

Estrés hídrico con énfasis en sequía

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Agenda

- What is crop water stress?
- What external factors cause crop water stress?
- How do we model crop water stress?
- PR drought of 2015
- How do we avoid crop water stress?

What is crop water stress?

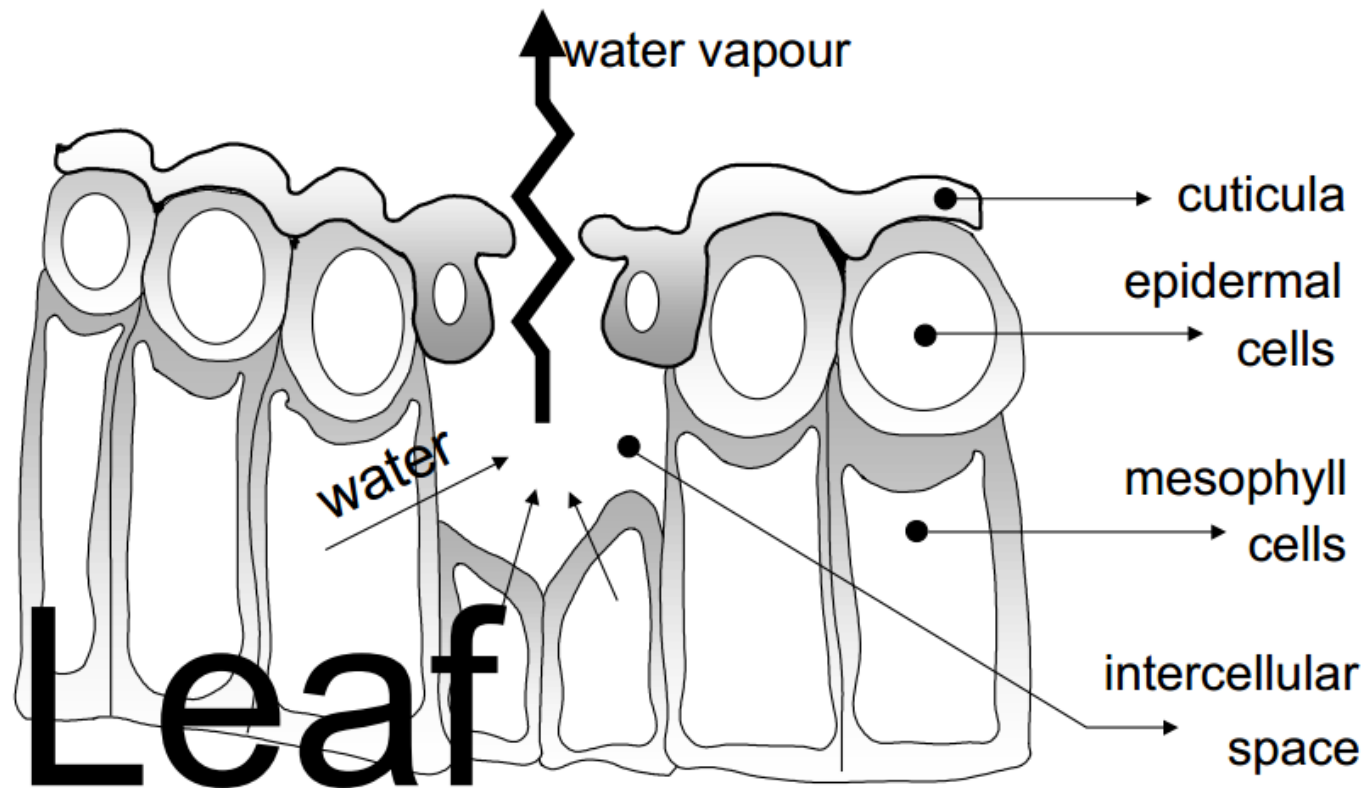
- “Plants experience water stress either when the water supply to their roots becomes limiting or when the transpiration rate becomes intense.”
- “Plant growth under drought is influenced by altered photosynthesis, respiration, translocation, ion uptake, carbohydrates, nutrient metabolism, and hormones.”
- “Water stress is primarily caused by the water deficit, i.e. drought or high soil salinity. In case of high soil salinity and also in other conditions like flooding and low soil temperature, water exists in soil solution but plants cannot uptake it – a situation commonly known as ‘physiological drought’.”

Rahman W. and H Hasegawa, 2012. **Water Stress**, InTech, Chapters published January 25, 2012 under CC BY 3.0

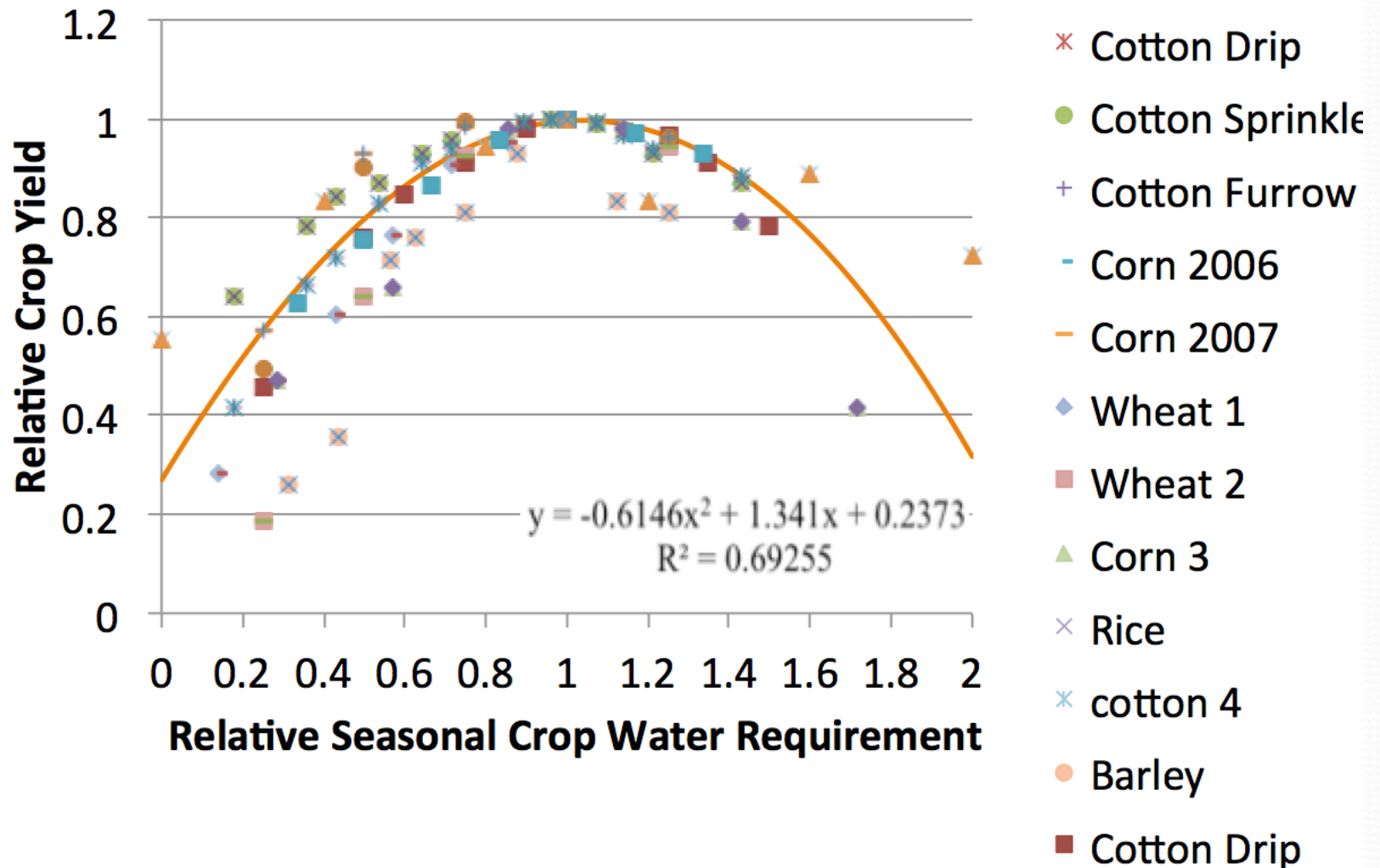
FIGURE 1

Schematic representation of a stoma

Atmosphere



Relationship between relative crop yield and relative seasonal crop water requirement applied



How much money are we talking about?



	Percentage of Crop Water Requirement Applied						
	40	50	80	100	130	150	180
CROP*	\$ Lost / Acre						
Gandules	47	32	10	0	12	35	69
Pepinillo	111	76	25	0	15	56	124
Repollo	256	174	57	0	21	103	247
Sandia	293	199	65	0	23	114	277
Platanos y Guineos, Plantilla	318	216	71	0	24	122	299
Calabaza	390	265	87	0	27	146	359
Cebolla	543	369	121	0	34	195	490
Pimiento	578	393	129	0	36	206	519
Barenjena	757	514	169	0	44	264	670
Platanos y Guineos, Reton~o	1,006	684	225	0	76	388	945
Melon, Cantaloupe y Honeydew	1,027	698	229	0	56	352	899
Raices y Tuberculos	1,041	707	232	0	57	356	911

*Based model budget data from the *Conjunto Tecnológico, UPR Experiment Station*

What external factors cause crop water stress?

- Drought
- Planting at the wrong time of year
- Poor irrigation system design
- Poor irrigation management
- Climate Change

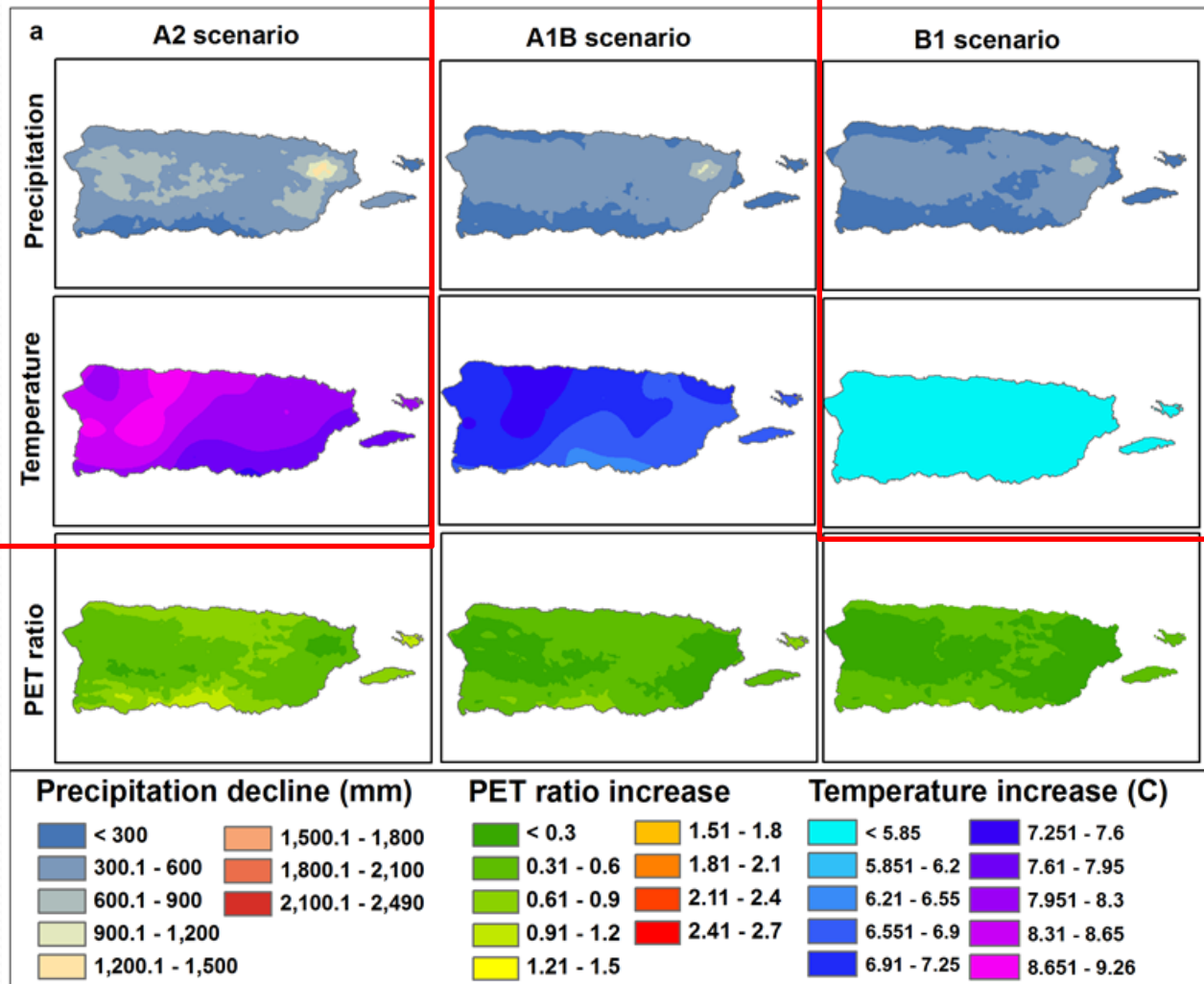
The total changes in precipitation, mean temperature and PET ratio from the first time interval (1960 to 1990) to the last time interval (2071 to 2099) based on the multi-model average of all twelve models

30%
Reduction
in rainfall

8 °C
Increase in
Average
Temperature

20%
Reduction
in rainfall

4.5 °C
Increase in
Average
Temperature



Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology

Authors: Azad Henareh Khalyani, Gould, Harmsen, Terando, Quinones and Callazo.



How do we model crop water stress?

