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for Water consumption (ETc) & amount of irrigation water used (IR) for Egyptian crops over three decades (1985-2015)

Part 1: North Nile Delta Region

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1- Introduction

The agricultural land in Egypt is nearly irrigated of about 98% due to the very dry conditions i.e. no rain fed agriculture from economic point of view is implemented.

Capita share per annum from water is less than the poverty edge of 1000 m³ and it is continuously decreasing till the water scarcity level of less than 500 m³ in the few coming decades. In addition, population growth, climate change and development projects all this will increase the pressure on already limited water resources. So, the water conservation procedures and rationalization of use has become imperative at all levels.

Ministry of agriculture and land reclamation in Egypt always seek to maximize the exploitation of natural resources. So it has set up a new strategy "sustainable agricultural development strategy 2030."

There are many important factors behind the decision to prepare a new Strategy for the Sustainable Agricultural Development towards 2030, some of these are:

- Accelerated scientific developments leading to wide possibilities for application of Information Technology (IT) in agricultural development.
- In spite of the fact that all previous agricultural development strategies have stressed the importance of maximizing returns on water use, efforts exerted so far in this field are not enough to direct farmers towards applying water-saving measures and improved cropping patterns. Areas planted to rice have greatly increased in spite of the sharp deterioration of water resources *per capita* below the water poverty level. (SADS, 2030)

Efficient water management of crops requires accurate irrigation scheduling which, in turn, requires the accurate measurement of crop water requirement. Irrigation is applied to replenish depleted moisture for optimum plant growth. Reference evapotranspiration plays an important role for the determination of water requirements for crops and irrigation scheduling. Various models/ approaches varying from empirical to physically base distributed are available for the estimation of reference evapotranspiration. Mathematical models are useful tools to estimate the evapotranspiration and water requirement of

crops, which is essential information required to design or choose best water management practices.

In agricultural ecosystems the use of evapotranspiration (ET) to improve irrigation water management is generally widespread. Commonly, the crop ET (ETc) is estimated by multiplying the reference crop evapotranspiration (ETo) by a crop coefficient (Kc). Accurate estimation of ETo is critical because it is the main factor affecting the calculation of crop water use and water management. The ETo is generally estimated from recorded meteorological variables at reference weather stations. Knowledge of evapotranspiration (ET) is paramount within several fields such as hydrology, climate and water management, mainly applied to agriculture. ET is the combination of two separate processes: water losses by direct evaporation from soil or plant leaves or stems, and water evaporated through the crop transpiration. ET can be directly or indirectly measured by different methods: lysimetry, Bowen ratio-energy balance (BREB), eddy covariance, remote sensing energy balance, and scintillometry, among others (Allen et al., 2011). These methods are very expensive, time consuming, complex, and require work done by highly qualified people to obtain data of good quality. Published uncertainty of these methods is also variable – from 5 to 15% for lysimetry, up to 15 to 40% for remote sensing using vegetation indices (Allen et al., 2011). So, FAO Penman-Monteith method is now recommended as the sole standard method for the definition and calculation of the reference crop evapotranspiration. It has been found to be a method with a strong likelihood of correctly predicting ETo in a wide range of locations and climates. The method provides values that are more consistent with actual crop water use worldwide. In addition, the method has provisions for calculating ETo in cases where some of the climatic data are missing. The use of older FAO or other reference evapotranspiration calculation methods is no longer advisable.

The current study aims to estimate reference evapotranspiration and water consumption for crops grown in Nile Delta region through the last three decades (1985-2015). In addition, estimation of water needs at the farm level and Aswan High Dam.

2- Methodology

Study area

Nile Delta region

Nile Delta region was represented by Khafr El-Sheikh governorate.

Kafr El Sheikh is located in the delta region that encompasses Gharbia, Menofya, Dakahleyia, and Damietta governorates.

Kafr ΕI Sheikh is agricultural an governorate, with total cultivated lands of 602.1 thousand feddans. It is famous for Industries include cotton-processing factories, the production of rice, beets, wheat, factory of poultry forage and fishing. The governorate contributes to the industrial activities by many major industries: dairy products, oil and soap, fodders, milling rice, cotton ginning and spinning, and beets sugar. There are several fish farms in the governorate as well. (http://www.egypttravelsearch.net/Cities/ Kafr_Ash-Shaykh.html)







Climate of the study area

The average monthly maximum and minimum temperatures, relative humidity, sunshine hours and wind speed, in addition, total monthly rain fall through the study period (1985-2015) are presented in Table 1.

Month	RF	Temp	o. ℃	RH	SS	WS
Month	(mm)	Tmax.	Tmin.	%	(hrs)	(m/ sec)
Jan.	19.8	18.8	6.7	69	7.0	1.0
Feb.	23.1	19.7	7.0	69	7.7	1.2
Mar.	8.2	21.7	8.6	65	8.6	1.4
Apr.	4.4	26.0	11.3	61	9.6	1.4
May	0.4	29.9	14.7	58	10.6	1.5
Jun.	0.0	32.3	18.5	61	11.9	1.5
Jul.	0.0	32.6	20.4	67	11.6	1.4
Aug.	0.0	33.3	20.4	69	11.3	1.1
Sep.	0.0	32.4	18.2	67	10.3	1.0
Oct.	3.2	29.0	15.6	63	9.3	1.0
Nov.	8.3	25.2	11.7	67	8.0	1.0
Dec.	15.1	20.5	8.0	70	6.6	0.9
Average	82.5	26.8	13.4	66	9.4	1.2

Table (1): Average monthly climatic data for Khfr El_Sheikh governorate through three decades (1985-2015).

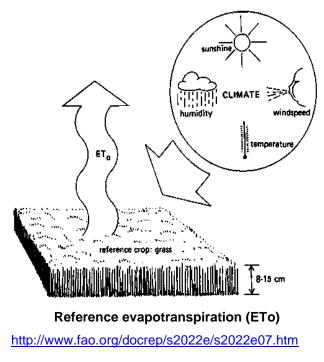
Where: RF = rain full (mm), T.max. T.min. =maximum and minimum temperatures °C; R.H. =relative humidity (%); SS = actual sunshine (hours) and W.S=wind speed (m/ sec);

Meteorological data were collected from the weather station in Agricultural research center- Sakha station – Kafr El Sheikh Governorate, and Egyptian Meteorological Authority (EMA).

Reference evapotranspiration (ETo)

Definition: According to FAO report (Chapter 3, crop water needs), ETo is the rate of evapotranspiration from a large area, covered by green grass, 8 to 15 cm tall, which grows actively, completely shades the ground and which is not short of water.

The reference evapotranspiration (ETo) are calculated by **FAO Penman-Monteith** method, using decision support software –**CROPWAT 8.0** developed by FAO, based on FAO Irrigation and Drainage Paper 56 (FAO 1998).



CROPWAT is a decision support tool developed by the Land and Water Development Division of FAO. CROPWAT 8.0 for Windows is a computer program for the calculation of crop water requirements and irrigation requirements based on soil, climate and crop data. In addition, the program allows the development of irrigation schedules for different management conditions and the calculation of scheme water supply for varying crop patterns. CROPWAT 8.0 can also be used to evaluate farmers' irrigation practices and to estimate crop performance under both rainfed and irrigated conditions.

Calculating reference evapotranspiration by **FAO Penman-Monteith** equation is described as follows

$$ET_{o} = \frac{0.408\Delta(R_{n} - G) + \gamma \frac{900}{T + 273}u_{2}(e_{s} - e_{a})}{\Delta + \gamma(1 + 0.34u_{2})}$$

Where

ET_o reference evapotranspiration [mm day⁻¹], R_n net radiation at the crop surface [MJ m⁻² day⁻¹], G soil heat flux density [MJ m⁻² day⁻¹], T mean daily air temperature at 2 m height [°C], u₂ wind speed at 2 m height [m s⁻¹], e_s saturation vapour pressure [kPa], e_a actual vapour pressure [kPa], e_s - e_a saturation vapour pressure deficit [kPa], Δ slope vapour pressure curve [kPa °C⁻¹], γ psychrometric constant [kPa °C⁻¹].

Crop water use (Crop evapotranspiration, ETc)

According to FAO report (Chapter 5 - Introduction to crop evapotranspiration, ET_c), water consumption or crop evapotranspiration (ETc) is calculated by multiplying the reference crop evapotranspiration, ET_o , by a crop coefficient, K_c :

 $ET_c = K_c ET_o$

where

ETc crop evapotranspiration [mm d⁻¹],

Kc crop coefficient [dimensionless],

ET_o reference crop evapotranspiration [mm d⁻¹].

(http://www.fao.org/docrep/X0490E/x0490e0a.htm)

Amount of irrigation water used (IR)

For the determination of amount of irrigation water used or water needs, irrigation efficiency have been taken into consideration. The efficiency of irrigation water is the ratio between water consumption and irrigation water applied. According to Jensen (1980) irrigation efficiency for surface irrigation system is 60 %. However, for sub-merged crops, i.e. rice an irrigation efficiency of 50 % is used (Dastane, 1972 and Doorenbose and Pruitt, 1977). In this study, two irrigation efficiencies were used. The first, to calculate the amount of irrigation water at the farm level (80% was used for all crops except rice, 60% was

used), and the second, to calculate the amount from the beginning of the irrigation source (High Dam) which was (50 % for rice and 60 % for the other crops).

3- Results and discussion

3-1- Reference evapotranspiration (ETo)

The results of ETo in Nile Delta region (represented by Khafr El-Sheikh governorate) through the period of 1985 – 2015 are given in Figs. 1- 31. Average monthly ETo through the study period (av. 31 years) is presented in Fig. 32.

Results indicated that there are inter and intera annual differences in ETo values through the study period. Regarding the inter annual differences (between months), the highest values of ETo was found for June followed by July, while December followed by January registered the lowest values.

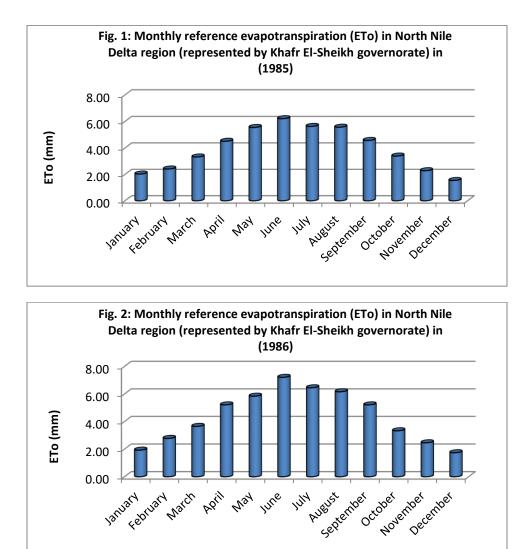
As for Intra annual differences (between years), the highest value registered for 1986 (4.33 mm/ day) followed by 1987 (4.10 mm/ day) and 1994 (4.02 mm/ day). It is worth mentioning that the grand average (average 31 years) was 3.79 mm/ day.

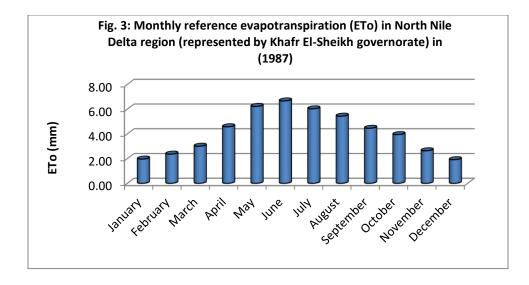
On the other hand, the results showed that increasing ETo in 1986 due to increase maximum and minimum temperature, low relative humidity and increasing wind speed. In the same direction, ETo value in June in this year registered the highest one which recorded 7.21 mm/ day

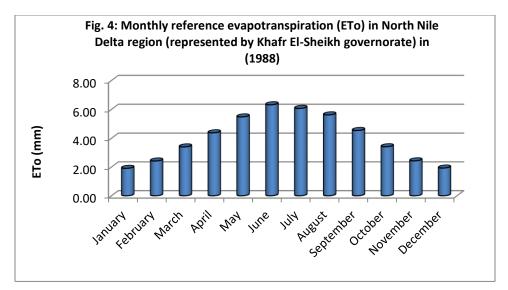
In contrast, the 2007 has given less ETo value (3.57 mm/ day) due to low minimum temperature, increasing relative humidity and low wind speed.

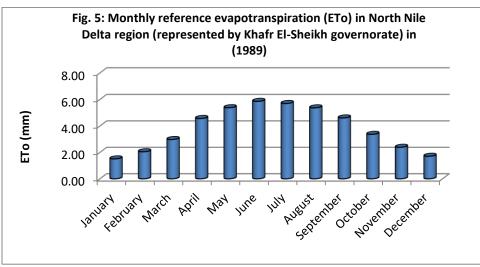
According to FAO report (Chapter 3 - Meteorological data), the evapotranspiration demand is high in hot dry weather due to the dryness of the air and the amount of energy available as direct solar radiation and latent heat. Under these circumstances, much water vapour can be stored in the air while wind may promote the transport of water allowing more water vapour to be taken up. On the other hand, under humid weather

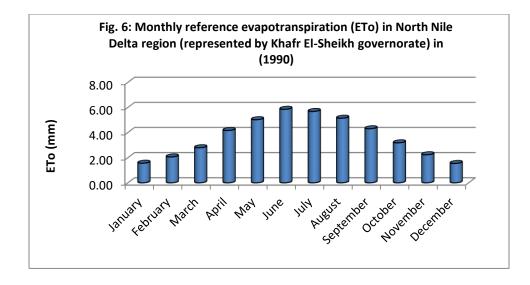
conditions, the high humidity of the air and the presence of clouds cause the evapotranspiration rate to be lower. (<u>http://www.fao.org/docrep/X0490E/x0490e07.htm</u>)

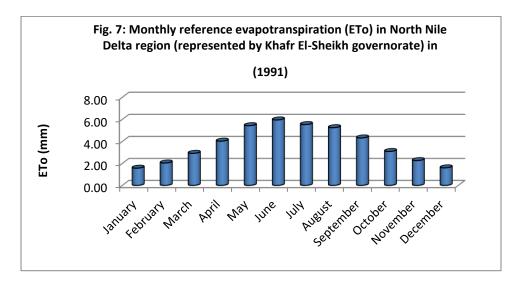


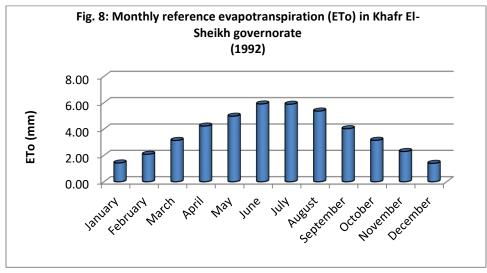


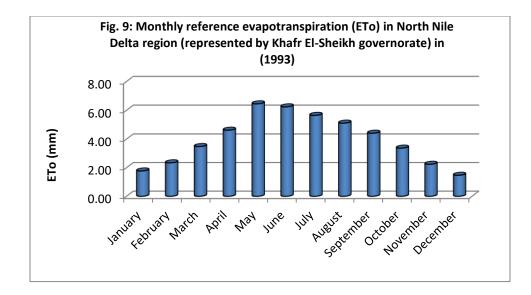


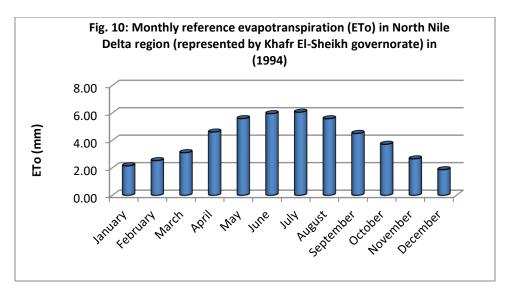


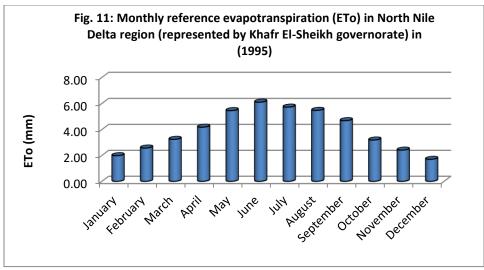




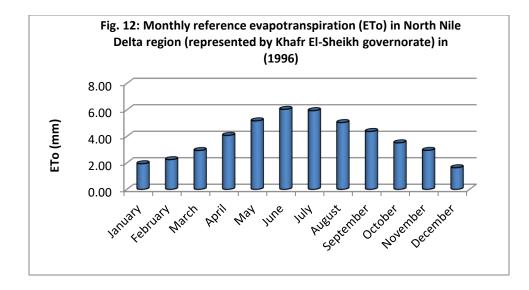


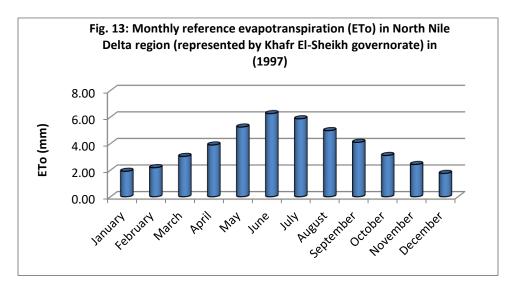


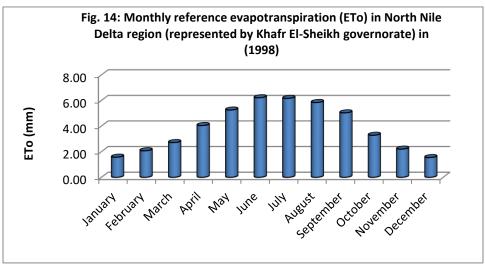


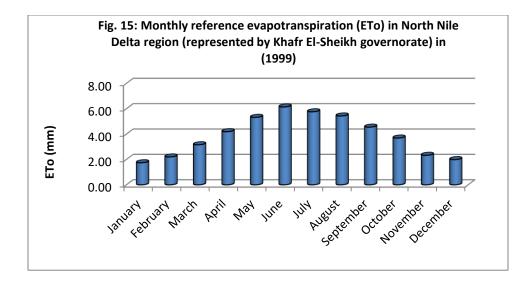


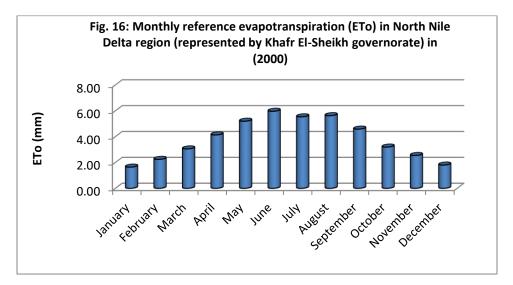
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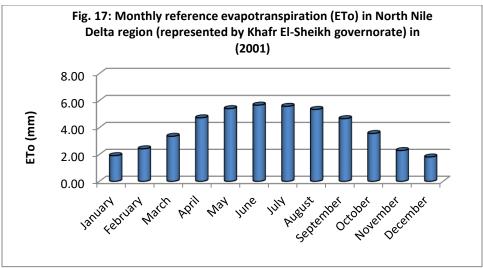


