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## **Crop Module 4**

# **Interpreting AquaCrop outputs**

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## **Day 1**

- How do crop models work?
- AquaCrop interface
- AquaCrop: climate and crop modules (AquaCrop modules 1 and 2)

## **Day 2**

- AquaCrop: management and soil modules (AquaCrop modules 3 and 4)
- Run simulations and interpret outputs

## **Days 2-3**

- Input requirements
- Create/import climatic files on AquaCrop

## **Day 3**

- Create a crop file
- Run simulations for maize in Moldova (Cahul)

## **Day 4**

- Interpreting the AquaCrop outputs for maize in Cahul
- Calibrating and validating the AquaCrop model



# Interpreting AquaCrop outputs: climate info.

**Step 1.** Open **AquaCrop** desktop folders and click on **OUTP** (outputs)

DATA	02/12/2022 19:02	Carpeta de archivos	
IMPORT	01/12/2022 8:49	Carpeta de archivos	
OBS	01/12/2022 8:49	Carpeta de archivos	
<b>OUTP</b>	<b>02/12/2022 19:28</b>	<b>Carpeta de archivos</b>	
SIMUL	03/12/2022 9:33	Carpeta de archivos	
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_ISREG32.DLL	01/12/2022 8:49	Extensión de la ap...	40 KB
AquaCrop	01/12/2022 8:49	Aplicación	16.459 KB
AquaCrop	01/12/2022 8:49	Icono	2 KB
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**Step 2.** Open the file **MaizeCahulClim**

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MaizeCahulRun	02/12/2022 19:28	Archivo OUT	4 KB
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**Step 3.** Visualize the **climatic** outputs

MaizeCahulClim: Bloc de notas

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Climate input data

** Run number: 1											
Day	Month	Year	DAP	Stage	Rain mm	ETo mm	Tmin °C	Tavg °C	Tmax °C	CO2 ppm	
22	5	1981	1	1	0.0	4.7	8.3	14.8	21.3	340.11	
23	5	1981	2	1	0.0	4.2	8.1	15.4	22.7	340.11	
24	5	1981	3	1	0.0	4.4	10.8	17.3	23.8	340.11	
25	5	1981	4	1	0.0	4.2	10.5	16.8	23.1	340.11	
26	5	1981	5	1	0.0	4.5	11.3	18.0	24.7	340.11	
27	5	1981	6	1	0.0	5.0	11.3	18.2	25.1	340.11	
28	5	1981	7	2	0.0	5.1	11.5	18.7	25.9	340.11	
29	5	1981	8	2	0.0	4.0	14.6	19.4	24.1	340.11	
30	5	1981	9	2	0.0	4.9	13.1	19.1	25.2	340.11	
31	5	1981	10	2	0.0	5.2	11.8	18.9	26.0	340.11	
1	6	1981	11	2	0.0	4.8	15.1	20.8	26.4	340.11	
2	6	1981	12	2	0.0	4.7	14.2	20.4	26.7	340.11	
3	6	1981	13	2	0.9	4.7	15.2	21.1	27.1	340.11	
4	6	1981	14	2	0.0	5.4	13.6	20.8	27.9	340.11	
5	6	1981	15	2	0.0	6.1	15.3	21.9	28.5	340.11	
6	6	1981	16	2	0.0	6.2	13.9	21.2	28.5	340.11	
7	6	1981	17	2	0.0	6.0	15.0	22.1	29.3	340.11	
8	6	1981	18	2	0.0	6.1	14.0	22.1	30.3	340.11	
9	6	1981	19	2	0.0	5.4	16.1	23.0	29.8	340.11	
10	6	1981	20	2	0.0	5.2	17.6	24.1	30.7	340.11	

Legend

DAP	: Days after planting
Stage	: 0: before/after planting
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Stage	: 2: vegetative stage
Stage	: 3: flowering
Stage	: 4: yield formation and ripening
Rain	: Rainfall
ETo	: Reference evapotranspiration
Tmin	: Minimum air temperature
Tavg	: Average air temperature
Tmax	: Maximum air temperature
CO2	: Atmospheric CO2 concentration

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# Interpreting AquaCrop outputs: soil water content

