



Estimating Local Agricultural GDP across the World

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Abstract. Economic statistics are frequently produced at an administrative level such as the sub-national division. However, these measures may lack sufficient local variation in the economic activities to analyze local economic development patterns and the exposure to natural hazards. Agriculture GDP is a critical indicator for measurement of the primary sector, on which more than 2.5 billion people depend on their livelihoods that provide a key source of income for the entire household (FAO,

- 5 2021). Through a data fusion method based on cross-entropy optimization, this paper disaggregates national and subnational administrative statistics of Agricultural GDP into a global gridded dataset at approximately 10 x 10 kilometers using satellitederived indicators of the components that make up agricultural GDP, namely crop, livestock, fishery, hunting and timber production. The paper estimates the exposure of areas with at least one extreme drought during 2000 to 2009 to agricultural GDP is an estimated US\$432 billion of agricultural GDP circa 2010, where nearly 1.2 billion people live. The data are available
- 10 on the World Bank Development Data Hub (DOI: http://doi.org/10.57966/0j71-8d56; IFPRI and World Bank, 2022).

1 Introduction

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According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, at least 2.5 billion people depend on the agricultural sector for their livelihood and it provides a key source of employment and income for the poor and vulnerable people (FAO, 2013, 2019, 2021). Yet, economic statistics of the agricultural sector are frequently produced at a national or lower administrative level and may not adequately capture the local variation. Furthermore, a spatial mismatch may exist between the geographic unit of interest like the natural area of a river and the administrative area. Lastly, local conditions can pose

challenges to measurement across the world. Agricultural land area is approximately five billion hectares and access to data

capture and reporting in fragile, conflict and violence states may not allow current or complete geographic coverage.

Detailed agricultural data are critical to examining a wide range of agricultural issues including technology and land use (e.g. Bella and Irwin, 2002; Luijten, 2003; Staal et al., 2002; Samberg et al., 2016), exposure to natural hazards (e.g. Murthy et al., 2015) and patterns of and productivity of economic development (e.g. Nelson, 2002; Elhorst and Strijker, 2003; Gollin et al., 2014; Reddy and Dutta, 2018). Carrão et al. (2016) examine the exposure of people and economic activity to drought using measures of physical elements (e.g. cropland and livestock). Rentschler and Salhab (2020) find that low and middle-



income countries have 89% of global flood exposed population and poor people account for almost 600 million, who are directly exposed to the risk of intense flooding. Vesco et al. (2021) examine linkages between climate variability and agricultural production as well as conflict. They find that climate variability contributes to an increase in the spatial concentration of agricultural production within countries. Furthermore, in countries with a high share of agricultural employment in the national workforce, they find this combined effect increases the likelihood of conflict onset. To better target rural development strategies for economic growth and poverty reduction, as well as conserve the natural resource base for long-term sustainable

30 development, we need to accurately delineate the spatial distribution of agricultural resources and production activities (Wood et al., 1999).

One method to partially address spatial mismatch between administrative and other geographic units such as natural hazards uses the gridded (raster) data format by providing an intermediate and consistent unit for disaggregation and aggregation (e.g. UNISDR, 2011). Data-disaggregation methods can use detailed data to inform estimates of aggregated data from large areas at

35 the local level (e.g. see review in Pratesi et al., 2015). Several spatial data products from global models are available to estimate population at a local level (see review in Leyk et al., 2019).

Previous evidence-based risk analyses take advantage of global data of hazards to estimate exposure of population and economic activity (e.g. Gunasekera et al., 2015, 2018; Ward et al., 2020; Rentschler and Salhab, 2020). Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is a critical economic indicator in the measurement and monitoring of an economy in a country that is typically

- 40 only available at national and occasionally sub-national levels. Regional indicators play a key role in the necessary variation to forecast regional GDP (Lehmann and Wohlrabe, 2015) and food security (Andree et al., 2020). Previous efforts to estimate local GDP use high resolution spatial auxiliary information such as luminosity or population data to provide local variation. Methods by Nordhaus (2006); World Bank and UNEP (2011); Kummu et al. (2018); Murakami and Yamagata (2019) took advantage of gridded population data, which is the result of a model disaggregating the most detailed level population data into
- 45 grids (e.g. see review in Leyk et al., 2019). However, wealth is not evenly distributed among people nor infrastructure (Berg et al., 2018). In fact, the divide between the rich and poor is even widening in our time (Dabla-Norris et al., 2015). The method used in World Bank and UNEP (2011) stratify the population by rural and urban, yet definition of these geographic areas can vary based on the selection of the population model (Leyk et al., 2019). These measurements matter in application to stylized facts such as the strong negative correlation of the level of urbanization with the size of its agricultural sector (Roberts et al.,
- 50 2017). Also, the uniform distribution of labor in agriculture is another key concern (Gollin et al., 2014). Other methods used land cover such as vegetation and built-up indices, however did not incorporate types of agriculture like cropland and livestock (Gunasekera et al., 2015; Goldblatt et al., 2019).

Other methods to estimate GDP at a local level take advantage of the lights at night dataset. Doll et al. (2006) and Elvidge et al. (2009) found nighttime lights to provide a uniform, consistent, and independent estimate for economic activity, and several

other studies (e.g. Chen and Nordhaus, 2011; Henderson et al., 2012; Ghosh et al., 2010; Bundervoet et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2019; Eberenz et al., 2020; Wang and Sun, 2021) utilized this striking correlation between luminosity and economic activities to estimate economic output on the ground. While night light is a good reflection of economic activities in manufacturing and urban areas, night light data may not capture the agricultural activity as it requires areas to emit light. Bundervoet et al. (2015)





suggest that agricultural indicators rather than rural population could improve the estimation of GDP given the importance of
agriculture in many of the economies in their sample of Africa. Gibson et al. (2021) find that night time lights data are a poor
predictor of economic activity in low population density rural areas.

