

Multicrop Production Decisions and Economic Irrigation Water Use Efficiency: Effects of Water Costs, Pressure Irrigation Adoption and Climatic Determinants

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Table S1. Model building process for two-level hierarchical linear models, continuous response variables.

| | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 4 |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Class | Unconstrained | Random intercepts & fixed level-1 | Random intercept & fixed and random level-1 | Random intercept & fixed and random level-1 & fixed level-2 |
| System of equations model | L1: $Y_{ij} = \beta_{0j} + r_{ij}$ L2: $\beta_{0j} = \gamma_{00} + u_{0j}$ | L1: $Y_{ij} = \beta_{0j} + \beta_{1j}X_{ij} + r_{ij}$ L2: $\beta_{0j} = \gamma_{00} + u_{0j}$ $\beta_{1j} = \gamma_{10}$ | L1: $Y_{ij} = \beta_{0j} + \beta_{1j}X_{ij} + r_{ij}$ L2: $\beta_{0j} = \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{01}Z_{ij} + u_{0j}$ $\beta_{1j} = \gamma_{10} + u_{1j}$ | L1: $Y_{ij} = \beta_{0j} + \beta_{1j}X_{ij} + r_{ij}$ L2: $\beta_{0j} = \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{01}Z_{ij} + u_{0j}$ $\beta_{1j} = \gamma_{10} + \gamma_{11}Z_{ij} + u_{1j}$ |
| Mixed-effect model | $Y_{ij} = \gamma_{00} + u_{0j} + r_{ij}$ | $Y_{ij} = \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{10}X_{ij} + u_{0j} + r_{ij}$ | $Y_{ij} = \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{10}X_{ij} + \gamma_{01}Z_{ij} + u_{1j}X_{ij} + u_{0j} + r_{ij}$ | $Y_{ij} = \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{10}X_{ij} + \gamma_{11}X_{ij}Z_{ij} + \gamma_{01}Z_{ij} + u_{1j}X_{ij} + u_{0j} + r_{ij}$ |
| Description | No predictors, <i>just random effect for the intercept</i> | Model 1 + level-1 fixed effects | Model 2 + random slopes for level-1 predictors | Model 3 + level-2 fixed effects |
| Notes | Output used to calculate ICC—provides information on how much variation in the outcome exists between level-2 units. | Results indicate the relationship between level-1 predictors and the outcome. | Fixed effect results provide the same information as Model 2; random slope results reveal if the relationships between level-1 predictors and the outcome vary between level-2 units | Level-2 fixed effect results indicate the relationship between level-2 predictors and the outcome. Rest of the results provide the same information as listed for Model 3 |

Adopted from Bell, Ene, and Schoeneberger (2013) and Luke (2004).

The state-level variables are only included in Model 4 (presented in the tables 5–8), thus they are dropped from the tables below.

