Climate Change Effects on Supply and Demand of Rice in India

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Abstract

This study was conducted to clarify how climate change is expected to affect the demand and supply of rice in India, an important rice-producing and rice-consuming nation. The method, a supply-demand model, includes six functions: yield, area, export, stock change, demand, and price linkage. To reflect topographic and climate diversity, these analyses use state data instead of national data. Results for rice supply show the benefits and shortcomings of temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation as determined by location and season. Scenario analyses that combine the three dimensions of Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) and Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSP) scenarios elucidate the future supply and demand of rice, revealing that rice production and per-capita consumption can be boosted most if India undergoes conventional development. Alternatively, a fragmented society that faces higher challenges regarding mitigation and adaptation is expected to engender lower rice yields. To maintain sufficient rice production, the government must undertake social development projects and adequately address climate change-related difficulties.

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Additional key words: temperature, precipitation, solar radiation, socioeconomic scenarios

Introduction

According to the 2016 Global Hunger Index (von Grebmer et al. 2016), the highest hunger levels are found in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. In South Asia, India has exhibited the worst results for several decades. Moreover, India is expected to overtake China in becoming the world's most populous nation by 2022, according to the 2015 revision of World Population Prospects reported by the United Nations. Under such circumstances, food security has brought great concern in India. Kumar et al. (2009) have issued a warning that current trends in production indicate that domestic production will have difficulty satisfying future food grain demand.

Among all foodgrains, rice is the most consumed in India (Directorate of Economics and Statistics 2015). Data from the Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database (FAO-STAT) also show that the rice

production and cultivation areas are greater than those of other crops. And since 2012, India has overtaken Thailand as the world's largest rice exporter. In 2013, India's share of world rice exports was 30.1% and subject to wide fluctuations according to domestic production. The share of total exports to the total production of rice in the world was only 6.0% in 2013. Therefore, the world rice market is relatively small compared to the domestic rice market, and India's rice production strongly affects the world food market.

Rice in India is grown mainly in irrigated and rain-fed areas. In the total rice area, the respective percentages of irrigated, rain-fed, and flood-prone rice areas are about 49.5%, 45.9% and 4.6%, respectively (Directorate of Rice Development 2014). In particular, rice production in rain-fed areas is highly sensitive to climate conditions. Goswami et al. (2006) detected two abnormal climatic phenomena in India: (1) considerable increases in the frequency and magnitude of extreme rain events, and (2) marked decreases in the frequency of moderate events over central India during the

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monsoons of 1951–2000.

In considering both population growth and climate change, one might be intrigued to clarify the influences of climate change on rice, the largest produced and most consumed crop in India. Moreover, future forecasts of the demand and supply of rice are clouded by uncertainty that climate change presents.

Several approaches have been adopted to analyze the effects of climate change on agriculture. Pohit (1997) analyzed four agriculture sectors (paddy, wheat, grains, non-grain crops) and six non-agricultural sectors using a Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model. The results showed that, except for wheat and non-grain crops, carbon dioxide fertilization effects decreased in India. Sulser et al. (2010) combined precipitation and irrigation with the International Model for Policy Analysis of Agricultural Commodities and Trade (IMPACT), which is a world food model of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). They detected declining trends in water productivity for cereal production in the Ganges and Nile river basins and in net trade (exports minus imports) for cereal in India until 2050. In 2000, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued the Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (SRES), and these scenarios were used to project the future impacts of climate change on food grains. Furuya et al. (2009) explored the influence of global warming on the world food market under the SRES using the International Food and Agricultural Policy Simulation Model (IFPSIM), which consists of yield, area, demand, export, import, stock, and price linkage functions. The results for Indian rice under the A1B, B1, A2, and B2 ¹⁾ scenarios in the SRES revealed a decrease in production and an increase in the growth rate of consumption.

From a review of earlier literature describing climate change effects on food grain production in India, we noted the wide use of national data. Few reports of the relevant literature describe studies using state or regional data. Kumar et al. (2004) clarified the influence of monsoon rainfall on the production of five major crops based on state-level statistics. Soora et al. (2013) adopted the SRES scenarios to predict the impact of climate change on rain-fed rice yields in five regions covering several states. Given India's diverse topography and climate, conducting analyses using state data is expected to reflect actual conditions better than when using national data. Therefore, this study divides all territories into 28 districts and provides a supply-demand model to assess the particular influences of climate change on the rice market.

The purpose of this study is to conduct an economic evaluation of the impacts of climate change on rice

production in each state in India and on rice supply and demand for the whole country, and to clarify the regions that the government needs to focus on for implementing countermeasures. It is still fresh in our memory that the export ban on rice by the Indian government worsened the already tight food supply in 2007, which was a particularly poor harvest year. The development of an economic model that can evaluate the regional impacts of climate change is very important for devising countermeasures.

Temperature and precipitation are often examined (e.g. Cabas et al. 2010) to estimate rice yield. Solar radiation plays an important role in rice yield, but is rarely considered. Even though earlier reports of the literature tend to disregard climatic factors for measuring the areas of rice, Khan & Zaman (2010) present evidence of a relation between rainfall and wheat production. Consequently, we include temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation in the yield function, and incorporate precipitation into the area functions.

To project the effects of climate change on crops, some studies have specifically emphasized socioeconomic factors such as population growth rate and income growth (Kumar et al. 2012, 2014). In contrast to such socioeconomic investigations, we forecast the supply and demand of rice based on representative concentration pathways and climate policy assumptions. Two steps exist for this study. First, we elucidate the influence of climate change on the supply, demand, and price of rice in India. At the second stage, we project the tendencies in several probable scenarios based on a combination of Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) and Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSP) scenarios.

Model

1. Rice production

Rice cultivation in India has three seasons: *Rabi*, *pre-Kharif*, and *Kharif*, corresponding to the summer, autumn, and winter harvesting seasons, respectively. Figure 1 presents the rice cropping calendar. Since 1981, the DES (2017) has integrated data of *pre-Kharif* (autumn rice) into those of *Kharif* (winter rice). For the continuity of data, we aggregate autumn and winter rice as *Kharif*.

