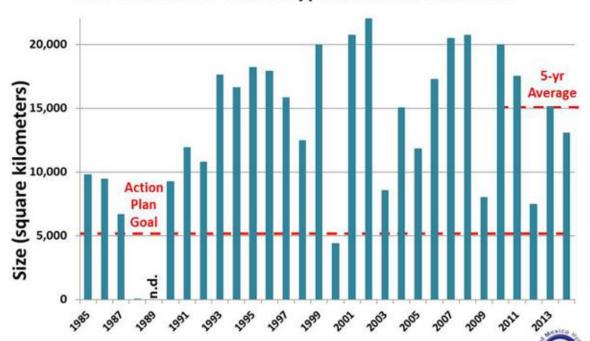
## Interannual variation of hypoxic zone

## Size of bottom-water hypoxia in mid-summer

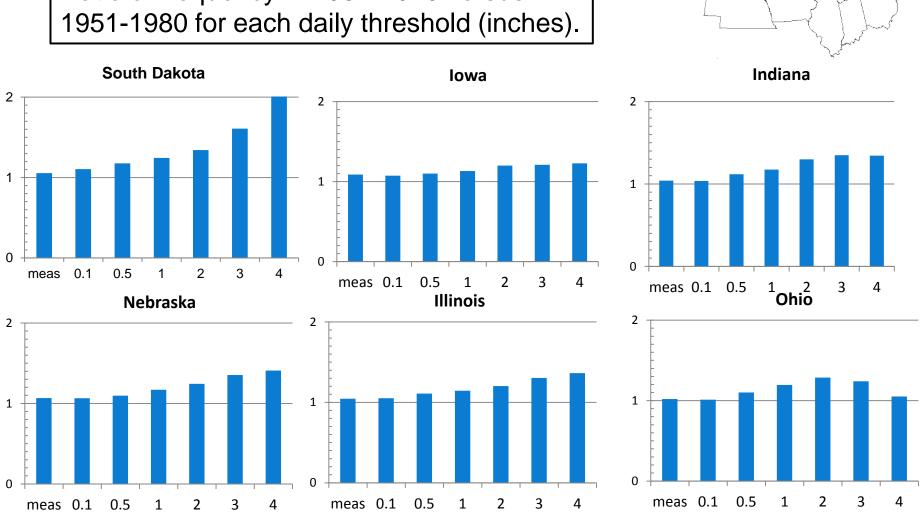


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Hypoxic zone extent is correlated with Corn Belt precipitation in late autumn and spring:  $r^2 = 0.68$ . (Donner and Scavia 2007).

## Heavy rainfall has become much more frequent despite only a small change in total rainfall

Ratio of frequency in 1981-2010 versus 1951-1980 for each daily threshold (inches).



Data source: NWS Cooperative Observer network.