



# **Environmental Impact Analysis of Alternative Management Practices in Baden Württemberg**

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## **Outline:**

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- **Data and Methodology**
- **Input Validation for SOC**
- **Preliminary EPIC Results**
  - **Crop Yield, SOC, Sediment Yield**
- **Alternative Management Practices**
- **Environmental Impacts of Alternative Management Practices**
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# INSEA:

## Data for modelling EU25

GROUP	DATA SET	DESCRIPTION
climate	MARS	Monitoring of Agriculture with Remote Sensing (50 km)
	EAST ANGLIA	Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research (0.5°)
	EMEP	Monitoring and evaluation of the long-range transmission of air-pollution in Europe (50 km)
Soil	ESDB v.2	The European soil database v. 2. (10 km, 1 km)
	OC TOP v. 1.2	The map of Organic Carbon in the Topsoils in Europe, Ver. 1.2
	HYPRESE	Hydraulic Properties of European Soils (PTF Data)
Topography	GTOPO30	Global digital elevation model (30 arc seconds)
Land Cover	CORINE/PELCOM	Combined CORINE and PELCOM (1 km)
Admin. region	AGISCO	Geographic Information System of European Commission data
Reference grid	SWU	JRS Soil and Waste Unit reference grid (10 k)
Agricultural statistics	NEW CRONOS	New Cronos Regional Statistics (NUTS2, NUTS1)
	LUCAS	Land use and land cover area frame statistical survey project data (Phase I.)
	MARS	Monitoring of Agriculture with Remote Sensing (50 km)

# HRU delineation

## Altitude:

1. < 300 m
2. 300-600 m
3. 600-1100 m
4. >1100 m

## Slope Class:

1. 0-3%
2. 3-6%
3. 6-10%
4. 10-15%
5. ...

## Texture:

1. Coarse
2. Medium
3. Medium-fine
4. Fine
5. Very fine

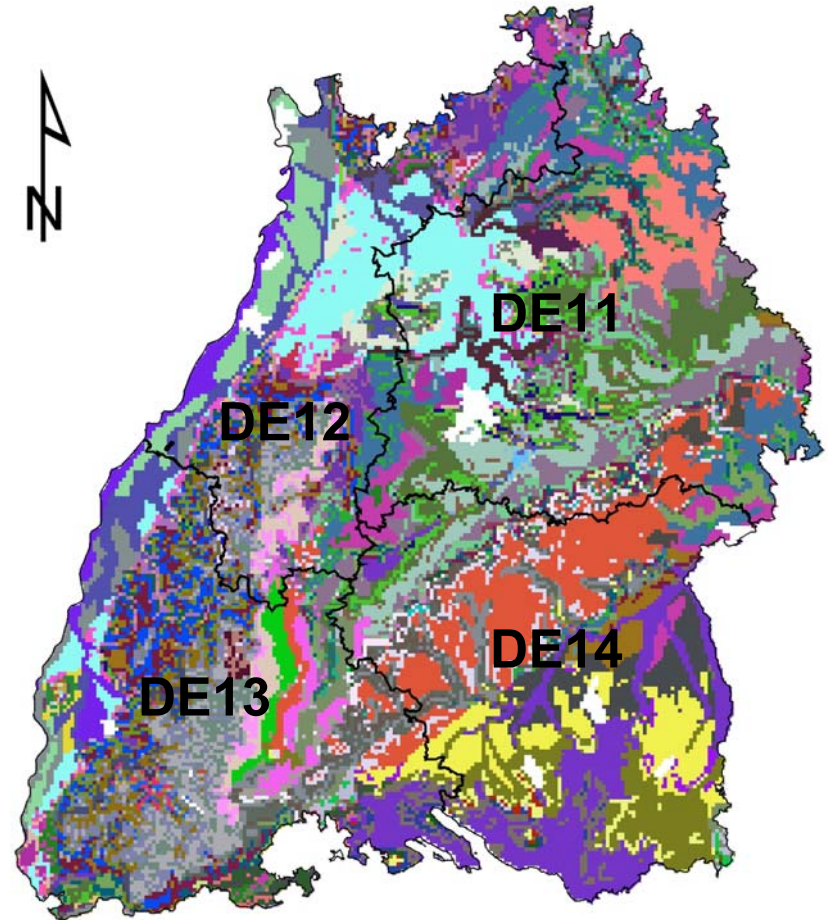
## Soil Depth:

1. shallow
2. medium
3. deep

## Stoniness:

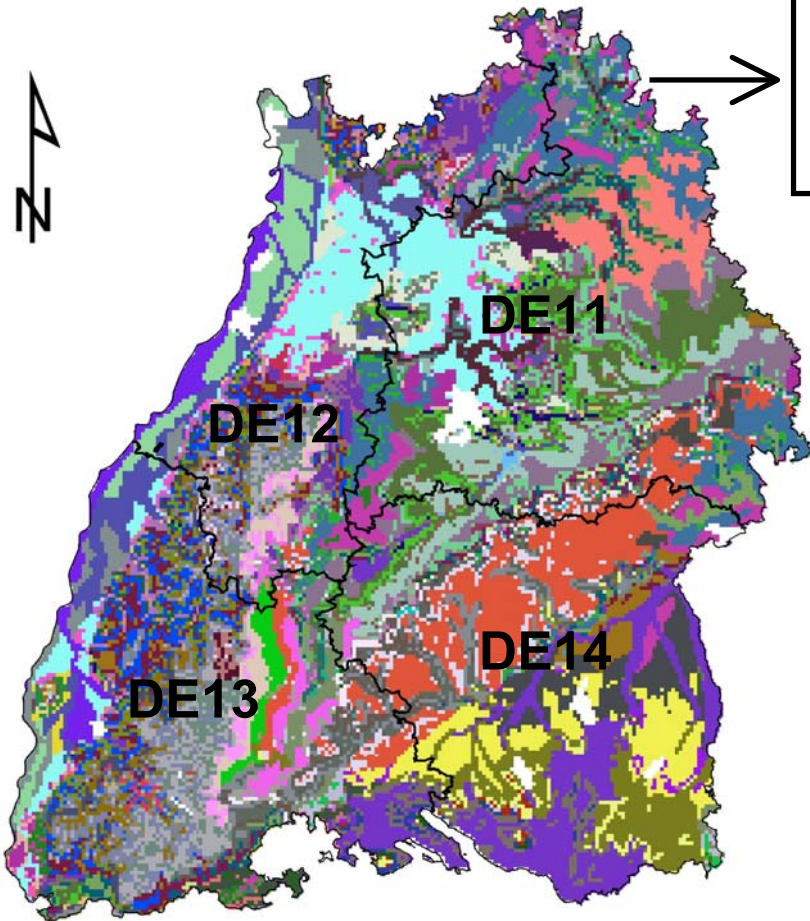
1. Low content
2. Medium content
3. High content

## Homogeneous Response Units (Baden-Württemberg Region)

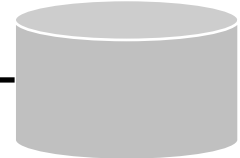


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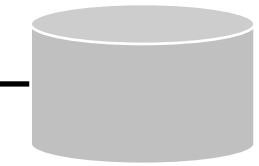
**Homogeneous Response Units  
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**GIS Zone  
Processing  
specific for Land  
Categories**



**CORINE-PELCOM**



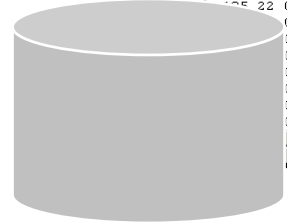
**INSEA 1 km Soil &  
Topo Database**

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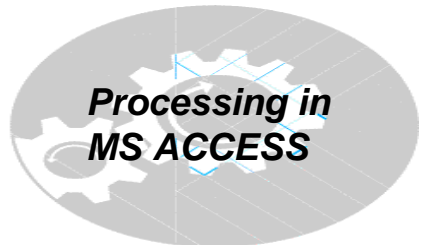
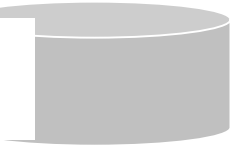
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Pomocník, stačné Návies F1



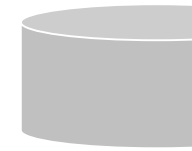
**GIS Output Dataset:  
parameters specific for  
NUTS2 and Land categories**

*PTF (Hyprese,  
pH, BD ...)*

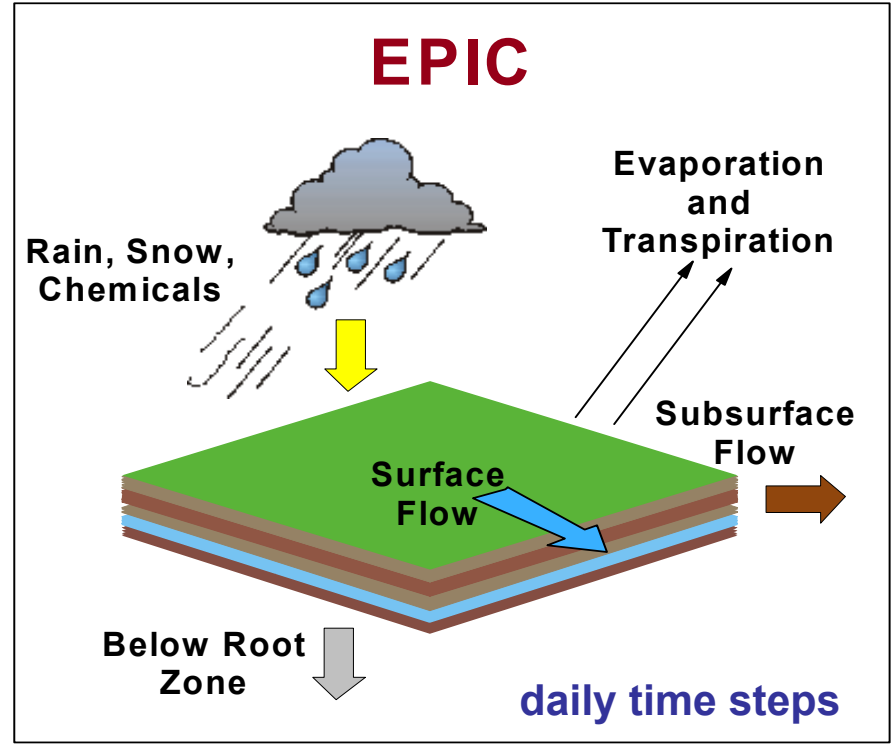
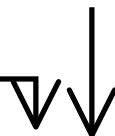


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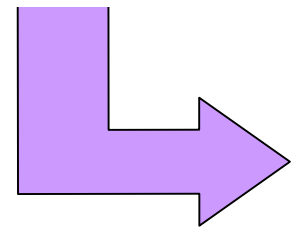
**EPIC INPUT DATABASE  
for soil and topographic  
parameters**



