

# **UK Climate Prediction**



# Food for thought



2020-

2039

Introduce more pollinator plants



More variety of food crops



Replacement of ornamental to edible plants



Herb gardens



drought resistant plants



Intercropping and



Different irrigation techniques techniques





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Consumption

△ 1218 L/month

§ 5454 kWh/month

Drop & Grow system

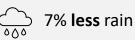
24m<sup>2</sup> vertical growing space

Greater chance of extreme weather events





# Summer

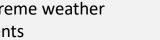




+1.0°C

4% more rain

Winter





+2.8°C

Global Mean Temperature

> approx. 100 000 people

# Resources

**Polytunnels** Vertical growing **Aeroponics** 

# **Benefits**

Wellbeing Sustainability Education Skills

# **Sites**

Foods

1 dairy farm Farm sites 'Urban' farms

Type of produce

**Ornamentals** 

**Nurseries** 

# 30-40%

Tunnels & glasshouses



60-70% Field growing



# West Midlands, Hewell

+1.1°C

## Summer

33.9°C to 35.5°C

8% **less** rain

88.1 to 101.5 mm 5 day total

Containerised system partially immune to climatic

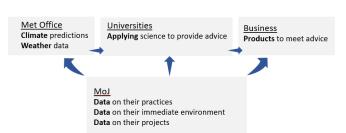
# **LettUs Grow**

changes & pest risks

**Produce** Soft fruits **Tomatoes** Mediterranean

# Who can do what?

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**Produce** 

Leafy greens

Root vegetables



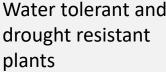


Winter

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interplanting techniques



# Resources for MoJ



# Bigger picture

# **University of Reading**

Research Faculty

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# Further reading

<u>Department of Sustainable Land Management - University of</u>

Reading

Department of Crop Science - University of Reading

Crop and Environment Laboratory - University of Reading

Farm Management Unit - University of Reading

**Knowledge Transfer Partnerships** 



# Controlled growing environments

# **Controlled Environment Users' Group**

May have some advice about poly tunnels, glass houses, vertical farming units, etc

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# **Further reading**

CEUG.ac.uk



# **Urban farming**

# The University of Nottingham

Faculty specialising in Urban Agriculture
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# Further reading

# Urban Agriculture - The University of Nottingham

Key strategic targets of the Centre are

- 1. To increase partnership and collaborative research with both UK and international partners
- 2. To promote and integrate urban agriculture in city planning, building standards and project design
- 3. To support food security in urban and peri-urban agriculture
- 4. To deliver an international conference or workshop every two years
- 5. To develop learning and training opportunities on "Urban Agriculture"
- 6. To produce regular publications that give an indication of their current activities and future plans in Urban Agriculture.

# Other

Climate Central | Land projected to be below tideline in 2100

<u>Cities of the future: visualizing climate change to inspire action</u> | Paper: <u>Understanding climate change from a global analysis of city analogues</u>

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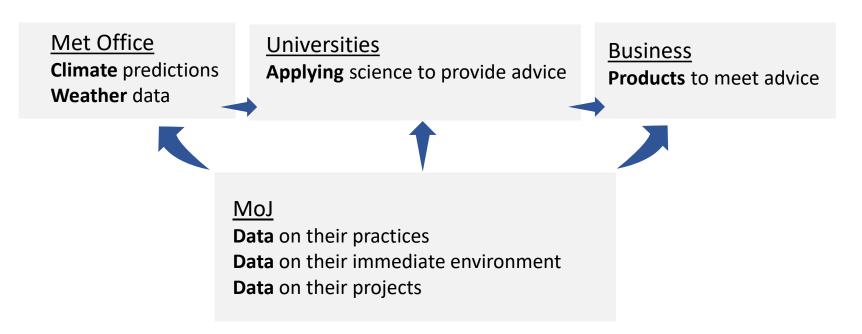
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Example questions

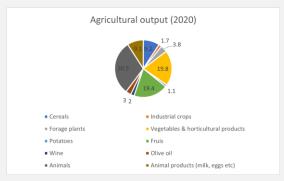
What is the climate going to be like in X many years time in Y location? Ask the Met Office. How will this affect what we can and cannot grow? Ask Universities.

**What** is available to meet those challenges? Ask Business.



# Madrid currently has a similar climate to what London is predicted to be like in 2050

# Spain



Source: Factsheet

# Challenges

 <u>Water</u> – sourcing, sustainable use, drought and pollution

Soil – fertility, erosion, unsustainable practices

# Responses

**Restorative farming** 

Irrigation, technology, collaboration

Paris currently has a similar climate to what Birmingham is predicted to be like in 2050

# **Paris**

# **Further reading**

## Nature Urbaine

Europe's biggest rooftop urban farm Note: needs translating from French

The Guardian | Article about Nature Urbaine

Agripolis | Business solution
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