

“EL NIÑO SOUTHERN OSCILLATION” (ENSO) INFLUENCE ON SOYBEAN YIELDS

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World soybean (*Glycine max.* L. Merrill) production has significantly increased during the last two decades, jumping from about 108 million metric tons, in 1990, to more than 260 million metric tons, in 2010. Due to climate change, “El Niño Southern Oscillation” (Enso) phases have increased in frequency, producing an oscillating pattern with no equivalent in the near past. Very intense “El Niño” episodes, and double and triple “La Niña” episodes have become common. As most of the main soybean producing countries have been affected, this research was undertaken with the intention of exploring associations between soybean yield and the ENSO phases. Historical soybean yield data, from 1990 to 2010, from official government sources and the FAO, for Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, South Africa, the Ukraine, the United States of America, Uruguay, Africa Total, Northern America Total, South America Total, Asia Total, Europe Total and World Total, were employed. Yields were detrended to remove the effects of technological advances, and yield residuals were computed. It was observed that “El Niño” positively affects Argentina, Brazil, India and Paraguay, while it negatively affects China, the Russian Federation, South Africa and South America Total. Simple “La Niña” positively affects Canada, China, India and Africa Total, while it adversely affects Bolivia, the Russian Federation, South Africa and the Ukraine. Double “La Niña” proved to have the most intense effects, with Brazil, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Africa Total and Europe Total, being positively affected, and Argentina, Canada, India, Paraguay, Ukraine and Asia Total, being adversely affected. Significant Enso influence must be taken into consideration in technological innovation to help increase production during the expected climate change process. At the same time, signs of development of ENSO phases may be used as efficient tools in early yield forecasting.

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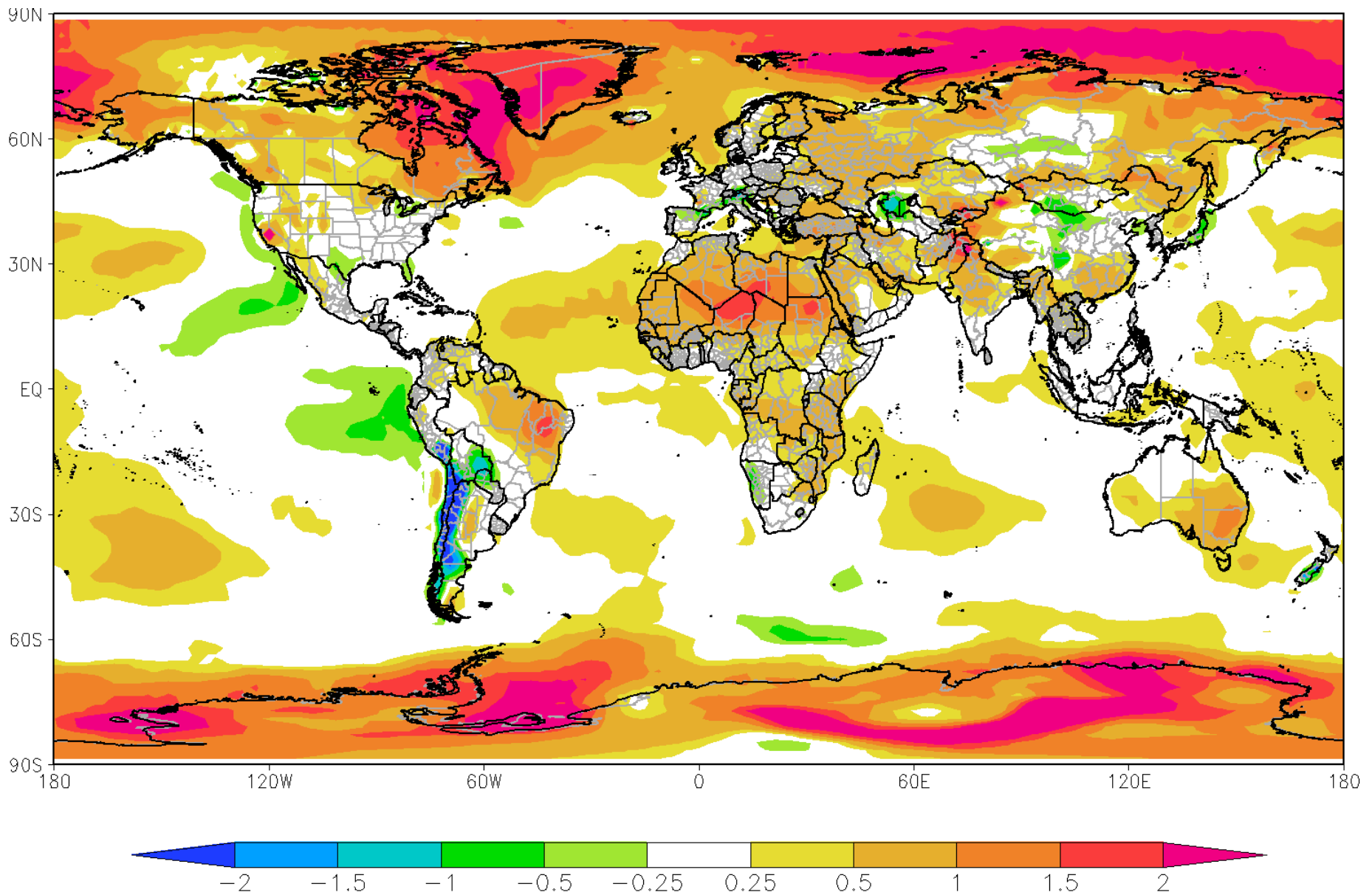
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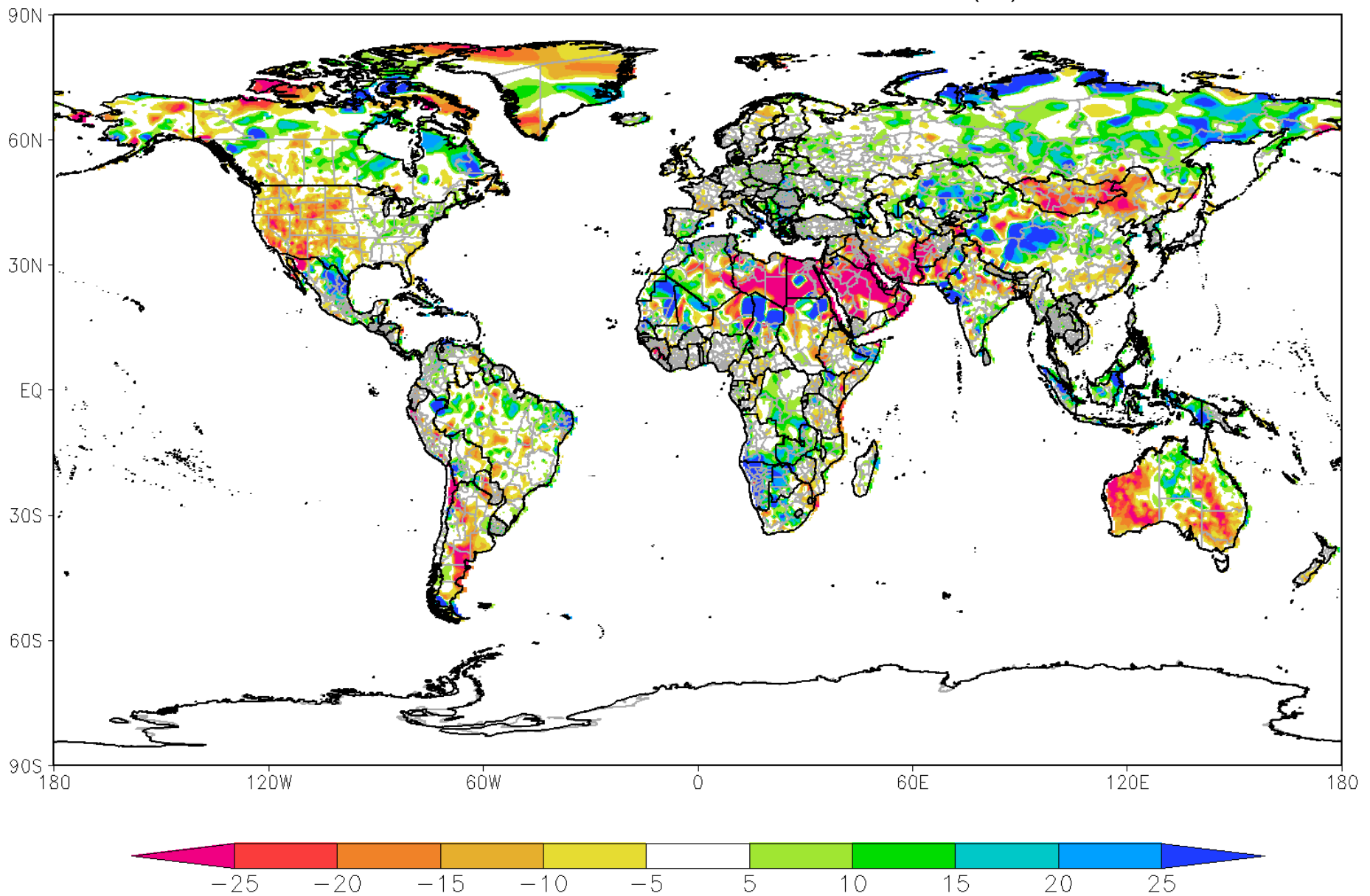
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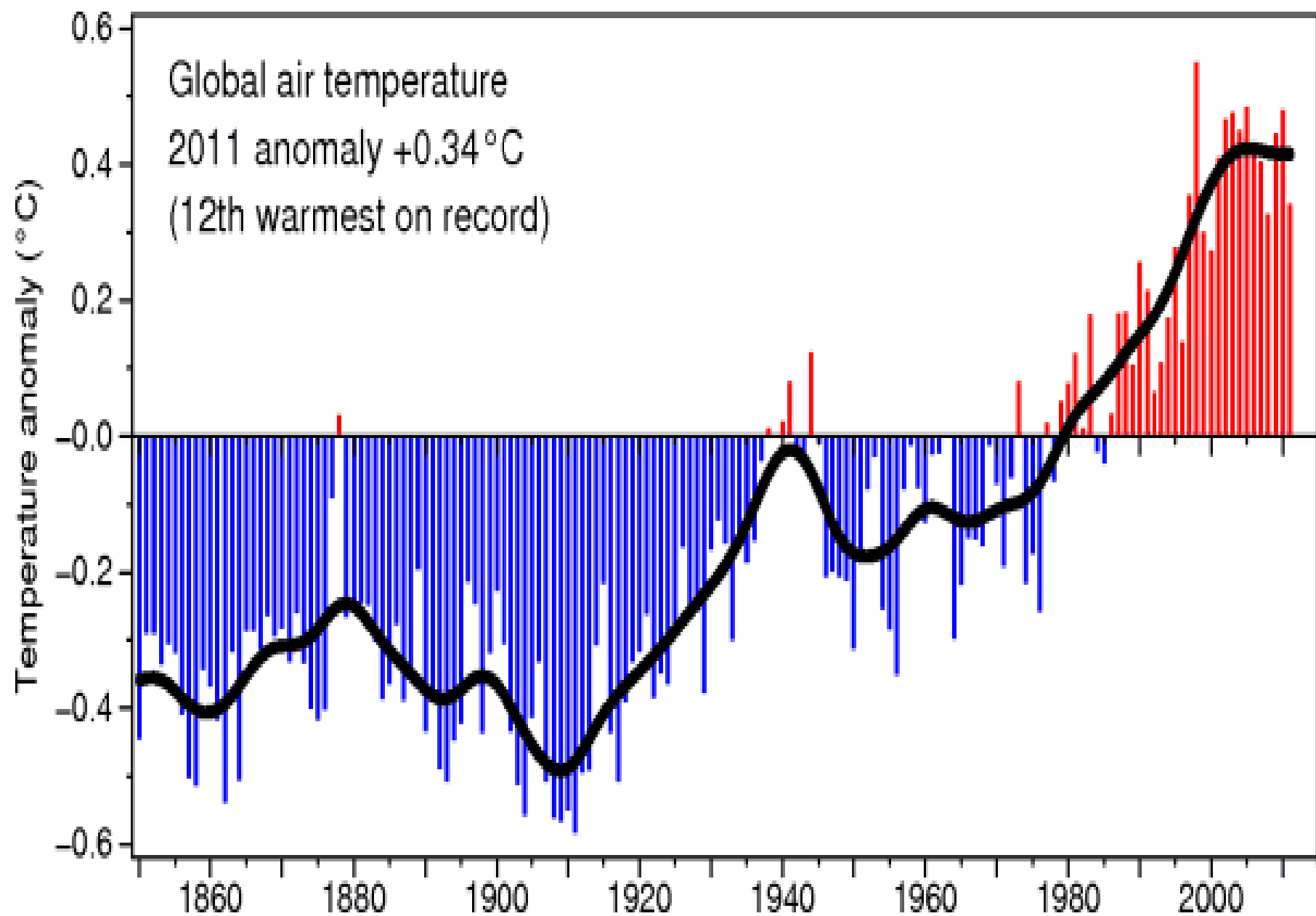
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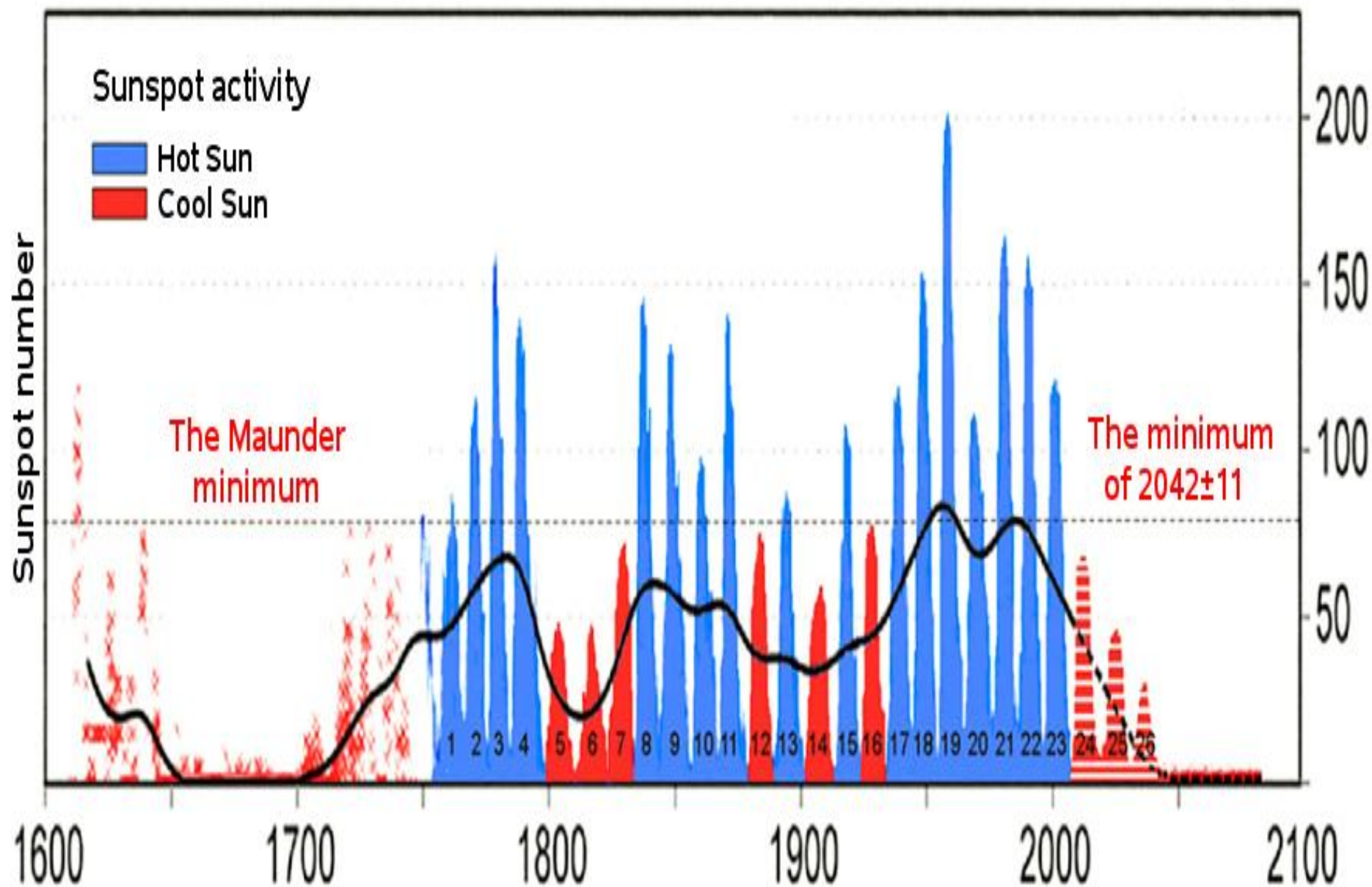
CHANGE IN SURFACE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE FROM THE 1990s TO THE 2000s (C)

