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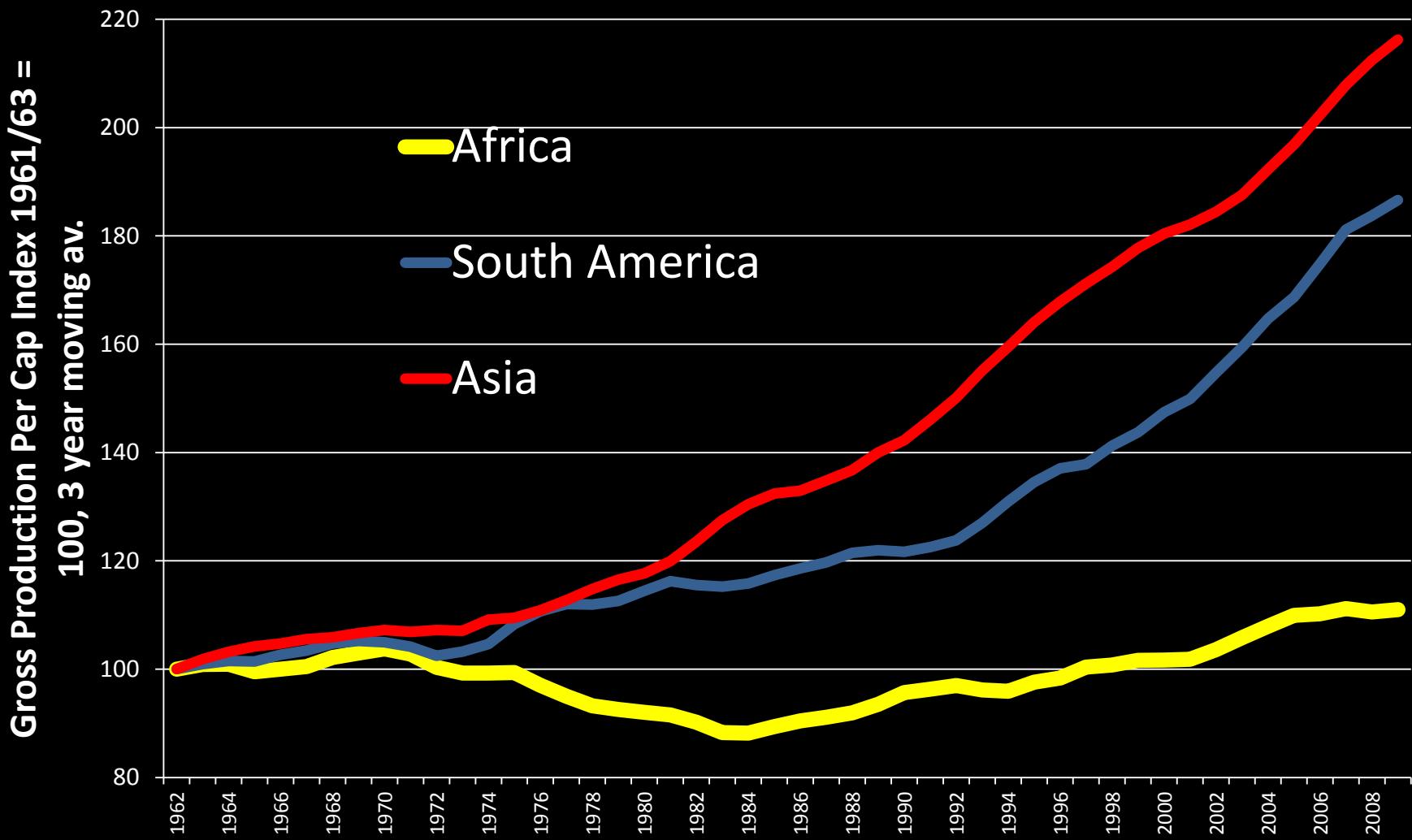


HOW DISAPPOINTING IS AFRICA'S AGRICULTURAL RECORD?



