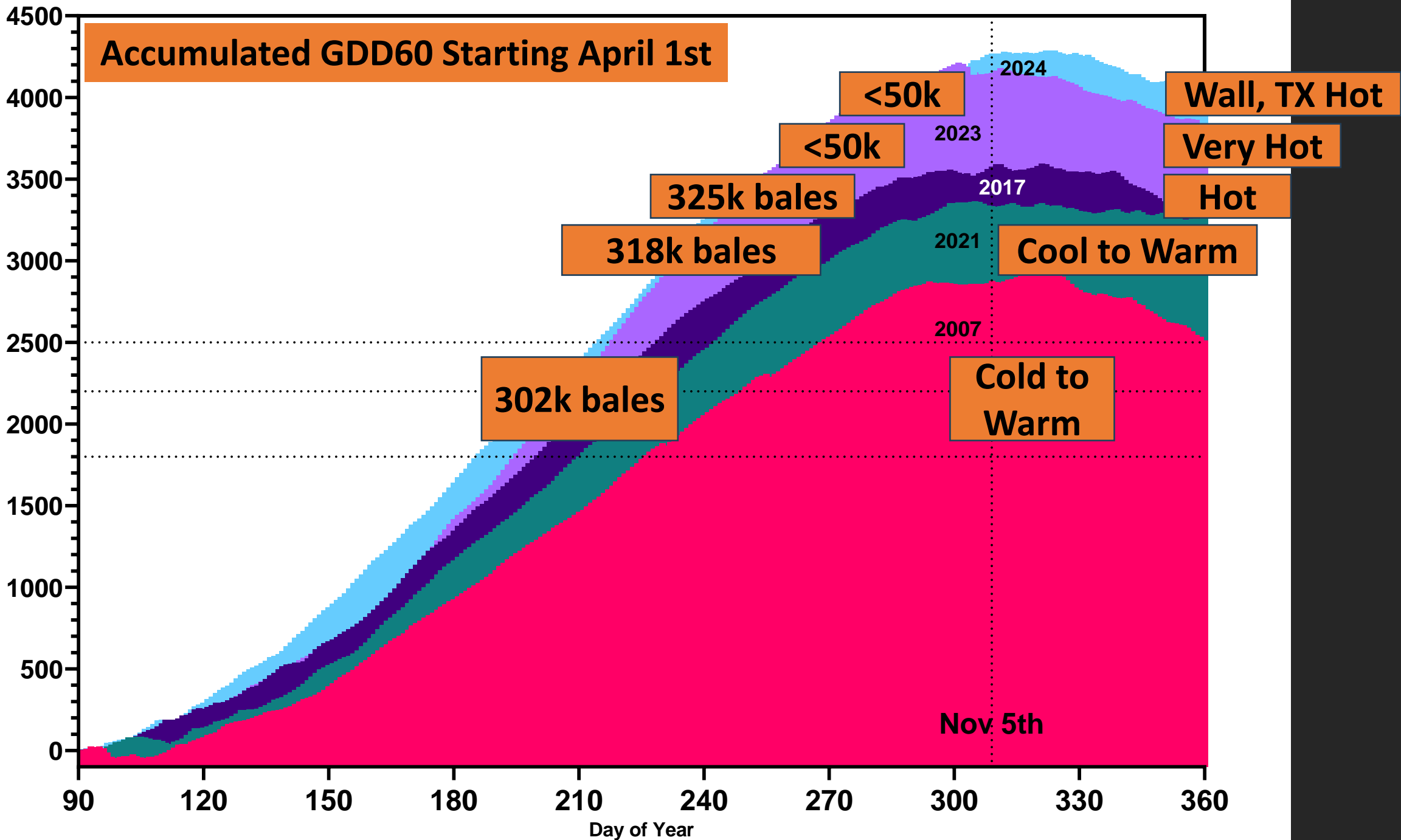


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From 2022 to 2024, the area experienced prolonged heat waves during the critical growing months of May to August.

- Managing insect and weed pests has been tremendously challenged.**



**Wireworms, Thrips,
Pillbugs
until 3rd week in
May**

**Grasshoppers,
Aphids, Stink Bugs,
and Leaf Footed
from
June until Sept**

**Very few seed treatments,
sprays, or over-threshold
pests**

**Severely reduced yield
AVG Bale : Acre = 0.13
(2022-2024)**

**Per Acre Value of Program for:
Sorghum- \$18.22
Cotton- \$27.50
Wheat- \$15.00**

12 Weeks of Pest Trapping

889 Traps-checked
in 23

682 Traps in 24
(missing Corpus)

Don't Worry!
There is nothing to fear,
We didn't catch anything of
importance.



**12 Weeks of Pest
Trapping**

**889 Traps-checked
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**Plus, some fall
monitoring**

**12-15/4d CBW (Miles)
3-5/4d CBW (Wall)**

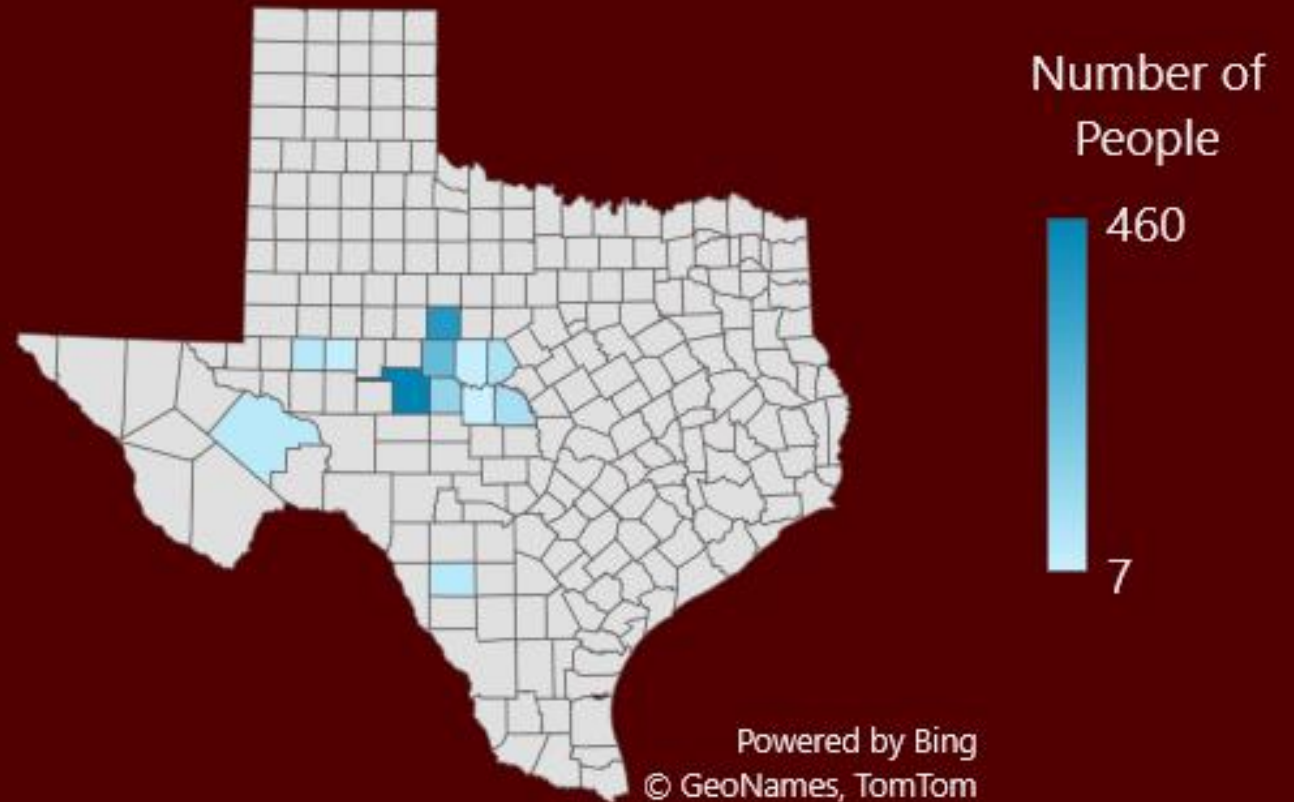
**4/4d FAW (Miles)
4-5/4d CBW (Wall)**

**Both peaked end of Sept.
Until crashing the last
week in November.**

27 IPM-based lessons / programs for various AgriLife and industry events across 12 counties.

Top 4 most discussed topics in 2024.

- 1. BGSM-mgmt**
- 2. Modes of Action**
- 3. What's up with these wasps/hoppers/desert termites?**
- 4. When should I plant?**



The Future

Top 10 Goals for 2025

1. Greater involvement with growers (more interactions)
2. Increase presence in D7 programs
3. Hire a wonderkind
4. Scout roughly the same area
5. No drought
6. Pillbugs, Corn Leafhopper, Wireworms, Planting date, and Residue Management
7. Gain 10 pounds
8. Improve online availability of past data and newsletters
9. Automate my weather station datasets
10. Not get my butt-kicked by #Farm-Life

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The Grain of Salt



**I am not trying to
prove anything.**

**I needed insight into my growing region. (I'm still a
rookie)**

**Seeking your experience to serve my
growers better.**

If there's a 10-20% chance of a significant drought in any given year

the serial probability of four in a row = 0.01% to 0.16%

Remember the drought of record from 1950 to 1957. Are we there again? Or are we in something different?

HOW HOT IS TOO HOT?

Southern Rolling Plains

Zone 8a

min avg temp - 10–15°F

Zone 8b

min avg temp - 15–20°F

2022-2024, suffered major droughts.



Characterized by hot, dry summers, a distinct dry period during the summer with high evaporation rates; essentially a semi-arid climate with significant temperature fluctuations between seasons.

Key points

Rainfall: Historical - avg annual 20 to 28 inches.

Wind: Moderate to strong winds are common.

Precipitation pattern: A noticeable dry period during the summer months.

MEAN (2007-2024)

Degrees >100 = 90 (sum of degrees)

Days of Heat >100 = 28

Most Consecutive-Days >100 = 11

Total-Days >100 = 22

Bale Output = 200,897

Seasonal Rainfall (May-Aug) = 9.7 inch

Post-Seasonal Rainfall (Sept-Dec) = 7.5

Pre-Seasonal Rainfall (Jan-Apr) = 4.1

Total Annual = 21

Irrigated Acres = 33873

Dryland Acres = 214383

Total = 248,256

Bale to Acre Ratio = 0.80



	Degrees over 100	Days of heat over 100	Most, consecutive days of heat over 100	Total, consecutive days of heat over 100	Early Cutout Events	Bales	Good Model	Best Model	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total Seasonal (May-Aug)	Total Post (Sep-Dec)	Total Pre (Jan-Apr)	Total Annual	Previous Year RF	Previous year Post RF	Total IRR Acres	Total DRY Acres	Total Acres	Bales:Acre
Degrees over 100	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	-0.9	-0.7	0.8	-0.6	0.1		-0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3		0.6	0.4	0.5	-0.9	
Days of heat over 100	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	-0.9	-0.7	0.7	-0.6			-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.3		0.6	0.5	0.5	-0.9	
Most, consecutive days of heat over 100	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	-0.8	-0.6	0.5	-0.7	-0.3		-0.1		-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.1		0.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.8
Total, consecutive days of heat over 100	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	-0.9	-0.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.1		-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3		0.6	0.5	0.5	-0.9
Early Cutout Events	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	-0.8	-0.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3		0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.8
Bales	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.9	-0.8	1.0	0.6	-0.6	0.4		-0.1	0.4		0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.5	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	1.0
Good Model	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	0.6	1.0	-1.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.2		0.7	0.6	0.6	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.6	0.7	-0.4		0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.6
Best Model	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	-0.6	-1.0	1.0	-0.4	0.5		-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.6	0.2	-0.5	0.6	-0.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.2		0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.7
January	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.4	1.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2		0.6	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.4
February	0.1		-0.3	-0.1	-0.3		-0.4	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.5	-0.1		-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.1	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	
March					-0.4	-0.1	-0.1		-0.1	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.4	-0.4		0.4		-0.5		0.2	0.2	0.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
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May	-0.3	-0.3		-0.3	-0.3			-0.2	-0.2		0.2	0.1	1.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.2		0.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	0.3
June	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.7	-0.7		-0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.1		-0.3	0.9	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.1		-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
July	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.6	-0.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	1.0	0.4	-0.4		-0.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
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September	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.6	-0.5	0.6	0.4		-0.1	-0.3	-0.4		1.0	0.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.1		-0.3
October	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1		-0.4	0.2	-0.1		0.5	0.4	1.0	-0.2	0.6	0.2	0.9	-0.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2
November	-0.2	-0.1		-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	0.1		-0.3		-0.4	-0.2	1.0	-0.3		-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.3		-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
December	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.1		-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.6	-0.3	1.0		0.6	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.1		-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Total Seasonal (May-Aug)	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.5	0.7	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.5	-0.3	0.2			1.0		0.3	0.8	-0.1		-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
Total Post (Sep-Dec)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.4	-0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	-0.2	0.6		1.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Total Pre (Jan-Apr)	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.2		-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.8		0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	1.0	0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.4
Total Annual	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.4
Previous Year RF	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-0.1		-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.2		-0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.3	1.0	0.6		0.1	0.1	0.5
Previous year Post RF			0.2			0.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.1		0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3		0.1		-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	1.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Total IRR Acres	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1		-0.6	0.1	-0.3	-0.4		0.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	-0.6
Total DRY Acres	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	-0.4
Total Acres	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.2		0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	-0.5
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Degrees over 100

Days of heat over 100

Most, consecutive days of heat over 100

Total, consecutive days of heat over 100

Early Cutout Events

Bales

Good Model

Best Model

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Total Seasonal (May-Aug)

Total Post (Sep-Dec)

Total Pre (Jan-Apr)

