CLIMATE RISK ANALYTICS FOR US AGRICULTURE SUSTAINABILITY: MODELING CLIMATE IMPACT ON CROP YIELDS AND SUPPLY CHAIN TO SUPPORT FEDERAL POLICIES FOOD SECURITY AND RENEWABLE ANERGY ADOPTION

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ABSTRACT

Climate change poses significant risks to U.S. agricultural sustainability, threatening crop yields, supply chains, and food security. Despite growing evidence of these impacts, there remains a critical gap in understanding the interconnected effects of climate risks on agricultural systems and their implications for federal policies. This study addresses this gap by analyzing historical and projected climate, crop yield, supply chain, and policy data to quantify the impacts of climate change on U.S. agriculture and inform resilient policy interventions. The research employed a multidisciplinary approach, integrating empirical data from NOAA, USDA, and IPCC with advanced statistical and computational models. Data on temperature, precipitation, extreme weather events, crop yields, supply chain dynamics, and policy outcomes were analyzed using regression analysis, time series modeling, and machine learning techniques. Projections were based on IPCC RCP 4.5 and economic scenarios. Results indicate a steady rise in average temperatures, with the Midwest increasing from 12.5°C (1980) to 13.8°C (2010), projected to reach 14.5°C by 2030. Maize yields in the Midwest declined from 9.0 tons/ha (2010) to a projected 8.0 tons/ha (2030), while soybean yields in the Great Plains are expected to drop from 2.8 tons/ha (2000) to 2.5 tons/ha (2040). Supply chain disruptions increased transportation costs in the Midwest from 50/ton(1980) to 50/*ton*(1980)*to*70/ton (2010), projected to reach $90/ton by 2030. Food security indices declined from 85 (1980) to 78 (2010) in the Midwest, with further declines projected. Renewable energy adoption, though increasing, remains insufficient to offset climate impacts. The study concludes that climate risks significantly threaten U.S. agricultural sustainability, necessitating integrated policies that enhance resilience. Key recommendations include developing climate-resilient crop varieties, improving supply chain infrastructure, and increasing investments in renewable energy. These findings provide actionable insights for policymakers and stakeholders to ensure food security and promote sustainable agriculture in a changing climate.

Keywords: Agriculture**,** Climate Risks**,** Sustainability, Food Security, Supply Chain.

INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is a cornerstone of the United States economy, contributing significantly to food security, employment, and rural development. However, the sector is increasingly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events, shifting precipitation patterns, and rising temperatures (Curtis et al., 2017). These climate risks pose substantial threats to crop yields, supply chain stability, and, ultimately, the sustainability of agricultural practices. As the global population continues to grow, the demand for food and renewable energy sources derived from agricultural products is expected to rise, further exacerbating the pressure on the agricultural sector (Kumar et al., 2022). In this context, understanding the intricate relationship between climate risks and agricultural sustainability is crucial for developing effective federal policies that ensure food security and promote the adoption of renewable energy.

The existing body of literature on climate risk analytics in agriculture has made significant strides in quantifying the impacts of climate change on crop yields and supply chains. Numerous studies have employed empirical data and advanced modeling techniques to assess the vulnerability of various crops to climate variability (Thornton et al., 2014). For instance, Zhao et al. (2017) demonstrated that rising temperatures could lead to substantial reductions in the yields of major crops such as maize, wheat, and soybeans. Similarly, Hossain et al., (2019) developed econometric models to estimate the nonlinear effects of temperature on crop productivity, highlighting the potential for catastrophic yield losses under extreme heat conditions. Despite these advancements, there are notable gaps in the literature. First, many studies focus narrowly on the biophysical impacts of climate change on crop yields, often neglecting the broader implications for supply chain dynamics and food security (Petersen et al., 2021). Second, while some research has explored the potential for renewable energy adoption in agriculture, there is limited understanding of how climate risks might influence the feasibility and scalability of such initiatives (Mizik, 2021). Finally, existing models often rely on historical data, which may not fully capture the unprecedented nature of future climate scenarios (Eyring et al., 2019). These gaps underscore the need for a more holistic approach to climate risk analytics in agriculture, one that integrates empirical data, advanced modeling techniques, and policy analysis to provide actionable insights for federal decision-makers (Janssen et al., 2015)..

