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CHAPTER 4

SIMULATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS - PROCEDURE

This section discusses the procedure for using DRAINMOD to simulate the performance of a water management system. As an example, the design of a drainage system is considered. The required input data and a representative example of the program output are presented. Sources of input data and methods used to determine them are discussed in Chapter 5. Other examples of the use of DRAINMOD for evaluation and design are given in Chapter 6. The purpose of this chapter is to demonstrate the simulation procedure and examine the form of the required inputs and simulation output.

Example - A combination surface-subsurface drainage system

The soil chosen for this hypothetical example is a Wagram loamy sand located near Wilson, North Carolina. This soil type is usually well drained in nature and does not require artificial drainage. In this case, however, it is flat and is underlain by a very slowly permeable layer at a 1.8 m depth. Corn is to be grown on a continuous basis. The seedbed is to be prepared after about March 15 and corn planted by April 15; the harvest period is September 1 to October 15. The purpose of the drainage system is to provide trafficable conditions in the spring and during the fall harvest season, and to prevent excessive soil water conditions during the growing season. The simulation will tell us whether or not the given design will accomplish this purpose and how often it may be expected to fail.

Input Data

The input data for this example are given in Appendix A as card images arranged in the order that they are fed into the computer. The sources of these data and more details concerning the inputs are discussed below.

Soil Property Inputs

The relationships between drainage volume (or effective air volume above the water table) and water table depth were determined from large field cores as discussed by Skaggs, et al, (1978), and are plotted along with similar relationships for other soils in Figure 5-4. The relationship between maximum rate of upward water movement to supply ET requirements and depth of the water table below the root zone is given in Figure 2-15 for the Wagram soil. A summary of the other soil property inputs is given in Table 4-1.

Crop Input Data

The growing season for corn is approximately 120 days from April 15 to about August 15. The effective root zone depth is assumed to be dependent on time after planting and is arbitrarily taken as that given by the 60 percent curve from the data of Mengel and Barber, Figure 2-22. Soil water from a shallow surface layer will be removed (i.e., dried out to some lower limit water content) by evaporation even when the land is fallow. Therefore, an effective root zone depth of 3 cm was assumed for the period before and after the growing season. Other crop related input data are given in Table 4-1.

Drainage System Input Parameters

The drainage system consists of subsurface 102 mm (4 inch) drains spaced 45 m apart and 1 m deep. The surface drainage is only fair with some shallow depressions and an average surface storage depth of 12.5 mm. Convergence near the drain is accounted for by defining an equivalent depth

Table 4-1. Summary of soil property and crop related input data for Wagram loamy sand.

Parameter	Program Variable Name	Value
Depth to restricting layer	DEPTH	180 cm
Hydraulic conductivity	CONK	6 cm/hr (uniform)
Volumetric water content at lower limit (wilting point)	WP	0.05
Initial water table depth	IDTWT	0.0 cm
Minimum soil air volume required for tillage operations during:		
first work period (spring)	AMIN1	3.7 cm
second work period (harvest)	AMIN2	3.0 cm
Minimum rain to stop field operations:		
spring seedbed prep.	ROUTA1	1.2 cm
fall harvest	ROUTA2	0.5 cm
Minimum time after rain before can till:		
spring seedbed prep.	ROUTT1	1 day
fall harvest	ROUTT2	1 day
Working period for seedbed prep.:		
starting day	BWKDY1	74
ending day	EWKDY1	104
Working period for harvest:		
starting day	BWKDY2	240
ending day	EWKDY2	270
Working hours during spring:		
starting time	SWKHR1	0800
ending time	EWKHR1	2000
Working hours during harvest:		
starting time	SWKHR2	0800
ending time	EWKHR2	1800
Growing season - starting date	ISEWMS/ISEWDS	4/15
- ending date	ISDWME/ISEWDE	8/15
Depth on which SEW calculations are based	SEWX	30 cm

Parameters for Green-Ampt infiltration equation:	W.T. Depth	A(hr ⁻¹)	B(cm hr ⁻¹)
	0 cm	0	0
	50	3.0	1.0
	100	5.5	2.0
	150	8.7	3.0
	200	11.5	3.0
	500	25.0	3.0

from the drain to the impermeable layer according to the methods given by Hooghoudt (van Schilfgaarde, 1974). Methods given elsewhere Skaggs (1978b), were used to find an effective radius of a completely open drain tube from data presented by Bravo and Schwab (1975), and then to determine the equivalent depth using equations given by Moody (1966). Input parameters describing the drainage system are summarized in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2. Summary of drainage system input parameters.

