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Potential evaporation, ET_p , can readily be calculated from monthly mean temperatures by means of tables and nomograms now available in the literature. Actual evapotranspiration, ET_a , is calculated from ET_p by taking precipitation and the water-holding capacity of the soil into account. Either value can be calculated for the whole year (ET_p or ET_a) if frost-tolerant plants are under consideration; or for the frost-free period ($ET_{p,32^\circ}$ or $ET_{a,32^\circ}$) if frost-sensitive plants are under consideration.

All four values— ET_p , ET_a , $ET_{p,32^\circ}$, and $ET_{a,32^\circ}$ —were calculated for 211 California stations and for 27 Nevada and Oregon stations near California. Plotting these values for 25 stations along a traverse through central California and western Nevada reveals great differences from coast to inland stations, and from low to high altitudes. Comparison of the values with natural vegetation and with crops in the different regions indicates that the values are useful as indexes of expected growth of cultivated crops, range, and forest. ET_p values are useful if moisture is not limiting, as in humid climates or where irrigation water is available; ET_a values are useful for predicting the suitability of a climate for dry-farmed crops, estimating the potential for increased growth obtainable by irrigation, and for more precise studies of the effects of climate on natural vegetation. The indexes, used together, can be helpful in crop selection and other soil-management decisions.

Isograms of the four ET values, based on all California stations and plotted on maps of the state, furnish much information about those climatic limitations on plant growth that involve moisture and temperature relations.

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PLANT GROWTH depends on three major factors—soil, climate, and management—working together. Of the three, soil and management have been investigated more thoroughly, for a longer period of time, and are better understood than the climatic factor.

Recent methods of climatic analysis based on formulas developed by Thornthwaite (1948), Penman (1948), and Blaney-Criddle (1950) have greatly increased our understanding of climate as it influences plant growth. The work, however, has centered on the radiant energy or temperature components of climate as they influence evapotranspiration,³ and potential rather than actual evapotranspiration has been emphasized. As few radiant-energy measurements are available, temperature has been used as a measure of radiant energy. For areas with temperature and moisture supply nearly in balance, as in the humid temperate eastern part of the United States, or where moisture shortages can be corrected by irrigation, estimates of potential evapotranspiration are especially useful.

Large areas of the United States and the world do not have a favorable balance of temperature and moisture, however, and an estimate of actual evapotranspiration in these places is more meaningful than potential evapotranspiration. Even in areas of favorable climate, it is important to have an estimate of actual evapotranspiration so as to better understand the temperature and moisture balances involved and to provide a basis for management decisions. Other research and applied uses in soils and with plants are also possible.

This paper presents a simplified method for calculating actual evapotranspiration (ET_a) and the water balance of soil, and indicates the application of the derived values to soil and land classification and soil use and man-

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³ "Evapotranspiration" is a term used to express the total water loss from the soil to the atmosphere and includes both direct evaporation from the soil and transpiration via the plant cover.

TABLE 1

THE WATER BALANCE FOR SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA*

Town: Sacramento WB/AP County: Sacramento State: California

Elev.: 17 feet Lat.: 38°31' Long.: 121°31'

Years record: Precipitation 1921-50 years; Temperature: 1921-50 years; Frost: 1921-50 years; Frost-free season (32°): 1/24 to 12/11=321 days

Step	Item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
1.	Mean temperature, °F	44.3	49.7	53.9	58.2	64.0	70.3	74.6	73.2	70.3	62.7	53.1	45.8	60.0
2.	1 values	1.61	2.79	3.83	5.04	6.84	8.96	10.52	10.01	8.96	6.41	3.62	1.91	70.50
3.	Weekly ET _p , inches	0.12	0.22	0.35	0.50	0.78	1.07	1.27	1.13	0.90	0.57	0.28	0.12	.....
	Monthly ET _p , inches	0.53	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	4.58	5.62	5.00	3.86	2.53	1.20	0.53	31.87
4.	Precipitation (P), inches	2.66	2.76	2.09	1.38	0.54	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.50	3.01	15.02
5.	P - ET _p (+), inches	2.13	1.88	0.54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.30	2.48	7.33
	(-), inches	.....	.....	.....	0.76	2.91	4.47	5.62	5.00	3.80	1.62	.....	.....	24.18
6.	ET _p -32°F, inches	0.12	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	4.58	5.62	5.00	3.86	2.53	1.20	0.17	31.10
Available water holding capacity of soil (AWC) 2 inches														
7.	Change in S (ΔS), inches	0	0	0	-0.76	-1.24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
8.	Storage (S), inches	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.30	2.0	.....
9.	ET _a , inches	0.53	0.88	1.55	2.14	1.78	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.53	9.69
10.	ET _a , 32°F, inches	0.12	0.88	1.55	2.14	1.78	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.17	8.92
Available water holding capacity of soil (AWC) 4 inches														
7.	Change in S (ΔS), inches	1.22	4.0	4.0	-0.76	-2.91	-0.33	0	0	0	0	0.30	2.48	.....
8.	Storage (S), inches	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.24	0.33	0	0	0	0	0	0.30	2.78	.....
9.	ET _a , inches	0.53	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.53	11.69
10.	ET _a , 32°F, inches	0.12	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.17	10.92
Available water holding capacity of soil (AWC) 6 inches														
7.	Change in S (ΔS), inches	2.13	1.09	0	-0.76	-2.91	-2.33	0	0	0	0	0.30	2.48	.....
8.	Storage (S), inches	4.91	6.0	6.0	5.24	2.33	0	0	0	0	0	0.30	2.78	.....
9.	ET _a , inches	0.53	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	2.44	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.53	13.69
10.	ET _a , 32°F, inches	0.12	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	2.44	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.17	12.92
Available water holding capacity of soil (AWC) 7.33 inches														
7.	Change in S (ΔS), inches	2.13	1.88	0.54	-0.76	-2.91	-3.66	0	0	0	0	0.30	2.48	.....
8.	Storage (S), inches	4.91	6.79	7.33	6.57	3.66	0	0	0	0	0	0.30	2.78	.....
9.	ET _a , inches	0.53	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.53	15.02
10.	ET _a , 32°F, inches	0.12	0.88	1.55	2.14	3.45	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.91	1.20	0.17	14.25

* SOURCE OF DATA: U.S. Weather Bureau, 1959. Climatic values are expressed to two decimals only to match Weather Bureau precipitation data but the second decimal is not considered significant.

agement. Actual evapotranspiration is used here in the same sense as by Thornthwaite (1948). It refers to a value derived from the water balance and the calculated potential evapotranspiration; thus it is also a calculated value and does not imply a real measurement. The principle involved in calculating actual evapotranspiration—that of evaluating the limitation on plant growth due to either temperature or moisture—can be used with any of the methods for calculating potential evapotranspiration. When the same reference standards are used, all the methods give similar results, according to recent studies by Smith (1959). Alternatively, the procedure may be based directly on soil-moisture or lysimeter measurements, and evapotranspiration for a particular soil can be measured directly, rather than calculated by means of formulas.

PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATING CLIMATIC VALUES AND THE WATER BALANCE

The calculations outlined below are basically the same as those described by Thornthwaite (1948). But the procedure is simplified by using tables of Heat Index and nomograms of potential evapotranspiration that are now available; and application to soil management and plant growth is facilitated by rearranging the order of the calculations of actual evapotranspiration.

Thornthwaite and Mather (1954) have introduced a correction for a reduction in rate of actual evapotranspiration as the soil nears the wilting point. In deriving annual or seasonal totals, this correction is of importance only when the sum of the negative monthly values of precipitation minus potential evapotranspiration is between 1.0 and 1.5 times as large as the maximum soil moisture storage. But for studies of individual months, the correction should be made as described by Thornthwaite and Mather or Palmer and Havens (1958).

The procedure outlined here assumes that runoff and deep percolation beyond the depth of rooting do not take place until the entire root zone has reached field capacity. This assumption is reasonable for well-drained soils on very gentle slopes and where the soil is sufficiently permeable to absorb the precipitation as it falls. Where water losses due to runoff are important they should be subtracted from the precipitation before calculating the water balance. Similarly, moisture that percolates beyond the depth of rooting should be excluded from the water available to plants. For soils receiving runoff or seepage water, this moisture should be added to the precipitation before calculating the water balance.

Table 1 shows the water balance for Sacramento, California, for soils having 2, 4, 6, and 7.33 inches available water-holding capacity based on average monthly climatic data for that station (7.33 inches is used because it is the maximum available for storage under average Sacramento climatic conditions). Figure 1 shows the water balance graphically for soils with 4 and 7.33 inches available water-holding capacity. Calculations can also be on an average weekly basis or for any specific year, month, or week. Pruitt (1958) suggested a simple timetable, recording cumulative depletion of soil moisture using daily estimates of evapotranspiration, but Pelton, King, and Tanner (1960) report that predictions of daily values based on mean temperature are

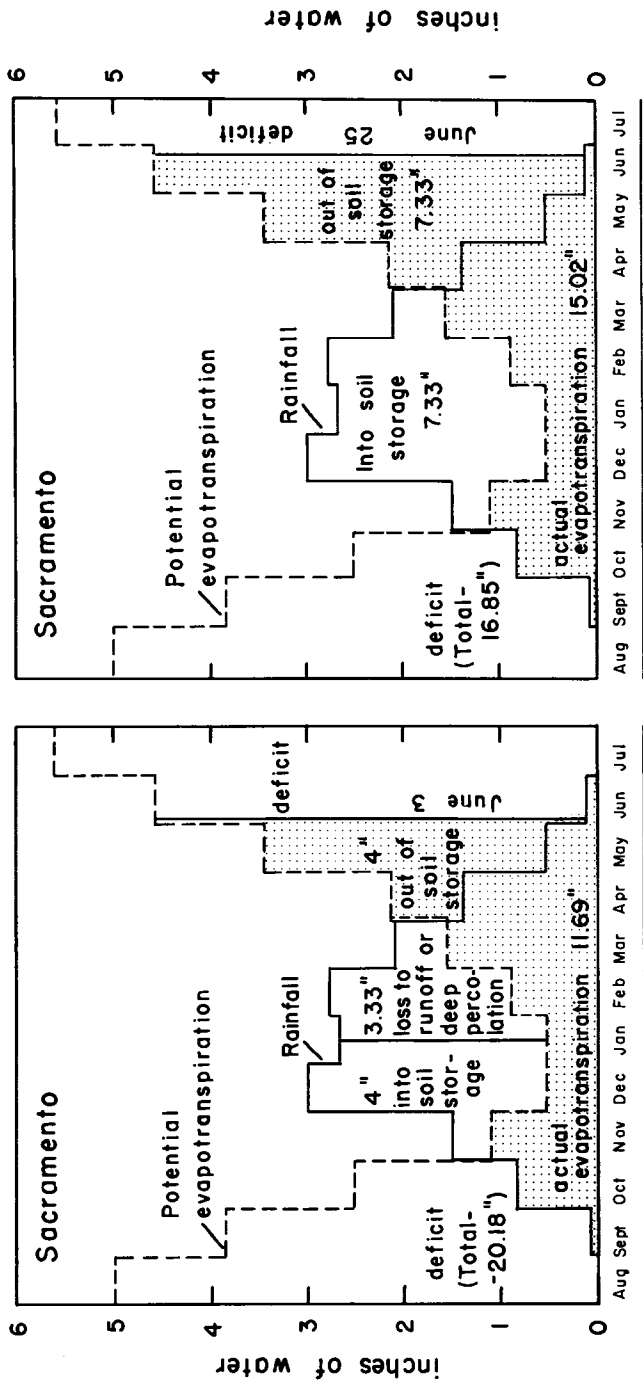


Fig. 1. Water balance for soils of 4 and 7.33 inches available water-holding capacity at Sacramento, California.

not feasible. The step-by-step procedure for calculating the various climatic values is given below.

