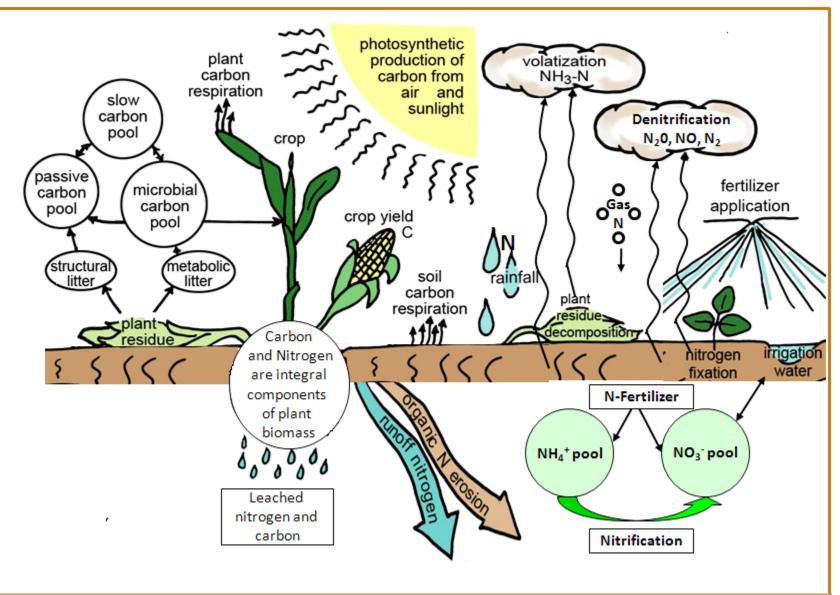
#### **USDA Farm Production Regions**



Tillage and harvest reflect Conservation tillage and Harvest with some field dry down By region based on 10 regions

Days to maturity by variety And cumulative average temperature Are used to select the crop variety by grid Fertilization amount, type and timing By crop by 10 regions "Based fertilizer sales and surveys"

### The Environmental Policy Integrated Climate (EPIC) model



EPIC Spinup Creation of Soil Data Sets with Nutrient Content Estimates EPIC Spinup Nitrogen Application Estimates by Crop and Grid

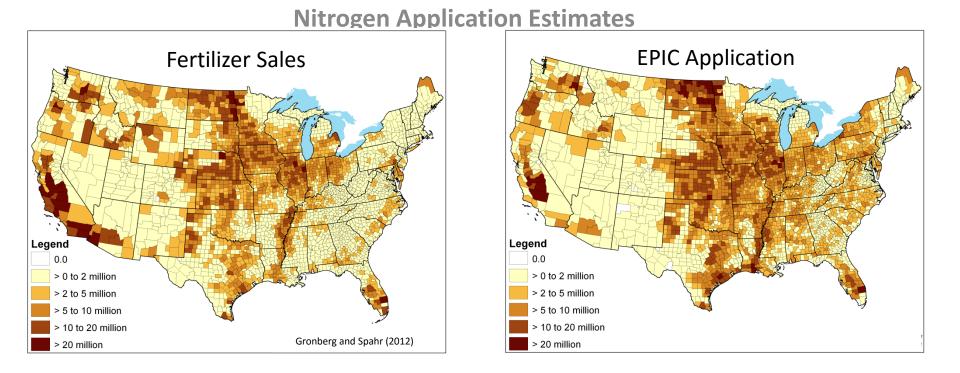
EPIC 25-year runs with crop stress based fertilizer are made for each crop grid cell combination and the soils at the end of the run become the new soils for EPIC runs (over 300,000 runs/files)

Average fertilizer application rates for the last 5 years of the EPIC 25year with crop stress based fertilizer for each crop grid cell combination are used as the estimated total N applied per year for EPIC analyses with post plant stress triggered applications as needed (0ver 300,000 est. rates)

Semi-annual Fertilizer Sales Data by State Fertilizer Allocation by Region by Crop by Application Timing

