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## Preface

According to statistics, about 464,000 ha are practically irrigable in Denmark, mostly in the western parts of the country. Irrigation contributes essentially to climate resilience of farms by stabilising crop and animal production in these areas with predominantly sandy soils. Our report presents updated figures on irrigation requirements in Denmark – considering various locations, climatic conditions, root zone capacities, and crops for the period 1990-2015. The previous Danish studies dates back to 1980ties and beginning of the 90ties and since then both the methods for measuring and calculating evapotranspiration and precipitation have changed. Also, during the past 30 years there has been climatic changes most clearly exhibited in a pronounced increase in annual precipitation. The study was requested by SEGES in order to have as precise and recent figures as possible as a basis for issuing groundwater abstraction permits for irrigation. We would like to thank Søren Kolind Hvid and Finn Plauborg for providing comments and input to the report.

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## 1 Summary

One of the most important aspects of crop production is the control of soil water deficit, among others via supplemental irrigation. Danish counties have used the long-term average gross irrigation water requirement (GIWR) as published by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) as a basis for the allocation of water quantities when issuing water abstraction permits. The objective of this study is to present updated values for the irrigation requirement in Denmark.

The irrigation decision support system *Vandregnskab* was used as the main modelling tool. We simulated 26-years of climatic data (1990-2015) with and without irrigation for each combination of six root zone capacities (RZC) ranging from 60 to 160 mm and 11 crops. Climatic data was obtained from the Danish Meteorological Institute from ten locations. The main analyses focussed on the GIWR and the increase of drainage as a result of irrigation, at crop and farm-level. For the latter, three model-farm crop rotations were designed: dairy, arable/pig, and potato. Additional analyses of the practical irrigation capacity (PIC) accounted for a farms limited irrigation capacity of either 3 or 4 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>.

A validation test with independent field trials supported the simulated GIWR ( $r^2 = 0.67$ ). The slope of the trend line indicated a tendency to irrigate more in the experiments than the model suggested in dry years, whereas in wet years actual irrigation was less than simulated.

The GIWR varied between crops, but always decreased nearly linearly with increasing RZC. The variation between crops was related to (i) the length of the growing season and (ii) the precipitation patterns within their different growing seasons. The GIWR also showed big spatial variation, which reflects the different climatic conditions: Jyndevad tended to be the location with the lowest GIWR, while Flakkebjerg often had the highest GIWR at similar RZC. No correlation was found between the GIWR and drainage. The return flow related well to general expectations: typically 25-30 % at RZC 60, compared to a reference of 30 %.

The GIWR varied tremendously from year to year. The use of an average GIWR is therefore not suitable as a basis for issuing annual irrigation permission: it would only meet the crop requirements in 50 % of the years. A permit covering the maximum demand could be desirable from an agricultural point of view, yet this could be incompatible with environmental goals for stream flows. Moreover, it neglects the fact that farmers are typically restricted by the irrigation capacity of their irrigation systems. Considering an irrigation permit based on the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR, i.e. the level sufficient to meet the GIWR in 80 % of the years, and the irrigation capacity of 3 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>, the model dairy farm would not be able to fully exploit its permit in five years out of 26 with. The model

arable/pig farm would not in six years, and the model potato farm would not in eight years, all given the conditions of Jyndevad and RZC 60. Compared to the average GIWR, the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR accordingly fits better to a farm's needs.

In comparison with the earlier studies we found higher values of the GIWR. The causes of these increases may be several, including the improved method of calculating evapotranspiration, the use of higher crop coefficients as well as climatic changes over the 40-year period since the last calculations.

## 2 List of Abbreviations

A <sub>F</sub>	Relative allowable water deficit
ΔD	The effect of the GIWR on drainage
DMI	Danish Meteorological Institute
ET <sub>A</sub>	Actual evapotranspiration
ET <sub>P</sub>	Potential evapotranspiration
ET <sub>0</sub>	Reference evapotranspiration
FC	Field capacity
GIWR	Annual gross irrigation water requirement
IC <sub>B</sub>	Irrigation capacity buffer
LU	Livestock unit
NIWR	Annual net irrigation water requirement
PAW	Plant available water
PIC	Practical irrigation capacity
RZC	Root zone capacity
SWD	Soil water deficit
WP	Wilting point

### 3 Introduction

One of the most important aspects of crop production is water management, in particular the control of soil water deficit (SWD). When SWD reaches a certain level (Denmead and Shaw, 1962), a drought stress reaction is triggered, which decreases the growth of crops, hence their potential yield (e.g. Legg *et al.*, 1979). In such situations, too little water is transported from the roots to the leaves, where water vapour transpires through the stomates in exchange for carbon dioxide: the primary processes for plant growth called photosynthesis. A shortage on soil water reduces a crop's ability to meet its potential transpiration, which ultimately results in both reduced quantity and quality (Perry *et al.*, 2009). Not all water taken up by the roots and transported through the plant is used for transpiration, but a small fraction is used within the plant (Allen *et al.*, 1998). Water also evaporates from surfaces, mainly from soil and wet leaves. The processes of evaporation and transpiration are difficult to distinguish from each other, and are therefore generally known together as evapotranspiration.

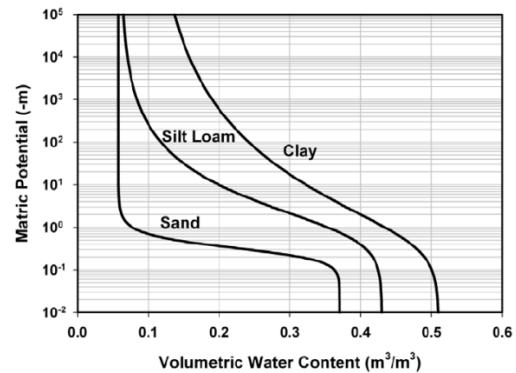
Susceptibility of crops to drought stress varies between species and between stages of crop development. Generally spoken, the actual yield loss due to SWD is relative small when SWD occurs in the vegetative and ripening stages, but is large during flowering and yield formation (e.g. Andersen *et al.*, 2002). Drought stress can arise from both insufficient amount and timing of precipitation, and can be counteracted by supplemental irrigation. Reducing the occurrence of stress caused by SWD is therefore the most important motive to apply irrigation. In Denmark, about 464,000 ha are practically irrigable (Danmarks Statistik, 2010), meaning equipped with irrigation facilities. Irrigation water is generally applied by irrigation guns which use groundwater extracted from wells.

The aim of irrigation is to increase a crop's actual evapotranspiration ( $ET_A$ ) during the growth stages where SWD limits the growth of crops by replenishing soils' plant available water (PAW) – preferably up to the crops potential evapotranspiration ( $ET_P$ ). The quantity of supplemental water necessary for a crop to reach its  $ET_P$  and potential growth is known as the net irrigation water requirement (NIWR). The NIWR is thus the amount of water that is extracted from the source but does not return to the deeper groundwater bodies, which is therefore of interest from an environmental point of view. During irrigation, losses via increased drainage (percolation through the soil profile) can usually not be avoided (Foster and Perry, 2010). The quantity of supplemental water that also accounts for this loss is called the gross irrigation water requirement (GIWR).

Soil water is generally plant available between field capacity (FC) and wilting point (WP). The soil water contents at these two matric potentials (often taken to be -1 m and -150 m of water column, respectively) vary between soils (Fig. 1.1) due to differences in texture, structure, and other constituents (e.g. organic matter) (Tuller and Or, 2004). The amount of soil water which can be utilised by a plant before wilting is represented by the root zone capacity (RZC), i.e. the difference between soil water content at FC and WP multiplied by the effective rooting depth. Where rooting is dense enough, all PAW is utilised up to WP (Madsen and Platou, 1983). Using the simulation model *Heimdal* (Hansen, 1975, 1987), Allerup and Madsen (1979) and Madsen and Platou (1983) determined that the effective rooting depth corresponds approximately with the thickness of soil layers with root densities greater than 0.1 cm root/cm<sup>3</sup> soil. The RZC varies from crop to crop and between soil types, however soil type and RZC are not interchangeable (Madsen and Holst, 1990). Therefore, it is recommended that the irrigation requirement is related to the RZC rather than to the topsoil soil class.

Irrigation requirements in Denmark have been studied before, among others by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) and Madsen and Holst (1990). Madsen and Holst (1990) calculated the GIWR of grass and spring barley at their various RZC based on an empirical model, using daily values of ET<sub>P</sub> and precipitation of four different climatic zones (1956-1985). Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) calculated the GIWR for six groups of crops at six different RZCs, based on climatic data of 12 regions (1957-1976).

The long-term average GIWR as published by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) has been used by the Danish counties as a basis for the allocation of water quantities when issuing water abstraction permits. Since their publication however, the methods for modelling evapotranspiration have changed. Also, it is characteristic that the GIWR varies greatly from year to year depending on weather conditions. An irrigation permission based on an average requirement is only sufficient in half of the years, and will thus statistically result in yield loss caused by SWD every other year. Yet, irrigation becomes more profitable when the requirement is high, i.e. when irrigation prevent big yield losses. Therefore, it is needed to apply other guidelines for the allocations of water abstraction – assuming it is practically possible to water the crops closer to optimal. A permit covering the maximum demand could be desirable from a productional point of view, but this could result in very high water extraction in some years, incompatible with environmental goals for stream flows: one should also consider among others the scarcity of water and the effects of both water extraction



**Fig. 1.1** Typical soil water characteristic curves for soils of different texture. (Tuller and Or, 2004)

and water application on the groundwater level. Moreover, it may not actually be possible for a farmer to irrigate these amounts. The irrigation capacity of farms is limited among others by the capacity of the irrigation system, the location of the well, and the time it takes the farmer to circulate his equipment between the fields that require irrigation. The effective irrigation capacities of farms are not well documented. When dimensioning an optimal irrigation system, a capacity of  $4 \text{ mm ha}^{-1}\text{day}^{-1}$  is used, but most farms more likely have an effective irrigation capacity of  $3 \text{ mm ha}^{-1}\text{day}^{-1}$  or less (Kolind Hvid, personal communication April 2017). A more realistic optimum of water extraction permissioned for irrigation may be found between the maximum and average requirement. An example is the approach of *The Environmental Agency* in Southern England. Here, the abstractions are allowed up to 80<sup>th</sup> percentile of the expected requirements – if actual abstraction can allow for it (Jensen *et al.*, 2013). This approach will result in statistically yield loss due to SWD every fifth year, and whether this is acceptable is of course debatable. How much yield loss due to SWD is acceptable, remains hard to quantify.

The objective of this study is to present updated values for the irrigation requirement as a basis for issuing abstraction permits for irrigation in Denmark. We have focussed on crops commonly irrigated in Denmark at six different root zone capacities using climatic data from ten different stations (representing ten locations) during the period 1990-2015. We made a validation test vis-a-vis fully irrigated experiments in Jyndevad (chapter 3), and calculated the average gross irrigation water requirement, the average effect of this requirement on drainage, and the average net irrigation water requirement at crop-level (chapter 4). Because permits are issued at farm-level, we continued with similar calculations for three model farms, but expanded with the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile gross irrigation water requirement and considerations on the limitations posed on water abstraction by an irrigation capacity of either 3 or 4  $\text{mm ha}^{-1}\text{day}^{-1}$  (chapter 5). Finally, we compared our results with previously published values of gross irrigation water requirement presented by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) and of net irrigation water requirement calculated by Madsen and Holst (1990).

## 4 Methods and Study design

### 4.1 Vandregnskab

The irrigation decision support system *Vandregnskab* was used as the main modelling tool in this study. Irrigation support systems have been used before in estimating the irrigation water requirement over longer periods, for example by Doll & Siebert (2002) who used WaterGAP (Water-Global Assessment and Prognosis), and Fischer *et al.*, (2007) who used an agro-ecological zone assessment model, to predict irrigation under climate change. *Vandregnskab* is a water balance model and decision support tool for farmers for tactical irrigation planning at present and near-future time (up to five days ahead). The system is an internet application based on *MARKVAND*: an irrigation decision support system which was developed since 1996 and since then improved through user-feedback (Thyssen and Detlefsen, 2006).

*Vandregnskab* uses a specified farm design (soils and crops) and a climatic dataset to simulate the soil water status and the GIWR (Plauborg and Olesen, 1991; Olesen and Plauborg, 1995). More specifically, it combines a dynamic *water balance model* and a *crop model* to generate information for use in the *irrigation decision model* for each combination of crop, RZC and climatic dataset. It is up to the user of *Vandregnskab* to choose to simulate with or without irrigation, or to specify actual irrigation. An overview of the use of *Vandregnskab* in the present study is shown in Fig. 2.1.

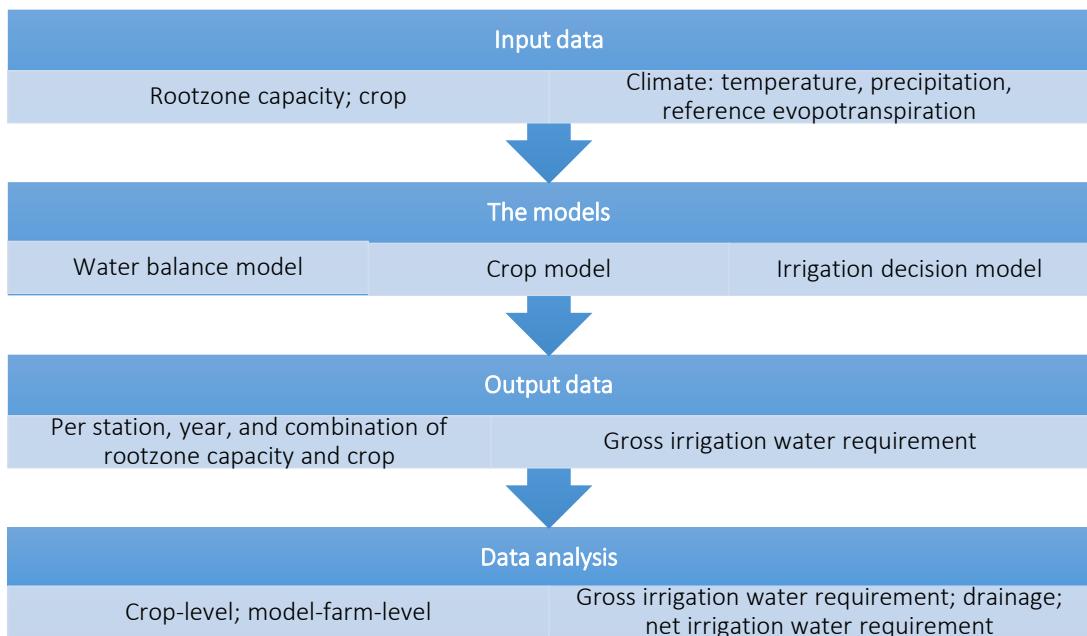
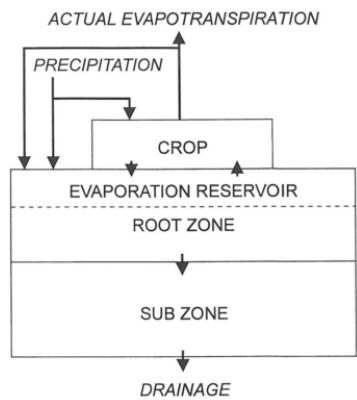


Fig. 2.1 Overview of the present study

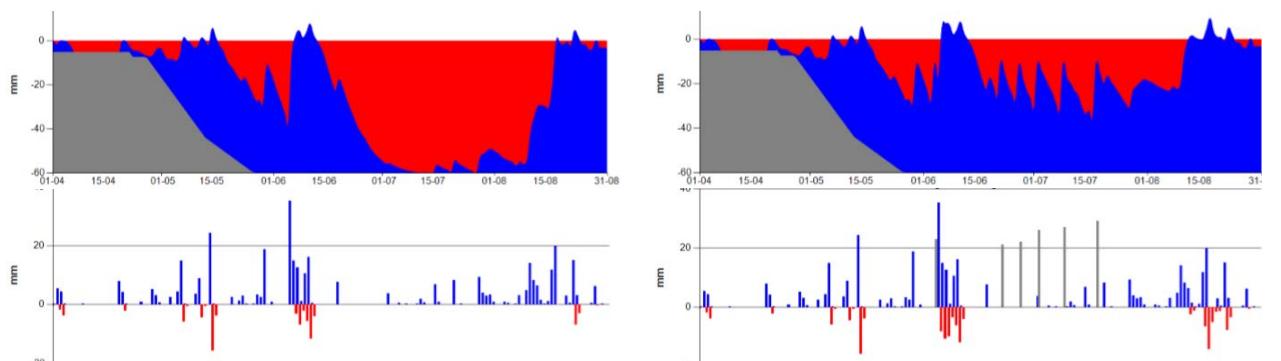
#### 4.1.1 The water balance model

The water balance model contains several interconnected water reservoirs and flows (Fig. 2.2). The water reservoirs are the consumption reservoirs (the interception reservoir (crop) and the evaporation reservoir), the root zone, and the subzone. Their relationship is thoroughly described in Plauborg & Olesen (1991, in Danish), and in Olesen & Plauborg (1995, in English). The water flows in the model are precipitation and irrigation,  $ET_A$ , and drainage.  $ET_A$  is derived from the crop model. The rate of drainage is a constant related to the soil type specified in the set-up (Olesen and Plauborg, 1995). *Vandregnskab* offers the possibility to visualise the soil water balance as simulated from March 1 until August 31, as presented in Fig. 2.3.

Because *Vandregnskab* is designed to support short-term daily irrigation decision making, it is possible to take the weather forecast for the next five days into account. However, when doing retrospective simulations using historic climatic data as in the present study, this is not feasible. Irrigation was thus triggered even when precipitation was forecasted. To decrease a possible overestimation of the irrigation water requirement, simulations were done so that each simulated irrigation was 10 mm less than the actual soil SWD; allowing interception of rainfall by this soil buffer. This buffer has no negative effect on a crop's yield in the present study: as reviewed by Mogensen and Hansen (1978), yields do not significantly decrease until SWD exceeds about half of the RZC (which would be about 30 mm for RZC 60 – the lowest RZC in the present study).



**Fig. 2.2** The conceptual water balance model (Olesen and Plauborg, 1995)



**NB.** In top: blue: water in root zone; red: used water in root zone; grey: subzone, and in bottom: blue: precipitation; red: drainage; grey: irrigation.

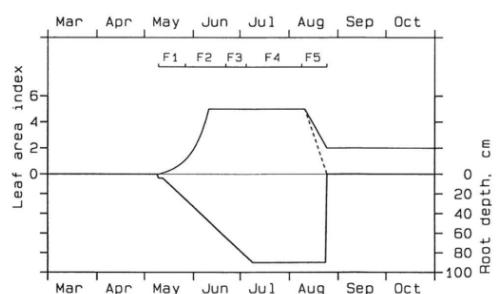
**Fig. 2.3** The visualisation of the simulated soil water balance for spring barley at root zone capacity 60 given the climactic conditions of Årslev 2010, without irrigation (left) and with irrigation (right).

#### 4.1.2 The crop model

The water balance is crop-sensitive because of  $ET_A$ . A crops  $ET_A$  is influenced by the development of leaf area, roots, and phenology. These aspects are all modelled using the temperature sum from the start of development: for spring sown crops the date of emergence and for winter sown crops and grass the date where the temperature sum after March 1 reaches 142 °C (Olesen and Plauborg, 1995). The maximum  $ET_A$ , i.e.  $ET_p$ , is a function of the leaf area index (Eq. 1), in which  $ET_0$  is reference evapotranspiration,  $k_p$  an extinction coefficient,  $L$  the leaf area index, and  $K_c$  a crop coefficient. The  $K_c$  has a value of either 0.04 or 0.02. As  $K_c$  is it multiplied by the leaf area index (with a maximum value of 5), reaches  $ET_p$   $1.2 \cdot ET_0$  for potatoes and  $1.1 \cdot ET_0$  for all other crops.

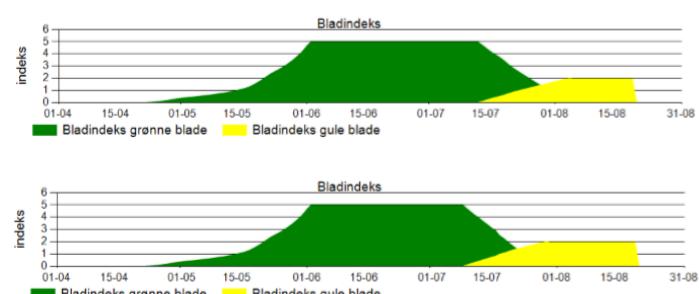
$$ET_p = ET_0 \exp(-k_p L) + ET_0[1 - \exp(-k_p L)] * (1 + K_c * L) \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

The leaf area development is described by the sum of the green leaf area index and the yellow leaf area index. These indices represent the one-sided area of both green (alive) and yellow (dead) crop parts per unit ground area, and are calculated from the temperature sum and growth phases (for a detailed description see Olesen and Plauborg, 1995). Root development is assumed to increase linearly until maximum rooting depth is reached, and then remains constant. An example of leaf and root development is shown in Fig. 2.4, whereas Fig. 2.5 shows the leaf area index as modelled in *Vandregnskab*. Phenological characteristics are used to distinguish different growth phases for both winter and spring sown crops (the number of phases can vary between crops). In each growth phase the crops are assumed to have specific drought tolerances (or relative allowed water deficit,  $A_F$ , Table 2.1, after Plauborg & Olesen, 1991), which thus influences the daily irrigation water requirement. The transition from one growth phase into another is defined by the temperature sum from the date of start of development. Grass has no other growth phase than the vegetative phase (F1) and starts growing again after harvest after a dormant period corresponding to a temperature sum of 50 °C (Olesen and Plauborg, 1995).



**NB.** F1, vegetative 1; F2, vegetative 2; F3, heading; F4, grain filling; F5, ripening

**Fig. 2.4** Example of leaf area- and root development of spring barley during a normal Danish year (from Olesen and Plauborg, 1995)



**Fig. 2.5** Visualisation of the simulated green- and yellow leaf area index for spring barley at root zone capacity 60 given the climactic conditions of Årslev 2010. Without irrigation (top), and with irrigation (bottom).

