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Crop-Production Functions

The New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute Report No. 115, December 1979, titled "Consumptive Use and Yields of Crops in New Mexico", presents some results of research to develop relationships between crop yields and water use. This research covered selected crops produced in New Mexico and grown in Eddy, Curry, Dona Ana, San Juan, and Valencia counties. Crops that were grown included alfalfa, sorghum, cotton, barley, bluegrass, corn, and wheat. Not all crops were grown at all locations. The study years were 1976, 1977, and only Las Cruces in 1978.

This memo is focused on alfalfa and the use of the crop-production function as explained in the "Water Use by Categories in New Mexico Counties and River Basins, and Irrigated Acreage in 2000", NMOSE, Technical Report 51, February 2003. The February 2003 report used the crop-production function in Bernalillo, Curry, De Baca, Dona Ana, Grant, Harding, Hidalgo, Lea, Luna, Roosevelt, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Sierra, Socorro, Torrance, Union, and Valencia counties. The report "Irrigated Agriculture Water Use and Acreage in New Mexico Counties and River Basins, 1993-1995", NMOSE Technical Report No. 50, September 1998, used the same crop-production function in Bernalillo, Catron (San Augustin Plains), Curry, Dona Ana, Otero (Rio Grande Basin only), Sandoval (MRGCD only), San Juan (NHP only), Socorro (San Augustin Plains), Torrance, and Union (groundwater irrigation only) counties. 7

All sites in 1976 and 1977 grew alfalfa, Mesilla variety, in lysimeters with surface flooding. In 1976 some alfalfa was new, planted in the spring of 1976, and some was new, planted in the fall of 1975, with planting dates depending upon the locations. In 1977 all alfalfa was mature. The 1978 alfalfa, Hairy Peruvian variety, was planted in the fall of 1977 and irrigated with a sprinkler-line source. All sites had evapotranspiration and yields measured. Yields were dry weight, oven dried near zero percent moisture.

Using the evapotranspiration and yield data, the points were plotted and a linear crop-production function developed. The crop-production function using both the lysimeter data and the sprinkler-line source data has a Coefficient of Determination of 0.89. When only the sprinkler-line source data is used, the Coefficient of Determination is 0.97. "Using all of the points is considered to give the best results for the alfalfa crop-production functions for the whole state." The crop-production function, as shown in the 'Water Use by Categories...' report, is $Y \text{ (tons/acre)} = -0.5904 + 0.1572ET \text{ (inch)}$.

The WRRRI Report No. 115 further states, "It should be noted that the crop-production functions for alfalfa, cotton, grain sorghum, and corn represent studies at more than one location within the state. It appears that as an initial estimate the crop-production function for alfalfa can be used throughout the state."

For comparison purposes, the ISC calculated evapotranspiration for seven years using the Original Blaney-Criddle method, the Modified Blaney-Criddle method, and the alfalfa crop-production function. Results of this comparison are shown in Table 1.

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Table 1. Evapotranspiration Comparison NIIP Unit 3, Farmington Weather

Year	OBC - ET (in)	Alfalfa Function - ET (in)	MBC - ET (in)
1981	30.79	34.29	34.20
1982	28.39	27.93	30.89
1983	28.21	30.47	33.00
1985	30.78	37.47	35.82
1986	30.66	38.74	33.00
1987	33.22	40.02	35.12
1988	33.69	37.47	36.30
<i>Aug.</i>	<i>30.8</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>34.0</i>

WRI Report No. 115 states, "For alfalfa, the consumptive use is approximately the same by the two methods with the Blaney-Criddle method having slightly higher values". The Blaney-Criddle method referred to is the Original Blaney-Criddle method. These are not the results obtained by the ISC comparison. In most years, the alfalfa function gave a higher ET than either Original or Modified Blaney-Criddle. Averaging the years from 1985 to 2000 showed the alfalfa function 4.61 inches higher than the Modified Blaney-Criddle.

*x = 36.0 w/ MBC & set min w/ Function
(bias - ignore data scatter w/ avg. line)*

The statement "The use of crop-production functions, having high coefficients of determination, appears to be one of the better methods of estimating consumptive use in an area, provided reasonable estimates of yields can be determined for that area", appears in WRI Report No. 115. Current estimates of yield are usually the average county yields published in the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics. These estimates are from surveys of producers and contain producer-generated numbers.

New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute Report No. 155 is titled "Water Use Production Functions of Selected Agronomic Crops in Northwestern New Mexico, Phase II, dated October 1982. This report discusses water-production functions for spring barley, pinto beans, and alfalfa. The alfalfa (cultivar "WL-309) was planted at the San Juan Branch Agricultural Experiment Station in the fall of 1980 (8/22/80). The experimental plot was irrigated with a sprinkler-line source and contained three lysimeters. Evapotranspiration measurements began in April of 1981 (4/09/81). The water-production function was based on the best least-squares fit of the data points, and the 1981 equation is Y (metric tons/ha) = $-6.32 + 0.164(ET, cm)$; yield adjusted to 0% moisture.

The WRI Report No. 159, titled "Water Use Production Functions of Selected Agronomic Crops in Northwestern New Mexico, Phase III, dated February 1983, also dealt with alfalfa, spring barley, corn, and pinto beans. The 1982 data collected for this report resulted in the alfalfa equation Y (metric tons/ha) = $-17.73 + 0.284(ET, cm)$; assume yield adjusted to 0% moisture.

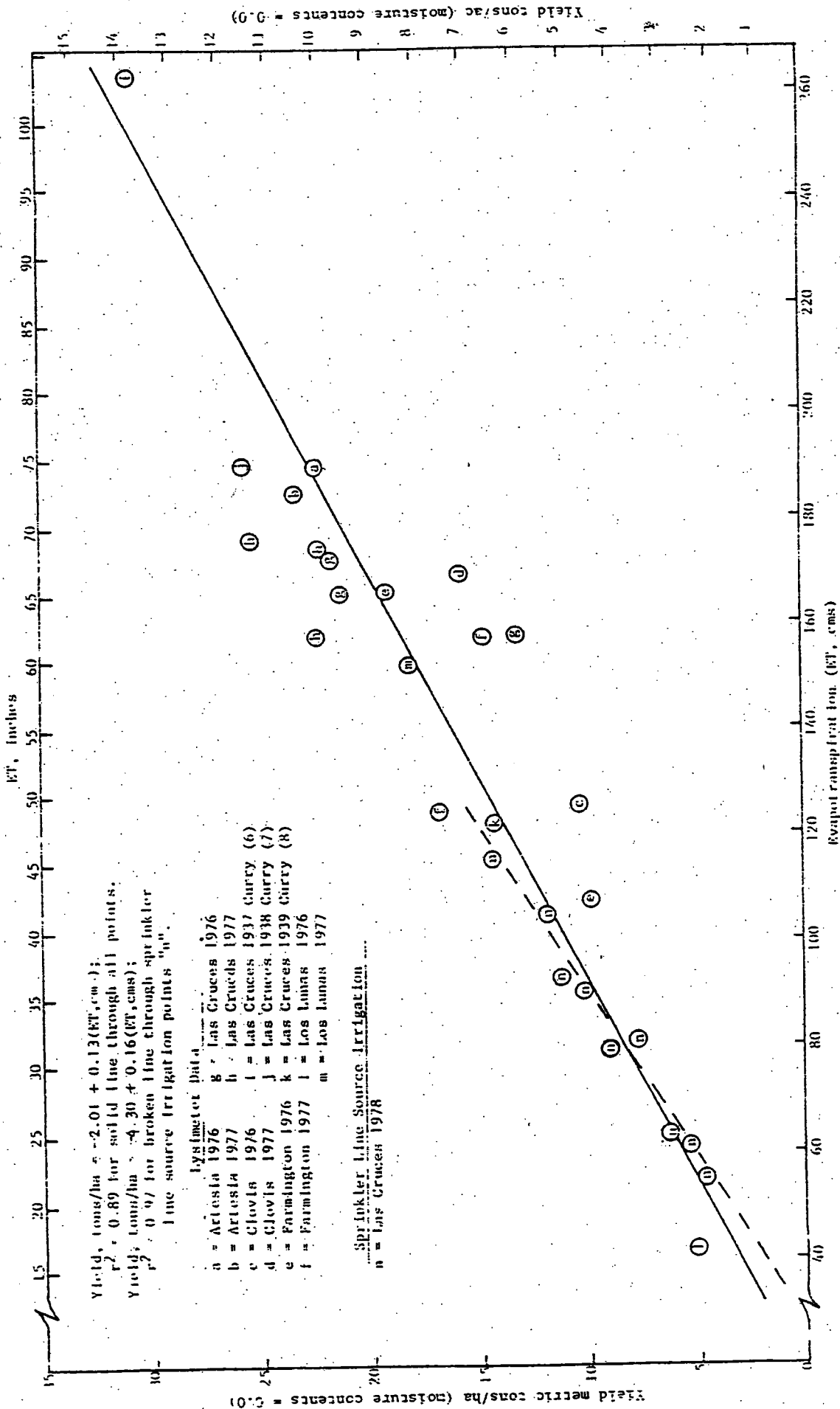
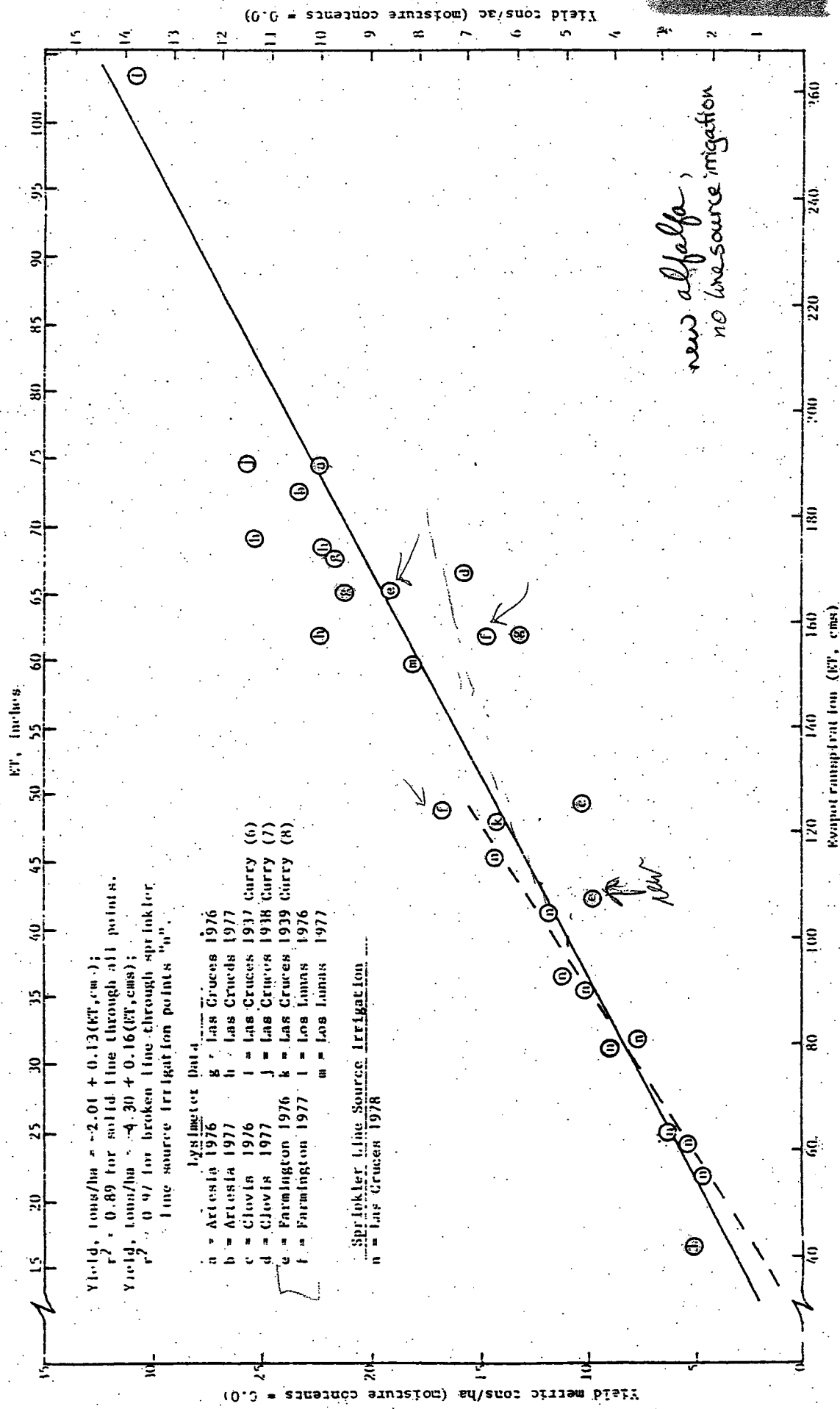


Figure 7. Crop-production function for alfalfa.



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Figure 7. Crop-production function for alfalfa.

Estimating Evapotranspiration with Water-Production Functions or the Blaney-Criddle Method

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ABSTRACT

SEASONAL evapotranspiration (E_s) for cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.), corn (*Zea mays* L.), alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.), and barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) can be estimated with either the Blaney-Criddle method or county yield data with a water-production function. As used here, a water-production function is an empirical relationship between yield and evapotranspiration. Blaney-Criddle crop coefficients vary depending upon crop season, E_s , and yield. The original Blaney-Criddle coefficients (K) resulted in E_s estimates that were very close, except for corn, to the E_s determined from maximum county yields and linear water-production functions. The modified Blaney-Criddle method described by Doorenbos and Pruitt (1977) overestimated seasonal E_s compared to E_s computed using maximum county yields and linear water-production functions. Blaney-Criddle crop coefficients determined from pilot studies in NM, AZ, and CA are larger than the original coefficients and result in estimates of yearly E_s that are greater than those determined using county yields and the linear water-production functions. Blaney-Criddle crop coefficients representing non-irrigated E_s and yield levels are less than 35 percent of the K value for small-irrigated pilot studies.

INTRODUCTION

Since water is a scarce resource in the western United States, plans have been developed for the allocation of agricultural water based on the yearly E_s of crops. The Blaney-Criddle formula (Blaney and Criddle, 1958) has been widely used for determining yearly E_s . The method requires the percent daytime hours, the mean monthly temperature, and a crop coefficient. The Blaney-Criddle method is widely used for computing E_s for selected crops because temperature data are readily available.

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Criddle (1958) derived crop coefficients to calculate the average yearly E_s for selected crops within a given region, based on field measurements. His original research did not consider the relationship between E_s and yield, and the effect of different levels of moisture stress on his derived crop coefficients.

Subsequently, Blaney-Criddle coefficients higher than those originally presented by Criddle (1958) were derived from measurements on non-stressed plants by investigators in CA (MacGillivray, 1975); NM (Gregory and Hanson, 1976; Sammis et al., 1979); and AZ (Erie et al., 1965). Since the conception of the Blaney-Criddle formula, research by Hanks et al. (1977); Reita and Hanks (1980); Stewart et al. (1969, 1973, 1974, 1975); and Sammis (1981) has shown that seasonal E_s , although estimated by weather variables, can generally be described by a linear water-production function relating E_s to yield. Consequently, a range of seasonal crop coefficients can be developed depending on the desired yield.