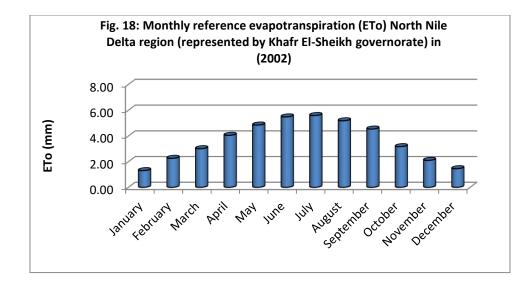


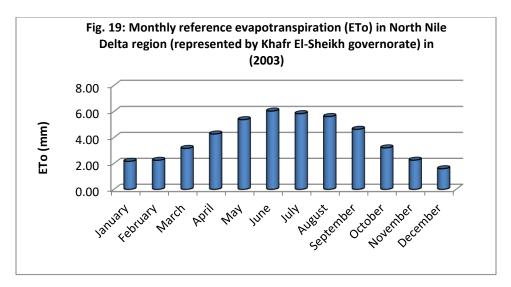


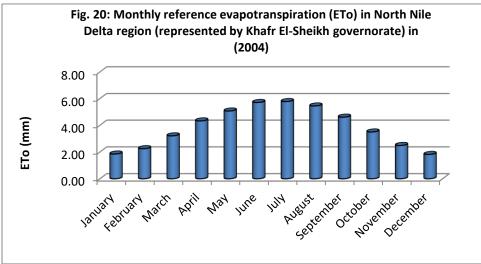


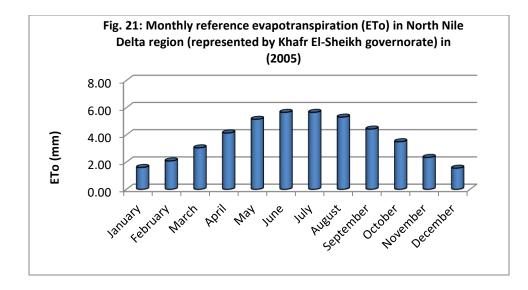


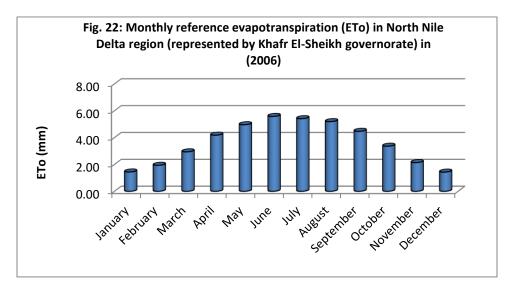


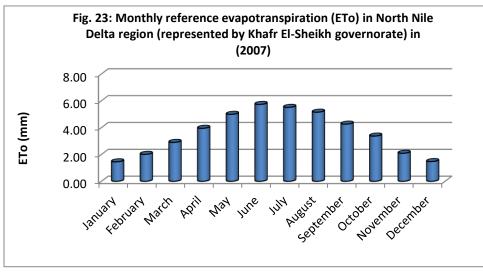




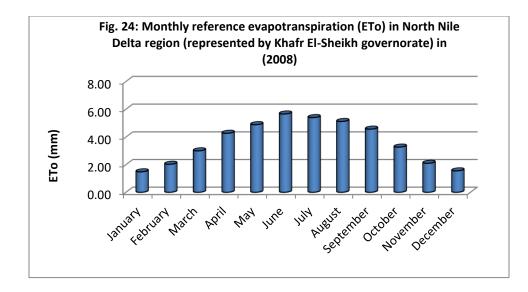


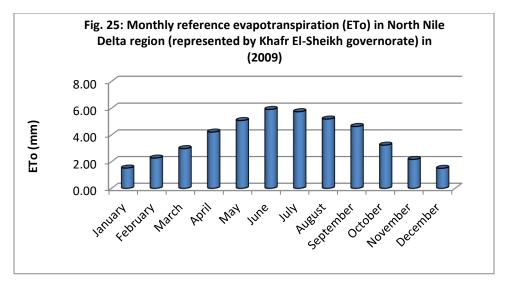


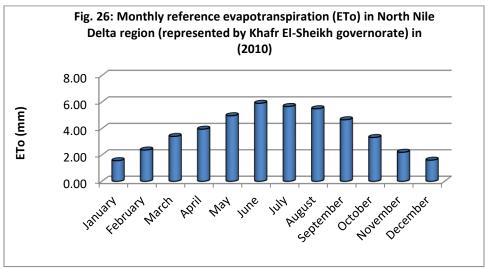




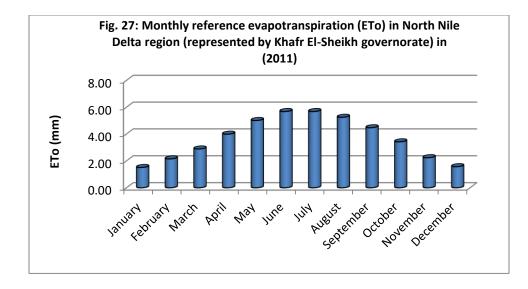
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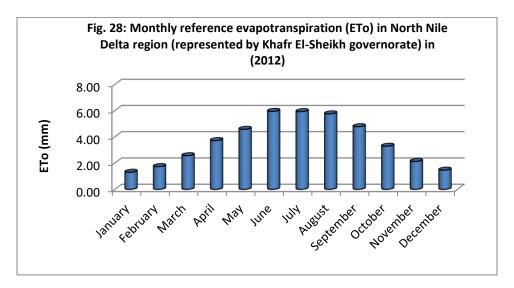


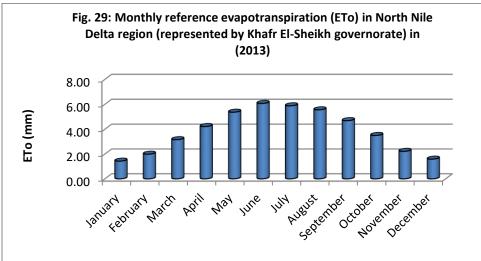


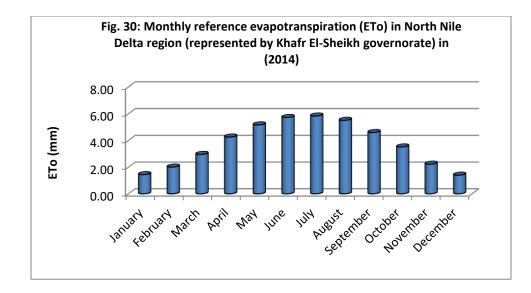


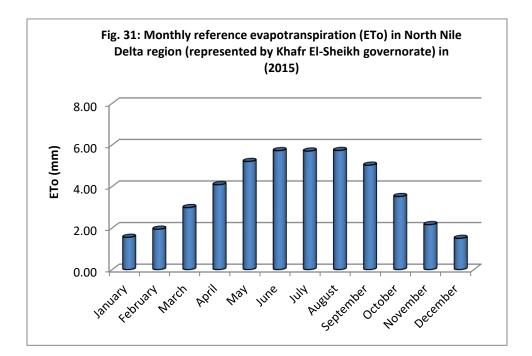
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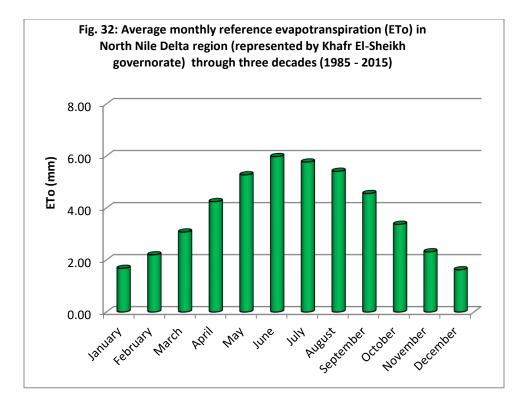












3-2- Water consumption and amount of irrigation water used for crops

3-2-1- Winter field crops

Barley: (Figs. 33-35)

Results show that ETc varied from 1713 m³/ ha in 2012 to 2823 m³/ ha in 1986. Average value through the study period recorded 2381 m³/ ha.

Increasing ETc of barley in 1986 due to the increase in maximum and minimum temperature, low relative humidity and increasing wind speed during the growing season from November to March. Conversely, in 2012, where there was a decrease in maximum temperature especially during the months of January-February-March caused in decreasing ETc.

Regarding IR through the period of 1985-2015, it ranged from 2696 to 3529 m³/ ha at the farm level and from 3595 to 4706 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. Average IR at the respective two levels amounted to 2976 and 3968 m³/ ha.

It is worth mentioning that, increasing amount of rainfall resulted in decreasing amount of irrigation water applied especially during the months of January-February-March. This result observed with all winter crops.

Generally, it could be mentioned that, weather variability that included a high temperature, low relative humidity and increasing wind speed caused in increasing water consumption and amount of irrigation water applied for barley about 19 % compared to their rates of this region (average 31 years).

Chick peas: (Figs. 36-38)

Values of ETc varied from 1456 to 2466 m³/ ha, and the grand average (av. 31 years) registered 2084 m³/ ha.

With respect to IR, The values ranged from 1819 to 3082 m³/ ha at the farm level, and 2426 to 4109 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. At the same direction, the grand average of IR through the last three decades reached 2605 and 3474 m³/ ha for the two levels, respectively.

Faba bean (green): (Figs. 39-41)

The results show that, the lowest value of ETC was 1695 m³/ ha found in 2012, however, the highest one was 2371 m³/ ha found in 1994. The grand average of ETc was 2012 m³/ ha. Increasing ETc in 1994 return to increasing maximum temperature and wind speed; and decreasing relative humidity specially through January and February. Regarding IR values, the lowest and highest ones are 2119 and 2964 m³/ ha, at the farm

level; 2826 and 3951 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The grand average for the respective two levels were 2515 and 3353 m³/ ha.

Faba bean (dry): (Figs. 42-44)

Values of ETc for dry faba bean take the same trend of green faba bean. The highest and lowest ones were 2944 and 2012 m³/ ha recorded in 1994 and 2012, respectively. The grand average of ETc through the study period was 2532 m³/ ha.

As for IR, the values varied from 2515 to 3680 m³/ ha at the farm level, and 3353 to 4907 m³/ ha at the High dam level. Average of IR at the two respective levels through 31 years were 3165 and 4220 m³/ ha.

Flax: (Figs. 45-47)

Results as shown in the flax figures show that the highest values of ETc registered in 1986, 1994 and 1988 which obtained 2750, 2640 and 2610 m³/ ha, respectively. While, the years recorded lowest values were 2012, 2014, 1998, 2006, which recorded ETc values of 1731, 2113, 2116, 2116 m³/ ha, respectively. Average ETc during the study period amounted to 2323 m³/ ha.

With respect to amount of irrigation water used (IR), it ranged between 2163 to 3437 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 2885 to 4583 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The grand average of IR reached 2904 and 3872 m³/ ha, for the two respective levels.

Garlic : (Figs. 48-50)

Values of ETc varied between 2268 to 3242 m³/ ha. The grand average registered 2765 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the highest value at the farm level was 4053 m³/ ha registered in 1994, however, the lowest one was 2835 m³/ ha found in 2012. The grand average was 3457 m³/ ha. At the High Dam level, the highest and lowest values were 5405 and 3780 m³/ ha, respectively. The grand average was 4706 m³/ ha.

Lentil : (Figs. 51-53)

The results obtained from the 31 year climatic data indicate that, ETc varied from 1164 m³/ ha in 2012 to 1959 m³/ ha in 1994. Average ETc during 31 year recorded 1616 m³/ ha.

As for IR, it varied between 1455 m³/ ha to 2448 m³/ ha at the farm level; and between 1940 to 3264 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The grand average for the respective two levels were 2020 and 2693 m³/ ha.

Lupine : (Figs. 54-56)

Values of ETc for lupine ranged from 1665 m³/ ha recorded in 2012 to 2847 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETC for 31 year was 2389 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the values varied between 2082 to 3558 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 2775 to 4744 m³/ ha at the High Dam level.

The grand average for IR at the farm level and the High Dam level were 2986 and 3981 m^{3} / ha, respectively.

Onion : (Figs. 57-59)

Values of ETc varied between 2311 m³/ ha registered in 2012 to 3245 m³/ ha found in 1994. Average ETc for 31 year was 2778 m³/ ha.

Vis-à-vis IR, the values varied between 2889 to 4056 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 3852 to 5408 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 3472 and 4630 m³/ ha.

Sugarbeet : (Figs. 60-62)

Results as shown in the sugarbeet figures indicate that the highest values of ETc found in the years 1986, 1994 and 2001 which registered 3838, 3832 and 3705 m³/ ha, respectively. While, the lowest ETc found in 2012, 2002, and 2006 which recorded ETc values of 2636, 3051 and 3081 m³/ ha, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year recorded 3366 m³/ ha.

With reference to IR, the highest and lowest ones were 4798 and 3295 m³/ ha, respectively, at the farm level. The respective values at the High Dam level were 6397 and 4393 m³/ ha. The grand average for 31 year was 4208 and 5610 m³/ ha for farm level and High Dam level, respectively.

Wheat : (Figs. 63-65)

Results as presented in wheat figures show that ETc varied from 2452 m³/ ha in 2012 to 4108 m³/ ha in 1986. Average ETc through the study period recorded 3360 m³/ ha. Regarding IR, it varied between 3066 to 5135 m³/ ha at farm level; and 4087 to 6846 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. Average IR during the three decades registered 4200 and 5600 m³/ ha, at the two levels, respectively.

3-2-2- Winter vegetable crops

Cabbage: (Figs. 66-68)

Values of ETc varied from 2683 m³/ ha in 1992 to 3389 m³/ ha in 1986. Average ETc for 31 year was 2903 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, it varied between 3354 to 4236 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4472 to 5648 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The grand averages for the respective two levels were 3629 and 4839 m³/ ha.

Cucumber: (Figs. 69-71)

Values of ETc for winter cucumber ranged between 2698 m³/ ha registered in 2001 to 3364 m^3 / ha found in 1986. The grand average of ETc for the study period was 2892 m³/ ha.

As for IR, values ranged between 3373 to 4205 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4497 to 5606 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The grand averages at the two levels were 3614 and 4819 m³/ ha, respectively.

Eggplant: (Figs. 72-74)

The results show that ETc registered the lowest value during 2012 (2204 m³/ ha) and 2002 (2391 m³/ ha), while, the highest value found during 1994 (3128 m³/ ha) followed by 1987 (3094 m³/ ha). Average ETc during 31 year was 2675 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the values varied between 2756 to 3910 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 3674 to 5213 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 3344 and 4459 m³/ ha.

Kidney bean (green): (Figs. 75-77)

Values of ETc varied from 2152 m³/ ha in 2001 to 2645 m³/ ha in 1986. The grand average of ETc recorded 2287 m³/ ha.