Parameter	Program Variable Name	Value
Drain spacing	SDRAIN	45 m
Drain depth	DDRAIN	1 m
Equivalent depth to impermeable layer	HDRAIN	0.68 m
*Equivalent profile depth	DEPTH	1.68 m
Maximum depth of surface storage	STMAX	12.5 mm
Drain radius	**	57 mm
Effective drain radius	**	5.1 mm

* The equivalent profile depth is the sum of DDRAIN and HDRAIN and is used as input for the variable DEPTH, rather than the actual profile depth in Table 1.

**These variables are not inputs to DRAINMOD, but are used to calculate HDRAIN.

Climatological Input Data

Hourly precipitation and daily temperature data were obtained for Wilson, North Carolina, from HISARS. Inputs identifying the station and specifying the heat index for ET calculations were given on the EXECUTE JCL card. These inputs are given in Table 4-3.

Table 4-3. Inputs for calling climatological data from HISARS and ET calculations.

Parameter	Program Variable Name	Value
Station ID for precipitation	ID1	319476
Station ID for daily temperatures	ID2	319476
Latitude for temperature station	LATT	35° 47'
Heat index	HET	75.0
Year and month simulation starts	START	1952-01
Year and month simulation ends	END	1971-12

Other Input Data

Irrigation is not considered in the example given here. However, input data for irrigation must be specified; values are selected such that no irrigation water will be applied. An example of the irrigation inputs required for simulating the use of the above system for application of waste water is given in Appendix A.

Simulation Results

Sample results of the computer output for each simulation are shown in Tables 4-4 through 4-7. A listing of the input parameters and soil properties is given in Table 4-4. Daily summaries for the month of July 1959 are given in Table 4-5 and monthly summaries for 1959, a relatively wet year with a total of 1553 mm of rainfall, infiltration (INFIL), ET, cumulative drainage (DRAIN), runoff, total water leaving the field through the outlet drain (WLOSS) and the amount of irrigated water (DMTSI). In addition, soil water conditions at the end of the day are given by values for air volume in the wet zone (AIR VOL), total drained volume (TVOL), depth of dry zone (DDZ), depth of wet zone (WETZ), depth of the water table (DTWT), depth of water stored on the surface at the end of the day (STOR), depth of water in the outlet (DRNSTO). The SEW-30 value is also given for each day.

The monthly summaries (Table 4-6) give the totals of rainfall, infiltration, runoff, drainage, ET, dry days, working days, water lost from the field through the drainage outlet, SEW-30, total irrigation (MIR), number of irrigation events (MCN), depth of water pumped for subirrigation (PUMP), and the number of scheduled irrigation events postponed (MPT) for each month. Sample output results for a year (1961) with a smaller amount of rainfall are given in the output section of Appendix A. Also given in Appendix A is an example of simulation output when this water management system is used for disposal of waste water at a planned sprinkler irrigation rate of 2.5 cm/week.

The simulation was conducted for a 20-year period (1952-1971). The summary and ranking of the objective functions, which is printed out at the end of the simulation is given in Table 4-7. A probability analysis can then be conducted on the results in Table 4-7 and on similar results for other sets of design parameters to develop relationships between the objective functions and design parameters such as those given in Chapter 6 (e.g. Figures 6-11 and 6-12).

Table 4-4 (Cont.) An example of computer output - listing of inputs - Wagram soil.

