Global Economic Models: Up- and Downstream Linkages

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Key policy-relevant questions

- What is the future of agricultural prices?
- How will agricultural production and food consumption evolve?
- How will climate change impacts and mitigation affect...
 - Prices
 - Land use
 - Trade
 - Undernourishment

What can AgMIP global economic models deliver? (as input for crop models and regional economic models)

- Changes in production, area, global and regional prices, demand, trade
 - For 5 major crop groups (wheat, coarse grains, rice, oilseeds, sugar) and major world regions
 - For meat and dairy products
 - Other crops: e.g. fruits & vegetables (by selected models)

Further outputs (work in progress):

- Food security and inequality:
 - within-country income inequality
 - number of people affected by hunger
 - health impact from food consumption
- Changes in input use and input prices (e.g. fertilizer, chemicals, capital, wages, energy, land, carbon)

Modeling climate impacts on agriculture: linking biophysical and economic effects (AgMIP Phase 1)



Source: Nelson et al., PNAS (2014)

AgMIP Global Economics (Phase 1)

10 global economic modeling groups participated

- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences GTEM
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN ENVISAGE
- International Food Policy Research Institute IMPACT
- International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis GLOBIOM
- LEI Wageningen UR MAGNET
- MIT EPPA
- National Institute for Environmental Studies (Japan) AIM
- Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research MAgPIE
- PNNL/Maryland Joint Global Change Research Institute GCAM
- USDA Economic Research Service FARM
- [Note: JRC CAPRI team ran all scenarios after Phase 1]

Climate change impacts in 2050 (Phase 1)

(percent change **relative to baseline** without climate change in 2050, 2 GCMs x 5 crop models)



AgMIP Global Economics (Phase 2.1)

5 global economic modeling groups contributed to USDA poverty report:

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- LEI Wageningen UR MAGNET
- Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research MAgPIE
- Purdue University/Global Trade Analysis Project & Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN ENVISAGE
- USDA Economic Research Service FARM

Source: Wiebe et al., ERL 2015

Scenario definition

(3 GCMs x 1 crop model (LPJmL))

Scenario	SSP	Climate	GCM	Trade policy	Economic model
1.0	SSP 1	No change	none	No change	ENVISAGE, FARM, IMPACT,
1.1		RCP 4.5	HadGEM		MAGNET, MAgPIE
1.2			IPSL		
1.3			MIROC	1	
1.4			HadGEM	Liberalized	ENV, FAR, MGN, MGP
2.0	SSP 2	No change	none	No change	ENVISAGE, FARM, IMPACT,
2.1		RCP 6.0	HadGEM		MAGNET, MAgPIE
2.2			IPSL	1	
2.3			MIROC		
3.0	SSP 3	No change	none	No change	ENVISAGE, FARM, IMPACT,
3.1		RCP 8.5	HadGEM	1	MAGNET, MAgPIE
3.2			IPSL		
3.3			MIROC		
3.4			HadGEM	Restricted	ENV, FAR, MGN, MGP

Source: Wiebe et al., ERL 2015

For this paper: simplified representation of Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)

Population, GDP and agricultural productivity assumptions by SSP (annual percentage change, 2010 – 2050)



Source: IIASA; OECD; Wiebe et al. ERL 2015

Exogenous impacts on crop yields



Baseline results for SSP1, 2 and 3

Baseline increases in global yields, area, production, consumption, exports, imports and prices of coarse grains, rice, wheat, oilseeds and sugar in 2050 (% change relative to 2005 values)



Source: Wiebe et al., ERL 2015

Climate change impacts in 2050

Climate change impacts on global yields, area, production, consumption, exports, imports and prices of coarse grains, rice, wheat, oilseeds and sugar in 2050 (% change relative to 2050 baseline values) (3 GCMs x 1 crop model, LPJmL)



Source: Wiebe et al., ERL 2015

Climate change impacts and trade

Impacts of climate change and trade policy on yields, area, production, exports and prices of five commodities, (% deviation from baseline values in 2050 without climate change) (3 GCMs x 1 crop model, LPJmL)



Source: Wiebe et al., ERL 2015

Towards global "Representative Agricultural Pathways": various elements of the SSP storylines will be implemented in global economic models

Element	Indicator	SSP1	SSP2	SSP3	SSP4	SSP5	
Population		from SSP database					
GDP	from SSP database						
Productivity	Crop yields (IPR)	high	medium	Low	low	high	
	Livestock efficiency	high	medium	Low	low	high	
	Nutrient efficiency	high	medium	Low	low	high	
Environment	Forest protection/ nature conservation rate	high	medium	Low	medium	medium	
Globalization	Trade liberalization	fast	medium	slow	fragmen- ted	fast	
	Domestic ag. policies, eg removal of subsidies	constant (tbd)	constant (tbd)	constant (tbd)	constant (tbd)	constant (tbd)	
Diet changes	Income elasticity of total food demand	low	medium	high	medium	medium	
	Animal calorie share in total food demand	low	medium	high	medium	medium	

Source: Popp et al., under review

Towards global "Representative Agricultural Pathways": additional SSP x RCP combinations will be quantified by global economic models in AgMIP Phase 2.2

	SSP 1	SSP 2	SSP 3	SSP 4	SSP 5
RCP 8.5		Phase 1	Phase 2.1		Phase 2.2?
RCP 6.0		Phase 2.1	Phase 2.2?	Phase 2.2?	
RCP 4.5	Phase 2.1				
RCP 2.6	Phase 2.2?	Phase 2.2?	Phase 2.2?		Phase 2.2?
NoCC	Phase 2.1	Phase 1 Phase 2.1	Phase 1 Phase 2.1		

This scenario setting will be used to assess:

- Climate change impacts on agriculture
- Adaptation options: e.g. trade, land expansion, irrigation, new technologies
- Ambitious mitigation scenarios (bioenergy use, avoided deforestation, GHG emission taxes, dietary change)

Interaction across scales between global and regional models





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Thank you!

