How to Count Winter Chill

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TAKE AWAYS

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3) Follow chill portions at the UC Fruit & Nut Center website.

Overview

- Why chill matters
- Why how you count chill matters
- Bonus complication: Fog
- What's under the hood of Chill Portions model
- How to count and use chill portions

Why Chill Matters – Poor, Erratic Bloom

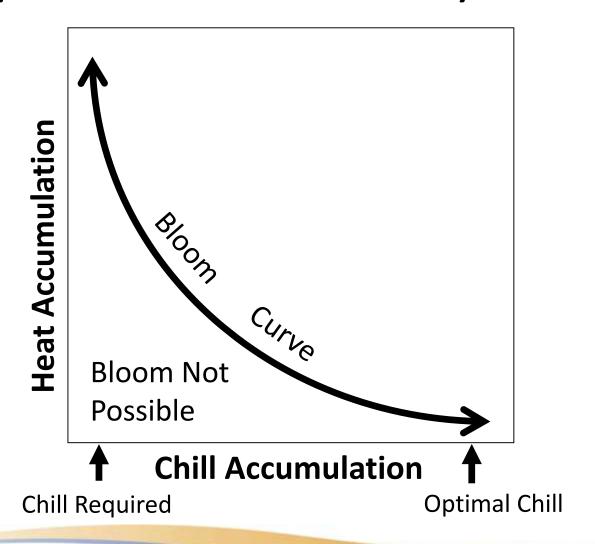


- Delayed, protracted, weak budbreak
- Bare shoots, spur shortage



- Poor fruit devel't, irregular ripening
- Underdeve'pd, abscising buds

Why Chill Matters – Delayed Bloom





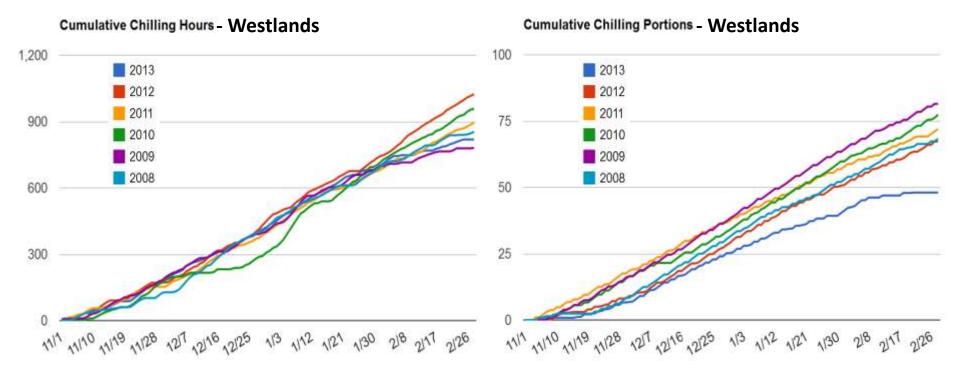
Why how you count chill matters: Literature supporting chill portions

Lead Author	Year Pub'd	Crop	Location
Ramirez	2010	Almond	Chile
Viti	2010	Apricot	Spain, Italy
Gao	2012	Apricot	China
Ruiz	2007	Apricot	Spain
Alburquerque	2008	Cherry	Spain, Fr., Can., NY, CA
Glozer	2005	Cherry	California
Allan	1995	Peach	South Africa
Linsley-Noakes	1994	Peach	South Africa
Erez	1990	Peach	South Africa
Ghrab	2014	Peach	Tunisia
Maulion	2014	Peach	Argentina
Miranda	2013	Peach	Spain
Glozer	2008	Pear	California
Elloumi	2013	Pistachio	Tunisia
Zhang	2011	Pistachio	Australia
Glozer	2006	Prune	California
Luedeling	2009	Walnut	California

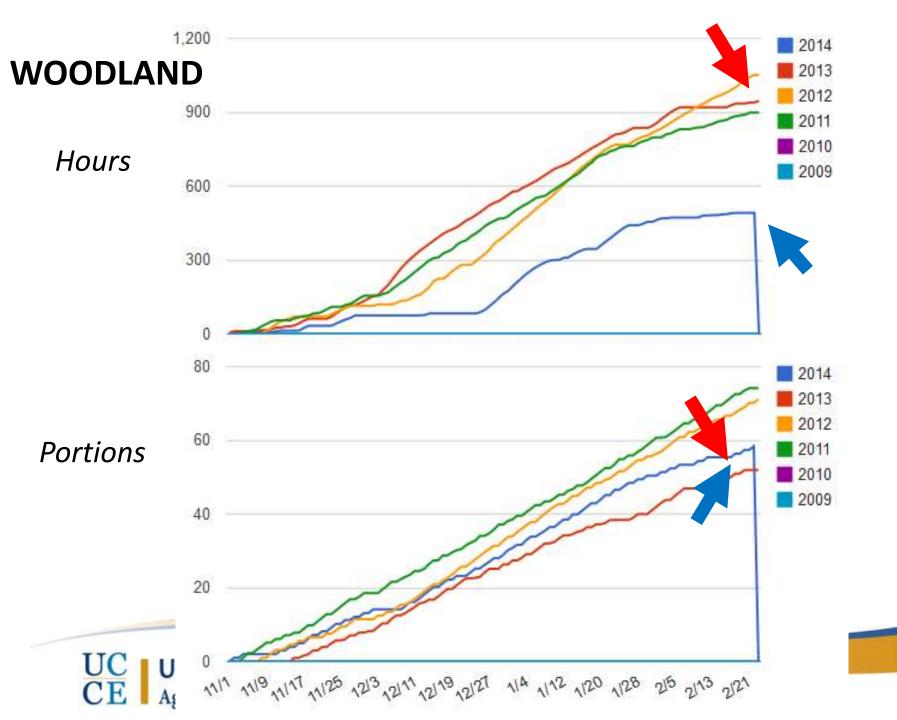
2013-2014: Chill Hours vs. Chill Portions