SOIL WATER CHARACTERISTICS AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WATER TABLE DEPTH AND DRAINED(VOID) VOLUME		WATER CONTENT VOLUME ABOVE W.T.	
VOLUME OF VOIDS	WATER TABLE DEPTH	HEAD	UPFLUX
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.0000	43.3333	10.0000	0.1000
2.0000	54.2837	20.0000	0.2000
3.0000	61.1111	30.0000	0.3000
4.0000	66.6667	40.0000	0.4000
5.0000	71.0000	50.0000	0.5000
6.0000	75.0000	60.0000	0.6000
7.0000	79.0000	70.0000	0.7000
8.0000	83.1579	80.0000	0.8000
9.0000	86.6667	90.0000	0.9000
10.0000	90.1754	100.0000	1.0000
11.0000	93.6842	110.0000	1.1000
12.0000	97.1930	120.0000	1.2000
13.0000	100.5814	130.0000	1.3000
14.0000	103.4884	140.0000	1.4000
15.0000	106.3954	150.0000	1.5000
16.0000	109.3024	160.0000	1.6000
17.0000	112.2094	170.0000	1.7000
18.0000	115.1163	180.0000	1.8000
19.0000	118.0233	190.0000	1.9000
20.0000	120.9303	200.0000	2.0000
21.0000	123.8372	210.0000	2.1000
22.0000	126.7442	220.0000	2.2000
23.0000	129.6512	230.0000	2.3000
24.0000	132.5582	240.0000	2.4000
25.0000	135.4651	250.0000	2.5000
26.0000	138.3722	260.0000	2.6000
27.0000	141.2791	270.0000	2.7000
28.0000	144.1861	280.0000	2.8000
29.0000	147.0931	290.0000	2.9000
30.0000	150.0000	300.0000	3.0000
31.0000	166.3640	310.0000	3.1000
32.0000	182.7275	320.0000	3.2000
33.0000	199.0914	330.0000	3.3000
34.0000	215.4549	340.0000	3.4000
35.0000	231.8183	350.0000	3.5000
36.0000	248.1822	360.0000	3.6000
37.0000	264.5457	370.0000	3.7000
38.0000	280.9092	380.0000	3.8000
39.0000	297.2729	390.0000	3.9000
40.0000	313.6365	400.0000	4.0000
41.0000	330.0000	410.0000	4.1000
42.0000	346.3638	420.0000	4.2000
43.0000	362.7273	430.0000	4.3000
44.0000	379.0913	440.0000	4.4000
45.0000	395.4548	450.0000	4.5000
46.0000	411.8181	460.0000	4.6000
47.0000	428.1821	470.0000	4.7000
48.0000	444.5457	480.0000	4.8000
49.0000	460.9092	490.0000	4.9000
50.0000	477.2727	500.0000	5.0000
51.0000	493.6363	510.0000	5.1000
52.0000	510.0000	520.0000	5.2000
53.0000	526.3636	530.0000	5.3000
54.0000	542.7272	540.0000	5.4000
55.0000	559.0909	550.0000	5.5000
56.0000	575.4545	560.0000	5.6000
57.0000	591.8181	570.0000	5.7000
58.0000	608.1818	580.0000	5.8000
59.0000	624.5454	590.0000	5.9000
60.0000	640.9090	600.0000	6.0000
61.0000	657.2727	610.0000	6.1000
62.0000	673.6363	620.0000	6.2000
63.0000	690.0000	630.0000	6.3000
64.0000	706.3636	640.0000	6.4000
65.0000	722.7272	650.0000	6.5000
66.0000	739.0909	660.0000	6.6000
67.0000	755.4545	670.0000	6.7000
68.0000	771.8181	680.0000	6.8000
69.0000	788.1818	690.0000	6.9000
70.0000	804.5454	700.0000	7.0000
71.0000	820.9090	710.0000	7.1000
72.0000	837.2727	720.0000	7.2000
73.0000	853.6363	730.0000	7.3000
74.0000	870.0000	740.0000	7.4000
75.0000	886.3636	750.0000	7.5000
76.0000	902.7272	760.0000	7.6000
77.0000	919.0909	770.0000	7.7000
78.0000	935.4545	780.0000	7.8000
79.0000	951.8181	790.0000	7.9000
80.0000	968.1818	800.0000	8.0000
81.0000	984.5454	810.0000	8.1000
82.0000	1000.9090	820.0000	8.2000
83.0000	1017.2727	830.0000	8.3000
84.0000	1033.6363	840.0000	8.4000
85.0000	1050.0000	850.0000	8.5000
86.0000	1066.3636	860.0000	8.6000
87.0000	1082.7272	870.0000	8.7000
88.0000	1099.0909	880.0000	8.8000
89.0000	1115.4545	890.0000	8.9000
90.0000	1131.8181	900.0000	9.0000
91.0000	1148.1818	910.0000	9.1000
92.0000	1164.5454	920.0000	9.2000
93.0000	1180.9090	930.0000	9.3000
94.0000	1197.2727	940.0000	9.4000
95.0000	1213.6363	950.0000	9.5000
96.0000	1230.0000	960.0000	9.6000
97.0000	1246.3636	970.0000	9.7000
98.0000	1262.7272	980.0000	9.8000
99.0000	1279.0909	990.0000	9.9000
100.0000	1295.4545	1000.0000	10.0000

Table 4-4 (Cont.) An example of computer output - listing of inputs - Wagram soil.