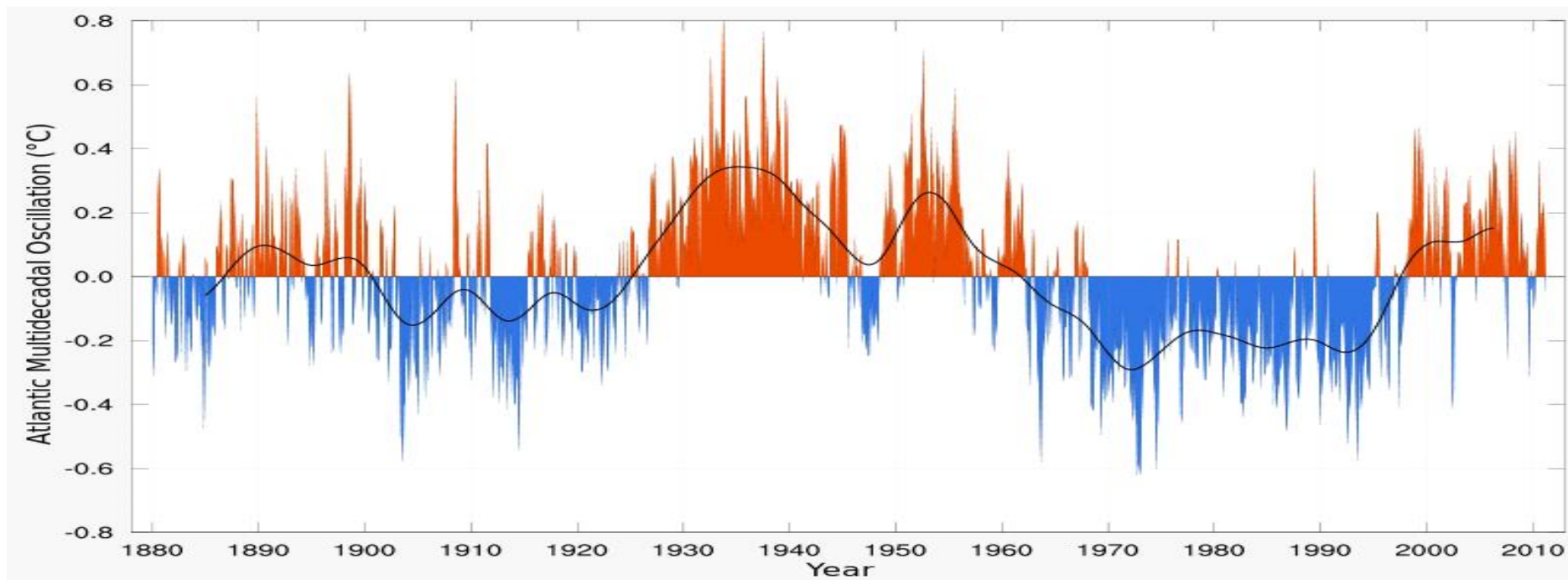
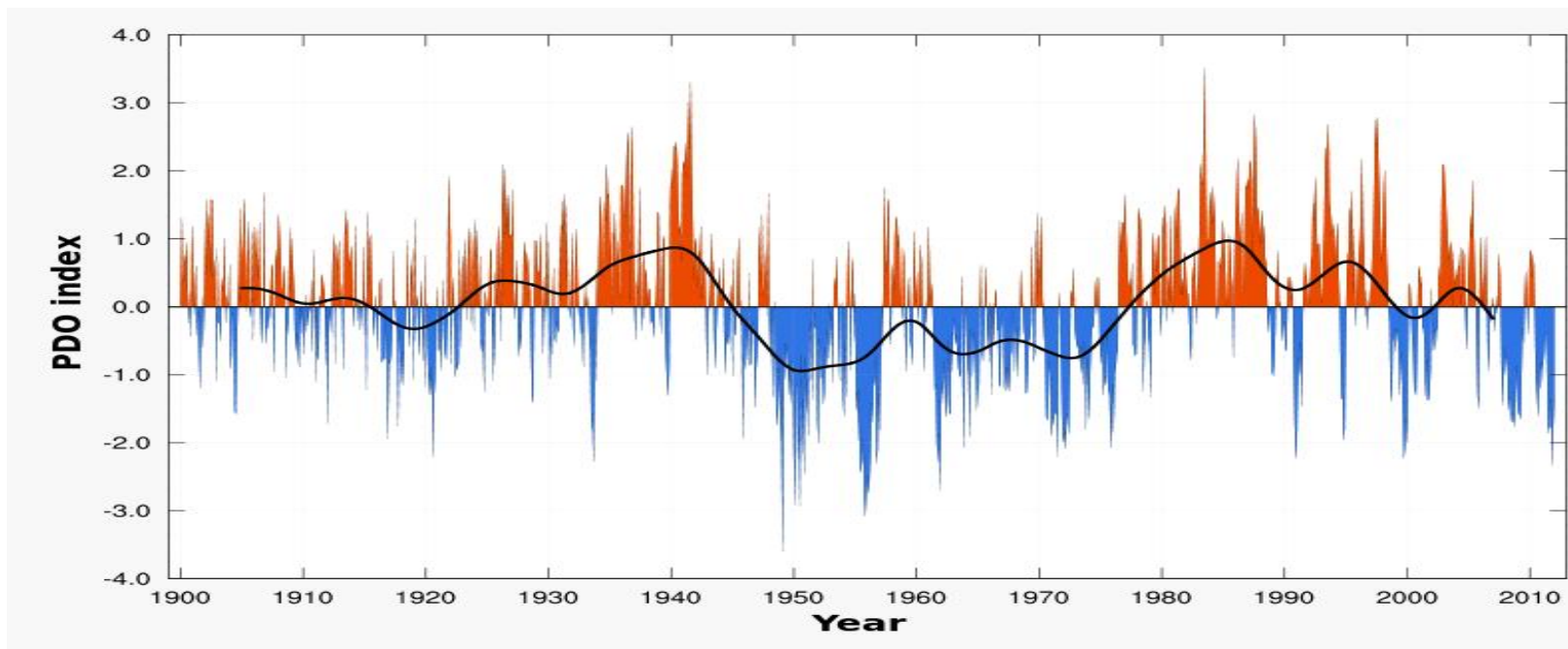


CHANGE IN AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL FROM THE 1990s TO THE 2000s (%)