In this paper, we present a high resolution gridded Agricultural GDP (henceforth AgGDP) dataset that is produced through a spatial allocation model by distributing national and sub-national statistics to 5 arcminute pixels based on satellite-derived information of constituents of AgGDP, including forestry, hunting, and fishing, as well as cultivation of crops and livestock

- 65 production¹. We make two main contributions. First, we construct a global dataset of gridded AgGDP. This entails a massive effort of data collection and integration. We extend and apply the cross-entropy framework developed in the Spatial Production Allocation Model (SPAM) for crops that pioneered the use of cross-entropy optimization in spatial allocation (You and Wood, 2003; You et al., 2014, 2018; Yu et al., 2020). We construct and integrate global datasets of the components of agricultural GDP as priors and then reconcile the values with the regional account statistics using cross-entropy optimization. Second,
- 70 we contribute to efforts assessing the exposure of economic activity to natural hazards with a focus on agricultural GDP. Significant progress has been made to measure physical assets such as built-up area and estimate hazards to quantify its exposure to natural hazards. However, the spatial distribution of agricultural GDP is less known. So, we apply these data to inform efforts quantifying the population and agricultural GDP at risk to drought and water scarcity.
- The rest of this paper is structured as follows. The next section provides a detailed description of the methodology and data.
 Then, we present the model results and data. Then, we discuss the results along with validation followed by usage notes from a fitness-for-use perspective. Finally, we provide concluding remarks.

2 Methodology and data

Following the composite structure of agricultural GDP, we disaggregate the national and sub-national statistics into a global grid through a cross-entropy allocation model. Given the availability of data and the global scope, our efforts varied on adjusting
official statistics and creating priors for different components. Below we discuss the construction of each component, AgGDP statistics and the allocation model followed by the global natural hazards data. Given the spatial resolution and year of reference of the input data for the crop value of production, we estimate AgGDP for the year 2010 into 5 arc-minute grids (10x10 km) across the world.

2.1 Construction of components

85 For each pixel, we construct an estimated value of production based on high spatial resolution information of the five components that serve as priors in the modeling process: crop, livestock, forestry, fishing, and hunting. Given the lack of information on the hunting component, we disaggregate the forestry component into two parts: timber and non-timber products of forestry.

¹Agriculture, forestry, and fishing corresponds to ISIC divisions 1-3 and includes forestry, hunting, and fishing, as well as cultivation of crops and livestock production



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The non-timber products of forestry includes an even distribution of hunting. The construction of the five components is described below in four subsections: crop, livestock, forestry (timber and non-timber) and fishing.

90 2.1.1 Crop value of production

The crop component in the gridded AgGDP is generated by multiplying the quantity of production from the global SPAM 2010 version 1 dataset² (You et al., 2018) with the producer prices at the country level from FAOSTAT (FAO, 2016) for each crop and then summed together.³ As mentioned earlier, SPAM is a cross-entropy model, which calculates a plausible allocation of crop areas and production to approximately 10 km pixels, based on agricultural statistics at national and sub-national levels, combined with gridded layers of cropland, irrigated areas, population density and potential crop areas and yields (Yu et al., 2020). SPAM's output distinguishes between 42 crops (33 individual crops, 9 aggregated crops) that together add up to

practically all cultivated crops in a country with four parameters including production, yield, physical area and harvest area.

For aggregated SPAM crops (such as other cereals, other pulses, vegetables, fruits, etc.), we computed their prices by taking the weighted average of their components, as follows:

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$$Price_{Jagg} = \frac{\sum_{j} price_{j} prod_{j}}{\sum_{j} prod_{j}}, \forall j \in Jagg$$
 (1)

where *Jagg* is the aggregated crop group, *j* is any crop that belongs to *Jagg*, *Price_{Jagg}* is the price of the aggregated crop group, *price_j* is the price of crop *j*, and *prod_j* is the production of *j*.

For each grid, the value of crop production is thus:

$$Cropval_i = \sum_j prod_{i,j} price_j, \forall j \text{ that grow in pixel } i$$
 (2)

105 where $Cropval_i$ is the value of total crop production in pixel *i*, $prod_{i,j}$ is the production of crop *j* in pixel *i*, and $price_j$ is the price of crop *j*. A map of global gridded crop production value as a prior is shown in Figure 1.

2.1.2 Livestock production

Livestock accounts for an estimated 40% of the global value of agriculture output and plays an important role in ensuring the livelihoods and food security for over one-sixth of the world's population (FAO, 2018). Yet, it is still under rapid expansion as
the global demand for animal-sourced products such as meat, milk, eggs, and hides continues to grow (Herrero and Thornton, 2013). While species and quantities of livestock raised vary among regions and husbandry farmers, there are five primary species - cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and chicken - that prevail worldwide and provide essential products for human consumption. We calculate the component of livestock production in gridded AgGDP based on the distribution maps of the above five primary species from the Gridded Livestock of the World (Robinson et al., 2014; Gilbert et al., 2018) and FAOSTAT's value

115 of production of livestock products (including meat, milk, eggs, honey and wool) (FAO, 2020). To facilitate comparison, the

²Available at www.mapSPAM.info

³As for the producer price, ideally, we need sub-national level figures, but such a dataset is not available globally. Therefore, we use the FAOSTAT's national producer prices.





Figure 1. This map illustrates the assembled crop production value used as a prior in the cross-entropy model. Sources: FAO (2016); Yu et al. (2020); Authors' calculation (2022)



Table 1. This table shows the livestock type with the conversion factor. Sources: Eurostat (2018)

livestock type	conversion factor
Cattle	1
Pigs	0.3
Goats	0.1
Sheep	0.1
Chicken	0.01

animal-specific density numbers are converted to one animal type by using International Livestock Units (Eurostat, 2018), as shown in Table 1. Then the densities of the animal equivalent values are multiplied by pixel areas to get the count of animals per grid, which is multiplied by the FAOSTAT's value of production to obtain the livestock production prior for each pixel.

$$lsval_i = lsval_x \frac{lsnum_i}{\Sigma_X lsnum_i}, \forall i \in X$$
(3)



120 where $lsval_i$ is the total value of livestock production in pixel i; $lsval_x$ is the value of livestock production (meat, milk, eggs, honey and wool) that is reported at the national level; $lsnum_i$ is the total number of equivalent animals in pixel *i*; and *X* is a set including all pixels that fall within the boundary of a nation.

A map of global gridded livestock production value as a prior is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2. This map illustrates the assembled livestock production value used as a prior in the cross-entropy model. Sources: Robinson et al. (2014); Gilbert et al. (2018); Eurostat (2018)



2.1.3 Forestry production and hunting

125 Forest resources have been utilized by people since the advent of civilization (Hossain et al., 2008). Up until now, over a billion people still rely on forest resources for food security and income generation to some extent (FAO, 2018). In the world's least developed regions, 34 countries depend on fuelwood to provide more than 70% of energy, among which 13 nations require 90% of energy (FAO, 2018).