GREEN AMPT INFILTRATION PARAMETERS		
W. T. D.	A	B
0.0	0.0	0.0
50.000	3.000	1.000
100.000	5.500	2.000
150.000	8.700	3.000
200.000	11.500	3.000
500.000	25.000	3.000

VALUES READ IN	ROOT DEPTH
DAY	I
106	4.00
116	4.00
126	5.00
136	8.00
146	16.00
156	21.00
166	23.00
176	26.00
186	28.00
196	30.00
226	30.00
256	30.00
366	4.00

Table 4-5. An example of computer output for daily summaries - Wagram soil, July, 1959. All values given in cm.

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DAY	RAIN	INFIL.	ET	DRAIN	AIR VOL	TVOL	DDZ	WETZ	DTWT	STOR	RUNOFF	VLOSS	YD	DRNSTD	SEV	DNTSI
1	2.90	2.90	0.52	0.0	12.75	16.88	16.40	99.82	116.22	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
2	0.38	0.38	0.61	0.0	12.79	17.11	17.15	99.95	117.10	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
3	0.13	0.13	0.41	0.0	12.82	17.39	18.14	100.07	118.21	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	0.42	0.0	12.89	17.81	19.53	100.27	119.80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
5	0.0	0.0	0.46	0.0	12.96	18.27	21.05	100.48	121.53	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
6	1.19	1.19	0.53	0.0	13.00	17.60	18.26	100.59	118.85	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7	0.0	0.0	0.53	0.0	13.07	18.13	20.08	100.79	120.88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	0.0	0.0	0.47	0.0	13.14	18.61	21.68	100.99	122.68	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	0.71	0.71	0.31	0.0	13.18	18.21	19.96	101.10	121.06	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
10	2.24	2.24	0.34	0.0	13.21	16.31	12.30	101.20	113.50	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	3.53	3.53	0.28	0.0	13.06	13.06	0.0	100.77	100.77	0.0	0.00	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	2.26	2.26	0.30	0.01	11.11	11.11	0.0	94.06	94.06	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
13	8.00	7.72	0.20	0.12	3.70	3.70	0.0	65.00	65.00	0.0	0.28	0.39	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	1.70	1.70	0.22	0.19	2.41	2.41	0.0	57.20	57.20	0.0	0.00	0.19	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15	3.68	2.95	0.20	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.63	0.97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
16	5.03	0.45	0.42	0.56	0.53	0.53	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.22	4.47	5.03	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
17	0.53	0.75	0.42	0.40	0.59	0.59	0.0	33.14	33.14	0.0	0.00	0.40	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18	0.15	0.15	0.48	0.32	1.24	1.24	0.0	47.41	47.41	0.0	0.00	0.27	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19	0.53	0.53	0.47	0.27	1.45	1.45	0.0	50.37	50.37	0.0	0.00	0.27	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20	1.14	1.14	0.41	0.28	1.00	1.00	0.0	43.35	43.35	0.0	0.0	0.28	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
21	0.51	0.51	0.37	0.30	1.16	1.16	0.0	46.01	46.01	0.0	0.00	0.30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
22	0.0	0.0	0.57	0.26	1.99	1.99	0.0	54.19	54.19	0.0	0.0	0.26	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23	0.0	0.0	0.56	0.22	2.77	2.77	0.0	59.80	59.80	0.0	0.0	0.22	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
24	0.0	0.0	0.56	0.19	3.53	3.53	0.0	64.03	64.03	0.0	0.0	0.19	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	2.62	2.62	0.56	0.17	1.64	1.64	0.0	51.74	51.74	0.0	0.0	0.17	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
26	3.20	2.46	0.46	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.65	1.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
27	4.95	0.20	0.47	0.47	0.74	0.74	0.0	38.02	38.02	0.21	4.63	5.10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
28	0.10	0.31	0.43	0.33	1.19	1.19	0.0	46.49	46.49	0.0	0.00	0.33	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
29	0.10	0.10	0.46	0.26	1.81	1.81	0.0	52.91	52.91	0.0	0.00	0.26	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	0.74	0.74	0.58	0.23	1.88	1.88	0.0	53.43	53.43	0.0	0.00	0.23	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
31	0.05	0.05	0.48	0.23	2.54	2.54	0.0	58.15	58.15	0.0	0.00	0.23	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Daily Rainfall
 Daily Infiltration
 Daily ET
 Daily Drainage
 Air Volume in (or Drained Volume from) Wet Zone
 Total Air Volume in Profile
 Depth of Dry Zone
 Depth of Wet Zone
 Depth of Water Table
 Depth of Water Stored on the Surface
 Daily Runoff
 Daily Water Leaving Outlet
 Depth of Water in Outlet Ditch
 Water Stored in Outlet-Equivalent Depth Over the Field
 Daily SEW₃₀-cm Days
 Amount of Water Irrigated