Step 1. Enter mean monthly temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Step 2. Enter i values by months, for example, from Palmer and Havens (1958, Table 1). The sum of the i values is the Heat Index, I .

Step 3. Determine potential evapotranspiration (ET_p), for example, from the graphs of Palmer and Havens (1958), which gives weekly values quickly convertible to monthly values by the use of a table prepared for this purpose. Alternatively, the van Hylekama (1959) nomogram may be used to obtain monthly potential evapotranspiration.

Step 4. Enter mean monthly precipitation (P) in inches.

Step 5. Subtract potential evapotranspiration (ET_p) from precipitation (P) to obtain monthly positive or negative values.

Step 6. Determine the potential evapotranspiration for the frost-free season, $ET_p 32^\circ$. These values are the same as the monthly potential evapotranspiration exclusive of the months or parts of months having temperatures below 32°F . Estimates for 28° , 24° , or other temperature extremes may be similarly made.

Step 7. Determine or estimate the total available water-holding capacity (AWC) of the soil in inches to the average depth of rooting of the dominant crops. If a number of soils with differing available water-holding capacities are to be considered, a series of AWC values, for example, 1, 2, 4, 6 inches, should be selected and appropriate computations made. Using the selected AWC , determine the change in soil moisture storage (ΔS) as follows: Beginning with the first positive value in step 5 in the fall or winter (or if there are no negative values in step 5, begin with the lowest positive value) enter the monthly positive values as ΔS until the sum equals the AWC . For the remaining consecutive months with positive values enter zero as ΔS ; the soil remains at field capacity during this period and there is no change in soil moisture storage. Beginning with the first month with negative value, moisture is withdrawn from the soil; thus the negative values represent the negative change in soil moisture storage until the AWC is exhausted. In the remaining months with negative values, the soil remains essentially dry (at or near wilting percentage) so that the net change in soil moisture storage for these months is zero.

Note: This procedure assumes that soil moisture depletion proceeds at the maximum rate. This assumption is generally satisfactory for calculating annual or seasonal values of actual evapotranspiration.

Step 8. Enter the soil moisture storage (S) at the end of each month. If the sum of the negative values in step 5 is less than AWC , then there is a carry-over of soil moisture storage, which must be added to the beginning month (step 7), and succeeding months readjusted accordingly.

Step 9. Calculate actual evapotranspiration (ET_a) by comparing: (a) the monthly ET_p (step 3) with (b) the sum of the rainfall (step 4) and soil moisture storage (step 8) at the end of the previous month and enter whichever is the minimum. It is evident that moisture is not a limiting factor in months with positive values for step 5. The same is true for all but the last month in which ΔS (step 7) is negative. Therefore enter the value of ET_p

(step 3) as ET_a for the months in which moisture is not limiting. For the last month in which ΔS is negative, enter the sum of precipitation (step 4) plus the value of ΔS (step 7), disregarding the negative sign. For remaining months in which storage (S) is zero (step 7), enter the precipitation only.⁴

Step 10. Determine actual evapotranspiration for the frost-free season, ET_a 32°. These values are the same as monthly ET_a exclusive of the months or parts of months having temperatures below 32°F. Estimates for 28°, 24°, or other temperature extremes may similarly be made.

SIGNIFICANCE AND USE OF THE CALCULATED VALUES

Potential evapotranspiration (ET_p)

Potential evapotranspiration is the rate of water loss to the atmosphere from the soil with a large area of continuous cover of green grasslike plants with an optimum supply of moisture and ample plant nutrients. Potential evapotranspiration thus is an estimate of the maximum rate of water loss from the soil and plant cover to the atmosphere that can take place under a given set of climatic conditions. As plant growth and water use are directly related, potential evapotranspiration can be used to estimate the maximum potential plant growth to be expected where water and nutrients are in optimum supply. Data reported by workers such as Kiesselbach (1916) and Briggs and Shantz (1914) show that plant dry-matter production is proportional to the water transpired by a particular species of plant, other conditions being held constant. The factors affecting the relation when conditions are varied were analyzed by Arkley (1961), who found that relative humidity was the main factor affecting the proportionality. Thus in regions of similar relative humidity the annual potential evapotranspiration, ET_p , can be used for frost-tolerant perennial crops such as pasture, or the frost-free-season total, ET_p 32°, can be used for frost-sensitive crops such as corn or cotton.

Actual evapotranspiration (ET_a)

Moisture is a limiting factor in many areas where crops are grown under natural rainfall. As shown in Table 1, the actual evapotranspiration for each month is determined by comparing the potential evapotranspiration with the water available from precipitation and stored soil moisture. The actual evapotranspiration may thus be limited by either temperature or moisture. Temperature is usually the limiting factor during the winter months, but as the temperature rises to the summer maximum, moisture becomes increasingly limited. Table 1 shows that moisture supply becomes the limiting factor at Sacramento in the month of June and continues through the month of October for a soil having 4 inches of available-water-holding capacity. Thus actual evapotranspiration provides an estimate of the climatic limitation on crop growth where crops depend on natural rainfall and soil storage for their

⁴ Where the sum of the negative values (step 5) exceeds both the AWC and the sum of the positive values, the annual ET_a can be obtained for any given AWC by the following formula:

$$ET_a \text{ (annual)} = P \text{ (annual)} + AWC - (\text{Sum of positive values})$$

If the sum of the positive values is equal to or less than AWC, then the formula is simply $ET_a \text{ (annual)} = P \text{ (annual)}$.

moisture supply. It can be calculated for a soil of any moisture-holding capacity and applied to any length of growing season. For instance, for frost-sensitive crops, $ET_a 32^\circ$ can be used.

For the purposes of soil and land classification and use in predicting plant growth and behavior, the pertinent climatic values are:

Soil management	Climatic value to be used	
	For frost-tolerant crops	For frost-sensitive crops
Irrigated	Annual ET_p	$ET_p 32^\circ$
Natural rainfall	Annual ET_a	$ET_a 32^\circ$

In comparing one climate with another as they affect plant growth, it should be kept in mind that actual evapotranspiration depends in part upon

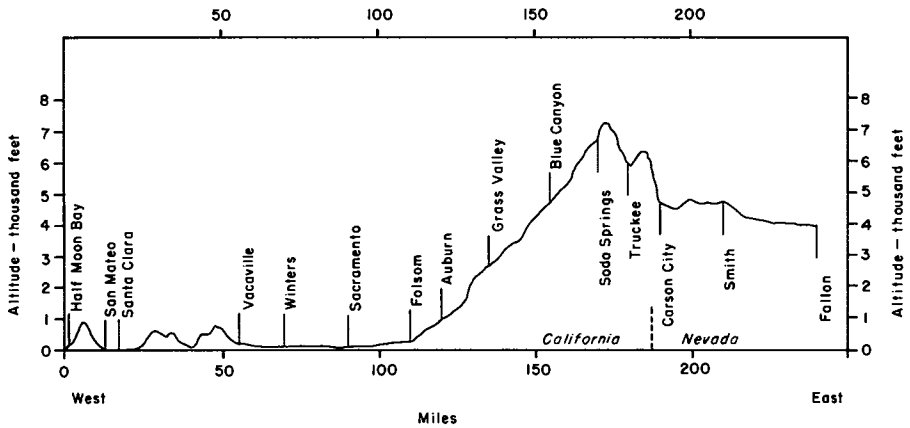


Fig. 2. Traverse through central California and Nevada, showing altitudes and distance from coast of representative stations.

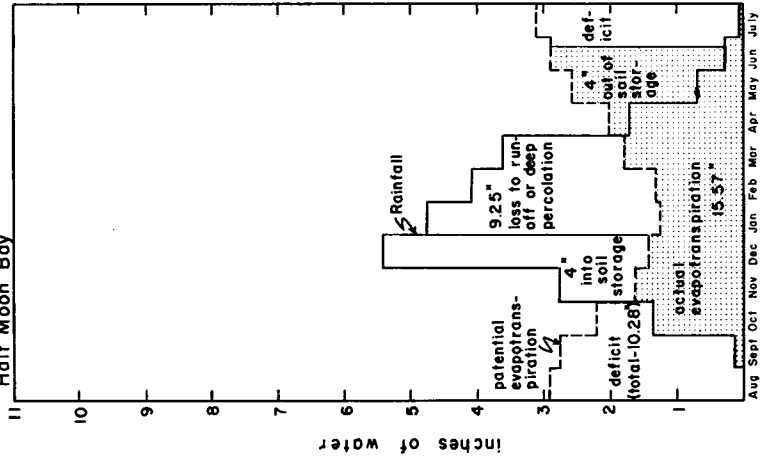
the available water storage capacities (AWC) of the soils in question. Purely climatic comparisons can be based upon a soil of an assumed standard water-holding capacity such as 4 inches (10 cm). This was done by Thornthwaite (1948). For decisions about a specific soil, however, the water-storage capacity of the soil in question must be used. Thus provision is made for calculating actual evapotranspiration for various values of AWC in Table 1.

In arid regions where the precipitation available for storage (that is, the excess of precipitation over evapotranspiration during the moist season) is very low, even in years of above-normal rainfall, the amount of moisture available for storage in the soil is usually only 1 or 2 inches. Thus in arid areas, the moisture-storing ability of the soil is of little significance unless the soil is to be irrigated. This fact has implications in mapping and classifying soil in nonirrigated arid regions.