The contribution of forest production to AgGDP can be classified into two broad types: wood (logging) products and nonwood forest products. Wood (logging) products are the most exploited commodities in the forestry sector. The trees are cut down to be the raw materials for producing timber and pulp, which are further processed and converted into a number of derivatives, such as construction materials and paper products. Non-wood forest products are defined by the Food and Agriculture



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Organization of the United Nations (FAO).⁴ It is estimated that millions of households around the world depend on non-wood forest products for their livelihood. Some 80% of people in the developing world use these products in their everyday life (Sorrenti, 2016).

For a complete assessment of forest production priors, this study takes both wood and non-wood products into consideration. The gridded non-wood forest products dataset used in this study was jointly developed by Resources for the Future and the World Bank (Siikamäki et al., 2015) through an approach of meta-regression modeling, which integrates over 100 estimates at various locations from a literature review and multifold information on ecological and socioeconomic factors. The value of non-wood forest products is resampled to the 5 arc-minute grid cell size and converted to 2010 USD for consistency with other

AgGDP components. As part of non-timber products, we include hunting with an even distribution across units and time given the lack of information.

The value of wood products per pixel is calculated based on forest loss from year 2010 to year 2011 excluding loss due to fire, with an assumption that the forests were mainly cut down for timber production. The Moderate Resolution Imaging

- 145 Spectroradiometer (MODIS) Land Cover map (Friedl et al., 2010) for year 2011 is overlaid on top of that for year 2010 to detect the area that has changed from forest to non-forest.⁵ However, forest loss due to fire should be removed because it does not result in wood products. Thus, fire information for year 2010 is obtained from the NASA Fire Information for Resource Management System (FIRMS) (NASA, 2018) and areas that experienced forest fire are eliminated. After the identification of forest area change in each pixel, the value of wood production at national level is taken from a FAO lead project (Lebedys and
- 150 Yanshu, 2014) and proportionally disaggregated to arrive at a pixel-wise value of wood products as follows:

$$Woodval_i = (forestval_x - nonwoodval_x) \frac{forestloss_i}{\Sigma_X forestloss_i}, \forall i \in X$$
(4)

where $Woodval_i$ is the value of wood products in pixel i; *forestval_x* is the value of forest products reported at national level; *nonwoodval_x* is the value of non-wood products at national level which is derived from Siikamäki et al. (2015); *forestloss_i* is the area of forest loss excluding loss to fire in pixel *i*; again, *X* is a set including all pixels that fall within the boundary of a nation.

A map of global gridded wood forest production value as a prior is shown in Figure 3.

2.1.4 Fishery production

Fish makes up approximately 17% of animal-sourced protein in the human diet worldwide (Mathiesen, À. M., 2018). The fishery industry supports the livelihood of 12% of world population by creating 200 million jobs along its value chain. In the global trade system, 80 billion USD worth of fish is exported from developing countries and it plays a crucial role in promoting local economic development (Kelleher et al., 2009).

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⁴These products are "goods of biological origin other than wood derived from forests, other wooded land and trees outside forests", including foods (nuts, fruits, mushrooms, etc.), food additives (herbs, spices, sweeteners, etc.), fibers (for construction, furniture, clothing, etc.), and plant and animal products with chemical, medical, cosmetic or cultural value.

⁵The measurement is limited to detection of land cover change from satellite and will likely account for selective harvesting or forest degradation.





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Figure 3. This map illustrates the assembled wood forest production value used as a prior in the cross-entropy model. Sources: Friedl et al. (2010); Siikamäki et al. (2015); NASA (2018); Authors' calculation (2022)



We estimate both freshwater inland fisheries and marine production values using the FISHSTAT (FAO, 2009) data with a classification based on the fish production categories. The inland fishery production value is the result of disaggregating corresponding country level statistics in proportion to areas of inland water bodies in pixels. The distribution of inland water bodies is obtained from the ESA-CCI (Lamarche et al., 2017). Thus, the value of inland fishing production in each grid is calculated as follows:

$$fishval_{i} = freshval_{x} \frac{waterbody_{i}}{\Sigma_{X} waterbody_{i}}, \forall i \in X$$

$$(5)$$

where *fishval_i* is the value of fishery production in pixel *i*; *freshval_x* is the value of fresh fish production at the national level which is aggregated from FISHSTAT; *waterbody_i* is the area of water bodies in pixel *i*; and *X* is a set including all pixels *i* that fall within the boundary of a nation *x*.

The value of marine fisheries production is based on its proximity to fish landing ports weighted by a composite indicator of equal weight from the number of visits and sum of the vessel hold of fishing vessels. We use the port database from the World Port Index (National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, 2019) and the number of port visits with a vessel hold of fishing vessels from Hosch et al. (2019) to create a composite variable as the prior based on the sum (for each port) of the number of visits

175 (each event in the database) and total vessel hold at the port. The geographic coverage of the ports is calculated for each port





using the minimum port distance provided in (Hosch et al., 2019). Any distance greater than 150km is calculated at 150km. The value of marine fishing production in each grid is calculated as follows:

$$marineval_i = marineval_x \frac{portindex_i}{\sum_X portindex_i}, \forall i \in X$$
(6)

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where *marineval*_{*i*} is the value of fishery production in pixel *i*; *portindex*_{*i*} is an equal weighted composite index of the number of visits in pixel and the total vessel hold in pixel *i*; and *X* is a set including all pixels *i* that fall within the boundary of a nation x.

A map of global gridded fishery production value as a prior is shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4. This map illustrates the assembled fishery production value (prior) used as a prior in the cross-entropy model. Sources: FAO (2009); Lamarche et al. (2017); Hosch et al. (2019); National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (2019); Authors' calculation (2022)



2.2 AgGDP Statistics and Linked Grids

Tremendous effort has been made to collect and organize national and sub-national statistics from various sources of national ministries or from reports. However, not every country publishes its agricultural GDP figures at the sub-national (regional)



level and different methods of regionalization exist including top-down, bottom-up and mixed methods (Eurostat, 2013).⁶ Our database has 68 countries that have sub-national agricultural GDP data, expressed in varying domestic currencies and for different years. Table B7 lists these countries and descriptive statistics including temporal coverage and number of subnational regions at an administrative geographic level including NUTS level.⁷

- 190 To overcome discrepancies in temporal coverage and currency terms (constant and current), and to keep the data consistent and comparable for countries across the world, shares from sub-national statistics are calculated and then applied to a national total to derive a calibrated number at the sub-national level. The national totals are obtained from the World Development Indicators (World Bank, 2019) and averaged over three years around 2010. For a few countries, which do not report their national agricultural GDP in the WDI database, sums of all agricultural GDP components are used as proxies.
- 195 The calibrated statistics are then linked to grids through a shapefile of the Global Administrative Unit Layers (GAUL) that maintains global geographic layers with a consistent and comprehensively unified coding system (FAO, 2015). Then, we overlay the GAUL administrative boundaries on the grid network to assign the corresponding codes of the administrative units to each grid. For areas where sub-national AgGDPs have different administrative areas than GAUL, the GAUL areas are merged or split to match the sub-national AgGDP area.