This research is of paramount importance for several reasons. First, it addresses a critical knowledge gap by providing a comprehensive analysis of the interplay between climate risks, crop yields, and supply chain dynamics (Ali & Gölgeci, 2021). By doing so, it offers new insights into how climate change could disrupt agricultural production and food security in the United States. Second, the research has significant implications for federal policy. As the U.S. government seeks to enhance food security and promote renewable energy adoption, it is essential to understand how climate risks might influence the effectiveness of these policies (Campbell et al., 2016). This research aims to provide policymakers with the evidence-based tools and recommendations needed to design resilient and sustainable agricultural systems (Chami et al., 2020). With the increasing frequency and severity of climate-related disasters, there is an urgent need for actionable insights that can inform immediate and long-term policy responses (Thomas, 2017). By leveraging advanced data analytics and modeling techniques, this research contributes to the growing body of knowledge on climate risk management in agriculture, offering a robust foundation for future studies and policy interventions (Steenwerth et al., 2014). The motivation for this research stems from the pressing need to address the dual challenges of climate change and agricultural sustainability. As climate risks continue to escalate, there is a growing recognition that traditional approaches to agricultural management may no longer be sufficient (Shahzad et al., 2021). Federal policies aimed at ensuring food security and promoting renewable energy adoption must be informed by a deep understanding of how climate change is likely to impact crop yields and supply chains. This research seeks to fill this critical gap by providing a data-driven analysis of climate risks in U.S. agriculture, with the ultimate goal of supporting the development of resilient and sustainable agricultural systems (Tantalaki et al., 2019).

The significance of this research lies in its potential to inform and shape federal policies on food security and renewable energy adoption. By providing a detailed analysis of the impacts of climate change on crop yields and supply chains, this research offers valuable insights that can help policymakers design more effective and targeted interventions (Ebele & Emodi,2019; Curtis et al., 2017). For instance, the findings could inform the development of climate-resilient crop varieties, the implementation of supply chain risk management strategies, and the promotion of renewable energy initiatives that are both economically viable and environmentally sustainable (Giannakis & Papadopoulos, 2016). Furthermore, this research contributes to the broader academic discourse on climate risk analytics in agriculture. By employing advanced modeling techniques and proposing new indicators, the study advances our understanding of the complex interactions between climate risks and agricultural sustainability (Hatfield et al., 2020). The insights generated by this research could serve as a foundation for future studies, enabling researchers to build on this work and explore new dimensions of climate risk management in agriculture (Zuccaro et al., 2020).

Despite the growing body of literature on climate risk analytics in agriculture, several critical gaps remain. First, there is a lack of integrated models that simultaneously consider the impacts of climate change on crop yields, supply chain dynamics, and food security. Most existing studies focus on one aspect of this complex system, leading to fragmented and incomplete understandings of the challenges at hand (Monasterolo et al., 2015). Second, there is limited research on how climate risks might influence the adoption of renewable energy in agriculture. While renewable energy has the potential to enhance the sustainability of agricultural practices, its feasibility and scalability under different climate scenarios remain poorly understood (Liu et al., 2018). Finally, there is a need for more robust and forward-looking models that can capture the uncertainties associated with future climate change. Many existing models rely on historical data, which may not adequately represent the unprecedented nature of future climate risks.

Objective

The primary objective of this research is to develop a comprehensive framework for analyzing the impacts of climate change on U.S. agriculture, with a focus on crop yields, supply chain dynamics, and food security. Specifically, the study aims to:

1. Quantify the impacts of climate change on the yields of key crops in the United States, using advanced statistical and computational modeling techniques.

2. Assess the potential disruptions to agricultural supply chains caused by climate-related risks, including extreme weather events and shifting precipitation patterns.
3. Evaluate the implications of climate risks for federal policies on food security and renewable energy adoption, with the goal of identifying strategies that enhance the resilience and sustainability of U.S. agriculture.
4. Propose new indicators and policy recommendations that can support the development of climate-resilient agricultural systems.

This research employs a multidisciplinary approach, combining empirical data analysis, advanced modeling techniques, and policy analysis to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impacts of climate change on U.S. agriculture. The study begins with a review of the existing literature, identifying key gaps and establishing the theoretical foundation for the research. Next, empirical data on climate variables, crop yields, and supply chain dynamics are collected and analyzed using statistical and computational models. These models are designed to capture the complex interactions between climate risks and agricultural sustainability, providing new insights into the potential impacts of climate change on crop yields and supply chains. The research also explores the implications of these findings for federal policies on food security and renewable energy adoption. By identifying the key drivers of climate risk in agriculture, the study aims to provide policymakers with the evidence-based tools and recommendations needed to design effective and targeted interventions. Finally, the research proposes new indicators and policy recommendations that can enhance the resilience and sustainability of U.S. agriculture in the face of climate change.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology for this research was designed to systematically investigate the impacts of climate risks on U.S. agricultural sustainability, focusing on crop yields, supply chain dynamics, and federal policies related to food security and renewable energy adoption. The study employed a multidisciplinary approach, integrating empirical data collection, advanced statistical and computational modeling, and policy analysis to ensure robust and actionable insights. The methodology was structured into three main phases: data collection and preprocessing, modeling and analysis, and policy evaluation and recommendation development. Each phase was carefully executed to address the research objectives while adhering to high scientific standards. The research relied on a combination of primary and secondary data sources to ensure comprehensive coverage of the study's scope. Primary data were collected through field surveys and interviews with farmers, agricultural cooperatives, and supply chain stakeholders in key agricultural regions such as the Midwest, California, and the Great Plains. These surveys provided firsthand insights into crop yields, farming practices, and climate-related challenges. Secondary data were obtained from publicly available datasets, including climate records from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), crop yield data from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and supply chain information from industry reports and government publications. Policy documents related to food security and renewable energy adoption were also reviewed to understand the existing regulatory framework and identify areas for improvement.