**Weather,  
Crop Rotation and  
Management**



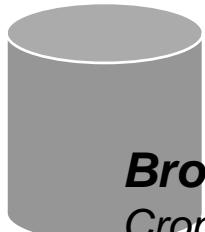
**EPIC Simulations**



# Crop Rotation Setup:



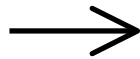
**NEW CRONOS**  
Crop shares



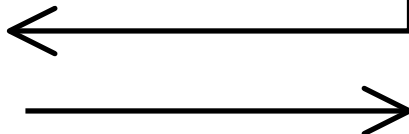
**Broken NC data**  
Crop shares



**CORINE Data**  
Area of arable land  
+ Hetero agric. area



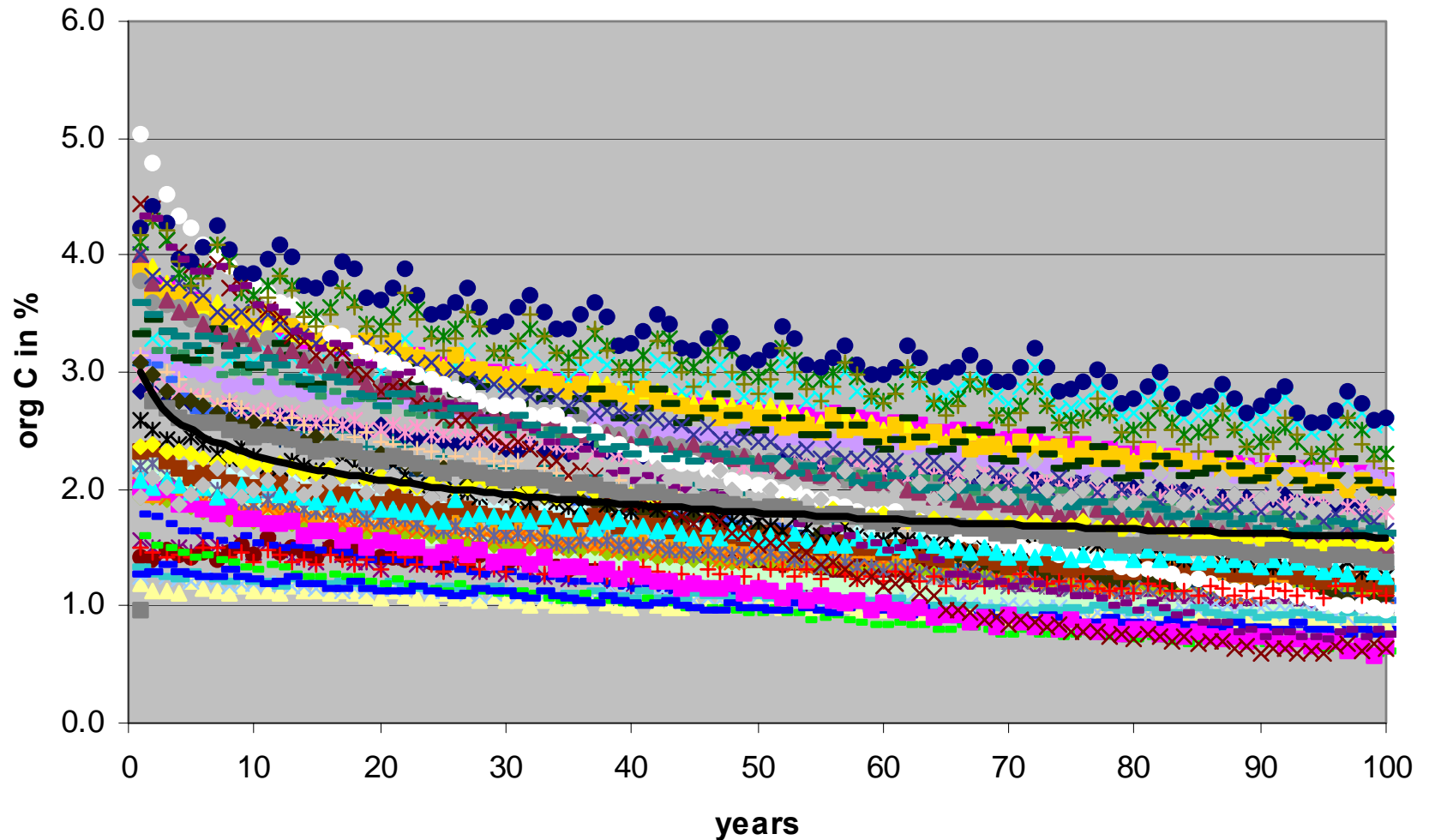

Crop rotation systems



CRS#	weight	Rotation
CRS1	.05	P1, w, P, B, sf
CRS2	.08	Mg, B, w, w
CRS3	.25	S, B, G, B, w
CRS4	.4	R, B, MF, w, B
CRS5	.184	F, B, w, w

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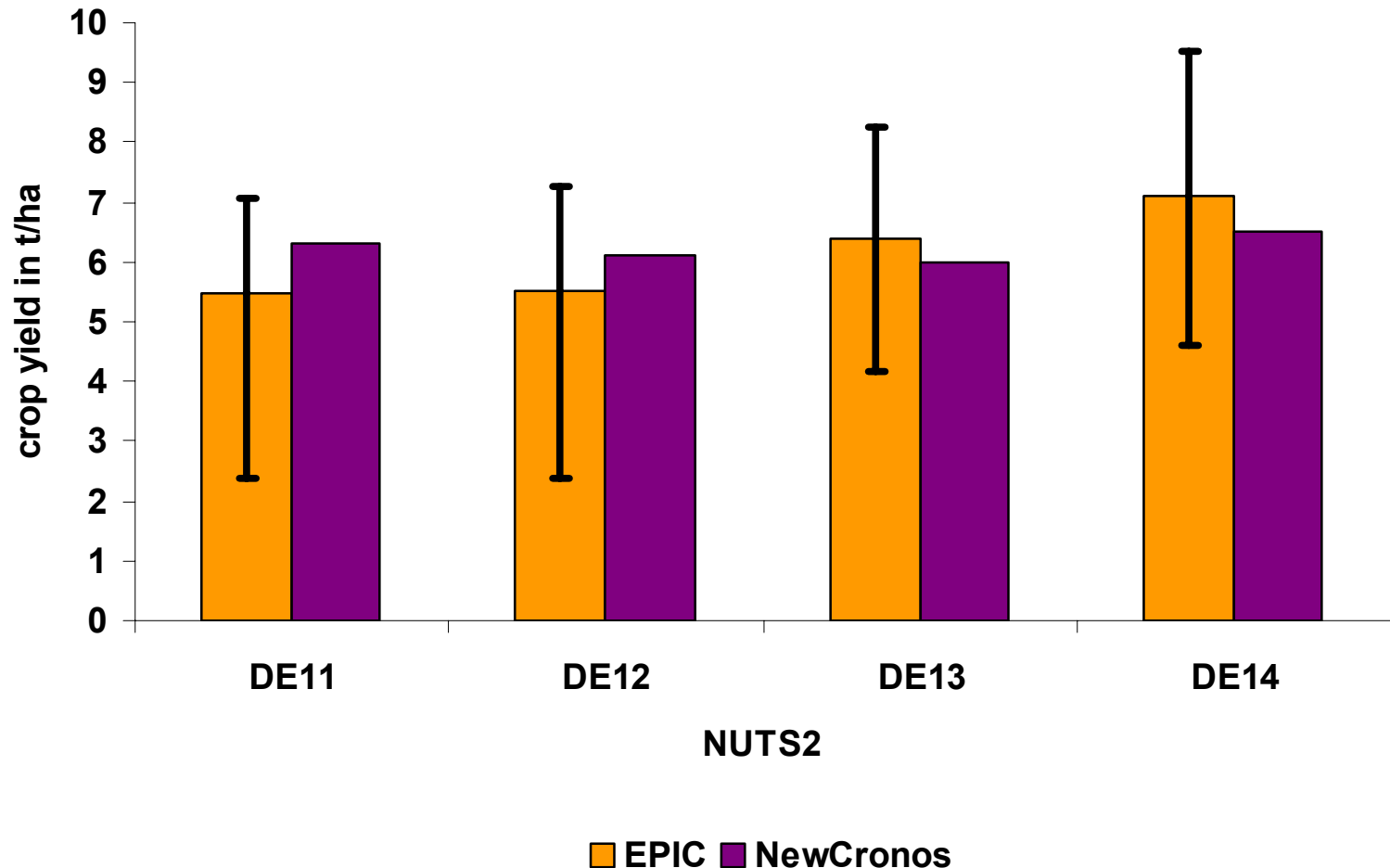
## SOC at Plow Depth (15cm) using Initial SOC from ESDB v.1.2





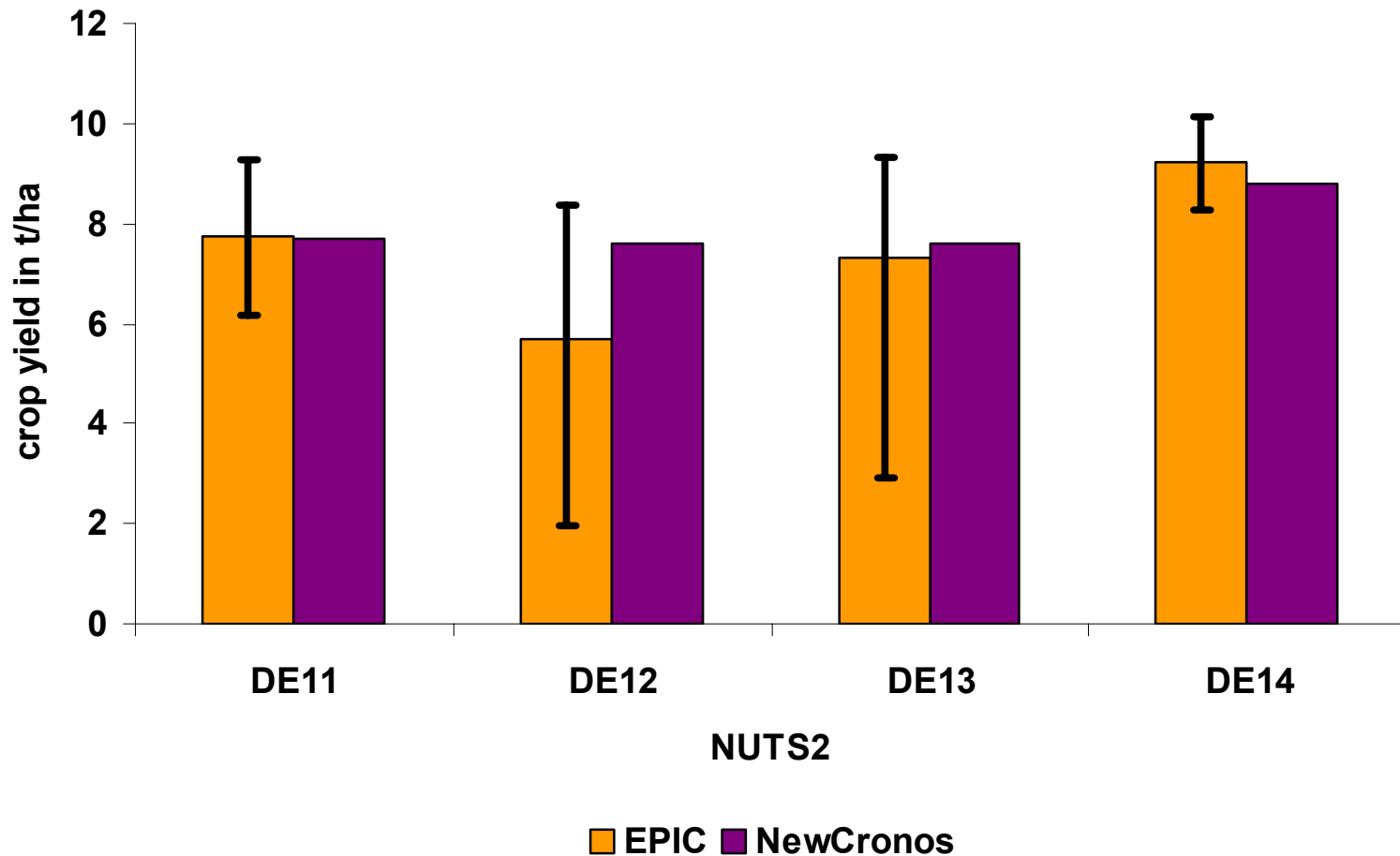
# Output Validation:

