Supplementary Note 1: Brief introduction to ENSO, IOD and NAO.

ENSO (El-Niño Southern Oscillation) is a pattern of sea-surface temperature (SST) and pressure gradients between the eastern and western parts of the equatorial Pacific Ocean¹. It is the dominant source of interannual climate variability around the globe. When SST is abnormally high (low) in the eastern Pacific Ocean and the pressure gradient between eastern and western Pacific Ocean is low (high), the state of ENSO is here positive (El Niño), while the negative phase represents La Niña. During an El Niño event, the westerlies in the equatorial Pacific Ocean weaken, which hinders the uprising of cold water, leading to warm SST anomalies along the coasts of Peru and Ecuador. El Niño also results in shifts in the equatorial large-scale evaporation, condensation and wind patterns, causing climate anomalies around the globe through so-called teleconnections².

IOD (Indian Ocean Dipole) refers to the occurrence of opposite SST anomalies in the western Indian Ocean and on the coasts of northern Indonesia³. Although some connection between ENSO and IOD exists, only 20 to 25% of IOD variability can be explained by ENSO, and a notable proportion of IOD events occur independent of ENSO⁴ (and vice versa). During the evolution of a positive (negative) IOD, cold (warm) SST anomalies appear in the eastern part of the Indian Ocean, with warm (cold) anomalies in the western part. These SST anomalies change the patterns of zonal winds, moisture transport and precipitation in the neighboring areas as well as elsewhere.

NAO (North Atlantic Oscillation) is defined as the difference in atmospheric pressure between northern (Iceland) and southern (Azores) parts of the North Atlantic Ocean⁵. When the pressure gradient from the southern high-pressure to the northern low-pressure region is high (low), NAO is in its positive (negative) phase. The positive phase of NAO strengthens westerlies in the northern hemisphere, which modulates the climate from western Europe all the way to China⁶.

Supplementary Note 2: Climatological effects of ENSO, IOD and NAO.

The climatological patterns related to ENSO events are widely studied. At global scale, El Niño has been found to be associated with lower precipitation in Southeast Asia, northern South America, northeastern Australia⁷ as well as parts of southern⁸ and northern⁹ Africa. These are all areas where this study found significant relationships between ENSO and crop productivity. Temperature variability in these areas also shows relationships with ENSO. For example, a global study conducted by Trenberth & Caron⁸ found significant negative correlations between the Southern Oscillation Index (gives opposite values compared to the index used in this study) and land surface temperatures (LST) in Southeast Asia, northern South America, southern and eastern Africa as well as South Asia. Also, the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) patterns related to ENSO follow the results of this study remarkably well¹⁰.

A global study conducted by Saji & Yamagata⁴ found strong positive partial (impact of ENSO filtered) correlations between LST and IOD in southern Australia, Japan, the Korean peninsula and southern Africa. Hence, positive IOD events tend to increase LST in these areas, which are also represented in the results of this study. Further, the same study revealed that a positive phase in the IOD tends to be related with higher precipitation in central Africa and northern India, while it is related with lower precipitation in eastern Australia and South Africa. Studies conducted at sub-global level were also inspected, and especially in Australia, the effects of the positive phase have been extensively linked to high temperatures¹¹, low precipitation¹²⁻¹⁴ and extreme drought events¹². Furthermore, higher precipitation has been found to follow the positive IOD phase in southern^{15, 16} and central Africa^{13, 16} as well as northern India^{13, 17}. However, the relationship between Indian precipitation and IOD has been found to be non-linear and related to the phase of ENSO¹⁸.

To the best of our knowledge, no global study exists of NAO's impacts on global hydroclimatological patterns. However, several regional and local studies do exist. Hurrell et al.⁶ showed a relationship between the positive phase of NAO and higher temperatures in large parts of the northern hemisphere, from western Europe to China and North America. For West Europe, these patterns are further confirmed by regional studies, which show that winter temperatures tend to be higher during a positive NAO phase, especially in France, Germany, United Kingdom as well as Scandinavia and several parts of East Europe¹⁹. For the Middle East, studies show an opposite effect, as a positive phase in NAO tends to be associated with below average temperatures¹⁹⁻²¹. Furthermore, a positive NAO phase tends to be associated with lower precipitation in Mediterranean Europe and the Middle East^{21, 22} as well as some parts of northern Africa²³, and higher precipitation in several areas in the northern Europe²². Furthermore, summer NAO has been found to influence weather patterns even in parts of India and Central Asia²⁴.