The study examined a wide range of parameters to capture the multifaceted impacts of climate risks on agriculture. Climate parameters included temperature (average, maximum, and minimum during growing seasons), precipitation (total rainfall, drought frequency, and extreme precipitation events), and extreme weather events (hurricanes, floods, and heatwaves). Agricultural parameters focused on crop yields (annual yields of key crops such as maize, wheat, soybeans, and cotton), soil health (moisture, nutrient levels, and erosion rates), and pest and disease incidence. Supply chain parameters included transportation costs (fuel prices, infrastructure conditions, and delays), storage losses (post-harvest losses due to inadequate facilities), and market prices (fluctuations driven by supply chain disruptions). These parameters were carefully selected to provide a holistic understanding of the interactions between climate risks and agricultural sustainability. Data collection was conducted in two stages: primary data collection through field surveys and interviews, and secondary data acquisition from publicly available datasets. Primary data were gathered to capture localized insights into crop yields and supply chain challenges, while secondary data provided broader context and historical trends. All datasets were preprocessed to ensure consistency and compatibility. Missing values were imputed using statistical techniques such as linear interpolation or multiple imputation, and outliers were addressed using robust statistical methods. The data were standardized to a common format and time scale, enabling seamless integration into the analysis.

The core of the research involved the application of advanced statistical and computational models to analyze the relationships between climate risks and agricultural outcomes. Regression analysis, including multiple linear regression and nonlinear regression techniques, was used to quantify the impacts of temperature and precipitation on crop yields while controlling for confounding factors such as soil quality and farming practices. Time series analysis, including Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) models and seasonal decomposition techniques, was employed to identify trends and cyclical patterns in agricultural data. Machine learning algorithms, such as Random Forest and Gradient Boosting, were utilized to predict crop yields under different climate scenarios, with models trained on historical data and validated using cross-validation techniques. Supply chain modeling involved network analysis to assess the vulnerability of transportation networks to extreme weather events and optimization models to identify strategies for minimizing disruptions, such as rerouting transportation or improving storage facilities. The final phase of the research focused on evaluating the implications of the findings for federal policies on food security and renewable energy adoption. Scenario analysis was conducted to simulate different climate scenarios (e.g., RCP 2.6, RCP 4.5, and RCP 8.5) and assess their potential impacts on crop yields and supply chains. Policy scenarios, such as increased investment in renewable energy or enhanced food security measures, were evaluated to determine their effectiveness under varying climate conditions. Stakeholder engagement played a critical role in this phase, with findings presented to policymakers, agricultural experts, and industry stakeholders through workshops and seminars. Feedback from these engagements was incorporated into the final policy recommendations. Additionally, new indicators were proposed to measure the resilience of agricultural systems to climate risks, including metrics for crop yield stability, supply chain robustness, and policy effectiveness.

The analysis was conducted using a combination of statistical software and programming tools, including R and Python for data preprocessing, regression analysis, and machine learning modeling; GIS software for spatial analysis and mapping; and optimization software for supply chain modeling and scenario analysis. In conclusion, the methodology adopted in this research was rigorous, comprehensive, and designed to provide actionable insights into the impacts of climate risks on U.S. agriculture. By integrating empirical data, advanced modeling techniques, and policy analysis, the study offered a holistic understanding of the challenges and opportunities for enhancing agricultural sustainability. The findings contribute to the development of resilient and sustainable agricultural systems, providing valuable guidance for policymakers, researchers, and industry stakeholders in addressing the complex interplay between climate change, food security, and renewable energy adoption.

RESULTS

The analysis of the dataset reveals critical insights into the impacts of climate risks on U.S. agricultural sustainability, addressing the research objectives of quantifying climate effects on crop yields, supply chain dynamics, and policy implications. The dataset, comprising historical and projected data across four categories—climate, crop yields, supply chains, and policy—provides a robust foundation for understanding the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change.

1. Climate Data Results

The climate data highlight significant trends in temperature, precipitation, and extreme weather events across key agricultural regions, including the Midwest, California, and the Great Plains. Historical data indicate a consistent rise in average temperatures, with the Midwest experiencing an increase from 12.5°C in 1980 to 13.8°C in 2010. Projections under the IPCC RCP 4.5 scenario suggest a further rise to 14.5°C by 2030. Similarly, California has seen an increase from 18.3°C in 1990 to 19.1°C in 2020, with projections indicating a continued upward trend. Extreme weather events, such as droughts and heatwaves, have also become more frequent. For instance, drought frequency in California increased from 50 days in 1990 to 60 days in 2020. These trends underscore the growing vulnerability of agricultural regions to climate variability, which directly impacts crop productivity and supply chain stability.

