



<i>Structural</i>	Assumed Basin-Wide Magnitude Of Impact (Low, Med, High)	Characteristics of Sub-basins with Significant Impacts	Rationale (Assumes FA conditions reached in 1984. Impact magnitudes are basin-wide and relative to those from other conservation measures in the basin.)
1. Conservation terraces	Low +		The base condition for this practice is unterraced dryland fields. Most terraces were in place before the basin became Fully Appropriated. Surface effects of ET increase and direct runoff reduction occur over a short period, so the effect of this practice on direct overland runoff is included in historical values. Seepage from the terrace channels requires long periods to reach the water table if the vadose zone is thick. About 15% of the land in the Republican River Basin (actually about 10% when considering land above the lower terrace) has been treated with conservation terraces. We expect that the percentage in the Overappropriated study area is less than the Republican Basin. Thus, some small increases in streamflow could result relative to the impacts to the stream from the terraces at the time the basin became Fully Appropriated.
2. Non-jurisdictional/Non-permitted Small Dams	Low +		The base condition for this practice would be land without dams. Most permitted dams were in place before the basin became Fully Appropriated. Surface effects of increased ET and storage occur over a short period so the effect is included in the recorded stream flow data. Seepage from dams requires extended periods to reach the water table due to transport through the vadose zone; however, dams are located in stream valleys that would be closer to groundwater than upland areas such as terrace lands. Thus, some small increases in streamflow could have resulted since the basin became Fully Appropriated.
3. Jurisdictional/Permitted Dams	Low +		The base condition for this practice would be land without dams. Most permitted dams were in place before the basin became Fully Appropriated. Surface effects of increased ET and storage occur over a short period so the effect is included in the recorded stream flow data. Seepage from dams requires extended periods to reach the water table due to transport through the vadose zone; however, dams are located in stream valleys that would be closer groundwater than upland areas such as terrace lands. Thus, some small increases in streamflow could have resulted since the basin became Fully Appropriated.
4. Canal rehabilitation	Low -		The base condition for this practice is unlined canals. The impact is considered low because of the low amount of change since the basin became Fully Appropriated. The primary impact is reduced seepage and spills with a small reduction of evaporation from the canal. The ultimate outcome for of lining and piping is probably delivery of more water to irrigated lands than before, which could result in a higher consumptive use proportion. The impact is negative because the "water savings" is thought to be utilized by crop ET.
5. Conversion from open laterals and canals to pipelines	Low -		The base condition for this practice is surface water delivery through an earthen canal. The primary impact is reduced seepage and spills with a small reduction of evaporation from the canal. Evapotranspiration from waterlogged areas due to seepage/spills is consumptive. Seepage from the canal that percolates beyond root zones of nontarget plants will recharge the groundwater. The ultimate outcome for of lining and piping is probably delivery of more water to irrigated lands than before, which could result in a higher consumptive use proportion. Therefore, we believe that the impact has negatively affected streamflow to a slight degree since the basin became Fully Appropriated.
6. Irrigation runoff recovery systems or return-flow facilities	Low		The base condition for this practice is surface irrigation, mainly furrow using gated pipe, without runoff recovery. The impact of runoff recovery is to reduce the amount of irrigation runoff that leaves the field. The impact on stream flow is low because few systems have been put in place since the basin became Fully Appropriated.
7. Others			
<i>Non-Structural</i>			
1. Changes in tillage practices			
1.a. Dryland	MED To HIGH -		The base condition for this practice is a disked tillage system in the east and a stubble mulch system in the west. Conversion to conservation tillage generally produces more infiltration and less evaporation from the soil surface if adequate residue is present. Infiltrated water often results in increased crop yield and therefore more evapotranspiration (ET) for dryland areas. The reduction of runoff from the field and increased ET from dryland areas could noticeably reduce streamflow. Conversion to reduced tillage has occurred since the late 1970s and we continue to see conversions, so a large portion of the impact likely would have occurred after the basin became Fully Appropriated. There is also a strong east-west impact as reductions in ET depend on the frequency of rainfall for dryland fields. When the interval between wetting events is long the initial ET rate is suppressed, but if the period is long enough, about the same amount of water may evaporate from the soil. Dryland cropping is widespread across the basin so we believe that the practice will have had a noticeable negative impact on streamflow.
1.b. Irrigated	Low +		Our base condition for irrigated cropland is a disked tillage system. Conservation tillage does not increase crop ET for irrigated land unless the field is deficit irrigated. The primary impact on irrigated fields would be to reduce evaporation and thus reduce ET. The impact on irrigated lands is different than for dryland because the wetting frequency is higher than for dryland crops, there is more crop residue for some irrigated crops than for dryland, and transpiration rates are not influenced by the additional residue. Therefore, we expect less of an impact than for dryland but a positive increase in streamflow due to reduced evaporation and thus reduced ET.
2. Changes in irrigation management			
2.a. Scientific Irrigation scheduling	Low		The base condition for this practice non-scientific irrigation scheduling. The impact is considered low because we believe that the increase in this practice has been minimal since the basin became Fully Appropriated. The practice should have a positive impact on streamflow because of fewer irrigation water applications thus less wetting of the plant leaves and soil. Evaporation should be reduced. But with an unknown change in adoption since the fully appropriated condition, we rated this as low.
2.b. Deficit irrigation	Low+	The impact can be medium to high + in sub-basins that have implemented water allocations that restrict water withdrawals to levels that would result in either deficit irrigation or a change in crop selection.	The base condition would be the fully irrigated condition, that is, irrigation application to the level that there is no plant water stress. When plant water stress occurs, transpiration is reduced. On a basin scale the impact is considered low because the level of adoption since the basin became Fully Appropriated will be relatively small but where adopted the impact would be medium to high +.