Familiar graph:

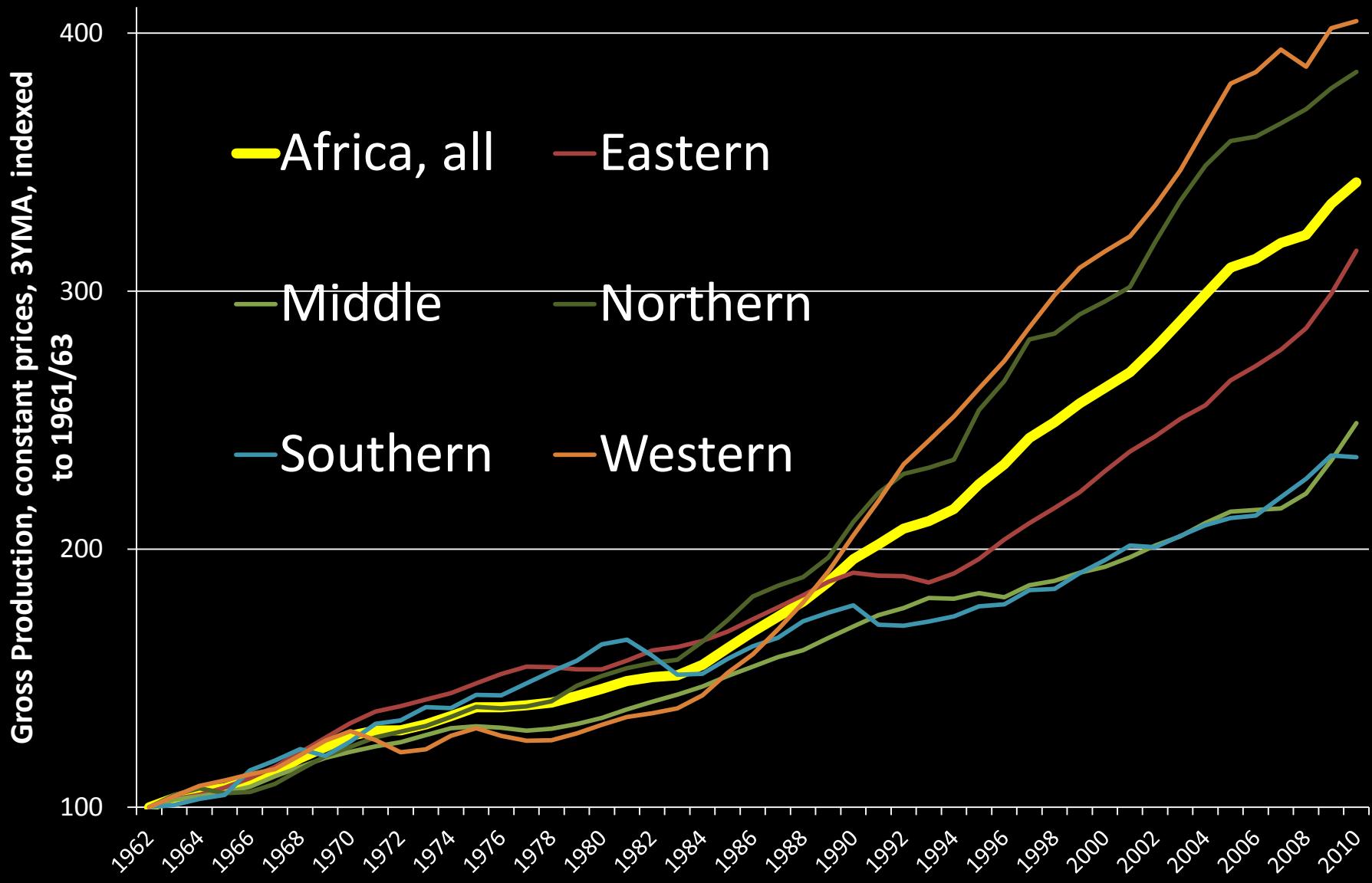
Food Production per cap, since 1960s





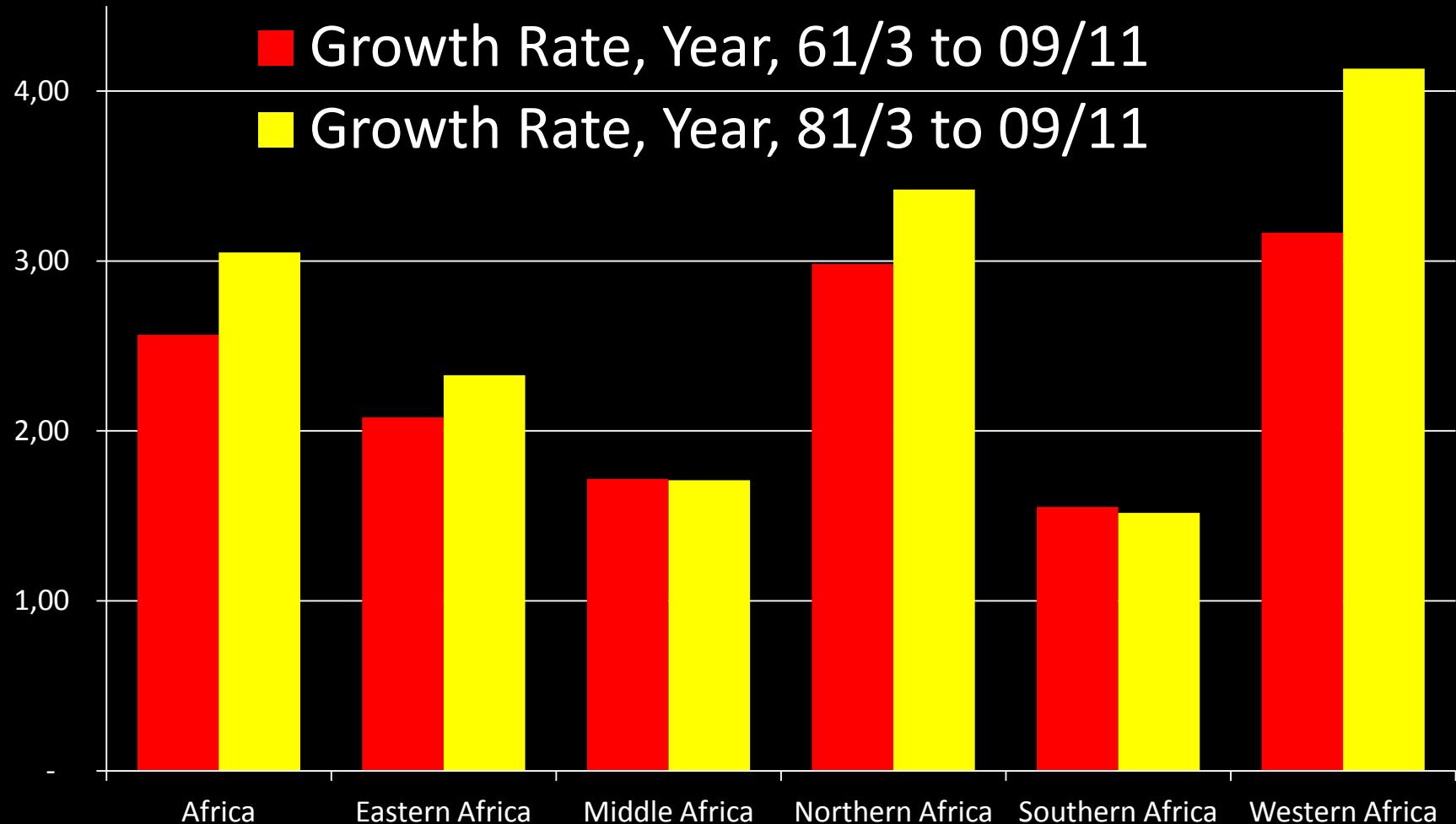