## Step 1. Open the file **MaizeCahulCompWC**

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## Step 2. Visualize the **water content** outputs

MaizeCahulCompWC: Bloc de notas

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Soil Water Content (WC) at various depths (at center of compartments)

** Run number: 1						at depth (m):						
Day	Month	Year	DAP	Stage		0.05	0.15	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.55	0.67
						WC1(vol%)	WC2(vol%)	WC3(vol%)	WC4(vol%)	WC5(vol%)	WC6(vol%)	WC7(vol%)
22	5	1981	1	1		34.8	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
23	5	1981	2	1		32.1	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
24	5	1981	3	1		29.9	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
25	5	1981	4	1		28.2	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
26	5	1981	5	1		26.7	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
27	5	1981	6	1		25.2	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
28	5	1981	7	2		23.9	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
29	5	1981	8	2		23.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
30	5	1981	9	2		22.0	38.9	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
31	5	1981	10	2		21.0	38.9	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0

### Legend

DAP : Days after planting  
 Stage : 0: before/after planting  
 Stage : 1: emergence or transplant recovery  
 Stage : 2: vegetative stage  
 Stage : 3: flowering  
 Stage : 4: yield formation and ripening

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# Interpreting AquaCrop outputs: crop info.

## Step 1. Open the file **MaizeCahulCrop**

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Stage	: 2: vegetative stage
Stage	: 3: flowering
Stage	: 4: yield formation and ripening
GD	: Growing degrees
Z	: Effective rooting depth
StExp	: Percent water stress reducing leaf expansion
StSto	: Percent water stress inducing stomatal closure
StSen	: Percent water stress triggering early canopy senescence
StSalt	: Percent salinity stress
StWeed	: Relative cover of weeds
CC	: Green total Canopy Cover of crop and weeds
CCw	: Green crop Canopy Cover in weed infested field
StTr	: Percent temperature stress affecting crop transpiration
Kc(Tr)	: Crop coefficient for transpiration
Trx	: Maximum total transpiration of crop and weeds

## Step 2. Visualize the **stress** and **canopy development** outputs

MaizeCahulCrop: Bloc de notas

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Crop development and production

**	Run number: 1																
Day	Month	Year	DAP	Stage	GD	Z	StExp	StSto	StSen	StSalt	StWeed	CC	CCw	StTr	Kc(Tr)	Trx	
					°C-day	m	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	-	mm	
22	5	1981	1	1	5.8	0.30	-9	-9	-9	0	-9	0.0	0.0	0	-9.00	0.0	
23	5	1981	2	1	6.4	0.30	-9	-9	-9	0	-9	0.0	0.0	0	-9.00	0.0	
24	5	1981	3	1	8.3	0.30	-9	-9	-9	0	-9	0.0	0.0	0	-9.00	0.0	
25	5	1981	4	1	7.8	0.30	-9	-9	-9	0	-9	0.0	0.0	0	-9.00	0.0	
26	5	1981	5	1	9.0	0.30	-9	-9	-9	0	-9	0.0	0.0	0	-9.00	0.0	
27	5	1981	6	1	9.2	0.31	-9	-9	-9	0	-9	0.0	0.0	0	-9.00	0.0	
28	5	1981	7	2	9.7	0.33	-9	0	0	0	5	0.4	0.4	9	0.01	0.0	
29	5	1981	8	2	10.4	0.35	-9	0	0	0	5	0.5	0.4	6	0.01	0.0	
30	5	1981	9	2	10.1	0.37	5	0	0	0	5	0.5	0.5	7	0.01	0.0	
31	5	1981	10	2	9.9	0.40	6	0	0	0	5	0.6	0.6	8	0.01	0.1	
1	6	1981	11	2	11.8	0.42	5	0	0	0	5	0.7	0.6	2	0.01	0.1	
2	6	1981	12	2	11.4	0.44	5	0	0	0	5	0.8	0.7	3	0.01	0.1	
3	6	1981	13	2	12.1	0.45	4	0	0	0	5	0.9	0.8	0	0.02	0.1	
4	6	1981	14	2	11.8	0.47	7	0	0	0	5	1.0	0.9	2	0.02	0.1	
5	6	1981	15	2	12.9	0.49	9	0	0	0	5	1.1	1.0	0	0.02	0.1	