2.c. Conversion of irrigated land to dryland cropland	Low		The base condition is irrigated cropland. This practice would reduce ET significantly but the impact is considered low since the conversion to dryland has been minimal since the basin became fully appropriated.
2.d. Conversion of irrigated land to rangeland	Low		The base condition is irrigated cropland. This practice would reduce ET significantly but the impact is considered low since the conversion of irrigated cropland to rangeland would be minimal if any occurred at all since the basin became fully appropriated.
3. Improvements in irrigation efficiency			There is widespread misunderstanding about the impact of irrigation efficiency on water balances. The deciding factor is to determine the pathway for the water affected by conversion to more efficient irrigation methods.
3.a. Surge irrigation with furrow irrigation	Low -		Our base condition here is the conversion from traditional furrow irrigation using gated pipe. Utilization of surge flow usually provides more rapid advance of water across the field for water applied. This usually reduces deep percolation at the upper end of the field and reduces crop water stress if water did not usually reach the lower end of the field in a timely manner. The reduction of deep percolation is probably more significant than increased crop water use in most applications. We feel that the impact is low because there is little land area that utilizes surge flow irrigation. In addition, if the primary effect is changing deep percolation, then the water that percolates is not consumptive and eventually affects recharge.
3.b. Variable Rate Irrigation with center pivots	Low		The base case for Variable Rate Irrigation (VRI) is a traditional center pivot irrigation system. VRI allows for the application of varying depths across the field in a targeted manner. There could be various goals in using VRI. One approach could be to reduce pumping on areas of the field that hold more water than lighter textured soils. Application depths could also be curtailed on nonproductive areas of the field. When combined with areas that are deficit irrigated under water allocation programs the amount of ET could be increased if water that was not needed in part of the field resulted in deep percolation at that location and is instead applied on areas that usually receive less water and experience more stress. In the latter case, VRI could increase ET. VRI is new so any impacts are the result of recent developments and certainly occurred after the basin became Fully Appropriated. VRI will most certainly reduce leaching of agricultural chemicals, which will positively impact groundwater quality.
3.c. Conventional gated pipe with furrow irrigation	Low		The base case for this practice is furrow-irrigated land using siphon tubes. Conversion to gated pipe has generally occurred some time ago so the changes since the basin became Fully Appropriated are primarily small. The primary impact of using gated pipe rather than siphon tubes would be the difference in seepage from on-farm ditches and perhaps some spills. The difference in seepage depends on the type of ditch used for supply siphon tubes. Concrete-lined ditches would have little seepage. Earth lined ditches would have more seepage. However, leaky gates for gated pipe can also contribute to seepage at the head of the field. In some case, leaks from gates can be as bad as seepage from an earthen ditch. Evaporation from the open water surface of an open ditch is generally small. Finally, with groundwater supplies the percolation from the ditch or gated pipe is primarily seepage, which returns eventually to the aquifer.
3.d. Conventional center pivots	Low -	There could be subbasin exceptions where irrigation water distribution before conversion was so nonuniform that it caused lower ET and subsequent yield reductions. In these cases, the impacts to streamflow could be greater than the overall basin estimate.	The base case for this practice is fields furrow irrigated with gated pipe. There has been a continual conversion from gated pipe to center pivots all across the basin. Key issues for this practice are the amount of land irrigated with the pivot compared to the furrow irrigated field, and changes in the adequacy of irrigation on the areas of the field that may have been under irrigated with furrow irrigation. Runoff from center pivots should be less than for furrow irrigation. The key is how the runoff is managed. If the water is recycled to the field through reuse systems then the main loss of water is seepage in the reuse system and increased evaporation/evapotranspiration from open water surface and weeds along conveyance channels. With center pivots some of the water evaporates in the air and evaporation from the canopy is generally more than the transpiration would have been. Combined evaporation losses from evaporation in the air, drift losses and canopy evaporation increases is generally less than ten percent. In our view there is a small negative impact on streamflow on a basin-wide level since the basin became Fully Appropriated.
3.e. Sub-surface drip irrigation	Low		The base case for this practice is furrow-irrigated land using gated pipe. The conversion to SDI has certainly occurred since the basin became Fully Appropriated. Issues with SDI are similar to that for conventional center pivots. The amount of land irrigated is probably about the same as for furrowed irrigated land. Evapotranspiration from SDI can be somewhat less than for furrow irrigation, as the soil surface remains dry. Losses from SDI are primarily due to deep percolation if the field is not properly scheduled. Those losses would recharge groundwater aquifers eventually. Evapotranspiration could increase if the furrow system did not provide adequate supplies. SDI would dramatically reduce runoff of irrigation water and perhaps rainfall as well. If crop yields increase due to improved irrigation distribution, then ET likely increased. The areal extent of SDI is still quite small so we have rated its impact as low.
<b>4. Changes in crop rotation pattern/mixes</b>			
4.a. Irrigated Crops: lower consumption crops in rotation with corn	Med +	The impact can be medium to high + in sub-basins that have implemented water allocations that restrict water withdrawals to levels that would result in either deficit irrigation or a change in crop selection.	The base condition would be irrigated corn with full-season hybrid selection that matches the geographic area. The impact of changes in crops with lower ET is often the result of the shorter growing season for alternative crops. Thus, shorter season corn hybrids could also be considered in this option. Changes from corn to soybean in much of the basin could have been significant since the Fully Appropriated condition.
4.b. Dryland crops			
4.b.i. Conversion of wheat-fallow rotation to eco-fallow	Low To Med -		The base condition for this practice would be wheat-fallow rotation with mulch tillage. The negative impact of this change is due to increased crop ET which is a result of producing two crops in a three year period versus one crop in two years. Overall magnitude depends on level of change since the Fully Appropriated Condition.

4.b.ii. Conversion of cropland to rangeland	Low -		The base condition for this practice would be dryland cropland, either wheat-fallow or eco-fallow, with mulch tillage. The negative impact of this change is due to increased rangeland ET associated with the longer growing periods of rangeland and possibly due to the deeper root zone that is expected for the perennial vegetation. The deeper root zone results in a larger soil moisture reservoir for storing water for subsequent ET. Overall magnitude depends on level of change since the Fully Appropriated Condition but we assume that it is minimal if at all.
<b>4.c. CRP/CREP conversion</b>			
4.c.i. Dryland Cropland to CRP/CREP	Med -		The base condition for this practice would be dryland cropland, either wheat-fallow or eco-fallow, with mulch tillage. The negative impact of this change is due to increased ET on the CRP/CREP land associated with the longer growing periods of CRP/CREP land and possibly due to the deeper root zone that is expected for the perennial vegetation. The deeper root zone results in a larger soil moisture reservoir for storing water for subsequent ET. Overall magnitude depends on level of change since the Fully Appropriated Condition and we assume that the adoption has been significant.
4.c.ii. Irrigated Cropland to CRP/CREP	Low To Med +		The base condition for this practice would be irrigated cropland, mainly corn. The positive impact of this change is due to reduced ET during periods of moisture stress on the CRP/CREP land. Overall magnitude depends on level of change since the Fully Appropriated Condition and we assume that the adoption has been significant.
<b>5. Changes in crop production intensity</b>			
5.a. Higher plant populations	Low -		The base condition for this practice is a normal planting density of about 30,000 corn plants per acre for irrigated land. The primary effect of increasing the density is that the canopy closes earlier in the season. For most irrigated crops the leaf area index for previous populations were well above the amount of leaf area that would produce full ET. Higher populations allow for more ET somewhat earlier in the season and the canopy may senesce more slowly but not materially. We expect that this impact will be a small increase in ET but not materially. Impacts on dryland will be minimal as precipitation generally dictates ET.
5.b. Narrower row spacing	Low -		This practice compares to a traditional row width of about 30 inches. The impact on planting narrower crop rows allows the canopy to close more quickly and perhaps last a little longer at the end of the growing season. Narrower rows do not increase the leaf area index materially. The net effect will be a small increase of ET early and late in the season, which would deplete streamflow slightly. Impacts on dryland will be minimal as precipitation generally dictates ET.
5.c. Skip row planting	Low +		The base condition for this practice is planting rows at equal spacing for all rows. Skip-row involves not planting one row out of a set; i.e. skipping a row. One scheme skips one row and plants one row (every-other row skipped), a second scheme involves planting two rows and skipping one row with a three row basic unit. Skipping a row allows for storage of precipitation over the wider width which requires more time for the roots of the crop to reach during the season. The additional storage provides water to allow crops to complete crop development and increase grain development. In the most arid areas, the impacts will probably be small as precipitation is the limiting factor and this practice is only altering the time during the season when the water is used for ET. In wetter years, and in the more humid areas, there is a chance that some of the stored water in the skipped row will not be needed for the season. If the skipped row was planted ET would have been higher. The effect is that ET would be decreased in wetter years when the row is skipped. This practice has only been adopted since the basin became Fully Appropriated and is not widely implemented - thus we believe this impact will be small.
6. Implementation of soil moisture sensors	Low		The base condition for this practice would be irrigated cropland without soil moisture sensors. Assuming that the sensors are used for scientific irrigation scheduling we're assuming that the impact is low because we believe that the increase in this practice has been minimal since the basin became Fully Appropriated. The practice should have a positive impact on streamflow because of fewer irrigation water applications thus less wetting of the plant leaves and soil. Evaporation should be reduced.
7. Changes in rangeland management	Low		The primary management practice change for rangeland is the management of grazing duration and intensity. Higher levels of range management generally provide periods on intense grazing and then regrowth periods. The base practice would be where animals are free to graze the whole pasture. Enhanced management can have two effects: (1) taller grass in some portions of the field after intense grazing and (2) maintenance of different grass mixtures, as periodic grazing does not allow time for the animals to graze out the desirable grasses with regrowth of less desirable species. Enhanced management has gained popularity since the time at which the basin became Fully Appropriated and has become significantly widespread. We believe that enhanced management would lead to slight increases in ET due to more regrowth but that the impact would be small. If ranchers planted a different grass species, the impact could be different.
8. Application of Buffers	Low		The base condition for this practice would be cropland, either irrigated or dryland. The impact of this change would be due to a change in ET. If changing from irrigated land to buffers, the impact would be positive since ET would likely go down. The opposite would occur with dryland cropland. Since the Fully Appropriated Condition, we assume that the adoption has been low and thus the impact is low.
9. Management of Phreatophytes/Invasive vegetation	Low +		The base condition for this practice would be a riparian zone with native species that existed up to thirty years ago. Invasive species include salt cedar phragmites, Russian olive and red cedar trees. Research has shown that removing the invasive species next to a stream results in the majority of the impact occurring in the first few years after clearing. Once invasive species are removed, a mixture of understory species quickly fill the area where the invasive species were located. The species that we have observed are the native climax vegetation and thus the potential reduction of ET from clearing invasive species is smaller than some reports. In addition, the fraction of the watershed that is affect by riparian species removal is small for the whole watershed. Thus, we expect the impact to be a small positive impact when considered over a long period.
<b>10. Others</b>			



