Reforming Today's Conservation and Environmental Policies for Tomorrow's Scarcity (and Abundance)

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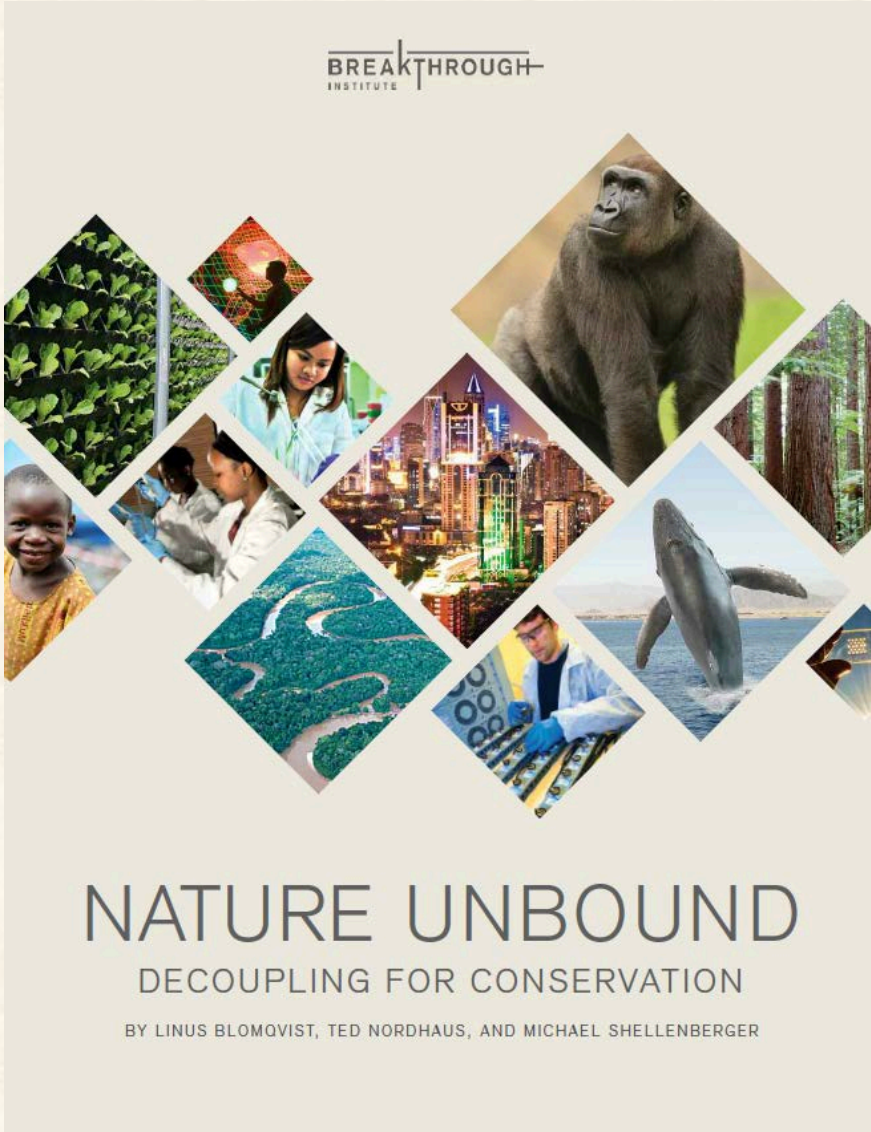
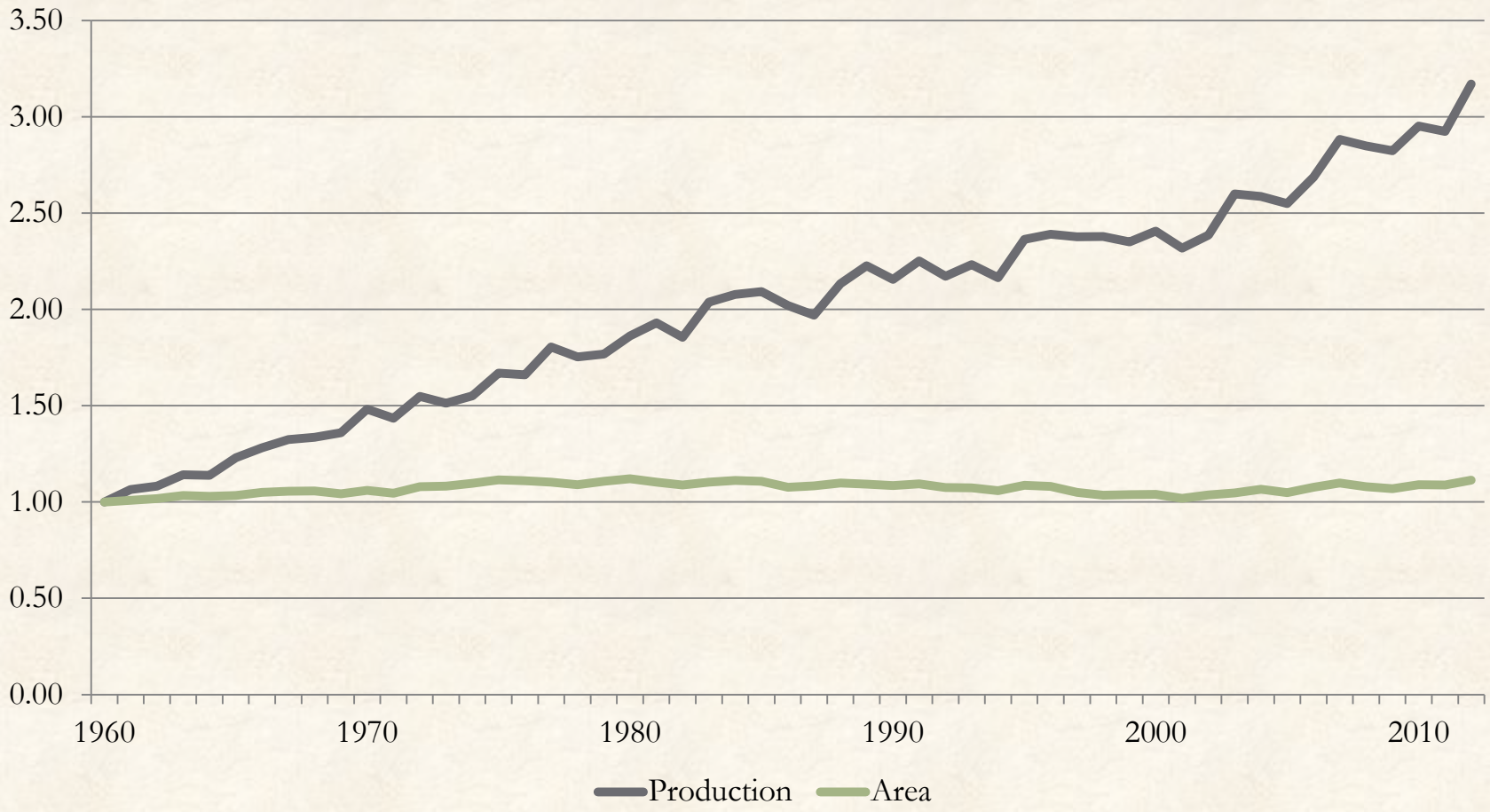


