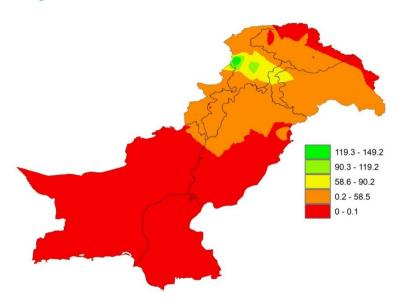
# Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin for Pakistan

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Rainfall Distribution (mm) during the

Previous Week (from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017)



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## Highlights of Past Weather (from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> **January**, 2017)

Slightly above normal night temperatures reported from most parts of the country.

Province wise distribution of rainfall reported as follows:

- Moderate to heavy rainfall was reported from many places in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- Light to moderate rainfall was reported from most of the places in Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan &Kashmir.
- Light rainfall was reported from a single (Larkana=0.01mm) Sindh and(Quetta=0.01mm) in Balochistan.

## <u>Past Weather of Provinces(from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup></u> January, 2017)

#### **Punjab**

Light to moderate rainfall was reported frommost of the places inPunjab during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 17.9°C &8.6°C respectively. For the present season on average 57.8growing degree days were accumulated by the end of the last week. Average relative humidity recorded as 74% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as 0.9/1.5Knots. During the previous week the highest amount of rainfall was recorded as 56.3mm at Murree &the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -3.7°C at Murree.

#### Sindh

Light rainfall was reported from a single station in Sindh during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 21.8°C &9.8°C respectively. For the present season, onaverage 75.5growing degree days were accumulated by the end of last week. Average relative humidity recorded as72% and wind speed in morning/evening recordedas 0.8/2.0Knots. During the previous week the highest amount of rainfall was recorded as 0.01mm at Larkana &the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as 1.7°C at Mithi.

#### Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Moderate to heavy rainfall was reported frommost of the places in Khyber Pakhtunkhwaduring the Weekly maximum minimum week. and recorded 11.2°C &2.8°C temperatures as respectively. For the present season on average 14.1growing degree days were accumulated by the end of last week. Average relative humidity recordedas73% and wind speed in morning/evening recorded as 1.0/2.4Knots.During the previous week the highest amount of rainfall was recorded as 150.0mm at Dir &the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -8.0°C at Kalam.

#### **Balochistan**

Light rainfall was reported from a single station in Balochistan during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 21.8°C &7.2°C respectively. For the present season on average 65.7 growing degree days were accumulated by the end of last week. Average relative humidity recorded as 61% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as 2.2/3.1 Knots. During the previous week the highest amount of rainfall was recorded as 0.01mm at Quetta &the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -9.5°C at Quetta.

#### Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir

Light to moderate rainfall was reported frommost of the places in Gilgit-Baltistan & Kashmir regions during the week. Weekly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded as 8.6°C &0.2°C respectively. Average relative humidity recorded as64% and wind speed in the morning/evening recorded as1.2/2.4 Knots. During the previous week the highest amount of rainfall was recorded as 73.2 mm at Garhi Dopatta & the lowest minimum temperature was recorded as -11.8°C at Skardu.

## Past Weatherfor Major AgriculturalPlains (from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017)

#### Rawalpindi (Potohar region)

Rainfall was reported as 40.2mm during the week; cloudiness in the morning/evening recordedas 4.8/6.4Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 80.7%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 7.5°C & for the present season 49.6growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in morning/evening as 0.0/0.9Knots.

#### Faisalabad (Central Punjab)

Rainfall was reported as 0.1 mm during the week; however cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 2.7/3.7Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 85.5%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 10.2°C & for the present season 63.4growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in morning/evening as 0.5/0.5Knots.

#### Tandojam (Lower Sindh)

Dry weather was reported during the week; however cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 0.6/1.3 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 75.5%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 9.0°C & for the present season 68.8growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded the morning/evening as 0.5/1.1 Knots.

