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Climate adjusted productivity on cropping farms: the slowdown and the rebound

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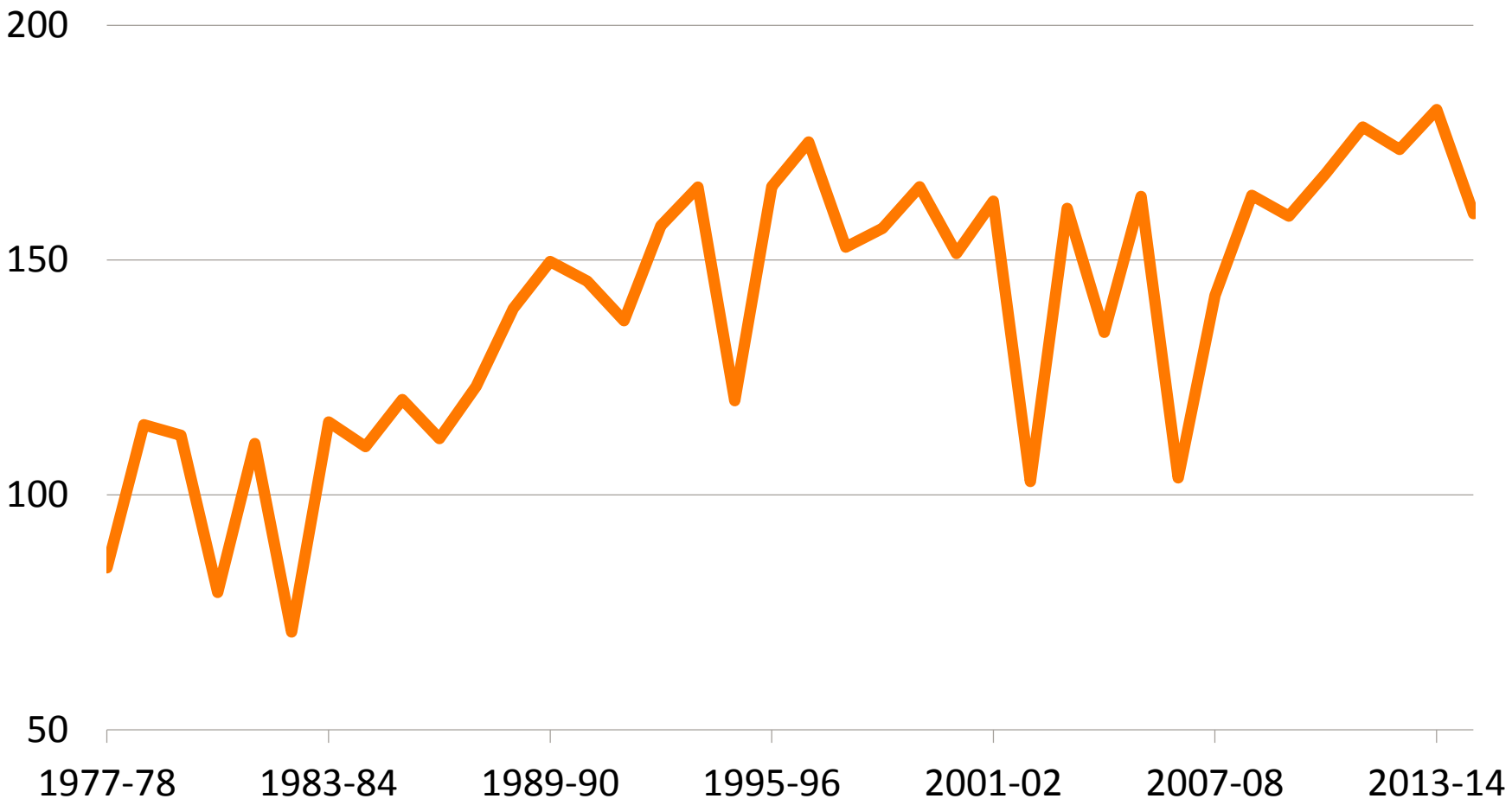
Total Factor Productivity (TFP)