2. Supply and demand model of rice

To investigate the influences of climate change on the supply and demand of rice, we use the supply and demand model of rice based on the model of Furuya et al. (2010). India's extensive territory encompasses various topographical features and climates. For this reason, we modified the original model and used state data instead

Seasons	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Summer	Sowing		Harvesting							Sowing		
Autumn			Sowing									
Winter	Harvesting					Sowing				Harvesting		

Fig. 1. Rice cropping calendar for India.

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi

Fig. 2. Indian states and their average production (in tons) of Kharif and Rabi during 1969-2009.

(Source of map: http://www.d-maps.com/carte.php?num_car=24855&lang=en)

of provincial data. Although mergers and splits have occurred among Indian states and union territories during the period of analyses, 28 regions are divided based on the divisions of 1969 (see Fig. 2).

This model consists of the following six functions.

(1) Yield function

$$YK_{i,t} = \alpha_{yk} + \beta_{yk1}TMP_{i,tm} + \beta_{yk2}PRC_{i,tm} + \beta_{yk3}SRA_{i,tm} + \varepsilon_{yk} \quad (1)$$

$$YR_{i,t} = \alpha_{yr} + \beta_{yr1}TMP_{i,tm} + \beta_{yr2}PRC_{i,tm} + \beta_{yr3}SRA_{i,tm} + \varepsilon_{yr} \quad (2)$$

In the equations above, YK stands for the yield of *Kharif* per hectare, YR signifies the yield of *Rabi* per hectare, TMP denotes the temperature in degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}C$), PRC represents precipitation in millimeters, SRA denotes solar radiation in megajoules per day, ε is an error term, and the subscripts i , t , and m represent the state, year, and month, respectively.

(2) Area function

$$AK_{i,t} = \alpha_{ak} + \beta_{ak1}AK_{i,t-1} + \beta_{ak2}FC_{t-1} + \beta_{ak3}PRC_{i,tm} + \varepsilon_{ak} \quad (3)$$

$$AR_{i,t} = \alpha_{ar} + \beta_{ar1}AR_{i,t-1} + \beta_{ar2}FC_{t-1} + \beta_{ar3}PRC_{i,tm} + \varepsilon_{ar} \quad (4)$$

Therein, AK signifies the harvested area of *Kharif* in hectares, AR denotes the harvested area of *Rabi* in hectares, and FC represents the real farm price defined as $FP/(CPI/100)$, where FP stands for the farm price of rice (rupees per ton) and CPI denotes the consumer price index.

(3) Paddy production

$$QPR_t = \sum_i YK_{i,t}AK_{i,t} + \sum_i YR_{i,t}AR_{i,t} \quad (5)$$

In the equation above, QPR represents the paddy production.

(4) Production of milled rice

$$Q_t = 0.667 \times QPR_t \quad (6)$$

Q represents the production of milled rice. The paddy to rice conversion rate is 0.667, based on estimation by FAO-STAT.

(5) Export function

$$EXP_t = \alpha_e + \beta_{e1}Q_t + \beta_{e2}WEG_t + \beta_{e3}RC_t + \varepsilon_e \quad (7)$$

Therein, EXP is the export volume of milled rice. WEG is defined as $(WP \times EXR)/(GDPD/100)$, which denotes the real world price of rice in Indian rupees. Here, WP is the world price of rice in US dollars, represented by the Thai 5% broken rice, f.o.b. Bangkok, and EXR is the rupee - US dollar exchange rate. $GDPD$ is the GDP deflator. The

definition of RC is $RPR/(CPI/100)$, which denotes the real retail price of rice, where RPR is the retail price of rice.

(6) Stock change function

$$STC_t = \alpha_s + \beta_{s1}(Q_t - Q_{t-1}) + \beta_{s2}(RC_t - RC_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_s \quad (8)$$

In that equation, STC is the annual change in stock of milled rice, as calculated by subtracting the beginning stock from ending stock.

(7) Supply of rice

$$QS_t = Q_t + IMP_t - EXP_t - STC_t - (FD_t + SD_t + WST_t + PROC_t) \quad (9)$$

Therein, QS signifies the total supply of rice, IMP denotes the import volume of milled rice, FD refers the quantity of milled rice for feeding livestock and poultry, SD represents the amounts of milled rice set aside for sowing, planting, and reproduction purposes, WST denotes the amount of milled rice lost through wastage between the level at which production is recorded and the household, and $PROC$ stands for the quantities of processing for food. The sum of variables enclosed in parentheses denotes the domestic utilization of milled rice.

(8) Per-capita consumption

$$QD_t = QS_t / POP_t \quad (10)$$

QD is the per-capita consumption of milled rice. POP represents the population.

(9) Demand function

$$QD_t = \alpha_q + \beta_{q1}RC_t + \beta_{q2}GP_t + \varepsilon_q \quad (11)$$

Therein, GP is defined as the real gross domestic product (GDP) divided by POP . Here, the real GDP is GDP converted to 2005 constant international dollars using purchasing power parity rates. Here, other substitutes are not considered because the cross price elasticity of demand of rice for other cereals and food is inelastic in India (Kumar et al. 2011).

(10) Price linkage function

$$FP_t = \alpha_f + \beta_{f1}RPR_t + \varepsilon_f \quad (12)$$

The retail price and farm price are equilibrium prices determined as the quantity demanded equal to the quantity supplied. In other words, both are market-clearing prices.

We use the data of each state to estimate the areas and yields of *Rabi* and *Kharif* separately. Farm prices and precipitation affect the harvested areas of rice. The climate variables are exogenous and also affect the rice

yield.

Figure 3 shows the flowchart of supply and demand for rice econometric model for India. Total production is the sum of *Rabi* and *Kharif* production. Domestic utilization is defined as the sum of feed, seed, waste, processing for food, and other forms of utilization. Supply is influenced by total production, domestic utilization, stock changes, and the volumes of exports and imports. Demand is affected by the population, gross domestic product, consumer price index, and retail prices. Retail prices are determined when supply and demand reach equilibrium. The movements of retail prices are transferred to farm price through the price linkage function and the farm price affects next year's supply. In this sector, the exchange rate, world price, imports, population, and *GDP* are exogenous variables.