Supplementary Note 3: Temporal changes in the relationship between crop productivity and oscillation indices.

We decided to examine potential changes in the linkages between teleconnections and crop productivity, because it is well documented in the literature that the strength, magnitude and activity of the studied climate oscillations vary both temporally and spatially^{5, 25-28}. This variability is especially well documented for ENSO, as its power has changed over time on timescales from millennia to decades²⁹⁻³². Moreover, many studies have shown that its influences on climates in distant regions have changed^{28, 33, 34}. Ward et al.³⁵ showed that there has also been a change in the correlation between ENSO and flood peak discharges over the last half century.



Supplementary Figure 1: Regional division used in the regional analyses of this study.



Supplementary Figure 2. Country level calibration results for all crop types included in the LPJmL model, averaged over years 2001–2010. The x-axis shows the yield according to FAOSTAT³⁶ and the y-axis shows simulated yield. For each crop, the Willmott coefficient³⁷ is calculated to represent the goodness of the calibration, similarly to Fader et al.³⁸ The point sizes represent the average production for the country and time-period in question.



Supplementary Figure 3. Reported (FAOSTAT³⁶) and simulated (calibrated) yield of all crop types included in the LPJmL model, averaged over years 2001–2010.



Supplementary Figure 4: Country level calibration results for all crop types included in the LPJmL model, averaged over years 1981–1990. The x-axis shows the yield according to FAOSTAT³⁶ and the y-axis shows simulated yield. For each crop, the Willmott coefficient³⁷ is calculated to represent the goodness of the calibration, similarly to Fader et al.³⁸ The point sizes represent the average production for the country and time-period in question.



Supplementary Figure 5: Reported (FAOSTAT³⁶) and simulated (calibrated) yield of all crop types included in the LPJmL model, averaged over years 1981–1990.



Supplementary Figure 6: Years of available productivity data from FAOSTAT³⁶.



Supplementary Figure 7: Pearson's correlation between simulated (decennially calibrated) and reported (FAOSTAT³⁶) crop productivity of all 12 crop types included in the LPJmL model at country scale. The first year of the correlation analysis varies depending on available data (most countries have data for the whole time-period, i.e. starting from 1961), while the last year is 2010 for all countries (see Supplementary Figure 6 for details regarding the extent of the time-periods).



Supplementary Figure 8: Pearson's correlation between simulated (decennially calibrated) and reported crop productivity of maize, rice, soybean and wheat (Ray et al.³⁹) at the FPU level for 1961-2008.



Supplementary Figure 9: Pearson's correlation between simulated (calibrated for year 2000) and reported (de-trended) crop productivity of a) the 12 crop types included in the LPJmL model at country scale (FAOSTAT³⁶) as well as b) maize, rice, soybean and wheat at FPU scale (Ray et al.³⁹). The de-trended reported crop productivity data was obtained by fitting and subtracting a best-fit polynomial curve from the original data. For the country scale data, the first year of the correlation analysis varies depending on available data (most countries have data for the whole time-period, i.e. starting from 1961), while the last year is 2010 for all countries (see Supplementary Figure 6 for details regarding the extent of the time-periods). For the FPU scale data the correlations were calculated for years 1961-2008. Note that, as a third of global crop yield variability can be attributed to climate variability³⁹ and that LPJmL is here driven by climatological input data only, it is not to be expected that it reproduces all observed crop yield dynamics.



Supplementary Figure 10: Pearson's correlation between simulated (decennially calibrated) and reported crop productivity calculated for each crop type included in the LPJmL model at country scale (FAOSTAT³⁶). The first year of the correlation analysis varies depending on available data (most countries have data for the whole time-period, i.e. starting from 1961), while the last year is 2010 for all countries.



Pearson's R: reported (de-trended) vs. simulated (calibrated for year 2000) crop productivity

no data	< 0	0.3 - 0.5	0.7 - 0.9
no correlation	0 - 0.3	0.5 - 0.7	> 0.9

Supplementary Figure 11: Pearson's correlation between simulated (calibrated for year 2000) and reported (de-trended) crop productivity calculated for each crop type included in the LPJmL model (FAOSTAT³⁶). The de-trended reported crop productivity data was obtained by fitting and subtracting a best-fit polynomial curve from the original data. The first year of the correlation analysis varies depending on available data (most countries have data for the whole time-period, i.e. starting from 1961), while the last year is 2010 for all countries.



