

# **Towards a Systemic Analysis of Impacts of Climate Change on Agricultural Production in Nigeria**

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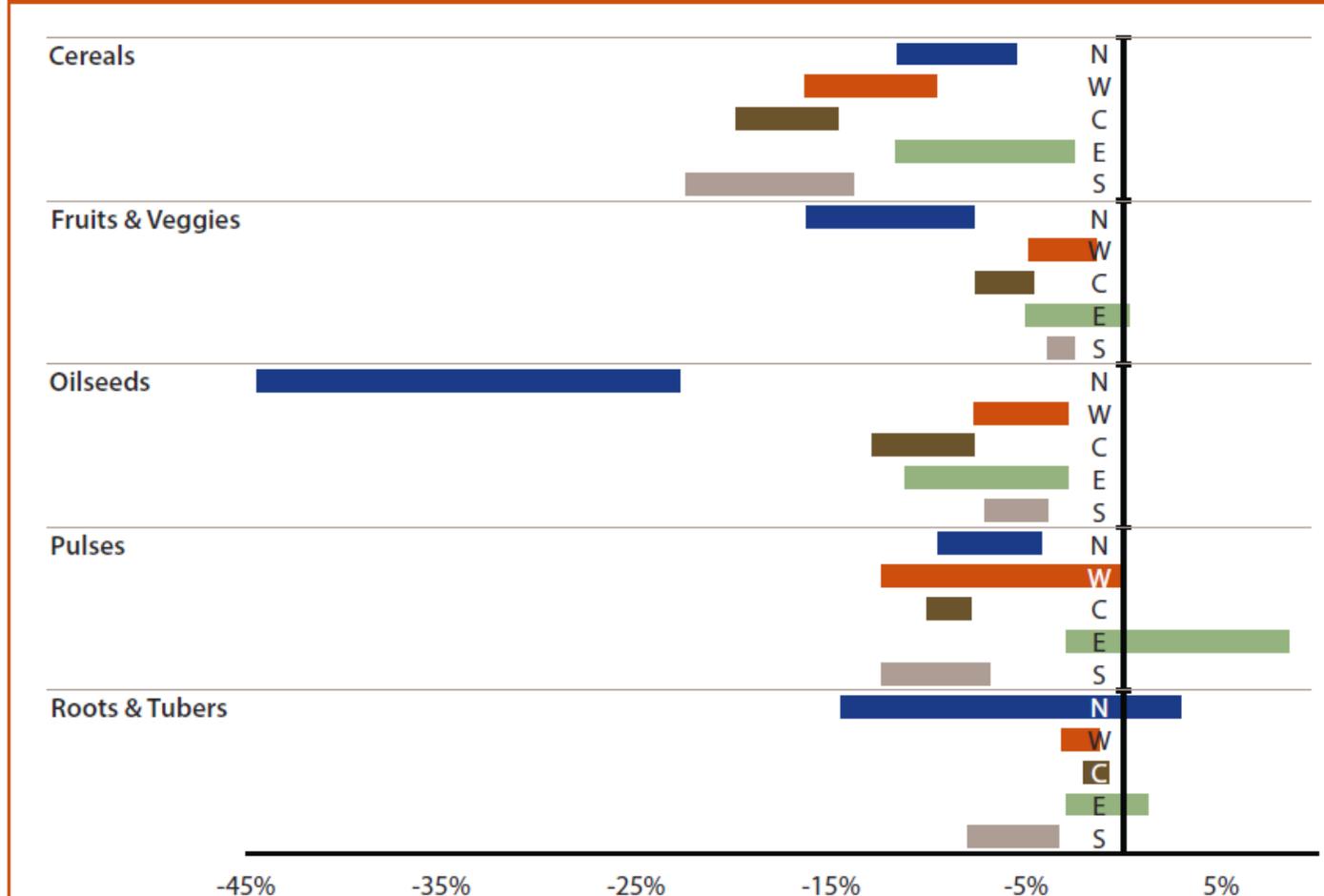
# How will climate change impact agricultural production in Nigeria?

- Uncertainty
- Integrate local knowledge with international data/literature
- Feedback mechanisms
- Test policies/strategies
- Climate change in context of other changes