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

Rainfall was reported as 0.1 mm during the week; however cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 1.1/2.80ktas while, average relative humidity observed as 37%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 0.2°C& for the present season 16.3 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 2.2/3.6Knots.

#### **Usta Muhammad (Eastern Balochistan)**

Dry weather was reported during the week; however the morning/evening cloudiness in 0.0/3.0Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 86%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 9.1°C & for the present season 64.2 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 1.7/2.0Knots.

#### Weather Past for **Sub-Regional** AgriculturalPlains (from January. 2017)

#### Multan

Dry weather was reported during the week; however cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 0.5/1.0Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 81%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 10.5°C & for the present season 66.0 growing degree days accumulated by the end of Wind speed recorded last week. in the morning/evening as 1.4/3.1 Knots.

#### Lahore

Dry weather was reported during the week; howevercloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 2.8/2.3Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 77%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 11.2°C & for the present season 72.5growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in morning/evening as 0.6/0.6 Knots.

#### **Zhob**

Dry weather was reported during the week; however cloudiness in the morning/evening recordedas 2.3/3.70ktas while, average relative humidity observed as 44%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 1.2°C & for the present season 29.0 growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 5.0/5.0 Knots.

#### D.I. Khan

Rainfall was reported as 1.0mm during the week; cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as0.6/2.3Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 80%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 7.6°C & for the present season 60.3growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 4.0/2.7Knots.

#### **Peshawar**

Rainfall was reportedas12.4mm during the week; cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 1.1/1.7Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 76%. Mean night time temperature recorded as 7.6°C & for the present season 45.8growing degree days accumulated by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 5.9/5.6Knots.

#### Murree

Rainfall was reported as 56.3 mm during the week; cloudiness in the morning/evening recordedas 5.7/6.4Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 81%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -1.0°C by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 2.6/1.7Knots.

#### Kalam

Rainfall was reported as55.0mm during the week; cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 6.3/6.9 Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 90%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -3.4°C by the end of last week.Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 0.0/0.0Knots.

#### Gilgit

Rainfall was reported as 0.1 mm during the week; cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 6.1/7.0Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 69%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -0.9°C by the end of last week.Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening as 0.0/0.3 Knots.

#### Skardu

Dry weather was reported during the week; cloudiness in the morning/evening recorded as 6.1/6.0Oktas while, average relative humidity observed as 73%. Mean night time temperature recorded as -8.8°C by the end of last week. Wind speed recorded in the morning/evening 0.0/0.0Knots.

#### **Crop Situation for Major Agricultural Plains** (Based on data from Regional AgrometCentres)

#### Potohar Region (Rawalpindi)

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

#### **Central Punjab (Faisalabad)**

There is presently one crop (irrigated conditions) grown in the fields of RAMC Faisalabad.

Wheat: Good conditionat *Tillering* stage.

#### **Lower Sindh (Tandojam)**

There is presently one crop (irrigated conditions) grown in the fields of RAMC Tandojam.

Wheat (Imdad): Good condition at *Heading* stage.

