

Original Research Article

<https://doi.org/10.20546/ijcmas.2021.1001.020>

Studies on Different Temperature Humidity Index Models in Relation with Production Traits for HF × GIR Halfbreds

Ghoshita Suryakant Hingonekar*, Dilip Kundalik Deokar, Swapnali Uttamrao Rokade and Harshavardhan Shahaji Sonawane

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Science, College of Agriculture, Dhule, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, India

*Corresponding author

ABSTRACT

Keywords

HF × Girhalfbreds, TMY, LL, DP, PMY, THI

Article Info

Accepted:
04 December 2020
Available Online:
10 January 2021

The data on production performance of HF × Girhalfbreds maintained at Research cum Development Project on Cattle (RCDP), Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri district, Ahmednagar, (M.H) were utilized for present study. The least squares means of total milk yield (kg), lactation length (days), dry period (days) and peak milk yield (kg) were estimated by considering the effects of period of calving, season of calving and lactation order as non-genetic factors. Then data were corrected for significant non genetic factor effect and effect of THI was estimated. Then data were corrected for significant non genetic factor effect and effect of THI was estimated. The THI had significant influence on production traits TMY and PMY, indicating that the HF × Girhalfbreds were acclimatised to the local climate due to optimum feeding with sound management are provided. However, the THI had non-significant influence on trait LL and DP.

Introduction

The THI was extensively used in hot region all over the world to evaluate the effect of heat stress on dairy cows. It is currently used to estimate cooling necessity of dairy cattle in order to improve the efficiency of management strategies to alleviate the negative effect of heat stress. Increased pressure for intensified milk production and simultaneous rise in environmental temperature due to global warming has increased the thermal load on dairy animals. Elevated environmental temperature combined with high humidity causes

discomfort and escalates the stress level in animals which is reflected in terms of reduced physiological and metabolic activities that results in reduced growth, drop in production and reproduction in farm animals. Heat stress is one of the most vital environmental stressor that has negative impact on milk yield, milk composition (fat%, SNF%, protein % etc). Construction of Temperature Humidity Index (THI) by combining several climatological parameters like dry bulb, wet bulb temperature along with relative humidity to quantify the thermal stress is one of the best method to assess heat stress on animals. Several research workers have reported that

there exists a threshold THI value, above which the negative effects of heat stress is observed on animals. Mitigation strategies to combat heat stress includes selection of heat tolerant animals and their breeding, inclusion of heat tolerance as a trait while constructing selection index, providing balanced nutrition to the animals and implementation of good ventilation along with suitable cooling system in the farm (Behera *et al.*, 2020).

Materials and Methods

The data of HF × Girhalfbreds maintained at Research Cum-Development Project on Cattle, M.P.K.V., Rahuri for a period from 2009 to 2019 (10 years) were collected for present investigation for following Traits: a) Productive traits:1) Total lactation milk yield (kg),2) Lactation length (days),3) Dry period (days),4) Peak milk yield (kg).To examine the Production traits, the research data was classified into 3 periods of calving viz. P₁ (2009-2011), P₂(2012-2014), P₃ (2015 above); 3 seasons of calving, viz. S₁ (Rainy) June- September, S₂ (Winter) October-January and S₃ (Summer) February-May; 5 order of lactation viz. L₁first lactation, L₂ second lactation, L₃third lactation, L₄ fourth lactation, L₅fifth lactation; The effects of non-genetic factors like period of calving, season of calving and parity were estimated by using least-square analysis as suggested by Harvey (1990). The model was used with the assumption that different components being fitted into the model were as linear, independent and additive.

The model used was as follows:

Model I

$$Y_{ijkl} = \mu + A_i + B_j + C_k + e_{ijkl}$$

where Y_{ijkl} , observation of l^{th} animal, k^{th} parity, j^{th} season of calving, i^{th} period of

calving; μ overall mean, A_i fixed effect of i^{th} period of calving (1 to 3), B_j fixed effect of j^{th} season of calving (1 to 3), C_k fixed effect of k^{th} parity (1 to 5); e_{ijkl} random error \sim NID (0, $\sigma^2 e$).

Correction of data

Whenever the effects found significant data were corrected and used for further analysis.

The data on different production traits were corrected for the significant effects of period of calving, season of calving and lactation order. The corrected data were used to find out the effect of THI on production traits.

