

Assessing the impacts of climate change on cereal production in Bangladesh: evidence from ARDL modeling approach

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Abstract

Purpose – This study aims to examine the impacts of climate change (CC), measured average annual rainfall, average annual temperature and carbon dioxide (CO₂e) on cereal production (CPD) in Bangladesh by using the annual dataset from 1988–2014, with the incorporation of cereal cropped area (CCA), financial development (FD), energy consumption (EC) and rural labor force as important determinants of CPD.

Design/methodology/approach – This study used an auto-regressive distributive lag (ARDL) model and several econometric approaches to validate the long- and short-term cointegration and the causality directions, respectively, of the scrutinized variables.

Findings – Results of the bounds testing approach confirmed the stable long-term connections among the underlying variables. The estimates of the ARDL model indicated that rainfall improves CPD in the short- and long-term. However, CO₂e has a significantly negative impact on CPD both in the short- and long-term. Results further showed that temperature has an adverse effect on CPD in the short-term. Among other determinants, CCA, FD and EC have significantly positive impacts on CPD in both cases. The outcomes of Granger

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causality indicated that a significant two-way causal association is running from all variables to CPD except temperature and rainfall. The connection between CPD and temperature is unidirectional, showing that CPD is influenced by temperature. All other variables also have a valid and significant causal link among each other. Additionally, the findings of variance decomposition suggest that results are robust, and all these factors have a significant influence on CPD in Bangladesh.

Research limitations/implications – These findings have important policy implications for Bangladesh and other developing countries. For instance, introduce improved cereal crop varieties, increase CCA and familiarizes agricultural credits through formal institutions on relaxed conditions and on low-interest rates could reduce the CPD's vulnerability to climate shocks.

Originality/value – To the best of the authors' knowledge, this study is the first attempt to examine the short- and long-term impacts of CC on CPD in Bangladesh over 1988–2014. The authors used various econometrics techniques, including the ARDL approach, the Granger causality test based on the vector error correction model framework and the variance decomposition method.

Keywords Bangladesh, ARDL bounds testing, Cereal production, Climatic factors

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1. Introduction

Agriculture is still the largest source of livelihood in developing nations and the backbone of the South Asian economy. South Asia feeds the world's 20% population with merely 5% of the world's agricultural land. The importance of agriculture in South Asia can be estimated from the fact that 70% of its population is living in villages, and agriculture is the main income source for this huge portion (Almazroui *et al.*, 2020; Bandara and Cai, 2014). This region is ranked among the poorest of the world, and a significant proportion of people is suffering from insufficient food (Chandio *et al.*, 2021a). Agriculture production has been increased through several measures, including technological improvements, increased use of fertilizers, improved seeds and utilization of additional cultivation areas. These drivers have improved productivity but caused severe climatic changes, and these changes have a significant connection with the environment and agriculture production (Chandio *et al.*, 2021b). Thus, exploring the impact of climatic and non-climatic factors has substantial importance for developing nations like Bangladesh.

Presently, climate change (CC) is an important issue in both developing and developed countries, and the agriculture sector is more adversely affected by CC in particular (Mackay, 2008). According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (2014) reported that climatic factors, including high temperatures, rainfall, CO₂e and cyclones, are severely affecting all aspects of agriculture, such as production, distribution and food prices. Similarly, the changing frequency and severity of drought and flooding may have an adverse effect on food security (Beggs and Walczyk, 2008; Praveen and Sharma, 2019; Wang *et al.*, 2018; Ziska *et al.*, 2016). Thus, CC is very influential in the agriculture sector, and it is the main threat to all economic sectors around the world (Chandio *et al.*, 2020a; De Vrese *et al.*, 2018; Wang *et al.*, 2018; Yawson *et al.*, 2017).

Bangladesh is extremely vulnerable to CC, mainly due to low and very flat land, the substance being flooded on the shoreline, and its susceptibility to rising sea levels (Alam *et al.*, 2016; Alam, 2015; Islam and Nurseybray, 2017; Sarker *et al.*, 2014). Challenges and natural disasters in the countries of the region, particularly on the coast of Bengal, have resulted from CC. The increased sea level and coastal erosion might lead to a loss of 17% of the country's production and 30% of food production by 2052 (MoA, 2017). The agriculture sector remains the backbone of the Bangladeshi economy since it contributes 19.6% to the gross domestic product (GDP) (MoA, 2017). However, agricultural growth is hindered by several factors such as political, economic and environmental, respectively. Figure 1

presents the trend of per capita CO₂e in Bangladesh from 1985 to 2016. Bangladesh is a low CO₂ emitter country in South Asia compared to India and Pakistan. However, the tendencies of CO₂e is increasing from 0.11 metric tons per capita in 1985 to 0.53 metric tons per capita in 2016 in Bangladesh (Ahmed, 2018; WDI, 2017).

Figure 2 shows the trend of CPD and cultivated area from 1985 to 2016. It indicates that CPD has substantially increased from 24.1 metric tons to 54.3 metric tons during the period from 1985 to 2016. Likewise, the area under cereal cultivation in Bangladesh has fluctuated over the period (WDI, 2017).

Agricultural production is severely affected by the impacts of climatic factors and creating a high risk of food insecurity for the large population of Bangladesh (Islam and Nurseybray, 2017). Crop farming in different regions of Bangladesh is very vulnerable to CC. In Bangladesh, CC is a significant determinant of crop yield inconsistency (Sikder and Xiaoying, 2014). CC significantly affects food and non-food crop yields and efficiency and leads to important changes in agricultural output (Arshad *et al.*, 2018; IPCC, 2014). Furthermore, the farming sector is adversely affected by extreme events of CC, soil salinity in coastal areas and the occurrence of pests and diseases (Rosenzweig *et al.*, 2001). Changes in rainfall patterns and increases in temperatures are already evident in Bangladesh (Shahid, 2011; Shahid *et al.*, 2012). In Bangladesh, the daily average temperature has risen by 0.103°C since over the past four decades (Shahid *et al.*, 2012). The report from the IPCC (2007) suggested that temperature will continue to increase by 1°C by 2030, 1.4°C by 2050 and 2.4°C by 2100 due to global warming in Bangladesh.