#### Northern Balochistan (Quetta)

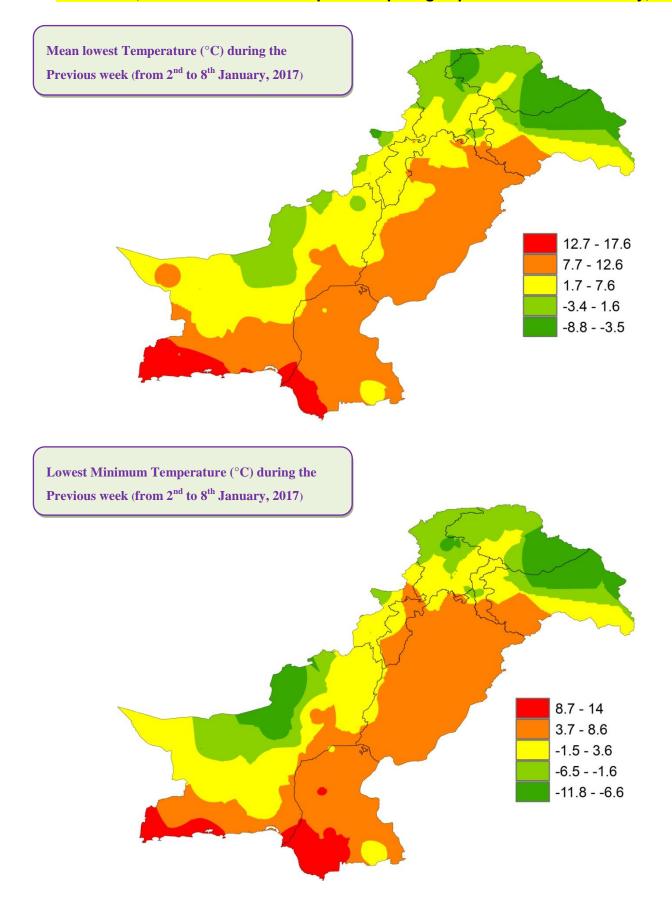
There is presently one crop (irrigated conditions) grown in the fields of RAMC Quetta.

Wheat(Local white): Good condition at *Tillering* stage.

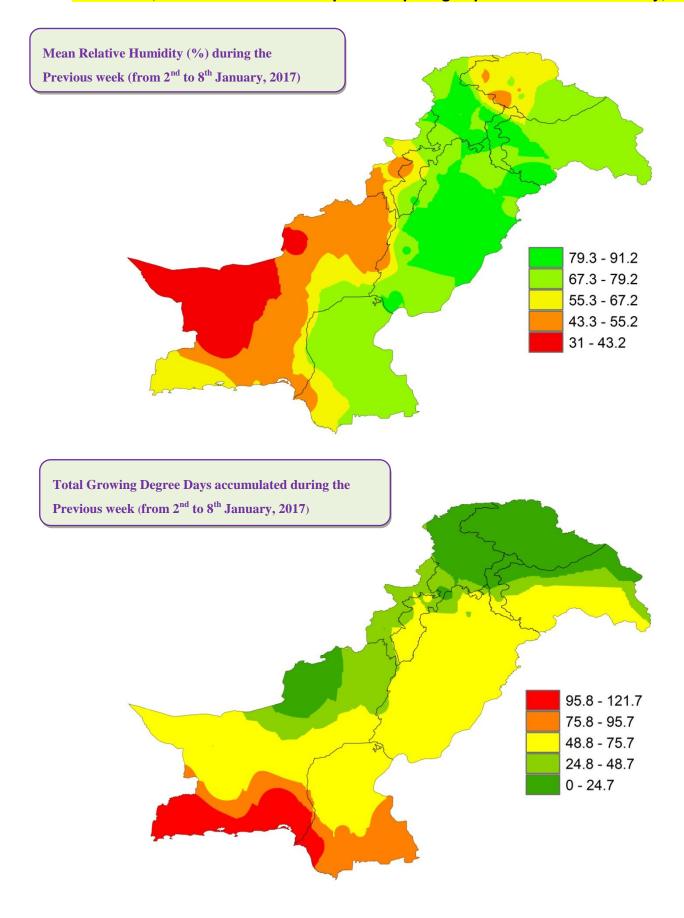
#### Eastern Balochistan (Usta Muhammad)

There is presently one crop (irrigated conditions) grown in the fields of RAMC Usta Muhammad.

