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## **Standardization of datafiles for the testing of simulation models**

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## ABSTRACT

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Within the EC-project "Nitrate in soils" several research groups in six different countries carried out studies on nitrogen transport and transformation processes in soil and groundwater. One of the main purposes of the project was the evaluation of available nitrogen simulation models, using experimental data of field studies, mainly focussed on nitrate leaching. Agreements were made about the type of data to be collected in such field studies. To facilitate the exchange of data between research groups, a standardized format for datasets, including both datafiles with time independent background data and with time series of monitored data, was designed. The standardized format is presented in this report.

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## PREFACE

The EC-project "Nitrate in soils", carried out in the years 1988-1990, resulted in a final report that has been published in 1991 (CEC, 1991). Because the standardization of datafiles as used in this project has not been treated in the final report, a separate report is devoted to this subject.

The presented datafile standardization has played an important role in the facilitation of data exchange between the different groups of scientists working in this project. The draft version of this report has been distributed among the participants of the afore mentioned project "Nitrate in soils" in the beginning of 1989. Therefore, already since that time, a lot of experience was gained in using datasets complying with the presented standardization. Hence, it was possible to include some extensions and improvements in this final version of the report.

Several datasets, complying with the described standardization, are available. Everyone who wishes to run a simulation model on these data, can obtain the datasets by contacting the institutes which collected the data (see also Annex 17).

The concept of datafile standardization, presented in this report, can be applied in all sorts of (field) studies for which the exchange of data is important, both within and between research groups. This can especially be important in international cooperative research.

To be able to read this report some basic knowledge of the FORTRAN-language would be advisable.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

The EC-project "Nitrate in soils", carried out in the years 1988-1990, included research on both field measurements and simulation of nitrogen transport and transformation processes in soil and groundwater, conducted by several research groups in six different countries.

One of the main purposes of the project was the evaluation of different nitrogen models available amongst the participating research groups. The available simulation models are all different in approach and have different levels of complexity (Vereecken et al., 1991b). The evaluation of the models was mainly focussed on nitrate leaching, but attention was also paid to other important terms of the nitrogen balance, such as plant uptake and mineralization (Vereecken et al., 1991a). Data of several field studies, including a range of different soils, hydrological conditions and agricultural practices, were used for the evaluation of the models (Breeuwsma et al., 1991).

Experience gained from earlier field studies on the subject of nitrogen transport and transformation processes, together with information on the input requirements of simulation models, resulted in guidelines for the collection of data in field studies (Steenvoorden & Loveland, 1988) which were generally accepted by the project participants. As a consequence these guidelines, when obeyed in a field study, result in a complete standardized dataset.

To promote the exchange of data of different field studies between research groups a standardized format for the data has been designed, as presented in this report. In this way the processing of the data has also been facilitated. Once a package of computer programs is built to process the data e.g. for the conversion of raw data to model input, for comparison of measured data with simulation results or for plotting purposes, the programs can easily be used again for any other dataset in this standardized format.

Within the project, several sets of data have been used according to the presented format. One example of a standardized dataset, including experimental data of a grassland site in the Netherlands is presented by Jansen (1991). All datasets can be obtained by contacting the institutes mentioned in Annex 17.

In this report successively the contents of a standardized set of field data (Chapter 2) and the contents and format of each individual datafile (Chapter 3) will be discussed.



## 2 CONTENTS OF A STANDARDIZED DATASET

### 2.1 Introduction

In the framework of the EC-project "Nitrate in soils" guidelines were developed for the collection of data in field studies concerning the quantification of N-fluxes in the soil (Steenvoorden & Loveland, 1988). These guidelines consequently determine the contents of a field study dataset. Such a dataset is suitable for the use in simulation models. A complete standardized dataset should contain the following kinds of data:

- general background data;
- soil chemical data and particle size distribution;
- water retention characteristics;
- hydraulic conductivity;
- meteorological data;
- evapotranspiration;
- irrigation;
- crop management and yields;
- management data;
- soil mineral N;
- soil moisture content;
- pressure head;
- soil temperature;
- groundwater level;
- leaching data.

These data can either be used as input variables for simulation models because they represent certain driving forces or characteristics of the system, or as data for comparison with simulation results.

Not for all kinds of data the presence in the standardized dataset is obligatory. Obviously, data on for instance irrigation and groundwater level have to be included only when they are relevant, i.e. when irrigation is applied and when the fluctuation of the groundwater table influences the moisture content in the considered soil profile. Furthermore, the presence of some data, such as pressure head and soil temperature, is recommendable, but not obligatory, and generally depends on the intensity of the monitoring programme. In this chapter it is described how the required data should be distributed among the different datafiles. The contents and format of each file is described in chapter 3.

Together with each dataset a general description should be given of the experiment in which the data have been collected, including e.g. the situation of the field, design of the experiment etc. This description will enable the user of the data to get an overall view of the experiment. A comprehensive example of such a description is given by Jansen (1991).

### 2.2 Nomenclature of files

All the filenames for the standardized dataset have the same general form. The consistent use of these filenames will facilitate the easy recognition of the contents of each file by its name, and will also facilitate the searching of a file when searching for specific data.

All file names consist of a 7-character name and a 3-character extension with the following general form:

**CCSSNNN.XXX**

in which:

**CC** = 2 character country code, e.g.:

BE = Belgium,  
GE = Germany,  
UK = United Kingdom,  
DK = Denmark,  
NL = the Netherlands,  
*etc.*

**SS** = 2 character code of the site name, e.g. (as used in this project):

PI = Pittem,  
RU = Ruurlo,  
*etc.*

**NNN** = Field or plot number;

if only one plot is available on a site the code 000 is used; also for general data, e.g. meteorology, the code 000 is used.

**XXX** = 3 character code for the kind of data; an explanation of the codes is given in Table 1.

An example of a data file name is NLRU019.MAN.

This is a data file from the Netherlands (NL), from the Ruurlo site (RU), fieldnumber 019, containing the management data (.MAN).

**Table 1** *Explanation of extensions (XXX) of file names (CCSSNNN.XXX), used for different kinds of data in a standardized dataset*

| File extension<br>XXX | Kind of data   | Treated in<br>section |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| GEN                   | general background data                              | 3.1                   |
| SCP                   | soil chemical data<br>and particle size distribution | 3.2                   |
| WRC                   | water retention characteristics                      | 3.3                   |
| HCU                   | hydraulic conductivity                               | 3.4                   |
| CLI                   | meteorological data                                  | 3.5                   |
| ETR                   | evapotranspiration                                   | 3.6                   |
| IRR                   | irrigation   | 3.7                   |
| CRP                   | crop data  | 3.8                   |
| MAN                   | management data                                      | 3.9                   |
| SMN                   | soil mineral N                                       | 3.10                  |
| SMO                   | soil moisture content                                | 3.11                  |
| PRH                   | pressure head  | 3.12                  |
| STE                   | soil temperature                                     | 3.13                  |
| GWL                   | groundwater level                                    | 3.14                  |
| LEA                   | leaching   | 3.15                  |



### 2.3 Additional information

The data described in section 2.2 comprise the most important variables in a field study. One of the recommendations at the end of the EC-project "Nitrate in soils", however, was to also gather data on mineralization, denitrification etc. in field studies (CEC, 1991). Therefore, to be able to perform correct simulations and to enhance the evaluation of the simulation results it is preferable to have these and some more additional data available. This may include:

- measurements of mineralization and/or immobilization;
- measurements of denitrification;
- measurement of changes in organic N in the soil;
- quantification of biological N-fixation, if relevant;
- the production of (N in) milk and meat in case of experiments with grazing;
- quantification of volatilization of ammonia in the case of surface application of slurry, either by direct measurement or by estimation based on literature and the actual weather conditions;
- information on atmospheric deposition of nitrate and ammonia, both dry and wet (concentration in the rain), derived either from direct measurement or from literature;
- information on crop development in time during the growing season, e.g. Leaf Area Index, root length, root mass, etc.
- information on the (geo)hydrological situation, including the presence of tile drains, ditches etc. to facilitate the hydrological simulations by a correct definition of the bottom boundary conditions;
- quantification of surface runoff, if relevant;
- information on spatial variability.

No standard format is designed for datafiles with these miscellaneous data. The provider of the data should decide on how to present them. This can be either as written information or in a datafile of which the format has to be specified explicitly.

### 3 CONTENTS AND FORMAT OF THE DATAFILES

In this chapter the contents and format of each datafile are described. Files containing time independent background data and files containing time series of monitored data can be distinguished. In the files with monitored data, a daynumber is given; the definition of daynumber 1 must be included in the accompanying description of the dataset, whilst the use of daynumbers should be consistent throughout the entire dataset.

All files are sequential ASCII files with a maximum record length of 80 characters on one line. The files are available for list-directed I/O; a (sequence of) blank(s) and "end of record"-character are used as value separators.

The first few records of each file have been reserved for information on the contents of the file. This information must include:

- name of the file;
- version of the file;
- author of the file;
- date of last revision of the file;
- code in which the file is written (ASCII, binary, etc.);
- access of the file in a computer program (direct, sequential, etc.);
- source of the data;
- additional comments.

This file header with comments is followed by a full line of asterisks (\*) to enable automatic searching for the first data record.

In the description of the format, for every kind of data the following items have been tabulated:

- location: the characters # and + indicate the location of each variable: no fixed fields have been used but values are separated by "end of record" (indicated by #) or (a sequence of) spaces (indicated by +);
- name: variable names have been used, constructed using a number of 2-character codes; an explanation of these codes can be found in Annex 1. The primary goal of the use of these variable names is to facilitate the reference of this report; furthermore, it is to use the same variable names in computer programs for processing of the data;
- description: explanation of the required type of data; if necessary some additional comments have been given;
- unit: in case of a numeric value the unit in which the value should be expressed;
- range: possible values determined by practical limits to allow for basic input checking. If any additional restrictions for the values exist, these restrictions have been given in footnotes. Obviously these ranges and restrictions only help to avoid apparent fatal errors, no minor (typing) errors can be detected this way;
- data type: in these files the following data types have been used:
  - CHARACTER (C): sequence of printable characters (ASCII-values 32-126), embedded in single quotes ('),
  - INTEGER (I): non-decimal numeric value,
  - REAL (R): decimal numeric value.

Of each file an example is given in Annexes 2-16, using data from the Ruurlo site in The Netherlands (NLRU...). If datafiles didnot exist a fictitious example is given.

