







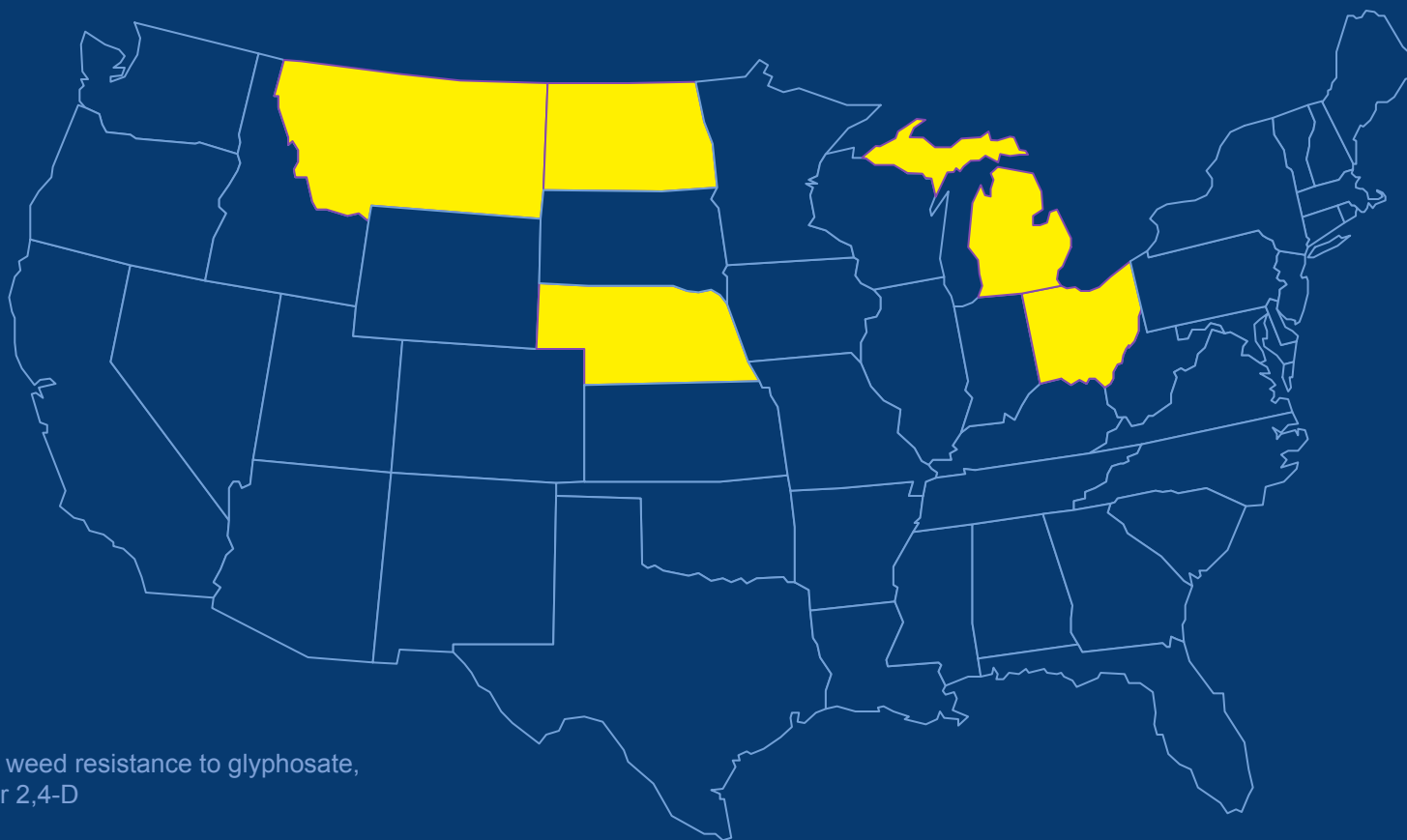
TREAT EVERY PLANT THE SAME.

Accuracy and precision are critical elements to get right to avoid wasting costly products. It is also imperative to achieve the right rate, at the right droplet size, to optimize each plant's performance and yield potential.



