

Tomato Growth Model

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Equations

- Number of nodes on mainstem
 - $dN/dt = N_m * f_N(T)$
 - Number of nodes per day
- LAI (leaf area index)
 - $d(LAI)/dt = \rho * \delta * \lambda(T_d) * (\exp[\beta * (N - N_b)]) / (1 + \exp[\beta * (N - N_b)])$
 - Meters squared [leaf] per meter squared [ground] per day
- Number of fruit
 - $dNF(i)/dt = r_F(T) * F(C) * n_F * NF(i-1) - r_F(T) * F(C) * n_F * NF(i) - PF(i)$
 - Fruit per meter squared per day

Estimated Values

Parameter	Description	Value	Range of Estimation	Values Reported by Other Authors
N_b	Parameter in expolinear equation	13* (16)	8-25	16
δ	Maximum leaf area expansion	0.041* (0.038)	0.01-0.1	0.030
β	Parameter in expolinear equation	0.22* (0.169)	0.06-0.5	0.169

Timeline

- Phase 1:
 - 5 hours of research, presentation, and report
- Phase 2:
 - 15-20 hours of working on individual programming
- Phase 3:
 - 5 hours of final programming
 - 5 hours of integrated programming for team model and preparing for final presentation