**MATRIX ON QUANTIFICATION OF CONSERVATION IMPACTS TO STREAMFLOW**

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Structural	Multiplier for Low Intensity*	Multiplier for Medium and High Intensity*	Quality			Uncertainty Baseline Values**
			Low Intensity Expert dominant 60%	Medium Intensity Expert + model 30%	High Intensity Expert + Model + Field 15%	
			\$50,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	
1. Conservation terrace	3	4	\$150,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	
2. Non-jurisdictional/Non-permitted Small Dams	2.5	3.5	\$125,000	\$1,050,000	\$2,100,000	
3. Jurisdictional/Permitted Dams	2	3	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000	
4. Canal rehabilitation	2	4	\$100,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	
5. Conversion from open laterals and canals to pipelines	2	4	\$100,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	
6. Irrigation runoff recovery systems or return-flow facilities	2	2	\$100,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	
7. Others						

Non-Structural						
1. Changes in tillage practices (I --> irrigated, R --> Rainfed)						
1.a. Dryland	3.5	4.5	\$175,000	\$1,350,000	\$2,700,000	
1.b. Irrigated	3.5	4.5	\$175,000	\$1,350,000	\$2,700,000	
2. Changes in irrigation management						
2.a. Scientific irrigation scheduling	2	3	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000	
2.b. Deficit irrigation	3	4	\$150,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	
2.c. Conversion of irrigated land to dryland cropland	5	6	\$250,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,600,000	
2.D. Conversion of irrigated land to rangeland	5	6	\$250,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,600,000	
3. Improvements in irrigation efficiency						
3.a. Surge irrigation with furrow irrigation	1	2	\$50,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	
3.b. Precision irrigation with variable rate center pivot technology	3	4	\$150,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	
3.c. Conversion to gated pipe with furrow irrigation	1	2	\$50,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	
3.d. Conversion to conventional center pivot systems	2	3	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000	
3.e. Conversion to sub-surface drip irrigation	2	4	\$100,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	
4. Changes in crop rotation pattern/mixes						
4.a. Irrigated crops: more lower water consumption crops in rotation with corn	4	5	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	
4.b. Dryland crops						
4.b.i. Conversion of wheat-fallow rotation to eco-fallow system	4	5	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	
4.b.ii. Conversion of cropland to rangeland	4	5	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	
4.c. CRP conversion						
4.c.i. Dryland Cropland to CRP	4	5	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	
4.c.ii. Irrigated Cropland to CRP	4	5	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	
5. Changes in crop production intensity						
5.a. Higher plant populations	2	3	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000	
5.b. Narrower row spacing	2	3	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000	
5.c. Skip row planting	2	3	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000	
6. Implementation of soil moisture sensors	2	3	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000	
7. Changes in rangeland management	4	5	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	
8. Application of Buffers	4	5	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	
9. Management of Phreatophytes/Invasive vegetation	5	6	\$250,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,600,000	
10. Others						

Evaluation of Multiple Practices - As a starting estimate, multiply the sum of costs of all individual practices by the following cost adjustment factors

No of Practices	Cost Adjustment Factor
1	1.00
2	0.66
3	0.52
4	0.44
5	0.38
6	0.34
7	0.31
8	0.29
9	0.27
10	0.25
>10	0.25

Here is an example of how to apply the cost adjustment factor:

Consider a project with medium intensity analysis of conservation terraces, canal rehabilitation, and augmentation. The associated single practice costs are \$1.2 M, \$1.2 M, and \$1.8 M. If the projects were completed individually, the cost total would be \$4.2 M. But if all three projects were pooled into one project, the total cost would be \$4.2 M X 0.52 = \$2.2 M. The cost adjustment factor in this case is 0.52, the factor for three practices.

Activities associated with low intensity are dominated by the use of expert opinion and the published literature with the assistance of some modeling and little if any field measurement  
 Activities associated with medium intensity are dominated by the use of expert opinion, the literature, and a strong emphasis on modeling and a small amount of field measurement if needed  
 Activities associated with high intensity are dominated by the blend of expert opinion, the literature, extensive use of models and a significant amount of field measurement  
 \* The multiplier accounts for system complexity and what is already known  
 \*\*Baseline values are relative values and are used in conjunction with the multipliers to determine the estimated budget

**Conservation Study Task 4 - Literature Review**  
**Structural, Non-Structural, and Transmission Conservation Impacts**