### 3.1 General background data

The general background data comprise a brief outline of the location, the soil and the land use of the field, used in the presented experiment. Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in italics):

Filename: ----000.GEN (example in Annex 2)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit              | Range     | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -                 | -         | -                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -                 | -         | -                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -                 | -         | -                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>   | -                 | -         | -                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -                 | -         | -                 |
| # -                 | location (name)  | -                 | -         | C                 |
| # LT1               | coordinates latitude (degrees)   | °                 | 0-180     | I                 |
| + LT2               | coordinates latitude (minutes)   | '                 | 0-60      | I                 |
| + LT3               | coordinates latitude (seconds)   | "                 | 0-60      | I                 |
| + LT4               | coordinates latitude (north/south)   | -                 | NL, SL    | C                 |
| # LG1               | coordinates longitude (degrees)  | °                 | 0-180     | I                 |
| + LG2               | coordinates longitude (minutes)  | '                 | 0-60      | I                 |
| + LG3               | coordinates longitude (seconds)  | "                 | 0-60      | I                 |
| + LG4               | coordinates longitude (east/west)  | -                 | EL, WL    | C                 |
| # SL                | slope  | m.m <sup>-1</sup> | ≥0        | R                 |
| # AL                | altitude (above sea level)   | m                 | -100-2000 | R                 |
| # AR                | area of one experimental unit  | m <sup>2</sup>    | ≥0        | R                 |
| # DR                | drainage characteristics<br><i>description of the drainage system (e.g. free drainage, tile drains at ... depth, ditches etc.)</i> | -                 | -         | C                 |
| # SOTY              | soil type (FAO classification)<br><i>a written profile description should be included in the accompanying text.</i>                | -                 | -         | C                 |
| + NUHO              | number of soil horizons  | -                 | >0        | I                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

Filename: ----000.GEN (continued) (example in Annex 2)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name  | Description  | Unit           | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>The following record is repeated for each soil horizon:</i>                               |  |                |                 |                   |
| # HO   | horizon name   | -              | -               | C                 |
| + UPDP   | depth upper boundary   | m-soil surface | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP   | lower depth  | m-soil surface | >0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |
| # CK   | existence of cracks<br><i>0 = no cracks</i><br><i>1 = cracks</i>                           | -              | 0, 1            | I                 |
| <i>If CK equals 1 then the following record is repeated for each soil layer with cracks:</i> |  |                |                 |                   |
| # UPDP   | depth upper boundary   | m-soil surface | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP   | lower depth  | m-soil surface | >0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + CKWD   | crack width  | m              | 0-1             | R                 |
| + CKFR   | surface fraction of a horizontal cross-section occupied by cracks                          | %              | 0-100           | R                 |
| # -  | land use<br><i>cropping system in the experiment</i>                                       | -              | -               |                   |
| # -  | history<br><i>land use and fertilization of at least 5 years preceeding the experiment</i> | -              | -               | C                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

<sup>4</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

### 3.2 Soil chemical data and particle size distribution

For the definition of the soil system a number of chemical parameters are of major importance, e.g. pH, organic matter content and C/N-ratio of the organic matter in the soil layers distinguished. Furthermore, data on the organic matter content and particle size distribution can be used in pedotransfer functions to calculate for instance rate constants and soil hydraulic functions (Vereecken, 1988; Wösten & Van Genuchten, 1988).

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----SCP (example in Annex 3)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name   | Description  | Unit                  | Range              | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| # -   | file name, code, access                                | -                     | -                  | C                 |
| # -   | author, version, date                                  | -                     | -                  | C                 |
| # -   | source of the data                                     | -                     | -                  | C                 |
| # -   | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i> | -                     | -                  | C                 |
| # -   | series of asterisks (*)                                | -                     | -                  | C                 |
| #   |  |                       |                    |                   |
| # NULA  | number of soil layers                                  | -                     | >0                 | I                 |
| <i>The following record is repeated for each soil layer (NULA times):</i> |  |                       |                    |                   |
| # UPDP  | depth upper boundary                                   | m-soil surface        | ≥0                 | R                 |
| + LODP  | lower depth  | m-soil surface        | >0 <sup>4</sup>    | R                 |
| + FROC  | amount of organic carbon                               | % weight              | 0-100 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + FRNT  | amount of total N                                      | % weight              | 0-100 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + PH  | pH-H <sub>2</sub> O                                    | -                     | 2-12               | R                 |
| + FRCL  | clay (particles < 2 µm)                                | % weight <sup>3</sup> | 0-100 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + FRSI  | silt (2 µm < particles < 50 µm)                        | % weight <sup>3</sup> | 0-100 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + FRSA  | sand (particles > 50 µm)                               | % weight <sup>3</sup> | 0-100 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> % weight of mineral part of the soil

<sup>4</sup> restrictions: LODP > UPDP  
FROC + FRNT < 100  
FRCL + FRSI + FRSA = 100

### 3.3 Water retention characteristics

For a correct simulation of the water balance in the soil, the water retention characteristics of all soil horizons are necessary. The data requirement depends on the used model. Detailed hydrological models usually require a full water retention curve, whereas more simple models require only few points of this curve. The minimum requirement consist of the moisture contents at saturation ( $pF = 0.0$ ), at field capacity ( $pF = 2.0$ ) and at wilting point ( $pF = 4.2$ ). Since the determination of a water retention curve is a time consuming and costly procedure, analytical functions to describe the water retention curves are frequently used (e.g. Van Genuchten, 1980). Parameters for these analytical functions can be derived either from other soil characteristics (Vereecken, 1988; Wösten & Van Genuchten, 1988) or from relatively simple experiments.

To store the data concerning water retention, two possible formats are presented, one for laboratory measurements, and one for analytical functions. In case of laboratory measurements, data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in italics):

**Filename:** -----.WRC (example in Annex 4)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name   | Description   | Unit               | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| # -   | file name, code, access   | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -   | author, version, date   | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -   | source of the data  | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -   | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>          | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -   | series of asterisks (*)   | -                  | -               | C                 |
| #   |   |                    |                 |                   |
| # NULA  | number of soil layers   | -                  | >0              | I                 |
| <i>The following record is repeated for each soil layer (NULA times):</i> |   |                    |                 |                   |
| # UPDP  | depth upper boundary  | m-soil surface     | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP  | lower depth   | m-soil surface     | >0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |
| + BD  | dry bulk density  | kg.m <sup>-3</sup> | 0-3000          | R                 |
| + PFDE  | presence of a drying pF-curve<br>0 = not present<br>1 = present | -                  | 0, 1            | I                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

Filename: -----WRC (continued) (example in Annex 4)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name  | Description  | Unit                            | Range | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| + PFWE   | presence of a wetting pF-curve<br>0 = not present<br>1 = present | -                               | 0, 1  | I                 |
| + NUOB   | number of observations   | -                               | >0    | I                 |
| <i>For each soil layer the following record is repeated for each observation (NUOB times):</i> |  |                                 |       |                   |
| # PF   | pF-value   | -                               | 0-7   | R                 |
| + MOFR   | volumetric moisture content                                      | m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>-3</sup> | 0-1   | R                 |
| <i>In case of both a drying and a wetting pF-curve complete record with:</i>                   |  |                                 |       |                   |
| + PF   | pF-value   | -                               | 0-7   | R                 |
| + MOFR   | volumetric moisture content                                      | m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>-3</sup> | 0-1   | R                 |

In case of an analytical function, data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in italics):

Filename: -----WRC (example in Annex 4)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit | Range | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|------|-------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -    | -     | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -    | -     | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -    | -     | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free.</i><br><i>N.B. include a description of the analytical function and an explanation of the parameters</i> | -    | -     | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -    | -     | C                 |
| #                   |  |      |       |                   |
| # NULA              | number of soil layers  | -    | >0    | I                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

Filename: -----.WRC (continued) (example in Annex 4)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name   | Description  | Unit           | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>The following record is repeated for each soil layer (NULA times):</i> |  |                |                 |                   |
| # UPDP  | depth upper boundary   | m-soil surface | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP  | lower depth  | m-soil surface | >0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |
| + PM01  | parameter 1<br><i>e.g. <math>\theta_r</math> (Van Genuchten, 1980)</i> | ...            | ...             | R                 |
| + PM02  | parameter 2<br><i>e.g. <math>\theta_r</math> (Van Genuchten, 1980)</i> | ...            | ...             | R                 |
| + etc.  |  |                |                 |                   |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP



### 3.4 Hydraulic conductivity

For a correct simulation of the water balance in the soil, hydraulic conductivity curves of all soil horizons are necessary. The data requirement depends on the used model. Detailed hydrological models usually require a full hydraulic conductivity curve, whereas more simple models require only few points of such a curve. The minimum requirement consists of the hydraulic conductivity at saturation. Since the determination of a hydraulic conductivity curve is a time consuming and costly procedure, analytical functions to describe such curves are frequently used (e.g. Gardner, 1958; Van Genuchten, 1980). Parameters for analytical functions can be derived either from other soil characteristics (Vereecken, 1988; Wösten & Van Genuchten, 1988) or from relatively simple experiments.

To store the data concerning hydraulic conductivity two possible formats are presented, one for laboratory measurements and one for analytical functions. In case of direct measurements data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in italics):

**Filename:** -----HCU (example in Annex 5)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit                            | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -                               | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -                               | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -                               | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>   | -                               | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -                               | -               | C                 |
| #                   |  |                                 |                 |                   |
| # NULA              | number of soil layers  | -                               | >0              | I                 |
|                     | <i>The following section is repeated for each soil layer (NULA times):</i>                     |                                 |                 |                   |
| # UPDP              | depth upper boundary   | m-soil surface                  | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP              | lower depth  | m-soil surface                  | >0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |
| + NUOB              | number of observations   | -                               | >0              | I                 |
|                     | <i>For each soil layer the following record is repeated for each observation (NUOB times):</i> |                                 |                 |                   |
| + CD                | hydraulic conductivity   | m.day <sup>-1</sup>             | 0-1000          | R                 |
| + MOFR              | volumetric moisture content  | m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>-3</sup> | 0-1             | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

In case of an analytical function, data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in italics):

Filename: -----HCU (example in Annex 5)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit           | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free.<br/>N.B. include a description of the<br/>analytical function and an<br/>explanation of the parameters</i> | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -              | -               | C                 |
| #                   |  |                |                 |                   |
| # NULA              | number of soil layers  | -              | >0              | I                 |
|                     | <i>The following record is repeated for each soil layer (NULA times):</i>  |                |                 |                   |
| # UPDP              | depth upper boundary   | m-soil surface | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP              | lower depth  | m-soil surface | >0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |
| + PM01              | parameter 1<br><i>e.g. <math>K_{sat}</math> (Gardner, 1958)</i>  | ...            | ...             | R                 |
| + PM02              | parameter 2<br><i>e.g. <math>b</math> (Gardner, 1958)</i>  | ...            | ...             | R                 |
| + PM03              | parameter 3<br><i>e.g. <math>n</math> (Gardner, 1958)</i>  | ...            | ...             | R                 |
| + etc.              |  |                |                 |                   |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

