

# Climate Smart Farming Decision Tools

<http://climatesmartfarming.org/tools/>

## *One-page usage guides to the CSF Decision Tools*

### (1) CSF Growing Degree Day Calculator

Track heat accumulation throughout the year to monitor plant and insect development.

### (2) CSF Water Deficit Calculator

Monitor soil water deficit to allow efficient water management and smart scheduling of irrigation.

### (3) CSF Winter Cover Crop Planting Scheduler

Find out how winter cover crops at your location are affected by planting date selection.

### (4) CSF Apple Stage/Freeze Damage Tool

Monitor temperatures and apple hardiness thresholds to assess potential risk for freeze damage.

### (5) CSF Grape Hardiness & Freeze Risk Tool

Monitor temperatures and grape hardiness thresholds to assess freeze damage potential.

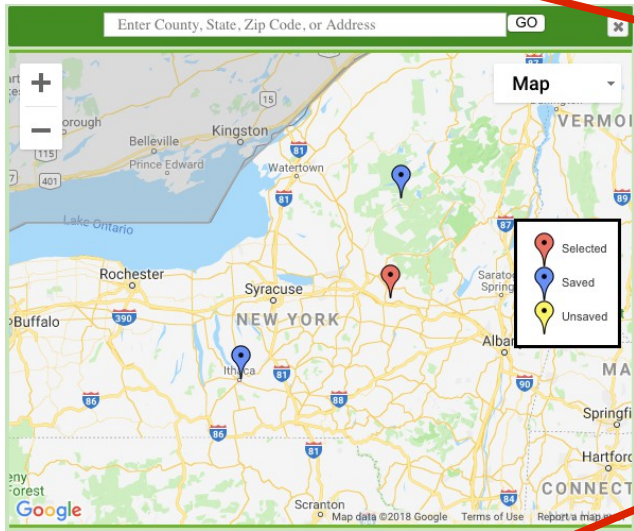
### (6) CSF New York State/Northeast Drought Atlas

View regional maps and time series of the Palmer Drought Severity Index.

### (7) CSF Climate Change In Your County

Find out how the climate has changed in your county since 1950, and what is projected over the next century.

## 1) Select Locations



1

**Current Location:**  
950 Shells Bush Rd,  
Herkimer, NY 13350

Edit

**Planting Date:**  
05/15/2018

**GDD Base (°F)**  
50°F

enable Targets  
50 1950 2600

Season To Date  
Season Outlook  
Climate Change

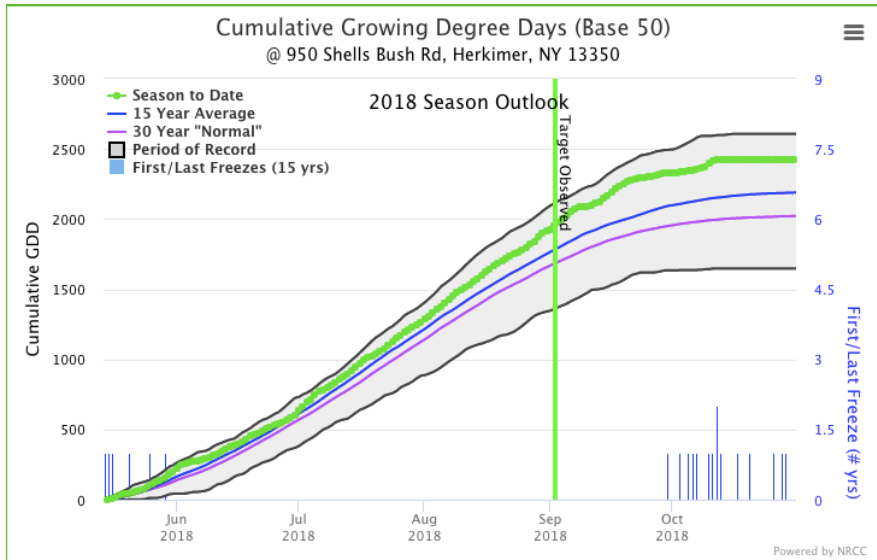
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## 2) Select Parameters

- Planting Date
- GDD Base
- GDD Target  
(\*target not required)

3

## 3) View Chart



## 4) View Location Summary Table

Address	Planting Date	Base (°F)	GDD (Obs Date)	Target (Fcst Date)
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	05/01/2018	50	2639 (10/31)	2075 (09/01)
950 Shells Bush Rd, Herkimer, NY ...	05/15/2018	50	2425 (10/31)	1950 (09/02)
Inlet, NY	01/01/2018	50	1906 (10/31)	1125 (08/06)

