Adapting Crop Coefficients for Local Conditions



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Discussion Points

- Transferability and Standardization of Reference ET
- Transferability of Crop Coefficients
- Impact of crop density and architecture
- Review of the Dual Crop Coefficient Reference ET approach of FAO56
- Application at Mead, Nebraska with comparisons against Ameriflux Eddy Covariance
- Sensitivites of ET estimates to settings for Dual K_c parameters

The Dual K_c Approach $ET_c = K_c ET_{ref}$ $K_c = K_s K_{cb} + K_e$

- $K_s = stress coefficient (0 1)$
- K_{cb} = 'basal' coefficient representing ET with dry surface soil layer (primarily transpiration)

• $K_e = evaporation$ from wet soil surface

 $= K_e = K_r \left(K_{c \max r} - K_s K_{cb} \right)$ (Transpiration (K_{cb}) has priority over E)

•
$$K_{c \max r} = \max[K_{c \max bare}, (K_{cb} + 0.05)]$$

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Reference ET

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FAO and ASCE Penman-Monteith are traceable to the Davis, California and Kimberly, Idaho (USDA) Lysimeters

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Kimberly Lysimeters -September 7, 1990



ASCE/FAO PM -- Daily vs. Hourly Timesteps -- Both are good



The FAO-56 hourly PM was applied using 50 s/m surface resistance as recommended in Allen et al. 2005

QAQC of Weather Data -- Correct biases before use

- FAO-56 and ASCE (2005) standardizations and guidelines encourage the use of a graphical assessment of hourly or daily weather data
- Graphical views of data and contrasts benefit from
 - Relatively quick and automated assessments
 - Scans of entire data series
 - Enables the use of the human brain's integrating and conclusion-drawing capabilities
- Recommended to complement Weather Network QAQC programs

REF-ET Reference Evapotranspiration Calculator

For Support of ASCE Manual 70 (1990,2016) and 2005 ASCE Standardization and FAO Irrigation and Drainage Paper No. 56: CROP EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

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About Ref-ET

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ET OUTPUT MODES and REFERENCE EQUATIONS



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1	5	1993	2.0	-10.8	6.62	1.48	-9.81	1.03	.70	.73	.0
1	6	1993	1	-11.2	7.61	1.13	-9.64	.72	.52	.55	.0
1	7	1993	1.80	-9.84	7.04	1.95	-8.96	1.12	.75	.78	
1	8	1993	-4.38	-9.48	1.22	3.05	-7.75	.24	.16	.16	.0
1	9	1993	-8.6	-15.7	8.20	2.21	-14.8	.51	.37	.38	.0
1	10	1993	-9.9	-16.1	5.29	1.23	-16.4	.43	.33	.34	
1	11	1993	1.8	-17.7	8.74	2.38	-13.7	1.47	.95	.97	.76
1	12	1993	-2.7	-17.4	9.38	2.97	-13.5	.96	.64	.66	.0
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Run Ref-ET again (manually)	Run QAQC (in background)	End
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Recommended Operation Sequence: 1) Open 'out' and 'in2' files from REF-ET run; 2) Create charts to view data; 3) Modify Solar radiation data by applying multipliers to data; 4) Save File and Rerun REF-ET. Currently no modifications are possible to humidity, temperature or wind data.

Note: If a button becomes 'light grey' in color, That means that that step is completed and can not be repeated for the current data session. If the text color of the button becomes 'green', that means that the process has completed, but can be run again.