MODEL	AUTHOR/AGENCY	DATE	LINK (if applicable)	SUMMARY	GEOGRAPHIC SCALE	TEMPORAL SCALE	CONSERVATION PRACTICES	REFERENCES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
M1	POTYD Potential Yield Model Revised. Kansas State University	1994	<a href="http://www.igs.ku.edu/Publications/1994/23/soilwater/index.html">http://www.igs.ku.edu/Publications/1994/23/soilwater/index.html</a>	POTYD assesses the effects of land use and conservation practices on large watersheds. POTYD functions on a daily time step to calculate water budget for different land uses and estimates the water yield on a monthly or annual basis for a single area. Hydrologic processes that include evapotranspiration, transpiration, interflow, runoff, snow, soil water evaporation, infiltration and redistribution. Spatial calculations performed for hydrologic response units.	Watershed	Daily	Ponds and terraces. Buffers, conservation reserves, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management conservation practices can be evaluated through infiltration parameters.	Kociljar, J. K., 1994a. User's manual for Potential Yield Model Revised. Kansas State University, Manhattan, Civil Engineering Department. Arbuz, M., C.S. Gopalraj, M. Soghomonyan, & J. Kociljar. 2003. Use of distributed models for watershed management. Case Studies. In Watershed Models, V.P. Singh, and D. Fiewert, eds. CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group, New York, pp. 593-626.	POTYD utilizes values of runoff curve numbers (RCN) to predict the spatial runoff and infiltration for land uses from daily amounts of rainfall and (soil) RCN (see Chapter 6 for more information on RCN values). Individual land uses and conservation practice conditions can be described by a RCN, and the RCN technique is used widely to predict runoff from design storms. It follows that the RCN method can predict runoff over a period of time provided the antecedent soil moisture conditions (SMC). Now we set the soil wet at the time of each storm, and we can use the RCN method to predict runoff for a long duration simulation model is now used widely in watershedsimulation models. Recently, POTYD has been modified to include additional refinements and to include irrigation; consequently, the name was changed to Potential Yield Model Revised (POTYDR) (Kociljar, 1994a, 1994b).
M2	SWAT Soil and Water Assessment Tool Blackland Research Center - Texas AgLife Research	2009	<a href="http://www2.tamu.edu/geomartwater/">http://www2.tamu.edu/geomartwater/</a>	SWAT is used to predict the impact of land management practices on water, sediment and agricultural chemical yields. SWAT functions on a continuous daily time step to simulate the hydrologic water balance.  Model inputs include climate, hydrologic response units (GIS based spatially unique areas of land cover, soil type and management practices), ponds, groundwater, and channel data. Water balance equations calculate the change in daily soil water content from precipitation, surface runoff, evapotranspiration, seepage into the vadose zone, and ground water recharge. Additional hydrologic considerations include canopy storage, infiltration, redistribution, lateral subsurface flow, surface runoff, pond storage, and tributary channel routing and transmission losses.  Model is available in a GIS format (SWAT).	Watershed	Daily	Ponds, terraces, buffers, conservation reserve programs, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management.	S.L. Neitsch, J.G. Arnold, J.R. King, J.R. Williams, 2011. Soil and Water Assessment Tool Theoretical Documentation Version 2010. Texas Water Resources Institute Technical Report No. 406. Arnold, J. G., D. N. Morari, P. W. Gassman, C. A. Abbaspour, M. J. White, R. Srinivasan, R. Smith, R. D. Harmel, A. van Grinsven, M. W. Van Liew, K. Karim, M. K. R. 2012. SWAT Model User, Calibration, and Validation. Transactions of the ASABE, vol. 55(4): 1493-1508. Gassman, P. W., J. R. Williams, K. Wang, A. Salati, C. Orell, L. M. Mark, & C. Eassey. 2010. D. Piment, 2010. The Agricultural Policy Analysis and Research (APAR) Model. In Agricultural Policy and Watershed Environmental Analysis. Transactions of the ASABE, 53(3): 711-740. Srinivasan, R., X. Zhang, J. Arnold. 2010. SWAT Unpaired: Hydrological Budget and Crop Yield Prediction in the Upper Mississippi River Basin. Transactions of the ASABE, vol. 53(5): 1533-1546.	The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) is a public domain model jointly developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Texas A&M AgrLife Research, part of the Texas A&M University System. SWAT is a small watershed to river basin-scale model to simulate the quality and quantity of surface and ground water and predict the environmental impact of land use, land management practices, and climate change. SWAT is widely used in assessing soil erosion prevention and control, non-point source pollution control and regional management in watersheds.
M3	RZWQM2 Root Zone Water Quality Model USDA ARS	2000	<a href="http://www.wrcfc.com/books/rzwqm2.html">http://www.wrcfc.com/books/rzwqm2.html</a>	RZWQM2 is used to predict the hydrologic response of alternative crop-management systems. RZWQM2 functions on a daily time-step and one-dimensional soil profile. The model simulates crop development and the movement of water, nutrients, and pesticides over and through the root zone on a field level.  Model inputs include daily weather data, soil properties, and management practices. Hydrologic processes include infiltration, flow through soil matrix, macropores, and macropores; fluctuating water table; the drain, bare, and residue-covered soil; soil evaporation; crop transpiration; soil water redistribution between rainfall and irrigation events; and soil accumulation and melt.  Model is available in a GIS format (RZWQM2-GIS).	Field	Annual	Terraces, buffers, conservation reserve programs, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management.	Aljuha, L. K., W. Rojas, L. D. Hanson, M. J. Shaffer, and L. Ma (eds). 2000. The Root Zone Water Quality Model. Water Resources Publications Ltd., Highlands Ranch, CO.	The Root Zone Water Quality Model (RZWQM) was developed in the 1990's by a team of USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists. A majority of the team members are part of the present Agricultural Systems Research Unit, Fort Collins, CO. Parts of the model have been revised and enhanced with cooperation of the ARS Northwest Watershed Research Laboratory, Boise, ID, and the ARS Namahoe Research Laboratory, Tillamook, GA. The next generation, RZWQM2, has been revised and enhanced to include the DS2AT 4-E Cropping System Models with the cooperation of the University of Georgia and DS2AT modeling group. Additional crops and model enhancements for applications are done in cooperation with users nationally and internationally with the USDA ARS Agricultural System Research Unit RZWQM2 team.