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**GDD Target Status Color:** > 2 weeks until target < 2 weeks until target Target is observed

## 1) Select Location

1 Current Location:  
Cornell University, Ithaca,  
NY

Change Location

## 2) Choose parameters

Soil Water Capacity

High (Clay, fine texture)

• Low, medium, high

Crop Type

Grass Reference

• Categorized by group

Planting Date

2 Planting/Budbreak  
05/15/2018

Last Irrigation Date

None

3 Season to Date

30-Day Outlook

Climate Change

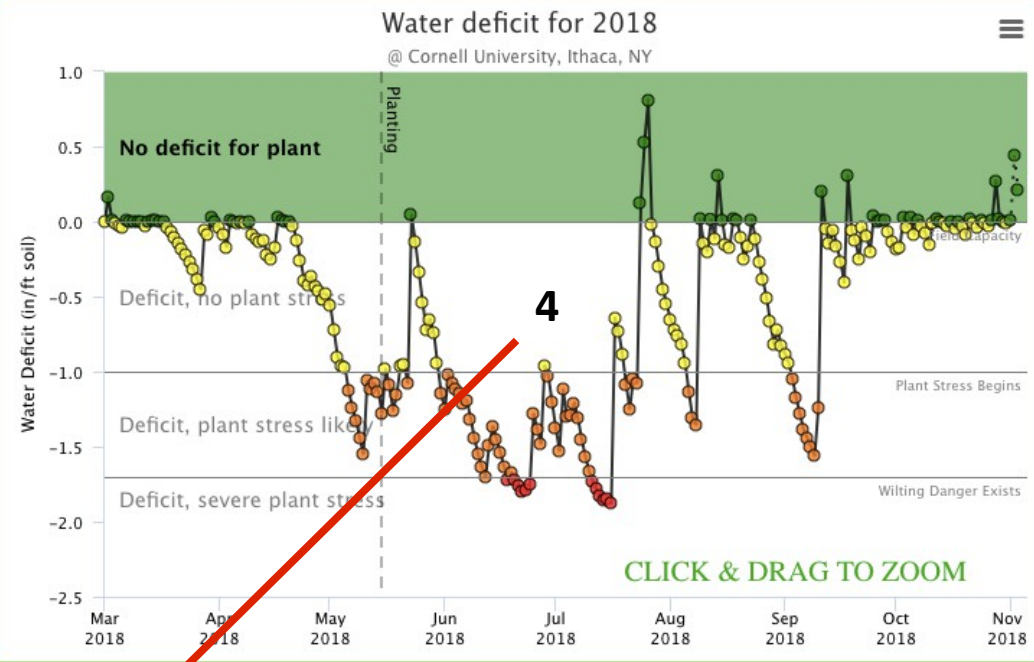
Info

## 3) View Chart

View water deficit as

• Season-to-date time series

• 30-day outlook



## 4) Chart details

• Deficit level category is color-coded

• Planting date and last irrigation are referenced

• Drag to zoom in on time period

• Explore current and previous years to determine the benefits from applying an irrigation schedule

## 1) Select Locations

**1**

**2**

**3**

**Current Location:**  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
Lat/Lon: 42.45, -76.48  
[Change Location](#)