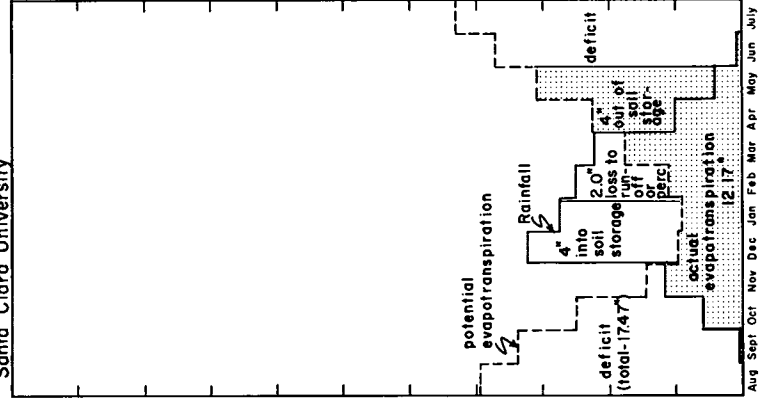
Water balance

The water balance (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1954, 1955) consists of the complete analysis of measured or calculated additions to or subtractions from available soil moisture on a yearly, monthly, weekly, or daily (Pruitt, 1958)

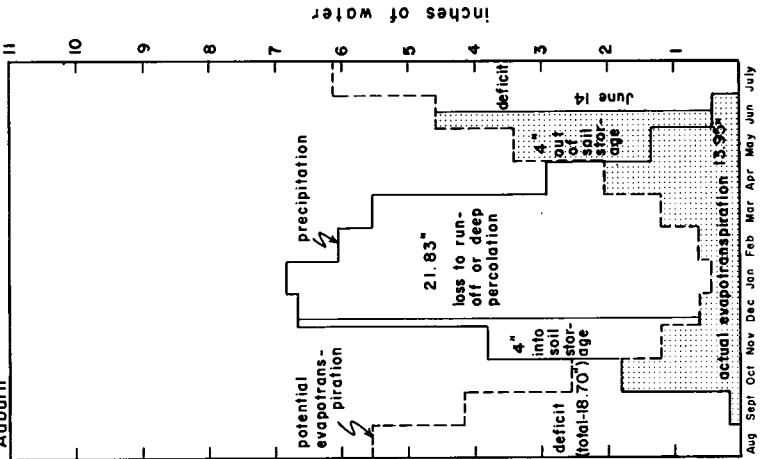
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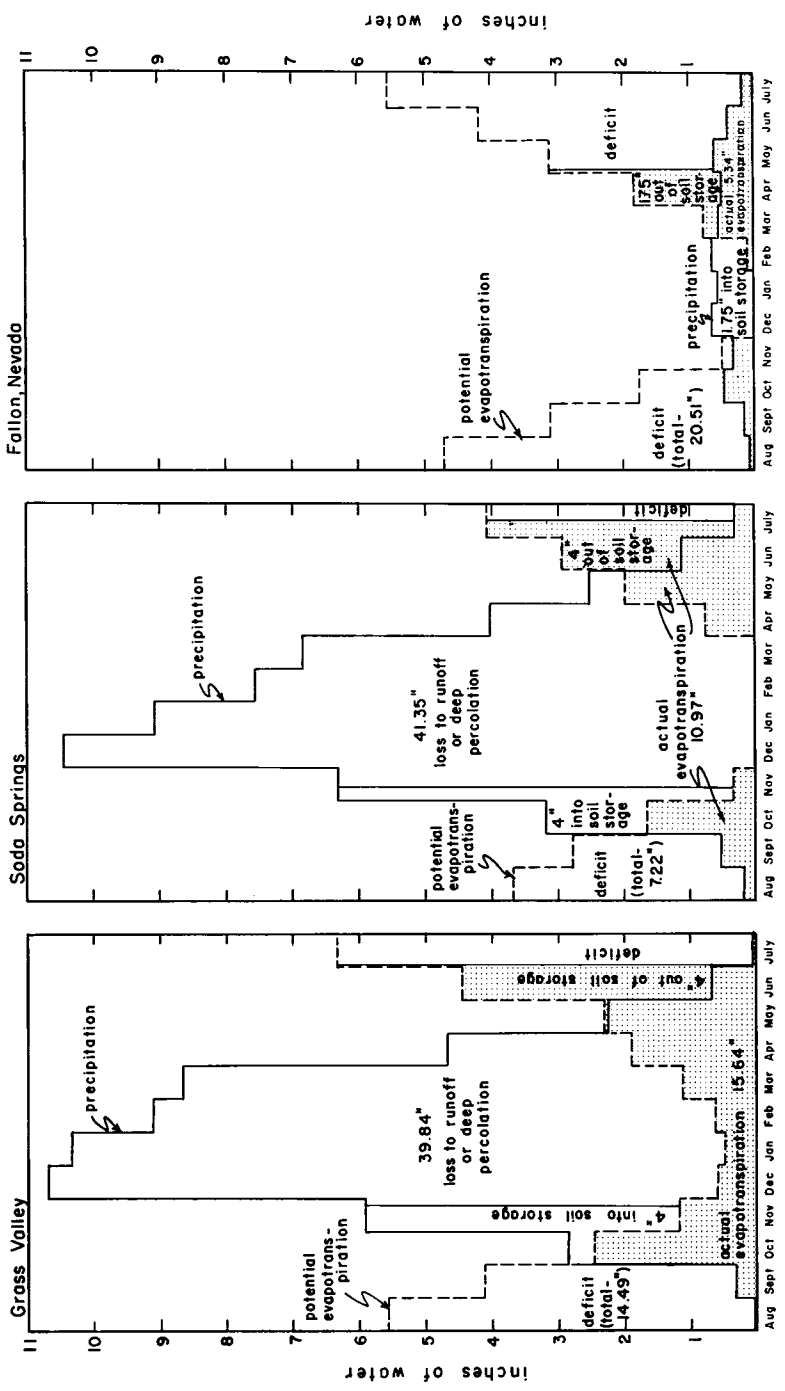


Fig. 3. The water balance for soils of 4 inches available water-holding capacity at six representative stations along the central California and Nevada traverse.

basis. The additions may be either natural or artificial as under irrigation, the amounts added being related to crop needs and available water-holding capacity. The water balance thus provides essential information for interpreting soil behavior. The difference between the potential and actual evapotranspiration indicates the maximum potential increase in plant growth to be expected from the change from dry-farmed to irrigated agriculture. For example, the difference between potential and actual evapotranspiration for soils with an available water-holding capacity of 4 inches is 23.1 inches at Carlsbad, New Mexico, but only 9.0 inches at Helena, Montana. This represents a tremendous difference in growth potential even though the mean annual precipitation at the two places is the same, about 13 inches. The difference between the two stations is even more marked for the frost-free season, 22.5 as compared with 5.6 inches.

STUDY TRAVERSE

To study the application of the water balance to land-capability classification, the water balance was calculated according to the procedure outlined above for a traverse extending from the Pacific Coast near San Francisco inland into western Nevada (Fig. 2). Subsequently, the conditions along the traverse were examined in the field by a group of soil scientists, a climatologist, and specialists in crops, range, and forestry. Within a few hundred miles, the mean annual precipitation varied greatly, being about 25 inches at Half Moon Bay, 15 inches at Sacramento in the Central Valley, 52 inches at Soda Springs in the Sierra Nevada, and 5 inches at Fallon, Nevada. At the same stations, the mean annual temperatures are 54°, 61°, 50°, and 51°F, respectively. Also included for comparison were colder stations north of the traverse, such as Alturas, California, with 13 inches precipitation and a mean annual temperature of 46°. Figure 3 shows the water balance for six stations along the traverse. The calculated evapotranspiration values are indicated in figures 4 and 5. The data for Sacramento shown in Figure 1 are a part of this traverse.

Annual potential evapotranspiration (ET_p), study traverse

Consider first the annual potential evapotranspiration in Figure 4. The values increase from the coast at Half Moon Bay to a maximum in the Central Valley, remain high in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada from Auburn to Grass Valley, drop abruptly in the mountains from Soda Springs to Boca, and rise again on the Nevada side of the mountains. The annual precipitation is less than annual potential evapotranspiration in much of this area so extra water must be supplied if the need is to be met. The maximum potential growth for frost-tolerant crops under irrigation is in the Central Valley, with lower values on the coast and in the desert, and minima at Boca in the mountains and Alturas in a cold valley on the eastern side of the mountains. A large number of crops such as fruits, nuts, vegetables, and forage crops are possible in the Central Valley under irrigation. Double-cropping with small grain in the winter and row crops in the summer is also possible. But at Alturas hay and small grain are about the only adapted crops.

Annual actual evapotranspiration (ET_a), study traverse

Consider next the calculated annual actual evapotranspiration for a soil of 4 inches AWC in Figure 4. The values along the traverse are all limited by moisture, as can be seen by comparing them with the corresponding annual potential evapotranspiration values. This is true in most of the western United States. Examining the annual actual evapotranspiration values, it is evident the best growth of grass without irrigation would be expected at Half Moon Bay ($ET_a = 15.2$ inches) on the coast and at Grass Valley ($ET_a = 15.4$

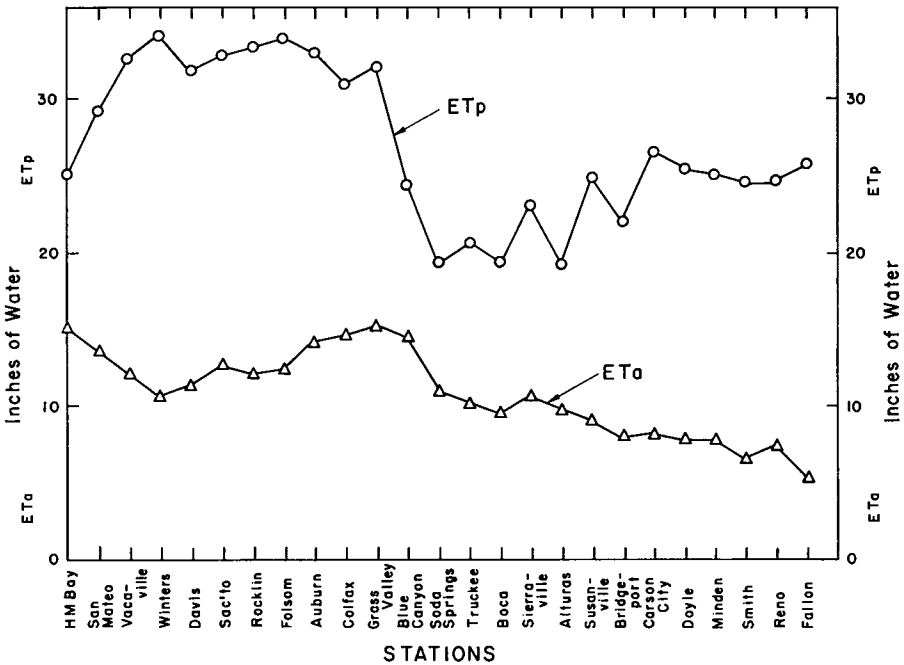


Fig. 4. ET_p and ET_a (for soils with an available water-holding capacity of 4 inches) at representative stations along the central California and Nevada traverse.

inches) in the more humid portion of the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. This is in accord with the facts: perennial grasses thrive along the coast and in the vicinity of Grass Valley, as the name implies; but only annual grasses that can use winter moisture do well at Winters without irrigation ($ET_a = 10.7$ inches). In the mountains and eastward into the desert, the growth potential is lower. At Fallon ($ET_a = 5.3$ inches), the vegetative cover is mainly widely spaced desert shrubs and a little grass in wet years.