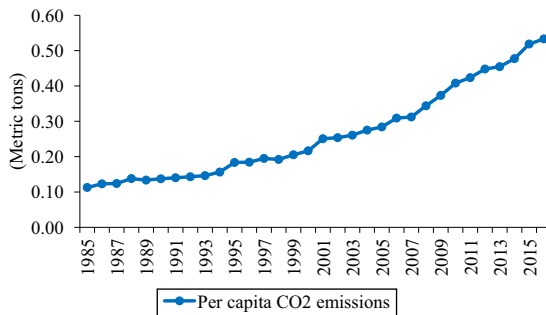


Figure 1. Per capita CO₂ emissions in Bangladesh

Source: World development indicators (2017)

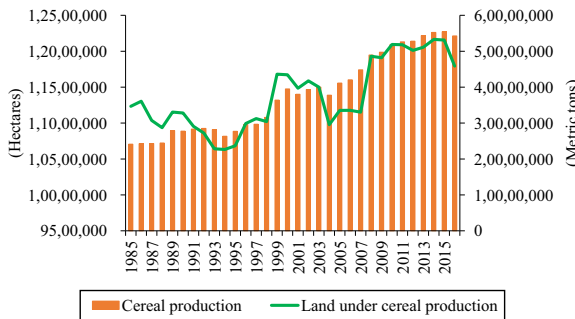


Figure 2. Cereal production and land area in Bangladesh

Source: World development indicators (2017)

Among cereal crops, rice accounts for 95.48% of the country's total grain production, and it is the most affected crop by flood and drought (Hussain, 2011). Land degradation due to sea-level rise negatively affects rice production in many coastal districts of Bangladesh (Dasgupta *et al.*, 2014). The consequences of CC are expected to reduce cumulative agricultural land productivity by -5% to -13% in Bangladesh by 2030 for rice, wheat and CPD (Bandara and Cai, 2014).

Considering the important connection between climate and agricultural productivity, several global studies have examined the connection between CC and crop yields through various methods. Previous investigation on CC and agriculture has been focused on in developed and developing countries (Adams *et al.*, 1995; Adams *et al.*, 1988; Follett, 1993; Reilly *et al.*, 2001). However, in recent years, several studies have addressed the CC impacts on agricultural production in developing countries (Deressa and Hassan, 2009; Haim *et al.*, 2008; Mendelsohn *et al.*, 1999; Molua, 2009; Ochieng *et al.*, 2016; Voortman *et al.*, 1999; Wang *et al.*, 2009). All these studies have shown that agriculture is highly vulnerable to CC.

In a more comprehensive study, Chandio *et al.* (2020a) explored the CC-agricultural output nexus applying the auto-regressive distributive lag (ARDL) approach. Findings revealed that climatic factors such as temperature and rainfall have detrimental effects on agricultural output in the long-run, whereas CO₂e significantly improves agricultural output both in the short- and long-run. More recently, Pickson *et al.* (2020) assessed the impacts of climatic and non-climatic factors on cereals production in China using the ADRL approach, outcomes exhibited that average temperature, temperature variability and CO₂e have adverse effects on CPD both in long- and short-run, whereas, precipitation, cereals area under cultivation, energy used and rural labor force (RLF) improves the cereals production in both cases.

Ahsan *et al.* (2020) examined the CO₂e-CPD nexus in Pakistan, and findings showed that CO₂e has positive effects on CPD in the long-run, while in the short-run, CO₂e has negative effects on it. Further results revealed two-way causality between CO₂e and CPD. This result supports the findings of Sarkodie and Owusu (2017) and Asumadusarkodie and Owusu (2017), who also found two-way causality between cereal crop production and CO₂e in Ghana. Furthermore, Attiaoui and Boufateh (2019) evaluated the effects of climatic factors on CPD in Tunisia. Findings revealed that rainfall has significantly positive effects and increases CPD, whereas temperature significantly hampers CPD. Sossou *et al.* (2020) estimated the impacts of CC on cereal yields in Burkina Faso over the period of 1991–2016. Results showed that temperature adversely affected yield and CPD, while precipitation has a positive effect.

Recent studies also explored that CC has an adverse effect on the atmosphere in Bangladesh. The different climatic variables such as heat, rainfall, moisture and sunshine have significant impacts on the major production of food crops (Chowdhury and Khan, 2015; Hossain *et al.*, 2019; Huq *et al.*, 2015; Masum and Hasan, 2013; Sarker *et al.*, 2012). Ruttan (2002) reported that precipitation and sunlight could potentially alter agricultural productivity, but the gross effect was large in Bangladesh. Chowdhury and Khan (2015) examined the effects of CC on the yield of rice in Bangladesh from 1972–2014 by applying the ordinary least-squares (OLS) method. The results showed that maximum temperature has negative impacts on the yield of rice, whereas precipitation and humidity have positive impacts on the yield of rice in Bangladesh. Sarker *et al.* (2012) assessed the effects of CC variables on the yield of three major rice crops in Bangladesh from 1972–2009 by using the OLS and median (quantile) regression approaches. Findings revealed that maximum temperature has statistically positive impacts on Aus and Aman rice and adversely affected Boro rice, whereas Aman rice is adversely affected by minimum and positively improves

Boro rice. Additionally, results showed that precipitation statistically improves Aus and Aman rice in Bangladesh. Whereas another group of studies (Ahsan *et al.*, 2010; Chowdhury and Khan, 2015; Iqbal and Siddique, 2015; Islam and Nurseybray, 2017; Rehman *et al.*, 2019; Sikder and Xiaoying, 2014) confirmed that CC had a significant effect on agriculture production in Bangladesh.

Based on the above background, the prime purpose of this study is to examine the effects of CC on CPD in the case of Bangladesh. This research work contributes to the existing literature in several ways. First, there is limited literature that examines the short- and long-term impacts of CC on CPD by applying the ARDL method and the vector error correction model (VECM) Granger causality framework in the context of Bangladesh. The present study fills this gap by examining the short- and long-term impacts of climatic factors (via temperature, CO₂e and rainfall) on CPD, with controlling for several non-climatic variables, such as cereal cropped area (CCA), financial development (FD), energy consumption (EC) and labor force, respectively, by using the ARDL model. Second, the VECM Granger-causality framework is used to discover the short-run causal connections amid the selected variables, which makes this investigation unique compared to earlier studies. Third, the variance decomposition method (VDM) is estimated to verify the certainty of the causal linkages between the chosen variables. The dynamic associations between the study variables are displayed in Figure 3.