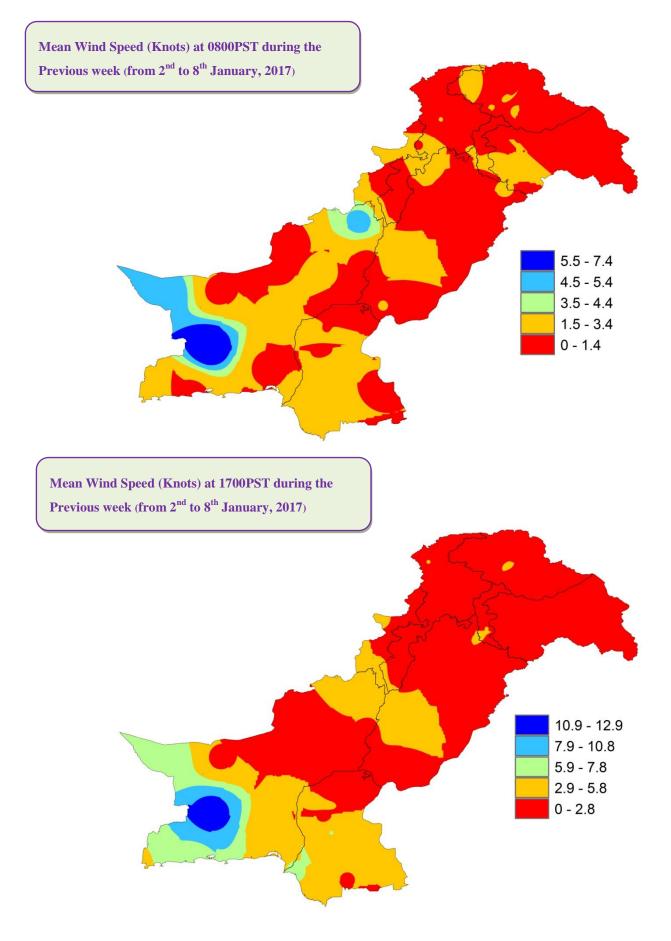
Wheat: Good condition at *Tillering* stage.



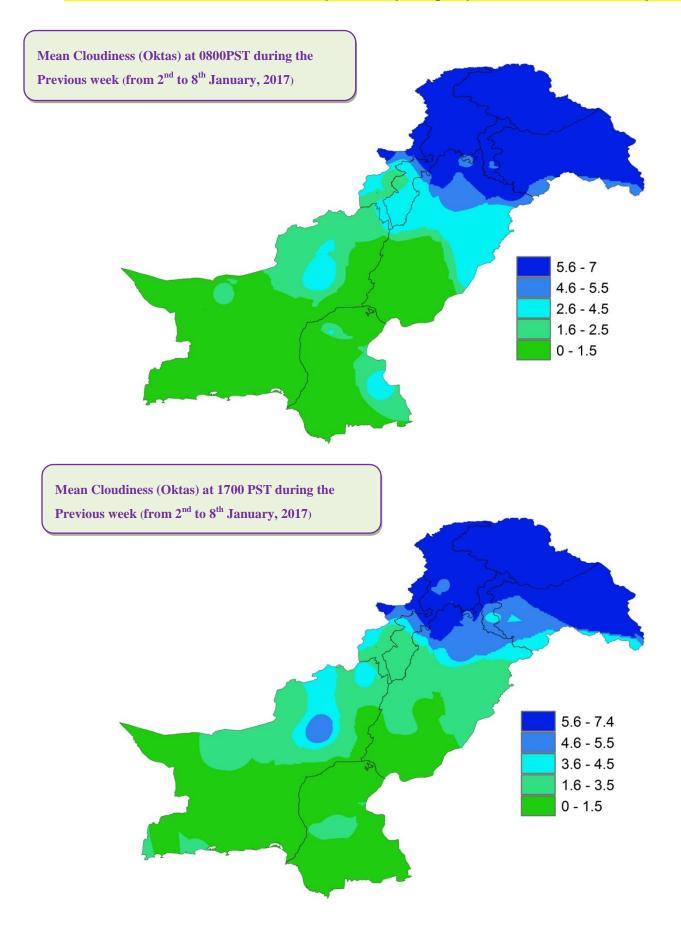
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### **Weekly Weather Advisory for Farmers** (From9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>January, 2017)

Continental air is prevailing over most parts of the country. A shallow westerly wave is still affecting Kashmir and its adjoining hilly areas. A fresh westerly wave is likely to enter western parts of the country on Friday (night).