Thus for unirrigated vegetation, the calculated annual actual evapotranspiration serves as an index for the expected growth of frost-tolerant plants. The implications for ecology, range, and forest management are evident. For dry-farmed crops, the soil is usually cultivated during the period between harvest and planting time, so little or no water is transpired and more can be stored in the soil for the growing season. The water balance must then be altered in accord with local studies of the efficiency of fallowing as a means

of conserving soil moisture. Most studies indicate that the efficiency of fallowing varies from 10 to about 40 per cent, the other 60 to 90 per cent of the precipitation during the fallow period being lost by evaporation from the soil.

Another important point clearly evident in Figure 4 is the potential for increased plant growth obtainable by irrigation, mentioned earlier. This is shown by the difference between the annual ET_p and ET_a values at each station. Thus for frost-tolerant crops, very large increases can be expected under irrigation at Fallon and Winters, somewhat less at Half Moon Bay, and still less at Alturas, although even here the potential increase is about 100 per cent.

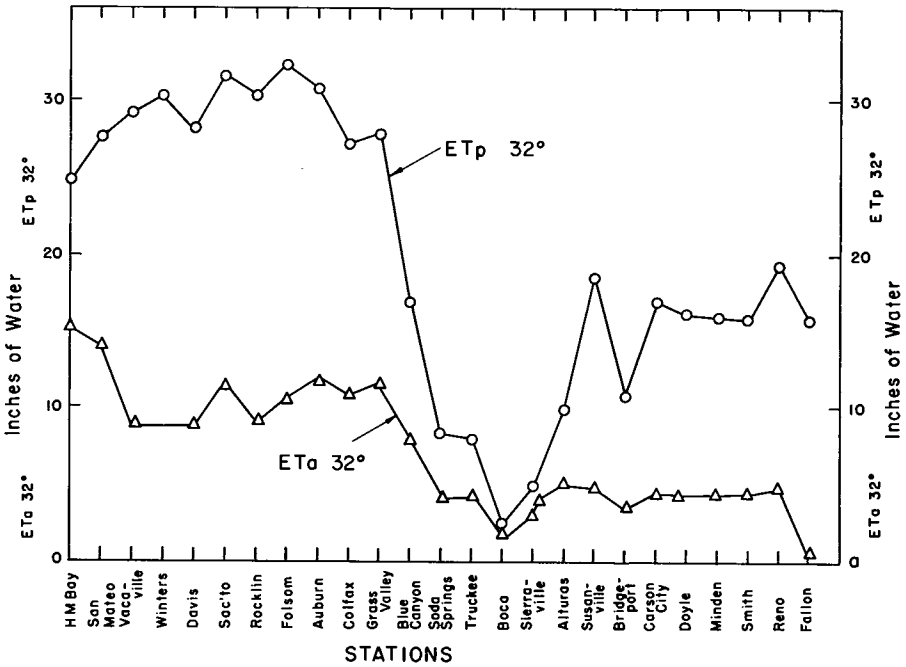


Fig. 5. $ET_p 32^\circ$ and $ET_a 32^\circ$ (for soils with an available water-holding capacity of 4 inches) at representative stations along the central California and Nevada traverse.

Potential evapotranspiration for the frost-free season ($ET_p 32^\circ$), study traverse

Figure 5 shows that west of Grass Valley the $ET_p 32^\circ$ is almost as great as annual ET_p . This reflects the very long frost-free season. The maximum occurs near Folsom, where citrus is grown. The minimum occurs in the high mountains at Portola and Boca, where the frost-free period is about one month. In Nevada, $ET_p 32^\circ$ is about two thirds of the annual.

Working in the Intermountain West, Hutchings (1954a-d, 1955) has developed a tentative scale of values for $ET_p 32^\circ$ as given in Table 2. It is clear from Table 2 that the number of crop alternatives increases with increasing $ET_p 32^\circ$.

To determine if the values given for cotton apply in Midwestern areas, it was found that the $ET_p 32^\circ$ for Alva, Woods County, Oklahoma, is 31.4 inches and well within the range for cotton. The soil-survey report for adjoining Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, shows that cotton is grown without irrigation. This being the case, the $ET_a 32^\circ$ should also fall within the range of $ET_p 32^\circ$ given for cotton. The $ET_a 32^\circ$ value of 25.0 inches at Alva puts this area near the lower limit of 24 inches evapotranspiration required for cotton. Cotton is not grown to the north in Kansas, nor west of Woods County in Oklahoma without irrigation.

TABLE 2
TENTATIVE RELATION BETWEEN $ET_p 32^\circ$ OR DEVELOPMENT UNITS
AND CROP SUITABILITY

$ET_p 32^\circ$	Development units*	Suitable irrigated crops
inches	units	
Less than 8.....	Under 2,000	Small grain for hay
8 to 12.....	2,000-3,000	Small grain for hay or grain, limited number of alfalfa cuttings
12 to 18.....	3,000-4,500	Those above plus corn and sorghums for silage and additional cuttings of alfalfa
18 to 24.....	4,500-6,000	Those above plus corn and sorghums for grain
24 to 38.....	6,000-10,000	Those above plus cotton
More than 38.....	Over 10,000	Those above plus citrus† and avacados (Arizona)

* Hutchings (1954a-d, 1955) computes $ET_p 32^\circ$ in centimeters of water and multiplies by 100 to obtain Development Units. When $ET_p 32^\circ$ is computed in inches of water, it is necessary to multiply by 254, i.e. 100×2.54 , to obtain a comparable number of Development Units.

† Citrus is commercially grown in California locations with as low as 28 inches $ET_p 32^\circ$.

Actual evapotranspiration for the frost-free season ($ET_a 32^\circ$), study traverse

Along the traverse through Central California and Nevada, the calculated $ET_a 32^\circ$ for a soil with AWC equal to 4 inches shows that the best area for frost-sensitive crops grown without irrigation is along the coast, but a limited amount of irrigation is helpful. Artichokes grow without irrigation, but high production requires added water. The same is true near Folsom for citrus. Irrigation would be of little value between Blue Canyon and Sierraville on frost-sensitive crops, but it would be well worth while at Fallon, Nevada, if water is available. The $ET_p 32^\circ$ is too low for irrigated cotton, however, at Fallon.

STATEWIDE STUDY

The water balance has also been computed for 211 stations in California and 27 adjoining stations in Nevada and Oregon. The results are given in the Appendix and are plotted in Figures 6 to 9.

Annual potential evapotranspiration (ET_p), statewide study

Figure 6 shows the distribution of calculated annual potential evapotranspiration, by 3- to 6-inch intervals in California. Maximum values (greater than 51 inches) are in the desert regions where high temperatures and clear

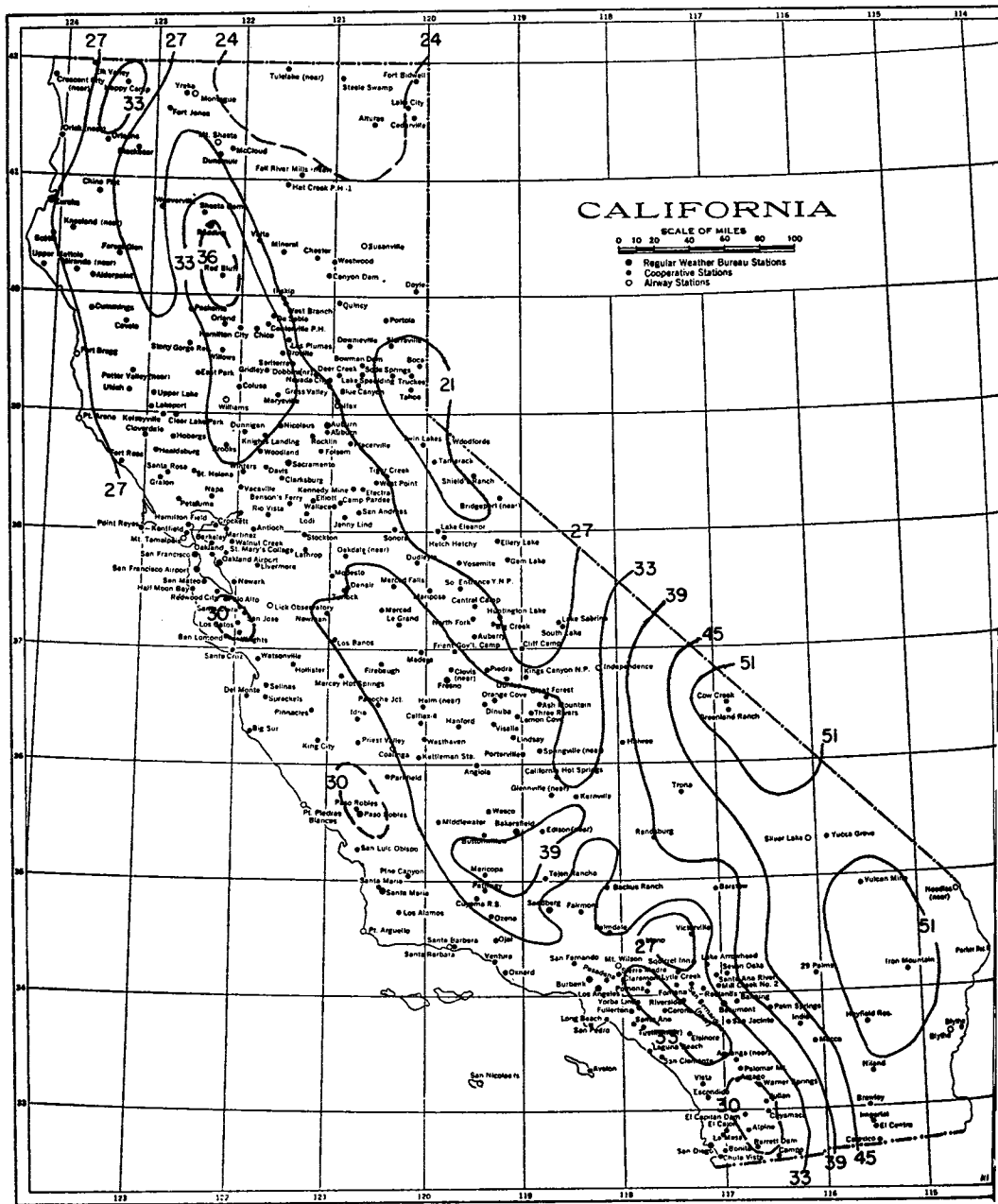


Fig. 6. Isograms of ET_p , potential evapotranspiration in inches: a relative index for frost-tolerant irrigated crops.