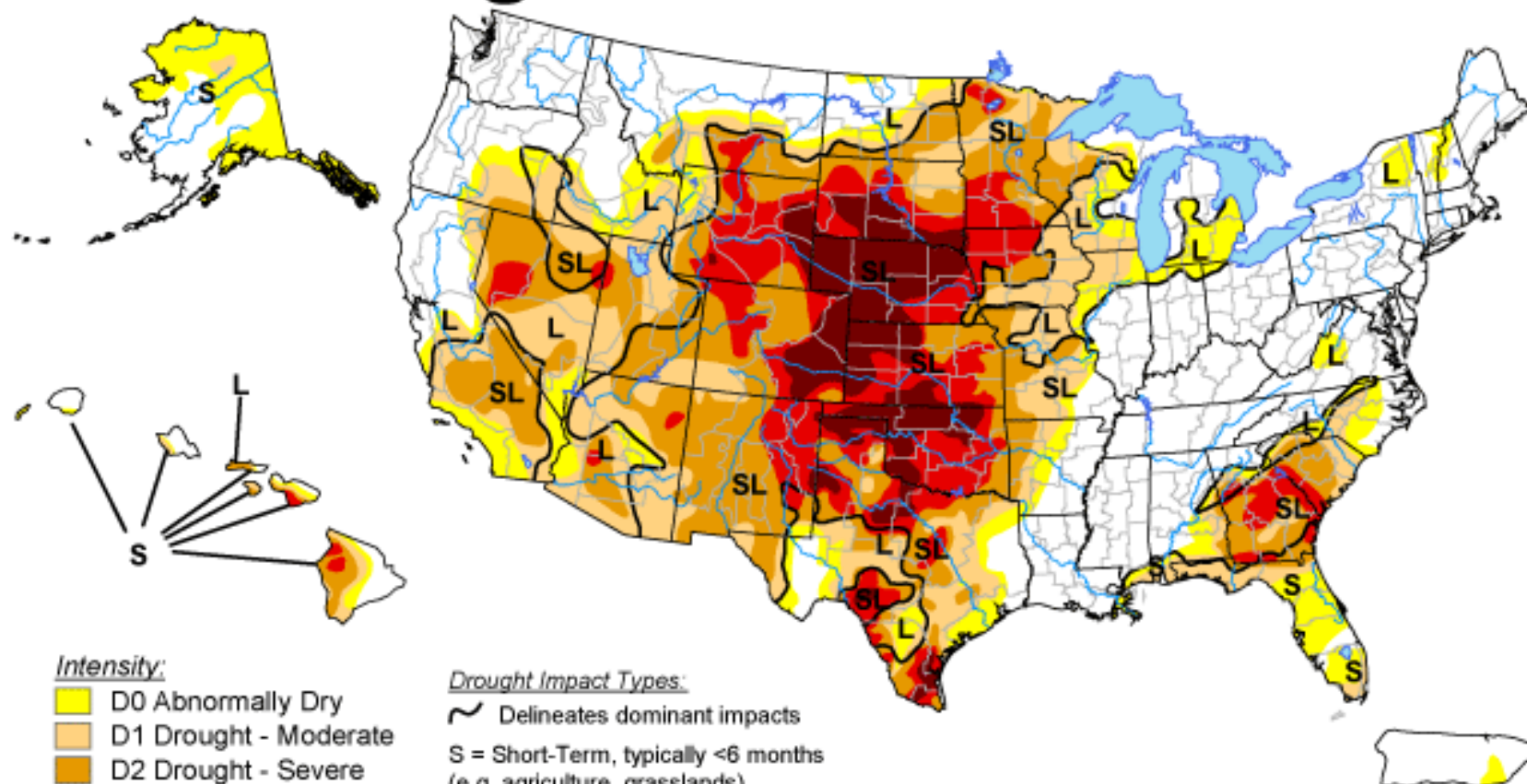




Texas, Black Sunday, April 14, 1935

U.S. Drought Monitor

February 12, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months
(e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months
(e.g. hydrology, ecology)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.
Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary
for forecast statements.

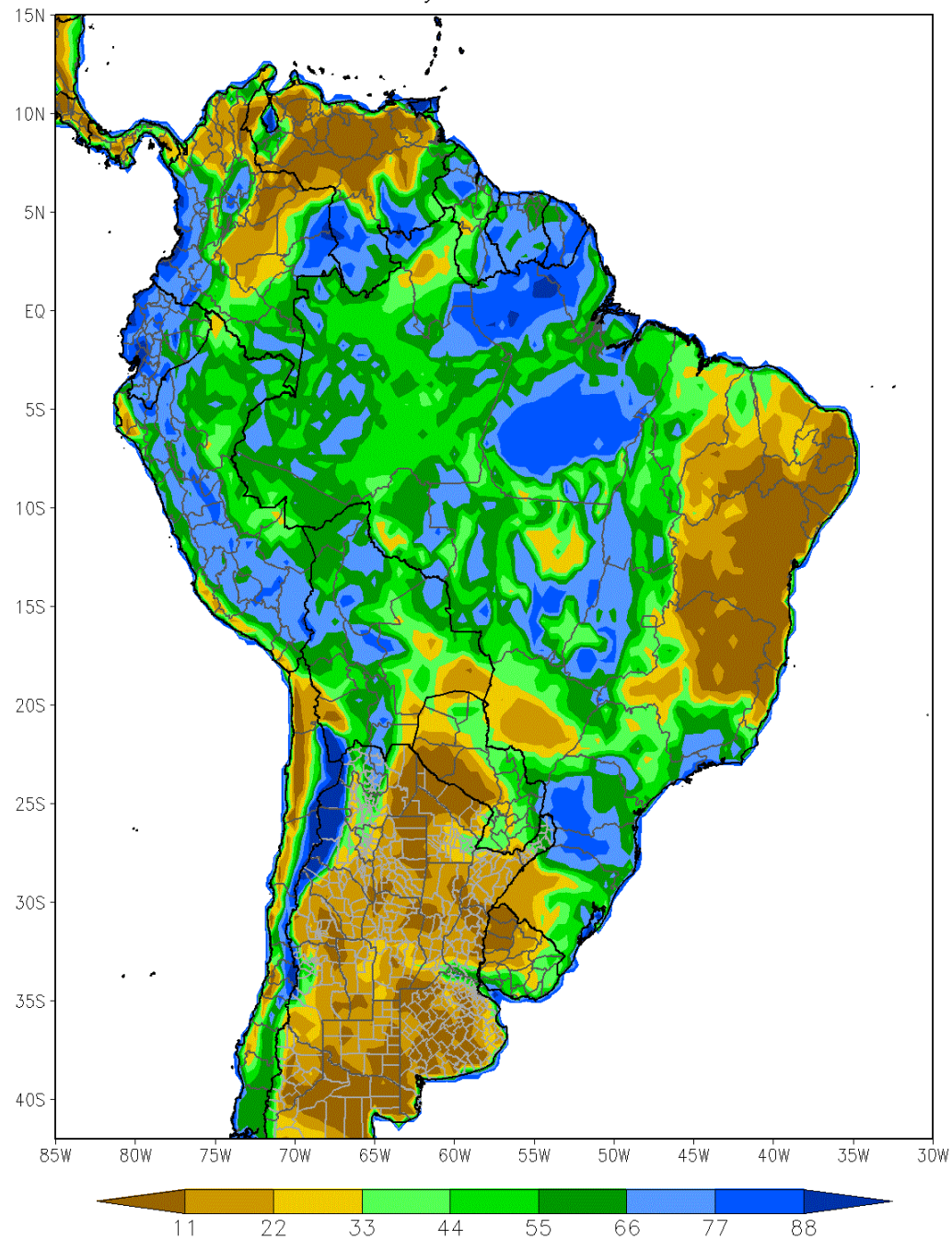
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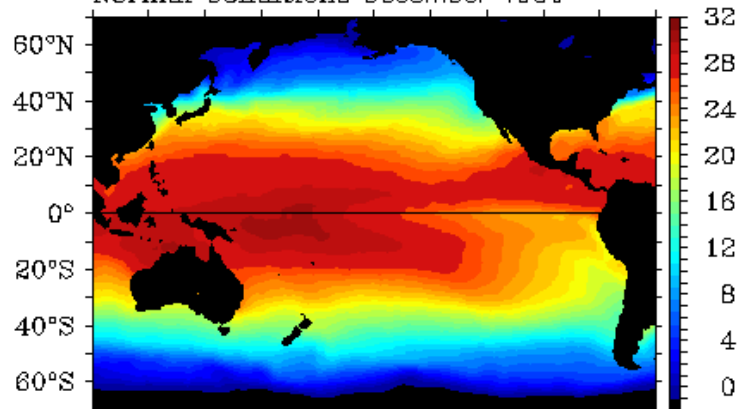
SOIL WATER CONTENT (%)
February 11–18 2013



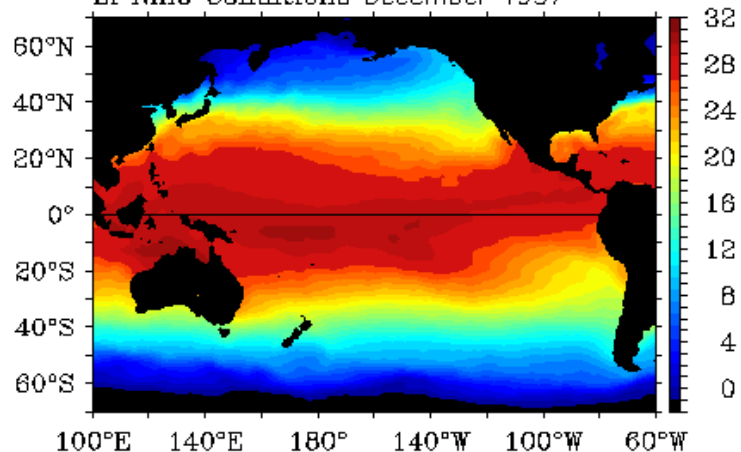
“EL NIÑO”

NORMAL

Normal Conditions December 1990

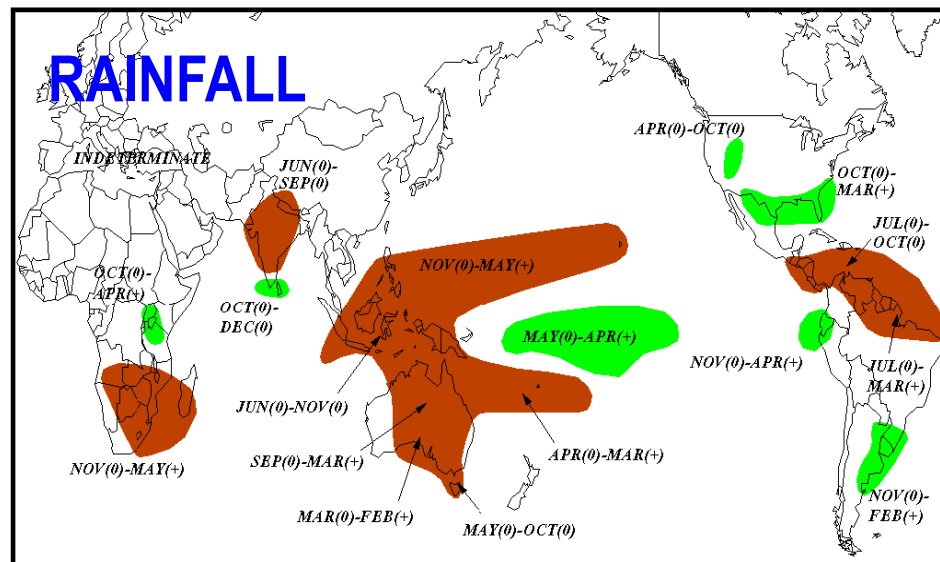


El Nino Conditions December 1997



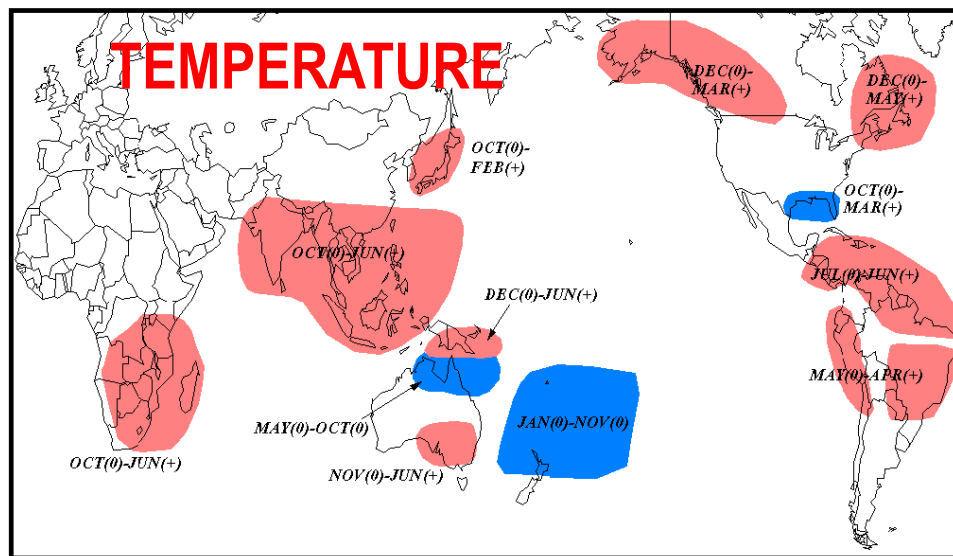
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“EL NIÑO”



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Source: Ropelewski and Halpert, 1987. Monthly Weather Review, (115) p. 1606-1626.