The purpose of this research was to determine if the Blaney-Criddle approach using the original Blaney-Criddle coefficients could be used to estimate the seasonal E_s necessary to produce historical average county yields; and to determine the range in Blaney-Criddle coefficients that would result from yields derived from dryland farming to high intensive agriculture planted in small plots.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Water-production functions for cotton, alfalfa, corn, and barley were determined using line source sprinkler systems similar to that described by Hanks et al. (1976). The sprinklers applied a decreasing amount of water from the sprinkler line to the edges of the plot, resulting in a corresponding decrease of the E_s rate and yield from the line outward. A water balance was determined for selected distances from the line where:

$$E_s + I + R - D = \Delta SM \quad (1)$$

where:

- E_s = evapotranspiration, cm
- I = irrigation water applied, cm
- R = rainfall, cm
- D = drainage, cm
- ΔSM = change in soil moisture (SM), cm

Irrigation water (I) was volumetrically measured at selected distances from the sprinkler line with cans 10 cm in diameter. Rainfall (R) was measured with a rain gauge. The change in soil moisture (ΔSM) was measured using a neutron probe. The irrigation system was operated based on the data from lysimeters at each site so that deep drainage (D) was minimal at the sprinkler line. The irrigation was applied at night or early in the morning when the winds were calm and the evaporation

losses from the catchman cans were minimal. The evapotranspiration data determined for each line source sprinkler were used in linear regression models with equivalent yield data to define the water-production functions for corn, cotton, alfalfa, and barley.

The alfalfa and cotton studies were conducted in Las Cruces, NM (Sammis, 1981). The alfalfa plot was planted in October, 1977 with the varieties of Moapa and Hairy Peruvian, and received 103 kg/ha of phosphorus each year. The plot was initially flood-irrigated for stand establishment, and then it was irrigated weekly using the line source sprinkler system. The alfalfa crop was harvested five times in each of 1978, 1979, and 1980. At each cutting, the alfalfa was harvested from three sub-plots at each level of evapotranspiration. Strips 1 m wide and 10 m long were taken from each sub-plot to measure yield at 100 cm distances from the sprinkler line to the outer edge of the sprinkler area. Evapotranspiration was calculated for each yield-plot throughout the growing season using the water balance method described by equation [1]. Acala cotton plots were planted May 5, 1978 and April 19, 1979, and received 120 kg/ha of nitrogen and 120 kg/ha of phosphorus. The cotton plots received a pre-plant irrigation to ensure even germination and, subsequently, was irrigated weekly using a line source sprinkler system. Each cotton row was divided into three sub-plots each 10 m long, and harvested separately by hand at the end of the growing season on October 18, 1978 and November 28, 1979. The soil type for the cotton and alfalfa plots was a Belen clay loam (clayey over loamy, montmorillonitic [calcareous], thermic vertic torrefluent).

The line source sprinkler study on corn, (Northrup King hybrid PX 74) was conducted at Clovis, NM, 1980. The plots were planted on April 10, and received a pre-plant irrigation to fill the potential rootzone. These were harvested with a combine on October 4. Evapotranspiration was computed and yield was measured at 200 cm distances from the sprinkler line to the edge of the plot. The soil type was a Pullman clay loam (fine loamy, mixed, thermic Torrefic paleustoll). Each corn plot, as part of a nitrogen response study, received different levels of fertilizer; plots 1 through 4 received 0, 112, 224, 336 kg/ha, respectively. There was 144 kg/ha residual N in the soil profile. The line source sprinkler study on spring barley (Steploc), was conducted at Farmington, NM. The soil type at the site was classified as a Nagess sandy loam (typic calciorthid, coarse loamy mixed, mesic family). There was no pre-plant irrigation, but at planting on April 9, 1980, the plot was irrigated and 196 kg/ha of nitrogen applied. Harvest was on August 1. Measurement of yield and evapotranspiration were obtained in the manner described for corn.

In 1976 and 1977 lysimeter studies to determine yield and evapotranspiration relationships under negligible moisture stress conditions were conducted for corn, barley, alfalfa, and cotton at the respective locations indicated above. The lysimeter data were combined with the sprinkler line source data used in the linear regression model to define the water-production function. The lysimeters, 1.8 m x 1.8 m x 1.2 m deep, were a non-weighting type. E_r was determined by the water balance technique using equation [1], where irrigation and drainage were measured volumetrically. Rainfall and soil moisture were measured as described for the line source

sprinkler system (Sammis et al., 1979).

Yearly E_r at each site was computed using the Blaney-Criddle equation:

$$E_r = 25.4 K \cdot \frac{pT}{100} \quad [2]$$

where:

- E_r = evapotranspiration (mm) of a crop for a given time period
- K = Blaney-Criddle coefficient
- T = mean monthly temperature, °F
- p = monthly percentage of day time hours of the year

The required weather data were obtained from the 30-yr averages reported by Blaney and Hanson (1965). The original Blaney-Criddle coefficients for corn (*Zea mays L.*), barley (*Hordeum vulgare L.*), alfalfa (*Medicago sativa L.*), and cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum L.*) for NM were taken from the same report.

Doorenbos and Pruitt (1977) tried to improve on the original Blaney-Criddle formula by including the effect of wind, relative humidity, and sunshine hours on E_r and, thus, adjust the Blaney-Criddle formula to represent a reference crop E_r that could be multiplied by their crop coefficient (k_c). The modified Blaney-Criddle approach is described in equations [3] and [4], as follows:

$$E_r = c [p(0.45T + 8)] \quad [3]$$

where:

- E_r = reference crop evapotranspiration in mm/day for the month considered
- T = mean daily temperature in °C over the month considered
- p = mean daily percentage of total annual daytime hours
- c = adjustment factor which depends on minimum relative humidity, sunshine hours and daytime wind estimates averaged over the month considered

and,

$$E_r = k_c \cdot E_{r0} \quad [4]$$

where:

- k_c = crop coefficient which changes depending on the stage of growth

Climatic stations which measured 24-h wind run at 2-m and humidity using a hydrothermograph were operated at three research sites from 1977 to 1981, and their data were combined with the 30-yr of temperature data by Blaney and Hanson (1965) to compute E_r . The percent of possible sunshine was taken from the Yearbook of Agriculture (1941).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The water-production functions for alfalfa, cotton, corn, and barley are presented in Table 1. The water-production functions for corn plots were the same at the 95 percent level of confidence and so were combined to form a common water-production function. The coefficient of determination was low for cotton because of weather conditions that resulted in mature plants but low yields. The water-production functions also include the

TABLE 1. WATER-PRODUCTION FUNCTIONS FOR SELECTED CROPS IN NEW MEXICO.

Crop	Equation	Range of E_p ^a	Coefficient of Determination
Alfalfa yield (t/ha)	$-1.24 + 0.13 E_p$ (cm)	36-175	0.78
Cotton yield (kg/ha)	$-134 + 14.2 E_p$ (cm)	16-87	0.66
Corn yield (kg/ha)	$-8287 + 182.62 E_p$ (cm)	45-100	0.90
Barley yield (kg/ha)	$-2451 + 124.59 E_p$ (cm)	20-80	0.95

^aThe range of evapotranspiration (E_p) measurements used to derive the water-production functions.
¹Derived from 1978, 1979, 1980 sprinkler line source irrigation study and 1976, 1977 lysimeter study. Yield is at zero percent moisture content.
²Derived from 1978, 1979 sprinkler line source irrigation study and 1976, 1977 lysimeter study.
³Derived from 1980 average of four sprinkler line source irrigation studies and 1976, 1977 lysimeter study. Represents a dry year when most of the E_p was applied by irrigation. Yield is at 15 percent moisture content.
⁴Derived from 1980 sprinkler line source irrigation study. Yield at 14 percent moisture content.

soil evaporation component of evapotranspiration. Soil evaporation may vary under different irrigation methods, amounts, and times between irrigations, consequently, changing the parameters in the linear water-production function. The relationship between transpiration and yield should remain constant for different irrigation schemes for a given location. Consequently, the degree of change in the water-production function, due to changes in soil evaporation, will depend on what percentage of the total evapotranspiration is soil evaporation.

The alfalfa water-production function was shown by Sammis (1981) to be applicable at five locations in NM. The function is presented for alfalfa yield, expressed at 0 percent moisture. Table 2 presents the average and the maximum county yields from 1959 to 1977 (New Mexico Agricultural Statistics, 1967-1977). These yields were adjusted to 0 percent moisture content assuming they were at 15 percent moisture content at harvest time. Table 2 also presents the yearly average and yearly maximum E_p computed using the alfalfa water-production function, and the E_p calculated from the Blaney-Criddle and modified Blaney-Criddle methods.

Criddle (1958) and Blaney and Hanson (1965), derived their original crop coefficient of 0.85 for alfalfa to determine average yearly E_p over a large area. Also, it is only applicable for computation of E_p during the frost-free period. The USDA Technical Report TR-21 (1967) presented a method to extend the computation of the Blaney-Criddle formula to compute E_p for the entire year. This method assumes that alfalfa starts to grow when the spring temperatures reach 10 °C and ceases to grow when fall temperatures reach -2 °C. E_p for time periods outside the frost-free period but within the period when temperatures indicate growth, are calculated using a K of 0.5.

Estimates of E_p using the water-production function and average long term county yields, are between 13 and

27 percent lower than those computed by the Blaney-Criddle method. E_p computed using the water-production function and maximum county yields for the locations in NM, except Farmington, are within 9 percent of those computed using the Blaney-Criddle method. At Farmington, NM it was found that the same method, when applied to maximum county yields, underestimated E_p by 16 percent compared to the Blaney-Criddle method. Studies on small plots of land in AZ (Eric et al., 1965) and NM (Hanson, 1969) have resulted in computed values for K for alfalfa greater than 1. The higher coefficients are due to greater E_p than that measured in farmers' fields in the original study reported by Criddle (1958). Since there is a linear relationship between yield and E_p , the higher K and subsequent higher measured E_p indicates that on the plot studies the yields were greater than those in a farmer's field. Measured E_p in farmers' fields in CA resulted in a seasonal K (March to October) of 0.87, which is close to the measured value of 0.85 reported by Blaney and Hanson (1965) in NM and by Criddle (1958) for the western United States.

The computed Blaney-Criddle E_p using the modified form by Doorenbos and Pruitt (1977) is also presented in Table 2. A k of 0.95 was used to adjust E_p computed for the growing season including the time periods outside the frost-free period. These values are between 7 and 28 percent higher than the original Blaney-Criddle computed E_p . The largest difference is at Clovis, NM where average wind speeds are between 4 and 5 m/s, causing an increase in the computed E_p . The modified Blaney-Criddle formula tends to overestimate E_p compared to maximum county yields. Doorenbos and Pruitt comment that the k values they report were only appropriate for determining E_p for a field that is achieving full production potential under the growing environment when water is non-limiting. This is not the irrigation condition

TABLE 2. YEARLY EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (E_p) OF ALFALFA COMPUTED BY THE BLANEY-CRIDDLE METHOD AND BY THE WATER-PRODUCTION FUNCTION IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN NEW MEXICO.

Location	Average County Yield 1959-1977 ^a t/ha	Maximum County Yield 1959-1977 ^a t/ha	Annual E_p associated with average and maximum county yields ^b		Blaney-Criddle E_p for the year ^c cm	Modified Blaney-Criddle E_p for the year ^d cm
			Average cm	Maximum cm		
Artesia	10.4	11.9	90	101	104	111
Clovis	8.7	12.1	77	102	94	121
Farmington	6.4	7.8	59	68	81	95
Las Cruces	9.8	12.3	85	97	100	116
Los Lunas	7.5	9.2	67	80	83	92

^aAdjusted to zero percent moisture based on a 15 percent moisture content at harvest time.

^b E_p computed using the water-production function.

^cComputed using a Blaney-Criddle coefficient of 0.85 and USDA method in Technical Report SCS-21 for days outside frost-free period.

TABLE 3. BLANEY-CRIDDLE COEFFICIENTS FOR ALFALFA FOR SELECTED VALUES OF YIELD AND COMPUTED EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (E_p) USING THE WATER PRODUCTION FUNCTION.

Yields 0% Moisture metric ton/ha	Las Cruces		
	Yearly E _p cm	Seasonal E _p 04/08-10/28 cm	Seasonal K 04/08-10/28
1.6	24	22	0.20 [*]
8.9	63	66	0.52
10.3	83	87	0.77
13.3	97	87	0.80 [†]
17.3	104	94	0.86
14.7	123	110	1.02
18.6	153	137	1.27
21.4	174	157	1.44 [‡]

* Seasonal E_p equal to yearly E_p - 10% (applies to frost-free period) based on monthly measured E_p from lysimeter studies in 1976 and 1977. Also, estimate of E_p outside the frost-free period based on Technical Report SCS-21.

† Computed Blaney-Criddle seasonal K based on yield under dry land farming.

‡ Computed Blaney-Criddle seasonal K based on maximum county yield.

§ Computed Blaney-Criddle seasonal K based on maximum yield measured in a lysimeter.

encountered in a field necessary to produce maximum county yield.

A range of yield data, based on yield measured in Las Cruces with no irrigation, and on maximum yield measured in the lysimeter, was used to compute the yearly E_p calculated with the water production function (Table 3). This yearly E_p was adjusted to the E_p during the frost-free period by subtracting the estimated E_p outside the frost-free period equal to 10 percent of the yearly E_p. Based on the estimated seasonal E_p, K was computed using equation [2], and K ranged from 0.20 for a yield of 1.6 t/ha to 1.44 for a yield of 21.4 t/ha. Lysimeters and small plots, because of intensive agriculture and the availability of local advective energy, produce higher yields and subsequently higher measurements of E_p than is normally encountered on a large, state farming operation. Consequently, the crop coefficient of 1.44 determined from the lysimeter study, if used in the Blaney-Criddle equation, would overestimate farm E_p. However, Table 2 and 3 point out that the Blaney-Criddle crop coefficient varies and that the appropriate K, depending on the desired yield, should be used to compute E_p. The original crop coefficient of 0.85 reported by Blaney and Hanson (1965) will estimate an E_p that will result in predicted yields greater than average county yields, and even slightly greater than the maximum county yields reported at four locations of NM. In areas of dry land farming alfalfa yields will be proportional to the yearly rainfall, and if yields are 1.6 kg/ha a K of 0.20 would be the correct coefficient to use to compute seasonal E_p.

Yearly E_p of alfalfa can also be estimated by the modified Blaney-Criddle formula, but as stated earlier these calculations will result in E_p estimates for fields where production is greater than maximum county average. If the modified form of the equation is used, the K coefficients also need to be adjusted to be appropriate for fields under moisture stress conditions.

The water production function calculation of E_p for cotton (Table 4) based on maximum county yields, estimates an E_p that is 14 percent less at Artesia, and 19 percent less at Las Cruces than E_p predicted by the Blaney-Criddle method using a K of 0.62. If the average county yields are used, the differences become respectively, 32 percent for Artesia and 36 percent for Las Cruces. The Blaney-Criddle formula was applied for a growing season from April 11 to October 17 at Las Cruces, and from April 10 to November 2 at Artesia (Blaney and Hanson, 1965). Determination of the number of days for the average growing season is critical because the Blaney-Criddle formula used a seasonal crop coefficient giving the same weight to the summation of E_p, regardless of when in the growing season it occurs. Using the modified Blaney-Criddle formula, the K changes with the stage of development, and a difference of a few days in the beginning or ending of the growing season is not as critical. The modified Blaney-Criddle predicts E_p greater than the original Blaney-Criddle formula at both locations. It predicts an E_p of 87 cm cotton for Artesia, 3 cm less than the 2-yr average E_p measured in lysimeters which produced average yields of 1248 kg/ha, considerably greater than county yields (Sammis, 1981). At Las Cruces the modified Blaney-Criddle predicts an E_p of 94 cm, 11 cm greater than measured in lysimeters producing a yield 1430 kg/ha (Sammis, 1981). Average county yield is 763 kg/ha. It appears that the crop coefficient for cotton used with the modified Blaney-Criddle formula is more appropriate for Phoenix, AZ, when the seasonal E_p is 105 cm (Eitz et al., 1968).