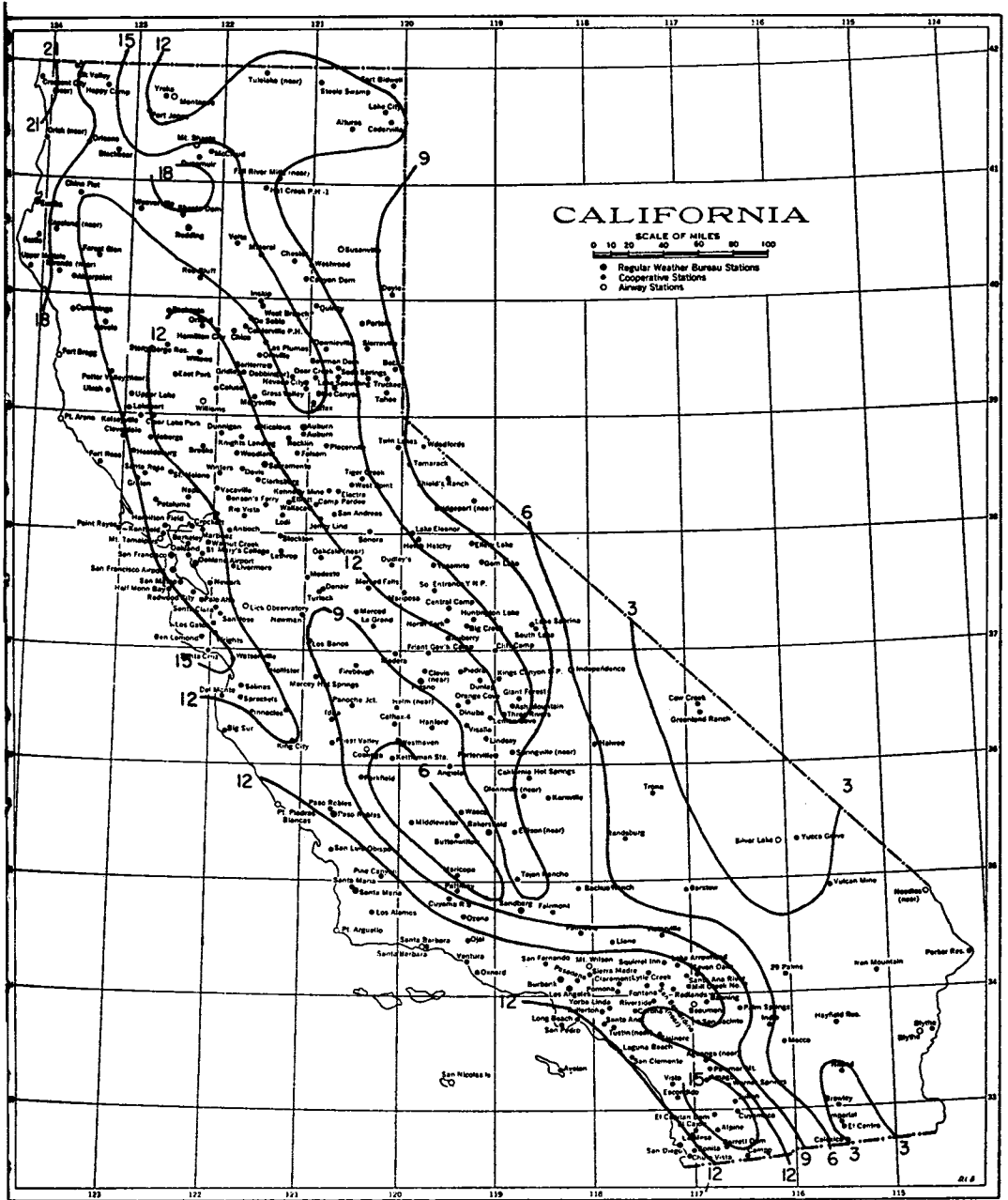


Fig. 7. Isograms of ET_a , actual evapotranspiration in inches for soils of 4 inches available water-holding capacity: a relative index for frost-tolerant crops grown under natural rainfall.

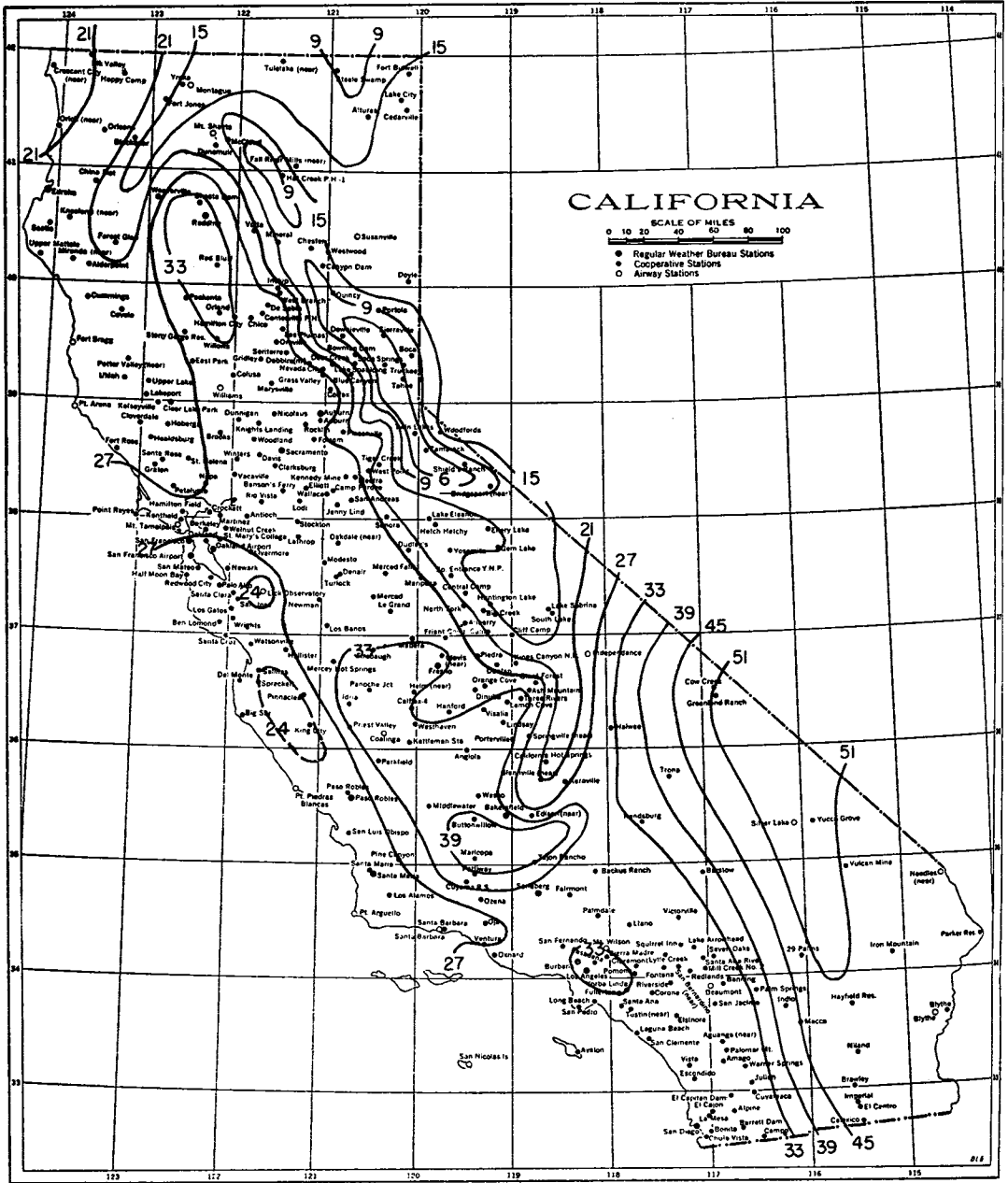


Fig. 8. Isograms of ET_{p32} , potential evapotranspiration in inches for the frost-free season ($32^{\circ}F$): a relative index for frost-sensitive irrigated crops.