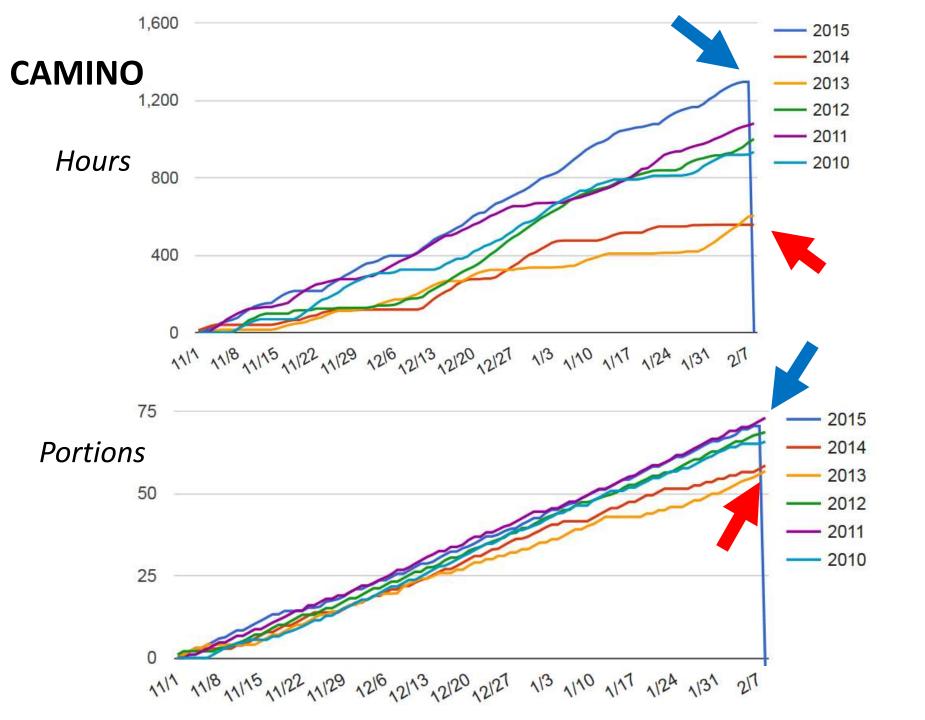
According to chill hours, 2013-2014 was an **average** winter.

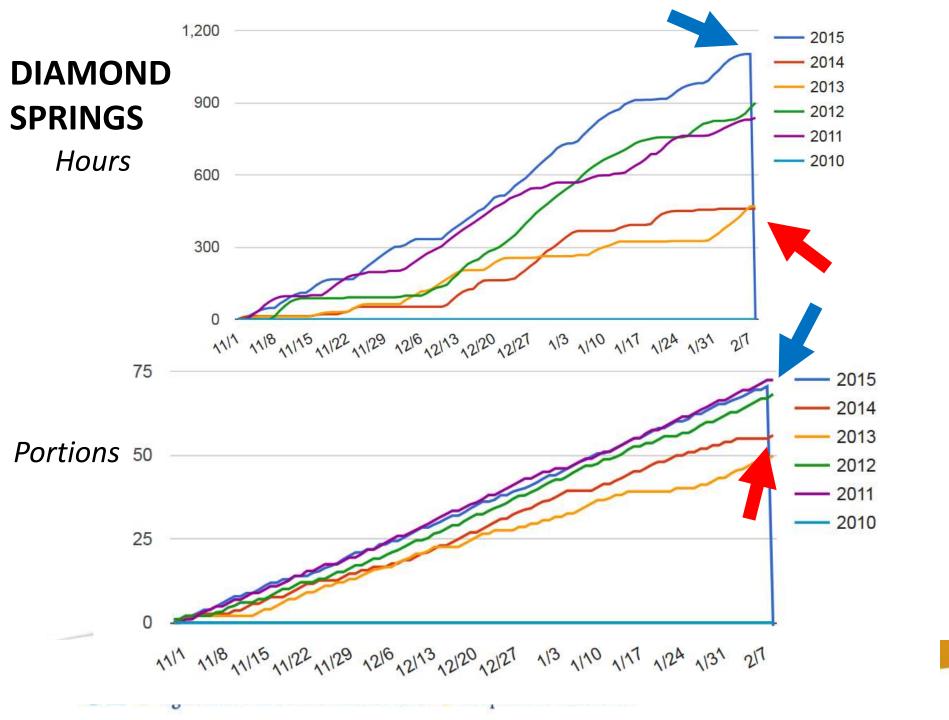
According to chill portions, 2013-2014 was unusually warm.