Table 5 presents the E_p and K values for selected levels of yield based on the cotton water production function. The highest yield, taken from the lysimeters, resulted in a K of 0.89. Lysimeter measurements gave 0.80, and Eitz et al. (1965) reported 0.76 for AZ, and MacGillivray (1975) 0.77 for CA. Cotton yield of 378 kg/ha resulting from only a pre-plant irrigation plus rainfall of 17 cm, resulted in a K of 0.16. This K value represents the lowest value capable of producing a crop under the climatic conditions at Las Cruces. Because cotton growth is very sensitive to weather conditions, the water production function and Blaney-Criddle crop coefficients and modified Blaney-Criddle crop coefficients are unique to the area in which they are determined and not transfer-

TABLE 4. YEARLY EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (E_p) OF COTTON COMPUTED BY THE BLANEY-CRIDDLE METHOD AND THE WATER PRODUCTION FUNCTION METHOD AT TWO LOCATIONS IN NEW MEXICO.

Location	Average County Yield 1959-1971 kg/ha	Maximum County Yield 1959-1971 kg/ha	Annual E _p associated with average and maximum county yields [*]		Blaney-Criddle E _p for the growing season [†] cm	Modified Blaney-Criddle E _p for the growing season [‡] cm
			Average cm	Maximum cm		
Artesia	732	1017	32	82	72	87
Las Cruces	783	921	44	66	59	94

* E_p computed using the water production function.

† Based on a Blaney-Criddle coefficient of 0.62. The growing season was 4/11-10/27 for Las Cruces, and 4/10-11/2 for Artesia. The E_p also includes 2.6 cm of evaporation loss due to a pre-plant irrigation.

‡ Includes a 2.6 cm of evaporation loss due to a pre-plant irrigation.

TABLE 5. BLANEY-CRIDDLE COEFFICIENTS (K) FOR COTTON, CORN, AND BARLEY FOR SELECTED VALUES OF YIELDS AND COMPUTED EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (E_p) USING THE WATER PRODUCTION FUNCTION.

Crop	Location	Yields	Seasonal E _p	Seasonal K
		kg/ha	cm	
Cotton	Las Cruces	378	17	0.16*
		600	33	0.30
		800	47	0.43
		931	56	0.52†
		1200	75	0.69
		1491	96	0.89‡
Corn	Clovis	67	45	0.47*
		2000	56	0.67
		4000	67	0.69
		6000	78	0.80
		7965	89	0.91†
		10004	100	1.02‡
Spring Barley	Farmington	178	21	0.35*
		1000	28	0.47
		2000	36	0.61
		2957	43	0.74†
		4000	53	0.88
		5061	60	1.02‡

*Computed Blaney-Criddle seasonal K based on yields obtained from dry land farming plus an irrigation at planting time.

†Computed Blaney-Criddle seasonal K based on maximum county yield.

‡Computed Blaney-Criddle seasonal K based on maximum yield in a lysimeter or measured at the line in the sprinkler-line source study.

able to other locations (Sarramis, 1981).

The corn water production function for the Clovis area underestimated E_p (Table 6) compared to the Blaney-Criddle method using a K of 0.75, by 3 percent based on average county yields, and overestimated evapotranspiration by 22 percent based on maximum county yields. The original coefficient for corn reported by Criddle (1958), and by Blaney and Hanson (1965), was not derived in the Clovis area where a large amount of advective energy exists. Consequently, in this case the original K is probably low. The modified Blaney-Criddle estimates E_p 7 percent greater than the Blaney-Criddle method, but still less than the requirements for maximum county yield. However, the water production function was derived in a year when 83 percent of the maximum seasonal E_p was supplied by irrigation representing an extremely dry weather condition. If evaporation losses are less in years when a greater percentage of the E_p is supplied by rainfall, the E_p requirement may be closer to the original and modified Blaney-Criddle computed E_p. Table 5 gives values of seasonal E_p and K for selected values of yield. The maximum county yield for the Clovis area calculated from the water production function gives a K of 0.91. For corn in plot studies at Davis, CA,

MacGillivray (1975) reported 0.87. Under an irrigation at planting and rainfall of 17 cm, corn yield at Clovis in 1980 was 67 kg/ha, resulting in a computed K of 0.47. This seasonal E_p results in viable plants but no effective yield because the rainfall was below average for the year. An appropriate K should be selected for the desired yield and this yield must be compatible with the economics of producing the crop.

Table 6 presents data for barley (both spring and winter-sown) in Farmington, NM for average and maximum county yields, and for average and maximum E_p using the water production function, along with the Blaney-Criddle determination of E_p using a K of 0.70. Using maximum county yield the two estimates agree to within 5 percent; using average yield they differ by 7 percent. Coefficients for winter barley (November to June) determined in CA and AZ are respectively 0.56, MacGillivray (1975), and 1.09, Eric et al. (1965). The modified Blaney-Criddle formula results in higher estimates of E_p than the Blaney-Criddle formula of maximum county yield using the water production function. Again, the modified Blaney-Criddle formula represents well watered conditions.

Table 5 gives values for K and for seasonal E_p computed using the water production function for barley at selected levels of yield. The highest measured yield from the sprinkler-line source study gives a K of 1.02, by comparison, maximum county yield gives a K of 0.74.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The original Blaney-Criddle coefficients result in E_p estimates that are very close, except for corn, to those determined from maximum county yields and the water production functions. However, they are considerably lower than those derived from lysimeter studies, small plot studies, or sprinkler-line source studies under negligible moisture stress conditions. The Blaney-Criddle approach can be used satisfactorily to determine county average E_p for a crop, but it cannot be used on a field by field determination of E_p because of the variability in yields. E_p by field is better determined by measuring yield and using the water production function to calculate E_p. County values for E_p can also be satisfactorily determined using maximum county yields provided the water production function is applicable to the area to which it is applied. The modified Blaney-Criddle method overestimated E_p compared to maximum county yield except for corn. This result was expected because the modified Blaney-Criddle K value represents a computed E_p of a disease-free crop grown under non-restricting soil conditions, including soil water and fertility. This condition

TABLE 6. YEARLY EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (E_p) OF CORN AND SPRING BARLEY COMPUTED BY THE BLANEY-CRIDDLE METHOD AND THE WATER PRODUCTION FUNCTION.

Location and Crop	Average County Yield 1959-1977	Maximum County Yield 1959-1977	Annual E _p associated with average and maximum county yields ^a		Blaney-Criddle E _p for the growing season	Modified Blaney-Criddle E _p for the growing season
			Average	Maximum		
			kg/ha	kg/ha	cm	cm
Clovis Corn	4714	7965	71	89	75	78
Farmington Barley	2263	2957	48	49	41	52

^aE_p computed using the water production function.

^bBased on corn planted April 10 and harvested October 4. Physiological maturity occurred September 12.

^cBased on barley planted April 9 and harvested August 1. Physiological maturity occurred July 18.

is usually not met in fields producing average county yields. The range of the Blaney-Criddle-K values represent a three-fold increase from minimum yields under extreme moisture stress to maximum yields obtained in small plots and lysimeters. The large range in K values points out the care that must be taken in selecting the appropriate Blaney-Criddle crop coefficient if other than maximum county yields are desired for the project, farm, or small plot of land.

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Yield of Alfalfa and Cotton as Influenced by Irrigation¹

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ABSTRACT

Water resource planners need water-production functions to determine the relationship between yield and evapotranspiration to determine the economic impact of various water allocation decisions. They also need to know the transferability of the functions within and between states.

Cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.) and alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.) were irrigated at Las Cruces, New Mexico, with a range of water levels using a sprinkler-line source to determine yield and evapotranspiration under deficit irrigation. Also, alfalfa was grown at five locations and cotton was grown at two locations in New Mexico, including Las Cruces, in nonweighing lysimeters that were irrigated to measure the yield and evapotranspiration under nonlimiting soil-moisture conditions.

A linear water-production function was observed for alfalfa. This function appeared to be transferable to any location in New Mexico, based on data from five locations within the state, and was statistically the same as the water-production functions for Nevada, Nebraska, and North Dakota.

A linear water-production function was also observed for cotton, but this function was applicable only for the areas in southern New Mexico where the study was conducted. The cotton water-production function for New Mexico was statistically different from the reported water-production function of the similar study conducted in California. The cotton water-production function had a lower coefficient of determination than the alfalfa water-production function since cotton was harvested for lint and seed rather than biomass. This study indicated that biomass production may require the same amount of evapotranspiration regardless of site and management differences, as in the case of alfalfa, but that lint or seed production per unit of water will vary from place to

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Most western states have initiated a policy to determine the most beneficial utilization and allocation of their scarce water resources. In years of below normal water supplies, knowledge about the effects of water shortages on yield and the most beneficial ways of allocating water becomes important to the economic well-being of an area.

Water-production functions, defined as the relationship between evapotranspiration and crop yield, planners can determine the economic impact of various alternate water allocation decisions. In addition, water-production functions give guidelines for determining the capacity of irrigation systems, procedures for scheduling irrigations, and a means of comparing relative water-use efficiencies.

In the past, research has been conducted on the irrigation requirements of alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.) and cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.) and their corresponding yields (5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,

18, 19, 21, 22). This relationship is not the same as a water-production function. Irrigation requirements depend upon evapotranspiration efficiency of the irrigation system and upon management practices.

In many studies yield did not proportionally increase with applied water because all water was not beneficially used by the crop; some became deep drainage water. The studies resulted in a curvilinear functional relationship between applied water and yield. Past studies have concentrated more on the upper and near-optimal irrigation levels and yields, and have not measured the response of alfalfa and cotton to severe moisture stress.

The objective of this research was to develop water-production functions for alfalfa and cotton and to determine if the relationship between yield and evapotranspiration could be described by a linear function. Research was conducted making water the only limiting variable in controlling growth. High yields and evapotranspiration rates, due to intensive management practices, were accomplished with small lysimeter plots. Lysimeter studies were conducted to collect data on the upper end of the water-production function unobtainable by other research methods. A sprinkler-line source was used to define the water-production function in the range of limited water.

Past research has also been oriented at determining water use for a crop in a specific area. The transferability of this knowledge is usually limited by lack of validation in other locations. The study reported here was conducted in different areas of New Mexico to determine the transferability about the state of the measured water-production functions for alfalfa and cotton.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Lysimeter studies with alfalfa and cotton were conducted throughout New Mexico at five research centers of the New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station. Sprinkler-line source studies with alfalfa and cotton were conducted only at the Plant Science Research Center near Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Nonweighing lysimeters were constructed by digging a hole 1.8 × 1.8 m and 1.21 m deep. The hole was then lined with 1.9 cm thick plywood and five layers of 4-mil black plastic. Suction candles and drainage pipe, 1.27 cm in diameter, were installed at the bottom of each hole. The bottom of the lysimeter was then covered with 15 cm of sand and the remainder was backfilled with the original soil material in the order that it was removed. The soil type at the sites varied from fine sand to clay loam.

Neutron probe access tubes were installed and soil moisture was measured weekly at 15-cm depth increments. Rainfall was measured at nearby weather stations. Measured quantities of irrigation water were applied from 189-liter barrels. Excess irrigation water was applied weekly by surface flooding to insure that the soil profile in the lysimeter would be wet to field capacity. Drainage water was removed with a vacuum pump.

'Mesilla' alfalfa was planted in 1976 in single lysimeters at the San Juan Branch Station in Farmington, Middle Rio Grande Branch Station in Los Lunas, Southeastern Branch Station in Artesia, Plains Branch Station in Clovis, and in three lysimeters at the Plant Science Research Center near Las Cruces. The surrounding fields at each location were also planted in alfalfa.

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Table 1. Yield and evapotranspiration of alfalfa grown with the sprinkler-line source data.

Year 1978		Year 1979	
Evapo- transpiration	Alfalfa yield 0% moisture content	Evapo- transpiration	Alfalfa yield 0% moisture content
cm	metric ton/ha	cm	metric ton/ha
54.66†	4.27	70.79†	7.56
60.96	5.45	79.83	12.41
63.85	6.40	83.34	14.84
81.20	7.75	85.67	15.55
79.67	9.03	95.33	16.07
89.99	10.19	108.64	17.28
92.61	11.40	115.24	18.74
104.67	11.78	130.38	19.65
115.01‡	14.49	129.92	19.95
		136.91	18.87
		145.74‡	22.10
		133.53	20.35
		137.87	19.16
		130.43	16.85
		137.11	15.61
		126.60	14.74
		115.27	15.09
		115.34	14.95
		103.12	12.31
		108.48	10.01
		86.87†	7.83

† Row or area farthest away from sprinkler.

‡ Row or area nearest sprinkler line.

Irrigation water quality at the sites varied from 0.46 to 1.23 mmhos/cm. Fertilizer was applied at a rate of 120 kg/ha of P to the alfalfa. Evapotranspiration was calculated for each crop by a water-balance method,

$$ET = I + R - D \pm \Delta SM \quad [1]$$

where

ET = evapotranspiration

I = irrigation, cm

R = rainfall, cm

D = drainage, cm

ΔSM = change in soil moisture, cm.

Yields from the lysimeters, dried at 60 C, expressed as almost 0% moisture, were measured after each cutting.

Alfalfa varieties (mixed 'Moapa' and 'Hairy Peruvian') were grown in plots approximately 30 x 50 m at the site near Las Cruces. Plants near the sprinkler line received sufficient water to prevent stress. Decreasing amounts of water were received by plants located away from the line. Various levels of water stress were generated in this way. The sprinkler-line source design is described by Hanks et al. (9).

The alfalfa field was planted in October 1977 and fertilized with 40 kg/ha of N and 103 kg/ha of P. The field was again fertilized in March 1979 with 103 kg/ha of P. The field was flood irrigated at planting and again in March 1978 which gave a good stand. The alfalfa crop was harvested five times in 1978 and 1979. The first cutting in 1978 was made before evapotranspiration measurements were started on 1 May 1978. This cutting consisted of mustard plants (*Desurainia sophia*) that had overgrown the emerging alfalfa plants and was not included in the analysis. After the first cutting, the field was irrigated with the sprinkler-line source. At each subsequent harvest, alfalfa was harvested from three plots. Cuttings in strips 1 m wide and 10 m long were taken in each plot to measure yield at varying distances from the sprinkler line to the outer edge of the sprinkler area. Evapotranspiration was also calculated for each yield plot throughout the growing season using the water-balance method described in Eq. [1]. Applied water was measured with catchment cans and soil moisture with a neutron probe. The irrigation system was operated, based on lysimeter data from previous years, so that crop evapotranspiration was satisfied and deep drainage was minimal at the sprinkler line.

Table 2. Linear water production of alfalfa for studies in New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, and Nebraska.

Equation no.	Water-production functions	Coefficient of determination	Location and year
	metric ton/ha†	cm	
1	yield = -4.30 + 0.16 ET†	0.97*	Las Cruces—1978 sprinkler-line source
2	yield = 0.43 + 0.14 ET	0.57	Las Cruces—1979 sprinkler-line source
3	yield = 0.14 + 0.12 ET	0.78a	Las Cruces—1978 to 1979 sprinkler line plus lysimeter—1975-1979
4	yield = 0.53 + 0.14 ET	0.97a	Nevada, Tovey (20) Average of 1960 to 1966 data forced through origin
5	yield§ = -0.83 + 0.16 ET	0.97a	North Dakota—1978 Bauder et al. (1)
6	yield = 1.84 + 0.13 ET	0.99a	Nebraska—1970 Daigger et al. (6)
7	yield = 1.39 + 0.12 ET	0.85a	Composite of Las Cruces, Nebraska, North Dakota, Nevada 1960-1967 data

* Equations 3 through 6 followed by the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05% level. Only the composited data from each site were compared statistically.

† All yield is a near 0% moisture content. Tovey (20) which did not report a moisture content.

‡ Includes 1973, 1974, and 1976 data.

§ Includes 1973, 1974, and 1976 data.

Runoff was negligible because the water-application rate did not exceed the infiltration rate. The groundwater table was 1 m at the site so that upward flow was negligible during the growing season. The alfalfa plot was irrigated weekly, throughout the growing season and salinity of the applied water varied from 2.18 mmhos/cm in 1978 to 3.75 mmhos/cm in 1979. Rainfall was 18 cm during the 1978 growing season and 30 cm during the 1979 growing season.