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## Step 3. Continue visualizing **crop production** outputs

Tr mm	TrW mm	Tr/Trx %	WP g/m2	Biomass ton/ha	HI %	Y(dry) ton/ha	Y(fresh) ton/ha	Brelative %	WPet kg/m3	Bin ton/ha	Bout ton/ha
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.000	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	-9	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.000	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	-9	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.000	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	-9	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.000	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	-9	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.000	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	-9	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.000	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	-9	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.002	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	97	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.005	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	97	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.0	0.0	100	32.1	0.007	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	97	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.1	0.0	100	32.1	0.010	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	97	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.1	0.1	100	32.1	0.014	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	96	0.00	0.000	0.000
0.1	0.1	100	32.1	0.018	-9.9	0.000	-9.000	96	0.00	0.000	0.000

### Legend

Trx : Maximum total transpiration of crop and weeds  
 Tr : Total transpiration of crop and weeds  
 TrW : Crop transpiration in weed infested field  
 Tr/Trx : Relative total transpiration of crop and weeds (100 Tr/Trx)  
 WP : Crop water productivity adjusted for CO<sub>2</sub>, soil fertility and products synthesized  
 Biomass : Total above-ground dry biomass  
 HI : Harvest Index adjusted for failure of pollination, inadequate photosynthesis and water stress  
 Y(dry) : Dry crop yield (HI x Biomass)  
 Y(fresh) : Fresh crop yield  
 Brelative : Relative biomass (Reference: no water, no soil fertility, no soil salinity stress, no weed infestation)  
 WPet : ET Water productivity for yield part (kg yield produced per m<sup>3</sup> water evapotranspired)  
 Bin : Daily mass of assimilates mobilized from root system at start of season  
 Bout : Daily mass of assimilates stored in root system at end of season

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# Interpreting AquaCrop outputs: harvest info.

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## Step 2. Visualize values at **harvest** (dry yield and biomass)

MaizeCahulHarvest: Bloc de notas

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Biomass and Yield at Multiple cuttings

\*\* Run number: 1

Nr	Day	Month	Year	DAP	Interval days	Biomass ton/ha	Sum(B) ton/ha	Dry-Yield ton/ha	Sum(Y) ton/ha	Fresh-Yield ton/ha	Sum(Y) ton/ha
0	22	5	1981				0.000		0.000		
9999	12	9	1981				16.039		6.434		

Legend

DAP : Days after planting  
Interval : Number of days between events  
Nr = 0 : At start of season  
Nr = 1 to n : Harvest event  
Nr = 9999 : At end of season

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# Interpreting AquaCrop outputs: water balance info.

## Step 1. Open the file **MaizeCahulWabal**

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### Legend

DAP	: Days after planting
Stage	: 0: before/after planting
Stage	: 1: emergence or transplant recovery
Stage	: 2: vegetative stage
Stage	: 3: flowering
Stage	: 4: yield formation and ripening
WCTot	: Water content in total soil profile
Rain	: Rainfall
Irri	: Water applied by irrigation
Surf	: Stored water on soil surface between bunds
Infilt	: Infiltrated water in soil profile
RO	: Surface runoff
Drain	: Water drained out of the soil profile
CR	: Water moved upward by capillary rise
Zgwt	: Depth of the groundwater table (-9.90 if absent)
Ex	: Maximum soil evaporation
E	: Soil evaporation
E/Ex	: Relative soil evaporation (100 E/Ex)
Trx	: Maximum crop transpiration
Tr	: Total transpiration of crop and weeds
Tr/Trx	: Relative transpiration (100 Tr/Trx)
ETx	: Evapotranspiration maximale
ET	: Evapotranspiration
ET/ETx	: Evapotranspiration relative (100 ET/ETx)

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## Step 2. Visualize values at **harvest** (dry yield and biomass)