**Table 2.1** Relative allowed water deficit  $A_F$  (%) per growth phase (after Plauborg & Olesen 1991)

Crop / growth stage	$A_{F1}$	$A_{F2}$	$A_{F3}$	$A_{F4}$	$A_{F5}$
Grass-clover for silage	50	-	-	-	-
<i>Spring crop</i>	99	50	50	60	999
	9				
	99	35	35	45	999
	9				
	99	35	35	45	999
<i>Winter crop</i>	99	60	50	60	999
	9				
	99	70	45	55	-
	9				
	60	50	60	99	-
Winter wheat	65	45	60	99	-
				9	
	65	50	65	99	-
				9	
Winter rye	70	55	70	99	-
				9	

#### 4.1.3 The irrigation decision model

In *Vandregnskab*, the user can choose to simulate with or without irrigation as applied in the current study, or choose to specify the irrigation. In the simulation with irrigation, irrigation was triggered when the SWD in the upper root zone reservoir and in the root zone approached the specific  $A_F$  for each crop in each growing phase (according to Table 2.1). Ideally however, the trigger is dynamic and dependent on actual climatic data, as a high  $ET_p$  causes stress at smaller SWD (Denmead and Shaw, 1962). The amount of irrigation is defined by the crop demand, limited by a maximum irrigation of 30 mm per day (irrespectively of soil type and RZC) and the buffer leaving 10 mm until FC after irrigation, to decrease the overestimations of the irrigation water requirement as explained previously. Rooting depth and RZC were set for the fields irrespectively of the crop, even though they are related (Madsen and Platou, 1983); the focus remained on the relation between climate and irrigation at different, predefined, RZCs.

## 4.2 Study design

The simulation setup in *Vandregnskab* requires specification of climatic data, the soil and crop. In total, six root zone capacities and 11 crops were used to simulate 66 different combinations, representing typical Danish crops and soils, given ten different climatic conditions.

#### 4.2.1 Climatic data

Climatic data of a 26-year period (1990-2015) was collected from the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) for eight stations and two grid cells (Table 2.2, hereafter only referred to as locations). These locations were selected to represent the irrigated areas in Denmark as well as a few locations outside these areas. Additionally, climatic data of Jyndevad 1980-1989 was collected from DMI to carry out a validation test. The climatic files contained daily values of precipitation, temperature, and reference evapotranspiration ( $ET_0$ ). All files were corrected to make them suitable for usage in *Vandregnskab*. First, precipitation was corrected. For the files in which precipitation was measured at 8 AM (the years 1990-2013), the value of precipitation was brought one day forward (e.g. from March 2 to March 1), because the majority of the measurement's timespan (16 out of the 24 hours) belongs to the day before the registration. Then, precipitation was adjusted from gauge to field level with the correction factors for moderate shelter (Table 2.3) which are also used by the DMI (Allerup, Madsen and Vejen, 1998, p. 15) and by *Vandregnskab* when using weather observations from within the programme (feasible up to three years back) (Thysen, Andersen and Plauborg, 2006).  $ET_0$  was calculated by a simplification of *Makkink*, Eq. 2 (Olesen and Plauborg, 1995), which in turn is a simplification of the *Penman-Monteith* formula.  $ET_0$  (mm) is calculated from the slope of the vapour pressure curve ( $\Delta$ , [kPa  $^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$ ]), solar radiation ( $R_s$ , [ $\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ ]), latent heat of vaporization ( $\lambda$ , [ $2.45 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$ ]), and a psychrometric constant ( $\gamma$ , [ $0.667 \text{ hPa } ^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$ ]). The months January and February were taken out of the datasets, meaning that the simulations always started March 1.

$$ET_0 (\text{mm day}^{-1}) = 0.7 * \Delta * R_s / (\lambda * (\Delta + \gamma)) \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

**Table 2.2** Stations and sources used for the extraction of climatic data

Station	Data source
Årslev (1)	DMI Database
Askov (2)	DMI Database
Borris (3)	DMI Database
Flakkebjerg (4)	DMI Database
Foulum (5)	DMI Database
Jyndevad (6)	DMI Database
Ribe (7)	DMI Square grid for Nitrate Investigations
Skjern (8)	DMI Square grid for Nitrate Investigations
Silstrup (9)	DMI Database
Tylstrup (10)	DMI Database



**Table 2.3** Correction factors for precipitation from gauge to field level (Allerup, Madsen and Vejen, 1998).

Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Correction factor	1.41	1.42	1.35	1.24	1.13	1.11	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.14	1.23	1.37

#### 4.2.2 The soils

A specification of RZC was preferred over topsoil-soil classification, as the RZC represents the amount of soil water which can be utilised by a plant before wilting (Madsen and Platou, 1983). The RZC selected are similar to the ones used by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981), and are representative for Danish soils. In *Vandregnskab*, the RZC were connected to the Danish soil classification system (JB's) and maximum rooting depth (irrespectively of crop) (Table 2.4).

**Table 2.4** Soil specifications for the root zone capacities simulated in the present study.

JB topsoil	JB subsoil	Max rooting depth (cm)	Max RZC (mm)
JB 1	JB 1	50	60
JB 1	JB 1	60	80
JB 3	JB 3	70	100
JB 4	JB 4	75	120
JB 4	JB 4	75	140
JB 6	JB 6	90	160

#### 4.2.3 The crops

The crops used in the analyses required specification of both date of emergence and date of harvest (Table 2.5). For the spring crops a specified date of emergence indicated the start of growth, whereas for winter crops this was indicated by the temperature sum calculated from March 1<sup>st</sup>. Grass-clover does not have a date of emergence either, as it is established in the previous year; *Vandregnskab* treats grass-clover as a winter crop. The dates of emergence of spring barley and beetroot vary from year to year, and were derived from average sowing dates of spring barley in field trials (27 years between 1992-2016) plus 7 and 12 days respectively. The dates of emergence of potatoes was difficult to correlate to the day of planting, yet the emergence varies to a much lesser extent than planting and was therefore set to a fixed date every year. Starch potato was simulated with two different dates of emergence (May 12 and May 25), representing two management strategies. The harvest dates of the different crops were fixed between years and programmed in *Vandregnskab* (Table 2.5), except for the crops which are harvested after the last day of the simulation, September 30. The harvest date of grass-clover was fixed for all 26 years, to let the annual results depend on the climatic data only.

**Table 2.5** Crop specification as simulated in the present study. The date of emergence is specified for the spring crops only. The date of harvest is specified for the crops harvested before the last day of the simulations (September 30).

Crop	Date of emergence	Date of harvest
Spring barley	Average sowing date + 7 days	August 20
Potato (consumption)	May 12	September 1
Starch potato	May 12	-
Starch potato	May 25	-
Maize	May 7	-
Grass-clover for silage	-	4 cuts: June, July, August, and September 1
Winter barley	-	July 20
Winter wheat	-	August 20
Winter rapeseed	-	July 20
Winter rye	-	August 10
Beetroot	Date of spring barley + 12 days	-

### 4.3 Data Analyses

The output files were truncated to the date of harvest for the crops harvested before September 30, in accordance with Table 2.5. Starch potato with the emergence on May 25 has been left out of further analyses, as the results on irrigation were nearly similar to those on starch potato with emergence on May 12. *Vandregnskab* generates a variety of data, but the focus in the present study was on the GIWR and the increase in drainage due to irrigation ( $\Delta D$ ), the latter calculated from simulations of drainage with and without irrigation:  $D_i$  and  $D_{ni}$ , respectively (Eq. 3). The NIWR was subsequently calculated as the difference between GIWR and  $\Delta D$  (Eq. 4).

$$D = D_i - D_{ni} \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

$$\text{NIWR} = \text{GIWR} - \Delta D \quad \text{Eq. 4}$$

At crop-level, the long-term averages of yearly GIWR,  $\Delta D$ , and NIWR were calculated for each combination of crop and RZC using the 26 years of climatic data from each of the 10 locations. The 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR (i.e. the GIWR of the year ranked sixth with respect to highest irrigation water requirement) was derived for the same combinations, to define a more realistic irrigation requirement. Because the permits for water extraction are issued at farm level, it is critical to gain information of the irrigation requirement and its effects on drainage at farm-level. Therefore, three model-farms were designed with specified crop rotations: a dairy farm (1.7 livestock units (LU)), an arable/pig farm, and a potato farm (Table 2.6). For these model-farms the values of the average, median, and 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR were calculated, as were the average  $\Delta D$  and average NIWR.

We also developed a method to address the limitations of the irrigation capacity: the practical irrigation capacity (PIC). The PIC is a measure of the technical irrigation capacity of a farm assuming an irrigation capacity of either 3 or 4 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>. The PIC assumes that a farm's irrigation capacity can build up to a maximum of five days since irrigation can be commenced earlier and end later as the optimum time, thus suggesting a five-day window of opportunity to irrigate. A farmer thus has an irrigation capacity-buffer (IC<sub>B</sub>) of 15 mm with 3 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup> capacity and an IC<sub>B</sub> of 20 mm with 4 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup> capacity. When the day to day accumulated irrigation water requirement exceeds the IC<sub>B</sub>, an irrigation deficit is registered, which is subtracted from the annual GIWR for unlimited conditions. The PIC was calculated as the summation of such daily deficits over the growing season according to Eq. 5, in which I<sub>WR</sub> represents the irrigation water requirement, and where the integral denotes the summation of irrigation water requirements for consecutive five days periods throughout the season, which are only taken into account when exceeding IC<sub>B</sub>.

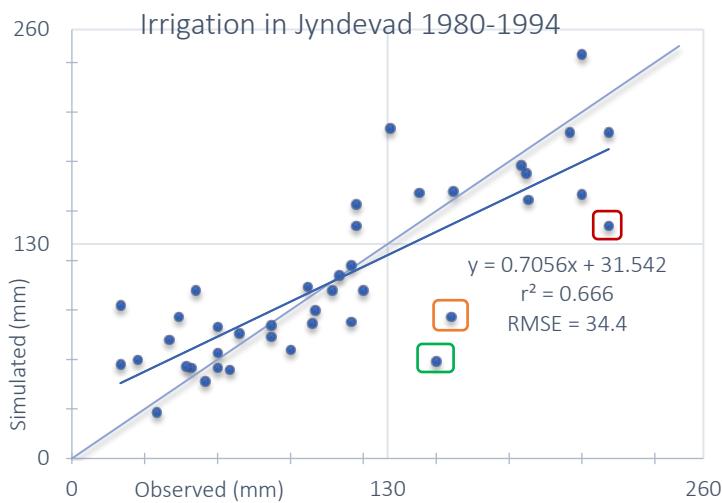
$$\text{PIC} = \text{GIWR} - \sum (\int_1^5 I_{WR} - IC_B) \mid (\int_1^5 I_{WR} - IC_B) > 0 \quad \text{Eq. 5}$$

**Table 2.6** The designed model-farms with specific crop rotations

Dairy farm		Arable/pig farm		Potato farm	
Grass-clover for silage	35 %	Winter rapeseed	20 %	Potato (consumption)	25 %
Maize	25 %	Winter wheat	20 %	Winter barley	25 %
Spring barley (mature)	20 %	Winter barley	20 %	Spring barley	50 %
Spring barley (whole crop) + grass	20 %	Spring barley	40 %		

## 5 Validation of the simulations

A validation of the simulated GIWR was performed on data from irrigation experiments from Jyndevad experimental station as described earlier. In Fig. 3.1 the GIWR as calculated by *Vandregnskab* is plotted against the observed amounts of actual applied irrigation in independent field trials. The simulated values of *Vandregnskab* were generally close to the observed amount applied in the fully irrigated treatments (at or near the 1:1-line). The model prediction error (RMSE 34.4 mm) is close to the maximum irrigation event in *Vandregnskab* (30 mm), meaning that on average, the model predictions was one irrigation event off. Although we found over- and underestimations, the validation test supported the simulated GIWR with a significant  $r^2$  of 0.67. The slope of the trend line of 0.7 indicated a tendency to irrigate more in the experiments than the model suggested in dry years, whereas in wet years actual irrigation was less than simulated. This could be explained by the considerations that are made in actual irrigation management. That is, the precipitation forecast of today and tomorrow were taken into account in the wet years, when there would often have been rain predicted, whereas in *Vandregnskab* this is only accounted for with the 10-mm buffer. Oppositely, in dry years, the practical experiments employed a fixed allowable SWD as irrigation criterion (e.g. Jensen (1987)) disregarding the crop-specific  $A_F$  used in *Vandregnskab*. The model thus does not necessarily underestimate the GIWR in dry years, but rather underestimates the amount applied in experiments.



**Fig. 3.1.** The validation test of the data derived from independent field trials on irrigation (based on either neutron-probe, tensiometers, or a combination of both) and the gross irrigation water requirement as simulated by *Vandregnskab*. Data with coloured boxes are underestimations discussed in the text.

The underestimations were most pronounced in beetroot 1991 (orange) and winter rapeseed 1983 (green) and 1992 (red), of which 1983 was a possible outlier of the trial data: this year there was a

lot of rainfall up to early June, leaving little of the growing season to irrigate (harvest around mid-July). The other deviations are more difficult to reconcile, but the explanation may be found in the crop development versus water balance. For example, the deviation in 1992 seemed the result of the strictness of the phenological model in *Vandregnskab*: the last growing stage of winter rapeseed was reached at June 16, after which no more irrigation was simulated based on the  $A_F$  (Table 2.1), while in the corresponding experiment, 60 mm was applied after that date. Further deviation could be explained by the standardised, fixed, sowing dates of spring crops in *Vandregnskab*. When the actual date of sowing deviates, the relation between crop development and weather will deviate as well. In some years, actual conditions for sowing may have been too wet, which could have caused some deviation requiring different irrigation scheduling than simulated.

## 6 Irrigation at crop-level

### 6.1 The gross irrigation water requirement at crop-level

The average annual GIWR for each combination of crop and RZC at each location is presented in Table 4.1. The average was taken over all 26 years simulated and thus include extremes in case of extraordinary high and low requirements. The annual GIWR at crop-level are presented in Appendix I.

The GIWR depends on both soil- and crop specifications which can be read from the results. The average GIWR decreased nearly linearly with increasing RZC. From RZC 60 to RZC 160, the decrease was about 50 mm for potatoes and maize, 60 mm for winter wheat, winter rapeseed, winter barley, and spring barley, and 70 mm for beetroot, grass-clover for silage and winter rye. The variation between crops was related to (i) the length of the growing season and (ii) the amount of precipitation within their different growing seasons. Even though the simulated GIWR of the individual crops varied, some may be grouped in order to decrease the size of a dataset. For example, starch potato and potato for consumption could be represented just as potatoes without much loss of detail. Winter wheat and winter rye had largely the same GIWR even though winter rye is usually regarded as more drought tolerant than wheat. Spring barley, winter barley, and winter rapeseed formed another group with a somewhat lower GIWR. These differences and similarities may be taken into account during strategic irrigation planning in order to lower peak demands. The highest average GIWR was always noted with the climatic dataset of Flakkebjerg, and the lowest average GIWR with the climatic dataset of Jyndevad. This indicated spatial trends of GIWR, which is related to the differences in precipitation patterns and  $ET_0$ .

From an agricultural point of view is the average GIWR of limited interest since an annual irrigation permit corresponding such values would allow a farmer to irrigate sufficiently only every other year, while in the other 50 % of the years the permit it is not sufficient to meet the requirement, thus causing yield loss. The 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR is the amount of irrigation water that is sufficient to meet the requirement in 80 % of the years, thus the level at which the limited irrigation permit causes yield loss in two out of ten years. These values were generally 20-30 mm higher than average GIWR (Table 4.2). The consequences of such an increase can be considerable for crop production and farm management. For example, the dry matter grain yield of spring barley increases with 20 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> per mm PAW (Aslyng, 1978; Andersen, Jensen and Lösch, 1992). In another study, to the socio-economic effects of irrigation, data from experiments in Jyndevad were used which showed that the

yield increased with 42 % for spring barley with 77 mm of irrigation, 24 % for rye with 65 mm, 54 % for wheat with 85 mm, 24 % for winter barley with 77 mm, and 23 % and 21 % for potatoes (consumption and starch respectively) with 68 mm (Sønderjyllands amtskommune, 1986). Sufficient irrigation facilities and possibilities can moreover encourage farmers to change their crop rotation and include high value crops that respond more to irrigation, for example winter wheat and potatoes instead of spring barley (Sønderjyllands amtskommune, 1986).

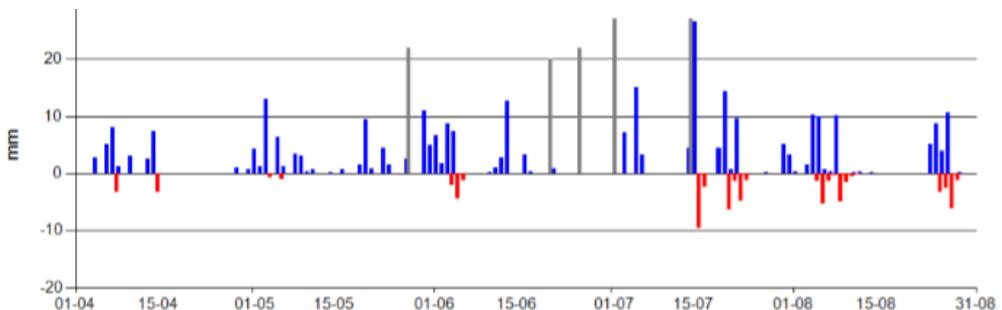


**Table 4.2** The 80<sup>th</sup> percentile gross irrigation water requirement(mm) for the crops at the different root zone capacities according to the different climatic conditions 1990-2015

Spring barley	60	80	100	120	140	160	Potato (consumption)	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	171	150	150	150	120	120	Flakkebjerg	227	216	202	210	180	180
Årslev	159	150	120	120	120	90	Årslev	199	198	178	150	150	150
Silstrup	184	150	150	120	120	90	Silstrup	218	203	175	180	180	150
Tylstrup	163	150	120	120	120	90	Tylstrup	209	200	202	180	180	150
Foulum	148	150	120	120	120	90	Foulum	192	175	175	150	150	120
Skjern	157	150	120	120	120	90	Skjern	190	175	174	150	150	120
Ribe	143	120	120	90	90	60	Ribe	184	176	146	150	150	120
Borris	143	150	120	120	90	90	Borris	196	175	172	150	150	120
Askov	145	120	120	90	90	60	Askov	183	177	150	150	150	120
Jyndevad	126	120	90	90	60	60	Jyndevad	171	159	147	150	120	120
Starch potato	60	80	100	120	140	160	Maize	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	224	215	202	210	180	180	Flakkebjerg	173	150	150	150	120	120
Årslev	203	203	200	180	150	150	Årslev	173	150	150	120	120	90
Silstrup	204	203	200	180	180	150	Silstrup	151	150	120	120	90	90
Tylstrup	214	200	199	180	180	150	Tylstrup	149	150	120	120	120	90
Foulum	190	173	175	150	150	120	Foulum	120	120	120	90	90	60
Skjern	190	191	174	180	150	150	Skjern	143	120	120	120	90	90
Ribe	185	176	146	150	150	120	Ribe	134	120	120	90	90	90
Borris	190	175	172	150	150	120	Borris	126	120	120	90	90	90
Askov	185	194	173	150	150	120	Askov	141	120	120	90	90	60
Jyndevad	171	167	147	150	120	120	Jyndevad	124	120	120	90	90	60
Grass-clover	60	80	100	120	140	160	Winter barley	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	308	300	270	270	240	240	Flakkebjerg	151	150	120	120	90	90
Årslev	294	270	240	240	210	180	Årslev	143	150	120	120	90	90
Silstrup	270	240	240	210	210	180	Silstrup	169	150	120	120	90	90
Tylstrup	283	270	240	210	210	180	Tylstrup	143	150	120	120	90	90
Foulum	253	240	210	210	210	180	Foulum	148	150	120	120	90	90
Skjern	256	240	210	210	180	180	Skjern	142	120	120	120	90	90
Ribe	235	240	210	210	180	150	Ribe	126	120	120	90	90	60
Borris	228	210	210	180	180	150	Borris	130	120	120	90	90	60
Askov	229	210	180	180	150	120	Askov	126	120	90	90	60	60
Jyndevad	215	210	180	180	150	150	Jyndevad	119	90	90	60	60	30
Winter wheat	60	80	100	120	140	160	Winter rapeseed	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	230	203	210	180	180	150	Flakkebjerg	158	150	120	120	90	60
Årslev	209	198	180	150	150	120	Årslev	160	150	120	90	90	60
Silstrup	220	203	180	180	150	150	Silstrup	151	120	120	120	90	60
Tylstrup	201	198	180	180	150	120	Tylstrup	145	120	120	90	90	60
Foulum	200	177	180	180	180	150	Foulum	151	120	120	120	90	60
Skjern	202	176	180	150	150	120	Skjern	153	120	120	120	90	60
Ribe	193	172	150	150	120	120	Ribe	132	120	90	90	60	60
Borris	180	167	150	150	150	120	Borris	134	120	90	90	90	90
Askov	186	168	150	120	120	90	Askov	122	120	90	60	60	60
Jyndevad	165	148	120	120	90	90	Jyndevad	114	90	90	60	60	30
Winter rye	60	80	100	120	140	160	Beetroot	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	218	210	180	180	150	120	Flakkebjerg	236	227	180	180	180	150
Årslev	205	180	150	150	120	90	Årslev	213	198	150	150	120	120
Silstrup	203	180	150	150	120	120	Silstrup	186	172	150	150	120	120
Tylstrup	207	180	150	150	150	120	Tylstrup	191	172	150	150	150	120
Foulum	189	180	180	150	150	120	Foulum	185	171	150	150	120	120
Skjern	203	180	150	150	120	120	Skjern	180	144	120	120	120	90
Ribe	180	150	150	120	90	90	Ribe	181	168	120	120	90	90
Borris	185	150	150	120	120	90	Borris	173	148	120	120	90	90
Askov	167	150	120	120	90	60	Askov	176	146	120	120	90	90
Jyndevad	164	150	120	90	90	60	Jyndevad	159	142	120	120	90	90

## 6.2 The effect of the GIWR on drainage at crop-level

Supplemental irrigation increases the water content in the root zone and thereby increases drainage (Table 4.3) as situations with precipitation events exceeding the soil water deficit arises more frequently (Fig. 4.1). There was however no significant correlation between  $\Delta D$  and the GIWR (slopes ranging from 0.120 to 0.179 and  $r^2$  from 0.176 to 0.101 for different RZC). This may be because the GIWR is high in dry years, when fewer precipitation events result in the SWC exceeding FC. In addition, the 10-mm buffer set in the simulations further reduced the risks of irrigation triggering drainage after rain. The effect of the GIWR on drainage was predominantly positive, meaning that the simulated GIWR tended to increase drainage. At 60 mm RZC the  $\Delta D$  of the different crops and locations ranged from 20 % to 43 %, but was typically in the order of 25-30 % of the average GIWR. This return flow relates well to general expectation that about 30 % of the water abstracted for agriculture returns to natural water bodies (European Environment Agency, 2009, p. 5). The effect of GIWR on drainage became lesser with increasing RZC, because the combination of maximum irrigation (set to 30 mm per event) and precipitation became increasingly unlikely to reach FC. The smaller the extra losses via  $\Delta D$  are, the closer the GIWR and the NIWR are together. The NIWR is presented in Table 4.4.