## Base-run Crop Yields: Winter Wheat (averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)



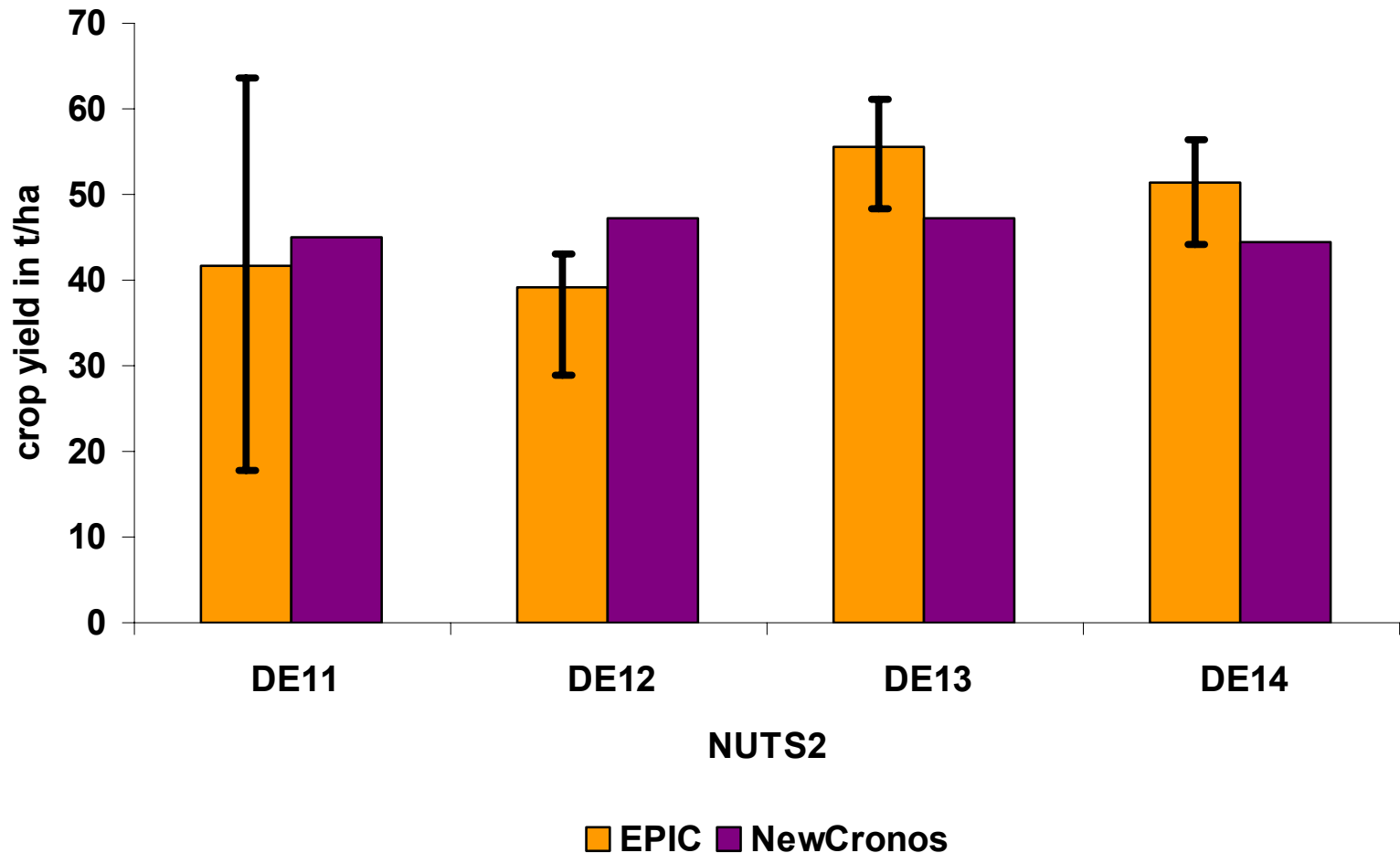
# Base-run Crop Yields: Maize Grain

(averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)



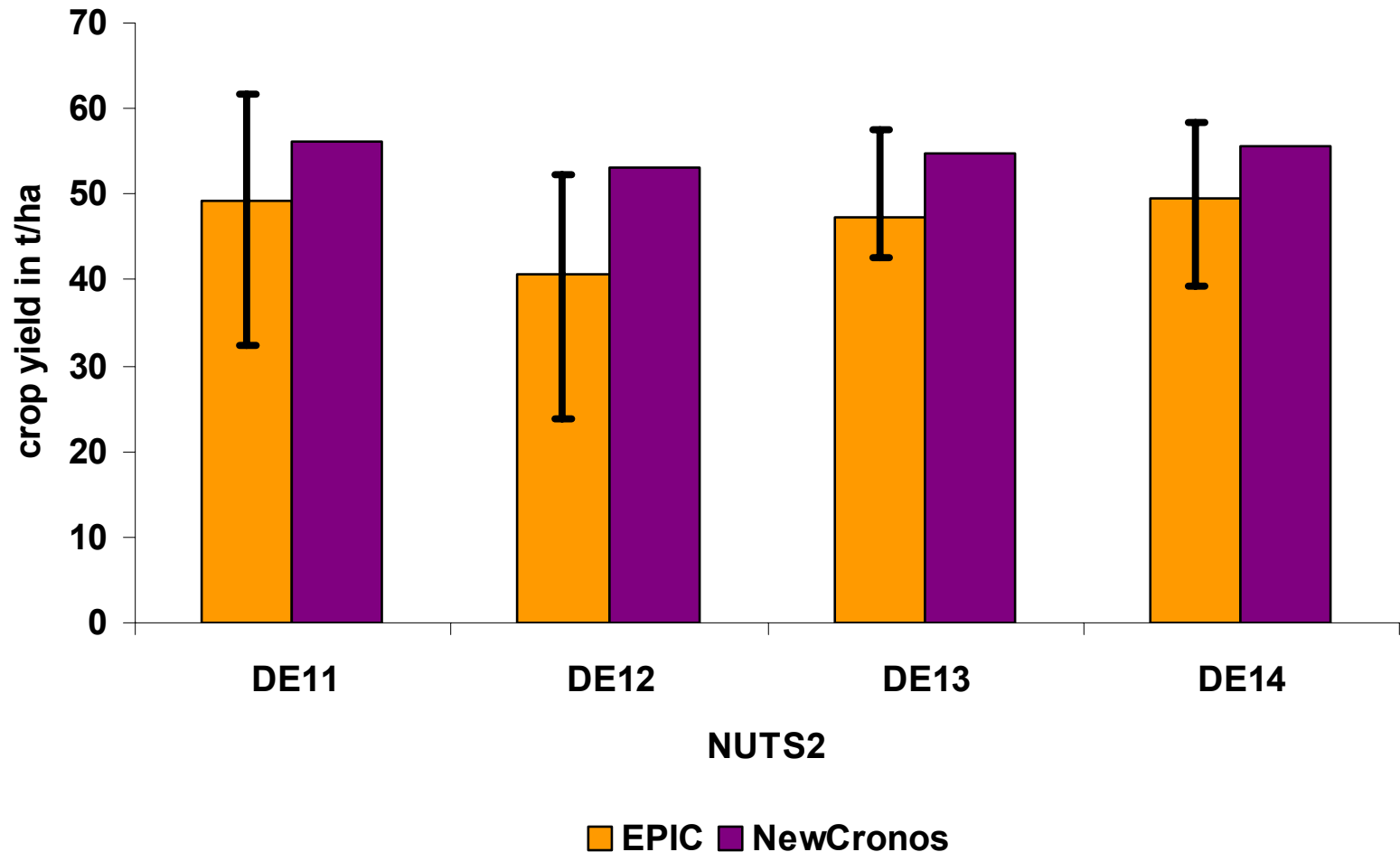
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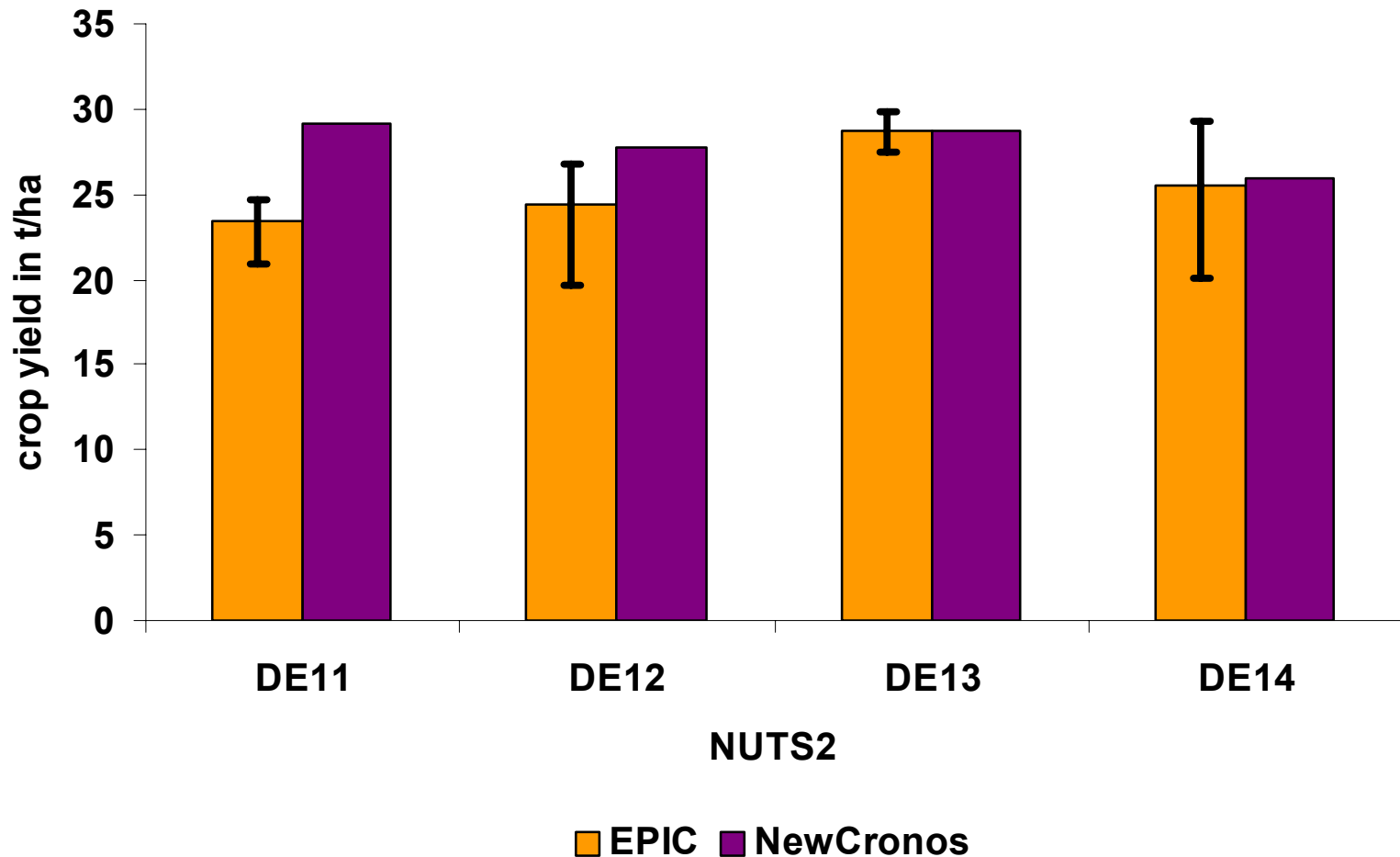
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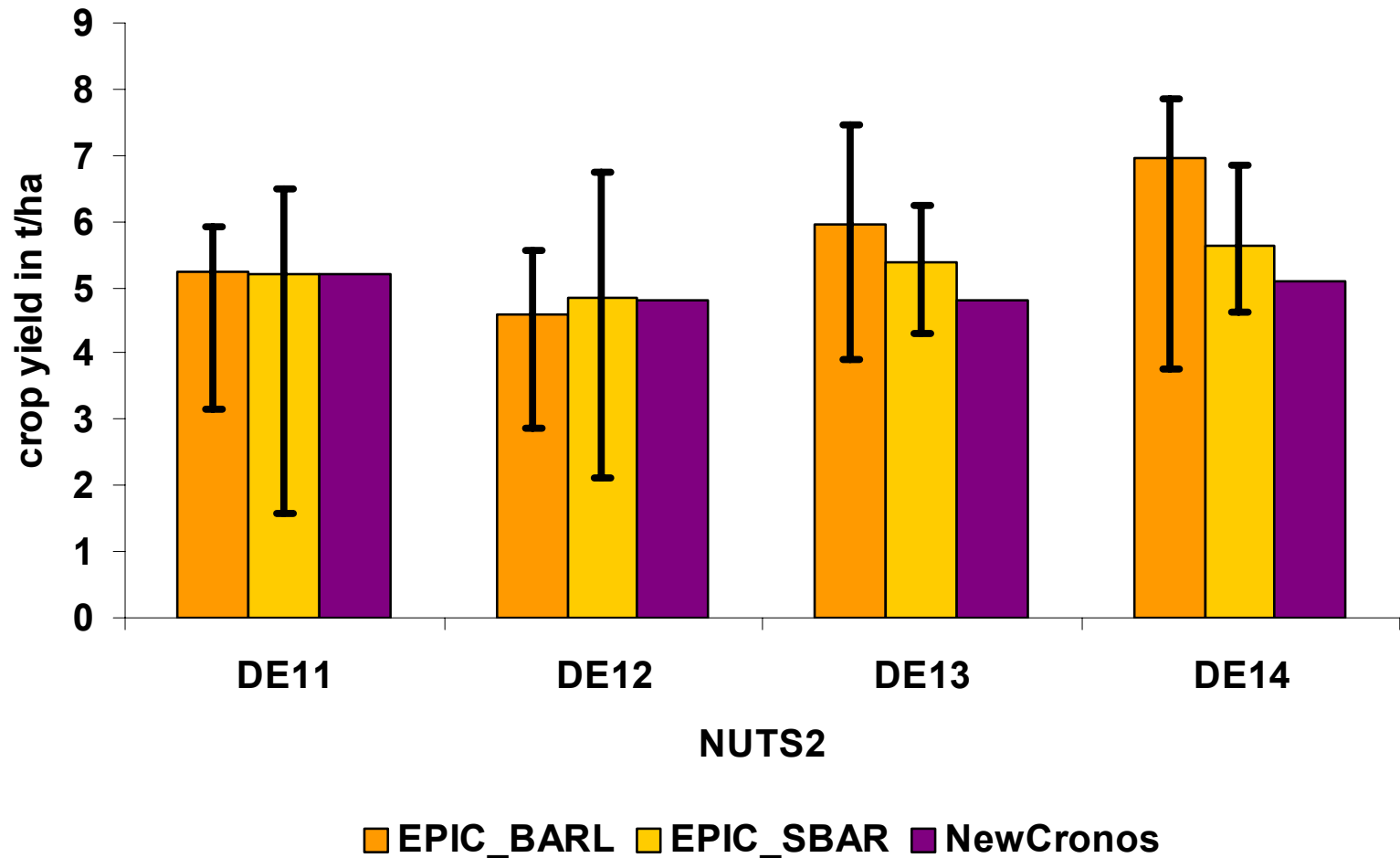


