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through increased photosynthetic rates, decreased stomatal conductance and improved water-use e ciencies (WUE), which collectively tend to increase rates of plant growth (Bazzaz 1990, Curtis 1996, Curtis and Wang 1998, Leakey et al. 2009). Increased [CO

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