

Genetics of Southern Pine and Adaptation to Climate





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Natural Ranges of Southern Pine Species



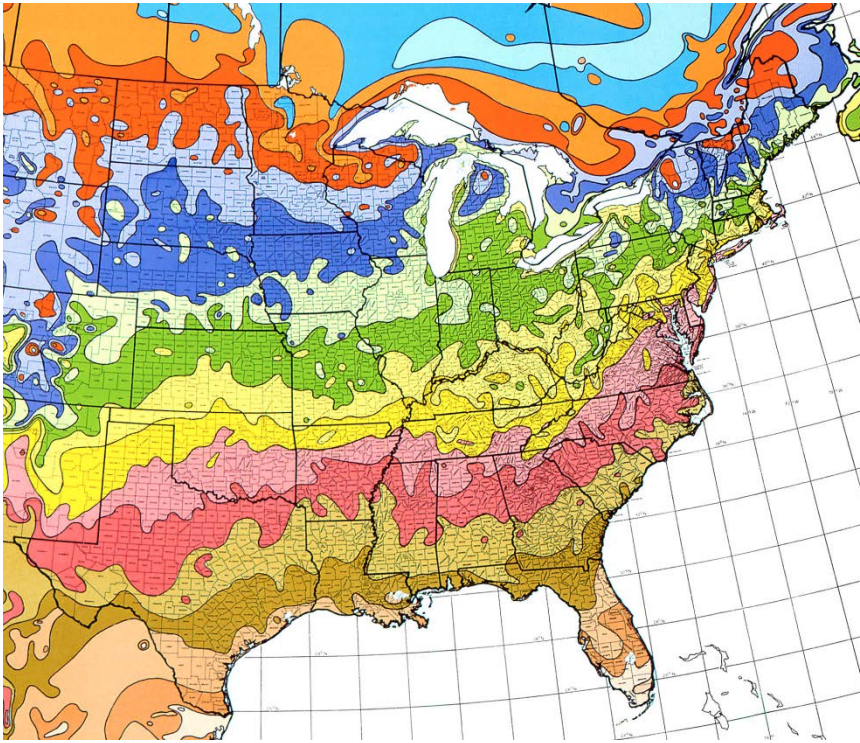
Comparison of Southern Pine Species

Species & Natural Range	Disease & Pest Tolerance	Drought & Fire Resistance	% of Planted Forestland in SE	Growth Rate	Status of Genetic Improvement	Status of Silviculture
 <p>Loblolly</p>	Strong rust resistance, moderate SPB resistance	Moderate to high drought tolerance, especially western provenances	80	Highest rate of early growth, most responsive to fertilization	3 rd cycle nearing production; 4 th cycle of breeding & testing underway	Advanced – rangewide trials for nutrition, stand density, competition control...
 <p>Slash</p>	Moderate to strong rust resistance, better SPB resistance relative to loblolly & shortleaf	Moderate drought tolerance,	18	Early growth rate second to loblolly, not as responsive to fertilizer	3 rd cycle nearing production; 4 th cycle of breeding & testing underway	Advanced – rangewide trials for nutrition, stand density, competition control...
 <p>Longleaf</p>	Weak to moderate rust resistance, good SPB resistance compared with loblolly & shortleaf	High drought and fire tolerance		Early growth significantly less than loblolly & slash, responsive to fertilization for grass stage	1 st cycle in production; no active breeding	Early stage – competition control to rapidly pass through grass stage, most intolerant to competition
 <p>Shortleaf</p>	Strongest rust resistance, Weakest resistance to SPB of all 4 spp.	High drought tolerance, Better fire resistance than loblolly & slash	negligible	Slowest early growth rate of all 4 spp., fertilization response unknown	none	Minimal

