

Length of the growing season in days, averaged over 40°N–70°N in North America (green plot) and Eurasia (blue plot). The plots show the time series of yearly growing season durations for the years 1982–1999, and the dashed red lines are the trends estimated by linear regression. The trend lines show, overall, a 12-day lengthening of the growing season in North America and an 18-day lengthening of the growing season in Eurasia. (Data from the AVHRR instruments on the NOAA 7, 9, 11, and 14 satellites.)