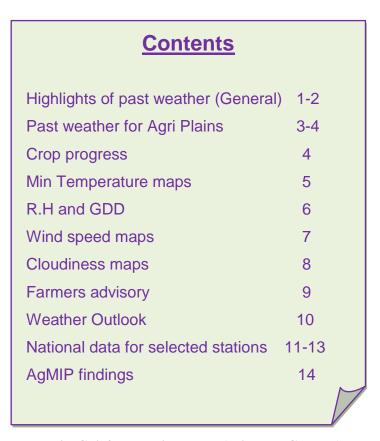
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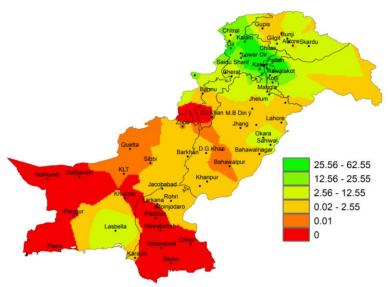
> Rainfall Distribution (mm) during the Previous Week (7<sup>th</sup> January, to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019)



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## Highlights of Past Weather (7<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> **January**, 2019)

Normal to above normal night time temperatures were observed in Sindh and Baluchistan while mix trend were observed in Punjab, GB & Azad Jammu Kashmir and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the week.

Province wise distribution of rainfall reported as follows:

- Light to moderate rainfall observed in Punjab, GB & Azad Jammu Kashmir, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the previous week.
- Light rainfall observed at Baluchistan and Sindh during the previous week.

# Past Weather of Provinces (7<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019)

## **Punjab**

Light to moderate rainfall observed in Punjab during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 19.0°C & 5.4°C respectively. For the recent week on average 50.3 growing degree days were accumulated by the end of the last week. Average relative humidity recorded as 70% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as 1.0/1.6 Knots. During the previous the highest precipitation was recorded as 27.60mm while the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -3.8°C at Murree.

## **Baluchistan**

Light rainfall observed in Baluchistan during the Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as & 6.2°C 20.9°C respectively. For the recent week on average 60.3 growing degree days were accumulated by the end of last week. Average relative humidity recorded as 49% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as 1.2/8.0 Knots. During the previous week the highest precipitation recorded as 7.00mm at Lasbella while the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -10.5°C at Kalat.

### **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**

Light to moderate rainfall observed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 11.9°C & -0.1°C respectively. For the recent week on average 10.6 growing degree days were accumulated by the end of last week. Average relative humidity recorded as 76% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as 1.5/1.8 Knots. During the previous week the highest precipitation recorded as 62.00mm at Balakot while the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -12.0°C at Kalam.

## Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir

Light to moderate rainfall observed in Gilgit-Baltistan & Kashmir during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 7.2°C & -2.4°C respectively. Average relative humidity recorded as 73% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as 0.4/0.9 Knots. During the previous week the highest precipitation recorded as 40.80mm at Garhi Dopata while the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -14.8°C at Skardu.

#### Sindh

Light rainfall observed in Sindh during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 23.9°C & 9.4°C respectively. For the recent week, on average 81.0 growing degree days were accumulated by the end of last week. Average relative humidity recorded as 64% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as 1.3/2.9 Knots. During the previous week the highest precipitation recorded as 1.00mm at Jacobabad while lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -3.5°C at Moin-Jo-Daro.

## Past Weather for Major Agricultural Plains 7th January to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019)

## Rawalpindi (Potohar region)

8.60 mm rainfall reported from Rawalpindi during however. week: cloudiness morning/evening recorded as 3.0/4.9 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 80%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 2.1°C & for the recent week 33.5 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 0.0/1.1 Knots.

## Faisalabad (Central Punjab)

0.40mm rainfall reported from Faisalabad during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 3.4/3.0 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 71%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 6.2°C & for the recent week 58.5 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded morning/evening as 0.6/1.0 Knots.

## Tandojam (Lower Sindh)

Dry weather reported from Tandojam during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 1.1/1.0 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 69%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 9.1°C & for the recent week 79.8 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in morning/evening as 0.9/2.0 Knots.