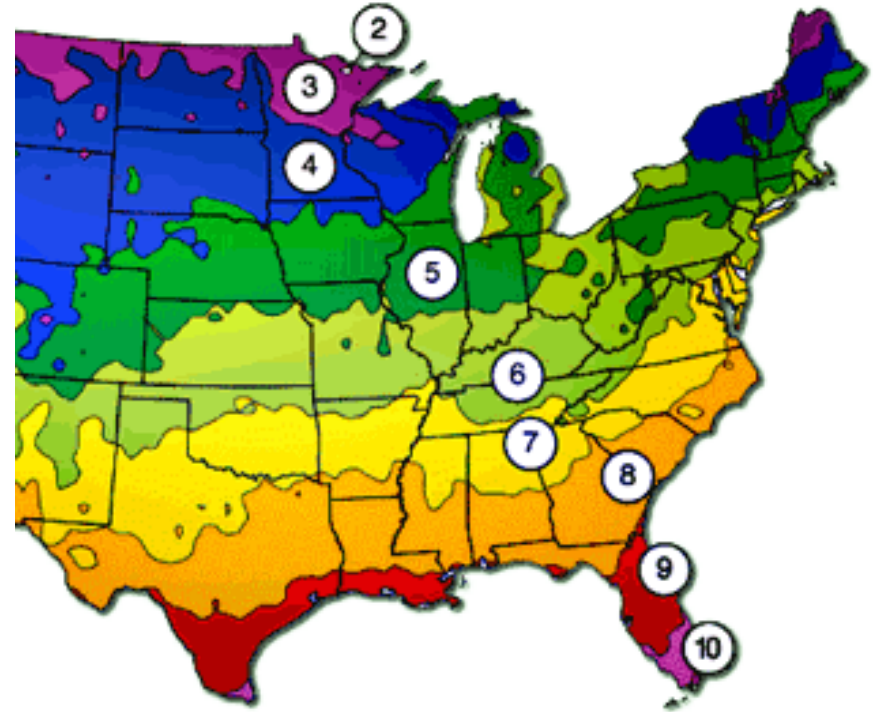
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USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map: Based Primarily on Minimum Winter Monthly Temperature



Old map: 1995-2012



New map: 2012-present

History of Climate on Southern Pine Range & Genetic Diversity

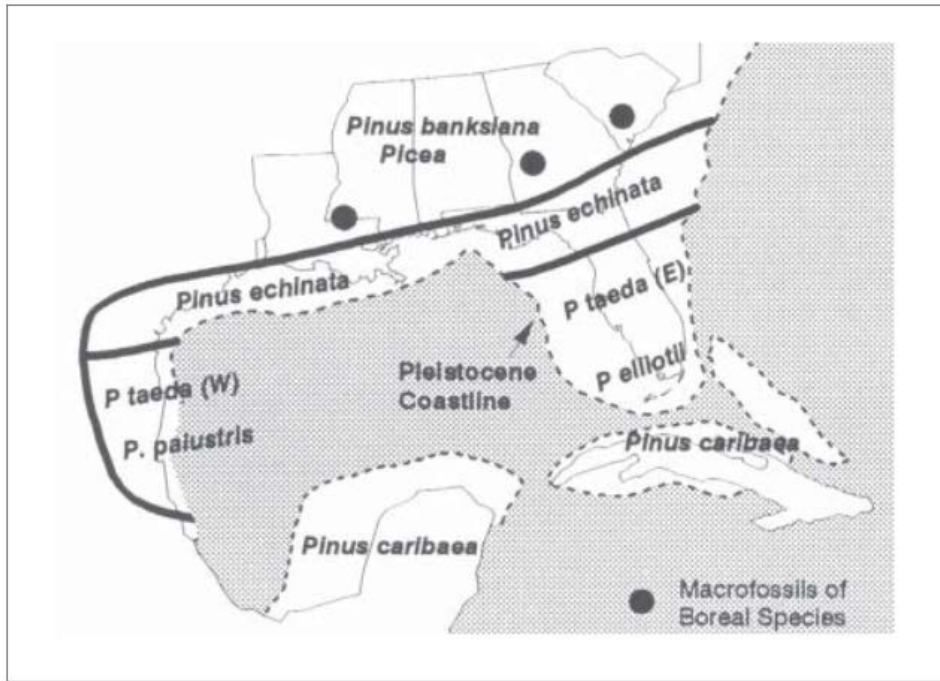
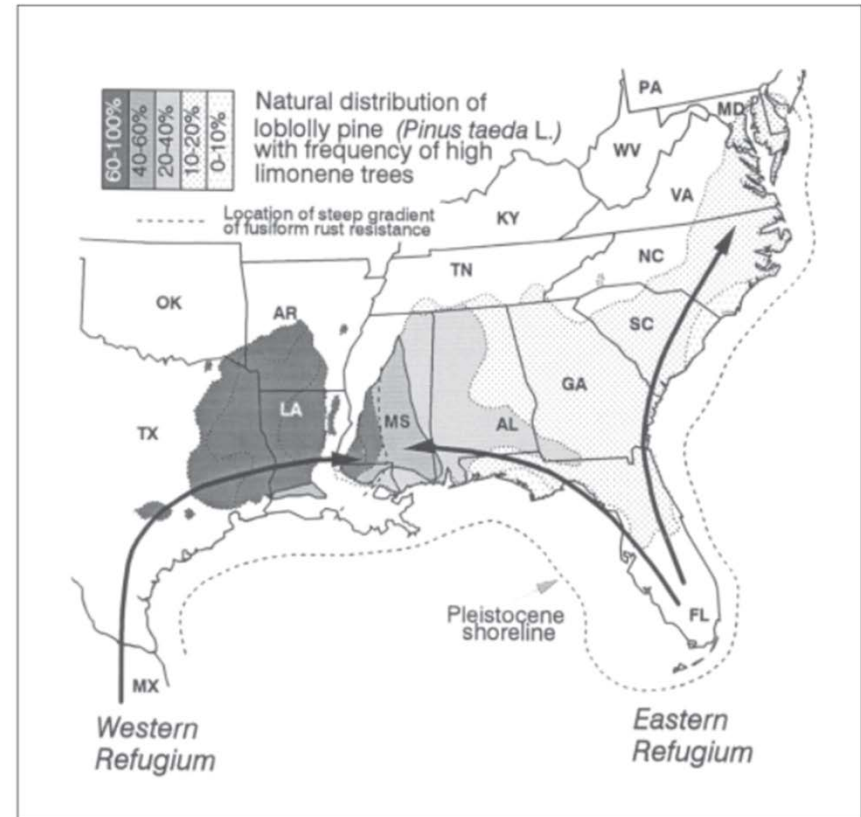