Substitution

Wild harvests	Farming	Factory
Wild meat	Pasture / feedlot	In vitro meat
Wild rubber	Rubber plantation	Synthetic rubber
Wild fish	Extensive aquaculture	Closed-loop aquaculture
Fuelwood from natural forest	Fuelwood from tree plantation	Modern fuels
	Nitrogen-fixing legumes	Synthetic fertilizer

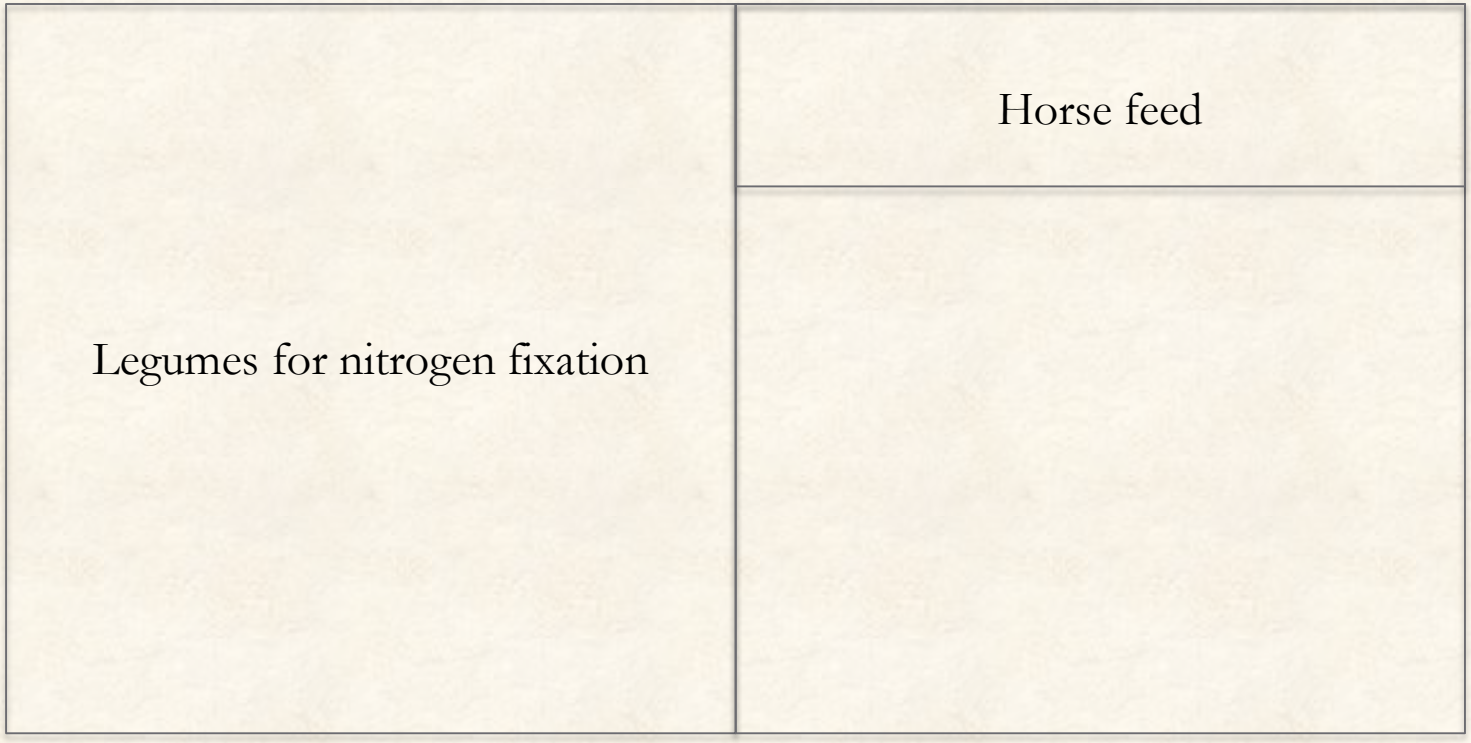
→ More artificial →

Global Cereal Production and Area

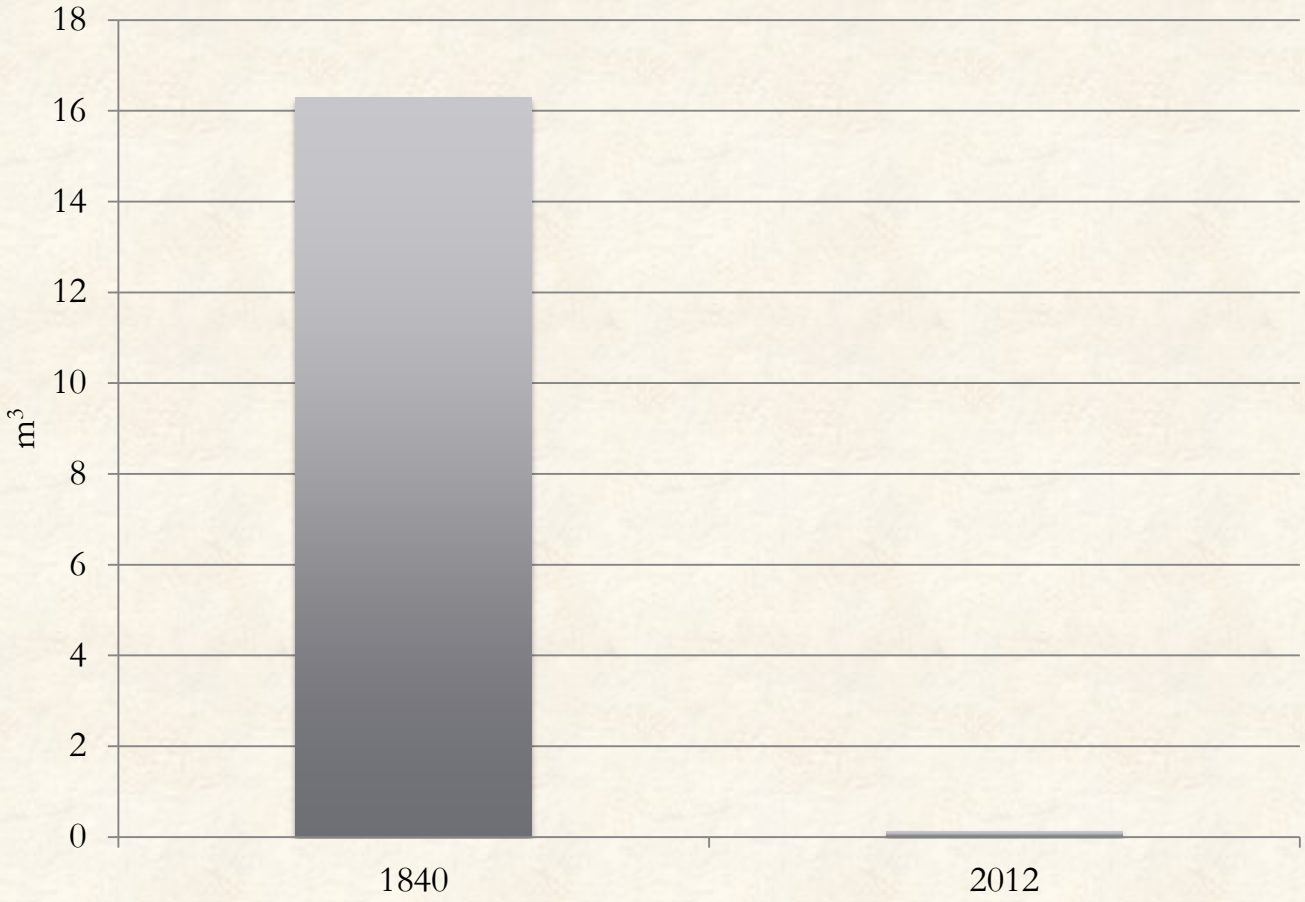


Source: FAO (2015)

