



Global dataset of historical yields of major crops (1.2+1.3 aligned version)

1. IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Name	Global dataset of historical yields of major crops (1.2+1.3 aligned version)
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6. DATE OF DATASET

creation : 2019-10-03

7. DATASET OVERVIEW

7.1 Abstract

The Global Dataset of Historical Yield (GDHY_v1_2_v1_3) offers annual time series data of 0.5-degree grid-cell yield estimates of major crops worldwide for the period 1981-2020. The crops considered in this dataset are maize, rice, wheat and soybean. The unit of yield data is tons per hectare (t/ha). The grid-cell yield data were estimated using the satellite-derived vegetation index and FAO-reported country yield statistics. Maize and rice have the data for each of two growing seasons (major/secondary). "winter" and "spring" are used as the growing season categories for wheat. Only "major" growing season is available for soybean. These growing season categories are based on the global crop calendars (Sacks et al. 2010, DOI: 10.1111/j.1466-8238.2010.00551.x). The geographic distribution of harvested area changes with time in reality, but we used the time-constant data in 2000 (Monfreda et al., 2008, doi:10.1029/2007GB002947). Many missing values are found in the first (1981) and last (2020) years because grid-cell yields are not estimated for these years since the growing season is not completed when it spans two calendar years. The data for the period 1981-2010 are the same with the version 1.2 (GDHY_v1_2). For the period 2011-2020, a newly created version 1.3 using the satellite products that are different with earlier versions was aligned to ensure the continuity of yield time series. This version is therefore called "the aligned version v1.2+v1.3".

7.2 Topic Category(ISO19139)

farming

7.3 Temporal Extent

Begin Date	1981-01-01
End Date	2020-01-01
Temporal Characteristics	Annual

7.4 Geographic Bounding Box

North latitude bound	90
West longitude bound	-180
Eastbound longitude	180

South latitude	bound	-90
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7.5 Grid

Dimension Name	Dimension Size (slice number of the dimension)	Resolution Unit
column	720	0.5 (deg)
row	360	0.5 (deg)
vertical	1	1 (level)

7.6 Geographic Description

7.7 Keywords

7.7.1 Keywords on Dataset

Keyword Type	Keyword	Keyword thesaurus Name
theme	Agriculture > Agricultural Plant Science > Crop/Plant Yields	GCMD_science

7.7.2 Keywords on Project

7.7.2.1 Data Integration and Analysis System

Keyword Type	Keyword	Keyword thesaurus Name
theme	DIAS > Data Integration and Analysis System	No_Dictionary

7.8 Online Resource

File download from DIAS : <https://data.diasjp.net/dl/storages/filelist/dataset:564>

7.9 Data Environmental Information

7.10 Distribution Information

name	version	specification
NetCDF	4	

8. DATA PROCESSING

8.1 Data Processing (1)

8.1.1 General Explanation of the data producer's knowledge about the lineage of a dataset

The grid-cell yield estimates available in this dataset are a hybrid of satellite-derived vegetation index and FAO-reported country yield statistics. The methodological details are described in Iizumi et al. 2014 (DOI: 10.1111/geb.12120). The information on modification on inputs from the older version 1.2 to this aligned version (v1.2_v1.3) is available at Iizumi and Sakai (2020, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-020-0433-7>).

8.1.2 Data Source

Data Source Citation Name	Description of derived parameters and processing techniques used
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9. DATA REMARKS

10. DATA POLICY

10.1 Data Policy by the Data Provider

If data are used, the relevant reference(s) or dataset DOI should be cited. For the reference(s), see the References section.

10.2 Data Policy by the Project

10.2.1 Data Integration and Analysis System

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12.1 Acknowledge the Data Provider

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12.2 Acknowledge the Project

12.2.1 Data Integration and Analysis System

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Key publications

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Other useful publications

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