Acala cotton '1517-V' was planted in lysimeters located in cotton fields adjacent to the alfalfa fields at the Plant Science Research Center near Las Cruces and the Artesia experiment station. The construction and operation of the lysimeters were the same as described for the alfalfa lysimeters, except that 120 kg/ha of N and 120 kg/ha of P was applied during the growing season.

Cotton, irrigated with the sprinkler-line source method, was planted 5 May 1978 and 19 Apr. 1979 with 101-cm row spacing. During the growing season, 120 kg/ha of N and 120 kg/ha of P were applied to the field. The cotton plot was preirrigated for germination and subsequently irrigated weekly. Catchment cans were installed with a 101 cm spacing in a line at a right angle to the sprinkler line, one can per row. Yield and evapotranspiration data were taken only on the west side of the sprinkler-line source in 1978. The cotton plot was subdivided into three subplots, each being 10 m long parallel to the line. Rows from these subplots were harvested separately by hand at the end of the growing season, 18 Oct. 1978 and 28 Nov. 1979.

Data for the evapotranspiration calculations (Eq. [1]) were obtained in the manner described for alfalfa. Total precipitation during the cotton growing season was 17 cm in 1978 and 11 cm in 1979.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Alfalfa. Alfalfa yield and evapotranspiration data obtained with the sprinkler-line source irrigation method are presented in Table 1. Yield is a linear function of evapotranspiration (Table 2, Eq. [1] and [2] with a coefficient of determination of 0.97 for 1978 and 0.57 for 1979.

The lysimeter data for alfalfa from all sites and years are presented in Table 3. The regression equations for the sprinkler-line source and lysimeter data

Table 3. Yield of alfalfa grown in lysimeters.

Location	Year	Yield (metric ton/ha)
Las Cruces	1978	14.84
Las Cruces	1979	12.41
Las Cruces	1978-1979	15.55
Nevada	1960-1966	17.28
North Dakota	1978	19.65
Nebraska	1970	15.61
Composite	1960-1967	19.95

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Table 1. Yield and evapotranspiration of new and mature alfalfa grown in lysimeters.

Year	Planting date	Lysimeter	Yield metric ton/ha†	Evapotranspiration measured cm	Time duration
1976	8/29/75		22.46	189.7	1/21-12/31
1977	12/03/76		23.38	184.6	1/01-12/19
1976	3/24/76		10.35	125.6	4/26-12/31
1977	3/24/76		15.87	169.7	1/01-12/08
1976	4/13/76	New north site	9.80	107.5	4/26-11/12
1976	Spring 75	North south site	19.23	166.1	4/26-11/12
1977	Spring 75	North south site	14.73	157.7	3/24-11/21
1977	4/13/76	North south site	16.83	124.2	3/24-11/21
1976	11/05/75	Yuma Site B	21.90	171.6	1/01-10/29
1976	2/04/76	Yuma Site B	13.27	156.5	2/09-12/06
1976	2/09/76	Yuma Site B	21.46	165.4	2/09-12/06
1977	11/05/75	Yuma Site B	22.55	157.5	1/05-12/13
1977	2/04/76	Yuma Site A	25.60	174.9	1/05-12/13
1977	2/09/76	Yuma Site C	22.04	173.9	1/05-12/13
1976	6/29/76		5.16	41.7	7/28-11/16
1977	11/16/76		18.16	151.8	1/18-12/21

† Yield near zero percent moisture content.

are statistically similar ($P \leq 0.05$) and, therefore, can be combined. The function is described in Table 2, Eq. [3] and shown in Fig. 1. The coefficient of determination was 0.78. The relationship between yield and evapotranspiration in New Mexico shows that 8.3 cm of water are required to produce 1 ton/ha of alfalfa.

The lysimeter data represent different climatic conditions, growing season lengths around the state, and new as well as established crops. All data fall generally on the same production-function line with the variation being as high from year to year as from location to location. The data also include three data points from a lysimeter study conducted by Curry (2, 3, 4) in Las Cruces where the alfalfa was irrigated by maintaining a water table 91 cm deep in lysimeters. These data are close to the function as shown in Fig. 1.

Equation [3] in Table 2 represents an average water-production function for alfalfa throughout New Mexico. Because of this, a conjecture arises that the same function might be transferred to other states.

Lysimeter studies were conducted by Tovey (20) in Nevada, using water tables of varying height, both irrigated and non-irrigated, and different soil textures as treatments. His 1959 data were statistically different at the 0.05% level of confidence from 1960 and 1961 data. The water-production functions derived from his data are described by the regression equations listed in Table 4. The data do not include values at

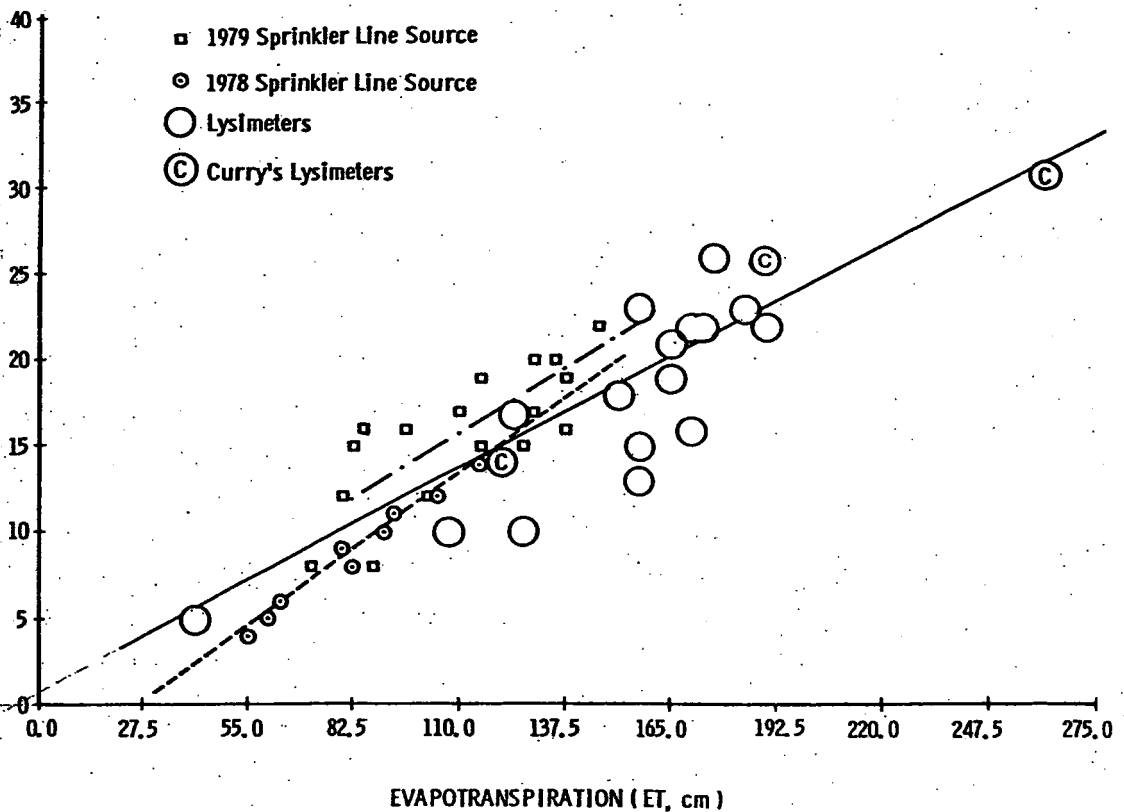


Fig. 1. Water-production function for alfalfa New Mexico.

Table 4. Water-production functions of individual cuttings for alfalfa based upon data from Tovey (20) collected in Nevada and data collected at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Location	Year	Cutting	Water-production functions		Coefficient of determination
			metric ton/ha	cm	
Las Cruces	1978	2	yield = -1.22 + 0.13 ET a*	0.70	
		3	yield = -0.69 + 0.12 ET a	0.83	
		4	yield = 0.20 + 0.12 ET b	0.80	
		5	yield = 0.08 + 0.16 ET c	0.29	
		Yearly total	yield = -4.30 + 0.16 ET	0.97	
Las Cruces	1979	1	yield = -1.00 + 0.09 ET d	0.38	
		2	yield = 1.46 + 0.11 ET ab	0.40	
		3	yield = 2.25 + 0.10 ET a	0.48	
		4	yield = -0.77 + 0.18 ET c	0.65	
		5	yield = 0.09 + 0.16 ET bc	0.50	
Yearly total	yield = 0.43 + 0.14 ET	0.57			
Nevada	1959	1	yield = 3.00 + 0.12 ET	0.54	
		2	yield = 4.73 + 0.05 ET	0.04	
		3	yield = 3.80 + 0.06 ET	0.26	
		Yearly total†	yield = 9.70 + 0.10 ET	0.51	
Nevada	1960	1	yield = 2.80 + 0.06 ET	0.49	
		2	yield = 1.81 + 0.10 ET	0.68	
		3	yield = 1.41 + 0.08 ET	0.83	
		Yearly total†	yield = 5.60 + 0.08 ET	0.51	
Nevada	1961	1	yield = 3.26 + 0.06 ET	0.50	
		2	yield = 1.03 + 0.15 ET	0.76	
		3	yield = 1.43 + 0.07 ET	0.80	
		Yearly total†	yield = 5.10 + 0.09 ET	0.87	

* Equations followed by different letters are significantly different at the 0.05% level.
 † Not forced through the origin.

the low end of the water-production function and only in 1961 is the variation explained satisfactorily by a linear function. If evaporation losses are assumed negligible, then the data should pass through the origin.

When the water-production function is forced through the origin by adding four zero data points to the data base, the coefficient of determination increases and the slope of the average of the 1960 to 1961 water-production function statistically ($P \leq 0.05$) is the same as the composite Las Cruces' water-production function.

Bauder et al (1) conducted a study on alfalfa water use and production in southeastern North Dakota. Each year had four levels of evapotranspiration and yield. The water-production function (Table 2, Eq. [5]) has a linear coefficient of determination of 0.97 and is statistically the same as the Las Cruces data.

Daigger et al. (6), in Nebraska, collected three years of data on alfalfa yield and evapotranspiration, one data point each year. The linear function of that data (Table 2, Eq. [6]) has a coefficient of determination of 0.99 and is statistically the same as the Las Cruces water-production function.

Statistical analyses show that a common water-production function of alfalfa for four states can be represented by Eq. [7] in Table 2 which has a coefficient of determination of 0.85.

The combined water-production function shows that 8.3 cm of water are required to produce 1 ton/ha of alfalfa, the same amount of water required to produce 1 ton/ha based only on New Mexico data.

The production function is different for different cuttings. Table 4 shows the alfalfa water-production function for the second, third, fourth, and fifth cut-

Table 5. Yield and evapotranspiration of cotton growth with sprinkler-line source irrigation.

1978		1979	
Evapotranspiration	Lint yield	Evapotranspiration	Lint yield
cm	kg/ha	cm	kg/ha
16.87†	376.60	32.18	760.72
20.19	380.87	34.21	749.97
24.52	418.72	48.39	815.40
32.55	540.80	47.68	776.30
27.27	582.91	55.91	821.50
33.59	658.60	58.14	880.00
34.18	617.70	63.27	870.00
42.14	747.71	55.83	872.30
44.36	780.06	50.19	763.50
46.68‡	824.62	52.32	787.00
		48.84	842.50
		45.03	804.80
		43.79	779.00
		42.62	687.00
		45.47	725.00

† Row or area farthest away from sprinkler line.
 ‡ Row or area near sprinkler line.

tings measured at Las Cruces with the sprinkler-line source data in 1978 and for all five cuttings in 1979. The slopes (water-use efficiency) in 1978 vary from 0.12 ton/ha/cm to 0.16 ton/ha/cm. When water-production functions in 1978 for the different cuttings are compared, only the second and third cuttings are statistically the same with the fifth cutting having the highest water-use efficiency. In 1979, the coefficient of determination for the water-production function of the individual cuttings have a greater variation than in 1978 with the slopes varying from 0.09 ton/ha/cm to 0.18 ton/ha/cm. Again, based on the statistical analyses, the last two cuttings have the highest water-use efficiency. The water-production functions for the individual cuttings have lower than desired coefficient of determination and additional information is needed before a recommendation can be made concerning when to apply a limited water supply to maximize yearly alfalfa production. However, the data support the idea that photosynthesis efficiency may be higher for the last cuttings in Las Cruces since the air temperatures may be closer to the optimal level for photosynthesis. The first cutting's water-use efficiency in 1979 is low because the data include growth and evapotranspiration during the winter months when the plants have been semi-dormant and temperatures are lower than the optimal level for photosynthesis. Table 4 also shows water-production functions for each cutting in the Nevada study, not forced through the origin. These vary from year to year with no consistent trend as to which cutting had the highest production per unit of water.

Cotton. The sprinkler-line source data of yield versus evapotranspiration for cotton (Table 5) is shown in Table 6 and Fig. 2 as a linear function with a coefficient of determination of 0.94 in 1978 and 0.51 in 1979.

The regression equations of the sprinkler-line source in 1978 and 1979 and the lysimeter data in Table 7 are statistically the same ($P \leq 0.05$); therefore, they can be combined.

The coefficient of determination of this function is only 0.66 due to the large scatter in the lysimeter data and sprinkler data in 1979. Some rows from the sprin-

Table 6. L...

Location	Year	Cutting	Yield (kg/ha)	Evapotranspiration (cm)
Las Cruces	1978	2	376.60	16.87
		3	380.87	20.19
		4	418.72	24.52
		5	540.80	32.55
		Yearly total	824.62	46.68
Las Cruces	1979	1	760.72	32.18
		2	749.97	34.21
		3	815.40	48.39
		4	776.30	47.68
		5	821.50	55.91
Yearly total	3800.00	238.37		
Nevada	1959	1	9.70	3.00
		2	4.73	4.73
		3	3.80	3.80
		Yearly total	18.23	11.53
Nevada	1960	1	5.60	2.80
		2	1.81	1.81
		3	1.41	1.41
		Yearly total	8.82	6.02
Nevada	1961	1	5.10	3.26
		2	1.03	1.03
		3	1.43	1.43
		Yearly total	7.56	5.72

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		2	1.03	1.03
		3	1.43	1.43
		Yearly total	7.56	5.72

Table 6. Linear water production of cotton in New Mexico and California.

Water-production function	Coefficient of determination	Location and year
kg/ha = 86.02 + 15.72 ET	0.98 a*	Las Cruces—1978 sprinkler line
kg/ha = 563.69 + 4.80 ET	0.51a	Las Cruces—1979 sprinkler line
kg/ha = 134.87 + 14.25 ET	0.66a	Las Cruces—1978 to 1979 sprinkler-line source and lysimeter
kg/ha = -498.00 + 31.40 ET	0.96b	California West-Side Field station

*Significance levels followed by a different letter are significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table 7. Yield and evapotranspiration of cotton grown in lysimeters.

Year	Planting date	Lysimeter kg/ha	Evapotranspiration measured cm	Time duration
1976	4/13/76	1,006	70.2	4/12-10/25
1977	4/20/77	1,491	111.2	4/25-10/17
Las Cruces				
1976	5/06/76	861	87.0	5/04-10/30
1976	5/06/76	1,044	84.1	5/04-10/30
1976	5/06/76	960	80.2	5/04-10/30
1977	4/22/77	2,063	83.0	4/23-10/25
1977	4/22/77	2,134	85.8	4/23-10/25
1977	4/22/77	1,522	78.7	4/23-10/25

ler-line source study in 1979 were not included in the analysis, due to flooding that occurred in the end of those rows when a border around the field failed and let surface water from an adjacent field enter the plot area. Data from light irrigation treatments previously reported by Hanson (10) are also included with the lysimeter data.