Land Savings From Synthetic Fertilizer and Tractors

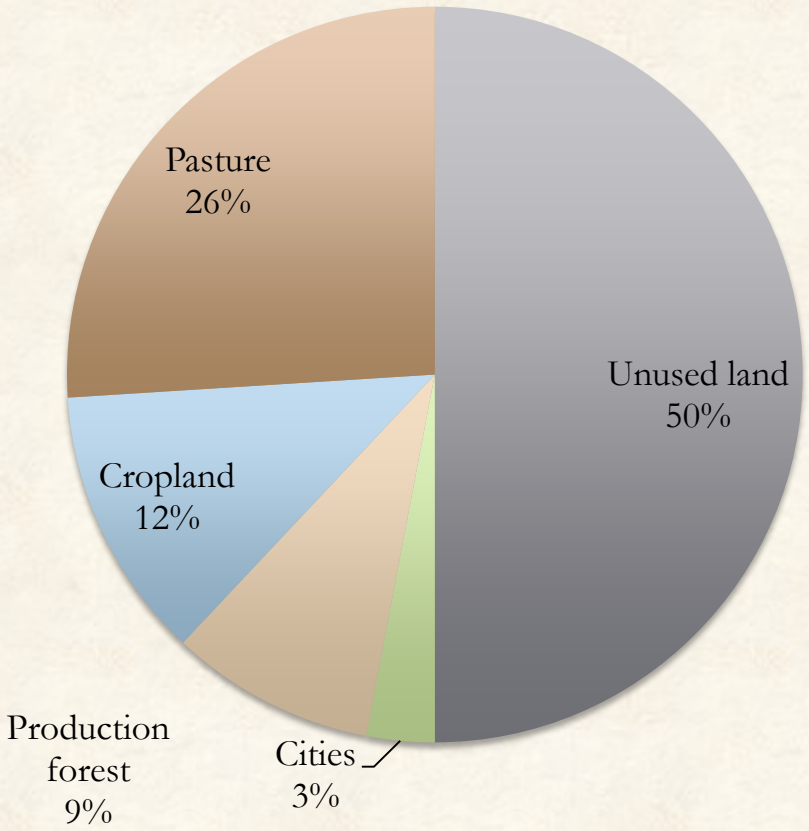


Per-Capita Fuelwood Consumption in the United States



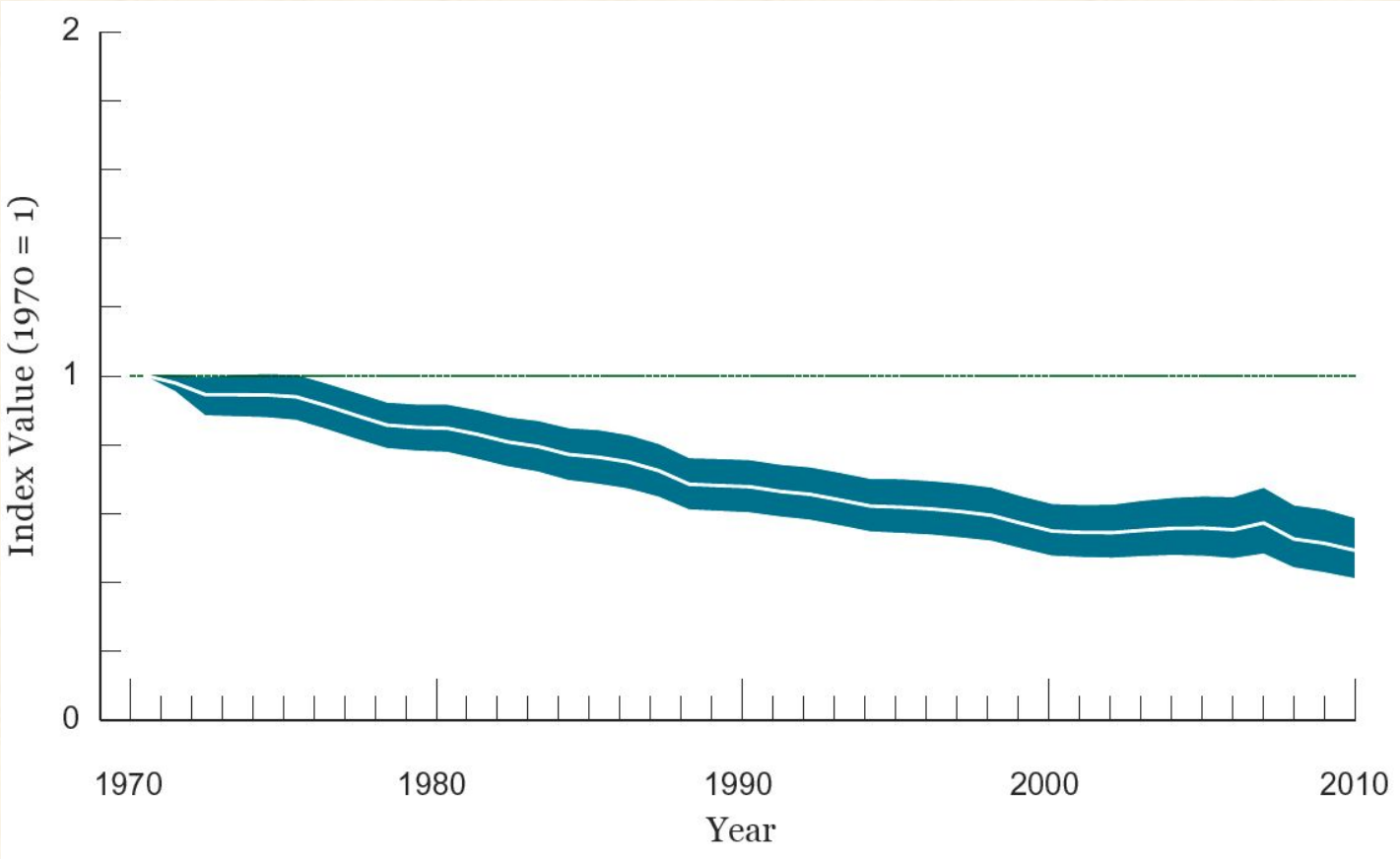
Source: Reynolds & Pierson (1942); FAO (2015)

