





climate change increases stress on plant systems

The impacts of climate change on plant systems are substantial, well documented, and include:

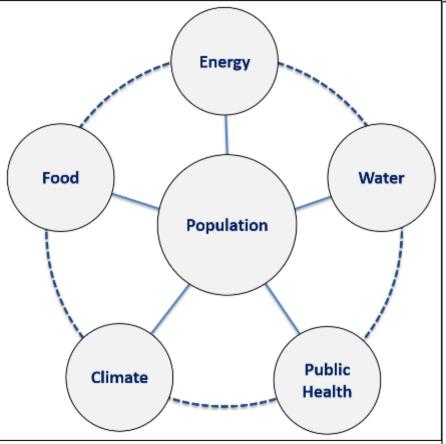
- Reduced productivity, geographic range change,
- Altered flowering times globally (Nature, BBC)
- Increased disease prevalence and severity
- These impacts are not uniform and difficult to forecast at fine levels of spatial resolution



Climate change impacts to crop pests include:

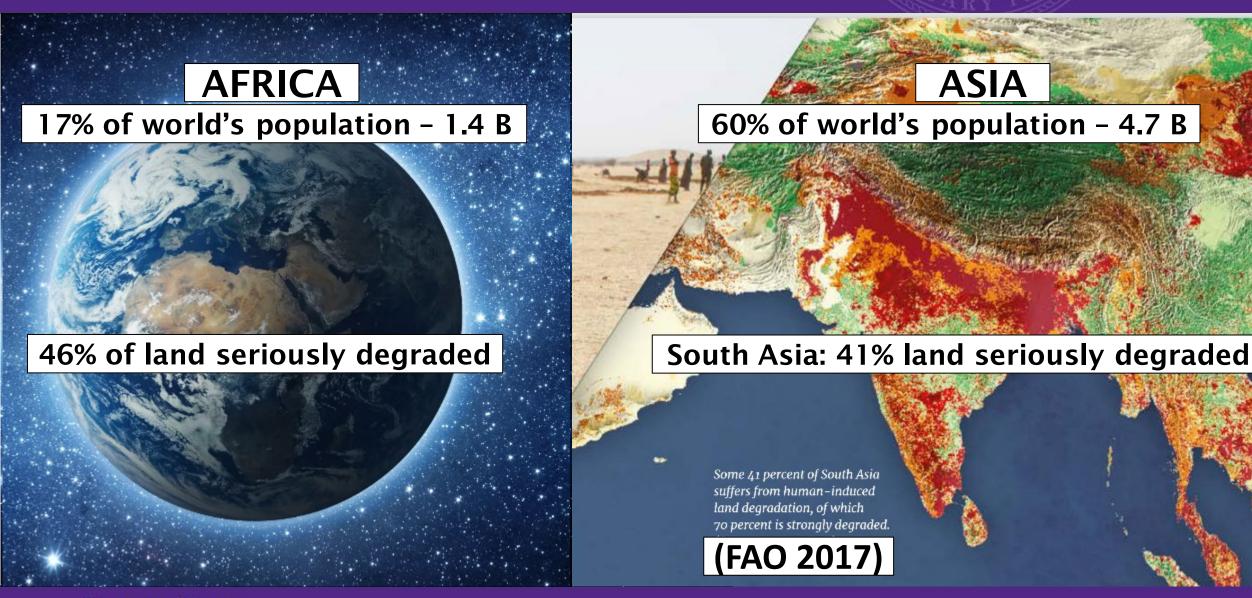
- Expanded geographic range for pathogens and their vectors as a consequence of changes in host range
- Emergence of new pathogen-vector relations as a consequence of expansion into new geographic areas
- Emergence of hybrid species as a consequence of range overlap and regional and global trade networks
- Re-emergence from permafrost melt





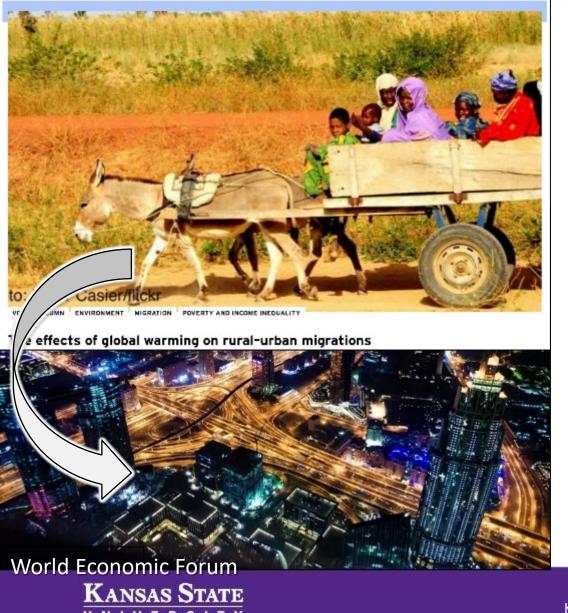
Grand Challenges

- There are multiple challenges to plant health that impact human health and wellbeing
- These challenges must be addressed as systems
- If we address them individually we will fail collectively – this is true for AMR as well
- Population, demographics, and human behavior put increasing pressures on each challenge