**Fig 4.1** Graphic presentation of the output of Vandregnskab for spring barley at root zone capacity 60, Foulum 2005. Blue: precipitation; red: drainage; grey: irrigation.

**Table 4.3** The increase of drainage (mm) due to the simulated average gross irrigation water requirement (Table 4.1) for the crops at the different root zone capacities according to the different climatic conditions 1990-2015

Spring barley	60	80	100	120	140	160	Potato (consumption)	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	24	20	15	11	7	4	Flakkebjerg	28	24	18	13	9	6
Årslev	31	27	16	11	9	4	Årslev	33	29	20	10	8	3
Silstrup	31	25	17	7	4	3	Silstrup	37	36	25	16	11	8
Tylstrup	30	24	14	12	9	2	Tylstrup	38	27	23	19	11	7
Foulum	26	18	13	9	5	5	Foulum	26	24	18	13	10	6
Skjern	31	27	22	14	11	6	Skjern	39	38	32	25	18	13
Ribe	34	31	29	19	14	10	Ribe	37	35	32	25	24	15
Borris	30	26	23	15	15	6	Borris	39	32	25	22	21	12
Askov	40	44	29	22	12	9	Askov	45	35	30	24	18	9
Jyndevad	42	37	30	24	13	10	Jyndevad	46	40	34	27	19	14
Starch potato	60	80	100	120	140	160	Maize	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	38	37	31	27	22	18	Flakkebjerg	25	21	16	14	11	9
Årslev	44	43	36	25	21	15	Årslev	29	24	18	14	8	6
Silstrup	55	54	44	37	31	27	Silstrup	37	32	24	20	19	12
Tylstrup	56	47	43	36	23	20	Tylstrup	38	32	29	19	14	8
Foulum	43	42	35	28	21	15	Foulum	29	28	20	14	10	7
Skjern	53	59	54	50	44	37	Skjern	38	35	32	31	24	17
Ribe	49	49	49	42	42	33	Ribe	33	30	27	23	20	18
Borris	55	51	44	39	39	28	Borris	38	35	30	20	23	17
Askov	58	54	48	43	37	27	Askov	32	32	25	21	18	13
Jyndevad	56	54	47	39	32	27	Jyndevad	34	30	24	21	14	12
Grass-clover	60	80	100	120	140	160	Winter barley	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	43	35	32	21	15	15	Flakkebjerg	17	9	5	5	2	2
Årslev	51	48	33	27	19	17	Årslev	22	16	10	5	5	2
Silstrup	56	54	38	37	29	24	Silstrup	26	16	10	4	3	2
Tylstrup	61	52	45	29	23	12	Tylstrup	24	17	13	9	4	1
Foulum	48	44	31	20	18	13	Foulum	19	12	9	4	2	1
Skjern	56	55	51	47	44	37	Skjern	19	13	8	7	4	4
Ribe	54	54	49	46	42	39	Ribe	20	14	10	7	5	3
Borris	60	56	50	35	34	18	Borris	17	15	15	9	6	4
Askov	64	63	55	45	41	35	Askov	30	27	21	11	8	6
Jyndevad	64	66	52	45	37	29	Jyndevad	32	22	16	6	4	3
Winter wheat	60	80	100	120	140	160	Winter rapeseed	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	26	19	14	11	8	5	Flakkebjerg	15	7	4	2	1	0
Årslev	35	26	18	10	10	7	Årslev	19	15	9	4	4	2
Silstrup	36	26	16	7	6	4	Silstrup	17	14	10	2	1	4
Tylstrup	37	25	20	17	12	6	Tylstrup	20	11	9	5	4	-1
Foulum	27	21	15	11	7	5	Foulum	14	8	5	3	1	1
Skjern	34	28	23	15	13	9	Skjern	14	11	6	5	4	1
Ribe	38	33	27	20	16	12	Ribe	17	11	7	5	3	3
Borris	31	23	26	21	14	7	Borris	15	8	9	9	10	3
Askov	46	41	35	24	19	16	Askov	29	25	16	6	6	5
Jyndevad	49	50	33	24	16	9	Jyndevad	26	19	11	6	4	2
Winter rye	60	80	100	120	140	160	Beetroot	60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg	18	13	6	4	3	1	Flakkebjerg	35	33	22	17	18	12
Årslev	23	18	9	7	5	4	Årslev	42	34	24	21	15	10
Silstrup	21	15	4	3	1	1	Silstrup	46	45	35	29	24	20
Tylstrup	30	12	14	8	5	2	Tylstrup	46	44	29	19	18	11
Foulum	20	12	10	4	3	1	Foulum	41	36	27	18	11	12
Skjern	25	18	8	7	5	3	Skjern	50	45	43	37	34	29
Ribe	24	18	13	8	5	3	Ribe	44	43	36	33	29	23
Borris	22	11	16	11	10	7	Borris	55	44	30	31	21	22
Askov	35	27	18	15	10	7	Askov	47	45	40	34	24	19
Jyndevad	35	26	17	9	6	4	Jyndevad	44	46	39	31	21	18

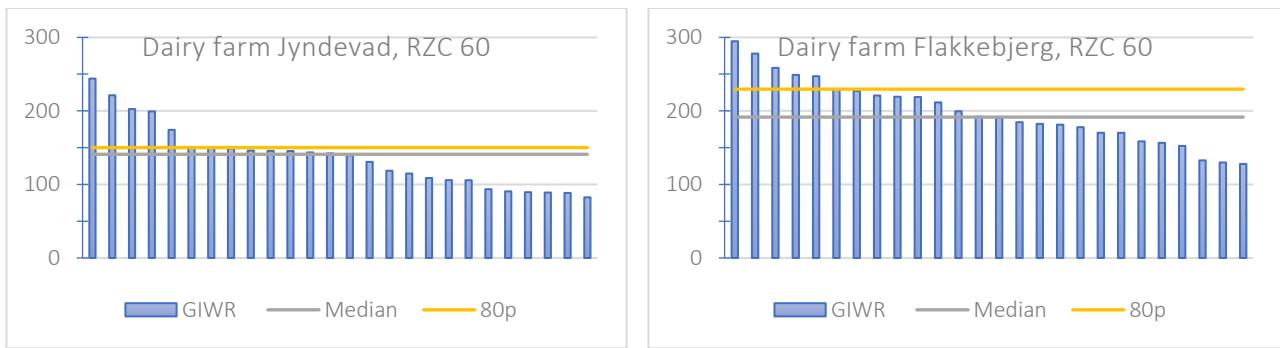


## 7 Irrigation at the model farms-level

Sønderjyllands amtskommune (1986) investigated the socio-economic consequences of irrigation in order to evaluate the importance of allocation of water for irrigation versus other uses (for example industry or environment). Irrigation can namely stabilise a farms production by decreasing the difference between the best and the worst years of production (Sønderjyllands amtskommune, 1986). This aspect of creating resilience to drought has an innate value on dairy farms due to the stabilisation of roughage yields and thereby milk production. The values of irrigation and yield increase were based on results from the research station in Jyndevad (coarse sand). This study concluded that irrigation increased the value of production with between 500 kr and 2,000 kr  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ , or 8 kr to 25 kr per mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  irrigation water, and the socio-economic value of agricultural production with 1.18 kr per mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  irrigation water. These values are likely different nowadays, because the prices of most products have become less since the publication.

### 7.1 Gross irrigation water requirement at farm level

The GIWR at farm level reflects the crop rotations of the three model-farms, with the dairy farm having more grass with high GIWR. At farm-level, there thus was great variety between locations and a decrease with increased RZC. Annually, the GIWR varied tremendously from year to year even when calculated at farm level, highlighting the influence of climatic variation between years. An example is shown in Fig. 5.1, in which the annual GIWR for the model dairy farm given the climatic conditions of Jyndevad (generally the lowest demand) and Flakkebjerg (generally the highest demand) at RZC 60 are presented. Additional figures (for the other farms, RZC, and climatic conditions) can be found in Appendix II. The median generally varied little from the average (data not shown). The annual variation of GIWR in Jyndevad was almost 300 % (from 82 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in 2007 up to 244 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in 1992), and almost 230 % in Flakkebjerg (from 128 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  up to 295 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in 2007). The median in the figures represents the amount of irrigation water that has been sufficient to reach  $\text{ET}_P$  in 50 % of the years: 141 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in Jyndevad and 192 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in Flakkebjerg. The 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR in Jyndevad was near the median, at 150 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ , due to a high number of years close to this requirement. Generally, the difference between the median and the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile was clearer, as for example in Flakkebjerg, where the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR was 230 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ , while the median was 192 mm  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ .



**Fig. 5.1** Annual gross irrigation water requirement (mm) for the model-dairy farm at root zone capacity 60 given the climatic conditions of Jyndevad and Flakkebjerg. Each bar represents the simulated gross irrigation water requirement of one year (1990-2015); the median the level of irrigation sufficient to meet the gross irrigation water requirement in five out of ten years, and; 80p the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile (i.e. the level of irrigation sufficient to meet the gross requirement in 80 % of the years).

If farmers were given irrigation permissions up to the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR it would reduce the number of years their crops suffer from SWD (in comparison with the average GIWR) supposing no other conditions are limiting. For example, for the model-dairy farm at RZC 60, given the climatic conditions of Jyndevad, the average GIWR in Jyndevad was sufficient to irrigate the GIWR in 14 out of 26 years, while the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile was sufficient in 21 out of 26 years. A permission based on the average GIWR would have resulted in an excess-GIWR (the GIWR that could not be fulfilled) of 430 mm, whereas the excess-GIWR would have been 291 mm when the permit was based on the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR. For the model dairy farm at RZC 60 in Flakkebjerg, the excess GIWR would have been 472 mm when the permit was based on the average GIWR, while 179 mm when it would have been based on the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR. Assuming that barley has a water use efficiency of 20-25 kg grain mm<sup>-1</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup> (Aslyng, 1978; Andersen, Jensen and Lösch, 1992) the extra loss in transpiration over the 26 years would equal a loss in production of about 3000 kg grain ha<sup>-1</sup> in Jyndevad, and of about 6000 kg grain ha<sup>-1</sup>, or approximately the yield for one year, in Flakkebjerg.

**Table 5.1** The average gross irrigation water requirement (mm) of the three model farms for each root zone capacity given the climatic conditions of the various locations

		<u>Dairy farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		206	187	173	161	146	129
Årslev		188	173	150	139	125	105
Silstrup		179	161	140	130	114	98
Tylstrup		165	147	129	115	102	80
Foulum		166	151	131	119	108	87
Skjern		161	145	127	116	103	85
Ribe		156	141	123	108	97	80
Borris		149	135	116	104	92	76
Askov		145	132	108	94	81	66
Jyndevad		143	125	104	92	73	61
		<u>Arable/pig farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		149	133	120	111	96	80
Årslev		137	122	106	94	83	65
Silstrup		144	127	111	99	87	72
Tylstrup		125	109	93	84	69	53
Foulum		129	115	100	90	77	60
Skjern		126	112	97	88	75	60
Ribe		120	106	93	80	68	53
Borris		114	100	88	76	66	51
Askov		113	99	83	68	57	46
Jyndevad		107	92	75	65	50	39
		<u>Potato farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		151	137	124	117	102	86
Årslev		139	127	111	99	89	71
Silstrup		147	130	115	103	92	75
Tylstrup		128	114	99	91	74	61
Foulum		131	117	103	93	82	64
Skjern		127	114	100	92	78	64
Ribe		120	107	95	83	71	57
Borris		117	104	91	78	69	56
Askov		116	102	85	73	60	48
Jyndevad		110	94	78	69	54	44

**Table 5.2** The 80<sup>th</sup> percentile gross irrigation water requirement (mm) of the three model farms for each root zone capacity given the climatic conditions of the various locations

		<u>Dairy farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		230	216	210	191	180	162
Årslev		214	204	170	167	149	122
Silstrup		224	186	176	158	156	128
Tylstrup		199	198	174	152	141	122
Foulum		192	171	161	144	137	114
Skjern		190	173	158	144	137	114
Ribe		178	174	150	138	128	105
Borris		180	614	144	134	123	104
Askov		180	164	147	128	111	87
Jyndevad		150	146	135	134	99	104
		<u>Arable/pig farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		163	150	138	132	108	102
Årslev		158	144	120	114	108	84
Silstrup		168	150	138	120	108	90
Tylstrup		149	132	126	120	114	90
Foulum		149	138	108	108	102	90
Skjern		154	138	120	120	108	90
Ribe		139	120	108	90	90	60
Borris		132	138	108	108	90	78
Askov		129	114	96	90	66	60
Jyndevad		122	108	78	78	54	48
		<u>Potato farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		157	146	134	132	126	108
Årslev		143	128	122	108	108	84
Silstrup		151	132	124	114	108	90
Tylstrup		146	128	120	120	96	84
Foulum		139	130	112	108	98	84
Skjern		130	127	112	114	96	84
Ribe		124	113	100	96	84	66
Borris		129	119	103	96	90	78
Askov		126	106	96	90	84	66
Jyndevad		114	97	90	84	66	60

**Table 5.3** The difference between the average gross irrigation water requirement and the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile gross irrigation water requirement (mm) of the three model farms for each root zone capacity given the climatic conditions of the various locations

		<u>Dairy farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		24	29	37	30	34	33
Årslev		26	31	20	28	24	17
Silstrup		45	25	36	28	42	30
Tylstrup		34	51	45	37	39	42
Foulum		26	20	30	25	29	27
Skjern		29	28	31	28	34	29
Ribe		22	33	27	30	31	25
Borris		31	479	28	30	31	28
Askov		35	32	39	34	30	21
Jyndevad		7	21	31	42	26	43
		<u>Arable/pig farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		14	17	18	21	12	22
Årslev		21	22	14	20	25	19
Silstrup		24	23	27	21	21	18
Tylstrup		24	23	33	36	45	37
Foulum		20	23	8	18	25	30
Skjern		28	26	23	32	33	30
Ribe		19	14	15	10	22	7
Borris		18	38	20	32	24	27
Askov		16	15	13	22	9	14
Jyndevad		15	16	3	13	4	9
		<u>Potato farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		6	9	10	15	24	22
Årslev		4	1	11	9	19	13
Silstrup		4	2	9	11	16	15
Tylstrup		18	14	21	29	22	23
Foulum		8	13	9	15	16	20
Skjern		3	13	12	22	18	20
Ribe		4	6	5	13	13	9
Borris		12	15	12	18	21	22
Askov		10	4	11	17	24	18
Jyndevad		4	3	12	15	12	16

The results presented in Table 5.1 and in Table 5.2 assume optimal irrigation situations, i.e. all fields of a farm are irrigated the moment SWD exceeds the A<sub>F</sub> of a given crop at a given growth stage. This neglects the fact that a farmer is restricted by (i) the irrigation capacity of his irrigation system, (ii) the limited area around a well that can be irrigated from the well, and (iii) the time it takes to move the irrigation equipment around to irrigate all fields. Taking such restrictions into consideration lowers the GIWR of a farm, yet it is impractical to account for all such management specific circumstances in a general study as the one presented here. The practical irrigation capacity (PIC) accounts for some of these technical limitations. Analyses using Eq. 5 at RZC 60 given the climatic conditions of Jyndevad showed that an irrigation capacity of 4 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup> (IC<sub>4</sub>) only limited the GIWR to a negligible extent in a few years. For a farmer with an irrigation capacity of 3 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup> (IC<sub>3</sub>) however, the application of irrigation water would have encountered limitations due to irrigation capacity in most years; an IC<sub>3</sub> would have kept actual irrigation from meeting the GIWR in

15 out of 26 years on the dairy farm, and in 17 out of the 26 on both the arable/pig and potato farm (Table 5.4). When we assume that the annual irrigation permission was based on the average GIWR, the model farms would not have been able to meet their PIC in multiple years, whether with an IC of 3 or 4 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>. An IC<sub>3</sub> of course resulted in more, and higher, incapacities: five years at the model dairy farm with an average excess PIC of 46 mm; nine years at the model arable/pig farm with an average excess PIC of 32 mm, and; nine years at the model potato farm with an average excess PIC of 29 mm. Assuming that the annual irrigation permission was based on the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile, the model farms would have been able to make more use of their PIC. Such a permission would have meant that the model dairy farm could not use its PIC in five years with an average excess PIC of 39 mm; the model arable/pig farm not in six years with an average excess PIC of 30 mm, and; the model potato farm not in eight years with an average excess PIC of 29 mm.

The GIWR at Jyndevad is the lowest of all climatic conditions simulated. The irrigation capacity is therefore expected to be more limiting at the other locations in this study, even though small deviations may exist. Such deviations may occur because the PIC is calculated on a daily basis, and is thus stronger related to the occurrence of individual periods with high SWD than to the total magnitude of SWD over a season. It is expected that the irrigation capacity is more limiting in practice than the PIC calculated. Many farms are expected to have an irrigation capacity of less than 3 mm and thus to have bigger limitations. Moreover, the calculations were limited by the irrigation capacity, but not limited by management. The PIC assumed that the crop requiring irrigation was provided with irrigation if technically feasible. The total capacity of the farm was freely and evenly usable on all crops, meaning that for instance the capacity ‘reserved’ for one crop, which did not require irrigation, could be used on all other crops that did. In practice, a farmer is often much more limited with respect to performing such spatial shifts of irrigation capacity. For instance, the fields which need to be irrigated may belong to another well already in use or may require long distance movement of irrigation machines, which doesn’t fit with the overall farm logistics. Such conditions in practise contribute to reduced possibilities of applying irrigation water to the requiring crops at the right time. The PIC attempted to account for this with the 5-day buffer, however, being able to compensate for 15 mm or 20 mm could be too optimistic.

**Table 5.4** Annual gross irrigation water requirement, excess gross irrigation water requirement at IC<sub>3</sub> and IC<sub>4</sub> (>IC<sub>3</sub> and >IC<sub>4</sub>), and annual PIC for the three model farms at Jyndevad, RZC 60, in mm.

Year	Dairy				Arable/pig				Potato							
	GIWR	>IC <sub>3</sub>	>IC <sub>4</sub>	PIC <sub>3</sub>	PIC <sub>4</sub>	GIWR	>IC <sub>3</sub>	>IC <sub>4</sub>	PIC <sub>3</sub>	PIC <sub>4</sub>	GIWR	>IC <sub>3</sub>	>IC <sub>4</sub>	PIC <sub>3</sub>	PIC <sub>4</sub>	
1990	105	0	0	105	105	78	0	0	78	78	76	1	0	75	76	
1991	114	0	0	114	114	83	1	0	82	83	76	1	0	75	76	
1992	240	25	3	215	237	191	25	5	166	186	208	41	12	167	196	
1993	131	3	0	128	131	154	7	0	147	154	160	11	1	149	159	
1994	142	5	0	137	142	102	0	0	102	102	110	0	0	110	110	
1995	204	13	0	191	204	136	6	0	130	136	150	8	0	142	150	
1996	166	0	0	166	166	114	2	0	112	114	127	0	0	127	127	
1997	137	7	0	130	137	96	13	0	83	96	117	11	0	106	117	
1998	78	0	0	78	78	94	1	0	93	94	91	16	3	75	88	
1999	142	0	0	142	142	77	0	0	77	77	79	0	0	79	79	
2000	140	0	0	140	140	107	5	0	102	107	99	0	0	99	99	
2001	146	3	0	143	146	128	0	0	128	128	120	0	0	120	120	
2002	85	0	0	85	85	45	2	0	43	45	62	1	0	61	62	
2003	133	0	0	133	133	66	0	0	66	66	8	0	0	8	8	
2004	80	2	0	78	80	80	0	0	80	80	81	0	0	81	81	
2005	140	11	0	129	140	97	2	0	95	97	100	5	0	95	100	
2006	199	22	0	177	199	156	7	0	149	156	163	11	0	152	163	
2007	86	5	0	81	86	99	4	0	95	99	87	6	0	81	87	
2008	203	6	0	197	203	202	12	0	190	202	185	19	2	166	183	
2009	115	3	0	112	115	107	2	0	105	107	100	1	0	99	100	
2010	106	6	0	100	106	116	2	0	114	116	117	8	0	109	117	
2011	86	0	0	86	86	86	0	0	86	86	79	3	0	76	79	
2012	80	0	0	80	80	78	0	0	78	78	75	0	0	75	75	
2013	145	21	1	124	144	103	7	0	96	103	116	4	0	112	116	
2014	102	0	0	102	102	76	1	0	75	76	88	0	0	88	88	
2015	138	14	2	124	136	112	0	0	112	112	118	1	0	117	118	

Red values: irrigation limited by the IC; blue values: maximum (by capacity limited) GIWR.