Semi-annual Fertilizer Sales Data by State is summarized by 6-month periods by production regions to estimate the fraction of total fertilizer applied by each form of fertilizer applied (62 fertilizers + manures) Application timing by percent applied by production regions by crop by grid cell for management files (fall, spring pre-plant, and post-plant + manure in fall)

### GIS Linkage for Output Maps FEST-C Interface to Facilitate Analyses



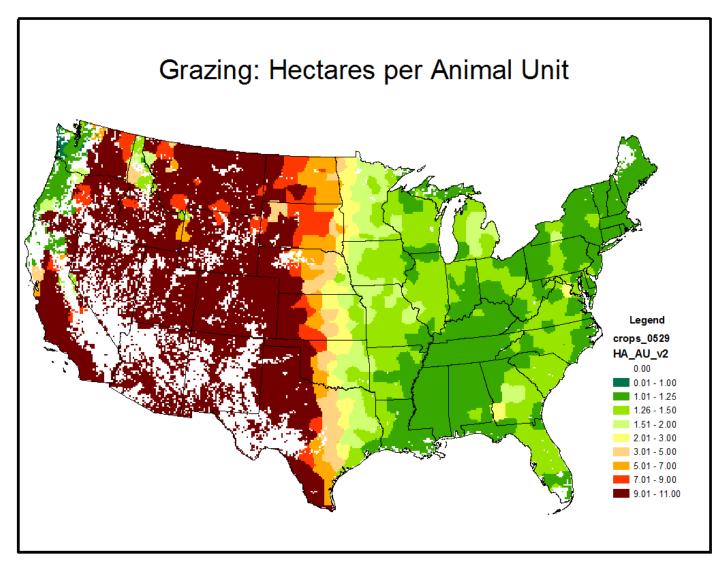
The system does a reasonable job reproducing regional patterns of reported agricultural fertilizer purchases and use

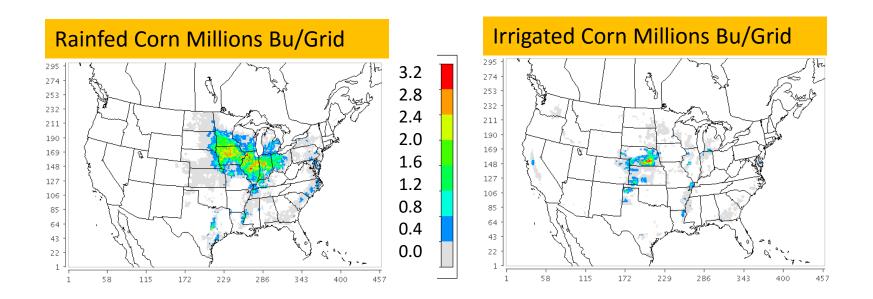
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### Crops Modeled (irrigated and rainfed)

- Grass Hay
- Alfalfa Hay
- Other grasses
- Barley
- Canola
- Edible Beans
- Edible Peas
- Grain Corn
- Corn for Silage
- Cotton
- Oats

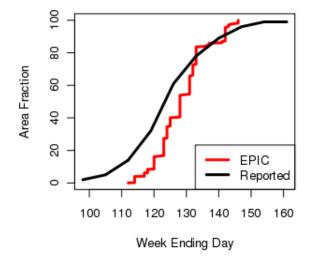
- Potatoes
- Rice
- Peanuts
- Rye
- Grain Sorghum
- Sorghum for Silage
- Soybeans
- Winter Wheat
- Spring Wheat
- Other Crops