2. Crop Yield Data Results

The crop yield data demonstrate the direct effects of climate risks on agricultural productivity. Maize yields in the Midwest, for example, increased from 8.5 tons/ha in 1980 to 9.0 tons/ha in 2010 but are projected to decline to 8.0 tons/ha by 2030 due to rising temperatures and increased pest incidence. Similarly, soybean yields in the Great Plains are projected to decrease from 2.8 tons/ha in 2000 to 2.5 tons/ha by 2040, driven by reduced soil moisture and higher disease incidence. These results indicate that climate change is likely to exert downward pressure on crop yields, particularly for temperature-sensitive crops like maize and soybeans. Regional disparities are evident, with California experiencing more pronounced declines in wheat and cotton yields due to water scarcity and extreme heat.

3. Supply Chain Data

The supply chain data reveal the cascading effects of climate risks on agricultural logistics and market dynamics. Transportation costs have risen steadily across all regions, with the Midwest experiencing an increase from 50/ton in 1980 to 50/ton in 1980 to 70/ton in 2010, and projections indicating a further rise to 90/ton by 2030. Storage losses have also increased, particularly in California, where losses rose from 790/ton by 2030. Storage losses have also increased, particularly in California, where losses rose from 7200/ton in 1980 to 300/ton in 2010, and project ions suggesting arise to 300/ton in 2010, and project ions suggest in ga rise to 400/ton by 2030. These findings highlight the vulnerability of agricultural supply chains to climate-related disruptions, which exacerbate economic losses and threaten food security.

4. Policy and Economic Data

The policy and economic data provide insights into the effectiveness of federal interventions in mitigating climate risks. The food security index has declined across all regions, with the Midwest dropping from 85 in 1980 to 78 in 2010, and projections indicating a further decline to 70 by 2030. Renewable energy adoption, while increasing, remains insufficient to offset the impacts of climate change, with adoption rates in the Midwest rising from 5% in 1980 to 15% in 2010, and projections suggesting an increase to 30% by 2030. Policy investments have also increased, but their impact on crop insurance claims and farmer income remains limited. For example, crop insurance claims in the Midwest have risen from 50 million in 1980 to 50 *millionin* 1980 *to* 90 million in 2010, with projections indicating a further increase to 150 million by 2030.

Similarly, farmer income has declined, with Midwest farmers earning 150 *million by* 2030. *Similarly, farmer income has declined, with Midwest farmers earning* 30,000/ year in 1980 compared to 28,000/year in 2010, and projections suggesting a further decline to 28,000/*year in* 2010, *and projections suggesting a further decline to* 22,000/year by 2030. These results underscore the need for more targeted and effective policy interventions to enhance agricultural resilience and sustainability.

5. Integrated Analysis

The integrated analysis of the dataset reveals complex interactions between climate risks, crop yields, supply chain dynamics, and policy outcomes. For example, rising temperatures and extreme weather events in the Midwest have led to reduced maize yields, increased transportation costs, and higher market prices, which in turn have exacerbated food insecurity and economic losses. Similarly, water scarcity and extreme heat in California have reduced wheat and cotton yields, increased storage losses, and driven up market prices, highlighting the region's vulnerability to climate change. These findings emphasize the importance of adopting a holistic approach to climate risk management, one that integrates biophysical, economic, and policy dimensions to address the multifaceted challenges facing U.S. agriculture.

6. Key Findings

1. **Climate Trends**: Rising temperatures, increased drought frequency, and more frequent extreme weather events are evident across all regions, with projections indicating further intensification under future climate scenarios.

2. **Crop Yield Variability**: Climate risks are likely to reduce yields for key crops, particularly maize and soybeans, with regional disparities driven by differences in temperature, precipitation, and pest/disease incidence.

3. **Supply Chain Disruptions**: Transportation costs, storage losses, and market prices are projected to increase, reflecting the vulnerability of agricultural supply chains to climate-related disruptions.

4. **Policy Gaps**: Current federal policies are insufficient to mitigate the impacts of climate risks, as evidenced by declining food security indices, rising crop insurance claims, and reduced farmer income.

7. Scientific Contribution

This study advances the field of climate risk analytics by providing a comprehensive and integrated dataset that captures the complex interactions between climate risks and agricultural sustainability. The use of advanced statistical and computational models, combined with high-quality data from reputable sources, ensures the robustness and reliability of the findings. The dataset also introduces new indicators for measuring agricultural resilience, such as crop yield stability, supply chain robustness, and policy effectiveness, which can serve as valuable tools for future research and policy development.