1995

Resistant Weeds Harming U.S. Crops



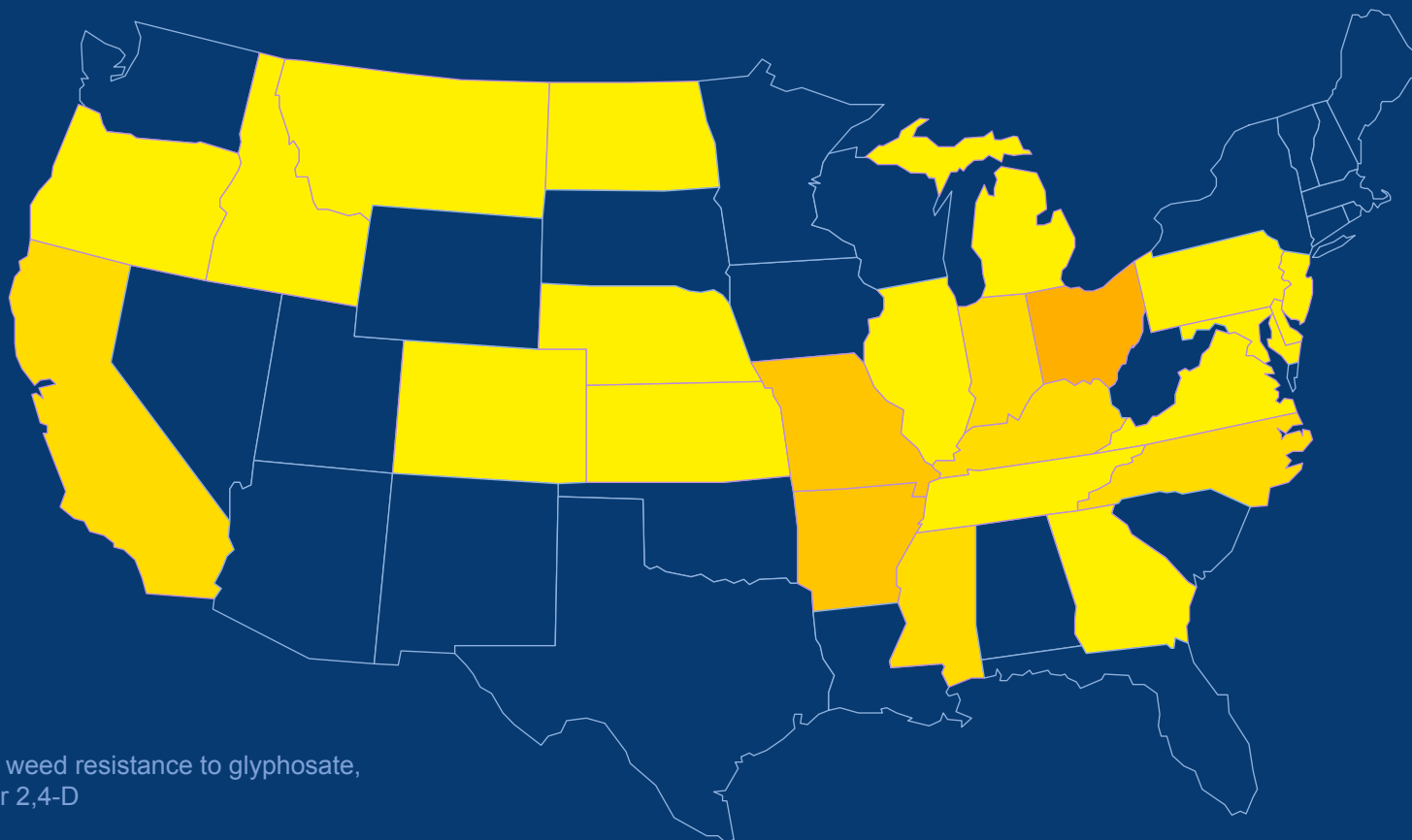
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Source: www.weedscience.org

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Resistant Weeds Spreading Fast



