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			$\sigma_{_{s}}$
	$F_{ m sat}$	n	(S/m)
Avignon silty clay loam	5.48	5.96	0.359
Collias loam	4.54	1.88	0.109
Fontainebleau sand	4.62	2.58	0.036

^aSee equation (3).

Table 2. Coefficients of Determination for Both Seasons When x Is the Topographic Index Using Total Periods^a

Regression	6–22 Nov 2003		2–22 M	2–22 May 2004		
Equations	10 cm	30 cm	10 cm	30 cm		
MD8 Surface						
Linear	0.13 (0.08)	0.35 (0.38)	0.00 (0.01)	0.03 (0.02)		
Logarithm	0.07 (0.07)	0.40 (0.39)	0.00 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)		
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MD8 Bedrock						
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Power	0.01 (0.03)	0.56 (0.57)	0.01 (0.10)	0.00 (0.02)		
$MD\infty$ Bedrock						
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Logarithm	0.11 (0.09)	0.73 (0.75)	0.01 (0.00)	0.02 (0.02)		
Exponential	0.22 (0.10)	0.50 (0.75)	0.03 (0.00)	0.05 (0.02)		
Power	0.09 (0.23)	0.73 (0.74)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.05)		

^aHere r^2 represents explained variation divided by total variation between averages of measured and estimated soil moisture using contributing areas for several regression analysis conditions such as computing algorithm, used topography, date, soil depth, and regression models. Linear equation is y = ax + b, logarithm equation is $y = a \ln(x) + b$,

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