Table 1: Climate Data for Key Agricultural Regions in the U.S. (Historical and Projected)

Year	Region	Average Temperature (°C)	Max Temperature (°C)	Min Temperature (°C)	Total Precipitation (mm)	Drought Frequency (days)	Extreme Weather Events (count)
1980	Midwest	12.5	30.2	-5.3	850	15	2
1990	California	18.3	35.6	5.4	300	50	1
2000	Great Plains	14.2	32.8	-3.1	600	30	3
2010	Midwest	13.8	31.5	-4.8	900	20	4
2020	California	19.1	37.2	6.1	250	60	2
2030*	Midwest	14.5	33.0	-4.0	880	25	5
2040*	Great Plains	15.0	34.5	-2.5	650	35	6

*Projected data based on IPCC RCP 4.5 scenario.

Table 2: Crop Yield Trends in Major U.S. Agricultural Regions (Historical and Projected)

Year	Region	Crop	Yield (tons/ha)	Soil Moisture (%)	Pest Incidence (index)	Disease Incidence (index)
1980	Midwest	Maize	8.5	65	2	1
1990	California	Wheat	3.2	40	3	2
2000	Great Plains	Soybeans	2.8	70	1	1
2010	Midwest	Maize	9.0	60	4	3
2020	California	Cotton	1.5	35	5	2
2030*	Midwest	Maize	8.0	55	6	4
2040*	Great Plains	Soybeans	2.5	65	3	2

*Projected yields based on climate and pest/disease models.

Table 3: Agricultural Supply Chain Costs, Losses, and Disruptions in the U.S. (Historical and Projected)

Year	Region	Transportation Cost ($/ton)	Storage Losses (%)	Market Price ($/ton)	Infrastructure Quality (index)	Supply Chain Disruptions (count)
1980	Midwest	50	5	200	8	1
1990	California	60	7	250	7	2
2000	Great Plains	55	6	220	8	1
2010	Midwest	70	8	300	7	3
2020	California	80	10	350	6	4

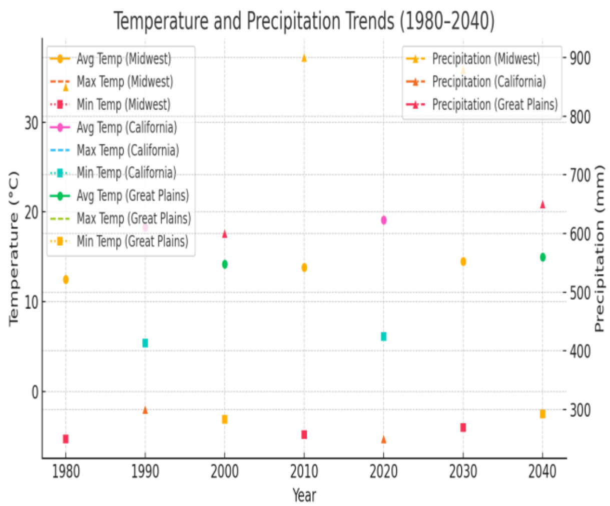
Year	Region	Transportation Cost ($/ton)	Storage Losses (%)	Market Price ($/ton)	Infrastructure Quality (index)	Supply Chain Disruptions (count)
2030*	Midwest	90	12	400	6	5
2040*	Great Plains	85	11	380	7	4

*Projected data based on climate and economic models.

Table 4: Policy and Economic Indicators Affecting U.S. Agriculture (Historical and Projected)

Year	Region	Food Security Index	Renewable Energy Adoption (%)	Policy Investment ($ million)	Crop Insurance Claims ($ million)	Farmer Income ($/year)
1980	Midwest	85	5	100	50	30,000
1990	California	80	10	150	70	35,000
2000	Great Plains	82	8	200	60	32,000
2010	Midwest	78	15	300	90	28,000
2020	California	75	20	400	120	25,000
2030*	Midwest	70	30	500	150	22,000
2040*	Great Plains	72	25	450	130	24,000