**Cover Crop**  
Rye

**Probability of cover crop establishment before end of season (Rye)**  
Planting Date: 09/30

**GDDs (base 42) from planting date (09/30) through end of season**

**Info**

## 2) Select Cover Crop

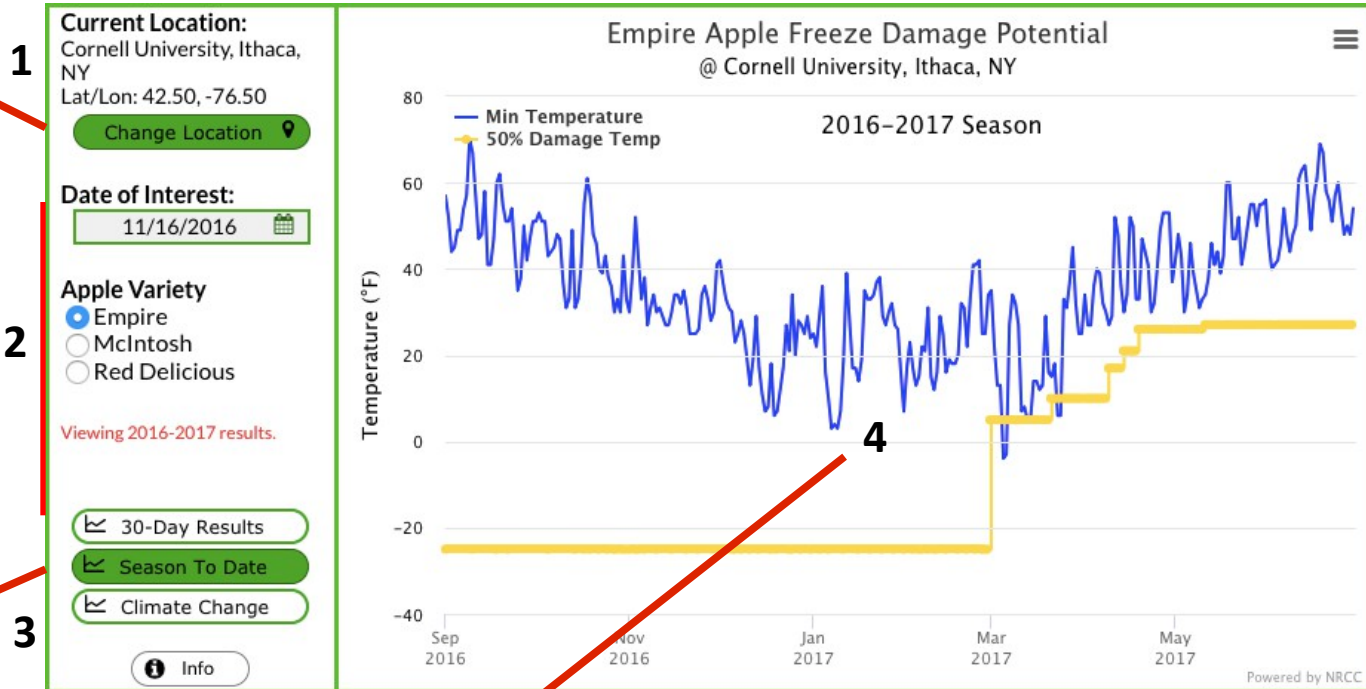
There are currently three choices:

- Buckwheat
- Mustard
- Rye

## 3) View Chart

- Move cursor over line chart to determine probability of cover crop establishment by end of season. (top)
- Bar chart shows specific years that met (blue) or did not meet (red) the required GDD threshold. (bottom)

