

**Table S1.** Description of the experimental treatments

| Treatment Code | Group treatment | Mineral nitrogen fertilizer-NF (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | Organic fertilizer-ORF                                          | Fertilizer application |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 0              | Control         | 0                                                     | 0                                                               | 0                      |
| 1.1            | NPK             | 35                                                    | 0                                                               | MF                     |
| 1.2            |                 | 70                                                    |                                                                 |                        |
| 1.3            |                 | 105                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 1.4            |                 | 140                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 1.5            |                 | 175                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 2.1            | NPK+fym1        | 35                                                    | 1.2 t ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup><br>DM farmyard manure | fym1                   |
| 2.2            |                 | 70                                                    |                                                                 |                        |
| 2.3            |                 | 105                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 2.4            |                 | 140                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 2.5            |                 | 175                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 3.1            | PK+fym2         | 0                                                     | 3.2 t ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup><br>DM farmyard manure | fym2                   |
| 3.2            | NPK+fym2        | 35                                                    |                                                                 |                        |
| 3.3            |                 | 70                                                    |                                                                 |                        |
| 3.4            |                 | 105                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 3.5            |                 | 140                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 4.1            | NPK+Straw       | 35                                                    | 2.0 t ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup> DM<br>straw           | straw                  |
| 4.2            |                 | 70                                                    |                                                                 |                        |
| 4.3            |                 | 105                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 4.4            |                 | 140                                                   |                                                                 |                        |
| 4.5            |                 | 175                                                   |                                                                 |                        |

Treatment codes (1.1-1.5; 2.1-2.5; 4.1-4.5): each rate of mineral nitrogen fertilizer-NF (five levels NF: 35, 70, 105, 140, 175 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) with organic fertilizer-ORF (three types: no ORF, 1.2 t dry mass (DM) ha<sup>-1</sup> farmyard manure (FYM) and 2.0 t DM ha<sup>-1</sup> straw). Treatment codes (3.1-3.5): each 3.2 t DM ha<sup>-1</sup> FYM with each NF level (five levels: 0, 35, 70, 105, and 140 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Treatment code "0" or control: no fertilizer inputs. Fertilizer application (MF application: sole mineral fertilizer applied at 35, 70, 105, 140 and 175 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> N; fym1: FYM applied at 35, 70, 105, 140 and 175 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> N; fym2: FYM applied at 0, 35, 70, 105 and 140 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> N; straw: straw applied at 35, 70, 105, 140 and 175 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> N.

**Table S2.** Cropping sequencing in the long-term experiment (LTFE) “V140”. In bold: Winter wheat (WW), in grey: preceding crops

| Harvest<br>year | Crop                | Harvest<br>year | Crop                | Harvest<br>year | Crop                |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1963            | Maize               | 1981            | Sugar beet          | 1999            | Potato              |
| 1964            | Winter rye          | 1982            | Spring barley       | 2000            | Spring barley       |
| 1965            | Potato              | 1983            | Potato              | 2001            | Pea                 |
| 1966            | Winter rye          | <b>1984</b>     | <b>Winter wheat</b> | <b>2002</b>     | <b>Winter wheat</b> |
| 1967            | Potato              | 1985            | Sugar beet          | 2003            | Maize               |
| 1968            | Summer wheat        | 1986            | Spring barley       | 2004            | Winter rye          |
| 1969            | Sugar beet          | 1987            | Potato              | 2005            | Flax                |
| 1970            | Spring barley       | <b>1988</b>     | <b>Winter wheat</b> | 2006            | Winter rye          |
| 1971            | Maize               | 1989            | Sugar beet          | 2007            | Potato              |
| 1972            | Winter rye          | 1990            | Spring barley       | 2008            | Spring barley       |
| 1973            | Potato              | 1991            | Potato              | 2009            | Pea                 |
| <b>1974</b>     | <b>Winter wheat</b> | <b>1992</b>     | <b>Winter wheat</b> | <b>2010</b>     | <b>Winter wheat</b> |
| 1975            | Sugar beet          | 1993            | Sugar beet          | 2011            | Maize               |
| 1976            | Spring barley       | <b>1994</b>     | <b>Winter wheat</b> | 2012            | Winter rye          |
| 1977            | Sugar beet          | 1995            | Maize               | 2013            | Flax                |
| 1978            | Spring barley       | 1996            | Winter rye          | 2014            | Winter rye          |
| 1979            | Sugar beet          | 1997            | Flax                | 2015            | Potato              |
| 1980            | Spring barley       | 1998            | Winter rye          | 2016            | Spring barley       |