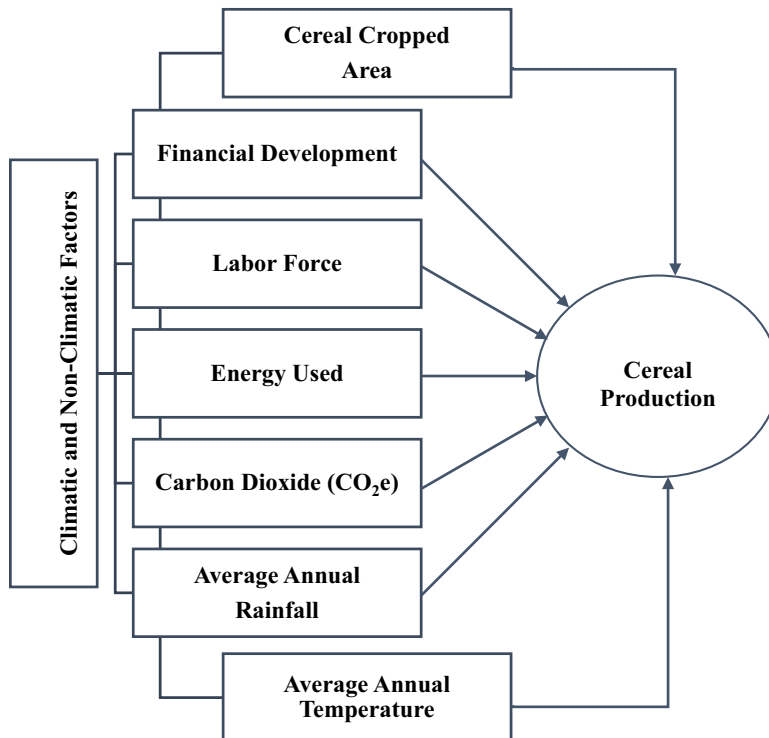


Figure 3. Dynamic interactions between the study variables.

2. Methodology

2.1 Data and model specification

The present study uses annual data from the period 1988–2014. For estimation purposes, this study selected climatic and non-climatic variables such as average annual temperature (AAT), average annual rainfall (AAR), carbon dioxide (CO_{2e}), CCA, domestic credit to the private sector as a proxy of FD, energy use per capita, rural population as a proxy of the RLF and CPD. The description of the variables is reported in the [Appendix \(Table A1\)](#).

The summary statistics and correlation results are reported in the [Appendix \(Table A2\)](#). The average value and corresponding long-term mean for CPD is 17.42 (0.26); temperature, 3.23 (0.01); rainfall, 5.15 (0.42); CO_{2e}, 10.35 (0.53); CCA, 16.24 (0.04); FD, 3.15 (0.37); energy used, 5.05 (0.21); RLF, 4.32 (0.05). Table A2 also displays the correlation results, indicating that rainfall, CO_{2e}, CCA, FD and energy used positively and strongly correlate with CPD, while temperature positively but weakly correlated with CPD. In addition, the labor force negatively correlated with CPD. The trend of climatic and non-climatic variables is shown in [Figure S1](#).

In the past, a few studies have been carried out to investigate the potential impact of CC on crop production in Bangladesh ([Hossain et al., 2019](#); [Sarker et al., 2012, 2014](#)). The present study is an interesting addition to available literature to assess the short- and long-term impacts of climatic variables, namely, temperature, precipitation and CO₂ emissions, on CPD. To the best of our knowledge, the ARDL approach is used for the first time to investigate CC factors (i.e. emissions CO₂, temperature and rainfall) affecting CPD using the time series data set from 1988 to 2014 for Bangladesh. To check the direction and validity of the causal relationship between the variables, this study also used the VECM-based Granger causality test. Therefore, this study is a valuable work from the Bangladeshi perspective and provides interesting findings for policymakers.

The general form of CPD function can be expressed as follows:

$$CPD_t = f(AAT_t, AAR_t, CO_{2t}, CCA_t, FD_t, EC_t, RLF_t) \quad (1)$$

where CPD represents cereal production, AAT refers to average annual temperature, AAR is average annual rainfall, CO₂ indicates the carbon dioxide emissions, CCA is cereal cropped area, FD stands for financial development, EC shows the energy consumption, RLF is rural labor force and *t* denotes the period (years). All the study variables are taken in their natural logarithm form, and the linear model is constructed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \log CPD_t = & Y_0 + Y_1 \log AAT_t + Y_2 \log AAR_t + Y_3 \log CO_{2t} + Y_4 \log CCA_t + Y_5 \log FD_t \\ & + Y_6 \log EC_t + Y_7 \log RLF_t + \varepsilon_t \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4, Y_5, Y_6, Y_7$ represent the coefficients to be estimated, Y_0 is the intercept, and ε_t refers to the error term.

The reasons for using $\log CPD, \log AAT, \log AAR, \log CO_{2e}, \log CCA, \log FD, \log EC$ and $\log RLF$ in [equation \(2\)](#) are specified as follows. Numerous scholars have analyzed the interconnections between climatic factors and CPD in different regions of the world ([Ahsan et al., 2020](#); [Chowdhury and Khan, 2015](#); [Guntukula, 2020](#); [Pickson et al., 2020](#); [Warsame et al., 2021](#)). Based on the prior results, AAT and CO_{2e} negatively affects CPD ([Ahmad et al., 2020](#); [Attiaoui and Boufateh, 2019](#); [Boansi, 2017](#); [Pickson et al., 2020](#)), while AAR is projected to exert a positive impact on CPD ([Anh et al., 2020](#); [Chandio et al., 2020b](#); [Warsame et al., 2021](#)). Several authors ([Shahbaz et al., 2013](#); [Anh et al., 2020](#); [Zakaria et al., 2019](#)) suggested that domestic credit to the private sector is a suitable proxy for FD, and it plays a significant role to boost agricultural production. In the current study, we have introduced other non-climatic as important factors of CPD, including CCA, EC and RLF. Several previous scholars ([Chandio](#)

et al., 2019; Inumula *et al.*, 2020; Warsame *et al.*, 2021) also incorporated these non-climatic factors into their model.