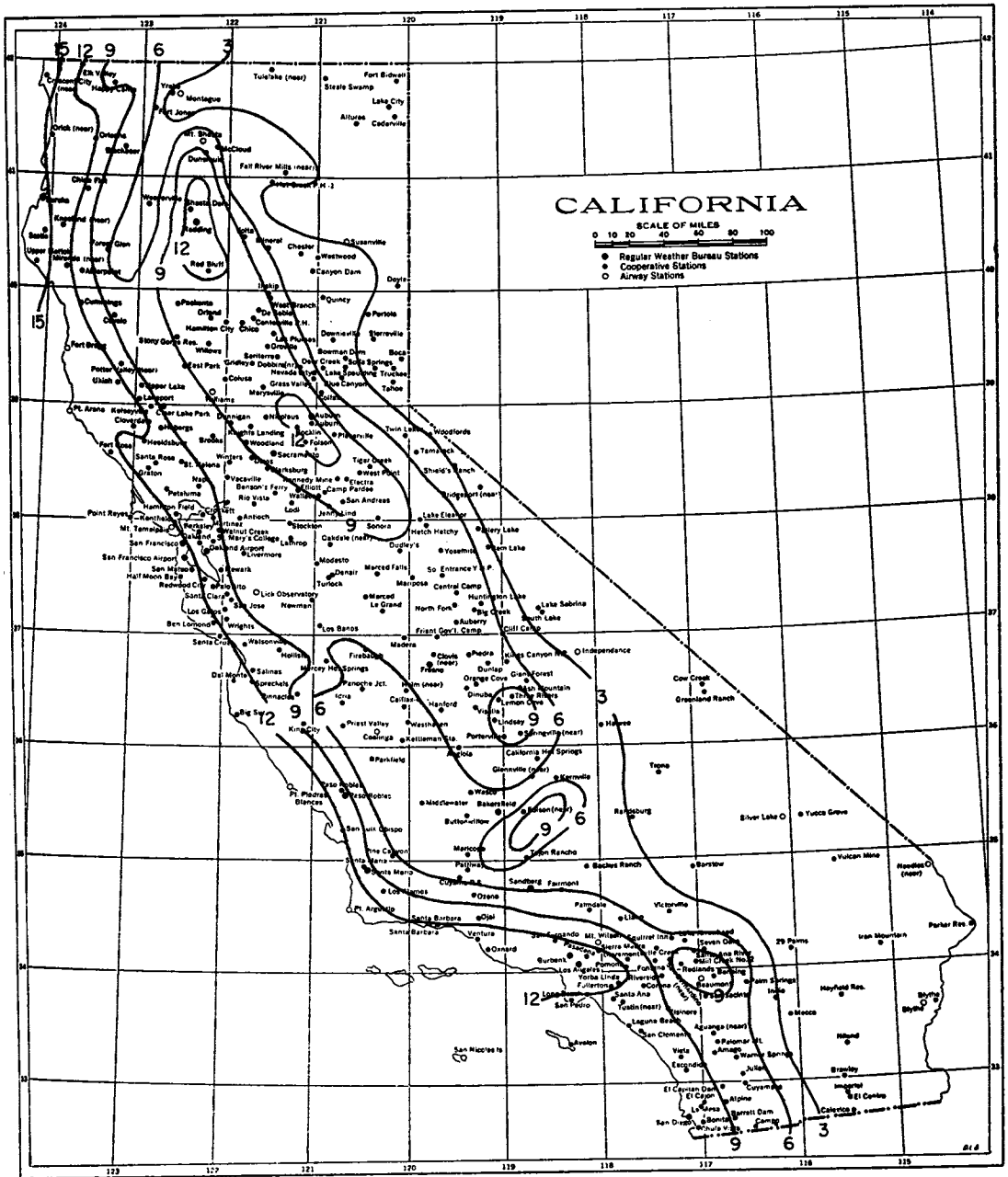


Fig. 9. Isograms of $ET+32^\circ$, actual evapotranspiration in inches for the frost-free season ($32^\circ F$) for soils of 4 inches available water-holding capacity: a relative index for frost-sensitive crops grown under natural rainfall.

skies prevail much of the year. Precipitation, however, is very low so that plant growth reflects the high potential only with irrigation, as in the Imperial Valley. Here, very high yields of alfalfa, cotton, and truck crops are obtained.

Minimum values are in the high Sierra Nevada, and they are as low as 16 inches at the coldest weather stations. They are probably lower still in the highest areas, where climatic data are lacking. California, however, is a warm state, generally speaking. Frost-tolerant crops, such as small grains, can be grown with irrigation almost everywhere in the state except at high elevations or where soil conditions are unfavorable. This is shown by annual potential evapotranspiration values above 18 inches over most of the state.

Annual actual evapotranspiration (ET_a), statewide study

Figure 7 shows the distribution of calculated actual evapotranspiration for soils of 4 inches AWC in the state. At every station the values are less than annual potential evapotranspiration (Fig. 6), although the differences in the north coastal area are small. This reflects the summer moisture deficit that prevails to greater or lesser degree everywhere in the state. Commercial timber grows only where the values of ET_a are greater than 12 inches. However, trees put down deep roots and probably obtain water from a depth of soil holding considerably more than 4 inches of available water. Figure 7 also indicates that the lower limit of actual evapotranspiration for dry-farmed crops is near 7 inches. For example, in the San Joaquin Valley dry-farmed barley is grown successfully in the areas where ET_a is greater than 9 inches but not at all in the area where ET_a is less than 6 inches. Range pasture likewise produces only a very limited amount of forage where the values are less than 6 inches. High yields of forage, however, are obtained in the north coastal region, where the ET_a exceeds 15 inches.

Potential evapotranspiration for the frost-free season ($ET_p 32^\circ$), statewide study

Figure 8 shows the distribution of $ET_p 32^\circ$. Most of the important cultivated crops grown in California are frost-sensitive irrigated crops. The least favorable climatic areas for these crops are in the Sierra Nevada and the north-eastern part of the state. Here, $ET_p 32^\circ$ values vary from 6 to 15 inches. On the other hand, citrus is grown mainly in areas where $ET_p 32^\circ$ is above 28 inches. Figure 8 suggests that citrus can be grown commercially in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys wherever relatively frost-free conditions exist. Cotton is grown mainly in areas where the values are above 30 inches in the San Joaquin and Imperial valleys but Figure 8 indicates that, so far as $ET_p 32^\circ$ is concerned, cotton may be a feasible crop in the northern Sacramento Valley.⁵ Some cotton has been grown in central coastal valleys such as the Salinas, where $ET_p 32^\circ$ values are as low as 24 inches. Most other frost-sensitive crops do not require so much heat or so long a growing season as do

⁵ It should be kept in mind that this paper deals only with climatic limitations involving moisture and seasonal evaporative energy. Other climatic limitations such as day and night temperature fluctuations also affect crop production, especially with respect to flowering and seed or fruit development (Kimball and Brooks, 1959).

citrus and cotton, and they can be grown with as little as 18 inches $ET_p 32^\circ$. Values in excess of 18 inches cover much of the State except in the higher parts of the Sierra Nevada and the northeastern portion.

Actual evapotranspiration for the frost-free season ($ET_a 32^\circ$), statewide study

Figure 9 shows the distribution of calculated $ET_a 32^\circ$ over the state. The values greater than 12 inches occupy a narrow band along the coast from Orange County northward, as well as two local spots around Auburn and Redding. Dry-farmed frost-sensitive crops such as lima beans are grown in the coastal belt, where the growing period is prolonged by cool fogs or overcast skies. The areas around Auburn and Redding are not so favored. Temperatures rise rapidly in the spring and only soils of high water-holding capacity would enable growth to continue long enough for frost-sensitive dry-farmed crops to mature. Unfortunately, soils of high water-holding capacity are not common in the vicinity of Auburn or Redding.

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APPENDIX

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Elevation, Precipitation, and Evapotranspiration Data for 211 California and 27 Nevada and Oregon Stations

Station*	Elev., feet	Annual ppt., inches	Potential evapotranspiration, inches						Actual evapotranspiration, 4 AWC, inches			
			32°F		28°F		Annual, E _{Ta}	ET _{p32°}	ET _{p28°}	Annual, E _{Ta}	ET _{p32°}	ET _{p28°}
			Days	ET _{p32°}	Days	ET _{p28°}						
Alderpoint.....	435	52.59	30.41	202	24.84	291	28.78	16.43	10.86	14.80		
Alturas RS.....	4,365	12.88	22.44	74	10.19	128	16.65	10.53	2.47	5.70		
Angiola.....	205	7.65	35.89	...	...	...	...	7.65	...	...
Antioch.....	46	13.18	32.00	266	29.44	313	30.98	10.99	8.46	9.97		
Ash Mountain.....	1,692	27.66	36.57	247	33.74	329	36.00	12.70	9.87	12.13		
Auberry.....	1,985	25.94	32.31	205	27.97	265	30.32	11.96	7.61	9.96		
Auburn.....	1,295	35.78	32.65	271	30.72	326	32.15	13.95	12.02	13.45		
Avalon Pleasure Pier.....	0	12.98	29.67	365	29.67	365	29.67	12.98	12.98	12.98		
Bakersfield WB AP.....	489	6.36	38.72	287	37.18	330	38.16	6.36	4.87	5.80		
Barrett Dam.....	1,623	17.71	32.69	274	30.05	319	31.43	12.57	9.95	11.31		
Barslow.....	2,142	4.72	38.67	233	35.61	287	36.95	4.72	1.99	3.17		
Beaumont IE.....	2,589	17.86	31.68	227	27.21	275	28.17	8.52	8.52	10.42		
Berkeley.....	289	22.72	27.69	355	27.34	365	27.69	15.02	14.67	15.02		
Big Creek P.H.I.....	4,900	31.84	27.29	182	22.14	217	23.58	12.96	7.83	9.25		
Bishop WB AP.....	4,108	5.38	29.27	151	22.00	195	25.18	5.38	0.70	2.01		
Blue canyon WB AP.....	4,750	53.51	25.30	148	17.85	188	20.94	13.38	5.93	9.02		
Blythe.....	266	3.53	47.70	290	46.13	329	47.04	3.53	2.21	2.87		
Boca.....	5,532	22.81	18.72	12	1.44	40	4.93	10.62	0.75	2.87		
Bonita.....	105	11.51	30.86	316	28.87	332	30.37	11.51	9.52	11.02		
Bowman Dam.....	5,347	68.23	23.47	143	17.14	179	19.66	13.88	7.55	10.07		
Brawley.....	-119	2.46	49.53	317	48.59	348	49.21	2.46	1.86	2.26		
Bridgeport.....	6,420	10.47	20.95	68	9.01	103	12.77	7.95	1.52	2.38		
Brooks Farnham Ranch.....	350	20.46	33.12	232	29.75	283	31.64	11.14	7.77	9.66		
Burbank WB AP.....	699	13.88	32.62	334	30.14	365	32.62	12.71	11.58	12.71		
Burney.....	3,127	26.20	23.33	54	7.48	117	14.77	12.40	1.60	4.64		
Buttonwillow.....	295	5.49	36.63	259	34.39	291	35.37	5.49	3.59	3.59		
Calaveras Big Trees.....	4,792	64.72	25.37	134	17.26	183	20.87	13.52	6.99	9.02		
Camp Pardee.....	658	20.96	34.54	295	33.56	333	34.01	12.47	11.49	11.94		
Canyon Dam.....	4,555	38.29	22.69	119	15.37	152	17.96	11.50	4.46	6.77		
Cedarville.....	4,675	12.62	25.37	126	18.18	169	21.79	9.98	4.42	5.16		
Centerville P.H.....	520	43.68	33.93	224	29.87	283	32.24	15.58	11.52	13.89		
Chico Exp. Station.....	230	26.35	33.62	241	30.29	269	31.25	13.87	10.54	10.42		
Chula Vista.....	9	10.42	29.68	349	29.68	365	29.68	10.42	9.70	10.42		
			