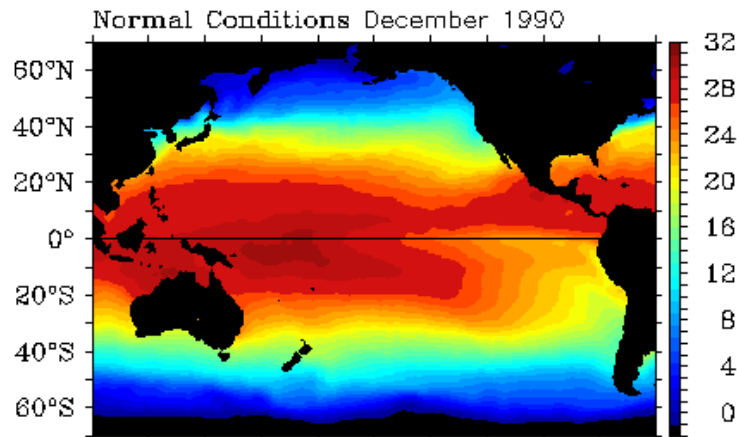
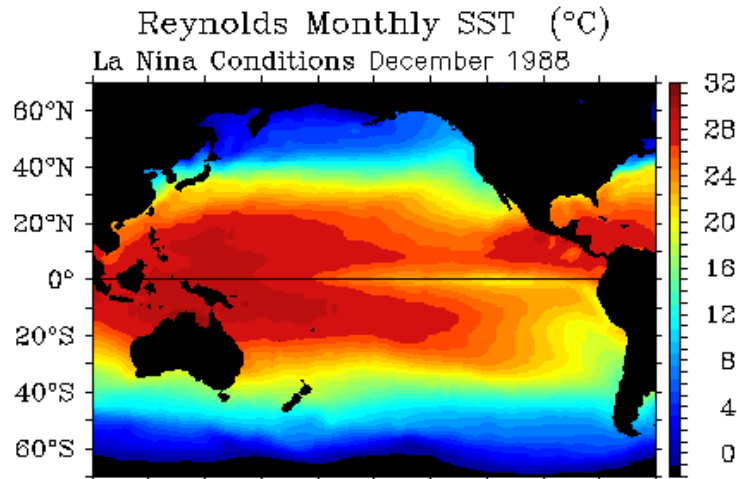


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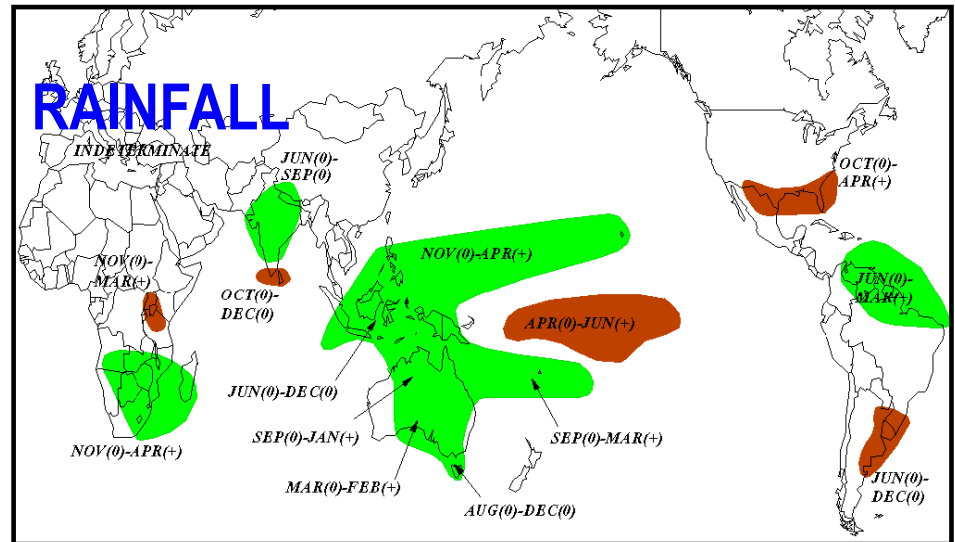
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EFFECTOS DE “LA NIÑA”

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NORMAL



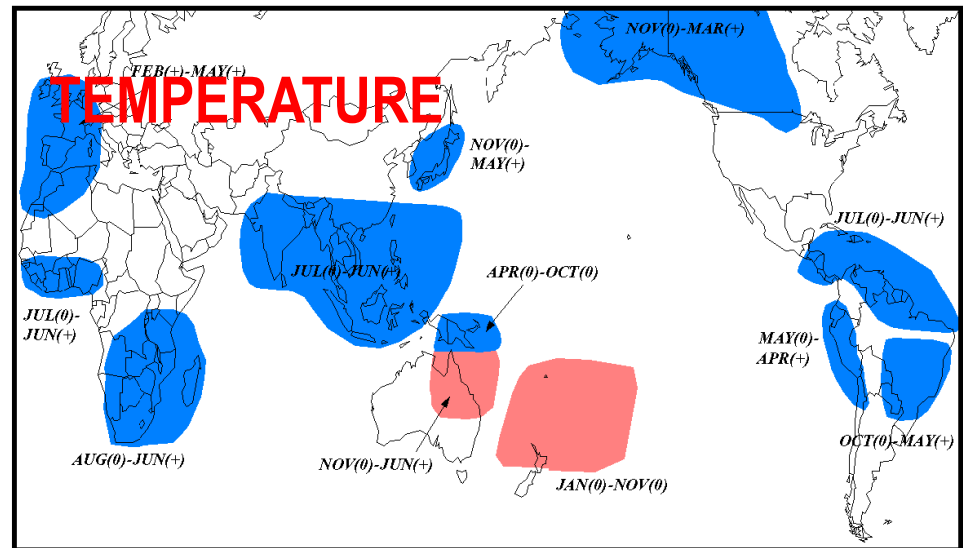
WET

DRY

(0) = YEAR OF LA NIÑA

(+) = YEAR FOLLOWING LA NIÑA

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WARM

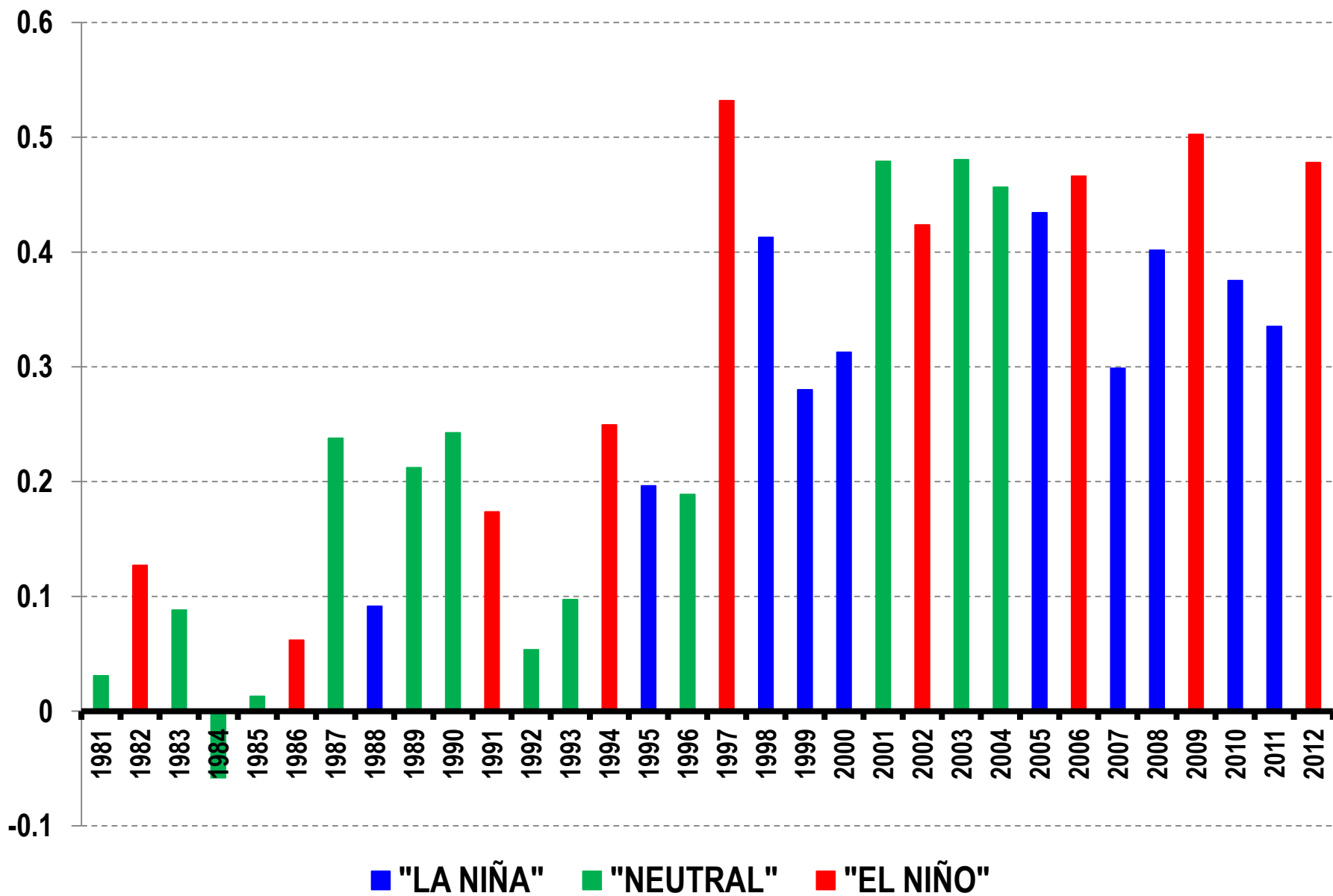
COOL

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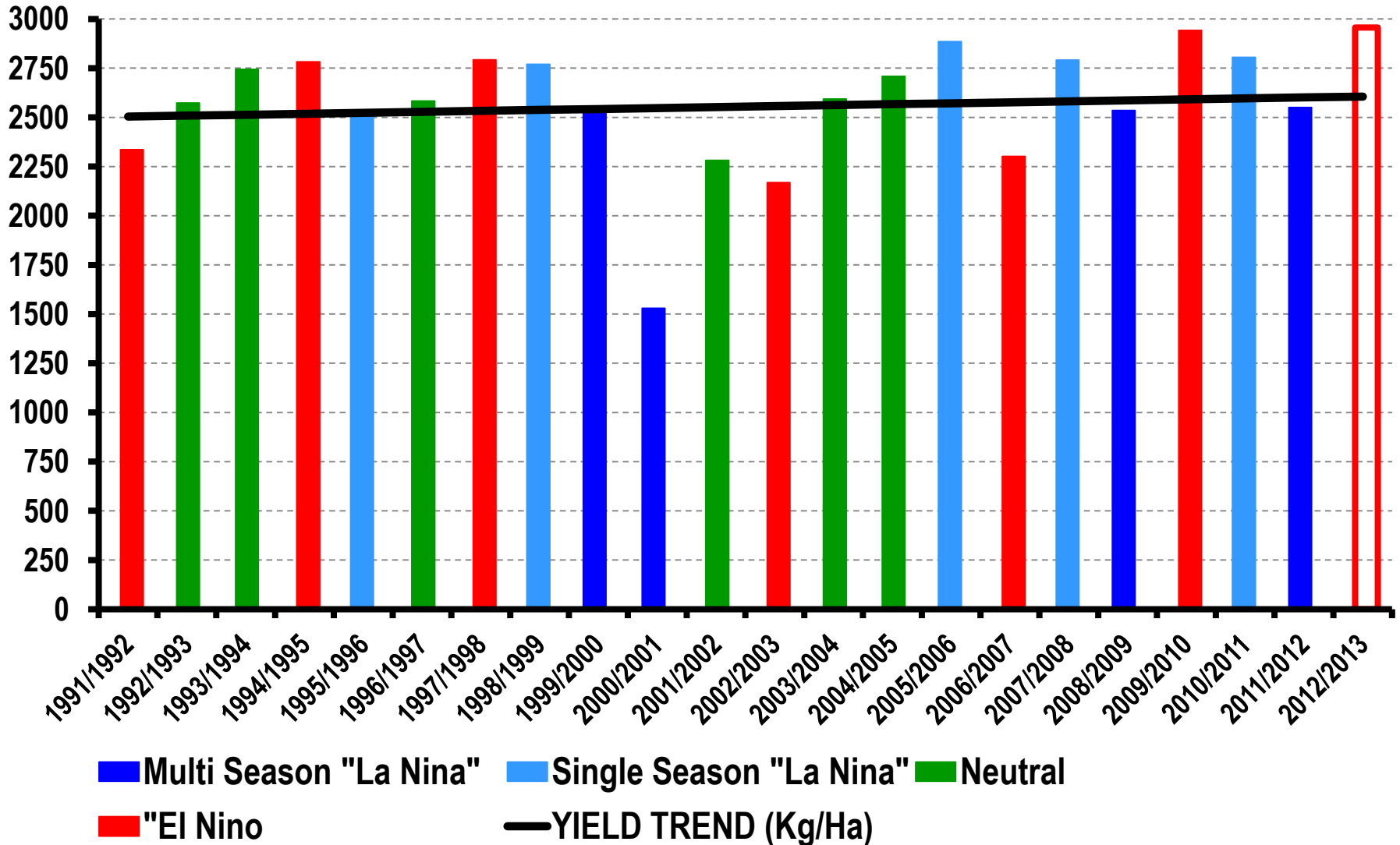
ANOMALIA GLOBAL DE TEMPERATURA ABRIL-MARZO (°C)



