

Frost depth in sandy loam (uncovered) in cm

These values are calculated with the agro meteorological model AMBETI, which was developed at the agro meteorological research center at Braunschweig. This model calculates the heat and water balance between air, canopy and soil. More details of the model are listed under

http://www.dwd.de/bvbw/generator/DWDWWW/Content/Oeffentlichkeit/KU/KU5/Braunschweig/Aufgabenspektrum/Agrar_Modelle/Bestands_Bodenklima,templateld=raw,property=publicationFile.pdf/Bestands_Bodenklima.pdf

The values are calculated for midday and frost depth is given in cm.

To make the grids comparable, always the same 315 stations are used for the interpolation for the entire period from 1991 to now. Gaps in the input data sets were filled by data from adjacent stations. Special parameters like global radiation are derived from measured sunshine duration at the location.

The results at locations are interpolated by optimal linear regression over geographical coordinates and height for 16 different overlapping regions in Germany. Depending from distances to the center of the regions, the regression coefficients were weighted and result computed for each grid point. To ensure that all values are exactly reproduced at a given location, all differences which are not declared by the regression are additionally distributed over a triangulation. The gridded data are given in Gauss Krüger coordinates. Values are in cm. The definitions of the grid are described in the first six lines of each file. The grid can be imported directly into ArcGis.

The regional representation of the result depends strongly from the amount of used stations and uncertainly special in mountains may be not correct.