



DWD's climate services for agriculture





DWD - Short overview

- Founded in 1952
- Authority under the Federal Ministry of Digital and Transport (BMDV)
- Headquarters in Offenbach am Main
- 6 branch offices in Hamburg, Potsdam, Leipzig, Essen, Stuttgart and Munich
- Around 2,200 staff members
- Provider of scientific and technical services and with a duty to undertake research
- Represents Germany in international meteorological and climatological organisations





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Observing and forecasting the weather Issuing severe weather warnings Studying the climate in Germany Evaluating changes in the climate Providing climate change consultancy Monitoring radioactivity in the atmosphere Representing Germany in international organisations

- ➔ We observe.
- ➔ We warn.
- ➔ We research.
- ➔ We analyse.
- ➔ We advise.
- ➔ We measure.
- → We network.

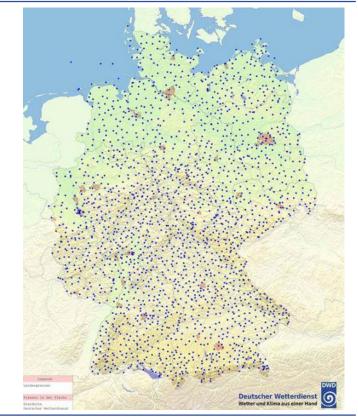




DWD's observation network



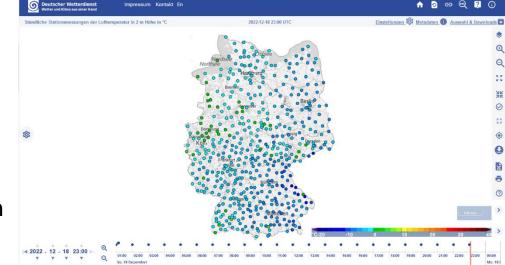
- 180 main weather stations (staffed and automatic)
- 48 stations for measuring radioactivity
- 1,734 voluntary measuring stations
- 1,065 phenological observation sites
- 18 weather radar sites
- 2 meteorological observatories
- 10 upper-air stations (with around 7,500 radiosonde launches every year)
- 2 main shipboard weather stations (staffed)
- 125 automated shipboard weather stations
- 391 ships at sea participating in the WMO Voluntary Observing Ships (VOS) programme





Climate Data Center (CDC)

- ➔ DWD's Open-Data-Portal
- Provisioning of DWD's meteorological observation data to the general public
- ➔ Free text product search
- Interactive maps of available station/ raster data
- Possibility to download all station and raster data
- → <u>https://cdc.dwd.de/portal</u>

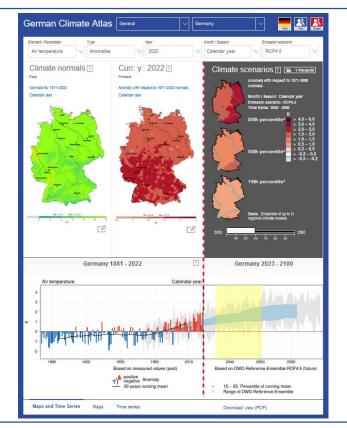








- Regional time series and maps of meteorological observation data
- Climate projection data for different RCP climate scenarios
- Meteorological variables like temperature, precipitation, etc.
- Agrometeorological variables like beginning of vegetation period, fire weather index, etc.
- Includes uncertainties of the climate projection data
- → <u>https://www.dwd.de/klimaatlas</u>





Agrometeorology at DWD

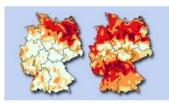


- Breaks down meteorological and climatological information to the agricultural and forestry sector
- Creation and distribution of agrometeorological products for agriculture and forestry
- Consulting of federal agencies, organizations and politics w.r.t. agrometeorological questions
- → R&D for a continous improvement of products and consulting services
- Close cooperation with universities and federal agencies
- Supervision of DWD's phenological observation network
- → Four branch offices: Offenbach, Braunschweig, Leipzig, Weihenstephan



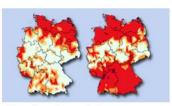
Agrometeorological consulting

- Agrometeorological forecasts and reviews in agricultural newspapers and via DWD webportals
- Warnings related to e.g. frost, forest fires, application of pesticides, etc. (web, newsletters)