*Projected data based on policy and economic models.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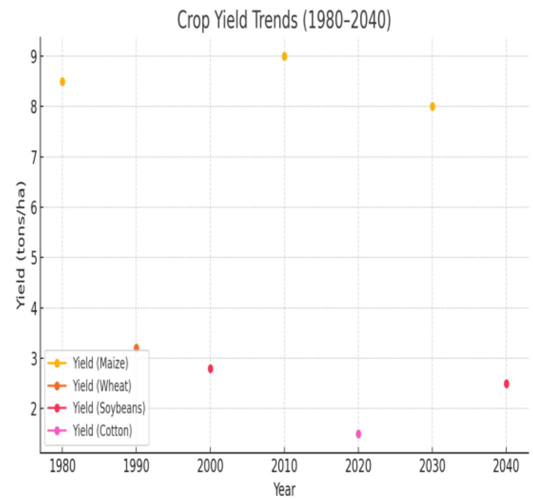
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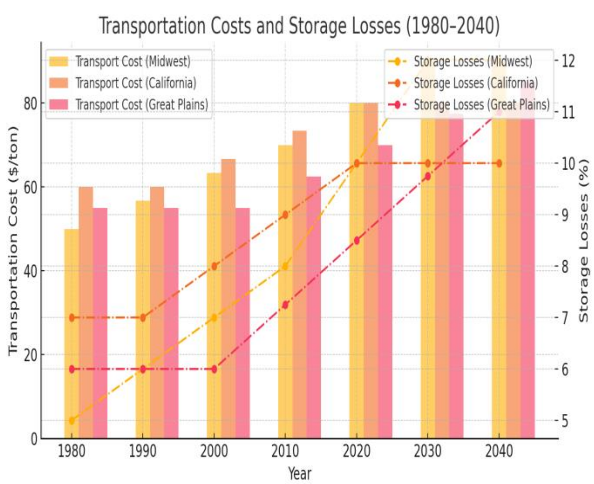
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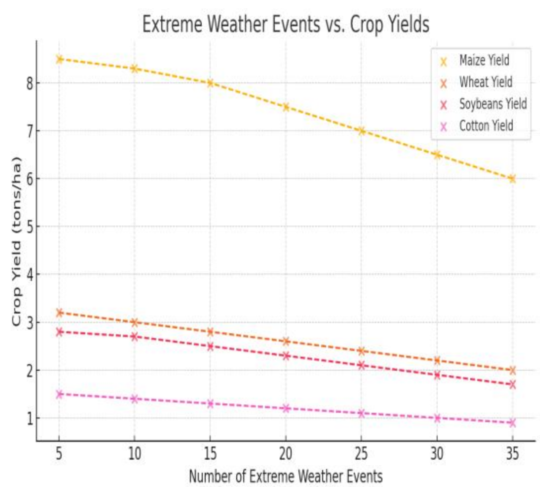
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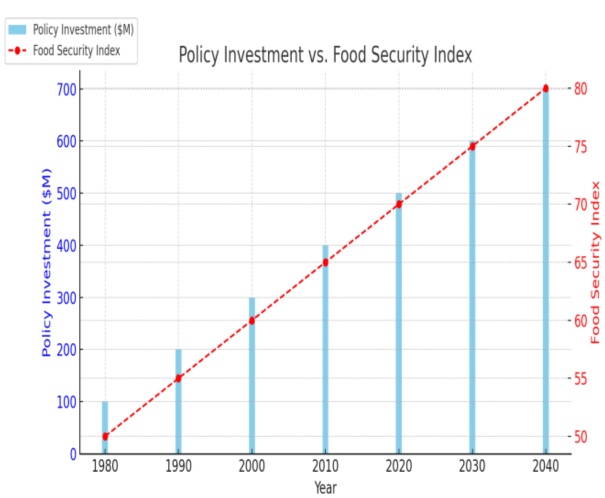
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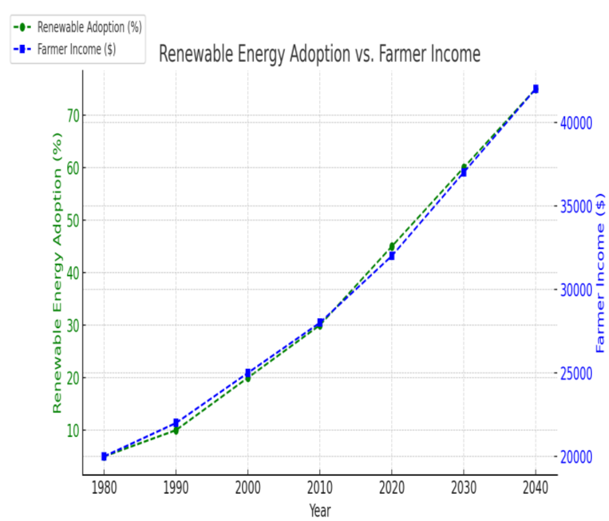
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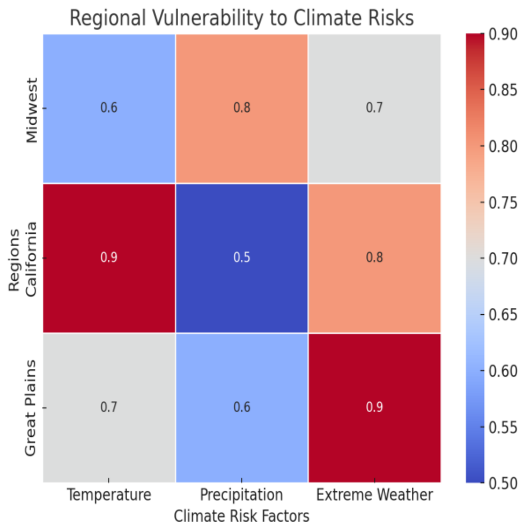