Table S2. Results of multilevel models for land allocation to CORN.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 303.480*** | 22.498 | -567.590*** | 41.889 | -468.850*** | 34.956 |
| <i>Water sources</i> | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | 93.510*** | 25.390 | 78.811*** | 22.808 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | 139.460*** | 23.516 | 143.170*** | 20.822 |
| Two or more water sources | | | 103.450*** | 17.356 | 80.487*** | 15.701 |
| <i>Costs</i> | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | 0.216* | 0.130 | 0.235** | 0.113 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.199** | 0.080 | 0.207*** | 0.072 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.207*** | 0.040 | 0.160*** | 0.035 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | 0.069 | 0.070 | 0.047 | 0.062 |
| <i>Farm characteristics</i> | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | 37.133*** | 0.678 | 38.793*** | 3.992 |
| LN(total acre) | | | 93.438*** | 5.304 | 82.817*** | 4.969 |
| % of owned land | | | -33.288** | 15.807 | -17.249 | 15.132 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | 43.682*** | 16.853 | 13.824 | 15.015 |
| Federal assistance | | | -38.624*** | 14.432 | -41.438*** | 13.031 |
| <i>Barriers to improvements</i> | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | -19.349 | 15.295 | -10.244 | 13.784 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | 10.387 | 21.869 | 2.736 | 19.686 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | -25.796 | 19.828 | -28.051 | 17.873 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | 29.944* | 15.726 | 30.023** | 14.196 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | -29.817* | 17.092 | -21.547 | 15.417 |
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | 1.104 | 18.674 | -9.473 | 16.856 |
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | -26.540 | 19.146 | -33.740** | 17.257 |
| Will not be farming long enough | | | 26.760 | 22.286 | 3.447 | 20.059 |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Will increase management time or cost | | | -2.610 | 22.334 | -0.373 | 20.131 |
| <i>Information sources</i> | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | -38.202*** | 13.019 | -28.021** | 11.717 |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | 41.348*** | 12.482 | 24.310** | 11.238 |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | 1.819 | 13.075 | -3.827 | 11.778 |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | -20.099 | 22.038 | 2.309 | 19.883 |
| Government specialists | | | -26.349 | 17.226 | -6.763 | 15.568 |
| Media reports | | | 2.848 | 18.503 | -0.378 | 16.674 |
| Neighboring farmers | | | -22.567 | 14.148 | -29.198** | 12.748 |
| E-information services | | | 23.000 | 15.261 | 13.241 | 13.752 |
| Error Variance | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Intercept | 13,704*** | 4152 | 7466*** | 2107 | <0.0001*** | <0.0001 |
| Residual | 1,982,591*** | 36,208 | 1,058,238*** | 19,320 | 859,702*** | 15,768 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | |
| N | 6030 | | 6030 | | 6030 | |
| -2 Log Likelihood | 98,287 | | 94,502 | | 93,319 | |
| AIC | 98,293 | | 94,566 | | 93,389 | |
| AICC | 98,293 | | 94,566 | | 93,389 | |
| BIC | 98,298 | | 94,622 | | 93,451 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

Table S3. Results of multilevel models for land allocation to SOYBEANS.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 251.560*** | 36.365 | -559.860*** | 49.189 | -488.890*** | 70.552 |
| Water sources | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | 53.993** | 26.139 | 29.337 | 24.599 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | 84.522** | 35.078 | 55.902* | 32.696 |
| Two or more water sources | | | 82.163*** | 17.063 | 66.167** | 18.512 |
| Costs | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | 0.154 | 0.323 | 0.059 | 0.301 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | -1.034*** | 0.202 | -0.541* | 0.260 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | -0.002 | 0.041 | 0.009 | 0.037 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | 0.001 | 0.472 | 0.204 | 0.427 |
| Farm characteristics | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | 26.798*** | 0.644 | 18.112*** | 2.587 |
| LN(total acre) | | | 104.310*** | 6.176 | 93.807*** | 10.859 |
| % of owned land | | | -38.648** | 15.518 | -17.687 | 14.232 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | -5.626 | 14.232 | 6.627 | 22.892 |
| Federal assistance | | | -28.991** | 13.303 | -24.863** | 12.092 |
| Barriers to improvements | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | 39.375*** | 15.101 | 24.635* | 13.697 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | -7.174 | 21.826 | -1.054 | 19.718 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | -21.666 | 18.698 | -20.495 | 16.979 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | 1.015 | 14.419 | -1.521 | 13.206 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | -13.699 | 17.191 | -1.988 | 15.583 |