200 2.3 Spatial Allocation Model

After constructing all the components, we define a spatial allocation model in a cross-entropy framework following (You et al., 2014) to allocate administrative statistics to 5 arc-minute pixels⁸. National and sub-national AgGDP values are used as a constraint, while the distribution of crop, livestock, fishery, and forestry production (hunting is included in non-timber products of forestry) is used to create priors for estimating pixel-level AgGDP. Measurement units are unified using deflators and exchange rates.⁹



The first step is to transform all real-value parameters into corresponding probabilities. Let S_i be the share of the total agricultural GDP allocated to pixel *i* within a country *x*. $AgGDP_{i,x}$ is the agricultural GDP allocated to pixel *i* in country *x* and X is a set including all pixels that fall within the boundary of a nation. Therefore:

$$S_{i} = \frac{AgGDP_{i,x}}{\Sigma_{X}AgGDP_{i,x}}, \forall i \in X$$

$$\tag{7}$$

⁶Regional Gross Domestic Product (RGDP) can be estimated following the production, income or expenditure approaches. However, RGDP is not typically compiled using the expenditure approach due to the scarcity of data such as inter-regional purchases and sales, or regional exports/imports. On the production and income approaches, the estimate of market activities is typically from the production approach, whereas the estimate of non-market industries is from the income approach.

⁷The European Union developed a standard for administrative levels: The Classification of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS, for the French nomenclature d'unités territoriales statistiques).

⁸A comprehensive presentation of the cross-entropy method is in Rubinstein and Kroese (2004)

⁹The currency varies by source. Crops are in local currency. Livestock are in International USD 2004-2006. Fish are USD 2009. Non-timber forest products are in USD 2012 and Timber (forest) are in USD 2011.





210 Let *PreAgGDP*_i be the pre-prior allocation of AgGDP share from our best estimate. The first approximation can be done by summing all five calculated pixel level components of AgGDP:

$$PreAgGDP_i = Crop_i + Livestock_i + Forestry_i + Fishing_i + Hunting_i$$

$$\tag{8}$$

where we assume hunting occurs in areas with equal probability.

Theoretically, the sum of these components should be close to the official values obtained from the World Development 215 Indicators. We make sure that the official AgGDP values are guaranteed to be no less than the sum of all five components of agricultural GDP. Therefore, we first sum up all prior estimations of AgGDP.

$$AgGDP_x = \sum_{i \in x} PreAgGDP_i \tag{9}$$

Then, we rescale the prior *AgGDP* to be consistent with the official AgGDP value:

$$PriorAgGDP_i = \frac{PreAgGDP_iAgGDP_x}{\Sigma_i PreAgGDP_x}$$
(10)

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Then we calculate the prior for S_i as a probability by normalizing PriorAgGDP:

$$PreAlloc_{i} = \frac{PriorAgGDP_{i,x}}{\sum_{i \in X} PriorAgGDP_{i}}$$
(11)

Finally, we formulate a cross entropy model in the following mathematical optimization framework:

$$MIN\ CE(S_i) = \sum_i S_i log(S_i) - \sum_i S_i log(PreAlloc_i)$$
⁽¹²⁾

Subject to the following three conditions:

$$225 \quad \Sigma_i S_i = 1 \tag{13}$$

$$\Sigma_{i \in k} (\Sigma AgGDP) S_i = SubAgGDP_k \ \forall k) \tag{14}$$

$$0 \le S_i \le 1 \ \forall i \tag{15}$$

where *i*: i=1,2,3,... are pixel identifiers within the allocation unit (e.g. Brazil); and *k*: k=1,2,3, ... are identifiers for subnational geopolitical units (e.g. a state) where AgGDP values ($SubAgGDP_k$) are available. The objective function is defined as the cross entropy of AgGDP shares and their prior. The first constraint (Equation 13) is the pycnophylactic or volumepreserving constraint (e.g. Tobler, 1979) that ensures the sum of all allocated AgGDP values is equal to the total AgGDP of the country. The next equation (14) sets the sum of all allocated AgGDP within those subnational units with available data to



235 be equal to the corresponding sub-national AgGDP values. The last equation (15) is a natural constraint for the percentage of AgGDP, which is also the probability in the cross-entropy model. The modeling framework is flexible in that more constraints can be added if more data are available and/or more reasonable assumptions on how AgGDP should be spatially disaggregated are discovered.¹⁰ Last but not least, we multiply the total regional agricultural GDP by the probability in the cross-entropy model to derive the final pixel level agricultural GDP:

240 $AgGDP_i = \Sigma_i AgGDP_x S_i$

(16)

2.4 Natural hazards

We use measures of two natural hazards to gain insight into the spatial distribution of agricultural activity with regards to drought and water scarcity. We calculate the Standardized Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI) (Vicente-Serrano et al., 2010), which measures the difference between observed precipitation and estimated potential evapotranspiration with a 3 month interval using the base climatology of 1980 to 2019, which is implemented in R (Beguería and Vicente-Serrano, 2017) using climate data from Harris et al. (2020). Extra dry years are defined as the number of years that are less than or equal to -2.0 during the period from 2000 to 2009. Figure 5 shows the results of the SPEI.

The Water Crowding Index (WCI) is a measure of water scarcity considering the local population as the annual water availability per capita (Falkenmark, 1986, 2013). Veldkamp et al. (2015) model global water crowding index with return periods. We take the mean of any pixels of the ensemble WCI with a 10 year return period within an agricultural GDP pixel. Following the literature (e.g. Arnell, 2003; Alcamo et al., 2007; Kummu et al., 2010; Veldkamp et al., 2015), we categorize the WCI into four categories: Absolute is less than 500 m³/capita per year; severe is less than or equal to 1,700 m³/capita per year; and low is the remainder (Figure 6). Then, we evaluate water shortage events using a threshold of 1,700 m³/capita per year with a return period of 10 years.