CANADA SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Kg/Ha)

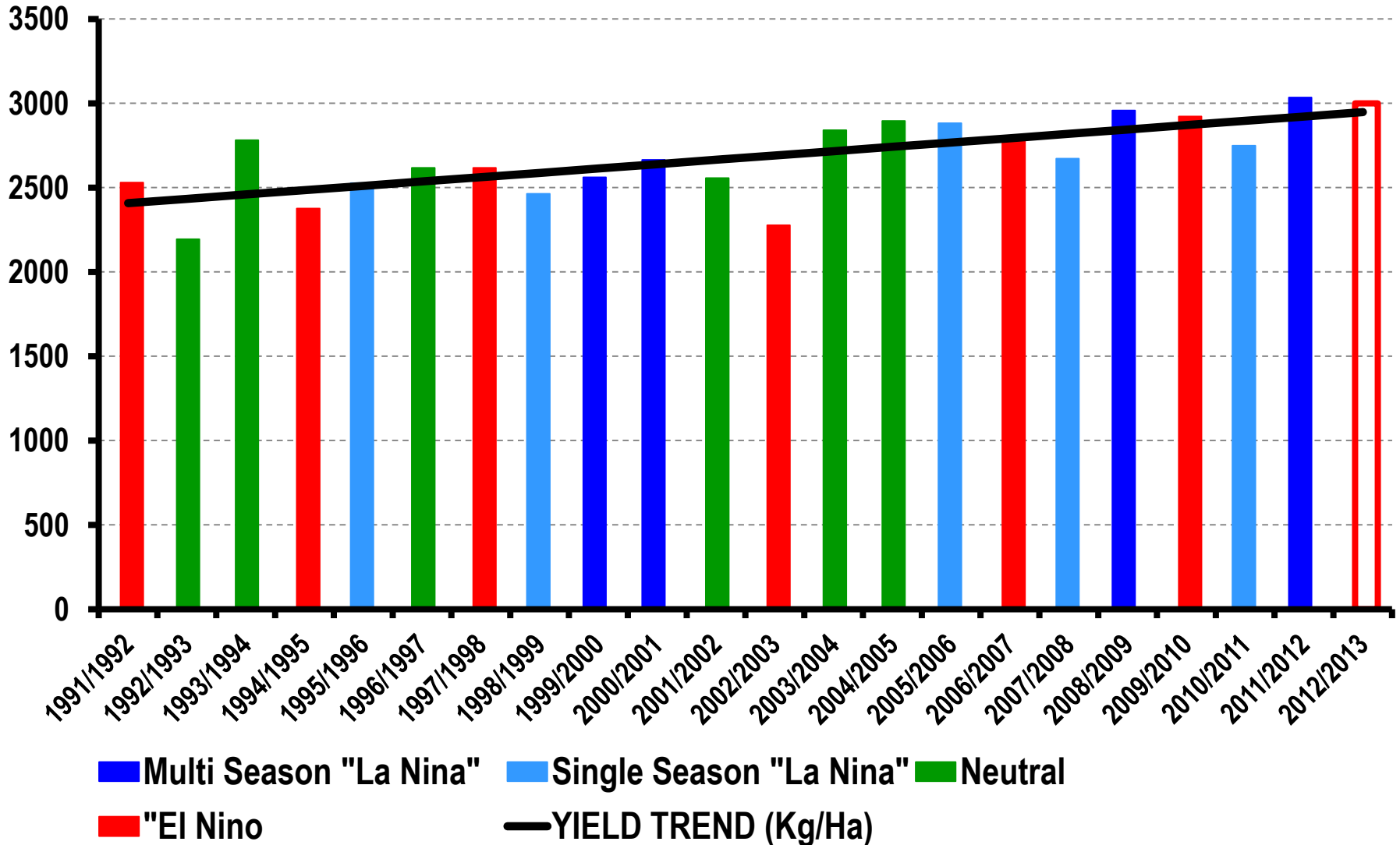
$r = 0.084$; Increase = 4.9 Kg/Ha Year



USA SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

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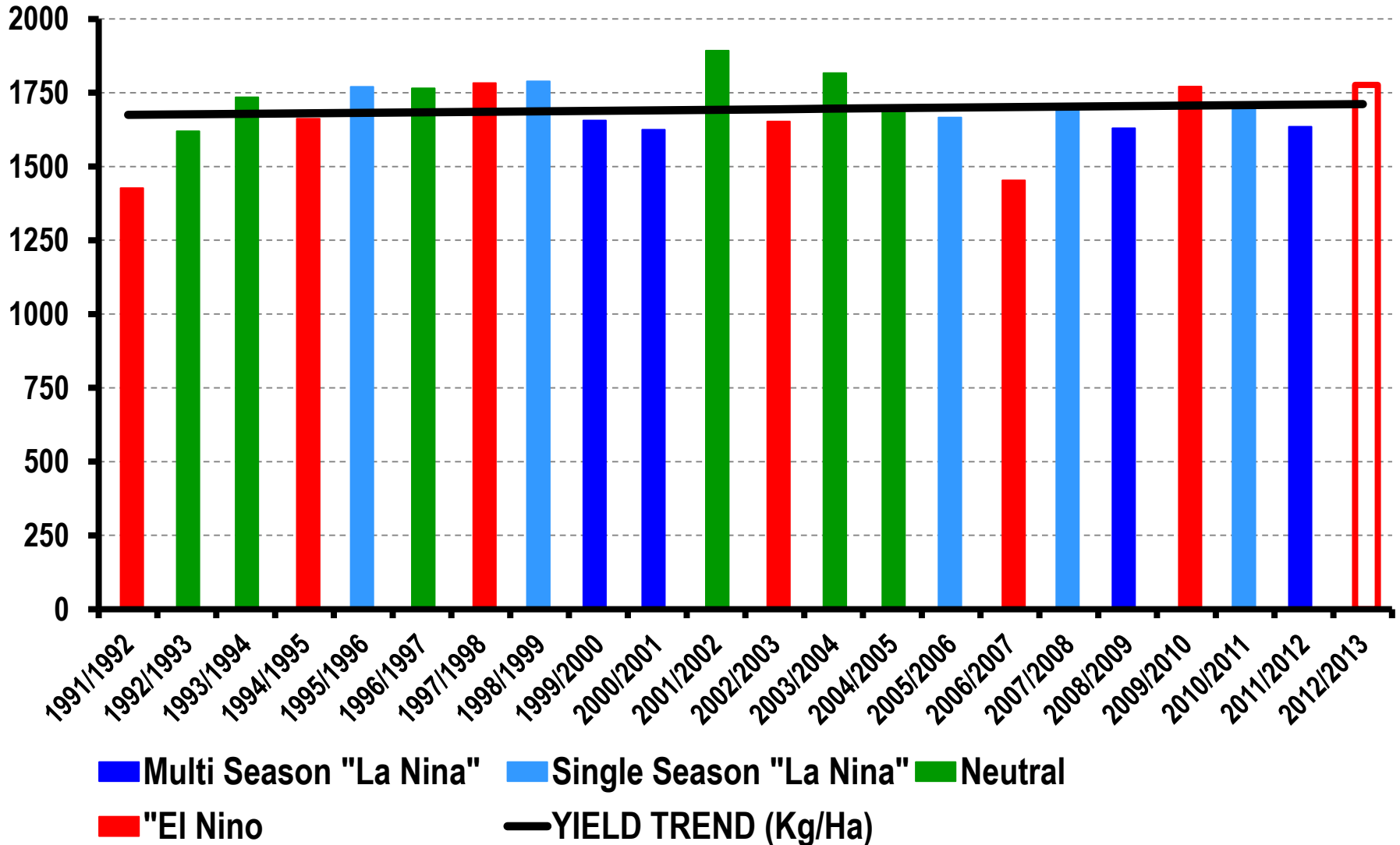
$r = 0.660$; Increase = 25.7 Kg/Ha Year



CHINA SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

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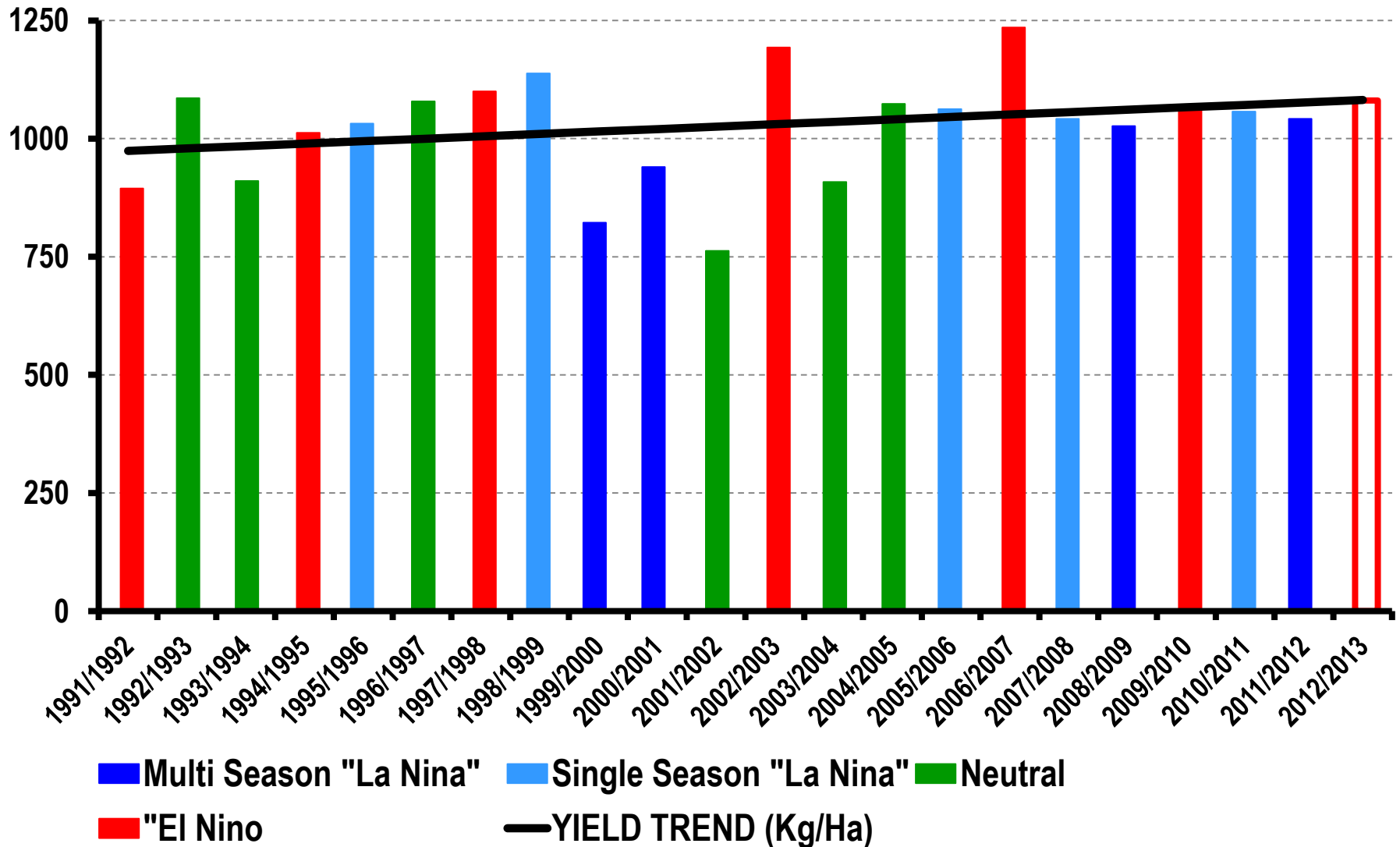
$r = 0.086$; Increase = 1.8 Kg/Ha Year