#### **MONDAY** 09-01-2017

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, rain-thunderstorm with snowfall over the hills is expected at isolated places in Kashmir and its adjoining hilly areas. Foggy conditions are likely to continue over plain areas of KP, Punjab and Sindh during night and morning hours.

#### **TUESDAY** 10-01-2017

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. Foggy conditions are likely to continue over plain areas of KP, Punjab and Sindh during night and morning hours.

#### WEDNESDAY 11-01-2017

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. Foggy conditions are likely to continue over plain areas of Punjab, KP and Sindh during night and morning hours.

#### **THURSDAY** 12-01-2017

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. Foggy conditions are likely to continue over plain areas of Punjab, KP and Sindh during night and morning hours.

#### **FRIDAY** 13-01-2017

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, rain-thunderstorm is expected at isolated places in Malakand division & Gilgit-Baltistan. Foggy conditions are likely to continue over plain areas of Punjab, KP and Sindh during night and morning hours.

#### **SATURDAY** 14-01-2017

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, rain-thunderstorm is expected at isolated places in Quetta, Zhob, Kalat divisions, Sindh Makran coast & Gilgit-Baltistan. Foggy conditions are likely to continue over plain areas of Punjab, KP and Sindh during night and morning hours.

#### **SUNDAY** 15-01-2017

Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, rain-thunderstorm is expected at isolated places in Quetta, Zhob, Kalat divisions, Sindh Makran coast & Gilgit-Baltistan. Foggy conditions are likely to continue over plain areas of Punjab, KP and Sindh during night and morning hours.

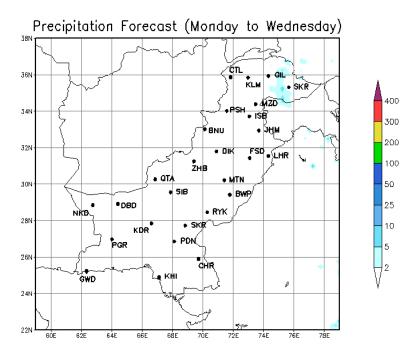
#### **ADVISES FOR CROPS**

In the last week, light to moderate rain (with snowfall overthe mountains) occurred over most of places in the northern half of country. Accordingly, soil moisture conditions may get better inparticular areas. However, night temperatures are getting low day by day in the northern half of the country and northwestern Baluchistan, which may increase the chances of expected Keeping in view the weatherconditions following advises are suggested for farmingcommunity especially for rainfed areas of KP and Punjab.

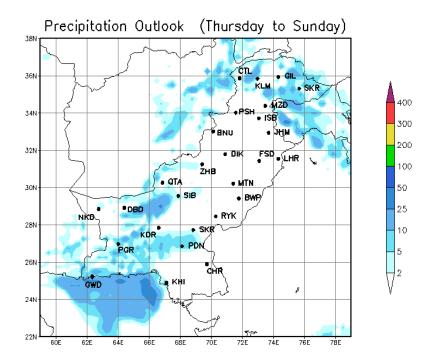
- Farmers of rainfed areas obtaining water throughtube wells are advised to schedule the irrigation inaccordance with the prevailing weather conditions and crop requirement.
- Precautionary measures should be taken to preserve the standing crops from the harmful effects of frost in particular areas.
- In areas like Potohar region and adjoining areas ofKP where rain water storages are available, farmersare advised to irrigate crops by using availableirrigation sprinkler methods like irrigation etc.

## Weather Outlook From 9th to 15th January, 2017

The outlook from 9<sup>th</sup>to 11<sup>th</sup>January, 2017shows that dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, light rainfall is expected at isolated places in GB & Kashmir.



The outlook from 12<sup>th</sup>to 15<sup>th</sup>January, 2017shows that light to moderate rainfall is expected at particular places in Sindh, central and west Balochistan, upper KP, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir.