## 1) Select Location



## 2) Choose parameters

Date of interest

- Defaults to today

Variety

- Three varieties

## 3) View Chart

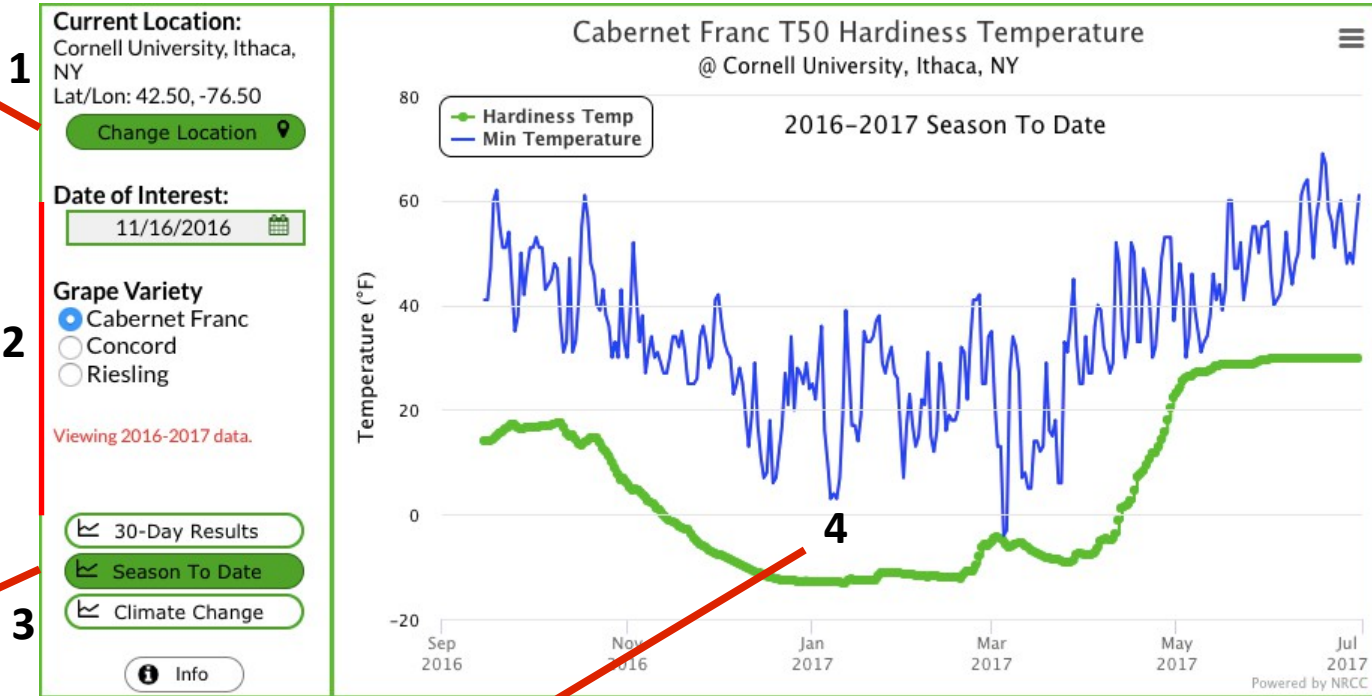
View data as

- Season-to-date time series
- 30-day window
- Variables charted include:
  - Daily minimum temp
  - 50% Damage Temp

## 4) Chart details

- Risk of freeze damage is present when daily min temperatures (blue line) approaches the damage threshold temperatures.
- More damage thresholds are available when moving cursor over chart (90%, 50%, 10% damage).