Climate change

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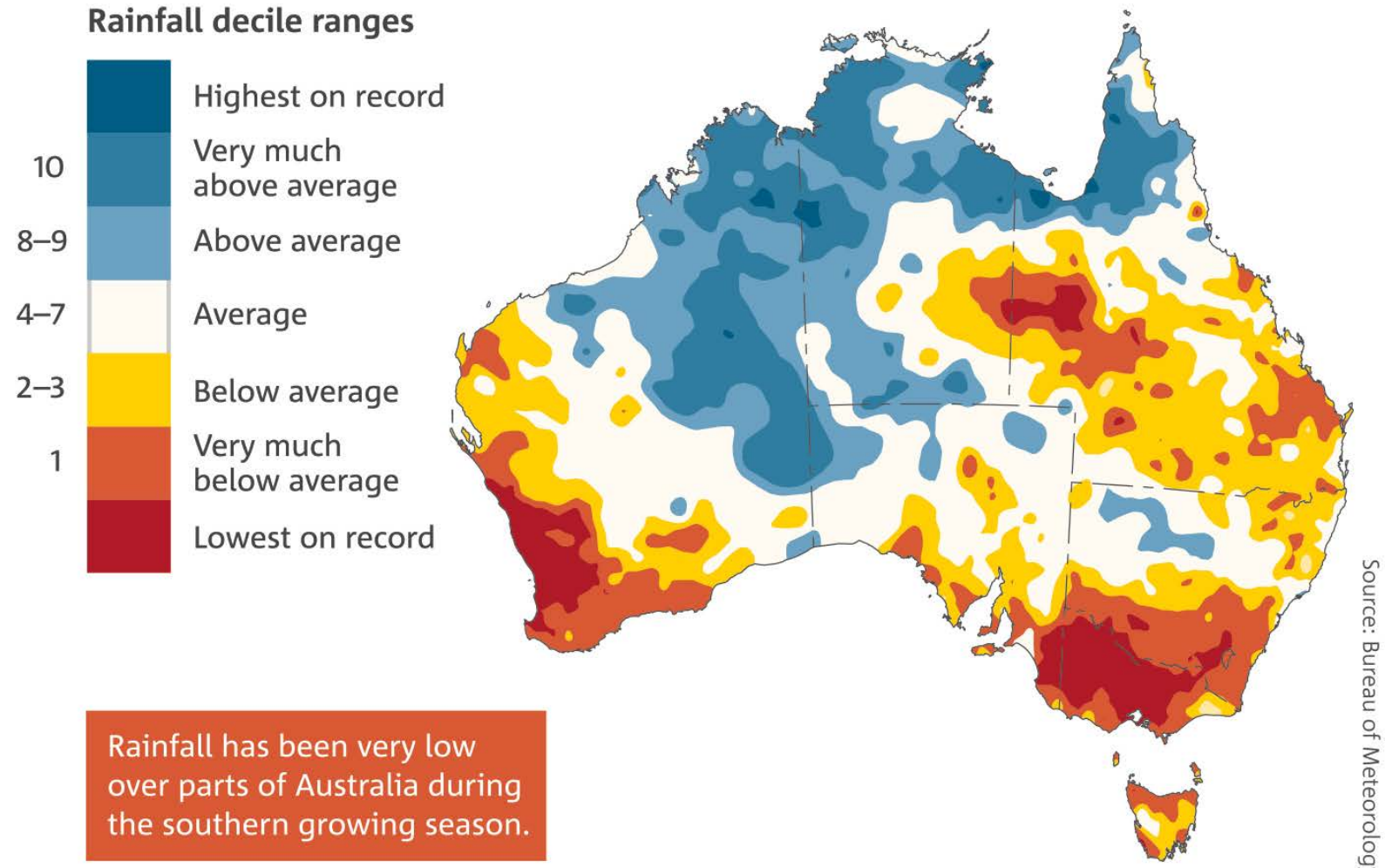