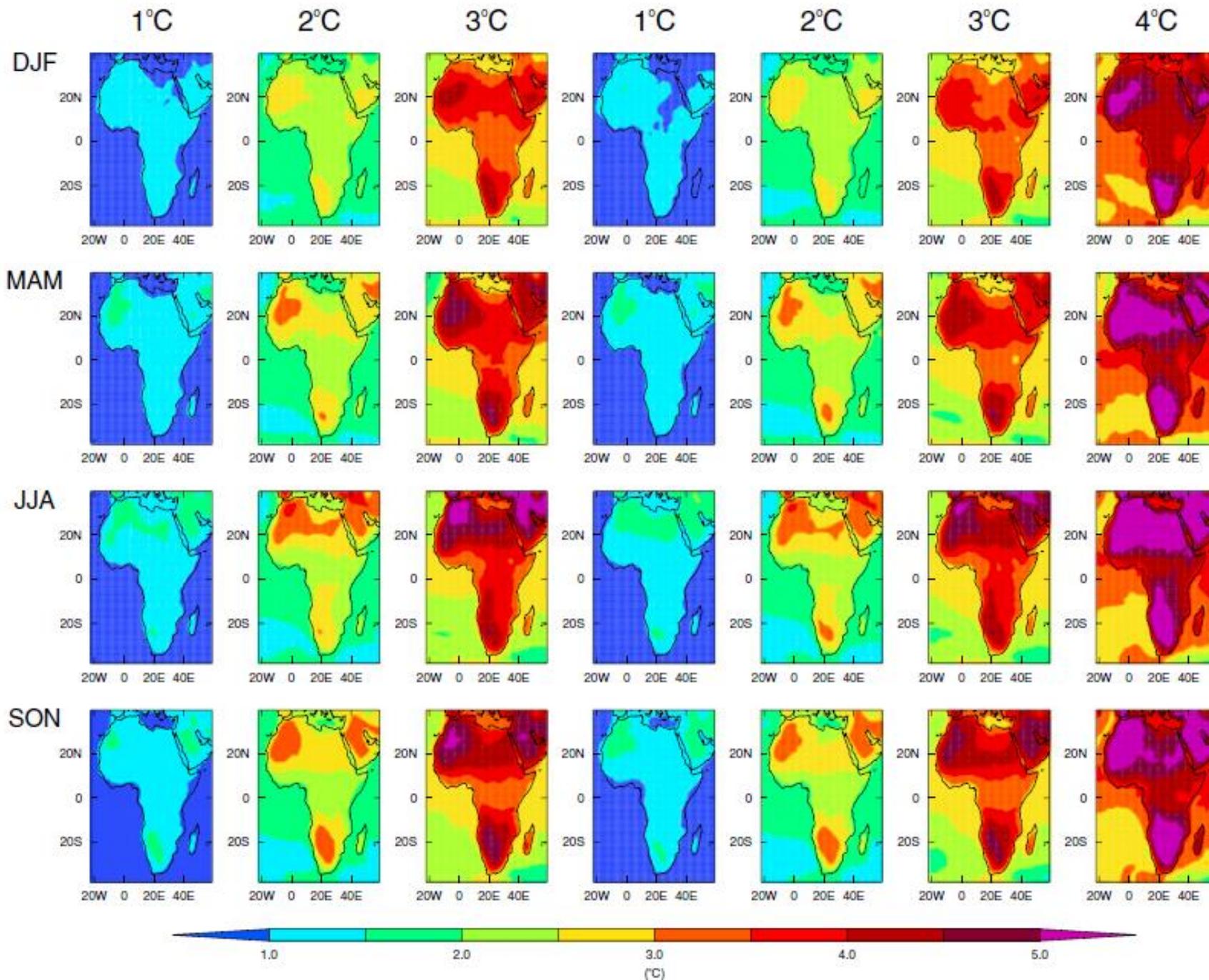
# IFPRI IMPACT Model Results

**FIGURE 2.5—RANGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON AGGREGATE COMMODITY YIELDS FOR RESAKSS REGIONS**



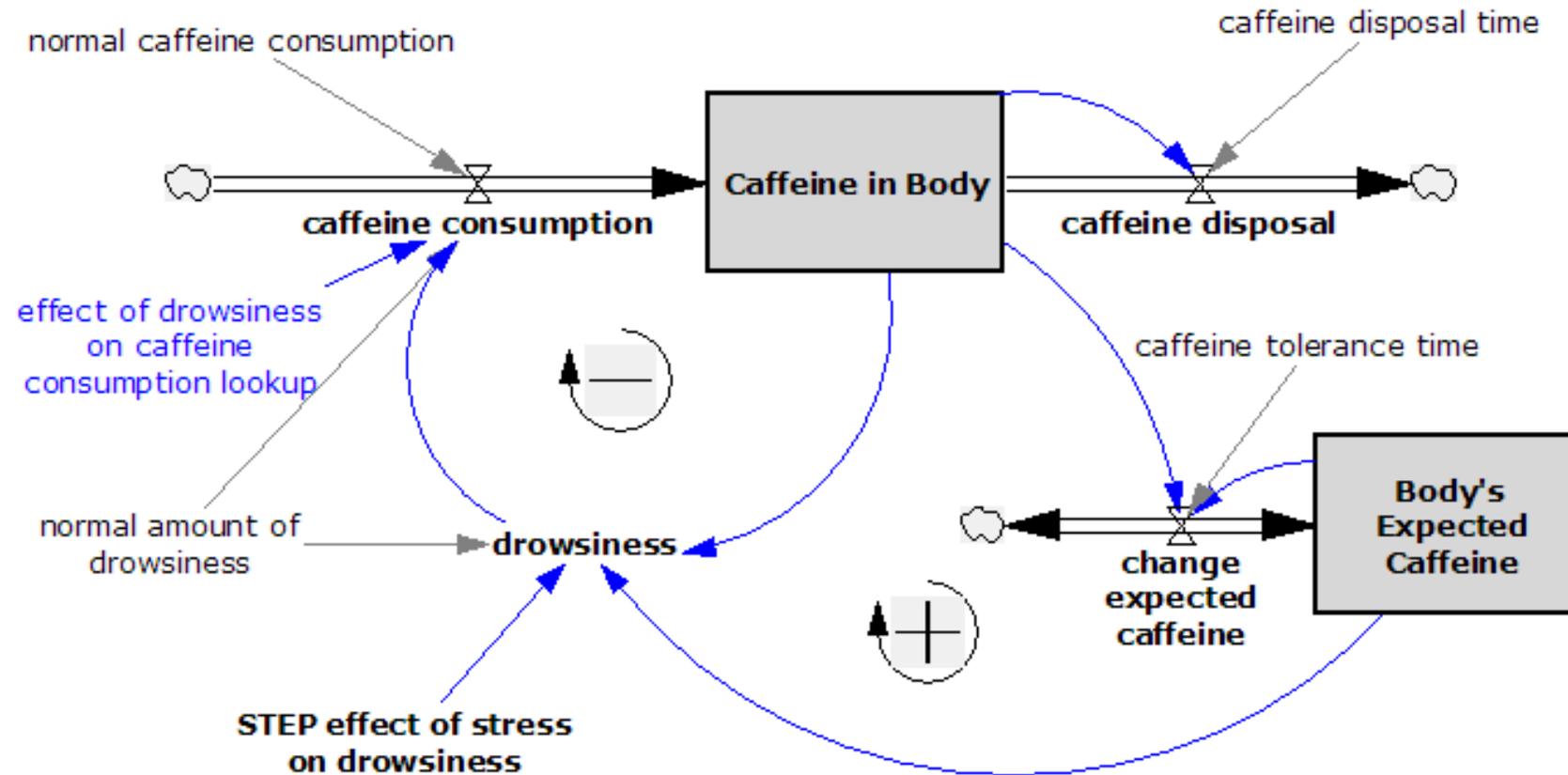
Source: Authors, IMPACT Baseline Projections 3.2, July 2015.