#### **Usta Muhammad (Eastern Baluchistan)**

Dry weather reported from Usta Muhammad during the week: however. cloudiness in morning/evening recorded as 1.0/0.0 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 69%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 6.1°C & for the recent week 64.0 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 0.9/2.0 Knots.

## **Quetta (Northern Baluchistan)**

Trace rainfall reported from Quetta during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 4.1/4.3 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 39%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 0.6°C & for the recent week

10.4 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in morning/evening as 2.2/4.4 Knots.

## Past Weather for Sub-Regional Agricultural Plains 7<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019)

#### Multan

0.01mm rainfall reported from Multan during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 3.4/3.2 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 70%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 6.5°C & for the recent week 56.8 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded morning/evening as 0.9/2.4 Knots.

#### Lahore

0.91 mm rainfall was reported from Lahore during the week; however, however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 3.0/3.4 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 66%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 7.9°C & for the recent week 62.8 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 0.0/2.8 Knots.

## Zhob

Dry weather reported from Zhob during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 0.3/1.9 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 49%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 4.4°C & for the recent week 58.5 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded morning/evening as 2.9/7.0 Knots.

#### Murree

27.60mm rainfall was reported from Murree during week: however. cloudiness in morning/evening recorded as 2.6/4.8 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 73%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -2.7°C by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 2.0/0.4 Knots.

#### D.I. Khan

Dry weather reported from D.I. Khan during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 3.7/4.0 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 78%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 4.4°C & for the recent week 58.5 growing degree days accumulated by the end of week. Wind speed recorded in last the morning/evening as 0.6/1.3 Knots.

#### Peshawar

8.02 mm rainfall was reported from Peshawar during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 2.9/4.4 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 70%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 4.6°C & for the recent week 40.5 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 0.3/1.7 Knots.

#### Kalam

33.00mm rainfall was reported from Kalam during the week: however. cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 4.6/5.1 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 82%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -9.1°C by the end of last week. Calm weather recorded in the morning/evening.

## Gilgit

0.81mm rainfall was reported from Gilgit during the week; However, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 7.1/6.3 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 75%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -2.2°C by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 0.9/0.0 Knots.

#### Skardu

Dry weather reported from Skardu during the week; however, cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 6.6/4.8 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 83%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -9.1 °C by the end of last week. Calm weather recorded in the morning/evening.

## **Crop Situation for Major Agricultural Plains** (Based on data from Regional Agro met Centers)

### **Potohar Region (Rawalpindi)**

There is presently no crop grown in the fields of RAMC Rawalpindi.

## **Central Punjab (Faisalabad)**

Presently wheat crop is grown in the fields of RAMC Faisalabad.

Wheat: Very Good, Tillering stage completed.

## Lower Sindh (Tandojam)

Presently wheat crop is sown in the fields of RAMC Faisalabad.

Wheat (TJ-83): Good, Heading stage.

