

# Assessment of the standardized precipitation and evaporation index (SPEI) as a potential management tool for grasslands

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**Table S1.** Monthly scale SPEI exerting the most influence on the ANN hidden nodes 1 and 2 (Hn1, Hn2) by month.. The SPEIs shown are for ANN calibrations for KP (upper portion of Table 4 in the main text), for GRL (upper portion of Table 5 in the main text), for GRL calibration and prediction of KP, for KP calibration and prediction of GRL (Table 6 in the main text), and for the calibration of the combined datasets (Table 7 in main text).

Scenario	Month	Hn1	Hn2	Scenario	Month	Hn1	Hn2
Table 4	May	1SPEI2	1SPEI4	Table 5	May	1SPEI3	1SPEI2
	Jun	1SPEI4	1SPEI3		Jun	1SPEI1	1SPEI2
	Jul	1SPEI3	1SPEI3		Jul	1SPEI1	1SPEI1
	Aug	1SPEI1	1SPEI3		Aug	1SPEI3	1SPEI2
	Sep	1SPEI3	1SPEI3		Sep	1SPEI1	1SPEI2
Table 6				Table 6			
Upper	May	1SPEI2	1SPEI3	Lower	May	1SPEI2	1SPEI4
	Jun	1SPEI2	1SPEI2		Jun	1SPEI4	1SPEI3
	Jul	1SPEI3	1SPEI3		Jul	1SPEI3	1SPEI3
	Aug	1SPEI1	1SPEI3		Aug	1SPEI1	1SPEI3
	Sep	1SPEI4	1SPEI2		Sep	1SPEI3	1SPEI3
Table 7							
	May	1SPEI1	1SPEI3				
	Jun	1SPEI1	1SPEI3				
	Jul	1SPEI1	1SPEI3				
	Aug	1SPEI2	1SPEI2				
	Sep	1SPEI3	1SPEI2				