# National Weather Data of Selected Cities (Weekly Data from2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017)

Stations	Maximum/Night timeTemperature (°C)		Growing Degree Days	Relative Humidity (%)	Rainfall (mm)	Cloudiness (Oktas) 0800	Cloudiness (Oktas) 1700	Wind Speed (Knots)	Wind Speed (Knots)
	Mean	Lowest				PST	PST		1700 PST
Astore	-2.6	-5.0	***	64	0.0	6.7	6.4	1.7	1.4
Badin	12.0	9.5	88.3	67	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.4	2.6
Bahawalnagar	10.7	8.5	56.1	96	0.0	***	4.5	0.0	0.0
Bahawalpur	9.0	5.3	61.8	86	0.0	***	0.8	0.6	2.0
Balakot	3.7	1.0	16.2	78	64.2	7.0	6.0	0.0	0.3
Bannu	4.0	1.0	44.7	50	0.0	1.6	3.0	0.3	2.6
Barkhan	6.0	1.5	43.8	43	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	2.0
Bunji	3.8	1.1	15.9	53	0.0	6.7	7.0	2.3	4.3
Cherat	4.1	3.0	10.1	77	22.0	6.4	6.3	3.4	2.6
Chhor	9.6	6.0	83.0	68	0.0	3.0	1.0	1.1	3.1
Chilas	2.6	1.5	14.5	49	0.8	6.6	5.7	1.4	2.0
Chitral	0.3	-2.1	***	77	28.1	6.6	7.4	0.0	2.9
D.I.Khan	7.6	5.5	60.3	80	1.0	4.0	2.7	0.6	2.3
Dalbandin	2.8	-5.5	54.4	35	0.0	1.6	2.1	0.6	2.0
D.G.Khan	8.1	6.6	65.2	80	0.0	1.0	3.1	2.9	4.6
Dir	-1.8	-2.5	***	86	150.0	6.9	7.1	0.0	1.1
Drosh	-0.2	-2.0	***	69	22.8	6.7	6.4	0.0	2.3
Faisalabad	10.2	8.0	63.4	86	0.1	2.7	3.7	0.5	0.5
Garidopatta	4.3	3.2	17.1	83	73.2	6.0	6.7	0.3	0.3
Gwadar	14.8	9.0	107.5	61	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.4	7.6
Gilgit	-0.9	-4.5	***	69	0.1	6.1	7.0	0.0	0.3
Gupis	-5.4	-6.0	***	55	0.0	6.0	5.7	2.0	2.0

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Hyderabad	11.8	9.0	79.8	68	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.3	5.4
Islamabad	7.4	4.0	48.9	80	47.0	5.4	5.3	0.3	0.6
Jacobabad	9.3	3.5	69.5	75	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.6	0.3
Jhelum	8.1	6.1	60.7	78	14.9	5.6	5.4	0.6	1.1
Jiwani	17.5	14.0	121.8	56	0.0	0.9	1.9	2.9	4.6
Kakul	3.1	-1.5	11.1	81	59.0	5.6	7.1	0.0	0.6
Kalam	-3.4	-8.0	***	90	55.0	6.3	6.9	0.0	0.0
Karachi	13.7	10.5	106.3	52	0.0	0.4	0.9	2.3	6.0
Khanpur	9.0	6.0	64.4	76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.4
Khuzdar	5.3	2.5	59.9	45	0.0	0.3	1.1	2.3	2.9
Kotli	8.2	6.0	47.0	71	48.0	5.4	4.0	2.6	2.9
Lahore	11.2	8.0	72.5	77	0.0	2.8	2.3	0.6	0.6
Larkana	7.4	4.5	59.4	74	0.0	2.8	1.5	1.1	1.7
Lasbella	11.2	3.0	110.4	54	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	3.4
Lower Dir	4.2	0.5	21.5	84	76.0	6.1	5.7	1.7	1.4
M.B Din	9.9	7.5	63.9	82	15.0	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.9
Malam Jabba	-2.1	-4.0	***	79	109.0	6.4	7.1	0.0	0.0
Mangla	8.1	5.6	60.5	72	22.0	5.7	5.4	1.4	4.0
Mir Khani	2.5	1.2	17.2	72	34.2	6.0	5.7	0.0	1.3
Moinjodaro	8.7	5.5	63.9	76	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	4.3
Multan(PBO)	10.5	6.4	66.0	81	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.4	3.1
Murree	-0.1	-3.7	***	81	56.3	5.7	6.4	2.6	1.7
Muzaffarabad	3.3	0.8	12.6	77	72.4	6.0	6.1	1.1	0.9
Nawabshah	9.2	7.5	72.1	76	0.0	1.4	2.0	2.7	5.9
Nokkundi	7.9	1.1	70.9	31	0.0	0.6	0.9	5.3	6.7
Okara	9.6	8.0	59.9	90	0.0	***	2.8	1.1	0.3

