

List of input variables and measured variables for French data set – Phase 4

Variables in **blue** are the measurements available for calibration

Column name Where information is repeated for several layers or doses, just one is given here	explanation	Unit
Number	ID	
Site	Name of location → anonymised	
HarvestYear	Harvest year	YYYY
SowingDate	Sowing date	DD/MM/YYYY
Variety	Crop variety	
Station	Anonymised number of related weather station → connection of site to weather station	
Longitude	Longitude → set to NA	
Latitude	Latitude	
Altitude	Altitude	m
Soil_type	Soil type	
Soil_code	Soil code	code
Arvalis_name_for_soil	Arvalis name for soil	
Water_regime	Water regime; 1: rapid drainage: coarse structure or high porosity 2: favorable drainage: no risk of excess water below 90 cm	.
N_Horizons	Number of soil layers	
Thickness_H1	Thickness of layer 1	cm
Field_capacity_H1	Gravimetric field capacity by layer in %	(g/100g)
Wilting_point_H1	Gravimetric Wilting point layer 1 in %	(g/100g) (pF 4.2)
Apparent_density_H1	Apparent density of soil layer 1	kg/dm ³ (=g/cm ³)
Available_water_H1	Available water layer 1	See formula below (mm)
Clay_H1	Clay layer 1	% by weight (g/100g)
Fine_silt_H1	Fine silt layer 1	% by weight (g/100g)
Coarse_silt_H1	Coarse silt layer 1	% by weight (g/100g)
Fine_sand_H1	Fine sand layer 1	% by weight (g/100g)

Coarse_sand_H1	Coarse sand layer 1	% by weight (g/100g)
Clay_without_CaCO3_H1	Clay without CaCO3 layer 1 0 means missing data.	% by weight (g/100g)
Fine_silt_without_CaCO3_H1	Fine silt without CaCO3 layer 1 0 means missing data.	% by weight (g/100g)
Coarse_silt_without_CaCO3_H1	Coarse silt without CaCO3 layer 1 0 means missing data.	% by weight (g/100g)
Fine_sand_without_CaCO3_H1	Fine sand without CaCO3 layer 1 0 means missing data.	% by weight (g/100g)
Coarse_sand_without_CaCO3_H1	Coarse sand without CaCO3 layer 1 0 means missing data.	% by weight (g/100g)
CaCO3_total_H1	Total CaCO3 layer 1 0 means missing data.	% by weight (g/100g)
Organic_matter_H1	Organic matter layer 1	% by weight (g/100g)
Stones_H1	Stones layer 1	% vol
Stone_size_H1	Stone size layer 1	cm
Water_pH_H1	Water pH layer 1	
Initial_available_soil_water	Initial available soil water	Ignore this value!
Available_soil_water_volumetric	Available soil water, volumetric See formula below.	mm
Local_station	Local station	code
Historic_station	Historic station	code
Protocol	Protocol	code
Experiment_code	Experiment code	code
Species	Species	
Sowing_density	Sowing density	Number of grains/m ²
Number_of_fertilizer_doses	Number of fertilizer applications	
Total_amount_of_fertilizer	Total amount of fertilizer	kg N/ha
Date_fertilization_1	Date of first application	DD/MM/YYYY
Amount_fertilization_1	Amount of first application	kg N/ha
Product_fertilization_1	See details below	
Number_of_irrigations	Number of irrigations	
Total_irrigation	Total amount of water for irrigation	mm
Date_irrigation_1	Date of first irrigation	DD/MM/YYYY
Amount_irrigation_1	Amount of first irrigation	mm
%N_in_grain_at_harvest	Nitrogen content in grain	%
Biomass_straw_at_harvest	Biomass of straw at harvest	g/m ²
%_N_in_straw_at_harvest	Nitrogen content in straw	%
Harvest_Index	Biomass of grain divided by biomass of straw at harvest	
HarvestDate	Date of machine harvest	DD/MM/YYYY

Observations	Explanation	Unit
useCat	Category for which dataset is used (training or evaluation)	
Date	Date of observation	DD/MM/YYYY
Date_BBCH10	Date of observed stage BBCH10 (beginning of stem elongation), was not observed in the experiment	DD/MM/YYYY
Date_BBCH30	Date observed stem 1 cm This is stage BBCH30 (beginning of stem elongation)	DD/MM/YYYY
Date_BBCH55	Date of observed stage BBCH55 (50% heading)	DD/MM/YYYY
Date_BBCH90	Date of observed stage BBCH90 (maturity): Maturity data was not measured, but was set to 15 days before harvest. We ask all participants to use this date, to avoid having each team do a different estimation of maturity date and thereby add extra variability to the results.	DD/MM/YYYY
Biomass	Above ground Biomass measured at "Date"	g/m ²
EarsPerSqm	Ears per m ²	1/m ²
Grain_Number	Grains per m ²	Grains/m ²
ProteinContentGrain	Protein content in grain at harvest 0 means missing data.	%
N_in_biomassHarvest	Airborne nitrogen content at machine harvest	%
Grain_Yield	Dry weight of grain at harvest	g/m ²

Further information

Fertilizer products :

product	Formula	%N	%P	%K	%S	
Ammonitrate	NH ₄ NO ₃	33.5				
Solution azotée (urea)	CO(NH ₂) ₂	46				
18_46 (Di-Ammonium Phosphate DAP)	(NH ₄) ₂ HPO ₂	18	46			

Sowing depth : About 3 cm

Irrigation method: sprinkler (in French, water canon).

Formula for available water (mm water in each soil layer)

$$RU = (H_{cc\ tf} - H_{pFp\ tf}) * Da\ tf * \% Vol\ tf * E + (H_{cc\ cx} - H_{pFp\ cx}) * Da\ cx * \% Vol\ cx * E$$

RU : Available water in cm³ water/ cm³ soil *100

H_{cc tf} : Field capacity of fine soil g/100g

H_{pFp tf} : Wilting point of fine soil g/100g

H_{cc cx} : Field capacity of stones g/100g

H_{pFp cx} : Wilting point of stones g/100g

Da tf : Apparent density of fine soil

Da cx : Apparent density of stones g/cm³

% Vol tf : Fraction of volume that is fine soil (value between 0 and 1)

% Vol cx : Fraction of volume that is stones (value between 0 and 1))

E : Depth of the layer in cm

Initial values of soil water and Nitrogen

No measurements are available. Please use following approximations:

Soil water: Start on August 1. At that date, soil layer 1 is dry (0 water) and all other layers are at permanent wilting point. That is about harvest time of previous wheat, in summer when soil is dry.

Soil Nitrogen : 35kg/ha at time of sowing

To make the connection between site and weather file :

Use the station numbers used in the sheet names of the weather file and given in the data input file.