The Artesia lysimeter data are closer to the line than the 1977 lysimeter data at Las Cruces. Part of the scatter is due to the small sample size from a lysimeter and to the variability among lysimeters as a result of management practices. When lysimeters are used to measure evapotranspiration-yield relationships for a seed crop, small sample size and variability from plot to plot become critical factors in the reliability of the data. The sprinkler-line data represent an increase in sample size and consistent management practices.

Figure 3 presents the water-production function data for cotton measured in 1976 (5) at the University of California, West Side Field Station. The data were obtained from a sprinkler-line source experiment similar to the experiment reported here. These data fit the relationship described in Table 6, Eq. [4].

The slope of the water-production function for the California cotton is greater than that for the function described by data taken in New Mexico. It requires 0.03 cm of water to make 1 kg/ha of cotton in California and 0.07 cm in Las Cruces, indicating that a water-production function for cotton is not transferable.

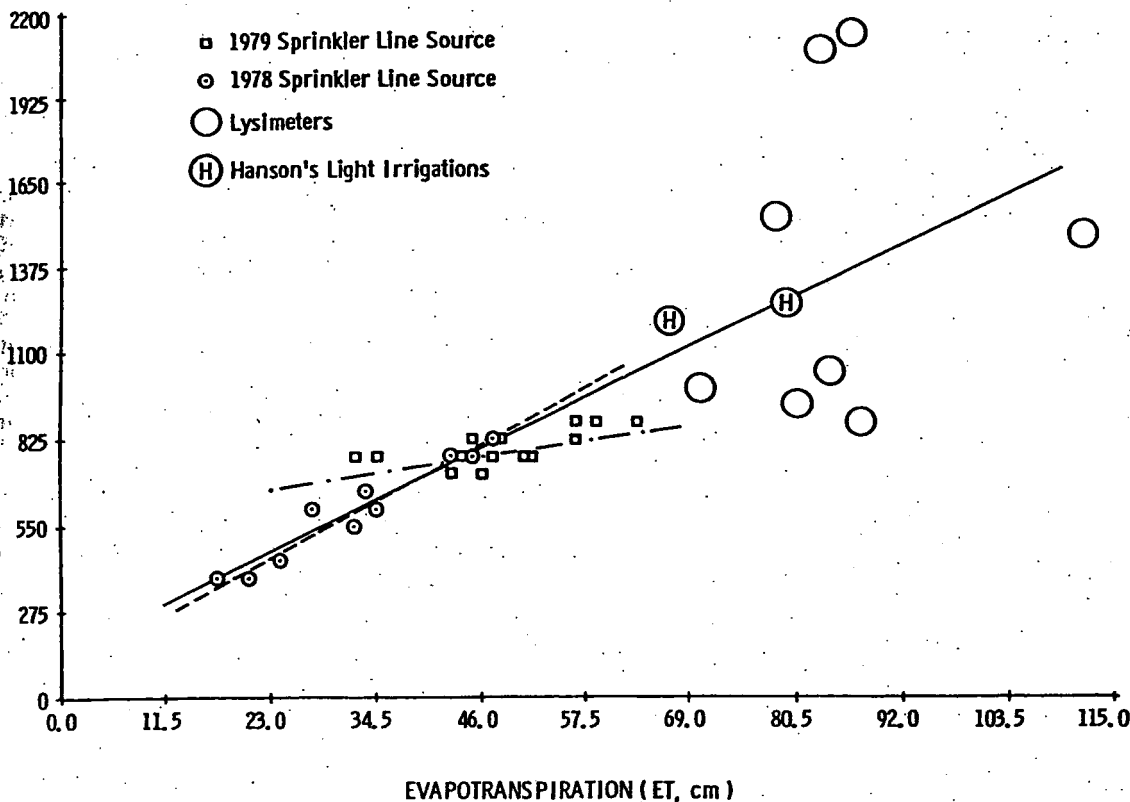


Fig. 2. Water-production function for cotton, New Mexico.

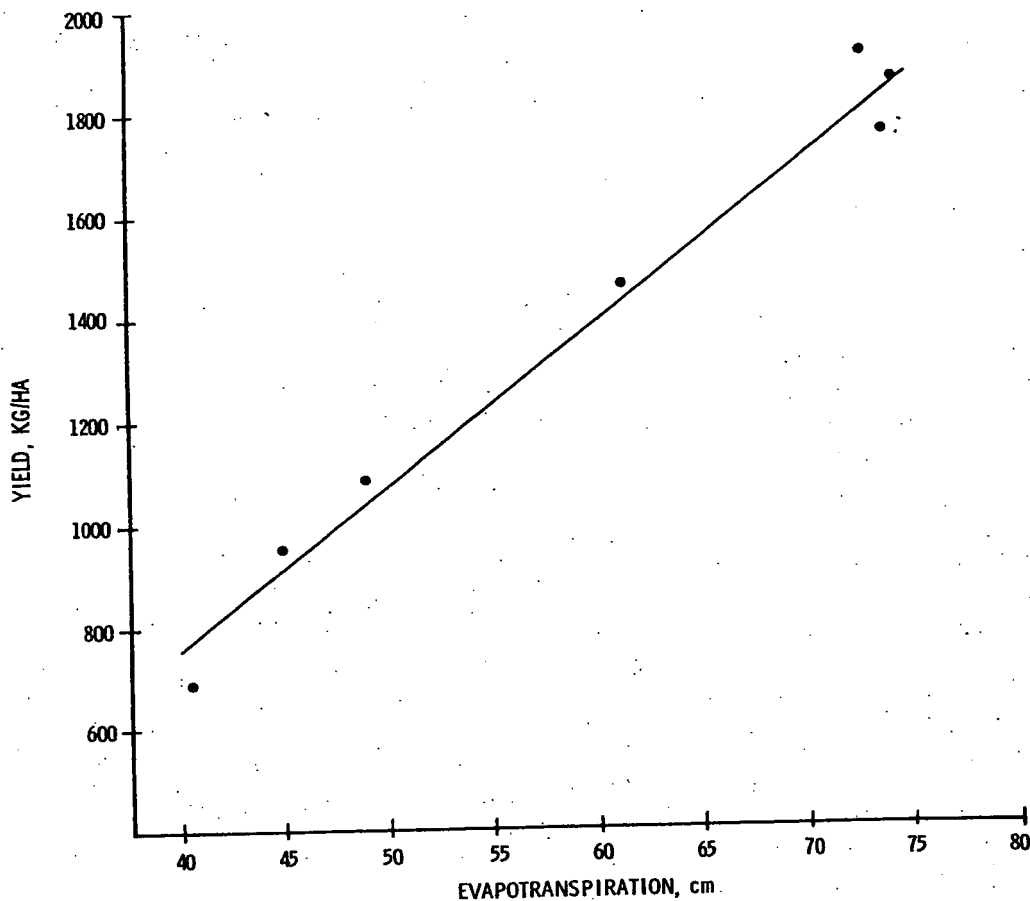


Fig. 3. Water-production function for SJ2 cotton, University of California West-Side Field Station, 1976.

CONCLUSIONS

An alfalfa linear water-production function was derived for New Mexico which appears to be transferable to any location in the state. A common water-production function was derived which is statistically the same as the individual derived water-production functions for New Mexico, Nevada, Nebraska, and North Dakota. This shows that the relationship between alfalfa growth and evapotranspiration is independent of where the alfalfa is grown.

Water-production functions are different for each cutting with the water-use efficiency being higher for the last two cuttings. This indicates that water-use efficiency of alfalfa grown in Las Cruces is higher toward the end of the season than during the hot summer months. The water-production functions of the individual cuttings from the Nevada data show no consistent trend.

The defined linear cotton water-production function is applicable for two areas in southern New Mexico where the crop is grown. The water-production function has more scatter in the data than the alfalfa water-production function because a seed crop is harvested for cotton instead of total biomass.

Results of this study indicate that total biomass production may require the same amount of evapotranspiration regardless of site and management differences as is the case in harvesting alfalfa, but that lint or seed production per unit of water will vary from place to place. This is supported by corn studies in Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and California by Hanks, et al. (6). These studies show that corn dry-matter production per unit of evapotranspiration was more consistent than grain yield per unit of evapotranspiration which varied from location to location and year to year.

The data on alfalfa and cotton support the use of lysimeter to define the wetter portion of the water-production function and the use of the sprinkler-line source to define the lower end of the function. The data from the lysimeters, compared with data from the sprinkler-line source, also emphasize the need for large samples when lysimeters are used.

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Growth Response of Alfalfa to Duration of Soil Flooding and to Temperature¹

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ABSTRACT

Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.) is very sensitive to excessive soil water, yet few studies have been done under controlled conditions to quantify the extent of this sensitivity. The objective of these studies was to investigate the effect of wet soil conditions on alfalfa production. The growth of roots and tops was determined in a factorial greenhouse and growth chamber experiment with treatments for duration of flooding and temperature. Five-year-old alfalfa plants, potted in pasteurized soil, were flooded to the soil surface for 4, 8, 12, 16, and 20 days at temperatures of 16, 21, and 27 C, and for 3, 6, and 12 days at 32 C. Root and top dry weights (DW) were measured and control plants were measured upon draining. Three weeks after draining, the plants were cut to stubble and top DW was measured. After 2 subsequent weeks of regrowth, top and root DW's were measured.

Results demonstrated that root growth stopped during flooding. As measured over the 3 weeks following drainage, the rate of top growth of plants was reduced by 50% during 4 days of flooding at 16 C, 4 days at 21 C, 3 days at 27 C, and 2 days at 32 C. No net top growth occurred during the 3 weeks following drainage in plants flooded for 14 days at 16 C, 10 days at 21 C, 8 days at 27 C, and 6 days at 32 C. In most cases, the negative response to flooding occurred before the disease *Phytophthora blight* (*Phytophthora megasperma* Drechs.) is thought to have been able to have an influence. This argues for a physiological as opposed to a pathological basis for the injury.

Additional index words: Anaerobiosis, *Medicago sativa* L., *Phytophthora megasperma* Drechs., Root growth, Wet soil.

YIELDS of alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.) are significantly reduced by wet or flooded soil conditions. In New York, where poorly-drained soils are widespread, an estimated two thirds of the alfalfa hectareage is on only moderately-well drained to poorly drained soils (Seaney, R. R. 1979. Managing forage for yield and quality. Cornell Univ. Anim. Sci. Mimeo Series No. 40). On these soils, high water table levels which accompany spring thaws and exceptionally heavy rains can inhibit alfalfa growth. In areas of irrigated alfalfa production in the western USA, periodic inundations can create short-term flooded conditions which also inhibit growth (12). Such wet soil conditions can reduce stand vigor indirectly by intensifying overwinter stand loss due to heaving (16) and by promoting the occurrence of fungal root infections (7, 13); however, they also appear to reduce yields directly by interfering with normal plant physiological processes.

The mechanism of this interference in alfalfa is not understood, but a few studies have measured physiological changes during flooding. Murata et al. (11) demonstrated decreases in both photosynthetic and respiration rates of flooded alfalfa seedlings. Rogers

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New Mexico-- San Juan Basin (Upper Colorado CU+L)									
Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Aztec Weather Station minus 10 degrees	Real Temp at Aztec Station MBC/OBC	Modified USBR/ Original USBR		
NM - 1	1976	2102	2109	2315			0.91		
	1977	2044	2051	2034			1.01		
	1978	2558	2561	2751			0.93		
	1979	2331	2343	2601			0.90		
	1980	2498	2501	2517			0.99		
NM - 2	1976	44826	45082	43012			1.05		
	1977	44783	44904	40089			1.12		
	1978	49101	49287	43852			1.12		
	1979	42981	43160	41818			1.03		
	1980	45343	45508	42272			1.08		
NM - 2a	1976	9550	9598	9112			1.05		
	1977	9410	9434	8076			1.17		
	1978	10748	11064	9638			1.15		
	1979	9587	9677	9105			1.06		
	1980	9009	9028	8708			1.04		
NM - 3+4 Animas & La Pinta	1976	31465	17675	19885		1.18	0.89		
	1977	26269	14477	16444		1.16	0.88		
	1978	32706	19688	24601		1.03	0.80		
	1979	37058	22497	27561		1.05	0.82		
	1980	37463	22293	25851		1.11	0.86		
NM - 5+5a	1976	2136	2152	2434			0.88		
	1977	1320	1332	1163			1.15		
	1978	1304	1316	1397			0.94		
	1979	2335	2357	2016			1.17		
	1980	2110	2126	1911			1.11		

Upper Colorado Basin CU+L Comparisons (Average 1976-1980)							
State	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney-Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney-Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney-Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Modified USBR/Original USBR	Modified SCS/Original USBR	
New Mexico	92207	92674	85557	95523	1.06	1.10	
Wyoming	196712	197073	223787	215090	0.92	1.00	
Utah	367978	369571	386963	385873	0.99	1.03	
Colorado							
Green River	88398	88920	97353	98606	0.94	1.03	
Upper Mainstem	710948	716953	743641	757973	0.93	1.00	
San Juan	138566	139131	149963	150091	0.92	1.00	
Total Colorado	937912	945004	990957	1006670	0.95	1.02	

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 (USBR eff. prec. used until 1996)

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Hydrologic Area	Total Acre Feet	1965 Comprehensive Framework Study Comparison											
		Comprehensive Framework Study (corrected)	Original Blaney Criddle USBR rain	Modified Blaney Criddle SCS rain	Modified Blaney Criddle USBR rain	Modified SCS/Original USBR	Modified USBR/Original USBR	Comprehensive Framework Study	Original Blaney Criddle USBR rain	Modified Blaney Criddle SCS rain	Modified Blaney Criddle USBR rain	Modified SCS/Original USBR	Modified USBR/Original USBR
1 NM	1100		1071	1115	1024	1.04	0.96	1.19	1.19	1.24	1.14	1.04	0.96
2 NM	31800		27840	30505	29110	1.10	1.05	1.97	1.77	1.94	1.85	1.10	1.05
3 NM	27300		27229	29696	28652	1.09	1.05	1.75	1.75	1.9	1.84	1.09	1.05
4 NM	4400	4800	4765	5273	5144	1.11	1.08	1.06	1.06	1.17	1.14	1.10	1.08
5 NM	3300		3267	3428	3331	1.05	1.02	0.78	0.78	0.82	0.79	1.05	1.01
2a NM	6200		6457	7042	6706	1.09	1.04	2.00	1.75	1.9	1.81	1.09	1.03
5a NM	300	230	230	253	247	1.10	1.07	0.77	0.77	0.84	0.82	1.09	1.06
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Upper Colorado Basin CU+L Comparisons 1971-1980
Crop Consumptive Use