Table 4-6. An example of computer output for monthly summaries - Wagram soil, 1959.

MONTH	MONTHLY VOLUMES IN CENTIMETERS FOR YEAR 1959										SEW	MIR	MCN PUMP	MPT		
	RAINFALL	INFILTRATION	RUNOFF	DRAINAGE	ET	DRY DAYS	WRK DAYS	WATER LOSS	SEW	MIR					MCN PUMP	MPT
1	5.97	5.97	0.00	5.50	1.19	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.50	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	10.59	9.24	1.5	6.71	2.48	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	12.17	10.69	1.48	7.39	2.48	0.0	0.0	5.46	8.87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	18.77	13.53	5.24	8.94	6.53	0.0	0.0	1.58	14.17	40.81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	4.93	4.93	0.00	1.81	11.02	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	6.93	6.93	0.00	0.16	13.72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.17	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7	46.38	35.72	10.66	5.51	13.49	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.17	42.50	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	12.88	12.88	0.00	3.42	11.41	1.00	0.0	0.0	3.42	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	6.53	6.53	0.00	2.72	8.97	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	17.12	17.12	0.00	4.56	5.55	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.56	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	6.10	6.10	0.00	5.40	2.61	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.40	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	6.93	6.93	0.00	5.25	1.29	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	155.30	136.57	18.73	57.35	79.72	1.00	7.04	76.10	83.31	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 4-7. Example of computer output of yearly summaries and ranking of objective functions - work days, SEW₃₀ dry days and yearly irrigation for drainage.

RANK	WORK DAYS		SEW	YEAR	DRY DAYS		YEAR	IRRIGATION	
	WORK DAYS	YEAR			DRY DAYS	YEAR		IRRIGATION	YEAR
1	29.65	1966	97.51	1953	50.00	1954	0.0	1951	
2	28.67	1955	83.31	1959	38.00	1952	0.0	1952	
3	28.00	1967	63.83	1967	32.00	1955	0.0	1953	
4	25.33	1951	62.01	1965	26.00	1957	0.0	1954	
5	23.10	1968	37.39	1960	24.00	1970	0.0	1955	
6	18.50	1953	30.60	1958	22.00	1956	0.0	1956	
7	13.32	1954	0.0	1951	21.00	1964	0.0	1957	
8	13.28	1969	0.0	1952	15.00	1951	0.0	1958	
9	13.24	1963	0.0	1954	10.00	1953	0.0	1959	
10	10.99	1952	0.0	1955	10.00	1960	0.0	1960	
11	10.92	1970	0.0	1956	0.00	1962	0.0	1961	
12	10.68	1965	0.0	1957	6.00	1958	0.0	1962	
13	10.58	1957	0.0	1961	4.00	1963	0.0	1963	
14	8.61	1956	0.0	1962	4.00	1969	0.0	1964	
15	7.04	1959	0.0	1963	2.00	1959	0.0	1965	
16	5.50	1961	0.0	1964	2.00	1961	0.0	1966	
17	4.94	1964	0.0	1966	2.00	1965	0.0	1967	
18	4.23	1960	0.0	1968	2.00	1967	0.0	1968	
19	1.06	1962	0.0	1969	0.0	1966	0.0	1969	
20	0.0	1958	0.0	1970	0.0	1968	0.0	1970	
AVERAGE	13.38		18.73		13.90		0.0		