INDIA SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

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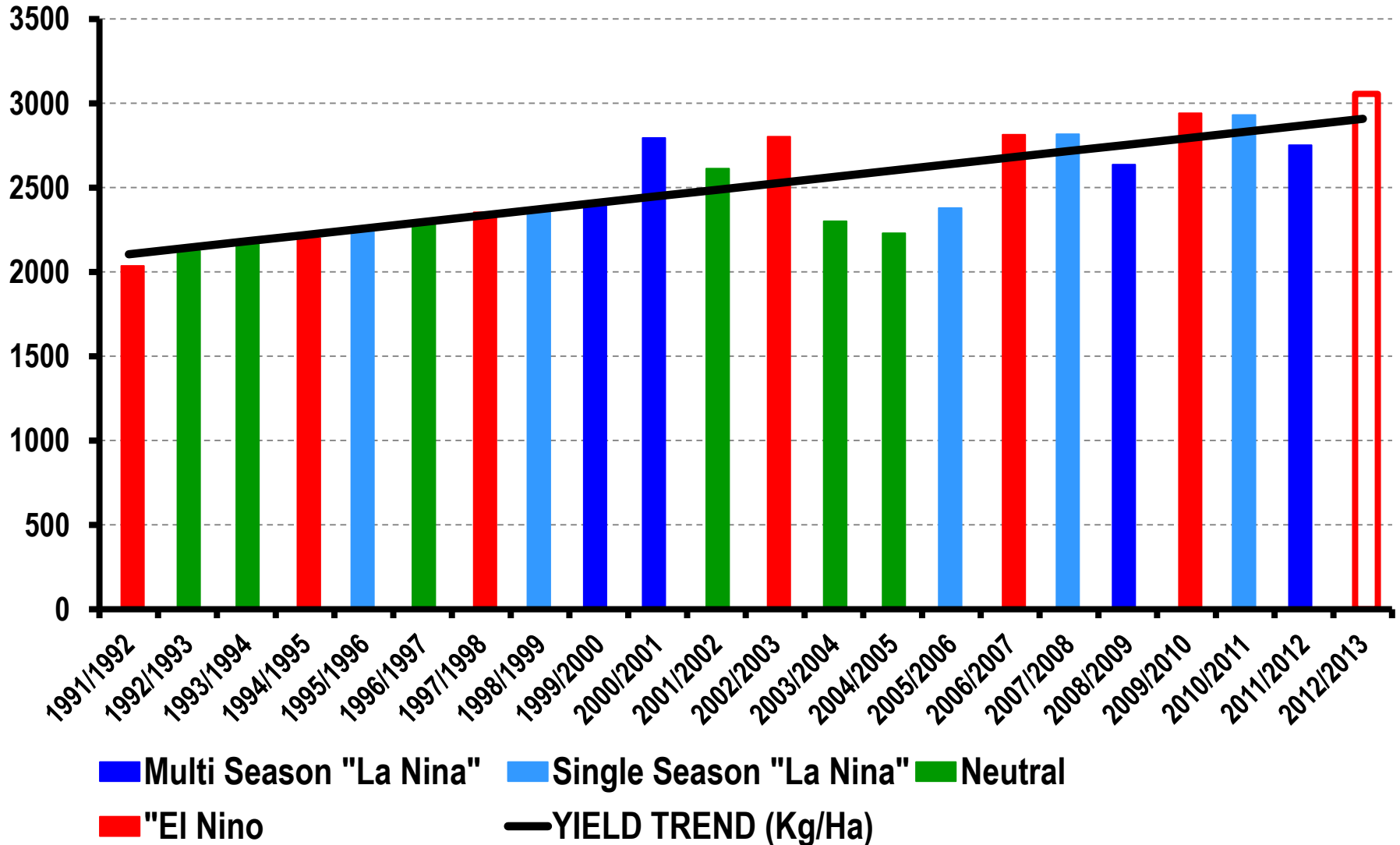
$r = 0.239$; Increase = 5.1 Kg/Ha Year



BRAZIL SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

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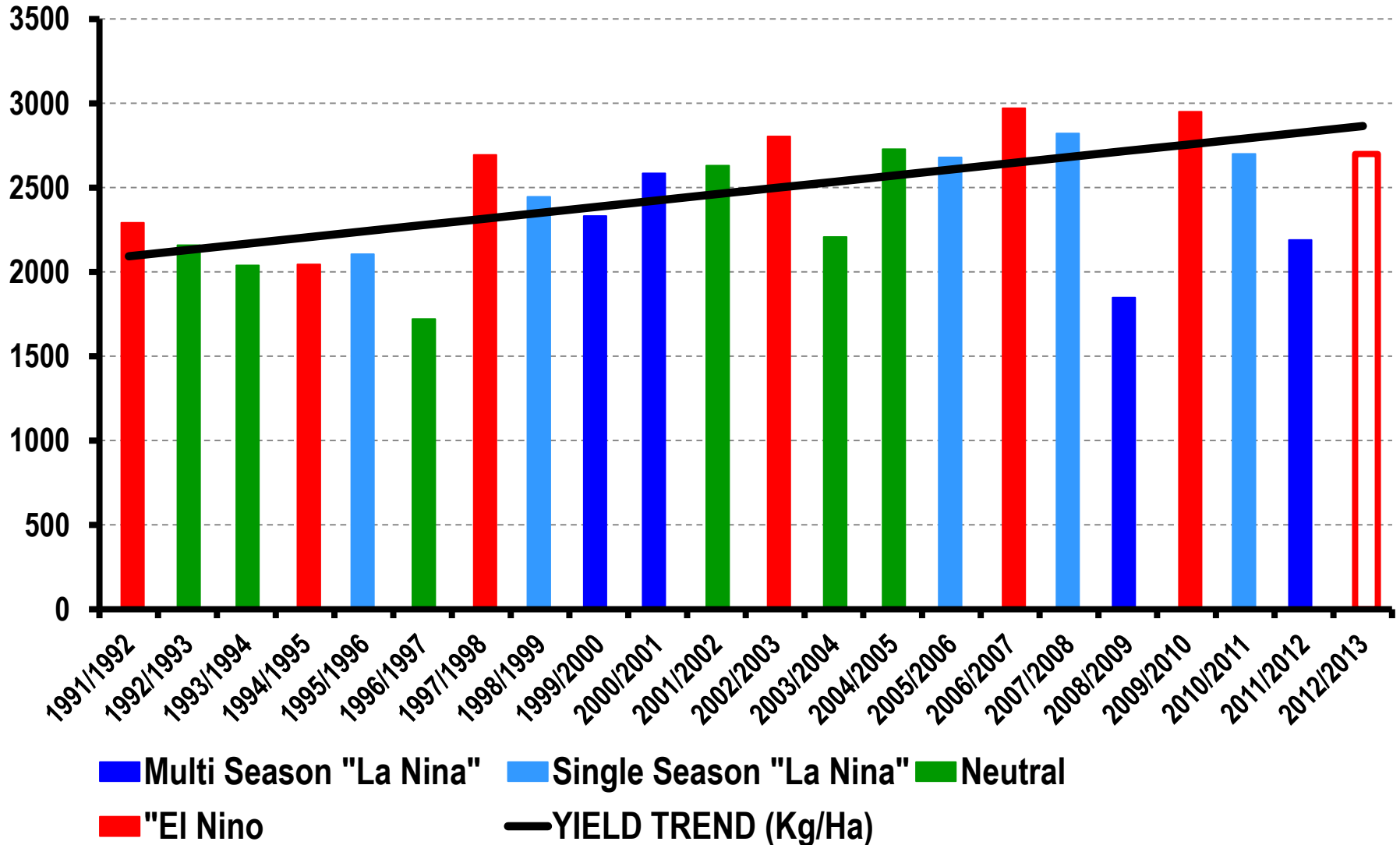
$r = 0.774$; Increase = 38.3 Kg/Ha Year



ARGENTINA SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO/BCBA (Kg/Ha)

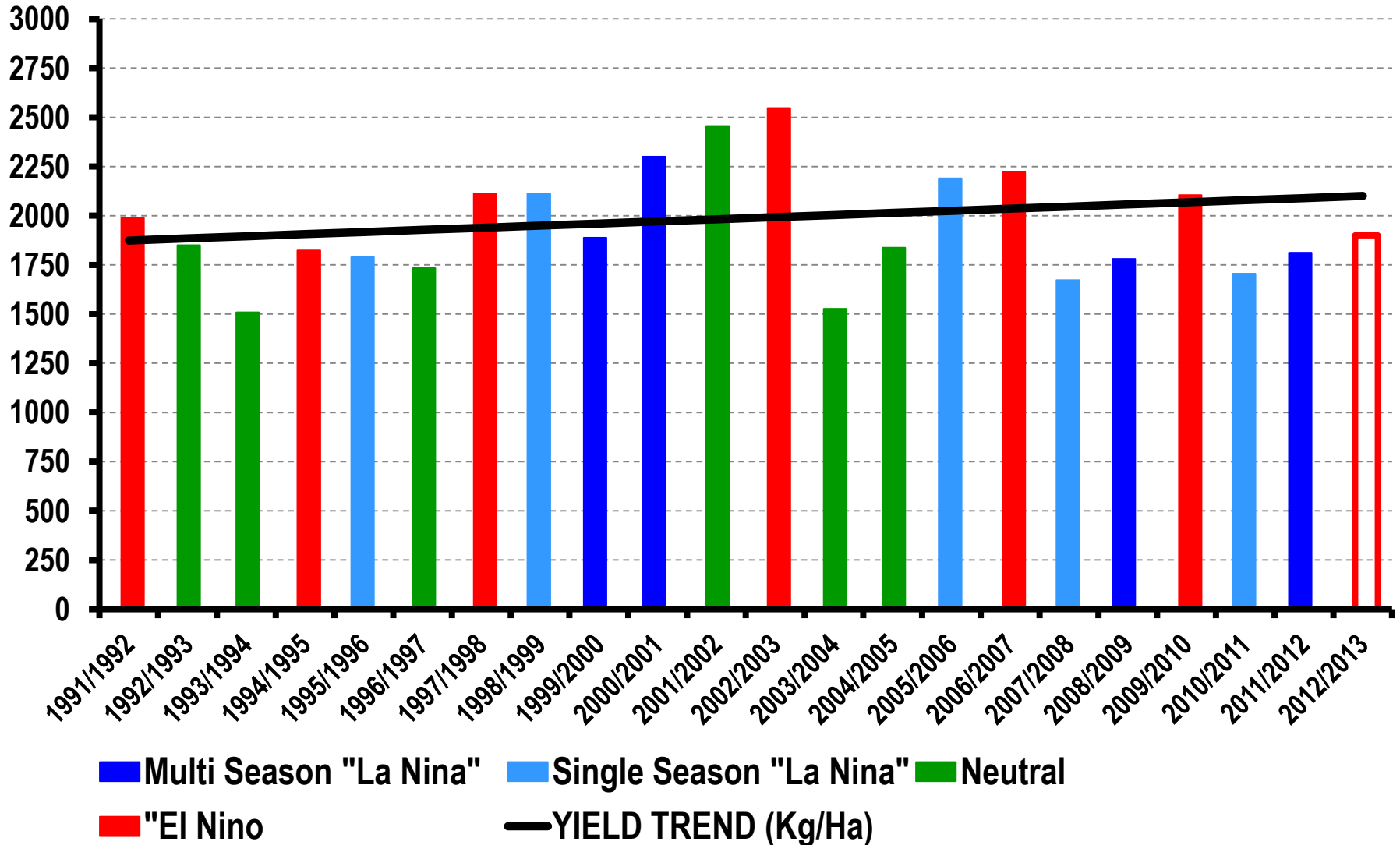
$r = 0.550$; Increment = 36.7 Kg/Ha Year