# Base-run Crop Yields: Potatoes

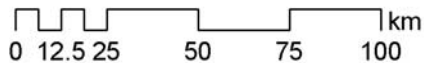
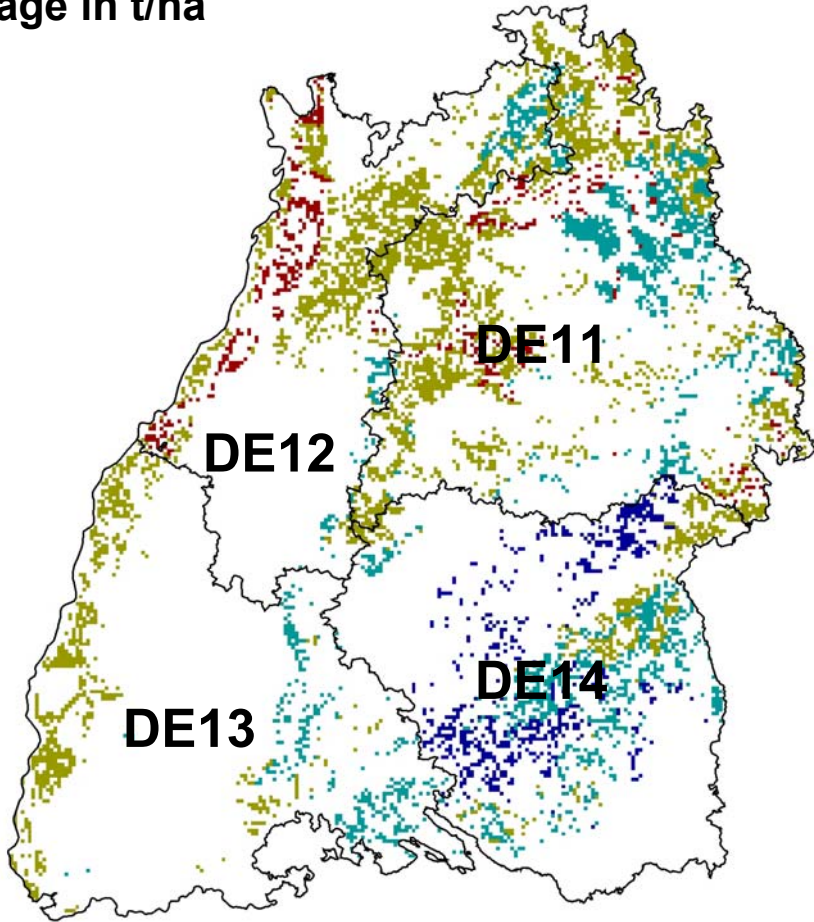
(averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)



# Base-run Crop Yields: Winter (BARL) and Spring Barley (SBAR) (averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)



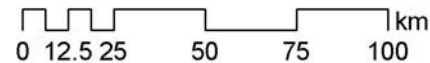
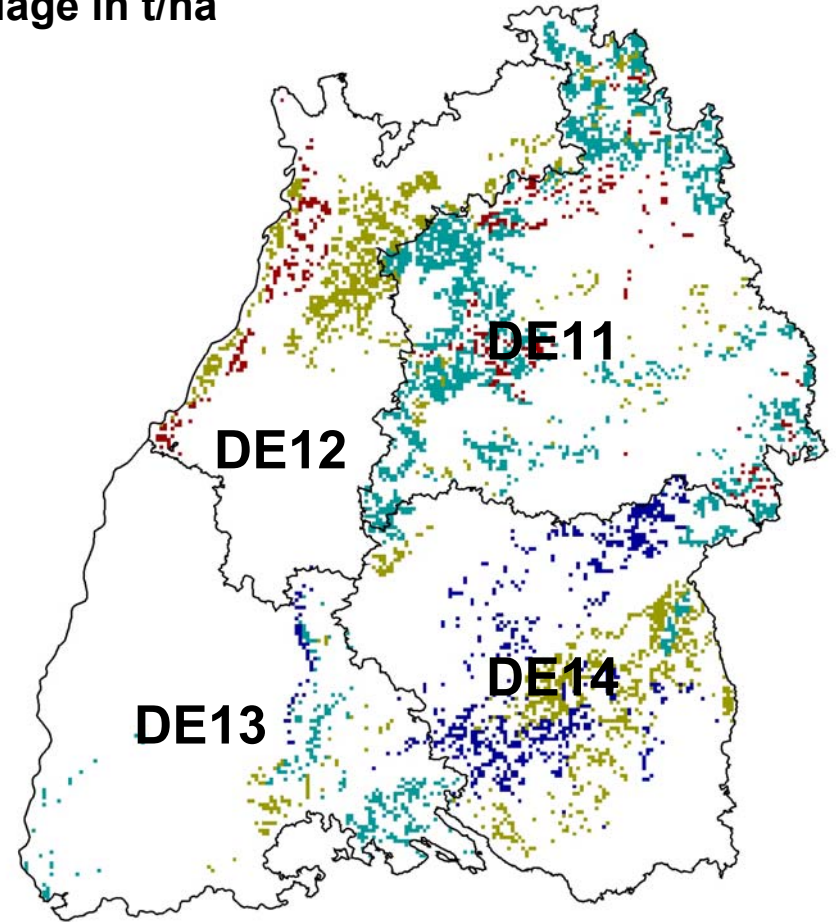
**Average Winter Wheat  
Yields from conventional  
tillage in t/ha**