In addition, values of IR ranged between 2690 to 3306 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 3587 to 4408 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The averages of IR through the study period recorded 2859 and 3812 m³/ ha, respectively.

Pepper: (Figs. 78-80)

Results of ETc for pepper show that the highest value found in 1986 (3571 m³/ ha) and the lowest one registered in 1992 (2831 m³/ ha). Average ETc through 31 year was 3052 m³/ ha.

Vis-à-vis IR, the values varied between 3539 to 4464 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4719 to 5952 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The respective grand averages for both levels were 3814 and 5086 m³/ ha.

Potato (1): (Figs. 81-83)

Sowing date for potato (1) is the 1st of September, values of ETc ranged between 2747 to 3440 m³/ ha registered in 2011 and 1986, respectively. Average ETc over three decades was 2956 m³/ ha.

In addition, values of IR ranged between 3434 to 4300 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4578 to 5734 m³/ ha at The High Dam. The grand averages for the two levels were 3695 and 4927 m³/ ha, respectively.

Potato (2): (Figs. 84-86)

Sowing date for potato (2) is the 1st of November, results of ETc show that the minimum value of 1586 m³/ ha registered in 2012, however, the maximum value of 2412 m³/ ha found in 1994. Average ETc over the three decades was 2027 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, values varied between 1982 to 3015 m^3 / ha at the farm level; and 2643 to 4020 m^3 / ha at the High Dam. The grand averages were 2534 and 3378 m³/ ha for both levels, respectively.

Squach: (Figs. 87-89)

Values of ETc varied between 2717 to 3388 m^3 / ha recorded in 2001 and 1986, respectively. The grand average of ETc was 2911 m^3 / ha.

In addition, values of IR ranged between 3396 to 4235 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4528 to 5646 m³/ ha at the High Dam. Averages for the two respective levels over three decades were 3639 and 4852 m³/ ha.

Strawberry: (Figs. 90-92)

The highest and lowest values of ETc were 4461 and 3452 m³/ ha recorded in 1986 and 2012, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year was 3776 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the highest and lowest ones were 5577 and 4316 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 7436 and 5754 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The grand average for 31 year recorded 4720 and 6293 m³/ ha for both levels, respectively.

Tomato: (Figs. 93-95)

Results as shown in tomato figures indicate that ETc varied from 2900 m³/ ha in 1992 to 3653 m³/ ha in 1986. Average ETc value through the study period recorded 3123 m³/ ha. With respect to IR, it varied between 3625 to 4566 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4833 to 6088 m³/ ha at the High Dam. Averages IR over the three decades were 3904 and 5205 m³/ ha for both levels, respectively.

3-2-3- Summer field crops

Cotton: (Figs. 96-98)

Values of ETc ranged between 7270 m³/ ha registered in 2002 to 9266 m³/ ha found in 1986. Average ETc for 31 year was 7780 m³/ ha.

In addition, results of IR show that the values varied between 9087 to 11582 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 12116 to 15443 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The grand averages of IR recorded 9724 and 12966 m³/ ha for farm level and High Dam level, respectively.

Ground nut: (Figs. 99-101)

The highest values of ETc were 6697, 6177 and 6030 m³/ ha registered in 1986, 1987 and 1998, respectively. However, the lowest value was 5321 m³/ ha found in 2002. Average of ETc through 31 year registered 5688 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR value, it ranged between 6652 to 8371 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 8869 to 11162 m³/ ha at the High Dam. Averages of IR for 31 year were 7110 and 9480 m³/ ha for the two levels, respectively.

Maize: (Figs. 102-104)

Values of ETc varied from 5280 m³/ ha recorded in 2002 to 6625 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETc over three decades was 5601 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, it ranged between 6600 to 8281 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 8800 to 11041 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The grand averages over three decades were 7008 and 9344 m³/ ha for the two respective levels.

Onion: (Figs. 105-107)

Results of ETc as presented in onion figures indicate that the highest values of ETc found during the seasons 1986, 1987, 1998, which recorded 8685, 7969, 7812 m³/ ha for the respective three seasons. While the 2002 season recorded the lowest ETc of 6940 m³/ha. Average ETc for 31 year reached 7392 m³/ ha.

As for IR, the values ranged between 8675 to 10856 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 11567 to 14475 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The respective averages over three decades for the two levels were 9239 and 12319 m³/ ha.

Rice: (Figs. 108-110)

Water consumption (ETc) and irrigation water applied (IR) for rice crop was calculated as follows:

- 1. Old varieties of rice growing season length has 150 days (from 1985 to 2005)
- 2. New rice varieties growing season length has 120 days (from 2006 to 2015)

Results as recorded in rice figures indicate that values of ETc for old rice varieties ranging from 7307 m³/ ha (found in 2002) to 9137 m³/ ha (found in 1986). While, ETc values for

new rice varieties ranged from 5618 m³/ ha (found in 2006) to 5923 m³/ ha (found in 2013). Average ETc of old and new varieties during the 31 years reached 7201 m³/ ha. Regarding the amount of IR at the farm level for old rice varieties, it varied from 10439 to 13052 m³/ ha , however, values of IR for new rice varieties ranging from 8025 to 8461 m³/ ha

Concerning values of IR at the High dam level, it varied from 14614 to 18273 m³/ ha , however, values of IR for new rice varieties ranging from 11235 to 11846 m³/ ha. Averages of IR at the farm level and at the level of the High Dam during 31 years reached 10287 and 14402 m³/ ha, respectively.

Soybean: (Figs. 111-113)

Values of ETc varied between 5352 m³/ ha obtained in 2002 to 6752 m³/ ha obtained in 1986. Average of ETc through 31 year registered 5728 m³/ ha.

In addition, values of IR ranged between 6691 to 8439 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 8921 to 11253 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year recorded 7160 and 9546 m³/ ha.

Sugarcane: (Figs. 114-116)

The highest and lowest ETc values for sugarcane found in 1986 and 2012, which recorded 18158 and 13843 m³/ ha, respectively. Average ETc over the three decades was 15247 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the values varied between 17304 to 22698 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 23071 to 30264 m³/ ha at the High Dam. Average values of IR at the farm level and the High Dam level through the study period registered 19058 and 25411 m³/ ha, respectively.

Sunflower: (Figs. 117-119)

Values of ETc varied between 3503 to 4612 m³/ ha. Average value of ETc through 31 year was 3825 m³/ ha.

As for IR, the values ranged between 4379 to 5765 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 5838 to 7686 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 4781 and 6375 m³/ ha.

3-2-4- Summer vegetable crops

Cabbage: (Figs. 120-122)

Results of ETc as presented in cabbage figures show that the highest values of ETc found during the seasons 1986, 1987,1988 and 1998 compared to others ETc during the 31 seasons, which recorded 7608, 7014, 6785 and 6755 m³/ ha for the respective four seasons. While the 2002 followed by 2006 season recorded the lowest ETc of 6047 and 6127 m³/ha, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year reached 6454 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values ranged between 7559 to 9510 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 10078 to 12681 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages over three decades for the two levels were 8068 and 10757 m³/ ha.

Cucumber: (Figs. 123-125)

Values of ETc ranged between 3071 m³/ ha found in 2012 to 4878 m³/ ha found in 1986. Average value through three decades was 4046 m³/ ha.

In addition, values of IR ranged between 3839 to 6097 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 5119 to 8130 m³/ ha at the High Dam. Average IR value for 31 year recorded 5058 and 6743 m³/ ha, at the farm level and High Dam level, respectively.

Eggplant: (Figs. 126-128)

Results of ETc indicated that the highest and lowest values were 7838 and 5803 m³/ ha recorded in 1986 and 2012, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year was 6559 m³/ ha. Concerning IR, the highest and lowest ones were 9798 and 7254 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 13064 and 9672 m³/ ha at the High Dam. The grand average for 31 year recorded 8199 and 10931m³/ ha for both levels, respectively.

Kidney bean (green): (Figs. 129-131)

Values of ETc varied between 2624 m³/ ha obtained in 2012 to 3952 m³/ ha obtained in 1993. Average ETc over the three decades was 3290 m³/ ha.

Vis-à-vis IR, the values varied between 3280 to 4940 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4373 to 6587 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 4112 and 5483 m³/ ha.

Okra: (Figs. 132-134)

The highest and lowest values of ETc for okra were 4638 and 2950 m³/ h registered in 1986 and 2012, respectively. Average ETc over the three decades was 3854 m³/ ha. Regarding IR, values varied between 3688 to 5797 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 4917 to 7730 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 4818 and 6424 m³/ ha.

Pepper: (Figs. 135-137)

Values of ETc varied between 5588 m³/ ha obtained in 2012 to 7572 m³/ ha obtained in 1986. Average ETc over the three decades was 6332 m^3 / ha.

With respect to IR, the values varied between 6985 to 9465 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 9314 to 12620 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 7915 and 10553 m³/ ha.

Potato: (Figs. 138-140)

Results of ETc for summer potato varied between 3240 m³/ ha obtained in 2012 to 5096 m³/ ha obtained in 1986. Average ETc during the study period was 4229 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values varied between 4050 to 6371 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 5400 to 8494 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 5286 and 7048 m³/ ha.

Squach: (Figs. 141-143)

Values of ETc for squach in summer season varied between 3131 m³/ ha obtained in 2012 to 4953 m³/ ha obtained in 1986. Average ETc during the study period was 4113 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the values varied between 3914 to 6192 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 5218 to 8256 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 5141 and 6854 m³/ ha.

Tomato: (Figs. 144-146)

Results of ETc as presented in tomato figures (summer season) show that the highest values of ETc registered during the seasons 1986, 1987,1993, 1988 and 1994, which recorded 7986, 7569, 7480, 7084 and 7012 m³/ ha for the respective five seasons. While the 2012 followed by 2002, 2006 and 2015 season recorded the lowest ETc of 5957, 6199, 6307 and 6319 m³/ ha, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year reached 6695 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values ranged between 7447 to 9983 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 9929 to 13311 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages over three decades for the two levels were 8369 and 11158 m³/ ha.

Water melon: (Figs. 147-149)

Values of ETc varied between 4950 m³/ ha recorded in 2002 to 6422 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average value of ETc over three decades was 5384 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the values varied between 6188 to 8027 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 8250 to 10703 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 6731 and 8974 m³/ ha.

3-2-5- Nili crops

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Maize: (Figs. 150-152)

The highest values of ETc recorded during the seasons 1986, 1998, 2003, 1994 and 2015, which recorded 5434, 5083, 4848, 4836 and 4830 m³/ ha for the respective five seasons. While the 1997 followed by 1996, 1990 and 1992 season recorded the lowest ETc of 4360, 4434, 4475 and 4498 m³/ ha, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year reached 4680 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values ranged between 5450 to 6793 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 7266 to 9057 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages over three decades for the two levels were 5850 and 7801 m³/ ha.

Sunflower: (Figs. 153-155)

Values of ETc varied between 3191 m³/ ha recorded in 1997 to 3973 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETc over the three decades was 3428 m³/ ha.

As to IR, the values varied between 3989 to 4966 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 5319 to 6621 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 4285 and 5713 m³/ ha.

Tomato: (Figs. 156-158)

Results of ETc as presented in tomato figures (Nili season) indicate that values of ETc ranged between 4971 m³/ ha recorded in 1997 to 6053 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETc during the study period was 5249 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the values varied between 6214 to 7566 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 8286 to 10088 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 6561 and 8749 m³/ ha.

3-2-6- Medical and aromatic crops

Caraway: (Figs. 159-161)

Values of ETc varied between 2277 m³/ ha obtained in 2012 to 3374 m³/ ha obtained in 1986. Average ETc over the three decades was 2950 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values varied between 2846 to 4217 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 3795 to 5623 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 3688 and 4917 m³/ ha.

It is notable that, water consumption (ETc) and amount of irrigation water applied (IR) for the crops of **anise** and **coriander**, similar to those values of caraway.

Cumin: (Figs. 162-164)

Values of ETc for cumin varied between 1155 m³/ ha found in 2012 to 1807 m³/ ha found in 1994. Average ETc over the three decades was 1500 m³/ ha.

As to IR, the values varied between 1444 to 2259 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 1925 to 3012 m^3 / ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 1875 and 2500 m³/ ha.

Jasmine: (Figs. 165-167)

The highest ETc values registered during the seasons 1986, 1998, 1993, 1987, 2003 and 1994. Values of ETc in the same order as the previous six years were as follows: 11786, 11009, 10539, 10524, 10449 and 10443 m³/ ha. While the 2012 followed by 2002, 2013 and 2006 season recorded the lowest ETc of 9187, 9335, 9447 and 9479 m³/ ha, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year reached 9943 m³/ ha.

As to IR, the values ranged between 11484 to 14732 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 15312 to 19643 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages over three decades for the two levels were 12429 and 16572 m³/ ha.

Marjoram: (Figs. 168-170)

Values of ETc varied between 8665 m³/ ha recorded in 2012 to 13206 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETc over the three decades was 10939 m³/ ha.

As regards IR, the values varied between 10831 to 16507 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 14441 to 22010 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 13674 and 18231 m³/ ha.

Spearmint: (Figs. 171-173)

Results of ETc as presented in spearmint figures show that the highest values of ETc registered during the seasons 1986, 1987, 1993, 1994 and 1988. Values of ETc in the same order as the previous five years was as follows: 13206, 12353, 12136, 11883 and 11645 m³/ ha. While the 2012 followed by 2013, 2002, 2014 and 2015 season recorded the lowest ETc of 8665, 10068, 10109, 10165 and 10166 m³/ ha, respectively. Average ETc for 31 year reached 10939 m³/ ha.

Concerning IR, the values ranged between 10831 to 16507 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 14441 to 22010 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through the study period were 13674 and 18231 m³/ ha.

3-2-7- Orchard trees

Apple: (Figs. 174-176)

Values of ETc varied between 8207 m³/ ha recorded in 1995 to 10516 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETc over the three decades was 8909 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values varied between 10259 to 13146 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 13679 to 17527 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 11136 and 14848 m³/ ha.

Banana: (Figs. 177-179)

Results as presented in banana figures indicate that the highest values of ETc recorded during the seasons 1986, 1993, 1987, 1988, 1995, 1994, 2003 and 1985. Values of ETc in the same order as the previous seasons were as follows: 16969, 15515, 15430, 15119, 15105, 15016, 15009 and 15003 m³/ ha. While, season 2012 recorded the lowest ETc of 13442 m³/ ha. Average ETc for the study period reached 14435 m³/ ha.

As to IR, the values ranged between 16802 to 21211 m^3 / ha at the farm level; and 22403 to 28281 m^3 / ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through the study period were 18044 and 24059 m^3 / ha.

Date palm: (Figs. 180-182)

Values of ETc varied between 9647 m³/ ha found in 2012 to 12113 m³/ ha found in 1986. Average ETc over the three decades was 10316 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values varied between 12058 to 15141 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 16078 to 20189 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 12895 and 17193 m³/ ha.

Grapes: (Figs. 183-185)

Values of ETc varied between 6666 m³/ ha found in 2002 to 8294 m³/ ha found in 1986. Average ETc over the three decades was 7037 m³/ ha.

Regarding IR, the values varied between 8332 to 10367 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 11110 to 13823 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 8796 and 11728 m³/ ha.

Mango: (Figs. 186-188)

Values of ETc ranged between 10620 m³/ ha obtained in 2013 to 13948 m³/ ha obtained in 1986. Average ETc over the study period was 11621 m³/ ha.

concerning IR, the values varied between 13275 to 17435 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 17700 to 23246 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 14526 and 19368 m³/ ha.

Olive: (Figs. 189-191)

Values of ETc ranged between 6989 m³/ ha obtained in 2002 to 8643 m³/ ha obtained in 1986. Average ETc over the study period was 7552 m³/ ha.

concerning IR, the values varied between 8737 to 10803 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 11649 to 14404 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 9441 and 12587 m³/ ha.

Orange: (Figs. 192-194)

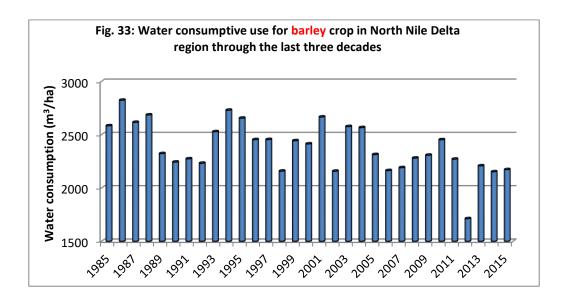
Values of ETc varied between 9145 m³/ ha recorded in 2012 to 11537 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETc over the study period was 9797 m³/ ha.