Not so familiar

Agricultural Output, Africa, since 1960s



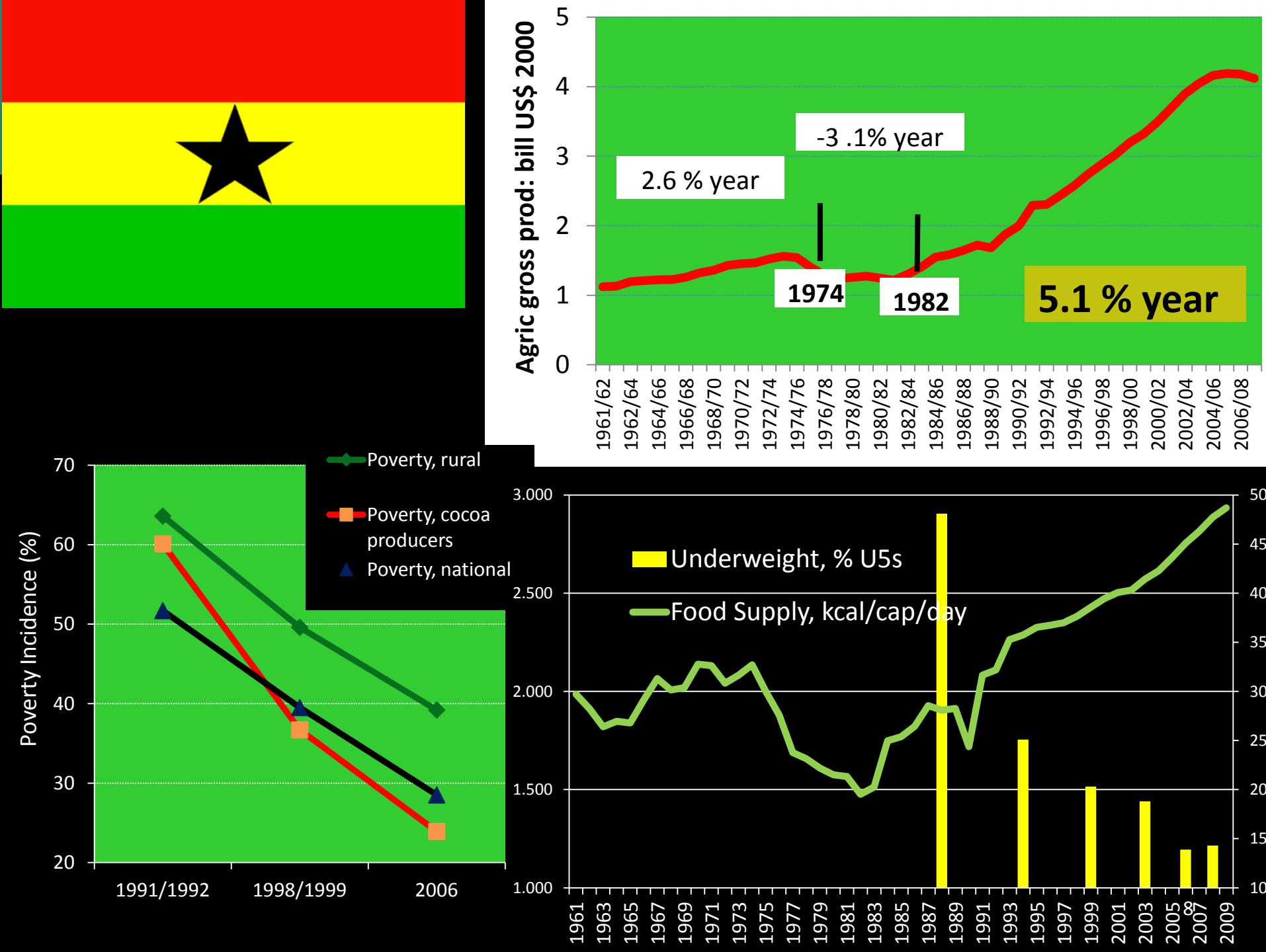
Less familiar

Agricultural Growth Rates





GHANA: *WHAT CAN BE DONE*





No secrets to agricultural development!



