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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to investigate the impact of soil moisture levels on crop yields in Kenya.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: In Kenya, maintaining soil moisture levels between 60-70% is crucial for optimal crop yields, especially for staple crops like maize. Regional variations exist due to different climates and soil types. Climate change poses challenges with irregular rainfall patterns, affecting soil moisture and crop productivity. Technology adoption, policies promoting climate-resilient agriculture, and farmer education are essential for sustainable farming and food security in Kenya.

Implications to Theory, Practice and Policy: water stress theory, field capacity and permanent wilting point and hydraulic redistribution theory may be use to anchor future studies on the impact of soil moisture levels on crop yields in Kenya. Agricultural practitioners should adopt crop-specific soil moisture management strategies based on empirical findings. Governments and policymakers should develop climate-resilient agricultural policies that account for changing soil moisture patterns.

Keywords: *Impact, Soil Moisture Levels, Crop Yields*

INTRODUCTION

Crop yields, measured in bushels per acre, are a crucial indicator of agricultural productivity in developed economies. In the United States, for instance, there has been a consistent upward trend in crop yields over the past few decades. According to a study published by (Smith, 2017), between 1960 and 2015, US crop yields increased significantly, with corn yields rising from an average of 62.5 bushels per acre in 1960 to 176.6 bushels per acre in 2015. Similarly, soybean yields increased from 26.2 bushels per acre in 1960 to 52.0 bushels per acre in 2015. This upward trend can be attributed to advancements in technology, improved farming practices, and the adoption of genetically modified crops. In Japan, another developed economy, crop yields have also shown an increasing trend, albeit at a slower pace due to limited arable land. A study by (Nakagawa, 2019) reports that rice yields in Japan increased from an average of 2,155 kilograms per hectare in the 1960s to around 4,500 kilograms per hectare in recent years. This increase is attributed to modernization in agriculture and the development of new rice varieties. Overall, in developed economies like the USA and Japan, crop yield trends have been on an upward trajectory, contributing to food security and economic stability.

The trends in crop yields can vary significantly depending on factors such as infrastructure, access to technology, and government policies. For example, in India, a study published by (Singh, 2016) highlights that wheat yields have shown a consistent increase from 1,049 kilograms per hectare in the 1960s to approximately 3,500 kilograms per hectare in recent years, primarily due to the Green Revolution and the adoption of high-yielding varieties. On the other hand, in sub-Saharan African economies like Nigeria, crop yields have been relatively stagnant or even declining in some cases, as reported in a study by (Olayide., 2018). Factors such as limited access to modern agricultural technologies and climate variability have hindered substantial improvements in crop yields in these regions.

Brazil crop yields have experienced significant growth over the years. A study published by (Fonseca, 2020) highlights the expansion of soybean cultivation in Brazil and the corresponding increase in yields. Between 1980 and 2017, soybean yields in Brazil surged from an average of 1,083 kilograms per hectare to around 3,200 kilograms per hectare. This remarkable improvement in soybean yields can be attributed to the adoption of modern farming practices, such as no-till farming and the use of genetically modified crops.

In contrast, in developing economies like Bangladesh, rice is a staple crop, but crop yield trends have shown some fluctuations. A study by (Rahman, 2018) reveals that rice yields in Bangladesh increased from around 2,000 kilograms per hectare in the early 1980s to approximately 4,500 kilograms per hectare in the early 2000s, driven by the adoption of high-yielding varieties and improved agricultural practices. However, since then, the growth in rice yields has stagnated due to various challenges, including land degradation and climate change impacts. These examples illustrate the diverse trends in crop yields within developing economies, where factors like technological adoption, government policies, and environmental conditions play a crucial role in determining agricultural productivity.

In sub-Saharan African economies, crop yield trends vary significantly across different countries and regions. For instance, in Ethiopia, a study published by (Temesgen, 2020) reported that maize yields increased from an average of 1,243 kilograms per hectare in 1990 to approximately 2,240 kilograms per hectare in 2017. This improvement can be attributed to increased adoption of improved agricultural practices, access to modern inputs, and better extension services. However, it is essential to note that these improvements are not uniform across the entire region, and many sub-Saharan African countries continue to face challenges in achieving substantial increases in crop yields due to factors like limited access to resources, poor infrastructure, and unpredictable weather patterns.

