

## DATA SET DESCRIPTION

### *Multi-annual grids of potential evapotranspiration over grass*

#### Version 0.x

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#### INTENT OF THE DATASET

The grid is interpolated from potential evapotranspiration over grass the derived at a fixed selection of stations. Only locations with complete data sets from 1.1.1991 till now have been used. The potential evaporation is calculated with the model AMBAV, which was developed at the agrometeorological research centre in Braunschweig. The interpolation method is a regional multiple linear regression with geographical longitude, latitude and height of location as input variables and a subsequent triangulation, covering Germany with a resolution of 1x1 km.

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<b>Spatial coverage</b>	grids over Germany
<b>Temporal coverage</b>	01.01.1991 - 31.12.2010
<b>Spatial resolution</b>	1 x 1 km
<b>Temporal resolution</b>	multi-annual, for each month of the calendar
<b>Projection</b>	Gauss Krüger 3. meridian strip. The PRJ-file can be downloaded here: <a href="ftp://ftp-cdc.dwd.de/pub/CDC/help/gk3.prj">ftp://ftp-cdc.dwd.de/pub/CDC/help/gk3.prj</a> .
<b>Format(s)</b>	The grids are in ascii format. The first six rows describe the grid definition, including the upper left corner, spatial resolution und amount of rows and columns. Grid points outside Germany are marked as missing numbers. The grid can be read with ArcGis.
<b>Parameters</b>	Values in the grid must be divided by 10 to get correct unit of mm.
<b>Uncertainties</b>	The grids contain uncertainties concerning calculation and also from interpolation. From nearly 280 locations 360000 grid points were interpolated. As the actual evapotranspiration does not vary strongly over the region, the interpolation results are plausible.
<b>Quality information</b>	without quality flags

#### DATA ORIGIN

The calculations at the locations were made by the agrometeorological model AMBAV. The interpolation was made in two steps. Dividing Germany in 20 different regions by overlapping circles and making a multiple linear regression with all locations in each circle. Regression coefficients are the height, the longitude and latitude of the location. The calculated regression coefficients of the four surrounding circles for a given location were weighted in dependence from the distance to circle centres. In a last step the differences between calculated values and the interpolated values at the calculation locations are distributed by a triangulation into the grid.

## **VALIDATION AND UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATE**

The resulting grids depend strongly on the used interpolation. Plausibility tests showed very good performance.

## **REFERENCES**

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