Total Annual

Previous Year RF

Previous year Post RF

Total IRR Acres

Total DRY Acres

Total Acres

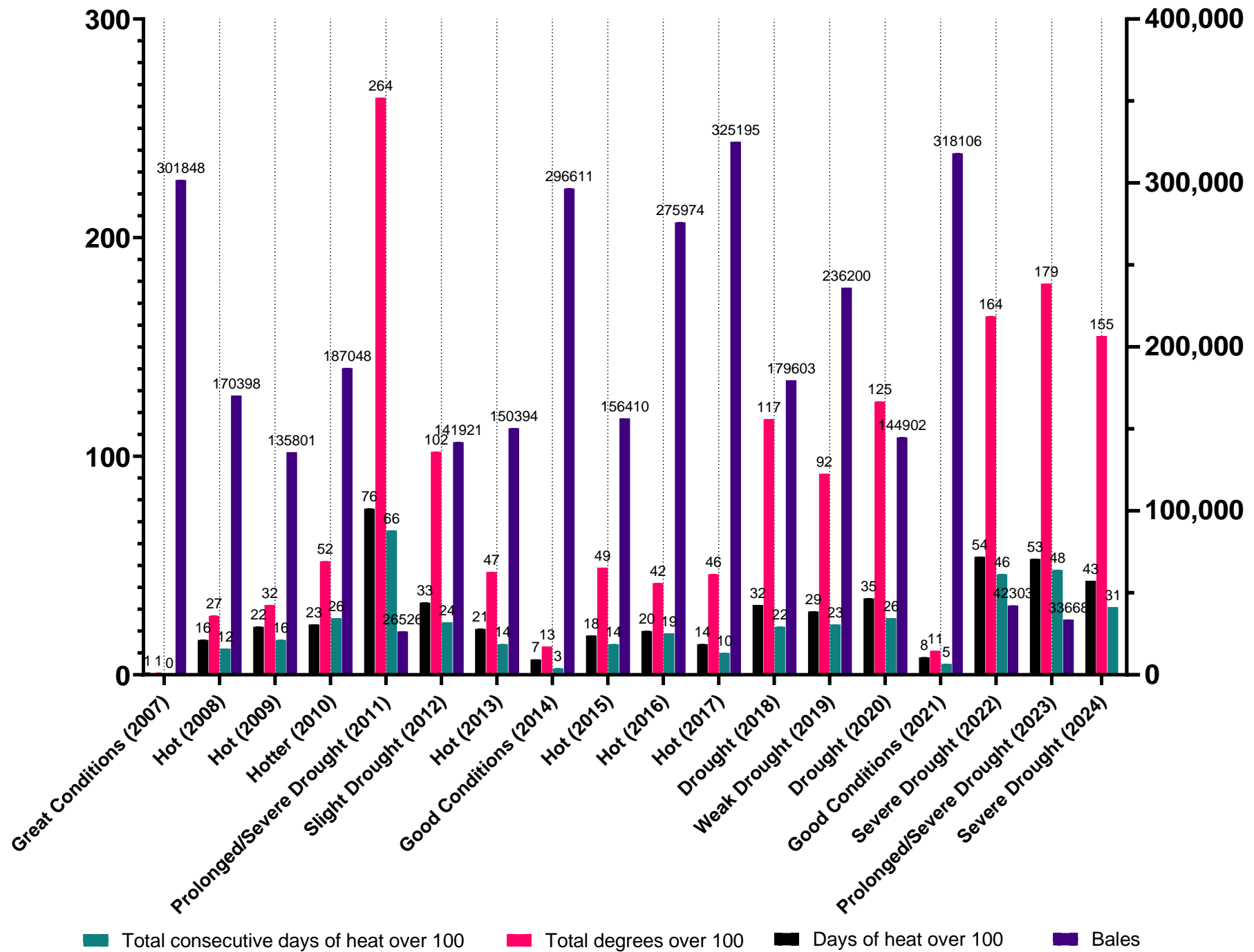
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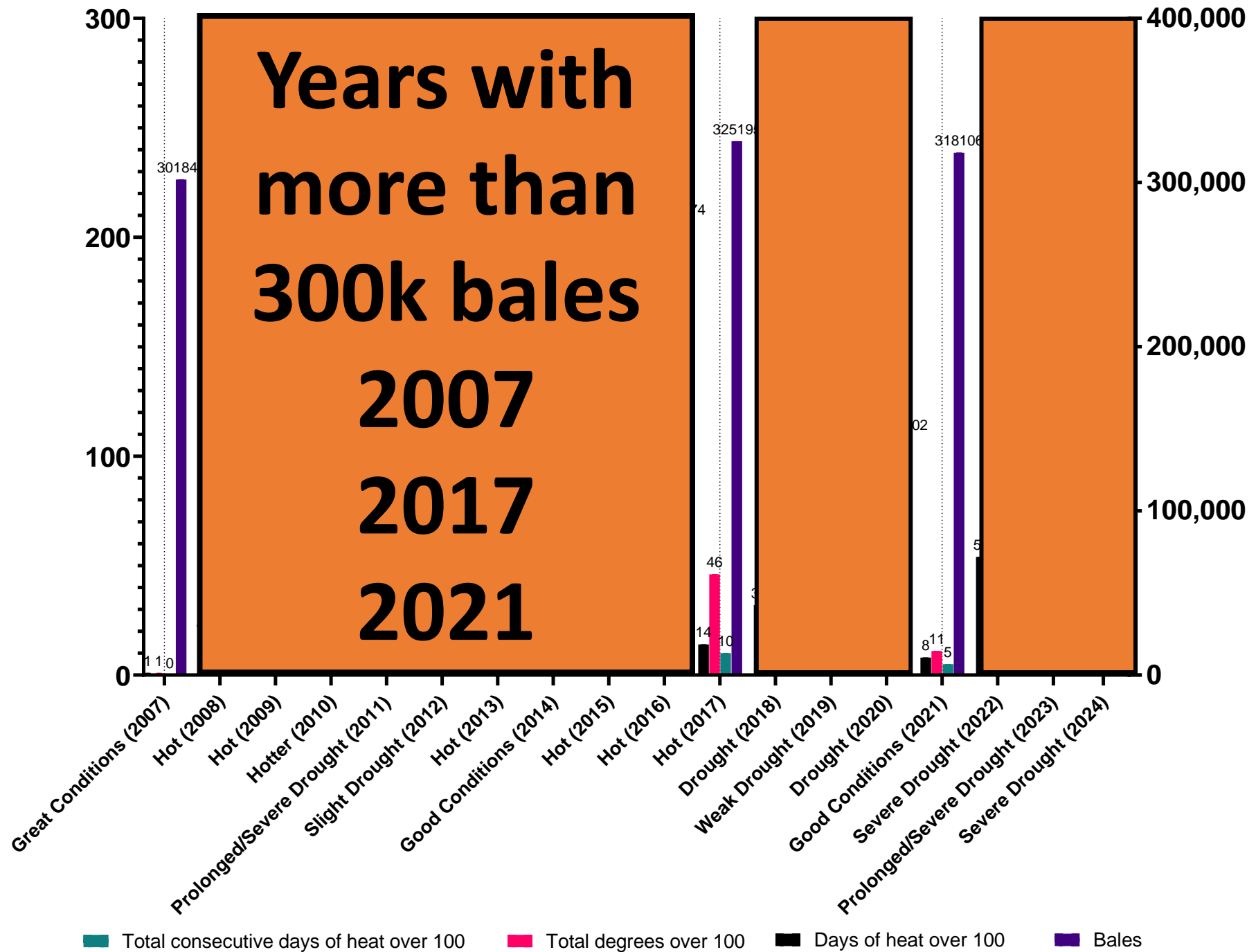
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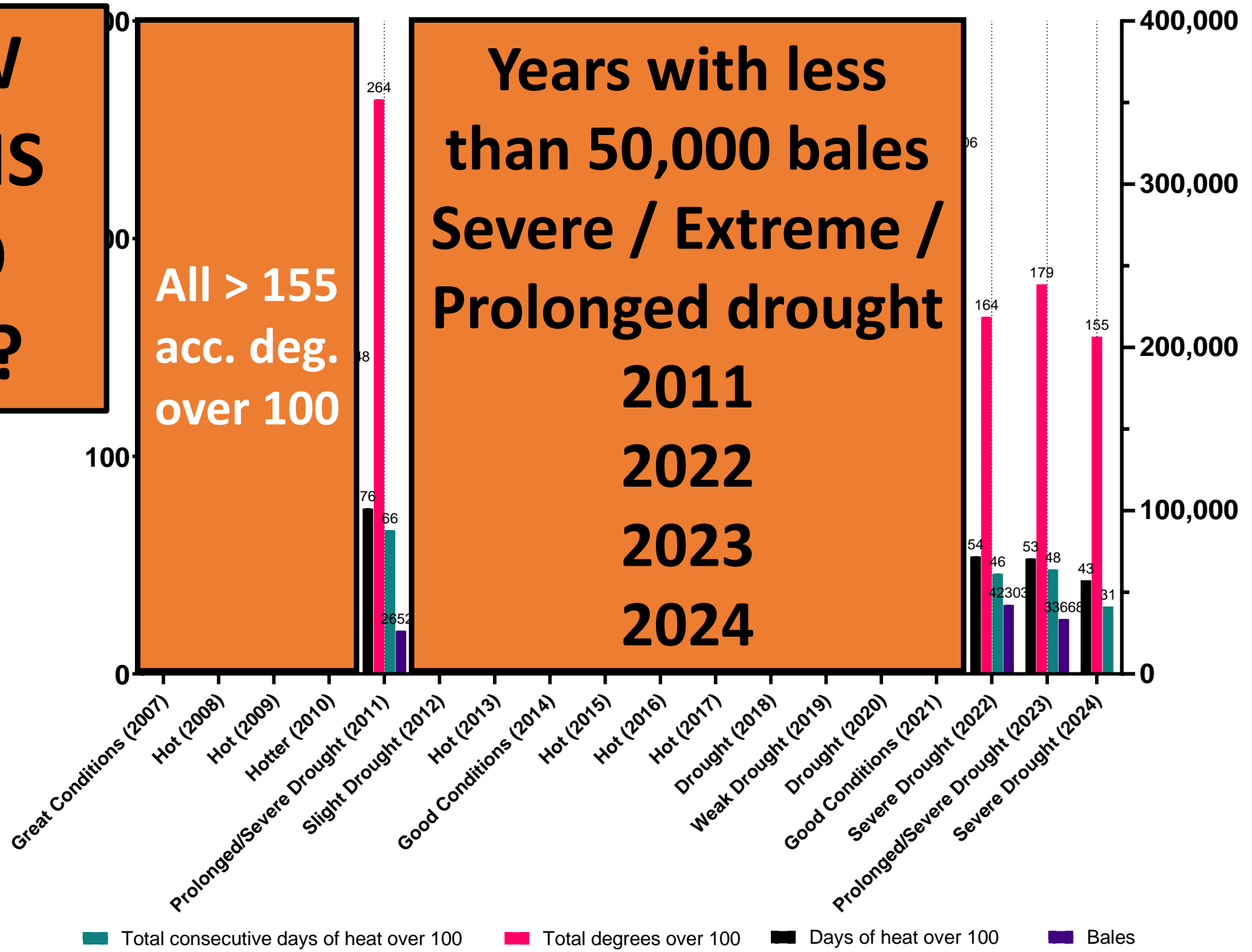


HOW HOT IS TOO HOT?

All > 155 acc. deg. over 100

Years with less than 50,000 bales Severe / Extreme / Prolonged drought

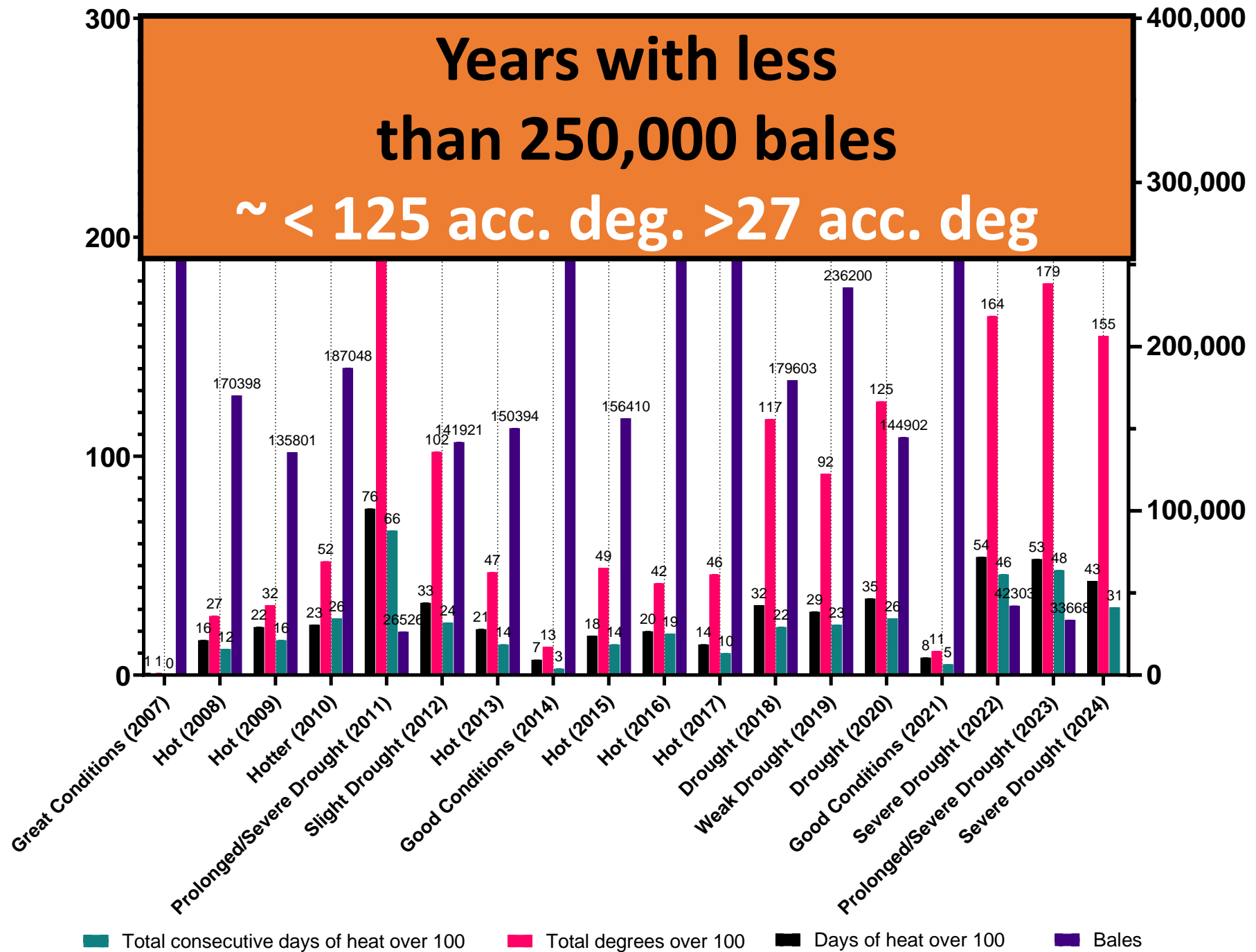
2011
2022
2023
2024

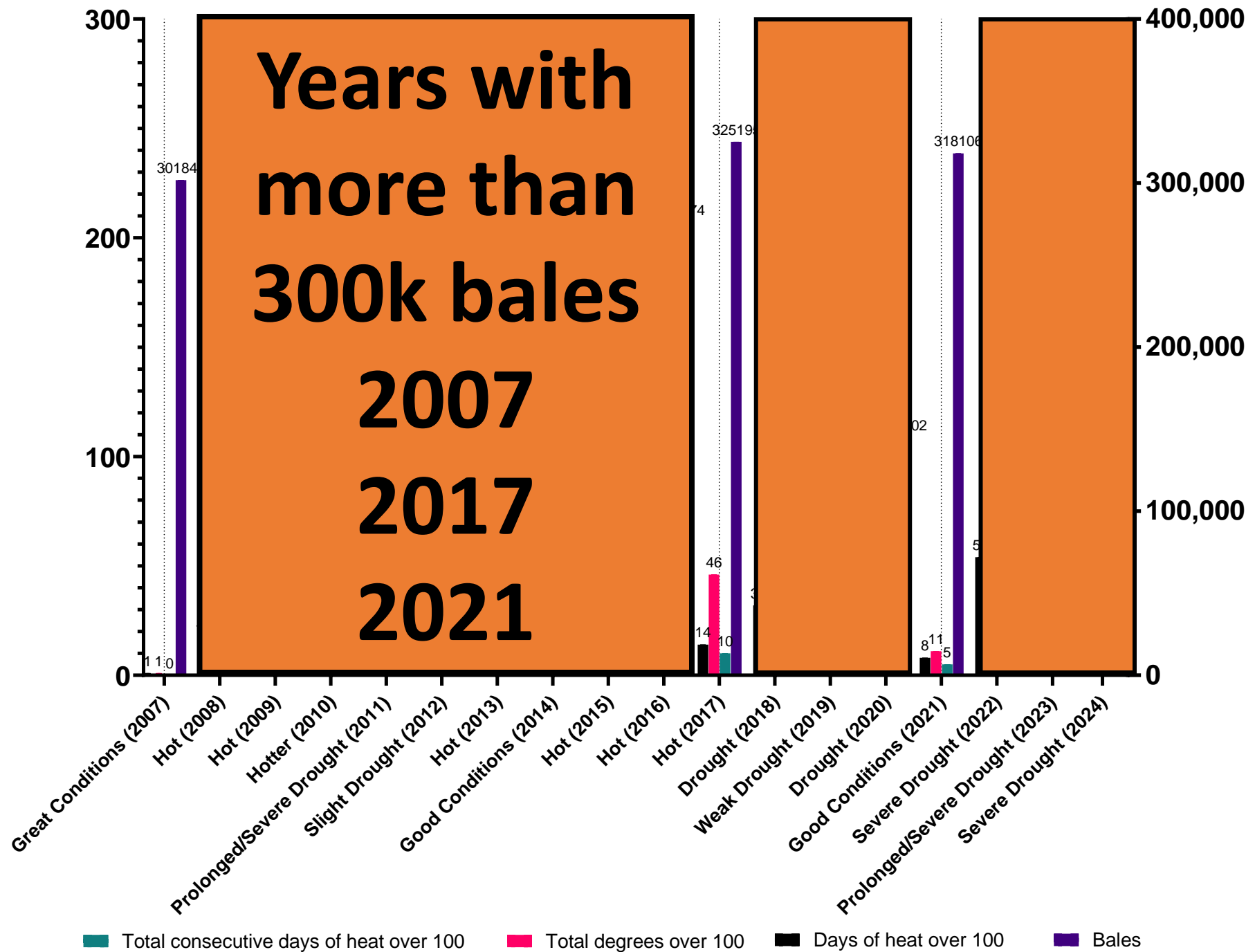


■ Total consecutive days of heat over 100
 ■ Total degrees over 100
 ■ Days of heat over 100
 ■ Bales