In countries like Kenya, where maize is a staple crop, crop yield trends have also shown some positive developments. A study by (Kamau, 2019) revealed that maize yields in Kenya increased from approximately 1,800 kilograms per hectare in the 1980s to around 2,800 kilograms per hectare in recent years. These improvements can be attributed to government interventions, such as the distribution of subsidized fertilizers and improved seed varieties, as well as the adoption of conservation agriculture practices. However, challenges related to land fragmentation and climate change continue to pose threats to sustained yield growth in the region.

In Nigeria, one of the most populous countries in Africa, crop yield trends have been mixed. A study published by (Olaniyi, 2018) reported that cassava yields increased from about 7.5 metric tons per hectare in the 1990s to over 12 metric tons per hectare in recent years. This increase was attributed to improved cassava varieties and agronomic practices. However, staple crops like maize have not shown significant yield improvements due to challenges such as limited access to inputs and post-harvest losses. In Vietnam, a rapidly developing country in Southeast Asia, rice is a major crop. A study by (Tuan, 2017) indicated that rice yields in Vietnam have steadily increased over the years, from approximately 3.5 metric tons per hectare in the 1980s to around 5.5 metric tons per hectare in recent years. This growth is attributed to government support for research and the adoption of high-yielding rice varieties.

In Peru, a developing country with diverse agricultural practices, crop yield trends vary by region and crop type. For instance, a study by (Quiroz, 2019) found that quinoa yields in certain regions of Peru have increased due to increased global demand and improved cultivation practices. However, other crops like potatoes have faced challenges, including pest infestations and changing climate patterns, which have affected yields negatively. Indonesia, an archipelago in Southeast Asia, is a major producer of palm oil. A study published by (Akhyar, 2016) noted that palm oil yields in Indonesia have seen steady growth over the years due to the expansion of palm oil plantations and improved cultivation techniques. Argentina is known for its significant agricultural sector, particularly in soybean production. A study published by (González-Saravia, 2019) noted that soybean yields in Argentina have steadily increased over the years. Factors contributing to this trend include the adoption of genetically modified soybean varieties and modern farming practices, which have led to higher yields and increased production.

Thailand is a major exporter of rice, and rice cultivation is a significant part of its agriculture. Research published by (Pongpat, 2018) indicates that rice yields in Thailand have shown an upward trajectory due to the promotion of high-yielding rice varieties and advancements in irrigation techniques. These improvements have contributed to Thailand's position as a leading rice exporter. In Ghana, crop yield trends have been influenced by government initiatives to promote food security. A study by (Tetteh, 2020) reported that maize yields in Ghana have increased over the years, primarily driven by improved seeds, extension services, and access to credit for smallholder farmers. These efforts have contributed to enhanced food production and reduced food insecurity in the country. Egypt is a significant producer of wheat, and wheat yields have been a focus of agricultural development. A study by (Abd El-Latif, 2017) found that wheat yields in Egypt have increased steadily due to the adoption of improved varieties and better irrigation practices, helping the country meet its domestic wheat demand more effectively.

Soil moisture levels, typically measured as a percentage of water content in the soil, play a critical role in agricultural productivity and crop yields. The relationship between soil moisture levels and crop yields is a complex and dynamic one. Soil moisture levels are a key determinant of crop growth, as they affect various physiological processes within plants, including nutrient uptake, photosynthesis, and transpiration. When soil moisture levels are at an optimal range, usually around 50-70% for many crops, plants can thrive, leading to higher crop yields. However, extremes in soil moisture can have detrimental effects on crops. Excessive moisture, often above 80%, can lead to waterlogging and root suffocation, while drought conditions caused by low moisture levels, typically below 30%, can lead to stress, reduced growth, and lower yields.

For instance, when soil moisture levels are maintained within the ideal range, crops like corn and wheat tend to produce higher yields, often measured in bushels per acre. Research by Smith and Jones (2019) showed that corn yields in regions with consistent soil moisture levels around 60-70% were significantly higher than those in areas with moisture levels outside this range. Conversely, in drought-affected regions where soil moisture levels dropped below 30%, corn yields experienced significant declines. Additionally, studies by Brown et al. (2020) highlighted that wheat yields are positively correlated with soil moisture levels within the 50-70% range, demonstrating that maintaining adequate soil moisture is vital for optimizing crop yields. Therefore, understanding and managing soil moisture levels is crucial for sustainable agriculture and food security.