## 1) Select Location



## 2) Choose parameters

Date of interest

- Defaults to today

Variety

- Three varieties

## 3) View Chart

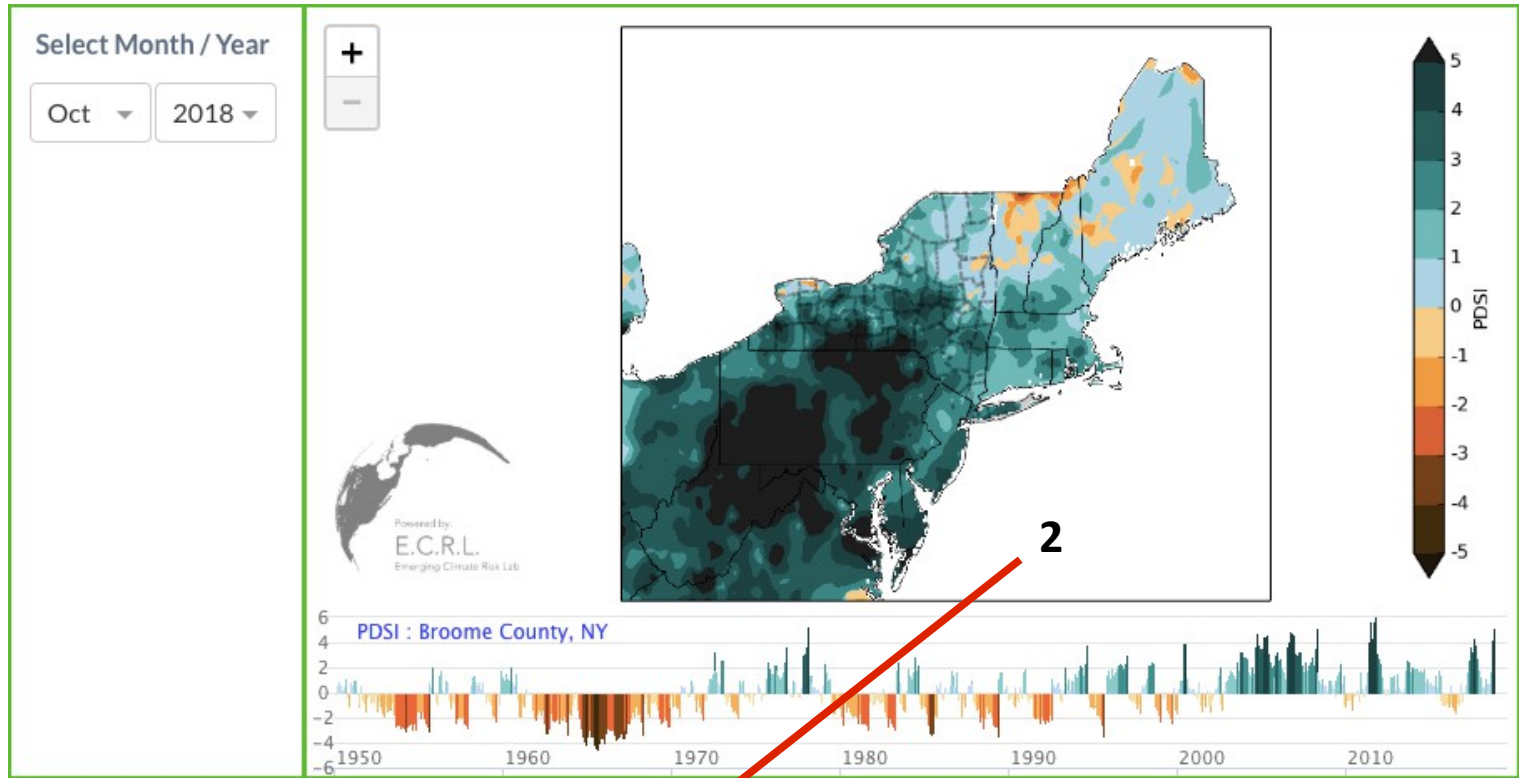
View data as

- Season-to-date time series
- 30-day window
- Variables charted include:
  - Daily minimum temp
  - 50% Damage Temp

## 4) Chart details

- Risk of freeze damage is present when daily min temperatures (blue line) approaches the hardiness temperature (green line).
- Move cursor over chart to get actual temperature values for individual days.

## 1) Select Month/Year for regional map (available from 1950 – present)

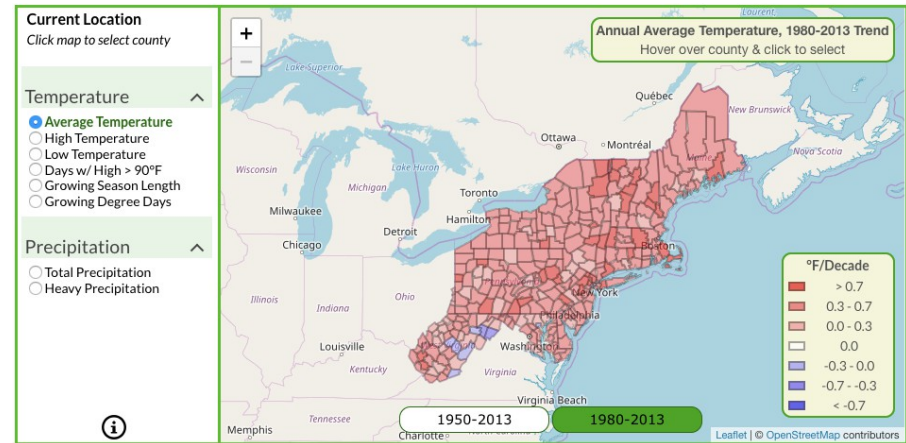


## 2) Map and time series chart details

- Displays values of the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)
- Move cursor over NY State for county time series
- Additional counties and forecasts are forthcoming

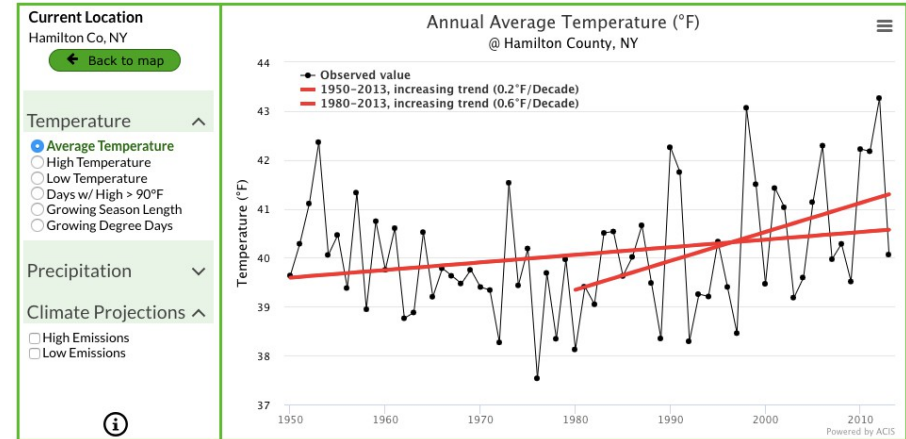
## (1) View how the climate has changed over the Northeast U.S. for different variables

- Click on available variables on left to update the map
- Select period of interest (1950-2013 or 1980-2013)
- Move your cursor over the map for magnitudes of change per decade over the given period



## (2) Click on the county map to view a time series of observed data for a county

- Annual totals/averages for the county are displayed
- Trend lines highlight changes that are observed



## (3) Click on an emission scenario to view climate model projections through 2100.

- “High Emissions” : greenhouse gas emissions increase through the end of the century
- “Low Emissions” : greenhouse gas emissions peak at 2040, then level off.