Figures: fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu

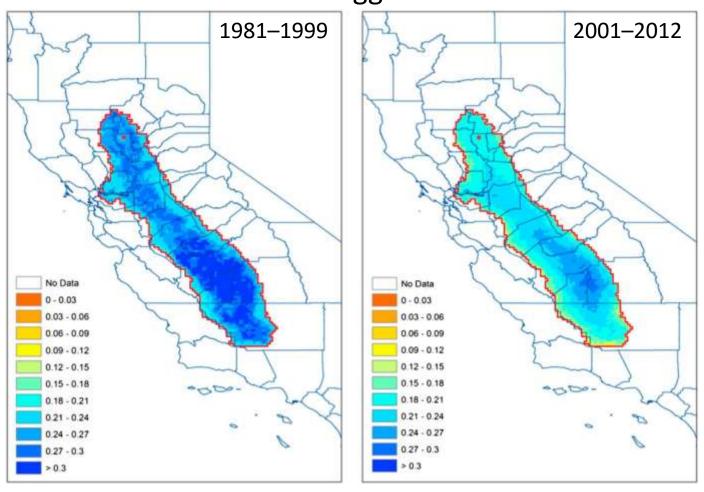




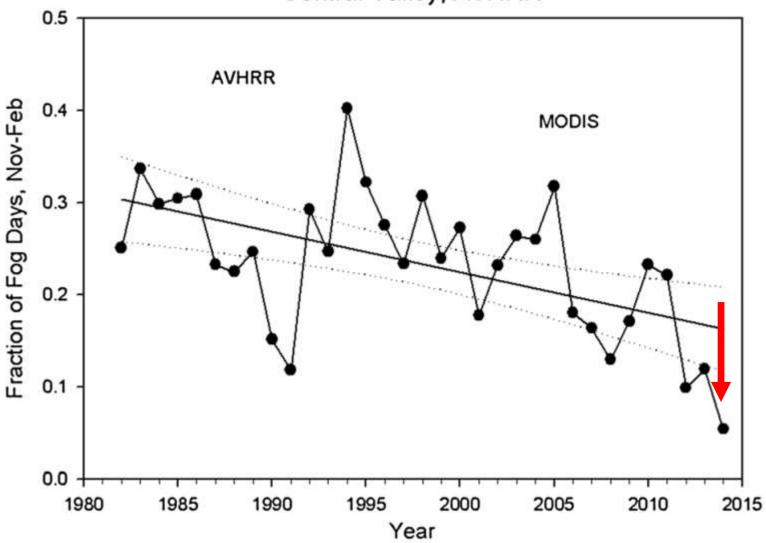


Bonus Complication: Fog Fog has been decreasing

Time fogged in



Central Valley, AVHRR

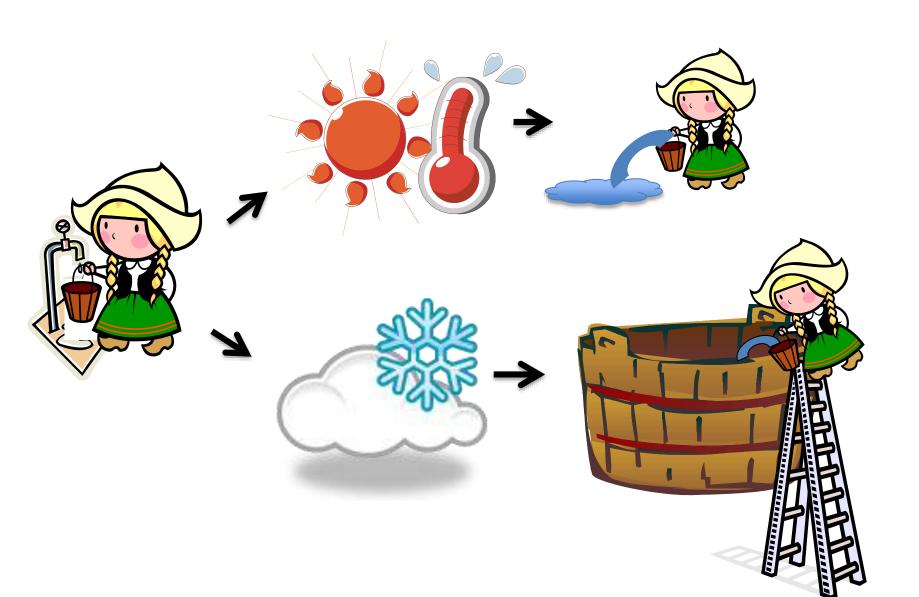


What's "under the hood" of the Chill Portions model?

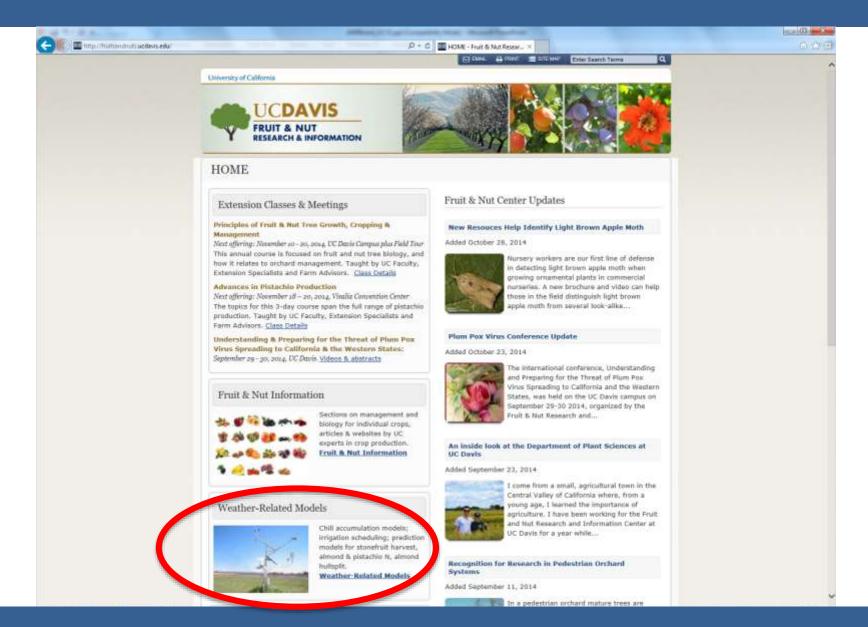
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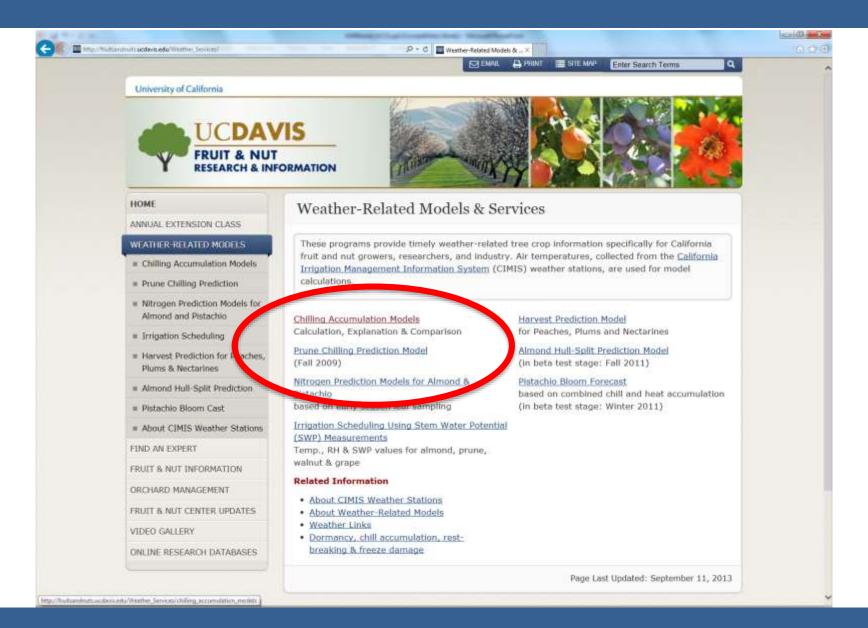
- Different temps have dif. 'chill value.'
 - Max: hours at 43-47 $^{\circ}$ F.
 - No chill value at 32°F and 54°F.
- Rather than saying, 'We had X chill hours but they were warm chill hours.'
- Expands the range of temps considered effective for chill accumulation.