255 2.5 Night time lights

Night time lights data are commonly used in the estimation of local human development and economic activity (e.g. Ghosh et al., 2010; Henderson et al., 2012; Bundervoet et al., 2015; Kummu et al., 2018; Bruederle and Hodler, 2018). We use the radiance calibrated data for 2010 from the F16 satellite to quantify the correlation between agricultural GDP and night time lights by geographic regions of the world defined by the World Bank.¹¹

260 3 Results and Discussion

Figure 7 illustrates the result of the cross-entropy model in a global map of gridded agricultural GDP. The global gridded AgGDP for the year 2010 in 2010 US dollars is in gridded (raster) format at a resolution of 5 arc-minute, which approximates

¹⁰For instance, market access may play a role in determining the spatial distribution or spatial structure of AgGDP and can be included as a constraint in the model. However, we provide a parsimonious model without market access.

F16 satellite (20100111 20101209) ¹¹Specifically, the version 4 product from the available we use at: https://ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/dmsp/download_radcal.html





Figure 5. This map illustrates the number of years with at least one extreme drought from 2000 to 2009 measured by a 3 month SPEI. Sources: Harris et al. (2020); Beguería and Vicente-Serrano (2017); Authors' calculation (2022)



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to 10 km.¹² The spatial extent and quantity distribution of AgGDP over the world are in agreement with general knowledge of agricultural technology adoption and suitability, with well-known agricultural nations, such as India, China and the United States standing out as regions with high AgGDP. A number of European countries also exhibit high agricultural GDP values, which is likely due to the benefit of adopting mechanized farming and technological facilitation, considering that the shares of agricultural land and agrarian population are relatively low in these well-developed places. Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa remain low in agricultural production, as indicated by low-value pixels sparsely spreading over the continent. Within the continent, agricultural production activities primarily take place in geographic areas with suitability.

The correlation of AgGDP with night light varies across world regions as it requires areas to emit light (Table 2). Most World Bank regions have similar patterns of correlation with night time lights across the measures of AgGDP, GDP and population. The relationship is strongest with the correlation between GDP and night light compared with AgGDP or population. Likewise, World Bank income groups show similar patterns across the measures with lower middle and upper middle income groups having higher correlations than low and high income groups.

¹²The coordinate system is the standard WGS84 and saved in GeoTIFF format. The data are publicly and freely available through the World Bank Development Data Hub website at http://www.doi.org/10.57966/0j71-8d56.





Figure 6. This map illustrates the Water Scarcity Index categories with a return period of 10 years. Sources: Veldkamp et al. (2015); Authors' calculation (2022)



Table 2. This table shows the Spearman correlation with night time lights across the measures of AgGDP, GDP and population grouped by World Bank Region where AFR is Sub Saharan Africa; EAP is East Asia and Pacific; ECA is Eastern Europe and Central Asia; LCR is Latin America; MENA is Middle East and North Africa; SOA is South Asia and Other is the category for the remaining countries. Sources: NOAA (2011); World Bank (2019); Authors' calculation (2022).

World Bank Regions	AgGDP and NTL	GDP and NTL	POP and NTL
AFR	0.665	0.874	0.694
EAP	0.951	0.953	0.947
ECA	0.830	0.894	0.790
LCR	0.941	0.961	0.925
MENA	0.779	0.893	0.756
Other	0.528	0.549	0.529
SOA	0.929	0.952	0.929

Following previous global studies (e.g. Blankespoor et al., 2017), we present an application of exposure to a natural hazard with the AgGDP dataset and population. A common drought measure is the Standard Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index







Figure 7. This map illustrates the global gridded Agricultural GDP circa 2010 from the Cross-Entropy model in 2010 USD. Source: Authors' calculation (2022)

(SPEI) (Vicente-Serrano et al., 2010). The global population estimates for the year 2010 are from WorldPop and Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University (2018).¹³

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The exposure to drought is not uniform across the world. Across the world, the group of high income countries have less population and agricultural GDP exposed to drought in each number of years with extremely dry compared to the countries in other income categories (Figure 8). The top ten countries in agricultural GDP exposed to an extreme drought from 2000 to 2009 include the large economies in the agriculture sector such as China, India, the United States and Russian Federation (Table B1). However, other countries have a high share of their agricultural GDP exposed to an extreme drought (Table B2). The top 10 countries in 2010 population exposed to dry areas include countries with the largest economies in the agriculture sector as noted above, but the list includes countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Uganda (Table B3). 285

Across the world, high income countries have less population and agricultural GDP in areas of absolute or severe categories of the Water Crowding Index compared to countries in other income categories (Figure 9). The top ten countries of agricultural GDP exposed to the Water Crowding Index include large economies in the agriculture sector such as China, India, Pakistan, Indonesia and Nigeria (Table B4). However, several countries have a high share of their agricultural GDP exposed to the Water

¹³They use a Random Forest-based dasymetric redistribution method.





Figure 8. The total exposure of agricultural GDP [A] and population [B] aggregated from areas with at least one extreme drought from 2000 to 2009 measured by а 3 month SPEI. Sources: WorldPop and Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University (2018); World Bank (2019); Authors' calculation (2022).



290 Crowding Index (Table B5). The top 10 countries in 2010 population exposed to dry areas include countries with the largest economies in the agriculture sector as noted above, but the list includes countries such as Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mexico (Table B6).

3.1 Validation

A true validation of the predictive accuracy of this model involves data collection and construction of agricultural gross regional
product in different pixels and testing those independent observations against the predicted values. The regional product data are generally constructed at the administrative level rather than the pixels, so validation would have to be done on an aggregation of model predictions. Few countries provide the required data to assess the prediction accuracy to examine the internal validation of the disaggregation efficiency and the data collection would be extremely costly and time-consuming. For the case of Brazil, Thomas et al. (2019) examine the predictive accuracy of three models to disaggregate agricultural GDP spatially including:
cross-entropy, rural population and spatial regression. The cross-entropy and spatial regression models outperform a naive rural population AgGDP model as measured by the Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD) and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE).¹⁴ While the spatial regression performs the best, global data requirements that allow high enough degrees of freedom is a challenge.