Temperature humidity index models

Seven reported THI models were used to compute temperature humidity index as follows:

THI models Reference

$$\text{THI1} = [0.4 \times (\text{Tdb} + \text{Twb})] \times 1.8 + 32 + 15 \text{ Thom}(1959)$$

$$\text{THI2} = (0.35 \times \text{Tdb} + 0.65 \times \text{Twb}) \times 1.8 + 32 \text{ Bianca (1962)}$$

$$\text{THI3} = (0.15 \times \text{Tdb} + 0.85 \times \text{Twb}) \times 1.8 + 32 \text{ Bianca (1962)}$$

$$\text{THI4} = (\text{Tdb} + \text{Twb}) \times 0.72 + 40.6 \text{ NRC (1971)}$$

$$\text{THI5} = (0.55 \times \text{Tdb} + 0.2 \times \text{Tdp}) \times 1.8 + 32 + 17.5 \text{ NRC (1971)}$$

$$\text{THI6} = (1.8 \times \text{Tdb} + 32) - (0.55 - 0.0055 \times \text{RH}) \times (1.8 \times \text{Tdb} - 26.8) \text{ NRC (1971)}$$

$$\text{THI7} = (0.8 \times \text{Tdb}) + [(\text{RH}/100) \times (\text{Tdb} - 14.4)] + 46.4 \text{ (Mader et al., 2006)}$$

Tdb: dry bulb temperature; Twb: wet bulb temperature; RH: relative humidity; Tdp: dew point temperature. Tdb, Twb and Tdp were measured in °C and RH was measured in %.

Monthly THI was computed using the environmental parameters and effect of THI was seen on traits under study by using following model.

Model II

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + THI_i + e_{ij}$$

Y_{ij} - Observation on j^{th} parameters for i^{th} THI value range

μ - Overall mean

THI_i - Effect of i^{th} THI value range

e_{ij} - Random error associated with NID ~ (0, σ^2e)

7 different THI values as THI1 in 6 Ranges THI11 (71-74), THI12(74-77), THI13 (77-80), THI14 (80-83), THI15 (83-86), THI6 (86-89); THI2 in 5 Ranges THI21 (60-64), THI22 (64-68), THI23 (68-72), THI24 (72-76), THI25 (76 -80); THI3 in 5 Ranges THI31 (58-62), THI32 (62-66), THI33 (66-70), THI34 (70-74), THI35 (74 -78); THI4 in 4 Ranges THI41 (65-69), THI42 (69-73), THI43 (73-77), THI44 (77-81); THI5 in 6 Ranges THI51 (72-75), THI52 (75-78), THI53 (78-81), THI54 (81-84), THI55 (84-87), THI56 (87 -90); THI6 in 4 Ranges THI61 (65-70), THI62 (70-75), THI63 (75-80), THI64 (80-85); THI7 in 4 Ranges THI71 (65-69), THI72 (69-73), THI73 (73-77), THI74 (77-81).

Duncan’s Multiple Range Test (DMRT)

Duncan’s Multiple Range Test as modified by Kramer (1957) was used to make pair wise

comparison among the least square means with the use of inverse elements and root mean squares for error.

If the values:-

$$(Y_i - Y_j) \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{C_{ii} + C_{jj} + 2 C_{ij}}} > \sigma^2e, Z(P,ne)$$

Where,

$Y_i - Y_j$: Difference between two least squares means

C_{ii} : Corresponding i^{th} diagonal elements of C matrix

C_{jj} : Corresponding j^{th} diagonal elements of C matrix

Z (P, ne): Standardized range value in Duncan’s table at the chosen level of probability for the error degrees of freedom

P: Number of means involved in the comparison

σ^2e : Root mean squares for error

Results and Discussion

Effect of THI on total milk yield

The overall least squares mean of total milk yield in HF × Girhalfbreeds was 2612.89 ± 95.51 kg. According to the above investigation the effect of THI7 on total milk yield of HF × Girhalfbreeds was significant. The differences in the total milk yield of HF × Girhalfbreeds in THI 71 significantly higher than THI 72, THI 74 and THI 73. The differences in the total milk yield of HF × Girhalfbreeds in THI 72, THI74 and THI 73 were at par to each other (Table 1).