M4	WEPP Water Erosion Prediction Project USDA-ARS National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory	1995	<a href="http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/Projects/45367.htm">http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/Projects/45367.htm</a>	WEPP is a continuous simulation model used in hillslope and watershed applications. WEPP functions on a daily time-step.  Model inputs include climate, slope, soil and cropping management data files. Hydrologic processes include infiltration, runoff, soil evaporation, plant transpiration, soil water retention, plant and residue decay, soil water infiltration, soil water profile drainage by subsurface tiles. Translation is modeled with the kinematic wave equation.	Watershed or Field	Event, Monthly, or Annual	Ponds, terraces, buffers, conservation reserve programs, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management.	D.C. Flanagan and M.A. Neering (ed.). 1995. USDA - Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) Hillslope Profile and Watershed Model Documentation. NREL Report No. 10. USDA-ARS National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory. Laine, L. J., D. L. Schwab, E. E. Albert, L. M. Lallan, and V. L. Logan. 1988. The Soil National Project Developing Improved Erosion Technology to Reduce the USSE. Proc. ASAE Int. Symposium on Sediment Budgets, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 11- 15 Dec. 1988. ASAE Publ. No. 174, pp. 473-481. Laine, L. J., E. Gilley, M. Neering, and A.D. Nick. 1988. The USDA Water Erosion Prediction Project. National Conf. on Hydraulic Engineering, Colorado Springs, CO, August, 1988.	The Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) model is a process-based, distributed parameter, continuous simulation, erosion prediction model for use on personal computers. Processes considered in hillslope profile model applications include till and intertilt erosion, sediment transport and deposition, infiltration, soil consolidation, residue and canopy effects on soil detachment and infiltration, surface sealing, till hydraulics, surface runoff, plant growth, residue decomposition, precipitation, evapotranspiration, snow melt, frozen soil effects on infiltration and erodibility, climatic, tillage effects on soil properties, effects of soil erosion roughness, and contour effects including potential overtopping of contour ridges. The model accommodates the spatial and temporal variability in topography, surface roughness, soil properties, crops, and land use conditions on hillslopes. In watershed applications, the model allows linkage of hillslope profiles to channels and impoundments. Water and sediment from one or more hillslopes can be routed through a small field-scale watershed. Almost all of the parameter updating for hillslopes is automatic for channels. The model simulates channel detachment, sediment transport and deposition. Impoundments such as, farm ponds, terraces, culverts, filter fences and check dams can be simulated in channel reachment from the flow.
M5	HEC-HMS Hydrologic Modeling System US Army Corps of Engineers Hydrologic Engineering Center	2000	<a href="http://www.hec.usace.army.mil/software/hydrologic-modeling-system/">http://www.hec.usace.army.mil/software/hydrologic-modeling-system/</a>	HEC-HMS is an event based rainfall-runoff response model. Model inputs include meteorologic, infiltration, transformation, and reservoir routing data. Model results include watershed runoff volume and flow rates.  Model is available in a GIS format (HEC-HMS).	Watershed	Event	Ponds and terraces. Buffers, conservation reserve programs, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management conservation practices can be evaluated through infiltration parameters.	Hydrologic Engineering Center. 2000. Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS). Technical Reference Manual. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Davis, CA.	The Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS) is designed to simulate the precipitation-runoff-process of drainage watershed systems. It is designed to be applicable in a wide range of geographic areas for solving the widest possible range of problems. This includes large river basin water supply and flood regulation, and small urban or natural watershed runoff. Hydrographs produced by the program are used directly or in conjunction with other software for studies of water availability, urban drainage, flow forecasting, future urbanization impact, reservoir spillway design, flood damage reduction, floodplain hydrology, and systems operation. The program is a generalist modeling system capable of representing many different watersheds. A model of the watershed is constructed by separating the hydrologic cycle into manageable pieces and constructing boundaries around the watershed of interest. Any mass or energy flux in the cycle can then be represented with a mathematical model. In most cases, several model choices are available for representing each flux. Each mathematical model included in the program is suitable in different environments and under different conditions. Making the correct choice requires knowledge of the watershed, the goals of the hydrologic study, and engineering judgment. The program features a completely integrated work environment including a database, data entry utilities, compilation engine, and results reporting tools. A graphical user interface allows the seamless movement between the different parts of the program. Program functionality and appearance are the same across all supported platforms.
M6	HYDRUS 2D PC-Program, Prague, Czech Republic	2007	<a href="http://www.pc-progress.com/Pages/Products/HYDRUS2D.aspx">http://www.pc-progress.com/Pages/Products/HYDRUS2D.aspx</a>	HYDRUS 2D is a finite element model used to simulate the movement of water and root uptake in the vadose zone comprised of uniform or nonuniform soils. Simulation time increments are user dependent ranging from seconds to days. Flow and transport can occur in the vertical plane, the horizontal plane, a three-dimensional zone exhibiting radial symmetry about a vertical axis, or in a three-dimensional region. The water flow part of the model can deal with (constant or time-varying) prescribed head and flux boundaries, as well as boundaries controlled by atmospheric conditions. Soil face boundary conditions may change during the simulation from prescribed flux to prescribed head type conditions (and vice versa). The code can also handle a seepage face boundary, through which water leaves the saturated part of the flow domain, and free drainage boundary conditions. Root draws are represented by a simple relationship derived from analog experiments.	Field	Seconds to Days	Canal rehabilitation, conversion of canal open canals to buried pipes, and conversion of drip irrigation.	Simunek, J. and M. Sejna. 2007. HYDRUS 2D/3D Software Package for Simulating Two- and Three-Dimensional Movement of Water, Heat, and Multiple Solutes in Variably Saturated Media User Manual Version 2.0.2. PC-Progress, Prague, Czech Republic.	HYDRUS is a Microsoft Windows based modeling environment for the analysis of water flow and solute transport in variably saturated porous media. The software package includes computational finite element models for simulating the two- and three-dimensional movement of water, heat, and multiple solutes in variably saturated media. The model includes a parameter optimization algorithm for inverse estimation of a variety of soil hydraulic and/or solute transport parameters. The model is supported by an interactive graphic-based interface for data preprocessing, generation of structural and unstructured finite element mesh, and graphic presentation of the results. The program can handle flow domains delineated by irregular boundaries.
M7	VFSMOD-W Vegetative Filter Strip Modeling System Rafael Munoz-Carpena, John E. Parsons University of Florida	2011	<a href="http://www.ifs.usp.br/Carpena/VFSMOD/">http://www.ifs.usp.br/Carpena/VFSMOD/</a>	VFSMOD is a numerical model used to study hydrology and sediment transport through vegetative filter strips. VFSMOD functions on a field scale and event basis to calculate outflow and infiltration of overland runoff. Model inputs include infiltration, hydrologic, plant hydrographs, soil infiltration parameters and soil water content, and surface storage and runoff.	Field	Event	Buffers and conservation reserve programs.	Rafael Munoz-Carpena, John E. Parsons. 2011. VFSMOD-W Vegetative Filter Strips Modeling System Model Description and User's Manual Version 6.6. University of Florida.	
M8	CROPSIM Darel Martin University of Nebraska	2011	<a href="http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/Projects/45367.htm">http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/Projects/45367.htm</a>	CROPSIM is a numerical model used to calculate soil water balance. CROPSIM functions on a daily time step at the field or watershed. Model inputs include climatic, soil, atmospheric, land cover, and management data. Water balance equations estimate ET, crop penetration, and runoff.	Watershed or Field	Daily, Monthly, or Annual	Buffers, conservation reserve programs, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management conservation practices.		