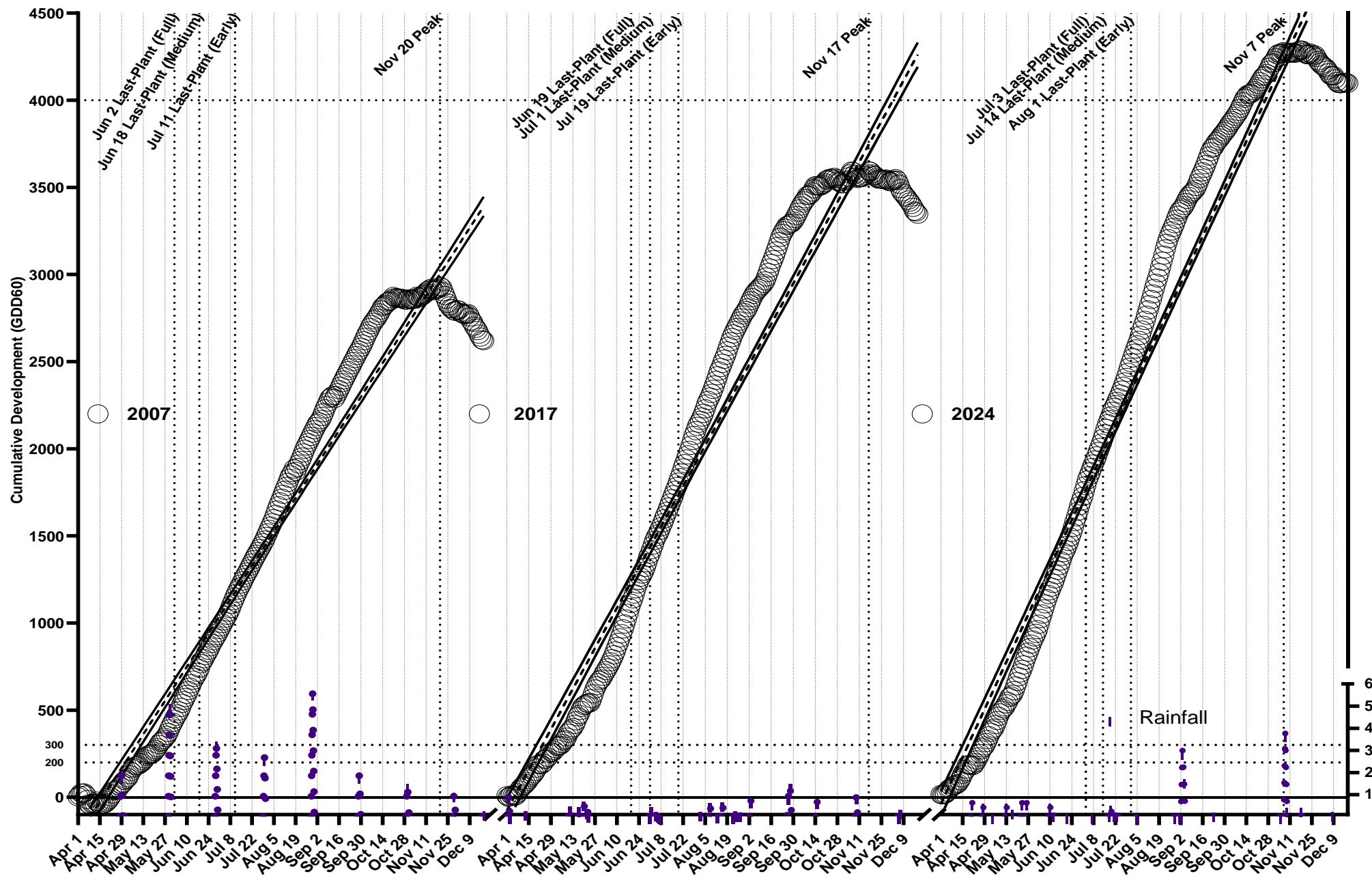
Years with less than 250,000 bales

~ < 125 acc. deg. >27 acc. deg





April 1st - Dec 21st Cumulative Development 2007 v 2017 v 2024

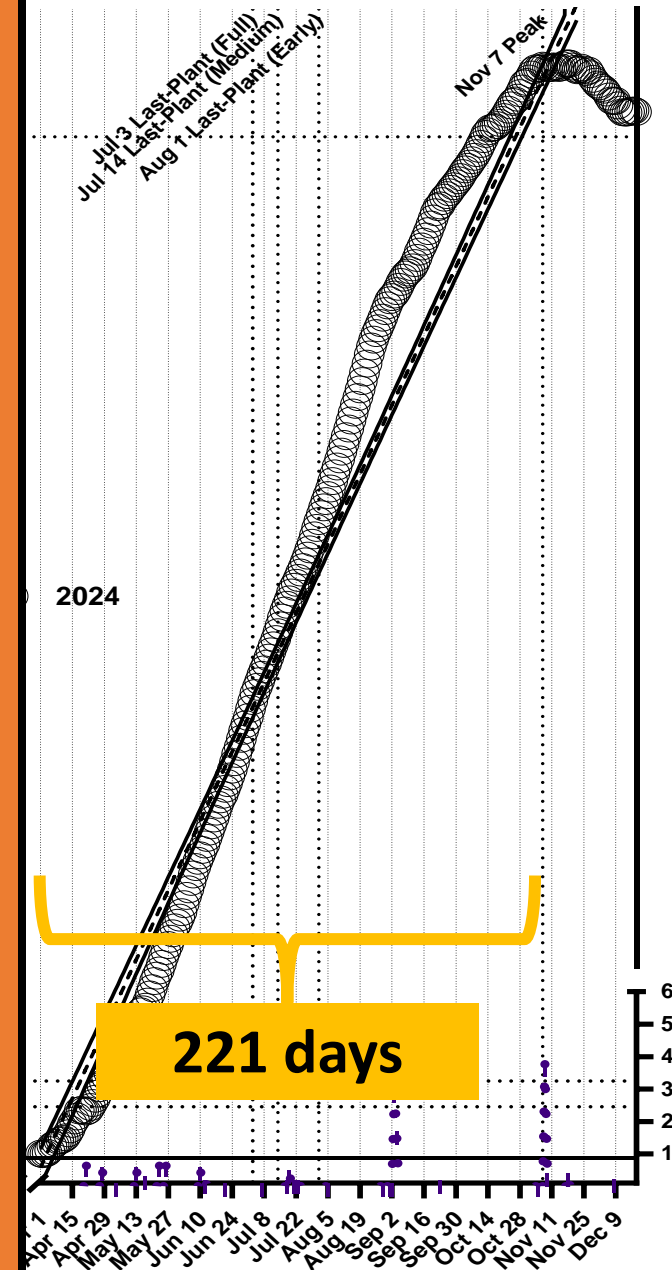


2024

- Strong El Nino to weak La Nina
- Cool start, but ended hot
- persistent drought
- Low Rainfall

April 1
to
Accumulation Peak, Nov 07
= 221-day season

7 v 2017 v 2024



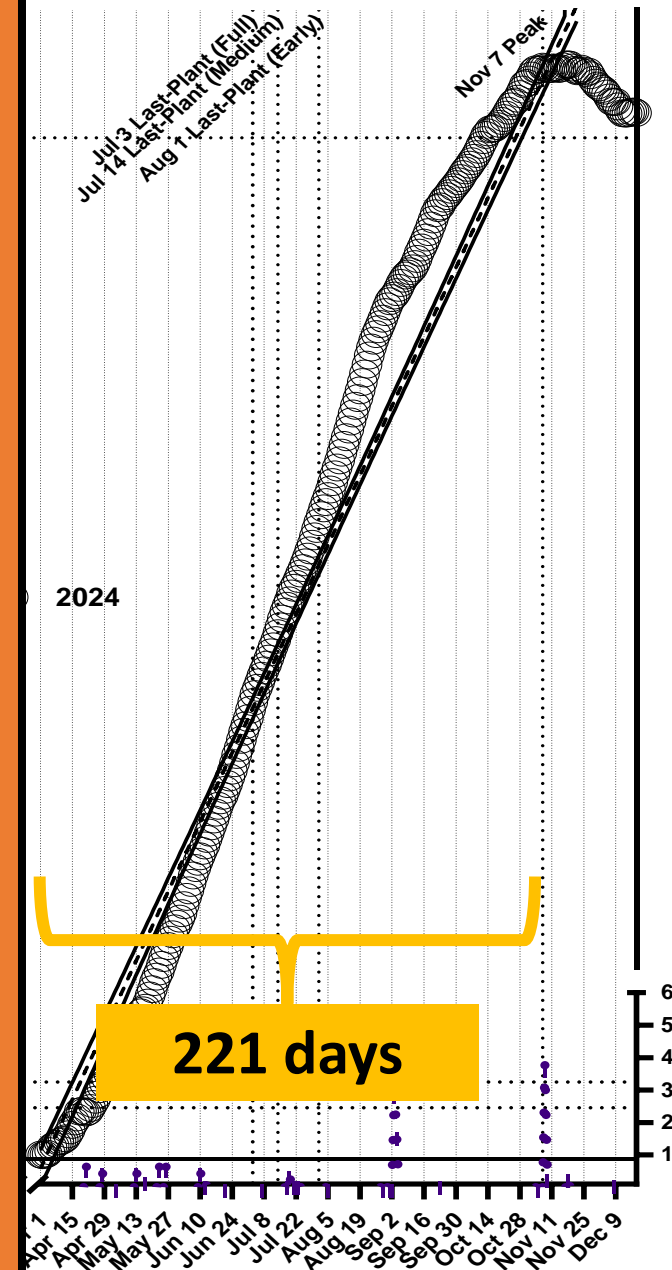
**Cumulative Seasonal
Development = 4,279 GDD60**

19.36 avg GDD per day

2,582 Bales per GDD per day

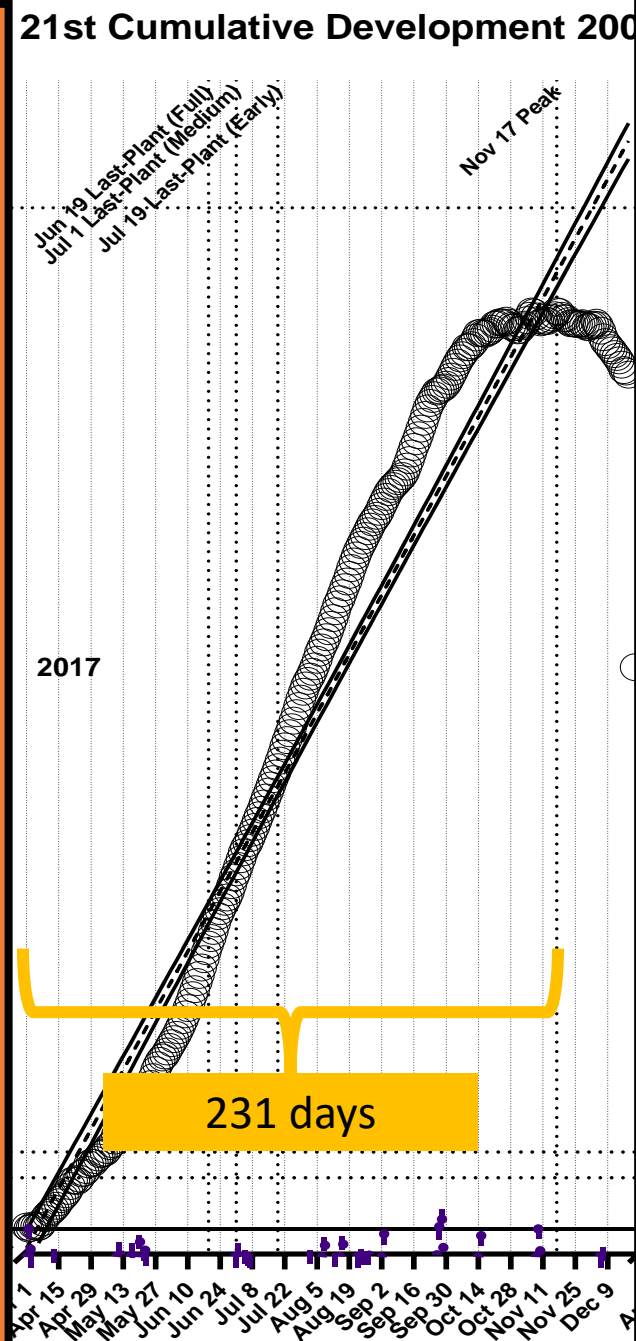
11.68 Bales per GDD

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2017

- 325k Bales
- Hot, but with a warm start and cool finish
- Low Rainfall
- Neutral to weak La Nina