Data

The estimation period was 1969-2009, for which all data are available. The DES (2017) is the source of yield, harvested area, and production data. The data of *CPI*, *EXR*, *GDPD*, real *GDP*, and *POP* are obtainable from the WDI (2017). *RPR* is acquired from the International Rice Research Institute³. *WP* is data of the IMF (2017). The following data were obtained from FAO-STAT (2017): *FP*, *EXP*, *STC*, *IMP*, *FD*, *SD*, *WST*, and *PROC*. Observations of climate variables, specifically temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation, were compiled by the CRU (2017).

The forecast period was set as 2010-2060 for two reasons. One is that India's population is expected to peak at 1.718 billion in 2060, after which it will decline,

according to the population projection released by the United Nations Population Division (UNPD) in 2011. Another reason is that the atmospheric CO_2 concentration, a factor affecting climate change, is projected to reach its zenith in 2060 (Tollefson 2015). The projections of *POP* and real *GDP* are calculated by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). Forecast data of climate variables were estimated from the Model for Interdisciplinary Research on Climate (MIROC5), based on RCPs. The assumptions of other predictive variables are as follows: *GDPD* was estimated from the average growth rate during 1989-2009; *CPI* was estimated from the average growth rate during 2003-2009; *IMP* was estimated from the average growth rate of 1996-2008; *RPR* was estimated from the average growth rate during 1971-2003; *STC* was estimated from the average growth rate of 1990-2009; *PROC*, *FD*, *SD*, and *WST* were estimated from their individual average growth rates of 1993-2007; *EXR* was estimated from the average growth rate during 1971-2007; and *WP* was estimated from the average growth rate during 1983-2009. Each period we chose was most representative of the tendency of its variable.

Empirical analysis

We initially conducted tests of stationarity to ascertain whether differencing variables are necessary. If necessary, we will then modify these variables and proceed to estimate the functions presented above.

Fig. 3. Flowchart showing supply and demand of the rice econometric model for India (based on Furuya et al. 2010).

1. Tests of stationarity

To avoid the problem of spurious regression, we first apply the augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) tau test to examine the stationarity of all variables. The optimal lag length is selected using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC). Engle-Granger tests are applied in the next step if variables have unit roots. Even though the variables are non-stationary, the existence of cointegration signifies a stable long-run equilibrium relation. The linear combination is both stationary and predictable.

Results show that most variables in the functions of yield, area, and exports have unit roots. Cointegration relations are absent from these functions. Although few variables are stationary, we transform all variables into first-order differences in an attempt to create uniform estimation methods that are applicable to each state. The p -value of each transformed variable is less than 0.01, except the first-order difference of WEG , the p -value of which is 0.01-0.05. The result implies the stationarity of these variables (Appendix A). Accordingly, we transform equations (1)-(4) and (7) as shown below.

$$\Delta YK_{i,t} = \alpha'_{yk} + \beta'_{yk1}\Delta TMP_{i,tm} + \beta'_{yk2}\Delta PRC_{i,tm} + \beta'_{yk3}\Delta SRA_{i,tm} + v_{yk} \quad (1')$$

$$\Delta YR_{i,t} = \alpha'_{yr} + \beta'_{yr1}\Delta TMP_{i,tm} + \beta'_{yr2}\Delta PRC_{i,tm} + \beta'_{yr3}\Delta SRA_{i,tm} + v_{yr} \quad (2')$$

$$\Delta AK_{i,t} = \alpha'_{ak} + \beta'_{ak1}\Delta AK_{i,t-1} + \beta'_{ak2}\Delta FC_{i,t-1} + \beta'_{ak3}\Delta PRC_{i,tm} + v_{ak} \quad (3')$$

$$\Delta AR_{i,t} = \alpha'_{ar} + \beta'_{ar1}\Delta AR_{i,t-1} + \beta'_{ar2}\Delta FC_{i,t-1} + \beta'_{ar3}\Delta PRC_{i,tm} + v_{ar} \quad (4')$$

$$\Delta EXP_t = \alpha'_e + \beta'_{e1}\Delta Q_t + \beta'_{e2}\Delta WEG_t + \beta'_{e3}\Delta RC_t + v_e \quad (7')$$

In these equations, Δ represents the difference between one period and the prior period. The stock change function is not modified due to the existence of stationary variables. Moreover, the variables of the demand and price linkage functions have unit roots. Therefore, Engle-Granger tests are applied. The p -values are 0.083 and 0.018, respectively, which verify the existence of cointegration and signify steady long-run equilibrium relations. Therefore, both functions are also unchanged.

2. Estimated results of functions

(1) Yield function

Table 1 and Table 2 depict the relations between the rice yield and temperature. Higher temperatures generally decrease the yields of rice after May because the average temperature is sufficiently high so that overly hot weather hinders growth. Although the weather turns cool after September, high temperatures are still disfavored due to the simultaneous decrease in precipitation. However, the reverse results are clear in a few states such as Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu, and Kashmir, which are located at

extremely high elevations, where warmer weather seems to favor rice growth.

The results also show that more precipitation tends to boost the yield of *Kharif* during April-September, when the monthly average temperature (higher than 26°C) is higher than those of other months. It signifies that ample precipitation is favorable for growth of *Kharif* in hotter seasons. Nevertheless, the relation is reversed in November, probably due to greater decreases in temperature and solar radiation during October-November than in any other period. Therefore, precipitation becomes a negative factor. We failed to find the same tendency for that of *Rabi*. More precipitation only elevates the yield of *Rabi* in the northern and northeastern regions where average temperatures are the two lowest (about 20°C and 21°C). The data also point out that more sufficient solar radiation not only benefits the yield of *Kharif* during January-April and in November, but also improves the yield of *Rabi* in December and January. The monthly average temperature from November through March is between 18°C and 24°C, which is lower than in other months. Even in April, the average temperature in the northern region is around 23°C. These results are derived from plentiful solar radiation, which compensates for the shortcomings caused by prevailing low temperatures during these months.