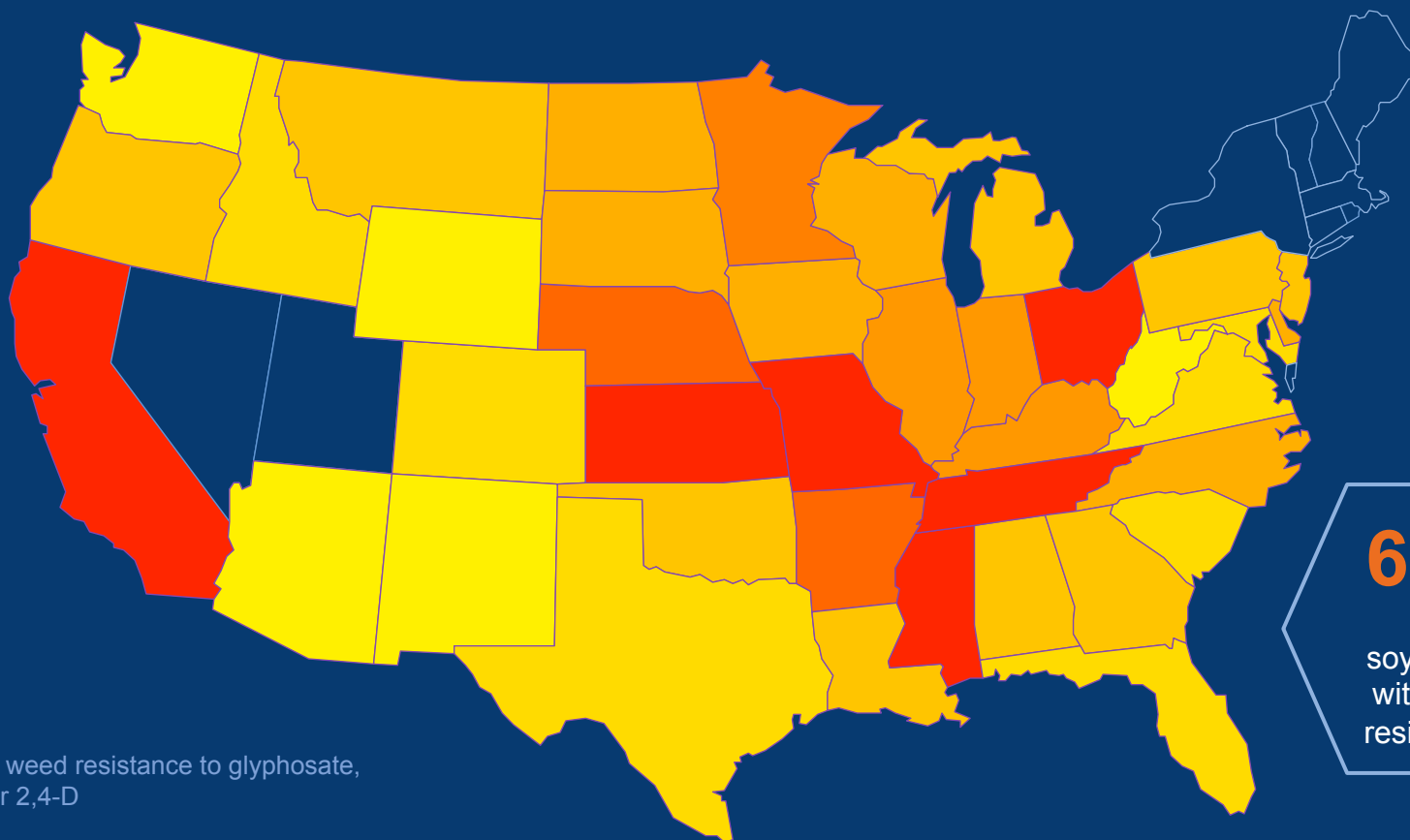
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2015