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Cofax.....	2,418	4	33	14	225	27.42	296 ⁶	29.84	15.00	11.28	13.70
Colusa ISSW.....	60	15.98	34.30	278	32.50	329	33.69	33.69	11.36	9.58	10.75
Corcoran Irrig. Dist.....	200	5.97	35.87	246	33.30	285	34.92	34.92	5.97	3.56	5.02
Corona.....	600	12.92	32.91	286	29.99	340	32.05	32.05	11.69	8.77	10.83
Covelo.....	1,385	40.58	30.16	168	23.44	208	26.14	26.14	14.30	7.48	10.28
Crescent City 1N.....	40	65.36	24.96	254	20.67	336	24.08	24.08	21.73	17.44	20.85
Cuyamaca.....	4,670	38.35	31.97	183	20.01	229	23.31	16.06	8.50	10.60	10.60
Davis Agri. College.....	51	16.60	26.69	246	28.85	295	30.59	11.42	8.30	10.04	10.04
Deer Creek PH.....	3,700	67.80	33.44	261	31.03	306	32.43	10.93	8.55	9.92	9.92
Denair.....	2,700	61.97	28.20	186	24.18	233	25.37	15.34	11.32	12.51	12.51
De Sabla.....	4,266	9.51	25.36	105	15.43	140	18.98	8.32	1.33	2.93	2.93
Doyle.....	3,000	39.24	26.03	179	20.60	222	22.76	13.02	7.59	9.75	9.75
Dudleys.....	1,205	18.70	31.61	202	26.52	251	28.77	11.86	6.75	9.00	9.00
East Park Reservoir.....	540	13.47	26.1	261	27.24	313	29.57	12.48	7.43	10.62	10.62
El Cajon 2E.....	540	2.80	49.23	300	30.50	313	32.52	14.28	2.80	1.81	2.40
El Centro 2SSW.....	-30	30.68	33.51	252	15.43	178	19.41	17.45	11.27	13.29	13.29
Electra PH.....	1,711	12.50	23.99	126	30.79	280	32.97	11.24	6.76	8.70	8.70
Elk Valley.....	1,300	12.50	35.51	239	28.68	341	30.94	13.12	10.06	11.48	11.48
Elsinore.....	660	16.79	31.74	278	23.71	359	24.64	18.13	16.99	17.92	17.92
Escondido.....	43	36.15	24.85	335	16.83	165	20.04	11.71	4.10	7.14	7.14
Eureka WB City.....	3,340	18.56	24.87	128	30.22	301	31.30	9.69	7.55	8.63	8.63
Fall River Mills, Int.....	3,060	15.13	32.36	258	32.40	288	34.28	6.05	3.43	4.83	4.83
Farmont.....	325	6.05	35.50	234	31.39	332	32.59	12.48	10.56	11.95	11.95
Five Points - 5SSW.....	252	24.19	33.31	271	16.83	166	19.84	14.53	5.91	8.92	8.92
Folsom.....	2,340	58.42	25.45	132	16.55	152	19.19	10.92	4.28	6.03	6.03
Forest Glen.....	4,498	14.62	24.66	124	22.25	352	24.69	17.86	14.97	17.37	17.37
Fort Bidwell.....	80	38.35	25.17	263	14.43	142	18.39	11.75	2.69	5.23	5.23
Fort Bragg.....	2,720	20.97	25.08	102	32.97	345	36.13	9.31	8.33	8.98	8.98
Fort Jones RS.....	331	9.31	36.38	303	14.40	151	16.49	10.51	7.56	8.84	8.84
Fresno WB AP.....	410	14.54	35.94	242	12.1	151	15.1	11.32	3.98	6.02	6.02
Friant Gov't Camp.....	6,360	45.51	21.85	121	14.40	179	21.86	11.25	2.49	5.73	5.73
Giant Forest.....	3,140	20.57	27.56	134	18.45	179	21.86	15.97	11.61	14.47	14.47
Glennville - Morrow Rch.....	190	40.49	28.40	247	24.04	313	26.90	9.72	2.90	4.77	4.77
Graton 1W.....	6,580	44.83	19.91	111	12.71	140	14.96	15.64	12.58	14.46	14.46
Grant Grove.....	2,693	55.48	31.13	240	28.07	300	29.95	15.64	1.78	1.41	1.41
Grass Valley.....	-168	1.78	53.81	316	53.44	340	53.63	15.57	14.45	15.57	15.57
Greenland Ranch.....	48	24.82	25.80	340	24.68	365	25.80	6.09	3.94	4.98	4.98
Half Moon Bay.....	3,825	6.09	33.86	229	31.42	268	32.68	28.60	13.61	11.53	13.37
Haiwee.....	-2	26.33	28.84	298	26.76	356	28.60	8.40	6.50	7.68	7.68
Hamilton Field AFB.....	249	8.40	34.75	260	32.68	315	34.03	18.55	14.00	14.00	14.00
Hanford.....	1,090	54.19	34.28	175	25.31	226	29.73	19.68	3.05	6.02	6.02
Happy Camp RS.....	3,015	18.08	26.25	111	15.81	152	19.68	15.80	11.78	14.36	14.36
Hat Creek PHI.....	115	39.36	30.92	246	26.90	309	29.48	14.07	9.03	10.84	10.84
Healdsburg.....	3,870	35.96	27.21	180	22.15	215	23.98	15.07	9.03	10.84	10.84
Hetch Hetchy.....											

* Symbols following station names are Weather Bureau station indexes.

APPENDIX (Continued)
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Station*	Elev., feet	Annual ppt., inches	Potential evapotranspiration, inches					Actual evapotranspiration, 4" AWC, inches		
			32°F		28°F		Annual, ET _a	ET _p 32°	ET _p 28°	
			Days	ET _p 32°	Days	ET _p 28°				
Hollister.....	284	13.29	29.35	275	26.36	327	28.21	12.19	9.23	11.05
Huntington Lake.....	7,020	32.50	19.16	116	12.22	145	14.18	10.40	4.24	6.10
Idria.....	2,650	16.25	34.06	257	31.48	318	33.17	10.75	8.18	9.86
Independence.....	3,950	5.12	32.58	202	28.40	241	30.44	5.12	1.81	3.30
Indio U. S. Date Garden.....	11	3.63	49.55	282	47.61	319	48.65	3.63	2.06	2.73
Imperial.....	69	3.01	48.01	324	47.23	355	47.81	3.01	2.43	2.85
Kern River PH1.....	951	11.25	42.16	348	41.90	365	42.16	10.71	10.45	10.71
Kern River PH3.....	2,703	10.70	33.97	215	30.47	251	31.86	8.59	5.09	6.48
Kettleman Station.....	502	5.60	37.84	310	36.93	343	37.53	5.60	4.69	5.29
King City.....	320	10.37	29.55	210	23.07	273	26.37	10.37	4.81	7.39
Laguna Beach.....	56	12.48	30.54	326	28.89	352	29.95	12.48	11.38	12.44
Lake City.....	4,613	21.27	24.25	126	16.75	153	19.39	12.82	5.48	7.91
Lake Eleanor.....	4,662	45.26	26.12	157	19.94	201	22.78	13.38	7.20	10.04
Lakeshore.....	1,075	64.24	31.60	204	26.97	249	29.27	19.39	14.71	17.01
Lake Spaulding.....	5,156	66.61	22.65	101	9.96	142	15.84	14.32	2.68	7.51
Las Plumas.....	506	51.08	36.86	301	35.55	350	36.57	15.68	14.37	15.39
Le Grand.....	255	12.99	34.84	256	32.26	307	33.90	10.48	7.90	9.21
Lemon Cove.....	513	14.59	37.09	279	35.43	338	36.68	11.27	9.61	10.86
Lindsay.....	395	11.92	35.05	244	31.94	295	33.71	10.49	7.45	9.15
Livermore.....	478	14.61	30.64	255	27.22	314	29.36	11.56	8.14	10.28
Lodi.....	40	16.24	30.94	243	27.30	291	29.17	11.99	8.35	10.23
Long Beach.....	34	13.32	32.27	365	32.27	365	32.27	12.92	12.92	12.92
Los Angeles WB AP.....	99	12.37	30.71	365	30.71	365	30.71	12.37	12.37	12.37
Los Angeles WB City.....	312	14.54	33.15	365	33.15	365	33.15	13.20	13.20	13.20
Los Banos.....	125	8.74	35.12	251	32.29	295	33.84	8.74	6.09	7.47
Madera.....	270	28.38	30.57	294	28.27	345	29.98	13.90	11.60	13.31
Marcopa.....	680	10.95	34.79	265	32.74	308	33.94	10.22	8.20	9.37
McCloud.....	3,252	49.06	24.28	92	12.03	141	17.15	15.16	4.78	5.46
Marysville.....	65	20.72	34.85	284	33.23	335	34.33	12.31	10.69	11.79
Merced Fire Sta #2.....	169	12.14	34.23	256	31.69	307	33.22	10.47	7.93	9.47
Middlewater.....	803	5.07	38.17	276	36.65	330	38.50	5.07	3.50	4.88
Mineral.....	4,950	61.18	21.42	78	10.03	120	15.00	13.11	3.97	6.78