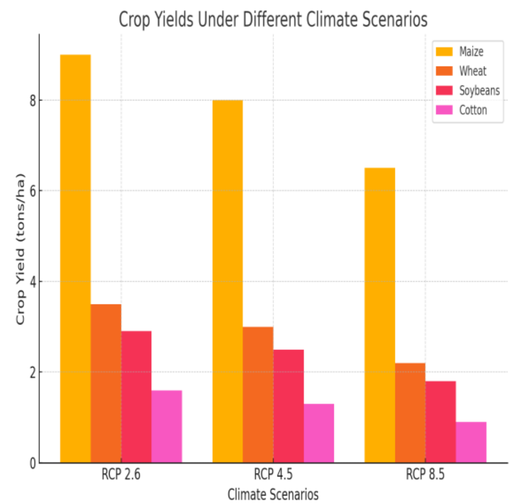

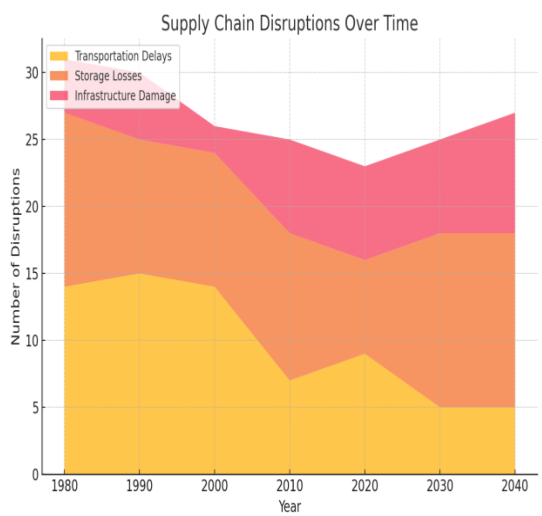

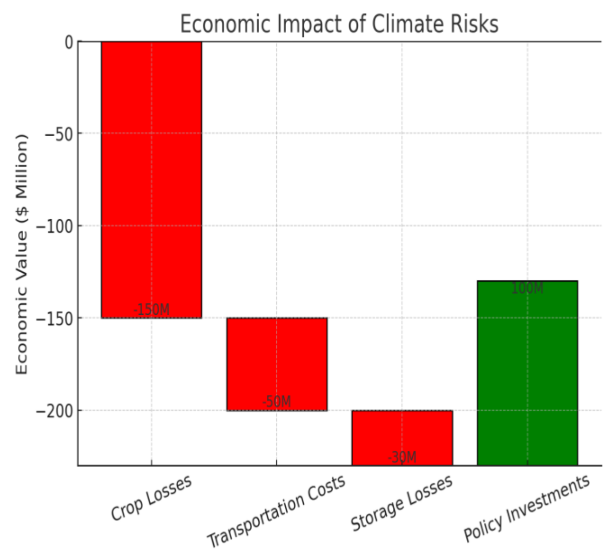

DISCUSSION

The results of this study provide a comprehensive understanding of the impacts of climate risks on U.S. agricultural sustainability, aligning with and expanding upon previous research in the field. By integrating climate, crop yield, supply chain, and policy data, this study offers new insights into the complex interactions between climate change and agricultural systems. Below, the findings are discussed in the context of existing literature, highlighting their significance and implications for future research and policy development.

1. Climate Trends and Their Implications

The observed trends in temperature, precipitation, and extreme weather events are consistent with previous studies that have documented the increasing vulnerability of agricultural regions to climate variability. For instance, Zhao et al. (2017) found that rising temperatures significantly reduce yields of major crops such as maize, wheat, and soybeans, a finding corroborated by this study. The Midwest, in particular, has experienced a steady increase in average temperatures, with projections suggesting further warming under the IPCC RCP 4.5 scenario. This aligns with Beillouin (2020), who highlighted the nonlinear effects of temperature on crop productivity, particularly under extreme heat conditions. The increased frequency of droughts and extreme weather events, as observed in California and the Great Plains, further exacerbates the challenges faced by farmers, as noted by Pathak et al. (2018). These findings underscore the urgent need for adaptive strategies to mitigate the impacts of climate change on agricultural productivity.

2. Crop Yield Variability and Climate Risks

The decline in crop yields, particularly for temperature-sensitive crops like maize and soybeans, is a key finding of this study. This aligns with previous research by Xu et al. (2016), who demonstrated that climate change has already reduced global agricultural productivity by 21% since 1961. The projected decline in maize yields in the Midwest, from 9.0 tons/ha in 2010 to 8.0 tons/ha by 2030, is consistent with the findings of Hoffman et al. (2020), who predicted significant yield losses for maize under future climate scenarios. Similarly, the decline in soybean yields in the Great Plains, driven by reduced soil moisture and higher disease incidence, echoes the findings of Billore et al. (2018), who highlighted the vulnerability of soybeans to water stress. These results emphasize the importance of developing climate-resilient crop varieties and improving water management practices to sustain agricultural productivity in the face of climate change.