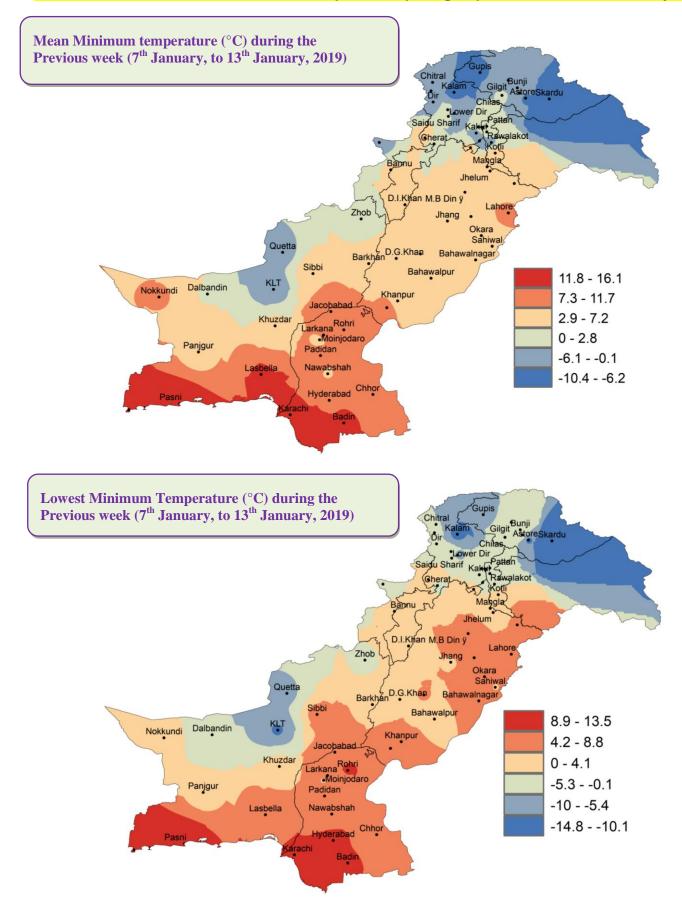
### **Northern Baluchistan (Quetta)**

There is presently no crop grown in the fields of RAMC Quetta.

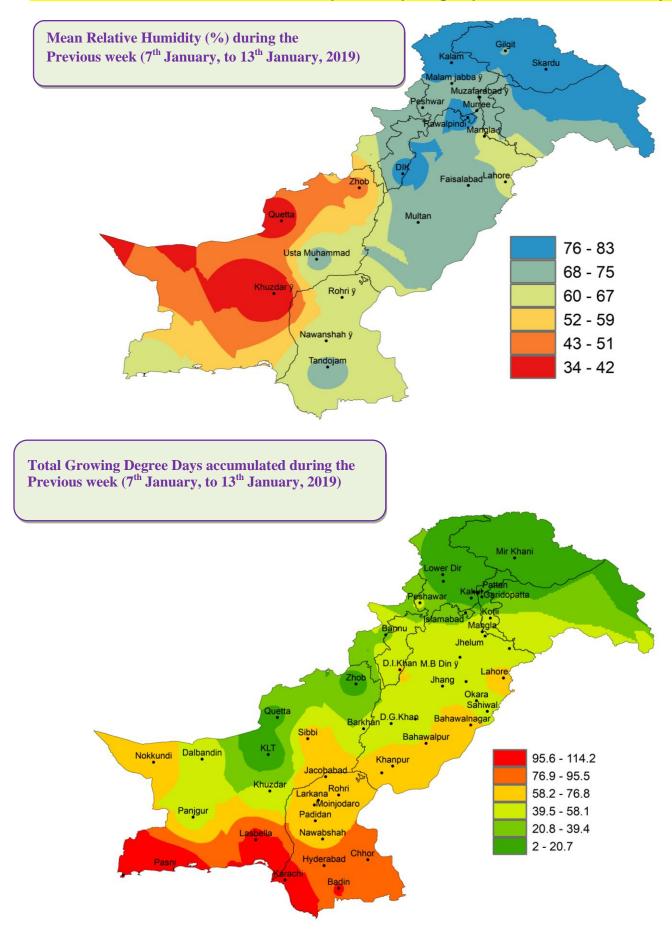
### Eastern Baluchistan (Usta Muhammad)

Presently wheat crop is sown in the fields of RAMC Usta Muhammad.