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CIGR, Bari, Italy, Sept. 10, 2013

Observed R_s (top) and Auto-Adjusted R_s (bottom) Avondale CoagMet for years 1997 - 2001



🔐 Rs Adjustment

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1993.182~1993.266	0.99	0.99	
1993.267~1993.329	1	1	
1993.330~1994.061	0.99	0.99	
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Avondale CoagMet - Period of Record 1993 - 2015 Adjustment of Solar Radiation, only



Avondale CoagMet - Period of Record 1998 Adjustment of Solar Radiation, only



Crop Coefficients

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Crop Coefficient = ET/ET_{ref}



Crop Coefficient Curve Types



Single or Dual K_c

Which should we use? ---- (Dual)

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For highest accuracy fieldby-field and year-to-year:

- It is best to account for impacts of increased ET caused by evaporation from soil
 - During the initial and development periods when ground cover is low
 - To account for the impacts of frequency of wetting
 - Precipitation (year to year variation)
 - Irrigation system type and management
 - To account for the degree of surface wetting by the irrigation system

K_c measured by Lysimeter <u>each dot is one day</u>





data courtesy of Dr. J.L. Wright, USDA-ARS









Allen 2011 Ag.Wat.Man

Impact of TimeStep length and Behavior of the Skin Evaporation Enhancement (2011) with FAO-56 K_e



FAO-56 K_e model vs. Kimberly Lysimeter

– Bare Soil Conditions

Conclusion: Skin Enhancement is Important for Precip. Events < 10 mm. Model can be applied on daily or hourly timestep

Partial Surface Wetting/Drying in FAO-56 Dual K_c model



Why Apply the Dual K_c method for estimating water depletion?

Advantages

 Capture variation in daily K_c value according to wetting frequency from rainfall and irrigation

 K_c estimates can be made during wintertime to estimate water lost as evaporation from soil Mead, Nebraska – Comparison with Eddy Covariance —Illustrate Low Sensitivity to K_{cb mid}





Mead, NE Ameriflux Site

Eddy Covariance data by Andy Suyker and S. Verma, UNL, et al.



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Mead Eddy Covariance Closure

- 2003 Corn
 - Rainfed = 91%
 - Irrigation 1 = 88%
 - Irrigation 2 = 84%
- 2005 Corn
 - Rainfed = 89%
 - Irrigation 1 = 85%
 - Irrigation 2 = 85%



 $ET_{cor.} = ET \times (R_n-G)/(H+1E)$

-- preserves the Bowen Ratio = H/1E



The Dual K_c Approach

- $K_{c} = K_{s} K_{cb} + K_{e}$
- $K_e = K_r (K_c \max r K_s K_{cb})$
- $K_{c \max r} = \max[K_{c \max bare}, (K_{cb} + 0.05)]$

subscript 'r' for alfalfa reference so that $K_{c max bare} \sim 1.0$ to 1.2

 K_e can take up the "slack" or remaining 'energy' represented by the difference between $K_{c\,max\,r}$ and K_{cb}

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Irrigated Field – Dual K_c Calculation



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FAO-56 Dual Kc Example Spreadsheet -- Annex 8 of FAO-56 -- available at: http://extension.uidaho.edu/kimberly/2013/04/guideli nes-for-computing-crop-water-requirements/



Modified here to use Alfalfa Reference

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FAO-56 Dual Kc Spreadsheet

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Sensitivity

Impact of K_{cb mid}

Finding: With Dual K_c method, estimated ET is relatively insensitive to K_{cb mid} and more sensitive to K_{c max}

Irrigated Field – Impact of $K_{c mid}$



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Irrigated Field – Impact of K_{c mid}



Conclusion: It is difficult to determine correct separation in T and E and correct $K_{c mid}$ using measured ET only

Irrigated Field – Impact of K_{c max}



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Irrigated Field – Impact of K_{c max}



Sensitivity - Conclusion

With dual K_c method, worry less about K_{cb mid} and more about K_{c max}.

With alfalfa reference, K_{c max r} is expected to be ~ 1.0 to 1.1

With grass reference, K_{c max o} is ~ 1.2 to 1.4, depending on wind speed and Relative Humidity.

Sensitivity to Rooting Depth

Impact of Rooting depth under Stressed Conditions

Finding: Estimation of ET under stress conditions is quite sensitive to the estimate for Total Available Water (TAW) where TAW = MAD x WHC x R₇.