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The position of WW within the crop system was changed during the LTFE. There were different WW crop rotations: potato-WW-sugar beet (04 rounds), sugar beet-WW-maize (01 round), pea-WW-maize (02 rounds). Between 1975-1982, no WW was seeded.

**Table S3.** Selected chemical soil parameters in the topsoil (0-25 cm) of each treatment in four WW seasons (1984, 1988, 1992, and 1994)

| Treatment code | pH (KCl)           | Total N (mg/100g soil) | SOC (mg/100g soil)   | P (mg/100g soil)    | K (mg/100g soil)    | Mg (CaCl <sub>2</sub> ) (mg/100g soil) |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 0              | 6.3 <sup>g</sup>   | 39.7 <sup>a</sup>      | 440.4 <sup>a</sup>   | 6.5 <sup>a</sup>    | 9.5 <sup>a-e</sup>  | 5.0 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 1.1            | 6.2 <sup>fg</sup>  | 42.8 <sup>ab</sup>     | 470.2 <sup>ab</sup>  | 8.0 <sup>ab</sup>   | 11.3 <sup>b-f</sup> | 5.0 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 1.2            | 6.1 <sup>efg</sup> | 42.9 <sup>ab</sup>     | 486.6 <sup>a-d</sup> | 7.9 <sup>ab</sup>   | 10.0 <sup>a-e</sup> | 4.7 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 1.3            | 6.1 <sup>c-g</sup> | 43.5 <sup>abc</sup>    | 480.6 <sup>abc</sup> | 7.5 <sup>ab</sup>   | 9.4 <sup>abc</sup>  | 4.7 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 1.4            | 6.0 <sup>a-e</sup> | 44.2 <sup>a-d</sup>    | 490.8 <sup>a-d</sup> | 7.6 <sup>ab</sup>   | 8.7 <sup>a</sup>    | 4.6 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 1.5            | 5.9 <sup>a-d</sup> | 45.0 <sup>a-d</sup>    | 498.1 <sup>a-e</sup> | 8.0 <sup>ab</sup>   | 9.2 <sup>ab</sup>   | 4.4 <sup>a</sup>                       |
| 2.1            | 6.3 <sup>g</sup>   | 46.8 <sup>bcd</sup>    | 507.1 <sup>b-e</sup> | 9.0 <sup>bdc</sup>  | 11.4 <sup>b-g</sup> | 4.8 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 2.2            | 6.1 <sup>b-g</sup> | 46.9 <sup>bcd</sup>    | 523.0 <sup>b-e</sup> | 8.5 <sup>bc</sup>   | 10.2 <sup>a-e</sup> | 4.5 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 2.3            | 6.0 <sup>a-e</sup> | 50.3 <sup>d-h</sup>    | 559.1 <sup>e-h</sup> | 9.0 <sup>b-e</sup>  | 10.0 <sup>a-e</sup> | 4.6 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 2.4            | 6.0 <sup>a-e</sup> | 49.3 <sup>b-g</sup>    | 548.8 <sup>d-g</sup> | 8.9 <sup>bdc</sup>  | 10.0 <sup>a-e</sup> | 4.5 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 2.5            | 5.8 <sup>a</sup>   | 49.9 <sup>c-g</sup>    | 548.6 <sup>d-g</sup> | 8.8 <sup>bcd</sup>  | 9.3 <sup>abc</sup>  | 4.4 <sup>a</sup>                       |
| 3.1            | 6.1 <sup>d-g</sup> | 50.5 <sup>d-h</sup>    | 548.2 <sup>d-g</sup> | 10.8 <sup>ef</sup>  | 13.7 <sup>g</sup>   | 4.6 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 3.2            | 6.1 <sup>d-g</sup> | 56.8 <sup>h</sup>      | 618.3 <sup>h</sup>   | 11.0 <sup>f</sup>   | 13.0 <sup>fg</sup>  | 4.8 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 3.3            | 6.1 <sup>d-g</sup> | 55.4 <sup>gh</sup>     | 604.1 <sup>fgh</sup> | 10.8 <sup>ef</sup>  | 11.9 <sup>d-g</sup> | 5.0 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 3.4            | 6.0 <sup>a-e</sup> | 54.4 <sup>fgh</sup>    | 608.4 <sup>gh</sup>  | 10.2 <sup>c-f</sup> | 11.6 <sup>c-g</sup> | 4.8 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 3.5            | 5.8 <sup>ab</sup>  | 54.0 <sup>e-h</sup>    | 596.1 <sup>fgh</sup> | 10.4 <sup>def</sup> | 10.8 <sup>a-f</sup> | 4.5 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 4.1            | 6.1 <sup>d-g</sup> | 48.5 <sup>b-f</sup>    | 539.1 <sup>c-f</sup> | 8.3 <sup>ab</sup>   | 11.9 <sup>efg</sup> | 5.2 <sup>b</sup>                       |
| 4.2            | 6.1 <sup>d-g</sup> | 46.8 <sup>bcd</sup>    | 522.5 <sup>b-e</sup> | 8.4 <sup>bc</sup>   | 10.5 <sup>a-e</sup> | 4.7 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 4.3            | 6.0 <sup>a-f</sup> | 47.7 <sup>b-e</sup>    | 545.2 <sup>c-g</sup> | 8.1 <sup>ab</sup>   | 10.3 <sup>a-e</sup> | 4.8 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 4.4            | 5.9 <sup>a-e</sup> | 48.6 <sup>b-f</sup>    | 549.9 <sup>d-g</sup> | 8.3 <sup>ab</sup>   | 9.8 <sup>a-e</sup>  | 4.7 <sup>ab</sup>                      |
| 4.5            | 5.9 <sup>abc</sup> | 48.0 <sup>b-f</sup>    | 543.5 <sup>c-g</sup> | 8.2 <sup>ab</sup>   | 8.7 <sup>a</sup>    | 4.5 <sup>ab</sup>                      |