### 3.5 Meteorological data

Meteorological data are important input variables for simulation models, representing driving forces for a number of processes. For instance the air temperature affects soil temperature and consequently influences the rates of transformation processes, whilst global radiation is an important variable for crop growth and evapotranspiration. Since not all data are always available from Meteorological Services, and the file should be available for list directed reading, special numbers have to be used instead of missing values (see footnote 3). Minimal requirements consist of daily average air temperature and precipitation.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** ----000.CLI (example in Annex 6)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit                                  | Range   | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -                                     | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -                                     | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -                                     | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>                       | -                                     | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -                                     | -       | C                 |
| #                   | <i>The following record is repeated for each monitoring day<sup>3</sup>:</i> |                                       |         |                   |
| # YR                | year   | -                                     | 1900-.. | I                 |
| + MH                | month  | -                                     | 1-12    | I                 |
| + DA                | day  | -                                     | 1-31    | I                 |
| + DANU              | daynumber (from ...) <sup>4</sup>  | -                                     | >0      | I                 |
| + MITE              | minimum air temperature  | °C                                    | -30-50  | R                 |
| + MATE              | maximum air temperature  | °C                                    | -30-50  | R                 |
| + AVTE              | average air temperature  | °C                                    | -30-50  | R                 |
| + PR                | precipitation  | mm.day <sup>-1</sup>                  | ≥0      | R                 |
| + GLRA              | global radiation   | J.cm <sup>-2</sup> .day <sup>-1</sup> | >0      | R                 |
| + AVWS              | average wind speed   | m.s <sup>-1</sup>                     | ≥0      | R                 |
| + AVHM              | average relative humidity  | %                                     | 0-100   | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> use the following missing values: 99 for MITE, MATE and AVTE  
-1 for PR, GLRA, AVWS and AVHM

<sup>4</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

### 3.6 Evapotranspiration

Data on (reference) evapotranspiration are usually obtained from Meteorological Services, sometimes for periods longer than one day, for instance ten day periods or even a month. It is important to describe the way the reference evapotranspiration is calculated (e.g. Penman, Makkink, etc.) in order to correctly calculate the potential crop evapotranspiration, using crop specific reduction factors (e.g. Feddes, 1987).

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename: ----000.ETR** (example in Annex 7)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description   | Unit | Range   | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|---|------|---------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access   | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date   | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data  | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>  | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)   | -    | -       | C                 |
| #                   | <i>The following record is repeated for each monitoring day:</i>  |      |         |                   |
| # YR                | year  | -    | 1900-.. | I                 |
| + MH                | month   | -    | 1-12    | I                 |
| + DA                | day   | -    | 1-31    | I                 |
| + DANU              | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup><br><i>if evapotranspiration is only available for longer periods, then list the last daynumber of that period</i> | -    | >0      | I                 |
| + ET                | evapotranspiration<br><i>cumulative value (since previous DANU)</i>   | mm   | ≥0      | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

### 3.7 Irrigation

Obviously data on irrigation need to be supplied only if irrigation has taken place. Besides the amount of irrigation water, also the irrigation method is important. Therefore the accompanying description of the dataset should also contain a description of the way irrigation has been applied, e.g. by sprinkling, flooding, dripping, subsurface infiltration etc. Irrigation water is a possible source of nitrogen in the soil profile. Therefore also the concentrations of nitrate and ammonium in the irrigation water need to be specified.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename: -----.IRR** (example in Annex 8)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit  | Range   | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|---|---------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -   | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -   | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -   | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>           | -   | -       | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -   | -       | C                 |
| #                   | <i>The following record is repeated for each monitoring day:</i> |   |         |                   |
| # YR                | year   | -   | 1900-.. | I                 |
| + MH                | month  | -   | 1-12    | I                 |
| + DA                | day  | -   | 1-31    | I                 |
| + DANU              | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>                                | -   | >0      | I                 |
| + AMIR              | irrigation amount  | mm  | >0      | R                 |
| + CONI              | concentration of nitrate in irrigation water                     | g.m <sup>-3</sup> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N | ≥0      | R                 |
| + CONH              | concentration of ammonium in irrigation water                    | g.m <sup>-3</sup> NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -N | ≥0      | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

### 3.8 Crop management and yields

Data on crop management (sowing/planting and harvesting date) are important input variables for simulation models, whilst data on yield and N-uptake are useful data for comparison with simulation results. The minimum requirement consists of data on yield and N-uptake at harvest, but it is preferable to include yield and N-uptake measurements during the growing season as well. In this file crop types and actions are given as codes. If other crops or actions have been used in the field study, the added codes should be explained separately.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----**.CRP** (example in Annex 9)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name   | Description   | Unit | Range   | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---|------|---------|-------------------|
| # -   | file name, code, access   | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | author, version, date   | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | source of the data  | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>  | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | series of asterisks (*)   | -    | -       | C                 |
| #   |   |      |         |                   |
| <i>The following section is repeated for each monitoring day:</i> |   |      |         |                   |
| # YR  | year  | -    | 1900-.. | I                 |
| + MH  | month   | -    | 1-12    | I                 |
| + DA  | day   | -    | 1-31    | I                 |
| + DANU  | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>   | -    | >0      | I                 |
| # CRTY  | crop type (variety)<br><i>1 = english ryegrass (....)</i><br><i>2 = maize (....)</i><br><i>3 = sugar beet (....)</i><br><i>4 = winter wheat (....)</i><br><i>5 = summer wheat (....)</i><br><i>6 = winter barley (....)</i><br><i>7 = summer barley (....)</i><br><i>8 = potatoes (....)</i><br><i>etc.</i> | -    | 1-10    | I                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

Filename: -----CRP (continued) (example in Annex 9)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description   | Unit                  | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| + AC                | action<br><i>1 = sowing</i><br><i>2 = planting</i><br><i>3 = harvesting</i><br><i>4 = sampling</i><br><i>etc.</i> | -                     | 1-10            | I                 |
| # CRYD              | crop yield<br><i>dry matter</i>   | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup>   | ≥0              | R                 |
| + CRNT              | crop N-content  | kg.kg <sup>-1</sup> N | 0-1             | R                 |
| + CRNTYD            | crop N-yield  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> N | ≥0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |
| + RSYD              | crop residuals, left on the field<br><i>dry matter</i>  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup>   | ≥0              | R                 |
| + RSNT              | N-content crop residuals  | kg.kg <sup>-1</sup> N | 0-1             | R                 |
| + RSNTYD            | N-yield crop residuals  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> N | ≥0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> restrictions: CRNT \* CRYD = CRNTYD  
RSNT \* RSYD = RSNTYD

### 3.9 Management

Another important type of input data for nitrogen simulation models is the input of fertilizers and manure, along with their constituents. This file also contains data on soil tillage. Furthermore, data on grazing of cattle on grassland should be included if relevant; this also is an important, but highly spatially variable source of nitrogen in the soil. In this file material types and actions are given as codes. If other materials or actions have been used in the field study, the added codes should be explained separately.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----**.MAN** (example in Annex 10)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name   | Description  | Unit | Range   | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---|--|------|---------|-------------------|
| # -   | file name, code, access  | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | author, version, date  | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | source of the data   | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>   | -    | -       | C                 |
| # -   | series of asterisks (*)  | -    | -       | C                 |
| #   |  |      |         |                   |
| <i>The following section is repeated for each monitoring day:</i> |  |      |         |                   |
| # YR  | year   | -    | 1900-.. | I                 |
| + MH  | month  | -    | 1-12    | I                 |
| + DA  | day  | -    | 1-31    | I                 |
| + DANU  | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>  | -    | >0      | I                 |
| # AC  | action<br><i>1 = addition<br/>2 = start grazing<br/>3 = end grazing<br/>4 = ploughing<br/>etc.</i>   | -    | 1-10    | I                 |
| + NUAN  | number of animals<br><i>If NUAN &gt; 0 then also specify<br/>the application rate of animal<br/>manure (kg.animal<sup>-1</sup>.yr<sup>-1</sup>). The<br/>kind of animals is implicitly given<br/>by specifying the material type</i> | -    | ≥0      | I                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset



| L <sup>1</sup> Name                          | Description  | Unit  | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|--|--|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| + MTTY                                       | material type<br>1 = cattle slurry<br>2 = calve slurry<br>3 = pig slurry<br>4 = poultry slurry<br>5 = dry poultry manure<br>6 = mineral fertilizer<br>7 = slow release fertilizer <sup>3</sup><br>8 = nitrification inhibitor <sup>3</sup><br>9 = sewage sludge<br>10 = plant residues<br>etc. | -   | 1-20            | I                 |
| # DP   | depth<br>0.0 = surface application<br>>0.0 = slurry injection depth<br>or ploughing depth  | m-soil surface                                      | ≥0              | R                 |
| + AMMT                                       | total amount of material<br>in case of mineral fertilizer<br>use a dummy value   | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup>                                 | ≥0              | R                 |
| + AMDM                                       | total amount of dry matter<br>in case of mineral fertilizer<br>use a dummy value   | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup>                                 | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + AMOM                                       | total amount of organic matter<br>in case of mineral fertilizer<br>use a dummy value   | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup>                                 | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + AMNT                                       | amount of total nitrogen   | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup>                                 | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + AMNH                                       | amount of ammonium   | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -N | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + AMNI                                       | amount of nitrate  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| <i>The following variables are optional:</i> |  |   |                 |                   |
| + AMPT                                       | amount of total phosphate  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> P                               | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + AMK  | amount of potassium  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> K                               | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + AMCA                                       | amount of calcium  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> Ca                              | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + AMMG                                       | amount of magnesium  | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> Mg                              | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> include information on composition and decomposition rate in the accompanying text

<sup>4</sup> restrictions: AMDM ≤ AMMT  
AMOM ≤ AMDM  
AMNT + AMPT + AMK + AMCA + AMMG ≤ AMDM  
AMNI + AMNH ≤ AMNT

### 3.10 Soil mineral nitrogen

The amount of mineral nitrogen ( $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) in the soil and the distribution of this amount among the different soil layers are useful variables for comparison with simulation results, provided that the sampling frequency is sufficient. Especially in periods with rapid changes in mineral nitrogen content it can be important to carry out frequent sampling. The data can also be used to specify an initial condition in the soil profile for a simulation.

In the accompanying text additional information should be given on the sampling procedure (e.g. number of subsamples per layer) and the extraction procedure (e.g. extraction in 2 M KCl solution) of the soil samples.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----SMN (example in Annex 11)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit               | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>   | -                  | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -                  | -               | C                 |
| #                   | <i>The following section is repeated for each monitoring day:</i>                                    |                    |                 |                   |
| # YR                | year   | -                  | 1900-..         | I                 |
| + MH                | month  | -                  | 1-12            | I                 |
| + DA                | day  | -                  | 1-31            | I                 |
| + DANU              | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>  | -                  | >0              | I                 |
| + NULA              | number of layers sampled   | -                  | >0              | I                 |
|                     | <i>For each monitoring day the following record is repeated for each layer sampled (NULA times):</i> |                    |                 |                   |
| # UPDP              | depth upper boundary   | m-soil surface     | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP              | lower depth  | m-soil surface     | >0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |
| + BD                | dry bulk density   | kg.m <sup>-3</sup> | 0-3000          | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

<sup>4</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

Filename: -----SMN (continued) (example in Annex 11)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description                         | Unit  | Range | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------|-------------------|
| + AMNH              | amount of ammonium<br>in soil layer | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -N | ≥0    | R                 |
| + AMNI              | amount of nitrate in soil layer     | kg.ha <sup>-1</sup> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N | ≥0    | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

### 3.11 Soil moisture content

For evaluation of the simulation of soil moisture dynamics, the direct measurement of moisture contents in the soil is important information. Especially when non-destructive methods are used, it is preferable to conduct frequent measurements in different soil layers. The data can also be used to specify an initial condition in the soil profile for a simulation.