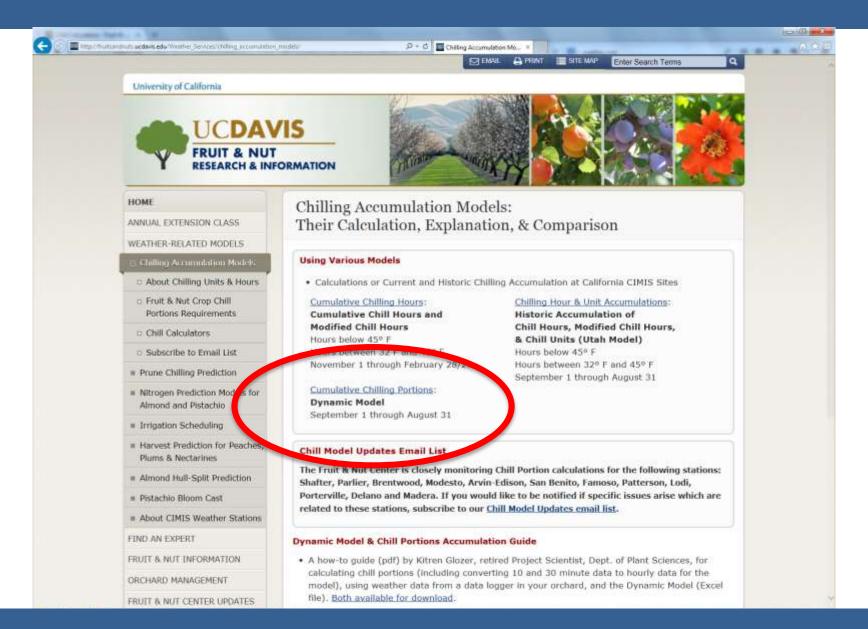
Dynamic Model: Filling the Chill Tank

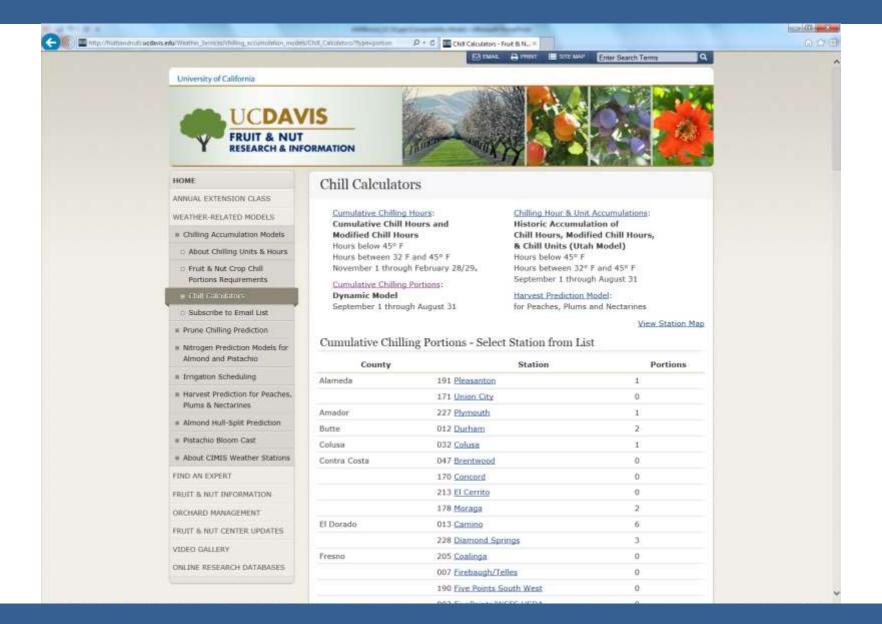


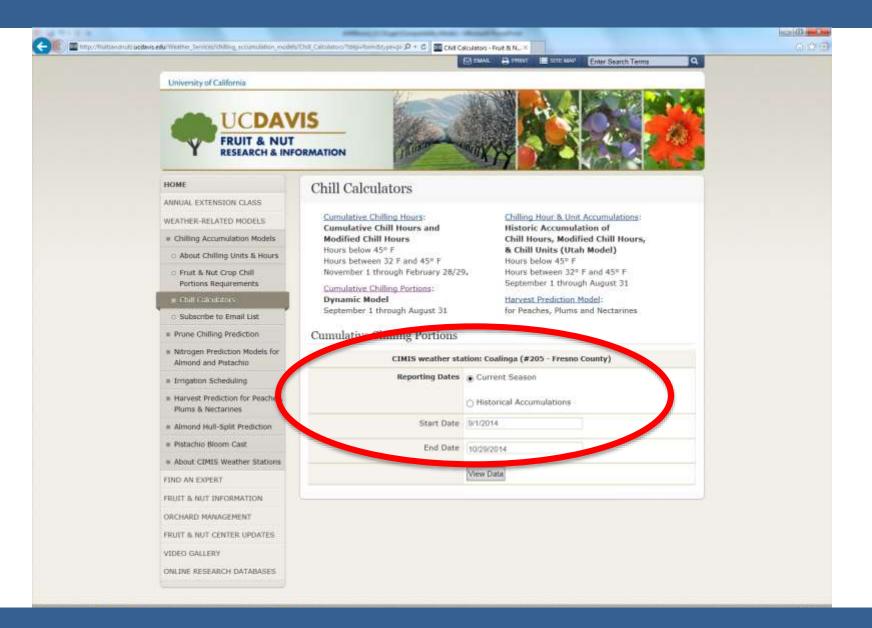
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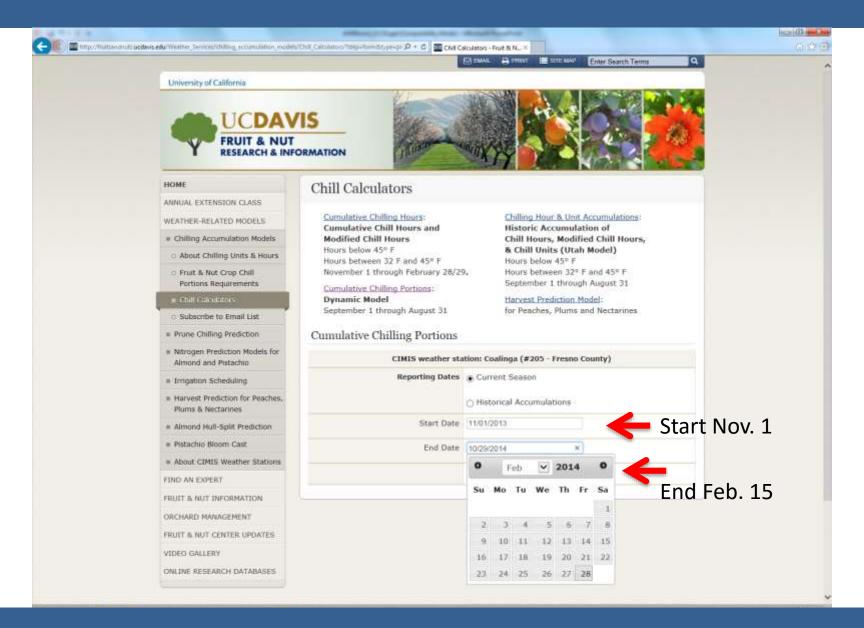