2.2 Auto-regressive distributive lag modeling approach

The present study uses the ARDL approach with the help of unrestricted VECM to discover the long-term association between temperature, rainfall, CO₂e, CCA, FD, energy used, labor force and CPD in Bangladesh. This approach is primarily developed by Pesaran and Shin (1998) and Pesaran *et al.* (2001). As compared to other co-integrations, the ARDL method has a couple of advantages, such as it can be used irrespective of whether the series is purely co-integrated at the $I(0)$, $I(1)$, or mutually and estimated small sample properties (Pesaran *et al.*, 2001; Shahbaz *et al.*, 2013). Following the previous studies (Ahmed *et al.*, 2021; Ali *et al.*, 2019; Anh *et al.*, 2020; Eregha *et al.*, 2014; Omoregie *et al.*, 2018; Raifu and Aminu, 2019; Zhai *et al.*, 2017), the ARDL model is constructed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \log CPD_t = & \psi_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{1i} \Delta \log CPD_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{2i} \Delta \log AAT_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{3i} \Delta \log AAR_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{4i} \Delta \log CO_{2t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{5i} \Delta \log CCA_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{6i} \Delta \log FD_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{7i} \Delta \log EC_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{8i} \Delta \log RLF_{t-i} + \lambda_1 \log CPD_{t-1} + \lambda_2 \log AAT_{t-1} \\ & + \lambda_3 \log AAR_{t-1} + \lambda_4 \log CO_{2t-1} + \lambda_5 \log CCA_{t-1} + \lambda_6 \log FD_{t-1} + \lambda_7 \log EC_{t-1} \\ & + \lambda_8 \log RLF_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where Ψ_0 refers to the constant, ε_t denotes the error term, the first part of the equation presents the error correction dynamics and the second part of the equation indicates the long-term association. We used the ARDL-bound F -stat to examine the long-term association between temperature, rainfall, CO₂ emissions, CCA, FD, energy used, labor force and CPD. The null hypothesis of no long-term co-integration between the variables is rejected if the calculated F -stat exceeds the value of the critical upper bound. If the computed F -stat is below the lower critical bound, then the null hypothesis of no long-term co-integration is accepted. In addition, if the F -stat falls between both upper and lower critical bounds, then the obtained outcomes are said to be inconclusive. The short-run dynamics and the error correction term can be derived by using the following ARDL model:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \log CPD_t = & \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{1i} \Delta \log CPD_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{2i} \Delta \log AAT_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{3i} \Delta \log AAR_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{4i} \Delta \log CO_{2t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{5i} \Delta \log CCA_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{6i} \Delta \log FD_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{7i} \Delta \log EC_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{8i} \Delta \log RLF_{t-i} + \eta ECM_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

3. Empirical results and discussions

3.1 Unit root tests results

For checking the stationary of the study variables, we used the augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) and Phillips and Perron (PP) unit root tests, and obtained results are reported in Table 1. First, both unit root tests are applied on their level of the study variables and then on the first difference. The results of both the ADF and PP tests in Table 3 demonstrated that all variables are stationary at the first difference $I(1)$. Thus, these tests suggest that to use the ARDL model.

3.2 Cointegration testing results

For exploring the long-term connections between the variables, we applied the ARDL bound testing method. The results are presented in Table 2. The obtained results of the ARDL bound testing

Variables	ADF test statistic		PP test statistics	
	Level	First difference	Level	First difference
logCPD	-3.9601	-5.3380***	-3.2380	-5.0593***
logAAT	-0.3352	-4.9812***	-0.8022	-7.7925***
logAAR	-0.1301	-8.1540***	-0.5467	-5.4618***
logCO _{2e}	-3.1605	-4.5748***	-3.7415	-6.3527***
logCCA	-0.9805	-4.8331***	-2.3307	-5.2203***
logFD	-4.0699	-5.1468***	-3.6821	-5.5223***
logEC	-1.7750	-6.2606***	-1.6161	-6.5590***
logRLF	-1.5927	-5.5899***	-0.5780	-4.5131***

Table 1.
Unit root test results **Note:** ***shows the significance at 1%

Dependent variable	Estimated models	Lag order	F-statistics
logCPD	$F_{\log\text{CPD}}(\log\text{CPD}/\log\text{AAT}, \log\text{AAR}, \log\text{CO}_2, \log\text{CCA}, \log\text{FD}, \log\text{EC}, \log\text{RLF})$	(1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1)	5.3450***
logAAT	$F_{\log\text{AAT}}(\log\text{AAT}/\log\text{CPD}, \log\text{AAR}, \log\text{CO}_2, \log\text{CCA}, \log\text{FD}, \log\text{EC}, \log\text{RLF})$	(1, 2, 2, 2, 0, 1, 2, 2)	1.6286
logAAR	$F_{\log\text{AAR}}(\log\text{AAR}/\log\text{AAT}, \log\text{CPD}, \log\text{CO}_2, \log\text{CCA}, \log\text{FD}, \log\text{EC}, \log\text{RLF})$	(1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 0, 2, 1)	6.9821***
logCO _{2e}	$F_{\log\text{CO}_2}(\log\text{CO}_2/\log\text{AAR}, \log\text{AAT}, \log\text{CPD}, \log\text{CCA}, \log\text{FD}, \log\text{EC}, \log\text{RLF})$	(1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)	4.5841**
logCCA	$F_{\log\text{CCA}}(\log\text{CCA}/\log\text{CO}_2, \log\text{AAR}, \log\text{AAT}, \log\text{CPD}, \log\text{FD}, \log\text{EC}, \log\text{RLF})$	(1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2)	6.9919***
logFD	$F_{\log\text{FD}}(\log\text{FD}/\log\text{CCA}, \log\text{CO}_2, \log\text{AAR}, \log\text{AAT}, \log\text{CPD}, \log\text{EC}, \log\text{RLF})$	(1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2)	6.9169***
logEC	$F_{\log\text{EC}}(\log\text{EC}/\log\text{FD}, \log\text{CCA}, \log\text{CO}_2, \log\text{AAR}, \log\text{AAT}, \log\text{CPD}, \log\text{RLF})$	(1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)	8.2958***
logRLF	$F_{\log\text{RLF}}(\log\text{RLF}/\log\text{EC}, \log\text{FD}, \log\text{CCA}, \log\text{CO}_2, \log\text{AAR}, \log\text{AAT}, \log\text{CPD})$	(1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1)	22.4935***
Significance		Lower bound	Upper bound
1%		3.31	3.45
5%		2.98	3.83
10%		2.38	4.63

Table 2.
ARDL-Bounds testing results **Note:** ***, ** and * show the significance at 1, 5 and 10%, respectively