State	Year	CU +L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. Precip (af) (CU+L match)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified Blaney- Criddle SCS eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Original Blaney- Criddle USBR eff.precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR
New Mexico Note 1.	1971	67492						
	1972	77858	67830	69818	72369			
	1973	73282	78323	79517	81118	63964	1.09	1.13
	1974	80534	74027	75594	78690	75817	1.05	1.07
	1975	74187	81390	83328	85375	74921	1.01	1.05
	1976	90079	74777	76462	79022	77199	1.08	1.11
	1977	83826		90591	93223	73971	1.03	1.07
	1978	96417		84111	85670	84724	1.07	1.10
	1979	94292		96776	100704	74166	1.13	1.16
	1980	96423		94765	97636	89164	1.09	1.13
Average	83439		96701	99923	91037	1.04	1.07	
			84766	87373	89263	1.08	1.12	
Wyoming	1971	251881				79423	1.07	1.10
	1972	217968	252252	260933				
	1973	215370	218383	235031	278233	340755		
	1974	263990	215613	226467	261507	316383	0.77	0.82
	1975	189570	264208	295429	251793	286575	0.74	0.83
	1976	186810	188195	206483	307603	340027	0.79	0.88
	1977	121779		186896	229980	267404	0.87	0.90
	1978	223971		122282	214813	210613	0.77	0.86
	1979	231878		224380	134514	132451	0.89	1.02
	1980	219120		232631	242752	267058	0.92	1.02
Average	212234		219178	247234	266933	0.84	0.91	
			220971	236135	241879	0.87	0.93	
				240456	267008	0.91	0.98	
						0.83	0.90	
Utah	1971	456629						
	1972	454858	455286	463272				
	1973	464977	453379	464621	480562	469417		
	1974	478413	463628	467517	481075	488251	0.99	1.02
	1975	365402	477703	485254	487382	492398	0.95	0.99
	1976	386945	364993	378450	494071	477041	0.95	0.99
	1977	206047		388902	401890	410192	1.02	1.04
	1978	410789		207961	405343	396743	0.92	0.98
	1979	433065		412977	217528	224439	0.98	1.02
	1980	403046		435518	429933	442367	0.93	0.97
Average	406017		402496	449220	459724	0.93	0.97	
			410697	427339	411542	0.95	0.98	
				427434	427211	0.98	1.04	
						0.96	1.00	

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Upper Colorado Basin CU+L Comparisons 1971-1980									
Crop Consumptive Use									
State	Year	CU +L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. Precip (af) (CU+L match)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified Blaney- Criddle SCS eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Original Blaney- Criddle USBR eff.precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR	
Colorado	1971	984498	980281	1016226	1080961	1042582	0.97	1.04	
Note 2.	1972	985070	978478	1014787	1076032	1085164	0.94	0.99	
	1973	829117	819055	860069	948947	921323	0.93	1.03	
	1974	1040458	1021440	1064660	1114445	1084711	0.98	1.03	
	1975	923687	920660	970333	1032387	1041043	0.93	0.99	
	1976	904767		911190	980707	949920	0.96	1.03	
	1977	808712		811503	862777	846071	0.96	1.02	
	1978	978484		982823	1042642	1034877	0.95	1.01	
	1979	991349		1005470	1072556	1083388	0.93	0.99	
	1980	1006249		1014033	1074668	1040533	0.97	1.03	
	Average	945239		965109	1028612	1012961	0.95	1.02	
Upper Basin Total									
	1971	1760500	1755649	1810857	1912769	1917407	0.94	1.00	
	1972	1735754	1728563	1794775	1900574	1966524	0.91	0.97	
	1973	1582746	1572323	1630153	1767378	1775764	0.92	1.00	
	1974	1863395	1844741	1929463	2002299	1979817	0.97	1.01	
	1975	1552846	1548625	1632338	1743897	1793312	0.91	0.97	
	1976	1568601		1577579	1694086	1642000	0.96	1.03	
	1977	1220364		1225857	1300489	1277127	0.96	1.02	
	1978	1709661		1716956	1816031	1833466	0.94	0.99	
	1979	1750584		1768384	1866646	1901082	0.93	0.98	
	1980	1724838		1732408	1838065	1783217	0.97	1.03	
	Average	1646929		1681877	1784223	1786972	0.94	1.00	
Note 1.	New Mexico totals do not include NIIP								
Note 2.	Some Colorado CU+L to CU+L match differences explained by USBR tabulation errors.								

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Upper Colorado Basin CU+L Comparisons 1971-1980									
w/ 1976-1980 Incidental Depletion Percentages Applied									
State	Year	CU +L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. Precip (af) (CU+L match)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified Blaney- Criddle SCS eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Original Blaney- Criddle USBR eff.precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR	
New Mexico									
Note 1.	1971	80339	80739	83089	86122	76090	1.09	1.13	
	1972	92664	93215	94625	96532	90151	1.05	1.07	
	1973	87156	88033	89889	93562	89042	1.01	1.05	
	1974	95962	96971	99245	101689	91966	1.08	1.11	
	1975	88326	89014	91010	94062	88017	1.03	1.07	
	1976	107600		108146	111276	101176	1.07	1.10	
	1977	100100		100547	102404	88667	1.13	1.15	
	1978	115200		115629	120307	106467	1.09	1.13	
	1979	112500		113001	116420	108576	1.04	1.07	
	1980	115100		115340	119189	106491	1.08	1.12	
	Average	99495		101052	104156	94664	1.07	1.10	
Wyoming									
	1971	275214	275619	285771	304714	373090	0.77	0.82	
	1972	238165	238619	257695	286656	346698	0.74	0.83	
	1973	235305	235571	247980	275719	313718	0.79	0.88	
	1974	288455	288691	323673	336988	372456	0.87	0.90	
	1975	207112	205621	226273	251960	292948	0.77	0.86	
	1976	204000		204199	234707	230116	0.89	1.02	
	1977	133100		133594	146958	144703	0.92	1.02	
	1978	244800		245172	265247	291813	0.84	0.91	
	1979	253500		254184	270137	291664	0.87	0.93	
	1980	239300		239489	258015	264302	0.91	0.98	
	Average	231895		241803	263110	292151	0.83	0.90	
Utah									
	1971	549094	547471	557083	577843	564438	0.99	1.02	
	1972	547185	545399	558923	578698	587334	0.95	0.99	
	1973	559199	557569	562215	586039	592193	0.95	0.99	
	1974	575241	574339	583391	593975	573446	1.02	1.04	
	1975	439300	438796	455034	486342	493240	0.92	0.99	
	1976	465100		467642	487366	477002	0.98	1.02	
	1977	247900		250175	261674	270026	0.93	0.97	
	1978	493400		496271	516626	531587	0.93	0.97	
	1979	520200		523109	539536	552242	0.95	0.98	
	1980	484100		483553	513406	494357	0.98	1.04	
	Average	488072		493740	514151	513587	0.96	1.00	

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Upper Colorado Basin CU+L Comparisons 1971-1980									
w/ 1976-1980 Incidental Depletion Percentages Applied									
State	Year	CU +L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. Precip (af) (CU+L match)	Modified Blaney- Criddle USBR eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified Blaney- Criddle SCS eff. precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Original Blaney- Criddle USBR eff.precip (af) (scs rec.temp)	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR	
Colorado	1971	1185221	1179862	1222288	1299668	1253759	0.97	1.04	
Note 2.	1972	1187033	1178694	1221555	1294950	1305764	0.94	0.99	
	1973	995874	984117	1032943	1138864	1106708	0.93	1.03	
	1974	1251302	1228502	1280763	1340613	1306845	0.98	1.03	
	1975	1109953	1105556	1165082	1238956	1248848	0.93	0.99	
	1976	1090300		1098042	1180771	1145551	0.96	1.03	
	1977	977600		981164	1042403	1022231	0.96	1.02	
	1978	1182400		1187737	1259447	1251849	0.95	1.01	
	1979	1203000		1209304	1289864	1302663	0.93	0.99	
	1980	1213700		1223411	1296303	1256086	0.97	1.03	
	Average	1139638		1162229	1238184	1220030	0.95	1.01	
Upper Basin Total									
	1971	2089868	2083691	2148231	2268347	2267377	0.95	1.00	
	1972	2065047	2055927	2132798	2256836	2329947	0.92	0.97	
	1973	1877534	1865290	1933027	2094184	2101661	0.92	1.00	
	1974	2210960	2188503	2287072	2373265	2344713	0.98	1.01	
	1975	1844691	1838987	1937399	2071320	2123053	0.91	0.98	
	1976	1867000		1878029	2014120	1953845	0.96	1.03	
	1977	1458700		1465480	1553439	1525627	0.96	1.02	
	1978	2035800		2044809	2161627	2181716	0.94	0.99	
	1979	2089200		2099598	2215957	2255145	0.93	0.98	
	1980	2052200		2061793	2186913	2121236	0.97	1.03	
	Average	1959100		1998824	2119601	2120432	0.94	1.00	
Note 1.	New Mexico totals do not include NIIP								
Note 2.	Some Colorado CU+L to CU+L match differences explained by USBR tabulation errors.								

TABLE UC-3—Colorado River System Consumptive Uses and Losses Report, P.L. 90-537
Upper Colorado River Basin Estimated Water Use by State, Major Tributary, and Type of Use 1971

(1,000 A.F.)

State	Tributary or Reporting Area	AGRICULTURE					MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ¹					EXPORT ²		TOTAL
		Irrigation	Irrigation Reservoir Evaporation	Stockpond Evaporation & Livestock	Total	Mineral Resources	Thermal Electric Power	Other ²	Total	FISH & WILDLIFE RECREATION ¹	Out-side System	With-in System		
Arizona	San Juan-Colo.	2.5	3.0	1.1	6.6	0.0	0.0	2.9	2.9	1.6	—	—	—	11.1
Colorado	Green River	130.0	2.1	6.1	138.2	4.6	4.9	1.9	11.4	3.7	—	—	—	153.3
	Upper Main Stem	890.9	889.7	20.3	921.1	11.2	0.3	13.3	24.8	2.7	412.8	142.6	—	1,494.8
	San Juan-Colo.	144.3	164.3	7.9	177.5	2.1	0.0	3.0	5.1	0.9	2.2	-142.6	—	52.3
	Total	1,184.0	30.3	22.5	1,236.8	17.9	5.2	18.2	41.3	7.3	415.0	—	—	1,700.4
New Mexico	San Juan-Colo.	80.3	80.9	18.9	102.6	2.4	15.7	3.9	22.0	0.6	54.4	—	—	179.6
Utah	Green River	500.4	25.5	4.2	530.1	7.2	1.9	4.2	13.3	6.9	111.8	—	—	662.1
	Upper Main Stem	9.6	0.1	0.5	10.2	1.4	0.0	0.8	2.2	0.0	—	—	—	12.4
	San Juan-Colo.	39.2	14.7	1.9	55.8	1.2	0.0	1.3	2.5	0.9	-4.2	—	—	55.0
	Total	549.1	549.2	40.3	596.1	9.8	1.9	6.3	18.0	7.8	107.6	—	—	729.5
Wyoming	Green River	275.2	275.2	5.0	307.4	11.1	5.7	3.3	20.1	0.2	6.0	—	—	333.7
Upper Basin	Green River	905.6	54.8	15.3	975.7	22.9	12.5	9.4	44.8	10.8	117.8	—	—	1,149.1
	Upper Main Stem	899.3	20.4	11.6	931.3	12.6	0.3	14.1	27.0	2.7	412.8	142.6	—	1,507.2
	San Juan-Colo.	286.9	44.5	11.1	342.5	5.7	15.7	11.1	32.5	4.0	52.4	-142.6	—	298.0
	Total	2,091.8	119.7	38.0	2,249.5	41.2	28.5	34.6	104.3	17.5	583.0	—	—	2,954.3

¹ Includes evaporation from related reservoirs.
² Includes urban, rural, and other industrial uses.

TABLE UC-4—Colorado River System Consumptive Uses and Losses Report, P.L. 90-537
Upper Colorado River Basin Estimated Water Use by State, Major Tributary, and Type of Use 1972

(1,000 A.F.)

State	Tributary or Reporting Area	AGRICULTURE					MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ¹					EXPORT ¹	
		Irrigation	Irrigation Reservoir Evaporation	Stockpond Evaporation & Livestock	Mineral Resources	Thermal Elec- tric Power	Other ²	Total	FISH & WILDLIFE RECREATION ¹	Out- side System	With- in System	TOTAL	
Arizona	San Juan-Colo.	2.9	2.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	3.6	1.7	—	—	12.2	
Colorado	Green River	108.8	1.6	5.1	4.6	4.9	2.0	11.5	2.8	—	—	129.8	
	Upper Main Stem	891.1	18.1	12.0	11.3	0.3	13.6	25.2	2.5	488.8	128.4	1,558.2	
	San Juan-Colo.	187.0	7.5	5.6	2.2	0.0	3.1	5.3	0.9	1.7	-128.4	87.5	
	Total	1,186.9	27.2	22.7	18.1	5.2	18.7	42.0	6.2	490.5	—	1,775.5	
New Mexico	San Juan-Colo.	927.9	18.0	2.9	2.6	20.8	4.1	27.5	0.7	41.1	—	183.5	
Utah	Green River	504.0	25.6	4.3	7.3	1.7	4.3	13.3	7.1	130.6	—	684.9	
	Upper Main Stem	8.9	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.8	2.2	0.0	—	—	11.6	
	San Juan-Colo.	34.4	15.6	2.0	1.1	0.0	1.4	2.5	1.0	-3.4	—	52.1	
	Total	545.4	41.3	6.7	9.8	1.7	6.5	18.0	8.1	127.2	—	748.6	
Wyoming	Green River	238.2	31.7	4.9	12.0	4.5	3.4	19.9	0.2	8.7	—	303.6	
Upper Basin	Green River	851.0	58.9	14.3	23.9	11.1	9.7	44.7	10.1	139.3	—	1,118.3	
	Upper Main Stem	900.0	18.2	12.4	12.7	0.3	14.4	27.4	2.5	488.8	128.4	1,569.8	
	San Juan-Colo.	317.6	44.0	11.6	5.9	20.8	12.2	38.9	4.3	39.4	-128.4	335.3	
	Total	2,068.6	121.1	38.3	42.5	32.2	36.3	111.0	16.9	667.5	—	3,023.4	

¹ Includes evaporation from related reservoirs.

² Includes urban, rural, and other industrial uses.

TABLE UC-5—Colorado River System Consumptive Uses and Losses Report, P.L. 90-537
Upper Colorado River Basin Estimated Water Use by State, Major Tributary, and Type of Use 1973

(1,000 A.F.)

State	Tributary or Reporting Area	AGRICULTURE				MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ¹				FISH & WILDLIFE RECREATION ¹		EXPORT ¹		TOTAL
		Irrigation	Irrigation Reservoir Evaporation	Stockpond Evaporation & Livestock	Total	Mineral Resources	Thermal Electric Power	Other ²	Total	Outside System	Within System	Outside System	Within System	
Arizona	San Juan-Colo.	4.0	2.4	0.9	7.3	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.2	0.9	—	—	—	11.4
Colorado	Green River	95.2	95.2	1.5	101.6	4.7	4.9	2.1	11.7	2.6	—	—	—	115.9
	Upper Main Stem	731.7	732.3	19.0	763.8	11.4	0.8	13.9	26.1	2.7	439.1	106.6	—	1,329.8
	San Juan-Colo.	169.1	169.1	5.6	178.4	2.2	0.0	3.3	5.5	0.7	4.0	-106.6	—	90.5
	Total	996.6	26.1	21.1	1,043.8	18.3	5.7	19.3	43.3	6.0	443.1	—	—	1,536.2
New Mexico	San Juan-Colo.	87.2	87.8	2.3	116.9	2.7	20.3	4.3	27.3	0.5	174.9	—	—	319.6
Utah	Green River	502.1	24.1	3.6	529.8	7.3	1.9	4.3	13.5	6.2	106.8	—	—	656.3
	Upper Main Stem	9.1	0.1	0.4	9.6	1.4	0.0	0.9	2.3	0.0	—	—	—	11.9
	San Juan-Colo.	48.2	14.4	1.6	64.2	1.2	0.0	1.5	2.7	0.9	-6.0	—	—	61.8
	Total	559.4	38.6	5.6	603.6	9.9	1.9	6.7	18.5	7.1	100.8	—	—	730.0
Wyoming	Green River	35.3	30.8	4.7	270.8	12.8	7.6	3.5	23.9	0.2	8.7	—	—	303.6
Upper Basin	Green River	832.6	56.4	13.2	902.2	24.8	14.4	9.9	49.1	9.0	115.5	—	—	1,075.8
	Upper Main Stem	741.4	19.1	12.9	773.4	12.8	0.8	14.8	28.4	2.7	439.1	106.6	—	1,341.7
	San Juan-Colo.	309.1	49.2	8.5	366.8	6.1	20.3	12.3	38.7	3.0	172.9	-106.6	—	483.3
	Total	1,883.1	124.7	34.6	2,042.4	43.7	35.5	37.0	116.2	14.7	727.5	—	—	2,900.8

¹ Includes evaporation from related reservoirs.