Table.1 Least Square means of TMY, LL, DP and PMY in HF × Girhalfbreds

Effect	N	LEAST SQUARE MEANS			
		Total Milk Yield	Lactation Length	Dry period	Peak milk yield
μ		2612.89 ± 95.51	280.13 ± 6.58	155.58 ± 9.74	15.80 ± 0.40
THI11	9	2561.20 ± 330.16	284.11 ± 22.75	110.55 ± 33.70	15.60 ^{bc} ± 1.40
THI12	27	3131.56 ± 190.62	296.70 ± 13.13	146.22 ± 19.45	16.77 ^a ± 0.81
THI13	32	2641.57 ± 175.09	283.43 ± 12.06	146.93 ± 17.87	16.50 ^{ab} ± 0.74
THI14	52	2380.86 ± 137.35	293.57 ± 9.46	136.36 ± 14.02	14.05 ^d ± 0.58
THI15	40	2551.16 ± 156.61	275.17 ± 10.79	153.52 ± 15.98	16.47 ^b ± 0.66
THI16	9	2411.02 ± 330.16	247.77 ± 22.75	239.88 ± 33.70	15.44 ^c ± 1.40
THI21	10	2746.28 ± 317.52	288.20 ± 21.46	105.50 ± 31.97	16.20 ± 1.36
THI22	34	2921.82 ± 172.20	290.97 ± 11.64	154.61 ± 17.33	16.55 ± 0.73
THI23	31	2566.78 ± 180.34	279.12 ± 12.19	147.00 ± 18.15	15.92 ± 0.77
THI24	62	2506.01 ± 127.52	296.00 ± 8.62	131.58 ± 12.83	14.90 ± 0.54
THI25	32	2435.50 ± 177.50	261.28 ± 12.00	187.78 ± 17.87	15.84 ± 0.76
THI31	15	2861.71 ± 259.74	290.00 ± 17.71	120.20 ± 26.48	16.72 ± 1.11
THI32	49	2600.58 ± 143.71	280.49 ± 9.80	155.91 ± 14.65	15.76 ± 0.61
THI33	24	2855.10 ± 205.34	289.91 ± 14.00	133.50 ± 20.94	16.74 ± 0.88
THI34	59	2539.01 ± 130.97	291.62 ± 8.93	144.49 ± 13.35	15.06 ± 0.56
THI35	22	2318.42 ± 214.48	267.40 ± 14.63	175.63 ± 21.87	15.27 ± 0.91
THI41	18	3079.85 ± 234.64	284.88 ± 15.95	139.05 ± 23.95	17.75 ± 1.00
THI42	48	2728.68 ± 143.69	289.16 ± 9.76	137.58 ± 14.67	16.07 ± 0.61
THI43	68	2466.19 ± 120.72	294.38 ± 8.20	139.27 ± 12.32	14.83 ± 0.51
THI44	35	2444.81 ± 168.27	260.42 ± 11.43	184.51 ± 17.18	15.70 ± 0.71
THI51	9	2561.20 ± 331.68	284.11 ± 22.62	110.55 ± 33.82	15.60 ± 1.42
THI52	27	3131.56 ± 191.49	296.70 ± 13.06	146.22 ± 19.52	16.77 ± 0.82
THI53	37	2520.26 ± 163.58	279.27 ± 11.15	153.91 ± 16.68	15.91 ± 0.70
THI54	52	2483.22 ± 137.98	298.80 ± 9.41	130.92 ± 14.07	14.55 ± 0.59
THI55	34	2511.08 ± 170.65	269.67 ± 11.63	158.47 ± 17.40	16.41 ± 0.73
THI56	10	2432.68 ± 314.66	253.30 ± 21.46	220.20 ± 32.08	15.30 ± 1.35
THI61	23	3135.92 ± 207.07	289.82 ± 14.27	131.47 ± 21.09	17.13 ± 0.89
THI62	51	2564.40 ± 139.05	286.49 ± 9.58	150.11 ± 14.16	15.59 ± 0.60
THI63	88	2497.54 ± 105.86	285.52 ± 7.29	143.60 ± 10.78	15.32 ± 0.45
THI64	7	2427.02 ± 375.34	248.28 ± 25.87	245.57 ± 38.23	15.94 ± 1.62
THI71	15	3012.69 ^a ± 255.13	284.53 ± 17.56	132.26 ± 26.44	17.36 ^a ± 1.09
THI72	41	2897.63 ^b ± 154.32	297.43 ± 10.62	141.00 ± 15.99	16.36 ^b ± 0.66
THI73	68	2395.66 ^{bc} ± 119.82	288.39 ± 8.25	140.83 ± 12.41	14.54 ^c ± 0.51
THI74	45	2506.34 ^c ± 147.30	268.15 ± 10.14	170.97 ± 15.26	16.20 ^{bc} ± 0.63

The maximum total milk yield in THI7, within range 1 i.e., THI71 (3012.69 ± 255.13) and minimum total milk yield in THI 73 (2395.66 ± 119.82). This results was in accordance with Ghavi Hossein-Zadeh *et al.*, (2012), V. Gantner *et al.*, (2012), H. Hammami *et al.*, (2013), ForoughZare-Tamami *et al.*(2017), Behera *et al.*, (2017), Habeeb, (2020) in dairy cows.