MaizeCahulWabal: Bloc de notas

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Soil water balance

** Run number: 1																						
Day	Month	Year	DAP	Stage	WCTot mm	Rain mm	Irri mm	Surf mm	Infilt mm	RO mm	Drain mm	CR mm	Zgwt m	Ex mm	E mm	E/Ex %	Trx mm	Tr mm	Tr/Trx %	ETx mm	ET mm	ET/ETx %
22	5	1981	1	1	600.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.2	4.2	81	0.0	0.0	100	5.2	4.2	81
23	5	1981	2	1	597.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	4.6	2.7	58	0.0	0.0	100	4.6	2.7	58
24	5	1981	3	1	595.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	4.8	2.2	45	0.0	0.0	100	4.8	2.2	45
25	5	1981	4	1	593.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	4.6	1.7	37	0.0	0.0	100	4.6	1.7	37
26	5	1981	5	1	592.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.0	1.6	31	0.0	0.0	100	5.0	1.6	31
27	5	1981	6	1	590.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.5	1.5	27	0.0	0.0	100	5.5	1.5	27
28	5	1981	7	2	589.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.6	1.3	23	0.0	0.0	100	5.6	1.3	24
29	5	1981	8	2	588.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	4.4	0.9	21	0.0	0.0	100	4.4	0.9	21
30	5	1981	9	2	587.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.3	1.0	19	0.0	0.0	100	5.4	1.0	19
31	5	1981	10	2	586.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.7	0.9	17	0.1	0.1	100	5.7	1.0	17
1	6	1981	11	2	585.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.2	0.8	15	0.1	0.1	100	5.3	0.8	16
2	6	1981	12	2	584.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.90	5.1	0.7	14	0.1	0.1	100	5.2	0.8	15





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## Crop Module 4

# Calibrating & Validating the AquaCrop model

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# Calibration and validation of AquaCrop model

- The calibration and validation is a critical step towards achieving meaningful modelling outputs.
- **5 to 10 years** of historical yield data (for a specific location) are necessary to compare observed and simulated yields values.
- To test the performance of the AquaCrop model against observed values in the field, different statistical indicators are used.
- For example, while the **root-mean square error** (RMSE, Eq. 1) is useful for testing the differences between predicted and observed values, the **normalized-RMSE** (NRMSE, Eq. 2) provides relevant information about the average of the measured data ranges.
- AquaCrop findings are considered highly performant when the differences between observed and simulated NRMSE values **are below 5%**, and good when ranging between **6 to 15%**.
- **Willmott's index** of agreement (d, Eq. 3) provides a measure of the agreement of the deviation of modelled and observed values from the observed mean, where 0 indicates disagreement and 1 perfect agreement between simulated and observed values.

# Calibration and validation of AquaCrop model

$$\text{➤ RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - P_i)^2}$$

$$\text{➤ NRMSE} = \left( \frac{\text{RMSE}}{\hat{O}} \right) \times 100$$

$$\text{➤ } d = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - P_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (P'_i + O'_i)^2}$$

Where  $O_i$  and  $P_i$  corresponds to the observed and simulated values, respectively, and  $n$  to the number of observations. While the RMSE has the same units as that of the variable being simulated (t/ha), NRMSE units are displayed as a percentage. In addition,  $O'_i = [O_i - \hat{O}]$  and  $P'_i = [P_i - \hat{P}]$  shows the differences between observed and simulated values, with  $\hat{O}$  and  $\hat{P}$  as the observed and simulated means, respectively.