Supplementary Figure 12: a) standard deviation and b) coefficient of variation of simulated and reported crop productivity of all 12 major crop types included in the LPJmL model (FAOSTAT³⁶) at the country scale for the whole study period. Prior to the variability assessment, the reported crop productivity data was de-trended by fitting and subtracting a best-fit polynomial curve from the original data. Furthermore, the average crop productivity of the reported data for calculating the CV was obtained by taking an average of the original data for the years 1995-2005. The first year of analysis varies depending on available data (most countries have data for the whole time-period, i.e. starting from 1961), while the last year is 2010 for all countries (see Supplementary Figure 6 for details regarding the extent of the time-periods).



Supplementary Figure 13: a) standard deviation and b) coefficient of variation of simulated and reported crop productivity of maize, rice, soybean and wheat (Ray et al. ³⁹) at the FPU scale for 1961-2008. Prior to the variability assessment, the reported crop productivity data was de-trended by fitting and subtracting a best-fit polynomial curve from the original data. Furthermore, the average crop productivity of the reported data for calculating the CV was obtained by taking an average of the original data for the years 1995–2005.



Supplementary Figure 14: Standard deviation (a & b) and coefficient of variation (c & d) of simulated (a & c) and de-trended reported (FAOSTAT³⁶; b & d) crop productivity of all 12 major crop types included in the LPJmL model at the country scale. Prior to the variability assessment, the reported crop productivity data was de-trended by fitting and subtracting a best-fit polynomial curve from the original data. Furthermore, the average crop productivity for calculating the CV was obtained by taking an average of the original data for the years 1995–2005. The first year of analysis varies depending on available data (most countries have data for the whole time-period, i.e. starting from 1961), while the last year is 2010 for all countries (see Supplementary Figure 6 for details regarding the extent of the time-periods).



Supplementary Figure 15: Standard deviation (a & b) and coefficient of variation (c & d) of simulated (a & c) and de-trended reported (Ray et al.³⁹; b & d) crop productivity of maize, rice, soybean and wheat at the FPU scale for 1961-2008. Prior to the variability assessment, the reported crop productivity data was de-trended by fitting and subtracting a best-fit polynomial curve from the original data. Furthermore, the average crop productivity of the reported data for calculating the CV was obtained by taking an average of the original data for the years 1995-2005.



Supplementary Figure 16: FPUs mapped according to the sensitivity (absolute value) of crop productivity to the oscillation indices (x-axis) and the coefficient of variance of crop productivity (CV; y-axis) for a) ENSO, b) IOD and c) NAO. Each of the images is divided, so that in the red (blue) section the sensitivity between crop productivity and the oscillation is significant (insignificant). For CV, the figures are divided in half, so that in the upper (lower) sections of each image CV is above (below) the mean CV of all FPUs.



Examples of the different categories in the temporal change figure of NAO

Supplementary Figure 17: Spatial and temporal variability in the relationship between the oscillations and crop productivity. a), c) & e) show the portion of years (21 year moving windows) when the oscillations have a significant (p-value < 0.1) Spearman's correlation with crop productivity, whereas b), d) and f) show whether the strength of the correlation experience changes. The bottom row (g) shows correlation time series examples of the different categories in b), d) and f). Dashed line represents the threshold for significant correlation (p < 0.1).



Supplementary Figure 18: Relationship between global average crop productivity of the 12 major crop types and a) ENSO, b) IOD and c) NAO indices for years 1961-2010. Years representing negative (positive) oscillation phases are marked blue (red). The blue horizontal line represents mean crop productivity for the whole time-period. In the aggregation process, the crop-specific annual yields (kg ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) of the 12 major crop types considered were converted to caloric crop productivities (kcal ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹), after which the total crop productivity was calculated as the growing area weighted mean. Details about the kcal kg⁻¹ conversion factors of the 12 crop types considered and the aggregation calculations at global scale for simulated and reported (FAOSTAT³⁶) data can be found in Supplementary Table 10.



Supplementary Figure 19: Relationship between global average crop productivity of the 12 major crop types and the ENSO (JMA SST) index at regional level mapped for years 1961-2010. Years representing negative (positive) phases of ENSO are marked blue (red). The blue horizontal line represents mean crop productivity for the whole time-period. See caption of Supplementary Figure 18 and Supplementary Table 10 for details about how the crop-specific annual yields (kg ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) of the 12 major crop types considered were converted to caloric crop productivities (kcal ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹).