URUGUAY SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Kg/Ha)

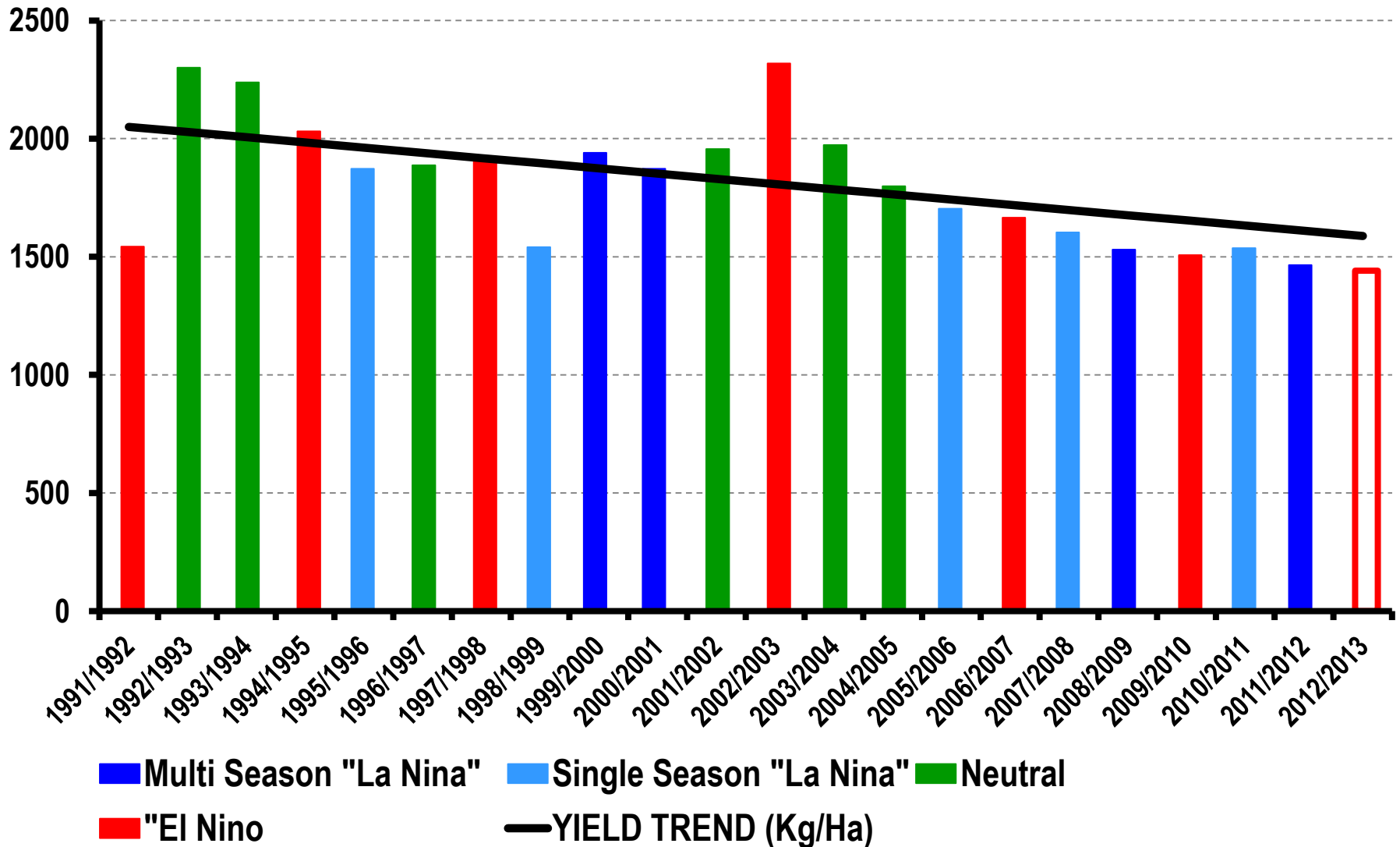
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BOLIVIA SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Kg/Ha)

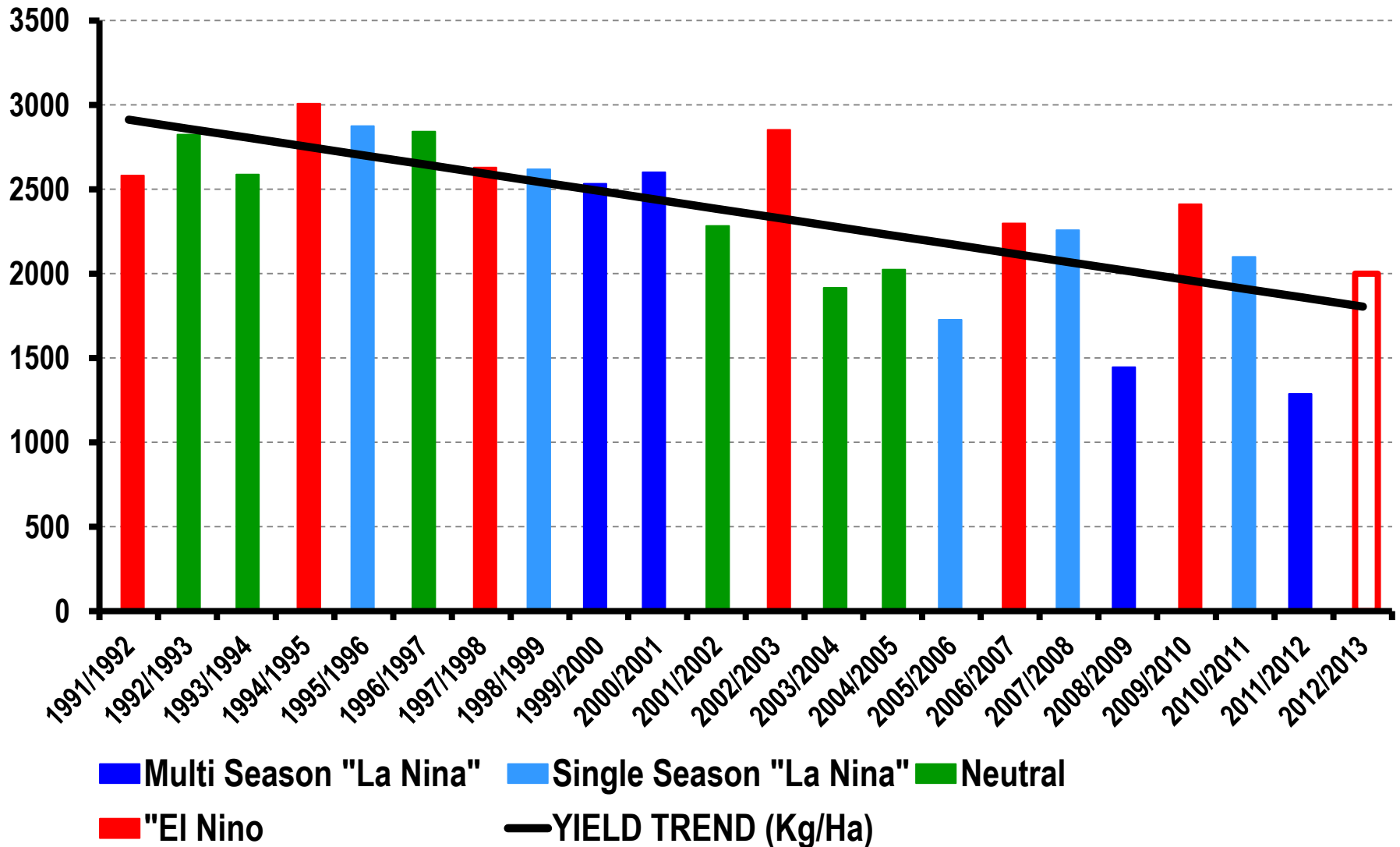
$r = -0.485$; Decrease = -22.0 Kg/Ha Year



PARAGUAY SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Kg/Ha)

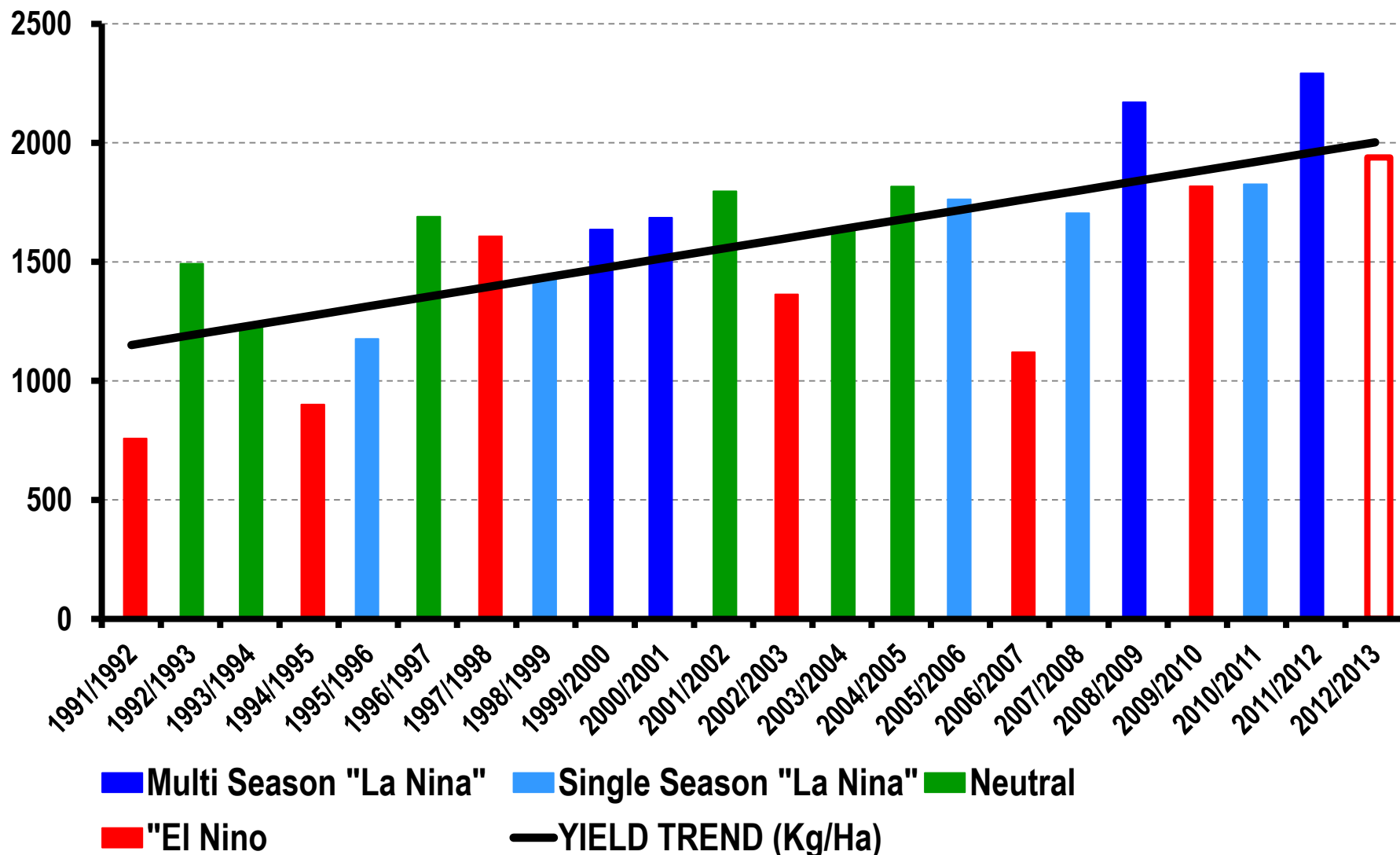
$r = -0.709$; Decrease = -52.8 Kg/Ha Year