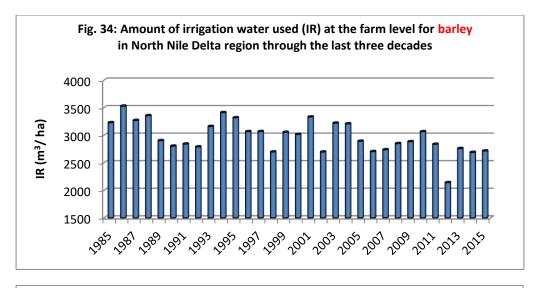
Regarding IR, the values varied between 11431 to 14421 m^3 / ha at the farm level; and 15241 to 19228 m^3 / ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 12247 and 16329 m^3 / ha.

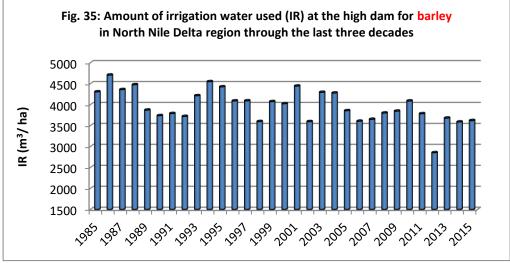
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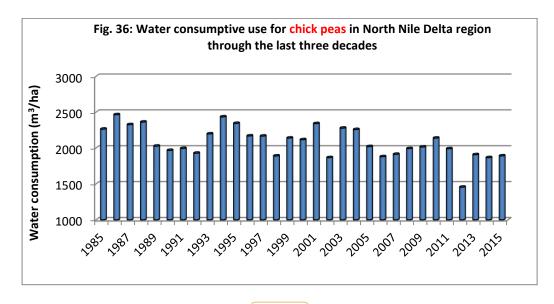
Values of ETc varied between 8197 m³/ ha recorded in 2002 to 10187 m³/ ha recorded in 1986. Average ETc over the study period was 8653 m³/ ha.

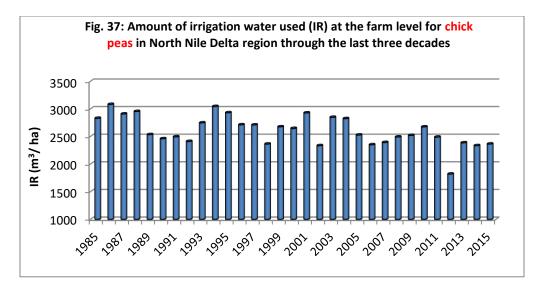
Regarding IR, the values varied between 10246 to 12734 m³/ ha at the farm level; and 13662 to 16978 m³/ ha at the High Dam level. The respective averages for both levels through 31 year were 10816 and 14421 m³/ ha.