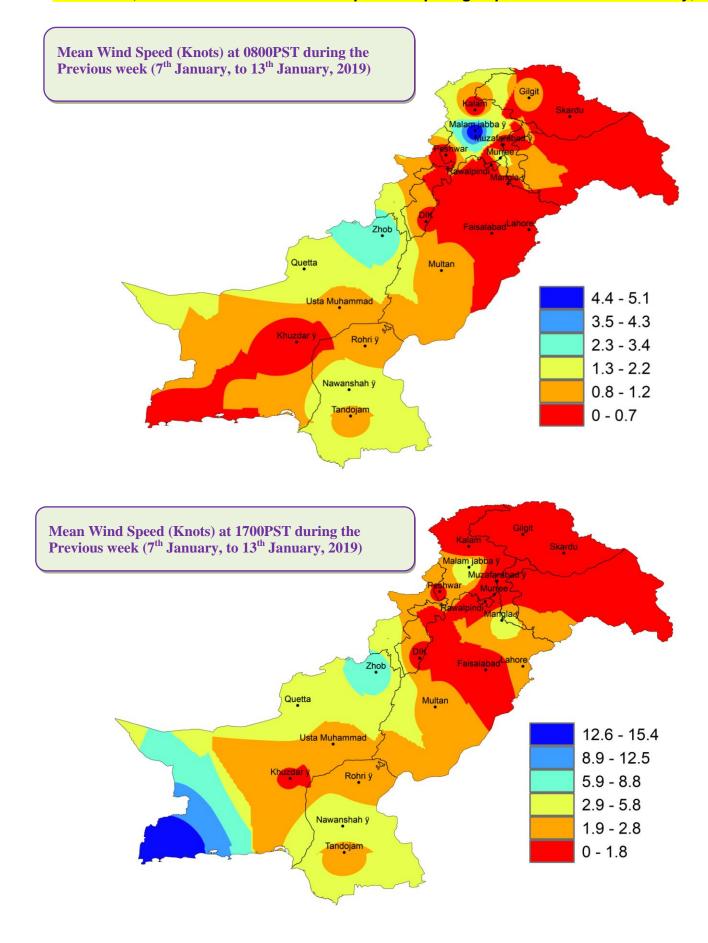
Wheat: Good, Third leaf stage.



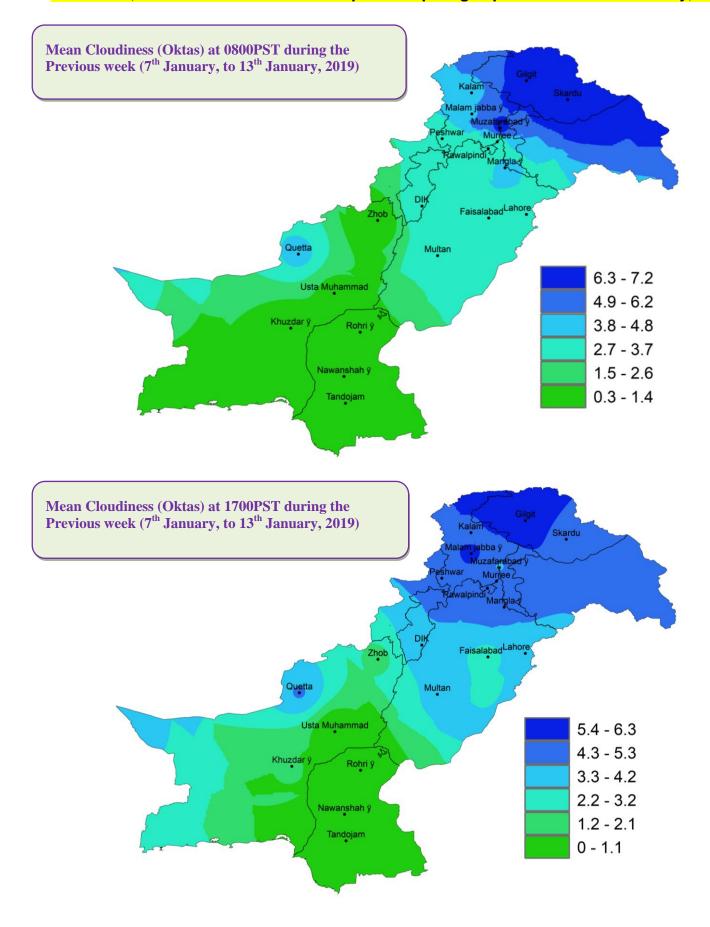
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# Weekly Weather Advisory for Farmers (15<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019)

A shallow westerly wave is likely to affect northern areas of the country tomorrow. A fresh westerly wave is likely to enter western parts of the country from Saturday, likely to grip different parts of the country on Sunday and may persist till Tuesday.

## MONDAY 15-01-2019

Mainly cold and dry weather with party cloudy conditions is expected in most parts of the country.

