

APPENDIX I

Some meteorological data of North Bengal University experimental field (average
of 1998, 1999 and 2000)

| Month | Mean temperature (°C) | Rainfall (mm) | Relative humidity (%) |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| January | 16.8 | 8.6 | 39 |
| February | 21.8 | 8.2 | 42 |
| March | 26.3 | 28.5 | 38 |
| April | 29.8 | 48.3 | 40 |
| May | 33.2 | 125.6 | 51 |
| June | 34.4 | 316.5 | 65 |
| July | 33.8 | 510.5 | 70 |
| August | 31.6 | 442.6 | 76 |
| September | 28.8 | 310.5 | 85 |
| October | 28.6 | 112.6 | 68 |
| November | 26.2 | 14.6 | 58 |
| December | 21.5 | 3.5 | 50 |