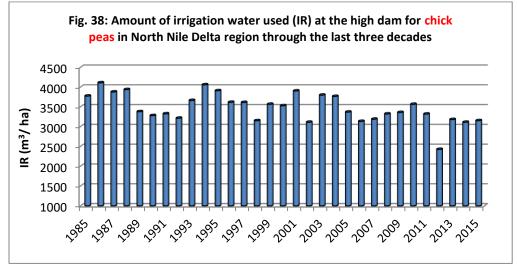


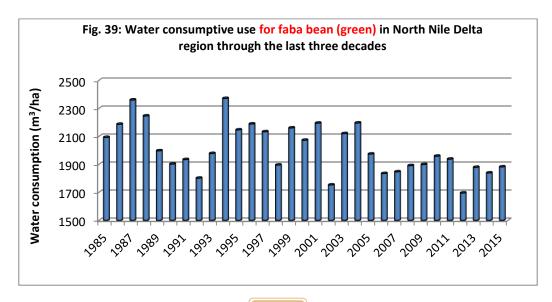


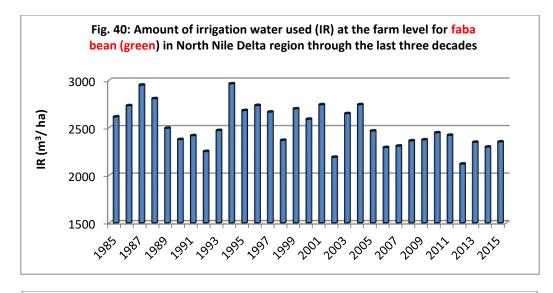


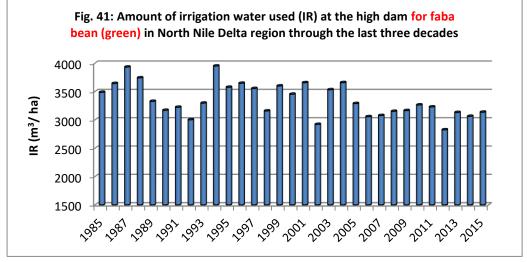


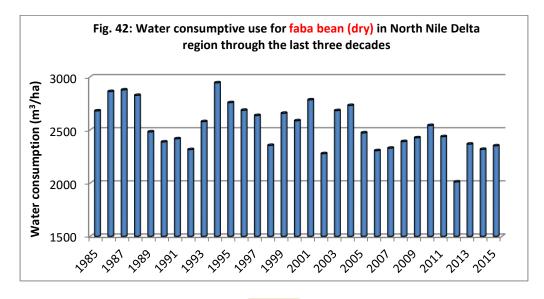


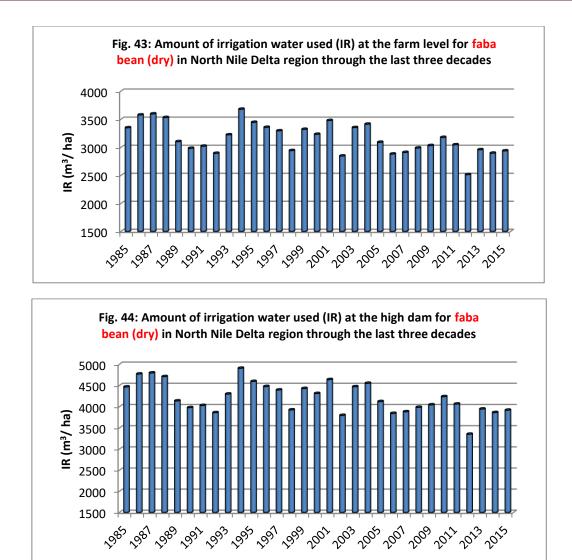


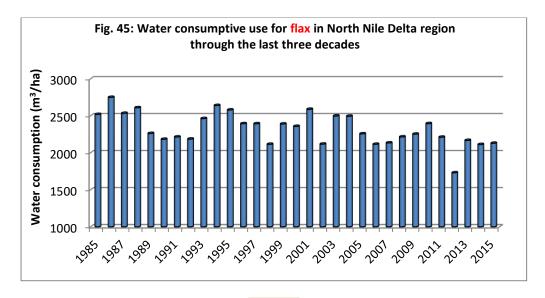


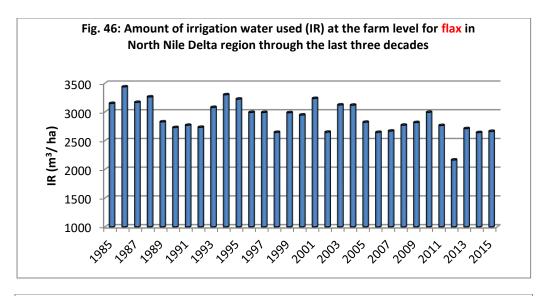


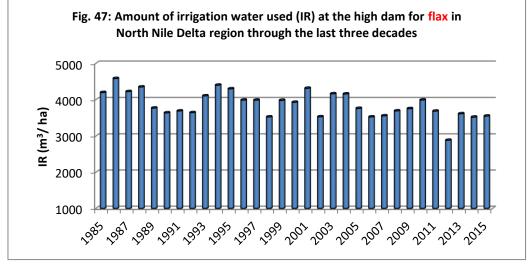


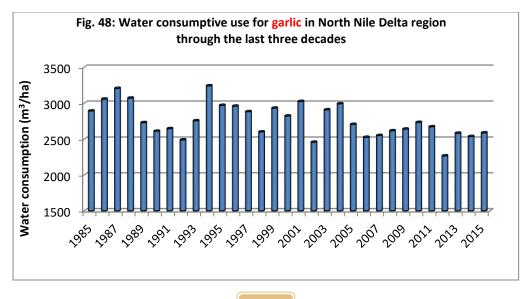


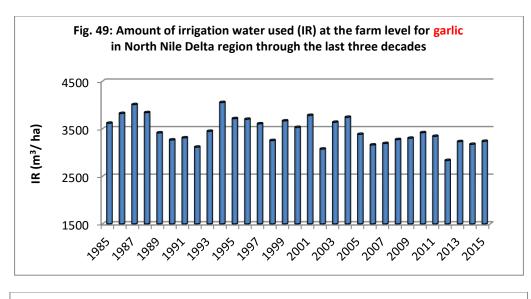


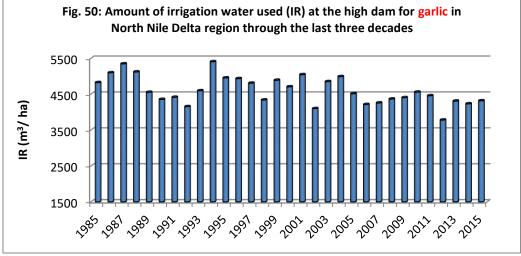


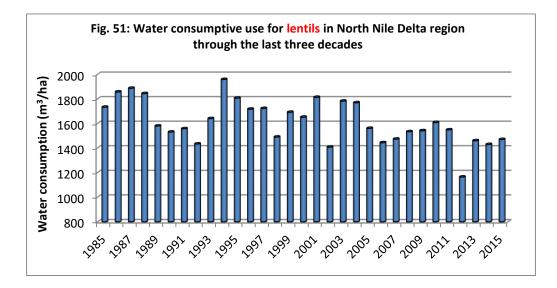


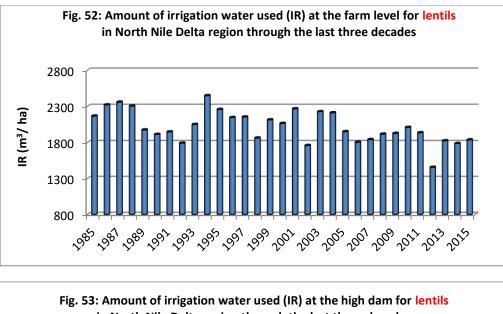


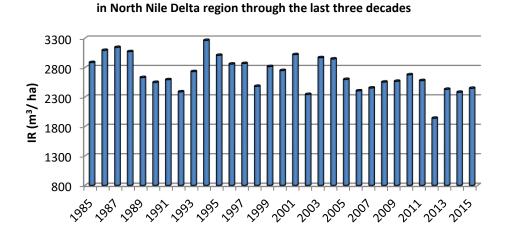


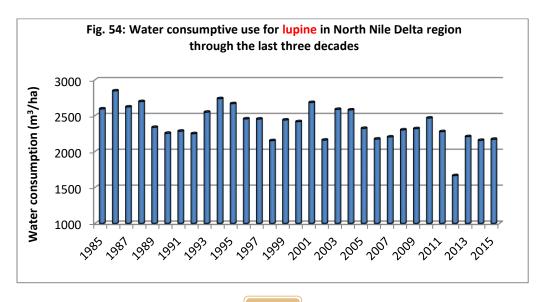


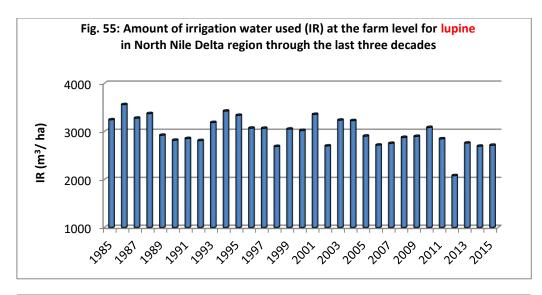


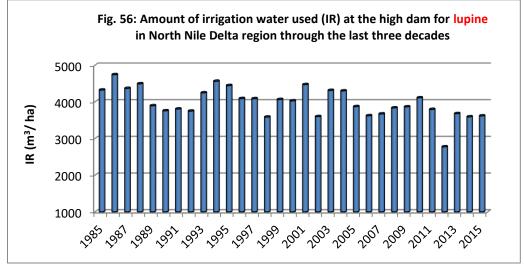


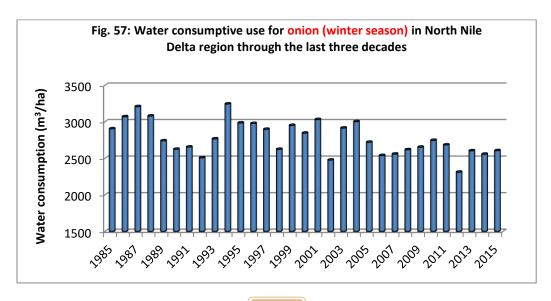


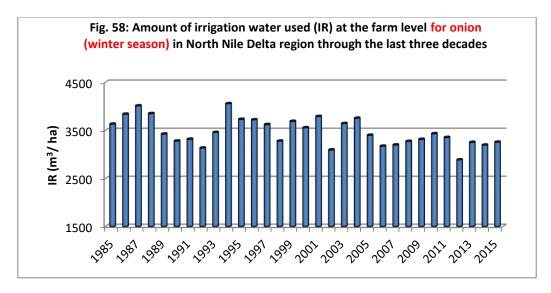


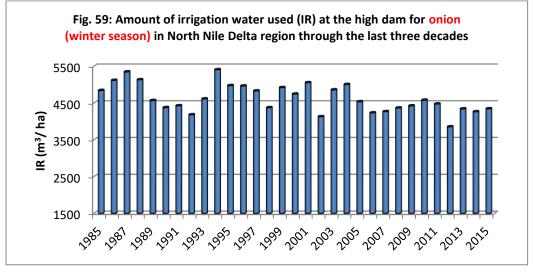


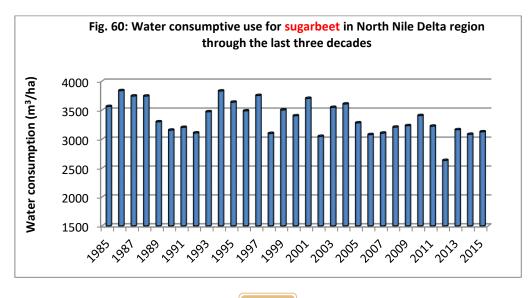


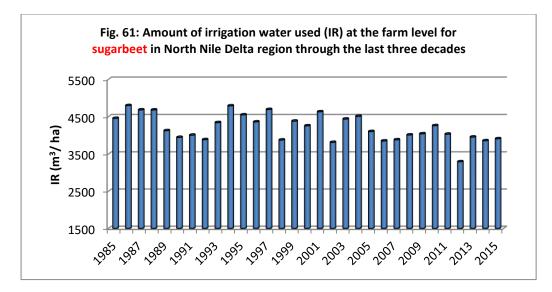


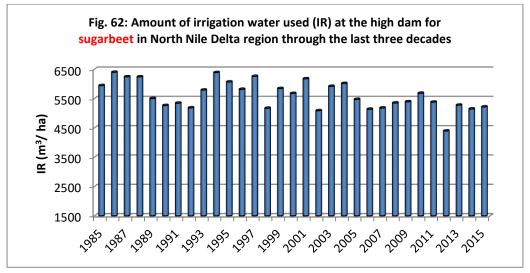


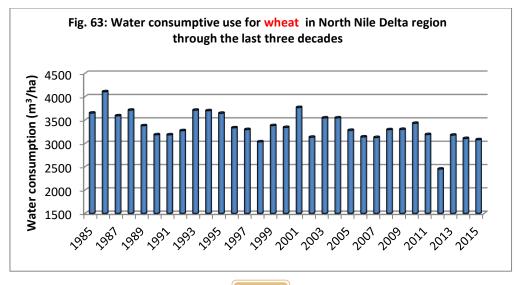


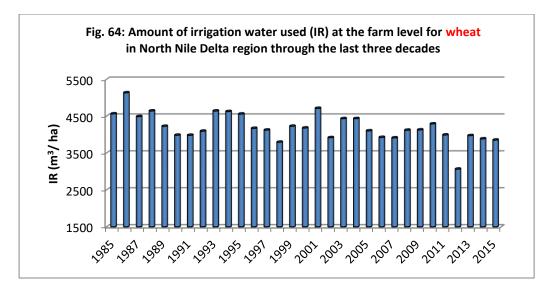


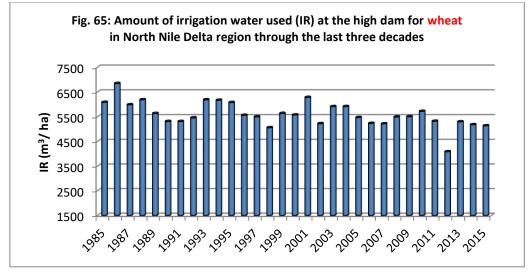


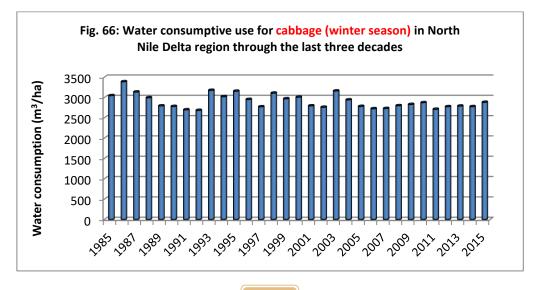


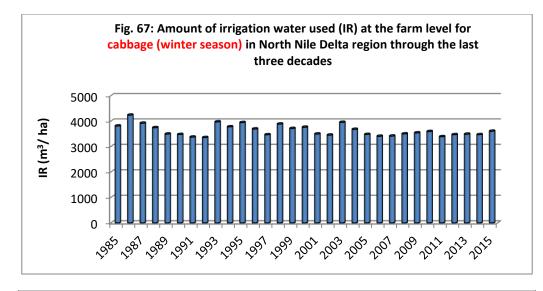


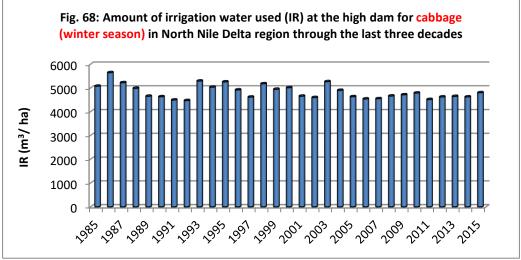


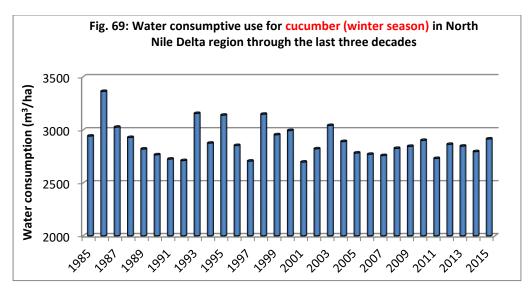


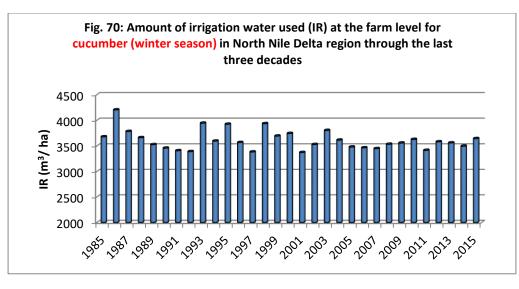


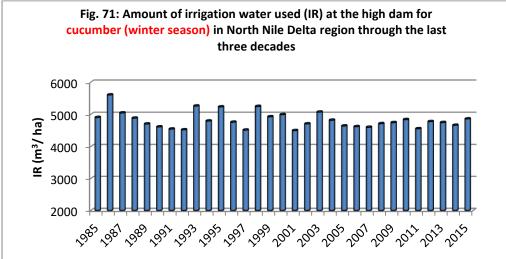


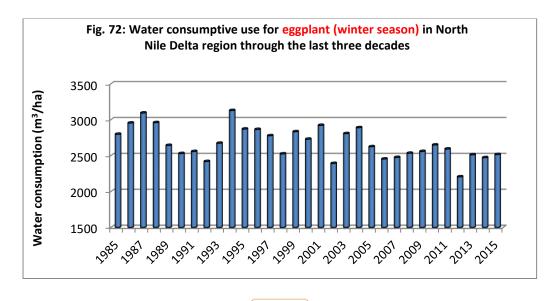


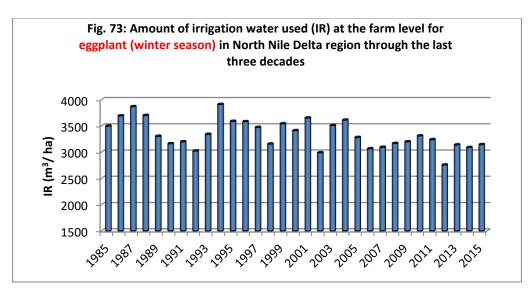


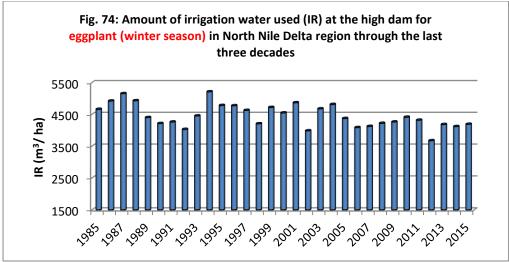


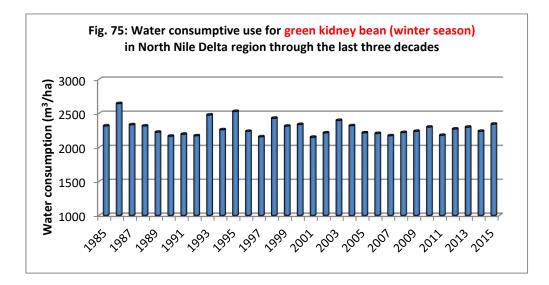


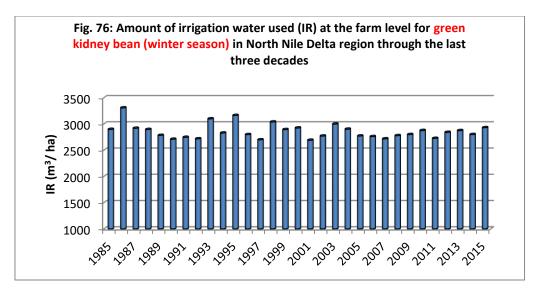


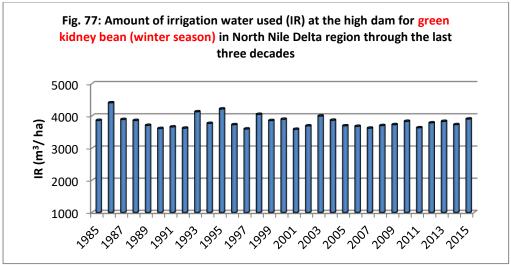


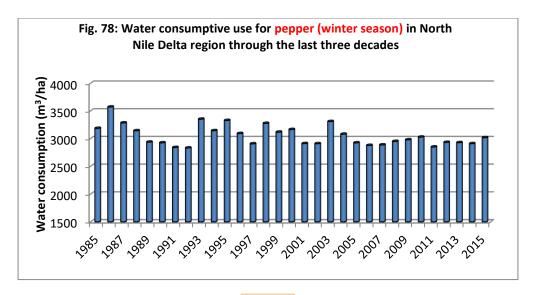


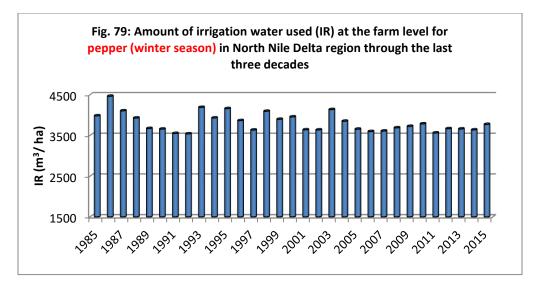


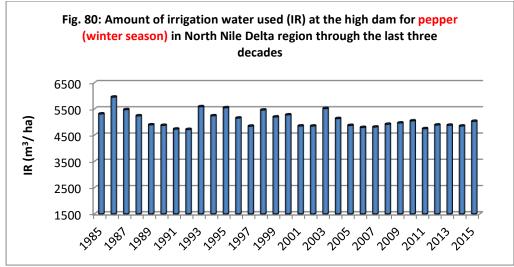


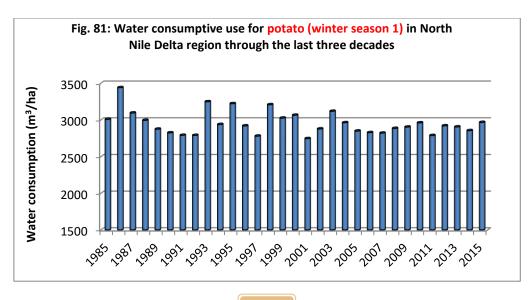


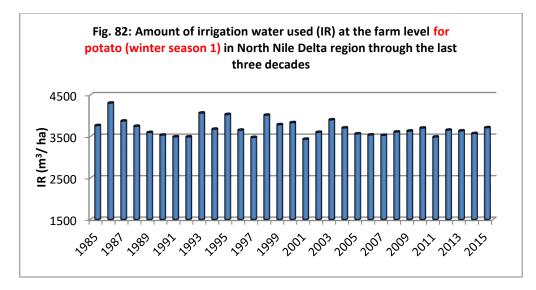


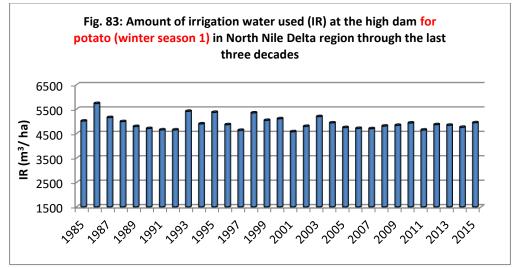


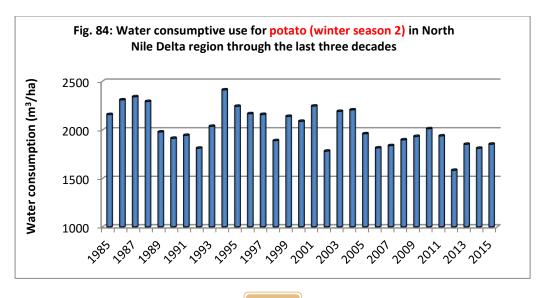


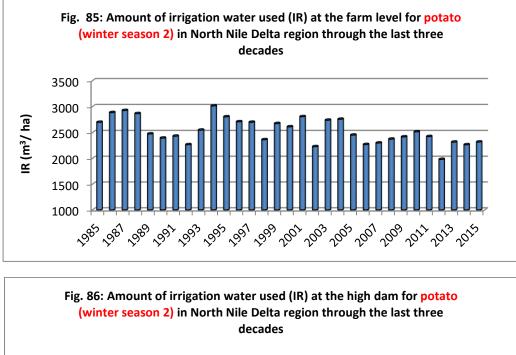


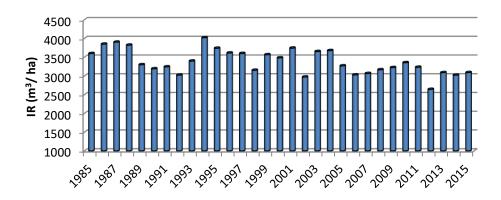


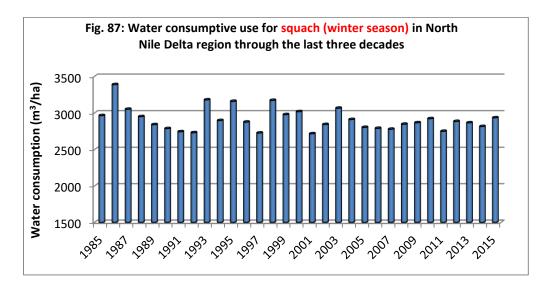


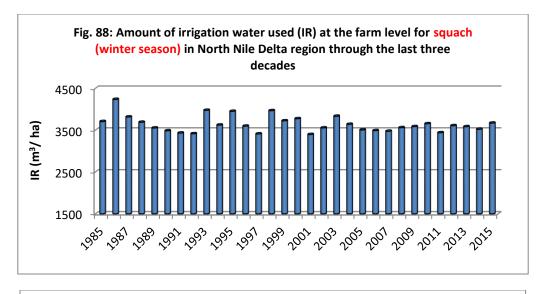