M9	Water Optimizer Chris Thompson, Ray Sapatla, and Darel Martin University of Nebraska	2010	<a href="http://darellm.unl.edu/wateroptimizer/">http://darellm.unl.edu/wateroptimizer/</a>	Water Optimizer is a spreadsheet based model used to predict the profit maximizing cropping strategy and corresponding amount of applied irrigation water. Model inputs include crop type, soil type, irrigation system, well and pump characteristics, well or canal delivery, and power source.	Field	Season	Irrigation management and improvements in irrigation efficiency.	Water Optimizer Decision Support Tool for Deficit Irrigated Multi-Field Water Optimizer Model	Water Optimizer is a suite of optimization programs to predict the profit maximizing cropping strategy and corresponding amount of applied irrigation water when water supplies are limited. The Water Optimizer Suite consists of four separate, but similar models, the basic Water Optimizer, a multi-field Water Optimizer, a multi-year Water Optimizer, and an independent budget calculator. The single field single-year model seeks to maximize the average annual net return subject to water supply constraints and user specified cropping limitations. The single-field single-year model is the platform for the multi-year and multi-field models and built upon.
M10	RHEM A Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model M.A. Neiring, H. Weil, J.L. Stoner, F.B. Parson, K.E. Saxon, M.A. Weitz, D.C. Flanagan, M. Hernandez	2011	<a href="http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/Projects/45367.htm">http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/Projects/45367.htm</a>	The Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model (RHEM) is a web-based tool designed to model and predict runoff and erosion rates on rangelands. This model can also assist in assessing rangeland conservation practice effects. RHEM is a process-based erosion prediction tool specific for rangeland application, based on fundamentals of infiltration, hydrologic, plant science, hydraulics and erosion mechanics. It is designed to use data that are routinely collected by rangeland managers and in national monitoring programs such as the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) National Resource Inventory (NRI). Users (landowners and managers) to be proactive in preventing accelerated soil loss on rangelands by targeting areas for conservation management that are most vulnerable to soil erosion.	Watershed or Field	Event, Monthly, or Annual	Rangeland Management.	Neiring M. Weitz, Stoner, Parson, F. Sapatla, K. Weitz, M. Flanagan D, and Hernandez M. 2011. A Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model. In Transactions of the ASABE. 54 (3): 901-908. Weil H, Neiring M, Stone J, and Breckner D. 2008. A Dual Monte Carlo approach to estimate uncertainty and variability in the Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model. In Transactions of the ASABE. 51(2): 515-520. Weil H, Neiring M, and Stone J. 2007. A comprehensive sensitivity analysis framework for model evaluation and improvement using a case study of the Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model. In Transactions of the ASABE. 50(3): 940-953.	
M11	MODFLOW Modular Ground Water Model US Geological Survey	2005	<a href="http://www.cwr.gov.au/gwt/2005/modflow.html">http://www.cwr.gov.au/gwt/2005/modflow.html</a>	MODFLOW is a three dimensional finite-difference model used to calculate groundwater budget. MODFLOW functions on a user defined time increment (seconds to years) over a model grid. Model inputs include pressure head, soil medium type and layer thickness, aquifer hydraulic conductivity and transmissivity, and riverbed conductance.	Model Grid	Seconds to Years	The groundwater transition portion of all conservation practices.	MODFLOW-2005, The U.S. Geological Survey Modular Ground Water Model - The Ground Water Flow Program	
M12	MIKE SHE DIH Water and Environment	2012	<a href="http://www.mikesoft.com/Products/mike-she.htm">http://www.mikesoft.com/Products/mike-she.htm</a>	MIKE SHE is a physically based hydrological and water quality modeling system that simulates surface and groundwater responses. MIKE SHE functions on a monthly or day time step at a watershed scale. Hydrologic processes include evapotranspiration, overland flow, channel flow, soil water and ground water responses. Model inputs include topography, precipitation, land use, reference ET, rivers and lakes, overland flow, unsaturated zone, groundwater table, and saturated zone characteristics. MIKE SHE is GIS compatible.	Watershed	Minutes to Days	Ponds, terraces, buffers, conservation reserve programs, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management.	DHI Software. 2007. MIKE SHE USER MANUAL VOLUME 2 - REFERENCE GUIDE. Jason Yan, Joyce Zhang. Evaluation of the MIKE SHE Modeling System. <a href="http://1004.academy.usida.gov/USDA_Regional/Modeling_System/MIKE_SHE.html">http://1004.academy.usida.gov/USDA_Regional/Modeling_System/MIKE_SHE.html</a>	
M13	SPUR Simulation of Production and Utilization of Rangelands Wright (ed.), J.L.	1983		SPUR (Simulating Production and Utilization of Rangeland) is a simulation and process model for its purpose to determine and analyze management scenarios as they affect rangeland sustainability and to forecast the effects of climate change on rangelands. ESM, RSSE, GRAMA and RROOTS were studied extensively during the construction of this plant growth model.	Field	Annual	Rangeland Management.	Wright (ed.), J.L. 1983. SPUR - simulation of production and utilization of rangelands - a rangeland model for management and research. Washington, D.C. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, no. 3431. Carlson, D.H. and T.L. Thowpe. 1986. Comprehensive evaluation of the improved SPUR model (SPUR-III). Ecological Modelling. 85(3)-10: 229-240.	
M14	SPAW Saxon, K. E. and P. H. Wilby	2006		The SPAW (Soil-Plant-Air-Water) computer model simulates the daily hydrology of agricultural fields and ponds including wetlands, lagoons and reservoirs. Field hydrology is represented by daily climatic descriptions of rainfall, temperature and evaporation; a layered soil profile with automated water characteristics; annual crop growth; and management with crop rotation, fertilization, tillage, and irrigation. Tools, lagoon, and wetland simulators are available for agricultural wetlands or producer operations at their water source provide daily inundation levels as controlled by multiple input and depletion processes. Data input and selection are by graphical screens. Simulation results are both tabular and graphical. Typical applications include analysis of crop water status, deep seepage, wetland inundation duration and frequency, lagoon designs, and water supply reservoir reliability.	Field	Annual	Ponds.	Saxon, K.E. 1988. Models for predicting water and energy relationships in soils under limited rainfall conditions. Proc. Int. Symp. on Managing Sandy Soils, Indrapur, India, Feb. 6-30, 1989. Saxon, K.E. and G.C. Bluhm. 1982. Regional prediction of crop water stress by soil water budgets and estimated demand. Trans. of Am. Soc. Agric. Eng. 25(3): 205-210. Saxon, K.E. and P.H. Wilby. 1999. Agricultural Wetland and Pond Hydrologic Calculations Using the SPAW Model. Paper No. 990209, Proc., Amer. Soc. Agric. Eng. Meeting, Toronto, ON, July 18-21, 1999. Saxon, K.E. and P.H. Wilby. 2004. Agricultural Wetland and Pond Hydrologic Analysis Using the SPAW Model. Proc. 5th Sustaining Solutions for Streams, Wetlands and Wetlands Conf., Amer. Soc. Agric. Eng., Sept. 13-20, 2004, St. Paul, MN. Saxon, K. E. and P. H. Wilby. 2006. The SPAW Model for Agricultural Field and Pond Hydrologic Simulation. Chapter 27 in: Hydrological Modeling of Watershed Hydrology, V. P. Singh and D. Frewert, Editors, CRC Press, pp. 401-435.	