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|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | -27.246* | 16.473 | -29.687** | 14.930 |
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | -40.029* | 20.772 | -29.033 | 18.991 |
| Will not be farming long enough | | | 8.091 | 22.843 | 16.063 | 20.735 |
| Will increase management time or cost | | | 0.895 | 22.199 | 4.858 | 20.089 |
| Information source | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | -5.977 | 11.381 | -19.407* | 10.398 |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | 3.464 | 11.464 | 8.654 | 10.440 |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | 4.104 | 12.228 | -4.019 | 11.097 |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | 29.577 | 23.722 | 23.857 | 21.660 |
| Government specialists | | | 13.728 | 15.598 | 4.769 | 14.130 |
| Media reports | | | 0.108 | 16.763 | -1.229 | 15.189 |
| Neighboring farmers | | | -21.697* | 12.978 | -18.505 | 11.698 |
| E-information services | | | -9.579 | 14.137 | 12.719 | 12.828 |
| Error Variance | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Intercept | 33,062*** | 9046 | 12,197*** | 3563 | 54,283*** | 20,602 |
| Residual | 1,101,143*** | 24,905 | 537,987*** | 12,169 | 433,603*** | 9931 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | |
| N | 3933 | | 3933 | | 3933 | |
| -2 Log Likelihood | 61,977 | | 59,154 | | 58,453 | |
| AIC | 61,983 | | 59,218 | | 58,527 | |
| AICC | 61,983 | | 59,218 | | 58,528 | |
| BIC | 61,988 | | 59,269 | | 58,587 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

Table S4. Results of multilevel models for mean water application on CORN farms.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 1.076*** | 0.123 | 0.870*** | 0.129 | 1.027*** | 0.154 |
| <i>Water sources</i> | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | -0.015 | 0.038 | -0.024 | 0.070 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | 0.132*** | 0.036 | -0.045 | 0.080 |
| Two or more water sources | | | 0.075*** | 0.025 | 0.106** | 0.041 |
| <i>Costs</i> | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.003** | 0.001 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.001*** | 0.000 | 0.001* | 0.001 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.000*** | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | 0.001*** | 0.000 | 0.003** | 0.001 |
| <i>Farm characteristics</i> | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.003* | 0.001 |
| LN(total acre) | | | 0.033*** | 0.008 | 0.023 | 0.017 |
| % of owned land | | | 0.020 | 0.023 | -0.012 | 0.048 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | -0.090*** | 0.025 | -0.196 | 0.119 |
| Federal assistance | | | -0.003 | 0.021 | 0.023 | 0.032 |
| <i>Barriers to improvements</i> | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | 0.067*** | 0.022 | 0.053*** | 0.021 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | 0.046 | 0.032 | 0.061** | 0.029 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | -0.083*** | 0.029 | -0.094*** | 0.026 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | 0.015 | 0.023 | 0.004 | 0.021 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | 0.093*** | 0.025 | 0.134*** | 0.023 |
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | 0.008 | 0.027 | -0.015 | 0.025 |

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|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | -0.060** | 0.028 | -0.071*** | 0.026 |
| Will not be farming long enough | | | -0.014 | 0.032 | 0.060** | 0.030 |
| Will increase management time or cost | | | -0.052 | 0.032 | -0.074** | 0.030 |
| <i>Information source</i> | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | -0.094*** | 0.019 | -0.063*** | 0.017 |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | -0.040** | 0.018 | -0.042** | 0.017 |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | 0.060*** | 0.019 | 0.056*** | 0.018 |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | 0.117*** | 0.032 | 0.103*** | 0.030 |
| Government specialists | | | 0.012 | 0.025 | 0.039* | 0.023 |
| Media reports | | | -0.040 | 0.027 | -0.010 | 0.025 |
| Neighboring farmers | | | -0.059*** | 0.021 | -0.069*** | 0.019 |
| E-information services | | | 0.070*** | 0.022 | 0.062*** | 0.020 |
| Error Variance | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Intercept | 0.619*** | 0.141 | 0.554*** | 0.127 | 0.536*** | 0.167 |
| Residual | 2.325*** | 0.042 | 2.228*** | 0.041 | 1.761*** | 0.033 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | |
| N | 6030 | | 6030 | | 6030 | |
| -2 Log Likelihood | 16,071 | | 15,812 | | 14,788 | |
| AIC | 16,077 | | 15,876 | | 14,874 | |
| AICC | 16,077 | | 15,876 | | 14,875 | |
| BIC | 16,082 | | 15,932 | | 14,950 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