(2) Area function

According to the results of Tables 3 and 4, higher real farm prices encourage farmers to cultivate more paddy fields. The area of the prior year positively or negatively influences that of the current year. In addition, the increase in precipitation expands the harvest areas of rice in most states during monsoons, which last from late May or early June to September. And during the post-monsoon period (October-December), the high precipitation reduces the harvest area of *Kharif* in the northern region, but enlarges the area in the eastern region. Compared with the eastern region, the rain is probably colder in the north as a result of the lowest temperature and least solar radiation during November-March. The cold rainwater tampers the harvest and diminishes the area. However, the precipitation shows a positive correlation with the area of *Rabi* in the late harvest season in most states. This April-July period is the hottest of the entire year. Therefore, rainfall might conceivably reduce the damage related to high temperatures.

(3) Export function, stock change function, demand function and price linkage function

Table 5 shows that an increase in domestic rice production promotes rice exports. A high domestic real retail price of rice entices farmers to sell their rice in home markets, resulting in low exports. Regarding stock

Table 1. Coefficients of yield of Kharif with temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation

State	Variable	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Northern												
Haryana (0.721)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA						0.005*** 0.097***	0.067**				
Himachal Pradesh (0.611)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA							0.000**		0.076** -0.105***		
Jammu and Kashmir (0.545)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA				0.005*** 0.108*		0.051**					
Punjab (0.631)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA				-0.062***		0.002***					
				0.138***								
Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand (0.767)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA								-0.079***	0.000** -0.133***		
Delhi (0.643)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA								-0.001*	-0.251*** 0.242***		
Northeastern												
Arunachal Pradesh (0.708)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			0.055**					0.000***			0.053**
Assam (0.504)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			-0.028***								-0.001***
											-0.023*	
Meghalaya (0.572)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA					-0.041** 0.020**			-0.000***			
Eastern												
Bihar and Jharkhand (0.712)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA	0.440***						-0.192*** -0.000**				
Manipur (0.761)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA						-0.085*			0.001**		
						-0.041***						
Mizoram (0.717)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA					-0.084***				-0.001**		0.163**
Nagaland (0.682)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA		-0.074***				0.001*** -0.035**					
Orissa (Odisha) (0.562)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA										-0.254*** 0.001**	
									0.090***			
Tripura (0.588)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			-0.001***					-0.171***			
										-0.073***		
West Bengal and Sikkim (0.574)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			0.079*** 0.001**				-0.068***				

Table 1. Coefficients of yield of *Kharif* with temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation (continued)

State	Variable	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Southern									
Andhra Pradesh (0.662)	ΔTMP							-0.137***	
	ΔPRC								-0.001**
	ΔSRA			-0.115***					
Karnataka (0.730)	ΔTMP						-0.097*		
	ΔPRC							0.001***	
	ΔSRA							-0.114**	
Kerala (0.631)	ΔTMP			-0.022**					
	ΔPRC		0.000**						
	ΔSRA					0.053***			
Tamil Nadu (0.502)	ΔTMP	0.217***							
	ΔPRC			-0.002**					
	ΔSRA		-0.208*						
Pondicherry (0.535)	ΔTMP					-0.247***			
	ΔPRC							-0.000**	
	ΔSRA					0.098**			
Western									
Goa, Daman and Diu (0.641)	ΔTMP						-0.150**		
	ΔPRC								-0.005***
	ΔSRA				-0.063**				
Gujarat (0.614)	ΔTMP				-0.180***				
	ΔPRC						0.000**		
	ΔSRA								0.805**
Maharashtra (0.710)	ΔTMP							-0.090**	
	ΔPRC						0.000***		
	ΔSRA				-0.081***				
Rajasthan (0.655)	ΔTMP				-0.169***				
	ΔPRC						0.002***		
	ΔSRA							0.489*	
Dadra and Nagar Haveli (0.642)	ΔTMP			-0.140***					
	ΔPRC			0.000*					
	ΔSRA			-0.050**					
Central									
Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh (0.726)	ΔTMP							-0.117***	
	ΔPRC			0.001**					
	ΔSRA						-0.090***		
Bay of Bengal									
Andaman and Nicobar Islands (0.467)	ΔTMP				-0.089*				
	ΔPRC			0.000**					
	ΔSRA								0.133***

Note: *** Significant at the 1% level. ** Significant at the 5% level. * Significant at the 10% level. Numbers in parentheses are adjusted *R*-square values. ΔTMP , ΔPRC , and ΔSRA denote first-order differences in temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation, respectively.

Table 2. Coefficients of yield of *Rabi* with temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation

State	Variable	Nov(<i>t</i> -1)	Dec(<i>t</i> -1)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Northern									
Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand (0.709)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA					-0.049***	0.380***	0.004**	
Northeastern									
Assam (0.650)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA					0.078***	0.001***	-0.086***	
Meghalaya (0.680)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA					0.278***	0.146** 0.001***		
Eastern									
Bihar and Jharkhand (0.750)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			-0.01048**	0.0389**	0.426***			
Mizoram (0.481)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			0.971***		0.002**		-0.097*	
Orissa (Odisha) (0.678)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA						-0.004** 0.258***		-0.121***
Tripura (0.571)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA		0.119** 0.241*			-0.003***			
West Bengal and Sikkim (0.557)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			-0.048**	-0.268***			-0.001**	
Southern									
Andhra Pradesh (0.415)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA				0.081***	0.416***		-0.002**	
Karnataka (0.560)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			0.120*		-0.021*	-0.468***		
Kerala (0.844)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA	0.141**	-0.001**			-0.162***			
Tamil Nadu (0.833)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA	-0.145*				0.066*** -0.843***			
Pondicherry (0.678)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA		0.001*					0.114*	-0.211***
Western									
Gujarat (0.850)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA			0.041*	-0.014*** -0.145*				
Maharashtra (0.540)	ΔTMP ΔPRC ΔSRA						-0.232*		-0.080** -0.000*

Note: *** Significant at the 1% level. ** Significant at the 5% level. * Significant at the 10% level. Numbers in parentheses are adjusted *R*-square values. ΔTMP , ΔPRC , and ΔSRA denote first-order differences in temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation, respectively.