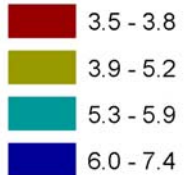
**Winter Wheat  
t/ha**



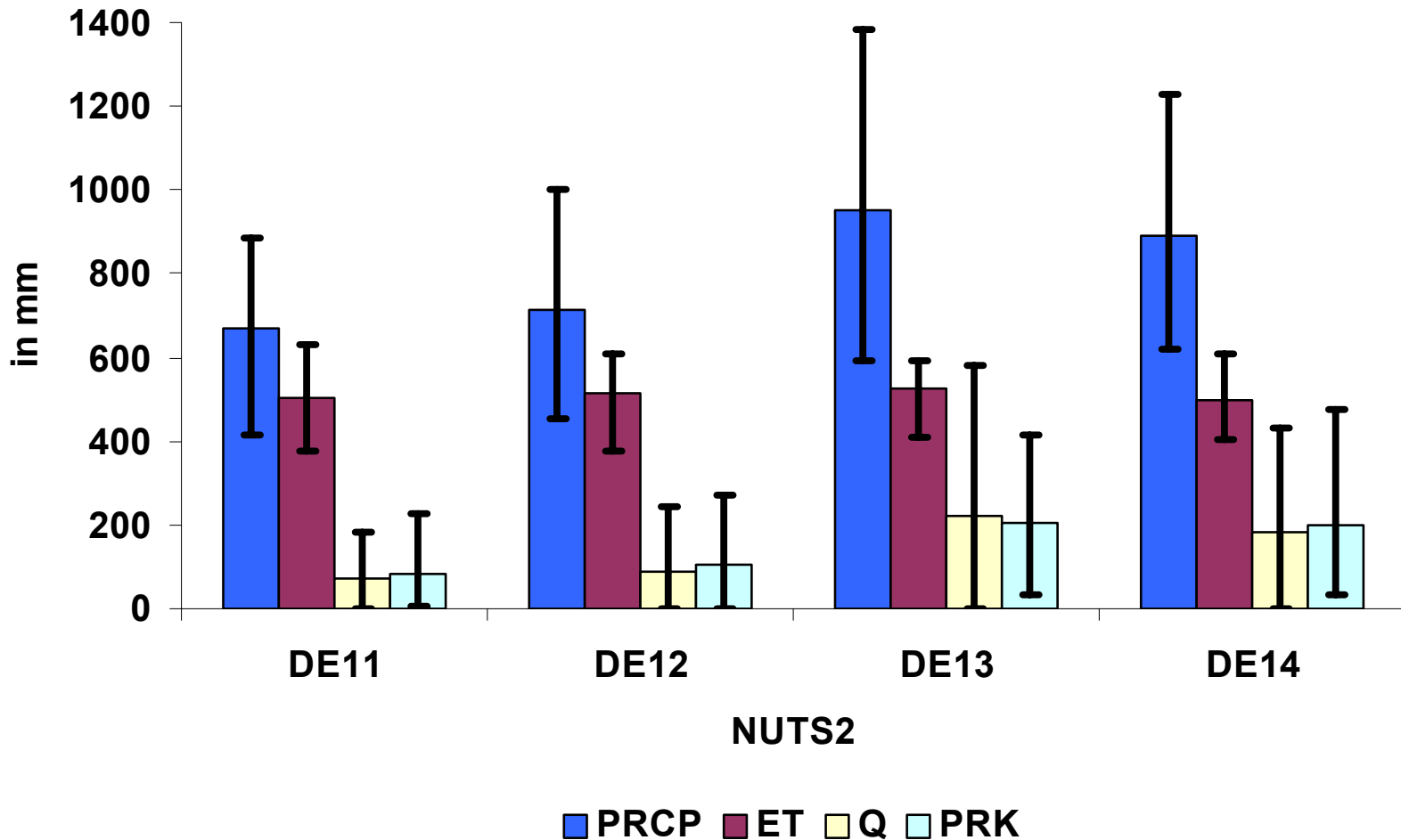
**Average Winter Barley  
Yields from conventional  
tillage in t/ha**



**Barley  
t/ha**



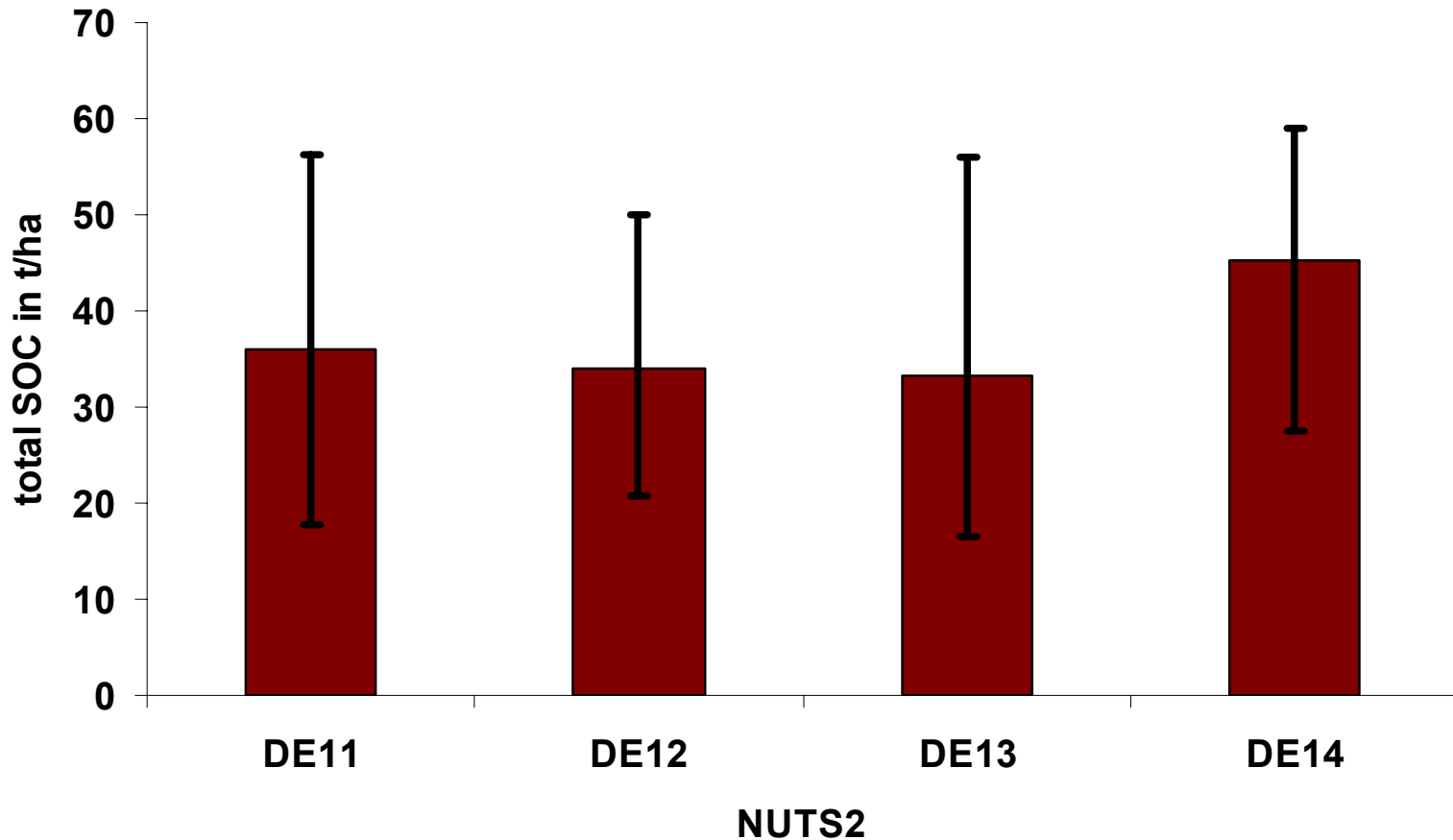
# Annual Rainfall (PRCP), Evapotranspiration (ET), Runoff (Q), and Percolation (PRK) (averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)





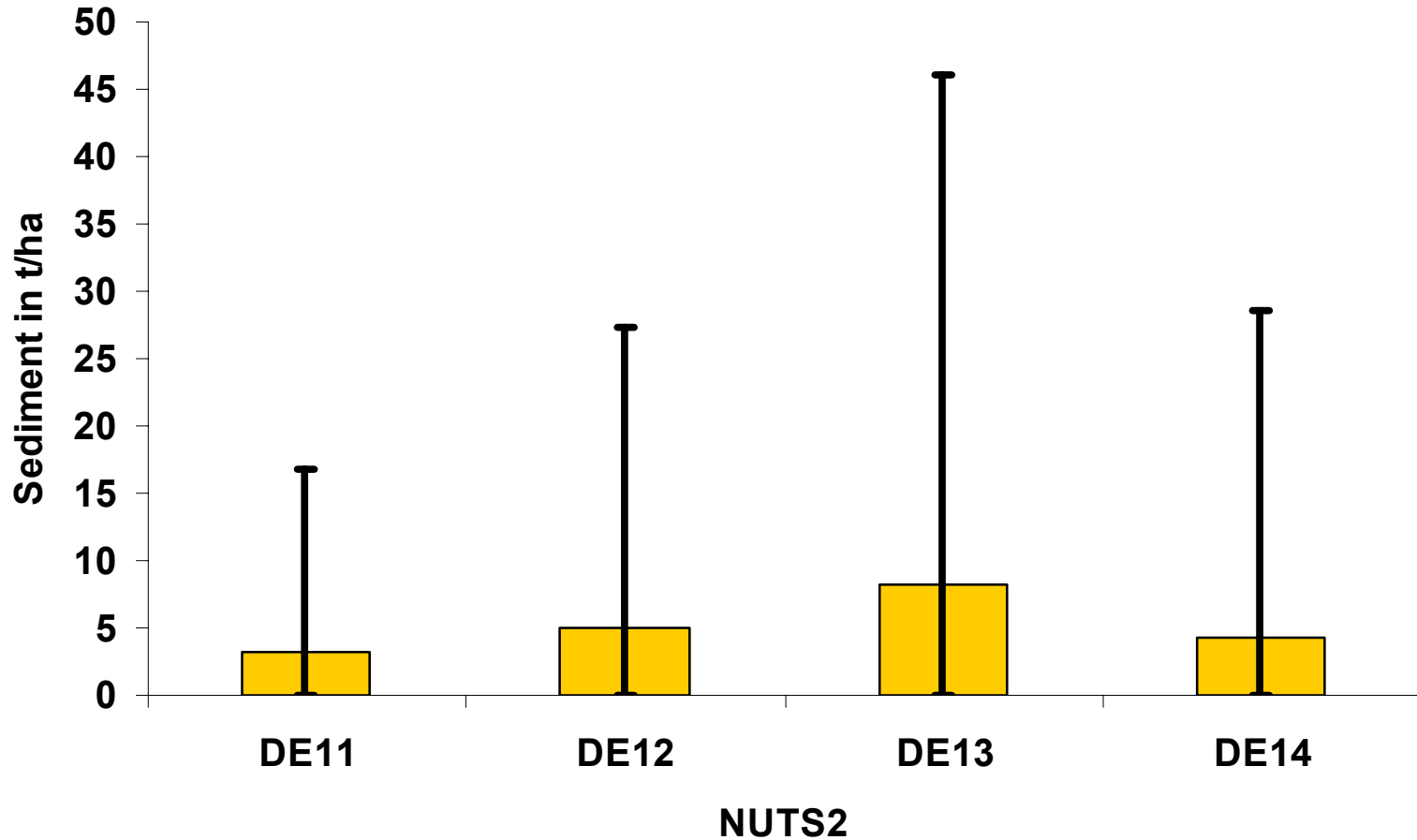
# Base-run: Total SOC

(averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)