Weeds Are Winning the Battle



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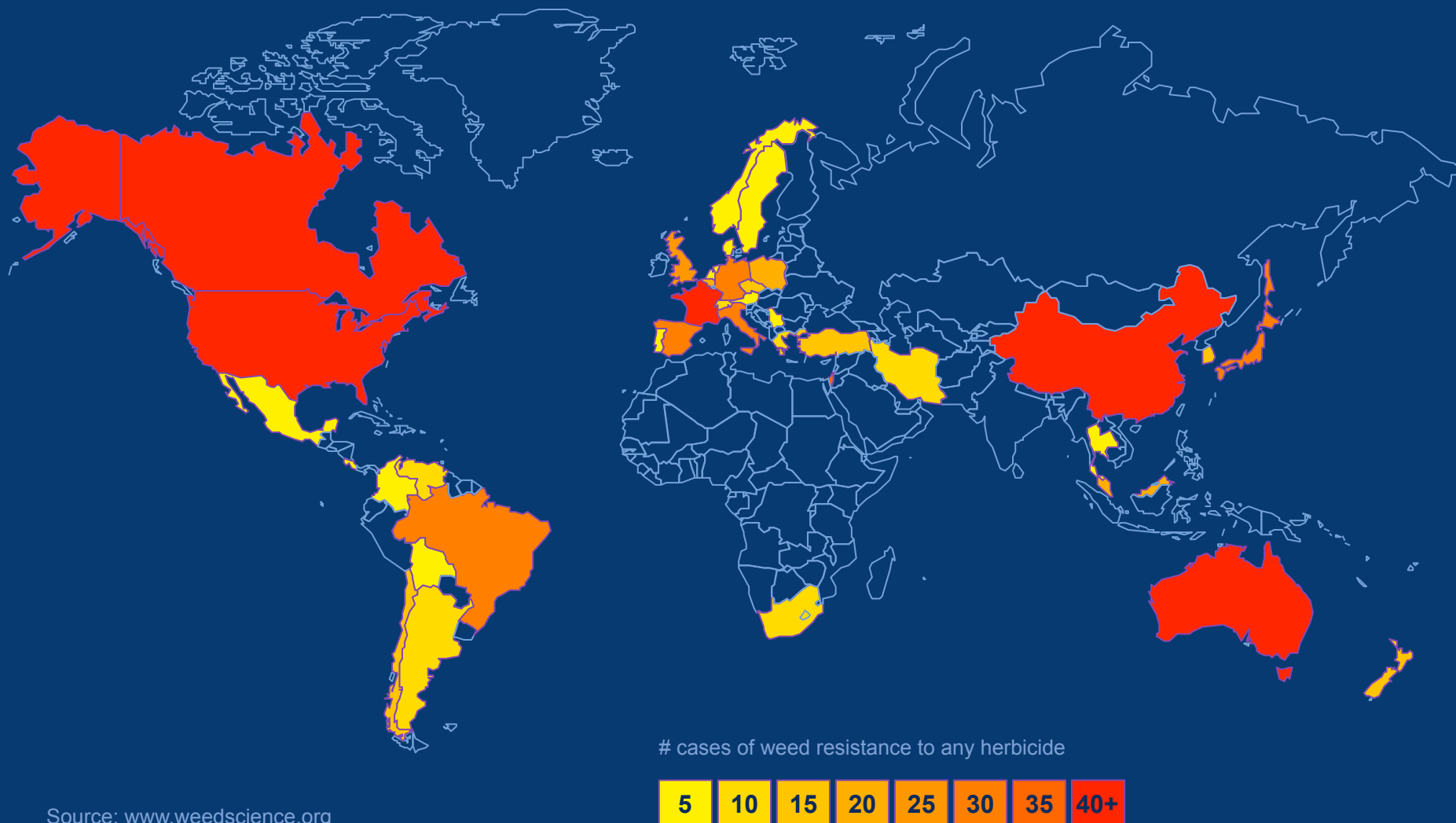
60M+