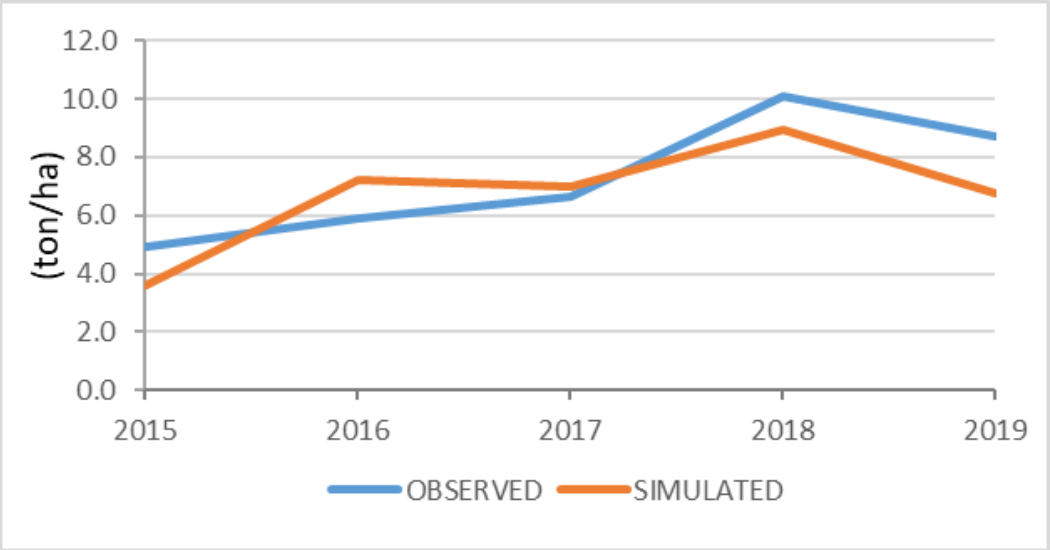
# Calibration and validation of AquaCrop model

**Step 1.** You first **calibrate** in one location (Soroca) and **validate** against others (Chisinau and Cahul)

## CALIBRATION (Soroca)

Here we introduce the observed values in the field and the simulated values from AquaCrop!

SHORT CYCLE VARIETIES (MAIZE)											
Maize (North Moldova) - Soroca - 22 May											
	OBSERVED	SIMULATED	RMSE	MAE	EF	Pi-Oave	Oi-Oave	d	MAPE	Difference	
2015	4.91	3.60	1.713	1.31	0.8281	3.65	2.34		0.27	1.71	
2016	5.90	7.21	1.721	1.31	0.0064	0.03	1.35		0.22	1.72	
2017	6.65	6.97	0.101	0.32	0.6889	0.28	0.60		0.05	0.10	
2018	10.07	8.93	1.297	1.14	18.0625	1.69	2.82		0.11	1.30	
2019	8.70	6.79	3.656	1.91	8.2944	0.46	1.45		0.22	3.66	
	7.246		1.303	1.20	0.70	6.10	8.56	0.96	17.39	8.49	
										1.30	
									NRMSE (as %)	17.98	



Overall, the trend between simulated and observed values is similar.

Acceptable performance of the model!

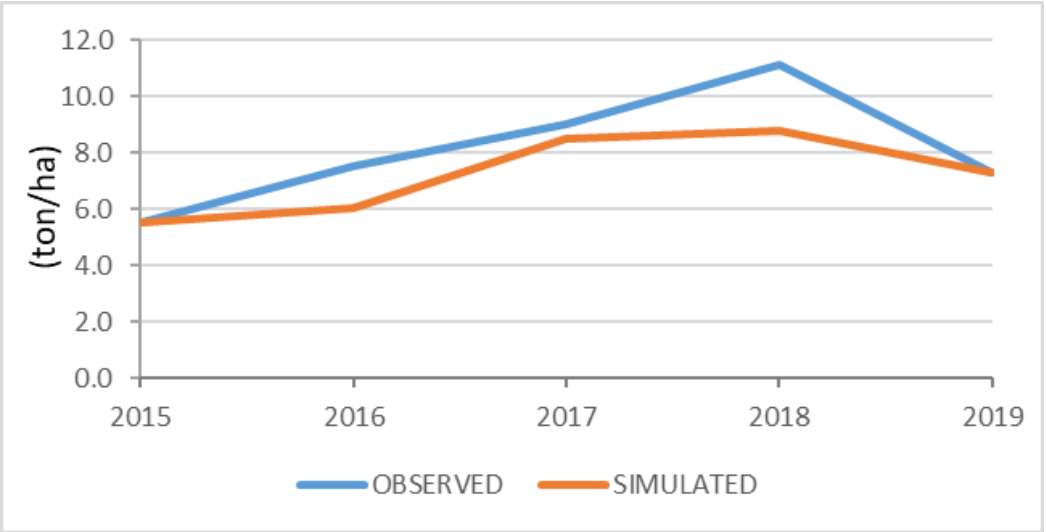
# Calibration and validation of AquaCrop model

**Step 1.** You first **calibrate** in one location (Soroca) and **validate** against others (Chisinau and Cahul)

## VALIDATION (Chisinau)

Here we introduce the observed values in the field and the simulated values from AquaCrop!