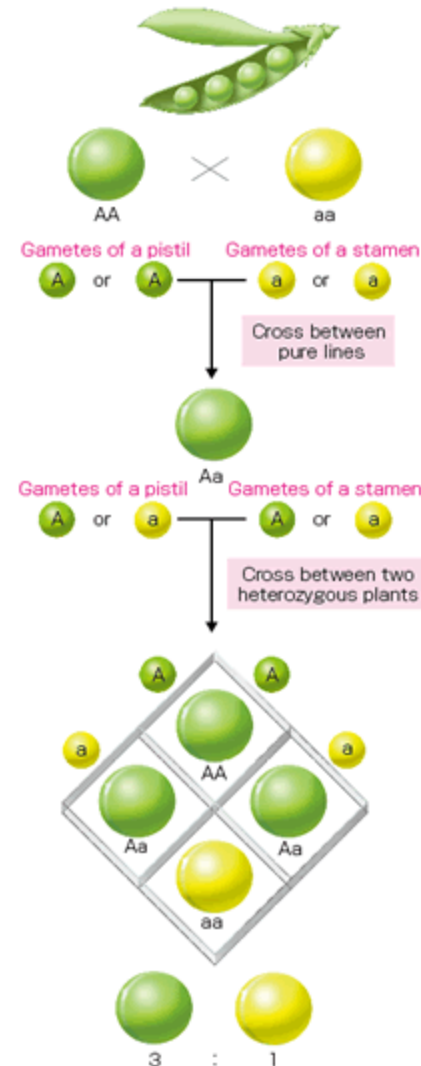
Figure 5.—Proposed location of the major southern pines during the Wisconsin Glaciation.