Crop Water Stress Index (CWSI)

$$\text{CWSI} = 1 - \frac{ET_a}{ET_p} = \frac{\gamma \left(0.81 + \frac{r_s}{r_{ah}} \right) - \gamma^*}{\delta + \gamma \left(0.81 + \frac{r_s}{r_{ah}} \right)}$$

ET_a = Actual evapotranspiration

ET_p = Reference evapotranspiration

γ = Psychrometric constant

δ = Slope of the saturated vapor pressure-temperature curve

r_s = Resistance to water vapor transfer at leaf level

r_{ah} = Air resistance for heat diffusion

$$\gamma^* = \gamma \left[0.81 + \left(\frac{r_s}{r_{ah}} \right)_p \right]$$

Jackson, R. D., S. B. Idso, R. J. Reginato, and P. J. Pinter Jr. 1981. Canopy temperature as a crop water stress indicator. Water Resources

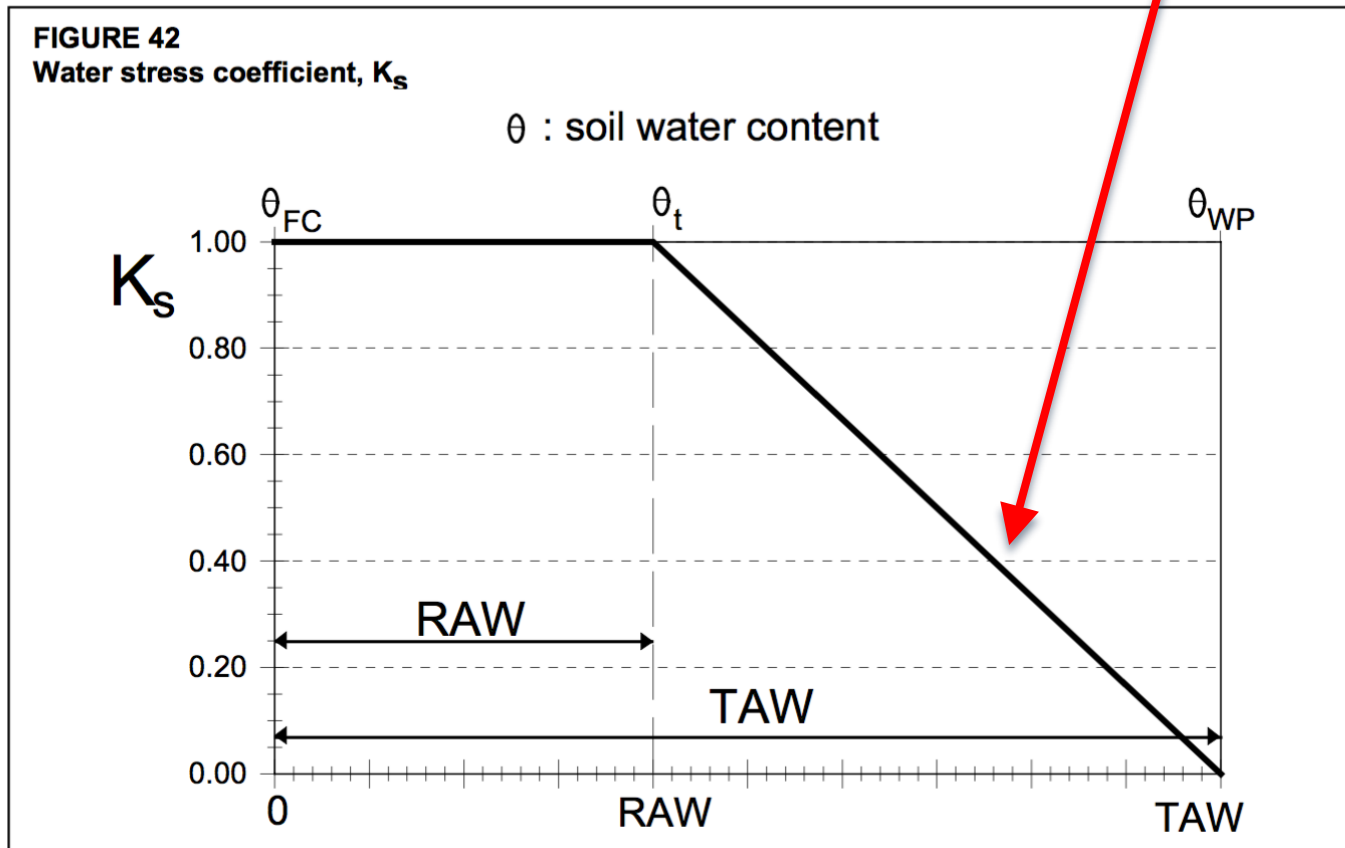
Estimating CWSI is relatively complicated

The method involves canopy temperature, which is easy to obtain, but it also involves a lot of other measurements.

$$\frac{r_s}{r_{ah}} = \frac{\frac{0.81Q_{RAD}r_{ah}\gamma}{2LAI\rho C_p} - [(T_c - T_a)(0.81\gamma + \delta)] - VPD}{\gamma \left[(T_c - T_a) - \frac{Q_{RAD}r_{ah}}{2LAI\rho C_p} \right]}$$

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$$ET_{c \text{ adj}} = K_s K_c ET_o \quad K_s = \frac{TAW - D_r}{TAW - RAW} = \frac{TAW - D_r}{(1 - p) TAW}$$

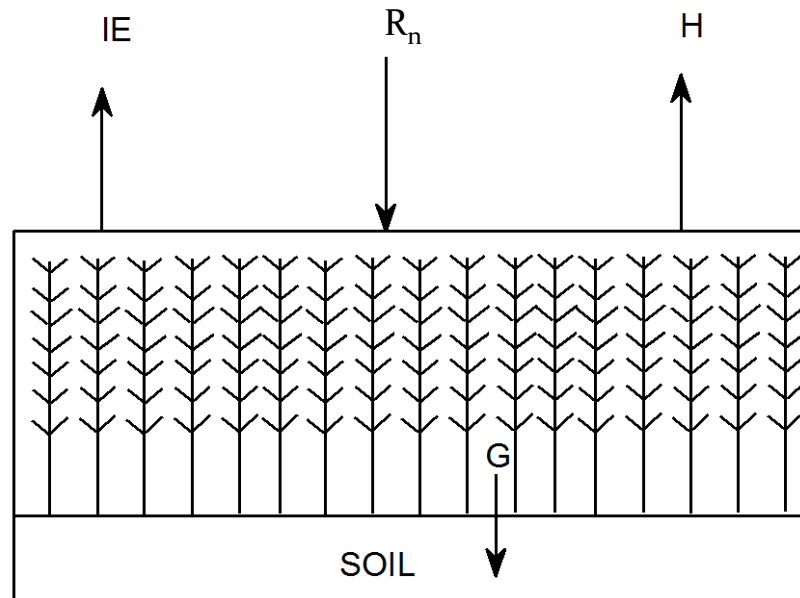


Relative Crop Yield (Y_a/Y_m)

$$\left(1 - \frac{Y_a}{Y_m}\right) = K_y \left(1 - \frac{ET_{c \text{ adj}}}{ET_c}\right)$$

where: K_y a yield response factor [-]
 $ET_{c \text{ adj}}$ adjusted (actual) crop evapotranspiration [mm d⁻¹]
 ET_c crop evapotranspiration for standard conditions (no water stress) [mm d⁻¹]

Canopy Energy Balance



$$R_n + lE + H + G + aA = 0$$

R_n = Net radiation

lE = Latent heat flux

H = Sensible heat flux.

G = Soil heat flux

aA = energy utilized in photosynthetic activity.

Bowen Ratio

$$\beta = \frac{H}{LE}$$
$$= \gamma \left(\frac{T_s - T_a}{e_s - e_a} \right)$$

Where H and LE are the sensible and latent heat flux, respectively,

T_s and T_a are the water surface and air temperatures respectively, in degrees Celsius,

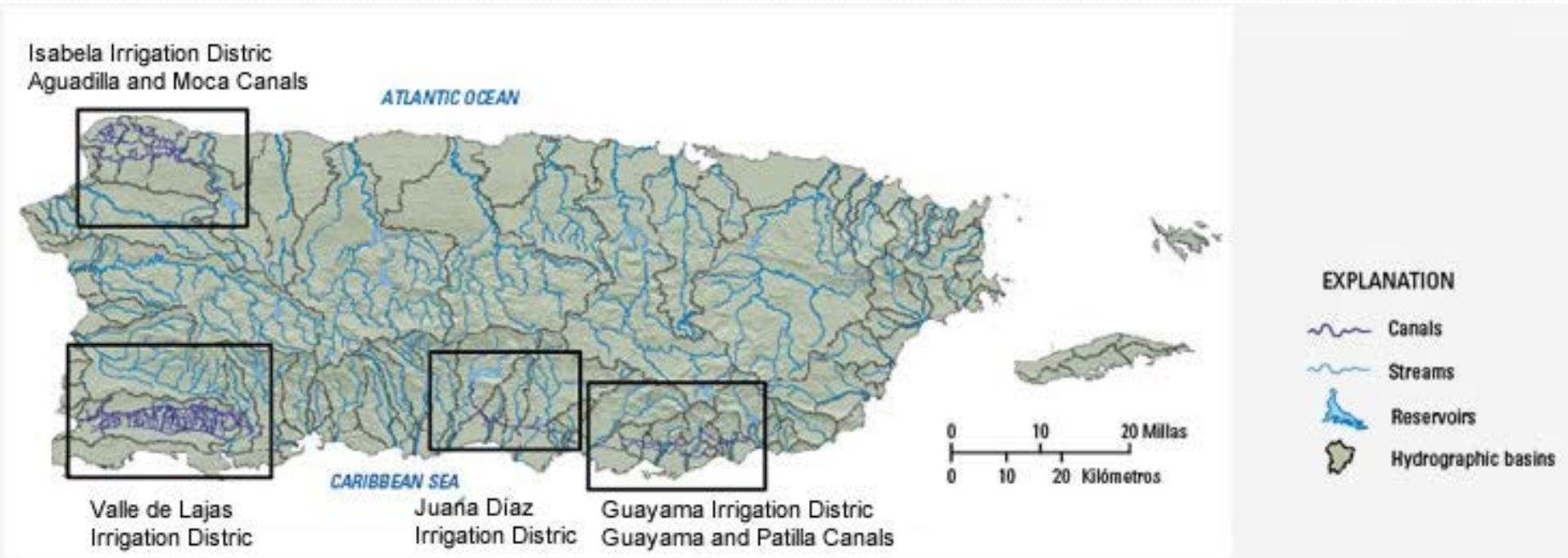
e_s and e_a are vapor pressures at the water surface and air, respectively, in kilopascals, and

γ is the psychrometric constant, in kilopascals per degree Celsius.

The 2015 Drought

- Puerto Rico experience a prolonged drought during the months a April through September.
- Water

Irrigation Districts of PR

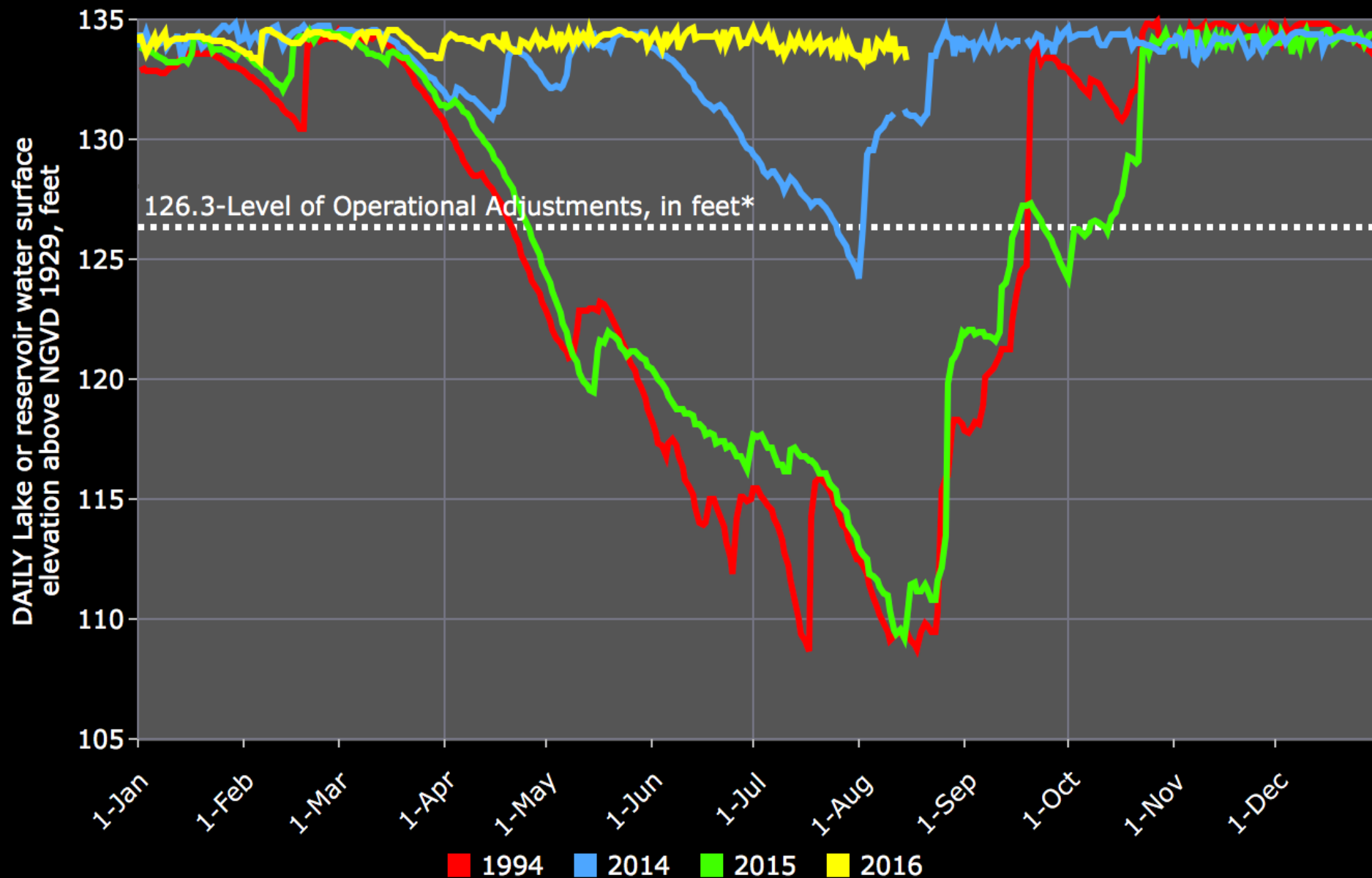


Irrigation Districts

- Agricultural water requirements are not well island
- Canals have limited spatial extent
- Canals are in disrepair in some areas, and water is lost from the system
- Water is essentially free to farmers

USGS 50059000 LAGO LOIZA AT DAMSITE NR TRUJILLO ALTO, PR (LAGO CARRAIZO)

Provisional Data SUBJECT TO REVISION





June 19, 2015, aerial photo shows the drought-affected lakeshore of La Plata reservoir in Toa Alta, Puerto Rico.

Water Conflicts

- Conflicts exist between the agriculture and non-agricultural sectors. For example, in the Guayama Irrigation District, 28% of the water is used for agriculture, 72% for domestic/industrial use.
- Expansion of agricultural production is being promoted, which will result in more competition for water resources.

Groundwater

- Salinity levels are increasing in some of the wells near the ocean.
- Induced aquifer recharge systems have been designed and are operational in Guanica and Juana Diaz areas.
- The interior of the island is characterized by relatively low permeable rock.