Table 3. Coefficients of area of *Kharif* with prior area, real farm price, and precipitation

State	$\Delta K(t-1)$	ΔFC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Adj. R^2
Northern															
Haryana	-0.615***	9.785**			-2291.770***							-2990.300***			0.659
Himachal Pradesh	-0.427***	0.601**					-43.658*	34.959***	9.444***						0.615
Jammu and Kashmir	0.203*	0.799*	-149.427***				333.698***	-183.245***	61.207***	33.363*		-203.628**	-203.375*		0.678
Punjab	-0.196*	8.670*			-2322.560***		2932.072***					-4006.070***	-5672.370***		0.738
Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand	-0.345**	56.180*			-3605.400*				1756.527***			-2241.740**			0.692
Delhi	-0.121*	0.106					16.823**	-13.581***	1.614**		3.246**				0.749
Northeastern															
Assam	-0.571***	1.570*			-214.858**		45.481***	27.341**			41.491***			-593.526***	0.634
Meghalaya	-0.292***	16.786***			258.481*			167.535***					-969.576***		0.645
	-0.205**	0.939**					2.837***						9.339*		0.660
Eastern															
Bihar and Jharkhand	0.227**	44.401*			6665.941**		6388.277***	697.385***		-488.923**					0.702
Manipur	-0.380***	9.042***					22.787**					58.388***		257.220**	0.547
Mizoram	0.207*	1.118*	953.490***				-14.279***								0.683
Nagaland	0.122*	1.324***			-26.219***					-9.072***		7.242**			0.778
Orissa (Odisha)	-0.452***	14.623*	8422.920***					433.376***							0.627
Tripura	-0.355***	2.593***			58.107**			31.756***			-77.947***		115.198***		0.631
West Bengal and Sikkim	-0.433***	30.590*					-730.453**	454.227***	620.213***			1073.33***		17284.500***	0.639
Southern															
Andhra Pradesh	-0.259*	43.771								1875.438***				-16006.700**	0.757
Karnataka	-0.278***	5.563*					224.228***			293.813***				-3404.710***	0.769
Kerala	0.260**	3.006**				69.493***	28.160*						-33.533**		0.607
Tamil Nadu	-0.228**	42.905*					2253.530***			-792.822***	2007.835***		412.546***		0.683
Pondicherry	-0.509***	0.329**	78.599***			46.194***				-10.386***					0.603
Western															
Goa, Daman and Diu	0.389***	0.560***					-7.169*		3.488***			15.730***			0.773
Gujarat	-0.484***	15.806*			-123.633.000*		3646.980**	491.228***		256.311***	-165.643**				0.636
Maharashtra	0.237*	8.555**						33.177**			90.899***				0.736
Rajasthan	0.423***	2.588*	-9569.510***					384.436***	109.745***	59.115**		-4358.070***			0.612
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-0.272**	0.130**			-2591.460***							-4.369**			0.640
Central															
Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	-0.257	15.753*				9099.757**		594.245***		-225.326*					0.649
Bay of Bengal															
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-0.420***	0.117*										1.996***	1.980***		0.614

Note *** Significant at the 1% level. ** Significant at the 5% level. * Significant at the 10% level. Δ denotes first-order difference.

Table 4. Coefficients of area of *Rabi* with prior area, real farm price, and precipitation

State	$\Delta AK(t-1)$	ΔFC	Sep(t-1)	Oct(t-1)	Nov(t-1)	Dec(t-1)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Adj. R^2
Northern														
Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhanda	-0.978***	1.277**						49.893*						0.784
Northeastern														
Assam	0.336***	3.091**	18.060*				521.245*							0.750
Meghalaya	0.393***	0.098*		-0.394*								-0.420**	0.238**	0.666
Eastern														
Bihar and Jharkhand	-0.676***	2.532*						-364.600**	-424.754*	759.012***				0.764
Mizoram	-1.035***	0.240***		-1.769**										0.800
Orissa (Odisha)	-0.703***	6.376*		76.951*						-810.449***	431.409***			0.755
Tripura	-0.323**	0.626*							-8.935*				8.661***	0.624
West Bengal and Sikkim	-0.569***	13.118					3281.010*	-2030.491***						0.577
Southern														
Andhra Pradesh	-0.226**	49.184*				-23344.000*		7916.921***		-538.729**	230.776***		240.953***	0.582
Karnataka	-0.306***	6.583**						113.878***	-58.050**	22.255**				0.695
Kerala	-0.468***	1.948***	14.093**			-34.649***								0.857
Tamil Nadu	-0.453***	5.755*		-78.870**		102.735***			-5304.340***	2463.278***				0.787
Pondicherry	-0.808***	0.089*	-3.798***	-2.964***			27.659***		-82.740***					
Western														
Gujarat	-0.724***	0.192***				-356.709*								0.839
Maharashtra	-0.488***	2.306***	-8.413**						18841.160*			123.510**		0.713

Note: *** Significant at the 1% level. ** Significant at the 5% level. * Significant at the 10% level. Δ denotes a first-order difference.

Table 5. Coefficients in functions of export, stock change, demand, and price linkage

Export function	ΔQ	ΔWEG	ΔRC	Adj. R^2	Demand function	RC	GP	Adj. R^2
	0.087***	57.536	-596.794**	0.630		-6×10^{-6} ***	6×10^{-5} ***	0.751
Stock change function	ΔQ	ΔRC		Adj. R^2	Price linkage function	RPR		Adj. R^2
	0.620***	-662.923**		0.753		0.749***		0.881

Note: *** Significant at the 1% level. Δ denotes a first-order difference.

change, it is noteworthy that the stock of rice rises when the current year's rice production exceeds that of the prior year. It is conceivable that an increase in the supply of rice at an unchanged level of demand increases the inventory. Moreover, a high retail price of rice inspires farmers to sell as much rice as possible to earn higher profits. Therefore, the rice stock will decline. Table 5 also shows that the per-capita consumption of rice is related negatively to the retail price of rice and real *GDP* per capita. That fact suggests that high retail prices of rice deter consumers from purchasing rice. Higher real *GDP* per capita means that individuals have more income and wider choices for meals other than rice. The result of the price linkage function confirm a strong positive correlation between the farm price and retail price.