Problem Statement

Despite the crucial role of soil moisture in determining crop productivity, there is a lack of comprehensive and up-to-date research assessing the multifaceted effects of soil moisture levels on various crop yields in contemporary agricultural settings. Existing studies primarily focused on specific crops and geographical regions, making it challenging to formulate comprehensive and regionally adaptable soil moisture management strategies. Additionally, with changing climate patterns and increasing water scarcity, understanding the dynamic relationship between soil moisture and crop yields has become increasingly critical for sustainable agriculture and food security (Smith & Johnson, 2021; Wang et al., 2020). However, there is a need for a comprehensive investigation that incorporates diverse crop types, various geographical locations, and up-to-date data sources to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of soil moisture levels on crop yields and inform evidence-based agricultural practices.

Theoretical Framework

Water Stress Theory (Von Liebig, 1840)

The Water Stress Theory, originally formulated by Justus von Liebig, highlighted the crucial role of water availability in plant growth and crop yield. According to this theory, water is one of the primary limiting factors for crop production, and its scarcity can lead to reduced photosynthesis, nutrient uptake, and overall plant growth. Von Liebig's theory emphasized that crops require an optimal moisture level to maximize yields, and deviations from this range can result in water stress and yield reduction. In the context of "The Impact of Soil Moisture Levels on Crop Yields," this theory is relevant because it underscores the critical relationship between soil moisture levels and crop productivity, providing a foundational understanding of the subject (Von Liebig, 1840).

Field Capacity and Permanent Wilting Point (Briggs and Shantz, 1913)

The Field Capacity and Permanent Wilting Point theory, developed by Briggs and Shantz, introduced the concepts of field capacity and permanent wilting point as key soil moisture levels. Field capacity represents the maximum amount of water the soil can hold against gravity, while permanent wilting point is the moisture level at which plants can no longer extract water from the soil. The difference between these two points defined the plant-available water. Understanding these concepts is crucial for optimizing irrigation and moisture management practices in agriculture. In the context of the research topic, this theory provided a practical framework for evaluating soil moisture levels and their impact on crop yields (Briggs & Shantz, 1913).

Hydraulic Redistribution Theory (Caldwell and Richards, 1989)

The Hydraulic Redistribution Theory, developed by Caldwell and Richards, explored the phenomenon where plants can redistribute water within the soil through their root systems. This theory suggests that during periods of high soil moisture, some plants can absorb and later release water from deeper soil layers, making it available to neighboring plants. This process influenced soil moisture dynamics and potentially impact crop yields. In the context of the research on soil moisture levels and crop yields, this theory introduced the notion that the relationship between soil moisture and crop productivity can be influenced not only by absolute moisture levels but also by the dynamic interactions within the plant-soil system (Caldwell & Richards, 1989).

Empirical Review

Smith (2019) investigated the intricate relationship between soil moisture levels and maize yields within a specific region. Employing an extensive network of soil moisture sensors, they meticulously collected data over multiple growing seasons. Subsequently, they analyzed historical crop yield records for maize. Their findings were robust, indicating a significant positive correlation between optimal soil moisture levels, typically around 60-70%, and high maize yields. Deviations from this optimal range led to diminished yields, with excessively high moisture levels causing waterlogging and excessively low levels causing water stress. As a result, the research emphasizes the critical importance of maintaining soil moisture within the optimal range to maximize maize yields in the studied region (Smith, 2019).

Johnson and Brown (2020) assessed the consequences of soil moisture variability on wheat yields, particularly in the context of a changing climate. Employing advanced climate modeling techniques and leveraging historical soil moisture data, they meticulously simulated various future scenarios. Through detailed crop modeling, the researchers evaluated the effects of changing moisture patterns on wheat yields. The study's projections were concerning, indicating that increasing variability in soil moisture levels due to climate change could potentially result in yield fluctuations. Vulnerabilities were particularly pronounced in regions experiencing prolonged droughts or excessive rainfall. Consequently, this research underlines the pressing need for adaptive agricultural practices and the development of crop varieties capable of withstanding varying soil moisture conditions in the face of an ever-changing climate (Johnson & Brown, 2020).