**CONSTANCIA 3
WELL,
PONCE**
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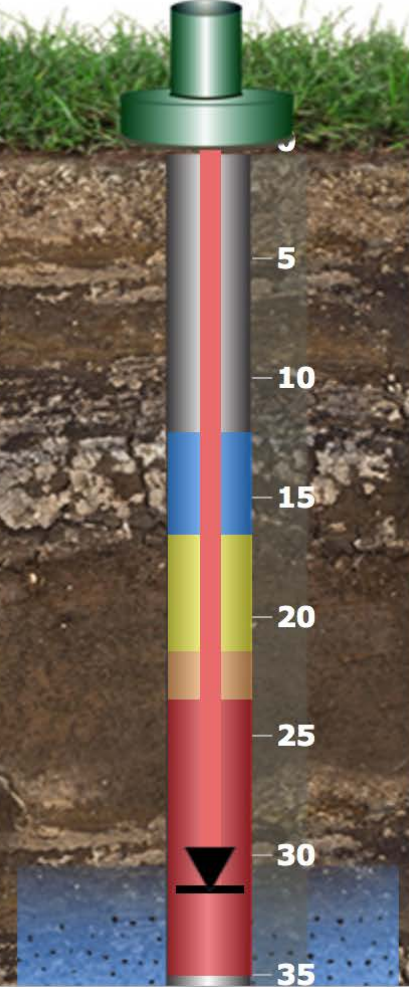
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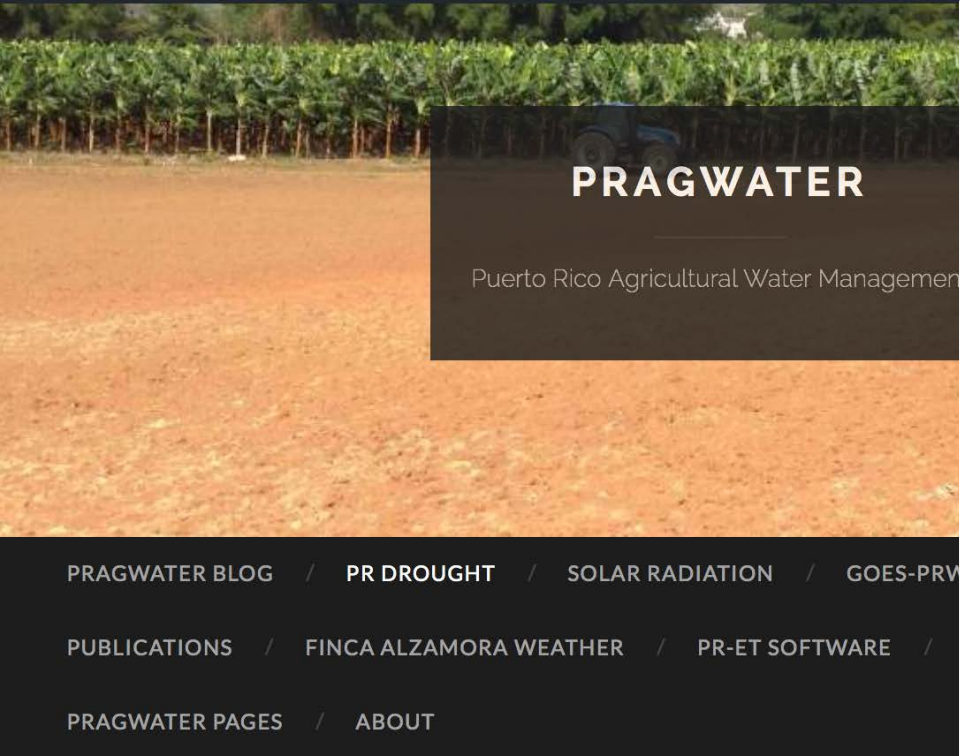


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**PIEZOMETER
AGUIRRE HW
5B, SALINAS**
31.19 feet
Aug 15, 2016





Progress of 2015 Puerto Rico Drought – Selected Soil and Water Parameters

Weekly maps can be viewed by clicking on the following links:

[Rainfall](#)

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[Agricultural rainfall deficit \(negative values only\)](#)

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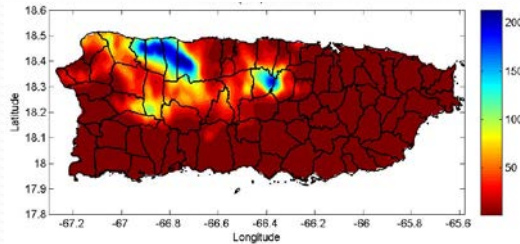
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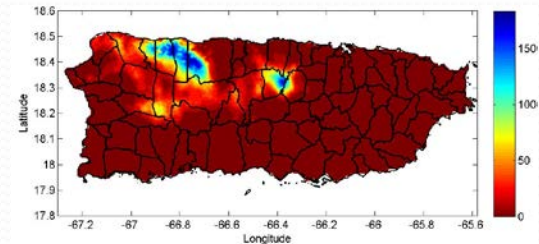
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Water and Energy Balance

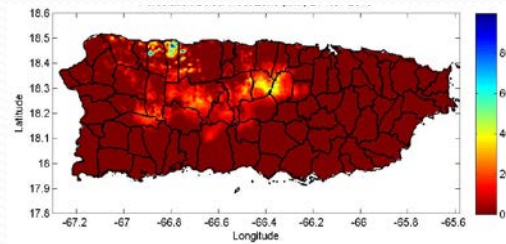
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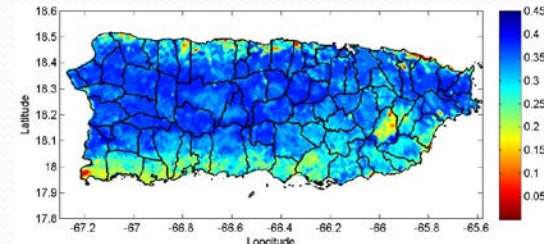
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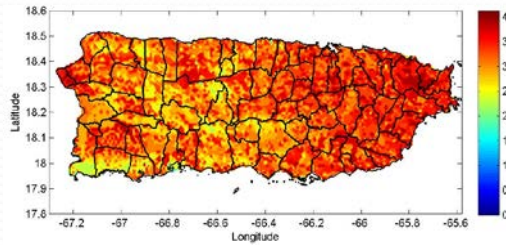
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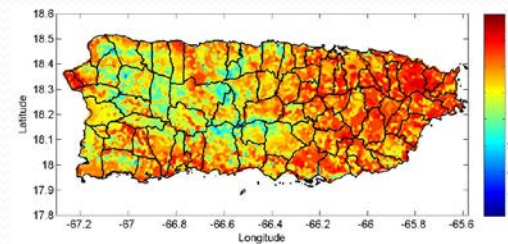
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Recharge



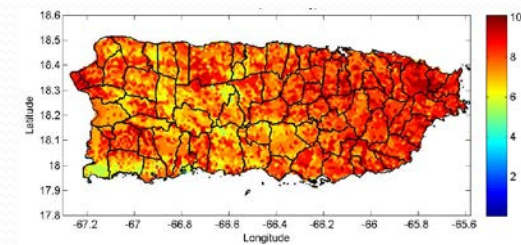
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Moisture



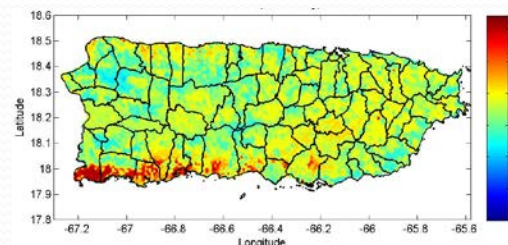
Actual ET



Net Radiation



Latent
Heat
Flux

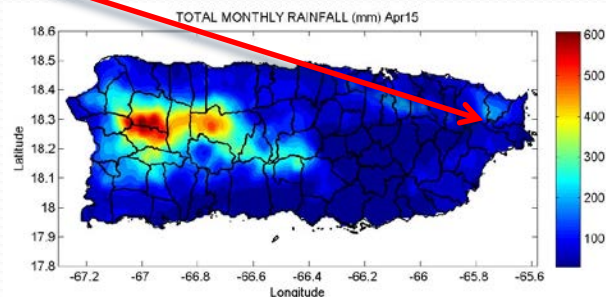


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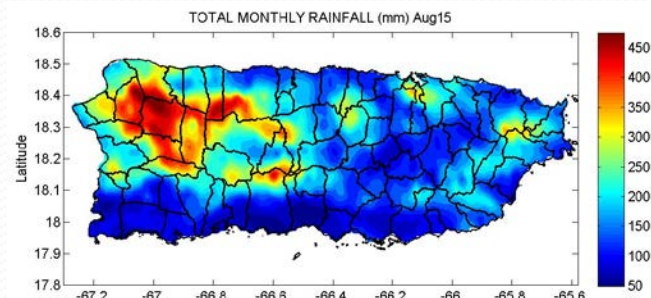
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Tropical
Rain Forest

RAINFALL (mm)

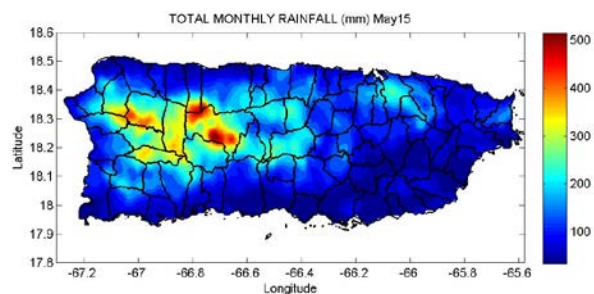
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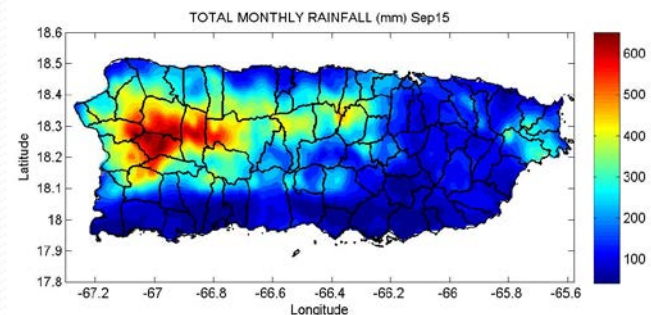
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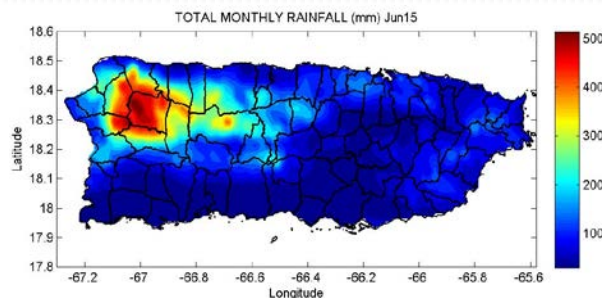
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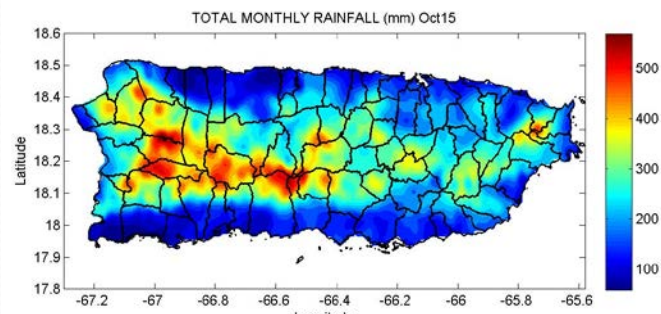
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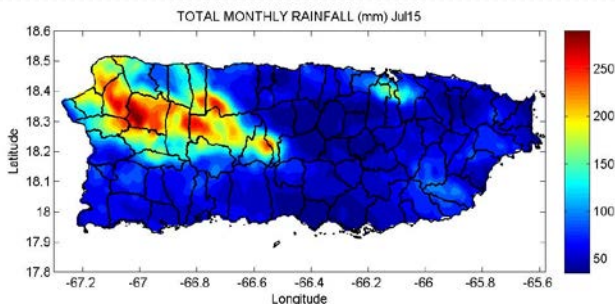
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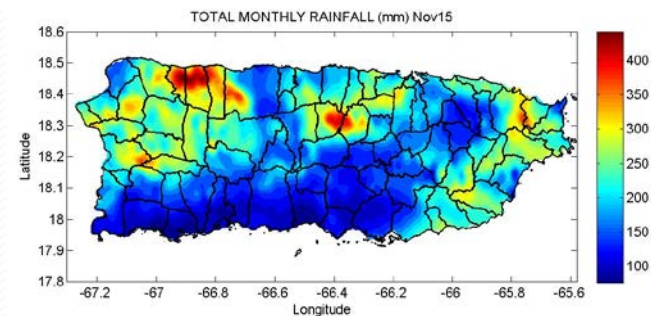
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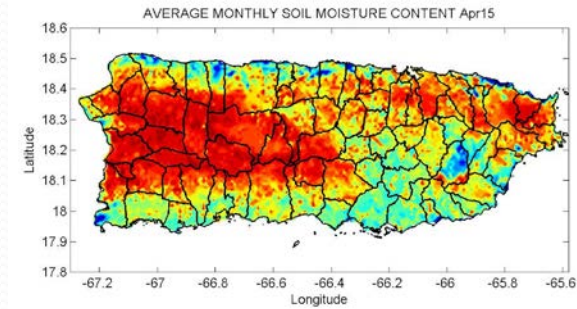


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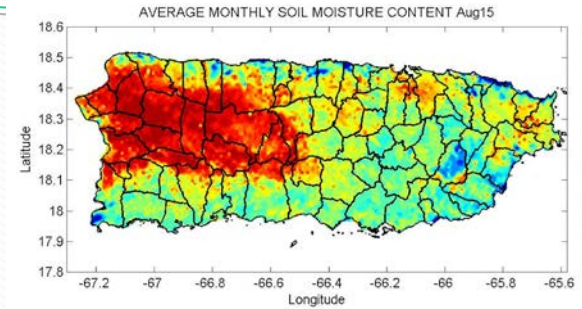


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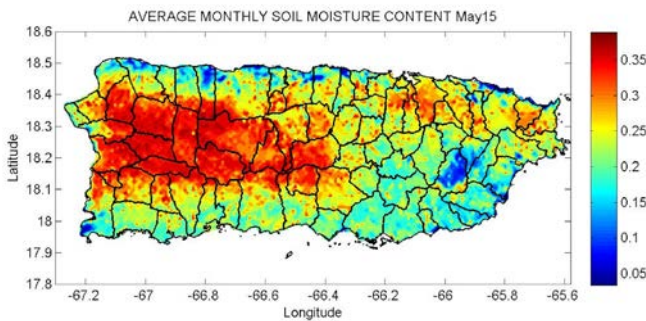
Volumetric Soil Moisture Content (cm^3/cm^3)