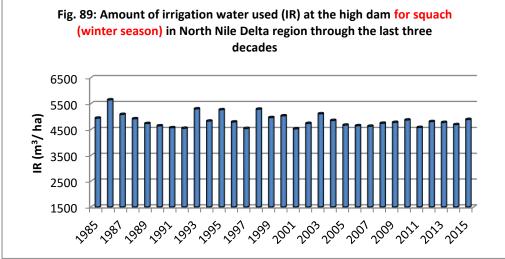


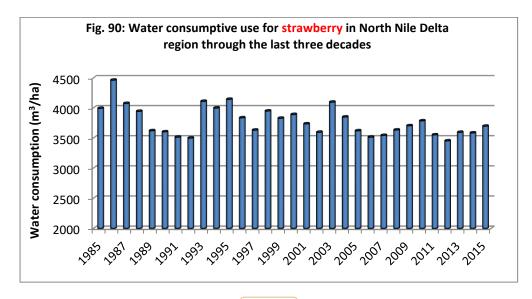


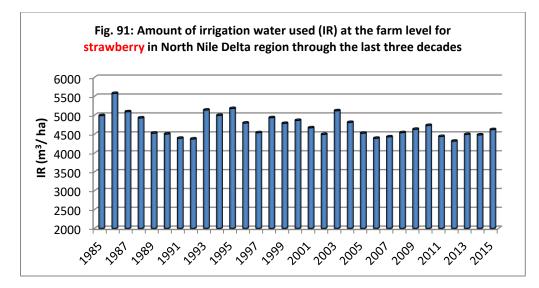


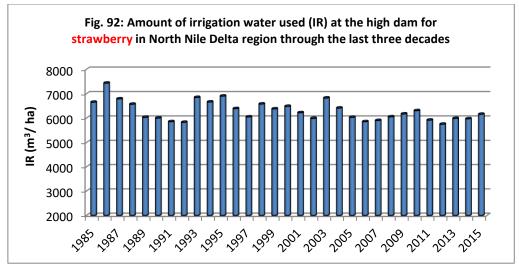


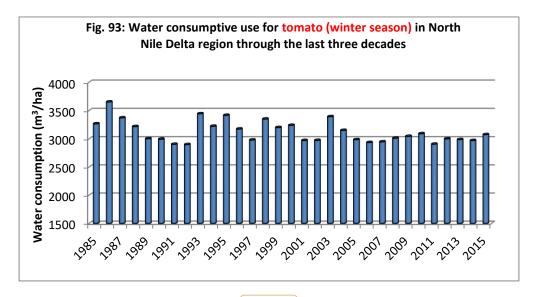


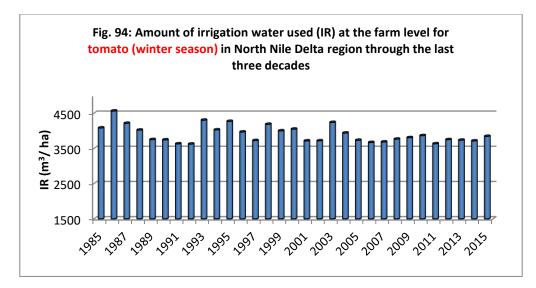


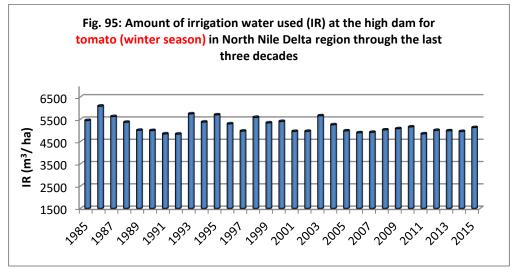


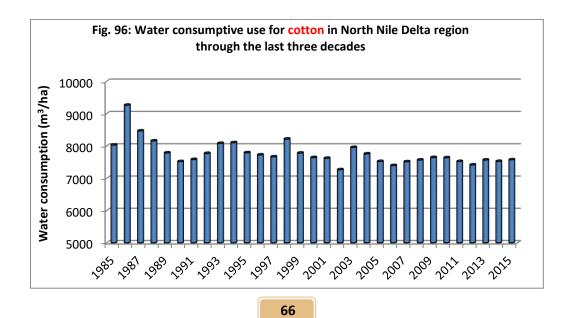


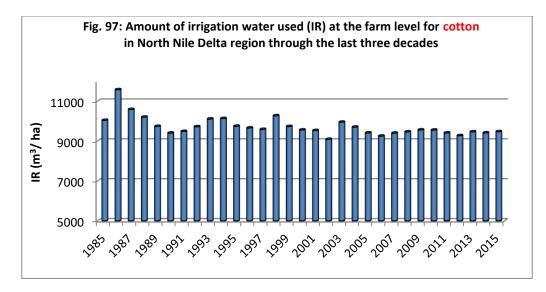


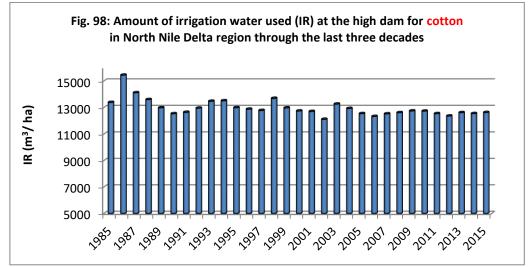


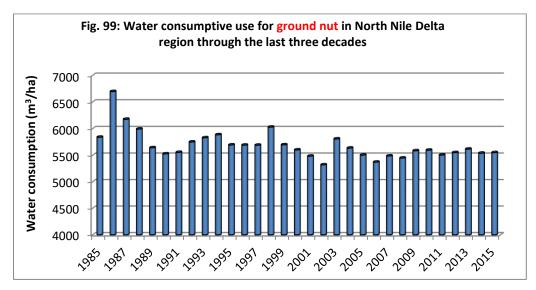


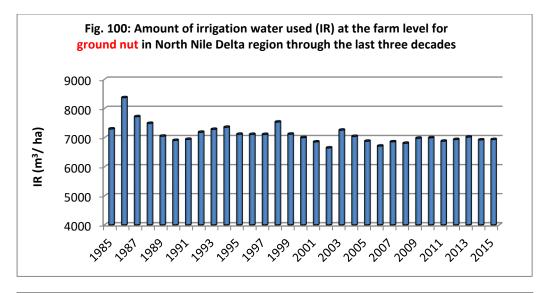


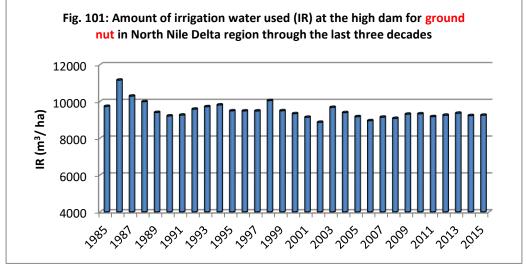


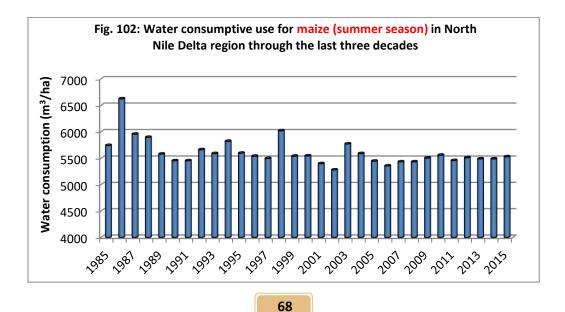


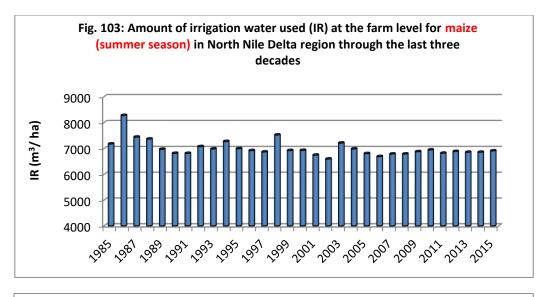


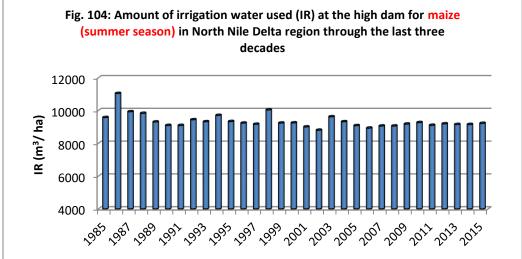


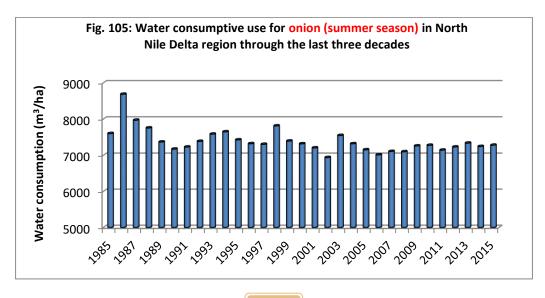


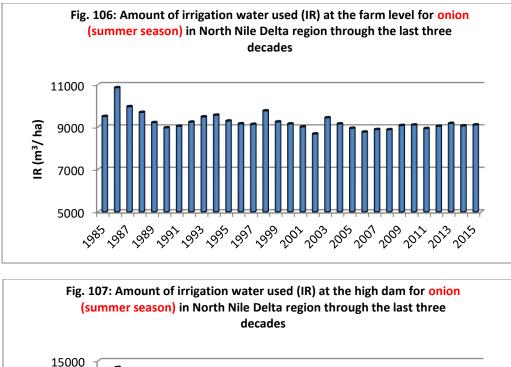


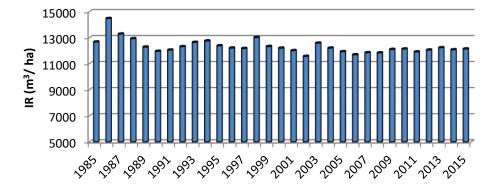


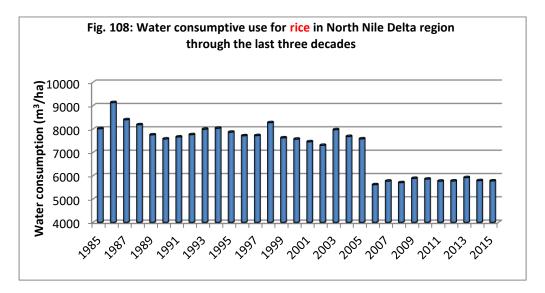


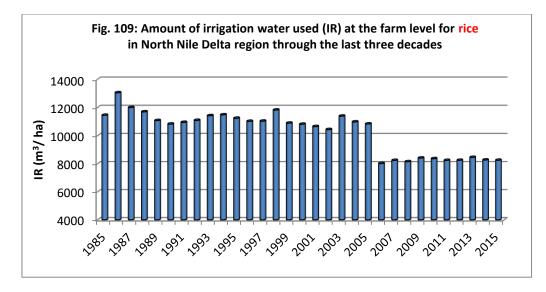


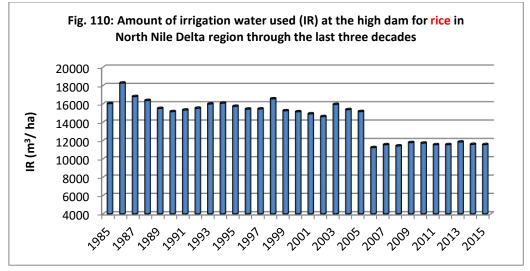


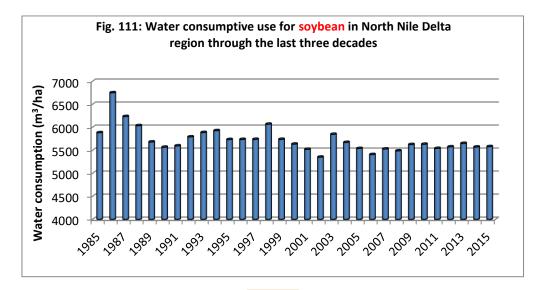


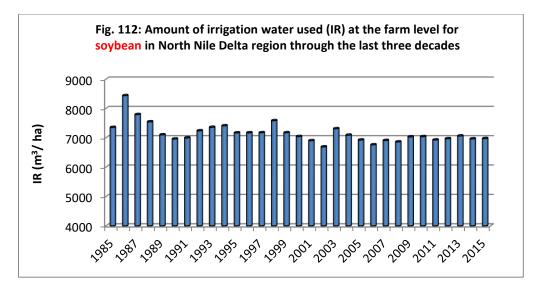


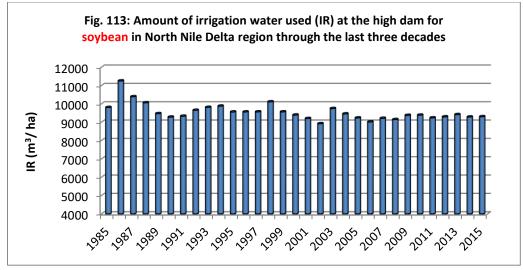


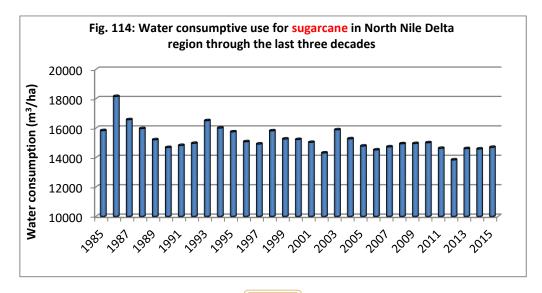


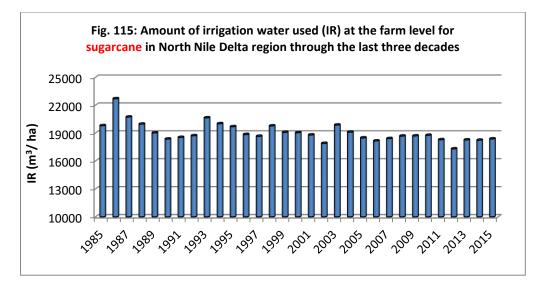


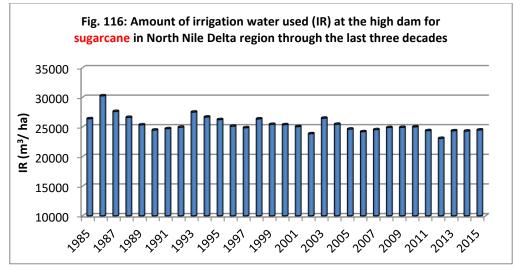


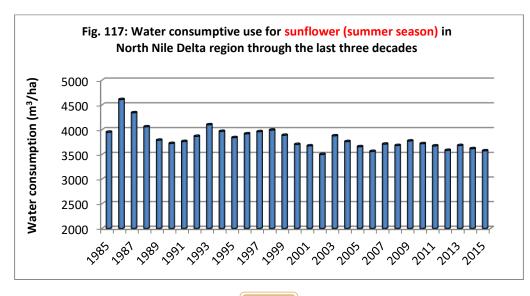


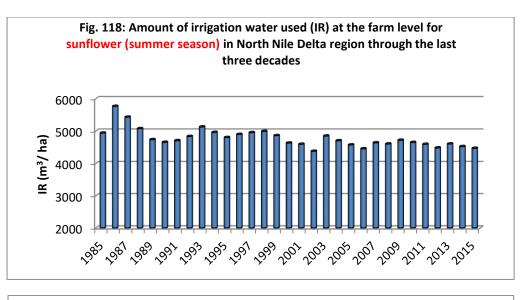


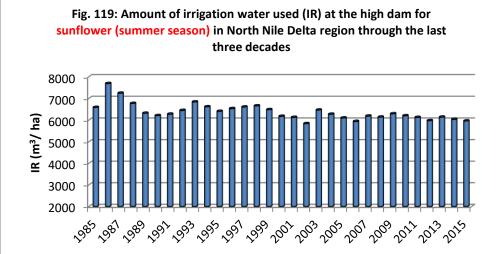


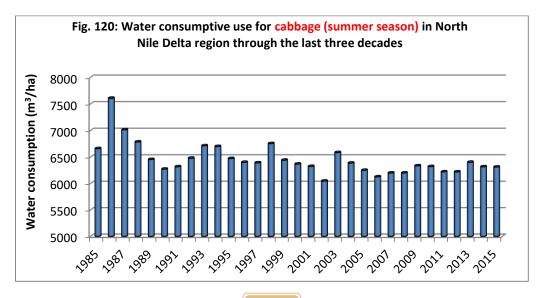


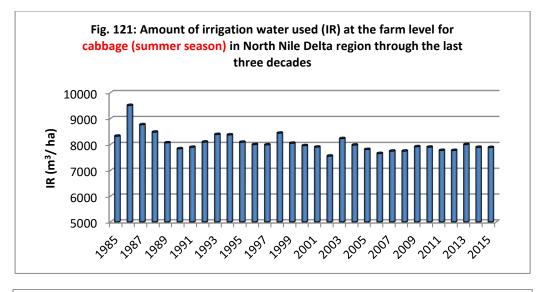


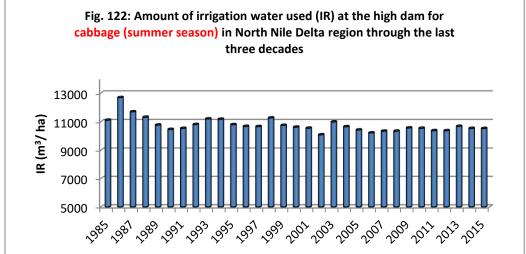


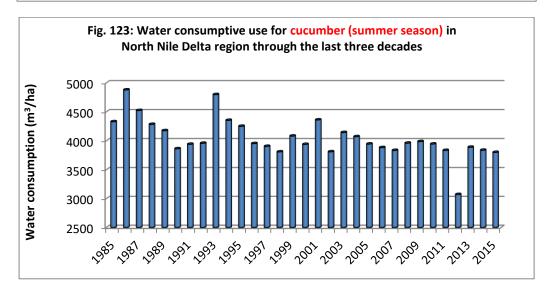


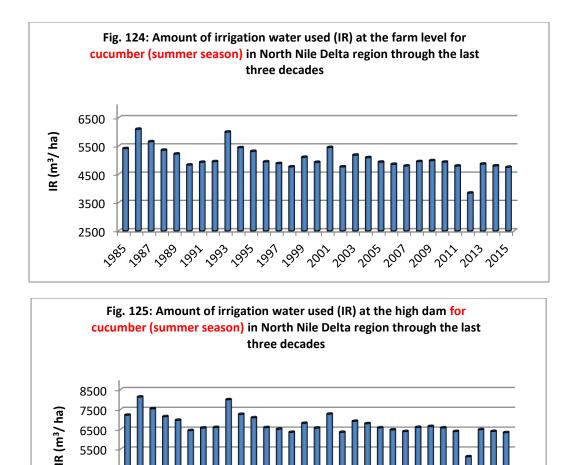










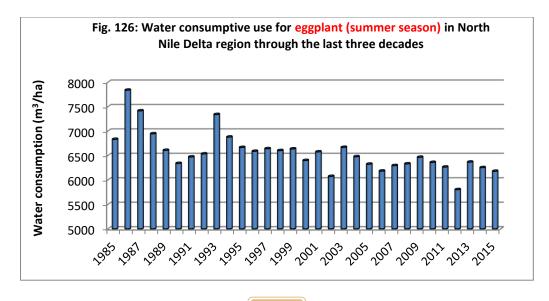


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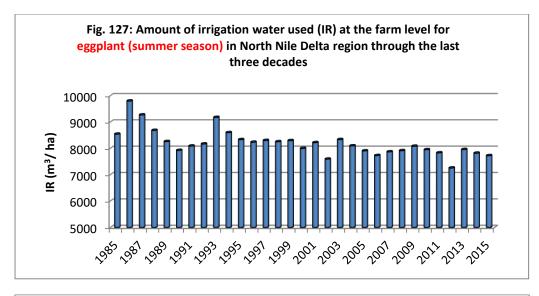
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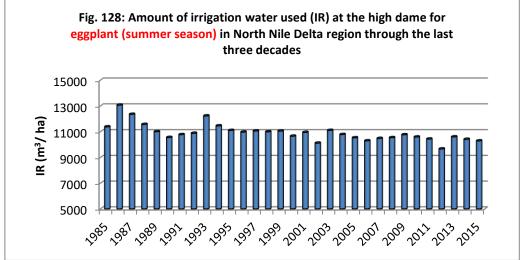
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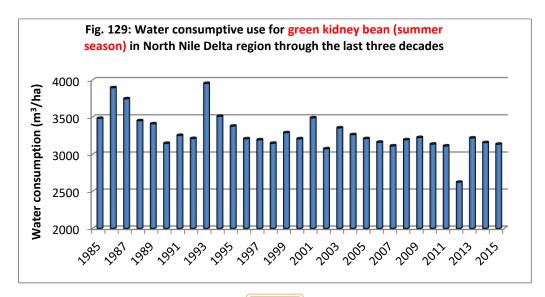
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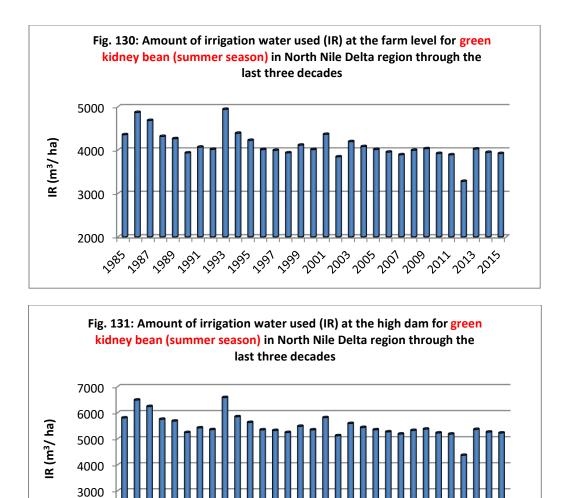
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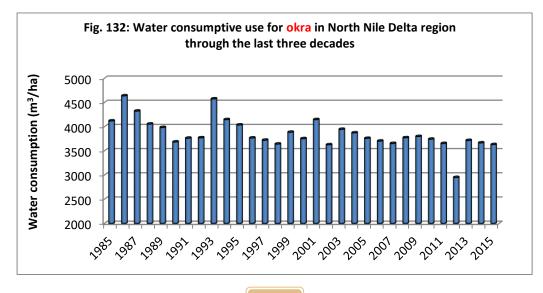
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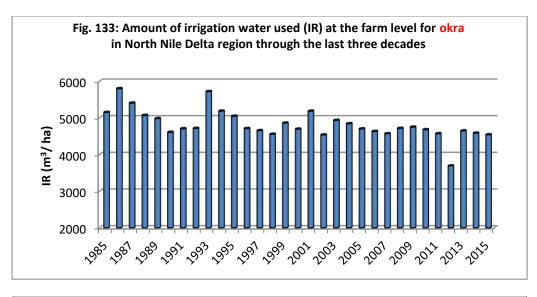