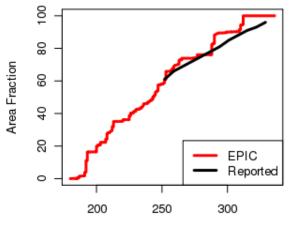


# Preliminary Evaluation Plant and Harvest Dates

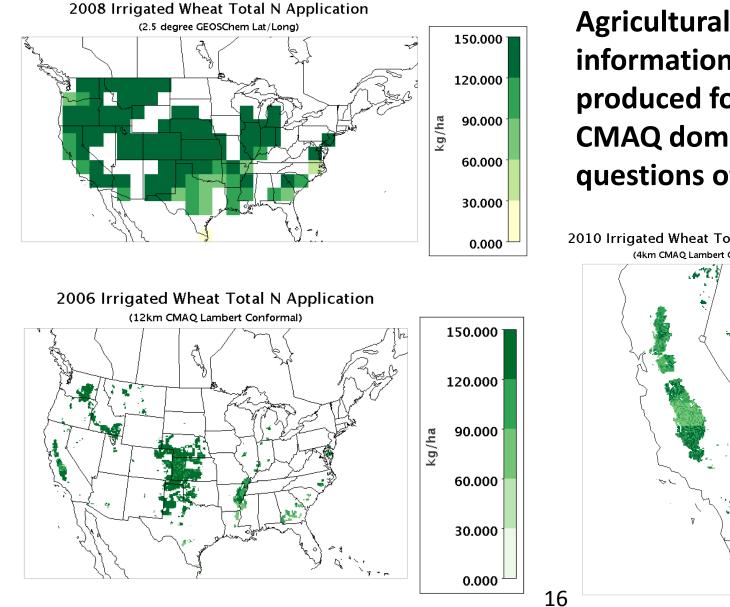
#### Rainfed Illinois Corn Plant Dates



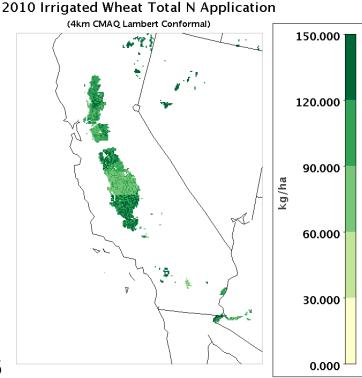
#### **Rainfed Texas Sorghum Harvest Dates**



Week Ending Day



Agricultural management information can be produced for various CMAQ domains to address questions of spatial scale



#### **Technology adaptation to other locations or applications**

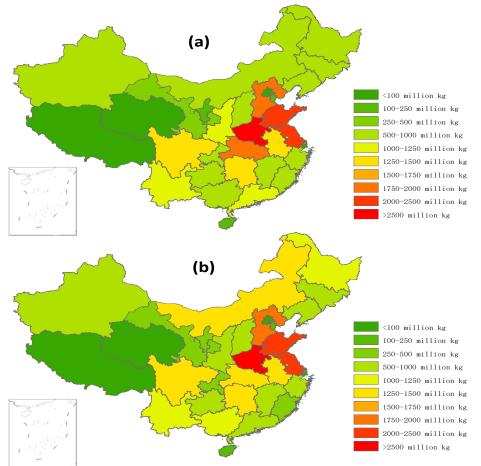
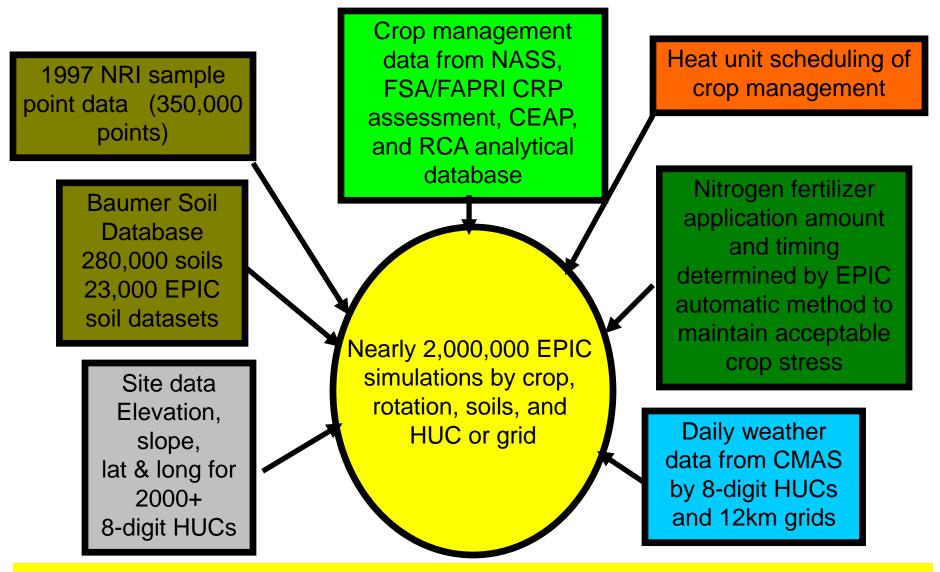