SHORT CYCLE VARIETIES (MAIZE)											
Maize (Central Moldova) - Chisinau - 22 May											
	OBSERVED	SIMULATED	RMSE	MAE	EF	Pi-Oave	Oi-Oave	d	MAPE	Difference	
2015	5.52	5.501	0.000	0.02	0.09	2.59	2.57		0.00	0.00	
2016	7.50	6.039	2.135	1.46	2.8224	2.05	0.59		0.19	2.13	
2017	9.00	8.471	0.280	0.53	10.1124	0.38	0.91		0.06	0.28	
2018	11.13	8.762	5.607	2.37	28.1961	0.67	3.04		0.21	5.61	
2019	7.29	7.328	0.001	0.03	2.1609	0.76	0.80		0.00	0.00	
	8.088		1.267	0.88	0.82	6.46	7.91	0.96	9.49	8.02	
										1.27	
									NRMSE (as %)	15.66	



Overall, the trend between simulated and observed values is similar.

Good performance of the model!

# Calibration and validation of AquaCrop model

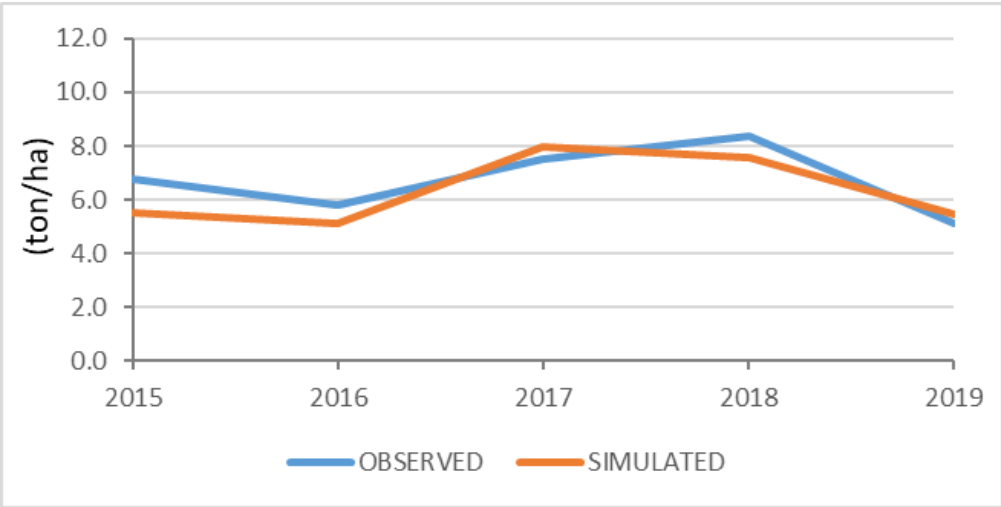
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## VALIDATION (Cahul)

Here we introduce the observed values in the field and the simulated values from AquaCrop!

SHORT CYCLE VARIETIES (MAIZE)										
Maize (South Moldova) - Cahul - 22 May										
	OBSERVED	SIMULATED	RMSE	MAE	EF	Pi-Oave	Oi-Oave	d	MAPE	Difference
2015	6.78	5.544	1.528	1.24	0.9216	1.18	1.18		0.18	1.53
2016	5.81	5.114	0.484	0.70	0.0001	1.61	1.61		0.12	0.48
2017	7.54	7.949	0.167	0.41	2.9584	1.23	1.23		0.05	0.17
2018	8.36	7.576	0.615	0.78	6.4516	0.85	0.85		0.09	0.61
2019	5.13	5.447	0.100	0.32	0.4761	1.28	1.28		0.06	0.10
	6.724		0.761	0.69	0.73	6.14	6.14	0.98	10.24	2.89
										0.76
									NRMSE (as %)	11.32

Overall, the trend between simulated and observed values is similar.



Good performance of the model!



# Thank you!

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