Corn & soybean acres with herbicide resistant weeds

Source: www.weedscience.org,
Stratus 2012 farmer survey, USDA NASS

2015

Weed Resistance is a Global Problem, with \$25B Spent Annually



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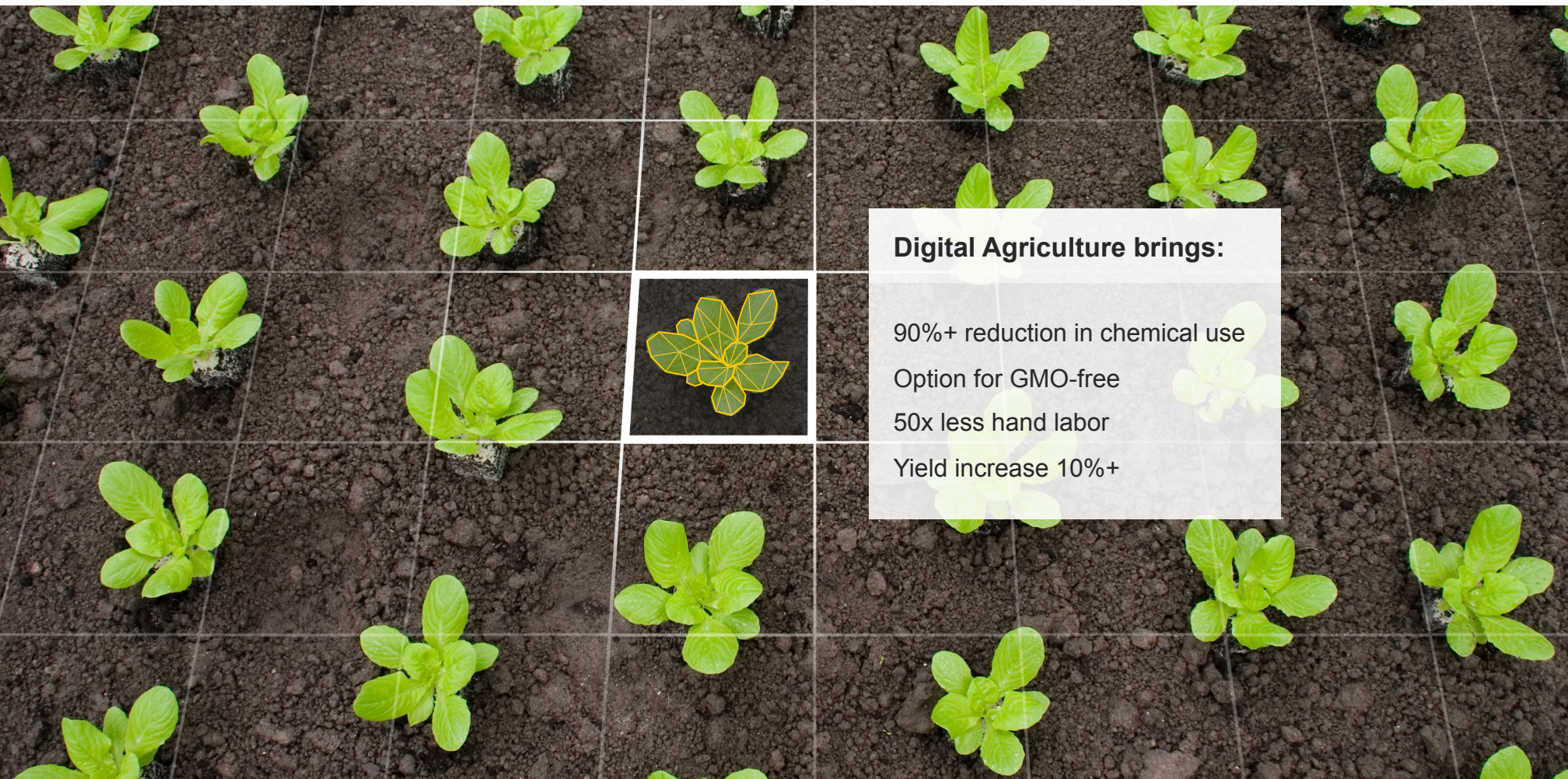






Blue River Potential

Managing Fields at the Plant Level



Digital Agriculture brings:

90%+ reduction in chemical use

Option for GMO-free

50x less hand labor

Yield increase 10%+

CHEMICAL



DIGITAL



Robotics



Three interesting challenges in agricultural robotics

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How do we get to the right spot at the right time?

Automated steering, then automated vehicles

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Seeing, processing, measuring, and recording