## TUESDAY 16-01-2019

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However light rain (with light snowfall over the hills) is expected at isolated places in Malakand, Hazara divisions, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. Cold/Cloudy weather with chances of drizzle at isolated places in Kohat and Rawalpindi divisions during the period.

## WEDNESDAY 17-01-2019

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. Shallow foggy conditions are expected at a few places in south Punjab and upper Sindh.

# THURSDAY 18-01-2019

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, rain (with snowfall over the hills) is expected at isolated places in Malakand, Hazara divisions, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

## FRIDAY 19-01-2019

Partly cloudy to cloudy weather conditions are expected in upper parts of the country. However, rain (with snowfall over the hills) is expected at isolated places in Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Kohat, Quetta, Zhob, Makran, Rawalpindi divisions, Islamabad, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. Foggy conditions are expected in plain areas of Punjab, upper Sindh and Peshawar division during night/morning hours.

# SATURDAY 20-01-2019

Widespread rain is expected in upper Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Upper Kohat. Mardan divisions). Puniab Gujranwala, Lahore, Sargodha, (Rawalpindi, Faisalabad divisions), Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir, while at scattered places in Balochistan, lower Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, South Punjab, and at isolated places in Sindh.

Snowfall over hills is also expected in Malakand division (Swat, Chitral, Kalam, Malamjabba & upper Dir), Hazara division Murree and Galliyat, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

# SUNDAY 21-01-2019

Fairly widespread rain (with few moderate to isolated heavy falls) is expected in upper Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Kohat. Mardan divisions), Punjab Upper (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sargodha, Faisalabad divisions), Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir, while at scattered places in Balochistan, lower Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, south Punjab, and at isolated places in Sindh.

Modeate to heavy snowfall over hills is also expected in Malakand division (Swat, Chitral, Kalam, Malamjabba & upper Dir), Hazara division Murree and Galliyat, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

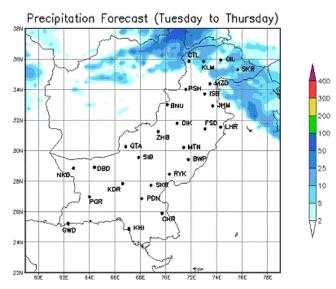
### **ADVISES FOR FARMERS**

During the last week, light rainfall occurred at scattered places in GB and upper KP, while cold and dry weather prevailed in rest parts. This may continue with almost the same pattern in coming days as well. Keeping in view the expected weather conditions following advises are suggested for farming community.

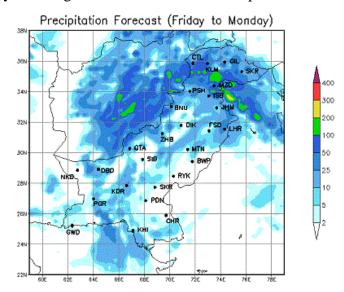
- Farmers are advised to use ensured and certified seed for the sowing of Rabi crops in accordance with the proper moisture conditions.
- Store cotton crop in proper and dry place because the cost of good and clean quality cotton is high than that of the filthy one.
- Protect your nurseries from frost.

## Weather Outlook from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

The outlook from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 shows that light to moderated rain is expected in GB, Kashmir and upper KP. However, dry weather may prevail over rest of the country.



The outlook from 18<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 shows that moderate to heavy rainfall is expected over the northern half of the country while light to moderate rainfall is expected over rest of the country.