Global Land Use



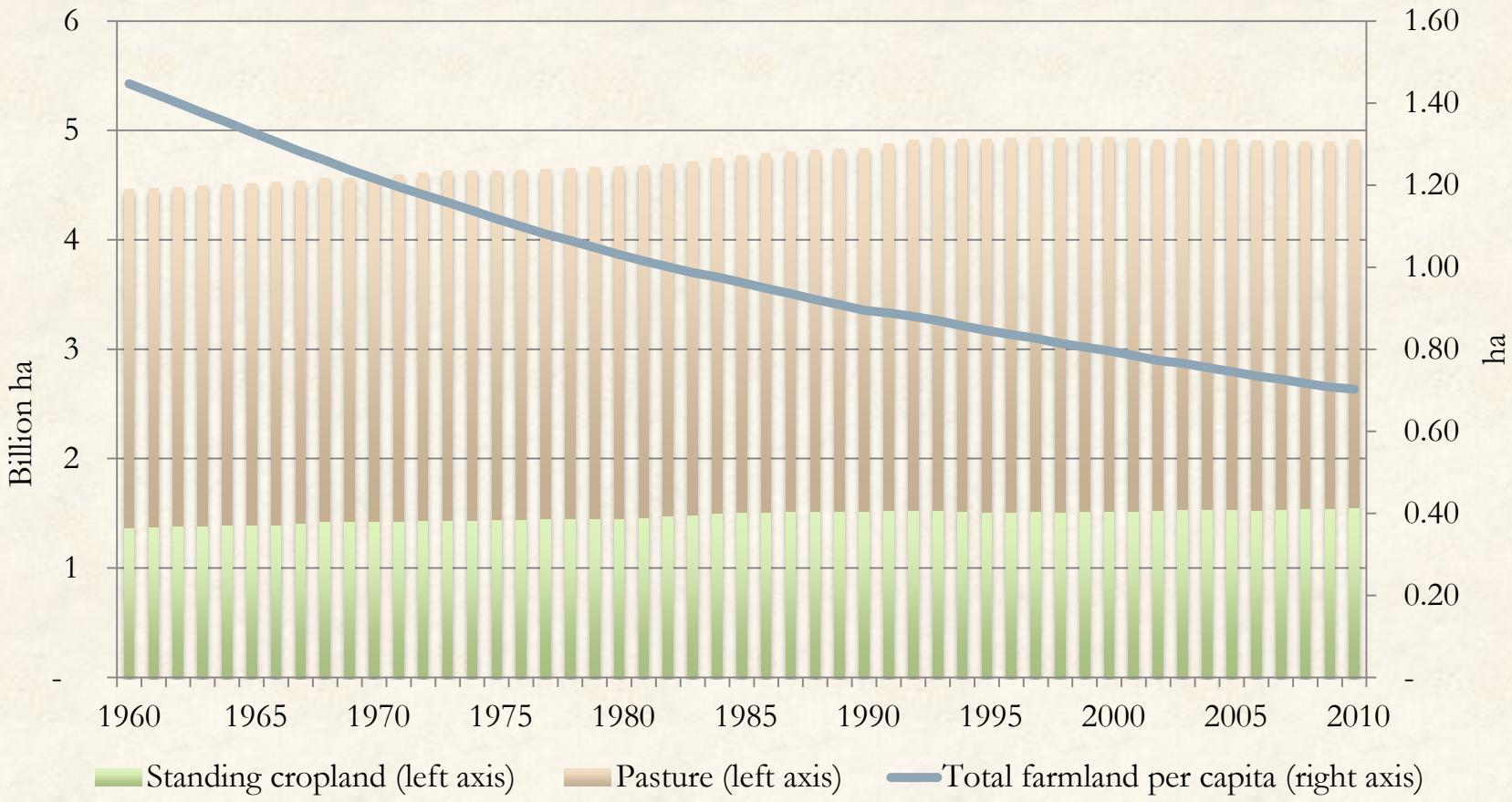
Source: FAO (2015); FAO (2010); Liu et al (2014)

Declining Wildlife Populations: The Living Planet Index



Source: WWF (2014)