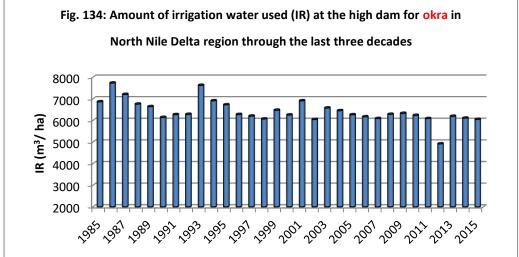
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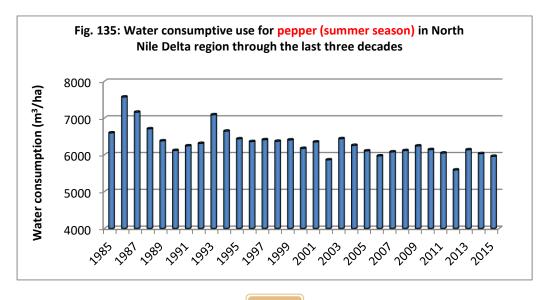
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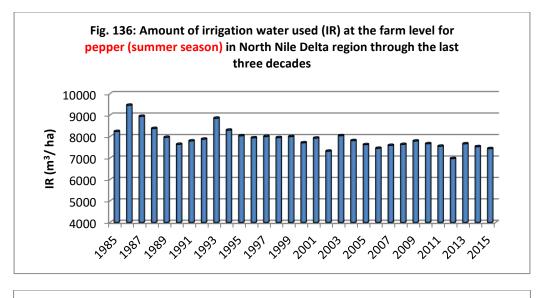
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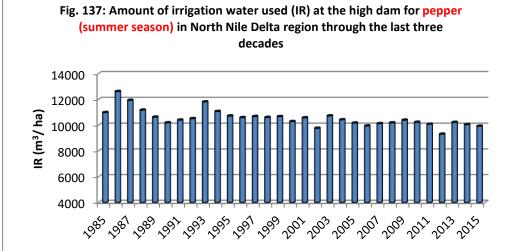
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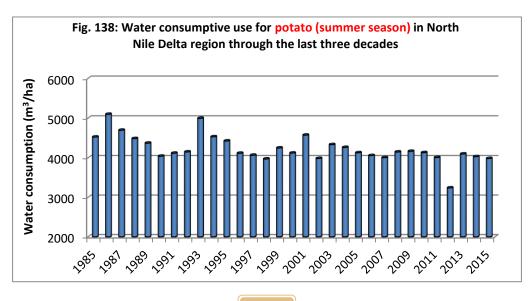


