

Comparison of evaporimeters in field experiments in Austria

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An accurate estimation of evapotranspiration is crucial for many applications in agrometeorology. However, through the involvement of many influencing parameters in this complex process of mass flux makes it difficult to establish a robust method for the estimation of representative values of potential and actual evapotranspiration. Especially the influence of different spatial and temporal scales applied does not always allow a direct comparison between equations and even measurement methods.

In order to compare direct measurement methods of potential evapotranspiration by different types of evaporimeters for further comparison with indirect calculation methods from hourly to daily ET_0 estimation, an experiment was established in the Marchfeld region of Austria. The results should highlight the respective application potential of the different methods regarding their accuracy and response to different weather conditions.