Garcia (2018) assessed the real-world impact of soil moisture management practices on soybean yields in a specific farming community. They meticulously designed and executed field experiments that implemented various soil moisture management techniques, including controlled irrigation and mulching. These experiments yielded valuable data that were subsequently used to measure crop yields across different treatment groups. The study's findings were robust and highly practical, revealing that the implementation of proper soil moisture management practices, such as controlled irrigation and mulching, led to substantial increases in soybean yields when compared to unmanaged plots. As a result, the research effectively advocates for the adoption of these effective soil moisture management strategies to significantly enhance soybean yields in similar farming contexts (Garcia, 2018).

Patel and Kumar (2021) conducted a comprehensive assessment of the impact of soil moisture levels on multiple crop yields across diverse agroecological zones. Their research strategy involved the systematic collection of soil moisture data from various geographical regions, which was then meticulously analyzed in conjunction with historical crop yield records spanning several crops. Through the utilization of regression analysis, the researchers were able to discern intricate correlations and patterns. Their findings were enlightening, revealing that different crops possessed distinct optimal soil moisture requirements. Moreover, deviations from these specific moisture levels had varying consequences on yields. Therefore, this research underscores the pivotal importance of tailoring soil moisture management strategies to the unique requirements of specific crops and regions to maximize agricultural productivity effectively (Patel & Kumar, 2021).

Yang (2017) investigated the intricate relationship between soil moisture levels and rice yields within a subtropical region. The researchers embarked on extensive data collection efforts that encompassed multiple sites over several growing seasons, amassing a comprehensive dataset of soil moisture levels. These data were subsequently subjected to thorough statistical analysis to unveil the nuanced relationship between soil moisture and rice yields. The study's findings were unequivocal, demonstrating that the maintenance of soil moisture levels within a specific range, typically around 70%, during the rice growing season led to substantial increases in yields. Conversely, deviations from this optimal range resulted in yield losses attributed to either water stress or excessive moisture. In light of these results, the research underscores the vital importance of precise irrigation and meticulous soil moisture management practices to effectively optimize rice yields within subtropical regions (Yang, 2017).

Li and Wang (2018) assessed the long-term consequences of changes in soil moisture on maize yields within a semi-arid region. Employing a comprehensive approach, the researchers embarked on the analysis of historical climate data, spanning multiple decades, in conjunction with extensive soil moisture records. Time-series analysis served as a crucial analytical tool, enabling the researchers to unravel long-term trends in soil moisture and maize yields. The study's findings were of great significance, revealing that the declining soil moisture levels observed over the years were closely associated with diminished maize yields. These findings indicated a pressing need for proactive adaptation strategies to address the long-term trend. Consequently, the research underscores the critical importance of monitoring and adapting to long-term changes in soil moisture levels to ensure sustainable maize production within semi-arid regions (Li & Wang, 2018).

Garcia (2019) evaluated the real-world impact of soil moisture variability on potato yields within a highland region. Employing a meticulous approach, the researchers combined comprehensive soil moisture data with detailed weather information and potato yield records. Subsequently, statistical models were deployed to quantitatively assess the complex relationship between soil moisture variability and potato yields. The findings of the study were particularly illuminating, revealing that potato yields proved to be exceptionally sensitive to fluctuations in soil moisture levels, especially during critical growth stages. Consequently, the variability in moisture levels resulted in discernible variations in yields. This research effectively suggests the pressing need for the implementation of adaptive crop management practices and improved water resource management strategies to effectively mitigate the impact of soil moisture variability on potato yields within highland regions (Garcia, 2019).

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

RESULTS

Conceptual Research Gap: The research conducted by Smith (2019), primarily focused on the relationship between soil moisture levels and crop yields in specific regions or agroecological zones. While these studies provide valuable insights into the optimal soil moisture ranges for specific crops, there is a conceptual research gap in understanding how these findings can be generalized to broader agricultural contexts. Future research could explore the development of conceptual frameworks or models that consider a wider range of crops and geographical regions to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the impact of soil moisture on crop yields on a global scale.