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Lettuce

Lettuce thinning: identify & select best 30,000 plants / acre

Manual labor is traditional option



Blue River thins with a vision system & fertilizer spray



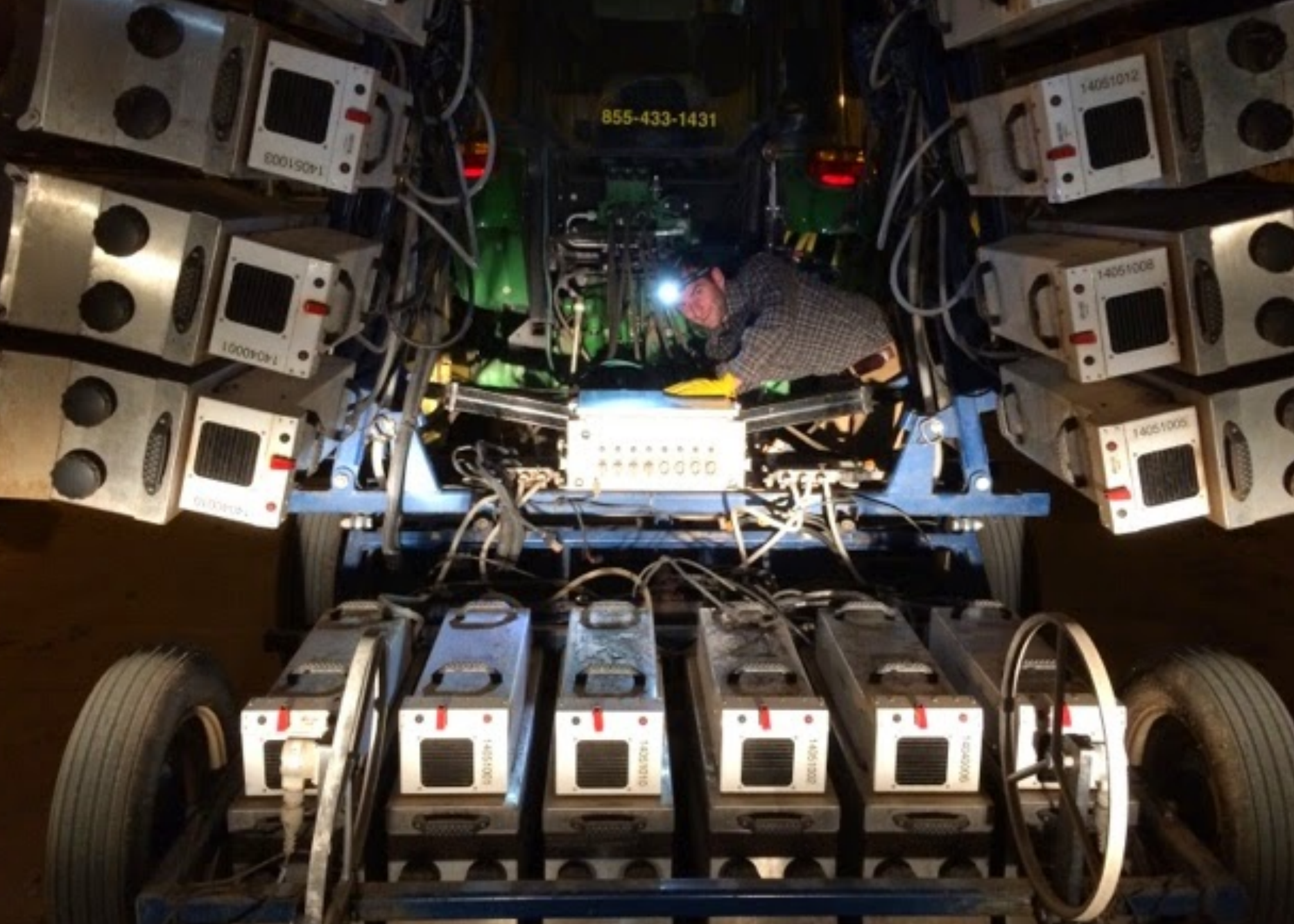
LettuceBot

5,000 plants cared for every minute