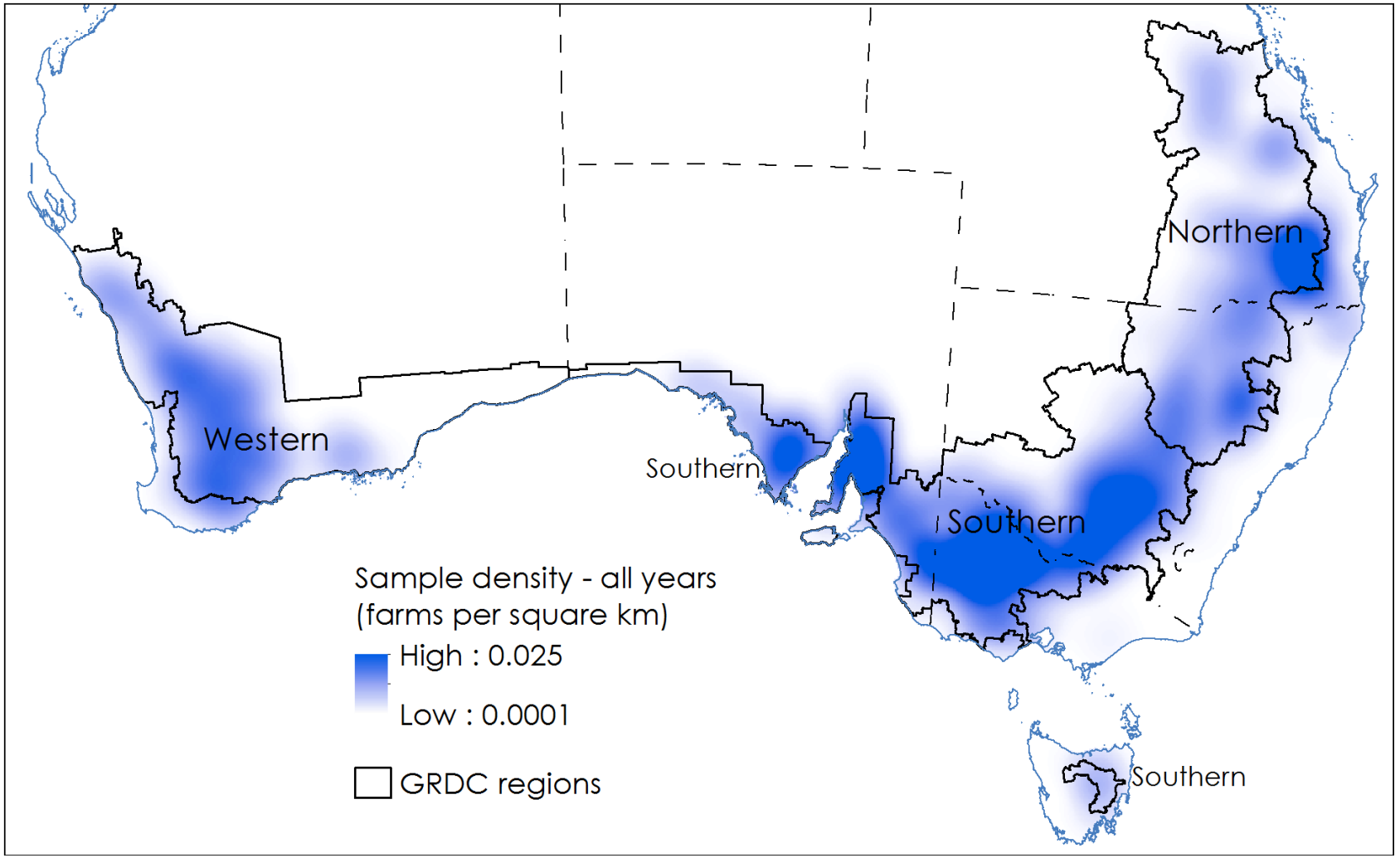
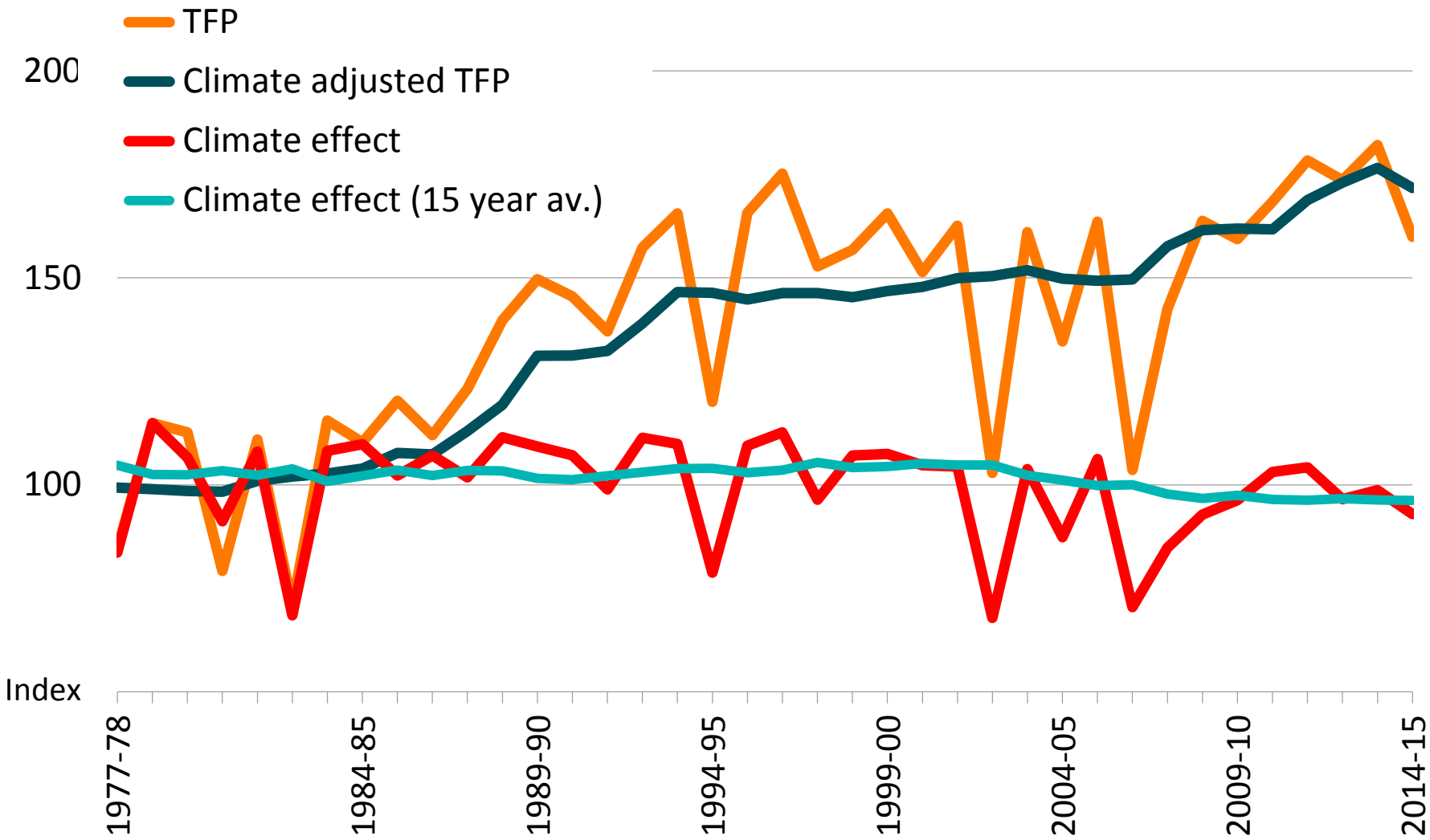