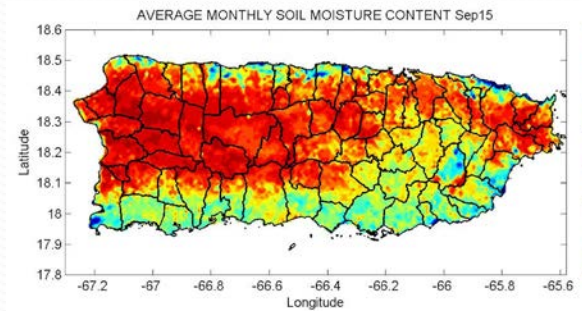
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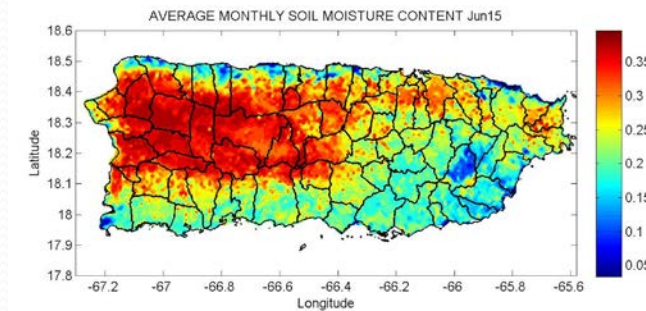
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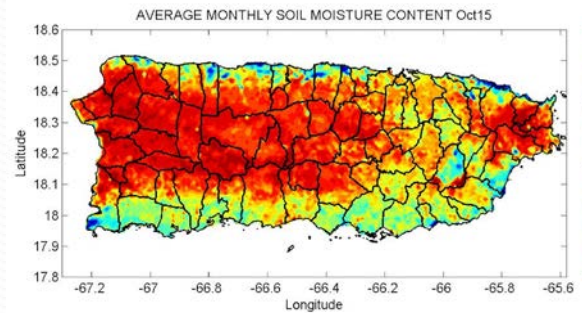
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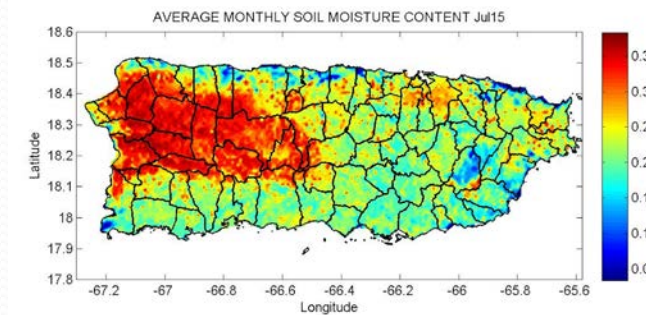
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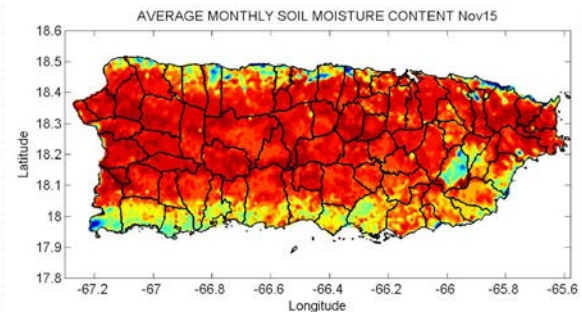
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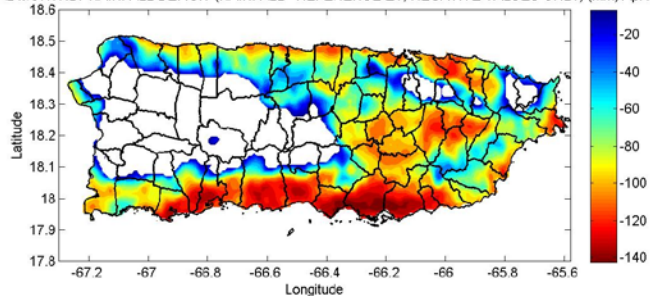


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Rainfall – Reference Evapotranspiration

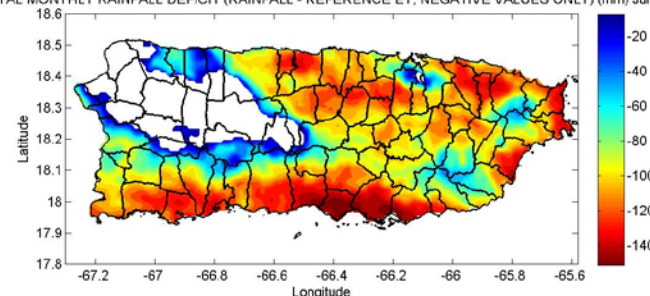
Rainfall Deficit (negative values only) (mm)

TOTAL MONTHLY RAINFALL DEFICIT (RAINFALL - REFERENCE ET, NEGATIVE VALUES ONLY) (mm) Apr15



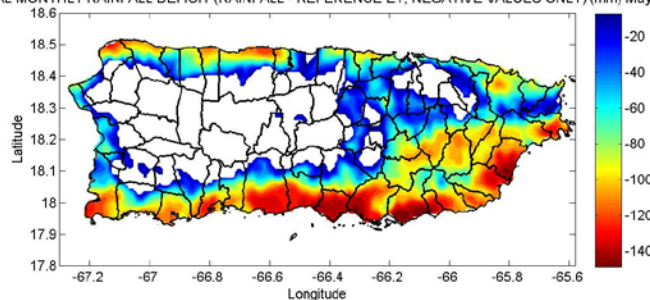
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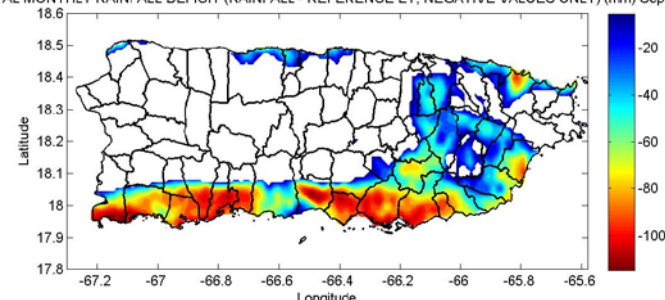
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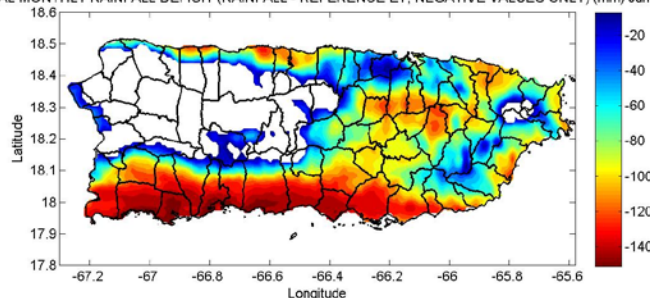
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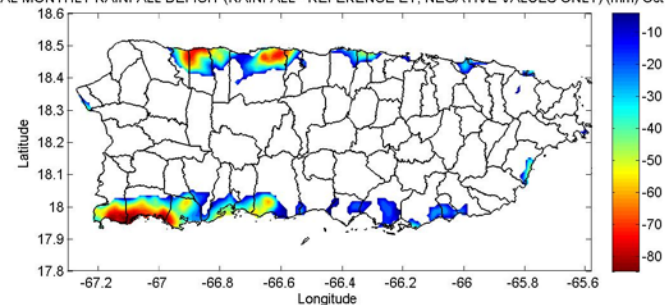
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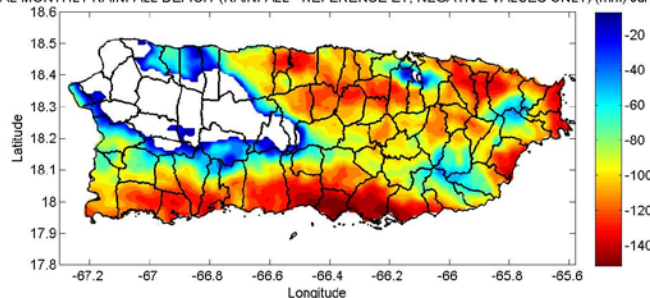
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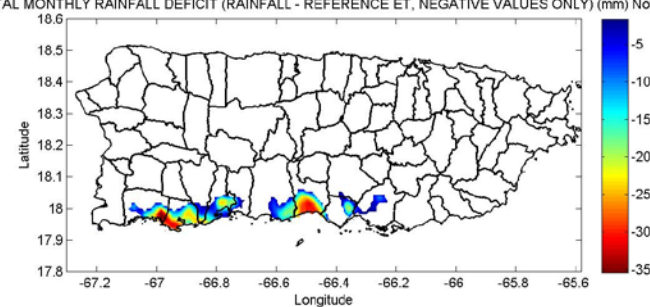
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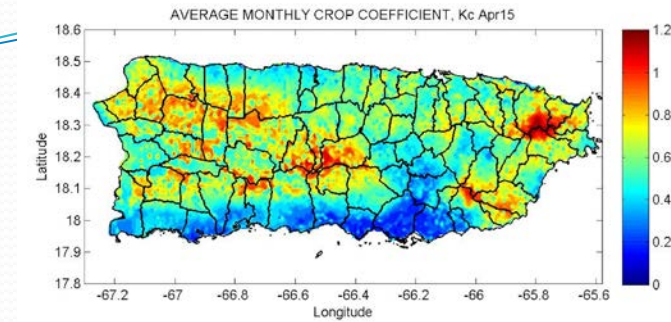
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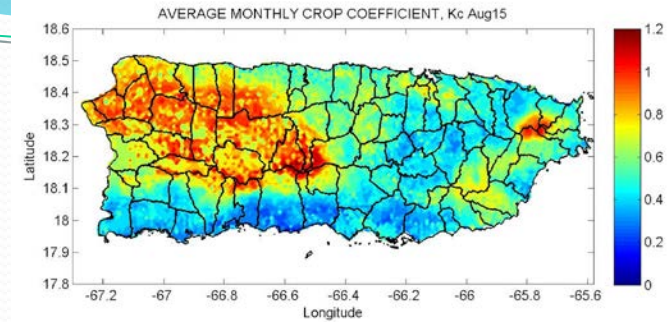


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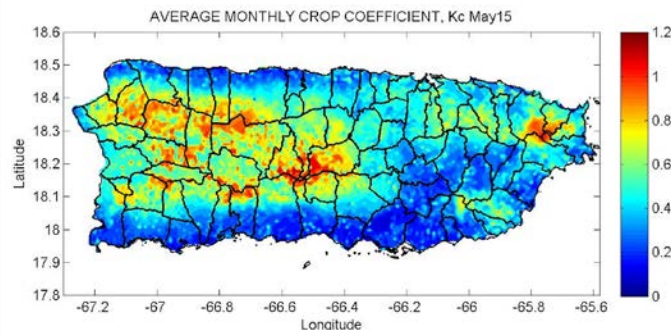
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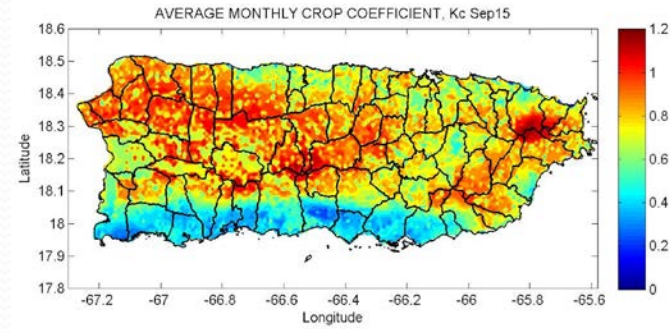
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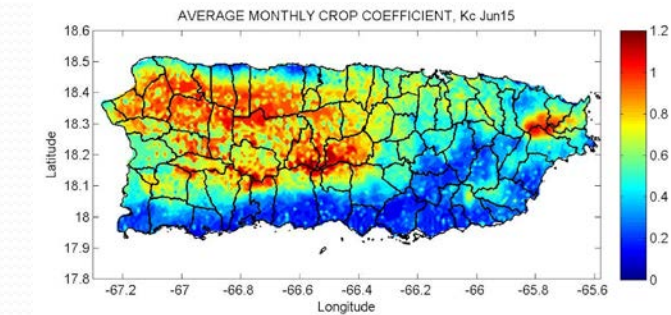
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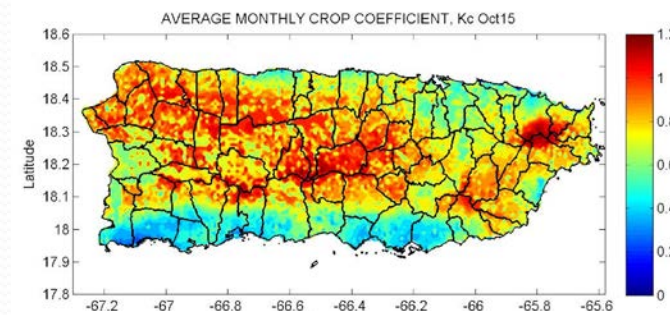
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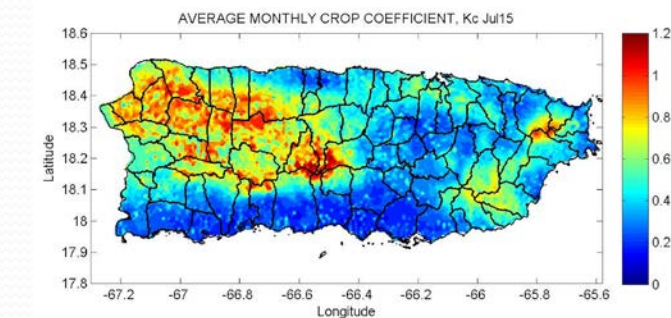
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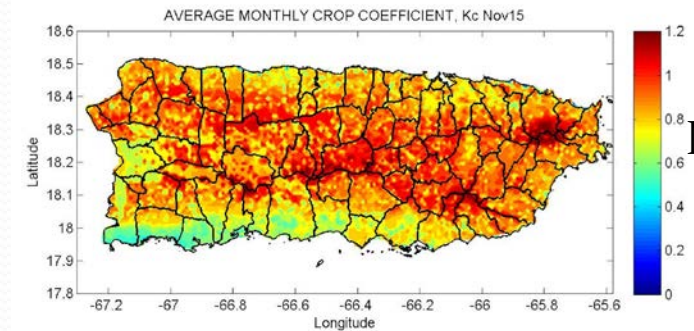
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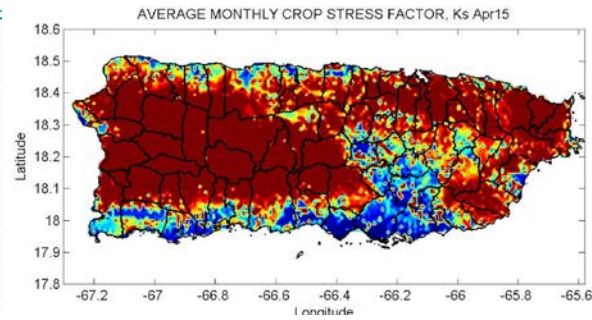