Simple vs. Quantitative Traits

Simple

- Categorical distribution
- Less influenced by the environment
- Monogenic traits
 - One to two loci with large effect on phenotype



Quantitative vs. Simple traits

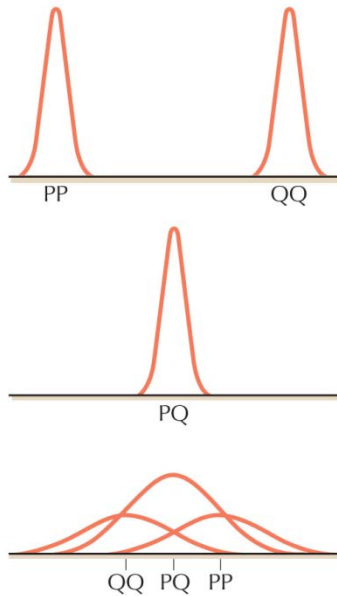


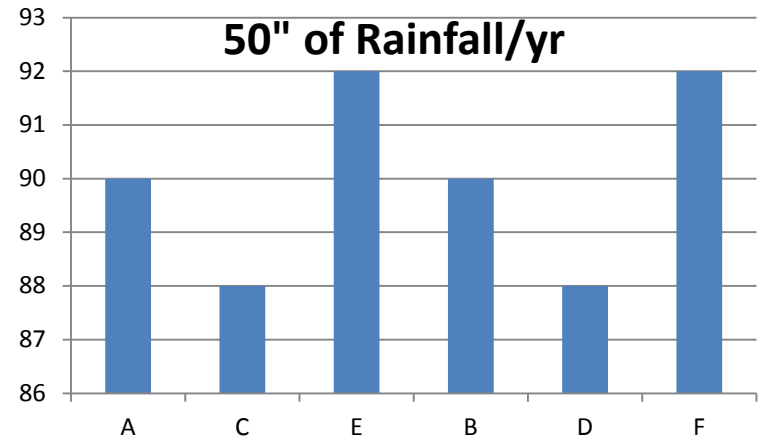
