

Predictors	Symbol	Unit	Resolution	Temporal span	Source	Description	Reference
Precipitation	$P$	$\text{mm yr}^{-1}$	$0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$	1981–2014	Climatic Research Unit, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom	Mean annual precipitation	Harris et al. (2014)
Mean temperature	$T$	$^\circ\text{C}$	$0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$	1981–2014	Climatic Research Unit, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom	Mean annual temperature	Harris et al. (2014)
Potential evapotranspiration	PET	$\text{mm yr}^{-1}$	$0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$	1981–2014	Climatic Research Unit, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom	Penman–Monteith reference crop evapotranspiration	Harris et al. (2014)
No. of rainy days	$R_d$		5 arcmin	1981–2014	AQUAMAPS, FAO	Average number of wet days per year defined as having $\geq 0.1$ mm of precipitation	New et al. (2002)
Slope	$S$	fraction	$0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$	–	Earthdata, NASA	Mean surface slope	Verdin (2011)
Saturated hydraulic conductivity	$k_{\text{sat}}$	$\text{cm day}^{-1}$	$1^\circ \times 1^\circ$	–	Earthdata, NASA	Saturated hydraulic conductivity at 0–150 cm depth	Webb et al. (2000)
Soil water storage capacity	SWSC	mm	$1^\circ \times 1^\circ$	–	Earthdata, NASA	Texture-derived soil water storage capacity in soil profile (up to 15 m depth)	Webb et al. (2000)
Excess water (without irrigation)	EW	mm	–	1981–2014	–	$\sum_{i=1}^{12} (P_i - \text{PET}_i)$ where $P_i > \text{PET}_i$	
Aridity index	AI	–	–	1981–2014	–	$\text{AI} = P/\text{PET}$	
Clay content	Clay	%	$1^\circ \times 1^\circ$	–	Earthdata, NASA	0–150 cm profile	DAAC (2016)
Bulk density	$\rho_b$	$\text{gm cm}^{-3}$	$1^\circ \times 1^\circ$	–	Earthdata, NASA	0–150 cm profile	DAAC (2016)
Land use land cover	LU	–	15 arcsec	–	USGS/Literature	Forest, pasture, cropland, urban/built up, barren	Kim and Jackson (2012), Broxton et al. (2014)