Table S5. Results of multilevel models for mean water application on SOYBEAN farms.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 0.712*** | 0.073 | 0.691*** | 0.089 | 0.842*** | 0.093 |
| Water sources | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | 0.151*** | 0.036 | 0.018 | 0.079 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | 0.075 | 0.049 | 0.022 | 0.052 |
| Two or more water sources | | | 0.034 | 0.023 | 0.040 | 0.033 |
| Costs | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | 0.001*** | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.000 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.001** | 0.001 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | -0.002*** | 0.001 | -0.001 | 0.002 |
| Farm characteristics | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.003** | 0.001 |
| LN(total acre) | | | 0.027*** | 0.008 | 0.001 | 0.013 |
| % of owned land | | | -0.007 | 0.021 | -0.034 | 0.032 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | -0.214*** | 0.020 | -0.162** | 0.058 |
| Federal assistance | | | 0.033* | 0.018 | 0.047* | 0.025 |
| Barriers to improvements | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | 0.016 | 0.021 | 0.007 | 0.020 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | 0.056* | 0.030 | 0.078*** | 0.028 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | 0.003 | 0.026 | 0.037 | 0.025 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | 0.037* | 0.020 | -0.007 | 0.019 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | 0.016 | 0.023 | 0.026 | 0.022 |

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|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | -0.058*** | 0.022 | -0.059*** | 0.022 |
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | -0.099*** | 0.028 | -0.086*** | 0.028 |
| Will not be farming long enough | | | -0.049 | 0.031 | -0.064** | 0.030 |
| Will increase management time or cost | | | -0.019 | 0.030 | -0.014 | 0.029 |
| <i>Information source</i> | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | -0.062*** | 0.016 | -0.042*** | 0.015 |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | -0.058*** | 0.016 | -0.041*** | 0.015 |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | -0.040** | 0.017 | -0.044*** | 0.016 |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | 0.052 | 0.032 | 0.024 | 0.031 |
| Government specialists | | | 0.037* | 0.021 | 0.055*** | 0.020 |
| Media reports | | | -0.058** | 0.023 | -0.037* | 0.022 |
| Neighboring farmers | | | -0.038** | 0.018 | -0.040** | 0.017 |
| E-information services | | | 0.051*** | 0.019 | 0.038** | 0.018 |
| Error Variance | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Intercept | 0.171*** | 0.053 | 0.137*** | 0.044 | 0.054 | 0.044 |
| Residual | 1.083*** | 0.025 | 1.000*** | 0.023 | 0.884*** | 0.020 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | |
| N | 3933 | | 3933 | | 3933 | |
| -2 Log Likelihood | 7622 | | 7305 | | 6949 | |
| AIC | 7628 | | 7369 | | 7033 | |
| AICC | 7628 | | 7369 | | 7033 | |
| BIC | 7633 | | 7420 | | 7100 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

Table S6. Results of multilevel models for mean yield on CORN farms.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 184.170*** | 2.330 | 180.110*** | 3.749 | 170.640*** | 5.663 |
| <i>Water sources</i> | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | -15.384*** | 2.008 | -6.250 | 3.806 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | -11.424*** | 1.895 | -2.491 | 3.621 |
| Two or more water sources | | | -5.704*** | 1.357 | 1.022 | 2.660 |
| <i>Costs</i> | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | 0.008 | 0.010 | 0.007 | 0.012 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.003 | 0.006 | 0.001 | 0.025 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | -0.012*** | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.007 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | -0.002 | 0.006 | 0.013 | 0.021 |
| <i>Farm characteristics</i> | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | 0.033 | 0.053 | 0.023 | 0.081 |
| LN(total acre) | | | 0.986** | 0.417 | 1.883*** | 0.651 |
| % of owned land | | | -6.216*** | 1.236 | -5.739*** | 2.112 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | 6.099*** | 1.345 | 3.688 | 3.693 |
| Federal assistance | | | 2.426** | 1.126 | 1.865 | 1.894 |
| <i>Barriers to improvements</i> | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | -1.290 | 1.194 | -1.595 | 1.150 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | 10.405*** | 1.707 | 10.903*** | 1.636 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | -4.097*** | 1.547 | -3.824*** | 1.485 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | -0.120 | 1.227 | -0.881 | 1.187 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | -6.445*** | 1.334 | -6.888*** | 1.298 |