## 7.2 The effect of the GIWR on drainage

The effect of the GIWR on drainage at farm-level showed, logically as at crop-level, the tendency to decrease with increasing RZC (Table 5.5). However, the decrease is not equivalent due to the shares of crops in the rotation. The NIWR at farm-level is presented in Table 5.6.

**Table 5.5** The increase of drainage (mm) of the irrigation simulations for the three model farms for each root zone capacity given the climatic conditions of the various locations.

		<u>Dairy farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		37	30	26	19	14	12
Årslev		44	40	27	21	16	12
Silstrup		49	45	33	28	22	17
Tylstrup		51	43	35	24	19	9
Foulum		41	36	26	17	14	11
Skjern		49	47	43	39	34	27
Ribe		48	47	44	38	34	30
Borris		50	48	42	29	30	16
Askov		54	56	45	37	30	25
Jyndevad		56	54	44	38	28	22
		<u>Arable/pig farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		21	15	11	8	5	3
Årslev		28	22	14	8	7	4
Silstrup		28	21	14	5	4	3
Tylstrup		28	20	14	11	7	2
Foulum		22	15	11	7	4	3
Skjern		26	21	16	11	8	5
Ribe		28	24	21	14	11	8
Borris		25	20	20	14	12	5
Askov		37	36	26	17	12	9
Jyndevad		38	33	24	17	10	7
		<u>Potato farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		23	18	13	10	6	4
Årslev		29	25	15	9	8	3
Silstrup		31	25	18	8	6	4
Tylstrup		31	23	16	13	8	3
Foulum		24	18	13	9	6	4
Skjern		30	26	21	15	11	7
Ribe		31	28	25	17	14	10
Borris		29	25	22	15	14	7
Askov		39	37	28	20	13	8
Jyndevad		41	34	27	20	12	9

**Table 5.6** The average net irrigation water requirement (mm) for the three model farms for each root zone capacity given the climatic conditions of the various locations.

		<u>Dairy farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Jyndevad		169	157	147	142	132	117
Askov		144	133	123	118	109	93
Tylstrup		130	116	107	102	92	81
Borris		114	104	94	91	83	71
Skjern		125	115	105	102	94	76
Silstrup		112	98	84	77	69	58
Ribe		108	94	79	70	63	50
Årslev		99	87	74	75	62	60
Foulum		91	76	63	57	51	41
Flakkebjerg		87	71	60	54	45	39
		<u>Arable/pig farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		128	118	109	103	91	77
Årslev		109	100	92	86	76	61
Silstrup		115	105	97	94	83	68
Tylstrup		97	89	79	73	61	51
Foulum		107	99	89	83	73	57
Skjern		100	91	81	77	67	55
Ribe		92	82	72	66	57	46
Borris		90	81	69	63	54	47
Askov		76	63	57	51	45	37
Jyndevad		69	59	51	48	40	33
		<u>Potato farm</u>					
Station \ RZC		60	80	100	120	140	160
Flakkebjerg		128	119	111	107	96	82
Årslev		110	102	95	89	81	68
Silstrup		115	104	97	94	86	71
Tylstrup		97	91	83	77	66	58
Foulum		106	99	90	85	76	60
Skjern		97	88	79	77	67	57
Ribe		89	80	70	66	57	47
Borris		89	79	70	63	55	50
Askov		77	64	58	53	47	40
Jyndevad		69	59	51	49	41	35

## 8 A comparison with previous studies

### 8.1 A comparison with the study by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981)

In comparison with Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) we generally found higher to much higher values for the average GIWR (Table 6.1). When comparing the average effect of the GIWR on drainage, the results tended also to be slightly higher in the simulations of *Vandregnskab* (Table 6.2). At higher RZC, these trends were similar. Even though the way the results are calculated and presented differs between the current study and the study by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981), we believe a comparison is relevant. That is, Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) resented their results averaged over an aggregated area (county), while in the present study the results are related to the climatic conditions of individual locations. Moreover, the authors calculated the results for six groups of crops based on one or more out of four crop models (grass, spring cereal, potato for consumption, and starch potato), whereas we assessed the crops individually. Still, we were able to compare the crops spring barley, grass-clover, potatoes (both starch and consumption), and maize for several locations. For example, Borris and Skjern are compared to Ringkøbing, which in Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) was comprised by station-data from Studsgård, Borris, and Stauning.

**Table 6.1** Comparison of long-term average gross irrigation water requirement (mm) for crops at root zone capacity 60 as simulated by *Vandregnskab* and modelled by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981).

<i>Vandregnskab</i> 1990-2015 GIWR		Gregersen and Knudsen 1957-1976 GIWR	
Crop	Borris	Crop	Ringkøbing
Spring barley	112	Spring cereals	85
Potatoes (consumption)	142	Potatoes (consumption)	89
Starch potatoes	130	Starch potatoes	99
Grass	193	Grass	181
Maize	144	Maize	92

**Table 6.2** Comparison of long-term average effect of gross irrigation water requirement on drainage ( $\Delta D$ , in mm) for crops at root zone capacity 60 as simulated by *Vandregnskab* and modelled by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981).

<i>Vandregnskab</i> 1990-2015 $\Delta D$		Gregersen and Knudsen 1957-1976 $\Delta D$	
Crop	Borris	Crop	Ringkøbing
Spring barley	30	Spring cereals	29
Potatoes (consumption)	39	Pooatoes (consumption)	36
Starch potatoes	55	Starch potatoes	36
Grass	60	Grass	40
Maize	38	Maize	31

Several reasons may underlie the increase of GIWR. First of all, the way  $ET_0$  is calculated has changed: Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) used the pan-evapotranspiration measurements, whereas in *Vandregnskab* the Makkink equation is used. The Makkink equation is preferred over pan-evapotranspiration measurements as the latter has several difficulties affecting the accuracy such as the shelter and oasis effect, the heat capacity of the water volume in the pan, and the

screen placed over the pan (Mikkelsen and Olesen, 1991). Mikkelsen and Olesen (1991) concluded that the shelter and oasis effect may result in a 10 % error on the average evapotranspiration. One way to assess the effect of these different methods, is to calculate  $ET_0$  for 1957-1976 according to the *Makkink* equation. However, the required data on solar radiation was not measured at the time of the study by Gregersen and Knudsen (1981), when the use of sun-hours still was common practice. Part of the increase could also be caused by differences in the model applied such as leaf area development and duration over the season, as well as a change of the evapotranspiration factors in the crop models to calculate  $ET_A$ . In the study of Gregersen and Knudsen (1981), crop coefficients were expected to be maximum of 1.0, whereas the crop coefficients in *Vandregnskab* now reach 1.20 for potatoes and 1.10 for all other crops. Another reason for the increased GIWR may be climate change, yet such an analysis would need to be very detailed to be conclusive and did not fit the scope of the current study.

## 8.2 A comparison with Madsen and Holst (1990)

Madsen and Holst (1990) calculated the NIWR of grass and spring barley in four climatic regions over the period 1956-1985 for calculated RZC (based on the Danish Geological Surveys map at scale 1:25.000). The average NIWR for spring barley in Tørring-Uldum was presented by Breuning-Madsen, Hedegaard and Balstrøm (1999). Two locations of the present study are clearly located in the climatic region of Madsen and Holst (1990) in which Tørring-Uldum is located: Årslev and Flakkebjerg. Possibly, Tylstrup is part of the same climatic region. In a comparison, we found higher average NIWR (Table 6.3). As in the comparison with Gregersen and Knudsen (1981), the difference may be explained by the improvement of models over time or possibly in climate change. Yet, part of the difference in the comparison of the present study with Tørring-Uldum may be explained by the way the climatic data has been used: for Tørring-Uldum the data of 15 stations was used to calculate weekly values of precipitation and  $ET_P$  from April until the end of October, after which the weekly data has been evenly distributed to obtain daily values (Madsen and Holst, 1990). The differences concerning the months used in the two analyses are not expected to have caused an increase, as spring barley would not have been irrigated in March and was harvested in August. Yet, given the variation of the requirements between the different stations in the current study, it seems unreliable to calculate the location-specific climatic data based on such an aggregated area.

**Table 6.3** Comparison of the long-term average net irrigation water requirement (mm) for spring barley as simulated by Vandregnskab and modelled by Madsen and Holst (1990) (figures taken from Breuning-Madsen, Hedegaard and Balstrøm (1999)).

RZC	<i>Vandregnskab 1990-2015 NIWR</i>			<i>Madsen and Holst 1956-1985 NIWR</i>	
	Årslev	Flakkebjerg	Tylstrup	RZC	Tørring-Uldum
80	93	111	83	75	68
100	87	102	76	112	51
120	82	99	72	122	46
140	73	85	60	147	36
160	59	74	50	162	31

## 9 Perspectives

During the study several side-projects developed out of the interest to support the discussion of issuing irrigation permission in Denmark. One of these projects focusses on the correlation between climatic conditions and the GIWR, while another focusses on the influence of irrigation on crop yield.

Given the spatial differences of the GIWR it is desirable to calculate the requirement based on location-specific set of climatic data. Yet, current methods are devious, and a method which enables to calculate the GIWR for any given location based on its climatic dataset is required. The GIWR is however not well correlated to individual parameters of the climatic datasets as precipitation. We still aim to develop a method to correlate the GIWR, yet the project is ongoing. Currently, the results are most positive when seasonal GIWR is calculated from precipitation deficit data, and when it is calculated from data on drought periods. The method needs however to be tested and developed further, and on bigger scale.

*Vandregnskab* not only calculated the daily GIWR and drainage, but also provided data on crop yield development. Such information will be valuable in irrigation planning, however requires further analyses of the data generated in the present study. With such a study, we expect to become able to compare the difference between full-irrigated and non-irrigated yield for each combination of RZC and crop, i.e. the effect of the annual GIWR on yield. The effect of the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR might also be extracted. Such analysis would be an important contribution for further evaluation of the size of irrigation permits.

## 10 Conclusion

The simulated GIWR of the present study were supported by a good correlation with actual irrigation amounts used in fully irrigated experiments carried out in Jyndevad, with a significant  $r^2$  of 0.67. The slope of the trend line (0.7) indicated a tendency to irrigate more in the experiments than the model suggested in dry years, whereas in wet years actual irrigation was less than simulated.

The GIWR depends on both soil- and crop specifications. The average GIWR decreased nearly linearly with increasing RZC. The variation between crops was related to (i) the length of the growing season and (ii) the amount of precipitation within their different growing seasons. Some crops may however be grouped in order to decrease the size of the dataset. These characteristics may be taken into account during strategic irrigation planning in order to lower peak demands.

The GIWR showed big spatial variation, which is a response to the differences in precipitation patterns and  $ET_0$  between the ten locations analysed. Jyndevad tended to be the location with the lowest GIWR, while Flakkebjerg often had the highest GIWR, corresponding to the difference in precipitation between the two locations. At a given location, the GIWR decreased nearly linearly with increasing RZC. At farm level, the differences between the three model farms (dairy, arable/pig, and potato) resulted from their different crop rotations, with the dairy farm having more grass with higher GIWR. The GIWR also showed a big temporal variation: for example, for the model dairy farm at RZC 60, the annual variation in Jyndevad was up to almost 300 % (from 82 mm  $ha^{-1}$  in 2007 up to 244 mm  $ha^{-1}$  in 1992), and up to nearly 230 % in Flakkebjerg (from 128 mm  $ha^{-1}$  up to 295 mm  $ha^{-1}$  in 2007). No correlation was found between the GIWR and drainage (the slopes ranged from 0.120 to 0.179 and  $r^2$  from 0.176 to 0.101 for the different RZC). The return flow related well to general expectations (typically 25-30 % at RZC 60, compared to a reference of 30 %).

The use of an average GIWR is not suitable as a basis for issuing annual irrigation permission due to the yearly variation of the GIWR. Such an average – as has commonly been used by the Danish countries – is only sufficient to meet the GIWR in 50 % of the years. It is however a challenge to issue irrigation permits in such a way that it is acceptable for farming, environment, and society. From an agricultural point of view, a permit covering the maximum demand could be desirable: irrigation is most valuable in the dry years when the demands are high, and irrigation allows the farmer to reach potential yield and avoid loss of both quantity and quality due to drought. Yet, this could result in very high water extraction in some years which can be incompatible with environmental goals for stream flows. Moreover, it neglects the fact that a farmer is restricted, by amongst others the irrigation capacity of his irrigation system (it is generally assumed that many farms have a capacity of 3 mm  $ha^{-1}day^{-1}$  or less, while 4 mm  $ha^{-1}day^{-1}$  is used when dimensioning an optimal irrigation

system). A more realistic optimum of water extraction permissioned for irrigation may thus be found between the average and maximum GIWR, e.g. at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR: the level sufficient to meet the GIWR in 80 % of the years.

For the assessed period (1990-2015), the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR for the model farms at Jyndevad RZC 60, were 150 mm for the dairy farm, 122 mm for the arable/pig farm, and 114 mm for the potato farm. These values are respectively 7 mm, 15 mm, and 4 mm per year higher than the average GIWR. At Jyndevad with an RZC of 60 mm, an irrigation capacity of 4 mm would have limited the annual GIWR with a negligible extent and in only a few years. However, an irrigation capacity of 3 mm would have limited the GIWR in 15 out of 26 years on the dairy farm, and in 17 out of the 26 on both the arable/pig and potato farm. Nevertheless, when we considered the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR (as a basis for permission), the PIC was in some years larger than the limits of such permission. Based on the average GIWR and an irrigation capacity of 3 mm ha<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>, the model dairy farm could not have irrigated sufficiently to reach its PIC in five years out of 26 (with an average excess PIC of 46 mm). Similarly, the model arable/pig farm and model potato farms could not reach their PIC in nine years (with an average excess PIC of 32 mm and 29 mm respectively). Based on the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR, the model dairy farm could not reach its PIC in five years (yet with an average excess PIC of 39 mm), the model arable/pig farm not in six years (with an average excess of 30 mm), and the model potato farm not in eight years (with an average excess PIC of 29 mm). Compared to the average GIWR, the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile GIWR accordingly fits better to a farm's needs. The GIWR of the other locations were higher, thus the limitations as well would be expected to be bigger.

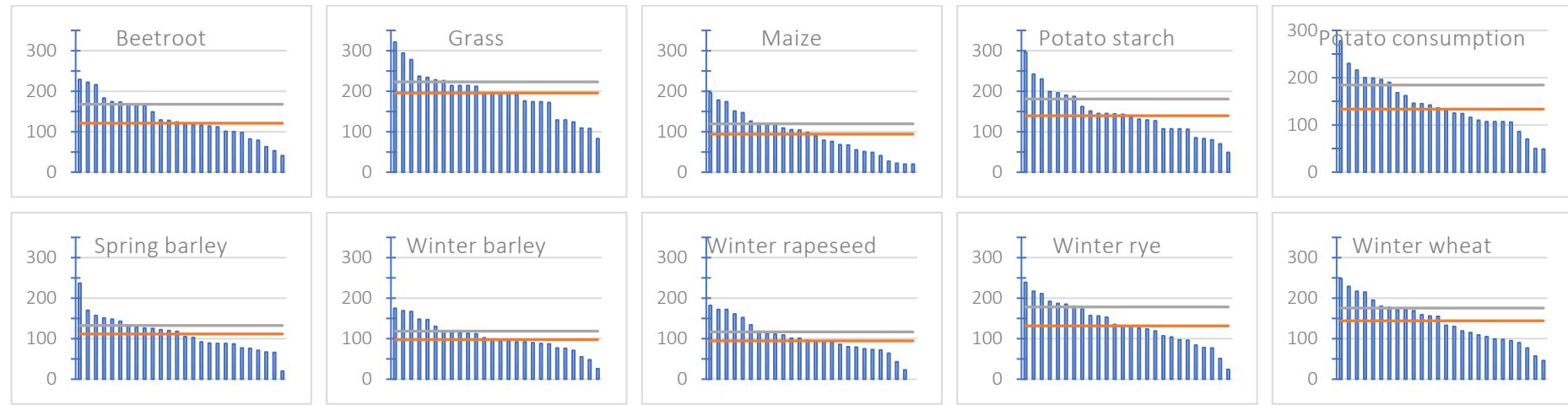
In comparison with the earlier studies of Gregersen and Knudsen (1981) and Madsen and Holst (1990) we found higher values of the GIWR. The increases may partly result from the improved methods of calculating evapotranspiration: instead of using pan-measurements, global radiation is now measured. Furthermore, crop coefficients have been given higher values from a maximum of 1.0 to now 1.20 for potatoes and 1.10 for other crops. Climate change may also have affected the GIWR. To verify this assumption more detailed studies are needed to better compare the different periods.

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## 12 Appendix I - A. Annual GIWR at crop-level at RZC 60



**NB.** All graphs from Borris RZC 60

Year	Beetroot																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	182	122	303	165	223	270	236	242	163	147	223	155	203	201	120	210	173	96	195	256	181	101	197	223	236	176
Årslev	147	163	273	142	157	269	212	244	104	149	90	166	174	226	146	170	175	64	189	213	204	80	119	185	288	156
Silstrup	155	186	255	142	183	242	228	202	54	118	134	75	166	182	180	161	177	104	158	178	163	85	96	197	151	71
Tylstrup	160	203	258	148	173	241	257	180	36	133	104	55	175	173	159	122	159	78	164	76	191	42	87	182	205	139
Foulum	186	139	240	185	170	244	209	202	55	145	97	125	148	170	139	128	178	97	156	159	141	80	77	130	158	79
Skjern	117	145	245	131	151	242	187	180	72	101	116	97	150	155	136	141	174	78	143	168	177	116	76	198	219	117
Ribe	82	141	241	94	157	223	156	165	58	79	134	112	128	154	122	158	196	49	182	165	154	77	73	182	181	130
Borris	112	118	229	128	114	222	174	167	53	129	118	116	168	149	124	165	173	79	101	216	82	41	98	183	100	63
Askov	98	107	233	93	145	222	115	183	77	129	98	100	69	127	137	122	197	63	129	118	120	55	93	176	204	159
Jyndevad	82	86	242	96	131	222	158	146	35	136	107	115	132	172	76	164	183	60	159	99	125	34	79	134	107	115



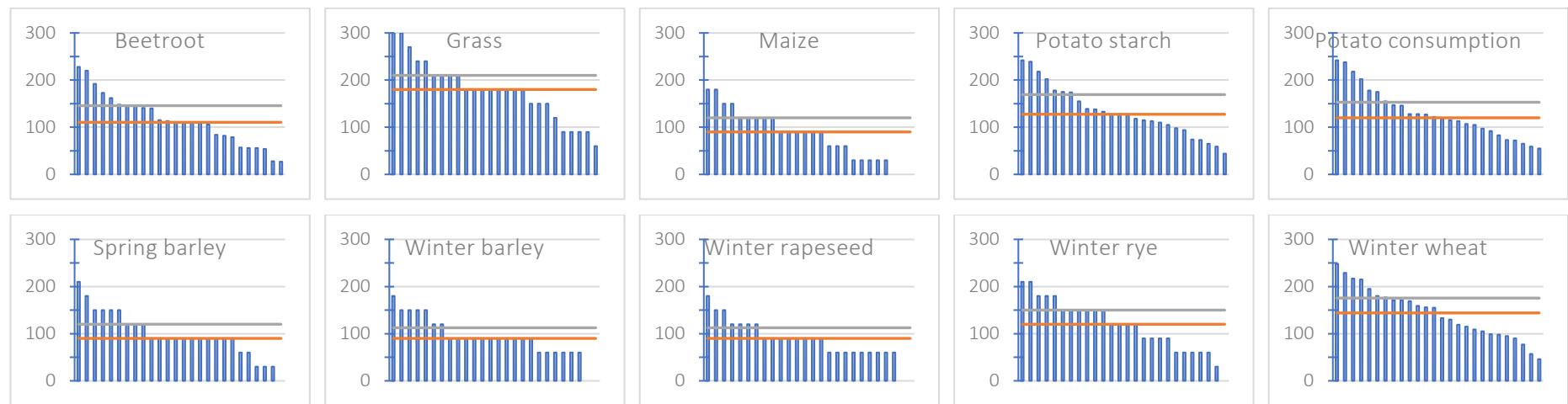




Year	Winter wheat																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	172	138	264	243	243	230	235	207	154	110	228	221	93	101	116	181	218	134	233	219	159	160	168	222	219	183
Årslev	179	181	272	207	194	209	221	179	100	109	163	205	89	155	120	182	187	131	215	217	154	141	120	200	245	150
Silstrup	203	199	276	224	245	203	233	199	104	146	175	152	98	89	178	178	205	156	207	227	175	121	98	220	206	74
Tylstrup	199	195	271	189	261	198	255	156	66	63	132	139	106	106	173	112	212	121	225	114	201	74	79	185	185	125
Foulum	186	154	242	218	240	213	223	159	125	139	130	175	113	94	139	130	185	147	200	172	150	122	98	188	158	82
Skjern	158	152	245	195	149	185	202	125	128	111	160	133	95	88	135	106	215	132	202	215	174	169	60	214	205	109
Ribe	129	133	254	172	195	193	175	122	75	98	143	158	73	67	109	151	216	124	233	172	193	141	90	197	157	155
Borris	156	171	248	180	195	169	177	99	109	95	159	155	98	90	115	130	215	133	171	229	77	119	57	217	105	46
Askov	160	131	256	159	193	195	157	129	113	112	132	127	55	67	142	92	212	116	169	157	133	126	75	187	186	107
Jyndevad	112	110	244	177	155	170	165	103	92	112	134	158	35	81	87	127	216	113	238	142	150	103	107	140	91	140