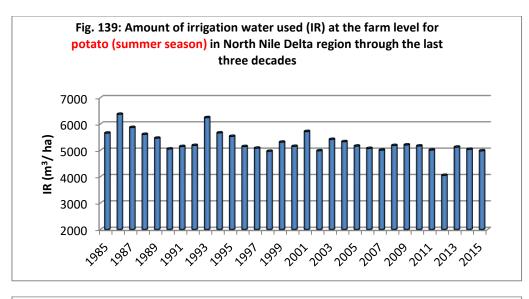


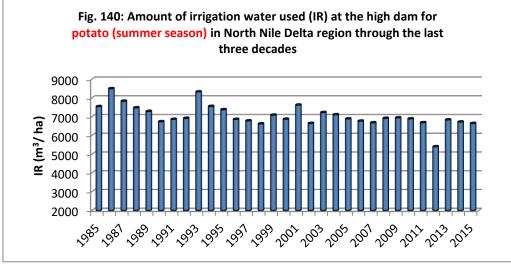


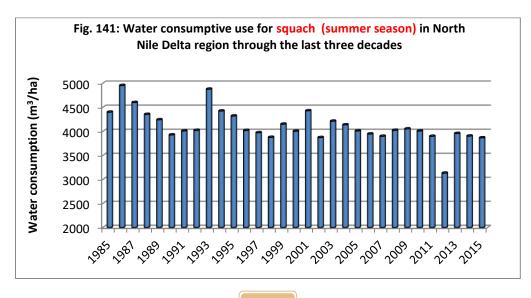


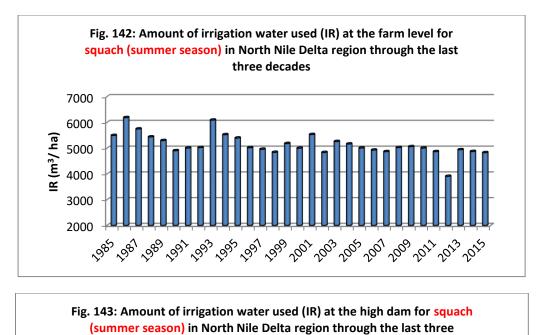


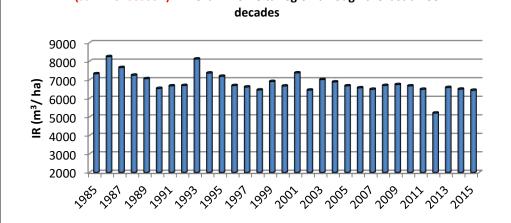


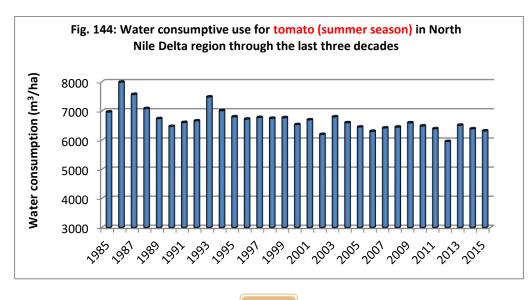


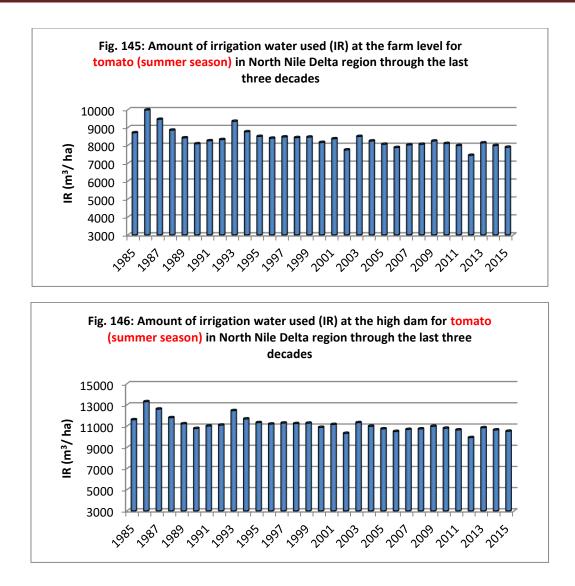


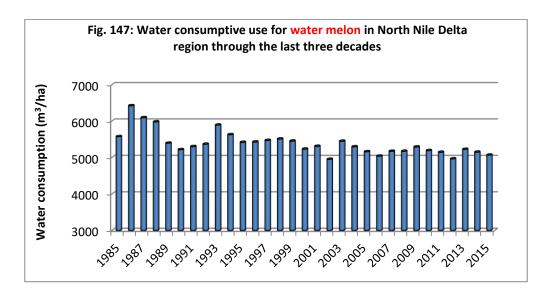


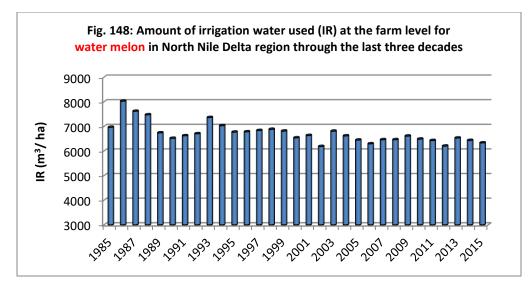


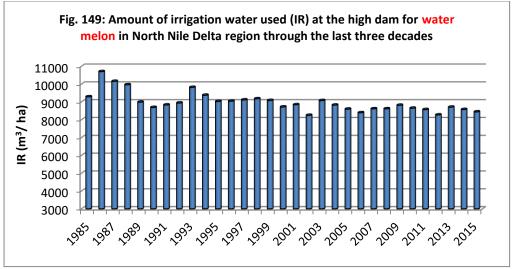


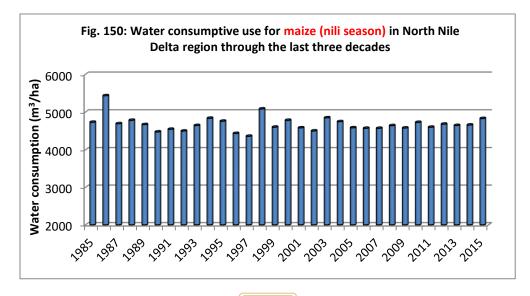


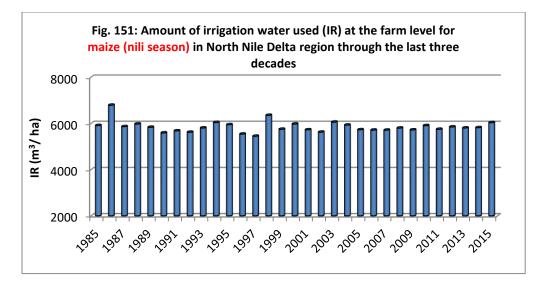


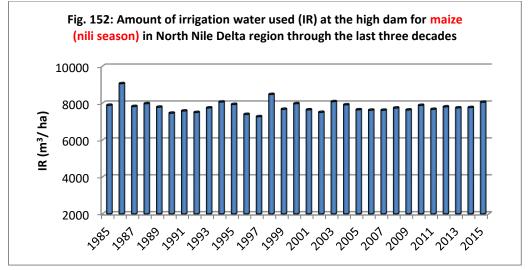


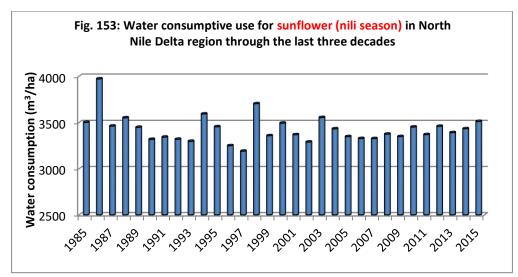


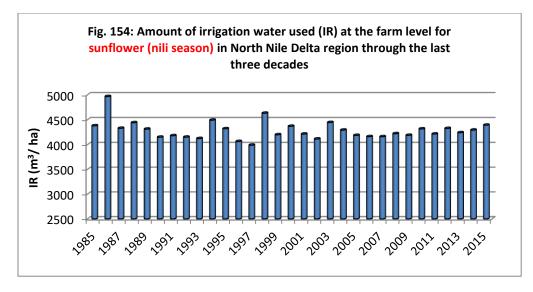


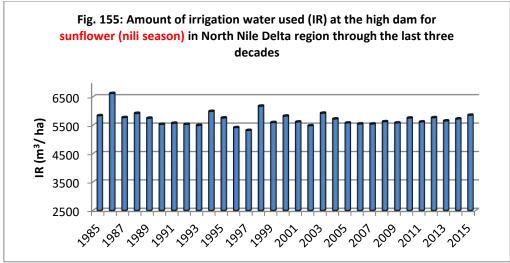


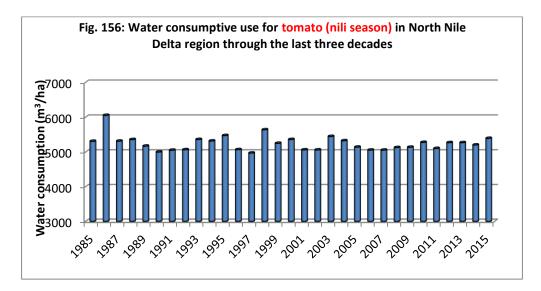


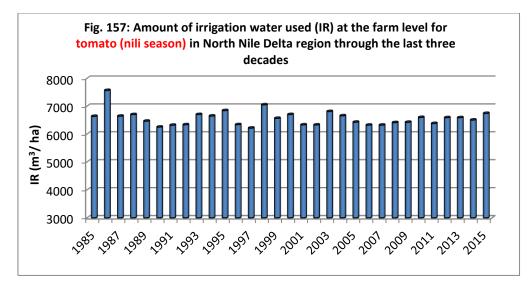


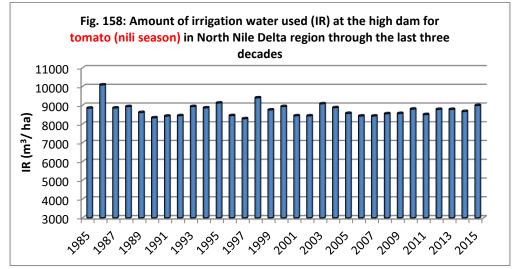


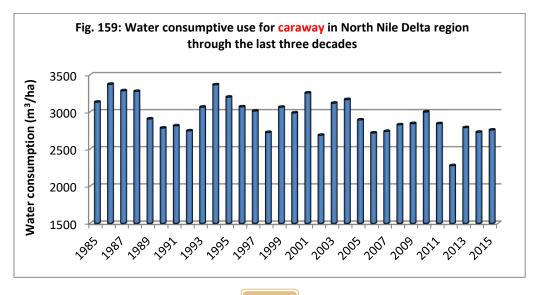


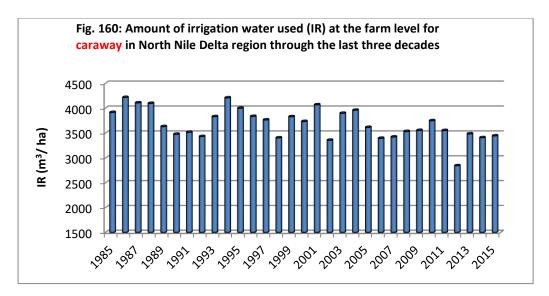


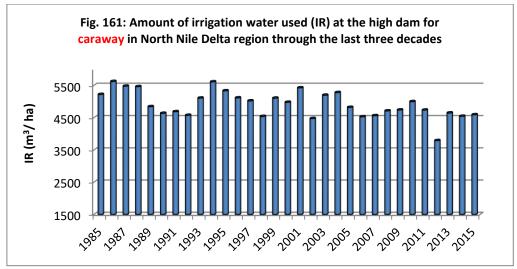


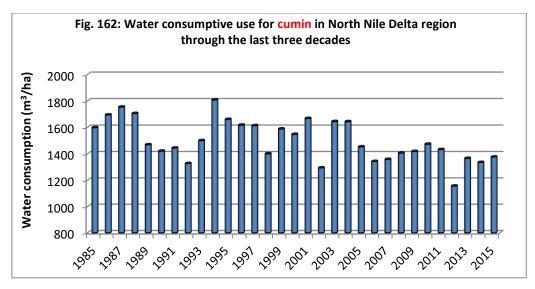


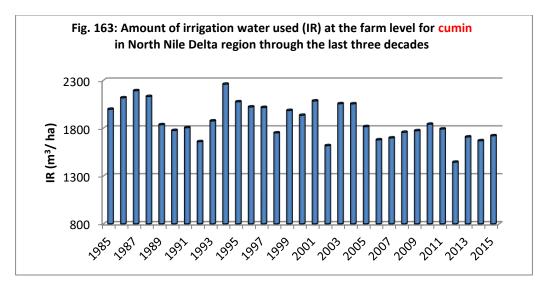


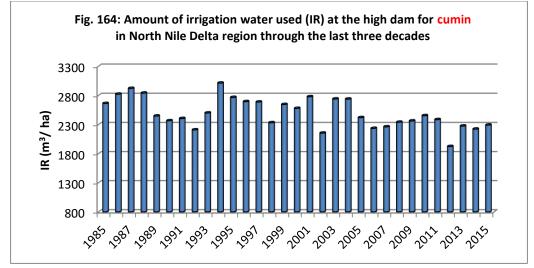


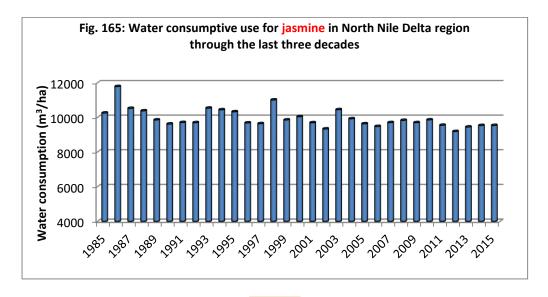


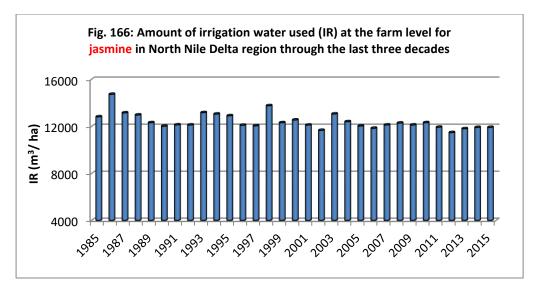


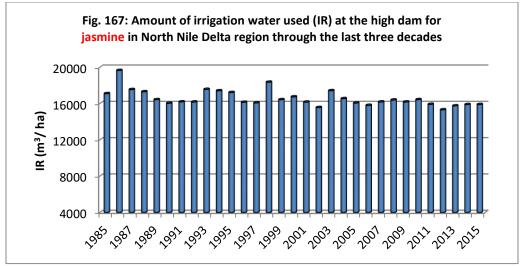


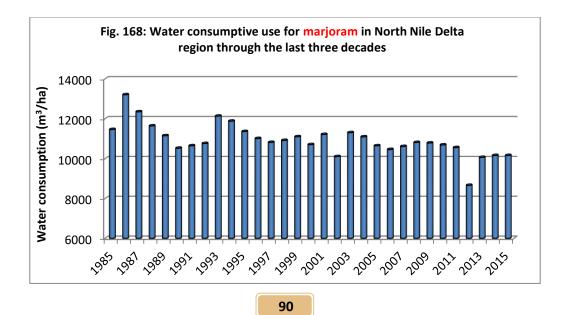


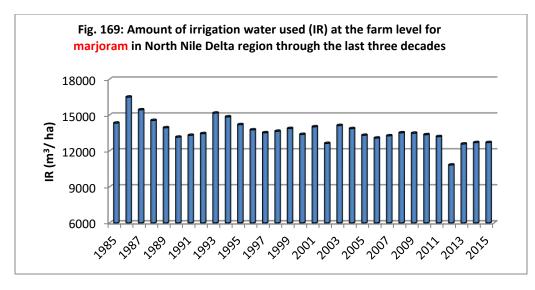


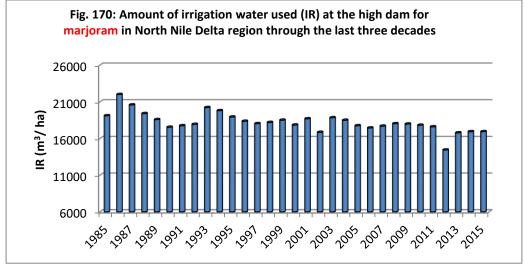


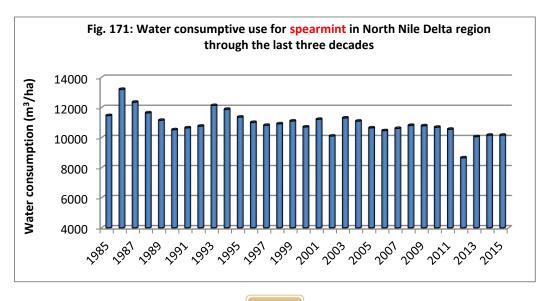


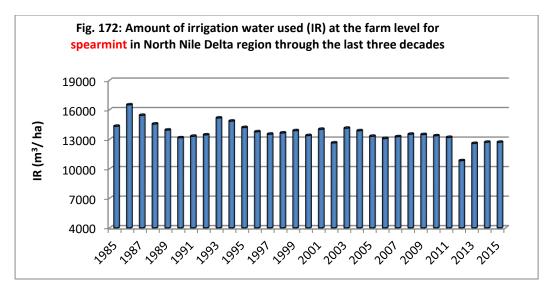


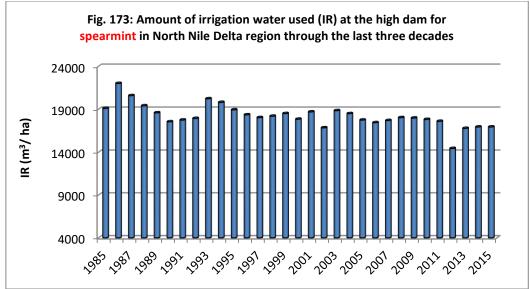


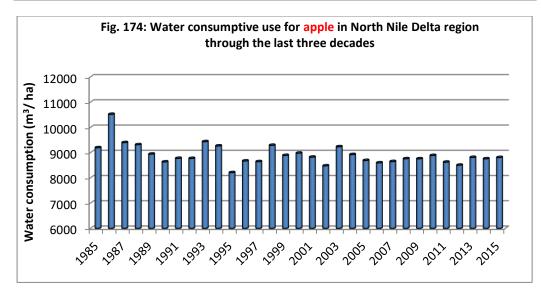


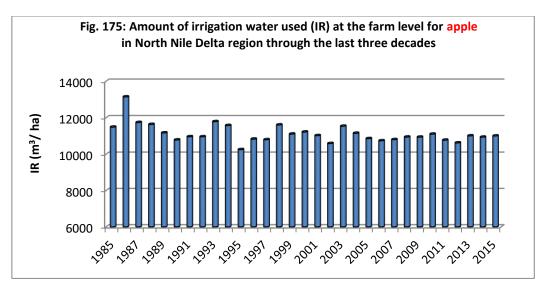


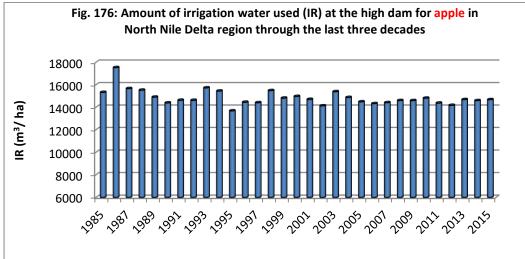


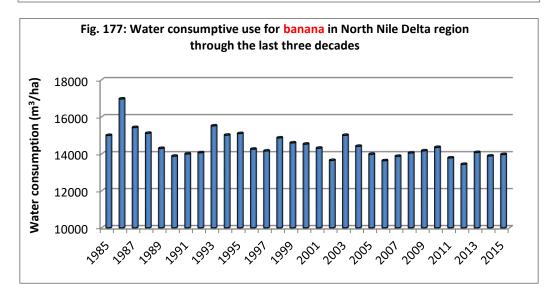


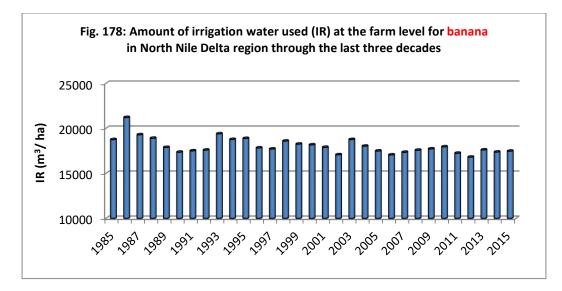


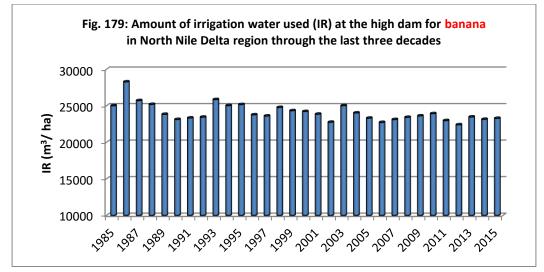


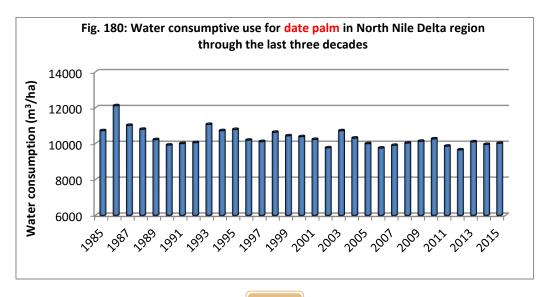


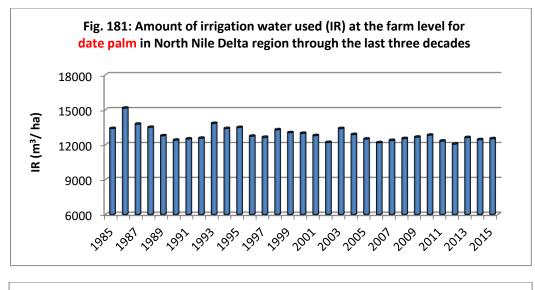


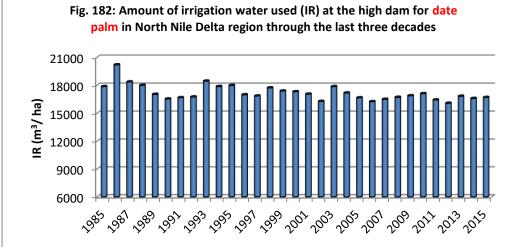


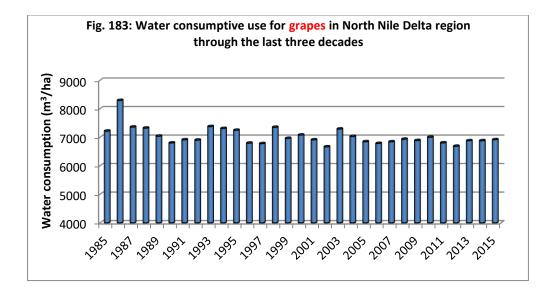


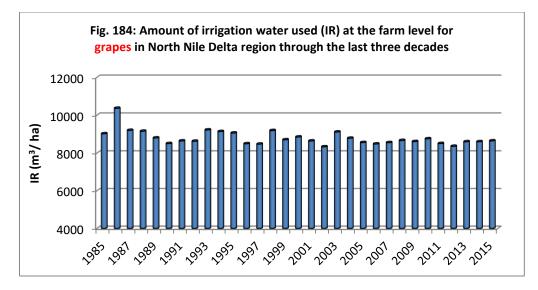


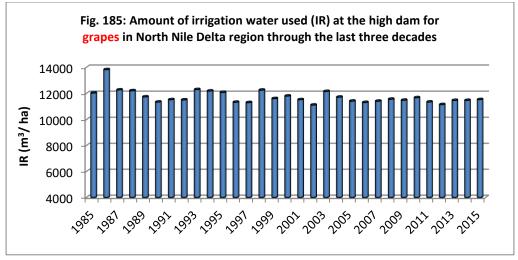


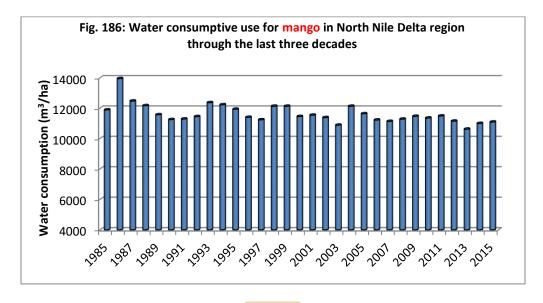


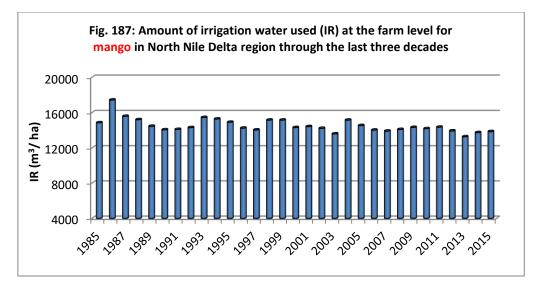


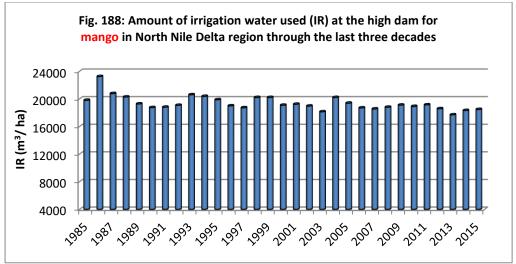


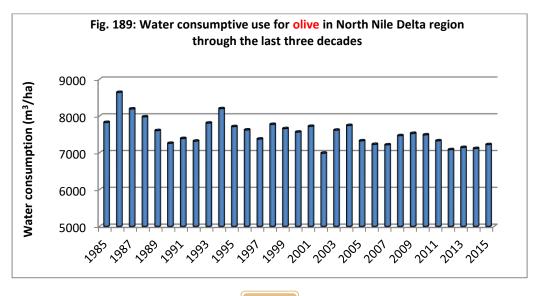


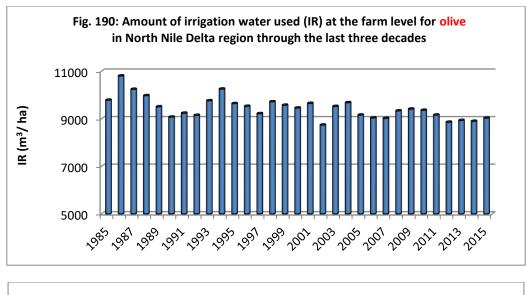


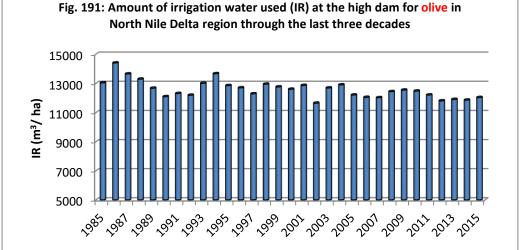


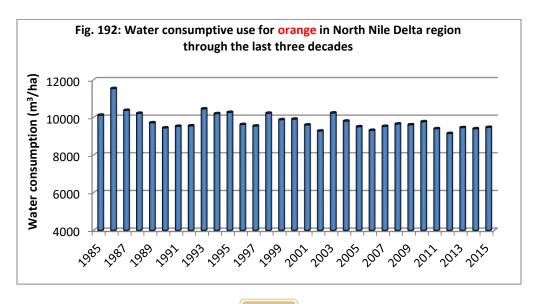


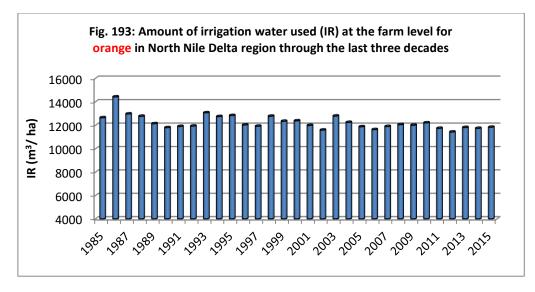


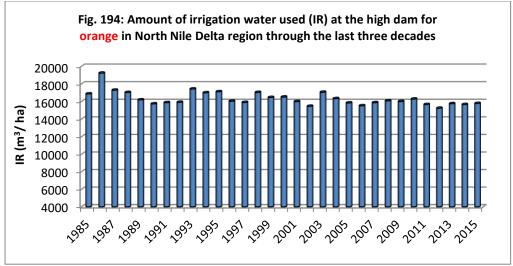


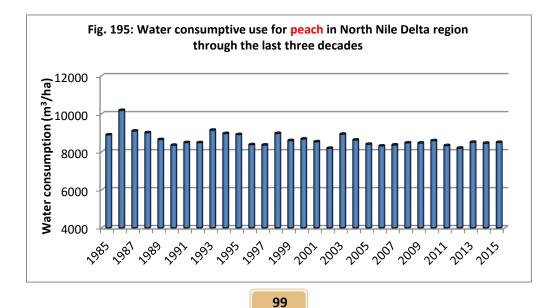


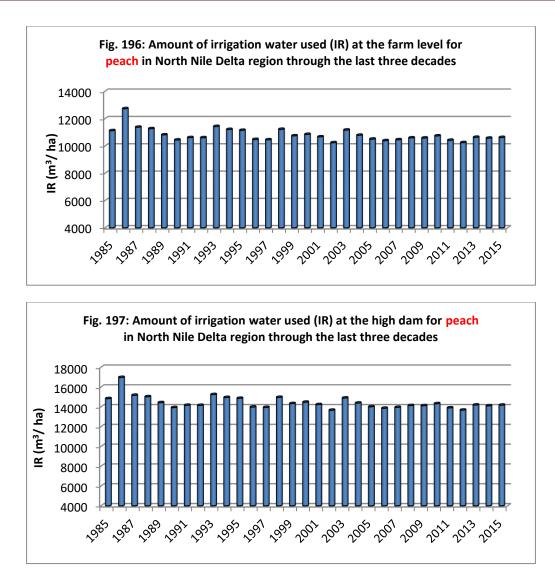












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