Southern growing season (April–October) rainfall deciles for the last 20 years (1996–2015). A decile map shows where rainfall is above average, average or below average for the recent period, in comparison with the entire rainfall record from 1900.

A ‘data-driven’ approach



Climate adjusted productivity



Effect of climate on productivity since 2000-01

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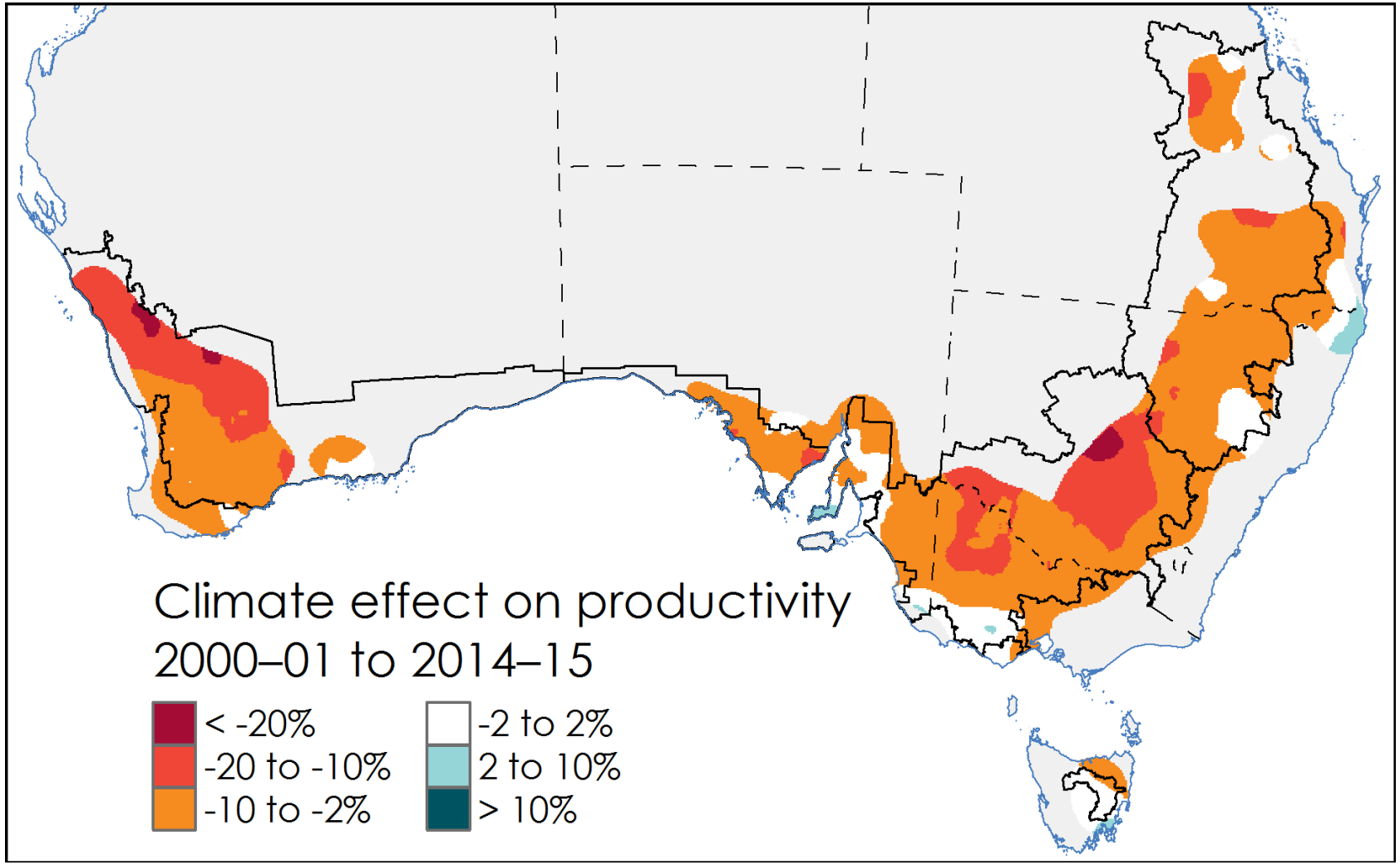
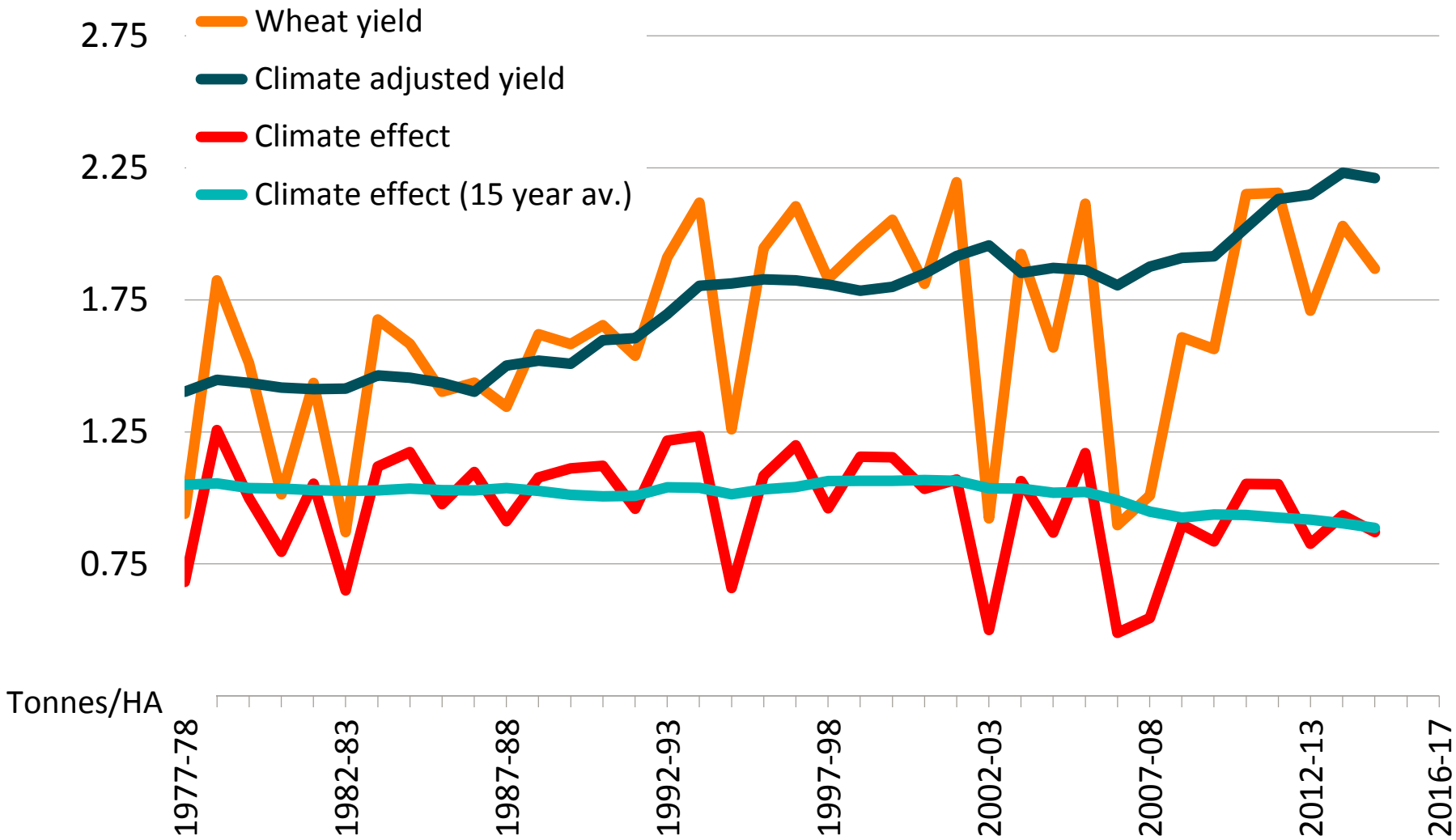