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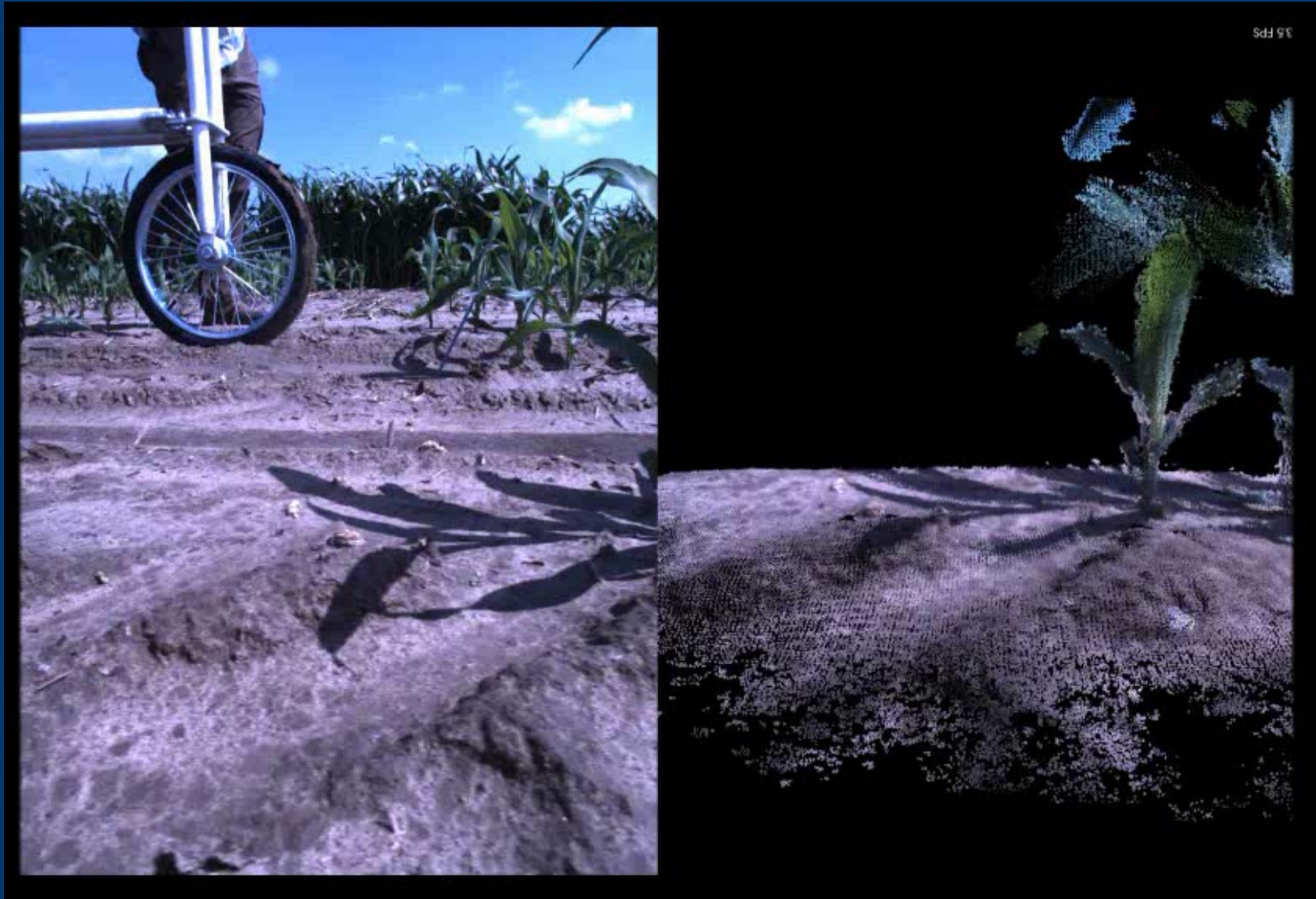
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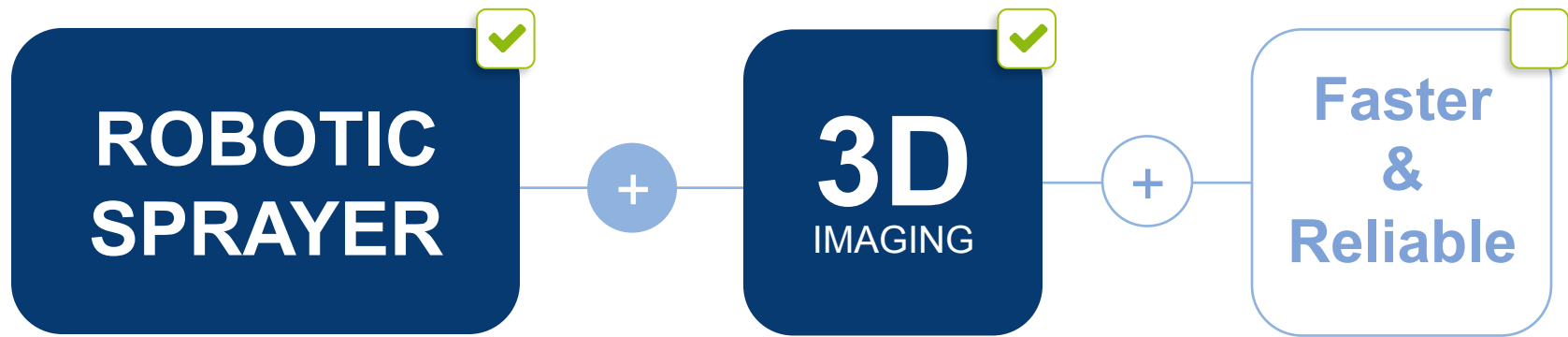


3D data

Powerful source of plant information



Coming Soon: Expansion to Digital Weeding



Questions?