Note: For North (N), West (W), Central (C), East (E), and Southern (S) ResAKSS regions.



Source: R. James & R. Washington. 2013. Changes in African temperature and precipitation associated with degrees of global warming. *Climatic Change* 117: 859-872.

# What is system dynamics modeling?



Key attributes: *feedback, stocks and flows, nonlinearity*

# ‘The one who models is the one who learns’

- Justice
- Buy-in
- Robust scientific conclusions
- Social learning



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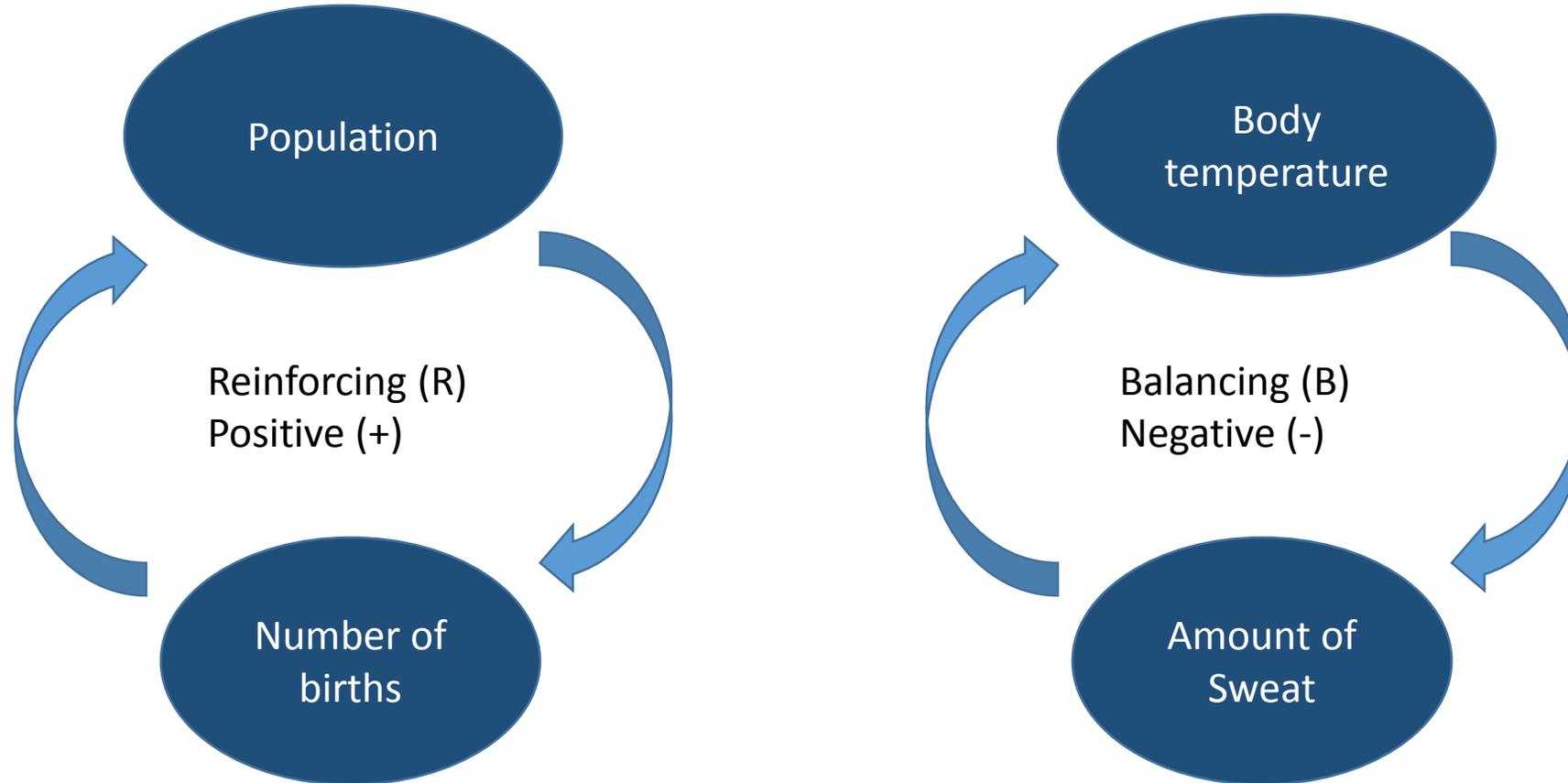
# Types of Modeling Used in Participatory Research

