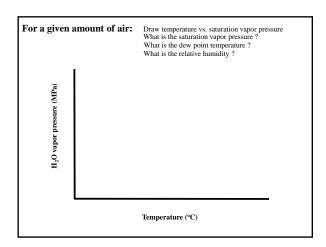
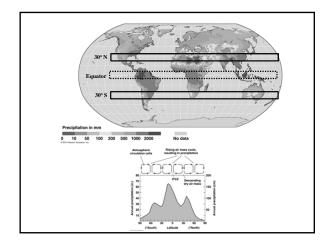
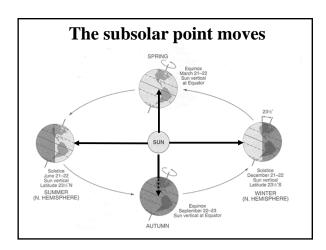
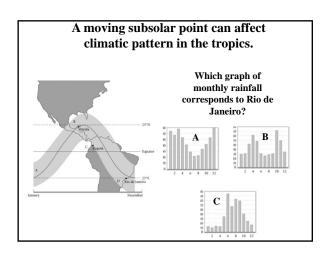
# **Atmospheric Circulation Affects Climate**

# Tropical Hadley Cells S Equator Wet Rain Forests Horse Latitudes Dry Deserts Dry Deserts Dry Deserts Subsolar point & intertropical convergence zone

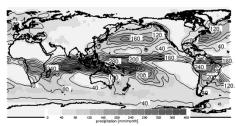








# The ITCZ moves with the subsolar line. But often lags behind – especially over the ocean



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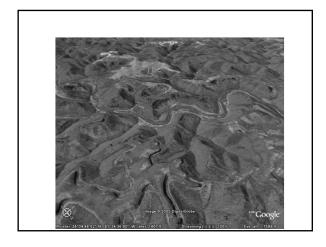
#### Pacific slope of Panama during dry season January through April

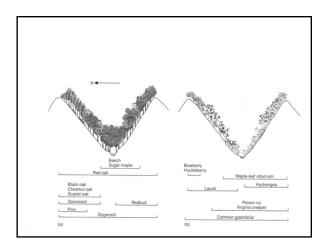


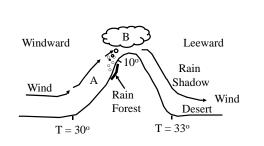
## **Thought Question**

If the angle between the orbital plane of the Earth around the Sun and the plane formed by the Earth's equator were to decrease (currently it's 23.5°), what effect would this have on the seasons in the N. Hemisphere?

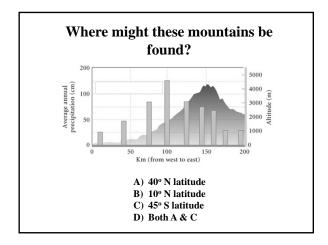
If the angle were  $0^{\circ}$ , when would an equinox occur?

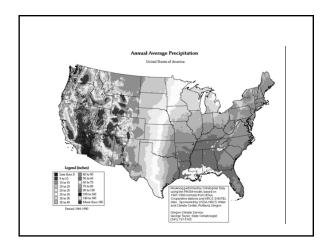


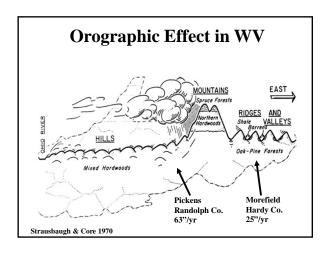




- A. Air rises & cools (moist adiabatic cooling @ 6°C/km)
- B. As air cools it reaches its saturation vapor density then it rains.



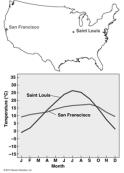


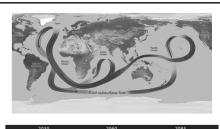


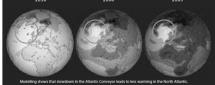
## Ocean Circulation Can Affect:

- Regional climate.
- The price of fish.

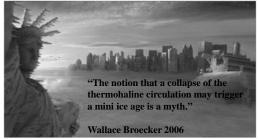
# Large bodies of water heat up and cool down more slowly than land





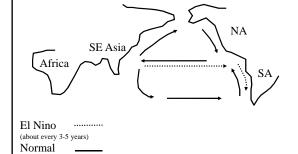


## The Day After Tomorrow?

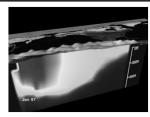


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# Effects of ocean currents on climate



### Normal



#### El Nino