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|---|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | -2.276 | 1.457 | | -0.981 | 1.390 |
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | -0.971 | 1.496 | | -2.046 | 1.441 |
| Will not be farming long enough | | | -0.016 | 1.740 | | 0.969 | 1.682 |
| Will increase management time or cost | | | 0.010 | 1.743 | | -0.717 | 1.679 |
| <i>Information source</i> | | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | 3.523*** | 1.018 | | 4.069*** | 0.976 |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | 4.120*** | 0.976 | | 3.520*** | 0.940 |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | -1.745* | 1.022 | | -0.970 | 0.988 |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | -0.303 | 1.722 | | -1.048 | 1.676 |
| Government specialists | | | -5.552*** | 1.345 | | -3.708*** | 1.310 |
| Media reports | | | 1.575 | 1.445 | | 2.096 | 1.380 |
| Neighboring farmers | | | -1.044 | 1.105 | | -0.552 | 1.066 |
| E-information services | | | 3.319*** | 1.191 | | 2.553** | 1.147 |
| Error Variance | | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| | Intercept | 191*** | 52 | 174*** | 47 | 473*** | 189 |
| | Residual | 6887*** | 126 | 6434*** | 118 | 5635*** | 106 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | | |
| | N | 6030 | | 6030 | | 6030 | |
| | -2 Log Likelihood | 64,185 | | 63,775 | | 63,282 | |
| | AIC | 64,191 | | 63,839 | | 63,368 | |
| | AICC | 64,191 | | 63,839 | | 63,369 | |
| | BIC | 64,197 | | 63,895 | | 63,444 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

Table S7. Results of multilevel models for mean yield on SOYBEAN farms.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 51.990*** | 0.852 | 47.767*** | 1.680 | 49.200*** | 2.023 |
| <i>Water sources</i> | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | -0.506 | 0.859 | 0.422 | 1.548 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | 4.534*** | 1.151 | 5.186*** | 1.241 |
| Two or more water sources | | | 1.444*** | 0.558 | 1.106 | 0.808 |
| <i>Costs</i> | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | -0.032*** | 0.011 | -0.005 | 0.011 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | -0.011 | 0.007 | 0.001 | 0.014 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | 0.022 | 0.015 | 0.036 | 0.034 |
| <i>Farm characteristics</i> | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | 0.139*** | 0.021 | 0.120*** | 0.035 |
| LN(total acre) | | | -0.287 | 0.202 | -0.102 | 0.239 |
| % of owned land | | | -1.015** | 0.508 | -2.242** | 1.010 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | 4.879*** | 0.467 | 2.052 | 1.296 |
| Federal assistance | | | 1.002** | 0.435 | 0.772 | 0.667 |
| <i>Barriers to improvements</i> | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | 0.403 | 0.494 | -0.294 | 0.484 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | -0.051 | 0.714 | -0.240 | 0.695 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | -1.277** | 0.612 | -1.417** | 0.601 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | 1.071** | 0.472 | 1.435*** | 0.475 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | -1.689*** | 0.562 | -1.647*** | 0.551 |

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|---|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | -1.096** | 0.539 | | -0.611 | 0.529 |
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | -1.438** | 0.680 | | -0.930 | 0.677 |
| Will not be farming long enough | | | 2.526*** | 0.747 | | 2.713*** | 0.729 |
| Will increase management time or cost | | | -0.113 | 0.726 | | -0.479 | 0.709 |
| <i>Information sources</i> | | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | 2.007*** | 0.372 | | 1.829*** | 0.367 |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | 1.722*** | 0.375 | | 1.568*** | 0.371 |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | -0.600 | 0.400 | | -0.978** | 0.394 |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | 0.098 | 0.776 | | -0.482 | 0.762 |
| Government specialists | | | 0.067 | 0.510 | | -0.069 | 0.498 |
| Media reports | | | 1.285** | 0.549 | | 1.224** | 0.534 |
| Neighboring farmers | | | 0.693* | 0.425 | | 0.918** | 0.411 |
| E-information services | | | 0.772* | 0.463 | | 0.556 | 0.453 |
| Error Variance | | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| | Intercept | 17.943*** | 5.807 | 19.890*** | 6.249 | 19.143*** | 9.372 |
| | Residual | 629.360*** | 14.251 | 575.210*** | 13.026 | 531.160*** | 12.307 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | | |
| | N | 3933 | | 3933 | | 3933 | |
| | -2 Log Likelihood | 32,608 | | 32,259 | | 32,078 | |
| | AIC | 32,614 | | 32,323 | | 32,162 | |
| | AICC | 32,614 | | 32,323 | | 32,162 | |
| | BIC | 32,619 | | 32,374 | | 32,229 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