Variables	Coefficient	Standard error	<i>t</i> -statistic	Prob.
<i>Panel A: Estimated long-term coefficients</i>				
logAAT	0.0735	0.3640	0.2021	0.8497
logAAR	0.1083***	0.0234	4.6115	0.0099
logCO ₂	-1.5840**	0.4423	-3.5811	0.0231
logCCA	1.5341***	0.2419	6.3412	0.0032
logFD	0.7984**	0.2154	3.7064	0.0207
logEC	0.0680	0.7276	0.0935	0.9300
logRLF	1.2103	2.1586	0.5607	0.6049
C	-2.6577	6.6415	-0.4001	0.7095
@TREND	0.0966***	0.0184	5.2508	0.0063
<i>Panel B: Estimated short-term coefficients</i>				
DlogCPD(-1)	0.3152*	0.1360	2.3182	0.0813
DlogAAT	-0.3263*	0.1295	-2.5189	0.0654
DlogAAT(-1)	0.5121**	0.1434	3.5697	0.0234
DlogAAT(-2)	-0.1354	0.1646	-0.8227	0.4569
DlogAAR	0.0538***	0.0056	9.5649	0.0007
DlogAAR(-1)	-0.0154*	0.0062	-2.4722	0.0688
DlogAAR(-2)	0.0357***	0.0059	6.0200	0.0038
DlogCO ₂	-0.4945***	0.0784	-6.3025	0.0032
DlogCO ₂ (-1)	-0.0996	0.0572	-1.7406	0.1567
DlogCO ₂ (-2)	-0.4903***	0.0657	-7.4604	0.0017
DlogCCA	1.5810***	0.1021	15.4772	0.0001
DlogCCA(-1)	-0.6734**	0.2571	-2.6183	0.0589
DlogCCA(-2)	0.1428	0.0714	1.9976	0.1164
DlogFD	0.3701***	0.0518	7.1416	0.0020
DlogFD(-1)	0.0772	0.0387	1.9942	0.1169
DlogFD(-2)	0.0993	0.0467	2.1233	0.1010
DlogEC	0.3923**	0.1479	2.6524	0.0568
DlogEC(-1)	-0.6656***	0.1355	-4.9109	0.0080
DlogEC(-2)	0.3199	0.3037	1.0534	0.3515
DlogRLF	-6.2855	3.1951	-1.9672	0.1205
DlogRLF(-1)	7.1143**	2.4185	2.9415	0.0423
C	-1.8198	4.2621	-0.4269	0.6914
D@TREND	0.0661***	0.0046	14.1838	0.0001
CointEq(- 1)	-0.6847***	0.1360	-5.0344	0.0073
<i>Panel C: Diagnostic tests</i>				
Test statistics	Statistic value		Prob.	
Serial correlation	1.4507		0.2844	
Normality	0.8971		0.6385	
ARCH	3.5658		0.2397	
Ramsey	0.9934		0.3924	

Note: ***, ** and * show the significance at 1, 5 and 10%, respectively

Table 3.
Estimated long- and
short-term results

approach in [Table 3](#) exhibited that the calculated *F*-statistics 5.3450, 6.9821, 4.5841, 6.9919, 6.9169, 8.2958 and 22.4935 are higher than the upper bound critical value at 1% and 5% significance level. Therefore, these results confirm that there is a strong long-term connection among temperature, rainfall, CO₂ emissions, CCA, FD, energy used, labor force and CPD. For robustness purposes, we also used the Johansen cointegration test. The results are shown in the [Appendix \(Table A3\)](#). The results of this test also confirm a long-term cointegration connection among temperature, rainfall, CO₂ emissions, CCA, FD, energy use, labor force and CPD. The trace statistic, as well as the Max-Eigen statistic, show six cointegrating equations at 1% significance level.

3.3 Long- and short-term results of the auto-regressive distributive lag model

In the present study, we found a long-term cointegration connection among the study variables. Further, we derived the long- and short-term estimates of temperature, rainfall, CO₂e, CCA, FD, energy use, RLF and CPD using the ARDL method. The long- and short-term results of the ARDL approach are reported in Table 3. The summary of the long-term relationship between the variables is demonstrated in Figure 4.

The findings reveal that climatic variables such as temperature and rainfall have a positive impact on CPD in the long-term. The long-term coefficients of both temperature and rainfall show that a 1% increase in temperature and rainfall will increase CPD by about 0.07% and 0.10%. These results are similar to the results of Ammani *et al.* (2013), Chandio *et al.* (2020b), Guntukula (2020), Khan *et al.* (2019) and Sossou *et al.* (2020), who reported that average temperature and average rainfall have a significantly positive impact on CPD. On the other hand, Chandio *et al.* (2020c), Khan *et al.* (2019) and Warsame *et al.* (2021) found that temperature has a negative effect on CPD. Similarly, CO₂e has a significantly negative impact on it. The long-term coefficient of CO₂e indicates that a 1% increase in global CC will decrease CPD by 1.58%. This result is similar to the findings of Chandio *et al.* (2020c), Eshete *et al.* (2020), Qureshi *et al.* (2016) and Sossou *et al.* (2020), who also found that CO₂e has a negative effect on CPD.

Results further show that non-climatic variables such as CCA and FD have a significantly positive impact on CPD in the long-term. The long-term coefficients of CCA and FD show that a 1% increase in CCA and FD will enhance CPD by 1.53% and 0.79%. These results are similar to the findings of Afrin *et al.* (2017), Agbodji and Johnson (2019), Ammani (2012), Shahbaz *et al.* (2013), Yazdi and Khanalizadeh (2014) and Zakaria *et al.* (2019), who found that FD has a significantly positive impact on agricultural production.

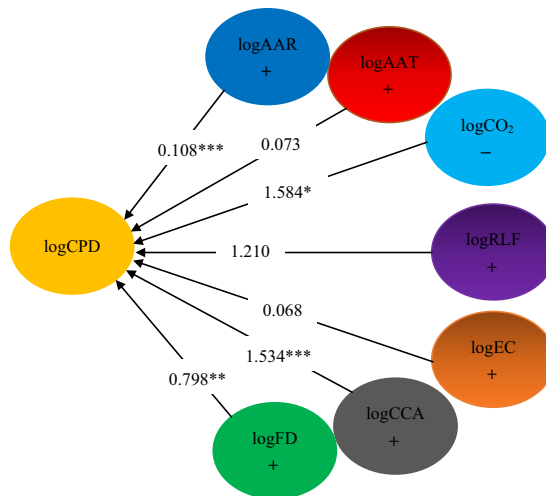


Figure 4. Summary of the long-term relationship between the variables

Note: ***, ** and * show the significance at 1%, 5%, and 10% level, respectively. + sign indicates positive association and – sign indicates negative association among variables

The short-term results of the ARDL method are also provided in [Table 3](#). Climatic factors include temperature and CO_{2e}, have significantly negative effects on CPD, while rainfall has a significantly positive effect on CPD in the short-run. The short-term coefficients of climatic factors such as temperature, CO_{2e} and rainfall show that with a 1% increase in temperature, CO_{2e} and rainfall will decrease CPD by 0.32%, 0.49% and increase by 0.05%, respectively. In Bangladesh, CC has brought massive threats to the agricultural sector. Due to the geographical location, Bangladesh is a more vulnerable country to CC ([Hasnisah et al., 2019](#)). [Alam and Islam \(2018\)](#) reported that rising temperatures and flooding are more likely to decline the yield of major food crops in the southwestern coastal regions of Bangladesh. In addition, non-climatic factors such as CCA, FD and EC have a significantly positive effect on CPD in the short-run. The short-run coefficients of non-climatic factors indicate that with a 1% increase in CCA, FD and EC will improve CPD by 1.58%, 0.37% and 0.39%, respectively.

