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Accurate estimation of actual crop evapotranspiration (ET_a) as a parameter of irrigation scheduling is very critical for efficient use of limited irrigation water resources.

The aims of this investigation were to build an expert system for selection and design of center pivot system irrigation under different field conditions, study the effect of coefficient of uniformity (CU) and distribution uniformity for center pivot irrigation system, study the effect of the precise estimation of daily actual crop evapotranspiration (ET_a) on maximizing yield and improved water use efficiency.

A rule-based program named CPISM-ES (Center Pivot Irrigation System Management- Expert System) was coded and compiled using python-3.7.2 language. The program was verified using ready-to-use software programs (cropwat-8 and climwat 2) for estimating the daily reference evapotranspiration and spreadsheet named (FAO56Ax8.xls) introduced by FAO-56 for estimating the irrigation water management parameters. It also was validated by carrying out a field experiment at site :-El Salhyia and Wadi El-Natrun (11.2 m above sea level, 30,35°N,30,26°E) (55 m above sea level, 30.9°N, 29.7°E), was obtained from several different sources. The irrigation expert system aims to provide the farmers by the irrigation expertise to determine the exact water needed at exact time according to the crop requirements and the environmental factors which effect factors. The experiment included the following factors: a) obtaining climatic data from a weather station b) estimation crop evapotranspiration) coefficient of uniformity (CU) and distribution uniformity for center pivot irrigation system

- 1- The estimation of actual crop evapotranspiration (ET_a) using crop coefficient.
- 2- The seasonal cumulative ET_a estimated by single- k_c approach of El Salhyia and Wadi El-Natrun (1875 and 1520 m³ f.⁻¹season⁻¹).
- 3- Yield: the highest of crop potatoes for El Salhyia and Wadi El-Natrun (16.2 and 14.7 t.fed⁻¹).
- 4- Water use efficiency: the maximum value of water use efficiency for El Salhyia and Wadi El-Natrun (8.64 and 9.67 kg m⁻³).

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INTRODUCTION

Integrated water management in agricultural sector has the majority role for either compensating agricultural resources shortage or to maximize the water unit productivity. These criteria need a highly qualified data in order to achieve its goal. However, an expert system may be considered as an effective tool in these areas of study.

Growing land and water scarcity are the two main structural to Egypt's sustainable agricultural development. The amount of arable land available in the country is almost fixed, with limited capacity to expand it. Hence, the Egyptian government strategy has focused on the sustainable use of existing agricultural land, reclaiming desert areas, and increasing productivity through improved irrigation and cultivation methods. The government could also consider devoting scarce land area to grow crops higher in economic value but lower in water use.

Expert systems is one of the important application oriented branches of Artificial Intelligence in last four decades, a great deal of expert systems had been developed and applied to many fields such as office automation, science, medicine and agriculture, agriculture is the occupation of major portion of population. However, agricultural practices are more manual and technically non- advanced in comparison to developed countries.

Agricultural production has envolved into a complex business which requires the accumulation and integration of knowledge and information from many diverse sources. For decision making the farmer often relies on agricultural specialists and advisors for providing critical information. Agricultural specialist assistance is not always available when the farmer needs it. Hence, expert systems were identified as powerful tool with extensive potential in agriculture. Knowledge based agricultural, expert system becomes more powerful since it collects expertise from not one, but a number of experts. An expert system or a