- Scenario planning
- Fuzzy cognitive mapping
- Participatory GIS/mapping
- Role-playing games
- System dynamics
- Bayesian modeling
- Social network analysis
- Agent-based modeling
- Process-based modeling

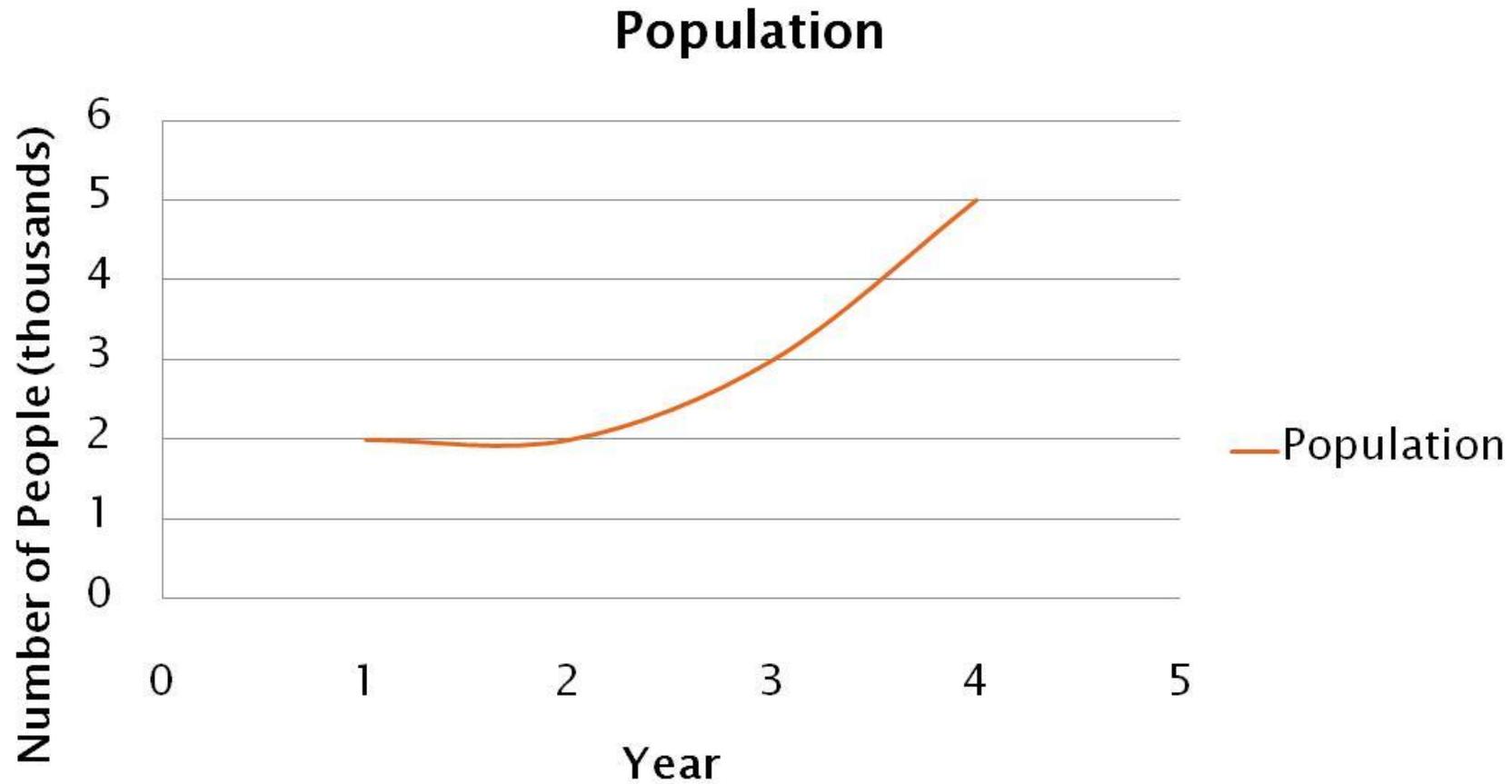


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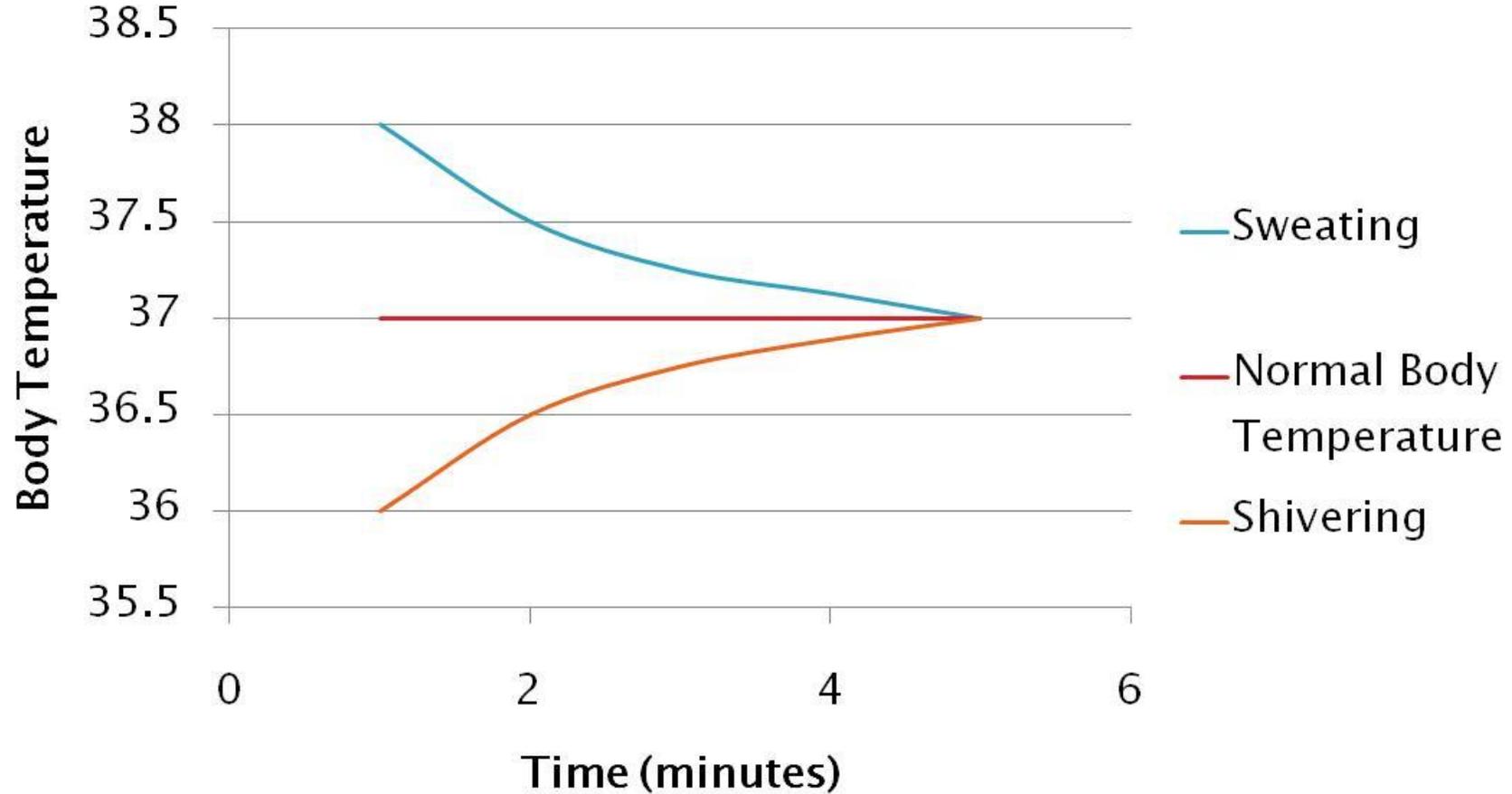
# System dynamics modeling: feedback