Supplementary Figure 20: Relationship between global average crop productivity of the 12 major crop types and the IOD (SST DMI) index at regional level mapped for years 1961-2010. Years representing negative (positive) phases of IOD are marked blue (red). The blue horizontal line represents mean crop productivity for the whole time-period. See caption of Supplementary Figure 18 and Supplementary Table 10 for details about how the crop-specific annual yields (kg ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) of the 12 major crop types considered were converted to caloric crop productivities (kcal ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹).



Supplementary Figure 21: Relationship between global average crop productivity of the 12 major crop types and the NAO (Hurrel North Atlantic Oscillation Index (PC-based)) index mapped for years 1961-2010. Years representing negative (positive) phases of NAO are marked blue (red). The blue horizontal line represents mean crop productivity for the whole time-period. See caption of Supplementary Figure 18 and Supplementary Table 10 for details about how the crop-specific annual yields (kg ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) of the 12 major crop types considered were converted to caloric crop productivities (kcal ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹).



Supplementary Figure 22: Sensitivity of crop productivity (as derived from LPJmL model with yields calibrated every 10 years, see Methods) to changes in the a) ENSO, b) IOD and c) NAO indices at FPU level. Prior to the sensitivity assessment, the crop productivity time series was de-trended by fitting and subtracting a best-fit polynomial curve from the original data. The linear relationship was concluded to be significant based on the p-value (< 0.1, parametrized) of Pearson's correlation coefficient.



Supplementary Figure 23: Sensitivity of crop productivity (as derived from LPJmL model with limited irrigation input, see Methods) to changes in the a) ENSO, b) IOD and c) NAO indices at FPU level. The linear relationship was concluded to be significant based on the p-value (< 0.1, parametrized) of Pearson's correlation coefficient.



Supplementary Figure 24: Sensitivity of crop productivity to changes in a) the negative Southern Oscillation Index, b) the Oceanic Niño Index, c) the SLP Dipole Mode Index and d) the Hurrell North Atlantic Oscillation Index (station-based) at FPU level. The linear relationship was concluded to be significant based on the p-value (< 0.1, parametrized) of Pearson's correlation coefficient.

	Change in c	rop producti	vity (%) duri	ng		
Region	Negative ENSO (La Niña)	Positive ENSO (El Niño)	Negative IOD	Positive IOD	Negative NAO	Positive NAO
Australia and Oceania	-	-	6.0%	-8.0%	-	-
Central America	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Asia	-	-	-	-	-1.2%	-
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middle East	-4.1%	-	-	-	4.2%	-6.1%
North Africa	3.8%	-	-	-	5.8%	-5.8%
North America	-	-	-	-4.7%	-	-
South America	-4.3%	-	-	-	-	-
South Asia	1.9%	-	-	-	-	2.1%
Southeast Asia	2.8%	-1.4%	-	-	-	-
Southern Africa	1.7%	-3.6%	-	-	-	-2.6%
Western Europe	-	-	-	-	-	-1.8%

Supplementary Table 1: Regional changes in crop productivity during strongly oscillating years.

	Sensitivity of crop productivity to variations in						
Region	ENSO index	IOD index	NAO index				
Australia and Oceania	-	-0.38	-				
Central America	-	-	-				
East Asia	-	-	0.29				
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	-	-	-				
Middle East	-	-	-0.41				
North Africa	-0.25	-	-0.49				
North America	-	-	-				
South America	0.33	-	-				
South Asia	-0.28	-	-				
Southeast Asia	-0.53	-	-				
Southern Africa	-0.51	-	-				
Western Europe	-	-	-				

Supplementary Table 2: Regional Sensitivities of crop productivity to variations in the oscillation indices.

Region	ENSO Index	IOD Index	NAO Index	adjusted R ²
Australia and Oceania	0.217	-2.869***	0.865	0.222***
Central America	0.772*	-0.776	1.682#	0.099#
East Asia	0.846	-0.003	1.367*	0.084#
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	0.005	-0.019#	0.286	0.036
Middle East	-0.006	0.543	-1.259***	0.195**
North Africa	-2.598***	-0.236	-2.295***	0.394***
North America	-0.549	-0.778	1.115#	0.046
South America	1.843*	0.297	0.576	0.078#
South Asia	-0.327*	-1.153	0.799	0.116*
Southeast Asia	-2.835***	-0.156	-0.530	0.252***
Southern Africa	-2.440***	0.012	-0.840	0.307**
Western Europe	-0.012	1.180#	0.018#	0.116*
Statistical significance (N = 49): # $p < 0.1$				
* p < 0.05 ** p < 0.01 *** p < 0.001				

Supplementary Table 3: Regional results for the coefficients of the multivariate regression analysis, describing the combined effects of the oscillations on crop productivity.