Total nitrogen: total N; organic carbon: SOC; plant-available phosphorus: P (mg/100g soil); plant-available potassium: K (mg/100g soil); plant-available magnesium: Mg (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) (mg/100g soil). Means sharing the same letters in the same column are not significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ). Treatments codes are given in Table S1.

**Table S4:** Analyzed input variables for their effects on the grain yield of winter wheat by LMM and M5P models

| Input variable name                       | Unit                   |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Fertilizers applied                       |                        |
| 1. Mineral nitrogen fertilizer            | kg ha <sup>-1</sup>    |
| 2. Farmyard manure fertilizer             | tons                   |
| 3. Straw                                  | tons                   |
| Monthly weather during the growing season |                        |
| 4. Monthly mean temperature               | °C                     |
| 5. Cumulative freeze days in a month,     | day                    |
| 6. Cumulative days Tmax > 30°C in a month | day                    |
| 7. Cumulative precipitation               | mm                     |
| 8. Growing degree days (GDD).             | GDD                    |
| Soil                                      |                        |
| 9. Total nitrogen in soil                 | mg/100 g soil          |
| 10. Soil organic carbon                   | mg/100 g soil          |
| Crop yield                                |                        |
| 11. Winter rye                            | Mg DM ha <sup>-1</sup> |
| 12. Potatoes                              | Mg DM ha <sup>-1</sup> |
| 13. Sugar beets                           | Mg DM ha <sup>-1</sup> |
| 14. Pea                                   | Mg DM ha <sup>-1</sup> |
| Preceding crop                            |                        |
| 15. Potatoes                              | None                   |
| 16. Sugar beets                           | None                   |
| 17 Pea                                    | None                   |