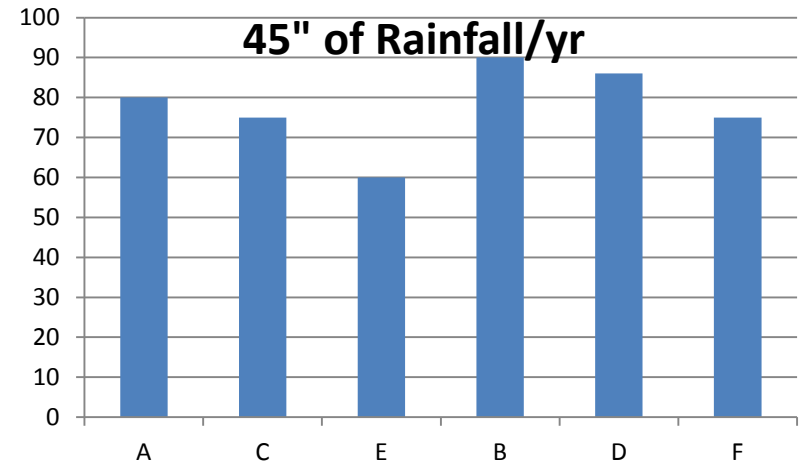
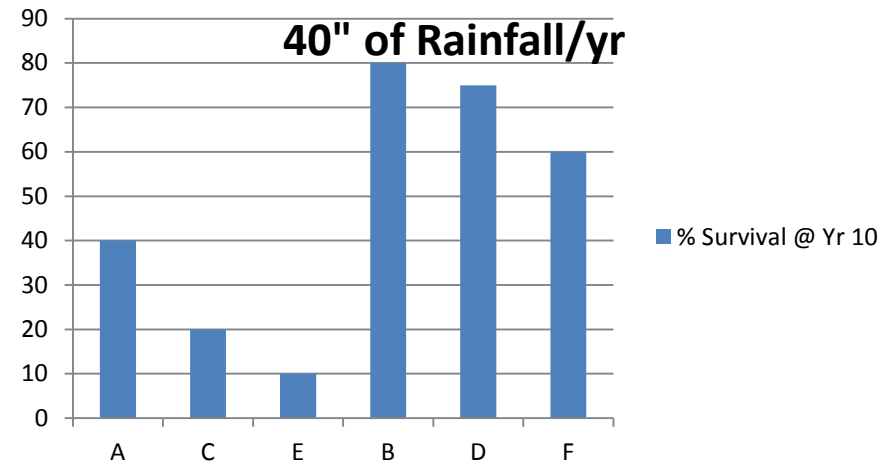
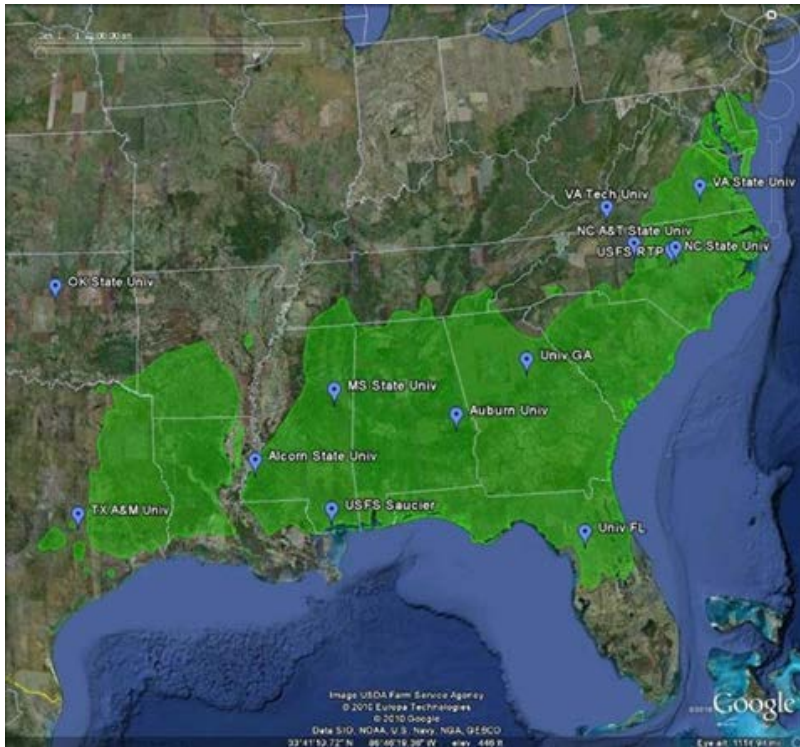
FIGURE 14.22. The distribution of a quantitative trait in individuals with different marker genotypes (PP, PQ, QQ) in parental, F_1 , and F_2 generations.