Global Farmland Area



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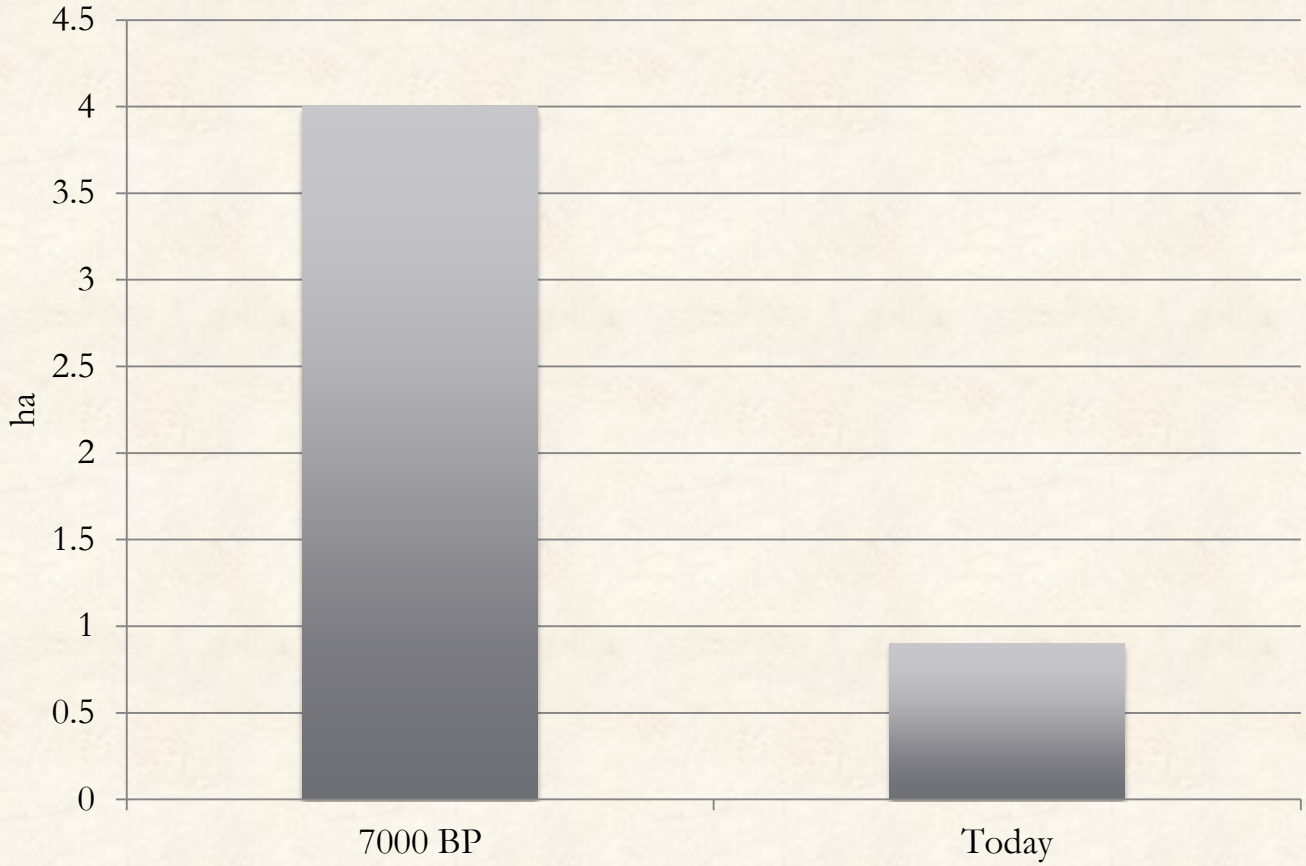
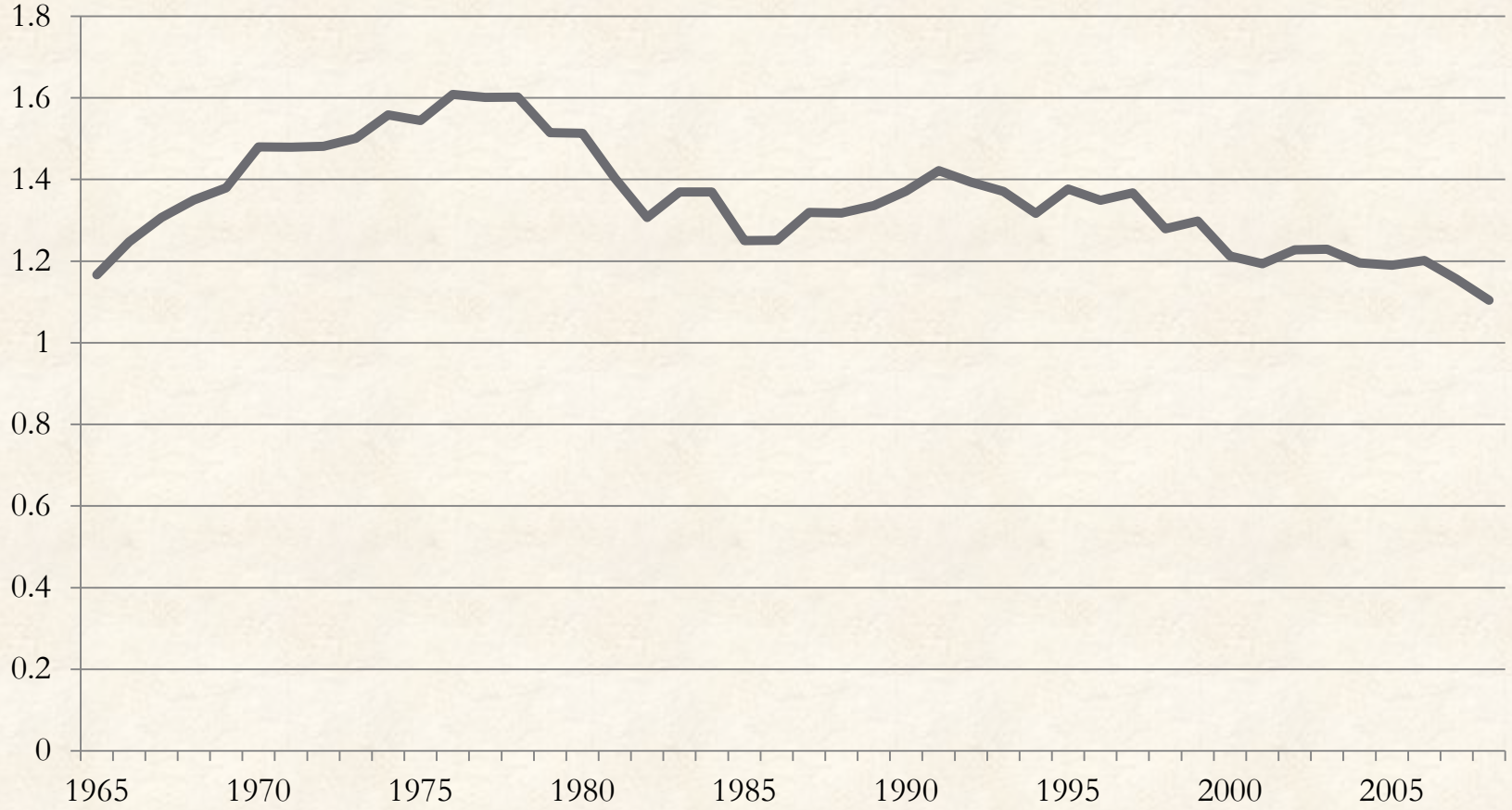
Per-Capita Land Footprint