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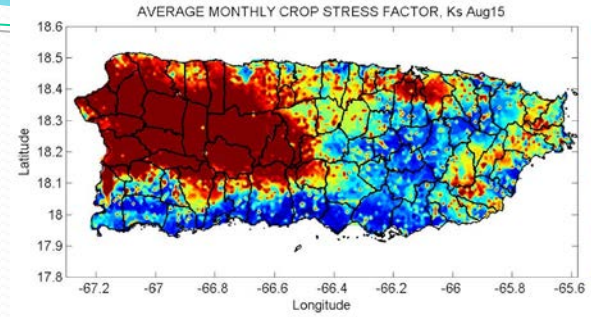


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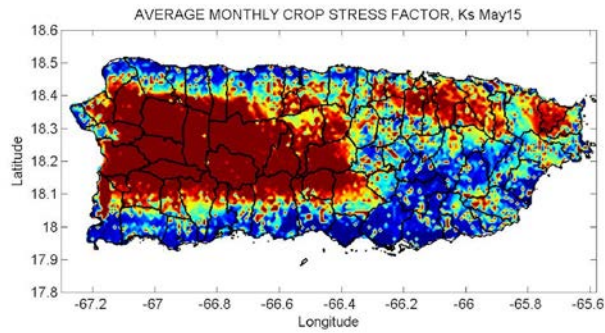
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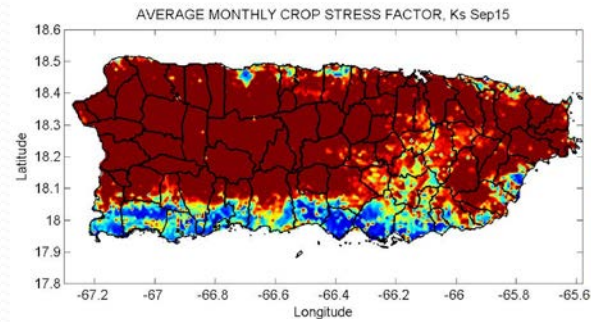
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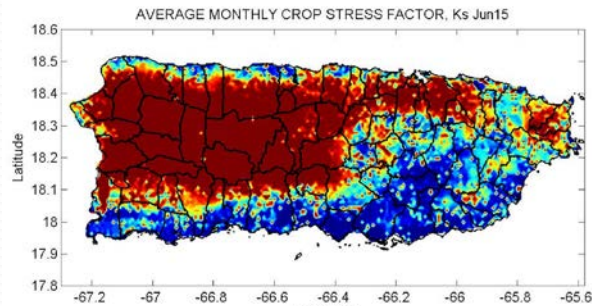
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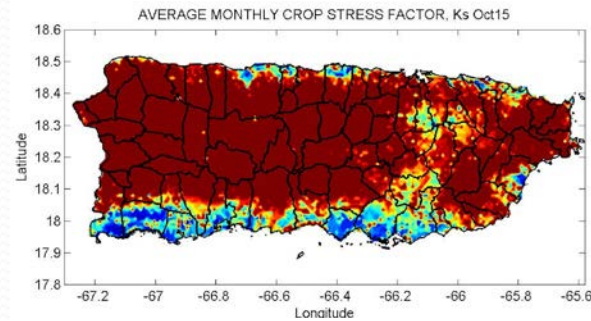
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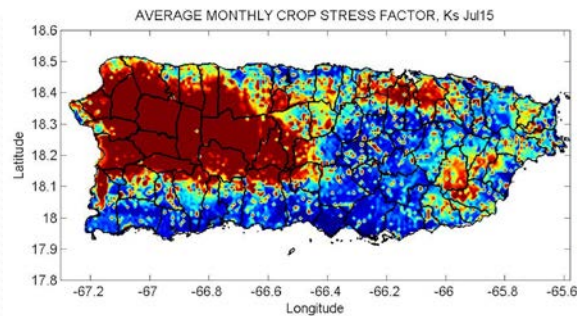
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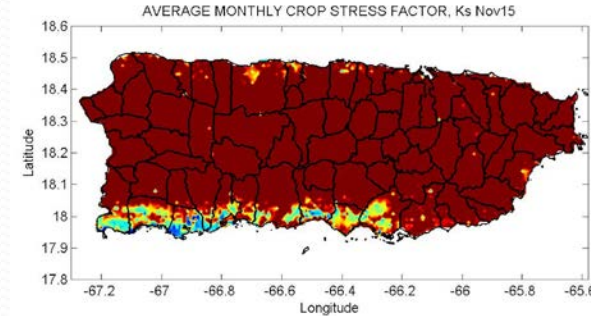
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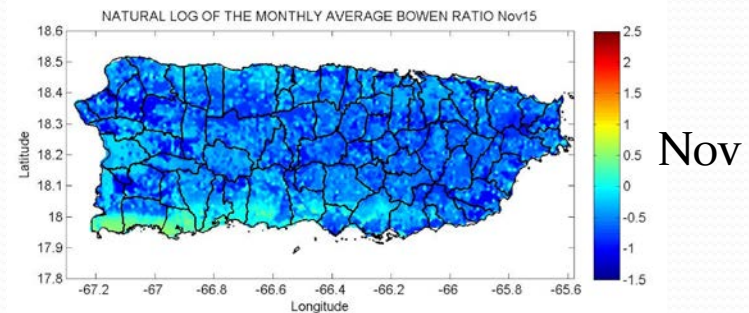
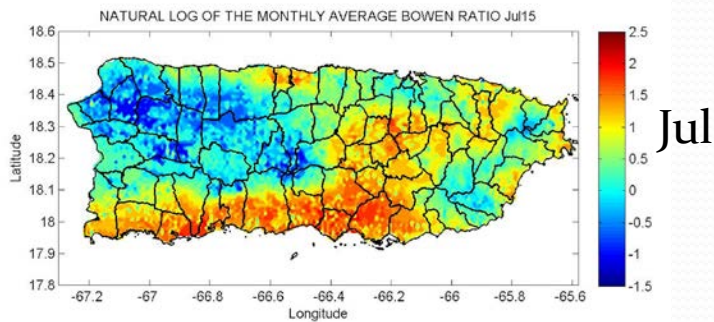
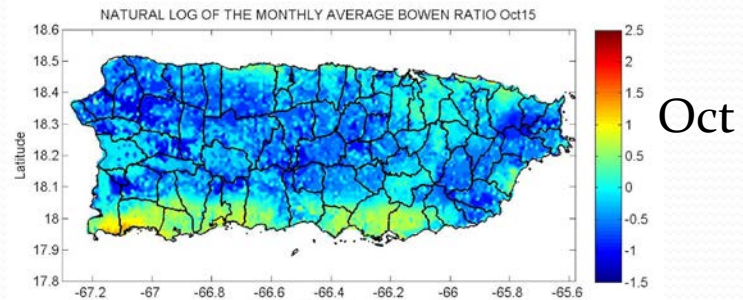
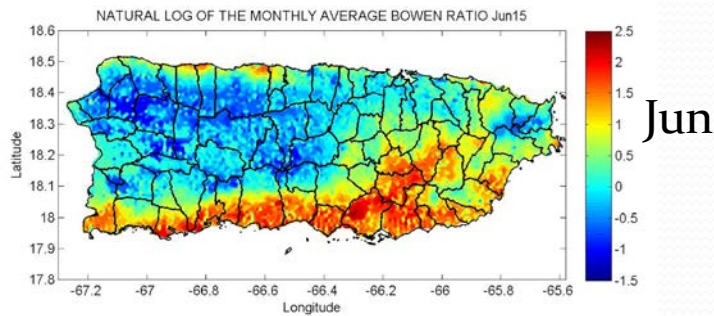
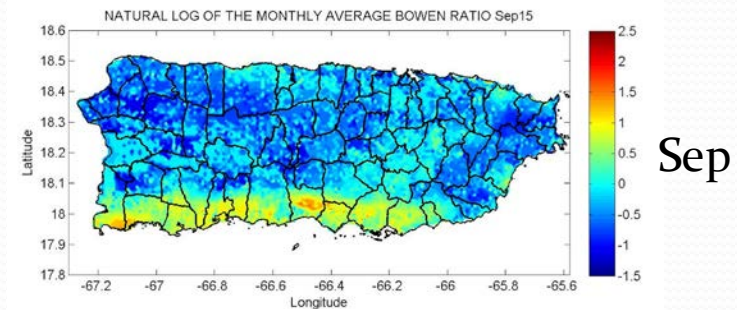
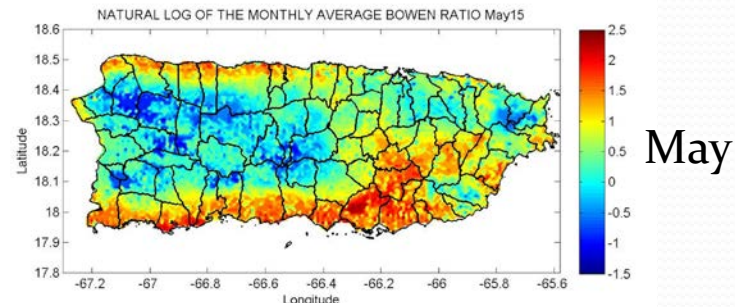
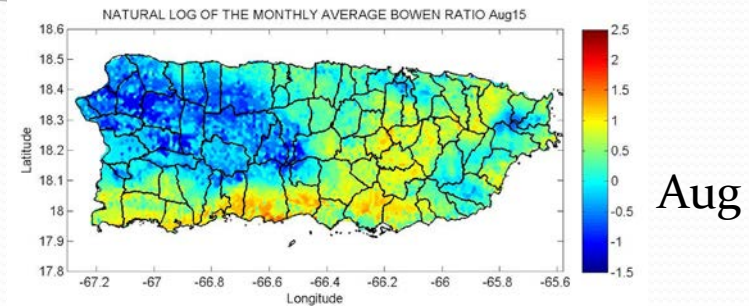
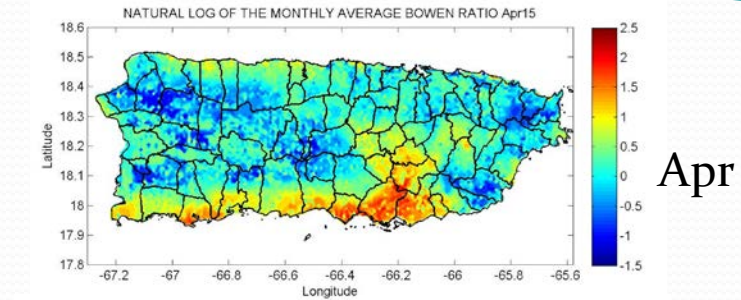


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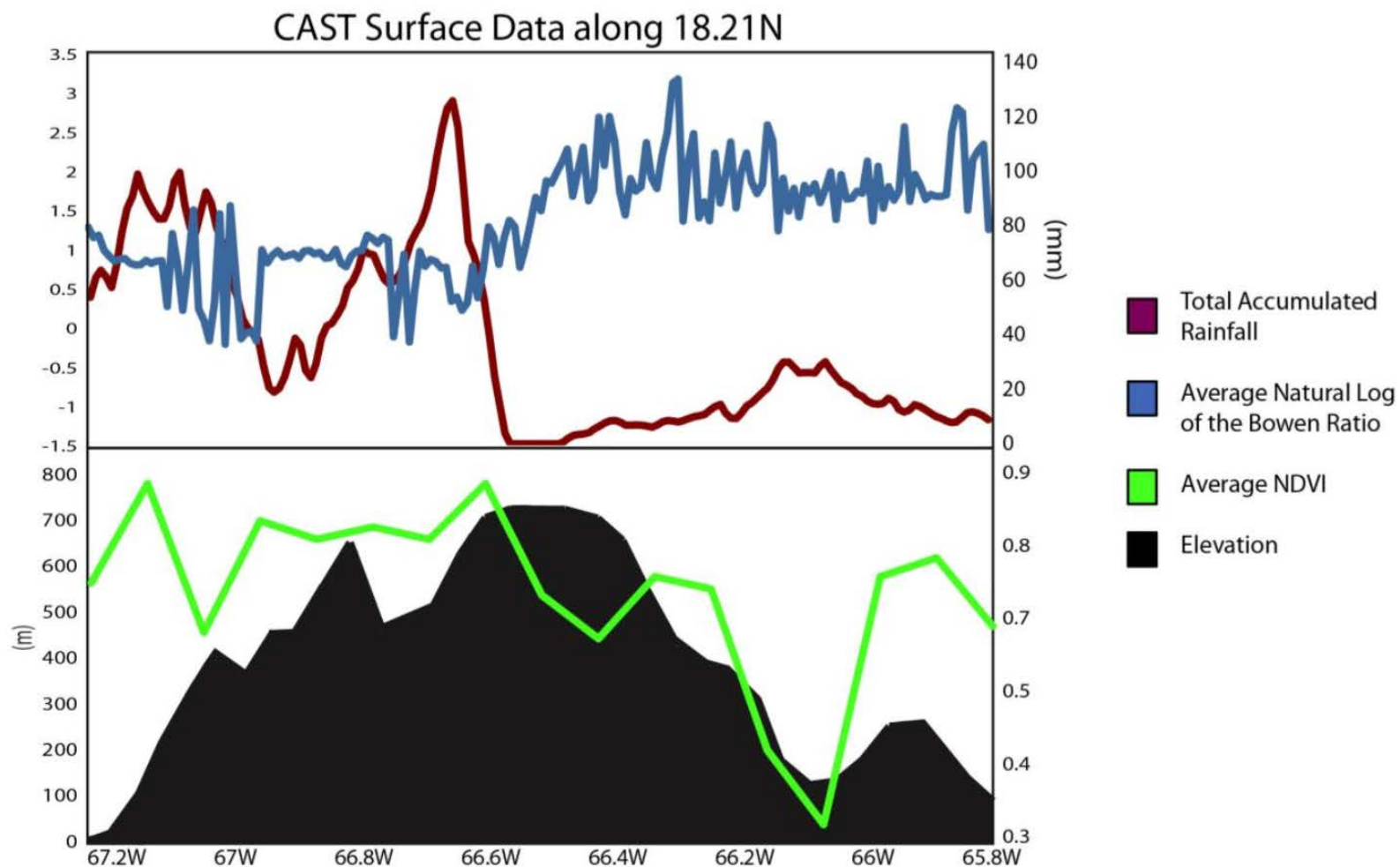


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Log of the Bowen Ratio



Natural Log of Bowen Ratio along Transect 18.21 N Latitude from Jun 20 to Jul 10.