**NB.** the years 90-15 represent the years 1990-2015.

## 13 Appendix I – B. Annual GIWR (mm) at crop-level at RZC 80



**NB.** All graphs from Borris RZC 80

Year	Beetroot																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	140	116	254	165	195	256	227	231	139	146	227	140	178	202	82	205	188	84	199	252	135	82	170	193	224	164
Årslev	135	174	259	134	142	256	166	230	85	114	80	138	174	203	87	144	167	59	134	198	138	29	83	192	284	140
Silstrup	139	171	254	135	171	231	191	198	26	111	139	82	145	172	140	174	172	59	137	108	107	57	86	170	142	59
Tylstrup	139	198	256	139	172	225	246	162	0	88	83	79	144	143	140	110	142	60	142	54	107	30	86	167	200	113
Foulum	170	110	221	161	171	222	217	174	55	115	84	111	112	144	110	116	130	86	135	111	108	57	56	113	173	85
Skjern	114	144	222	107	144	227	134	141	53	90	82	81	90	113	140	117	165	60	139	137	80	85	58	163	199	115
Ribe	85	113	221	80	143	198	168	142	27	55	113	87	115	144	84	170	197	59	162	114	109	30	53	168	145	144
Borris	111	113	220	110	109	228	173	141	54	115	84	106	146	148	110	145	140	56	79	192	27	28	56	162	82	57
Askov	86	86	223	80	146	196	86	138	29	142	85	80	60	113	138	87	193	60	82	112	82	29	53	168	200	114
Jyndevad	86	84	219	80	142	201	141	114	26	116	84	114	87	174	56	144	193	58	135	53	111	28	84	85	85	136



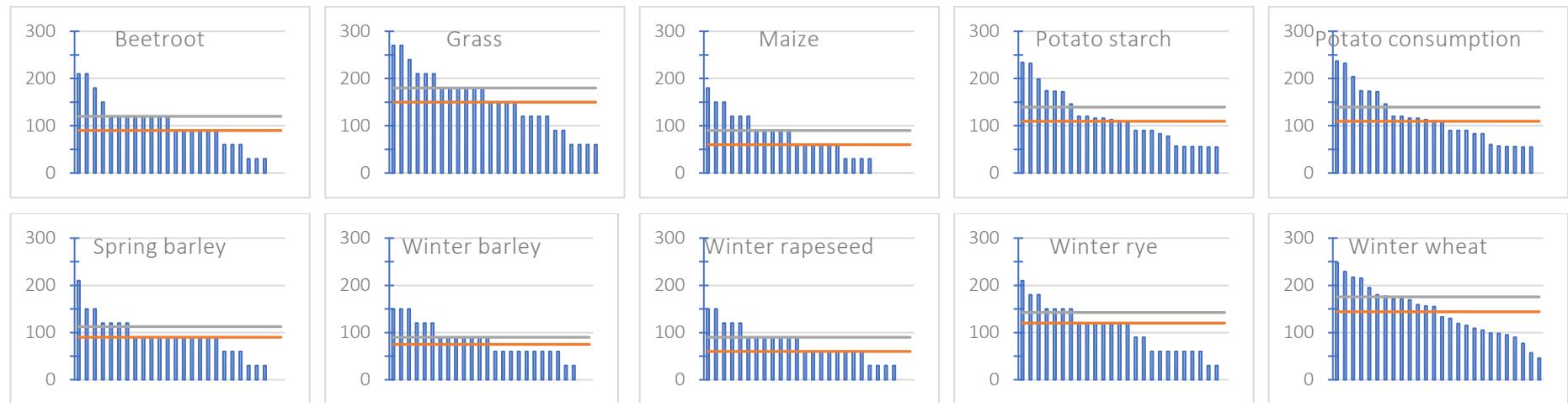


		Winter barley (continuation)																										
		Winter rapeseed																										
		Winter rye																										
Year		90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Tylstrup		120	90	180	180	150	120	150	60	60	60	60	60	90	30	120	60	120	120	180	60	150	60	30	90	120	90	
Foulum		120	120	180	210	150	120	150	60	90	60	60	120	90	30	90	90	90	150	150	120	90	120	60	90	120	30	
Skjern		90	90	150	150	60	120	120	60	120	60	90	90	60	0	90	90	120	120	150	150	150	120	60	120	120	60	
Ribe		90	60	150	150	60	90	120	60	60	60	90	120	60	30	90	90	120	120	180	120	120	90	90	90	90	60	
Borris		90	90	150	150	60	90	120	60	90	60	90	90	90	0	90	60	90	150	180	150	90	90	60	120	60	0	
Askov		90	90	150	150	60	90	90	60	90	60	60	120	30	30	120	90	90	120	150	120	60	90	60	60	120	60	
Jyndevad		60	60	150	150	60	90	90	60	60	60	90	90	30	30	60	60	90	120	180	90	90	90	60	60	60	60	
Flakkebjerg		120	60	180	180	120	120	120	90	60	150	150	60	60	120	120	90	120	180	120	60	120	120	90	150	120		
Årslev		120	90	180	150	90	90	120	90	60	60	90	120	90	60	90	150	90	120	150	150	60	90	90	150	90		
Silstrup		120	120	180	180	150	120	120	120	90	60	90	90	90	30	120	120	120	120	150	150	120	90	60	90	120	60	
Tylstrup		120	90	180	150	120	120	120	60	60	30	60	60	90	30	120	60	90	120	180	30	150	60	30	90	90	60	
Foulum		120	90	180	210	120	90	150	60	60	60	120	60	30	90	90	90	120	150	120	90	120	60	90	120	30		
Skjern		90	90	150	150	60	90	120	60	120	60	90	90	60	30	90	60	120	120	150	150	120	120	60	120	120	60	
Ribe		90	90	150	120	60	90	120	60	60	60	90	120	60	30	90	90	120	180	120	120	90	60	90	90	60		
Borris		90	90	150	150	60	90	120	60	90	60	90	90	90	0	60	60	90	120	180	120	60	60	60	120	60	0	
Askov		90	90	150	150	60	90	90	60	60	60	60	60	90	30	0	120	90	90	120	150	120	60	90	60	90	60	
Jyndevad		60	90	150	150	60	90	90	60	60	60	90	90	30	30	60	60	90	120	180	60	90	60	60	60	60		

Year	Winter wheat																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	166	119	252	231	230	203	199	169	140	111	200	199	82	82	108	172	169	143	226	205	145	149	167	177	202	172
Årslev	173	175	257	203	177	175	205	142	84	86	143	170	87	110	83	142	143	145	224	198	143	147	111	173	231	141
Silstrup	198	201	281	194	228	206	222	174	82	118	144	112	81	84	175	147	175	144	206	201	143	118	55	203	174	53
Tylstrup	168	172	258	198	230	206	220	140	84	57	116	86	113	85	136	87	146	113	202	113	168	84	28	177	171	85
Foulum	170	143	257	227	233	177	201	140	83	118	115	141	86	84	137	118	140	147	199	170	142	119	81	175	144	59
Skjern	112	146	226	170	146	176	172	117	107	79	116	114	82	56	140	115	173	142	200	203	168	146	52	200	202	110
Ribe	114	114	249	144	176	172	171	115	85	112	119	111	56	57	109	111	173	112	225	141	170	146	82	175	145	145
Borris	143	142	227	167	146	147	170	110	110	110	146	143	112	60	117	87	173	142	166	225	85	60	57	202	82	28
Askov	142	82	256	139	146	175	114	88	109	86	114	84	53	56	139	83	168	86	172	141	114	119	82	175	174	117
Jyndevad	112	114	225	175	148	175	113	114	82	86	145	143	30	86	81	116	172	113	228	145	142	86	81	144	82	118

**NB.** the years 90-15 represent the years 1990-2015.

## 14 Appendix I – C. Annual GIWR (mm) at crop-level at RZC 100



**NB.** All graphs from Borris RZC 100

Year	Beetroot																				
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Flakkebjerg	120	120	240	150	180	240	150	180	120	90	210	120	180	180	60	180	150	60	150	210	120
Årslev	90	150	240	120	120	240	120	180	90	120	60	120	150	210	60	150	120	30	150	150	120
Silstrup	120	180	240	120	180	210	150	150	30	90	120	30	90	120	150	150	120	60	90	120	90
Tylstrup	120	180	240	120	150	210	180	150	0	90	90	30	90	90	120	90	120	30	120	60	90
Foulum	150	90	210	150	150	210	150	150	60	120	60	120	90	120	90	90	120	60	120	90	90
Skjern	90	90	210	120	120	210	90	150	60	60	90	90	90	120	90	120	150	30	120	90	90
Ribe	60	90	210	90	120	180	120	120	0	30	90	90	60	120	90	120	150	30	120	90	90
Borris	90	120	210	120	90	210	120	120	60	90	90	90	120	120	90	120	150	30	60	120	60
Askov	60	60	210	60	120	180	60	150	30	120	60	90	30	60	90	90	150	30	60	120	180
Jyndevad	60	60	210	90	120	180	90	90	30	90	90	60	90	150	60	120	150	30	120	90	90



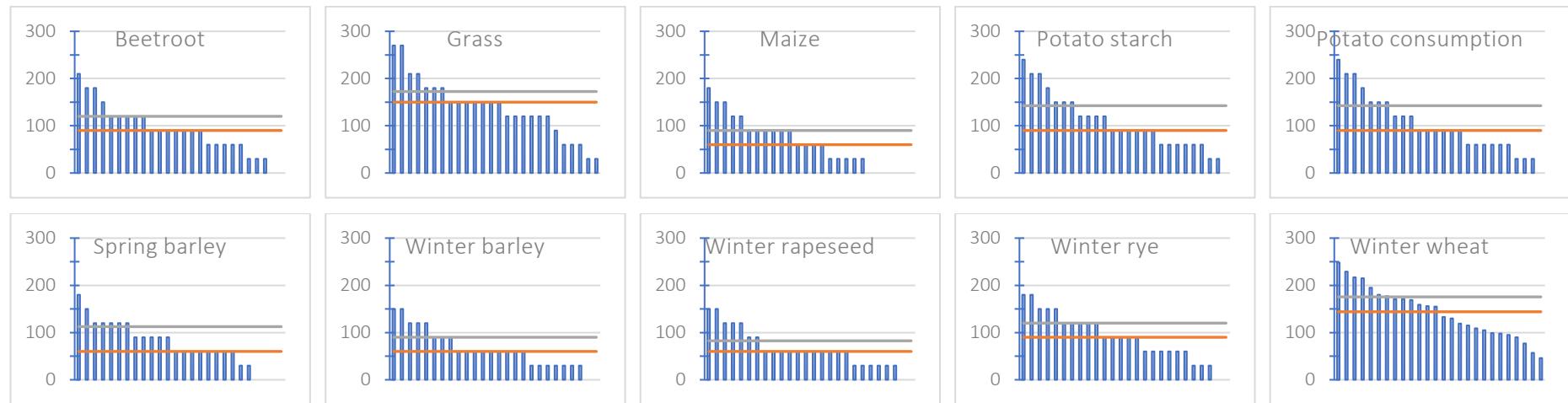


		Winter barley (continuation)																										
		Winter rapeseed																										
		Winter rye																										
Year		90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Tylstrup		90	90	150	150	120	120	120	60	30	30	60	60	90	0	90	30	90	90	180	30	150	60	30	60	90	60	
Foulum		90	90	150	180	120	90	150	60	60	60	60	90	60	30	90	90	90	120	150	90	90	90	60	60	120	30	
Skjern		60	90	150	150	60	60	120	30	90	60	60	90	60	0	90	60	90	120	150	120	120	120	30	90	120	30	
Ribe		60	60	150	120	60	90	120	60	30	60	60	120	60	0	90	60	90	90	150	90	120	90	60	90	60	60	
Borris		90	90	150	150	60	60	120	30	90	60	90	90	60	0	60	60	90	120	150	120	120	60	30	90	60	0	
Askov		90	90	150	120	60	90	90	60	60	60	60	90	0	0	90	60	90	90	150	90	60	90	60	60	90	30	
Jyndevad		60	60	150	120	60	90	60	60	30	60	90	30	30	60	30	90	90	90	180	60	60	60	60	30	60	60	
Year		90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Flakkebjerg		120	60	180	150	90	120	120	90	90	30	120	120	60	30	90	120	90	120	150	120	60	120	120	90	120	90	
Årslev		90	90	150	150	60	60	120	60	30	60	90	120	60	60	60	120	90	120	150	120	30	90	90	60	90	90	
Silstrup		90	120	150	180	120	120	120	90	60	30	90	90	60	0	90	90	90	120	150	120	90	90	60	90	120	30	
Tylstrup		90	90	150	150	120	120	120	60	30	30	60	60	90	0	90	30	60	90	180	30	120	60	30	60	90	60	
Foulum		90	90	150	180	120	90	120	60	60	60	60	90	60	0	60	60	60	120	120	90	90	60	60	90	30		
Skjern		60	90	120	150	30	60	120	30	90	60	60	90	60	0	90	60	60	120	150	120	120	90	30	90	120	30	
Ribe		60	60	120	120	60	90	90	60	30	60	60	90	30	0	60	60	90	90	150	90	120	90	60	90	60	60	
Borris		90	90	120	150	60	60	90	30	90	60	90	90	60	0	60	30	60	120	150	120	30	60	30	90	60	0	
Askov		90	90	150	120	60	90	90	30	60	60	60	60	0	0	90	30	90	60	150	90	60	90	60	60	90	30	
Jyndevad		60	60	120	120	60	90	60	30	60	30	60	90	30	0	60	30	90	90	150	60	60	30	60	30	60	60	

Year	Winter wheat																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	150	90	240	210	210	210	180	120	60	210	180	90	60	120	150	150	120	210	180	120	120	120	150	210	150	
Årslev	150	150	240	180	150	150	180	150	90	90	120	150	90	90	90	150	150	120	210	180	120	90	90	150	180	150
Silstrup	180	180	270	180	210	180	210	180	90	90	150	90	90	30	150	150	150	120	180	150	150	90	60	180	150	30
Tylstrup	150	180	240	180	210	180	210	120	60	60	90	60	90	60	120	90	120	90	180	60	180	60	30	150	150	90
Foulum	150	120	240	210	210	180	210	120	90	120	90	150	90	60	90	90	120	120	210	150	120	90	60	150	120	60
Skjern	120	150	210	180	120	150	180	90	120	60	120	120	90	30	120	90	150	120	180	180	150	120	60	180	180	60
Ribe	120	90	210	150	150	150	150	120	60	60	120	120	60	60	90	120	180	90	210	150	150	120	90	180	120	120
Borris	120	150	240	180	150	150	150	90	90	60	120	120	90	30	120	90	150	120	150	210	60	60	60	180	60	0
Askov	120	90	240	150	150	150	120	90	90	90	90	90	30	60	120	90	150	120	150	120	90	60	60	150	150	90
Jyndevad	90	60	210	150	120	120	120	90	60	60	90	120	30	30	60	60	150	90	210	120	120	60	60	120	60	120

**NB.** the years 90-15 represent the years 1990-2015.

## 15 Appendix I – D. Annual GIWR (mm) at crop-level at RZC 120



**NB.** All graphs from Borris RZC 120

Year	Beetroot																										
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Flakkebjerg	120	90	240	150	180	240	210	180	120	90	210	120	150	150	30	180	120	30	150	180	120	60	150	180	150		
Årslev	90	150	240	120	120	210	150	150	60	90	60	120	120	180	60	150	120	30	120	150	120	30	30	150	270	120	
Silstrup	120	180	240	120	150	210	180	150	30	90	90	30	90	120	120	120	120	120	60	90	90	60	60	0	150	120	30
Tylstrup	120	150	240	120	150	210	180	150	0	30	60	30	90	90	90	60	90	30	90	30	90	0	30	150	180	60	
Foulum	150	90	210	150	150	210	180	120	60	60	60	90	60	120	90	90	90	60	120	90	90	30	0	90	120	60	
Skjern	60	90	210	120	120	180	120	120	60	60	90	60	60	90	90	60	120	30	120	120	90	60	0	120	180	60	
Ribe	60	90	210	90	120	180	120	120	0	30	90	60	60	120	60	120	150	30	120	120	90	30	0	90	120	90	
Borris	90	90	210	120	90	180	150	120	60	90	60	90	90	60	60	120	120	30	60	180	30	0	0	120	60	30	
Askov	60	60	210	60	120	180	60	120	30	90	60	30	0	60	90	60	150	0	60	90	90	30	0	0	120	180	120
Jyndevad	60	30	180	90	120	180	120	90	30	90	60	60	30	150	0	90	120	0	120	60	90	30	0	60	60	90	



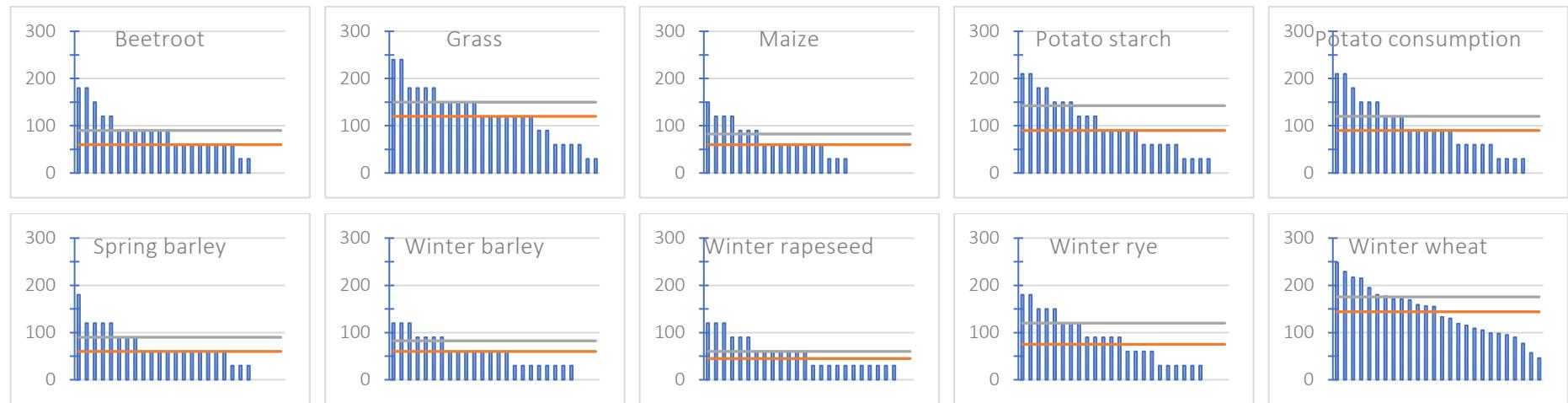


		Winter barley (continuation)																										
		Winter rapeseed																										
		Winter rye																										
Year		90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Tylstrup		60	90	150	150	120	90	120	60	30	30	60	30	90	0	90	30	90	90	150	30	120	30	0	60	60	60	
Foulum		90	90	150	180	120	90	120	60	60	60	60	90	60	0	60	60	60	120	120	90	90	90	30	60	90	0	
Skjern		60	90	120	150	30	60	120	30	90	30	60	60	30	0	90	60	90	120	150	120	120	90	30	90	90	30	
Ribe		60	60	120	120	60	60	90	60	30	60	60	90	30	0	60	60	90	90	150	90	90	60	90	60	60	60	
Borris		60	90	120	150	30	60	90	30	60	30	60	60	60	0	60	30	60	120	150	120	30	60	30	90	30	0	
Askov		60	60	150	120	60	60	90	30	60	30	30	60	0	0	90	30	90	60	120	90	30	60	60	60	30	30	
Jyndevad		30	60	120	120	30	60	60	30	30	30	30	90	0	0	60	30	60	90	150	60	60	60	30	30	30	60	
Flakkebjerg		90	60	150	150	90	90	90	90	30	120	120	60	30	90	90	60	90	150	90	60	90	90	60	120	90		
Årslev		90	60	150	120	60	60	120	60	30	60	60	90	60	30	60	90	60	90	120	90	30	90	60	60	90	90	
Silstrup		90	120	150	180	120	90	120	60	30	0	60	60	60	0	90	90	90	90	120	120	90	90	30	90	120	0	
Tylstrup		60	90	150	150	120	90	90	30	30	30	60	30	60	0	90	30	60	60	150	0	120	30	30	60	60	30	
Foulum		90	60	150	180	120	90	120	30	60	60	60	60	60	0	60	60	60	120	120	90	60	90	30	60	60	30	
Skjern		60	60	120	120	30	60	120	30	90	60	60	60	30	0	90	30	60	120	120	120	90	90	30	90	90	30	
Ribe		60	60	120	120	30	30	90	30	30	60	60	90	30	0	60	60	90	90	150	90	90	60	90	60	60	30	
Borris		60	60	120	150	30	60	90	30	60	60	60	60	60	0	60	30	60	120	150	120	30	60	30	90	30	0	
Askov		60	60	120	120	30	30	60	30	30	30	30	60	0	0	90	30	30	60	120	90	30	60	30	60	60	30	
Jyndevad		30	60	120	120	30	30	60	30	30	30	60	60	0	0	30	0	60	90	150	60	60	60	30	60	30	30	

Year	Winter wheat																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	150	90	240	210	180	180	210	150	120	60	180	180	60	30	120	150	150	120	210	180	120	120	120	150	180	150
Årslev	150	120	210	180	150	150	180	150	60	90	120	150	90	90	90	120	120	90	180	150	90	90	90	120	180	120
Silstrup	150	180	240	180	210	180	210	150	60	60	90	90	60	30	150	150	150	120	180	150	120	90	30	180	150	30
Tylstrup	120	150	240	180	210	180	180	120	60	30	90	60	90	30	120	60	120	90	180	60	150	60	30	120	150	60
Foulum	150	90	210	180	210	180	180	120	60	90	90	120	90	60	90	90	120	120	180	120	120	90	60	120	120	60
Skjern	90	120	210	150	120	150	150	90	90	60	90	90	60	30	90	90	150	120	180	180	150	120	30	180	180	60
Ribe	90	90	210	120	150	120	150	90	60	60	90	90	60	30	90	90	180	90	180	120	150	90	60	150	120	120
Borris	120	120	210	150	120	120	150	60	90	60	120	120	90	30	90	60	150	120	150	210	60	60	30	180	60	0
Askov	90	60	210	120	120	120	90	90	60	60	60	90	0	30	120	60	150	90	150	120	90	60	60	120	120	90
Jyndevad	60	60	210	150	120	120	120	60	60	30	90	90	30	30	60	60	150	90	210	90	120	60	60	120	30	90