The description accompanying the dataset should give information on the monitoring procedure used, for instance gravimetry, neutron probe,  $\gamma$ -radiation, time domain reflectrometry (TDR), etc.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----,SMO (example in Annex 12)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit                            | Range    | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -                               | -        | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -                               | -        | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -                               | -        | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>   | -                               | -        | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -                               | -        | C                 |
| #                   | <i>The following section is repeated for each monitoring day:</i>                                    |                                 |          |                   |
| # YR                | year   | -                               | 1900-..  | I                 |
| + MH                | month  | -                               | 1-12     | I                 |
| + DA                | day  | -                               | 1-31     | I                 |
| + DANU              | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>  | -                               | >0       | I                 |
| + NULA              | number of layers sampled   | -                               | >0       | I                 |
|                     | <i>For each monitoring day the following record is repeated for each layer sampled (NULA times):</i> |                                 |          |                   |
| # UPDP              | depth upper boundary   | m-soil surface                  | $\geq 0$ | R                 |
| + LODP              | lower depth  | m-soil surface                  | $> 0^4$  | R                 |
| + MOFR              | volumetric moisture content  | m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>-3</sup> | 0-1      | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

<sup>4</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

### 3.12 Pressure head

In addition to the data on moisture contents in the soil (section 3.11), pressure head data at different depths in the soil provide important information for the evaluation of simulations of soil moisture dynamics. The data can also be used to specify an initial condition in the soil profile for a simulation. The monitoring procedure should be described in the description of the dataset.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----**.PRH** (example in Annex 13)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name   | Description   | Unit           | Range                  | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| # -   | file name, code, access   | -              | -                      | C                 |
| # -   | author, version, date   | -              | -                      | C                 |
| # -   | source of the data  | -              | -                      | C                 |
| # -   | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>            | -              | -                      | C                 |
| # -   | series of asterisks (*)   | -              | -                      | C                 |
| #   | <i>The following section is repeated for each monitoring day:</i> |                |                        |                   |
| # YR  | year  | -              | 1900-..                | I                 |
| + MH  | month   | -              | 1-12                   | I                 |
| + DA  | day   | -              | 1-31                   | I                 |
| + DANU  | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>                                 | -              | >0                     | I                 |
| + NUDP  | number of monitoring depths                                       | -              | >0                     | I                 |
| <i>For each monitoring day the following record is repeated for each monitoring depth (NUDP times):</i> |   |                |                        |                   |
| # DP  | depth   | m-soil surface | ≥0                     | R                 |
| + HD  | pressure head   | cm             | -1.10 <sup>-7</sup> -0 | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

### 3.13 Soil temperature

Many transformation processes in the soil depend on temperature. Soil temperatures, measured at different depths, are therefore important parameters in field studies. The description, accompanying the dataset should include an outline of the measurement procedure. If heat transport is included in the simulation model, the data can be used for testing this model part.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----STE (example in Annex 14)

| L <sup>1</sup>   | Name     | Description  | Unit           | Range   | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|--|----------|--|----------------|---------|-------------------|
| # -  |          | file name, code, access                                | -              | -       | C                 |
| # -  |          | author, version, date                                  | -              | -       | C                 |
| # -  |          | source of the data                                     | -              | -       | C                 |
| # -  |          | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i> | -              | -       | C                 |
| # -  |          | series of asterisks (*)                                | -              | -       | C                 |
| #  |          |  |                |         |                   |
| #  | NUDP     | number of depths                                       | -              | >0      | I                 |
| +  | DP(1)    | first monitoring depth                                 | m-soil surface | ≥0      | R                 |
| +  | DP(2)    | second monitoring depth                                | m-soil surface | >0      | R                 |
| +  | ..       |  |                |         |                   |
| +  | DP(NUDP) | NUDP <sup>th</sup> monitoring depth                    | m-soil surface | >0      | R                 |
| #  |          |  |                |         |                   |
| <i>The following record is repeated for each monitoring day:</i> |          |  |                |         |                   |
| #  | YR       | year   | -              | 1900-.. | I                 |
| +  | MH       | month  | -              | 1-12    | I                 |
| +  | DA       | day  | -              | 1-31    | I                 |
| +  | DANU     | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>                      | -              | >0      | I                 |
| +  | SOTE(1)  | soil temperature at 1 <sup>st</sup> monitoring depth   | °C             | -20-50  | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

Filename: -----STE (continued) (example in Annex 14)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit | Range  | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|------|--------|-------------------|
| + SOTE(2)           | soil temperature at 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>monitoring depth    | °C   | -20-50 | R                 |
| + ..                |  |      |        |                   |
| + SOTE(NUDP)        | soil temperature at NUDP <sup>th</sup><br>monitoring depth | °C   | -20-50 | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

### 3.14 Groundwater level

Data on the phreatic groundwater level are of major importance if the groundwater influences the moisture regime of the considered soil layers. Frequent measurements of the groundwater level can serve either as input for a hydrological simulation model to determine the bottom boundary condition. When other bottom boundary conditions are used, such as a relation between bottom flux and hydraulic head or drainage characteristics these data can be used for evaluation of the simulations.

If the groundwater potential in the underlying aquifer(s) is significant for seepage and/or leakage, these data should be given in a separate file with identical format. This is especially important for correct simulation of the amount of leakage.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename:** -----GWL (example in Annex 15)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name | Description  | Unit           | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| # -                 | file name, code, access  | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | author, version, date  | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | source of the data   | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>           | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -                 | series of asterisks (*)  | -              | -               | C                 |
| #                   | <i>The following record is repeated for each monitoring day:</i> |                |                 |                   |
| # YR                | year   | -              | 1900-..         | I                 |
| + MH                | month  | -              | 1-12            | I                 |
| + DA                | day  | -              | 1-31            | I                 |
| + DANU              | daynumber (from ...) <sup>3</sup>                                | -              | >0              | I                 |
| + GWLV              | groundwater level  | m-soil surface | ≥0 <sup>4</sup> | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

<sup>4</sup> in case of ponding or in case of groundwater potential of a (semi) confined aquifer this value can become negative



### 3.15 Nitrate leaching

For field studies focussed on nitrate leaching, direct measurements of the nitrate leaching or measurements of nitrate concentrations in leaching water are of major importance. Therefore, these data also provide important material for the evaluation of nitrogen simulation models.

Different methods are available to establish the amount of leached nitrogen, ranging from quite more detailed (suction cup sampling) to more global methods (sampling of upper groundwater from augerholes). Therefore the description of the dataset should include an extensive description of the procedure used for the leaching measurements.

Data should be presented in the following format (comments are given in *italics*):

**Filename: -----LEA** (example in Annex 16)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name  | Description  | Unit           | Range           | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| # -  | file name, code, access  | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -  | author, version, date  | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -  | source of the data   | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -  | comment line<br><i>number of comment lines is free</i>                                 | -              | -               | C                 |
| # -  | series of asterisks (*)  | -              | -               | C                 |
| #  |  |                |                 |                   |
| # SMMD   | sampling method<br><i>1 = drain</i><br><i>2 = suction cups</i><br><i>3 = boreholes</i> | -              | 1-3             | I                 |
| + UPDP   | depth upper boundary<br><i>In case of drainage water sampling: drainage depth</i>      | m-soil surface | ≥0              | R                 |
| + LODP   | lower depth<br><i>In case of drainage water sampling: drainage depth</i>               | m-soil surface | >0 <sup>3</sup> | R                 |
| #  |  |                |                 |                   |
| <i>The following record is repeated for each monitoring day:</i> |  |                |                 |                   |
| # YR   | year   | -              | 1900-..         | I                 |
| + MH   | month  | -              | 1-12            | I                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> restriction: LODP > UPDP

Filename: -----LEA (continued) (example in Annex 16)

| L <sup>1</sup> Name                        | Description                        | Unit  | Range | Type <sup>2</sup> |
|--|------------------------------------|---|-------|-------------------|
| + DA                                       | day                                | -   | 1-31  | I                 |
| + DANU                                     | daynumber(from ...) <sup>3 4</sup> | -   | >0    | I                 |
| + CONI                                     | nitrate concentration              | g.m <sup>-3</sup> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N | ≥0    | R                 |
| <i>In case of drainage water sampling:</i> |                                    |   |       |                   |
| + DRFL                                     | drainage flux                      | mm.day <sup>-1</sup>                              | ≥0    | R                 |

<sup>1</sup> location: # = new record; + = same record, use at least one space

<sup>2</sup> C = data type CHARACTER; I = data type INTEGER; R = data type REAL; - = not applicable

<sup>3</sup> daynumbers should be used consistently throughout the entire dataset

<sup>4</sup> If data collection of a sample takes more than one day, give the last daynumber of the sampling period.

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## ANNEX 1 Vocabulary of variable names

Variable names used in this report are constituted of 2-character codes, which are explained below.