Supplementary Table 4: Population, cropland, and average total crop production (and percentage) in the areas where one or more oscillations produce significant changes in crop productivity during their negative and positive phases, when assessed at sub-national (i.e. FPU) scale. All areas included, also those where Pearson's correlation between reported and simulated crop productivity is insignificant (p > 0.1). Cf. Table 1 in main text.

Oscillation	Population (10 ⁹)	Cropland (10 ⁶ km ²)	Crop production (10 ¹⁵ kcal yr ⁻¹)
ENSO	1.7 (29%)	4.8 (31%)	2.4 (29%)
IOD	0.6 (11%)	2.0 (13%)	0.7 (9%)
NAO	2.3 (41%)	5.8 (37%)	3.4 (40%)
Any	3.9 (69%)	10.7 (69%)	5.5 (66%)

Oscillation	Index name	Timespan	Index description	Conversion to yearly index values	Reference
ENSO	JMA SST Index	1868/03 - 2015/03	The index is calculated as a 5-month running mean of sea surface temperatures inside the 'Nino 3' region.	The mean of monthly index values from November (year N- 1) to January (year N).	8
IOD	Dipole Mode Index	1958/01 - 2010/09	The dipole mode index is calculated as the normalized difference in SST anomaly between the tropical parts of western Indian Ocean and south-eastern Indian Ocean.	The mean of monthly index values from September (year N) to November (year N).	5, 9
NAO	Hurrell North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) Index (PC-based)	1899/01 - 2015/04	The NAO index refers to the anomalies in the difference in normalized sea level pressure between the Azores and Iceland.	The mean of monthly index values from November (year N- 1) to February (year N).	7, 10

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Supplementary Table 6: Years when strong phases of ENSO, IOD and NAO were identified to have occurred.

ENSO, strongly oscillating years

Negative	1965	1968	1971	1972	1974	1976	1985	1989	1996	1999	2000	2008
Positive	1966	1970	1973	1977	1983	1987	1988	1992	1998	2003	2007	2010
IOD, stron	ngly o	scillati	ing yea	ars								
Negative	1964	1968	1970	1971	1974	1975	1980	1984	1992	1996	1998	2005
Positive	1961	1963	1967	1972	1976	1982	1987	1991	1994	1997	2002	2006
NAO, strongly oscillating years												
Negative	1962	1963	1964	1966	1969	1970	1977	1979	1996	2001	2006	2010
Positive	1973	1976	1983	1989	1990	1992	1993	1994	1995	2000	2007	2008

Supplementary Table 7: Cross-correlation (and p-values) for the explaining variables used in the multivariate regression calculations.

	ENSO	IOD	NAO	
ENSO	1 (-)	-0.11 (0.43)	-0.050 (0.73)	
IOD		1 (-)	0.099 (0.50)	
NAO			1 (-)	

Supplementary Table 8: VIF value of each variable used in the multivariate regression calculations.

