

1 MEC for Crop Growth

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \begin{cases} A_{\max} \left(\frac{t}{t_A} \right)^a & t < t_A \\ A_{\max} & t \geq t_A \end{cases} \\
Y_Q &= \begin{cases} Y_{Q,\max} & t \leq t_Q \\ Y_{Q,\max} - (Y_{Q,\max} - Y_{Q,\min}) \frac{t-t_Q}{t_M-t_Q} & t_Q \leq t \leq t_M \end{cases} \\
Y_{Q,\max} &= C_1 \frac{1}{\Phi_\gamma c_{\text{CO}_2}} + C_2 \frac{1}{\Phi_\gamma} + C_3 \frac{c_{\text{CO}_2}}{\Phi_\gamma} + C_4 \frac{c_{\text{CO}_2}^2}{\Phi_\gamma} + C_5 \frac{c_{\text{CO}_2}^3}{\Phi_\gamma} + C_6 \frac{1}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} + C_7 + C_8 c_{\text{CO}_2} + C_9 c_{\text{CO}_2}^2 + C_{10} c_{\text{CO}_2}^3 + C_{11} \frac{\Phi_\gamma}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} + C_{12} \Phi_\gamma + C_{13} \Phi_\gamma c_{\text{CO}_2} + \\
&C_{14} \Phi_\gamma c_{\text{CO}_2}^2 + C_{15} \Phi_\gamma c_{\text{CO}_2}^3 + C_{16} \frac{\Phi_\gamma^2}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} + C_{17} \Phi_\gamma^2 + C_{18} \Phi_\gamma^2 c_{\text{CO}_2} + C_{19} \Phi_\gamma^2 c_{\text{CO}_2}^2 + C_{20} \Phi_\gamma^2 c_{\text{CO}_2}^3 + C_{21} \frac{\Phi_\gamma^3}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} + C_{22} \Phi_\gamma^3 + C_{23} \Phi_\gamma^3 c_{\text{CO}_2} + C_{24} \Phi_\gamma^3 c_{\text{CO}_2}^2 + \\
&C_{25} \Phi_\gamma^3 c_{\text{CO}_2}^3 \\
\Rightarrow Y_{Q,\max} &= \sum_{u \in [-1,3]} \sum_{v \in [-1,3]} C_{uv} \cdot \Phi_\gamma^v \cdot c_{\text{CO}_2}^u \\
\eta_C &= \begin{cases} \eta_{C,\max} & t \leq t_Q \\ \eta_{C,\max} - (\eta_{C,\max} - \eta_{C,\min}) \frac{t-t_Q}{t_M-t_Q} & t_Q \leq t \leq t_M \end{cases} \\
\hat{n}_C &= 0.0036 \cdot H \cdot \eta_C \cdot A \cdot Y_Q \cdot \Phi_\gamma \\
\hat{n}_{\text{O}_2} &= Y_{\text{O}_2} \hat{n}_C \\
\hat{m}_B &= \frac{\hat{m}_C}{w_C} \hat{n}_C \\
\hat{m}_T &= \int_0^{t_M} \hat{m}_B dt \\
\hat{m}_E &= f_E \int_{t_E}^{t_M} \hat{m}_B dt
\end{aligned}$$

1.1 Variables

Variable	Description	Unit	Former Variable
A	Absorbance, directional	-	A
a	Empirical exponent	-	n
C	Regression coefficient	-	C
c_{CO_2}	Concentration of CO ₂ , molar	$\mu\text{mol}_{\text{CO}_2} \text{mol}_{\text{air}}^{-1}$	[CO ₂]
f_E	Fraction of edible biomass after t_E	-	XFRT
H	Photoperiod	h d^{-1}	H
\hat{m}_B	Biomass, per time, areal	$\text{g d}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$	CGR
\hat{m}_E	Biomass, areal, edible	g m^{-2}	TEB
\hat{m}_T	Biomass, areal, total	g m^{-2}	TCB
\hat{m}	Mass, molar	g mol^{-1}	MW
\hat{n}	Moles per time, areal	$\text{mol d}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$	DCG, DOP
t	Time	d	t
t_A	Time of canopy closure	d_{AE}	t_A
t_M	Time of harvest/maturity	d_{AE}	t_M
t_E	Time of onset of organ formation	d_{AE}	t_E
t_Q	Time of canopy senescence onset	d_{AE}	t_Q
w_C	Biomass carbon fraction	-	BCF
Y_{O_2}	Oxygen production factor	$\text{mol}_{\text{O}_2} \text{mol}_C^{-1}$	OPF
Y_Q	Canopy quantum yield	$\frac{\text{mol}_C, \text{fixed}}{\text{mol}_\gamma, \text{absorbed}}$	CQY
η_C	Carbon use efficiency, 24 hr	$\frac{\text{mol}_C, \text{biomass}}{\text{mol}_C, \text{fixed}}$	CUE ₂₄
σ	Density, areal	kg m^{-2}	-
σ_N	Density, areal, numeric	m^{-2}	-
Φ_γ	Photosynthetic photon flux	$\mu\text{mol}_\gamma \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	PPF

AE is "after emergence". Areal (per area) should not be confused with aerial (above ground). Areal density is not used in the MEC formulae, but it is used in downstream calculations.