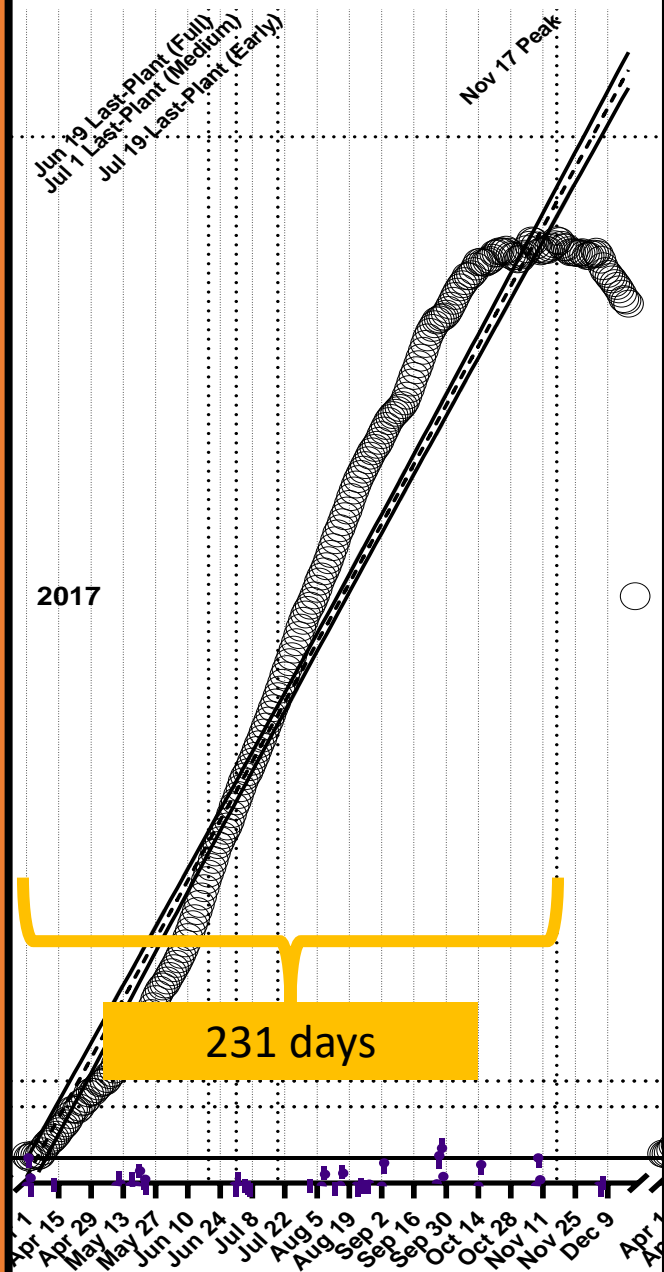


**April 1
to
Accumulation
Peak, Nov 17
= 231-day
season**

**Cumulative
Seasonal
Development =
3,594 GDD60**

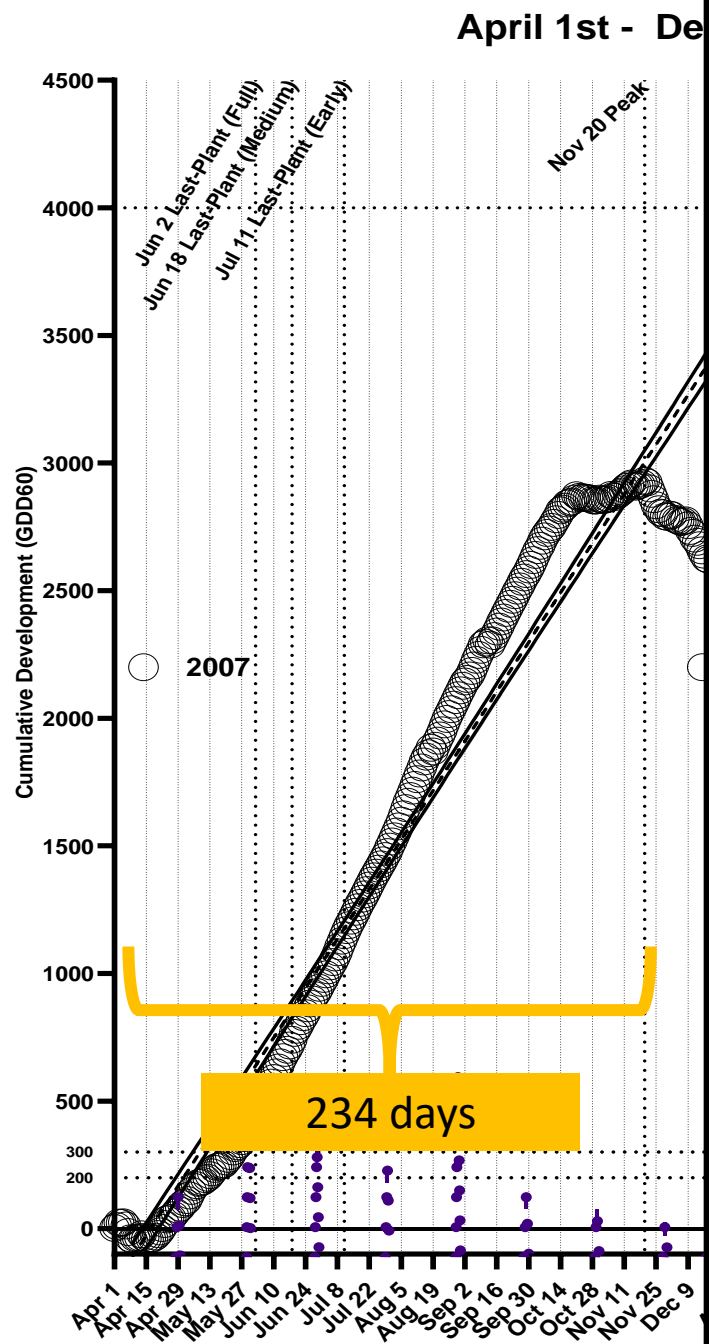
**15.55 avg GDD per
day**

21st Cumulative Development 2007



**20,900 Bales per
GDD per day**

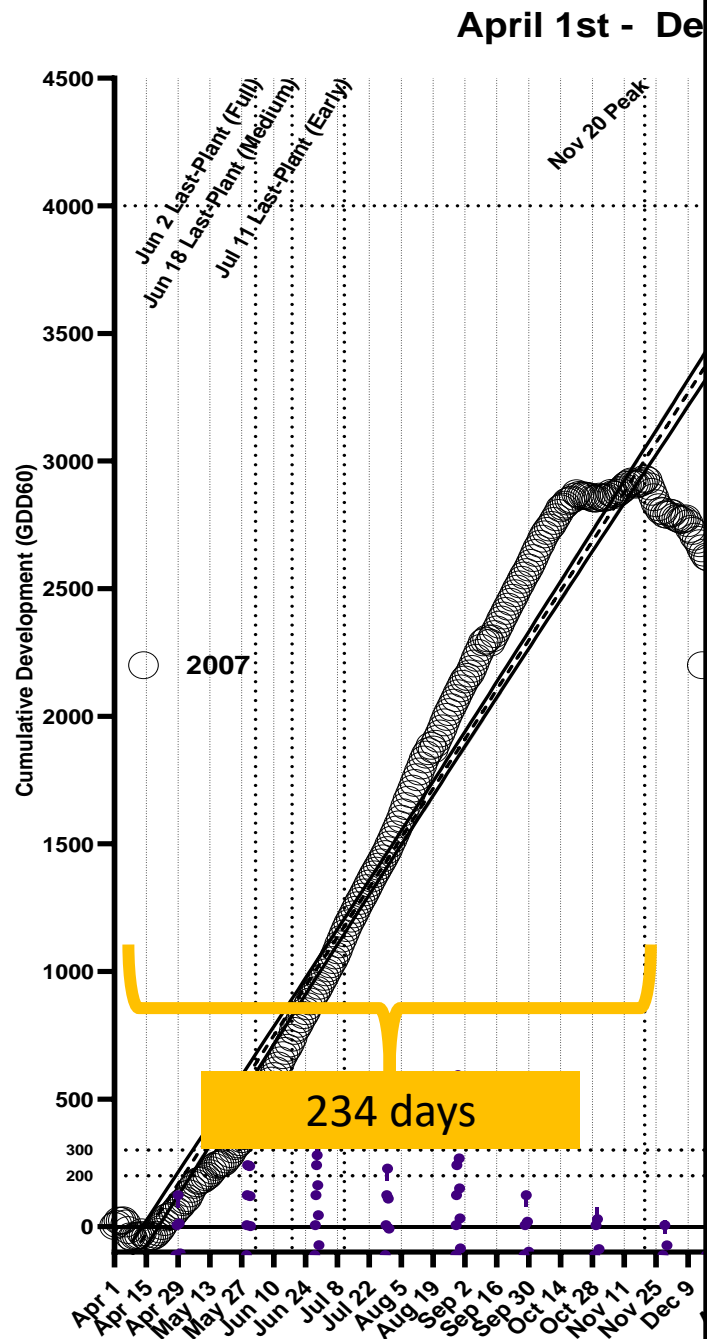
**90.42 Bales per
GDD**



2007

- 301k Bales
- Easter Freeze— *cold-year*
- Good Rainfall
- Weak El Nino to La Nina

April 1
to
Accumulation Peak, Nov 20
= 234-day season



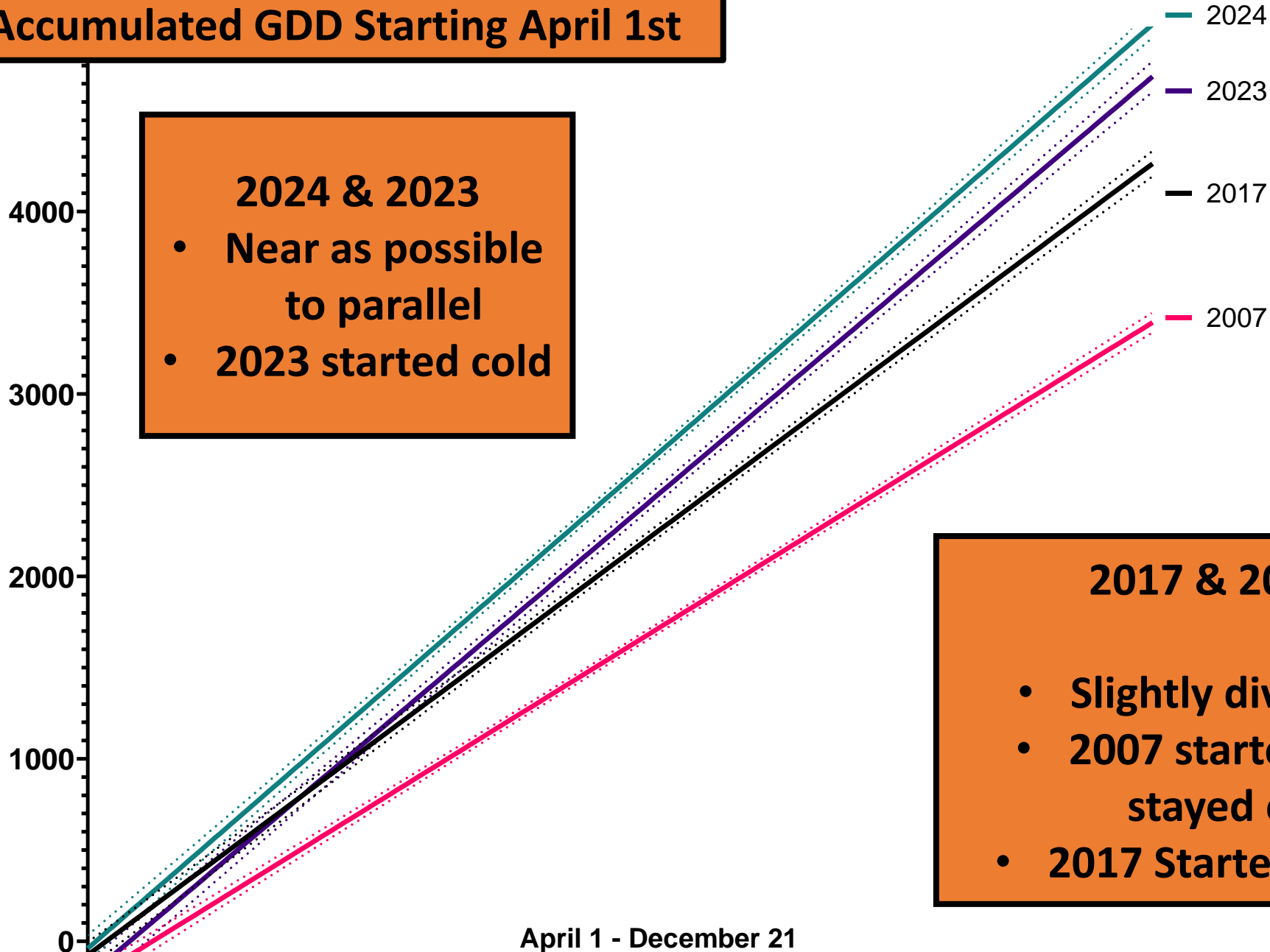
**Cumulative Seasonal
Development = 2,931 GDD**