	VIF
ENSO	1.01
IOD	1.02
NAO	1.01

FPU id			
	ENSO	IOD	NAO
2	1 / x	cube root	1 / x
4	1 / x	power to 3	power to 2
5	-	square root	1 / x
7	-	square root	square root
8	exp(x)	log10	log10
9	-	power to 3	square root
10	power to 2	power to 3	log10
11	-	power to 3	cube root
12	power to 3	power to 3	power to 3
13	power to 3	cube root	power to 2
14	log	power to 2	1 / x
15	square root	1 / x	-
16	cube root	1/x	1 / x
17	1 / x	power to 2	power to 3
18	10910	1/x	$1/\mathbf{x}$
10	nower to 2	1 / x	
20	power to 3	nower to 3	log10
20	$1/\mathbf{x}$	power to 3	10510
21	nower to 2	1/v	- nower to 2
22	power to 3	1 / X 1 / X	square root
23	power to 5	$1/\Lambda$	square root
24	- cuba root	1 / v	exp(x)
25	cube 100t	1 / X	power to 2
20	- 1 / w	1 / v	power to 3
21	1 / X	1 / X 1==10	power to 2
28	-	log10	power to 5
29	power to 3	power to 5	square root
3U 21	power to 2	cube root	power to 2
31	log	power to 3	power to 3
32	power to 5	power to 3	-
33	cube root	power to 3	-
34	power to 3	power to 3	power to 3
35	log	-	power to 3
36	log	power to 2	power to 3
37	power to 3	log	square root
38	exp(x)	power to 3	square root
39	1 / x	power to 3	1 / x
40	1 / x	1 / x	power to 3
41	exp(x)	log10	1 / x
42	1 / x	-	log10
43	1 / x	1 / x	1 / x
44	cube root	power to 2	power to 3
45	exp(x)	log10	1 / x
46	square root	1 / x	power to 3
47	log	square root	power to 3
48	1 / x	power to 3	1 / x
49	-	square root	power to 3
50	square root	1 / x	1 / x

Supplementary Table 9: Link functions used to linearize the crop productivity data for the multivariate regression analysis.

51	1 / x	power to 3	1 / x
52	log	log10	power to 3
53	1 / x	1 / x	cube root
54	power to 3	power to 3	cube root
55	log10	1 / x	-
56	power to 3	power to 3	square root
57	1 / x	cube root	1 / x
58	square root	1 / x	1 / x
59	square root	power to 3	1 / x
60	log10	power to 3	1 / x
61	1 / x	1 / x	log10
62	1 / x	power to 2	power to 2
63	power to 2	1 / x	power to 3
64	power to 3	log10	power to 2
65	power to 3	1 / x	cube root
66	cube root	1 / x	square root
67	log10	power to 3	1 / x
68	power to 3	log10	exp(x)
69	exp(x)	1 / x	power to 3
70	power to 3	-	power to 3
71	square root	power to 3	1 / x
72	cube root	-	power to 3
73	log	log10	power to 2
74	cube root	1 / x	power to 3
75	log	log10	cube root
76	power to 2	power to 3	power to 3
77	1 / x	1 / x	power to 3
78	power to 3	log10	log10
79	1 / x	cube root	power to 3
80	-	power to 3	exp(x)
81	square root	cube root	power to 3
82	1 / x	1 / x	power to 3
83	power to 2	power to 3	power to 3
84	1 / x	log10	power to 3
85	log	power to 3	power to 3
86	power to 3	1 / x	-
87	log	1 / x	power to 3
88	exp(x)	1 / x	power to 3
89	power to 3	log10	1 / x
90	-	1 / x	-
91	-	1 / x	power to 3
92	power to 2	-	log10
93	power to 3	log10	-
94	log	power to 3	square root
95	1 / x	power to 3	-
96	log10	log10	-
97	power to 2	1 / x	power to 2
98	log10	1 / x	cube root
99	log	square root	square root
100	1 / x	power to 2	power to 3

101	exp(x)	power to 2	-
102	1 / x	power to 3	1 / x
103	log	log10	1 / x
104	power to 3	power to 3	power to 3
105	1 / x	power to 3	power to 3
106	-	power to 2	power to 3
107	cube root	log10	power to 3
108	-	power to 2	log10
109	1 / x	square root	1 / x
110	square root	power to 3	1 / x
111	power to 3	1 / x	power to 3
112	-	1 / x	cube root
113	1 / x	cube root	power to 3
114	power to 3	1 / x	-
115	power to 3	1 / x	1 / x
116	exp(x)	power to 2	-
117	power to 3	1 / x	-
118	power to 3	1 / x	1 / x
119	square root	1 / x	log10
120	-	power to 3	power to 3
121	power to 2	1 / x	power to 3
122	exp(x)	power to 3	power to 3
123	-	power to 3	1 / x
124	power to 3	power to 3	1 / x
125	log10	1 / x	log10
126	square root	log10	1 / x
127	square root	power to 3	1 / x
128	-	1 / x	square root
129	-	exp(x)	power to 3
130	log	power to 2	square root
131	cube root	power to 3	1 / x
132	power to 2	power to 2	cube root
133	-	power to 2	power to 2
134	1 / x	power to 3	power to 2
135	power to 3	-	1 / x
136	1 / x	power to 2	cube root
137	square root	1 / x	log10
138	power to 3	1 / x	log10
139	power to 2	1 / x	1 / x
140	power to 3	-	log10
141	1 / x	square root	square root
142	power to 3	-	-
143	-	-	log10
144	power to 2	power to 2	power to 3
146	-	power to 3	power to 3
147	power to 3	1 / x	power to 3
148	power to 2	power to 3	log10
149	square root	square root	power to 2
150	1 / x	power to 3	power to 3