Effect of THI on Lactation Length

The overall least squares mean of total milk yield in HF × Girhalfbreds was 280.13 ± 6.58 days.

According to the above investigation the effect of none of the THI was significant on lactation length of HF × Girhalfbreds. This results was in accordance with Ghavi

Hosseini-Zadeh *et al.*, (2012), V. Gantner *et al.*, (2012), H. Hammami *et al.*, (2013), ForoughZare-Tamami *et al.*, (2017), Behera *et al.*, (2017), Habeeb, (2020) in dairy cows.

Effect of THI on Dry Period

The overall least squares mean of dry period in HF × Girhalfbreeds was 155.58 ± 9.74 days. According to the above investigation the effect of none of the THI was significant on dry period of HF × Girhalfbreeds. This results was in accordance with Ghavi Hossein-Zadeh *et al.*, (2012), V. Gantner *et al.*, (2012), H. Hammami *et al.*, (2013), Forough Zare-Tamami *et al.*(2017) in dairy cows.

Effect of THI on Peak Milk Yield

The overall least squares mean of peak milk yield in HF × Girhalfbreeds was 15.80 ± 0.40 kg. According to the above investigation the effect of THI1 and THI7 on peak milk yield of HF × Girhalfbreeds, was significant. The differences in the peak milk yield of cows in THI 12 significantly higher than THI13, THI 15, THI 11, THI 16 and THI 14 were at par to each other and THI71 significantly higher than THI72, THI74 and THI73 were at par each other. The maximum monthly milk yield first in THI1, within range 2 i.e., THI 12 (16.77 ± 0.81) and in THI7, within range 1 i.e., THI71(17.36 ± 1.09) and minimum monthly milk yield first in THI 14 (14.05 ± 0.58) and in THI7, within range 3 i.e., THI73 (14.54 ± 0.51). This results was in accordance with GhaviHossein-Zadeh *et al.*, (2012), Gantner *et al.*, (2012), Behera *et al.*, (2017) in dairy cows.

References

Behera R., Chakravarty A.K., Sahu A., Kashyap N., Rai S. and Mandal A. (2017). Identification of best temperature humidity index model for

assessing impact of heat stress on milk constituent traits in Murrah buffaloes under subtropical climatic conditions of Northern India. *Indian J. Anim. Res.*, 52(1): 13-19.

Behera R., Mandal A., Rai S., Karunakaran M. and Mondal M. (2020). Temperature Humidity Index and its relationship with production traits of dairy cattle and buffaloes – Review. *International Journal of Livestock Research* 10(3):38-48.

Forough Zare-Tamami, HasanHafezian, Ghodrat Rahimi-Mianji, Rohullah Abdullahpour, and Mohsen Gholizadeh (2017). Effect of the temperature-humidity index and lactation stage on milk production traits and somatic cell score of dairy cows in Iran. *Songklanakarin J. Sci. Technol.* 40 (2), 379-383.

Gantner, P. Mijic, S. Jovanovac, N. Raguz, T. Bobic and Kuterovac, K. (2012). Influence of temperature-humidity index (THI) on daily production of dairy cows in Mediterranean region in Croatia. Article in *EAAP Scientific Series*, January 2012. 131(1): 71-80.

GhaviHossein-Zadeh, N., Mohit, A. and Azad, N. (2012). Effect of temperature-humidity index on productive and reproductive performances of Iranian Holstein cows. *Iranian Journal of Veterinary Research, Shiraz University, 2013*, 14(2): 106-112.

Habeeb, A. A. (2020). Impact of climate change in relation to Temperature-Humidity Index on productive and reproductive efficiency of dairy cattle. *Int J Vet Anim Med* 3(1):1-10.

Hammami, H., J. Bormann, N. M'hamdi, H. H. Montaldo and Gengler, N. (2013). Evaluation of heat stress effects on production traits and somatic cell score of Holsteins in a temperate

- environment. *J. Dairy Sci.* 96: 1844–1855.
- Harvey W.R. (1990). Least-squares analysis of data with unequal subclass numbers. ARS H-4, U.S.D.A, Washington.
- Kramer, C.V. (1957). Extension of multiple range test to group correlated adjusted mean. *Biometrics*, 13: 13-20.

How to cite this article:

Ghoshita Suryakant Hingonekar, Dilip Kundalik Deokar, Swapnali Uttamrao Rokade and Harshavardhan Shahaji Sonawane. 2021. Studies on Different Temperature Humidity Index Models in Relation with Production Traits for HF × GIR Halfbreds. *Int.J.Curr.Microbiol.App.Sci.* 10(01): 172-177. doi: <https://doi.org/10.20546/ijcmas.2021.1001.020>