Fig.4 Comparison of annual N fertilizer use at province level between statistical data (a) and EPIC output (b). The small insert represents the south China sea and its islands Source: Estimating NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from agricultural fertilizer application in China using the bi-directional CMAQ model coupled to an agro-ecosystem model by Xiao Fu et al.



Multiple sets of simulations by alternative weathers, fertilizer practices, and cropping systems,

#### Future Coupled Air Quality/Agricultural N Applications for Human and Ecosystem Health

•Biofuels (ongoing)

Goal: Assess air quality and ecosystem service responses to land use and land management change associated with biofuel production

•Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia (GOM) (ongoing)

Goal: Reduce the GOM hypoxic zone extent through identification of alternative land use/land management options that could moderate nutrient loadings to the Mississippi watershed (include additional water model linkage).

• Agricultural soil N<sub>2</sub>O emissions(ongoing)

Goal: Develop a better understanding of regional N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from agricultural soils, improve N<sub>2</sub>O emission inventories and identify potential mitigation strategies.

•Linkage to SWAT (ongoing)

Goal: Allow EPIC output from this project to be used directly in SWAT models for sub basins to allow 12 KM grid soil and management information use in SWAT.

•Climate Change (planned)

Goal: Explore joint air quality, water quantity and water quality implications of future climate change.

## A CHALLENGE for the Future

# Design and Build a Linear Programing Model Minimizing the Environmental Impacts of Producing Nutrients for Humans and Animals

# Use SWAT, CEAP and FEST-C Analyses to Create Pollutant Indices and Food Production Estimates

Build a Regional Prototype Matrix for the Cornbelt

# **Conceptual Matrix**

			•					neir conversion		Nutrients	
Title	Crop 1 Grid 1 per acre	Crop 1 Grid 1 acres	Crop 2 Grid 1 per acre	Crop 2 Grid 1 acres	Crop1 grid 1 production	Crop2 grid 1 production	Crop1 Nutrition per unit yield	Crop2 Nutrition per unit yield	Nutrients Poultry per lb liveweight	Human per adult per year	Total needs
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N Loss											
Air	Nvol11		Nvol21								
Runoff	NQ 11		NQ 21								
Perk	Nperk11		Nperk21								
P Loss											
Air	Nvol11		Nvol21								
Runoff	NQ 11		NQ 21								
Perk	Nperk11		Nperk21								
Soil Loss											
Air	WindEros11		WindEros21								
Runoff	WaterEros11		WaterEros21								
Yield	Yield 11		Yield21								
Acr <b>es crop 1</b> grid 1	1	-acres crop1 grid 1									
Acr <b>es crop 2</b> grid 1			1	-acres crop2 grid 1	1	1					
Production crop1grid1					- Yield 11		1				
Production											
crop2 grid1						- Yield 21		1			
Vegetable											
Calories							-Calories	-Calories	calories	calories	
VegProtien							-VegProtien	-VegProtien	protein	protein	
Meat											
Calories									-calcories	calories	
AnimProtien									-protein	protein	
Human											
needs										1	L population
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- The Goal is to Quantify the Relationships Between
- the Production of Nutrients for Humanity
  - and Environmental Pollution Creation
- Then Use those Quantitative estimates to Develop Improved Environmental Policies

# **Expand Regional** Prototype to National and Ultimately World-wide levels

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