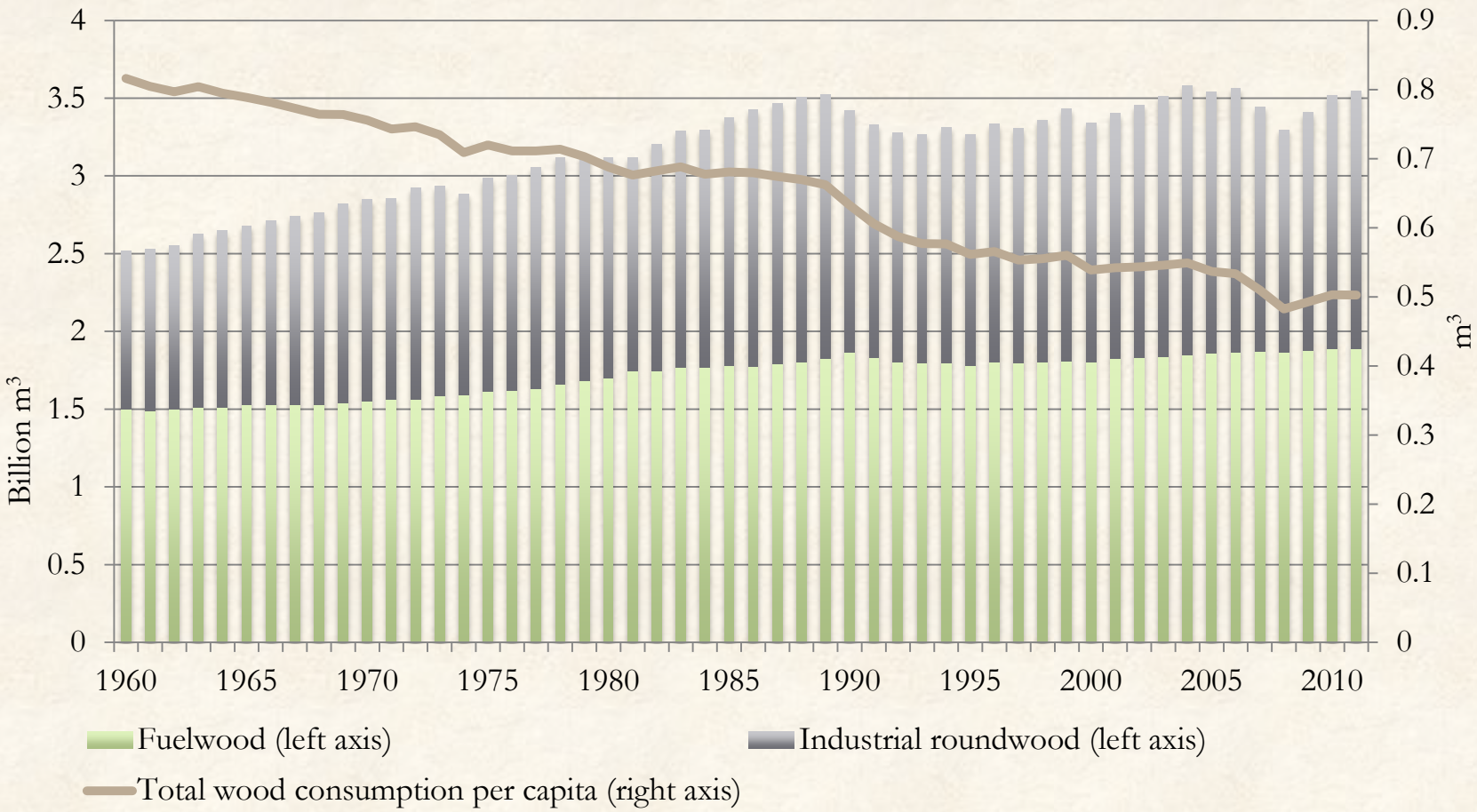
Source: Ruddiman & Ellis (2009); Liu et al (2014); FAO (2010); FAO (2015)

Nitrogen Pollution Index in US Farming



Source: Breakthrough Institute analysis of data from Conant et al (2013)

Global Wood Consumption



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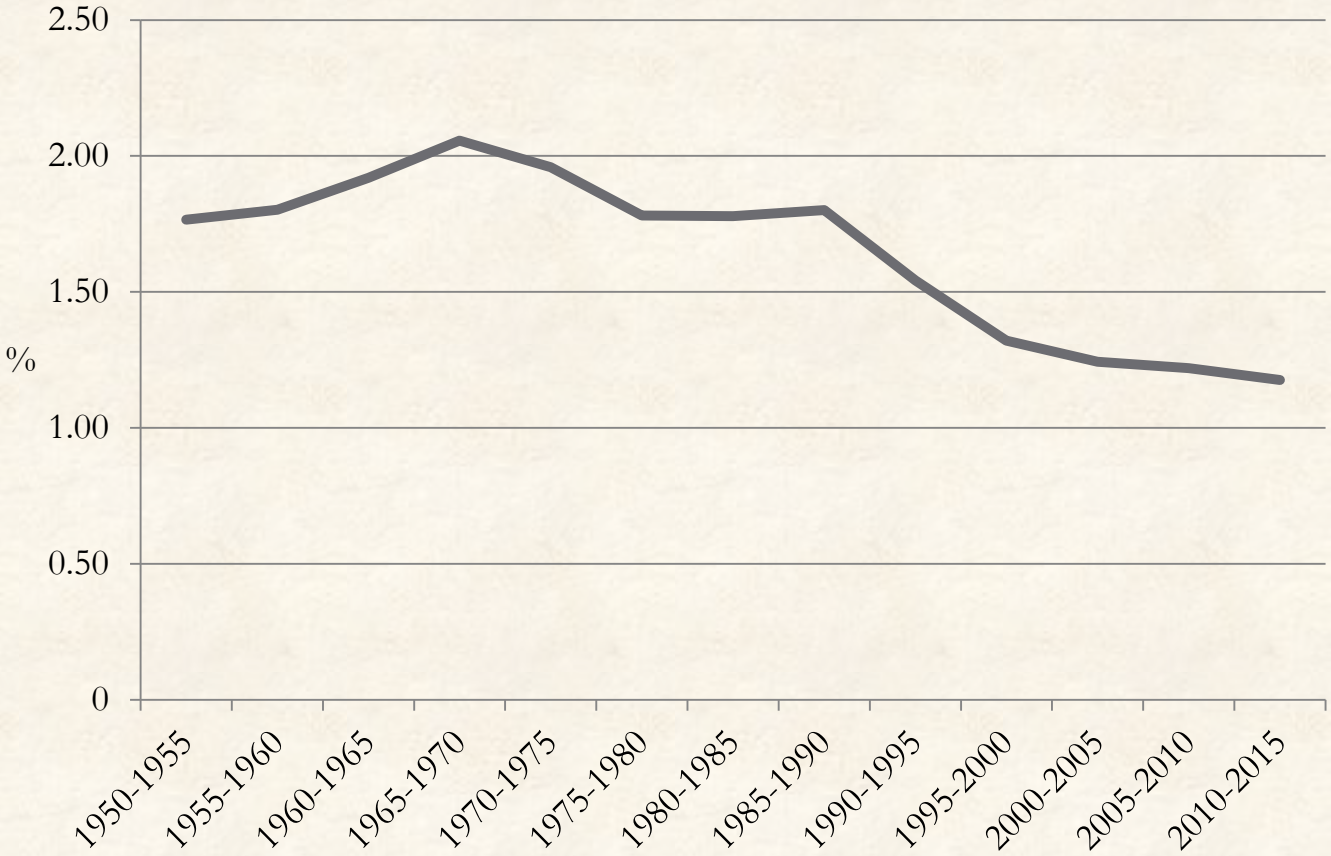
Global Population Growth Rate