1.2 Values for lettuce

A_{\max}	0.93
a	2.5
C_{uv}	See BVAD Table 4-108
c_{CO_2}	$[330, 1300] \mu\text{mol}_{\text{CO}_2} \text{mol}_{\text{air}}^{-1}$
f_E	0.95
t_E	1 d _{AE}
t_M	30 d _{AE}
t_Q	n/a
w_C	0.4
Y_{O_2}	1.08
$Y_{Q,\min}$	n/a
$\eta_{C,\max}$	0.625
$\eta_{C,\min}$	n/a
σ_N	19.2 m^{-2}
Φ_γ	$[200, 500] \mu\text{mol}_\gamma \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

2 MEC for Crop Transpiration

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_S^* &= 0.611 e^{\left(\frac{17.4 T_L}{T_L + 239}\right)} \\
 \Delta p^* &= p_S^* (1 - H_R) \\
 \hat{n}_{\text{ps, gross}} &= A \cdot Y_Q \cdot \Phi_\gamma \\
 \hat{n}_{\text{ps, net}} &= \left(\frac{t_{\text{sol}} - H}{t_{\text{sol}}} + \frac{\eta_C \cdot H}{t_{\text{sol}}} \right) \hat{n}_{\text{ps, gross}} \\
 g_{\text{sfc}} &= \frac{g_{\text{atm}} g_{\text{sto}}}{g_{\text{atm}} + g_{\text{sto}}} \\
 g_{\text{sto}} &= \begin{cases} (1.717 T_L - 19.96 - 10.54 \Delta p^*) \frac{\hat{n}_{\text{ps, net}}}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} & \text{planophile} \\ 0.1389 + 15.32 H_R \frac{\hat{n}_{\text{ps, net}}}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} & \text{erectophile} \end{cases} \\
 g_{\text{atm}} &= \begin{cases} 2.5 & \text{planophile} \\ 5.5 & \text{erectophile} \end{cases} \\
 \hat{V}_{\text{trs}} &= 3600 H \frac{\dot{m}_{\text{water}}}{\rho_{\text{water}}} g_{\text{sfc}} \frac{\Delta p^*}{P_{\text{atm}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.1 Variables

Variable	Description	Unit	Former Variable
g_{atm}	Atmospheric aerodynamic conductance	$\text{mol}_{\text{water}} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$	g_A
g_{sfc}	Canopy surface conductance	$\text{mol}_{\text{water}} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$	g_C
g_{sto}	Canopy stomatal conductance	$\text{mol}_{\text{water}} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$	g_S
H_R	Relative humidity	-	RH
$\hat{n}_{\text{ps, gross}}$	Gross canopy photosynthesis	$\mu\text{mol}_C \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$	P_{GROSS}
$\hat{n}_{\text{ps, net}}$	Net canopy photosynthesis	$\mu\text{mol}_C \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$	P_{NET}
P_{atm}	Total atmospheric pressure	kPa	P_{ATM}
p_S^*	Saturated vapour pressure	kPa	VP_{SAT}
T_D	Temperature, dark cycle	°C	T_{DARK}
T_L	Temperature, light cycle	°C	T_{LIGHT}
t_{sol}	Length of local sol	h d ⁻¹	D_{PG}
\hat{V}_{trs}	Daily transpiration rate	L d ⁻¹ m ⁻²	DTR
Δp^*	Vapour pressure deficit	kPa	VPD
ρ	Density	g L ⁻¹	ρ

2.2 Values for Lettuce

g_{atm}	$2.5 \text{ mol}_{\text{water}} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
T_D	23 °C
T_L	23 °C
t_{sol}	24 h d ⁻¹

