Real time comparison of measured and predicted crop transpiration in greenhouse process control

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Introduction



Application of models in commercial greenhouse control

Combine transpiration model and measured data

- Provide extra information and insight to crop functioning
- Evaluate measured values
- Warning for unexpected crop functioning
- Indicate level of plant health or stress





- Calibration and validation of transpiration model
- Implementation in commercial process control
- Real time comparison of measured and predicted transpiration
- Warnings when differences are detected
- Predict effect of differences on crop photosynthesis



Transpiration Measurements



ProDrain system



Implementation in process control









- Model Validation
 - In wide range of climate parameter values

500

✓ Accurate transpiration prediction within and among days.

rate — 1:1 line

300 400 50

Measured [g/m²/h]





Results



 Cumulative Transpiration
1:1 line

- Model Validation
 - In wide range of climate parameter values
 - \checkmark Accurate transpiration prediction within and among days.



Results



- Model Validation
 - In wide range of climate parameter values
 - ✓ Accurate transpiration prediction within and among days.







- Model Implemented in commercial process control
 - ✓ Accurate real time transpiration prediction in 2 locations









Greenhouse Grown











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Results



- Model Implemented in commercial process control
 - ✓ Warnings for unexpected transpiration
- Unexpected stomata closure











Conclusions



- ✓ Tomato transpiration was predicted accurately
- ✓ Applied in commercial greenhouses
- \checkmark Real time predictions in different locations, greenhouses and varieties
- $\checkmark\,$ Warnings inform the grower for unexpected crop behavior
- ✓ Feedback on possible effects on photosynthesis





Thank you for your attention!

Questions...?