Climate adjusted wheat yields



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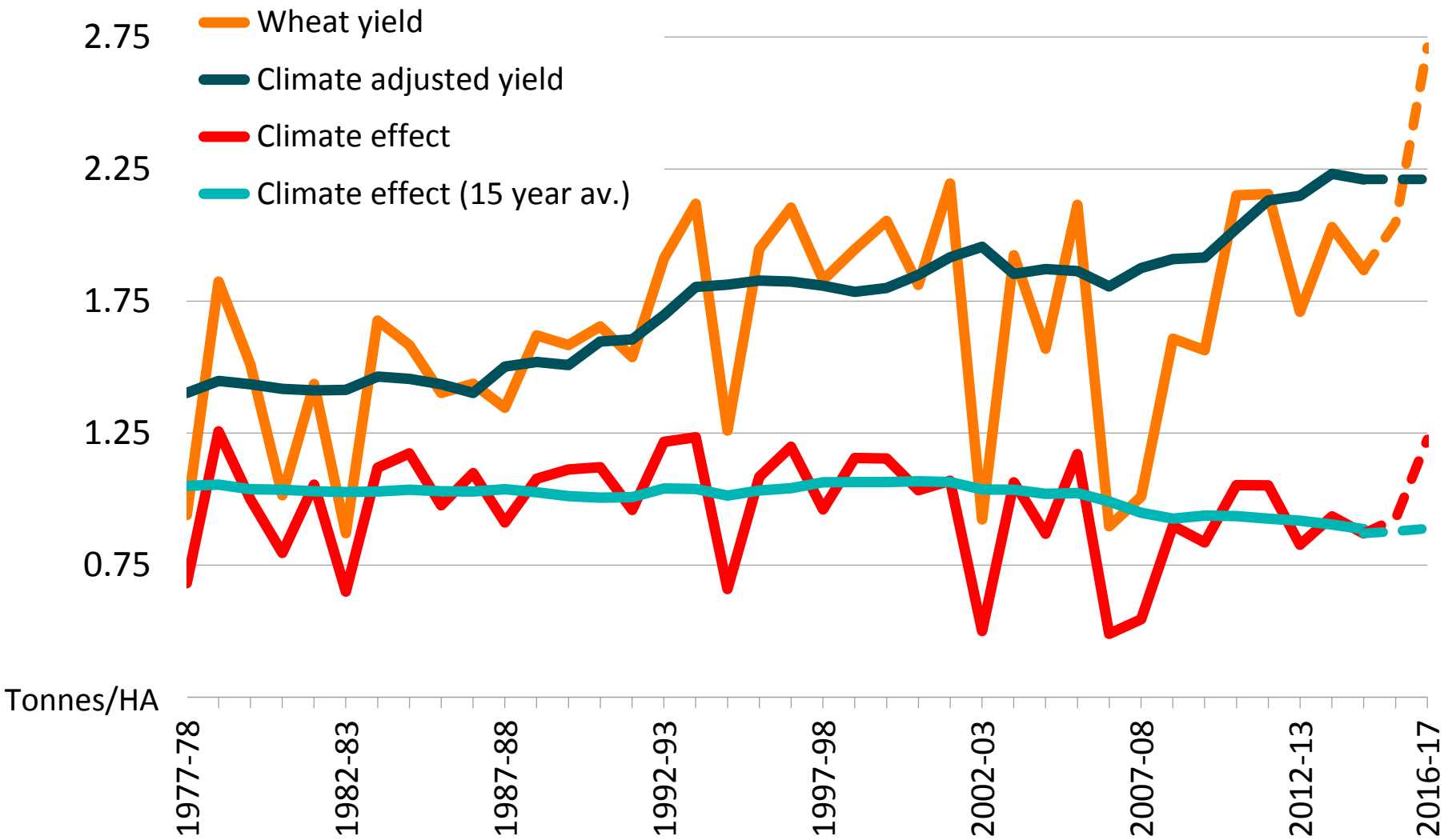