# Systems with reinforcing loops tend to exhibit exponential growth



# Systems with Balancing Loops tend to achieve equilibrium





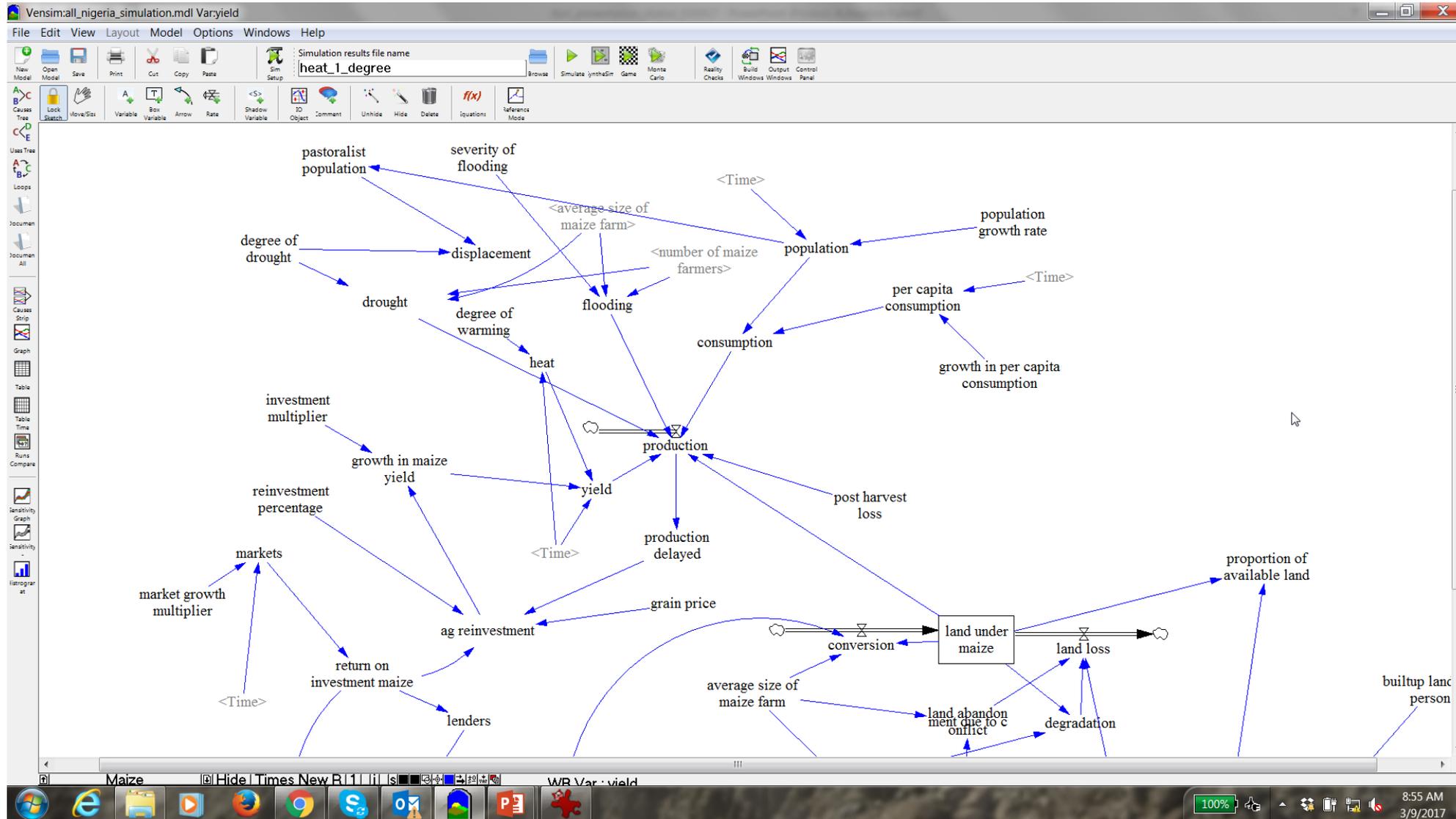


# Model

- Scale
  - National
  - ~2 representative states (Kaduna? & South-South)
- Crops
  - Maize, cassava, rice, ?
- Stakeholder consultation
  - Academics, state ministers, private sector, farmer orgs