**Table S5a.** Average monthly temperature during WW growing season in the trial years

| Year    | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1973/74 | 13.6 | 7    | 3.1  | 0    | 2.5  | 3.1  | 4.6  | 7.6  | 11.3 | 14.8 | 16   |
| 1983/84 | 14.2 | 9.3  | 3.6  | 0    | 1    | -0.6 | 1.9  | 7.6  | 12.6 | 14.1 | 16.1 |
| 1987/88 | 14   | 9.2  | 5.5  | 1.9  | 2.9  | 2.5  | 2.3  | 8.2  | 15.2 | 15.8 | 18.3 |
| 1991/92 | 14.7 | 7.9  | 3.6  | 0.8  | 0.4  | 2.9  | 4.4  | 8.3  | 14.9 | 18.8 | 19.9 |
| 1993/94 | 12   | 7.6  | -1.1 | 2.4  | 2.5  | -2.1 | 5    | 8.4  | 12.2 | 15.4 | 21.4 |
| 2001/02 | 12.5 | 12.4 | 3.8  | -0.4 | 1.5  | 4.8  | 4.9  | 8.1  | 15.1 | 17.1 | 19.1 |
| 2009/10 | 14.9 | 7.5  | 6.9  | -0.5 | -5.9 | -0.8 | 4.3  | 8.7  | 11   | 16.8 | 21.5 |
| Mean    | 13.7 | 8.7  | 3.6  | 0.6  | 0.7  | 1.4  | 3.9  | 8.1  | 13.2 | 16.1 | 18.9 |
| SD      | 1.1  | 1.8  | 2.5  | 1.1  | 3.0  | 2.5  | 1.3  | 0.4  | 1.8  | 1.6  | 2.3  |
| CV      | 0.08 | 0.21 | 0.68 | 1.91 | 4.35 | 1.82 | 0.32 | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.12 |
| Max     | 14.9 | 12.4 | 6.9  | 2.4  | 2.9  | 4.8  | 5.0  | 8.7  | 15.2 | 18.8 | 21.5 |
| Min     | 12.0 | 7.0  | -1.1 | -0.5 | -5.9 | -2.1 | 1.9  | 7.6  | 11.0 | 14.1 | 16.0 |

Sep to Jul is the short form of the month from September to July. SD: standard deviation; CV: coefficient variation; Max: maximum, Min: minimum.

**Table S5b:** Average monthly precipitation during WW growing season in the trial years

| Year    | Sep   | Oct  | Nov  | Dec   | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun   | Jul   |
|---------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1973/74 | 24.7  | 60.2 | 47.8 | 49    | 29.9 | 42.9 | 10.5 | 17.4 | 46.6 | 74.8  | 62.4  |
| 1983/84 | 28.4  | 35.7 | 43.2 | 60.9  | 65.6 | 29.2 | 4.2  | 36.7 | 61.1 | 80.3  | 26.5  |
| 1987/88 | 72.4  | 10.2 | 52.5 | 47.6  | 44.4 | 83.4 | 65.7 | 1.6  | 23   | 116.9 | 33.6  |
| 1991/92 | 13.3  | 31.6 | 51.6 | 43.3  | 18   | 26.9 | 74.3 | 34.7 | 14   | 19.2  | 35.5  |
| 1993/94 | 73.3  | 22.8 | 37.4 | 105.8 | 81.3 | 7.3  | 88.1 | 48.3 | 88.5 | 35.5  | 45.4  |
| 2001/02 | 125.7 | 39.4 | 25.3 | 20.6  | 36.8 | 75.7 | 48.2 | 48.5 | 60.7 | 35.7  | 66.5  |
| 2009/10 | 38.3  | 79   | 63.8 | 42.4  | 12.7 | 13   | 33   | 22.9 | 85.6 | 5.4   | 131   |
| Mean    | 53.7  | 39.8 | 45.9 | 52.8  | 41.2 | 39.8 | 46.3 | 30.0 | 54.2 | 52.5  | 57.3  |
| SD      | 39.3  | 23.1 | 12.3 | 26.3  | 24.9 | 29.6 | 32.0 | 17.1 | 28.6 | 39.4  | 35.8  |
| CV      | 0.73  | 0.58 | 0.27 | 0.50  | 0.60 | 0.74 | 0.69 | 0.57 | 0.53 | 0.75  | 0.62  |
| Max     | 125.7 | 79.0 | 63.8 | 105.8 | 81.3 | 83.4 | 88.1 | 48.5 | 88.5 | 116.9 | 131.0 |
| Min     | 13.3  | 10.2 | 25.3 | 20.6  | 12.7 | 7.3  | 4.2  | 1.6  | 14.0 | 5.4   | 26.5  |