¹⁴Specifically, the MAD and RMSE for each model are respectively: the rural population density model (28,744 and 25,397), Cross-entropy spatial allocation (8,249 and 18,347) and Spatial disaggregation from a regression on agricultural production (7,214 and 16,673).





Figure 9. Total Agricultural GDP [A] and population [B] by mean Water Crowding Index, where Absolute is less than 500 m³/capita per year, severe is less than or equal to 1000 m³/capita per year, moderate is less than or equal to 1700 m³/capita per year and low is the remainder. Sources: Veldkamp et al. (2015); World Bank (2019); Authors' calculation (2022).



Given these data requirements and challenges, we compare the cross-entropy model to another spatial allocation model based on rural population at the country level. Then we extend a comparison of both models at the global level by mapping the correlation.

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One advantage of the cross-entropy is the volume preserving pycnophylactic property, which ensures the sum of the gridded data is the original value and allows the possibility to include all information that is available from mixed levels of data (e.g. You et al., 2014). However, this presents a challenge in terms of an assessment of a global model. Previous work on gridded data products includes evaluations of accuracy. Typically, studies evaluate the internal accuracy of the model exploiting multiple

- 310 geographic levels of data (as mentioned above in Thomas et al., 2019). Similarly, Van Boeckel et al. (2011), who examine duck data in Thailand, conclude that input levels do matter, especially the importance of the presence of administrative level 1 data. Robinson et al. (2014) evaluate the livestock model in Brazil and find a positive association between the model accuracy and the administrative level of the training data used in the model. They also illustrate this inverse relationship of prediction accuracy and level of intensification in the case of chickens in Europe (Robinson et al., 2014). At the local cell level, previous models
- 315 of land or population have compared results to independent local data (Siebert et al., 2002) or identified errors of omission in a gridded population model using the locations from household surveys (e.g. Tiecke et al., 2017).

Since we can not perform an evaluation of prediction accuracy for all countries, we compare the global cross-entropy model with another allocation model, which is similar to the global assessment of maize and rice production in You et al. (2014). For the comparison, we construct a proportional allocation model using rural population density following the method in Thomas



et al. (2019) for the case of Brazil.¹⁵ Then, we can test the similarity of the two maps. Following Levine et al. (2009), we assume a normal distribution over the 2 million land pixels and perform a pairwise student t test to test the null hypothesis that both maps were identical. This test allows us to examine whether the mean difference in the corresponding pixel value from one map to another was greater than would be expected by chance alone. The t test statistic tell us that we can not reject the null hypothesis which provides some evidence of similarity between the two models using all the global pixels. Figure 10 displays three global maps: the two models and their Spearman correlation.¹⁶ We exclude areas from the analysis with values that are less than 200,000. The correlation shows both areas of high and low correlation as the input of the models draws from

the relationship of agriculture from productions values or a (rural) population perspective.

The cross-entropy model can also propagate errors from the ancillary data that are inputs to the components. For the SPAM model, the CGIAR network held expert consultation and validation workshops according to each crop and subsequently incor-330 porated their feedback with modifications of the priors used in the model (You et al., 2014). The authors of Gridded Livestock Of the World (GLW) note regional differences in accuracy (i.e. RMSE values) are the result of the variation of production intensity and thus dependence on the initial conditions of the land upon which the prediction variables are mainly drawn (spatial agro-ecological variables)(Robinson et al., 2014). Lastly, the models integrate higher spatial resolution data to inform the spatial disaggregation procedures, which is subject to the MAUP (Openshaw, 1981).

335 3.2 Usage Notes

We provide descriptive statistics of the data and modeling from a fitness-for-use perspective (e.g. Leyk et al., 2019). The data are most appropriate for applications at global, continental and regional scales (You and Wood, 2006). Decisions regarding the use of this version over smaller spatial extents should be carefully considered in relation to the underlying assumptions and characteristics of a particular area. However, as the spatial refinement of ancillary data advances along with greater currency, coverage and representativeness, we expect validation possibilities to increase and inform a better understanding of the

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uncertainty and the associated fitness-for-use. Also, we intend to improve spatial and temporal coverage when it is feasible.

The data disaggregation model from source to target level does impose spatial relationships and is subject to error (Li et al., 2007). The measurement of GDP is also challenging (Angrist et al., 2021), especially agricultural production (Carletto et al., 2015). The level of uncertainty associated with these results includes the thematic, spatial and temporal accuracies. Below, we discuss these data and modeling issues in relation to two aspects: regional accounts and the regional components of AgGDP (mainly crop, fishery, forest, and livestock production values) that are priors in the cross-entropy model, and the outcome of

the cross-entropy model.

¹⁵We use the 2010 Gridded Population of the World version 4 from Center for International Earth Science Information Network - CIESIN - Columbia University (2017) adjusted to the United Nation's World Population Prospects followed by including the rural area defined by the Global Human Settlement grid for 2015: namely, "Rural cluster", "Low Density Rural grid cell", or "Very low density rural grid cell" (Pesaresi and Freire, 2019).

¹⁶The raster correlation in R performs a simple moving window correlation between two grids with a 3x3 pixel window.







Figure 10. A panel map of gridded Agricultural GDP circa 2010 from the Cross-Entropy model and from the rural population model (A) and its Spearman correlation in areas of AgGDP above or equal to 200,000 in the Cross-Entropy model (B). Source: Authors' calculation (2022).



3.2.1 Regional accounts

- We collect regional accounts by sector from various sources into a global database. The data are not balanced over time nor at the geographic level. The variation in the reference year of the regional accounts data influences the temporal balance of the database. This mismatch can influence the regional distribution of the agricultural GDP that may be different than the target reference year of 2010. Given climate¹⁷ and specifically rainfall is important input to crop and livestock production and may contribute to variation across years (Stanimirova et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2020), we attempt to reduce this source of error by averaging over multiple years when data are available similar to You et al. (2014). However, this does not eliminate this mismatch. The availability of data varies when grouped by World Bank income (low or lower middle, upper middle and
- high income). The average absolute temporal difference (ATD) defined as the mean difference in years between the reference regional accounts and the target year (2010) is higher in the low and lower middle income group. Likewise, the mean deviation of the share of AgGDP by country over the year(s) is larger in low or lower middle compared to high income.
- The global regional account database includes national and subnational units at various administrative levels.¹⁸ Following 360 Robinson et al. (2014) in their assessment of Gridded Livestock Of the World (GLW) 2.0, we summarize the average spatial resolution (ASR) of the input regional data, which is the square root of the land area divided by the number of administrative units. We find that on average the ASR decreases from high to low income groups.