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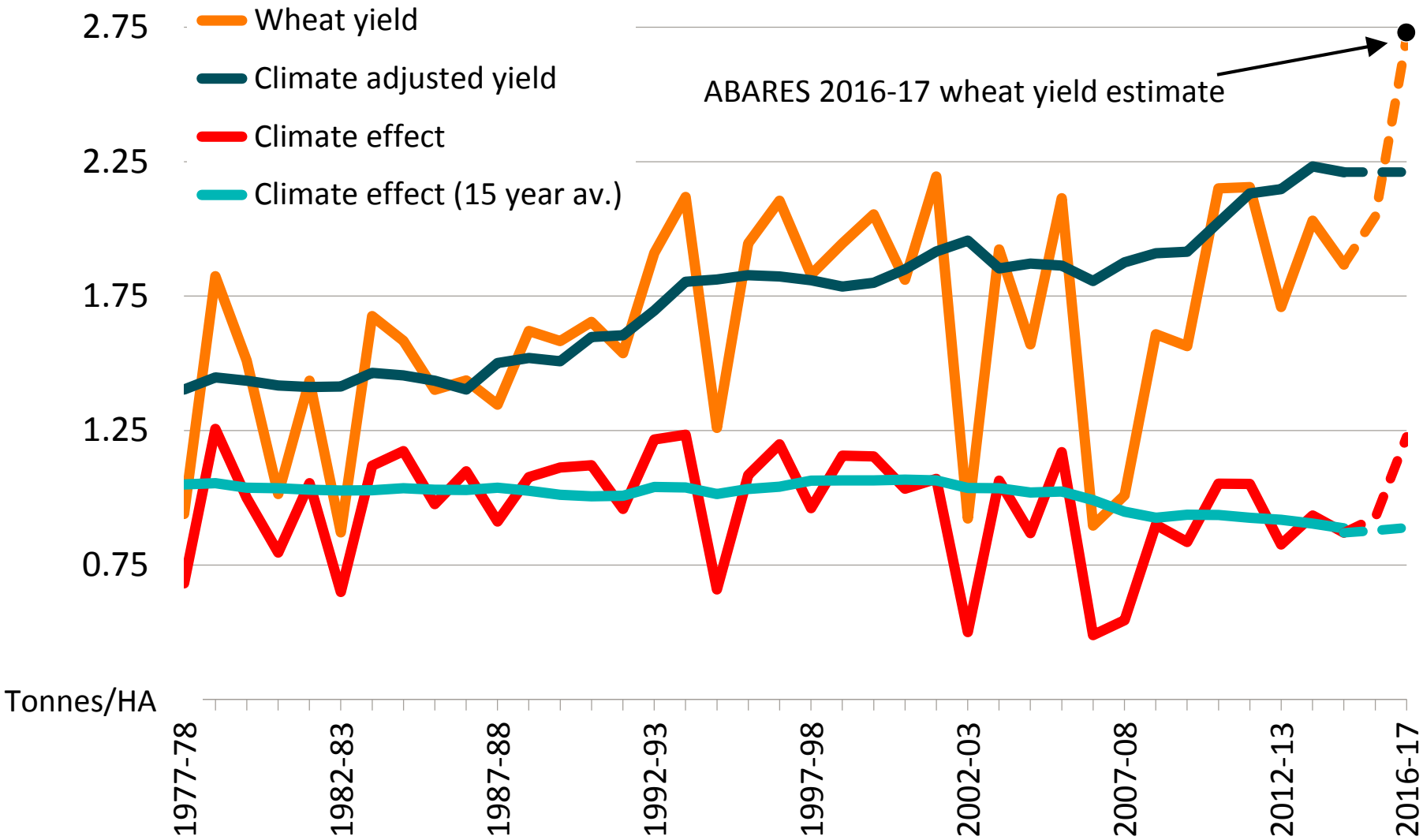
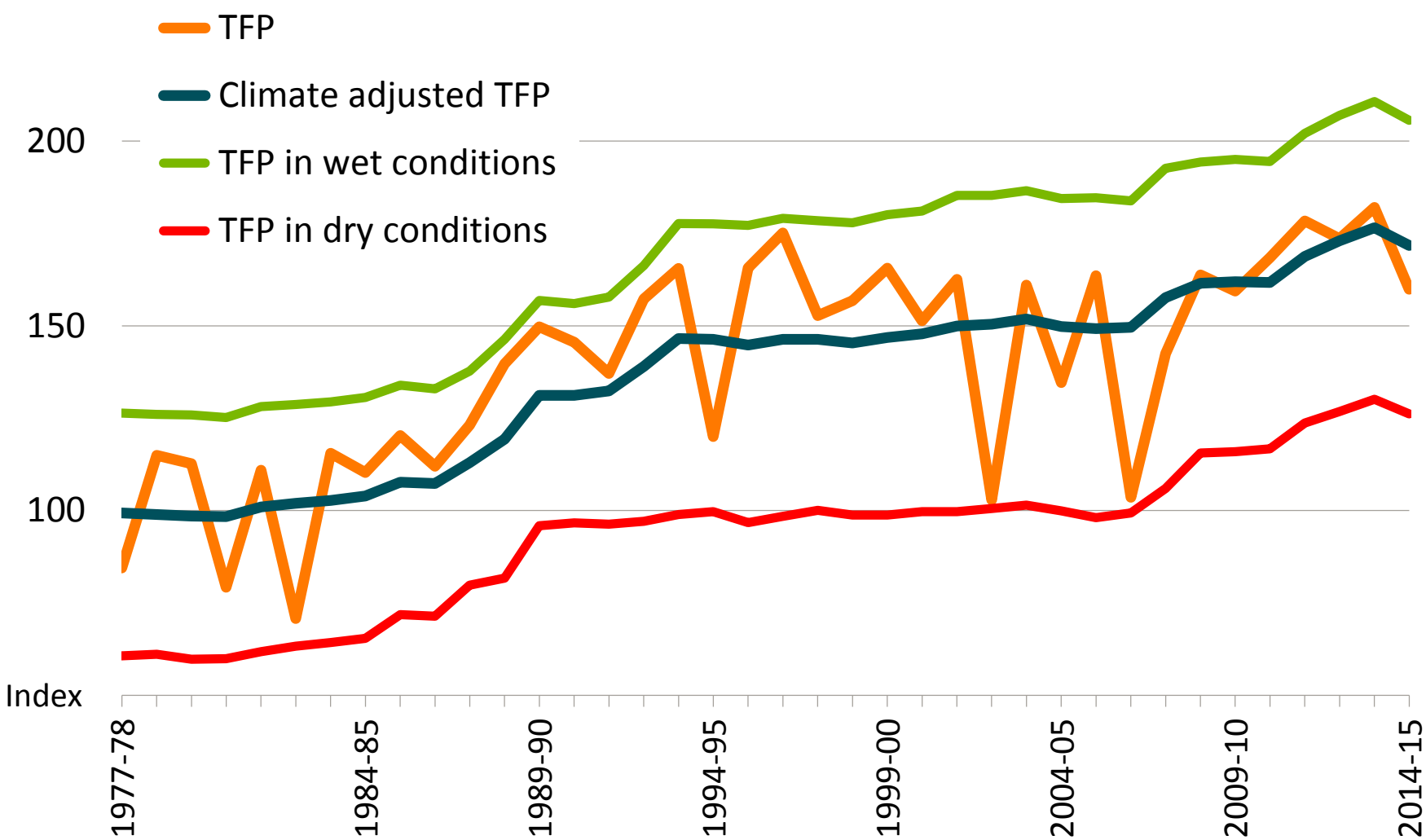


