

| Variables   | Accuracy of Best Model              | P-Value           |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Random Classification</i>                                |                                     |                   |
| None  | 47.8 $\pm$ 0.472%                   | -                 |
| <i>Decision Tree One-Variable Classification</i>            |                                     |                   |
| AWND  | 62.4 $\pm$ 0.034%                   | <0.001*           |
| PRCP  | 62.4 $\pm$ 0.006%                   | <0.001*           |
| TAVG  | 62.4 $\pm$ 0.017%                   | <0.001*           |
| DURING_A_DROUGHT  | 62.4 $\pm$ 0.006%                   | <0.001*           |
| WATERSHD  | 62.4 $\pm$ 0.006%                   | <0.001*           |
| <b>POP_BY_COUNTY</b>  | <b>64.1 <math>\pm</math> 0.296%</b> | <b>&lt;0.001*</b> |
| <i>Decision Tree Two-Variable Classification</i>            |                                     |                   |
| DURING_A_DROUGHT, WATERSHD                                  | 62.4 $\pm$ 0.006%                   | <0.001*           |
| POP_BY_COUNTY, AWND   | 62.7 $\pm$ 0.674%                   | <0.001*           |
| <i>Decision Tree Three-Variable Classification</i>          |                                     |                   |
| AWND, PRCP, TAVG  | 62.4 $\pm$ 0.006%                   | 0.002*            |
| DURING_A_DROUGHT, WATERSHD, POP_BY_COUNTY                   | 64.0 $\pm$ 0.509%                   | <0.001*           |
| POP_BY_COUNTY, AWND, TAVG                                   | 62.5 $\pm$ 0.396%                   | 0.001*            |
| <i>Decision Tree All-Variable Classification</i>            |                                     |                   |
| AWND, PRCP, TAVG, DURING_A_DROUGHT, WATERSHD, POP_BY_COUNTY | 62.5 $\pm$ 0.385%                   | <0.001*           |
| <i>Random Forest All-Variable Classification</i>            |                                     |                   |
| AWND, PRCP, TAVG, DURING_A_DROUGHT, WATERSHD, POP_BY_COUNTY | 62.3 $\pm$ 0.020%                   | <0.001*           |

**Note:** Asterisks (\*) indicate significantly higher accuracy than a random classification, and **bold** type indicates the highest-accuracy model.

| Variables  | Max Depth<br>(max_depth) | Cross<br>Validation<br>Generator (cv) | Quality of<br>Split<br>(criterion) | # of Trees in<br>Forest<br>(n_estimators) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Random Classification</i>   |                          |                                       |                                    |   |
| None   | -                        | -                                     | -                                  | -   |
| <i>Decision Tree One-Variable Classification</i>                     |                          |                                       |                                    |   |
| AWND   | 3                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| PRCP   | 1                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| TAVG   | 3                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| DURING_A_DROUGHT   | 1                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| WATERSHD   | 1                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| <b>POP_BY_COUNTY</b>   | 13                       | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| <i>Decision Tree Two-Variable Classification</i>                     |                          |                                       |                                    |   |
| DURING_A_DROUGHT,<br>WATERSHD  | 1                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| POP_BY_COUNTY, AWND  | 7                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| <i>Decision Tree Three-Variable Classification</i>                   |                          |                                       |                                    |   |
| AWND, PRCP, TAVG   | 1                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| DURING_A_DROUGHT,<br>WATERSHD,<br>POP_BY_COUNTY                      | 10                       | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| POP_BY_COUNTY, AWND,<br>TAVG   | 5                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| <i>Decision Tree All-Variable Classification</i>                     |                          |                                       |                                    |   |
| AWND, PRCP, TAVG,<br>DURING_A_DROUGHT,<br>WATERSHD,<br>POP_BY_COUNTY | 6                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | -   |
| <i>Random Forest All-Variable Classification</i>                     |                          |                                       |                                    |   |
| AWND, PRCP, TAVG,<br>DURING_A_DROUGHT,<br>WATERSHD,<br>POP_BY_COUNTY | 6                        | 5*                                    | gini*                              | 100*                                      |

**Note:** Asterisks (\*) indicates it is a default parameter value.