

## How have those investments in research affected crop yields?

### Average Yield Increases 1870 – 2000

(bu/A)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Oats</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Soybeans</u>
1870	25.9	29.3	12.1	
1880	25.5	27.3	13.2	
1890	21.5	22.1	12.2	
1900	30.5	28.1	12.2	
1910	30.0	27.9	13.7	
1920	33.8	29.9	13.5	
1930	32.0	20.5	14.2	13.0
1940	35.2	28.9	15.3	16.2
1950	34.8	38.2	16.5	21.7
1960	43.4	54.7	26.1	23.5
1970	49.2	72.4	31.0	26.7
1980	53.0	91.0	33.5	26.5
1990	60.1	118.5	39.5	34.1
2000	64.2	136.9	42.0	38.1
<b>percent increase</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>percent increase per year</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>