Sep to Jul is the short form of the month from September to July. SD: standard deviation; CV: coefficient variation; Max: maximum, Min: minimum.

**Table S5c:** Cumulative freezing days (freezing days) and the cumulative number of days recorded having temperatures above 30°C (days Tmax > 30°C) in selected months during winter wheat growing season in the trial years

| Freezing days |      |      |      |      |      | Days Tmax > 30°C |       |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|-------|
| Year          | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Jun              | Jul   |
| 1973/74       | 6.0  | 12.0 | 7.0  | 4.0  | 0.0  | 0.00             | 0.00  |
| 1983/84       | 7.0  | 13.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 9.0  | 0.00             | 4.00  |
| 1987/88       | 0.0  | 14.0 | 5.0  | 3.0  | 6.0  | 0.00             | 2.00  |
| 1991/92       | 1.0  | 8.0  | 11.0 | 3.0  | 0.0  | 2.00             | 6.00  |
| 1993/94       | 14.0 | 4.0  | 3.0  | 15.0 | 1.0  | 2.00             | 14.00 |
| 2001/02       | 2.0  | 15.0 | 12.0 | 4.0  | 0.0  | 1.00             | 5.00  |
| 2009/10       | 0.0  | 14.0 | 30.0 | 17.0 | 8.0  | 0.00             | 11.00 |
| Mean          | 4.3  | 11.4 | 11.1 | 8.7  | 3.4  | 0.7              | 6.0   |
| SD            | 5.1  | 4.0  | 8.9  | 6.6  | 4.1  | 1.0              | 4.9   |
| CV            | 1.20 | 0.35 | 0.80 | 0.75 | 1.19 | 1.33             | 0.82  |
| Max           | 14.0 | 15.0 | 30.0 | 17.0 | 9.0  | 2.0              | 14.0  |
| Min           | 0.0  | 4.0  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 0.0  | 0.0              | 0.0   |

Sep to Jul is the short form of the month from September to July. SD: standard deviation; CV: coefficient variation; Max: maximum, Min: minimum.

**Table S6:** Pearson's correlation of fixed effects in the LMM

|            | (Intr) | NF     | N in soil | pcrp_y | Tmid_Oc | Tm30_J | Frz_Dc | Frz_Fb |
|------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| NF         | -0.460 |        |           |        |         |        |        |        |
| N in soil  |        | -0.237 | -0.074    |        |         |        |        |        |
| pcrp_yield | -0.283 | -0.156 | 0.432     |        |         |        |        |        |
| Tmid_Oct   | -0.383 | -0.067 | 0.375     | 0.421  |         |        |        |        |
| Tmax30_Jul | -0.012 | 0.105  | -0.273    | -0.674 | -0.591  |        |        |        |
| Freeze_Dec | -0.143 | -0.006 | -0.490    | 0.065  | -0.500  | 0.368  |        |        |
| Freeze_Feb | -0.127 | -0.071 | 0.297     | 0.451  | 0.625   | -0.818 | -0.444 |        |
| Preci_Jun  | -0.014 | 0.112  | 0.004     | -0.730 | -0.353  | 0.787  | -0.105 | -0.480 |