## National Weather Data of Selected Cities Weekly Data from 7<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

Stations	Minimum/Night time Temperature (°C)		Growing Degree Days	Relative Humidity (%)	Rainfall (mm)	Cloudiness (Oktas) 0800	Cloudiness (Oktas) 1700	Wind Speed (Knots)	Wind Speed (Knots)
	Mean	lowest				PST	PST	0800 PST	1700 PST
D.I.Khan	4.4	3.5	58.5	78	0.00	3.7	4.0	0.6	1.3
Faisalabad	6.2	4.5	58.5	71	0.40	3.4	3.0	0.6	1.0
Gawader	13.1	11.5	109.8	63	0.00	0.3	2.4	0.6	15.4
Gilgit	-2.2	-3.5	-17.3	75	0.81	7.1	6.3	0.9	0.0
Kalam	-9.1	-12.0	-53.2	82	33.00	4.6	5.1	0.0	0.0
Khuzdar	3.6	2.0	42.0	34	0.00	0.6	1.1	0.3	1.7
Lahore	7.9	6.2	62.8	66	0.91	3.0	3.4	0.0	2.0
Malam Jabba	-4.9	-8.0	***	74	53.00	4.7	5.4	5.1	4.3
Mangla	5.3	3.3	49.1	64	2.60	4.1	4.8	0.6	3.6
Multan (PBO)	6.5	4.2	56.8	70	0.01	3.4	3.2	0.9	2.4
Murree	-2.7	-3.8	-21.2	73	27.60	2.6	4.8	2.0	0.4
Muzaffarabad	0.9	-1.0	12.0	71	41.00	7.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Nawabshah	7.0	6.5	73.4	62	0.00	1.3	0.9	2.0	4.6
Peshawar	4.6	2.5	40.5	70	8.02	2.9	4.4	0.3	1.7
Quetta	0.6	-5.4	10.4	39	0.01	4.1	4.3	2.2	4.4
Rawalakot	2.1	0.6	33.5	80	8.60	3.0	4.9	0.0	1.1
Rawalpindi	9.7	9.0	76.8	63	1.00	1.1	0.4	0.9	2.0
Rohri	-10.4	-14.8	***	83	2.62	6.6	4.8	0.0	0.0
Skardu	9.1	7.5	79.8	69	0.00	1.1	1.0	0.9	2.0
Tandojam	6.1	5.5	64	69	0.00	1.0	0.0	0.9	2.0
Usta.M	0.1	-1.0	16.0	49	0.00	0.3	1.9	2.9	7.0
Zhob	4.4	3.5	58.5	78	0.00	3.7	4.0	0.6	1.3

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Shows that data was not available.

## Findings of AgMIP Pakistan, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

- 1. There would be significant increase in temperature i.e., 2.8°C in day and 2.2°C in the night during mid-century (2040-2069).
- 2. There would be significant variability in rainfall patterns (about 25% increase in summer & 12% decrease in winter during 2040-2069).
- 3. Climate Change will affect the crop yields negatively (about 17% for rice and 14% for wheat).
- 4. If there will be no adaptation to Climate Change, majority of farmers would be the economic losers.
- 5. With Adaptation to Climate Change (through technology and management), there would be significant decrease in poverty and improvement in the livelihood of farming community.

(Agricultural Model Inter-comparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP) Pakistan 2012-2014)

- 1۔ سال 69-2040 کے دوران درجہ حرارت میں قابل ذکراضافہ ہوسکتا ہے۔ جو کہ دن کے وقت 2.8° دوران درجہ حرارت میں قابل ذکراضافہ ہوسکتا ہے۔ جو کہ دن کے وقت 2.8° دوران درجہ حرارت میں قابل ذکراضافہ ہوسکتا ہے۔ جو کہ دن کے وقت 2.8° دوران درجہ حرارت میں قابل ذکراضافہ ہوسکتا ہے۔
  - 2۔ گرمیوں کی بارش میں 25 فیصد اضا فیاور سر دیوں کی بارش میں 12 فیصد تک کمی کا امکان ہے۔
  - 3۔ مندرجہ بالاموتی تغیرات کی دجہ ہے دھان کی پیداوار میں 17 فیصد اور گندم کی پیداوار میں 14 فیصد تک کمی ہوسکتی ہے۔
    - 4۔ اگرموسی تغیرات کامناسب بندوبست نہ کیا گیا۔ تو کسانوں کی اکثریت کومعاشی نقصان کا سامنا کرنا پڑے گا۔
- 5۔ موتی تغیرات کے سدّیاب (بذریعینی ٹیکنالوجی کا استعال اور بہترنظم ونت ) سے غربت میں کمی اور کسانوں کی زندگی میں خوشحالی لائی جاسکتی ہے۔

(ایگمپ یا کتان 2012-2014)