Simulation analysis

The NAPCC (2017) reported that the surface air temperature in India has risen by about 0.4°C over the past century. Regional monsoon variations have also been observed. As a major agricultural nation, climate change is a deeply important concern in India. The goal of this study is to project the future supply and demand of Indian rice under precarious climate conditions.

1. Scenario assumptions

The first scenario assumption is RCPs, which comprise four new pathways—RCP 8.5, RCP 6.0, RCP 4.5 and RCP 2.6—to provide widely diverse total climate forcing (Moss et al. 2010; van Vuuren et al. 2011). Subsequently, O'Neill et al. (2012, 2014) introduced a set of five SSPs (SSP1, SSP2, SSP3, SSP4 and SSP5) that defines the state of human and natural societies at a macro scale. They further extended the concept by integrating climate

effects and challenges to adaptation and mitigation, as presented in Figure 4. Furthermore, Hallegatte et al. (2011) demonstrated that mitigation and adaptation policies play important roles relative to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and coping with the consequent climate change. Researchers have proposed the concept of Shared Policy Assumptions (SPAs) and incorporated it into socioeconomic pathways (Kriegler et al. 2012, 2014).

Theoretically speaking, 20 scenarios exist in the RCP-SSP combination. However, not all scenarios are likely to occur. For instance, sustainable world (SSP1) binding to very loose SPAs is unreasonable. Referring to the studies reported by Edmonds (2011), Kram (2012), and van Vuuren et al. (2014), three irrational scenarios are excluded: SSP1-RCP6.0, SSP1-RCP8.5 and SSP2-RCP8.5. By eliminating the three scenarios, we then investigated the effects of futuristic climate change on Indian rice and addressed some difficulties that the government must resolve.

2. Results

We first explore the differences in supply and demand (per-capita consumption) among five SSP scenarios in a given RCP scenario. Figure 5 presents that, at any level of GHG emissions, SSP5 (conventional development) produces the strongest effect on production and consumption. It is conceivable that, in this pathway, high economic growth boosts the per-capita income as well as per-capita consumption. Investments in technology are very high, with a specific emphasis on increasing productivity and managing the natural environment. This progress compensates for a decreasing agricultural labor force and supports increased production. SSP1, subsequent to SSP5, implies sustainability. As with SSP5, low population is assumed for SSP1, but economic growth is slowed to

Fig. 4. Socioeconomic challenges for mitigation and adaptation (based on O'Neill et al. 2012, 2014).

a medium-high level by the slight gap separating the rich and the poor. Similarly, the productivity of farms is elevated by improved technology, but the speed of progress is somewhat slower than that in SSP5. Therefore, production and per-capita consumption of SSP1 are located in the second place.

The moderate trends of SSP2 (middle of the road) make the incomes of individuals stable and balance concerns about advanced technology and the environment. Consequently, no extreme results are presented in these figures. SSP4 shows wide inequalities and social stratification both across and within countries.

Fig. 5. Differences in production and per-capita consumption among five shared socioeconomic pathways.

In contrast to low income people who have little consumption, high and middle-income groups have a high standard of consumption, which raises the average of per-capita consumption. However, similar situations do not occur with production. Fertile farms possessed by a few upper-class farmers have higher productivity. Nevertheless, such production cannot offset poor production at barren farms owned mostly by lower class farmers. Such production causes the lowest level of total production among the five pathways. SSP3 is defined as a fragmented world separated into regions of extreme poverty, moderate wealth, and other factors. Rivalry and conflicts among these regions impede economic and technological development, thereby resulting in deficient production. Moreover, high population growth due to poor education and a sluggish economy greatly decreases per-capita consumption. Accordingly, strengthening the capability of adaptation ameliorates the socioeconomic situation. Then it lifts the production and per-capita consumption of rice.

In the next step, we assess the influence of climate policies on yield and areas of rice under certain socioeconomic pathways. For each pathway, two probable scenarios are chosen: one with the lowest emissions is regarded as strict policies being implemented; the other with the highest emissions is regarded as lax policies being implemented. Examining the effectiveness of policies, we use a two-sample *t*-test to ascertain whether two population means are equal.

Table 6 presents no difference in areas of rice regarding whether climate policies are implemented. However, strict climate policies alleviate environmental degradation and boost the yield of rice except with SSP1 and SSP2. Compared with SSP3-SSP5, SSP1 and SSP2

are assumed to have strong environmental awareness, indicating fewer challenges in terms of mitigation and adaptation. Clean technologies have been actively improved and adopted in society. Therefore, new rigid policies bring about only slight effects. In contrast, enforcing more ambitious policies in SSP3-SSP5 can lessen GHG emissions and increase rice yields.

Conclusion

Global climate change has become a crucially important issue in the last few decades. Its influence on agriculture in most countries persists as a subject of great and growing concern. India, an agricultural powerhouse, is an important target for researchers to investigate the relations between climate change and crop development. Few earlier reports of the literature describe studies that analyze this subject by state. India governs an extensive territory with diverse topography. Therefore, we are encouraged to assess how rice, the most important crop, is affected by climate change in India's respective states.

The results show that high temperatures lower the yields of rice in most states, except for states at high altitudes. Precipitation and solar radiation favor the yield of *Kharif* rather than that of *Rabi*. However, high precipitation impedes the growth of yields and rice cultivation areas during the rainy season, at a low temperature or under scant solar radiation. Increased domestic production of rice and the real world price of rice are expected to enhance rice exports. The stock of rice shows a positive correlation with the rice surplus, but it has a negative relation with the retail price of rice. Otherwise, the per-capita consumption of rice is related negatively to the retail price of rice and real *GDP* per

Table 6. Results of paired sample t-test for area and yield

SSP	RCP Forcing	N	Yield			Area		
			Mean	Variance	t-value	Mean	Variance	t-value
SSP1	RCP2.6	51	3.628	0.718	0.816	51051299	3.48380E+13	-0.279
	RCP4.5	51	3.613	0.727		51115843	3.47102E+13	
SSP2	RCP2.6	51	3.627	0.715	0.954	50445326	2.65655E+13	0.000
	RCP6.0	51	3.612	0.691		50445237	2.68473E+13	
SSP3	RCP2.6	51	3.626	0.712	2.665***	50445326	2.65655E+13	-0.669
	RCP8.5	51	3.589	0.675		50595331	2.74488E+13	
SSP4	RCP2.6	51	3.625	0.711	2.664***	49659705	1.98292E+13	-0.676
	RCP8.5	51	3.588	0.674		49812174	2.06319E+13	
SSP5	RCP2.6	51	3.631	0.723	2.660***	52207978	5.06516E+13	-0.716
	RCP8.5	51	3.594	0.685		52372112	5.21172E+13	

Note: *** Significant at the 1% level.

capita. Furthermore, the farm prices of rice show a strong positive correlation with the retail prices of rice.