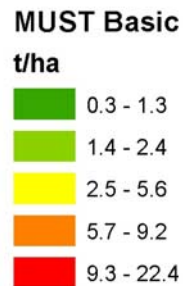
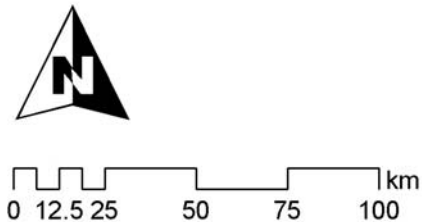
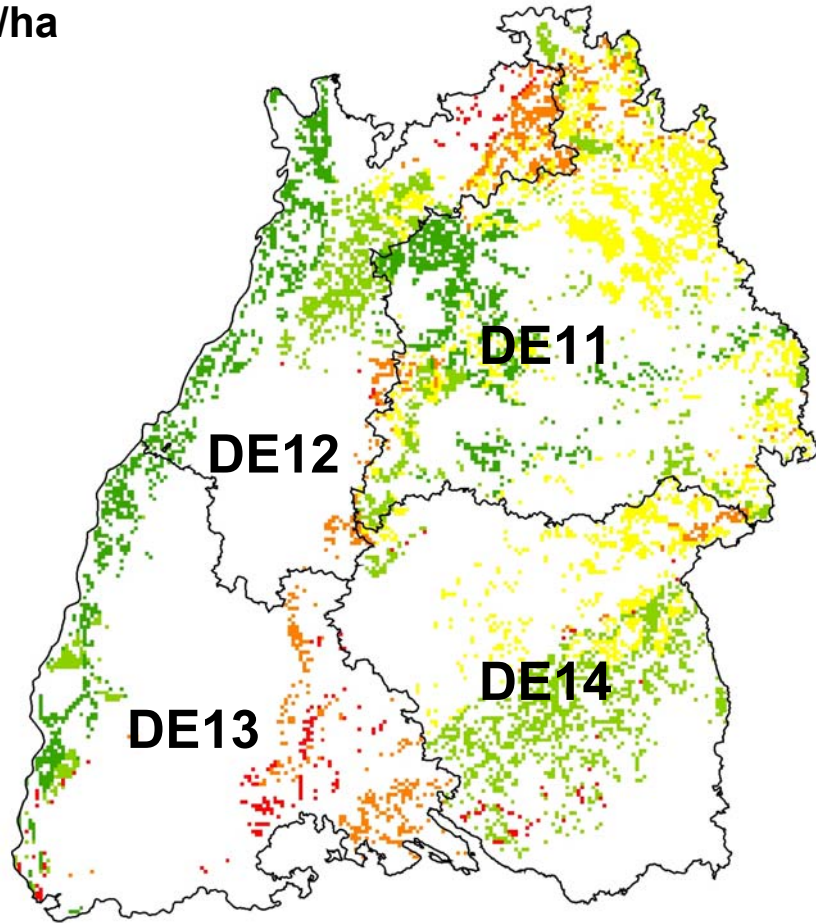


# Base-run: Sediment Yield

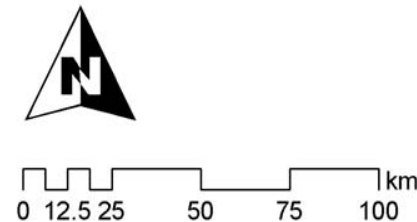
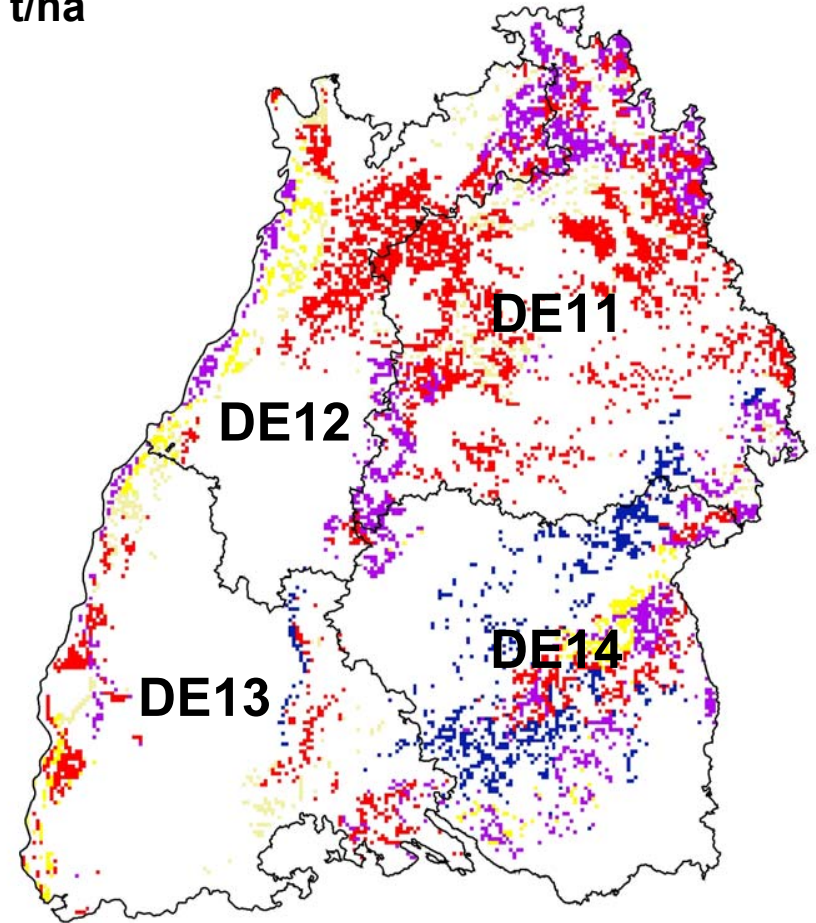
(averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)



**Average Sediment Yields  
from conventional tillage  
in t/ha**



**Average SOC from  
conventional tillage  
in t/ha**





# Alternative Management Practices (Crop Residue Management)

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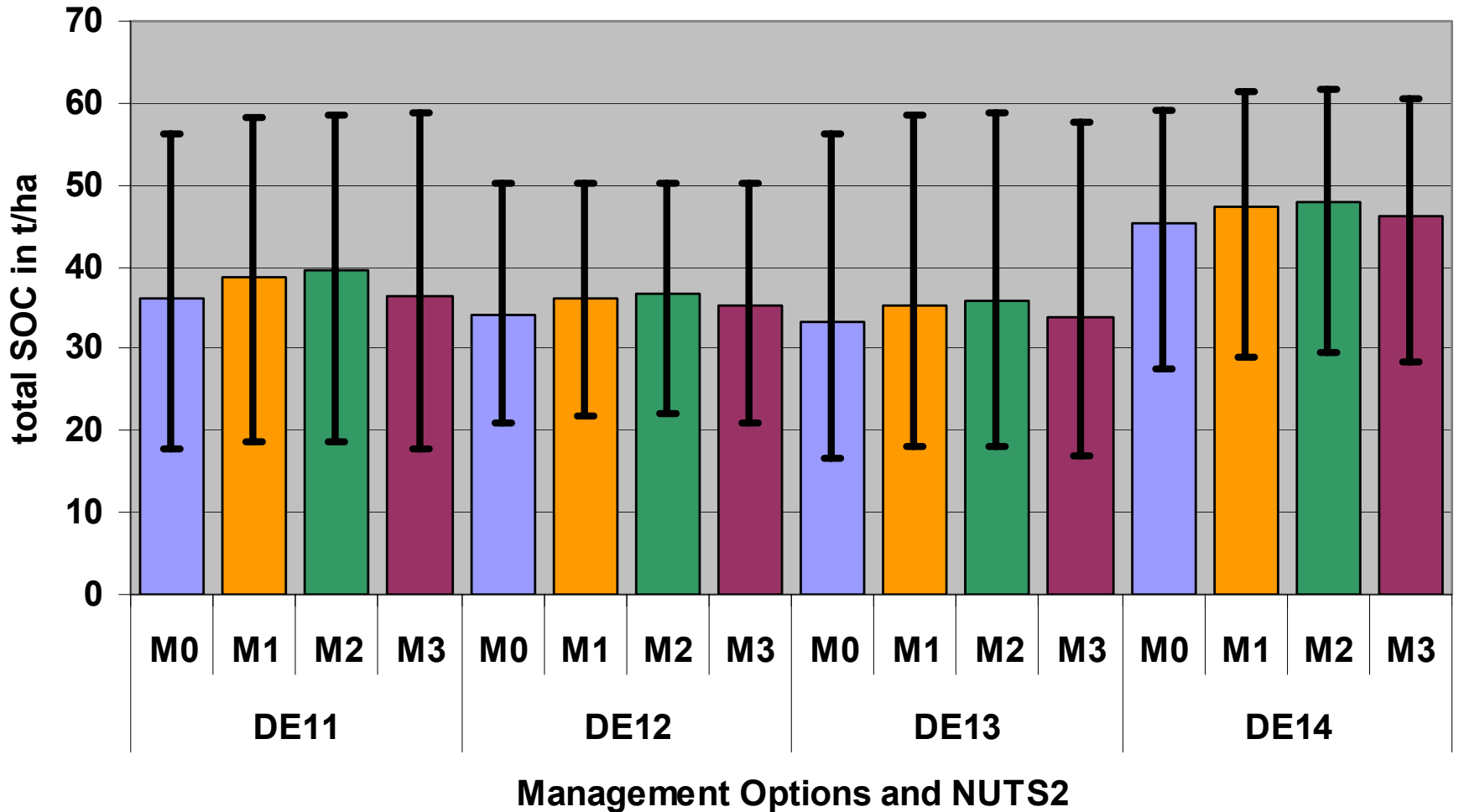
- **M0: base-run  
conventional tillage (mold board plow; <15% crop residue)**
- **M1: reduced tillage (disk or chisel plow; 15-30% crop residue)**
- **M2: minimum tillage (light disk plow; >30% crop residue)**
- **M3: conventional tillage with winter cover crops**