**NB.** the years 90-15 represent the years 1990-2015.

## 16 Appendix I – E. Annual GIWR (mm) at crop-level at RZC 140



**NB.** All graphs from Borris RZC 140

Year	Beetroot																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	120	90	210	150	180	180	150	150	120	60	180	120	150	150	30	150	120	30	150	180	120	60	150	150	180	120
Årslev	60	120	210	120	120	180	120	120	60	90	60	90	120	180	60	90	120	30	120	120	120	30	0	150	240	90
Silstrup	120	150	210	120	150	150	120	120	0	60	90	30	60	90	90	120	120	30	90	60	60	30	0	120	120	0
Tylstrup	120	150	210	120	150	180	150	120	0	30	60	30	60	60	90	30	90	30	90	30	90	0	30	150	150	60
Foulum	120	60	180	120	120	180	120	120	30	60	30	90	30	90	60	60	90	30	90	60	60	30	0	90	120	30
Skjern	60	60	180	90	120	150	90	120	30	60	60	60	60	90	60	60	120	30	90	120	60	60	0	120	150	60
Ribe	30	60	180	60	90	150	90	90	0	30	60	60	60	90	60	90	120	0	90	90	90	30	0	90	120	90
Borris	60	90	180	90	60	150	90	90	30	90	60	60	90	90	60	60	120	30	60	180	0	0	0	120	60	0
Askov	30	30	180	60	90	150	30	120	0	90	60	30	0	60	60	30	120	0	30	90	60	0	0	90	150	90
Jyndevad	30	30	180	90	90	150	90	30	0	90	60	30	0	120	0	90	120	0	90	30	60	0	0	60	60	60



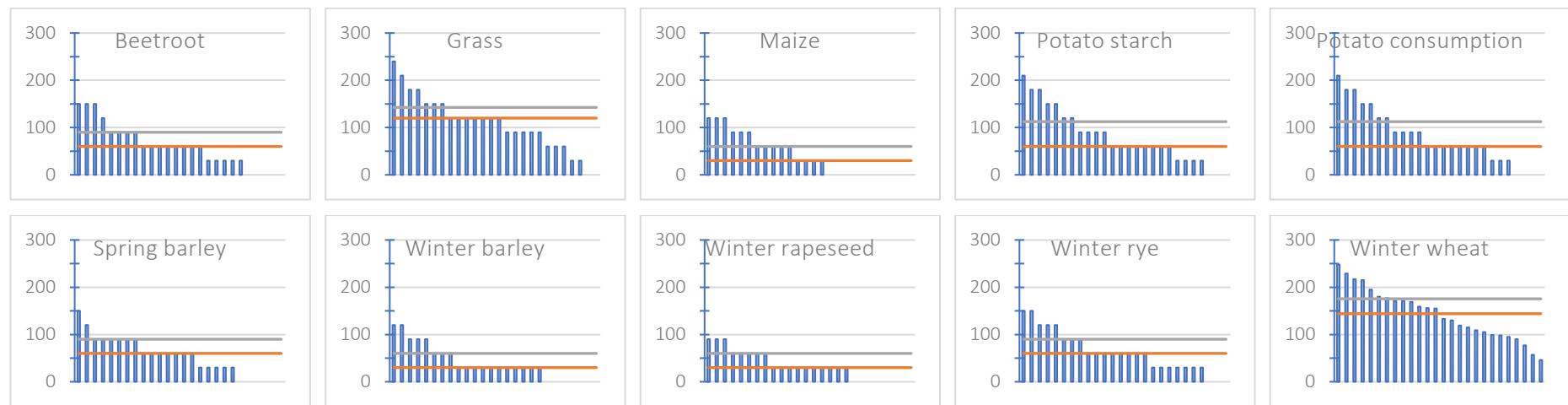


		Winter barley (continuation)																										
		Winter rapeseed																										
		Winter rye																										
Year		90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Tylstrup		60	90	150	120	120	90	90	30	30	0	30	0	60	0	60	30	30	60	150	0	120	30	0	30	60	30	
Foulum		60	60	120	180	120	90	120	30	30	30	30	60	60	0	60	60	60	90	120	90	60	90	30	60	60	0	
Skjern		60	60	120	120	30	30	90	30	60	30	60	60	30	0	60	30	60	90	120	120	90	90	0	90	90	0	
Ribe		60	60	120	90	30	30	90	30	30	30	90	30	0	60	60	60	90	120	60	90	60	30	60	60	30		
Borris		60	60	120	120	30	60	90	30	60	30	60	60	60	0	30	30	90	120	90	30	60	0	90	30	0		
Askov		60	60	120	90	30	30	60	30	30	30	60	0	0	60	30	30	60	120	90	30	60	30	60	60	30		
Jyndevad		30	30	120	120	30	30	60	30	30	0	30	60	0	0	30	0	60	60	150	30	60	60	30	30	0	30	
Flakkebjerg		90	30	150	120	90	90	60	60	30	90	90	30	0	60	90	60	90	120	90	30	90	90	60	120	90		
Årslev		90	60	120	120	30	60	90	60	30	30	60	90	30	30	60	90	60	90	120	90	0	60	60	90	60		
Silstrup		60	90	120	150	120	90	90	60	30	0	30	60	30	0	60	60	60	90	120	90	60	60	30	60	90	0	
Tylstrup		60	90	120	120	90	90	90	30	30	0	30	0	60	0	60	30	30	60	150	0	120	30	0	30	60	30	
Foulum		60	60	120	150	90	60	120	30	30	30	30	60	30	0	30	60	30	90	120	60	60	30	60	60	0		
Skjern		60	60	90	120	30	30	90	0	60	30	30	60	30	0	60	30	30	90	120	120	90	90	30	60	90	0	
Ribe		60	60	120	90	30	30	90	30	30	30	30	60	30	0	60	30	60	60	120	60	90	60	30	60	30	30	
Borris		60	60	120	120	30	30	90	30	60	30	60	60	30	0	30	30	90	120	90	30	60	30	60	30	0		
Askov		60	60	120	90	30	30	60	30	30	30	30	60	0	0	60	30	30	60	120	60	30	60	30	60	60	30	
Jyndevad		30	60	120	90	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	0	30	0	60	60	150	30	30	60	30	30	0	30	

Year	Winter wheat																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	150	60	210	180	180	180	150	90	60	180	180	60	30	90	120	150	90	180	150	120	90	120	150	180	120	
Årslev	120	90	210	180	120	150	180	120	30	60	90	150	60	60	60	120	120	90	180	150	90	90	90	120	180	120
Silstrup	150	150	240	180	180	180	180	120	60	30	90	90	60	0	120	120	150	120	150	150	120	90	30	150	150	30
Tylstrup	120	150	210	150	180	150	180	120	30	0	60	30	90	0	90	60	90	90	180	30	150	30	0	120	120	60
Foulum	120	90	210	180	180	180	180	90	60	60	60	120	60	30	60	90	120	120	180	120	90	60	60	120	90	0
Skjern	90	120	180	150	120	120	150	60	90	60	90	90	60	0	90	60	120	120	150	180	120	120	30	150	150	60
Ribe	60	60	210	120	120	120	150	90	30	60	90	90	60	30	90	90	150	90	180	120	120	90	60	120	90	90
Borris	120	120	210	150	90	90	150	60	90	60	90	90	60	0	60	60	120	120	150	180	30	30	30	150	60	0
Askov	90	60	210	90	120	120	90	60	60	30	60	60	0	0	90	60	120	60	150	120	90	60	60	120	120	60
Jyndevad	60	60	180	120	120	90	90	60	60	30	60	60	30	30	60	30	120	90	180	60	90	60	30	60	30	90

**NB.** the years 90-15 represent the years 1990-2015.

## 17 Appendix I – F. Annual GIWR (mm) at crop-level at RZC 160



**NB.** All graphs from Borris RZC 160

Year	Beetroot																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	90	60	180	120	150	210	120	150	90	30	180	120	120	120	0	150	120	30	120	150	90	30	120	150	150	120
Årslev	60	120	180	120	90	180	90	120	60	60	60	90	90	150	30	90	90	0	120	120	90	0	0	120	210	90
Silstrup	90	150	180	90	150	180	120	120	0	60	60	30	30	90	90	90	90	30	60	60	60	30	0	120	90	0
Tylstrup	90	120	180	90	120	180	150	120	0	30	30	30	30	60	60	30	90	0	60	30	60	0	0	120	150	60
Foulum	120	60	180	120	120	180	120	60	30	60	30	90	30	90	30	60	60	30	90	60	60	30	0	60	90	30
Skjern	60	60	150	90	90	150	60	90	30	30	60	60	0	60	60	60	120	30	90	90	60	60	0	90	150	30
Ribe	30	60	180	60	90	150	60	90	0	30	60	30	0	90	30	60	120	0	90	90	60	30	0	60	90	60
Borris	60	60	150	90	60	150	90	90	30	60	60	60	30	60	30	60	120	0	30	150	0	0	0	90	30	0
Askov	30	30	150	30	90	150	30	90	0	60	30	30	0	30	30	30	120	0	30	60	60	0	0	90	120	60
Jyndevad	30	30	150	60	90	150	60	30	0	60	30	30	0	90	0	60	120	0	90	30	60	0	0	30	30	60





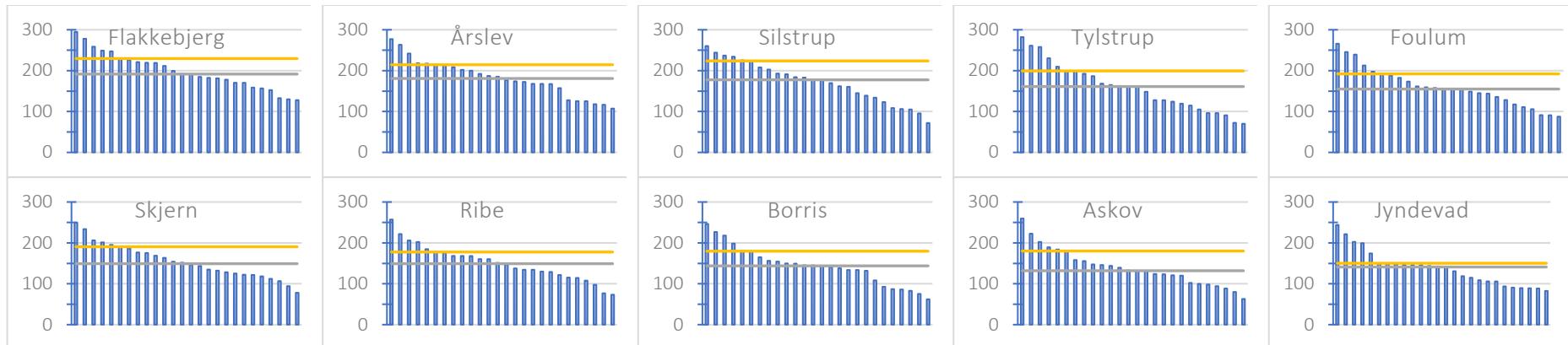
		Winter barley (continuation)																												
		Winter rapeseed																												
		Winter rye																												
Year		90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15			
Tylstrup		30	60	120	120	90	60	90	30	0	0	30	0	60	0	60	0	30	60	120	0	90	30	0	30	30	30			
Foulum		60	60	120	150	90	60	90	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	90	90	60	60	60	0	30	60	0			
Skjern		30	60	90	120	0	0	90	0	60	30	30	30	30	0	60	30	30	90	120	90	90	60	0	60	60	0			
Ribe		30	30	90	90	30	30	60	30	0	30	30	60	0	0	30	30	60	60	120	60	60	60	30	60	30	30			
Borris		30	60	90	120	30	0	60	0	30	30	30	30	30	0	30	0	30	90	120	90	0	30	0	60	30	0			
Askov		60	60	120	90	30	30	60	0	30	30	30	30	0	0	60	0	30	30	90	60	30	30	30	60	0	0			
Jyndevad		30	30	90	90	0	30	30	0	30	0	30	60	0	0	30	0	30	60	120	30	30	30	0	30	0	0	30		

Year	Winter wheat																									
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Flakkebjerg	120	30	210	180	150	150	150	120	90	30	150	150	60	30	90	120	120	90	180	120	90	90	90	120	150	120
Årslev	90	90	180	150	120	120	150	90	30	60	90	120	60	60	60	90	90	90	180	120	60	90	60	90	150	90
Silstrup	120	150	210	150	180	150	180	120	60	30	90	60	60	0	120	90	120	120	120	90	60	30	150	120	30	
Tylstrup	90	120	180	120	180	150	150	90	30	0	60	30	60	0	90	30	90	60	150	30	120	30	0	90	90	30
Foulum	120	60	180	150	180	150	150	90	60	30	30	90	60	30	60	60	90	120	150	90	60	60	30	90	90	0
Skjern	90	90	180	120	90	90	120	60	90	30	60	60	60	0	90	30	120	90	150	150	120	90	30	150	120	30
Ribe	60	60	180	120	120	90	120	60	30	30	60	90	30	0	60	60	150	60	150	90	90	60	60	90	90	90
Borris	90	90	180	120	90	90	120	30	60	30	90	90	60	0	60	30	120	90	120	150	30	30	30	150	30	0
Askov	60	60	180	90	90	90	90	60	60	30	30	60	0	0	90	30	120	60	120	90	60	60	60	90	90	60
Jyndevad	30	30	180	120	90	90	90	30	30	30	30	60	0	0	60	30	120	60	180	60	90	30	30	60	0	60

**NB.** the years 90-15 represent the years 1990-2015.

## 18 Appendix II – A1. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model dairy farm at RZC 60

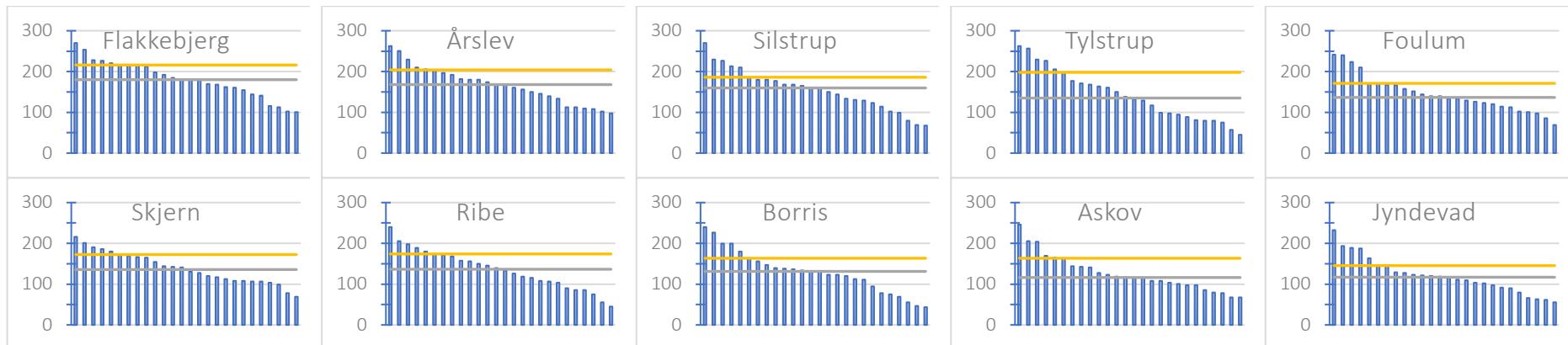
GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	182	152	295	192	230	278	247	249	159	170	227	185	178	170	133
Årslev	185	200	277	172	167	242	217	213	125	157	125	177	168	209	128
Silstrup	184	234	260	179	225	244	237	224	95	139	162	105	145	161	191
Tylstrup	165	230	282	168	210	258	261	187	70	115	124	105	161	128	163
Foulum	188	149	266	198	213	239	246	192	88	159	117	154	136	144	145
Skjern	128	177	250	154	163	234	201	169	94	112	135	125	118	122	152
Ribe	138	160	257	122	160	222	185	168	73	115	147	129	98	134	130
Borris	134	165	246	145	138	218	198	150	87	156	145	134	149	143	132
Askov	131	133	260	123	180	223	156	147	80	139	120	100	63	124	146
Jyndevad	109	119	244	131	146	221	174	150	82	150	144	146	94	145	89
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase. D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	212	200	128	221	259	157	130	191	219	219	181	199	37	162	
Årslev	202	187	107	218	214	168	117	118	192	263	174	182	44	138	
Silstrup	176	193	123	183	203	134	109	106	208	170	72	154	49	105	
Tylstrup	119	161	96	192	91	148	72	96	199	199	128	159	51	108	
Foulum	154	156	111	182	173	128	106	91	158	161	91	159	41	118	
Skjern	147	187	107	190	175	132	143	78	195	206	122	172	49	123	
Ribe	168	202	108	206	168	134	114	77	178	175	151	151	48	103	
Borris	154	180	108	141	227	75	83	86	181	93	62	143	50	93	
Askov	121	202	88	158	144	102	98	94	184	189	131	140	54	86	
Jyndevad	140	199	90	203	115	106	91	88	149	106	142	137	56	81	

## 19 Appendix II – A2. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model dairy farm at RZC 80

GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	161	141	270	179	216	254	228	227	144	168	215	180	155	162	102
Årslev	174	192	263	161	168	230	204	210	98	146	108	150	156	180	110
Silstrup	168	227	270	161	210	230	213	186	68	134	150	99	114	123	168
Tylstrup	168	206	263	161	227	230	257	164	45	89	98	80	132	117	138
Foulum	168	134	240	171	210	242	224	171	86	129	98	152	114	123	140
Skjern	128	173	216	131	155	201	170	141	78	99	120	104	108	107	144
Ribe	108	150	240	119	158	206	180	146	45	75	134	104	86	107	116
Borris	138	156	240	131	147	200	200	140	78	123	120	111	132	95	134
Askov	128	143	246	108	165	206	116	141	68	123	98	104	78	101	144
Jyndevad	98	104	233	119	146	194	164	123	56	122	110	120	63	146	80
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase.D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	198	180	113	213	221	116	101	185	192	215	170	181	30	151	
Årslev	180	168	113	197	206	134	113	102	182	251	140	167	40	127	
Silstrup	180	180	129	159	165	131	102	80	177	144	69	155	45	110	
Tylstrup	95	150	80	171	75	129	57	81	177	198	99	142	43	99	
Foulum	134	158	113	167	126	120	102	69	140	144	101	145	36	109	
Skjern	117	180	113	167	165	143	108	69	186	191	107	139	47	92	
Ribe	156	198	90	189	173	126	86	56	174	168	140	136	47	89	
Borris	123	180	113	137	227	56	44	69	164	75	47	130	48	82	
Askov	116	204	68	119	108	98	86	80	164	170	117	127	56	71	
Jyndevad	129	188	90	189	102	116	66	62	111	92	128	121	54	67	

## 20 Appendix II – A3. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model dairy farm at RZC 100

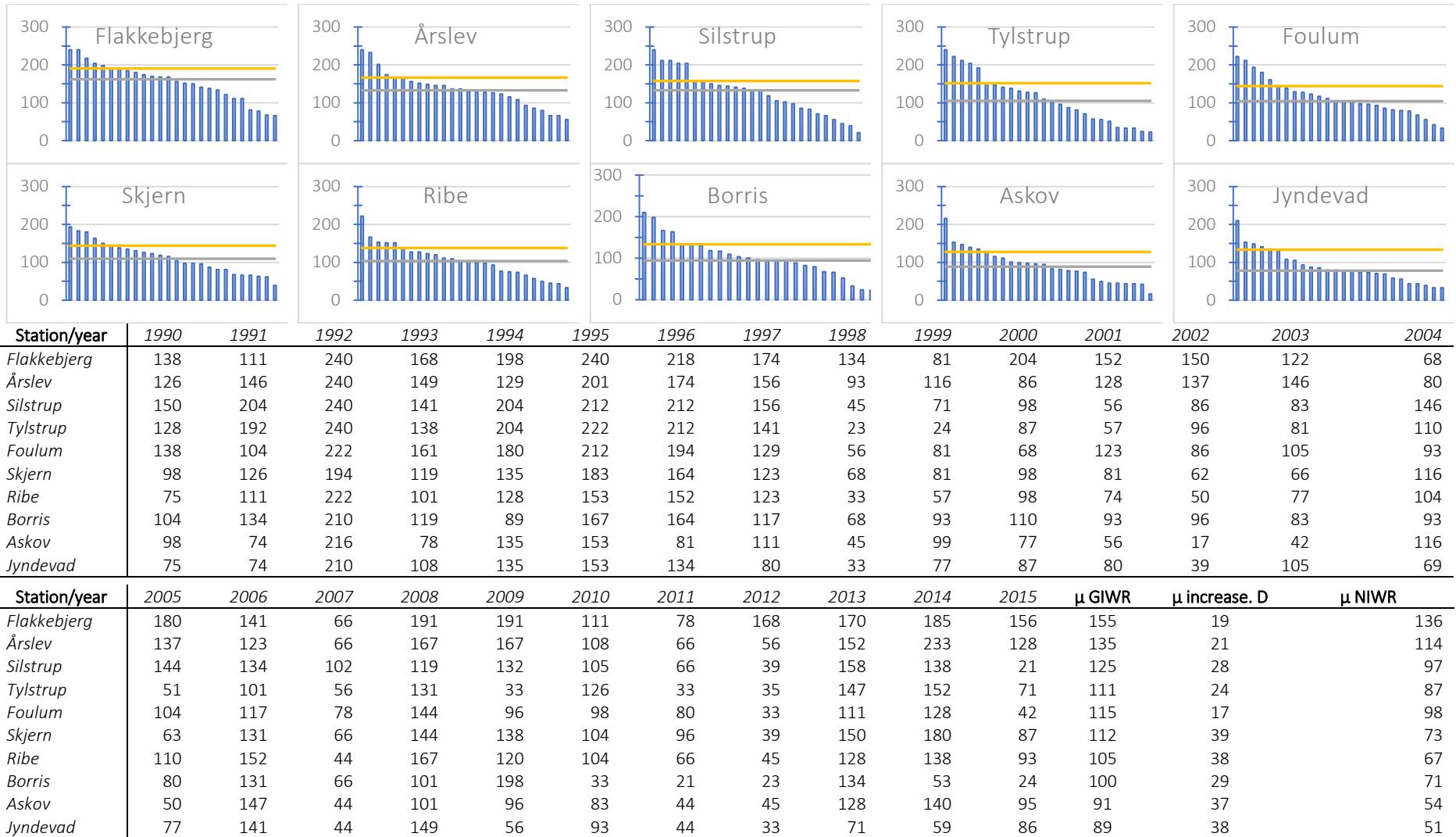
GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	155	128	251	171	198	252	218	210	134	110	215	164	144	140	102
Årslev	138	165	257	149	146	201	186	164	87	122	96	134	137	170	104
Silstrup	167	210	234	153	216	206	206	176	56	83	117	68	98	102	156
Tylstrup	138	186	251	138	198	230	213	164	33	83	104	51	120	89	138
Foulum	162	126	233	161	174	206	210	156	56	135	87	123	110	105	116
Skjern	98	128	222	131	135	183	164	141	78	98	110	93	86	77	116
Ribe	86	128	233	101	141	183	152	134	45	81	110	86	86	105	116
Borris	120	144	216	131	111	183	164	123	68	122	104	93	132	77	104
Askov	98	81	216	90	158	183	110	140	56	111	98	63	27	65	126
Jyndevad	75	81	216	108	135	183	158	80	45	93	98	84	56	113	69
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase. D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	174	180	90	201	213	123	89	168	170	204	156	167	26	141	
Årslev	156	140	66	167	167	125	66	84	170	233	140	145	27	118	
Silstrup	144	146	102	149	126	116	66	45	170	150	33	134	33	101	
Tylstrup	68	123	80	159	63	126	33	47	164	174	87	125	35	90	
Foulum	98	111	95	144	108	110	74	69	123	132	65	126	26	100	
Skjern	92	152	66	167	149	120	96	69	158	180	87	123	43	80	
Ribe	129	164	80	167	120	132	66	45	150	146	110	119	44	75	
Borris	99	141	78	111	198	45	33	47	158	69	35	112	42	70	
Askov	69	152	44	119	96	93	54	45	147	168	107	104	45	59	
Jyndevad	104	180	44	159	74	93	44	33	117	75	93	100	44	56	