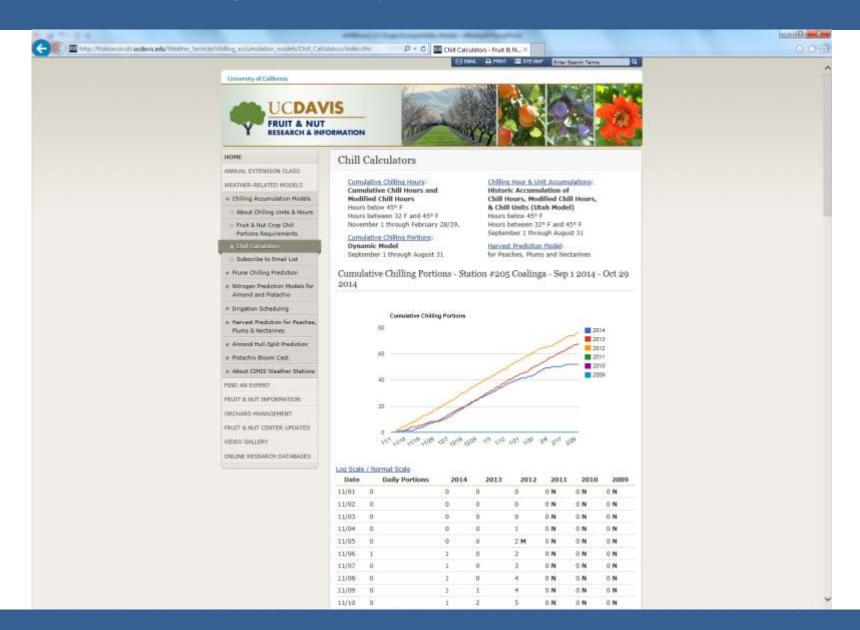


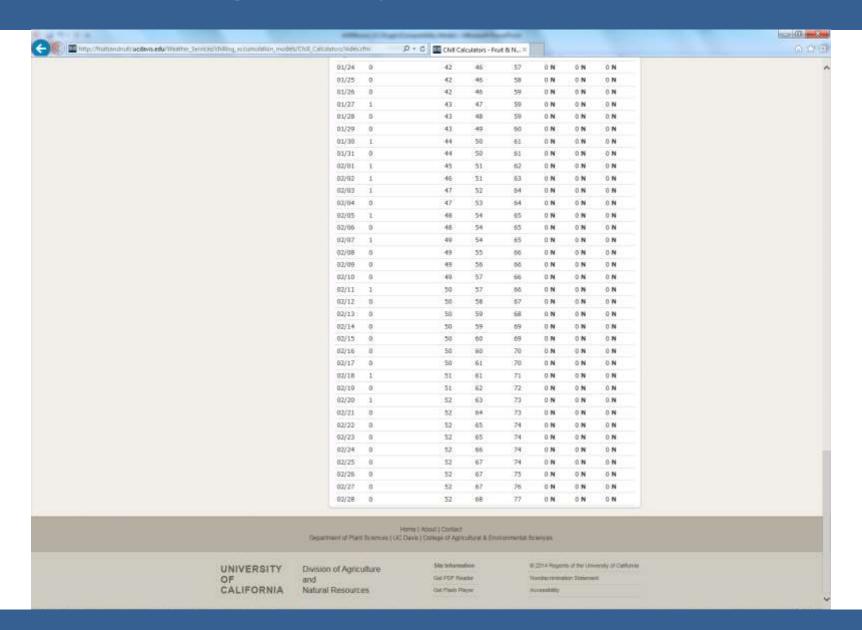


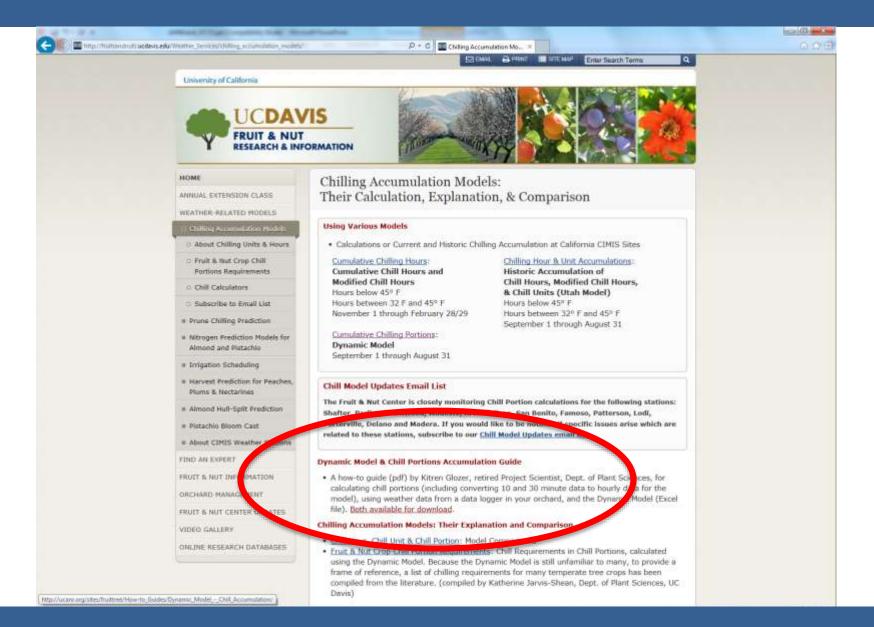


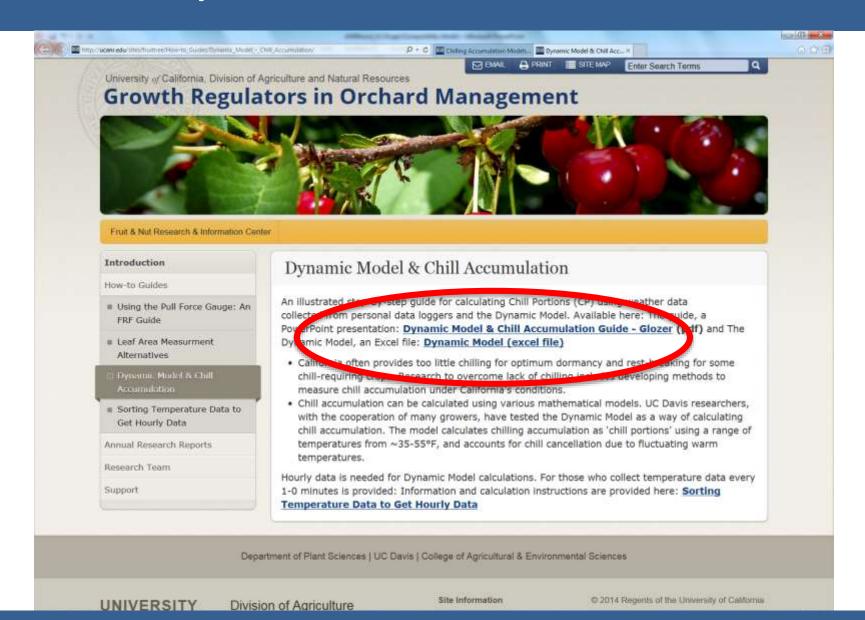


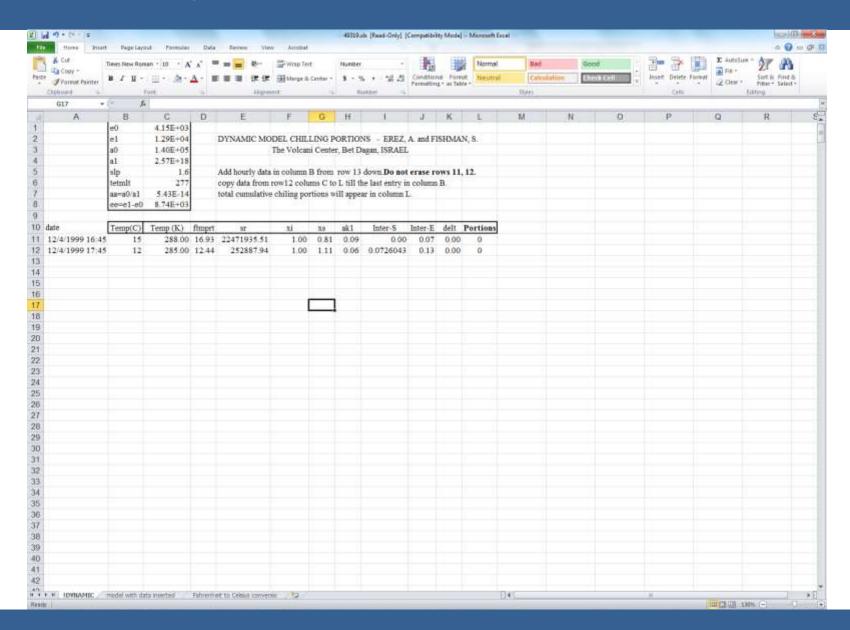