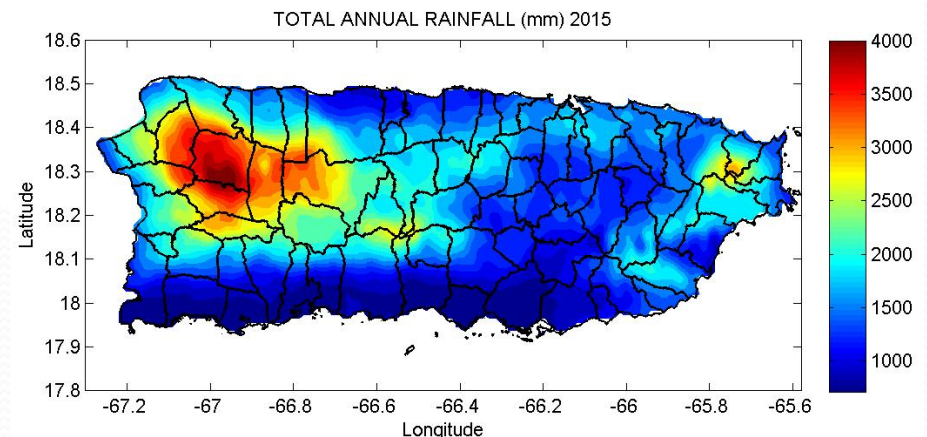
Comparisons of Rainfall in NW PR for drought and non-drought years

Weather Station	Avg. rain drought yrs.	Avg. rain non-drought yrs.
Coloso	72.88	77.48
Hacienda constanza	68.7	69.51
Maricao fish hatchery	81.92	98.62
Mayaguez city	62.31	67.44
Mayaguez airport	62.44	78.24
San sebastian 2 wnw	86.26	91.24

Compared average of:

17 Drought Years

94 Non-Drought Years





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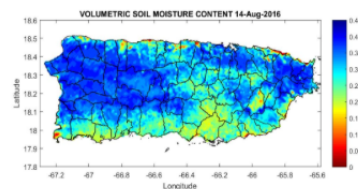
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Climate & Drought Information

DISCLAIMER: Graphical display of observed rainfall is derived from a combination of USGS raingauge sensors and radar data retrieved by the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service ([AHPS](#)). Graphical display of Normal rainfall is derived from Puerto Rico 1981-2010 PRISM data. Please note, quality control is not performed on a daily basis.

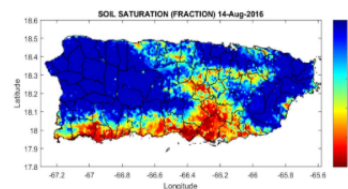
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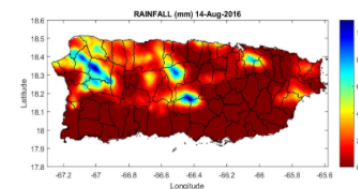
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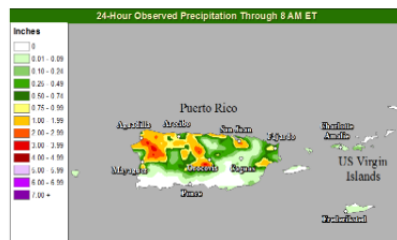
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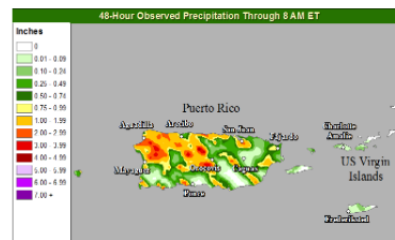


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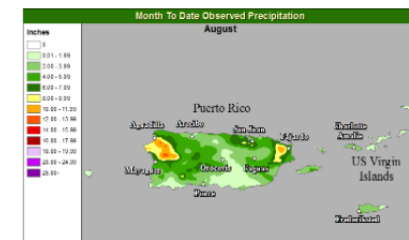
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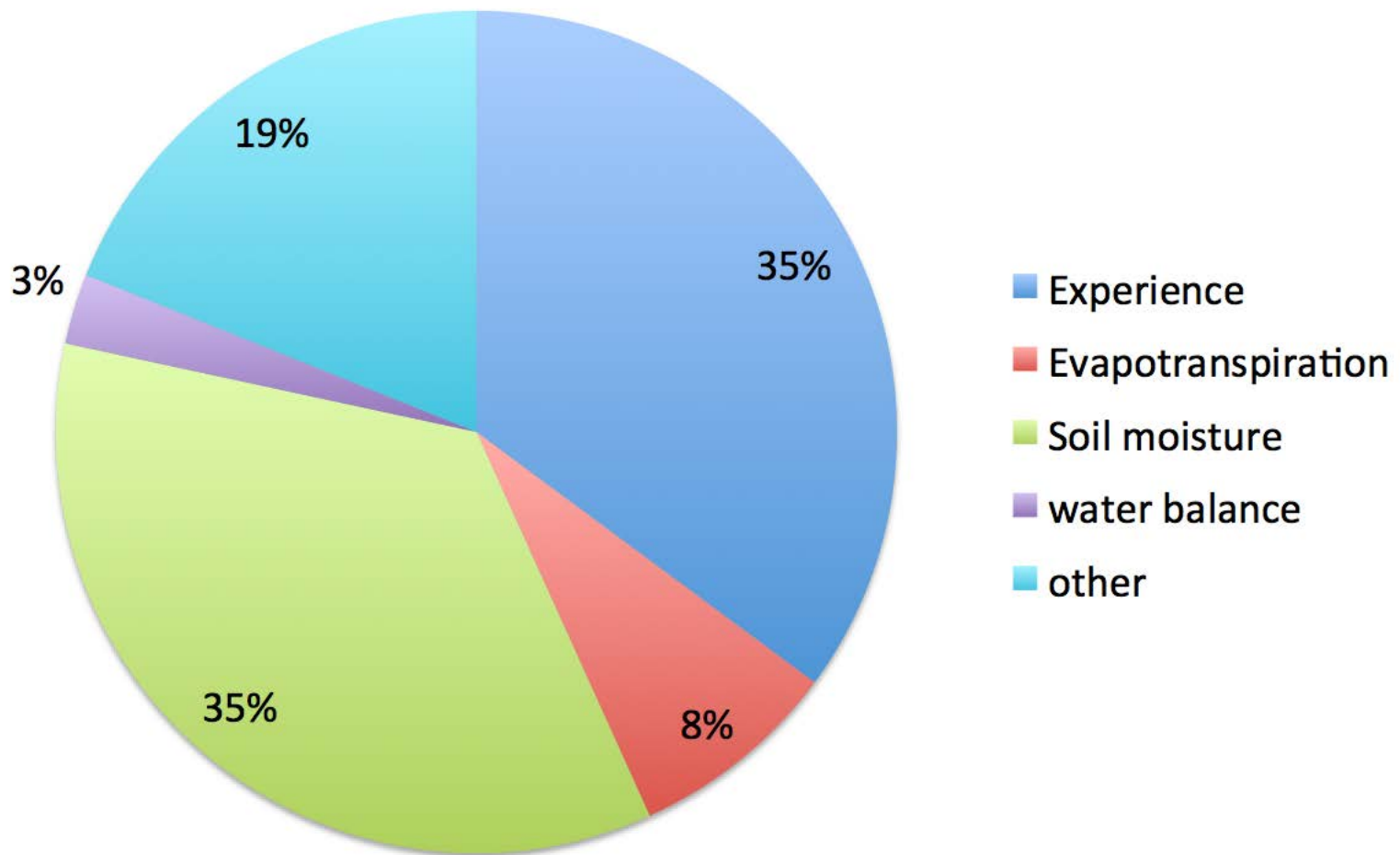




How do we avoid crop water stress?

Irrigation Scheduling

Irrigation Scheduling Methods used in Puerto Rico (preliminary data)



How much water should be applied?

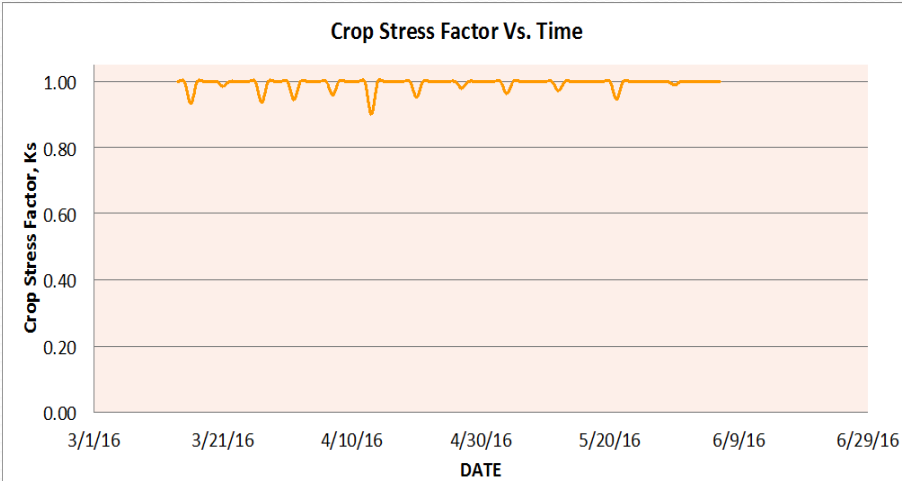
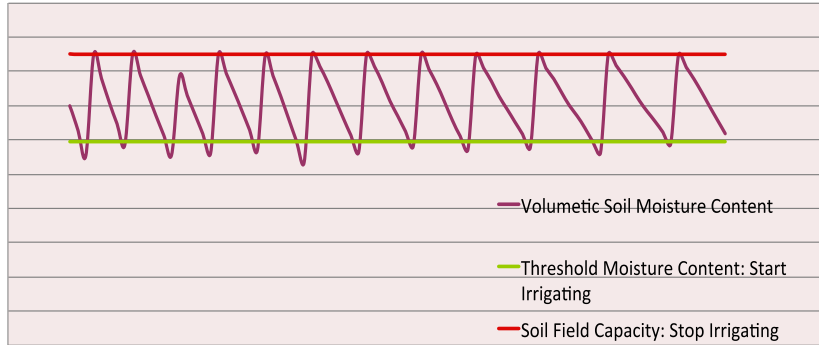
Plant Water Requirement

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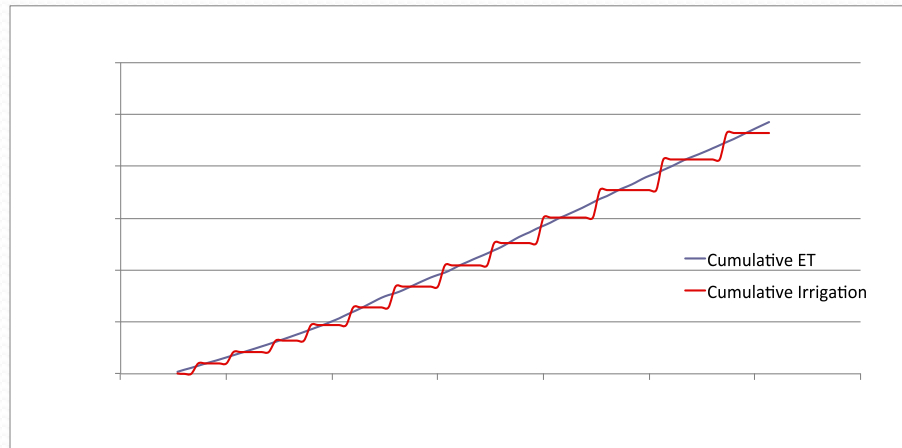
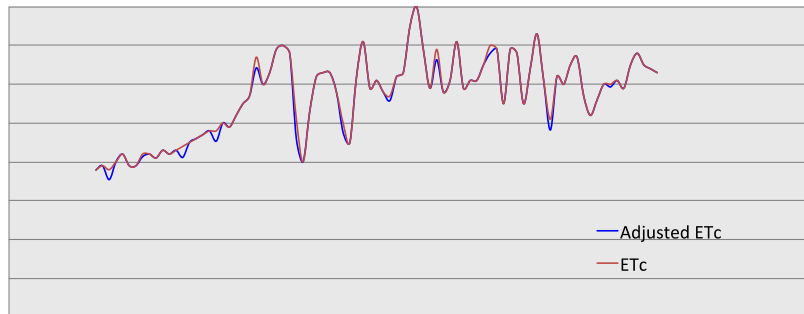
Crop Evapotranspiration

(under well-watered conditions)