Rural Investment Climate

- *Doesn't have to be perfect!*



Rural Public Goods

- Roads, power, irrigation, etc.
- Education, Health, Water
- Research & Extension



SE Asia: 3 preconditions for ↑growth & ↓poverty

Malaysia ex 1958, Indonesia ex 1967,
Vietnam ex 1986, Cambodia ex 1999 (?)

Macroeconomic stability

low inflation, currency overvaluation

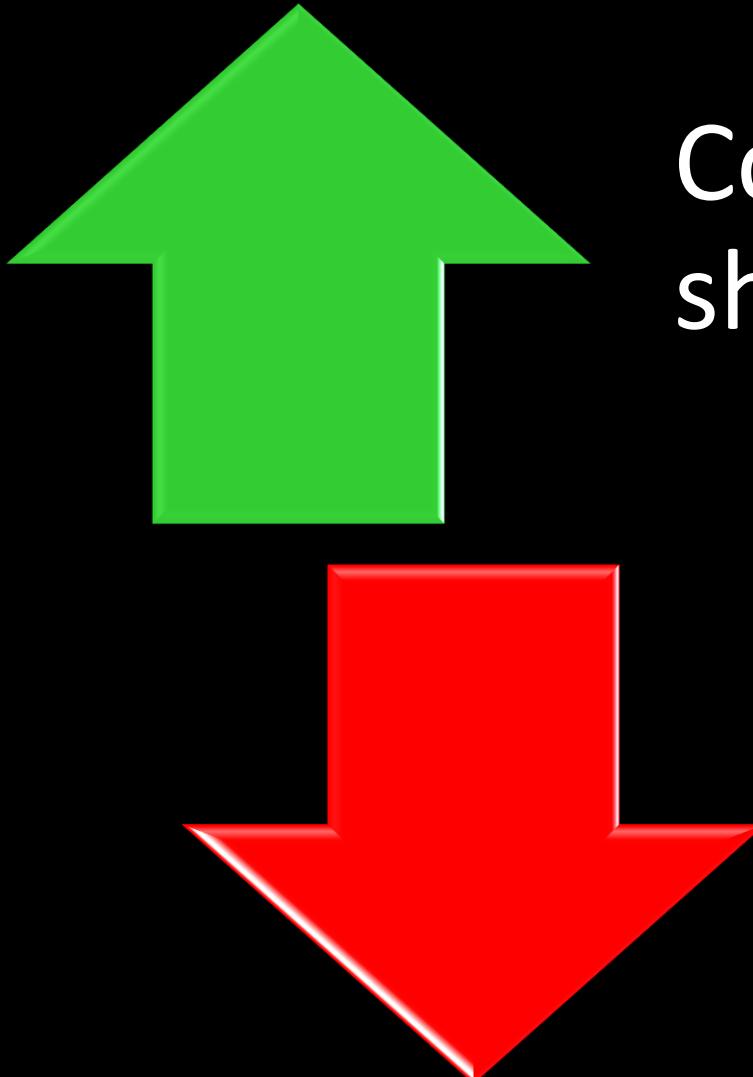
Economic freedom

for farmers & entrepreneurs

Pro-poor public spending

on agriculture, public services, rural infrastructure

SE Asia: yes & no



Coalitions for shared growth

Authoritarian rule

Foreign aid

Elimination of corruption

Liberalised financial systems

Privatised utilities

Indigenous bourgeoisie

Industrial policy