**Definition of Crop Residue Management (CRM) according to the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC)**

**<http://www.ctic.purdue.edu/CTIC/Catalog/CropResidueManagement.html>**

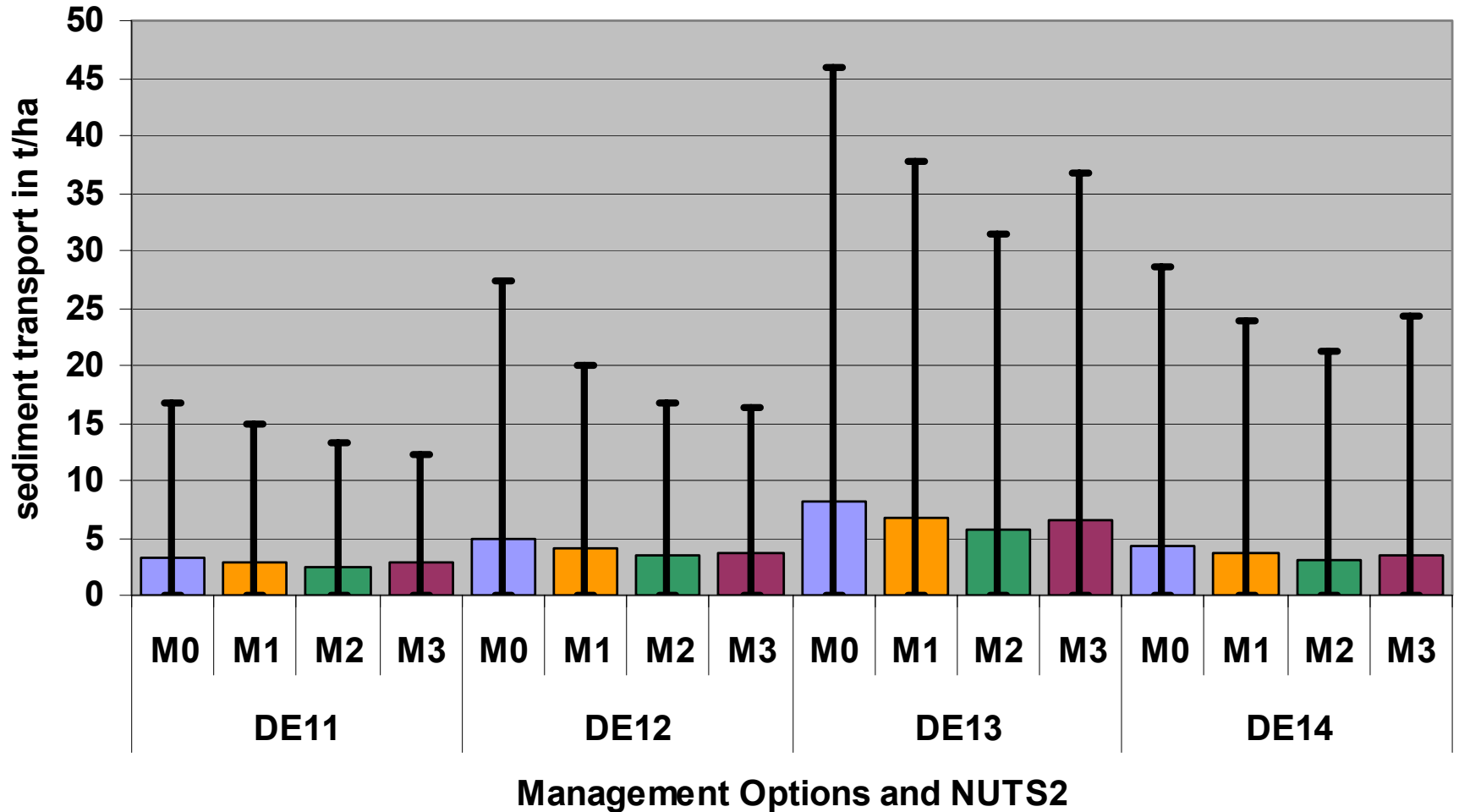
# Impact of Alternative Management Practices on Total SOC

(averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)

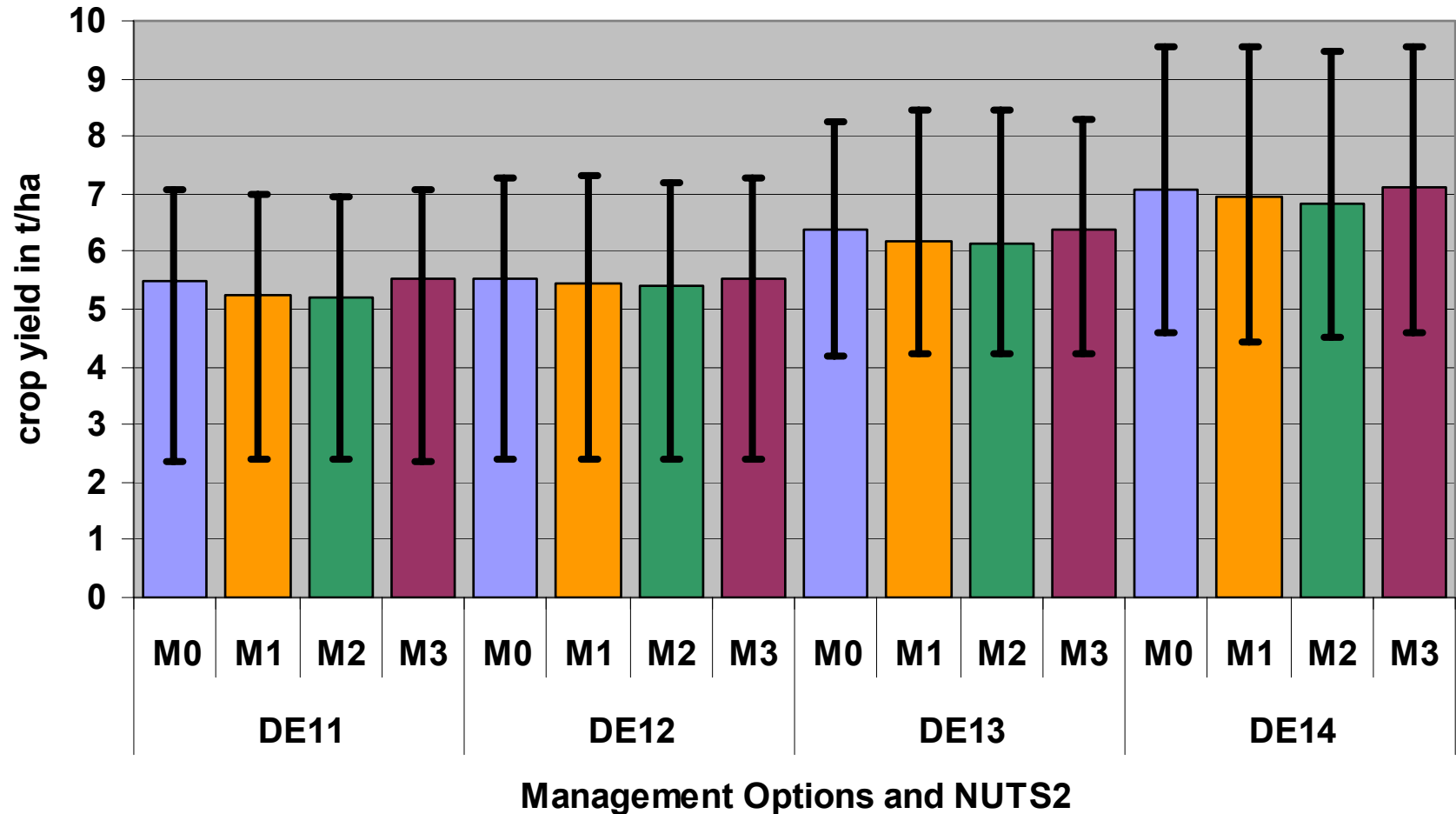


# Impact of Alternative Management Practices on Sediment Yield

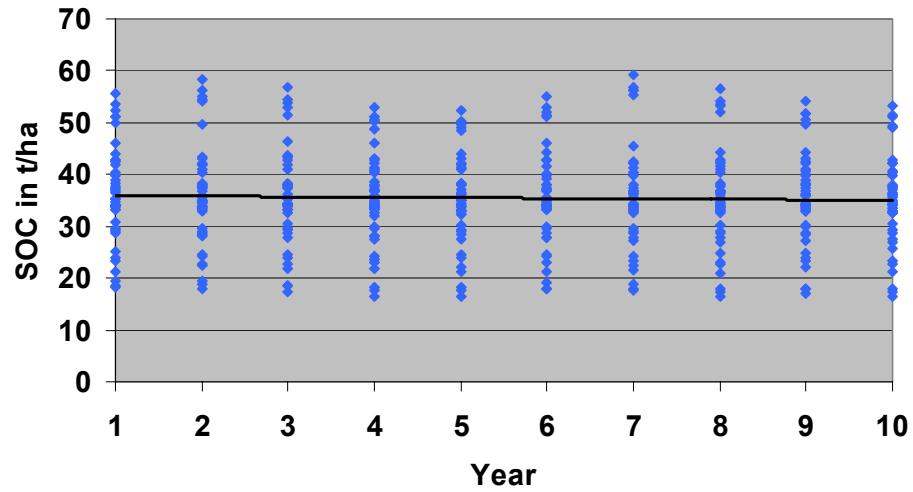
(averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)



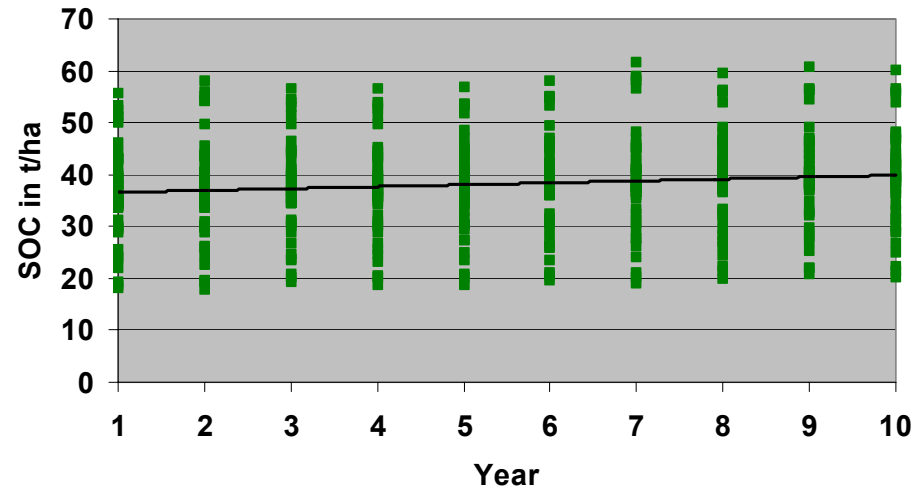
# Impact of Alternative Management Practices on Winter Wheat Yield (averages and ranges of 10 yr simulation)



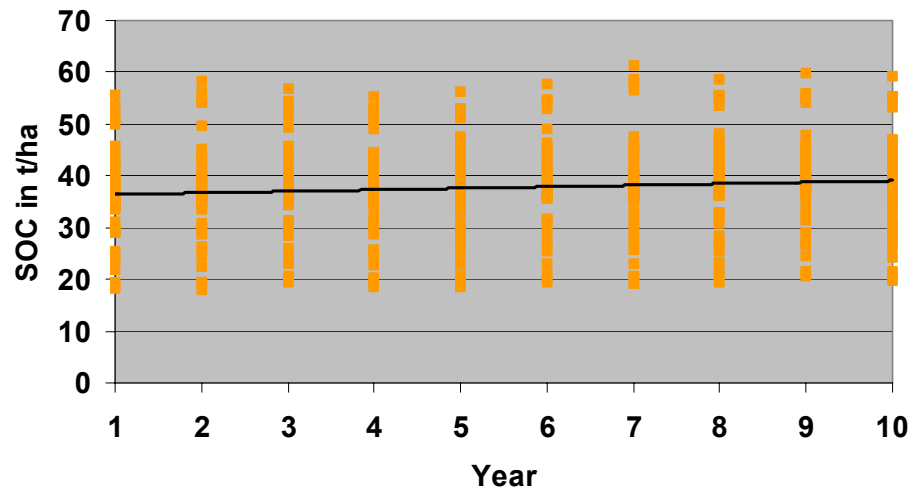
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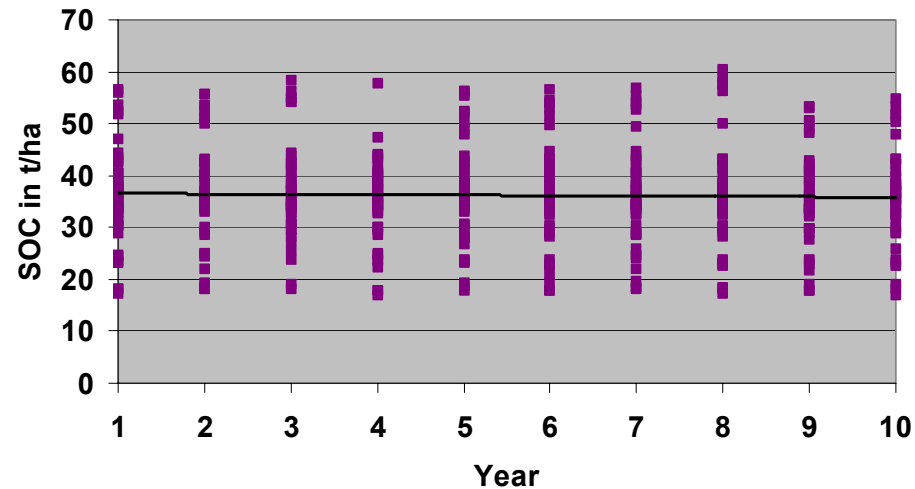
◆ conventional tillage