SOUTH AFRICA SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Kg/Ha)

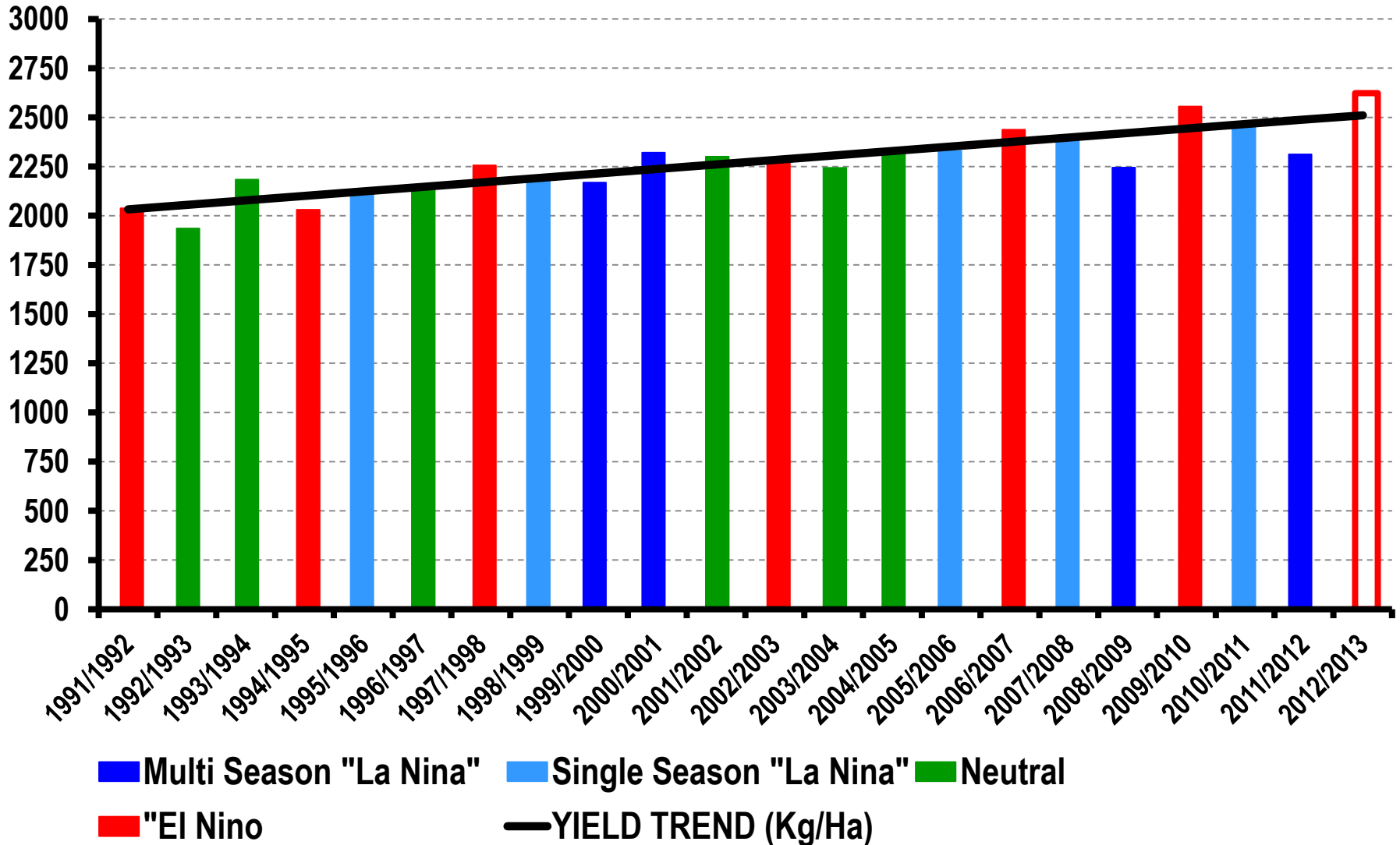
$r = 0.550$; Increase = 40.6 Kg/Ha Year



WORLD SOYBEAN YIELDS GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Kg/Ha)

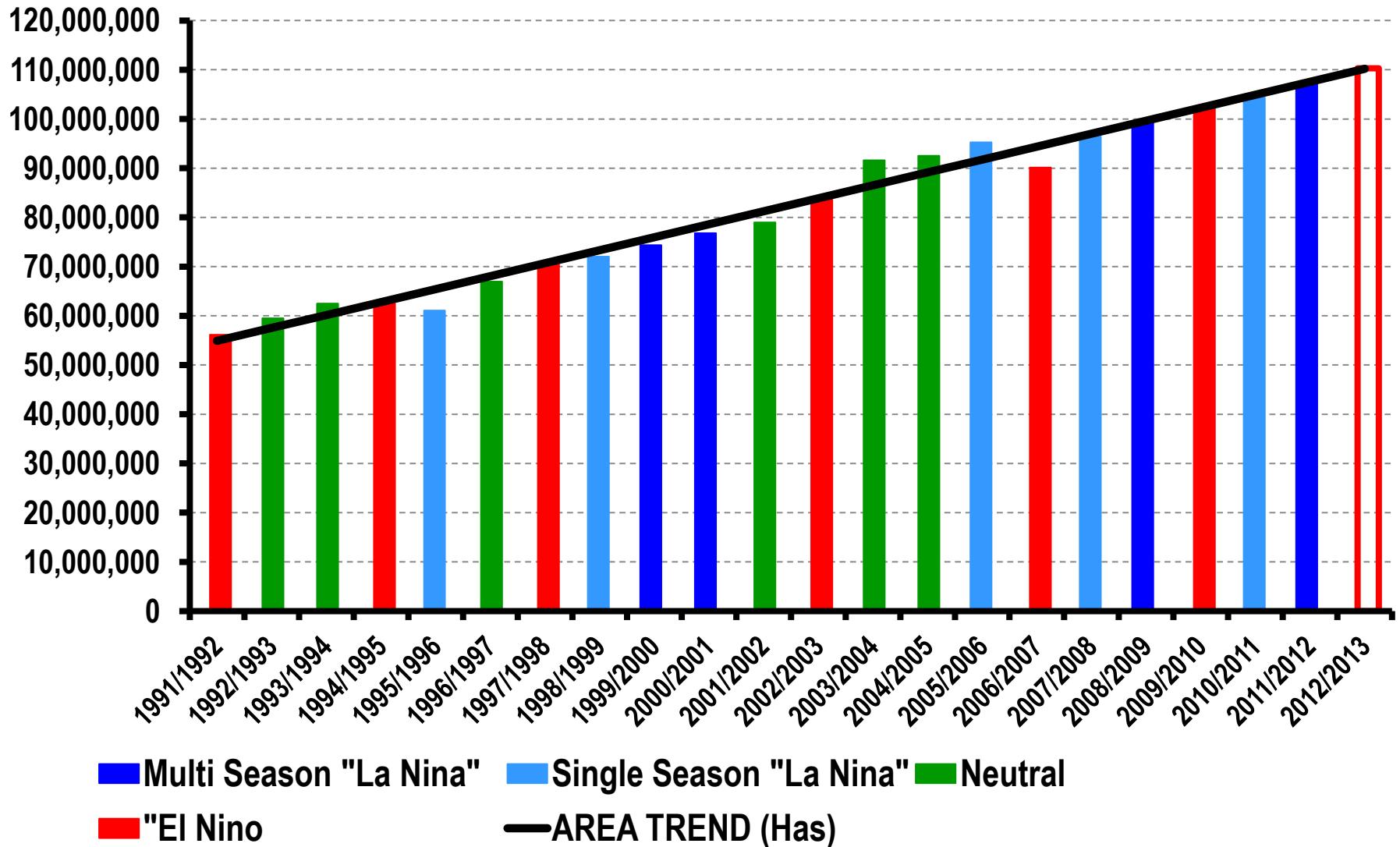
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WORLD SOYBEAN GROWING AREA GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Has)

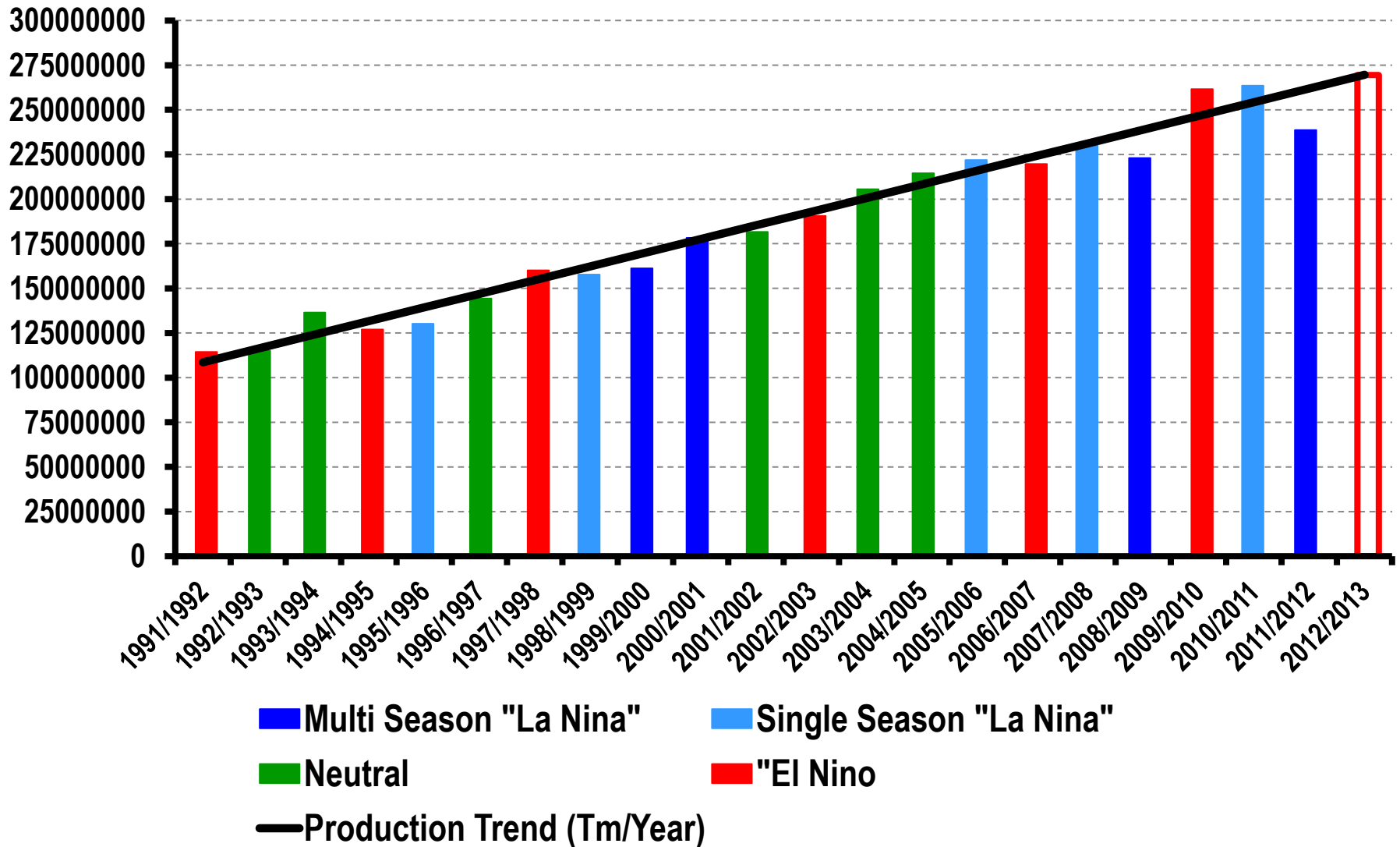
$r = 0.986$; Increase = 2.633 Million Has/Year



WORLD SOYBEAN PRODUCTION GROUPED BY ENSO PHASE

Source FAO (Metric Tons)

$r = 0.985$; Increment = 7.7 Million Metric Tons/Year



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