12.52 avg GDD per day

24,041 bales per GDD per day

102 bales per GDD

Accumulated GDD Starting April 1st

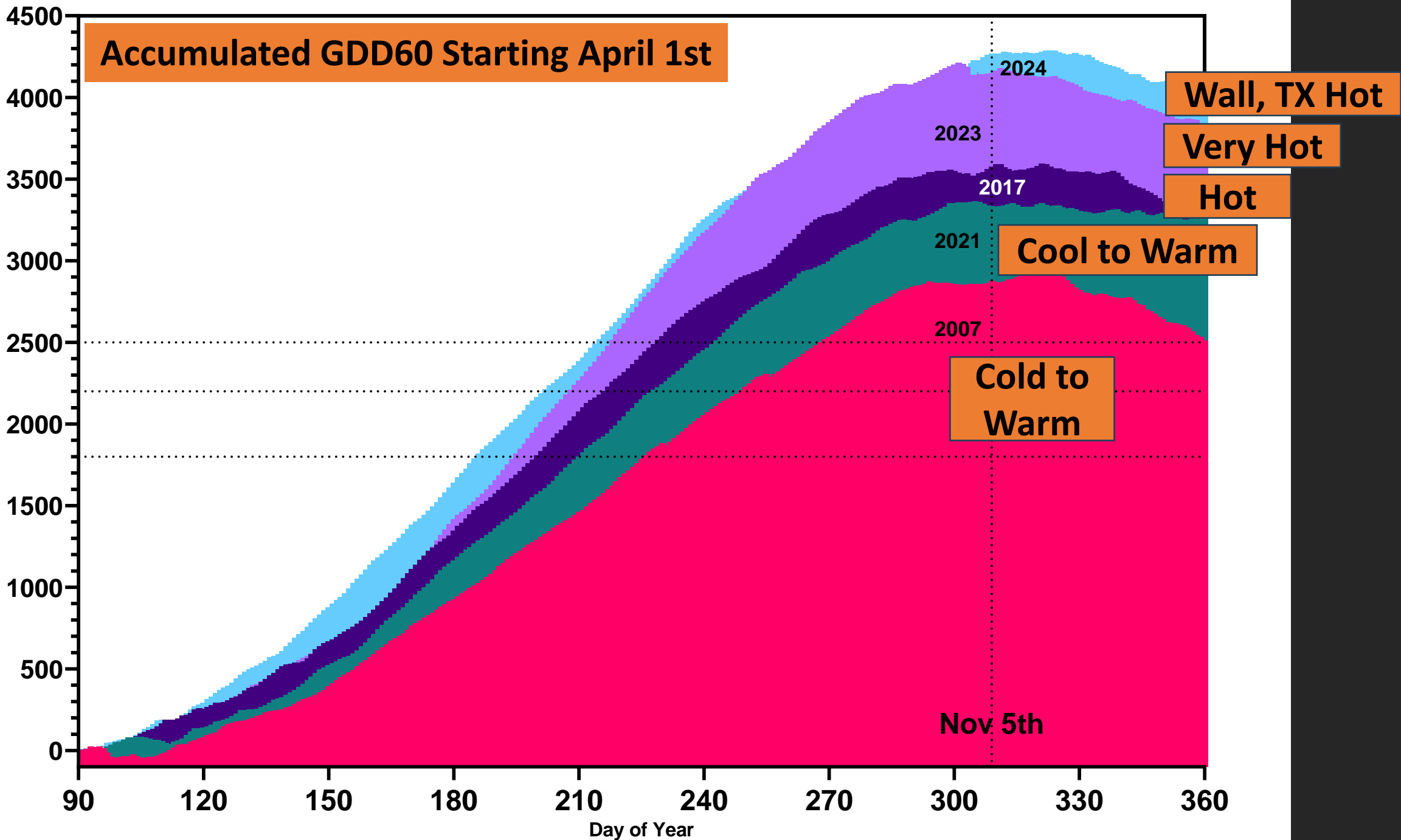


2024 & 2023

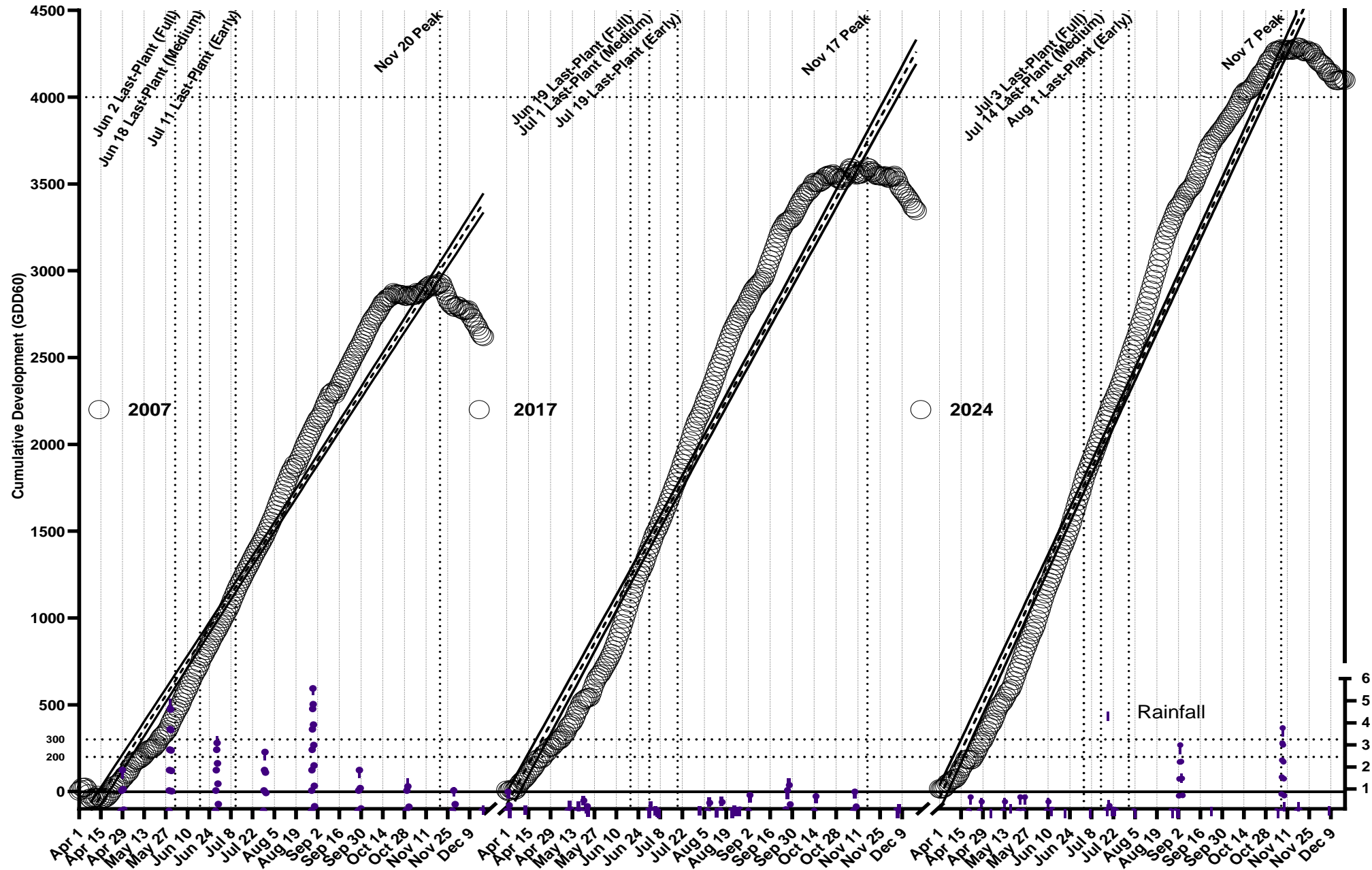
- Near as possible to parallel
- 2023 started cold

2017 & 2007

- Slightly diverging
- 2007 started cold stayed cool
- 2017 Started Warm



April 1st - Dec 21st Cumulative Development 2007 v 2017 v 2024



April 1st - Dec 21st Cumulative Development 2007 v 2017 v 2024

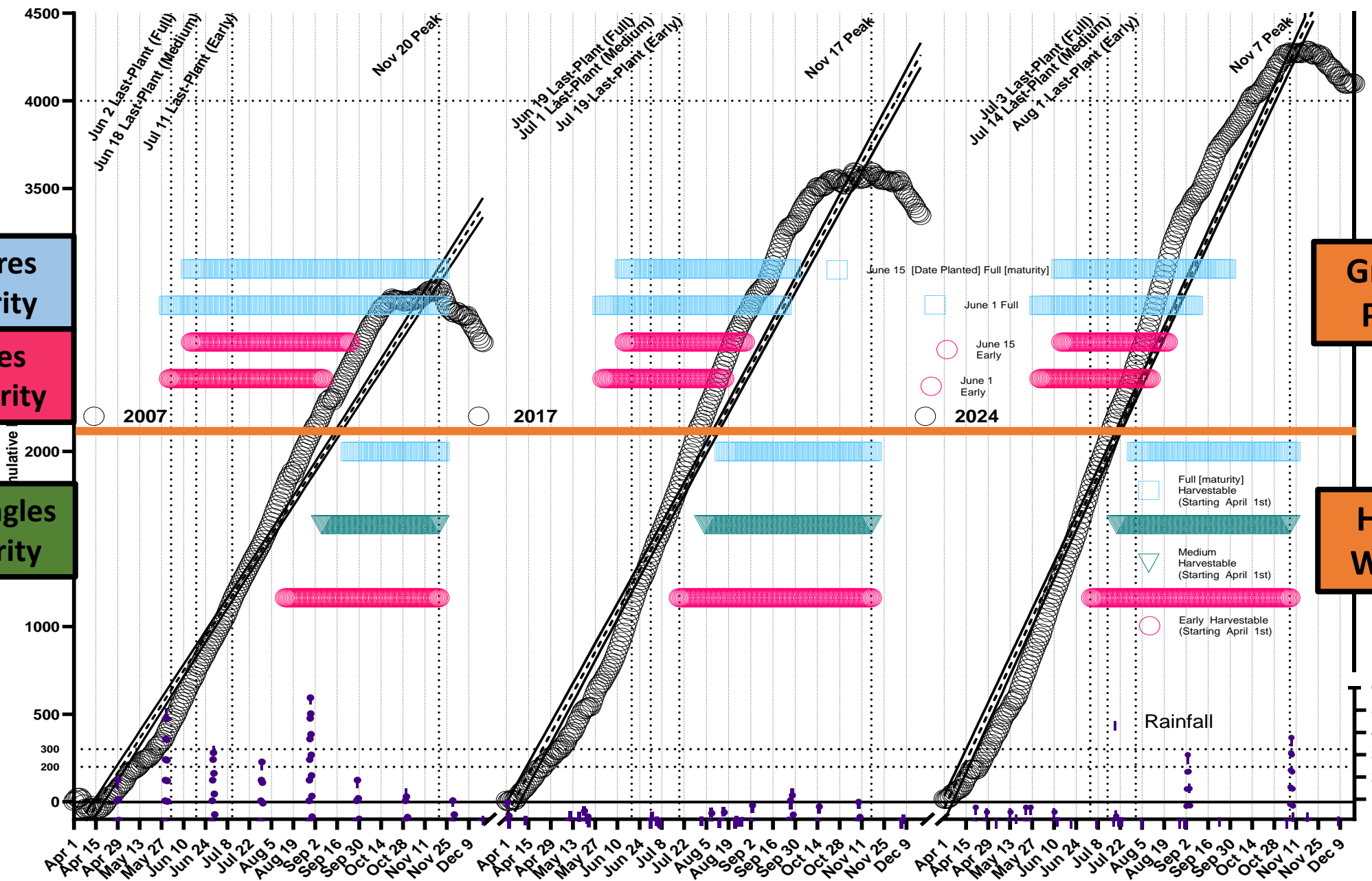
Blue Squares
Full Maturity

Pink Circles
Early Maturity

Green Triangles
Mid Maturity

Growing Period

Harvest Window



April 1st - Dec 21st Cumulative Development 2007 v 2017 v 2024

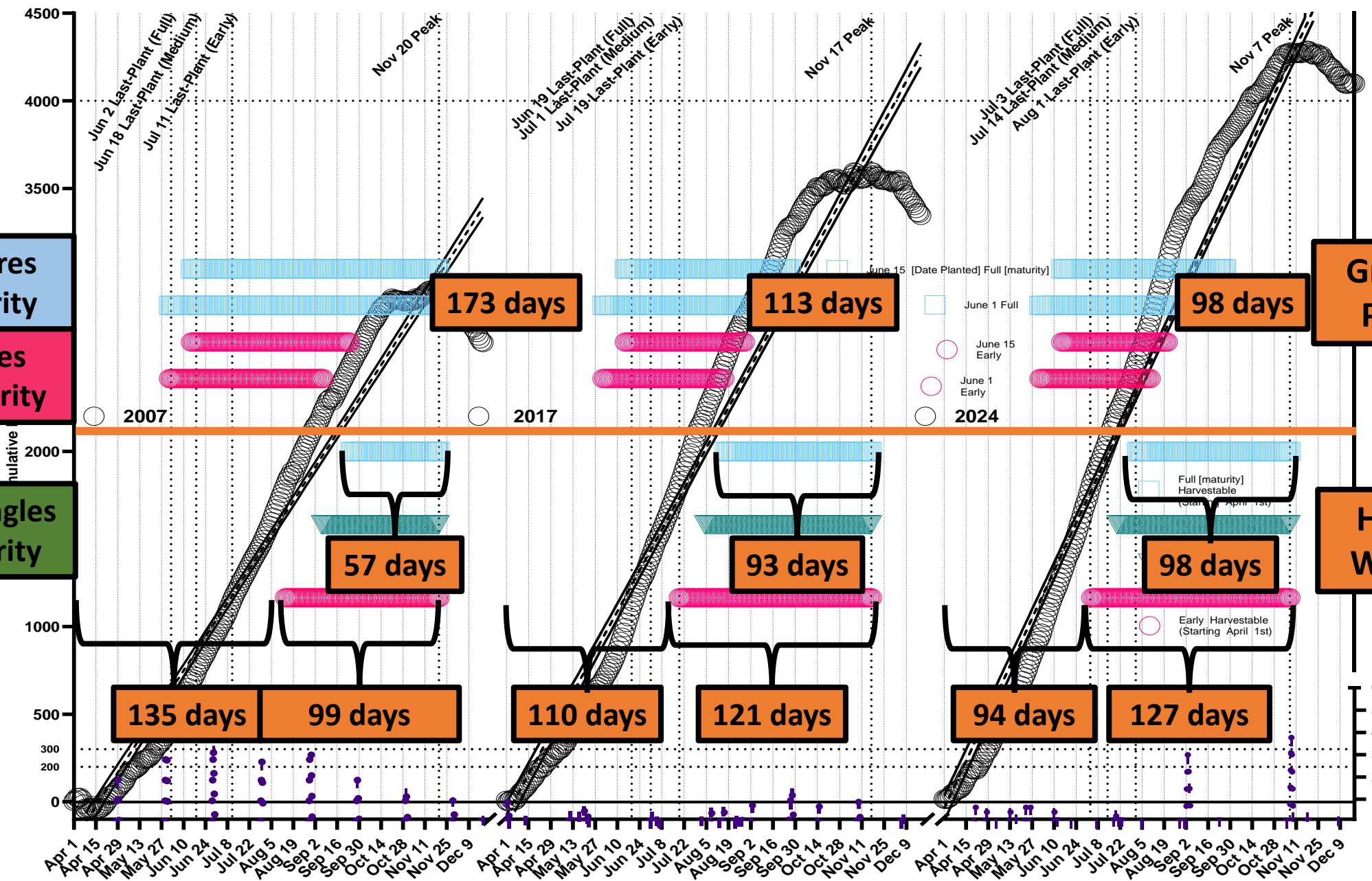
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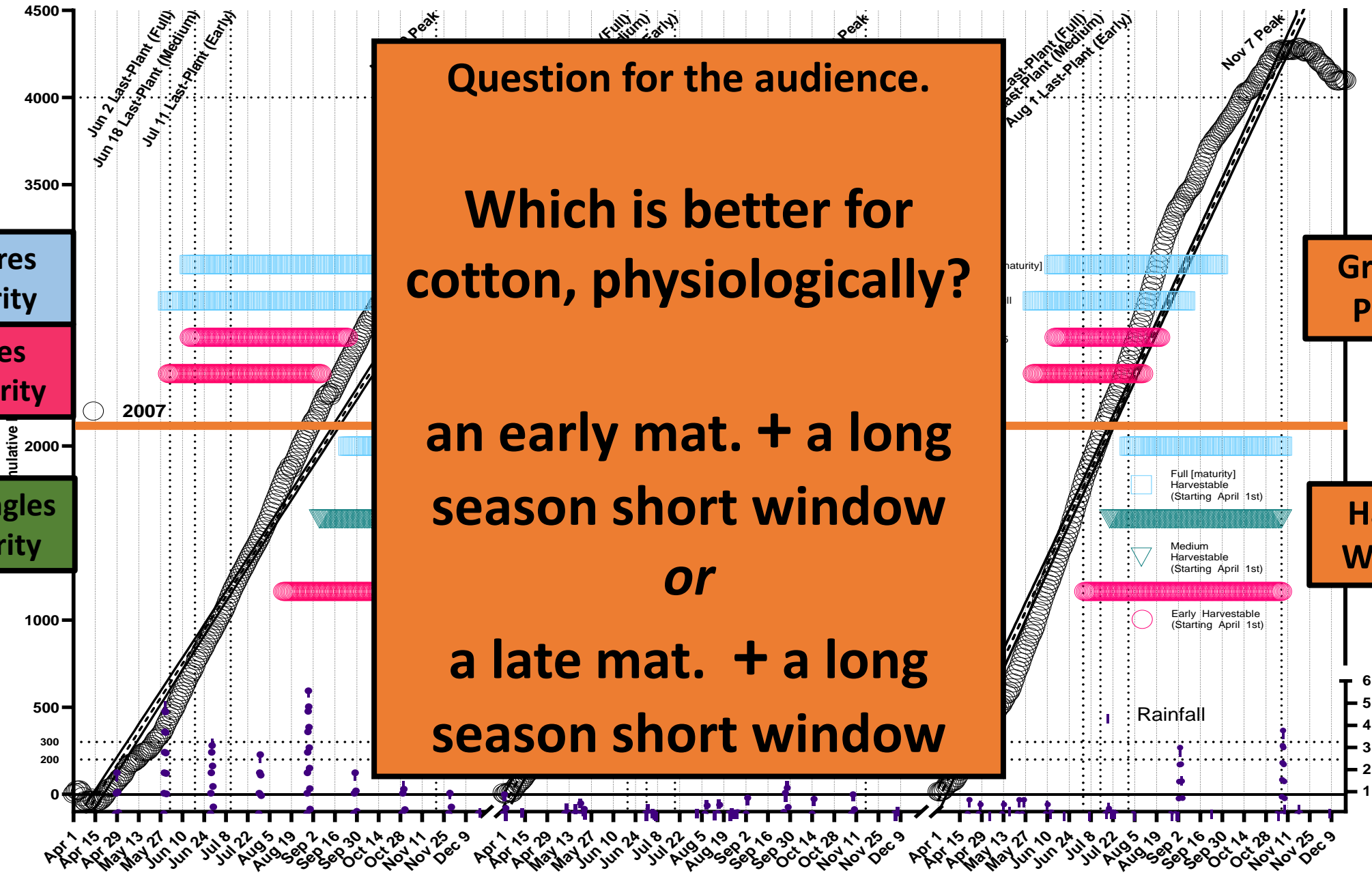
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Harvest Window



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- Blue Squares Full Maturity
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Question for the audience.

