"FARMING ON A WARMING PLANET"

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ABSTRACT

Human civilizations flourished during the Holocene, a period of relatively stable climate. Sedentary agriculture allowed our numbers to skyrocket to nearly 8 billion today. But 1 in 10 people remain undernourished and our numbers are expected to rise to nearly 11 billion by 2100. At the same time, our current agricultural practices are one of the major causes of global environmental change, including climate change. Climate change, in turn, is expected to severely damage our farming system. This talk will present an overview of estimated impacts of climate change on crop production globally, and specifically for India. It will also explore ideas for making agriculture "climate smart". Our farming systems developed during a time of relatively stable climate, can we continue to farm the same way in an anticipated future with a different climate and increased extreme events?

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