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Nevada City.....	2,570	63.45	26.83	142	18.01	195	21.97	14.41	5.90	9.86
Newman 2 NW.....	91	10.26	34.99	267	32.78	311	34.05	10.26	8.12	9.32
Newport Beach Harbor.....	8	12.29	30.55	363	30.47	365	30.55	12.29	12.21	12.29
North Fork RS.....	2,665	34.49	29.92	191	25.13	228	26.85	12.44	7.57	9.37
Oakdale Woodward Dam.....	215	13.70	32.87	247	30.15	298	31.81	10.81	8.09	9.65
Oakland WB AP.....	3	17.63	27.47	328	26.28	358	27.25	13.66	12.47	13.44
Ojai.....	743	20.25	31.61	236	26.63	298	26.63	12.64	7.66	10.55
Orange Cove.....	431	13.65	35.36	251	32.49	308	34.34	10.77	7.90	9.75
Oriek Prairie Creek Park.....	161	69.20	25.24	216	19.45	293	23.12	19.53	13.75	17.41
Orleans.....	403	50.68	29.25	222	25.54	287	27.89	15.38	13.03	15.38
Orland.....	254	18.97	35.32	273	33.94	326	34.90	11.44	10.06	11.02
Oxnard.....	45	15.03	28.53	354	28.05	365	28.53	12.72	12.25	12.72
Palmdale.....	2,655	9.25	33.74	226	29.97	256	31.33	8.84	5.77	6.68
Palm Springs.....	411	6.74	46.65	317	45.65	351	46.35	6.74	5.74	6.44
Panache Jet.....	500	6.02	35.03	282	33.40	327	34.72	6.02	4.39	5.71
Pasadena.....	846	20.96	32.95	328	31.57	359	32.75	13.96	12.58	13.76
Paso Robles.....	700	14.36	30.45	206	24.37	263	25.99	11.09	5.76	6.81
Placerville.....	1,890	41.15	28.21	170	21.94	224	25.15	13.84	10.31	10.78
Petaluma Fire Sta #2.....	10	24.41	23.81	268	25.55	321	27.52	15.74	10.31	12.28
Pomona.....	855	18.19	31.97	246	27.65	305	30.16	12.60	8.28	10.79
Porterville.....	393	11.21	36.15	261	33.65	318	35.35	10.31	7.85	9.51
Portola.....	4,834	20.62	21.41	25	3.15	54	6.94	10.40	1.01	2.23
Potter Valley PH.....	1,014	42.70	30.09	190	24.05	247	26.99	14.45	8.42	11.36
Quincy RS.....	3,409	40.09	23.37	64	8.67	131	15.66	12.78	3.77	6.34
Red Bluff WB AP.....	320	21.57	37.22	277	35.47	325	36.49	13.26	11.51	12.53
Redding Fire Sta #2.....	577	38.57	36.67	284	35.12	340	36.24	15.91	14.35	15.48
Redlands.....	1,352	14.30	33.04	291	29.62	343	32.41	12.53	9.60	11.90
Redwood City.....	31	19.42	28.89	302	26.88	352	28.52	12.78	10.77	12.41
Riverside Fire Sta #3.....	820	11.48	33.80	257	29.74	328	32.82	11.48	7.60	10.50
Rocklin.....	239	23.58	31.95	283	28.83	293	30.71	12.07	8.95	10.83
Sacramento WB AP.....	17	15.02	31.87	321	31.10	353	31.63	11.69	10.92	11.45
Saint Helena.....	255	32.66	29.99	215	24.70	289	27.99	14.39	9.16	12.39
Salinas 2E.....	56	14.47	27.82	290	24.83	353	27.33	12.80	9.81	12.31
Salt Springs PH.....	3,700	45.85	28.16	207	24.07	262	26.26	15.21	11.12	13.31
Sandberg WB.....	7,734	12.42	28.07	194	23.44	235	25.59	8.78	4.71	6.38
San Bernardino County Hospital.....	1,094	18.24	34.50	273	31.25	332	33.47	13.36	10.11	12.23
San Diego WB AP.....	19	10.86	31.91	365	31.91	365	31.91	10.86	10.86	10.86
San Fernando.....	950	17.72	33.21	290	30.29	356	32.90	12.86	9.93	12.55
San Francisco FOB.....	52	20.51	27.14	364	27.10	365	27.14	15.32	15.28	15.32
San Francisco WB AP.....	8	17.43	26.64	333	25.51	364	26.60	13.79	12.66	13.75
San Jacinto.....	1,550	12.99	33.60	237	29.01	294	31.50	11.86	7.59	9.76
San Jose.....	95	12.69	29.88	336	28.92	361	29.75	11.68	11.68	12.51
San Luis Obispo Poly.....	300	21.98	28.92	321	27.05	361	28.76	14.70	12.83	14.66
San Mateo.....	30	20.86	28.67	320	27.09	365	28.67	13.40	11.82	13.40

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APPENDIX (Continued)
Elevation, Precipitation, and Evapotranspiration Data for 211 California and 27 Nevada and Oregon Stations

Station*	Elev., feet	Annual ppt., inches	Potential evapotranspiration, inches					Actual evapotranspiration, 4" AWC, inches		
			32°F		28°F		Annual, ET _a	ET _a 28°	ET _a 32°	ET _a 28°
			Days	ET _p 32°	Days	ET _p 28°				
San Pedro.....	10	11.05	30.43	365	30.43	365	30.43	11.05	11.05	11.05
San Rafael.....	31	38.63	29.15	327	28.11	358	28.97	15.74	14.70	15.55
Santa Ana FS.....	133	15.11	32.28	307	29.98	345	32.56	13.02	10.72	12.30
Santa Ana River P.H.I.....	2,765	24.72	33.77	260	30.58	320	32.59	14.19	11.00	13.01
Santa Barbara.....	120	17.82	30.06	331	28.66	360	29.87	13.19	11.79	13.00
Santa Clara Univ.....	88	14.21	29.64	265	26.05	329	28.51	12.17	8.64	11.04
Santa Cruz.....	125	31.88	27.97	276	24.50	339	27.37	15.61	12.14	15.01
Santa Maria.....	224	14.19	27.82	272	23.69	339	26.73	13.09	9.00	12.00
Santa Maria WB AP.....	238	13.48	27.52	272	23.47	347	26.74	13.07	9.08	12.29
Santa Rosa.....	167	29.34	28.94	225	23.58	289	26.65	14.98	9.62	12.69
Scottia.....	139	48.14	27.05	319	25.38	353	26.60	18.40	16.73	17.95
Shasta Dam.....	1,076	52.50	36.67	285	35.26	351	36.51	17.99	16.58	17.83
Sierraville RS.....	4,975	25.78	21.68	33	4.21	88	10.03	10.90	1.02	3.21
Soda Springs.....	6,750	52.32	18.19	72	8.53	108	12.03	10.97	4.07	5.52
Sonora.....	1,830	32.62	31.67	237	28.59	315	30.86	13.23	10.15	12.42
Squirrel Inn 2.....	5,723	42.28	25.63	166	19.13	204	21.40	12.77	6.28	8.54
Stockton Fire Sta #4.....	11	14.30	31.41	272	29.36	316	30.55	11.03	8.98	10.17
Stony Gorge Reservoir.....	800	18.99	33.46	214	29.37	277	31.99	11.63	7.54	10.16
Susanville AP.....	4,152	14.69	24.56	133	17.64	180	21.14	9.34	3.26	6.35
Table Mountain.....	7,500	14.84	23.43	157	18.18	165	19.76	9.11	4.02	5.37
Tahoe.....	6,228	31.17	19.43	74	9.31	119	13.63	9.70	2.18	4.32
Tehachapi.....	3,975	11.76	26.89	169	21.11	216	23.82	10.17	5.07	7.10
Tejon Rancho.....	1,425	12.63	137.34	320	36.61	350	37.09	11.53	10.80	11.28
Three Rivers Edison PH 2.....	950	21.99	34.41	237	30.95	301	33.24	12.63	9.17	11.46
Tiger Creek PH.....	2,355	46.60	29.81	198	24.83	256	27.47	15.31	10.33	12.97
Torrance.....	80	12.66	30.47	333	29.10	355	30.07	11.64	10.27	11.24
Trona.....	1,695	4.16	42.19	248	40.05	281	41.05	4.16	2.27	3.17
Truckee RS.....	5,982	31.57	19.99	42	5.58	97	10.90	10.15	1.54	2.47
Tulelake.....	4,036	9.99	22.38	78	10.49	114	14.29	9.99	2.95	3.51
Turlock.....	104	12.00	31.21	...	.....	...	.....	10.48	.....	.....
Turn Table Creek.....	1,080	58.61	33.05	276	31.85	340	32.78	16.59	15.39	16.32
Tustin Irvine Ranch.....	118	13.40	31.91	285	28.83	341	31.02	12.55	9.47	11.66
Twin Lakes.....	7,829	49.96	16.63	28	3.19	59	6.10	10.52	2.62	3.87
Ukiah.....	650	35.61	31.34	211	23.69	265	28.57	15.46	9.83	12.69

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Warner Springs.....	3,180	74.81	50.09	194	23.34	257.27	74.79	7.01	8.99
Wasco.....	333	6.56	37.37	259	33.90	35.09	6.56	4.39	5.64
Weaverille RS.....	2,050	36.37	26.49	116	15.99	20.27	13.98	4.63	8.23
Willows.....	136	17.66	34.47	261	32.00	33.59	11.87	9.40	10.99
Westhaven.....	285	6.92	36.41	.....	.....	.....	6.92	.....	.....
Winters.....	132	16.83	33.68	260	31.33	32.95	10.70	8.35	9.97
Woodfords.....	5,671	20.06	23.87	129	16.82	20.32	10.25	3.66	6.84
Woodland 1 WNW.....	63	17.08	34.35	275	32.17	33.67	11.71	9.53	11.12
Yorba Linda.....	385	15.54	33.07	318	31.25	32.78	12.96	11.14	12.67
Yosemite NP.....	3,985	37.46	27.21	153	20.37	23.34	12.90	6.19	9.05
Yreka.....	2,631	17.63	26.06	137	18.98	21.70	11.56	4.80	9.77

Nevada stations adjacent to California

Carson City.....	4,675	11.50	24.85	116	16.03	17.95	8.43	1.64	3.16
Empire.....	3,980	6.16	27.21	146	21.39	23.50	6.16	2.04	3.18
Fallon Expt. Sta.....	3,965	5.34	25.75	89	13.82	17.06	5.34	0.64	1.05
Glenbrook.....	6,400	16.39	21.76	.....	.....	.....	8.24	.....	.....
Imlay.....	4,209	6.64	26.93	126	19.25	21.37	6.64	1.60	2.41
Lahontan Dam.....	4,158	4.31	28.82	.....	.....	.....	4.31	.....	.....
Lovelock.....	3,977	5.76	26.85	135	19.92	22.39	5.76	1.62	.....
Minden.....	4,700	8.96	24.57	107	14.79	18.10	8.38	1.48	3.51
Reno WB AP.....	4,397	6.96	24.77	141	18.42	20.74	6.96	2.20	3.65
Rye Patch Dam.....	4,135	7.57	25.92	.....	.....	.....	7.57	.....	.....
Sand Pass.....	3,900	6.53	26.02	148	20.65	22.72	6.53	2.46	3.87
Sheldon.....	6,500	11.27	19.05	40	5.43	9.44	9.57	1.83	2.92
Smith.....	4,750	7.29	24.51	.....	.....	.....	7.29	.....	.....
Wellington RS.....	4,800	7.72	25.47	.....	.....	.....	7.72	.....	.....
Winnemucca WB AP.....	4,299	8.75	24.91	.....	.....	.....	8.75	.....	.....
Yerington.....	4,375	5.32	25.12	102	14.88	18.19	5.32	0.97	1.35

Oregon stations adjacent to California

Brookings.....	80	81.86	25.72	300	23.32	25.49	22.96	20.56	22.73
Chiloquin.....	4,200	17.49	21.23	31	4.09	9.57	11.20	1.39	2.79
Grants Pass.....	925	30.13	27.92	162	20.94	23.26	14.76	7.78	10.10
Klamath Falls.....	4,190	13.94	23.61	126	16.79	19.22	10.15	4.52	6.60
Lakeview.....	4,756	14.25	22.54	85	11.83	15.53	10.93	2.88	4.98
Medford Expt. Sta.....	1,457	20.70	26.54	178	21.46	23.83	13.50	6.30	10.79
Modoc Orchard.....	1,270	23.62	27.50	146	19.60	23.51	13.87	5.97	9.88
Prospect 2SW.....	2,482	41.64	25.48	102	13.42	18.17	17.15	6.07	9.84
Riddle 2NNE.....	700	31.54	27.83	179	21.30	24.78	16.34	9.81	13.29
Talent.....	1,550	18.95	27.30	164	21.00	24.01	14.24	7.94	10.95
Valley Falls.....	4,326	12.17	22.86	58	8.25	13.05	11.36	1.96	4.17

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