Examples: AMNT = amount of total nitrogen

NULA = number of layers

| code | explanation              | code | explanation         |
|------|--------------------------|------|---------------------|
| AC   | = action                 | MD   | = method            |
| AL   | = altitude               | MG   | = Magnesia          |
| AM   | = amount                 | MH   | = month             |
| AN   | = animal                 | MI   | = minimum           |
| AR   | = area                   | MO   | = moisture          |
| AV   | = average                | MT   | = material          |
| BD   | = bulk density           | NH   | = ammonium          |
| CA   | = Calcium                | NI   | = nitrate           |
| CD   | = hydraulic conductivity | NL   | = northern latitude |
| CK   | = crack                  | NT   | = total nitrogen    |
| CL   | = clay                   | NU   | = number            |
| CO   | = concentration          | OB   | = observation       |
| CR   | = crop                   | OC   | = organic carbon    |
| DA   | = day                    | OM   | = organic matter    |
| DM   | = dry matter             | PF   | = pF                |
| DP   | = depth                  | PH   | = pH                |
| DR   | = drainage               | PM   | = parameter         |
| ET   | = evapotranspiration     | PR   | = precipitation     |
| FL   | = flux                   | PT   | = total phosphorus  |
| FR   | = fraction               | RA   | = radiation         |
| GL   | = global                 | RS   | = residual          |
| GW   | = groundwater            | SA   | = sand              |
| HD   | = head                   | SI   | = silt              |
| HM   | = relative humidity      | SL   | = slope             |
| HO   | = horizon                | SM   | = sample            |
| IR   | = irrigation             | SO   | = soil              |
| K    | = Potassium              | TE   | = temperature       |
| LA   | = layer                  | TY   | = type              |
| LG   | = longitude              | UP   | = upper             |
| LO   | = lower                  | WD   | = width             |
| LT   | = latitude               | WS   | = wind speed        |
| LV   | = level                  | YD   | = yield             |
| MA   | = maximum                | YR   | = year              |

## ANNEX 2 Example of file ----000.GEN

File: NLRU000.GEN            Code: ASCII            Access: sequential  
Author: E.J. Jansen        Version: 2            Date: 23-07-1991  
Source: -

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'Ruurlo, The Netherlands'

52 02 00 'NL'

06 28 00 'EL'

0.0

18.0

37.5

'Ditches approx. 1 meter deep, surrounding the field'

'Humic gleysol' 2

'A'        0.00        0.20

'C'        0.20        1.20

0

'Land use: permanent grassland'

'History: grassland with grazing and application of  
          300-400 kg.ha-1.yr-1 N from mineral fertilizer'

### ANNEX 3 Example of file -----SCP

File: NLRU000.SCP Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 2 Date: 23-07-1991  
 Source: soil chemical data: Snijders et al. (1987)  
 particle size distribution: Jansen (1991)  
 Ruurlo, The Netherlands, average for the entire field

NULA

| UPDP | LODP | FROC | FRNT | PH | FRCL | FRSI | FRSA |
|------|------|------|------|----|------|------|------|
|------|------|------|------|----|------|------|------|

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|      |      |      |      |     |     |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 5    |      |      |      |     |     |      |      |
| 0.00 | 0.05 | 6.44 | 0.43 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 26.9 | 67.7 |
| 0.05 | 0.25 | 3.02 | 0.23 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 27.6 | 67.5 |
| 0.25 | 0.50 | 1.03 | 0.03 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 19.4 | 76.8 |
| 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.08 | 0.02 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 8.2  | 85.5 |
| 0.75 | 1.00 | 0.63 | 0.01 | 6.6 | 3.2 | 9.2  | 87.6 |

# ANNEX 4    Example of file -----.WRC

File:    NLRU037.WRC                    Code:    ASCII                    Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen                    Version: 2                    Date:    23-07-1991  
 Source: laboratory measurements, Fonck (ICW)  
          Drying pF-curve; Ruurlo, The Netherlands, field 37

NULA  
 UPDP            LODP                    BD   PFDE   PFWE   NUOB  
 PF              MOFR

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|       |       |      |   |   |    |
|-------|-------|------|---|---|----|
| 7     |       |      |   |   |    |
| 0.05  | 0.10  | 1.26 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| 0.0   | 0.495 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.5   | 0.489 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.0   | 0.470 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.5   | 0.434 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.8   | 0.388 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.0   | 0.350 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.3   | 0.290 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.7   | 0.237 |      |   |   |    |
| 3.4   | 0.185 |      |   |   |    |
| 4.2   | 0.161 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.125 | 0.175 | 1.44 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| 0.0   | 0.425 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.5   | 0.421 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.0   | 0.418 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.5   | 0.390 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.8   | 0.326 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.0   | 0.276 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.3   | 0.220 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.7   | 0.181 |      |   |   |    |
| 3.4   | 0.150 |      |   |   |    |
| 4.2   | 0.128 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.25  | 0.30  | 1.63 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| 0.0   | 0.348 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.5   | 0.347 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.0   | 0.346 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.5   | 0.254 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.8   | 0.149 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.0   | 0.102 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.3   | 0.068 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.7   | 0.049 |      |   |   |    |
| 3.4   | 0.069 |      |   |   |    |
| 4.2   | 0.024 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.375 | 0.425 | 1.70 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| 0.0   | 0.331 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.5   | 0.328 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.0   | 0.331 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.5   | 0.305 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.8   | 0.248 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.0   | 0.193 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.3   | 0.149 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.7   | 0.121 |      |   |   |    |
| 3.4   | 0.112 |      |   |   |    |
| 4.2   | 0.079 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.50  | 0.55  | 1.69 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| 0.0   | 0.335 |      |   |   |    |
| 0.5   | 0.330 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.0   | 0.338 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.5   | 0.324 |      |   |   |    |
| 1.8   | 0.279 |      |   |   |    |
| 2.0   | 0.231 |      |   |   |    |
| etc.  |       |      |   |   |    |

# Example of file -----WRC (analytical function)

File: NLRU099.WRC            Code:    ASCII            Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen            Version: 1            Date:    23-07-1991  
 Source: fictitious data

parameters for Van Genuchten water retention function:

$MOFR = MOFRRS + ((MOFRSA - MOFRRS) / (1 + A * HD))^{**N}$

with: MOFRRS = residual moisture content

      MOFRSA = saturated moisture content

      HD     = hydraulic head

NULA

| UPDP | LODP | MOFRRS | MOFRSA | A | N |
|------|------|--------|--------|---|---|
|------|------|--------|--------|---|---|

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|      |      |       |       |       |      |
|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 2    |      |       |       |       |      |
| 0.00 | 0.40 | 0.078 | 0.396 | 0.005 | 0.79 |
| 0.40 | 1.20 | 0.026 | 0.327 | 0.002 | 0.86 |



# ANNEX 5 Example of file -----HCU

File: NLRU000.HCU Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 3 Date: 23-07-1991  
 Source: Staring soil series (Wosten et al., 1987)  
 0-40 cm-soil surface: topsoil B3  
 >40 cm-soil surface: subsoil O2

NULA  
 UPDP LODP NUOB  
 HYCO MOFR

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|           |       |    |
|-----------|-------|----|
| 2         |       |    |
| 0.00      | 0.40  | 45 |
| 0.178E+00 | 0.449 |    |
| 0.893E-01 | 0.44  |    |
| 0.438E-01 | 0.43  |    |
| 0.247E-01 | 0.42  |    |
| 0.140E-01 | 0.41  |    |
| 0.890E-02 | 0.40  |    |
| 0.655E-02 | 0.39  |    |
| 0.519E-02 | 0.38  |    |
| 0.412E-02 | 0.37  |    |
| 0.331E-02 | 0.36  |    |
| 0.269E-02 | 0.35  |    |
| 0.222E-02 | 0.34  |    |
| 0.184E-02 | 0.33  |    |
| 0.152E-02 | 0.32  |    |
| 0.125E-02 | 0.31  |    |
| 0.102E-02 | 0.30  |    |
| 0.083E-02 | 0.29  |    |
| 0.066E-02 | 0.28  |    |
| 0.051E-02 | 0.27  |    |
| 0.038E-02 | 0.26  |    |
| 0.028E-02 | 0.25  |    |
| 0.019E-02 | 0.24  |    |
| 0.013E-02 | 0.23  |    |
| 0.863E-04 | 0.22  |    |
| 0.562E-04 | 0.21  |    |
| 0.370E-04 | 0.20  |    |
| 0.250E-04 | 0.19  |    |
| 0.171E-04 | 0.18  |    |
| 0.119E-04 | 0.17  |    |
| 0.848E-05 | 0.16  |    |
| 0.608E-05 | 0.15  |    |
| 0.427E-05 | 0.14  |    |
| 0.293E-05 | 0.13  |    |
| 0.197E-05 | 0.12  |    |
| 0.129E-05 | 0.11  |    |
| 0.809E-06 | 0.10  |    |
| 0.503E-06 | 0.09  |    |
| 0.301E-06 | 0.08  |    |
| 0.157E-06 | 0.07  |    |
| 0.593E-07 | 0.06  |    |
| 0.186E-07 | 0.05  |    |
| 0.497E-08 | 0.04  |    |
| 0.117E-08 | 0.03  |    |
| 0.249E-09 | 0.02  |    |
| 0.488E-10 | 0.01  |    |
| 0.40      | 1.20  | 39 |
| 0.639E+00 | 0.381 |    |
| 0.604E+00 | 0.38  |    |
| 0.351E+00 | 0.37  |    |
| etc.      |       |    |

Example of file -----HCU (analytical function)

File: BEPI000.HCU Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: M. Vanclooster Version: 1 Date: 13-01-1990  
 Source: KU Leuven, Belgium  
 measurements with crust method, analytical function fitted.  
 Pittem, Belgium  
 Hydraulic conductivity according to the Gardner relationship:  
 $K = \text{KSAT} / (1 + (B \cdot H)^N)$ , with H = pressure head

NULA

| UPDP | LODP | KSAT | B | N |
|------|------|------|---|---|
|------|------|------|---|---|

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|------|------|----------|-------|------|
| 4    |      |          |       |      |
| 0.00 | 0.30 | 8.420    | 0.036 | 1.72 |
| 0.30 | 0.60 | 43.720   | 0.080 | 1.58 |
| 0.60 | 1.20 | 306.667  | 0.300 | 1.61 |
| 1.20 | 2.00 | 4206.670 | 0.300 | 2.00 |

# ANNEX 6 Example of file ----000.CLI

File: NLRU000.CLI Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 2 Date: 23-07-1991  
 Source: precipitation: experimental field,  
 temperature: Meteorological Station Almen  
 radiation: Meteorological Station Haren

Meteorological data from 1-1-1980 to 31-5-1985  
 Missing values: MITE, MATE, AVWS and AVHM