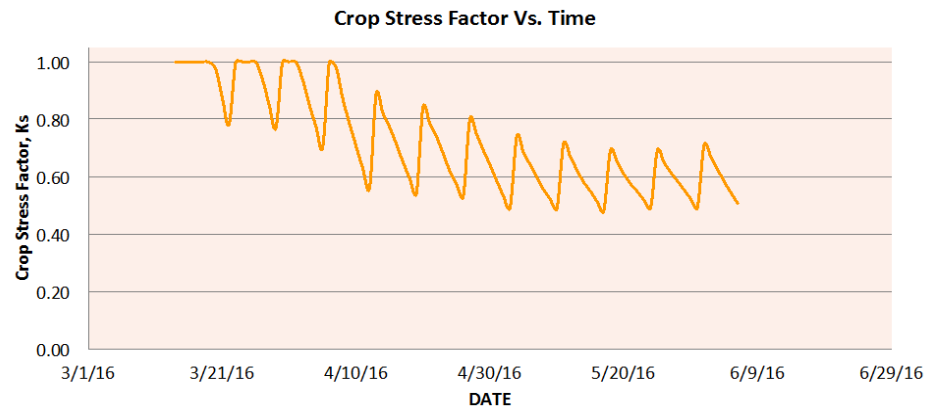
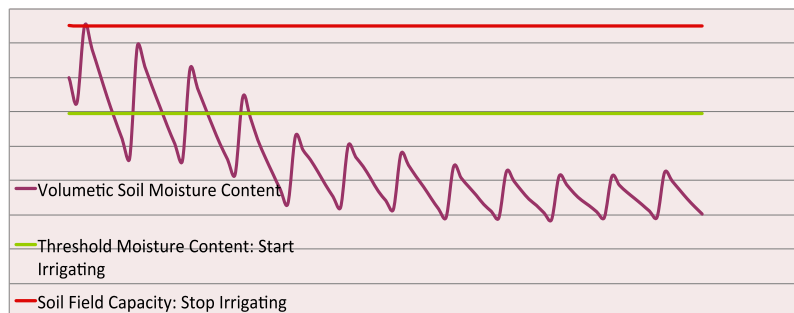
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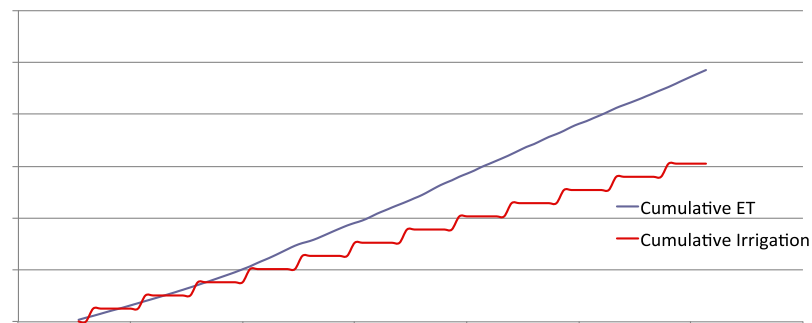
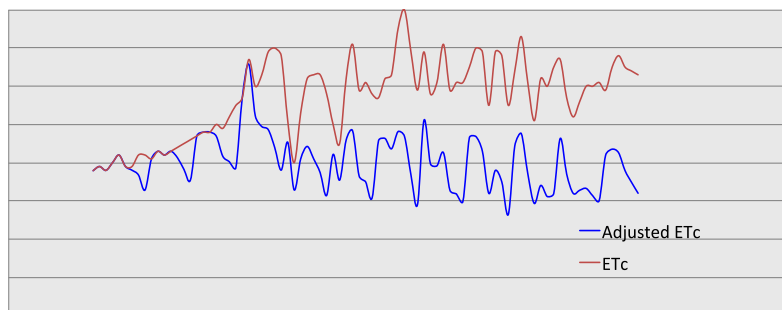
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1-INCH PER WEEK IRRIGATION



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The most commonly used method for determining the Crop Water Requirement

$$ET_c = K_c ET_o$$

where

ET_c = evapotranspiration under well-watered conditions = crop water requirement

K_c = Crop Coefficient (unique for every crop)

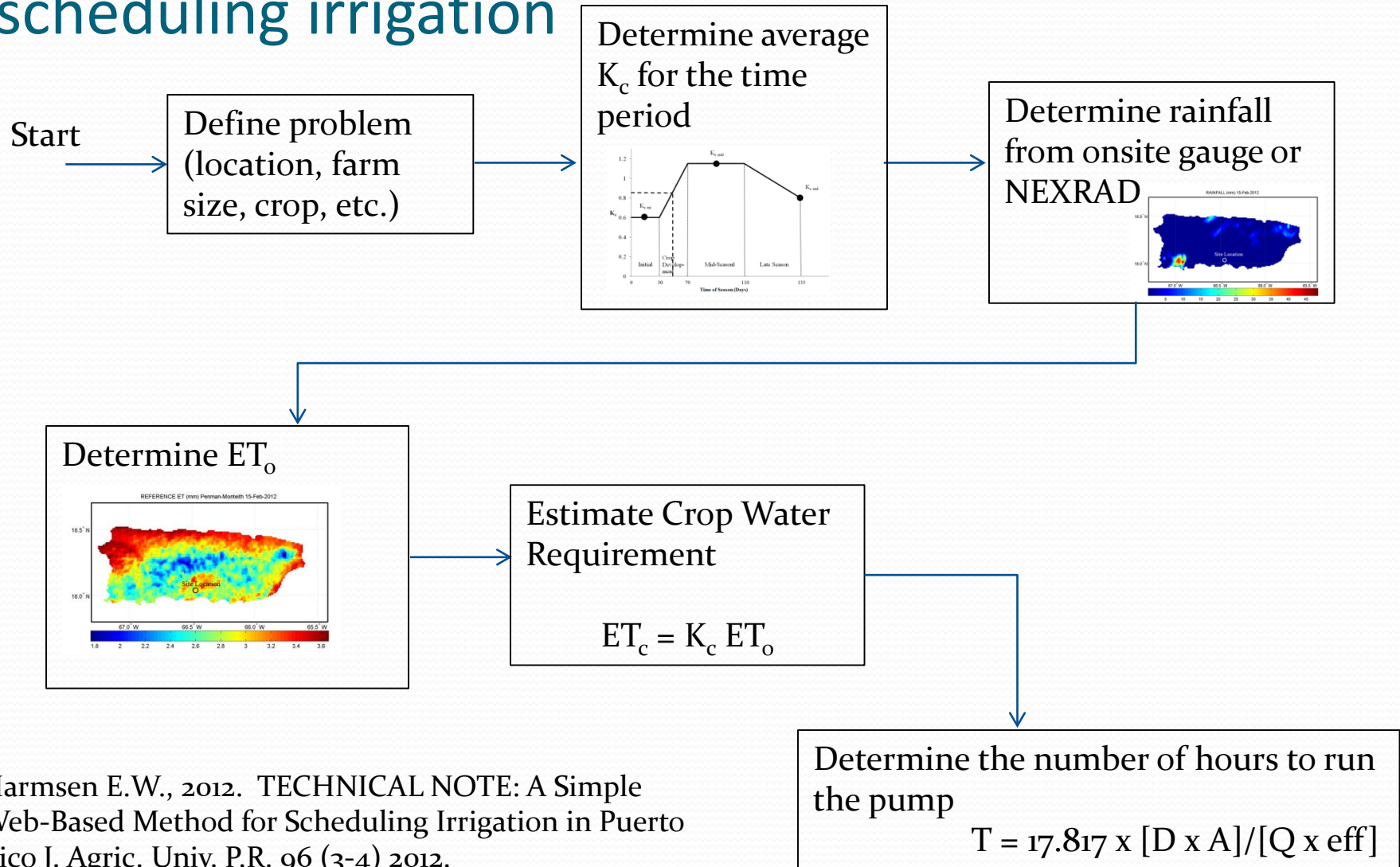
ET_o = Reference Evapotranspiration (function of climate)

Many weather stations (\$1,700 approx.)
will calculate the daily reference
evapotranspiration



What if a farmer doesn't have a weather station?

Here's a *relatively* simple web-based method for scheduling irrigation



Harmsen E.W., 2012. TECHNICAL NOTE: A Simple Web-Based Method for Scheduling Irrigation in Puerto Rico J. Agric. Univ. P.R. 96 (3-4) 2012.

Detailed Example

- Determine the irrigation requirement for the 5 day period, February 15-19, 2012, for a tomato crop in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico.

Required Hyperlinks

Length of Growth Stages (Table 11) and Crop Coefficients (Table 12)	http://www.fao.org/docrep/X0490E/x0490e00.htm
Daily Reference ET Results for Puerto Rico ⁴	http://academic.uprm.edu/hdc/GOES-PRWEB_RESULTS/reference_ET/
Daily NEXRAD Rainfall For Puerto Rico	http://academic.uprm.edu/hdc/GOES-PRWEB_RESULTS/rainfall/

Step 1. Information used in example problem.

Location	Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico
Site Latitude	18.02 degrees N
Site Longitude	66.52 degrees W
Site Elevation above sea level	21 m
Crop	Tomato
Planting Date	1-Jan-12
Rainfall information	A rain gauge is not available on or near the farm
Type of irrigation	Drip
Irrigation system efficiency	85%
Field Size	10 acres
Pump capacity	300 gallons per minute

Step 2. Crop growth stage and crop coefficient data for example problem.

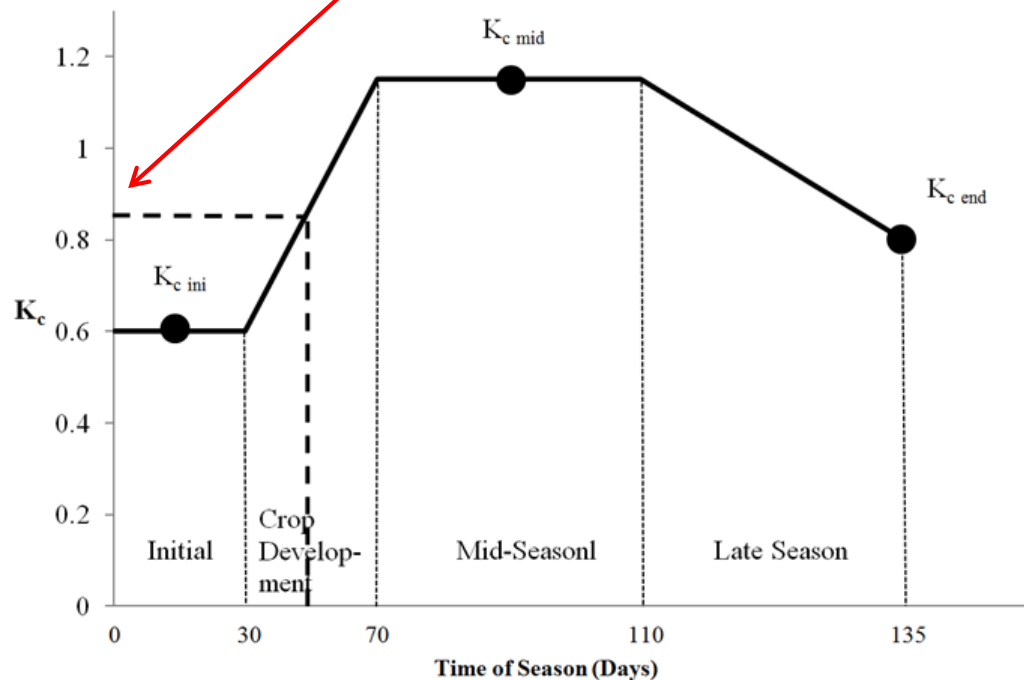
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Tomato Growth Stages and Crop Coefficients

Initial Crop Growth Stage	30 days
Crop Development Growth Stage	40 days
Mid-Season Growth Stage	40 days
Late-Season Growth Stage	25 days
Total Length of Season	135 days
$K_{c\text{ ini}}$	0.6
$K_{c\text{ mid}}$	1.15
$K_{c\text{ end}}$	0.8

Crop Coefficient

- The average K_c value of 0.85 for the five day period was obtained.

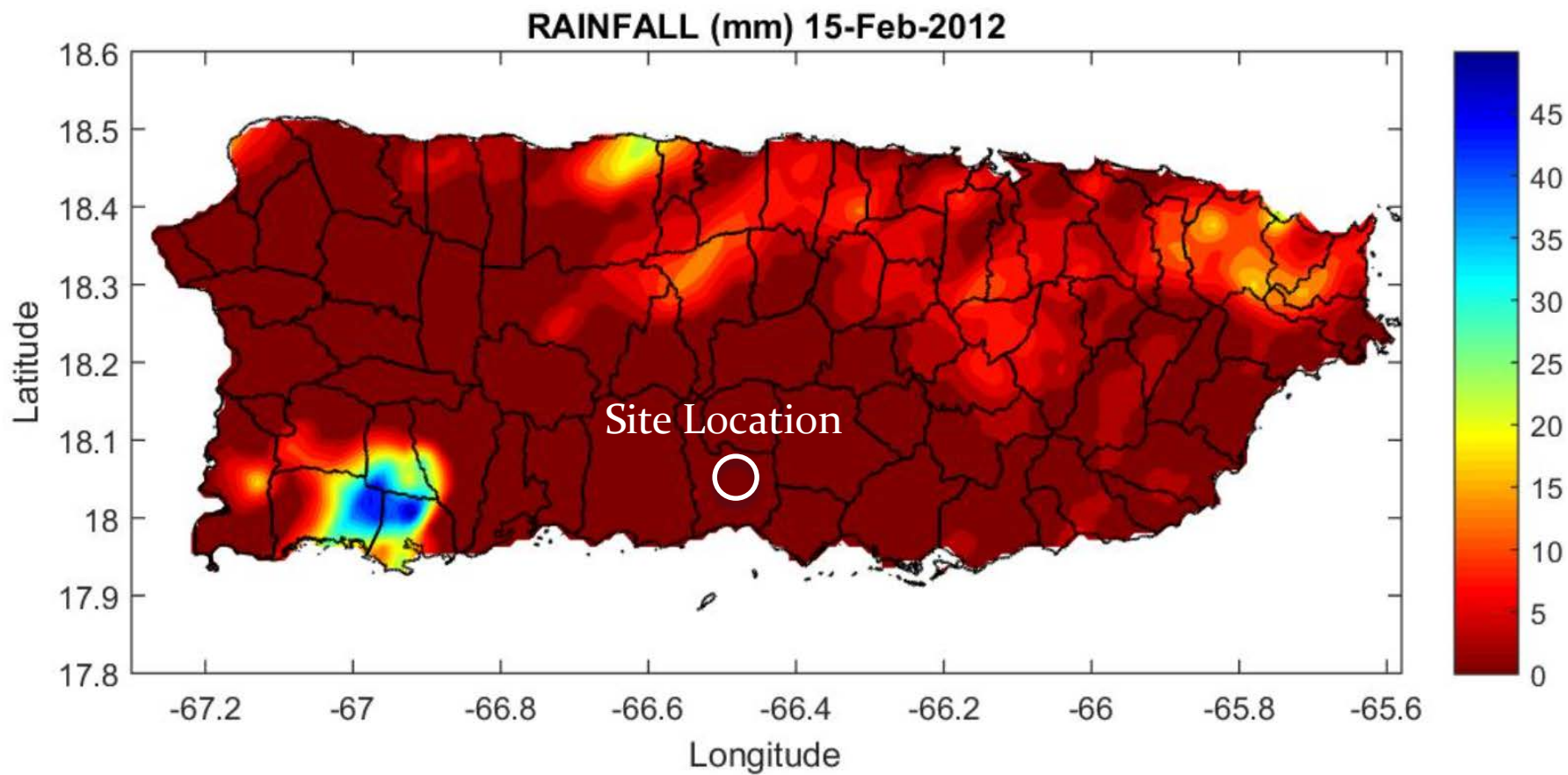


Crop coefficient curve for the example problem. The heavy dashed line applies to the example problem with day of season 46-50 (i.e., Feb 15-19) corresponding to an approximate crop coefficient of 0.85 (vertical axis).