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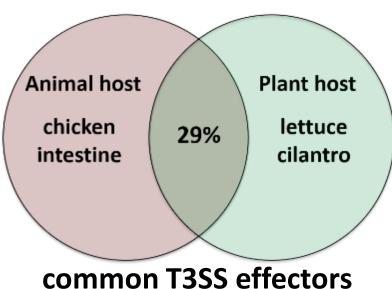


Climate shocks will cause chronic crop loss/failures with local to global impacts:

- undernourishment leading to low immune function and increased susceptibility to bacterial infections (foodborne pathogens)
- increased use of antibiotics and increased AMR from widespread overuse (common)
- increased migration to cities disseminating AMR to population dense urban centers
- A challenge anywhere is a challenge everywhere

Salmonella, Shigella, E. coli, Listeria are plant colonists – not contaminants

Virulence Factors



Opinion



Special Issue: Specificity of plant-enemy interactions

Plants as alternative hosts for Salmonella

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Surface structures involved in plant stomata and leaf colonization by Shiga-toxigenic *Escherichia coli* O157:H7

Zeus Saldaña', Ethel Sánchez', Juan Xicohtencati-Cortes', Jose Luis Puente' and Jorge A. Girón' *

ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Plant Cell Environ. 2019

A human pathogenic bacterium *Shigella* proliferates in plants through adoption of type III effectors for shigellosis

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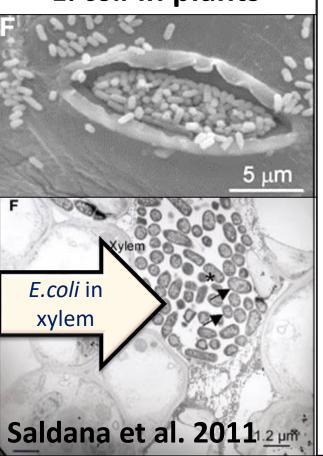
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The Salmonella Transcriptome in Lettuce and Cilantro Soft Rot Reveals a Niche Overlap with the Animal Host Intestine

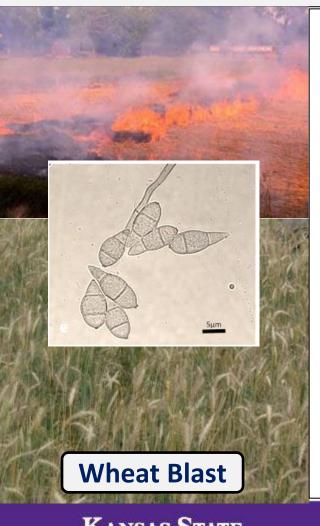
Danielle M. Goudeau, Craig T. Parker, Yaguang Zhou, Shlomo Sela, Yulia Kroupitaki, Maria T. Brandi



E. coli in plants

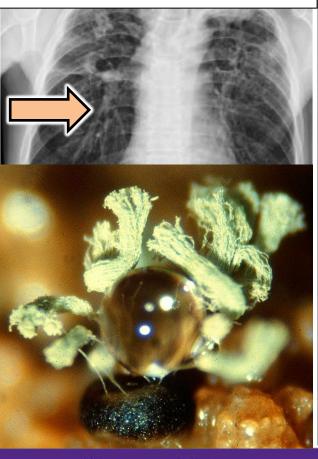


- Collaborative colonization: 2-log population increase of foodborne bacterial pathogens when co-inoculated with plant pathogenic bacteria?
 - Genetic cross-talk: *Salmonella* plasmids in plant pathogenic bacteria, vancomycin resistance genomic island in *Rathayibacter toxicus*
- Streptomycin, oxytetracycline and kasugamycin are used to manage some bacterial diseases of plants – transfer of AMR genes among species? dissemination of AMR strains in plants and pant products?
- Bidirectional evolution of pathogenicity?