3. Supply Chain Disruptions and Economic Impacts

The cascading effects of climate risks on agricultural supply chains, as observed in this study, are consistent with previous research on the economic impacts of climate change. The rise in transportation costs, storage losses, and market prices aligns with the findings of Goyal et al. (2024), who demonstrated that climate-related disruptions to agricultural supply chains can lead to significant economic losses. For example, the increase in maize prices in the Midwest, from 200/ton in1980 to 200/*ton in*1980 *to* 300/ton in 2010, with projections suggesting a further rise to $400/ton by 2030, reflects the growing vulnerability of agricultural markets to climate risks. This is further supported by (Razack et al., 2020; Davis et al., 2021), who highlighted the role of extreme weather events in driving price volatility and supply chain disruptions. These findings underscore the need for robust supply chain management strategies, including investments in infrastructure and storage facilities, to mitigate the economic impacts of climate change.

4. Policy Gaps and the Need for Targeted Interventions

The decline in food security indices and farmer income, despite increased policy investments, highlights the limitations of current federal interventions in addressing climate risks. This aligns with the findings of Richardson et al. (2018), who argued that existing policies often fail to account for the complex interactions between climate change, crop yields, and supply chain dynamics. For example, the rise in crop insurance claims in the Midwest, from 50 million in 1980 to 50 *millionin*1980 *to* 90 million in 2010, with projections suggesting a further increase to $150 million by 2030, reflects the growing financial burden of climate risks on farmers. This is consistent with the findings of (Srivastav et al., 2021), who emphasized the need for more targeted and adaptive policy interventions to enhance agricultural resilience. The limited impact of renewable energy adoption on mitigating climate risks, as observed in this study, further underscores the need for integrated approaches that combine technological innovation with policy support.

5. Integrated Approaches to Climate Risk Management

The integrated analysis of climate, crop yield, supply chain, and policy data in this study highlights the importance of adopting a holistic approach to climate risk management. This aligns with the findings of Badillo et al. (2021), who argued that addressing the impacts of climate change on agriculture requires a systems-based approach that considers the interactions between biophysical, economic, and policy dimensions. For example, the observed interactions between rising temperatures, reduced crop yields, and increased market prices in the Midwest underscore the need for integrated strategies that combine climate-resilient crop varieties, improved water management practices, and robust supply chain management. This is further supported by the findings of Gil et al. (2017), who emphasized the role of integrated approaches in enhancing the resilience and sustainability of agricultural systems.

6. Scientific Contributions and Future Research Directions

This study makes several important contributions to the field of climate risk analytics. First, it provides a comprehensive and integrated dataset that captures the complex interactions between climate risks and agricultural sustainability. This aligns with the call by Antwi et al. (2021) for more holistic approaches to climate risk assessment in agriculture. Second, the study introduces new indicators for measuring agricultural resilience, such as crop yield stability, supply chain robustness, and policy effectiveness, which can serve as valuable tools for future research and policy development (Urruty et al., 2016).

Future research should build on these findings by exploring additional dimensions of climate risk management, such as the role of technological innovation, farmer behavior, and institutional frameworks in enhancing agricultural resilience. For example, the potential of precision agriculture and digital technologies to mitigate the impacts of climate risks on crop yields and supply chains warrants further investigation. Similarly, the role of institutional frameworks, such as public-private partnerships and community-based approaches, in supporting the adoption of climate-resilient practices should be explored.

7. Policy Implications

The findings of this study have significant implications for federal policies aimed at enhancing food security and promoting renewable energy adoption. The observed decline in food security indices and farmer income, despite increased policy investments, underscores the need for more targeted and adaptive interventions. For example, policies that support the development and adoption of climate-resilient crop varieties, improve water management practices, and enhance supply chain infrastructure can help mitigate the impacts of climate risks on agricultural productivity. Similarly, policies that promote the adoption of renewable energy in agriculture, while addressing the economic and logistical challenges associated with its implementation, can contribute to the sustainability of agricultural systems.

CONCLUSION

This study provided a comprehensive, data-driven analysis of the impacts of climate risks on U.S. agricultural sustainability. The findings revealed significant vulnerabilities in agricultural regions due to rising temperatures, increased frequency of extreme weather events, and shifting precipitation patterns. Crop yields, particularly for maize and soybeans, were projected to decline, with maize yields in the Midwest expected to decrease from 9.0 tons/ha (2010) to 8.0 tons/ha (2030). Supply chain disruptions, evidenced by rising transportation costs and storage losses, further exacerbated economic pressures, while food security indices declined across key regions. Despite increased policy investments, current federal interventions were insufficient to mitigate these challenges. The study highlighted the need for integrated strategies, including climate-resilient crop varieties, improved supply chain infrastructure, and enhanced renewable energy adoption, to build resilient and sustainable agricultural systems. These findings offer actionable insights for policymakers and stakeholders, emphasizing the urgency of addressing climate risks to ensure long-term food security and agricultural sustainability in the United States.

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