NF: Nitrogen fertilizer rate; pcrp\_yield: preceding crop yield; Tmid\_Oct: Temperature in October; Tmax30\_July: cumulative number of days in July with maximum temperatures above 30°C; Freeze\_Dec: cumulative number of days in December with mean temperatures below 0°C (32°F); Freeze\_Feb: cumulative number of days in February with mean temperatures below 0°C (32°F); Preci\_Jun: precipitation in June

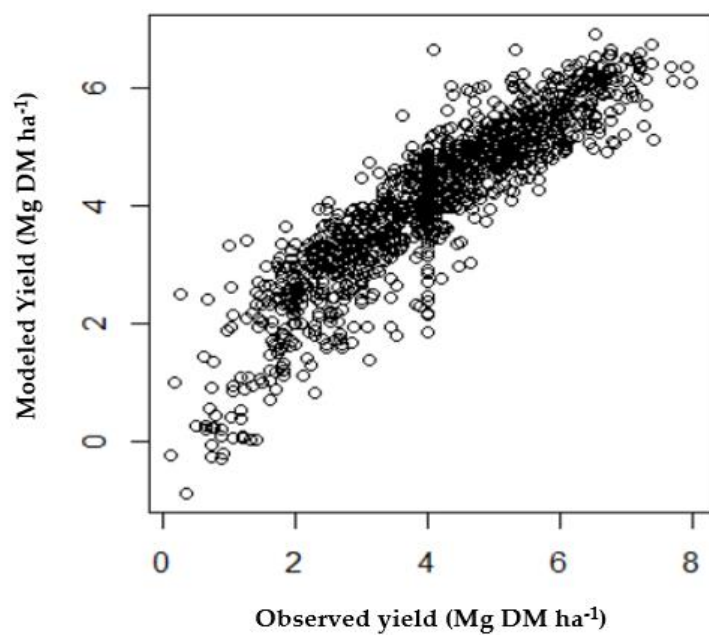


Figure S1: Modeled vs observed 1:1 scatter plots of the LMM

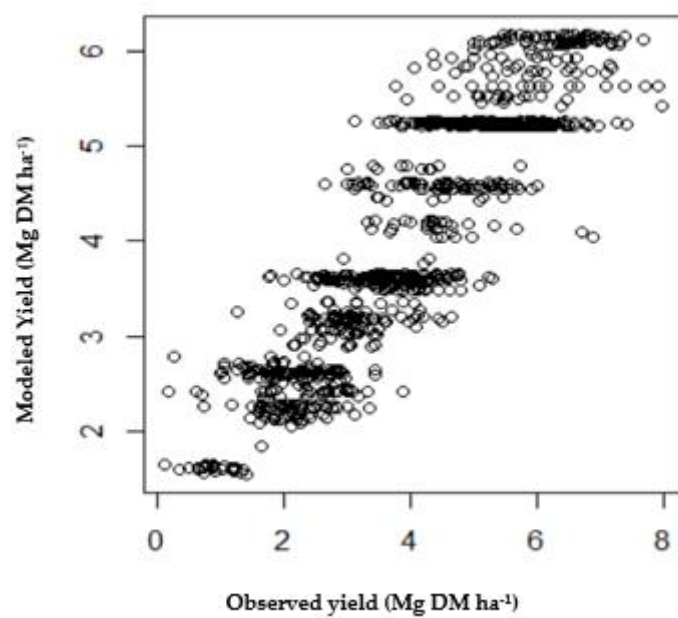


Figure S2: Modeled vs observed 1:1 scatter plots of the M5P

**EQ 1. Equations for the evaluation metrics are given as:**

**1.1** Equation of coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is given as:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum(\bar{y} - \hat{y})^2}{\sum(\bar{y} - \bar{y})^2} \quad (\text{Es1})$$

**1.2** Equation of root mean square error (RMSE)

$$RMSE = \sqrt{MSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{y} - \hat{y})^2} \quad (\text{Es2})$$

**1.3** Equation of mean absolute error (MAE)

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\bar{y} - \hat{y}| \quad (\text{Es3})$$

Where,  $\hat{y}$  = predicted value of y

$\bar{y}$  = mean value of y