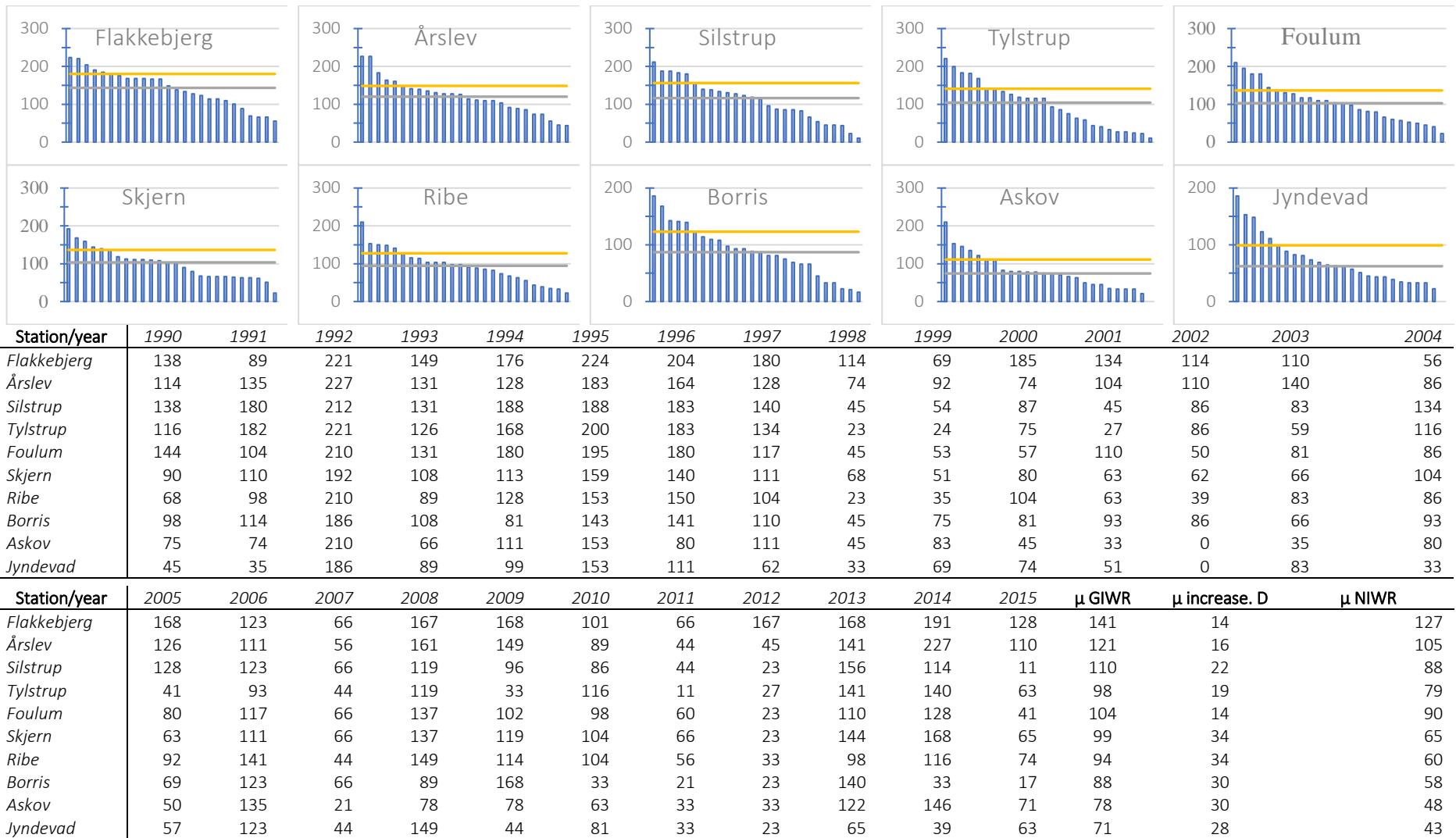
## 21 Appendix II – A4. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model dairy farm at RZC 120

GIWR Median 80p



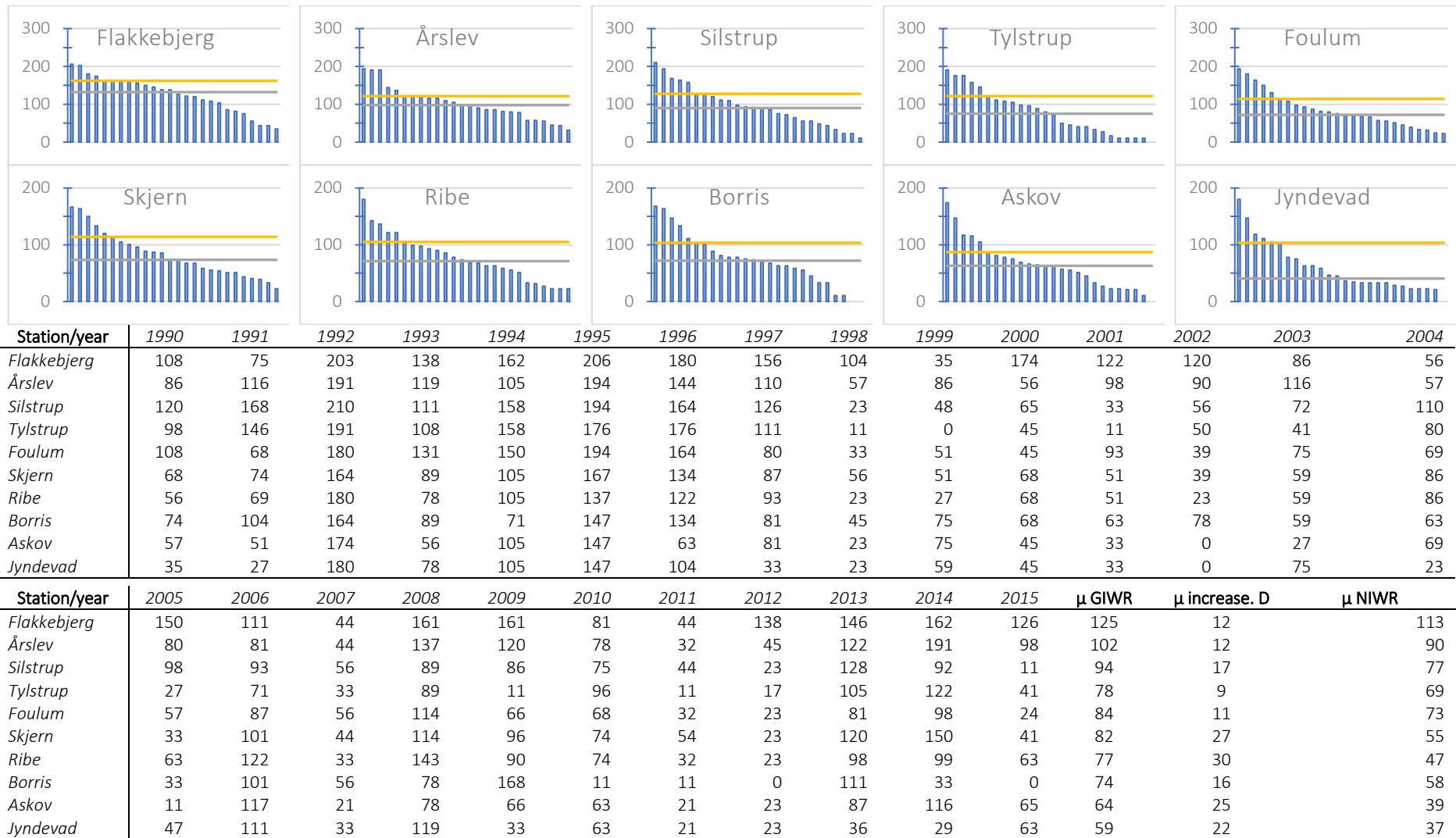
## 22 Appendix II – A5. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model dairy farm at RZC 140

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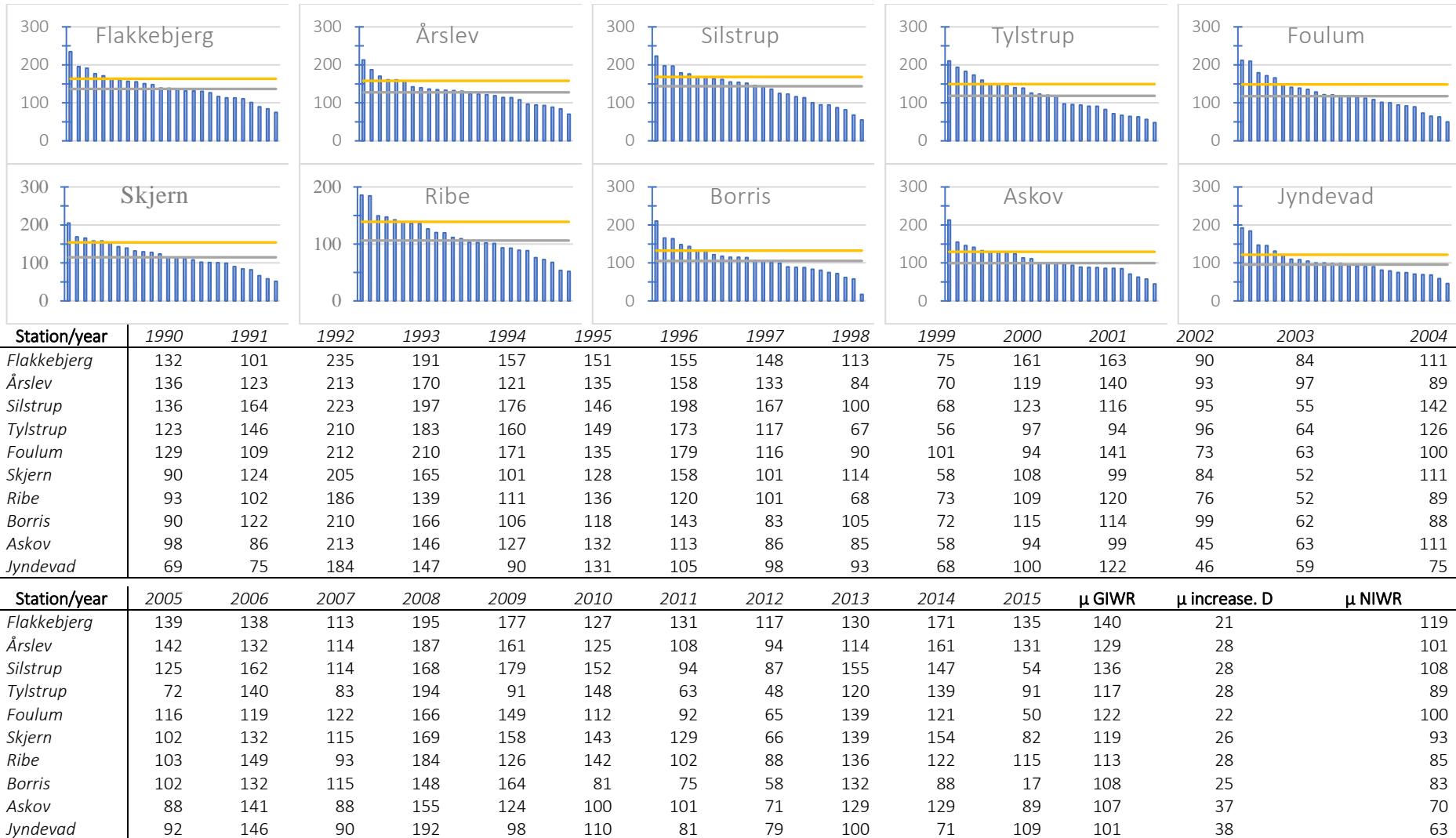
## 23 Appendix II – A6. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model dairy farm at RZC 160

GIWR Median 80p



## 24 Appendix II – B1. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model arable/pig farm at RZC 60

GIWR Median 80p



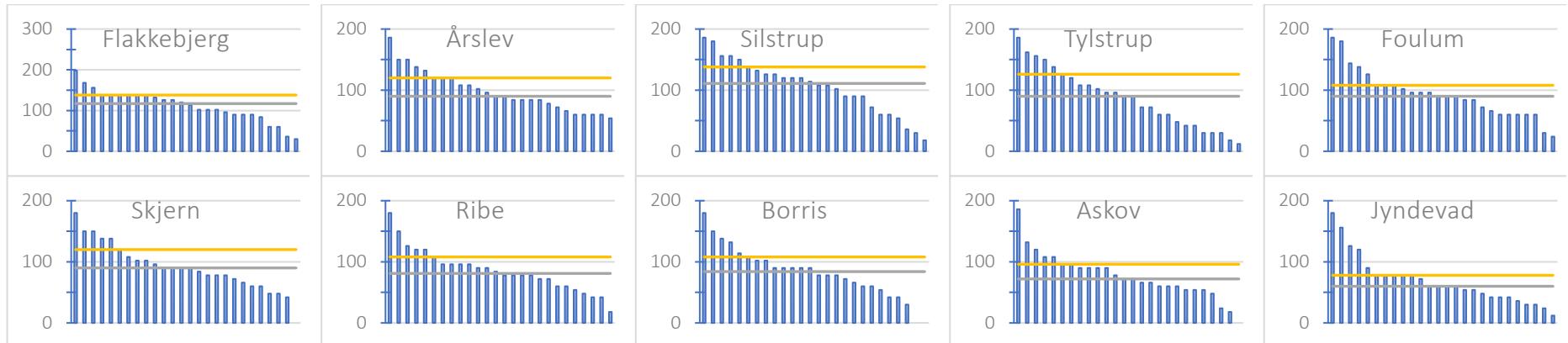
## 25 Appendix II – B2. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model arable/pig farm at RZC 80

GIWR Median 80p



## 26 Appendix II – B3. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model arable/pig farm at RZC 100

GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	102	60	198	168	132	138	138	126	90	36	138	138	60	30	90
Årslev	96	84	186	150	84	84	138	102	54	60	90	120	60	60	60
Silstrup	108	138	186	180	156	120	156	126	60	36	90	90	60	18	108
Tylstrup	90	90	186	150	138	120	156	96	30	12	60	42	72	18	108
Foulum	90	90	186	180	138	108	144	96	60	60	60	108	60	24	84
Skjern	60	90	180	150	72	78	120	66	90	42	78	90	60	0	90
Ribe	42	60	180	120	96	90	96	78	48	42	78	96	54	18	84
Borris	90	90	180	150	78	78	114	66	90	42	90	90	78	0	60
Askov	72	54	186	120	96	90	90	72	60	24	60	66	0	18	90
Jyndevad	42	42	180	120	78	90	78	54	60	12	60	72	30	24	60
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase. D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	120	126	84	156	138	96	102	102	90	138	114	112	11	101	
Årslev	120	108	84	150	120	66	72	90	78	132	108	98	14	84	
Silstrup	90	132	102	150	120	114	72	54	126	120	30	105	14	91	
Tylstrup	30	102	72	162	48	126	42	30	96	108	60	86	14	72	
Foulum	66	84	102	126	108	90	72	60	96	96	30	93	11	82	
Skjern	78	102	84	150	138	102	96	48	108	138	48	91	16	75	
Ribe	96	126	72	150	90	120	72	60	108	78	78	86	21	65	
Borris	72	102	102	132	138	54	42	30	108	60	0	82	20	62	
Askov	54	108	48	132	90	78	54	60	96	108	66	77	26	51	
Jyndevad	48	126	54	156	60	78	42	36	78	30	78	69	24	45	

## 27 Appendix II – B4. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model arable/pig farm at RZC 120

GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	96	60	186	168	126	108	132	108	90	30	138	120	60	30	90
Årslev	72	60	186	144	78	78	120	96	48	36	78	96	60	48	60
Silstrup	108	120	186	162	138	114	156	102	54	18	60	66	60	0	108
Tylstrup	78	90	186	150	138	108	150	72	30	12	60	30	66	18	90
Foulum	90	66	186	180	138	108	138	90	60	42	42	102	60	18	60
Skjern	60	84	156	126	66	78	120	66	90	36	60	60	48	0	90
Ribe	42	60	174	120	72	54	90	72	30	42	60	72	30	0	60
Borris	78	84	156	132	48	60	108	48	78	18	78	78	60	0	60
Askov	60	42	180	102	72	54	66	48	54	12	48	60	0	0	90
Jyndevad	30	42	156	120	66	54	78	48	30	12	54	66	18	18	54
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase. D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	114	102	78	150	114	78	90	96	78	138	108	103	8	95	
Årslev	90	102	72	138	114	66	72	60	78	126	90	87	8	79	
Silstrup	90	108	96	120	120	108	72	30	108	102	6	93	5	88	
Tylstrup	30	84	66	150	24	120	30	6	96	96	54	78	11	67	
Foulum	60	78	102	120	90	66	72	30	78	84	6	83	7	76	
Skjern	54	102	84	126	138	96	90	30	108	126	48	82	11	71	
Ribe	78	108	54	150	90	90	66	60	90	78	72	74	14	60	
Borris	48	96	84	132	138	30	24	30	108	48	0	70	14	56	
Askov	30	96	42	120	90	66	42	54	78	78	48	63	17	46	
Jyndevad	42	96	54	150	60	78	42	30	54	30	72	60	17	43	