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M15	WinSRFR	Baudista, E., A.J. Clemmens, T.S. Shelkoff, J. Schlegel	2009		WinSRFR integrates and supercedes the legacy SFRS, RORDEX, and BASIN programs developed by the former U.S. Water Conservation Lab. The application provides a Windows interface to those programs and will also serve as the foundation for future development. WinSRFR is a tool to help evaluate and design border, basin, and furrow irrigation systems. The tool will assist the user in determining the optimum efficiencies and water utilization. Based on user input the model will calculate subsurface tension, recession times, infiltration depths, runoff, deep percolation, and will provide graphical display of the efficiency and options evaluated. The model is targeted for use by the field office technicians and engineers. For USDA-NRCS, the package that is posted on the ITS Team Services website is the only certified version of this software authorized for installation on ITS workstations. Contact local ITS personnel for installation. Non-NRCS users may obtain a copy of the software from the ARS and Land Agricultural Research center products and service page	Irrigation Methods and Management	Baudista, E., A.J. Clemmens, T.S. Shelkoff, J. Schlegel. 2009. Modern analysis of surface irrigation systems with WinSRFR. Agricultural Water Management 96 (2009) 1140-1154. Shelkoff, T.S., Clemmens, A.J., Schmidt, B.V. 1998. SFRS, Version 3.31—A model for simulating surface irrigation in borders, basins and furrows. US Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Water Conservation Laboratory, Phoenix, AZ
M14	FRI 1.2 Farm Irrigation Rating Index	John Dalton USDA-NRCS	2005	<a href="http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/Research/Programs/FRI/FriMain.pdf">http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/Research/Programs/FRI/FriMain.pdf</a>	FRI 1.2 is a procedure to approximate or quantify approximate water conservation through changes made to irrigation systems or through management. The program provides a standardized means of documenting change for various soil share programs and planning efforts. The model has potential application as a tool for field and watershed scale quantification of irrigation changes and the impact to water quality.	Irrigation Methods and Management	
M17	DFEVP	Thompson, A. L., D. L. Martin, J. M. Norman, J. A. Tolk, T. A. Howell, J. R. Gilley, and A. D. Schneider.	1997		DFEVP is an evaporation model to water losses during sprinkler irrigation of a plant canopy under field conditions. The model combines equations governing water droplet evaporation and droplet ballistics with a plant-environment energy model. The plant-environment model includes droplet heat and water exchange above the canopy and the energy associated with cool water impinging on warm leaves and soil. The combined model is intended for use in evaluating various sprinkler irrigation systems with respect to water efficiencies during irrigation of a crop.	Irrigation Methods and Management	Thompson, A. L., D. L. Martin, J. M. Norman, J. A. Tolk, T. A. Howell, J. R. Gilley, and A. D. Schneider. 1997. Testing of a water loss distribution model for moving sprinkler systems. Trans. ASAE 40(1): 81-88. Martin, D. L., W. L. Krans, A. L. Thompson, and H. Liang. 2012. Selecting sprinkler packages for center pivots. Transactions of the ASABE. 55(2): 515-523.
M18	AquaCrop	Raai, D., Steudts, P., Hsiao, T.C., Fereira, E. and Meng L. Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	2009		Estimating attainable yield under water limiting conditions remains central in arid, semi-arid and drought-prone environments. To address this need, FAO has been developing a yield response to water model, AquaCrop, which simulates attainable yields of the major herbaceous crops. As compared to other crop models, AquaCrop has a significantly smaller number of parameters and a better balance between simplicity, accuracy and robustness. Root zone water content is simulated by keeping track of incoming and outgoing water fluxes at its boundaries, considering the soil as a water storage reservoir with different layers. Instead of leaf area index, AquaCrop uses canopy ground cover. Canopy development, stomatal conductance, canopy senescence and harvest index are the key physiological crop responses to water stress. Evapotranspiration is simulated as crop transpiration and soil evaporation and the daily transpiration is used to derive the daily biomass gain via the normalized biomass water productivity of the crop. The normalization is for reference evapotranspiration and CO2 concentration to make the model applicable to diverse locations and seasons, including future climate scenarios. AquaCrop accommodates different water management systems, including deficit agriculture and supplemental, deficit, and full irrigation. Simulations can be carried out both on calendar and thermal time, and the developing versions will incorporate effects of nutrient regimes, particularly nitrogen, and of soil salinity. AquaCrop is mainly addressed to extension services practitioners, consulting engineers, governmental agencies, NGOs and farmers associations.	Buffers, conservation reserve programs, tillage practices, irrigation methods and management, crop rotation, and grazing management conservation practices.	Raai, D., Steudts, P., Hsiao, T.C., Fereira, E. and Meng L. 2008. AquaCrop Calculation Procedure, Prototype Version 2.3a. FAO, Rome, Italy, 64 p. AquaCrop. 2009. The FAO Crop Model to Simulate Yield Response to Water: I. Concepts and Underlying Principles. Agron. J. 101: 426-437. D. Raai, P. Steudts, T.C. Hsiao, and E. Fereira. 2009. AquaCrop—The FAO Crop Model to Simulate Yield Response to Water: II. Main Algorithms and Software Description. Agron. J. 101: 438-447 T.C. Hsiao, L.K. Meng, P. Steudts, B. Rojas Lara, D. Raai, and E. Fereira. 2009. AquaCrop—The FAO Crop Model to Simulate Yield Response to Water: III. Parameterization and Testing for Maize. Agron. J. 101: 448-459.
M19	DSAT Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer	Jones, J.W.G., Hoogenboom, C.H. Porter, K.J. Boote, W.D. Batchelor, L.A. Hunt, P.W. Wilkens, U. Singh, A.J. Gijsman and J.T. Ritchie	2003		Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer (DSAT) is a software application program that compares crop simulation models for over 26 crops (soil-c4-c3). DSAT is supported by data base management programs for soil, weather, and crop management and experimental data, and by utilities and application programs. The crop simulation models in DSAT simulate growth, development and yield as a function of the soil-plant-atmosphere systems, and they have been used for many applications, ranging from farm and precision management to regional assessments of the impact of climate variability and climate change. It has been in use for more than 20 years by researchers, educators, consultants, extension agents, growers, and policy and decision makers in over 100 countries worldwide.	Irrigation Methods and Management	Jones, J.W.G., Hoogenboom, C.H. Porter, K.J. Boote, W.D. Batchelor, L.A. Hunt, P.W. Wilkens, U. Singh, A.J. Gijsman and J.T. Ritchie. 2005. The DSAT cropping system model. Europe. J. Agronomy 18:235-265.