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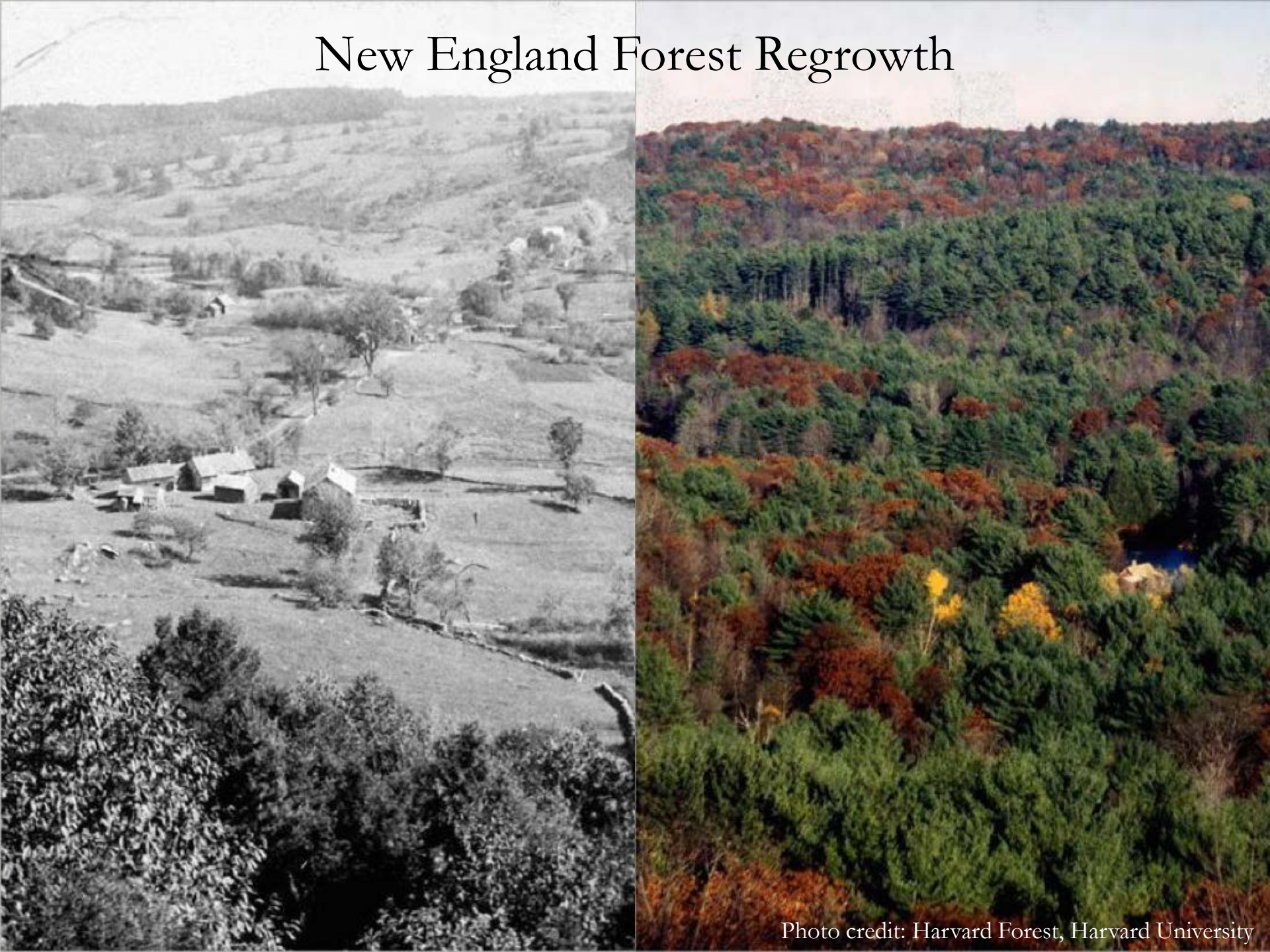
New England Forest Regrowth



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Bison Reintroduction in Montana

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