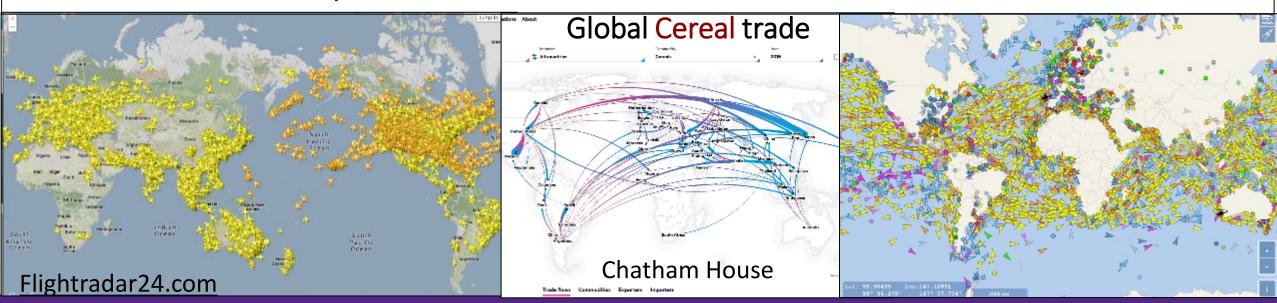
- Fungicide resistance is a major and growing threat to effective management of fungal diseases of plants
- Wheat 2nd most important staple food crop
- Wheat blast is an emerging, extremely damaging disease with few management options – spread from South America to South Asia and Eastern Africa – bad news
- Pathogen populations with simultaneous resistance to three fungicide chemistries have evolved

Aspergillosis



- WHO list of priority fungi 1.7 million deaths annually from fungal infections – more than from malaria
- Fungicide resistance is a major threat to effective treatment of fungal infections in humans – resistant Aspergillus fumigatus linked to agriculture applications
- Primary fungicide therapeutics used for humans are the same chemistries used for managing fungal diseases in agric. and hort.
- Olorifim: promising new chemistry for human infections label for agricultural use now being pursued – Is this rational?

- As new pathogen strains emerge due to climate change AND antibiotic-resistant strains and fungicide-resistant strains emerge due to public health and plant health practices...
- We will ensure their rapid dissemination around the planet through global trade and travel
 networks it's the way we do business.



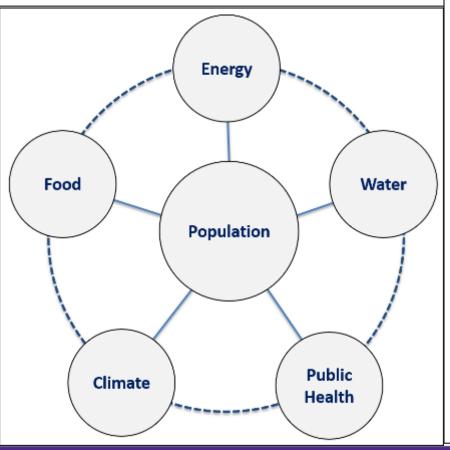


- World Food Program: "... hunger is tied to civil unrest. ...when people get hungry enough, they move, and populations on the move are prone to conflict."
- World Food Program: over 100 million people annually require emergency food aid.
- Climate, conflicts set to plunge millions into food crisis. Reuters

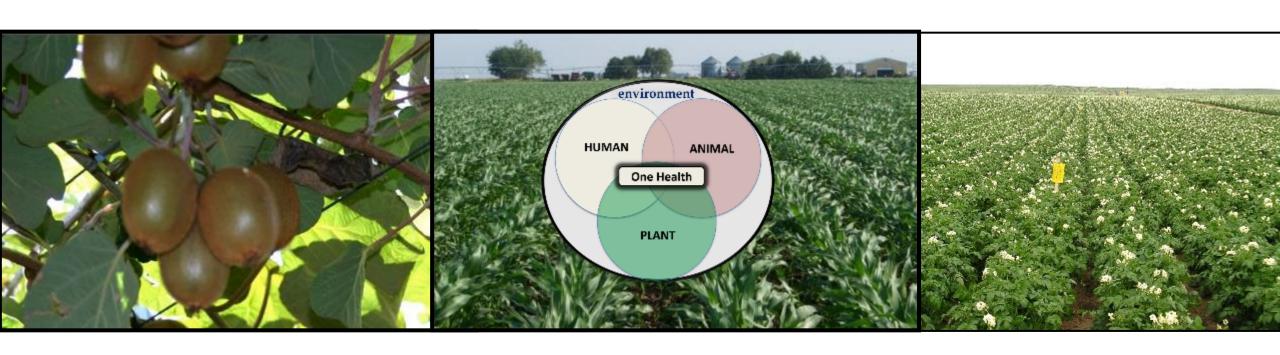




Grand Challenges



- Policy provides the framework for decision-making.
- We need coordinated policies for strategic deployment of antibiotic and antifungal chemistries across application sectors – namely, public health and agriculture
- This needs to be an international collaborative process including, government agencies, industries, and NGOs - A challenge anywhere is a challenge everywhere.
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Thank, you Have a nice day!