Table S8. Results of multilevel models for economic irrigation water use efficiency (EIWUE) of CORN.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 1920.710*** | 182.270 | 2228.690*** | 201.950 | 1907.850*** | 197.900 |
| <i>Water sources</i> | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | 284.240*** | 68.502 | 528.900*** | 196.320 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | 163.000** | 65.040 | 513.210 | 367.270 |
| Two or more water sources | | | -34.817 | 45.944 | -63.021 | 45.799 |
| <i>Costs</i> | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | -0.491 | 0.347 | -10.831* | 6.444 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | -1.264*** | 0.211 | -3.152*** | 0.938 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | -0.137 | 0.105 | -0.430 | 0.400 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | -0.802*** | 0.193 | -0.494* | 0.277 |
| <i>Farm characteristics</i> | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | -5.903*** | 1.803 | -9.892*** | 2.637 |
| LN(total acre) | | | -57.837*** | 14.247 | -1.622 | 23.655 |
| % of owned land | | | -33.294 | 41.897 | -2.715 | 67.490 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | 212.810*** | 45.958 | 144.780* | 70.034 |
| Federal assistance | | | 64.142* | 38.111 | 12.883 | 48.679 |
| <i>Barriers to improvements</i> | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | -95.948** | 40.433 | -104.120*** | 38.537 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | -7.577 | 57.784 | -13.755 | 54.740 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | -40.131 | 52.376 | -26.627 | 49.597 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | -34.720 | 41.535 | -56.299 | 39.584 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | -151.960*** | 45.172 | -206.260*** | 43.568 |
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | -49.482 | 49.295 | -9.108 | 46.403 |

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|---|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | 104.840** | 50.633 | 106.590** | 48.465 | |
| Will not be farming long enough | | | -65.038 | 58.923 | -94.172* | 56.534 | |
| Will increase management time or cost | | | 130.580** | 59.016 | 179.420*** | 56.392 | |
| <i>Information sources</i> | | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | 7.256 | 34.497 | -12.537 | 32.662 | |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | -1.415 | 33.032 | -15.023 | 31.364 | |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | -46.253 | 34.617 | -24.198 | 33.018 | |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | -149.490*** | 58.298 | -110.630** | 56.266 | |
| Government specialists | | | -130.910*** | 45.542 | -170.130*** | 43.843 | |
| Media reports | | | 199.680*** | 48.923 | 170.730*** | 46.221 | |
| Neighboring farmers | | | 31.803 | 37.402 | 58.472* | 35.660 | |
| E-information services | | | -61.057 | 40.328 | -35.264 | 38.358 | |
| Error Variance | | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| | Intercept | 1,349,132*** | 315,840 | 1,234,794*** | 292,676 | 736,041*** | 257,135 |
| | Residual | 7,639,249*** | 139,655 | 7,363,930*** | 134,627 | 6,264,332*** | 117,426 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | | |
| | N | 6030 | | 6030 | | 6030 | |
| | -2 Log Likelihood | 106,536 | | 106,312 | | 105,721 | |
| | AIC | 106,542 | | 106,376 | | 105,805 | |
| | AICC | 106,542 | | 106,376 | | 105,805 | |
| | BIC | 106,547 | | 106,432 | | 105,879 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

Table S9. Results of multilevel models for economic irrigation water use efficiency (EIWUE) of SOYBEANS.