To check the validity and consistency of the ARDL model, we used various diagnostics tests include serial correlation, normality, heteroscedasticity, functional form, the cumulative sum of recursive residuals (CUSUM) and cumulative sum of the square of recursive residuals (CUSUMSQ). Results of these tests are provided in [Table 3](#), indicating that the findings of the ARDL model are valid and robust. [Figures S2](#) and [S3](#) show that the ARDL model is also stable.

3.4 Results of vector error correction model approach

The long-term connectivity is an indication of at least one side causality relationship among variables. To check the direction and validity of causal relationship, this study applied VECM-based Granger causality. The results are reported in [Table 4](#), and the first column describes the dependent variables. The values of the CPD model confirm that a significant two-way causal association is running from all variables to CPD except average temperature and rainfall (see [Figure 5](#)). The connection between CPD and temperature is unidirectional, showing that CPD is influenced by temperature. Therefore, the causal estimations are in the lines of ARDL results, indicating a significant association of independent variables with CPD. The results of the remaining models indicate a unidirectional causality exists among CPD, rainfall and EC to average temperature. Likewise, temperature, FD, EC and labor force link are significant with rainfall. The connection between EC and rainfall is two-way.

Using CO_{2e} as the dependent variable, the outcomes show a bidirectional link among CPD, FD, energy use and CO_{2e}. However, causality between labor and CO_{2e} is unidirectional, and this link runs both ways between crop area and CPD, and a unidirectional link is significant for the labor force and crop area. Similarly, CPD, CO_{2e}, EC and labor force are connected with FD. On the same note, all variables have a causal link with EC. Finally, CPD and EC have a significant causal link with the labor force. Overall, results of both main and supplementary models indicate that variables share significant one-way and two-way causal relationships among each other. These outcomes are robust and support the main model findings that rainfall, temperature, energy use, FD and labor force have a significant connection with CPD of Bangladesh under VECM causal estimations.

3.5 Results of variance decomposition approach

This paper used the generalized forecast error VDM using the VAR system to test the strength and verify the certainty of the causal relationships between our main variables. The main feature of this method is that it is insensitive to the ordering of the variables, which is uniquely determined by the VAR system; further, it is able to estimate simultaneous shock effects. The estimated results are reported in [Table 5](#). The

Table 4.
VECM-based ganger
causality estimates

Dependent variable	Independent variables							
	$\Delta \log \text{CPD}$	$\Delta \log \text{AAT}$	$\Delta \log \text{AAR}$	$\Delta \log \text{CO}_2$	$\Delta \log \text{CCA}$	$\Delta \log \text{FD}$	$\Delta \log \text{EC}$	$\Delta \log \text{RLF}$
$\Delta \log \text{CPD}$	—	21.1024*** (0.0000)	1.4116 (0.4937)	8.0542*** (0.0178)	7.9813*** (0.0185)	15.6435*** (0.0004)	6.2682** (0.0435)	9.3128*** (0.0095)
$\Delta \log \text{AAT}$	0.0687 (0.9662)	—	0.5231 (0.7699)	2.3044 (0.3159)	0.6435 (0.7249)	2.4445 (0.2946)	0.3565 (0.8367)	0.6760 (0.7132)
$\Delta \log \text{AAR}$	3.9552 (0.1384)	7.5423** (0.0230)	—	0.7693 (0.6807)	1.6525 (0.4377)	9.3659*** (0.0033)	9.7205*** (0.0077)	5.3780* (0.0679)
$\Delta \log \text{CO}_2$	5.7682* (0.0559)	2.0088 (0.3663)	1.3643 (0.5055)	—	1.9044 (0.3859)	4.6251* (0.0990)	4.8001* (0.0907)	0.1193 (0.9421)
$\Delta \log \text{CCA}$	5.5133* (0.0635)	4.5625 (0.1022)	0.2623 (0.8770)	4.0791 (0.1301)	—	2.4868 (0.2884)	3.6491 (0.1613)	5.9282* (0.0516)
$\Delta \log \text{FD}$	6.0425** (0.0487)	4.4589 (0.1076)	1.1790 (0.5546)	8.9004*** (0.0117)	4.0759 (0.1303)	—	9.1184*** (0.0105)	7.7731** (0.0205)
$\Delta \log \text{EC}$	7.8780*** (0.0195)	13.0875*** (0.0014)	7.2685** (0.0264)	7.8173** (0.0201)	2.7960 (0.2471)	7.6259** (0.0221)	—	21.7438*** (0.0000)
$\Delta \log \text{RLF}$	8.3810*** (0.0151)	1.3315 (0.5139)	3.9284 (0.1403)	0.7112 (0.7018)	3.5403 (0.1703)	2.2941 (0.3176)	4.6944* (0.0956)	—