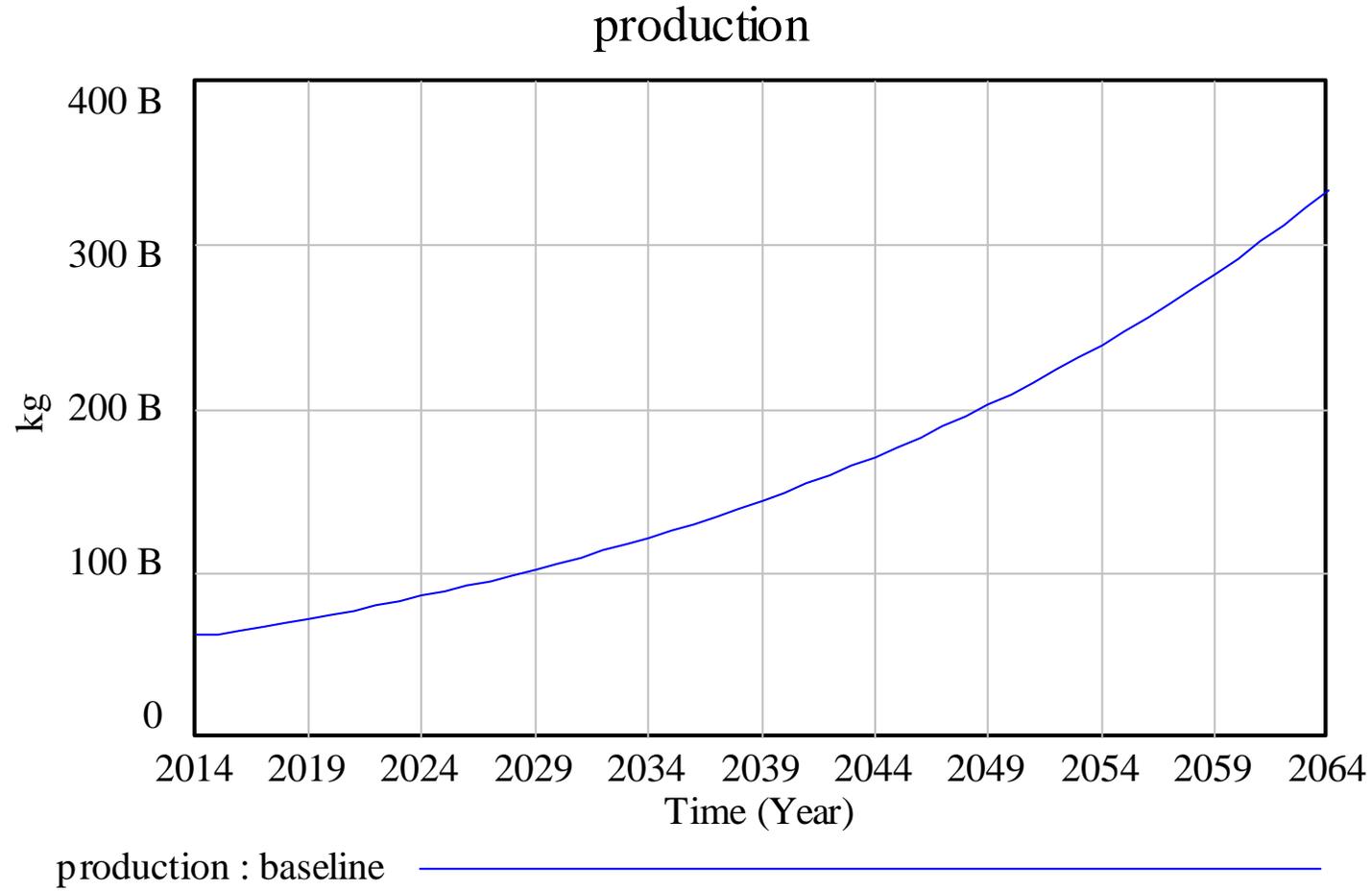
# Vensim® PLE Plus Software



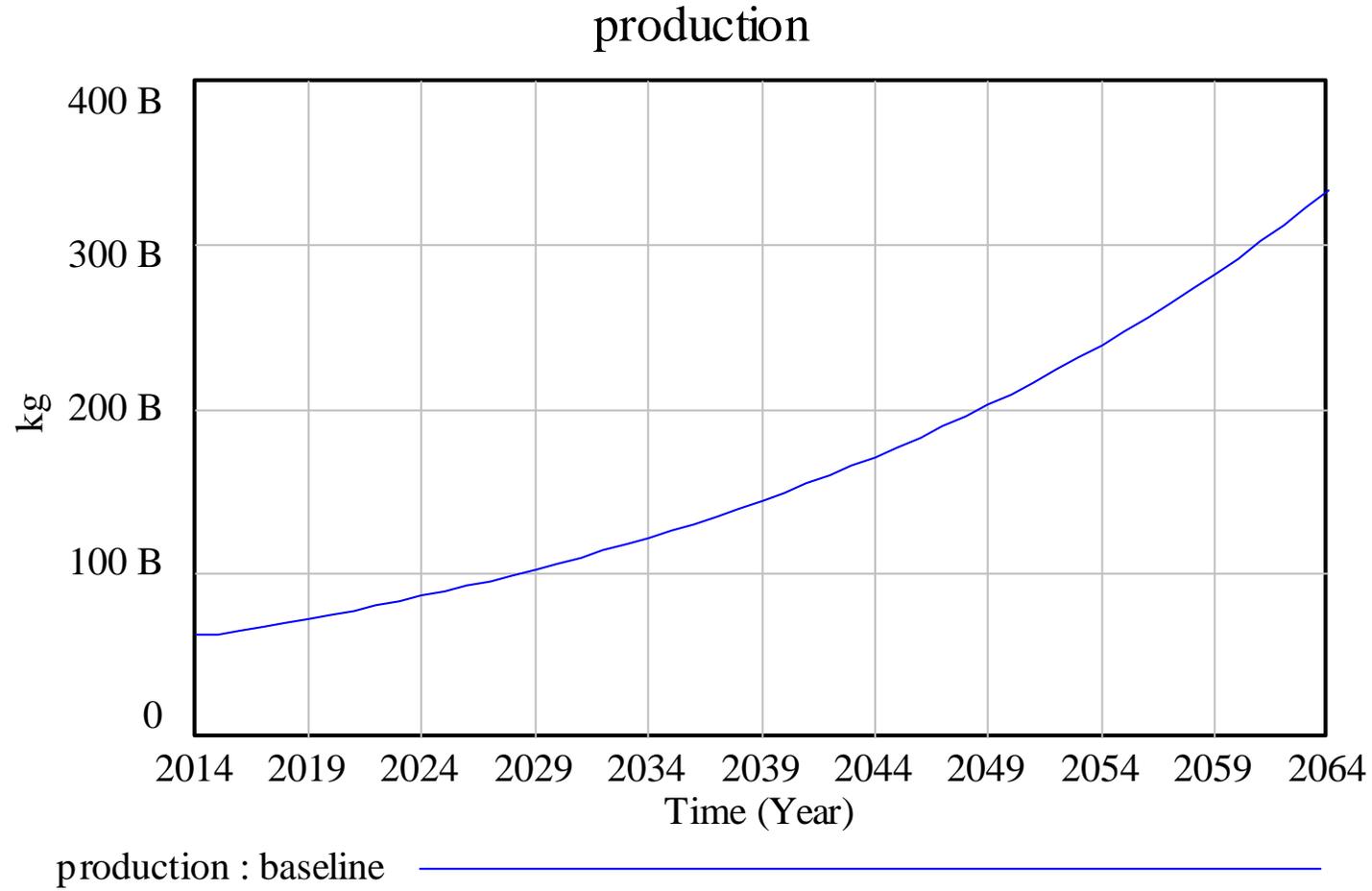
# Drivers

- Maize yield increase \* Area in maize = production
- Number of people farming \* proportion growing maize \* avg. farm size = Area in maize
- Population \* Per capita consumption = Maize consumption
- Net production = production - consumption
- Heat → Lower Yield
- Drought, Flooding, Land Conflict → Reduce productive area

