

ACCPNA CAP Logic Model

Situation

- Changing climate in the IPNW
- Unique spatial gradients of precipitation and temperature across the IPNW
- Variable community networks and economic bases across the study region
- High soil erosion rates and declining SOM linked to variable climate (wind, water)
- Low and variable adoption of conservation tillage
- Extractive, annual cropping with little crop diversity
- Crops with low soil C returns linked to declining SOC
- Effects of cropping system practices on SOC incompletely understood.
- Soil C storage and N use efficiency linked to variable climate
- Projected increases in export market demand for food crops with rise in global population

Inputs

- I1**-Steering Committee (PIs and key collaborators)
- I2**-Participating research and teaching faculty at three Land Grant universities and ARS
- I3**-Faculty expertise (FE) and dedicated centers in climate change in the region
- I4**-FE in cropping systems modeling in response to climate change
- I5**-FE in conservation tillage cropping systems
- I6**-FE in soil carbon sequestration and dynamics
- I7**-FE in economic and social dimensions of adoption of agricultural practices.
- I8**-FE in pests, weeds and diseases of cereal crops
- I9**-FE in extension and education
- I10**- A Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) representing industry, commodities, federal and state agencies, environmental groups

Activities

- Ac1**-Establish a transdisciplinary framework to develop regional approaches to climate change in agricultural systems of the region (**I1-I10**)
- Ac2**-Develop down-scaled climate models for the region (**I1,I3,I14**)
- Ac3**- Establish GHG, C, N, water field monitoring network that inform models, efficiency assessments and LCAs (**I3,I4,I10,I5,I6**)
- Ac4**-Develop agroecological zonation for the region (**I1-I8,I10,I14**)
- Ac5**-Establish long-term studies of cropping system alternatives at sites throughout the region (**I1,I4,I12**).
- Ac6**-Identify and respond to climate change effects on crops, pests, diseases and weeds (**I4,I8,I9,I10,I11,I12**)
- Ac7**-Establish cyber infrastructure plan (**I1, I14**)
- Ac8**-Establish physical infrastructure and management (**I1, I15**)

Outputs*

- O1**-Current and future climate driven socio-economic+biophysical AEZ delineation of the region (**Ac1,Ac4**) (*D1.3, D9.5b,d*)
- O2**- Regional and subregional C, N,water, energy budgets and GHG flux models, LCA models and management recommendations (**Ac1-Ac5**) (*D1.4, D2.5, D3.4, D4.5b, D9.5c*)
- O3**- Spatial representation of adoption likelihood incorporating socioeconomic variability (**Ac1-Ac6**) (*D1.5*)
- O4**-Vulnerability assessments and forecast driven management recommendations for climate-driven changes in crops and pressures from weeds, pests and pathogens (**Ac6**) (*D5.5*)
- O5**- Sustainable network for researchers, industry, agencies, growers, citizens to dialogue over climate change issues (**Ac14**) (*D 8.2*)
- O6**-Develop and share transdisciplinary models of adoption of adaptation and mitigation strategies, drawing upon data from O1-O4 (**Ac1**) (*D3.4, D4.5a, D9.5e*)

Outcomes & Impacts

- Knowledge**
- IM 1**-Improved researcher, student and stakeholder knowledge of soil C, N and agricultural GHG dynamics and variations across the AEZs and their impact on climate change (**O1-O7**)
 - IM2**-Greater awareness by stakeholders of the impact of climate on farming and effective approaches to adapt with projected climate change(**O7**)
 - IM3**-Delineation of potential interdisciplinary issues and interconnectivity pertaining to SOC in the region (**O6**)
- Actions**
- IM4**- Measurable adoption of agricultural practices designed to adapt to and mitigate climate change (**O11**)
 - IM5**- web-based extension interface between ongoing project activities and data and researchers, stakeholders (**O10**)
 - IM6**-Linkage to appropriate Community of Practice for eXtension engagement (**O11**)

I =Input, Ac = Activity, O = Output, Im = Impact

* D = deliverable. See Deliverables and Milestones, P. 18 of Project Narrative for a full key.

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