



## DATASET DESCRIPTION

### Daily grids of soil moisture under maize for Germany

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#### ABSTRACT

The daily grids of soil moisture are calculated for 10 cm layers up to a depth of 2 meters for selected agricultural crops with the AMBAV 2.0 model. The meteorological input fields required for the calculation must be available in hourly resolution and derived from interpolated weather station data. Furthermore, the model is parameterized with soil information from the soil guide profiles of the Bodenübersichtskarte (BÜK 1000) of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe, BGR). The data have a spatial resolution of 1 x 1 km and cover the whole of Germany. Data outside of Germany are considered as missing values.

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| <b>Parameter</b>              | soil moisture, maize (not specified further)   |
| <b>Unit(s)</b>                | ‰ nFK  |
| <b>Statistical processing</b> | daily value  |
| <b>Temporal coverage</b>      | 1991-01-01 -- ...  |
| <b>Temporal resolution</b>    | 1 day  |
| <b>Spatial coverage</b>       | Germany  |
| <b>Spatial resolution</b>     | 1 km x 1 km  |
| <b>Projection</b>             | DHDN / 3-degree Gauss-Kruger zone 3 (EPSG:31467)   |
| <b>Vertical coverage</b>      | -200cm   |
| <b>Vertical resolution</b>    | -10cm  |
| <b>Format description</b>     | Filename:<br>- grids_germany_daily_soil_moist_layers_maize_{year}_l{depth}.nc<br>- {depth} is the depth of the layers in cm (10, 20, 30, ..., 200)<br>- {year} is the year in YYYY-Format<br>Example:<br>- grids_germany_daily_soil_moist_layers_maize_2021_l30.nc |

## DATA ORIGIN

The calculations are carried out with the model AMBAV 2.0 (Agrameteorologische Berechnung der aktuellen Verdunstung) developed in the Zentrum für Agrameteorologische Forschung (ZAMF) of the DWD. The AMBAV 2.0 model can be operated in a fine grid in 1 x 1 km resolution over Germany in order to achieve better spatial representation. This better spatial representation is further increased by the fact that the typical regional soils are used in the calculation, which were taken from the soil overview map BÜK 1000 of the Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR, 2007). More detailed information can be found in Herbst et al. 2021.

## RESOURCE MAINTENANCE

The data for the current year is updated on the 3rd of each month.

## UNCERTAINTIES

The input fields, which have to be available in hourly resolution and were generated from station data via interpolation, cannot accurately reflect the actual conditions on site, so that depending on the weather situation, differently large deviations from reality can arise. This is especially true for the small-scale, strongly varying precipitation. Even if the model approach has been validated with known model input variables over years and different weather situations, it is not able to reproduce reality 100% because the simulated processes are very complex and can only be described by approximations. Not all of the assumed soils could be accurately tested.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The soil moisture values are specified in percentage of usable field capacity. In order to calculate the volumetric water content from these values, the grid files for field capacity (AG\_SOILINFO\_THETAFC.nc) and wilting point (AG\_SOILINFO\_THETAWP.nc) can be used.

The volumetric water content can be calculated by:

$$\text{Theta} = \text{PAW} * (\text{FC} - \text{WP}) / 100 + \text{WP}$$

Theta = Volumetric water content

PAW = Soil moisture values in percentage of usable field capacity

FC = Field capacity

WP = Wilting point

### [AG\\_SOILINFO\\_THETAWP.nc](#)

Permanenter Welkepunkt für die Bodenschichten der Bodenfeuchte-Rasterdaten (über Dimension: lyr 1 - 20, 1 == 0-10 cm; 20 == 190-200 cm)

### [AG\\_SOILINFO\\_THETAFC.nc](#)

Field capacity for the soil layers of soil moisture raster datasets (with dimension: lyr 1 - 20, 1 == 0-10 cm; 20 == 190-200 cm)

## LITERATURE

Herbst, M., Falge, E., Frühlauf, C. (2021, im Druck): Regionale Klimamodellierung - Perspektive Landwirtschaft. In: Regionale Klimamodellierung II - Anwendungen. Deutscher Wetterdienst (Hrsg.), promet 104, 55-62.

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