² Includes urban, rural, and other industrial uses.

TABLE UC-6—Colorado River System Consumptive Uses and Losses Report, P.L. 90-537
Upper Colorado River Basin Estimated Water Uses by State, Major Tributary, and Type of Use 1974

(1,000 A.F.)

State	Tributary or Reporting Area	AGRICULTURE					MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ¹					EXPORT ²		
		Irrigation	Irrigation Reservoir Evaporation	Stockpond Evaporation & Livestock	Total	Mineral Resources	Thermal Electric Power	Other ²	Total	FISH & WILDLIFE RECREATION ¹	Out-ride System	With-In System	TOTAL	
Arizona	San Juan-Colo.	4.3	3.0	1.2	8.5	0.0	5.3	3.7	9.0	1.7	—	—	19.2	
Colorado	Green River	112.6	1.7	5.6	119.9	4.7	2.9	2.2	9.8	3.1	—	—	132.8	
	Upper Main Stem	946.9	20.2	12.9	980.0	11.6	0.8	14.2	26.6	2.8	500.8	119.9	1,627.0	
	San Juan-Colo.	191.8	7.6	4.9	204.3	2.2	0.0	3.4	5.6	0.9	1.2	-119.9	95.2	
	Total	1,251.3	29.5	23.4	1,304.2	18.5	3.7	19.8	42.0	6.8	502.0	—	1,855.0	
New Mexico	San Juan-Colo.	96.5	20.0	3.0	119.5	2.9	24.6	4.5	32.0	0.7	47.7	—	199.9	
Utah	Green River	524.5	31.8	4.8	561.1	7.4	1.8	4.3	13.5	9.2	127.0	—	710.8	
	Upper Main Stem	9.9	0.1	0.5	10.5	1.4	0.0	0.9	2.3	—	—	—	12.8	
	San Juan-Colo.	41.0	18.8	2.0	61.8	1.1	0.0	1.6	2.7	1.1	-4.1	—	61.5	
	Total	575.2	50.7	7.3	633.4	9.9	1.8	6.8	18.5	10.3	122.9	—	785.1	
Wyoming	Green River	288.5	33.4	5.2	327.1	13.7	10.1	3.7	27.5	0.2	8.7	—	363.5	
Upper Basin	Green River	925.6	66.9	15.6	1,008.1	25.8	14.8	10.2	50.8	12.5	135.7	—	1,207.1	
	Upper Main Stem	956.8	20.3	13.4	990.5	13.0	0.8	15.1	28.9	2.8	500.8	119.9	1,639.8	
	San Juan-Colo.	333.6	49.4	11.1	394.1	6.2	29.9	13.2	49.3	4.4	44.8	-119.9	375.8	
	Total	2,216.0	136.6	40.1	2,392.7	45.0	45.5	38.5	129.0	19.7	681.3	—	3,222.7	

¹ Includes evaporation from related reservoirs.
² Includes urban, rural, and other industrial uses.

TABLE UC-7—Colorado River System Consumptive Uses and Losses Report, P.L. 90-537 Upper Colorado River Basin
Estimated Water Use by State, Major Tributary, and Type of Use 1975³

(1,000 A.F.)

State	Tributary or Reporting Area	AGRICULTURE						MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ¹					EXPORT ¹		TOTAL
		Irrigation	Irrigation Reservoir Evaporation	Stockpond Evaporation & Livestock	Mineral Resources	Thermal Electric Power	Other ²	Total	FISH & WILDLIFE RECREATION ¹	Out-Side System	With-in System				
Arizona	San Juan-Colo.	5.1	2.5	0.9	8.5	0.0	12.4	2.9	15.3	1.4	—	—	—	—	25.2
Colorado	Green River	100.2	100.2	1.6	107.0	4.7	3.2	2.2	10.1	2.8	—	—	—	—	119.9
	Upper Main Stem	825.7	826.1	16.5	853.3	11.7	0.8	14.5	27.0	2.3	559.8	120.3	—	—	1,556.5
	San Juan-Colo.	184.0	196.3	5.7	205.8	2.2	0.0	3.6	5.8	0.7	2.8	-120.3	—	—	101.0
	Total	1,122.6	23.8	19.7	1,166.1	18.6	4.0	20.3	42.9	5.8	562.6	—	—	—	1,777.4
New Mexico	San Juan-Colo.	88.3	89.0	23.6	2.4	115.0	3.0	21.9	4.8	29.7	0.5	145.2	—	—	290.4
Utah	Green River	393.8	24.0	4.5	422.3	7.4	7.0	4.4	18.8	6.6	107.2	—	—	—	554.9
	Upper Main Stem	8.7	0.1	0.4	9.2	1.4	0.0	0.9	2.3	—	—	—	—	—	11.5
	San Juan-Colo.	36.9	12.6	1.7	51.2	1.2	0.0	1.6	2.8	0.8	-6.1	—	—	—	48.7
	Total	439.3	439.4	36.7	6.6	482.7	10.0	7.0	23.9	7.4	101.1	—	—	—	615.1
Wyoming	Green River	207.1	207.1	28.1	4.9	253.2	14.6	12.9	3.8	31.3	0.2	6.6	—	—	291.3
Upper Basin	Green River	714.2	53.7	14.6	782.5	26.7	23.1	10.4	60.2	9.6	113.8	—	—	—	966.1
	Upper Main Stem	834.8	16.6	11.1	862.5	13.1	0.8	15.4	29.3	2.3	559.8	120.3	—	—	1,568.0
	San Juan-Colo.	327.3	44.4	8.8	380.5	6.4	34.3	12.9	53.6	3.4	141.9	-120.3	—	—	465.3
	Total	1,876.3	114.7	34.5	2,025.5	46.2	58.2	38.7	143.1	15.3	815.5	—	—	—	2,999.4

¹ Includes evaporation from related reservoirs.
² Includes urban, rural, and other industrial uses.
³ Provisional.

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Colorado Green River (Upper Colorado.CU+L)								
Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR	
C 1	1976	19990	20110	23791	25041	0.85	1.05	
	1977	14701	14815	20782	18490	0.71	0.89	
	1978	24475	24357	27692	28029	0.88	1.01	
	1979	25050	25123	30396	28568	0.83	0.94	
	1980	26525	27662	31304	30621	0.88	0.98	
	Average	22148	22413	26793	26150	0.84	0.98	
C 2	1976	7641	7672	7836	8281	0.98	1.06	
	1977	6834	6873	7990	7413	0.86	0.93	
	1978	7397	7430	7724	8122	0.96	1.05	
	1979	8030	8059	8703	8617	0.93	0.99	
	1980	6609	6636	6445	7341	1.03	1.14	
	Average	7302	7334	7740	7955	0.95	1.03	
C 3	1976	25540	25650	25313	28480	1.01	1.13	
	1977	24327	24531	25942	26379	0.95	1.02	
	1978	30652	30775	29808	33017	1.03	1.11	
	1979	28821	28909	31761	31793	0.91	1.00	
	1980	29870	29904	34012	32805	0.88	0.96	
	Average	27842	27954	29367	30495	0.95	1.04	
C 3a	1976	3535	3560	3772	3746	0.94	0.99	
	1977	2796	2821	2808	2978	1.00	1.06	
	1978	3853	3838	4184	4080	0.92	0.98	
	1979	3805	3830	3795	3979	1.01	1.05	
	1980	3186	3204	2806	3402	1.14	1.21	
	Average	3435	3451	3473	3637	0.99	1.05	
C 4	1976	2028	2035	2202	2436	0.92	1.11	
	1977	2117	2125	2616	2527	0.81	0.97	
	1978	2705	2718	2686	3142	1.01	1.17	
	1979	2966	2975	3659	3244	0.81	0.89	
	1980	2890	2918	2939	3186	0.99	1.08	
	Average	2541	2554	2820	2907	0.91	1.03	
C 5	1976	18179	18341	19565	20745	0.94	1.06	
	1977	17849	17936	19330	19567	0.93	1.01	
	1978	23047	23114	26943	24886	0.86	0.92	
	1979	22192	22237	23493	24366	0.95	1.04	
	1980	20026	20068	22111	22096	0.91	1.00	
	Average	20259	20339	22268	22332	0.91	1.00	
C 6	1976	4781	4800	4193	5076	1.14	1.21	
	1977	3402	3413	3286	3553	1.04	1.08	
	1978	5699	5611	5721	5894	0.88	1.03	
	1979	5798	5860	6351	6113	0.92	0.96	
	1980	4675	4690	4806	5019	0.98	1.04	
	Average	4871	4875	4871	5131	1.00	1.05	
Total CO Green River Average		88398	88920	97353	98606	0.91	1.01	

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Colorado Green River (Upper Colorado CU+L) Irrigation Depletions								
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Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Ratio -- Modified USBR rain/Original USBR rain	Ratio -- Modified SCS rain/Original USBR rain	
C 1	1976	24800	24997	29572	31125	0.85	1.05	
	1977	18300	18415	25832	22983	0.71	0.89	
	1978	30400	30276	34421	34840	0.88	1.01	
	1979	31100	31228	37782	35510	0.83	0.94	
	1980	33000	34384	38910	38082	0.88	0.98	
	Average	27520	27860	33303	32504	0.84	0.98	
C 2	1976	9500	9536	9740	10294	0.98	1.06	
	1977	8500	8543	9932	9215	0.86	0.93	
	1978	9200	9235	9601	10095	0.96	1.05	
	1979	10000	10018	10818	10711	0.93	0.99	
	1980	8200	8249	8011	9125	1.03	1.14	
	Average	9080	9116	9620	9888	0.95	1.03	
C 3	1976	31700	31883	31464	35400	1.01	1.13	
	1977	30200	30492	32246	32789	0.95	1.02	
	1978	38100	38253	37051	41041	1.03	1.11	
	1979	35800	35934	39479	39519	0.91	1.00	
	1980	37100	37171	42277	40776	0.88	0.96	
	Average	34580	34747	36503	37905	0.95	1.04	
C 3a	1976	4200	4179	4428	4398	0.94	0.99	
	1977	3300	3312	3297	3496	1.00	1.06	
	1978	4500	4505	4912	4790	0.92	0.98	
	1979	4500	4497	4455	4671	1.01	1.05	
	1980	3700	3762	3294	3994	1.14	1.21	
	Average	4040	4051	4077	4270	0.99	1.05	
C 4	1976	2500	2530	2737	3028	0.92	1.11	
	1977	2600	2641	3252	3141	0.81	0.97	
	1978	3400	3378	3338	3905	1.01	1.17	
	1979	3700	3697	4548	4033	0.81	0.89	
	1980	3600	3626	3653	3960	0.99	1.08	
	Average	3160	3174	3506	3613	0.91	1.03	
C 5	1976	22600	22797	24320	25785	0.94	1.06	
	1977	22200	22295	24027	24321	0.93	1.01	
	1978	28600	28730	33490	30933	0.86	0.92	
	1979	27600	27641	29202	30287	0.95	1.04	
	1980	24900	24944	27484	27465	0.91	1.00	
	Average	25180	25281	27705	27758	0.91	1.00	
C 6	1976	5900	5967	5212	6309	1.14	1.21	
	1977	4200	4242	4084	4417	1.04	1.08	
	1978	7100	6975	7111	7326	0.98	1.03	
	1979	7200	7284	7895	7599	0.92	0.96	
	1980	5800	5829	5974	6239	0.98	1.04	
	Average	6040	6059	6055	6378	1.00	1.05	
Total CO Green River Average		109600	110289	120770	122316	0.91	1.01	

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Colorado San Juan River (Upper Colorado CU+L)									
Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR		
C 21	1976	8373	8398	8198	10049	1.02	1.23		
	1977	4817	4836	6479	6082	0.75	0.94		
	1978	9799	9836	13136	11258	0.75	0.86		
	1979	13709	13751	19288	15550	0.71	0.81		
	1980	12488	12515	13352	13915	0.94	1.04		
	Average	9837	9867	12091	11371	0.82	0.94		
C 22	1976	36983	37219	35563	42402	1.05	1.19		
	1977	31119	31347	34183	33888	0.92	0.99		
	1978	38880	39033	38692	42327	1.01	1.09		
	1979	45924	46084	53772	49658	0.86	0.92		
	1980	42270	42513	44005	45344	0.97	1.03		
	Average	39035	39239	41243	42724	0.95	1.04		
C 22a	1976	28972	29109	31256	33328	0.93	1.07		
	1977	30067	30247	31288	32577	0.97	1.04		
	1978	28944	29174	32597	32212	0.89	0.99		
	1979	32104	32229	36776	34635	0.88	0.94		
	1980	29729	30093	32471	32332	0.93	1.00		
	Average	29963	30170	32878	33017	0.92	1.00		
C 23	1976	14854	14945	15830	14945	0.94	0.94		
	1977	7797	7856	8242	7856	0.95	0.95		
	1978	13764	13830	15020	13830	0.92	0.92		
	1979	16021	15599	17317	15599	0.90	0.90		
	1980	15636	15706	16275	15706	0.97	0.97		
	Average	13614	13587	14537	13587	0.93	0.93		
C 24	1976	9520	9558	11005	10372	0.87	0.94		
	1977	7178	7199	7585	7715	0.95	1.02		
	1978	8518	8524	8459	9199	1.01	1.09		
	1979	11688	11863	12211	12583	0.97	1.03		
	1980	8829	8848	8781	9554	1.01	1.09		
	Average	9147	9198	9608	9885	0.96	1.03		
C 24a	1976	40910	41041	45857	44241	0.89	0.96		
	1977	30101	30157	33166	32480	0.91	0.98		
	1978	31396	31442	31177	33818	1.01	1.08		
	1979	41151	41265	44668	43844	0.92	0.98		
	1980	41291	41438	43168	43156	0.96	1.00		
	Average	36970	37069	39607	39508	0.94	1.00		
Total CO San Juan Average		138566	139131	149963	150091	0.93	1.00		

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Colorado San Juan River (Upper Colorado CU+L) Irrigation Depletions								
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Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Ratio — Modified USBR rain/Original USBR rain	Ratio — Modified SCS rain/Original USBR rain	
C 21	1976	8800	8827	10561	8616	1.02	1.23	
	1977	5100	5083	6392	6810	0.75	0.94	
	1978	10300	10338	11832	13806	0.75	0.86	
	1979	14400	14452	16343	20272	0.71	0.81	
	1980	13100	13154	14625	14033	0.94	1.04	
	Average	10340	10371	11951	12707	0.82	0.94	
C 22	1976	38900	39117	44565	37377	1.05	1.19	
	1977	32700	32946	35617	35926	0.92	0.99	
	1978	40900	41024	44486	40665	1.01	1.09	
	1979	48300	48435	52191	56514	0.86	0.92	
	1980	44400	44682	47657	46250	0.97	1.03	
	Average	41040	41241	44903	43346	0.95	1.04	
C 22a	1976	30400	30593	35027	32851	0.93	1.07	
	1977	31600	31790	34238	32884	0.97	1.04	
	1978	30400	30662	33854	34259	0.90	0.99	
	1979	33700	33873	36402	38651	0.88	0.94	
	1980	31200	31628	33981	34127	0.93	1.00	
	Average	31460	31709	34700	34554	0.92	1.00	
C 23	1976	15600	15707	15707	16638	0.94	0.94	
	1977	8200	8257	8257	8663	0.95	0.95	
	1978	14500	14535	14535	15786	0.92	0.92	
	1979	16800	16394	16394	18200	0.90	0.90	
	1980	16400	16507	16507	17105	0.97	0.97	
	Average	14300	14280	14280	15278	0.93	0.93	
C 24	1976	10500	10504	11399	12094	0.87	0.94	
	1977	7900	7912	8478	8336	0.95	1.02	
	1978	9400	9367	10109	9297	1.01	1.09	
	1979	12800	13038	13828	13420	0.97	1.03	
	1980	9700	9724	10500	9651	1.01	1.09	
	Average	10060	10109	10863	10560	0.96	1.03	
C 24a	1976	45000	45104	48621	50396	0.89	0.96	
	1977	33100	33142	35696	36450	0.91	0.98	
	1978	34500	34555	37166	34264	1.01	1.08	
	1979	45200	45350	48185	49090	0.92	0.98	
	1980	45400	45540	47428	47442	0.96	1.00	
	Average	40640	40738	43419	43528	0.94	1.00	
Total CO San Juan Average		147840	148448	160116	159975	0.93	1.00	