151	power to 2	log10	-
152	-	1 / x	power to 3
153	log10	1 / x	-
154	1 / x	log10	power to 2
155	-	1 / x	power to 3
156	1 / x	exp(x)	log10
157	cube root	square root	-
158	power to 3	power to 2	power to 3
160	log10	log10	-
162	1 / x	power to 2	power to 3
163	square root	power to 3	square root
164	exp(x)	square root	1 / x
165	-	1 / x	power to 3
166	power to 3	power to 2	power to 2
167	power to 2	power to 3	power to 3
168	1 / x	1 / x	log10
169	log	square root	square root
170	square root	log10	power to 3
171	power to 3	log10	power to 3
172	cube root	cube root	1 / x
173	cube root	1 / x	1 / x
174	1 / x	power to 3	log10
175	power to 2	square root	log10
176	1 / x	power to 3	log10
177	cube root	1 / x	log10
178	exp(x)	power to 3	-
179	1 / x	1 / x	power to 3
180	exp(x)	exp(x)	power to 2
181	exp(x)	power to 3	power to 3
182	-	power to 3	power to 3
183	1 / x	power to 3	1 / x
184	log10	power to 2	cube root
185	1 / x	cube root	1 / x
186	1 / x	power to 3	1 / x
187	log	power to 3	1 / x
188	1 / x	1 / x	cube root
189	1 / x	1 / x	1 / x
190	1 / x	log10	-
191	log10	-	cube root
192	log10	log10	square root
193	square root	log10	cube root
194	square root	1 / x	1 / x
196	power to 2	1 / x	power to 2
198	power to 3	cube root	power to 3
200	power to 3	1 / x	power to 3

201	cube root	power to 3	cube root
203	power to 3	power to 3	power to 3
204	1 / x	1 / x	log10
205	cube root	power to 3	1 / x
206	power to 3	-	log10
207	log	log10	1 / x
208	power to 3	power to 2	log10
209	exp(x)	power to 3	log10
210	exp(x)	power to 3	log10
211	cube root	power to 3	log10
212	exp(x)	power to 3	power to 3
213	-	1 / x	1 / x
214	square root	power to 3	exp(x)
215	1 / x	power to 2	power to 2
216	1 / x	power to 3	power to 3
217	1 / x	exn(x)	-
218	power to 2	-	power to 3
219		power to 3	-
220	exp(x)	power to 3	1 / x
221	log10	1/x	1/x
222	log10	log10	1/x
223	log10	cube root	1/x
223	square root	1 / x	nower to 3
225	exp(x)	nower to 3	
225			nower to 3
220	nower to 3	nower to 3	square root
227	log		nower to 3
220	105 1/v	log10	power to 2
22)	log10	1 / v	cube root
230	nower to 2	log10	log10
231	1/v	1 / v	avp(v)
232	1 / x	1 / x	p_{0}
233	1 / A	$1 / \Lambda$	cube root
234	- cuba root		cube 100t
235	log	1 / X 1 / x	power to 5
230	log	1 / X 1 / x	1 / x
237	-	1 / X 1 / x	1 / X
230	power to 2	1 / X 1 / x	log10
239		1 / X 1 / w	power to 3
240	1 / X	1 / X	power to 5
242	power to 2	power to 5	1 / X 1 /
243	power to 2		1 / X
244	1 / X 1 /	log10	exp(x)
245 246	1 / X	log10	power to 2
240 247	power to 2	-	-
247 249	power to 3	1 / X	square root
248	power to 3	power to 2	-
249	power to 3	-	-
250	1 / X	power to 3	square root