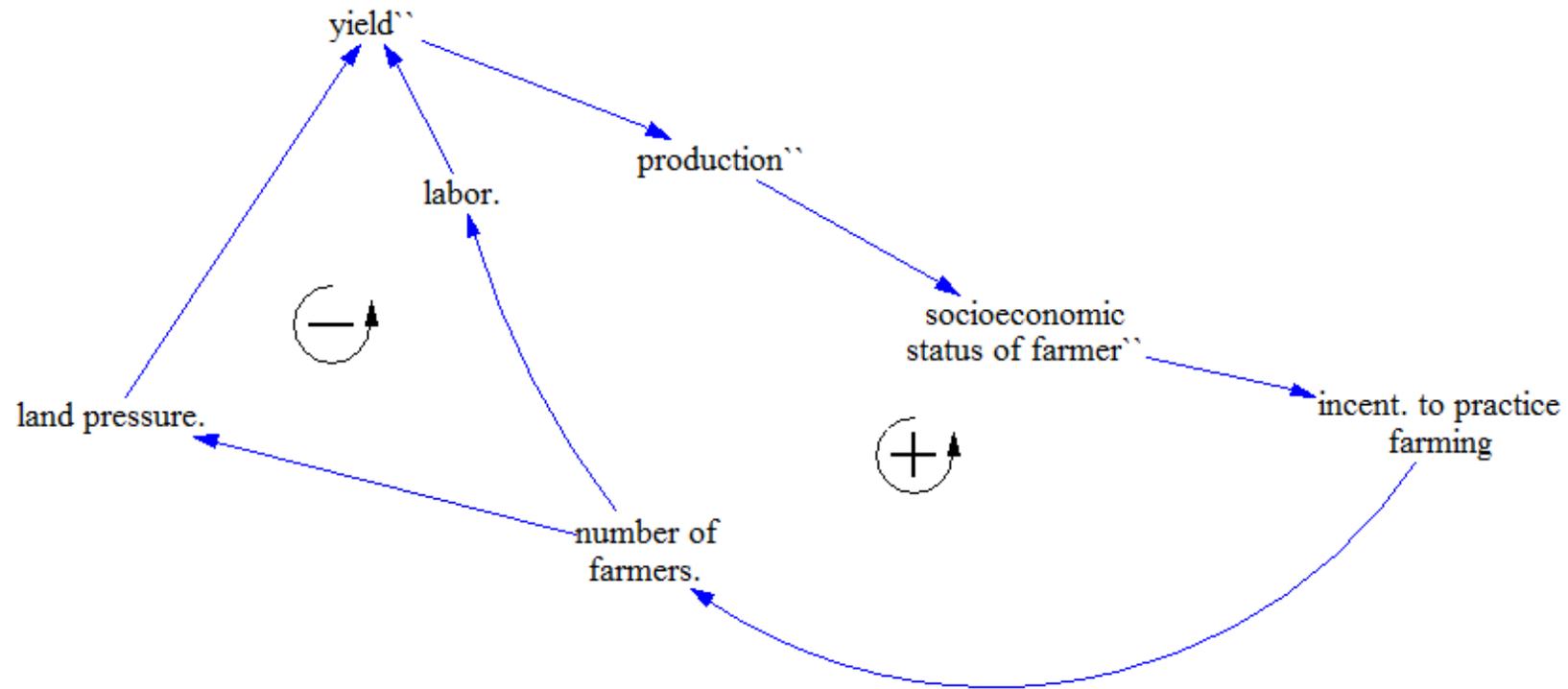
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# Labor/land pressure feedback loops (reinforcing & balancing)



# Conclusions

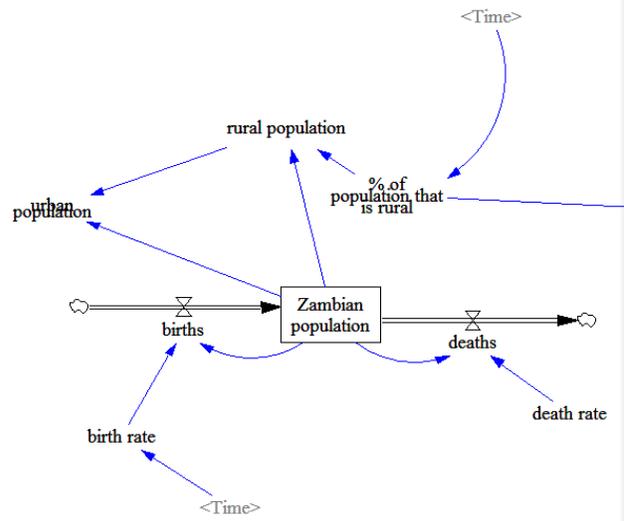
## According to Local Experts...

- Nine reinforcing FB loops keeping Nigerian agriculture in 'low productivity trap'
- Climate change may impact Nigerian ag. through heat, precip. changes, drought, flooding, pests & diseases, conflict
- Other types of environmental degradation important



# Next Steps

## Quantitative SD



A screenshot of the 'Edit: Zambian population' software window. The window is divided into several sections:

- Variable Information:** Name: Zambian population, Type: Level, Sub-Type: (empty), Units: people, Check Units: (checked), Supplementary: (unchecked).
- Equation Editor:** Contains the equation:  $\text{INTEG}(\text{scape model v5 06 10}, \text{Min}, \text{Max}) - \text{births-deaths}$ .
- Initial Value:** 1.3217e+007.
- Functions:** A list of mathematical functions including ABS, DELAY FIXED, DELAY1, DELAY11, DELAY3, DELAY3I, EXP, GET 123 CONSTANTS, GET 123 DATA, GET 123 LOOKUPS, and GET DIRECT CONSTANTS.
- Keypad Buttons:** A grid of buttons for mathematical symbols and operators.
- Variables:** A list of variables including Zambian population, births, and deaths.
- Causes:** A list of causes.
- Comment:** Data from 2010 Zambian census 1.70773e+006.
- Errors:** Equation OK.

115 Geopolitical Regions X 126 Water Basins



281 "Food Producing Units"



## IFPRI IMPACT Model

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