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Colorado River Upper Mainstem (Upper Colorado CU+L)								
Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR	
C 7	1976	14126	14173	17983	15545	0.79	0.86	
	1977	10376	10398	15318	12352	0.68	0.81	
	1978	14486	14565	19020	15767	0.77	0.83	
	1979	11530	11589	16024	13386	0.72	0.84	
	1980	12575	12610	16416	14313	0.77	0.87	
	Average	12619	12667	16952	14273	0.75	0.84	
C 8	1976	20767	20826	25356	25002	0.82	0.99	
	1977	27552	27180	33410	30649	0.81	0.92	
	1978	31265	31321	37589	34232	0.83	0.91	
	1979	25558	25674	32794	30319	0.78	0.92	
	1980	24680	24794	22017	28482	1.13	1.29	
	Average	25964	25959	30233	29737	0.86	0.98	
C 9	1976	13791	13850	15981	14933	0.87	0.93	
	1977	12778	12235	13382	12925	0.91	0.97	
	1978	14676	14710	13661	15250	1.08	1.12	
	1979	13597	13643	15626	14846	0.87	0.95	
	1980	16008	16035	16880	16651	0.95	0.99	
	Average	14170	14095	15106	14921	0.93	0.99	
C 9a	1976	8541	8603	11849	9564	0.73	0.81	
	1977	8036	8081	10284	8662	0.79	0.84	
	1978	10770	10830	11274	11282	0.96	1.00	
	1979	9800	9835	13092	10620	0.75	0.81	
	1980	11206	11233	13673	11743	0.82	0.86	
	Average	9671	9716	12034	10374	0.81	0.86	
C 10	1976	12614	12671	10976	14309	1.15	1.30	
	1977	12868	12914	13636	14328	0.95	1.05	
	1978	13461	13486	14574	15030	0.93	1.03	
	1979	10793	10810	11925	12601	0.91	1.06	
	1980	13754	13786	10604	14962	1.30	1.41	
	Average	12698	12733	12343	14246	1.03	1.15	
C10a	1976	18918	18990	18878	20568	1.01	1.09	
	1977	15415	15497	17586	17261	0.88	0.98	
	1978	19189	19243	21286	20719	0.90	0.97	
	1979	22371	22387	24692	24614	0.91	1.00	
	1980	21348	21397	23804	22941	0.90	0.96	
	Average	19448	19503	21249	21221	0.92	1.00	
C11	1976	53824	54033	55541	57445	0.97	1.03	
	1977	39291	39528	37796	40880	1.05	1.08	
	1978	62316	62475	65042	65087	0.96	1.00	
	1979	67390	67661	71038	71317	0.95	1.00	
	1980	60856	61044	62409	65349	0.98	1.05	
	Average	56735	56948	58365	60016	0.98	1.03	

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Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR	
C 12	1976	35482	35803	34591	37587	1.04	1.09	
	1977	26137	26484	27513	28565	0.96	1.04	
	1978	30996	30472	33440	32812	0.91	0.98	
	1979	30132	39423	40904	41737	0.96	1.02	
	1980	39053	39552	39783	41931	0.99	1.05	
	Average	32360	34347	35246	36526	0.97	1.04	
C 13	1976	153601	155409	143037	159947	1.09	1.12	
	1977	152084	152874	139533	156140	1.10	1.12	
	1978	162314	163014	152540	168237	1.07	1.10	
	1979	164361	165200	149752	169860	1.10	1.13	
	1980	162563	163684	153762	169152	1.06	1.10	
	Average	158985	160036	147725	164667	1.08	1.11	
C 14	1976	31645	31848	38056	38597	0.84	1.01	
	1977	27265	25744	28431	29064	0.91	1.02	
	1978	52884	53323	70223	56762	0.76	0.81	
	1979	52773	52980	65465	57347	0.81	0.88	
	1980	55655	56545	67674	59533	0.84	0.88	
	Average	44044	44088	53970	48261	0.82	0.89	
C 15	1976	92002	92830	98103	97313	0.95	0.99	
	1977	92196	93056	95425	97413	0.98	1.02	
	1978	97746	98349	102183	104378	0.96	1.02	
	1979	89969	90725	98309	97663	0.92	0.99	
	1980	105596	106471	101245	112535	1.05	1.11	
	Average	95502	96286	99053	101860	0.97	1.03	
C 16	1976	19784	19649	23880	21425	0.82	0.90	
	1977	16365	16482	19348	18061	0.85	0.93	
	1978	19855	20340	23143	22166	0.88	0.96	
	1979	18341	18399	22260	20420	0.83	0.92	
	1980	19755	19829	23126	21217	0.86	0.92	
	Average	18820	18940	22351	20658	0.85	0.92	
C 17	1976	165861	167037	175376	172082	0.95	0.98	
	1977	148504	149953	152554	155150	0.98	1.02	
	1978	171950	173209	179551	179940	0.96	1.00	
	1979	165645	167090	176430	173784	0.95	0.99	
	1980	170776	172220	178520	179478	0.96	1.01	
	Average	164547	165902	172486	172087	0.96	1.00	
C 17a	1976	7843	8012	7631	8299	1.05	1.09	
	1977	10009	10072	9307	10266	1.08	1.10	
	1978	9155	9221	8708	9505	1.06	1.09	
	1979	9929	9995	9628	10276	1.04	1.07	
	1980	8948	9029	8654	9299	1.04	1.07	
	Average	9177	9266	8786	9529	1.05	1.08	

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Colorado River Upper Mainstem (Upper Colorado CU+L)								
Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Modified USBR/ Original USBR	Modified SCS/ Original USBR	
C 18	1976	4684	4711	4605	5552	1.02	1.21	
	1977	3282	3133	4311	3997	0.73	0.93	
	1978	4980	4998	5159	5355	0.97	1.04	
	1979	4303	4327	4553	5126	0.95	1.13	
	1980	5330	5359	5309	5917	1.01	1.11	
	Average	4516	4506	4787	5189	0.94	1.08	
C 18a	1976	4057	4092	5265	4933	0.78	0.94	
	1977	2774	2813	3449	3365	0.82	0.98	
	1978	4446	4474	5220	4953	0.86	0.95	
	1979	4622	4643	5658	5107	0.82	0.90	
	1980	4269	4293	5064	4765	0.85	0.94	
	Average	4034	4063	4931	4625	0.82	0.94	
C 19	1976	15393	15591	16834	17160	0.93	1.02	
	1977	14084	14273	14065	15210	1.01	1.08	
	1978	18014	18157	17709	19757	1.03	1.12	
	1979	20276	20475	20135	21532	1.02	1.07	
	1980	18551	18513	17425	19764	1.06	1.13	
	Average	17264	17402	17234	18685	1.01	1.08	
C 20	1976	9396	9463	10156	10043	0.93	0.99	
	1977	5994	6076	6335	6383	0.96	1.01	
	1978	9650	9734	9327	10296	1.04	1.10	
	1979	11203	11307	11177	11826	1.01	1.06	
	1980	9951	10077	10145	10709	0.99	1.06	
	Average	9239	9331	9428	9851	0.99	1.04	
C 20a	1976	1132	1161	1441	1261	0.81	0.88	
	1977	597	554	691	601	0.80	0.87	
	1978	1202	1220	1389	1300	0.88	0.94	
	1979	1497	1523	1736	1626	0.88	0.94	
	1980	1351	1367	1548	1450	0.88	0.94	
	Average	1156	1165	1361	1248	0.86	0.92	
Total CO Mainstem Average		710948	716953	743641	757973	0.96	1.02	

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Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Ratio Modified USBR rain/Original USBR rain	Ratio Modified SCS rain/Original USBR rain		
C 7	1976	16800	16851	21382	18483	0.79	0.86		
	1977	12300	12364	18213	14687	0.68	0.81		
	1978	17200	17317	22615	18748	0.77	0.83		
	1979	13700	13779	19052	15916	0.72	0.84		
	1980	15000	14993	19519	17018	0.77	0.87		
	Average	15000	15061	20156	16970	0.75	0.84		
C 8	1976	24700	24762	30149	29727	0.82	0.99		
	1977	32800	32318	39724	36441	0.81	0.92		
	1978	37200	37241	44693	40702	0.83	0.91		
	1979	30400	30526	38992	36050	0.78	0.92		
	1980	29300	29480	26178	33865	1.13	1.29		
	Average	30880	30865	35947	35357	0.86	0.98		
C 9	1976	16400	16467	19002	17756	0.87	0.93		
	1977	15200	14547	15911	15367	0.91	0.97		
	1978	17400	17490	16243	18132	1.08	1.12		
	1979	16200	16222	18579	17652	0.87	0.95		
	1980	19000	19066	20070	19798	0.95	0.99		
	Average	16840	16758	17961	17741	0.93	0.99		
C 9a	1976	10200	10228	14088	11372	0.73	0.81		
	1977	9600	9608	12227	10300	0.79	0.84		
	1978	12800	12877	13405	13414	0.96	1.00		
	1979	11700	11694	15567	12627	0.75	0.81		
	1980	13300	13356	16257	13963	0.82	0.86		
	Average	11520	11553	14309	12335	0.81	0.86		
C 10	1976	15000	15066	13050	17013	1.15	1.30		
	1977	15300	15354	16213	17036	0.95	1.05		
	1978	16000	16034	17328	17870	0.93	1.03		
	1979	12800	12853	14179	14983	0.91	1.06		
	1980	16400	16391	12609	17789	1.30	1.41		
	Average	15100	15140	14676	16938	1.03	1.15		

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w/ CU+L Incidental Losses								
Basin	Year	CU + L (acre-feet)	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Original Blaney- Criddle (af) USBR rainfall	Modified Blaney- Criddle (af) SCS rainfall	Ratio Modified USBR rain/Original USBR rain	Ratio Modified SCS rain/Original USBR rain	
C10a	1976	22500	22579	22446	24455	1.01	1.09	
	1977	18300	18425	20910	20524	0.88	0.98	
	1978	22800	22880	25309	24635	0.90	0.97	
	1979	26600	26618	29359	29266	0.91	1.00	
	1980	25400	25441	28303	27277	0.90	0.96	
	Average	23120	23189	25265	25231	0.92	1.00	
C11	1976	64000	64245	66039	68302	0.97	1.03	
	1977	46700	46999	44939	48607	1.05	1.08	
	1978	74100	74283	77335	77388	0.96	1.00	
	1979	80100	80449	84464	84796	0.95	1.00	
	1980	72400	72581	74204	77699	0.98	1.05	
	Average	67460	67711	69396	71358	0.98	1.03	
C 12	1976	42200	42569	41129	44691	1.04	1.09	
	1977	31100	31490	32713	33964	0.96	1.04	
	1978	36900	36231	39761	39014	0.91	0.98	
	1979	46500	46874	48635	49625	0.96	1.02	
	1980	46400	47028	47302	49856	0.99	1.05	
	Average	40620	40838	41908	43430	0.97	1.04	
C 13	1976	182600	184781	170071	190177	1.09	1.12	
	1977	180800	181767	165905	185650	1.10	1.12	
	1978	193000	193824	181370	200034	1.07	1.10	
	1979	195400	196422	178055	201963	1.10	1.13	
	1980	193300	194620	182823	201122	1.06	1.10	
	Average	189020	190283	175645	195789	1.08	1.11	
C 14	1976	40800	41020	49016	49714	0.84	1.01	
	1977	35100	33158	36620	37434	0.91	1.02	
	1978	68100	68681	90447	73110	0.76	0.81	
	1979	68000	68239	84319	73863	0.81	0.88	
	1980	71700	72831	87164	76678	0.84	0.88	
	Average	56740	56786	69513	62160	0.82	0.89	

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C 15	1976	118500	119566	126357	125339	0.95	0.99	
	1977	118700	119857	122908	125468	0.98	1.02	
	1978	125900	126673	131612	134439	0.96	1.02	
	1979	115900	116854	126622	125789	0.92	0.99	
	1980	136000	137134	130404	144945	1.05	1.11	
	Average	123000	124017	127581	131196	0.97	1.03	
C 16	1976	25500	25307	30757	27595	0.82	0.90	
	1977	21100	21229	24920	23262	0.85	0.93	
	1978	25600	26198	29809	28550	0.88	0.96	
	1979	23600	23698	28671	26301	0.83	0.92	
	1980	25400	25540	29786	27328	0.86	0.92	
	Average	24240	24394	28789	26607	0.85	0.92	
C 17	1976	213600	215143	225884	221641	0.95	0.98	
	1977	191300	193139	196490	199833	0.98	1.02	
	1978	221500	223093	231262	231762	0.96	1.00	
	1979	213400	215212	227242	223833	0.95	0.98	
	1980	220000	221819	229934	231167	0.96	1.01	
	Average	211960	213681	222162	221647	0.96	1.00	
C 17a	1976	10200	10319	9829	10689	1.05	1.09	
	1977	12900	12973	11987	13223	1.08	1.10	
	1978	11800	11876	11217	12243	1.06	1.09	
	1979	12800	12873	12400	13236	1.04	1.07	
	1980	11500	11629	11146	11978	1.04	1.07	
	Average	11840	11934	11316	12274	1.05	1.08	
C 18	1976	5000	5031	4919	5929	1.02	1.21	
	1977	3500	3538	4604	4269	0.77	0.93	
	1978	5300	5338	5510	5719	0.97	1.04	
	1979	4600	4621	4863	5475	0.95	1.13	
	1980	5700	5723	5670	6319	1.01	1.11	

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	Average	4820	4850	5113	5542	0.95	1.08		
C 18a	1976	4300	4370	5623	5269	0.78	0.94		
	1977	3000	3004	3683	3594	0.82	0.98		
	1978	4700	4778	5575	5289	0.86	0.95		
	1979	4900	4959	6043	5454	0.82	0.90		
	1980	4600	4585	5408	5089	0.85	0.94		
	Average	4300	4339	5266	4939	0.82	0.94		
C 19	1976	16400	16651	17979	18327	0.93	1.02		
	1977	15000	15243	15021	16245	1.01	1.08		
	1978	19200	19391	18913	21100	1.03	1.12		
	1979	21700	21867	21504	22996	1.02	1.07		
	1980	19800	19772	18609	21108	1.06	1.13		
	Average	18420	18585	18405	19955	1.01	1.08		
C 20	1976	10000	10106	10847	10726	0.93	0.99		
	1977	6400	6489	6766	6817	0.96	1.01		
	1978	10300	10396	9961	10997	1.04	1.10		
	1979	12000	12076	11937	12630	1.01	1.06		
	1980	10600	10762	10835	11437	0.99	1.06		
	Average	9860	9966	10069	10521	0.99	1.04		
C 20a	1976	1200	1240	1539	1347	0.81	0.88		
	1977	600	592	738	642	0.80	0.87		
	1978	1300	1303	1483	1389	0.88	0.94		
	1979	1600	1627	1854	1736	0.88	0.94		
	1980	1400	1460	1654	1548	0.88	0.94		
	Average	1220	1244	1454	1332	0.86	0.92		
Total CO Mainstem Average		875960	881195	914932	931325	0.96	1.02		