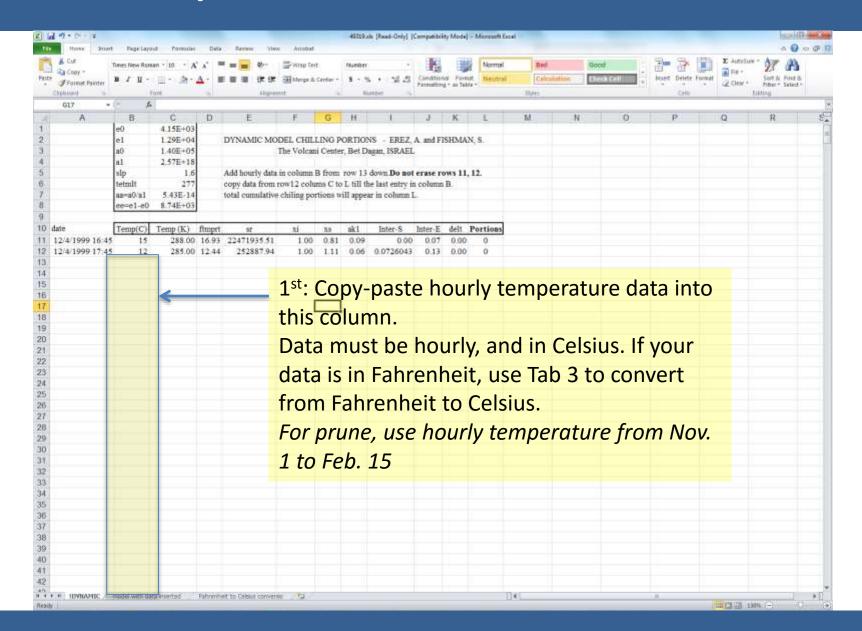


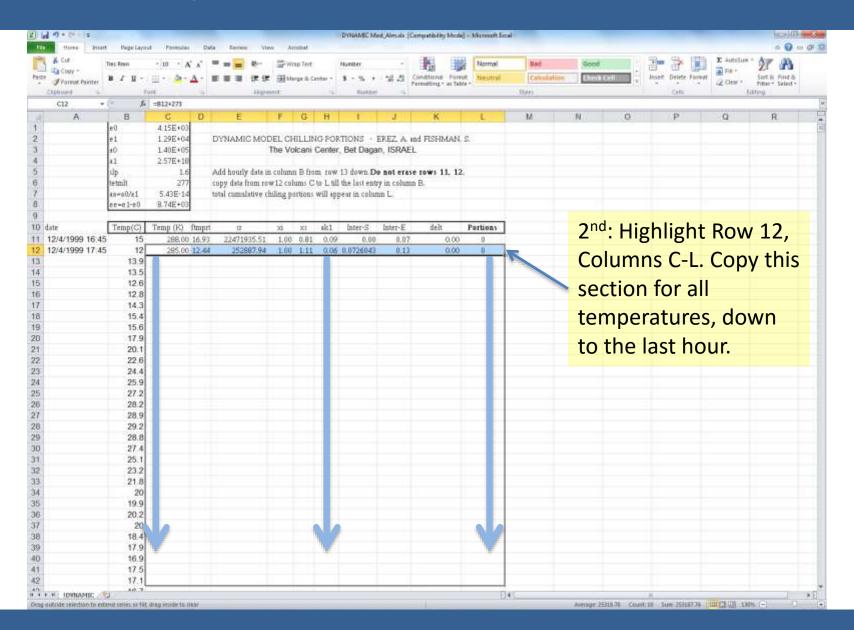


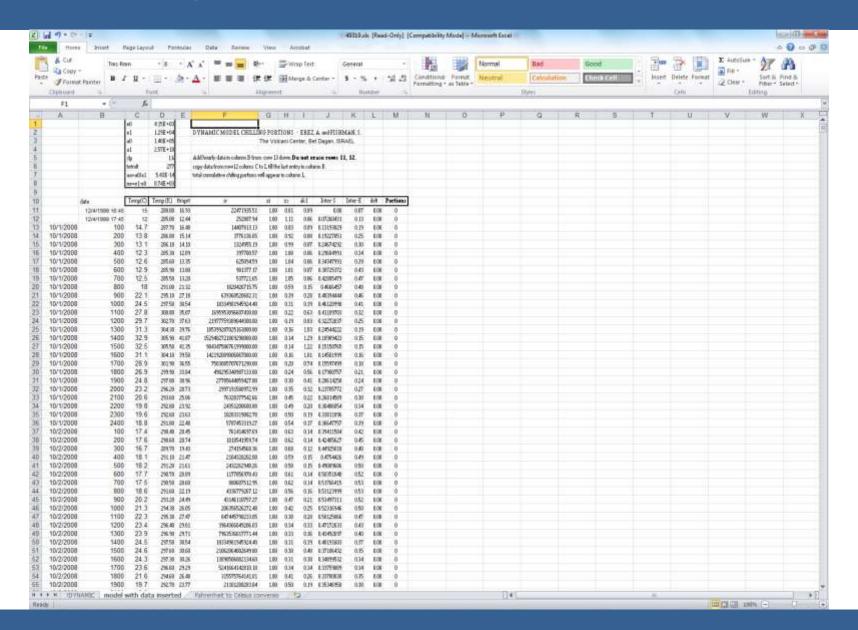










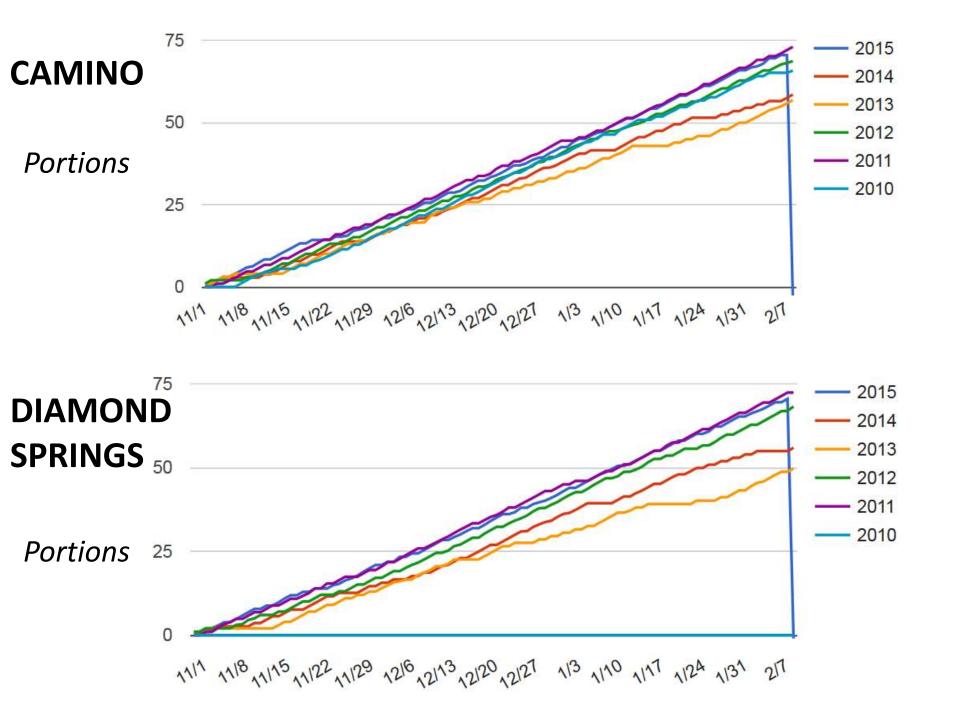


Chill requirements in Chill Portions

Crop (CA Cv.'s)	Chill Port Requ.
Almonds	22-32
'Nonpareil'	23
Apple 'Golden Delicious'	50
Cherry	30-70
'Brooks'	37
Peaches, Nectarines	8-75
Walnut	38-72
'Chandler'*	45-50