3 MEC for Nominal Temperature Regimes and Photoperiods

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi'_\gamma &= \Phi_\gamma \frac{H}{H_0} \\
 t_A &= D_1 \frac{1}{\Phi'_\gamma c_{\text{CO}_2}} + D_2 \frac{1}{\Phi_\gamma} + D_3 \frac{c_{\text{CO}_2}}{\Phi'_\gamma} + D_4 \frac{c_{\text{CO}_2}^2}{\Phi'_\gamma} + D_5 \frac{c_{\text{CO}_2}^3}{\Phi'_\gamma} + D_6 \frac{1}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} + D_7 + D_8 c_{\text{CO}_2} + D_9 c_{\text{CO}_2}^2 + D_{10} c_{\text{CO}_2}^3 + D_{11} \frac{\Phi'_\gamma}{c_{\text{CO}_2}} + D_{12} \Phi'_\gamma + D_{13} \Phi'_\gamma c_{\text{CO}_2} + \\
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 &D_{24} \Phi_\gamma^3 c_{\text{CO}_2}^2 + D_{25} \Phi_\gamma^3 c_{\text{CO}_2}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_A = \sum_{u \in [-1,3]} \sum_{v \in [-1,3]} D_{uv} \cdot \Phi'_\gamma{}^v \cdot c_{\text{CO}_2}^u$$

3.1 Variables

Variable	Description	Unit	Former Variable
D_{uv}	Regression coefficient	-	C
H_0	Photoperiod, nominal	h d ⁻¹	H ₀
Φ'_γ	Photosynthetic photon flux, effective	μmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	PPF _E

3.2 Values for Lettuce

D	See BVAD Table 4-121
H_0	16 h d ⁻¹

4 Nitrogen Modelling

Agren: $\frac{dm_B}{dt} = \dot{Y}_N(m_B, m_N)m_N$

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VW: $\alpha = k_B \cdot k_f$ $\beta = k_d$

KY: $\frac{dm_B}{dt} = \dot{Y}_N \cdot m_N$ $\dot{Y}_N = \eta_u \cdot \mu_N \cdot \eta_N$ $\eta_u = \frac{\text{N uptake rate}}{\text{max N uptake rate}}$ $\mu_N = \frac{\ln m_{N2} - \ln m_{N1}}{t_2 - t_1}$ $\eta_N = \frac{\Delta m_B(t_2, t_1)}{\langle m_N \rangle(t_2, t_1)}$

4.1 Variables

Variable	Description	Unit
m_B	Biomass	gDW
m_N	Mass of total nitrogen in plant	g
t	Time	d
\dot{Y}_N	Nitrogen productivity	gDW g _N ⁻¹ d ⁻¹
α	Leading term in nitrogen productivity	gDW g _N ⁻¹ d ⁻¹
β	Corrective term in nitrogen productivity	d ⁻¹
k_B	Efficiency of biomass formation from PhN	gDW g _N ⁻¹ d ⁻¹
k_d	Degradation rate of PhN	d ⁻¹
k_e	Proportionality of PhN to LfN	-
k_f	Efficiency of formation of PhN from PtN	-
η_N	Nitrogen use efficiency	gDW g _N ⁻¹
η_u	Nitrogen uptake efficiency	-
μ_N	Relative uptake rate	d ⁻¹

5 ESM

$$\text{ESM} = \sum_{i=1}^n [(m_{0,i} \cdot f_{m_{0,i}}) + (V_{0,i} \cdot f_{V_{0,i}}) + (P_i \cdot f_{P,i}) + (Q_i \cdot f_{Q,i}) + (t_i \cdot f_{t,i} \cdot \chi) + (m_i \cdot f_{m,i} \cdot \chi) + (V_i \cdot f_{V_{0,i}} \cdot \chi)]$$

5.1 Variables

Variable	Description	Unit
ESM	Equivalent system mass	kg
$m_{0,i}$	Initial mass of subsystem i	kg
$f_{m_{0,i}}$	Initial mass stowage factor for subsystem i	kg kg ⁻¹
$V_{0,i}$	Initial volume of subsystem i	m ³
$f_{V_{0,i}}$	Mass equivalency factor for the pressurized volume support infrastructure of subsystem i	kg m ⁻³
P_i	Power requirement of subsystem i	kW _e
$f_{P,i}$	Mass equivalency factor for the power generation support infrastructure of subsystem i	kW _e kg ⁻¹
Q_i	Cooling requirement of subsystem i	kW _{th}
$f_{Q,i}$	Mass equivalency factor for the cooling infrastructure of subsystem i	kW _{th} kg ⁻¹
t_i	Crewtime requirement of subsystem i	CM h yr ⁻¹
$f_{t,i}$	Mass equivalency factor for the crewtime of subsystem i	kg CM ⁻¹ h ⁻¹
χ	Duration of the mission segment of interest	yr
m_i	Time- or event-dependent mass of subsystem i	kg yr ⁻¹
$f_{m,i}$	Time- or event-dependent mass stowage factor for subsystem i	kg kg ⁻¹
V_i	Time- or event-dependent volume of subsystem i	m ³