Therefore, ET is sensitive to MAD and R₇ estimates.

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Rainfed Field – Impact of Rooting Depth



INOVAGRI, Fortaleza, Brazil, Aug. 31, 2015

Rainfed Field – Impact of Rooting Depth



INOVAGRI, Fortaleza, Brazil, Aug. 31, 2015

Improving the Estimation of the Time Basis of K_c

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Normalized (ratio of) **Cumulative Growing Degree Days** (GDD) from Planting to Effective Full Cover (Wright, 1998; Allen and Wright, 2003)





Cumulative GDD for Wright (1982) K_{cb}'s as used in Idaho – Allen and Robison (2007)

	Spr. Wht	Wint Wht	Peas seed	Peas frsh	Sug. Beet	Pota to bake	to proc ess.	Bea ns	Field Corn
GDD Base, °C	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	10- corn
CGDD Planting to EFC	840	1080	635	635	970	740	700	670	540
CGDD Planting	2160	2600	1620	1000	2600	1780	1500	950	1400
to Terminate (wint	er whe	eat is p	olanted	d Oct.	15 an	d accu	mulate	es all	winter)

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Starting and Ending the K_{cb}



How to Start Planting or Greenup:

Use 30 day (running average) mean daily air temperature

2004 - Kimberly

1969-2005 - Kimberly



--similar to SCS method, except it is better to use T30 that <u>ENDS</u> on the predicted planting/greenup date

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T₃₀ for Idaho Crops – Allen and Robison (2007)

	Spr. Wht	Peas seed	Sug. Beet	Potato bake	Field Corn	Beans
Year of Wright	1979	1977	1975	1972	1976	1973
Plant Date of Wright	Apr 1	Apr 10	Apr 15	Apr 25	May 5	May 22
T30 used in ETIdaho, °C	4	5	8	6 to 7	10	14

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	W	hen	to	End	: Ki	lling	Fro	osts					
	Killing Frosts as used in Idaho – Allen and Robison (2007) (°C)												
	Spr. Wht	Peas seed	Sug. Beet	Pot. bake	Field Corn	Bean	Alf alfa	Past.	Hops				
		-4	-4	-2	-4 to -5	-2	-7	-5	-2				
	Cattai	Popla	Cotto	Willo	Sun								
/	/ IS	r	n wood	WS	flowr								
/	-2	-5	-4	-6	-4								
	Note:	Thes (no	e are t <i>t on th</i>	emper e grou	ratures <i>Ind)</i>	inside	a We	eather S	Shelter				

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Alfalfa Season Lengths vs. Elevation across Idaho Thermal-estimated Start and Frost Ended

Season Length, Alfalfa Hay



Defined **Dry Bean** Season Lengths vs. Elevation Thermal-estimated Start and Thermal-estimated End

Season Length, Dry Beans - seed



Ashton, 1990 calendar year -- Potatoes



Annual ET estimates vs. Precipitation - Desert Sage Brush



Why K_{cb} should transfer among regions and climates

- Full-cover Alfalfa Reference (ET_r)
 - Dense stand with no cutting effects
 - 30 to 70 cm height
 - Extensive cover (~ 50 m or more)
- Field crop
 - Variable ground cover and leaf area
- If crop 'stomates' are 'programmed' to maximize photosynthesis and biomass production then
 - Relationship between ET_r and ET_c should be constant with climate and location
 - Both systems behave like passive resistors
 - Both systems use solar radiation capture, aerodynamic roughness and near surface boundary layer characteristics to drive ET







Overall Conclusions

- With dual K_c method, worry less about K_{cb mid} and more about K_{c max}.
- Alfalfa reference provides more certainty than a grass reference since K_{c max r} is ~ 1.0
- Under stressed conditions, accurate estimation of rooting depth (or MAD) and rooting growth rate is important.
- Starting and Stopping the Crop Growing Period and the Evolution of K_{cb} over time can be important for localized accuracy





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