■ minimum tillage



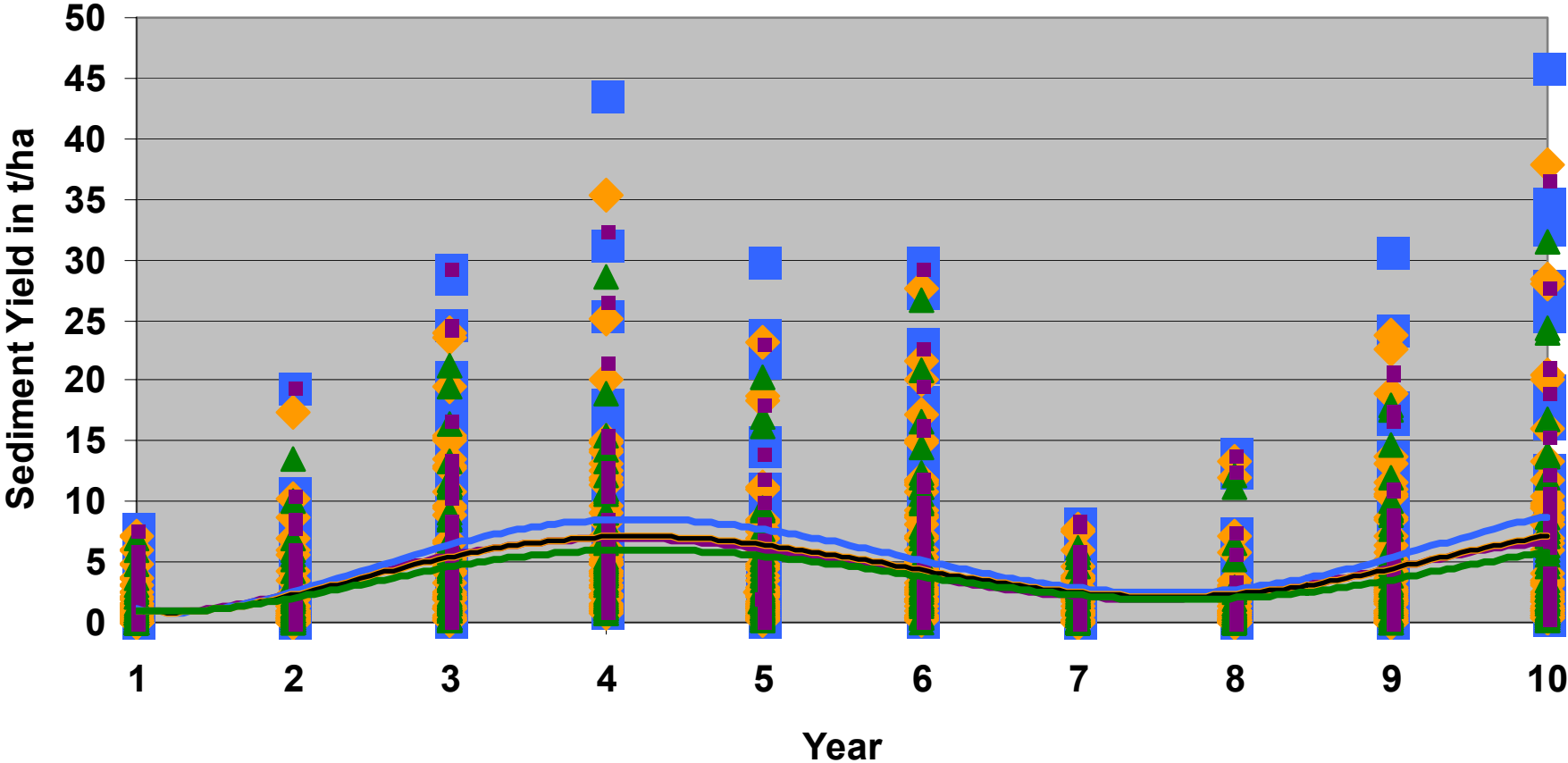
■ reduced tillage



■ winter cover crops

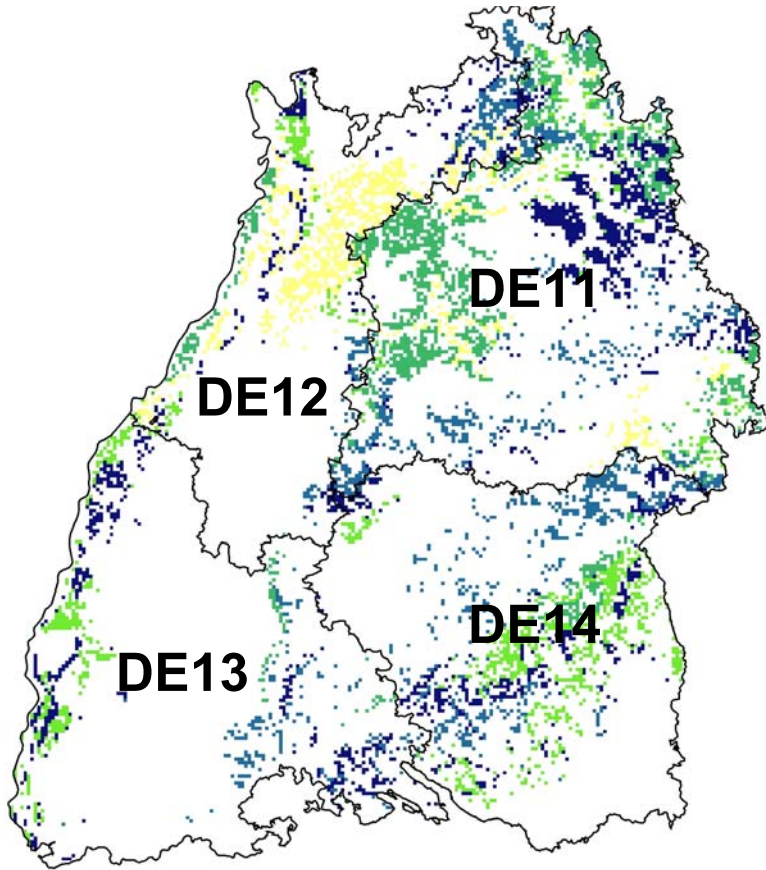


# Annual Sediment Yields



■ conventional tillage    ◆ reduced tillage    ▲ minimum tillage    ■ winter cover crops

# Potential reduction in Sediment Yield when changing from conventional to minimum tillage in %

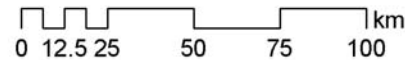
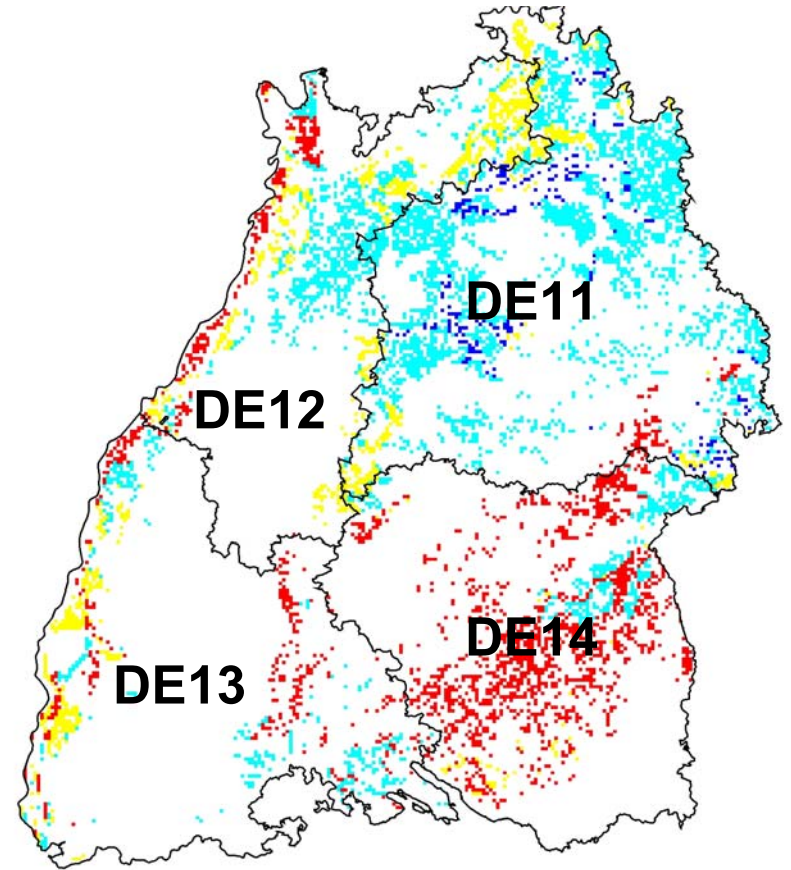


## Legend

Decrease in %



# Potential SOC sequestration when changing from conventional to minimum tillage in %



## Legend

Increase in %





# Model Output Presentation with Output Response Functions

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**Regression Model (OLS) using Dummy Variables**

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 M_1 + \dots + \beta_3 M_3 + \varepsilon$$

**where  $M_1, \dots, M_3$  are alternative management practices that are represented by dummy variables (0,1)**



# Management Impact on Crop Yields, Sediment Yield, and SOC

## Production Indicators

	Unit	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\beta_3$
Winter Wheat	t/ha	5.9	-0.17	-0.23	+0.02
Sugar Beet	t/ha	47.0	-5.61	-8.37	-2.78
Corn	t/ha	6.8	-0.02	-0.41	-0.02
Corn Silage	t/ha	48.3	-1.80	-3.70	-1.06
Winter Barley	t/ha	5.6	-0.39	-0.44	-0.02
Spring Barley	t/ha	5.2	-0.34	-0.52	-0.09
Potatoes	t/ha	24.7	-0.21	-1.68	-0.15

## Environmental Indicators

	Unit	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\beta_3$
Sediment Yield	t/ha	5.11	-0.81	-1.45	-0.96
SOC in Soil Profile	t/ha	35.5	2.26	2.76	0.71



## Summary

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- **The developed HRU methodology environmental impact analyses with EPIC at EU scale using existing data and information systems.**
- **A gradual reduction in crop residue mixing using different tillage systems can reduce sediment yields by up to 30% and sequester SOC by up to 8% in average.**
- **An introduction of winter cover crops in crop rotation systems can reduce sediment yields by 20% and sequesters SOC by 2% in average.**
- **The impact of alternative management practices on crop yields can range between +1% and -18% in average.**