Farm sensitivity to climate



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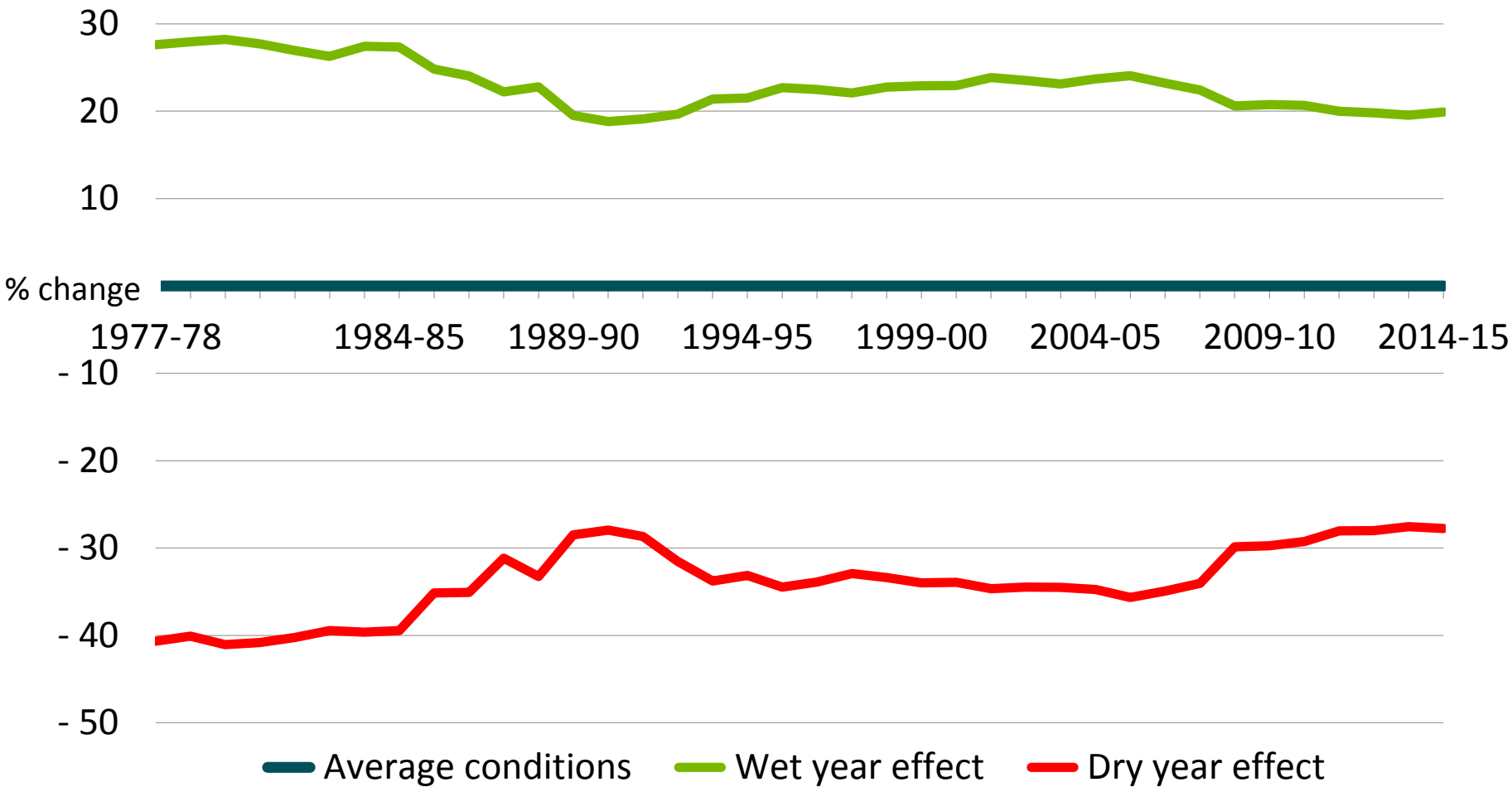