Which is better for cotton, physiologically?

an early mat. + a long season short window

or

a late mat. + a long season short window

Growing Period

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- Full [maturity] Harvestable (Starting April 1st)
- Medium Harvestable (Starting April 1st)
- Early Harvestable (Starting April 1st)
- Rainfall

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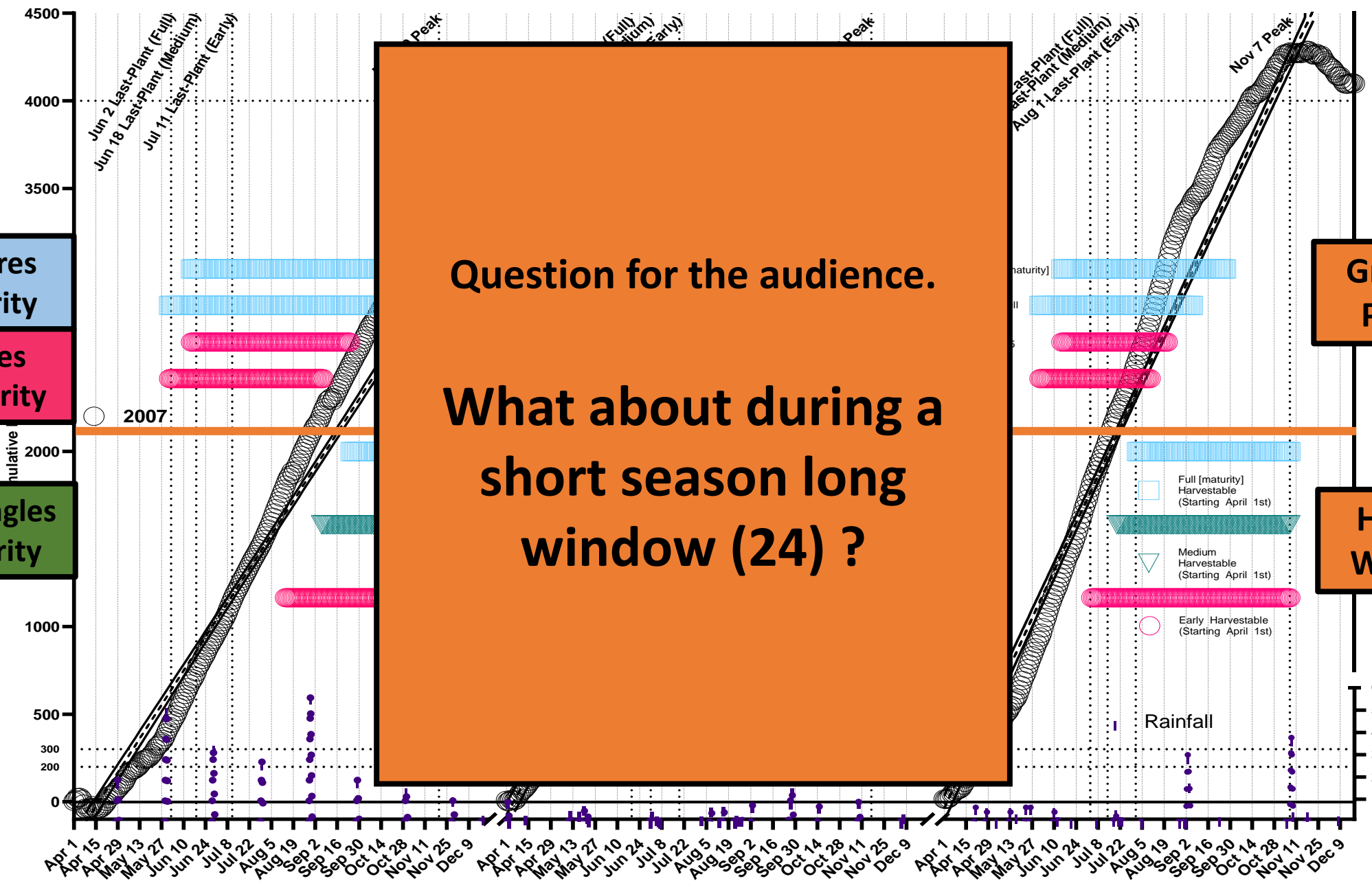
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Question for the audience.

What about during a short season long window (24) ?

Popular Related Questions for IPM by Customers

- When should I plant?
- Can I plant on the backside of the season?
 - Can I plant as early as possible?
 - Should I use a seed treatment?

Prioritizing:

Lower Nodes
First Fruiting
Branches
Main Stem Nodes

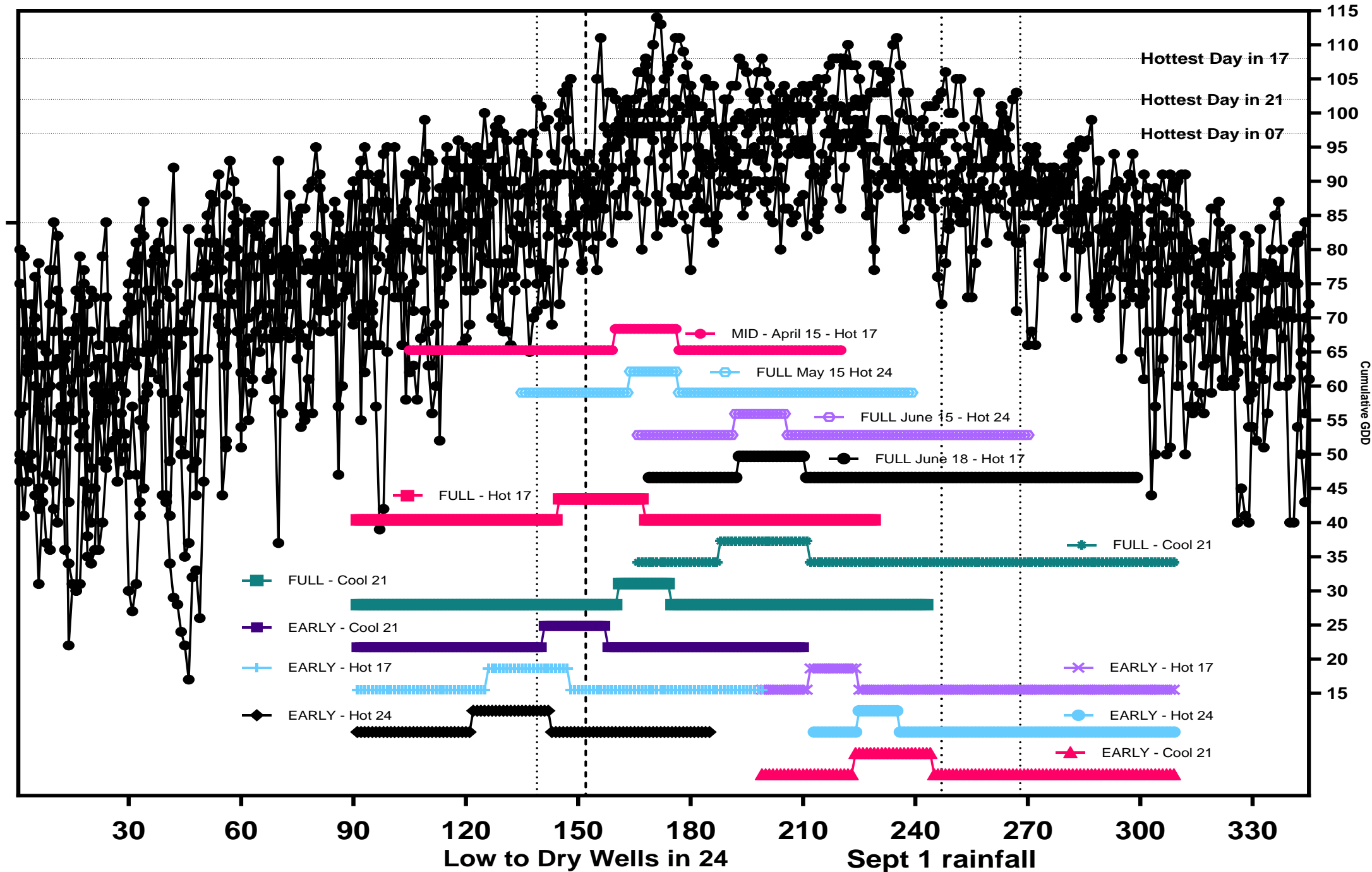
Cost -
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Effects of
temperature
(UV) on foliar
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Length /
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Authentic IPM Answers

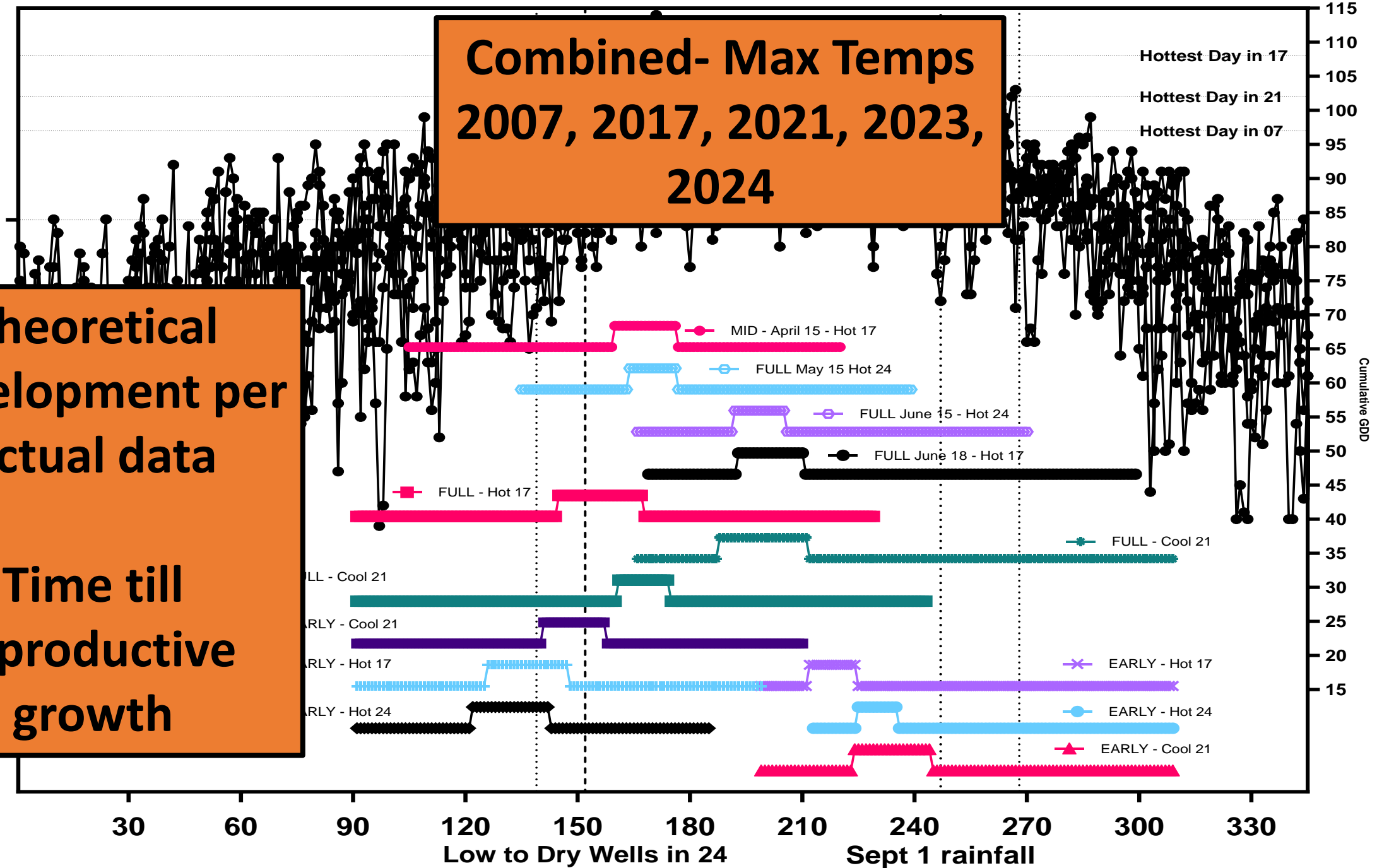
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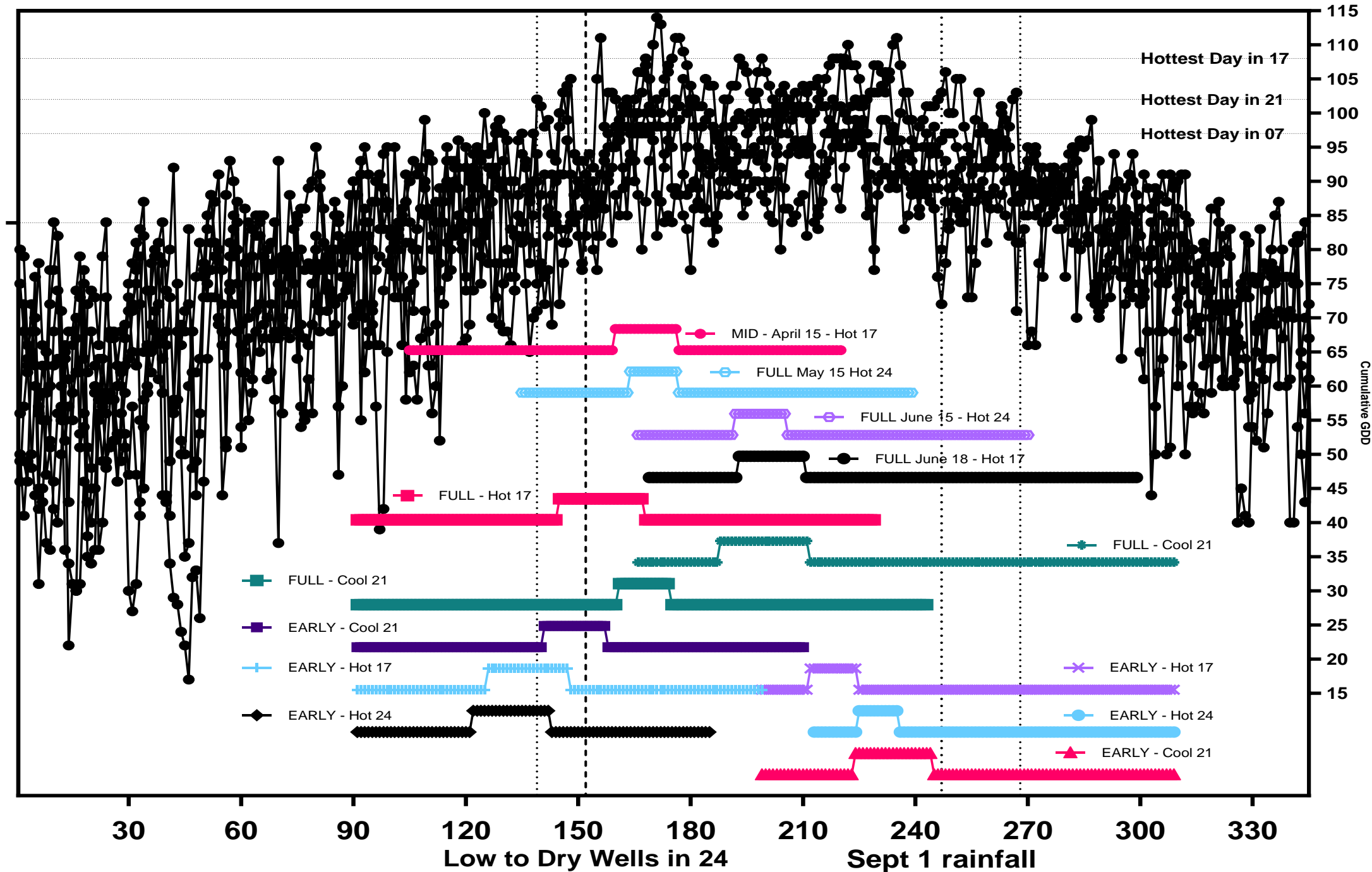