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CODE	SUBJECT	ARTICLE TITLE	AUTHOR/AGENCY	DATE	Article link (if applicable)	SUMMARY	GEOGRAPHIC SCALE	TEMPORAL SCALE	NOTES
L1	General Conservation	CEAP Benchmark Watersheds: Synthesis of Preliminary Findings	C. Richardson, D. Bucks, & E. Sadler	2008	<a href="http://www.iewonline.org/content/6/3/5190_short">http://www.iewonline.org/content/6/3/5190_short</a>	The initial CEAP findings demonstrate progress toward the overall goals of quantifying conservation practice effects and providing tools to transfer the knowledge to geists where they are applied under future conservation policy.	Nation-wide and site specific	Years	Mostly talks about using SWAT but if we could get the runoff data then would be very helpful. Does talk about individual sites (2 in Iowa are closest). The Iowa sites have buffers but since a lot is tile drained, the buffers don't work on drained water. Also if tile drained then probably don't want to reduce runoff to streams)
L2	Terraces and Small Dams	Impacts of Non-Federal Reservoirs and Land Terracing on Basin Water Supplies	Republican River Compact Settlement Conservation Committee for the Republican River Compact Administration	2013		The study applied water balance and GIS models to summarize the impacts from basins with Non-Federal reservoirs and land terraces within the Republican River watershed. The Potential Yield Revised (PYTRLR) model was used to analyze inflow. The Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) model was used to analyze terrace infiltration, and the Root Zone Water Quality Model (RZWQM) was used to analyze field hydrology. Transmission losses were analyzed using percent per mile estimates. A net seepage model was developed for reservoirs in watershed.	Regional	Years	Impacts to groundwater recharge, surface runoff, and ET were estimated and plotted for HUC-12 subbasins by terraces, reservoirs, and both terraces and reservoirs. These estimates could be applied to similar subbasins in the Platte River watershed.
L3	Terraces	Field Scale Hydrology of Conservation Terraces in the Republican River Basin	B. Twombly	2009	CYT Theas LD3656 2008_1866	Developed a field scale water balance model to evaluate conservation bench and level broadbase terraces in the Republican River basin. Field measurements were used to calibrate a RZWQM hydrologic model.	Fields in Republican Basin	Years	Conservation bench terraces in Colby, KS yielded 79.4% to deep percolation and 19.0% to ET. Broadbase terraces in Norton, KS yielded 45.5% to deep percolation and 42.4% to ET.
L4	Terraces	Modeling and Monitoring the Hydrology of Conservation Terrace Systems	T. Yonts		CYT Theas LD3656 2006_1168	Developed a field scale HEC-HMS model to evaluate conservation bench terraces, and steep backslope terraces with underground and grassed waterway outlets. The model was able to represent the detention effects of the terrace systems, but did not account for infiltration.	N/A	Event Basis	Shows potential for using HEC-HMS model for future work.
L5	Buffers & Terraces	Watershed Scale Impacts of Buffers and Upland Conservation Practices on Agrochemical Delivery to Streams	T. Franti, D. Eisenhower, M. McCullough, L. Stahr, M. Dosskey, D. Snow, R. Spalding, & A. Boldt	Sep 04	<a href="http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/agView/content.cgi?article=1024&amp;context=usdrfweb">http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/agView/content.cgi?article=1024&amp;context=usdrfweb</a>	Researchers compared two adjacent watersheds (340 and 400 acres) to evaluate the impact of conservation buffers on surface runoff. These watersheds feed Clear Creek, which is a tributary to the Platte River in Central Nebraska. Monitoring occurred in 2002 and 2003, with similar monthly rainfall for April-June. The buffer watershed produced only 27mm of runoff compared to 47mm in the other.	Watershed	April-June for 2 years	Study provides measure of overland runoff reduction on a small watershed basis by conservation buffers.
L6	Invasive Riparian Vegetation	Do Invasive Riparian Woody Plants affect Hydrology and Ecosystem Processes	J. Huddle, T. Awada, D. Martin, X. Zhou, S. Pegg, & S. Josiah	Apr 11	<a href="http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/agView/content.cgi?article=1006&amp;context=usdrfweb">http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/agView/content.cgi?article=1006&amp;context=usdrfweb</a>	This paper summarizes other papers. Table 2 on page 59 (12 in pdf) is very helpful. It says that in a region with 600 mm of annual precip, if you remove the trees along a river in a watershed, then you should gain around 200 mm of water yield. (I'm sure Dr. Martin can give us a better summary)	Watershed and by tree	Monthly/ Annual	Table 2 on page 59 (12 in pdf) is very helpful. It says that in a region with 600 mm of annual precip, if you remove the trees along a river in a watershed, then you should gain around 200 mm of water yield. Dr. Martin is an author on study.
L7	Narrow Grass Hedges	Narrow Grass Hedges Effects on Runoff and Soil Loss	J. Gilley, B. Eghball, L. Kramer, & T. Moorman	Jan 00	<a href="http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/agView/content.cgi?article=1128&amp;context=usdrfweb">http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/agView/content.cgi?article=1128&amp;context=usdrfweb</a>	Switchgrass hedges (6 yrs old) substantially reduced runoff and soil loss. Under no-till plots with corn residue and grass hedges averaged 52% less runoff than similar plots without hedges. Under tilled conditions, plots with corn residue and hedges averaged 22% less runoff than those without hedges. Plots without corn residue but with hedges had 41% less runoff than those with hedges.	3.7 m x 10.7 m plots in fields.	Study applied simulated rainfall plots for 2 hours.	Narrow Grass Hedges are an effective conservation measure, especially when used in conjunction with no till or reduced till farming systems. This study quantifies those effects at field plot level.
L8	Terraces & Small Dams	Modeling and Field Experimentation to Determine the Effects of Terracing and Small Reservoirs on Water Supplies in the Republican River Basin above Hardy, Nebraska	Scott Guenther	2009	<a href="http://www.usbr.gov/research/projects/detail.cfm?id=9517">http://www.usbr.gov/research/projects/detail.cfm?id=9517</a>	Website says to contact the Principal Investigator for info about the results. There is also a website <a href="http://www.calmi.unl.edu/people/zrnm21/Prjgts/RepublicanRiverBasin.htm">http://www.calmi.unl.edu/people/zrnm21/Prjgts/RepublicanRiverBasin.htm</a>	Republican River Basin	2006-2009	Research question posed: "How are land terracing and small reservoir development affecting surface and ground water supplies?" Author/USBR may have data results from study.
L9	Terraces & Small Dams	Republican River Basin Hydrologic Simulation to Address Water Quality and Quantity (USDA and Kansas State)	KSU	Jun 10	<a href="http://www.reports.usbr.gov/web/crsproj/esdpage.cfm?file=repubrivbasinhydrologic_simulation_to_address_water_quality_and_quantity.html">http://www.reports.usbr.gov/web/crsproj/esdpage.cfm?file=repubrivbasinhydrologic_simulation_to_address_water_quality_and_quantity.html</a>	The impacts section says that an estimate of effects on land terracing on streamflow for the Francis Dog Creek above Keith Sedelius Lake average about 3,200 AF/yr of reduction in streamflow and about 200 AF/yr increase in groundwater recharge.	Republican River Basin	2005-2010	Estimation of the effects of land terracing approach and overall estimate.
L10	Ponds and Terraces	Effect of watershed structures on water supply availability	Koelliker, J.H., S.R. Raminobdygeri, M.A. Sophocleous	1999	ASAE Paper No. 99-2123. St. Joseph, MI: ASAE				
L11	Canal Seepage	Determining Irrigation Canal Seepage with Electrical Resistivity	R.H. Hotchkiss, C.B. Wingert and W.E. Kelly		<a href="http://ascelibrary.org/doi/abs/10.1061/(ASCE)1084-0699(2003)8:4(374)&lt;374:374::374&gt;2.0.CO;2">http://ascelibrary.org/doi/abs/10.1061/(ASCE)1084-0699(2003)8:4(374)&lt;374:374::374&gt;2.0.CO;2</a>	Procedures to quantify seepage losses in unlined irrigation canals for test record of D00F.	100 ft section of canal		
L12	Canal Seepage & Conversion to buried pipeline	WaterSMART: A Three Year Progress Report	USDO - USBR	Oct 12	<a href="http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART/docs/WaterSMART_three_year_progress_report.pdf">http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART/docs/WaterSMART_three_year_progress_report.pdf</a>	Progress report on USBR WaterSMART. Includes case studies about water reuse, conservation and efficiency.	Nationwide		
L13	Canal Seepage	Canal Seepage Groundwater Recharge 2011 Demonstration Projects	DNR/Pat Gold	2011	<a href="http://dnr.ne.gov/WaterSMART/CanalSeepage/cover1213012.pdf">http://dnr.ne.gov/WaterSMART/CanalSeepage/cover1213012.pdf</a>	Demonstration project with group of Nebraska irrigation districts to estimate canal seepage in Platte Basin as part of PRRP	Platte Basin	2011-2012	Canal seepage estimates in Platte Basin can be quantified.
L14	Conversion to buried pipeline	CNPID - Irrigation Division	CNPID		<a href="http://www.cnpid.com/Irrigation_Divis.htm">http://www.cnpid.com/Irrigation_Divis.htm</a>	Article by CNPID about their progress on improving canal delivery efficiency.	Central Platte Basin	1975-present	Reduced transportation losses (seepage and evap) by 45 to 50%
L15	Canal Loss and Recharge Volume	Upper Platte River Recharge and Flood Mitigation Demonstration Project: Part of Conjunctive Management Toolbox	Nebraska DNR	Jan 13	<a href="http://dnr.ne.gov/WaterSMART/Reports/2011RechargeTM2011.pdf">http://dnr.ne.gov/WaterSMART/Reports/2011RechargeTM2011.pdf</a>	Technical memo prepared that provides brief summary of canal losses and related recharge volumes	Platte Basin	Sept-Dec 2011	Spreadsheet developed through study could be tool for calculating recharge by canals using canal loss data.
L16	Irrigation Efficiency	Irrigation Efficiency and Uniformity, and Crop Water Use Efficiency	S. Irmak, L.D. Oshroban, W.L. Krutz, and D. Eisenhauer	2011	<a href="http://nrcpubs.unl.edu/web/7373/Booklet7373.pdf">http://nrcpubs.unl.edu/web/7373/Booklet7373.pdf</a>	Nebraska Extension circular describes various irrigation efficiency, crop water use efficiency, and irrigation uniformity evaluation terms that are related to irrigation systems and management practices currently used in Nebraska, in other states, and around the world.	Statewide		Includes formulas to calculate water conveyance efficiency, water application efficiency, and other delivery efficiency calculations.
L17	Surge Irrigation Management	Surge Irrigation Management	C.D. Yonts	Jul 08	<a href="http://www.iewonline.unl.edu/View/Article.aspx?id=1866">http://www.iewonline.unl.edu/View/Article.aspx?id=1866</a>	Water delivery efficiency improvement due to surge irrigation.			
L18	Terraces	Terrace dimension changes and the movement of terrace ridges resulting from different farming practices	Schoenleber, L. H		Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, [1941] CYT 5591 A15 no.40-41 1941	Article by CNPID about their progress on improving canal delivery efficiency.			Canal efficiency information