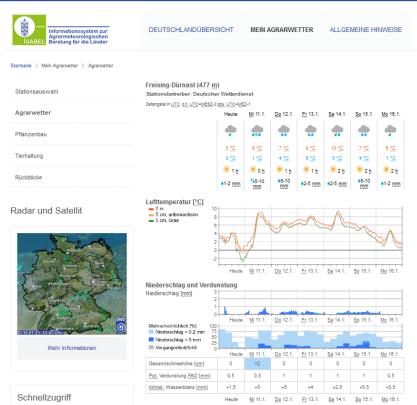
Waldbrandgefahrenindex

Index des meteorologischen Potentials für die Gefährdung durch Waldbrand



Graslandfeuerindex

Index für die Feuergefährdung von offenem Gelände





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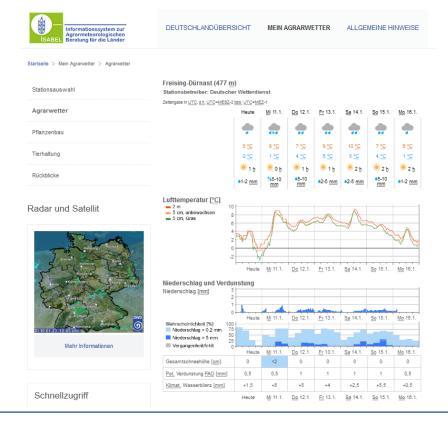


Agrometeorological information

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- Meteorological variables (station + raster)
- → Soil temperature/ frost
- Soil moisture
- Climatic water balance
- Sowing conditions
- Application of pestizides
- Potential occurrence of pests





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Phenological observation network



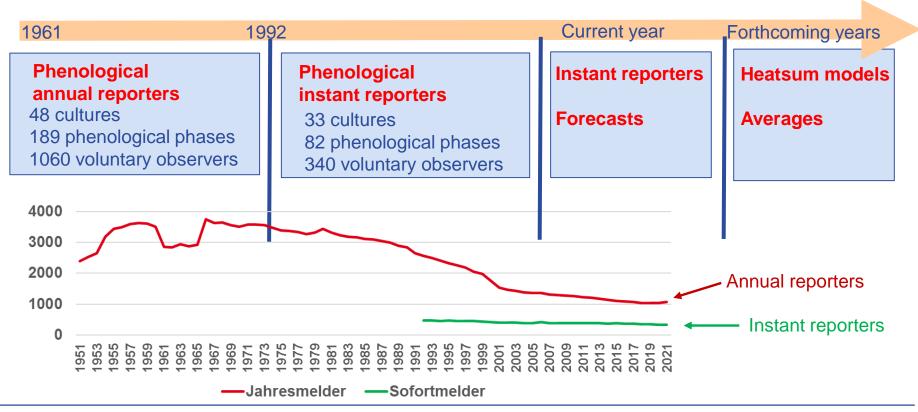
- DWD operates one of the densest phenological observation networks
- → >1000 voluntary observers (annual and instant)
- Observers monitor phenological stages of >33 plants
- Data are used for climate monitoring and as a driver for agrometeorological impact models