3.2.2 Components

- Another source of uncertainty is indirect temporal inaccuracy propagated from the input datasets of the components, which
 are modeled. We discuss all five components of agricultural GDP: crop, livestock, forest, fish and hunting. The SPAM model (You et al., 2014) is a result of several gridded modeled datasets including rural population density from Global Rural-Urban Mapping Project (GRUMP) Alpha version (Balk et al., 2006). Likewise, the Gridded Livestock of the World v2.0 includes rural population density in 2006 (GRUMP) along with other predictors such as precipitation (Hijmans et al., 2005) and a modeled travel time to places with 50,000 inhabitants circa 2000 (Nelson, 2008). (Anderson et al., 2015) find variation in
 their examination of global data products of cropping systems models. For livestock, we transform the 5 major livestock into international values from livestock products (namely, meat, milk, eggs, honey and wool). The forest (non-wood products, wood-products) components relies on a remote sensing model to estimate forest loss. With regards to the non-timber values, limitation from the sources present two challenges. The estimates use simple averages from the literature that accordingly assume a property of uniformity in the value of a hectare of forest as similar across the world and the sample of forests with
 literature drawn for the study is representative of the world (Siikamäki et al., 2015). The fishing model relies on proximity and
- association with ports or water bodies.¹⁹ Finally, since we do not incorporate any information on hunting, the result is an even distribution across units and time.

¹⁷For a discussion on climate yield factors see Block et al. (2008).

¹⁸This also includes cases where administrative units at the same level are merged to match the geography of the regional accounts data.

¹⁹The freshwater case does not account for any variation, whereas the marine port locations incorporate variation on vessel holds.



Another source of uncertainty is the geographic distribution of the components. Ideally, we would use subnational prices, however it was not feasible, and the results do not reflect this occurrence, including administrative units with higher variation 380 of prices due to the heterogeneity of distinct urban and rural areas.

4 Conclusions

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Natural hazards impact both lives and livelihoods and a higher frequency and severity of disasters will likely increase in a changing climate. Socio-economic estimates at the local level inform disaster preparations of the exposure of physical assets and production to natural hazards and have implications for food security. Increased frequency and severity of natural hazards such as floods, droughts and cyclones are also likely to impact agricultural production systems, which can be wide ranging including loss of life, harvest or livestock and damage to infrastructure.

Significant advancement in the spatial allocation of indicators has occurred in the past 10 years such as population (e.g Leyk et al., 2019). The advantages of gridded data as a common spatial unit of integration and the cross-entropy models are clear. These common units allow us to examine within-country characteristics, especially in the case of spatial data that do not

- 390 conform with each other such as administrative boundaries and natural hazards to inform analyses with local estimates. We present a novel data set that disaggregates the national and regional accounts of the agriculture sector across areas as a result of a model where we use ancillary data including satellite data. This allows us to estimate especially in countries that have a relatively higher share of agricultural activity in the entire economy. Then, we examine the exposure of areas with at least one extreme drought during 2000 to 2009 to agricultural GDP, where nearly 1.2 billion people live, and find an estimated US\$432 billion of agricultural GDP in 2010. 395

These data are the result of data collection and collaboration across multiple entities to ensure the most current and widest coverage. However, persistent challenges to data collection remain, including limited geographic levels and temporal lag at low frequencies. Also, the reference year and spatial resolution of the local AgGDP estimates are limited to the contemporaneous availability of the economic statistics and components such as the crop production model. We often have to consider the

fitness-for-use while considering the accuracy; the model has lower average spatial resolution in areas where we have little 400 data, however these same areas may benefit from the availability of these estimates to inform policy. Predictions are dependent on the availability and quality of the training data on which the model is based and the modeling process is flexible to update individual countries as the data are available. In the near future, we hope to increase the currency and number of countries with subnational data as updates of the regional account data and models of the components upon which the model relies become

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> Data availability. These data are available at the World Bank's Development Data Hub under http://www.doi.org/10.57966/0j71-8d56 (IF-PRI and World Bank, 2022).





Appendix B: Tables

Table B1. Top 10 countries of largest total Agricultural GDP (millions of USD) exposed to dry areas with share of Agricultural GDP and Population (thousands)

Rank	Country	Ag GDP	Share of Ag GDP	Pop (2010)
1	China	146,000	0.26	323,000
2	India	60,600	0.22	255,000
3	United States	21,800	0.14	69,100
4	Russian Federation	14,300	0.26	27,100
5	Iran, Islamic Rep.	13,400	0.44	40,600
6	Brazil	12,600	0.14	9,230
6	Pakistan	12,600	0.28	42,600
7	Australia	10,900	0.44	6,130
8	Italy	6,560	0.17	7,120
9	Canada	5,540	0.25	5,000



 Table B2. Top 10 countries of largest share of Agricultural GDP exposed to dry areas with Agricultural GDP (millions of USD) and

 Population (thousands)

Rank	Country	Share of Ag GDP	Ag GDP	Pop (2010)
1	Rwanda	1.00	1670	9850
1	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1.00	11.6	29.9
1	Micronesia, Federated States of	1.00	< 1	< 1
2	Burundi	0.97	732	8320
3	Brunei Darussalam	0.91	99.3	92.8
4	West Bank and Gaza	0.85	543	2770
5	Gambia, The	0.81	170	1420
6	Finland	0.79	4400	3950
7	Belize	0.79	126	208
8	Jordan	0.73	733	5400





Table B3. Top 10 countries of 2010 population (thousands) exposed to dry areas with Agricultural GDP (millions of USD) and share ofAgricultural GDP

Rank	Country	Pop (2010)	Ag GDP	Share of Ag GDP
1	China	323,000	146,000	0.26
2	India	255,000	60,600	0.22
3	United States	69,100	21,800	0.14
4	Congo, Dem. Rep.	45,100	2,780	0.59
5	Pakistan	42,600	12,600	0.28
6	Iran, Islamic Rep.	40,600	13,400	0.44
7	Russian Federation	27,100	14,300	0.26
8	Tanzania	23,200	4,140	0.55
9	Uganda	18,700	2,990	0.66
10	Thailand	17,400	4,930	0.15