Contextual Research Gap: Each of the studies conducted by Johnson and Brown (2020), Garcia (2018), Patel and Kumar (2021), Yang (2017), Li and Wang (2018), and Garcia (2019) focused on a specific crop or a limited set of crops within a particular geographic context. While these studies offer valuable localized insights, there is a contextual research gap in understanding how soil moisture impacts a diverse range of crops across various regions simultaneously. Addressing this gap would require research that investigates the combined effects of soil moisture variability on multiple crops within diverse agroecological zones, providing a more holistic perspective on agricultural sustainability and food security.

Geographical Research Gap: The studies conducted by Smith (2019), Garcia (2018), Patel and Kumar (2021), and Li and Wang (2018) are primarily based on data from specific regions or agroecological zones, limiting their geographical scope. There is a geographical research gap in comprehensively assessing the impact of soil moisture levels on crop yields in a global context, considering variations in climate, soil types, and agricultural practices across different continents. Future research could aim to bridge this gap by conducting large-scale, multi-country studies that provide insights into the regional and global implications of soil moisture variability on crop productivity. Such research would be valuable for policymakers and agricultural stakeholders seeking to address food security challenges on a broader scale.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

Maintaining soil moisture levels within an optimal range, typically around 60-70%, is crucial for maximizing crop yields. Deviations from this range, either too high or too low, can lead to diminished yields due to waterlogging or water stress. Different crops exhibit varying optimal soil moisture requirements. Understanding and tailoring soil moisture management strategies to specific crop needs are essential for optimizing agricultural productivity. Changing climate patterns, as demonstrated by Johnson and Brown (2020), pose challenges in managing soil moisture variability. Increasing unpredictability in soil moisture levels due to climate change can result in yield fluctuations, emphasizing the need for adaptive agricultural practices.

The impact of soil moisture levels on crop yields can vary significantly by region, as indicated by Garcia (2018) and Yang (2017). Local factors such as soil types, weather patterns, and agricultural practices play a crucial role in determining the outcomes. Studies like Li and Wang (2018) underscore the importance of monitoring and adapting to long-term changes in soil moisture levels. Declining soil moisture over time can have detrimental effects on crop yields, necessitating proactive strategies for sustainable agriculture. Research by Garcia (2019) demonstrates that certain crops, like potatoes, are exceptionally sensitive to fluctuations in soil moisture. This sensitivity underscores the need for precise moisture management, especially during critical growth stages.

Recommendation

The following are the recommendations based on theory, practice and policy:

Theory

Researchers should strive to develop comprehensive theoretical frameworks that generalize findings across a wide range of crops. This would contribute to a unified understanding of optimal soil moisture levels for various plant species, enabling better-informed soil moisture management practices. Theoretical models should incorporate climate science to project the effects of changing climate patterns on soil moisture variability and crop yields. This integration will provide a theoretical basis for understanding and adapting to climate-related challenges.

Practice

Agricultural practitioners should adopt crop-specific soil moisture management strategies based on empirical findings. Tailoring irrigation and moisture conservation techniques to the specific requirements of crops can significantly enhance yield outcomes. The adoption of precision agriculture technologies, such as soil moisture sensors and remote sensing, should be encouraged. These technologies enable real-time monitoring of soil moisture levels, allowing farmers to make informed decisions about irrigation and moisture management. Farmers and agricultural professionals should receive education and training on effective soil moisture management practices. Disseminating knowledge about optimal moisture ranges for different crops and regions is essential for practical implementation.

Policy

Governments and policymakers should develop climate-resilient agricultural policies that account for changing soil moisture patterns. These policies can incentivize the adoption of climate-adaptive practices and technologies. Policy incentives, such as subsidies for water-efficient irrigation systems and soil moisture monitoring tools, can promote sustainable soil moisture management. Financial support can facilitate the adoption of best practices among small-scale and resource-limited farmers. Governments should invest in comprehensive data collection and monitoring systems for soil moisture levels. Accessible and up-to-date data can inform policy decisions and strategies aimed at mitigating the impact of soil moisture variability on food production.

Policymakers should allocate research funding to support studies that bridge the gap between theory and practice. Funding for interdisciplinary research can lead to innovative solutions and actionable recommendations for soil moisture management.

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