| YR    | MH | DA | DANU | MITE | MATE | AVTE | PR   | GLRA | AVWS | AVHM |
|-------|----|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ***** |    |    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1980  | 1  | 1  | 1    | 99.  | 99.  | 0.9  | 2.4  | 333. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 2  | 2    | 99.  | 99.  | -0.4 | 2.3  | 127. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 3  | 3    | 99.  | 99.  | 2.3  | 0.4  | 319. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 4  | 4    | 99.  | 99.  | 1.6  | 2.2  | 63.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 5  | 5    | 99.  | 99.  | 3.9  | 6.3  | 94.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 6  | 6    | 99.  | 99.  | 5.0  | 4.4  | 110. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 7  | 7    | 99.  | 99.  | 3.2  | 8.7  | 50.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 8  | 8    | 99.  | 99.  | 1.4  | 0.0  | 177. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 9  | 9    | 99.  | 99.  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 66.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 10 | 10   | 99.  | 99.  | -0.5 | 0.0  | 246. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 11 | 11   | 99.  | 99.  | -2.7 | 0.0  | 179. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 12 | 12   | 99.  | 99.  | -5.5 | 0.0  | 417. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 13 | 13   | 99.  | 99.  | -7.0 | 0.0  | 438. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 14 | 14   | 99.  | 99.  | -6.1 | 0.0  | 158. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 15 | 15   | 99.  | 99.  | -4.1 | 0.0  | 99.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 16 | 16   | 99.  | 99.  | -2.1 | 0.0  | 183. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 17 | 17   | 99.  | 99.  | -3.5 | 0.0  | 528. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 18 | 18   | 99.  | 99.  | -4.5 | 0.0  | 121. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 19 | 19   | 99.  | 99.  | -2.5 | 0.0  | 231. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 20 | 20   | 99.  | 99.  | -0.9 | 0.0  | 238. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 21 | 21   | 99.  | 99.  | 2.5  | 0.0  | 303. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 22 | 22   | 99.  | 99.  | 4.3  | 4.3  | 127. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 23 | 23   | 99.  | 99.  | 3.1  | 2.0  | 124. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 24 | 24   | 99.  | 99.  | 2.1  | 0.6  | 102. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 25 | 25   | 99.  | 99.  | 2.6  | 0.0  | 120. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 26 | 26   | 99.  | 99.  | 0.9  | 0.5  | 344. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 27 | 27   | 99.  | 99.  | 1.8  | 1.4  | 564. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 28 | 28   | 99.  | 99.  | -0.6 | 0.0  | 111. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 29 | 29   | 99.  | 99.  | 1.2  | 4.7  | 88.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 30 | 30   | 99.  | 99.  | 6.2  | 0.9  | 191. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 1  | 31 | 31   | 99.  | 99.  | 7.0  | 4.6  | 186. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 1  | 32   | 99.  | 99.  | 1.3  | 11.4 | 483. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 2  | 33   | 99.  | 99.  | 5.5  | 1.7  | 83.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 3  | 34   | 99.  | 99.  | 4.0  | 9.3  | 206. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 4  | 35   | 99.  | 99.  | 1.6  | 11.1 | 236. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 5  | 36   | 99.  | 99.  | 7.8  | 8.0  | 103. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 6  | 37   | 99.  | 99.  | 7.0  | 11.5 | 77.  | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 7  | 38   | 99.  | 99.  | 6.3  | 0.8  | 129. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 8  | 39   | 99.  | 99.  | 7.5  | 0.4  | 112. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 9  | 40   | 99.  | 99.  | 8.5  | 0.0  | 349. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 10 | 41   | 99.  | 99.  | 7.0  | 0.0  | 205. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 11 | 42   | 99.  | 99.  | 5.6  | 0.0  | 303. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 12 | 43   | 99.  | 99.  | 4.5  | 3.2  | 161. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 13 | 44   | 99.  | 99.  | 5.0  | 1.3  | 294. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 14 | 45   | 99.  | 99.  | 1.6  | 1.4  | 302. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 15 | 46   | 99.  | 99.  | 5.1  | 0.0  | 195. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 16 | 47   | 99.  | 99.  | 6.2  | 1.7  | 155. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 17 | 48   | 99.  | 99.  | 5.6  | 0.0  | 246. | -1.  | -1.  |
| 1980  | 2  | 18 | 49   | 99.  | 99.  | 5.0  | 0.0  | 605. | -1.  | -1.  |
| etc.  |    |    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

# ANNEX 7 Example of file ----000.ETR

File: NLRU000.ETR Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 1 Date: 08-03-1989  
 Source: Meteorological Station Winterswijk,  
 Penman open water evaporation (mm.decade-1)

| YR    | MH | DA | DANU | ET |
|-------|----|----|------|----|
| ***** |    |    |      |    |
| 1980  | 1  | 10 | 10   | 0  |
| 1980  | 1  | 20 | 20   | 1  |
| 1980  | 1  | 31 | 31   | 2  |
| 1980  | 2  | 10 | 41   | 4  |
| 1980  | 2  | 20 | 51   | 3  |
| 1980  | 2  | 29 | 60   | 5  |
| 1980  | 3  | 10 | 70   | 6  |
| 1980  | 3  | 20 | 80   | 8  |
| 1980  | 3  | 31 | 91   | 12 |
| 1980  | 4  | 10 | 101  | 18 |
| 1980  | 4  | 20 | 111  | 24 |
| 1980  | 4  | 30 | 121  | 25 |
| 1980  | 5  | 10 | 131  | 33 |
| 1980  | 5  | 20 | 141  | 44 |
| 1980  | 5  | 31 | 152  | 30 |
| 1980  | 6  | 10 | 162  | 28 |
| 1980  | 6  | 20 | 172  | 30 |
| 1980  | 6  | 30 | 182  | 25 |
| 1980  | 7  | 10 | 192  | 20 |
| 1980  | 7  | 20 | 202  | 18 |
| 1980  | 7  | 31 | 213  | 34 |
| 1980  | 8  | 10 | 223  | 31 |
| 1980  | 8  | 20 | 233  | 23 |
| 1980  | 8  | 31 | 244  | 22 |
| 1980  | 9  | 10 | 254  | 19 |
| 1980  | 9  | 20 | 264  | 17 |
| 1980  | 9  | 30 | 274  | 9  |
| 1980  | 10 | 10 | 284  | 8  |
| 1980  | 10 | 20 | 294  | 7  |
| 1980  | 10 | 31 | 305  | 3  |
| 1980  | 11 | 10 | 315  | 2  |
| 1980  | 11 | 20 | 325  | 4  |
| 1980  | 11 | 30 | 335  | 2  |
| 1980  | 12 | 10 | 345  | 0  |
| 1980  | 12 | 20 | 355  | 1  |
| 1980  | 12 | 31 | 366  | 2  |
| 1981  | 1  | 10 | 376  | 1  |
| 1981  | 1  | 20 | 386  | 0  |
| 1981  | 1  | 31 | 397  | 0  |
| 1981  | 2  | 10 | 407  | 4  |
| 1981  | 2  | 20 | 417  | 3  |
| 1981  | 2  | 28 | 425  | 5  |
| 1981  | 3  | 10 | 435  | 9  |
| 1981  | 3  | 20 | 445  | 12 |
| 1981  | 3  | 31 | 456  | 24 |
| 1981  | 4  | 10 | 466  | 21 |
| 1981  | 4  | 20 | 476  | 34 |
| 1981  | 4  | 30 | 486  | 22 |
| 1981  | 5  | 10 | 496  | 32 |
| 1981  | 5  | 20 | 506  | 41 |
| 1981  | 5  | 31 | 517  | 38 |
| 1981  | 6  | 10 | 527  | 42 |
| 1981  | 6  | 20 | 537  | 29 |
| 1981  | 6  | 30 | 547  | 23 |
| etc.  |    |    |      |    |

ANNEX 8     Example of file -----IRR

File:    NLRU000.IRR            Code:    ASCII            Access: sequential  
Author: E.J. Jansen            Version: 2            Date:    23-07-1991  
Source: fictitious data  
         daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| YR    | MH | DA | DANU | AMIR | CONI | CONH |
|-------|----|----|------|------|------|------|
| ***** |    |    |      |      |      |      |
| 1981  | 07 | 15 | 562  | 35.0 | 7.5  | 0.2  |
| 1981  | 07 | 29 | 576  | 25.0 | 3.0  | 0.1  |
| 1982  | 08 | 20 | 963  | 30.0 | 12.6 | 0.0  |
| 1983  | 06 | 30 | 1277 | 35.0 | 2.2  | 0.4  |
| 1983  | 07 | 24 | 1332 | 30.0 | 7.3  | 0.5  |
| 1984  | 07 | 9  | 1652 | 25.0 | 6.8  | 0.1  |

# ANNEX 9 Example of file -----CRP

File: NLRU037.CRP Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 1 Date: 26-01-1989  
 Source: Snijders et al. (1991)  
 Data on crop sowing and harvest dates, yields and residues  
 Ruurlo, The Netherlands, field nr. 37  
 daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| YR    | MH     | DA     | DANU  |      |        |   |
|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|--------|---|
| CRTY  | AC     |        |       |      |        |   |
| CRYD  | CRNT   | CRNTYD | RSYD  | RSNT | RSNTYD |   |
| ***** |        |        |       |      |        |   |
| 1980  | 5      | 6      | 127   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 3635  | 0.0301 |        | 127.6 | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1980  | 5      | 28     | 149   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 1880  | 0.0390 |        | 73.3  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1980  | 6      | 24     | 176   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2445  | 0.0425 |        | 103.9 | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1980  | 7      | 24     | 206   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2562  | 0.0334 |        | 85.6  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1980  | 8      | 19     | 232   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2017  | 0.0422 |        | 85.1  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1980  | 9      | 17     | 261   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2121  | 0.0412 |        | 87.4  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1980  | 10     | 23     | 297   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 1655  | 0.0421 |        | 69.9  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1981  | 4      | 14     | 470   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 659   | 0.0286 |        | 18.9  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1981  | 5      | 19     | 505   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2804  | 0.0421 |        | 118.0 | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1981  | 6      | 16     | 533   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2807  | 0.0418 |        | 117.3 | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1981  | 7      | 14     | 561   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 1625  | 0.0457 |        | 74.3  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1981  | 8      | 5      | 583   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 3084  | 0.0267 |        | 82.3  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1981  | 9      | 8      | 617   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2448  | 0.0373 |        | 91.3  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1981  | 10     | 28     | 667   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 2331  | 0.0335 |        | 78.1  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1982  | 3      | 22     | 812   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 1      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 0     | 0.0000 |        | 0.0   | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1982  | 5      | 11     | 862   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 1500  | 0.0476 |        | 71.4  | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| 1982  | 6      | 1      | 883   |      |        |   |
| 1     | 3      |        |       |      |        |   |
| 3645  | 0.0408 |        | 148.7 | 0    | 0      | 0 |
| etc.  |        |        |       |      |        |   |

# ANNEX 10 Example of file -----MAN

File: NLRU039.MAN Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 2 Date: 03-08-1989  
 Source: Snijders et al. (1987)  
 Ruurlo, The Netherlands, field nr. 39  
 daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| YR              | MH    | DA   | DANU |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|--|
| AC              | NUAN  | MTTY |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| DP              | AMMT  | AMDM | AMOM | AMNT  | AMNH | AMNI | AMPT | AMK   | AMCA | AMMG |  |
| *****           |       |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| Management data |       |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1980            | 3     | 18   | 78   |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 1    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.20            | 42000 | 4368 | 3276 | 201.6 | 80.6 | 0.0  | 36.7 | 223.3 | 87.2 | 35.6 |  |
| 1980            | 3     | 24   | 84   |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 36.9 | 119.5 | 0.0  | 27.7 |  |
| 1980            | 5     | 7    | 128  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 80.0  | 40.0 | 40.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  | 21.7 |  |
| 1980            | 5     | 29   | 150  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 80.0  | 40.0 | 40.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1980            | 6     | 25   | 177  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 60.0  | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.6 | 99.6  | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1980            | 7     | 29   | 211  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 40.0  | 20.0 | 20.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1980            | 8     | 19   | 232  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 40.0  | 20.0 | 20.0 | 24.5 | 79.7  | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1980            | 9     | 17   | 261  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 40.0  | 20.0 | 20.0 | 0.0  | 46.5  | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1981            | 3     | 24   | 449  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 34.9 | 83.0  | 0.0  | 30.1 |  |
| 1981            | 4     | 15   | 471  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 1    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.20            | 41460 | 4560 | 3524 | 207.3 | 82.9 | 0.0  | 28.9 | 220.3 | 65.2 | 32.5 |  |
| 1981            | 4     | 16   | 472  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  | 27.4 |  |
| 1981            | 5     | 22   | 508  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 80.0  | 40.0 | 40.0 | 0.0  | 83.0  | 0.0  | 21.9 |  |
| 1981            | 6     | 19   | 536  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 80.0  | 40.0 | 40.0 | 0.0  | 66.4  | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1981            | 7     | 14   | 561  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 60.0  | 30.0 | 30.0 | 0.0  | 66.4  | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1981            | 8     | 5    | 583  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 40.0  | 20.0 | 20.0 | 0.0  | 66.4  | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| 1981            | 9     | 8    | 617  |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 1               | 0     | 6    |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |
| 0.00            | -1    | -1   | 0    | 40.0  | 20.0 | 20.0 | 0.0  | 66.4  | 0.0  | 0.0  |  |
| etc.            |       |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |  |