## 28 Appendix II – B5. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model arable/pig farm at RZC 140

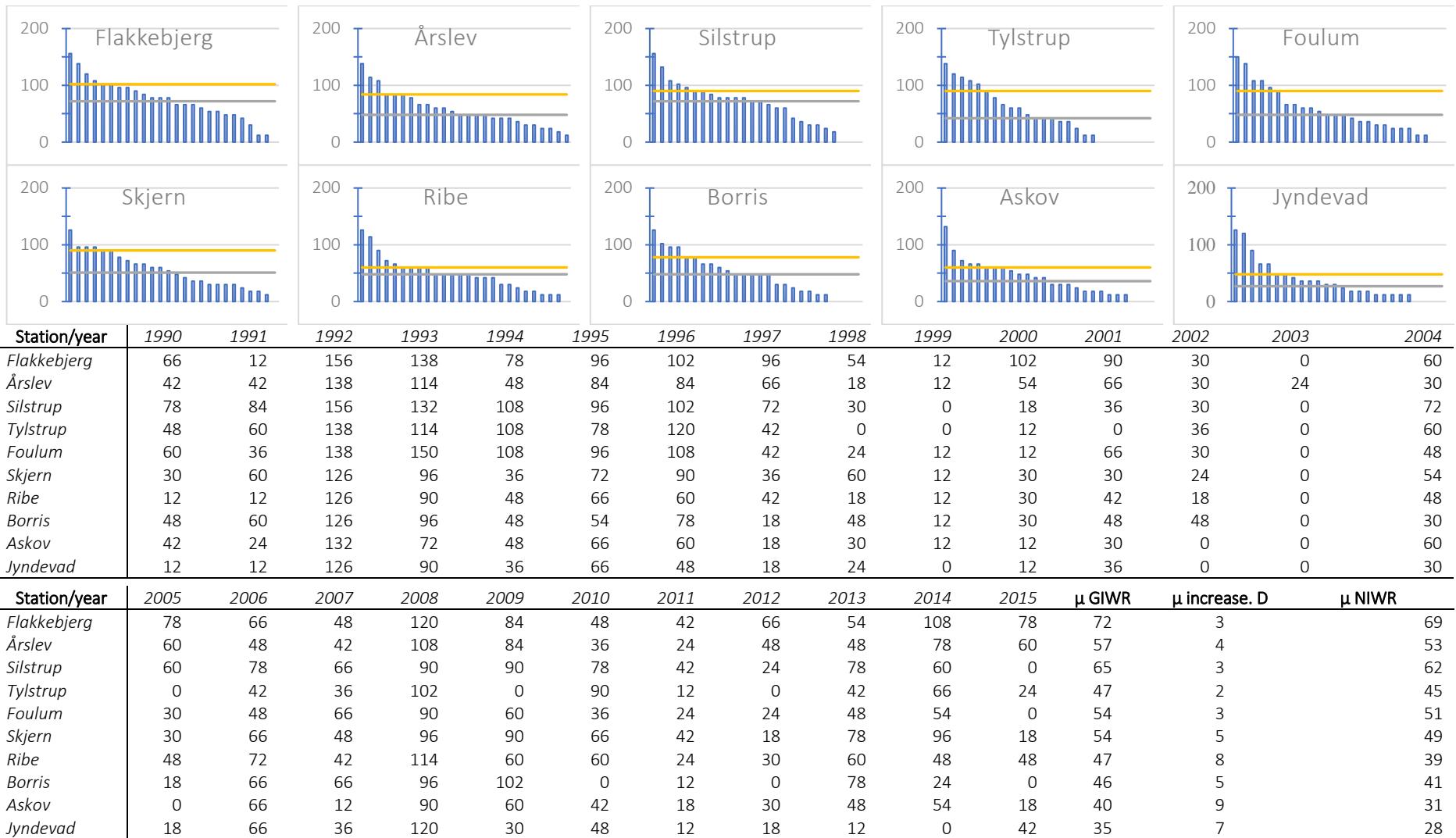
GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	90	30	168	144	108	108	108	102	60	12	108	114	30	0	66
Årslev	72	60	156	144	72	78	108	78	30	30	60	90	54	30	60
Silstrup	84	108	162	156	138	108	126	96	48	18	48	60	54	0	78
Tylstrup	60	90	162	120	114	90	126	66	30	0	30	0	60	0	78
Foulum	78	60	156	156	132	102	120	66	48	12	30	78	36	18	54
Skjern	60	78	150	120	48	48	108	42	78	12	54	60	48	0	60
Ribe	42	42	156	90	66	48	90	48	30	12	48	66	30	0	60
Borris	60	60	156	120	48	54	90	48	60	12	60	78	54	0	48
Askov	42	42	156	72	66	48	60	48	48	12	12	42	0	0	60
Jyndevad	12	18	156	96	48	48	54	48	30	6	30	42	0	0	30
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase.D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	90	96	72	144	90	72	72	90	78	138	90	88	5		83
Årslev	90	78	72	120	108	36	42	60	72	108	78	76	7		69
Silstrup	84	102	72	120	90	84	48	24	96	90	0	81	4		77
Tylstrup	30	66	42	132	18	120	12	0	66	78	48	63	7		56
Foulum	60	72	72	120	84	60	48	30	78	78	0	71	4		67
Skjern	48	72	72	120	120	90	72	24	84	108	18	69	8		61
Ribe	72	96	48	138	60	90	60	30	60	54	48	61	11		50
Borris	48	84	72	102	108	30	24	24	102	30	0	60	12		48
Askov	30	66	24	102	84	48	42	30	60	78	48	51	12		39
Jyndevad	18	96	42	150	30	54	42	30	30	0	48	45	10		35

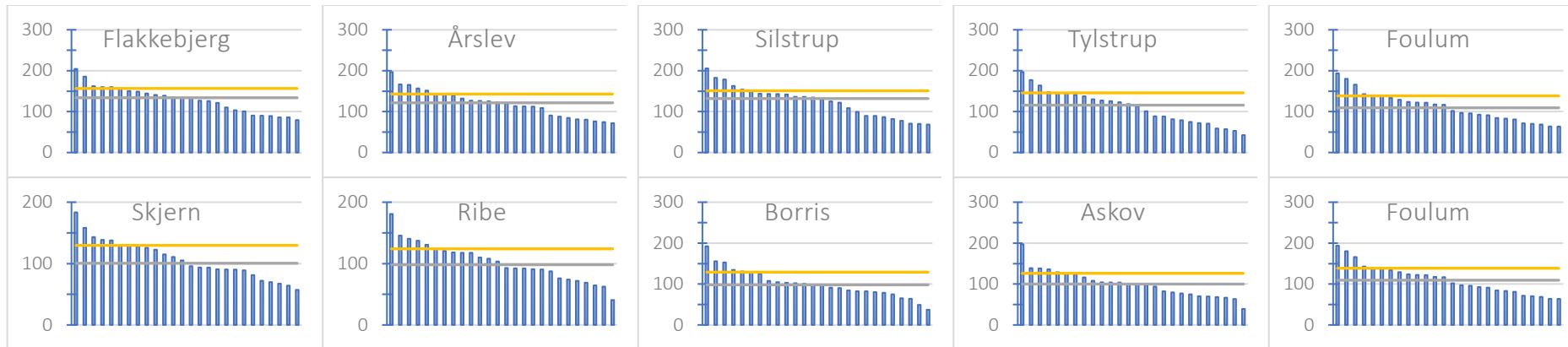
## 29 Appendix II – B6. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model arable/pig farm at RZC 160

GIWR Median 80p



### 30 Appendix II – C1. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model potato farm at RZC 60

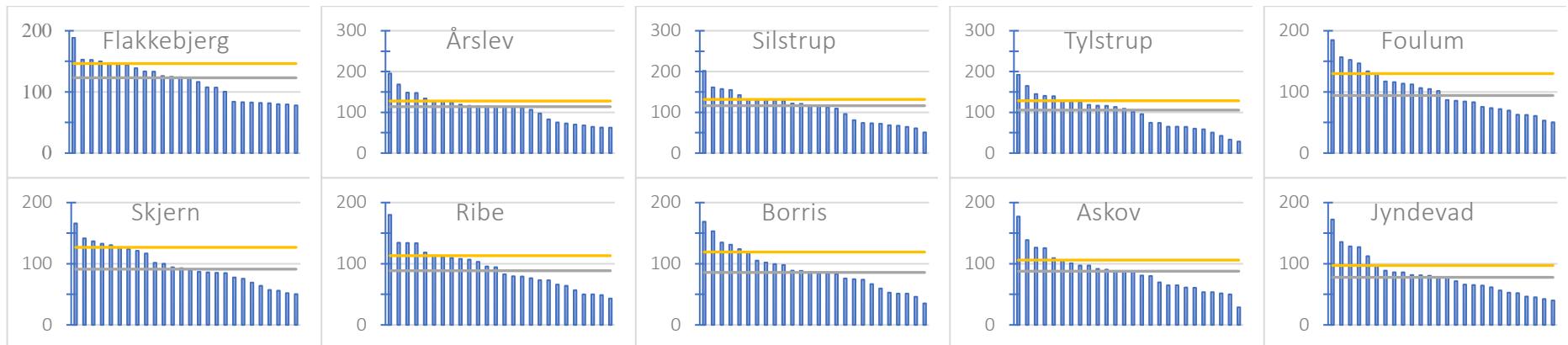
GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	134	90	204	186	162	149	160	139	101	86	144	141	79	103	86
Årslev	142	112	197	165	126	143	157	132	72	80	88	113	76	113	81
Silstrup	143	142	206	179	163	151	183	154	70	78	109	99	82	90	125
Tylstrup	138	130	197	164	148	141	177	123	43	59	88	79	75	89	113
Foulum	140	97	194	180	143	139	166	124	69	91	81	118	64	84	96
Skjern	94	96	183	158	115	130	139	111	67	57	94	89	64	72	105
Ribe	92	87	181	137	118	131	118	108	41	64	93	90	62	76	91
Borris	98	98	192	153	108	125	135	100	64	75	105	102	82	84	90
Askov	98	77	197	129	124	138	104	104	68	70	82	94	39	70	100
Jyndevad	76	64	177	141	102	129	114	104	59	72	81	94	59	83	73
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase. D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	121	135	90	150	157	127	89	110	134	160	126	129	23		106
Årslev	109	127	85	151	140	125	74	91	120	167	123	120	29		91
Silstrup	122	143	90	136	129	136	71	87	144	134	68	124	31		93
Tylstrup	81	126	71	146	72	127	53	57	118	146	101	110	31		79
Foulum	93	122	83	134	117	102	71	64	122	129	70	111	24		87
Skjern	90	129	81	138	123	126	91	70	128	143	90	107	30		77
Ribe	92	140	69	146	103	121	74	72	118	124	110	102	31		71
Borris	91	129	82	103	156	79	49	65	131	80	37	101	29		72
Askov	80	139	67	116	99	104	75	63	126	136	108	100	39		61
Jyndevad	84	136	74	145	82	97	61	62	99	85	98	94	41		53

### 31 Appendix II – C2. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model potato farm at RZC 80

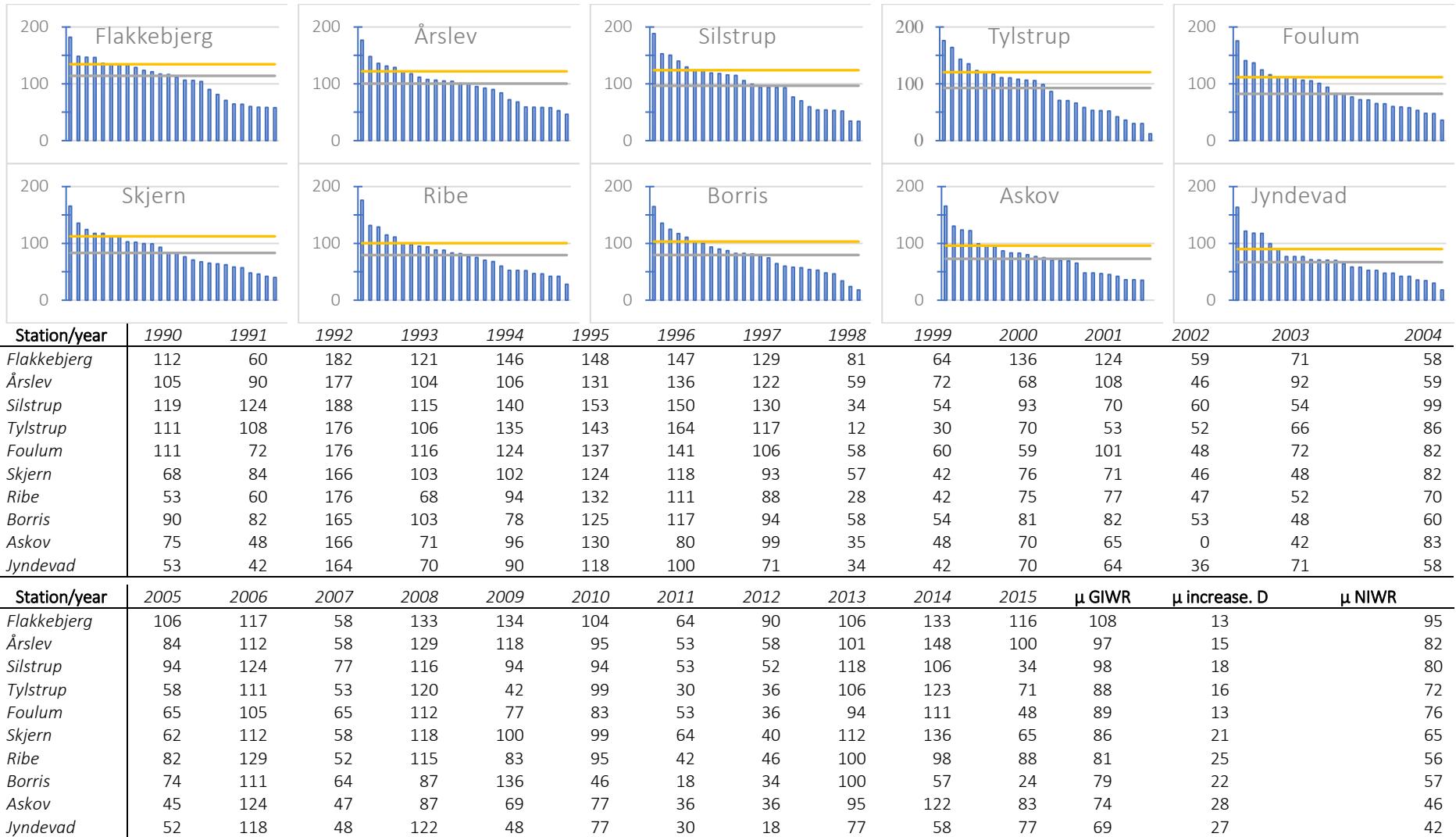
GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	122	82	188	134	145	150	153	133	83	83	146	126	78	82	80
Årslev	125	97	195	115	113	148	148	127	64	75	70	116	73	106	83
Silstrup	130	132	202	131	155	157	161	142	51	74	96	73	67	68	122
Tylstrup	127	109	192	118	145	140	165	116	42	50	65	60	74	64	102
Foulum	134	83	185	130	147	157	152	114	62	76	70	112	50	63	84
Skjern	94	87	166	102	100	137	130	93	64	50	85	78	56	57	86
Ribe	73	73	180	80	108	134	118	103	43	50	94	79	50	64	76
Borris	100	85	169	102	98	131	135	88	60	51	85	83	75	51	87
Askov	88	70	177	80	109	139	97	97	52	61	65	81	29	61	90
Jyndevad	65	45	172	80	97	128	112	89	42	66	86	78	40	78	53
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase.D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	108	116	80	147	139	107	84	100	124	152	125	118	18		100
Årslev	115	114	68	134	128	111	62	63	114	168	119	110	25		85
Silstrup	116	130	81	113	109	121	72	64	129	116	61	110	25		85
Tylstrup	74	116	65	126	58	113	28	33	128	140	96	98	23		75
Foulum	86	105	74	117	106	87	72	53	102	116	61	100	18		82
Skjern	76	133	69	127	117	121	85	52	124	142	90	97	26		71
Ribe	83	134	57	134	107	110	66	49	111	113	96	92	28		64
Borris	89	119	74	105	153	67	46	53	124	76	35	90	25		65
Askov	65	126	50	88	92	88	54	54	106	126	101	86	37		49
Jyndevad	64	127	56	136	62	86	52	46	82	72	81	81	34		47

### 32 Appendix II – C3. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model potato farm at RZC 100

GIWR Median 80p



### 33 Appendix II – C4. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model potato farm at RZC 120

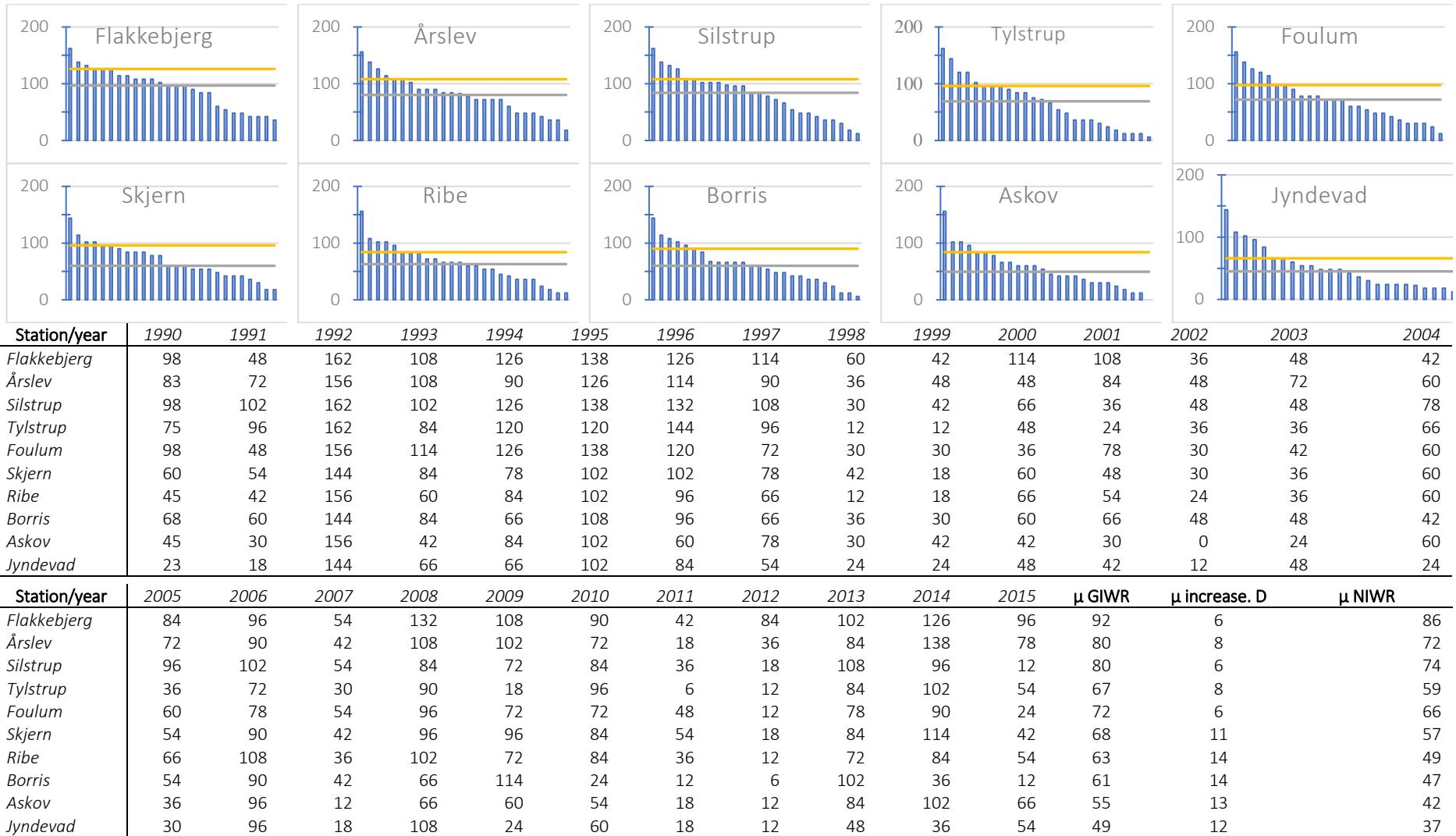
GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	105	60	180	126	132	138	150	114	84	48	138	120	60	60	60
Årslev	83	72	180	108	90	126	132	96	54	48	54	90	48	90	60
Silstrup	120	108	180	114	138	144	156	114	36	42	72	54	48	48	102
Tylstrup	98	96	180	108	138	138	156	102	12	30	60	36	42	42	84
Foulum	105	54	168	120	126	138	138	96	48	54	54	90	48	54	60
Skjern	68	72	156	90	84	126	120	84	60	36	60	60	30	48	84
Ribe	45	60	162	72	90	108	96	90	12	42	72	66	36	48	60
Borris	83	72	156	90	66	108	114	78	54	30	78	66	48	48	60
Askov	60	42	168	66	90	108	78	78	36	42	54	48	0	24	72
Jyndevad	38	42	156	72	84	108	90	54	24	42	54	66	30	66	36
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase.D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	108	102	60	132	120	90	60	90	102	138	102	108	10		98
Årslev	72	102	42	114	108	84	42	36	90	144	84	72	9		63
Silstrup	96	102	66	96	84	90	42	24	114	102	18	96	8		88
Tylstrup	48	84	54	120	36	96	12	12	108	120	72	48	13		35
Foulum	60	90	66	108	72	78	54	24	78	96	36	60	9		51
Skjern	60	114	48	114	102	90	60	24	102	120	54	60	15		45
Ribe	66	114	36	120	84	84	42	24	96	90	78	66	17		49
Borris	54	96	48	78	138	36	12	24	102	42	12	54	15		39
Askov	36	114	30	84	72	60	30	36	90	102	66	36	20		16
Jyndevad	54	108	36	108	48	66	30	12	54	48	66	54	20		34

### 34 Appendix II – C5. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model potato farm at RZC 140

GIWR Median 80p



### 35 Appendix II – C6. Annual GIWR (mm) for the model potato farm at RZC 160

GIWR Median 80p



Station/year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flakkebjerg	75	30	156	102	102	120	126	96	60	30	114	84	24	36	24
Årslev	53	66	150	84	66	114	108	72	30	30	48	78	36	72	36
Silstrup	90	96	156	90	114	120	126	90	24	24	42	30	24	36	78
Tylstrup	68	84	150	84	102	114	132	78	0	12	30	24	18	24	60
Foulum	75	42	138	96	102	120	114	66	24	30	30	60	12	36	42
Skjern	38	48	132	66	60	108	96	60	36	18	48	36	12	36	48
Ribe	23	30	132	48	66	96	84	66	6	18	48	42	18	36	42
Borris	53	60	132	66	54	90	90	54	30	30	48	42	18	36	36
Askov	45	24	138	42	66	96	60	54	12	30	30	24	0	24	48
Jyndevad	23	18	132	60	60	96	66	30	12	24	30	30	12	48	24
Station/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	$\mu$ GIWR	$\mu$ increase.D	$\mu$ NIWR	
Flakkebjerg	78	84	36	108	84	66	30	66	78	114	78	77	4	73	
Årslev	48	66	18	90	84	72	12	18	78	114	72	66	3	63	
Silstrup	72	78	42	60	72	66	30	6	90	72	12	67	4	63	
Tylstrup	24	66	30	78	12	72	6	12	78	96	48	58	3	55	
Foulum	36	66	42	84	48	54	24	6	54	72	24	58	4	54	
Skjern	36	84	36	90	72	66	42	6	78	96	42	57	7	50	
Ribe	54	90	18	96	60	60	12	12	60	66	54	51	10	41	
Borris	30	84	30	66	114	12	6	0	78	36	12	50	7	43	
Askov	12	84	6	48	48	42	6	12	66	84	42	44	8	36	
Jyndevad	30	84	18	84	24	54	6	6	30	24	42	41	9	32	