To forecast the expected production of rice up to 2060, we considered five SSPs. The results of analysis show that SSP5 (conventional development) boosts the production of rice and per-capita consumption most in India. SSP1 (sustainability) follows SSP5 according to an increase in GDP. Moreover, under future scenarios of SSPs 3-5, we found that if the Indian government does not adopt climate policies to lower GHG emissions, the rice yield will decline. Therefore, to prevent decreases in rice production, the government must not only adopt and follow aggressive climate policies but also lead society toward moderate socioeconomic pathways. Certain policies are feasible, such as on population control, the acceleration of urbanization and globalization, and technological improvement.

Finally, it is conceivable that growing and harvest seasons will be different in 2060 due to climate change. Farmers are expected to undertake actions to adapt changes. However, further investigation is necessary for which some approach (top-down, bottom-up or a combination of both) will be undertaken and for which the period of this approach will be effective. The assumptions of constant growing and harvest seasons will thus be relaxed in future studies.

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Footnote

1) The SRES scenarios were used in the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the IPCC. The A1 scenario assumes high economic growth and low country borders. The A1B scenario is a balanced energy consumption scenario among the four A1 sub-scenarios. The A2 scenario assumes a block or local economy. The B1 scenario assumes progress in clean energy technology and low-country borders. The B2 scenario assumes clean energy and a localized economy. The A2 scenario is the worst case scenario. The A1B and the B2 scenarios are moderate scenarios.

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Appendix: Results of Augmented Dickey–Fuller (tau) unit root tests

Table A1. First-order differences of yield and area

Kharif							
No.	State	t-value		No.	State	t-value	
		ΔYK	ΔAK			ΔYK	ΔAK
1	Andhra Pradesh	-8.481	-7.858	15	Meghalaya	-8.243	-7.383
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-9.570	-10.402	16	Mizoram	-5.662	-8.342
3	Assam	-9.081	-8.880	17	Nagaland	-8.385	-6.285
4	Bihar and Jharkhand	-8.393	-6.231	18	Odisha (Orissa)	-13.128	-11.854
5	Goa, Daman and Diu	-9.363	-7.450	19	Punjab	-8.853	-4.759
6	Gujarat	-11.418	-10.858	20	Rajasthan	-9.501	-6.780
7	Haryana	-9.170	-7.275	21	Tamil Nadu	-7.755	-7.426
8	Himachal Pradesh	-9.972	-8.902	22	Tripura	-10.661	-9.850
9	Jammu and Kashmir	-8.719	-8.499	23	Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand	-11.535	-10.630
10	Karnataka	-10.731	-9.039	24	West Bengal	-8.687	-11.295
11	Kerala	-9.772	-5.173	25	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-8.678	-10.419
12	Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	-16.173	-9.276	26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-10.563	-8.075
13	Maharashtra	-13.158	-8.021	27	Delhi	-6.560	-10.799
14	Manipur	-7.706	-7.597	28	Pondicherry	-8.649	-9.861
Rabi							
No.	State	t-value		No.	State	t-value	
		ΔYR	ΔAR			ΔYR	ΔAR
1	Andhra Pradesh	-10.776	-8.786	16	Mizoram	-7.076	-9.698
3	Assam	-8.400	-8.338	18	Odisha (Orissa)	-8.717	-10.995
4	Bihar and Jharkhand	-8.712	-10.685	21	Tamil Nadu	-9.132	-6.702
6	Gujarat	-9.192	-4.224	22	Tripura	-13.980	-6.702
10	Karnataka	-6.114	-6.709	23	Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand	-9.137	-6.733
11	Kerala	-10.507	-7.261	24	West Bengal	-8.142	-7.347
13	Maharashtra	-7.922	-10.647	28	Pondicherry	-9.564	-11.458
15	Meghalaya	-7.631	-5.607				

Note: *P*-values of all variables are less than 0.01.

Table A2. First-order differences of macro variables except STC

Variable	t-value	Variable	t-value
ΔFC	-10.339	ΔWEG	-4.040**
ΔEXP	-11.982	ΔRC	-5.646
ΔQ	-10.691	STC	-9.848

Note: The *p*-value of ΔWEG is 0.01-0.05; the remaining variables have *p*-values less than 0.01.

Table A3. First-order differences of temperature, precipitation, and solar radiation