# ANNEX 11 Example of file -----.SMN

File: NLRU037.SMN Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 1 Date: 25-01-1989  
 Source: Measurements IB Haren.  
 Soil mineral N; Ruurlo, The Netherlands, field nr. 37  
 daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| YR    | MH | DA   | DANU | NULA |      |  |
|-------|----|------|------|------|------|--|
| UPDP  |    | LODP | BD   | AMNH | AMNI |  |
| ***** |    |      |      |      |      |  |
| 1980  | 3  | 12   | 72   | 5    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 4.0  | 8.1  |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 2.9  | 8.6  |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 4.0  | 4.0  |  |
| 0.50  |    | 0.75 | 1.54 | 0.0  | 11.6 |  |
| 0.75  |    | 1.00 | 1.60 | 0.0  | 16.0 |  |
| 1980  | 4  | 18   | 109  | 5    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 12.1 | 14.9 |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 2.9  | 37.4 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 0.0  | 11.9 |  |
| 0.50  |    | 0.75 | 1.54 | 0.0  | 7.7  |  |
| 0.75  |    | 1.00 | 1.60 | 0.0  | 8.0  |  |
| 1980  | 5  | 9    | 130  | 4    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 46.0 | 64.4 |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 17.3 | 25.9 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 4.0  | 8.0  |  |
| 0.50  |    | 1.00 | 1.57 | 0.0  | 23.6 |  |
| 1980  | 6  | 4    | 156  | 4    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 32.2 | 75.9 |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 11.5 | 60.5 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 4.0  | 15.9 |  |
| 0.50  |    | 1.00 | 1.57 | 0.0  | 23.6 |  |
| 1980  | 6  | 26   | 178  | 4    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 97.2 | 40.3 |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 17.3 | 80.6 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 0.0  | 11.9 |  |
| 0.50  |    | 1.00 | 1.57 | 39.3 | 78.5 |  |
| 1980  | 7  | 25   | 207  | 4    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 12.6 | 14.9 |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 5.8  | 23.0 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 0.0  | 67.6 |  |
| 0.50  |    | 1.00 | 1.57 | 0.0  | 55.0 |  |
| 1980  | 8  | 19   | 232  | 4    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 17.3 | 10.3 |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 14.4 | 23.0 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 4.0  | 19.9 |  |
| 0.50  |    | 1.00 | 1.57 | 0.0  | 23.6 |  |
| 1980  | 9  | 17   | 261  | 4    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 15.5 | 2.9  |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 5.8  | 40.3 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 0.0  | 43.7 |  |
| 0.50  |    | 1.00 | 1.57 | 0.0  | 47.1 |  |
| 1980  | 11 | 20   | 325  | 5    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 8.1  | 6.9  |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 2.9  | 17.3 |  |
| 0.25  |    | 0.50 | 1.59 | 0.0  | 47.7 |  |
| 0.50  |    | 0.75 | 1.54 | 0.0  | 42.4 |  |
| 0.75  |    | 1.00 | 1.60 | 0.0  | 36.0 |  |
| 1981  | 4  | 6    | 462  | 5    |      |  |
| 0.00  |    | 0.05 | 1.15 | 7.5  | 6.9  |  |
| 0.05  |    | 0.25 | 1.44 | 0.0  | 8.6  |  |
| etc.  |    |      |      |      |      |  |



## ANNEX 12 Example of file -----SMO

File: NLRU037.SMO Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 2 Date: 16-10-1990  
 Source: gamma-radiation measurements Fonck (ICW)  
 Soil moisture contents  
 Ruurlo, The Netherlands, field nr. 37  
 daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| YR   | MH | DA   | DANU | NULA |
|------|----|------|------|------|
| UPDP |    | LODP |      | MOFR |

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|      |   |      |       |    |
|------|---|------|-------|----|
| 1980 | 4 | 24   | 115   | 12 |
| 0.05 |   | 0.15 | 0.347 |    |
| 0.15 |   | 0.25 | 0.340 |    |
| 0.25 |   | 0.35 | 0.224 |    |
| 0.35 |   | 0.45 | 0.170 |    |
| 0.45 |   | 0.55 | 0.197 |    |
| 0.55 |   | 0.65 | 0.266 |    |
| 0.65 |   | 0.75 | 0.295 |    |
| 0.75 |   | 0.85 | 0.337 |    |
| 0.85 |   | 0.95 | 0.341 |    |
| 0.95 |   | 1.05 | 0.361 |    |
| 1.05 |   | 1.15 | 0.362 |    |
| 1.15 |   | 1.25 | 0.337 |    |
| 1980 | 5 | 21   | 142   | 12 |
| 0.05 |   | 0.15 | 0.244 |    |
| 0.15 |   | 0.25 | 0.197 |    |
| 0.25 |   | 0.35 | 0.153 |    |
| 0.35 |   | 0.45 | 0.201 |    |
| 0.45 |   | 0.55 | 0.189 |    |
| 0.55 |   | 0.65 | 0.244 |    |
| 0.65 |   | 0.75 | 0.270 |    |
| 0.75 |   | 0.85 | 0.317 |    |
| 0.85 |   | 0.95 | 0.332 |    |
| 0.95 |   | 1.05 | 0.346 |    |
| 1.05 |   | 1.15 | 0.356 |    |
| 1.15 |   | 1.25 | 0.344 |    |
| 1980 | 5 | 28   | 149   | 12 |
| 0.05 |   | 0.15 | 0.221 |    |
| 0.15 |   | 0.25 | 0.185 |    |
| 0.25 |   | 0.35 | 0.135 |    |
| 0.35 |   | 0.45 | 0.130 |    |
| 0.45 |   | 0.55 | 0.184 |    |
| 0.55 |   | 0.65 | 0.232 |    |
| 0.65 |   | 0.75 | 0.290 |    |
| 0.75 |   | 0.85 | 0.320 |    |
| 0.85 |   | 0.95 | 0.341 |    |
| 0.95 |   | 1.05 | 0.350 |    |
| 1.05 |   | 1.15 | 0.356 |    |
| 1.15 |   | 1.25 | 0.336 |    |
| 1980 | 6 | 6    | 158   | 12 |
| 0.05 |   | 0.15 | 0.203 |    |
| 0.15 |   | 0.25 | 0.166 |    |
| 0.25 |   | 0.35 | 0.126 |    |
| 0.35 |   | 0.45 | 0.124 |    |
| 0.45 |   | 0.55 | 0.185 |    |
| 0.55 |   | 0.65 | 0.243 |    |
| 0.65 |   | 0.75 | 0.293 |    |
| 0.75 |   | 0.85 | 0.325 |    |
| 0.85 |   | 0.95 | 0.334 |    |
| 0.95 |   | 1.05 | 0.347 |    |
| 1.05 |   | 1.15 | 0.356 |    |

etc.

# ANNEX 13 Example of file -----PRH

File: NLRU099.PRH Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 1 Date: 23-07-1991  
 Source: fictitious data  
 daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| YR    | MH | DA     | DANU | NUDP |
|-------|----|--------|------|------|
| DP    |    | HD     |      |      |
| ***** |    |        |      |      |
| 1980  | 4  | 24     | 115  | 5    |
| 0.05  |    | -1200. |      |      |
| 0.25  |    | -140.  |      |      |
| 0.35  |    | -90.   |      |      |
| 0.60  |    | -50.   |      |      |
| 0.90  |    | -20.   |      |      |
| 1980  | 5  | 21     | 142  | 5    |
| 0.05  |    | -105.  |      |      |
| 0.25  |    | -145.  |      |      |
| 0.35  |    | -98.   |      |      |
| 0.60  |    | -72.   |      |      |
| 0.90  |    | -45.   |      |      |
| 1980  | 5  | 28     | 149  | 5    |
| 0.05  |    | -753.  |      |      |
| 0.25  |    | -221.  |      |      |
| 0.35  |    | -130.  |      |      |
| 0.60  |    | -97.   |      |      |
| 0.90  |    | -65.   |      |      |
| 1980  | 6  | 6      | 158  | 5    |
| 0.05  |    | -115.  |      |      |
| 0.25  |    | -95.   |      |      |
| 0.35  |    | -85.   |      |      |
| 0.60  |    | -60.   |      |      |
| 0.90  |    | -30.   |      |      |
| etc.  |    |        |      |      |