Note: ***, ** and * show the significance at 1, 5 and 10%, respectively

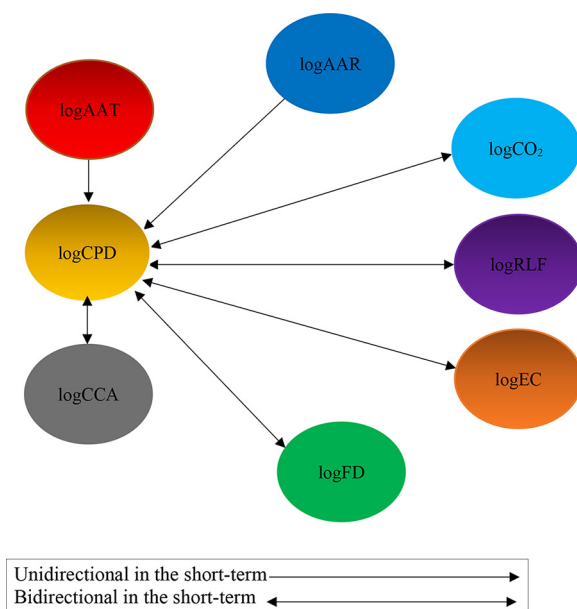


Figure 5. Short-term causality analysis

Variance decomposition of logCPD

Period	S.E.	logCPD	logAAT	logAAR	logCO ₂	logCCA	logFD	logEC	logRLF
1	0.033	100.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2	0.072	36.440	42.438	2.230	4.341	12.778	1.399	0.076	0.295
3	0.091	28.828	54.525	1.438	3.002	10.749	0.895	0.223	0.335
4	0.102	23.520	61.848	1.161	2.728	9.458	0.725	0.250	0.306
5	0.112	19.586	63.885	1.411	4.920	8.498	1.088	0.354	0.254
6	0.120	17.120	60.651	2.399	8.736	8.530	2.024	0.313	0.222
7	0.124	15.893	57.530	3.114	10.880	9.565	2.509	0.291	0.214
8	0.129	14.854	54.904	3.842	12.082	10.943	2.853	0.308	0.209
9	0.136	13.954	53.102	4.538	12.774	12.089	3.035	0.304	0.199
10	0.146	13.343	52.551	4.848	12.954	12.863	2.972	0.268	0.196

Table 5. Variance decomposition results

decomposition of CPD shows that temperature is the most significant factor among others related to CPD. Environment and crop area is also notable and rainfall, as well as FD, comes after it. EC and labor are the least contributing factors; however, both variables indicate an increasing trend. Overall, the magnitude of contribution varies among variables, but all of them are associated with CPD.

4. Conclusions, recommendations and limitations

Bangladesh has a vast population with inadequate land area, while the annual growth rate of the population is 1.05% (WB, 2019). Every year, with increasing industrialization, urbanization and population, agricultural land decreases by around 1% (Alauddin and Biswas, 2014). In addition to these massive challenges, CC has also brought additional

hazards to the farming sector of Bangladesh. Therefore, this study assessed the impacts of climatic and non-climatic factors on CPD in Bangladesh over the period of 1988–2014 by using the ARDL model.

The empirical evidence exhibits a stable long-term connection among all considered variables. The long-term estimates of the ARDL model showed that climatic factors, including temperature and rainfall, have positive impacts on CPD, while CO₂ emissions have significantly negative impacts on it. Results further indicated that non-climatic factors like CCA, FD, EC and labor force also have positive impacts on CPD. The short-term estimates of the ARDL model based on ECM indicated that climatic factors such as temperature and CO₂ emissions have significantly negative impacts on CPD, whereas rainfall has significant positive impacts on it. In addition, non-climatic factors like CCA, FD and EC have significantly positive impacts on CPD.

Furthermore, the Granger causality approach under VECM is used to check the direction of the relationship among all study variables. The results of the main model indicated that a significant two-way causal association is running from all variables to CPD except temperature and rainfall. The connection between CPD and temperature is unidirectional, showing that the production of cereal is influenced by temperature. All other variables also have a valid and significant causal link among each other.

This study found that temperature negatively impacted CPD in the long-term. Therefore, the long-term policies should focus on short-term preparedness and planning to counter the temperature impacts in the long-term. In this regard, the planning on the frequency of irrigation, type of fertilizers to be used and selection of breed of the seed may help counter the long-term negative impacts of the temperature. Moreover, the negative impact of CO₂e in the long- and short-term implies that carbon concentrations are higher than the desired levels in the study area. Therefore, more plantation is required to reduce the carbon impacts in the short-and long-term.

There is no research without limitations, and therefore, there is always room for improvement. This research has taken two non-climate factors, including FD and EC, which were argued to be the most critical non-climate factors of CPD. However, there could be several other non-climate factors that might potentially impact CPD. The present research has not included those factors for underlying reasons. First, the inclusion of more variables in the model consumes the degree of freedom to estimate the parameters and thus could lead to poor estimates. Second, the inclusion of more control variables could shift the focus of this research away from the core climate factors of CPD. Therefore, future studies should solve these problems in the following ways. First, long time series data or, alternatively, panel data should be considered to solve the problem of the degree of freedom loss. Second, the control variables should be used in alternative models to provide inter-modeling comparisons of the impacts of those non-climate factors on CPD. Besides, future studies should assess the effects of CC factors (maximum and minimum temperatures, and precipitation) on major food and non-food crops yield by using time series data since this study inspected the impact of CC factors (emissions CO₂, average temperature and average rainfall) on CPD in Bangladesh by using the ARDL approach.

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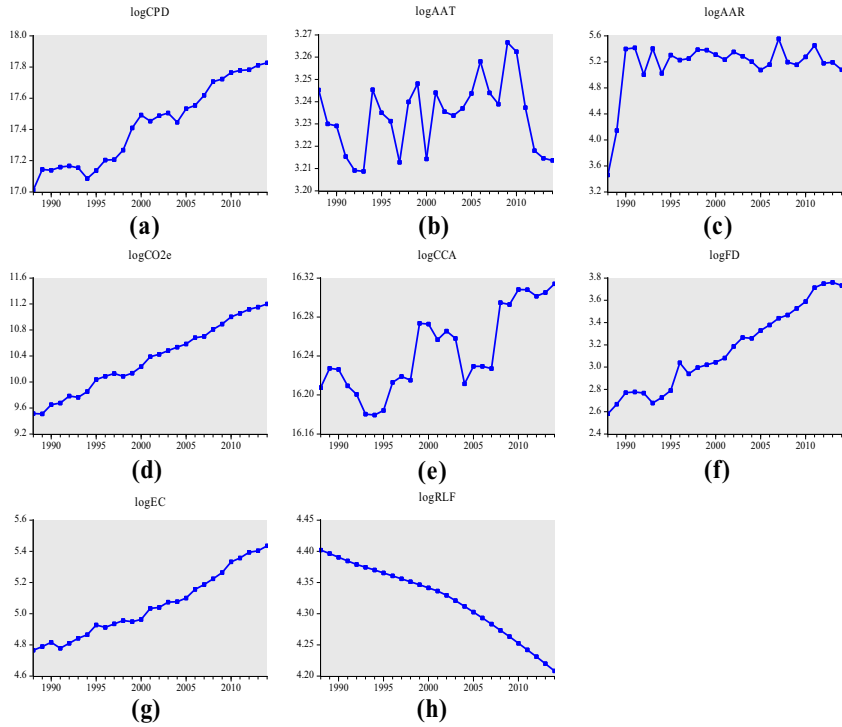