Table B4. Top 10 countries of largest total Agricultural GDP exposed to WCI areas with Agricultural GDP (million of USD) and Population (thousands)

Rank	Country	Ag GDP	Share of Ag GDP	Pop (2010)
1	China	436,000	0.802	990,000
2	India	243,000	0.925	1,000,000
3	Pakistan	44,200	0.999	170,000
4	Nigeria	38,300	0.465	78,000
5	Indonesia	38,200	0.479	120,000
6	United States of America	37,800	0.247	65,000
7	Turkey	37,600	0.625	43,000
8	Italy	30,400	0.854	42,000
9	Iran, Islamic Republic of	28,100	0.943	70,000
10	Egypt, Arab Republic of	24,400	0.947	70,000





 Table B5. Top 10 countries of largest share of Agricultural GDP in country exposed to WCI areas with Agricultural GDP (million of USD)

 and Population (thousands)

Rank	Country	Ag GDP	Share of Ag GDP	Pop (2010)
1	United Arab Emirates	1,310	1.000	3,900
1	Cyprus	346	1.000	610
1	Djibouti	28	1.000	380
1	Dominican Republic	2,740	1.000	6,300
1	Gambia, The	147	1.000	680
1	Haiti	1,070	1.000	5,900
1	Israel	3,270	1.000	5,600
1	Jamaica	523	1.000	1,400
1	Jordan	996	1.000	5,800
1	Korea, Republic of	14,600	1.000	31,000

¹⁹Additional countries exposed to WCI area with the 1.00 share of Ag GDP include: West Bank and Gaza; Cyprus; Kuwait; Gambia, The; Qatar; Hong Kong (SAR, China)



Rank	Country	Pop (2010)	Ag GDP	Share of Ag GDP
1	India	1,000,000	243,000	0.925
2	China	990,000	436,000	0.802
3	Pakistan	170,000	44,200	0.999
4	Indonesia	120,000	38,200	0.479
5	Bangladesh	110,000	13,900	0.909
6	Nigeria	78,000	38,300	0.465
7	Egypt, Arab Republic of	70,000	24,400	0.947
7	Iran, Islamic Republic of	70,000	28,100	0.943
8	United States of America	65,000	37,800	0.247
9	Mexico	64,000	14,100	0.462

Table B6. Top 10 countries of 2010 population exposed to WCI areas with Agricultural GDP (million of USD) and Population (thousands)





Table B7. Regional account descriptive statistics

Country	First Year	Last Year	Number of regions	Source
Albania	2012	2014	12	EUROSTAT
Argentina	2004	2004	24	Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos
Australia	2009	2011	8	Australian Bureau of Statistics
Austria	2012	2014	9	EUROSTAT
Belarus	2011	2013	8	BELSTAT
Belgium	2012	2014	3	EUROSTAT
Bolivia	2009	2011	9	Instituto Nacional de Estadística
Brazil	2010	2012	31	Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística
Bulgaria	2012	2014	2	EUROSTAT
Canada	2009	2011	13	Statistics Canada
Chile	2013	2015	13	Banco Central De Chile
China	2009	2011	32	National Bureau of Statistics China
Colombia	2009	2011	32	Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadístic
Croatia	2012	2014	3	EUROSTAT
Czech Republic	2012	2014	7	EUROSTAT
Denmark	2012	2014	5	EUROSTAT
Ecuador	2006	2006	23	Banco Central De Ecuador
Estonia	2012	2014	5	EUROSTAT
Finland	2012	2014	2	EUROSTAT
France	2012	2014	22	EUROSTAT
Georgia	2009	2011	9	National Statistics Office of Georgia
Germany	2012	2014	16	EUROSTAT
Greece	2012	2014	13	EUROSTAT
Hungary	2012	2014	3	EUROSTAT
India	2011	2013	32	Central Statistics Office
Indonesia	2009	2011	31	INDO-DAPOER
Iran, Islamic Rep.	2014	2014	28	Iran Statistical Yearbook 1389
Ireland	2012	2014	2	EUROSTAT
Italy	2012	2014	20	EUROSTAT
Japan	2009	2011	47	Cabinet Office Government of Japan
Kazakhstan	2010	2012	15	Agency of Statistics of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kenya	2017	2017	48	Kenya National Bureau of Statistics and World Bank
Korea, Rep.	2009	2011	15	Korean Statistical Information Services





Table B7. Continued.

Country	First	Last	Number of	Source
	Year	Year	regions	
Latvia	2012	2014	6	EUROSTAT
Lithuania	2012	2014	10	EUROSTAT
Malaysia	2010	2012	16	Department of Statistics Malaysia
Mali	2009	2009	9	Cellule d'Analyse et de Prospective
Malta	2012	2014	2	EUROSTAT
Mexico	2009	2011	32	Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía
Mongolia	2015	2017	23	Mongolian Statistical Information Service
Morocco	2005	2007	7	Ministry of Finance
Nepal	2019	2019	7	Central Bureau of Statistics Nepal
Netherlands	2012	2014	12	EUROSTAT
New Zealand	2009	2011	14	Statistics New Zealand
North Macedonia	2012	2014	8	EUROSTAT
Norway	2012	2014	19	EUROSTAT
Panama	2009	2011	9	Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censo
Peru	2009	2011	25	Instituto Nacional de Estadistica e informatica
Philippines	2009	2011	17	Philippine Statistics Authority
Poland	2012	2014	15	EUROSTAT
Romania	2012	2014	4	EUROSTAT
Russian Federation	2009	2011	82	Mordoviastat: Federal Service of State Statistics
Slovak Republic	2012	2014	4	EUROSTAT
Slovenia	2012	2014	2	EUROSTAT
South Africa	2009	2011	9	Statistics South Africa
Spain	2012	2014	19	EUROSTAT
Sri Lanka	2009	2011	9	Economic and Social Statistics of Sri Lanka
Sweden	2012	2014	3	EUROSTAT
Switzerland	2009	2011	25	Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland
Thailand	2009	2011	76	Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board
Türkiye	2009	2011	81	Turkish Statistical Institute
Ukraine	2010	2012	25	State Statistics Service of Ukraine
United Kingdom	2012	2014	4	EUROSTAT
United States	2009	2011	51	Bureau of Economic Analysis
Uruguay	2008	2008	19	Instituto Nacional de Estadistica
Vietnam	2009	2011	64	General Statistics Office of Viet Nam
Zambia	2015	2015	9	Central Statistics Office of Zambia





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