# ANNEX 14 Example of file -----STE

File: NLRU000.STE Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 1 Date: 22-12-1988  
 Source: measurements CABO, Wageningen  
 Average soil temperature (oC) at three depths  
 Ruurlo, The Netherlands  
 daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| NUDP  | DP (1,2...NUDP |      |      |         |         |         |
|-------|----------------|------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| YR    | MH             | DA   | DANU | SOTE(1) | SOTE(2) | SOTE(3) |
| ***** |                |      |      |         |         |         |
| 3     | 0.05           | 0.15 | 0.30 |         |         |         |
| 1980  | 4              | 2    | 93   | 7.7     | 7.1     | 7.0     |
| 1980  | 4              | 15   | 106  | 8.3     | 8.3     | 8.7     |
| 1980  | 4              | 23   | 114  | 6.6     | 6.8     | 7.6     |
| 1980  | 5              | 1    | 122  | 9.1     | 8.8     | 8.9     |
| 1980  | 5              | 8    | 129  | 9.8     | 9.4     | 9.4     |
| 1980  | 5              | 16   | 137  | 10.6    | 10.5    | 10.9    |
| 1980  | 5              | 22   | 143  | 11.8    | 12.2    | 12.5    |
| 1980  | 5              | 27   | 148  | 13.0    | 11.9    | 11.8    |
| 1980  | 6              | 5    | 157  | 18.7    | 14.9    | 13.3    |
| 1980  | 6              | 12   | 164  | 19.8    | 16.1    | 14.7    |
| 1980  | 6              | 19   | 171  | 13.8    | 13.8    | 14.3    |
| 1980  | 6              | 25   | 177  | 14.9    | 14.1    | 13.7    |
| 1980  | 7              | 3    | 185  | 16.5    | 14.8    | 14.3    |
| 1980  | 7              | 10   | 192  | 16.1    | 15.5    | 15.3    |
| 1980  | 7              | 17   | 199  | 15.6    | 14.3    | 14.1    |
| 1980  | 7              | 25   | 207  | 16.1    | 15.5    | 15.0    |
| 1980  | 8              | 1    | 214  | 19.8    | 17.8    | 17.6    |
| 1980  | 8              | 8    | 221  | 20.5    | 18.6    | 17.7    |
| 1980  | 8              | 15   | 228  | 17.5    | 17.0    | 16.9    |
| 1980  | 8              | 22   | 235  | 16.7    | 16.4    | 16.5    |
| 1980  | 8              | 30   | 243  | 17.8    | 17.0    | 16.8    |
| 1980  | 9              | 8    | 252  | 17.2    | 15.7    | 15.8    |
| 1980  | 9              | 12   | 256  | 15.5    | 15.1    | 15.2    |
| 1980  | 9              | 22   | 266  | 17.9    | 16.6    | 16.4    |
| 1980  | 10             | 3    | 277  | 11.9    | 12.9    | 13.6    |
| 1980  | 10             | 10   | 284  | 10.4    | 10.5    | 11.5    |
| 1980  | 10             | 18   | 292  | 10.9    | 10.6    | 11.0    |
| 1981  | 1              | 27   | 393  | 3.1     | 2.5     | 2.8     |
| 1981  | 2              | 11   | 408  | 2.1     | 3.1     | 4.0     |
| 1981  | 2              | 21   | 418  | 0.2     | 0.7     | 1.5     |
| 1981  | 3              | 6    | 431  | 0.4     | 2.5     | 5.4     |
| 1981  | 3              | 17   | 442  | 6.1     | 5.7     | 6.2     |
| 1981  | 3              | 31   | 456  | 8.5     | 6.6     | 5.3     |
| 1981  | 4              | 10   | 466  | 10.0    | 9.0     | 9.4     |
| 1981  | 4              | 21   | 477  | 7.5     | 7.6     | 8.4     |
| 1981  | 4              | 27   | 483  | 8.0     | 8.1     | 8.6     |
| 1981  | 5              | 8    | 494  | 13.9    | 11.4    | 10.0    |
| 1981  | 5              | 18   | 504  | 16.2    | 13.6    | 12.4    |
| 1981  | 5              | 29   | 515  | 15.2    | 13.5    | 13.3    |
| 1981  | 6              | 9    | 526  | 17.6    | 16.4    | 15.8    |
| 1981  | 6              | 16   | 533  | 15.7    | 15.3    | 15.4    |
| 1981  | 6              | 24   | 541  | 22.6    | 17.8    | 16.1    |
| 1981  | 7              | 3    | 550  | 17.2    | 16.4    | 15.7    |
| 1981  | 7              | 7    | 554  | 21.7    | 18.4    | 16.6    |
| 1981  | 7              | 16   | 563  | 18.7    | 17.5    | 17.0    |
| 1981  | 7              | 24   | 571  | 16.6    | 16.5    | 16.9    |
| 1981  | 7              | 31   | 578  | 16.2    | 15.3    | 15.9    |
| 1981  | 8              | 11   | 589  | 18.6    | 17.8    | 18.0    |
| 1981  | 8              | 22   | 600  | 16.4    | 15.4    | 15.9    |
| etc.  |                |      |      |         |         |         |

# ANNEX 15 Example of file -----GWL

File: NLRU037.GWL Code: ASCII Access: sequential  
 Author: E.J. Jansen Version: 2 Date: 31-07-1990  
 Source: piezometer measurements Fonck (ICW)  
 groundwater levels  
 Ruurlo, The Netherlands, field nr. 37  
 daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

| YR    | MH | DA | DANU | GWL  |
|-------|----|----|------|------|
| ***** |    |    |      |      |
| 1980  | 4  | 24 | 115  | 0.71 |
| 1980  | 5  | 2  | 123  | 1.04 |
| 1980  | 5  | 7  | 128  | 0.81 |
| 1980  | 5  | 21 | 142  | 1.04 |
| 1980  | 5  | 28 | 149  | 1.14 |
| 1980  | 6  | 6  | 158  | 1.18 |
| 1980  | 6  | 11 | 163  | 1.24 |
| 1980  | 6  | 27 | 179  | 1.19 |
| 1980  | 7  | 9  | 191  | 0.82 |
| 1980  | 7  | 25 | 207  | 0.46 |
| 1980  | 8  | 8  | 221  | 0.85 |
| 1980  | 8  | 20 | 233  | 0.87 |
| 1980  | 9  | 4  | 248  | 0.85 |
| 1980  | 9  | 19 | 263  | 0.68 |
| 1980  | 10 | 3  | 277  | 0.91 |
| 1980  | 10 | 14 | 288  | 0.81 |
| 1980  | 10 | 28 | 302  | 0.70 |
| 1981  | 1  | 24 | 390  | 0.17 |
| 1981  | 3  | 3  | 428  | 0.52 |
| 1981  | 3  | 24 | 449  | 0.43 |
| 1981  | 4  | 7  | 463  | 0.64 |
| 1981  | 4  | 13 | 469  | 0.73 |
| 1981  | 4  | 21 | 477  | 0.80 |
| 1981  | 4  | 27 | 483  | 0.85 |
| 1981  | 5  | 7  | 493  | 0.70 |
| 1981  | 5  | 13 | 499  | 0.92 |
| 1981  | 5  | 19 | 505  | 0.93 |
| 1981  | 5  | 26 | 512  | 0.95 |
| 1981  | 6  | 2  | 519  | 0.86 |
| 1981  | 6  | 9  | 526  | 0.89 |
| 1981  | 6  | 12 | 529  | 0.97 |
| 1981  | 6  | 16 | 533  | 1.03 |
| 1981  | 6  | 24 | 541  | 1.11 |
| 1981  | 6  | 30 | 547  | 0.52 |
| 1981  | 7  | 7  | 554  | 0.77 |
| 1981  | 7  | 9  | 556  | 0.85 |
| 1981  | 7  | 15 | 562  | 0.72 |
| 1981  | 7  | 21 | 568  | 0.83 |
| 1981  | 7  | 28 | 575  | 0.56 |
| 1981  | 8  | 4  | 582  | 0.79 |
| 1981  | 8  | 11 | 589  | 0.91 |
| 1981  | 8  | 18 | 596  | 1.08 |
| 1981  | 8  | 25 | 603  | 1.14 |
| 1981  | 8  | 31 | 609  | 1.21 |
| 1981  | 9  | 1  | 610  | 1.21 |
| 1981  | 9  | 3  | 612  | 1.25 |
| 1981  | 9  | 8  | 617  | 1.30 |
| 1981  | 9  | 15 | 624  | 1.30 |
| 1981  | 9  | 22 | 631  | 1.17 |
| 1981  | 9  | 30 | 639  | 1.18 |
| 1981  | 10 | 7  | 646  | 1.12 |
| etc.  |    |    |      |      |

ANNEX 16 Example of file -----LEA

File: NLRU037.LEA            Code: ASCII            Access: sequential  
Author: E.J. Jansen            Version: 3            Date: 31-07-1990  
Source: ceramic cup measurements Fonck (ICW)  
         NO3-N concentrations  
         Ruurlo, The Netherlands, field nr. 37  
         daynumbers start at 1-1-1980

SMD    UPDP   LODP  
YR    MH    DA    DANU    CONT

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|      | 2  | 0.90 | 1.00 |      |
|------|----|------|------|------|
| 1980 | 8  | 8    | 221  | 13.6 |
| 1980 | 10 | 16   | 290  | 12.6 |
| 1981 | 1  | 22   | 388  | 50.1 |
| 1981 | 3  | 4    | 429  | 32.2 |
| 1981 | 4  | 1    | 457  | 9.4  |
| 1981 | 7  | 15   | 562  | 16.5 |
| 1981 | 10 | 27   | 666  | 15.3 |
| 1981 | 11 | 25   | 695  | 20.6 |
| 1982 | 1  | 26   | 757  | 30.3 |
| 1982 | 3  | 19   | 809  | 28.9 |
| 1982 | 11 | 25   | 1060 | 26.3 |
| 1983 | 1  | 11   | 1107 | 43.6 |
| 1983 | 3  | 9    | 1164 | 41.2 |
| 1983 | 5  | 13   | 1229 | 21.7 |
| 1983 | 6  | 20   | 1267 | 15.5 |
| 1984 | 1  | 6    | 1467 | 43.1 |
| 1984 | 1  | 30   | 1491 | 45.6 |
| 1984 | 2  | 22   | 1514 | 35.3 |
| 1984 | 3  | 22   | 1543 | 28.6 |
| 1984 | 4  | 10   | 1562 | 28.7 |
| 1984 | 7  | 9    | 1652 | 22.8 |
| 1984 | 10 | 3    | 1738 | 18.5 |
| 1984 | 11 | 1    | 1767 | 36.1 |
| 1984 | 11 | 29   | 1795 | 35.6 |
| 1985 | 3  | 5    | 1891 | 34.8 |
| 1985 | 4  | 4    | 1921 | 31.6 |

ANNEX 17 List of addresses where datasets of field studies can be obtained, which comply with the described standardization

1. Pittem, Belgium. Grain maize on a sandy loam; pig slurry; groundwater level at 1.0-2.5 meter depth; 1 field, 1 year.

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Catholic University of Leuven  
Kardinaal Mercierlaan 92  
3001 Heverlee, Belgium  
phone: +32 16 220931  
fax: +32 16 205032

2. Askov, Denmark. Spring barley on a sandy loam; pig slurry and mineral fertilizer; groundwater level at 40 meter depth; 3 fields, 2 years.  
Jyndevad, Denmark. Spring barley on sand; pig slurry and mineral fertilizer; groundwater level at 1.5-2 meter depth; 6 fields, 2 years.

Institute of Soil Physics  
Soil Tillage and Irrigation  
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fax: +45 74 648489

3. Nauplio, Greece. Eggplants and oat; mineral fertilizer, irrigation; groundwater level deeper than 12 meter; 4 fields, 2 years.  
Agrinio, Greece. Tobacco on a clay soil; mineral fertilizer; irrigation; groundwater level deeper than 15 meter; 4 field, 2 years.

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Athens 118 55, Greece  
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4. Ruurlo, the Netherlands; grassland on a loamy sand, cattle slurry and mineral fertilizer, groundwater at 0.5-1.7 meter depth; 12 fields, 5 years.

The Winand Staring Centre  
Department of Environmental Protection  
P.O. Box 125  
6700 AC Wageningen, The Netherlands  
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5. Gleadthorpe, United Kingdom. Grass, winter wheat and potatoes on a loamy sand; mineral fertilizer, groundwater level at 20 meter depth, 3 fields, 2 years.  
Lockington, United Kingdom. Grass, winter wheat and potatoes on a sandy loam; mineral fertilizer, groundwater level at 1-3 meter depth, 3 fields, 2 years.

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