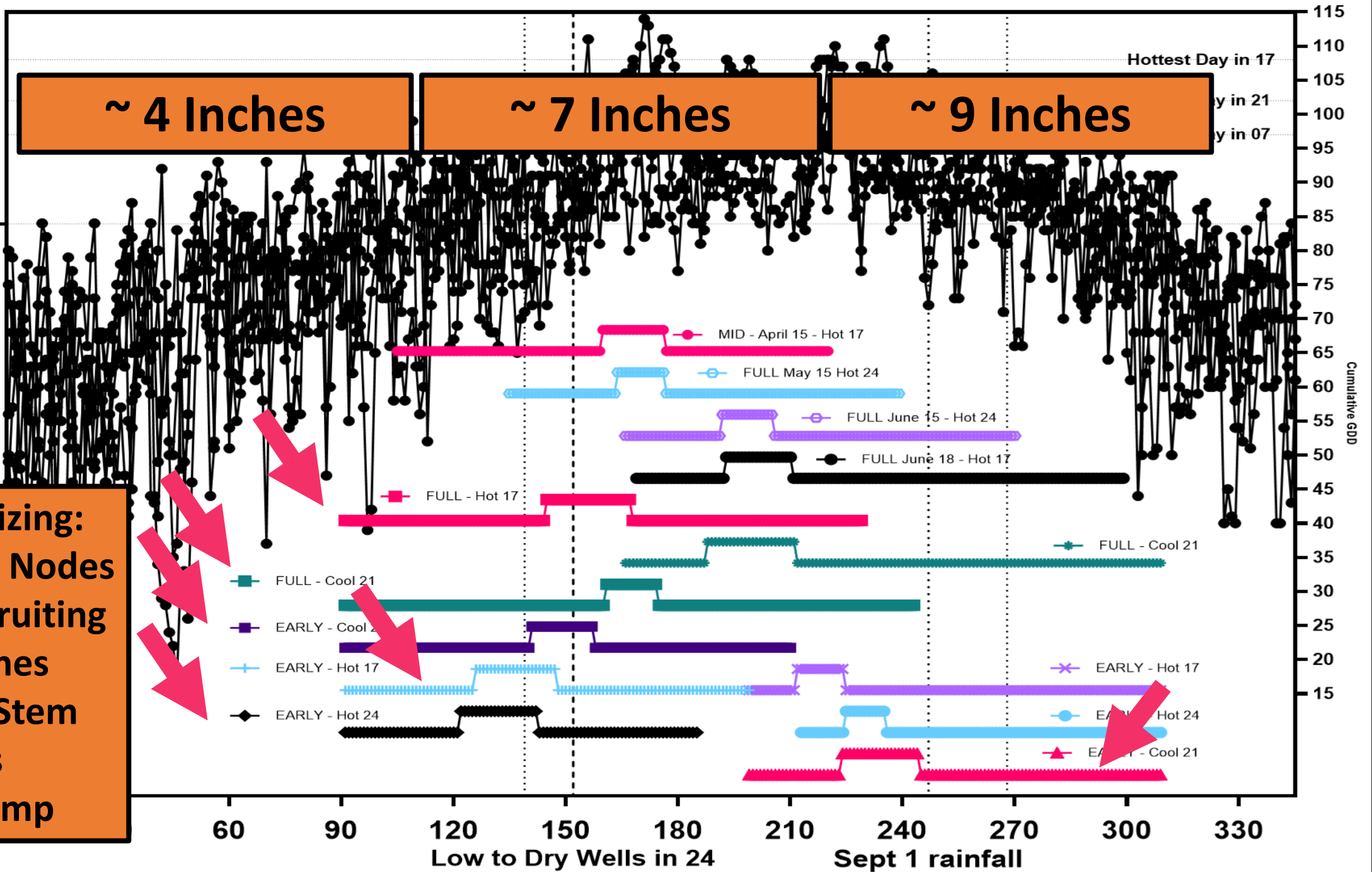
Combined- Max Temps 2007, 2017, 2021, 2023, 2024

Theoretical
Development per
actual data

Time till
reproductive
growth







~ 4 Inches

~ 7 Inches

~ 9 Inches

Hottest Day in 17

Day in 21

Day in 07

MID - April 15 - Hot 17

FULL May 15 Hot 24

FULL June 15 - Hot 24

FULL June 18 - Hot 17

FULL - Hot 17

FULL - Cool 21

EARLY - Cool 21

EARLY - Hot 17

EARLY - Hot 24

FULL - Cool 21

EARLY - Hot 17

EARLY - Hot 24

EARLY - Cool 21

- Prioritizing:**
- Lower Nodes
 - First Fruiting Branches
 - Main Stem Nodes
 - Soil temp

60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330

Low to Dry Wells in 24

Sept 1 rainfall

Cumulative GDD

Organophosphates (OPPs), Organochlorines (OCPs), and Carbamates:

- Typically, complete photolysis under sunlight within 64-100 hours in top-soil.

Pyrethroids:

- Can degrade rapidly under sunlight, from 1 to 4 hours.

Neonicotinoids:

- 15-60 days under sunlight in top-soil.

**Effects of
sunlight on
foliar
pesticide &
length of
residual**

IF UNDER EXTREME SOLAR CONDITIONS

**Half-lives are shorter, especially so
with wet top-soils.**

**Evapotranspiration is at maximum;
pesticide uptake and accumulation in
leaves are both very fast.**

**Effects of
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residual**

2007 – Cold to Warm to Cool

102 bales per GDD

25k bales / day

2017 – Warm to Hot to Cool

90 bales per GDD

20k bales / day

2024 – Cool to Hot to Hot

12 bales per GDD

2.5k bales / day

**Cost -
effectiveness
of
management**

Flower thrips, from egg to adult, typically takes around

- **14 days if it is hot**
- **21 days if it is cool**

Cotton Fleahopper, egg to adult

- **10 days if it is hot**
- **14 days if it is cool**

2022-2024- Pests accounted for small fraction of total loss.

**Length /
intensity
of pest
cycle**

2022-2024

Grasshoppers were probably the most damaging locally, but cryptic effects regionally.

Drought-sturdy pests were abundant but had lowered effects on the regional scale.

Stinkbugs and Leaf-footed bugs did great. Still didn't move out of sorghum / weedy areas.

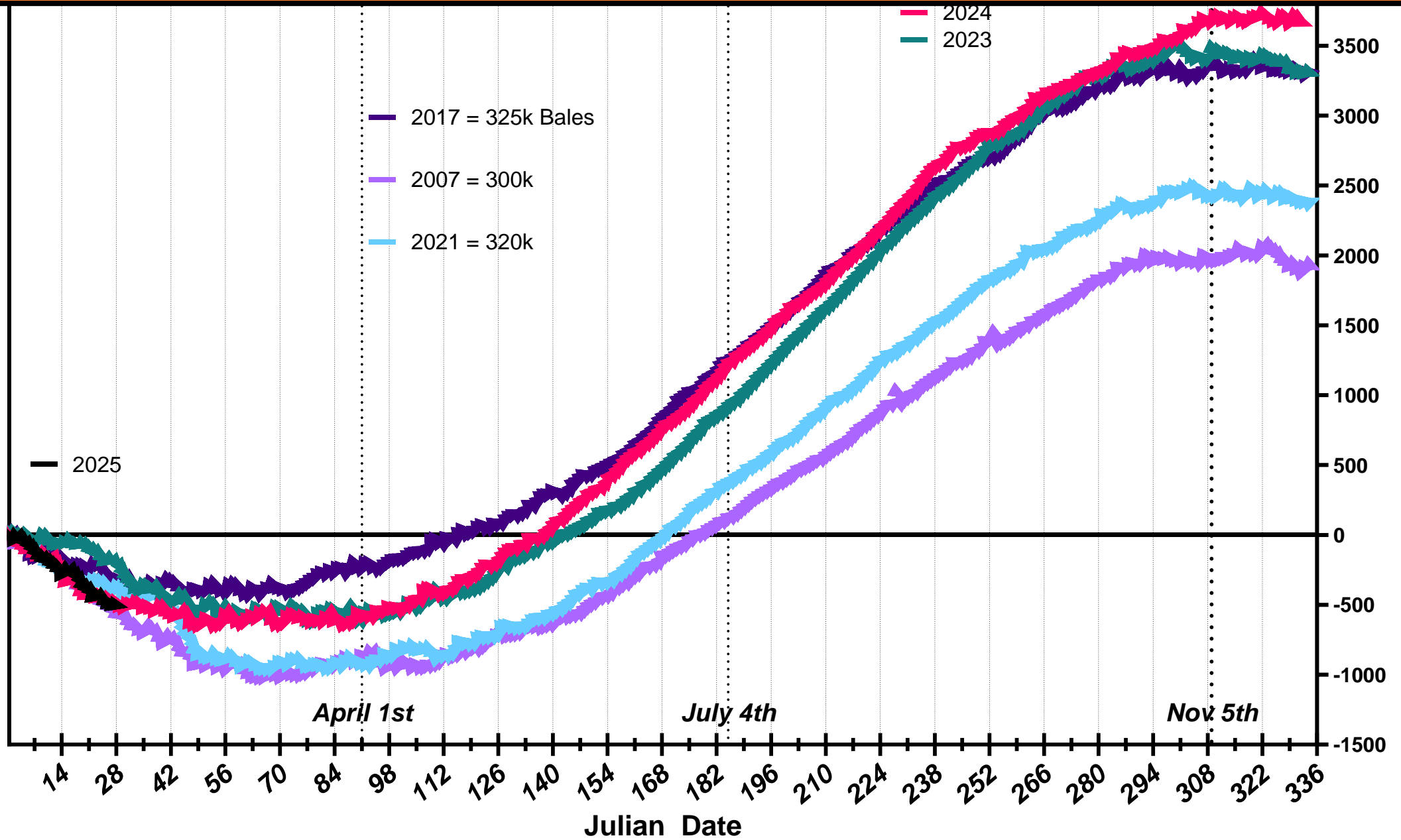
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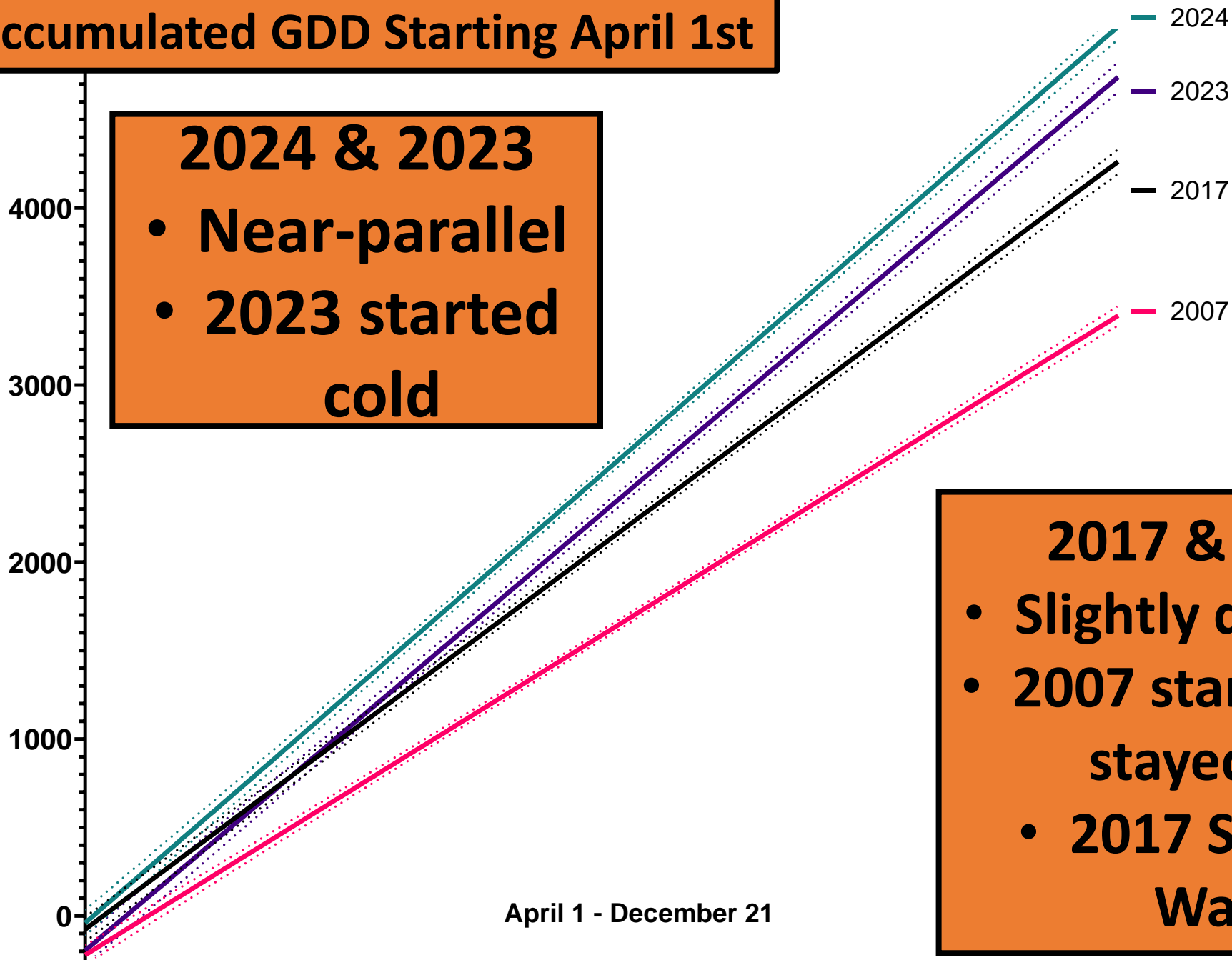
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Depends on- What does 2025 look like so far compared to high-bale & low-bale years?