Step 3. Rainfall

(http://academic.uprm.edu/hdc/GOES-PRWEB_RESULTS/rainfall/)

- Inspection of the rainfall maps at the URL provided indicates that there was no rainfall during the five day period.
- Therefore, all of the crop water requirement will have to be satisfied with irrigation.

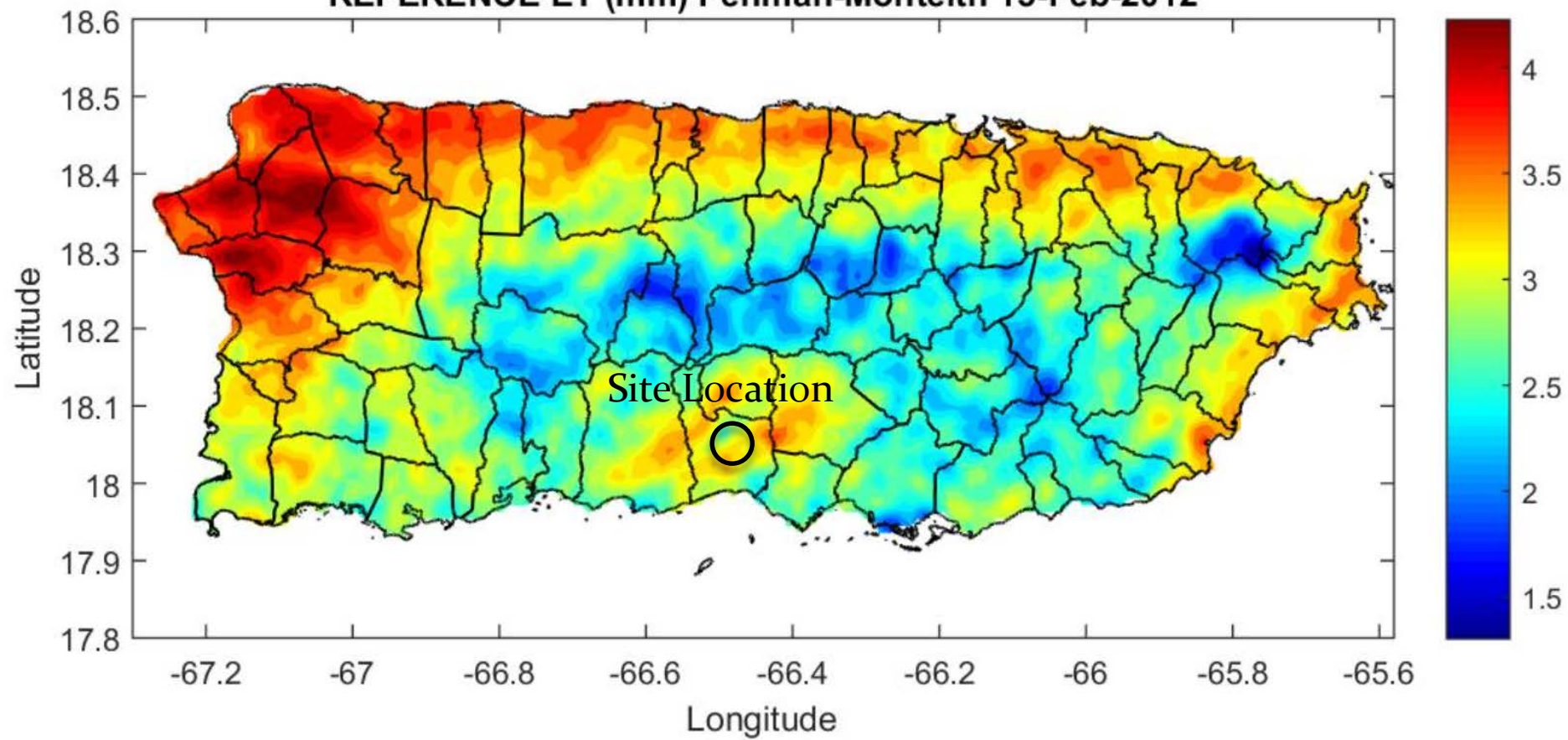


Step 4. Reference Evapotranspiration (ET_o)

(http://academic.uprm.edu/hdc/GOES-PRWEB_RESULTS/reference_ET/)

- Inspection of the ET_o maps at the URL provided above indicates that there was 16.1 mm of ET_o during the five day period.

REFERENCE ET (mm) Penman-Monteith 15-Feb-2012



Step 5. Crop Water Requirement

- The crop water requirement (ET_c) for the time period can now be estimated as follows:

$$ET_c = K_c ET_o = (0.85)(16.1 \text{ mm}) = 13.7 \text{ mm}$$

Step 6. Number of hours to run the pump

- Pumping time is estimated from a form of the well-known irrigation equation (Fangmeier et al., 2005) can be used:

$$T = 17.817 \times [D \times A] / [Q \times \text{eff}]$$

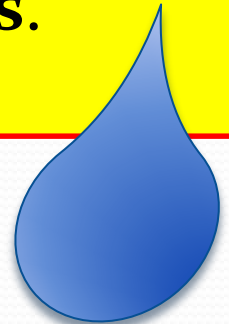
- where T is time in hours, D is depth of irrigation water (=ET_c) in mm, A is effective field area in acres, Q is flow rate in gallons per minute and eff is irrigation system efficiency.

Number of hours to run the pump to satisfy the crop water requirement for the example problem.

- Using $D = ET_c = 13.7$ mm
- $A = 10$ acres
- $Q = 300$ gallons per minute
- $eff = 0.85$, yields:

- $T = 17.817 \times [13.7 \times 10] / [300 \times 0.85] = \mathbf{9.57 \text{ hours.}}$

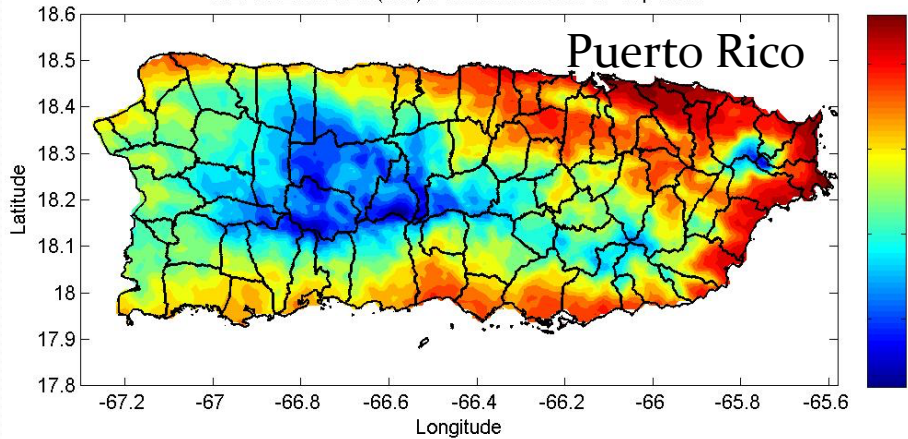
- Total volume = 172,300 gallons



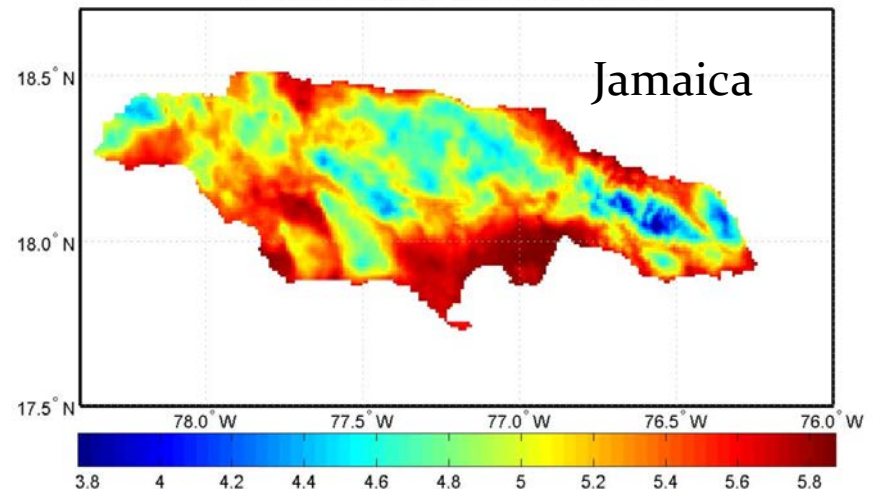
Reference ET for PR, USVI, Hispaniola, Jamaica and Cuba

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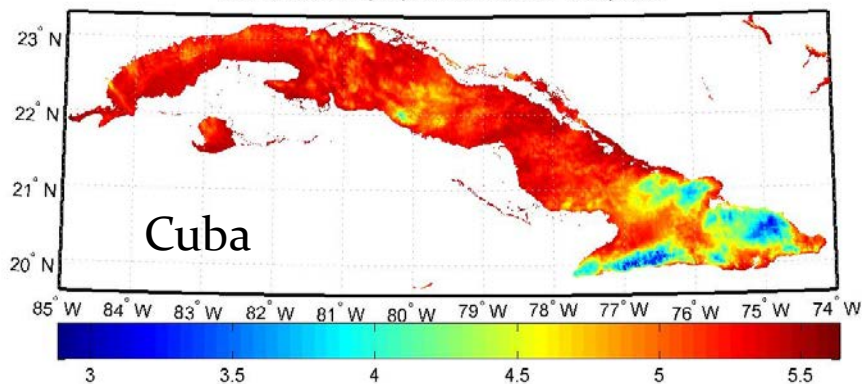
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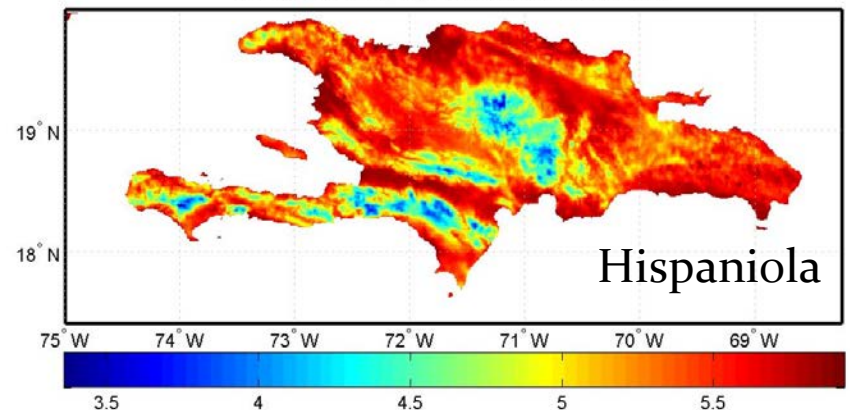
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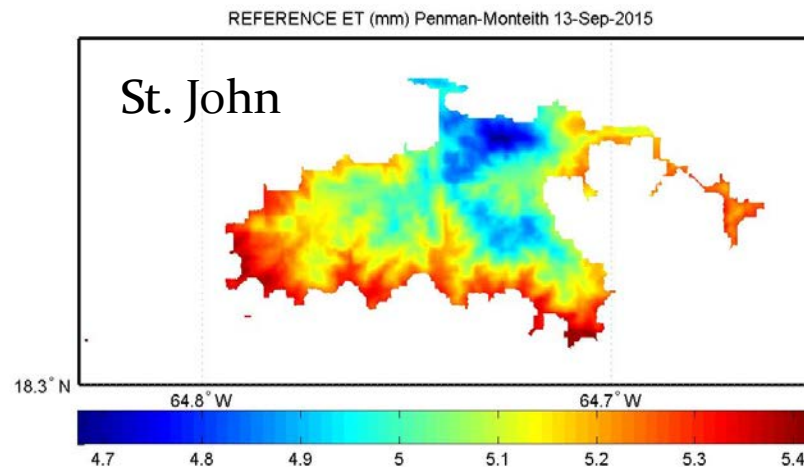
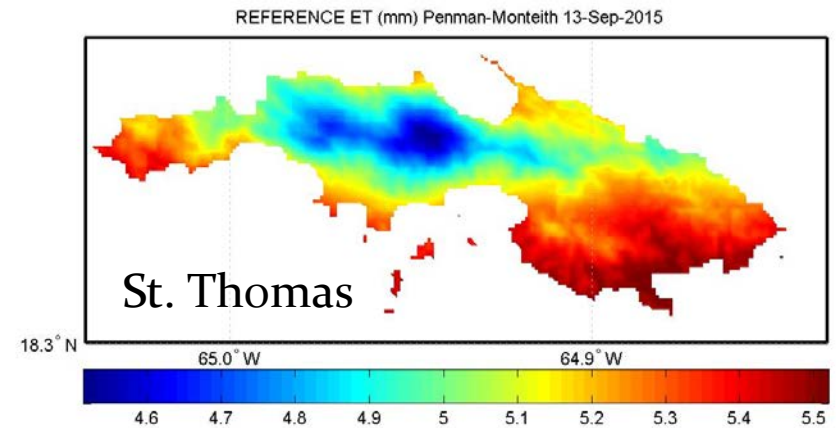
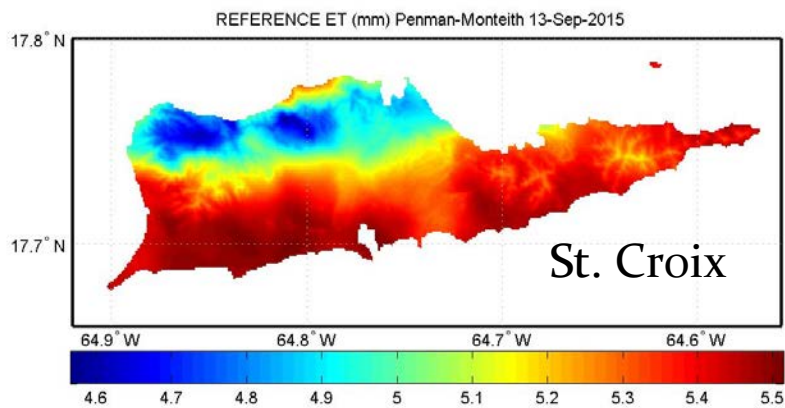


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Reference ET for the U.S. Virgin Island

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Conclusions

- The 2015 drought has shown us how vulnerable our water supply system is in Puerto Rico.
- Reservoirs were overdrawn and the irrigation districts were operating at a fraction of their production potential.
- Daily values of soil moisture and crop stress-related parameters from an operational water and energy balance model for the period of the drought were presented.
- An example of irrigation scheduling was given that a farmer in the Caribbean Region can use to help avoid crop water stress.

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