Change in ABARES farm sample, 2000s vs 1990s

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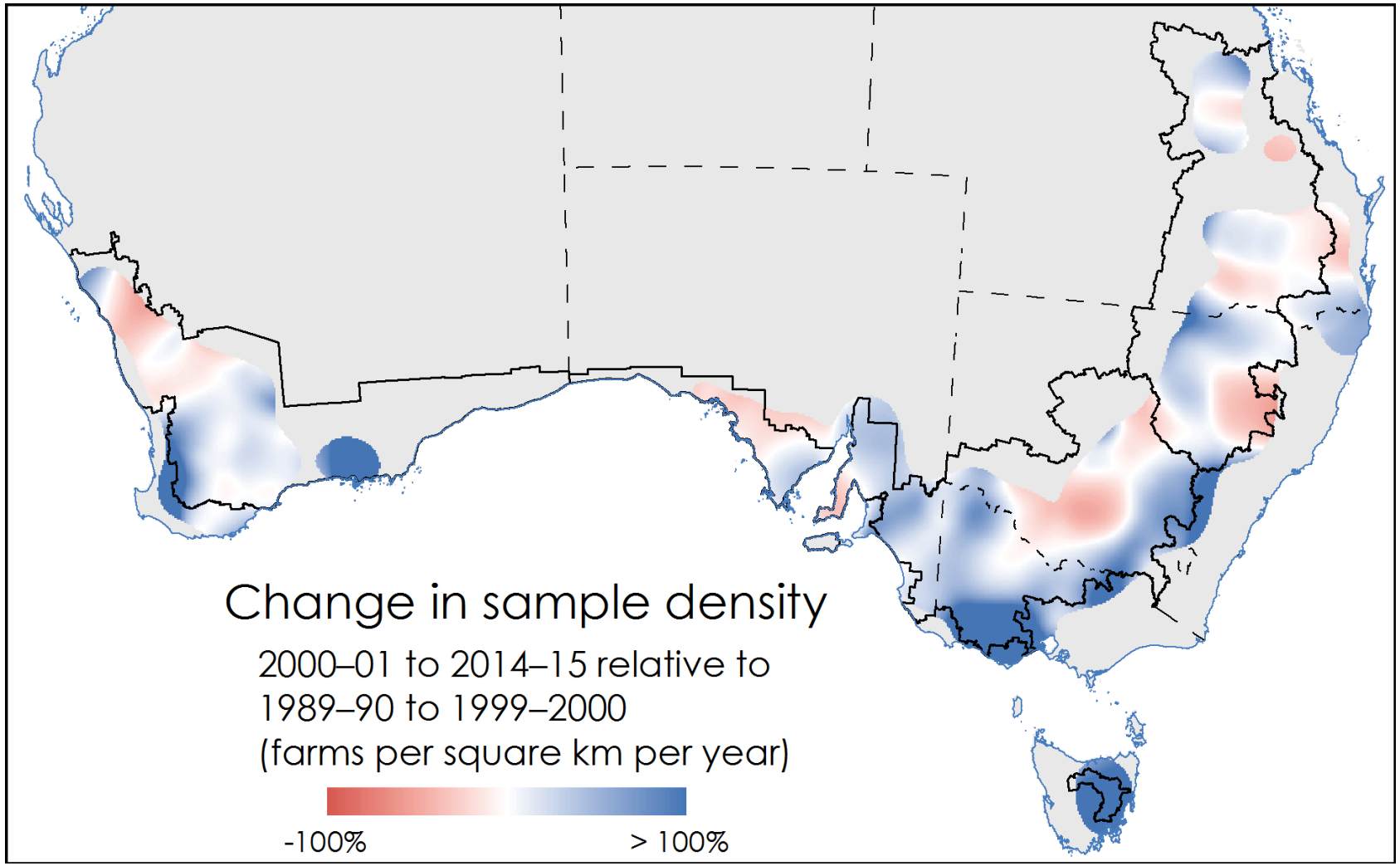

Key points

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- Cropping farm productivity ground to a halt in the mid 1990s
- Productivity has rebounded strongly over the last 10 years

- Climate change is affecting cropping farm productivity
- Farmers are adapting

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