ΔTMP	t -value	ΔPRC	t -value	ΔPRC	t -value	ΔPRC	t -value	ΔSRA	t -value
1/ Feb	-11.63	1/ Feb	-11.63	10/ Apr	-10.09	20/ Aug	-10.86	1/ Jun	-7.49
1/ Oct	-11.74	1/ Aug	-11.62	10/ Aug	-14.87	20/ Jan	-11.07	1/ Mar	-11.82
2/ Nov	-11.66	1/ Dec	-9.17	10/ Dec	-9.59	20/ Jul	-9.78	2/ Mar	-10.45
3/ Mar	-10.92	1/ May	-11.81	10/ Feb	-10.24	20/ Jun	-10.47	3/ Mar	-10.87
3/ May	-8.42	1/ Nov	-8.43	10/ Jul	-7.18	20/ Oct	-10.56	3/ Oct	-17.28
4/ Feb	-9.63	1/ Oct	-7.92	10/ Mar	-9.79	20/ Sep	-9.83	4/ Jan	-9.79
4/ Jul	-8.55	2/ Aug	-10.31	10/ May	-12.57	21/ Apr	-10.07	4/ Mar	-10.15
5/ Sep	-12.51	2/ Dec	-17.81	10/ Oct	-12.69	21/ Aug	-10.01	5/ Jul	-20.96
6/ Feb	-10.34	2/ Feb	-11.60	11/ Apr	-9.35	21/ Dec	-10.10	6/ Feb	-10.30
6/ Jul	-10.31	2/ Jun	-9.04	11/ Dec	-12.04	21/ Jun	-13.00	6/ Nov	-8.42
7/ Jul	-9.94	2/ May	-11.48	11/ Feb	-9.85	21/ Mar	-11.20	7/ Jun	-11.80
8/ Sep	-12.20	2/ Sep	-11.31	11/ Mar	-10.82	21/ May	-11.82	8/ Sep	-12.53
9/ Jun	-10.57	3/ Apr	-9.24	11/ May	-9.93	21/ Nov	-8.05	9/ Apr	-9.78
10/ Jan	-9.69	3/ Jan	-9.95	11/ Nov	-9.06	21/ Oct	-8.32	10/ Apr	-9.03
10/ Sep	-11.27	3/ Jun	-9.05	11/ Sep	-9.30	21/ Sep	-7.31	10/ Oct	-9.84
11/ Jun	-9.21	3/ Mar	-11.42	12/ Apr	-8.49	22/ Jul	-9.02	11/ Aug	-11.84
11/ Sep	-9.58	3/ Nov	-10.93	12/ Aug	-11.21	22/ Jun	-11.97	11/ Mar	-17.66
12/ Oct	-8.79	3/ Sep	-12.52	12/ Jun	-8.22	22/ Mar	-12.09	12/ Sep	-9.98
13/ Jun	-10.36	4/ Apr	-11.12	13/ Jun	-9.47	22/ Nov	-13.33	13/ Apr	-9.87
13/ Oct	-8.85	4/ Aug	-10.96	13/ Mar	-7.27	22/ Sep	-10.25	13/ Jul	-13.69
14/ Jun	-9.42	4/ Feb	-14.61	13/ May	-10.98	23/ Feb	-14.67	14/ May	-9.54
15/ Apr	-8.80	4/ Jan	-10.54	13/ Sep	-12.81	23/ Jul	-9.93	15/ Mar	-11.51
15/ May	-7.87	4/ Jul	-9.82	14/ Apr	-10.64	23/ May	-10.31	15/ May	-9.32
16/ May	-8.82	4/ Jun	-11.49	14/ May	-11.05	23/ Oct	-12.48	16/ Jan	-9.92
17/ Feb	-9.56	4/ Mar	-11.00	14/ Oct	-9.41	23/ Sep	-10.84	16/ Nov	-9.68
18/ Jun	-11.07	4/ May	-9.80	14/ Sep	-11.10	24/ Apr	-9.28	17/ Jun	-13.95
18/ Oct	-9.16	5/ Jul	-9.16	15/ Apr	-10.77	24/ Aug	-10.97	18/ Apr	-7.23
19/ Apr	-9.77	5/ May	-9.52	15/ Aug	-9.08	24/ Dec	-10.67	18/ Aug	-12.17
20/ Jul	-11.75	5/ Nov	-8.95	15/ Jul	-8.77	24/ Feb	-9.75	19/ Mar	-13.70
21/ Apr	-11.61	5/ Oct	-7.97	15/ Jun	-9.16	24/ Jan	-11.28	20/ Oct	-9.33
21/ Nov	-8.96	5/ Sep	-10.89	15/ May	-10.54	24/ Jul	-10.16	21/ Mar	-9.68
22/ Aug	-9.40	6/ Aug	-9.86	15/ Nov	-11.76	24/ Jun	-9.69	21/ May	-7.55
22/ Dec	-8.55	6/ Dec	-11.30	15/ Oct	-10.42	24/ Mar	-10.16	22/ Dec	-9.27
23/ Aug	-11.26	6/ Jan	-8.17	16/ Dec	-11.66	24/ May	-11.32	22/ Sep	-10.54
23/ Mar	-11.36	6/ Jun	-9.95	16/ Jan	-14.53	24/ Oct	-8.42	23/ Apr	-11.32
24/ Jan	-10.69	6/ Mar	-7.34	16/ Mar	-12.15	25/ Jun	-9.13	23/ Sep	-10.74
24/ Mar	-10.41	6/ May	-10.20	16/ May	-9.32	25/ Nov	-10.51	24/ Feb	-8.79
25/ Jul	-8.64	6/ Sep	-12.86	16/ Oct	-8.69	25/ Oct	-10.78	24/ Jul	-10.94
26/ Jun	-11.44	7/ Jun	-9.54	16/ Sep	-11.46	26/ Jun	-10.22	25/ Nov	-8.62
27/ Sep	-8.49	7/ Mar	-9.35	17/ Aug	-7.76	26/ Mar	-7.45	26/ Jul	-13.56
28/ Aug	-11.00	7/ Oct	-11.42	17/ Jun	-11.50	26/ Oct	-11.47	27/ Sep	-12.36
28/ Jun	-9.04	8/ Jul	-11.32	17/ Mar	-10.96	27/ Aug	-11.28	28/ Aug	-7.46
		8/ Jun	-10.13	17/ Oct	-9.77	27/ Jul	-11.73	28/ May	-8.83
		8/ May	-10.36	18/ Apr	-9.91	27/ Jun	-9.13		
		9/ Apr	-9.73	18/ Jan	-13.39	27/ May	-8.13		
		9/ Aug	-11.23	18/ Jun	-8.47	27/ Sep	-11.32		
		9/ Jan	-10.64	18/ May	-9.64	28/ Apr	-9.88		
		9/ Jul	-11.80	18/ Oct	-10.77	28/ Aug	-10.50		
		9/ Jun	-9.85	19/ Jun	-9.85	28/ Dec	-9.98		
		9/ May	-17.16	19/ Mar	-9.52	28/ Jan	-9.78		
		9/ Nov	-10.80	19/ May	-9.73	28/ Mar	-10.46		
		9/ Oct	-13.23	19/ Nov	-11.76	28/ Oct	-8.54		
				19/ Oct	-11.60	28/ Sep	-8.52		

Note: Variables of climate are presented as state/month; p -values of all variables are less than 0.01.