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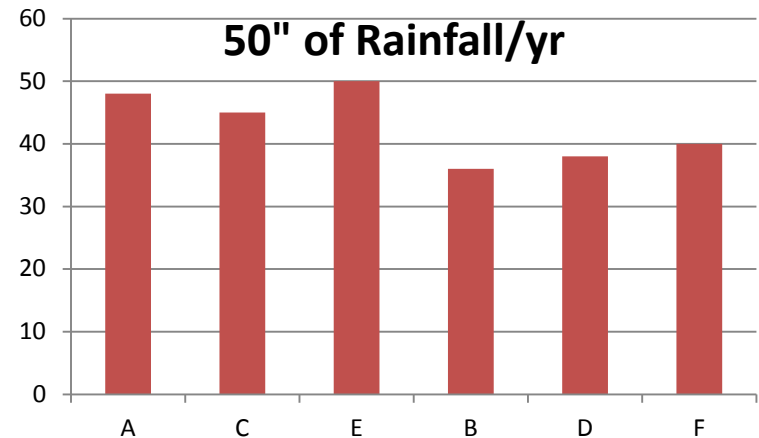
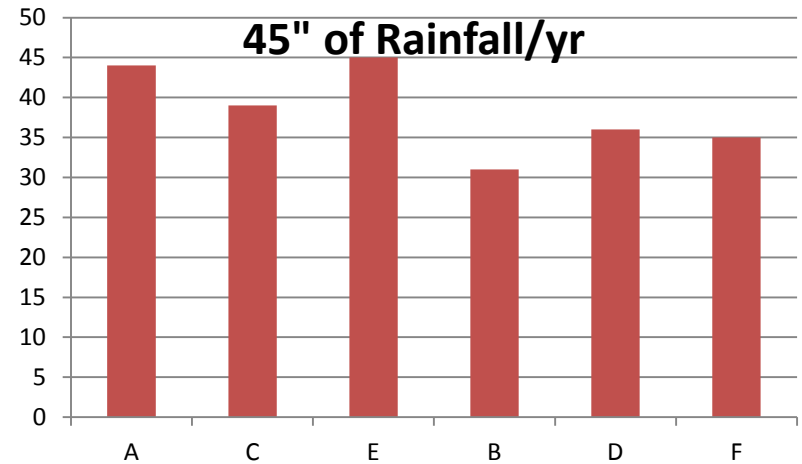
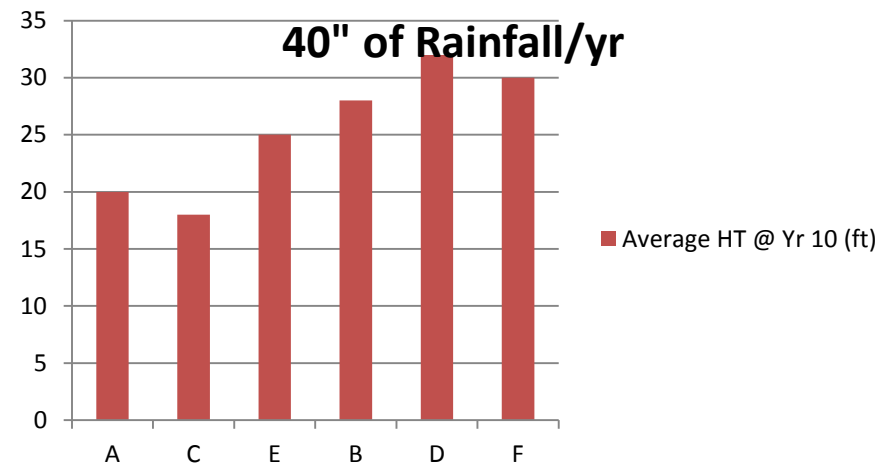
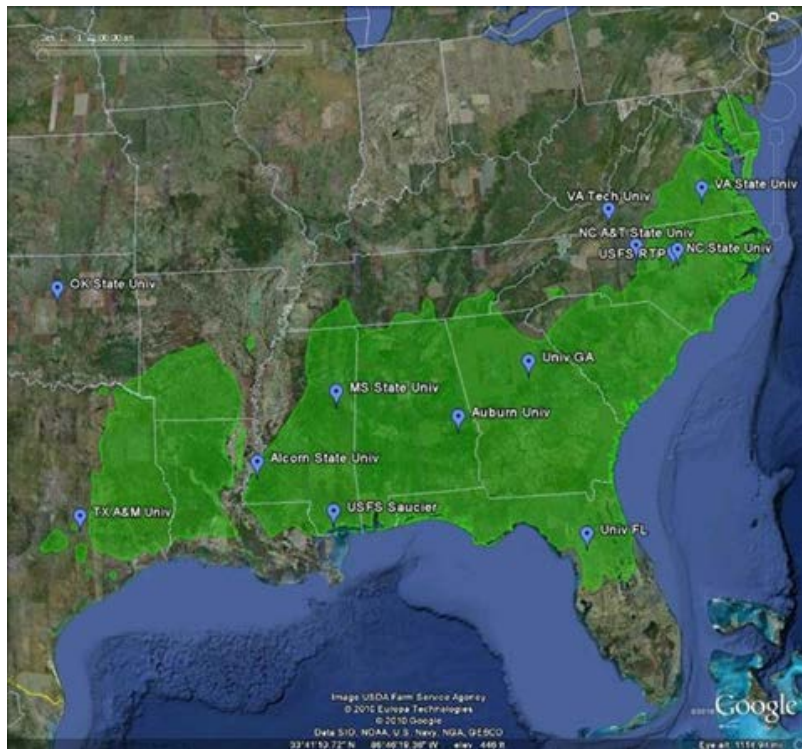
Quantitative/Complex

- Continuous distribution
- Phenotype is partitioned into genetic and environmental components
- Polygenic traits
 - Each locus has a small effect on phenotype

Influence of Rainfall on SURVIVAL of Genotypes from the Eastern & Western Loblolly Populations



Influence of Rainfall on HEIGHT GROWTH of Genotypes from the Eastern & Western Loblolly Populations



Influence of Rainfall on Genotypes from the Eastern & Western Loblolly Populations

