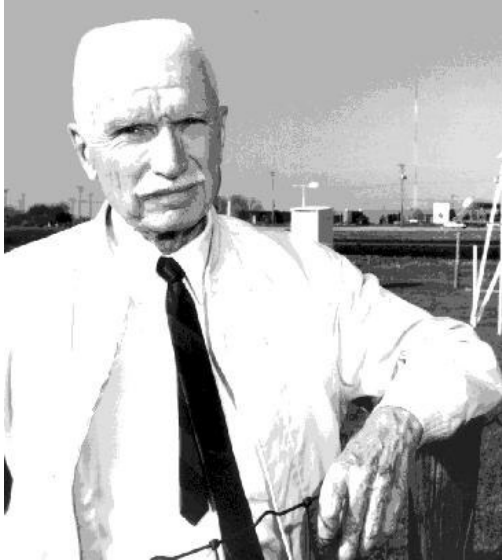


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A BRIEF EXCURSION
INTO THREE
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The word revolution used in the title indicates that three sudden and radical changes occurred to agriculture. I believe you will agree that the changes were radical but two of the three were far from sudden. So, obviously, use of the word revolution is applied with a certain license.

In each of the three so-called revolutions, technology and climate played major roles. The technology in the form of an implement, an instrument or a process creating the revolution is usually relatively easy to cite. However, the part climate played is more difficult to pinpoint. Climate is like civilization itself, we can look back upon it and recognize changes that have occurred, but definitive explanations as to causes and timing remain elusive.

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