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Padidan	10.4	9.0	68.8	78	0.0	1.4	1.0	0.6	2.0
Panjgur	6.3	1.5	61.3	35	0.0	0.9	0.0	7.4	12.9
Parachinar	-4.2	-5.0	***	68	24.0	6.4	6.1	3.0	3.0
Pasni	17.6	13.5	119.8	65	0.0	1.3	1.7	0.6	6.3
Pattan	3.6	3.0	9.8	85	76.0	5.7	6.6	0.0	0.0
Peshawar	7.6	3.6	45.8	76	12.4	5.9	5.6	1.1	1.7
Quetta	0.2	-8.0	16.3	37	0.1	1.1	2.8	2.2	3.6
Rahim Yar Khan	9.1	5.8	65.7	81	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.6	2.0
Rawalpindi	7.5	3.5	49.6	81	40.2	4.8	6.4	0.0	0.9
Rawalakot	-0.4	-3.5	***	90	55.8	6.7	5.1	0.6	0.6
Sahiwal	9.0	8.0	54.2	91	0.0	4.0	3.0	0.6	0.9
Saidu Sharif	3.1	1.0	14.9	81	74.0	5.7	4.7	0.0	0.0
Sialkot	9.4	7.1	63.0	84	21.6	6.1	4.4	1.6	1.4
Sibbi	8.1	4.5	***	56	0.0	3.3	5.3	2.3	1.1
Skardu	-8.8	-11.8	***	73	0.0	6.1	6.0	0.0	0.0
Tandojam	9.0	5.5	68.8	76	0.0	0.6	1.3	0.5	1.1
Usta.M	9.1	8.2	64.2	86	0.0	0.0	3.0	1.7	2.0
Zhob	1.2	-1.0	29.0	44	0.0	2.3	3.7	5.0	5.0

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

# Findings of AgMIPPakistan, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

- There would be significant increase in temperature i.e., 2.8°C in day and 2.2°C in the 1. night during mid-century (2040-2069)
- There would be significant variability in rainfall patterns (about 25% increase in 2. summer & 12% decrease in winter during 2040-2069)
- Climate Change will affect the crop yields negatively (about 17% for rice and 14 % for 3. wheat)
- If there will be no adaptation to Climate Change, majority of farmers would be the 4. economic losers
- With Adaptation to Climate Change (through technology and management), there 5. 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
  - 2۔ گرمیوں کی بارش میں 25 فیصد اضا فیاور سر دیوں کی بارش میں 12 فیصد تک کمی کاام کان ہے۔
  - 3۔ مندرجہ بالاموتی تغیرات کی وجہ سے دھان کی پیداوار میں 17 فیصد اور گندم کی پیداوار میں 14 فیصد تک کمی ہوسکتی ہے۔
    - 4۔ اگرموسی تغیرات کا مناسب بندوبست نہ کیا گیا۔ تو کسانوں کی اکثریت کومعاشی نقصان کا سامنا کرنا پڑے گا۔
- 5۔ موتی تغیرات کے سدّیاب (بذریعه نیٹ ٹیکنالوجی کا استعال اور بہترنظم ونسق) سے غربت میں کمی اور کسانوں کی زندگی میں خوشحالی لا کی جاسکتی ہے۔

(ایکمپ یا کتان 2012-2014)