linear relationship with cumulative development

Accumulated GDD Starting April 1st



2024 & 2023

- Near-parallel
- 2023 started cold

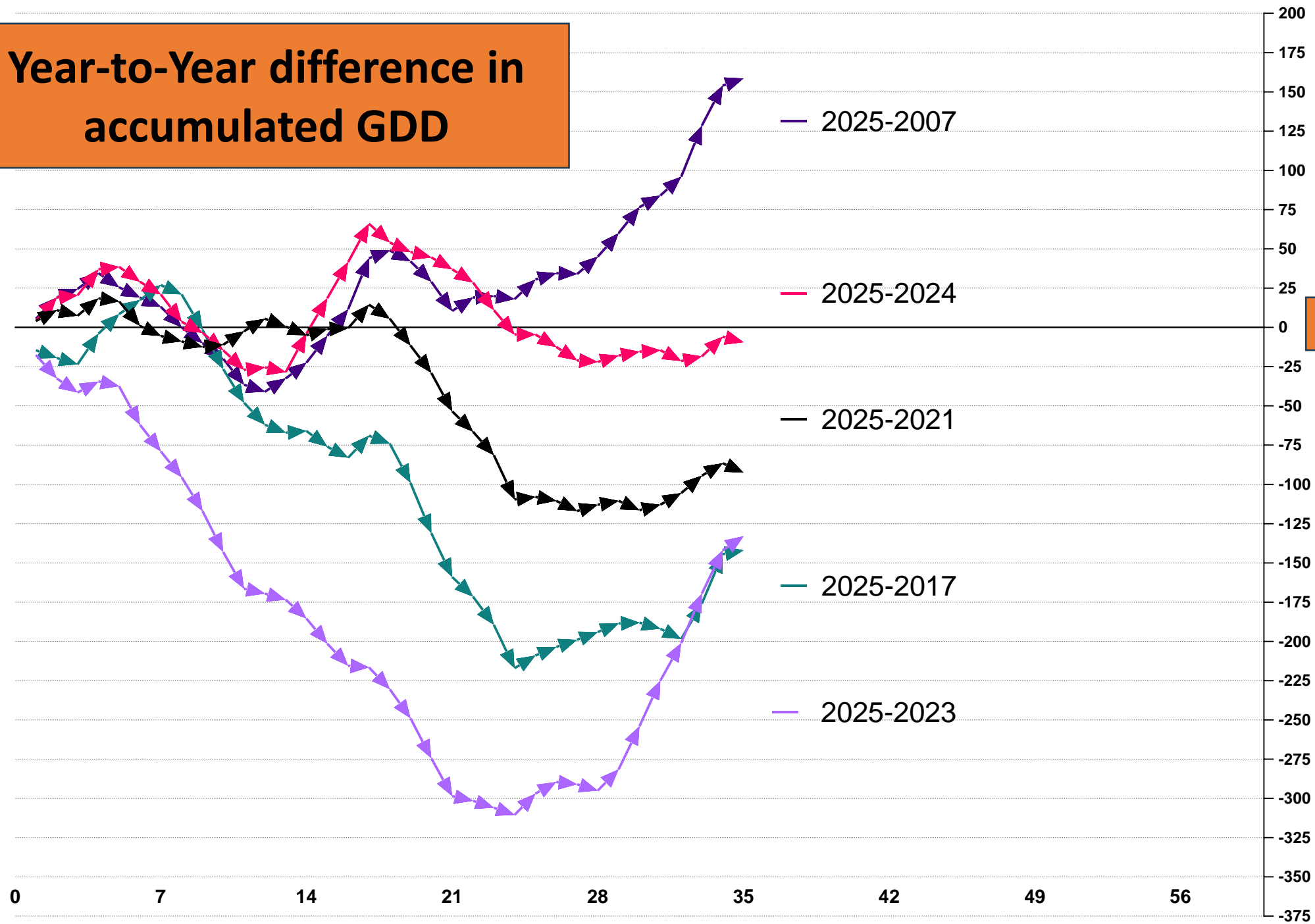
cold

2017 & 2007

- Slightly diverging
- 2007 started cold stayed cool
- 2017 Started Warm

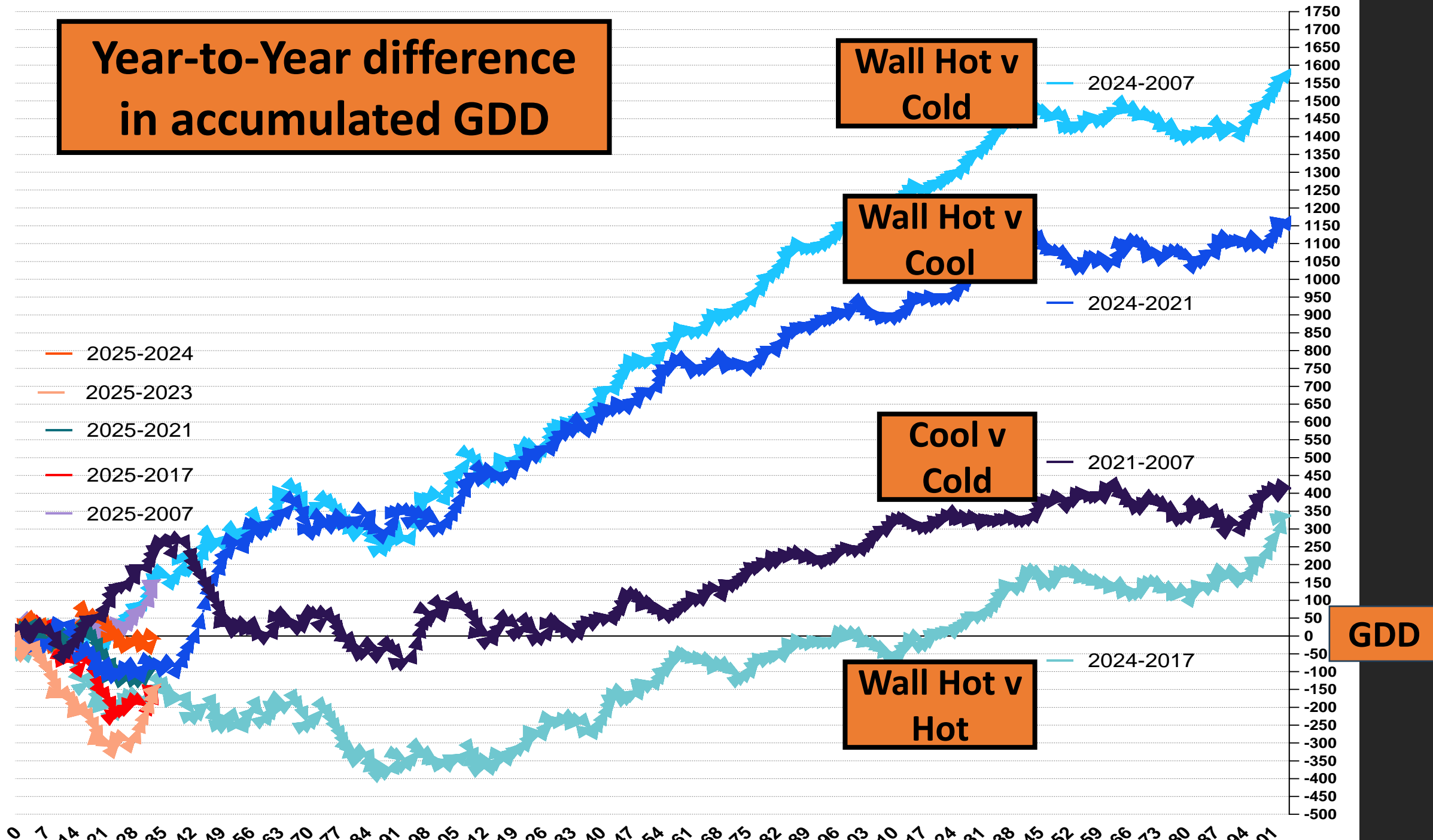
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Year-to-Year difference in accumulated GDD

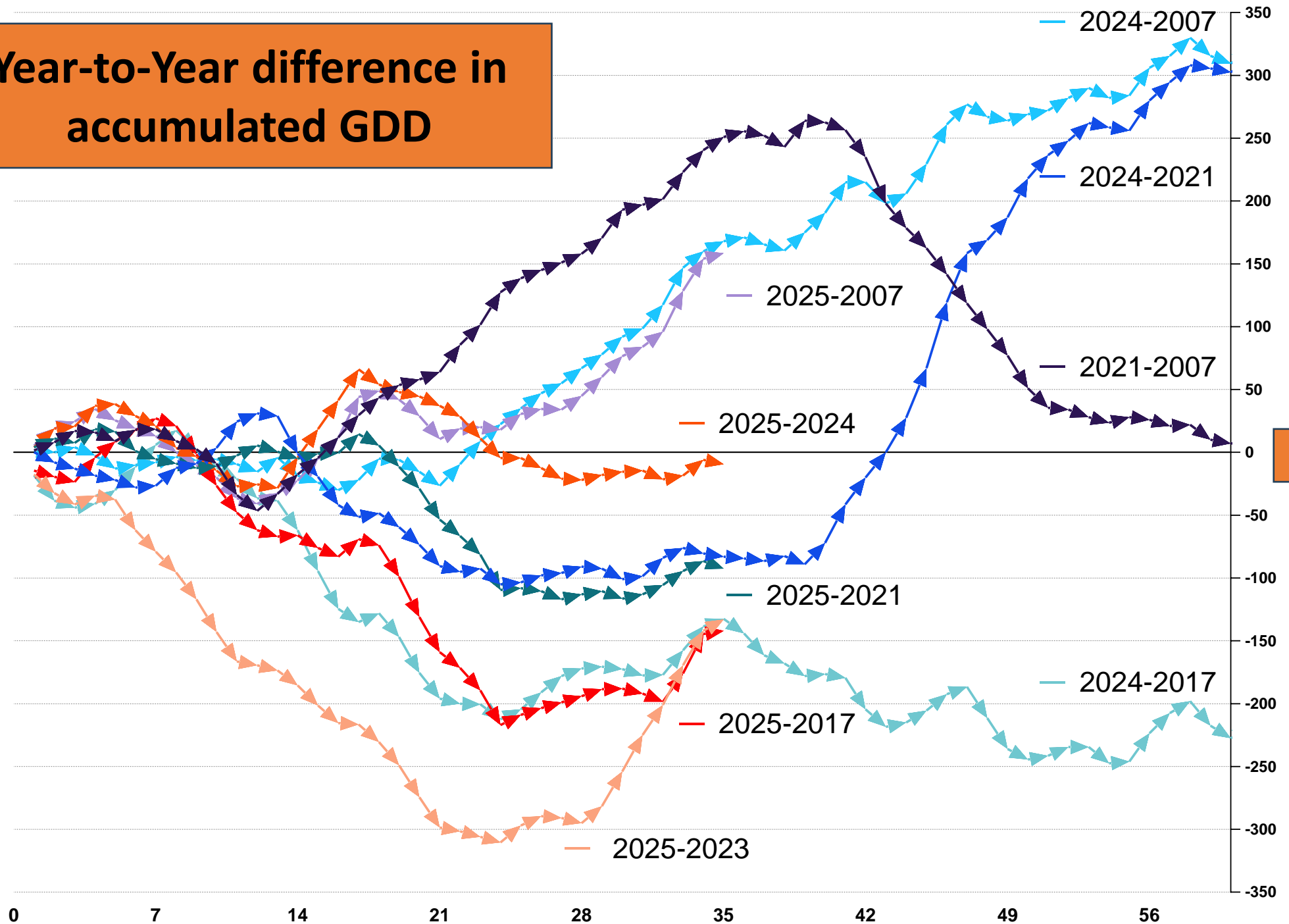


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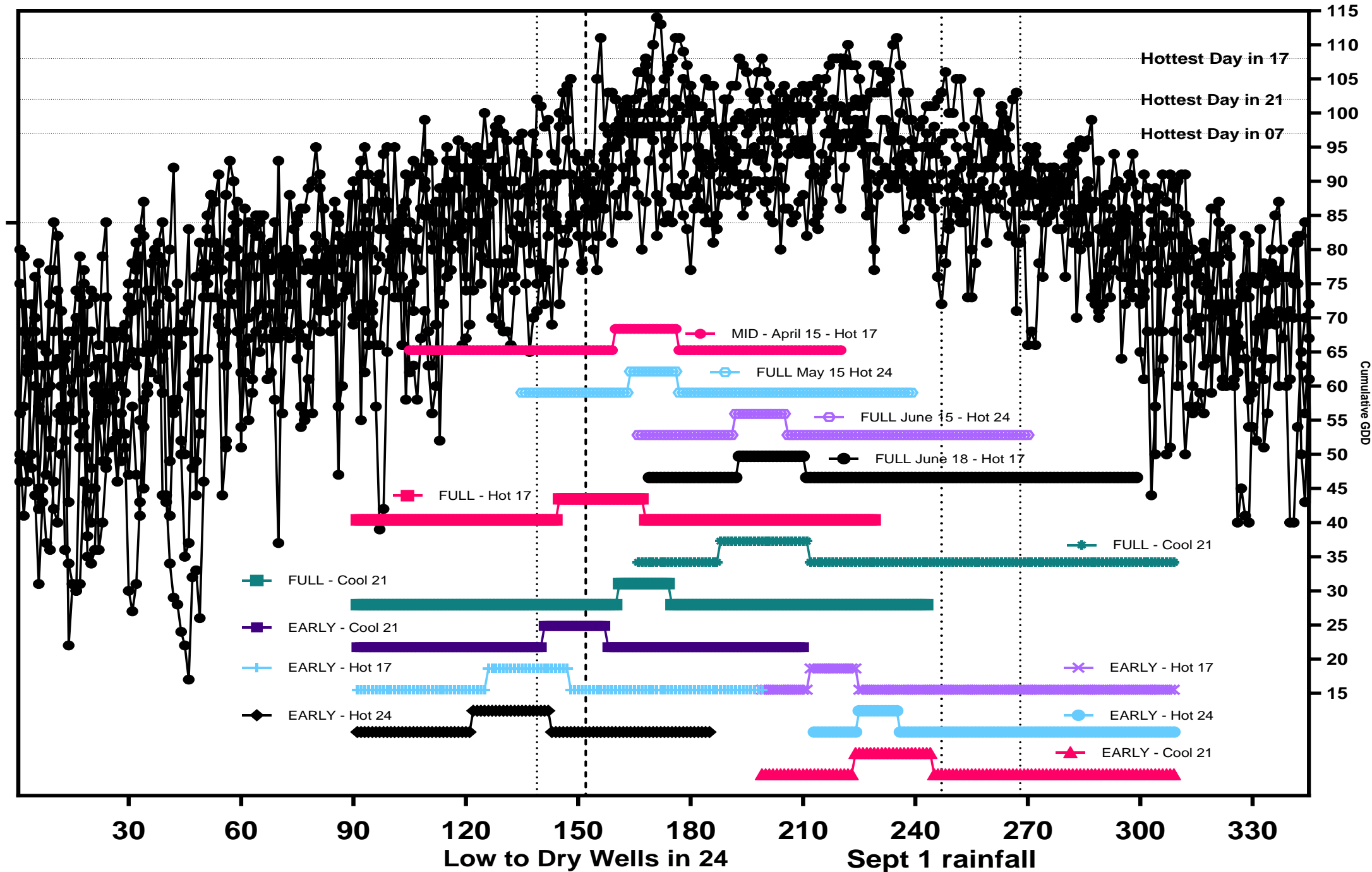


GDD

Questions for the audience.....

1. When/what would you plant?

- ✓ HOT YEAR – 24
- ✓ WARM YEAR – 17
- ✓ COOL YEAR – 21
- ✓ COLD YEAR – 07



Questions for the audience.....

2. Could we reduce total plant captured radiation by 50-75% (*inexpensive-foliar---* calcium carbonate, chalk, whitewash, commercial products) whenever rainfall and heating units become detrimental?
 - a. Would it help?
 - b. What does it cost?
 - c. How long does it last?
 - d. What is the name of this magical product?

Questions for the audience.....

3. Which transform (like YtY / YoY) would you use to make predictive sense of energy output and production?