251	square root	-	-
252	log10	-	log10
253	power to 3	log10	log10
254	-	1 / x	power to 3
255	1 / x	-	square root
256	log	-	1 / x
257	log	exp(x)	log10
258	exp(x)	log	square root
259	log	power to 2	1 / x
260	1/x	square root	cube root
261	power to 3	power to 3	-
262	cube root	1 / x	1 / x
262	1 / x		1 / x
263	log	log	nower to 2
265	-	log10	$1/\mathbf{x}$
265	_	nower to 3	nower to 3
267	_	1/x	$1/\mathbf{x}$
268	cube root	nower to 2	cube root
260	1 / x	power to 3	1 / x
270	square root	square root	-
270	square root	square root	10910
271	1 / x	square root	nower to 3
272	1 / x	-	power to 3
273		square root	power to 3
275	cube root		power to 3
275	log	1 / v	
270	1 / v	1 / X	log10
277	1 / A		- 1 / v
270		nower to 3	1 / X
280	100	$1/\mathbf{v}$	- nower to 3
280	10g	1 / x	power to 3
281	nower to 3	1 / A	$1/\mathbf{v}$
282	1/v	- nower to 3	1 / x
283	log10	power to 5	1 / x
204	log	- 1 / w	1 / X
205	log	1 / X	$1 / \lambda$
280	log	- log10	power to 3
207	nower to 3	nower to 3	power to 3
280	power to 3		power to 5
209	power to 5	logio	cube foot
290	log	- 1 / w	log10
291	10g	1 / X log10	nouver to 2
292	1 / X	10g10	power to 2
293	- 1 / w	1 / X	power to 5
294	1 / X	power to 5 $1/x$	square root
293 206	power to 2	I / X	-
290	power to 2	square root	-
208	power to 3	power to 2	square root
200	power to 5	- 1 / v	oubo root
277 200	square root	$1 / \lambda$	cube 100t
.500	square root	exp(x)	cube root

301	-	1 / x	log10
302	-	1 / x	-
303	square root	1 / x	power to 3
304	power to 3	-	cube root
305	1 / x	power to 3	-
306	square root	power to 3	1 / x
307	power to 3	1 / x	cube root
309	power to 3	power to 3	cube root

Supplementary Table 10. Global scale crop productivity calculations based on a) simulated and b) FAOSTAT³⁶ data. Please note that, here the simulated crop types do not directly correspond to the crop types of FAOSTAT. For example, wheat is simulated as a representative of temperate cereals, which also include barley, rye, and oat.

	Average yield, (years 2001- 2010, kg/yr)	Conversion factor (kcal/kg)	Average yield (years 2001 - 2010, 10 ⁷ kcal/yr)	Harvested area, year 2000 (10 ⁷ ha)	Production (10 ¹⁵ kcal)
Cassava	12270	1090	1.34	1.67	0.22
Groundnuts	1798	4140	0.74	1.79	0.13
Maize	4823	3560	1.72	13.08	2.25
Millet	1139	3415	0.39	5.39	0.21
Pulses	829	3460	0.29	5.60	0.16
Rapeseed	1627	4940	0.80	2.17	0.17
Rice	4466	2800	1.25	10.21	1.28
Soybean	2360	3350	0.79	6.79	0.54
Sugar beet	47622	700	3.33	0.49	0.16
Sugarcane	61195	300	1.84	1.98	0.36
Sunflower seed	1307	3080	0.40	1.71	0.07
Wheat	3098	3283	1.02	24.14	2.46
			Sum	75.03	8.01
	Harvested area (10 ⁷ kcal/ha):	weighted mean	crop productivity	1.07	

a: Global scale crop productivity calculated based on simulated data.

b: Global scale crop productivity calculated based on reported data (FAOSTAT³⁶).

	Yield (year 2010, kg/yr)	Conversion factor (kcal/kg)	Yield (year 2010, 10 ⁷ kcal/yr)	Harvested area (year 2010, 10 ⁷ ha)	Production (2010 10 ¹⁵ kcal)
Cassava	12207	1090	1.33	1.97	0.26
Groundnuts, with shell	1662	4140	0.69	2.61	0.18
Maize	5190	3560	1.85	16.40	3.03
Millet	911	3400	0.31	3.60	0.11
Pulses, nes	744	3400	0.25	0.48	0.01
Rapeseed	1865	4940	0.92	3.21	0.30
Rice, paddy	4336	2800	1.21	16.17	1.96
Soybeans	2578	3350	0.86	10.28	0.89
Sugar beet	48638	700	3.40	0.47	0.16
Sugar cane	71075	300	2.13	2.37	0.50
Sunflower seed	1363	3080	0.42	2.31	0.10
Wheat	2971	3340	0.99	21.55	2.14
			Sum	81.42	9.64
	Harvested area weighted mean crop productivity (10 ⁷ kcal/ha):		ı crop	1.18	

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