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Crop	Cultivar	Chill Port Requ.
Peach	Andross	63
	Big Top	63
	Earligrande	12
	Flordaprince	8
	Maravilha	12
	O'Henry	63
	Redhaven	75
Nectarine	Aprilglo	12
	Fantasia	42
	Flavortop	41
	Mayglo	18
	Sunlite	33



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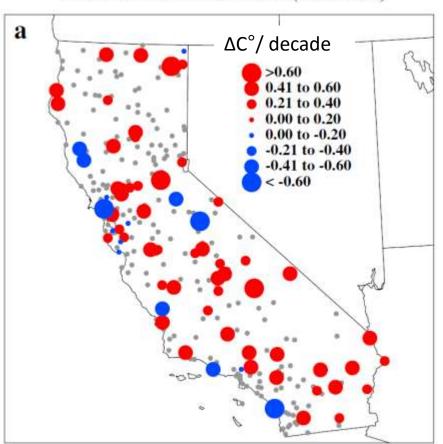
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QUESTIONS?

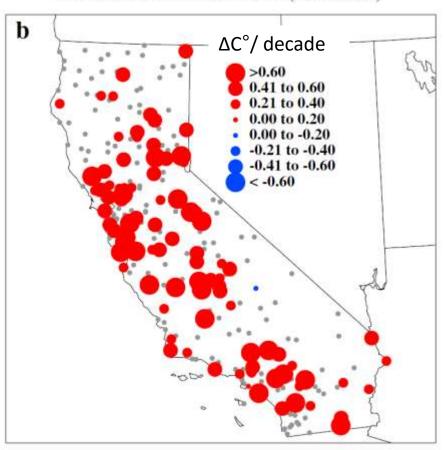
Predictions: Winter Chill will decrease. Probably 15-20% by mid-Century.

Temperatures have been warming

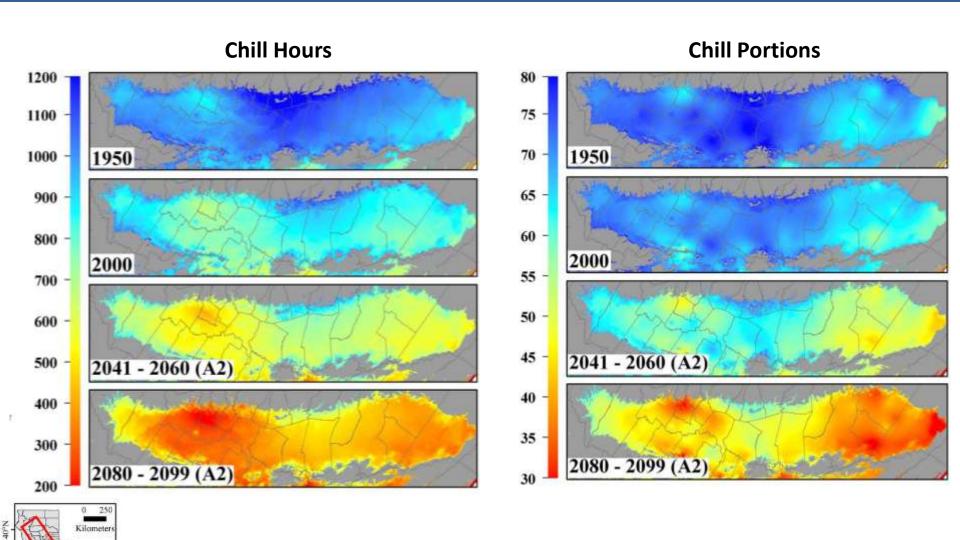
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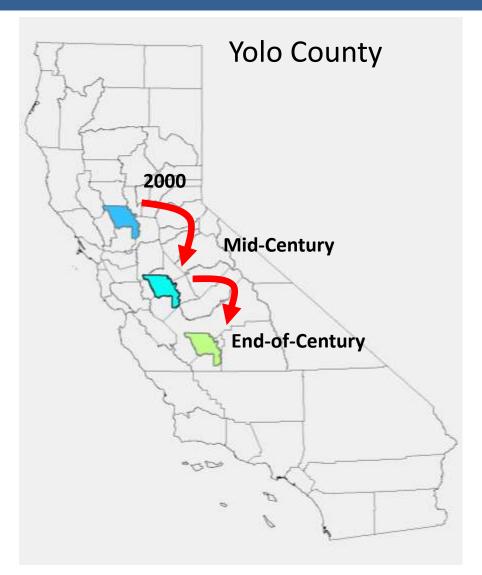
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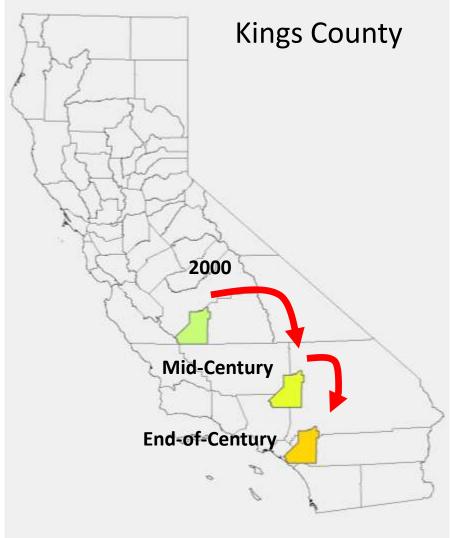


Chill will decrease. "Safe Winter Chill"



What changes will feel like





Adapted from numbers in Luedeling et al. (2009)

Uncertainty increases with time