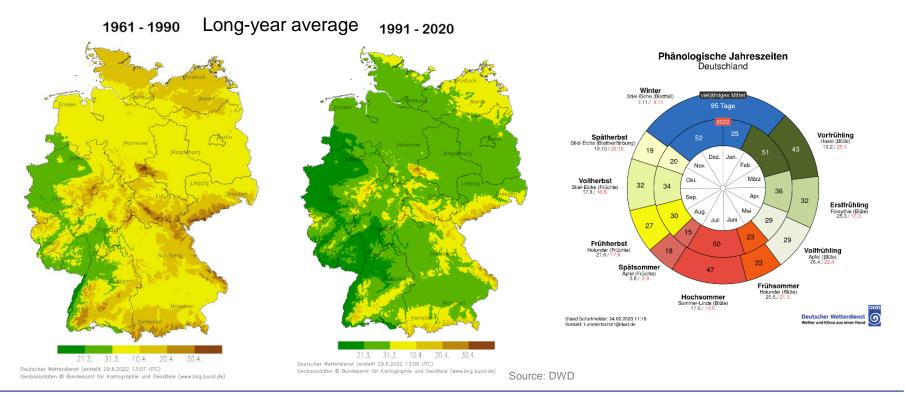
Time scales of phenological data







Shifts in the start of the vegetation period





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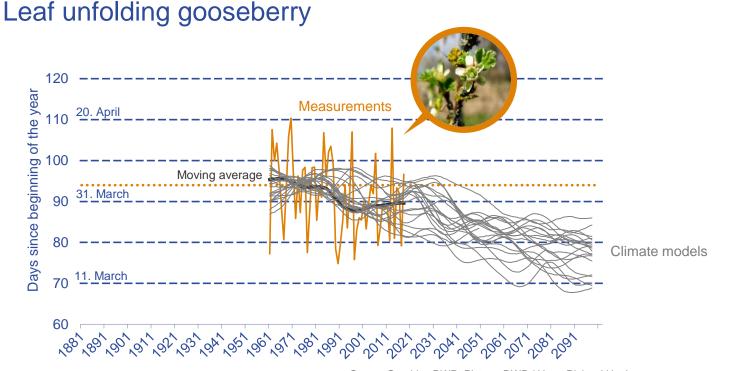
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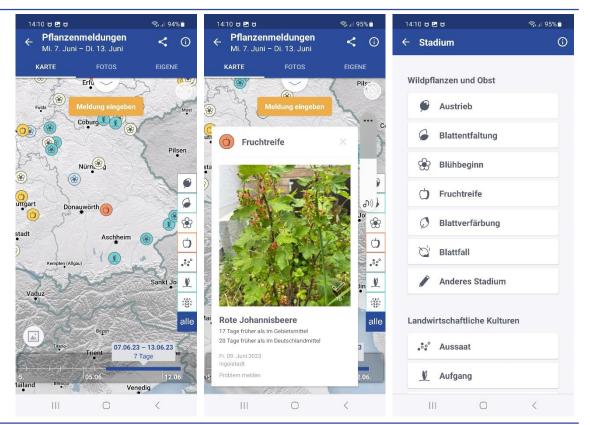
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Crowd-sourcing of phenological data

- "DWD-Warnwetter-App" allows citizens to submit phenological observations (anonymously)
- Pre-selected phenological stages for agricultural and wild plants (similar to standard phenological observation program)
- Optional upload of pictures



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Soil moisture viewer

- Daily German-wide calculation of soil moisture (1km raster) based on meteorological observations and forecasts with the impact model AMBAV
- Provisioning of static and interactive maps of soil moisture distribution, water balance, etc. (up to 2m depth)
- Modelled soil moisture time series for selected DWD-stations
- Statistical evaluation of current soil moisture situation
- Data available since 1991







Bodenfeuchteanalyse







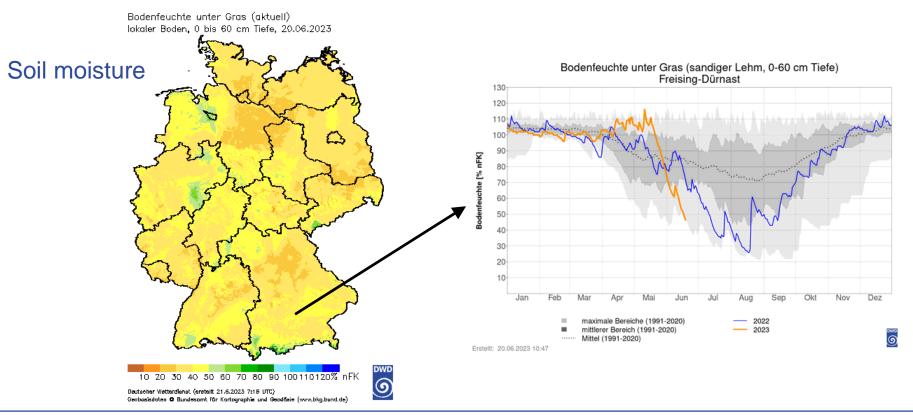


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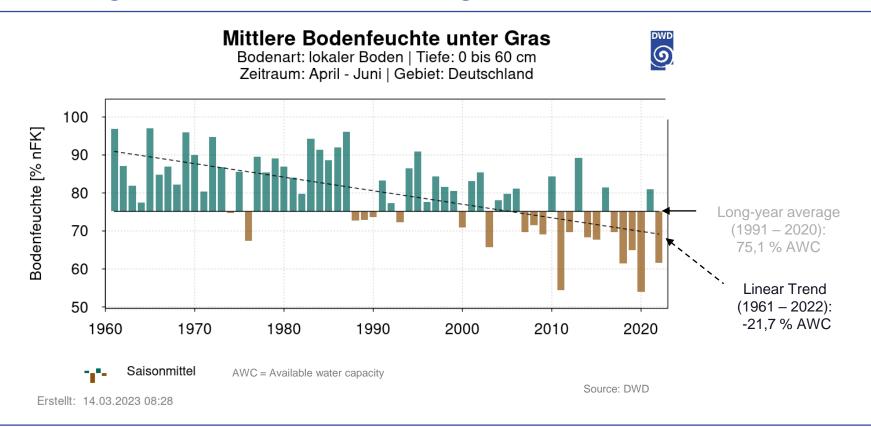