| | Model 1: Random Intercept Only | | Model 2: M1 + Fixed Level 1 | | Model 3: M2 + Random Level 1 | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Fixed Effects | | | | | | |
| Intercept | 1768.550*** | 164.010 | 1751.090*** | 198.940 | 1814.070*** | 225.090 |
| Water sources | | | | | | |
| On-farm surface water only | | | 17.919 | 71.708 | 28.057 | 95.000 |
| Off-farm surface water only | | | 142.940 | 96.472 | 166.270 | 297.100 |
| Two or more water sources | | | -20.759 | 46.098 | -131.790 | 124.290 |
| Costs | | | | | | |
| Cost for off-farm surface water(\$/acre-foot) | | | -2.789*** | 0.874 | -7.519 | 4.462 |
| Energy expenses (\$/acre) | | | -2.508*** | 0.548 | -3.271*** | 0.861 |
| Facility expenses (\$/acre) | | | 0.036 | 0.110 | 0.103 | 0.560 |
| Labor payment (\$/acre) | | | 3.693*** | 1.274 | 0.369 | 3.396 |
| Farm characteristics | | | | | | |
| # of wells used | | | -2.118 | 1.743 | -4.611* | 2.201 |
| LN(total acre) | | | -31.183* | 16.805 | -19.908 | 22.291 |
| % of owned land | | | 2.975 | 41.989 | 34.895 | 77.407 |
| Pressure irrigation | | | 221.650*** | 38.774 | 198.470** | 74.680 |
| Federal assistance | | | 33.668 | 35.954 | -13.822 | 63.952 |
| Barriers to improvements | | | | | | |
| Investigating improvement is not a priority | | | 124.980*** | 40.828 | 106.500*** | 40.133 |
| Risk of reduced yield or poorer quality crop | | | -116.510** | 58.982 | -154.650*** | 57.873 |
| Limitation of physical field or crop conditions | | | -92.433* | 50.513 | -121.590** | 49.937 |
| Not enough to recover implementation costs | | | -86.521** | 38.954 | -38.334 | 39.349 |
| Cannot finance improvements | | | -3.261 | 46.480 | 17.128 | 45.684 |
| Landlords will not share improvement costs | | | 16.654 | 44.477 | 6.790 | 43.883 |
| Uncertainty about future water availability | | | 88.545 | 56.228 | 71.141 | 57.527 |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Will not be farming long enough | | | 41.026 | 61.701 | 62.919 | 60.427 |
| Will increase management time or cost | | | 36.033 | 59.938 | 23.831 | 59.676 |
| Information sources | | | | | | |
| Extension agents | | | 54.725* | 30.794 | 45.698 | 30.398 |
| Private irrigation specialists | | | 77.723** | 31.006 | 29.558 | 30.794 |
| Irrigation equipment dealers | | | 19.191 | 33.093 | 7.559 | 32.882 |
| Local irrigation district employee | | | -136.420** | 64.231 | -121.290* | 64.163 |
| Government specialists | | | -56.086 | 42.158 | -89.588** | 41.350 |
| Media reports | | | 192.190*** | 45.397 | 157.790*** | 44.378 |
| Neighboring farmers | | | 82.817** | 35.079 | 87.685*** | 34.301 |
| E-information services | | | 39.641 | 38.288 | 60.271 | 37.552 |
| Error Variance | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err | Estimate | Std Err |
| Intercept | 878,725*** | 232,619 | 830,411*** | 222,879 | 773,961*** | 252,791 |
| Residual | 4,106,553*** | 93,048 | 3,917,688*** | 88,780 | 3,601,179*** | 84,806 |
| Fit Statistics | | | | | | |
| N | 3933 | | 3933 | | 3933 | |
| -2 Log Likelihood | 67,211 | | 67,026 | | 66,887 | |
| AIC | 67,217 | | 67,090 | | 66,975 | |
| AICC | 67,218 | | 67,091 | | 66,976 | |
| BIC | 67,222 | | 67,142 | | 67,046 | |

Significance levels: * 10%; ** 5%; *** 1%.