Figure A1.
Visual plot of study variables

Notes: (a) log of cereal production; (b) log of average annual temperature; (c) log of average annual rainfall, (d) log of carbon dioxide (CO₂e);(e) log of cereal cropped area; (f) log of financial development; (g) log of energy consumption;(h) log of rural labor force

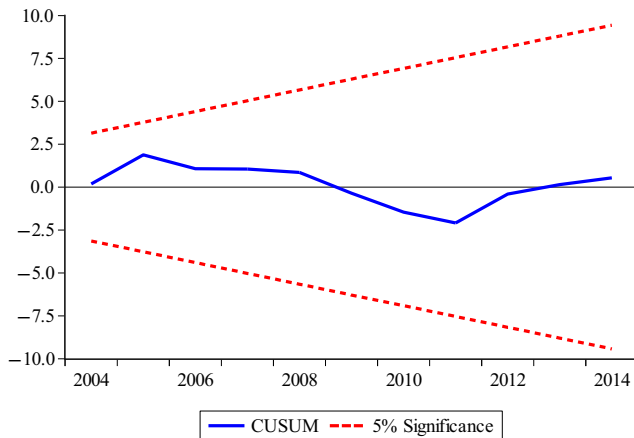


Figure A2.
Plot of CUSUM test

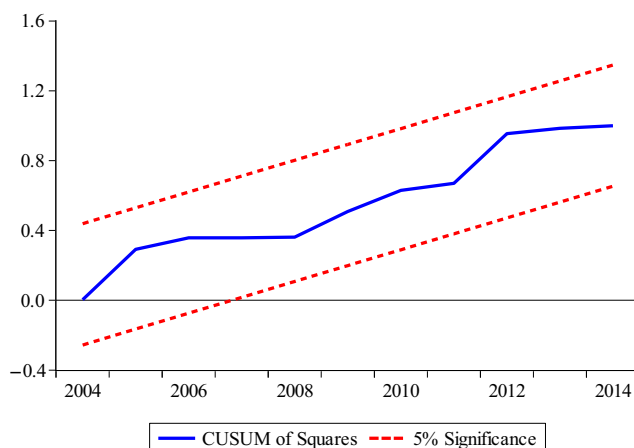


Figure A3.
Plot of CUSUM of
squares test

Variables	Unit	Sources
Cereal production	metric tons	WDI
Average annual temperature	degree celsius	CCKPWB
Average annual rainfall	millimeter (mm)	CCKPWB
Carbon dioxide	kt	WDI
Cereal cropped area	hectares	WDI
Domestic credit to private sector	% of GDP	WDI
Energy use per capita	kg of oil equivalent	WDI
Rural population	% of total population	WDI

Note: WDI denotes the World Development Indicators and CCKPWB represents the Climate Change Knowledge Portal of World Bank

Table A1.
Description of the
selected study
variables

Table A2.
Descriptive statistics
and correlation
analysis

	logCPD	logAAT	logAAR	logCO ₂ e	logCCA	logFD	logEC	logRLF
Mean	17.42841	3.2337	5.1509	10.3514	16.2448	3.1583	5.0511	4.3215
Median	17.45387	3.2355	5.2329	10.3876	16.2293	3.0809	5.0340	4.3361
Maximum	17.8272	3.2666	5.5541	11.2008	16.3140	3.7612	5.4347	4.4018
Minimum	17.0121	3.2087	3.4590	9.5070	16.1794	2.5813	4.7655	4.2082
Std. dev.	0.2623	0.0161	0.4220	0.5315	0.0432	0.3745	0.2112	0.0578
Skewness	0.0720	0.0917	-2.9619	0.0306	0.2145	0.1780	0.4001	-0.4684
Kurtosis	1.6116	2.2511	11.6817	1.8143	1.7359	1.7750	1.9368	2.0280
Jarque-Bera	2.1918	0.6687	24.2734	1.5857	2.0046	1.8306	1.9921	2.0502
Probability	0.3342	0.7157	0.0001	0.4525	0.3670	0.4003	0.3693	0.3587
Observations	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
logCPD	1							
logAAT	0.1969 (0.3249)	1						
logAAR	0.3474* (0.0758)	-0.0909 (0.6520)	1					
logCO ₂ e	0.9692*** (0.0000)	0.2061 (0.3023)	0.3733** (0.0551)	1				
logCCA	0.8842*** (0.0000)	0.1277 (0.5253)	0.1748 (0.3832)	0.8004*** (0.000)	1			
logFD	0.9751*** (0.0000)	0.1864 (0.3517)	0.3522* (0.0716)	0.9868*** (0.0000)	0.8277*** (0.0000)	1		
logEC	0.9641*** (0.0000)	0.1849 (0.3557)	0.3056 (0.1211)	0.9875*** (0.0000)	0.8223*** (0.0000)	0.9832*** (0.0000)	1	
logRLF	-0.9656*** (0.0000)	-0.1439 (0.4737)	-0.3086 (0.1173)	-0.9838*** (0.0000)	-0.8155*** (0.0000)	-0.9833*** (0.0000)	-0.9953*** (0.0000)	1

Notes: logCPD, logAAT, logAAR, logCO₂e, logCCA, logFD, logEC and logRLF denote the log of cereal production, log of average annual temperature, log of average annual rainfall, log of carbon dioxide (CO₂e), log of cereal cropped area, log of financial development, log of energy consumption and log of rural labor force, respectively. ***, **, * and * show the significance at 1, 5 and 10%, respectively

Table A3.

Cointegration testing
results

No. of CE(s)	Trace statistic value	Prob.	Max-eigen statistic value	Prob.
None	452.3480***	0.0000	146.0719***	0.0000
At most 1	306.2761***	0.0000	99.7662***	0.0000
At most 2	206.5099***	0.0000	74.7951***	0.0000
At most 3	131.7148***	0.0000	51.7915***	0.0002
At most 4	79.92320***	0.0000	37.7760***	0.0018
At most 5	42.14719***	0.0012	27.0966***	0.0064
At most 6	15.05051	0.0582	13.2251	0.0725
At most 7	1.825362	0.1767	1.8253	0.1767

Note: ***shows the significance at 1%

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