Average soil moisture under grass

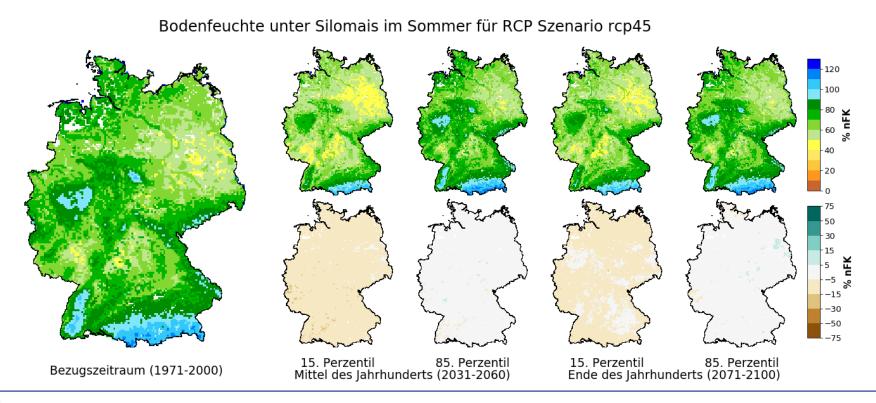






Soil moisture under maize JJA RCP 4.5

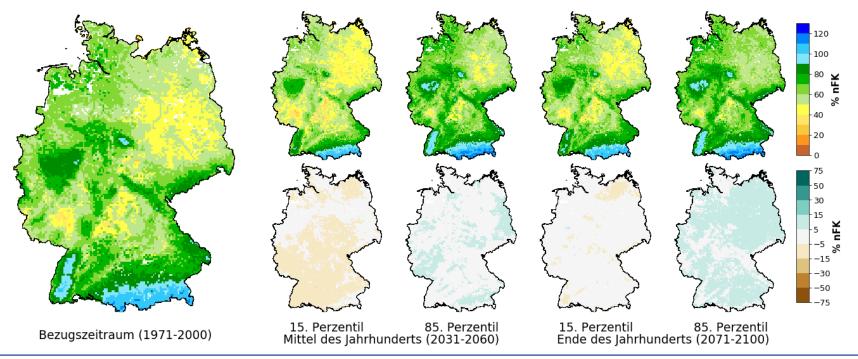




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Soil moisture under winter wheat JJA RCP 4.5

Bodenfeuchte unter Winterweizen im Sommer für RCP Szenario rcp45



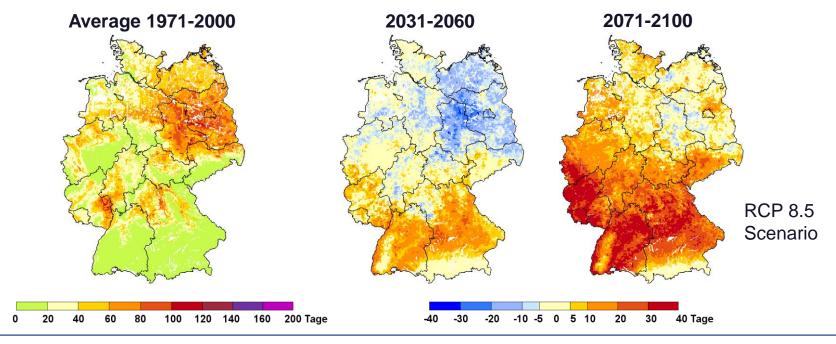


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AWC < 30 % in soil layers 0-60cm under winter wheat from April until October





Current research topics



- Provide German-wide soil moisture projections for crops and forests
- Extrapolation/ prediction of phenological states for different time scales/ regions
- Establish a soil moisture monitoring network at selected DWD stations
- Monitoring of root distribution to improve parameterization in water balance models
- Evaluation of climate-adapted cultivation methods (e.g. catch crops, soil amendments)
- Long-term observation of climate change mitigation measures (e.g. rewetting of wetlands)





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