

New Irrigation Management Technologies at ICBA

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Intellectual Soil Irrigation System (IRIS)

Objectives

The general goal is to compare between IRIS soil tension based system, ETo based method (used in ICBA) in terms of agronomic performance of maize and irrigation water supply.

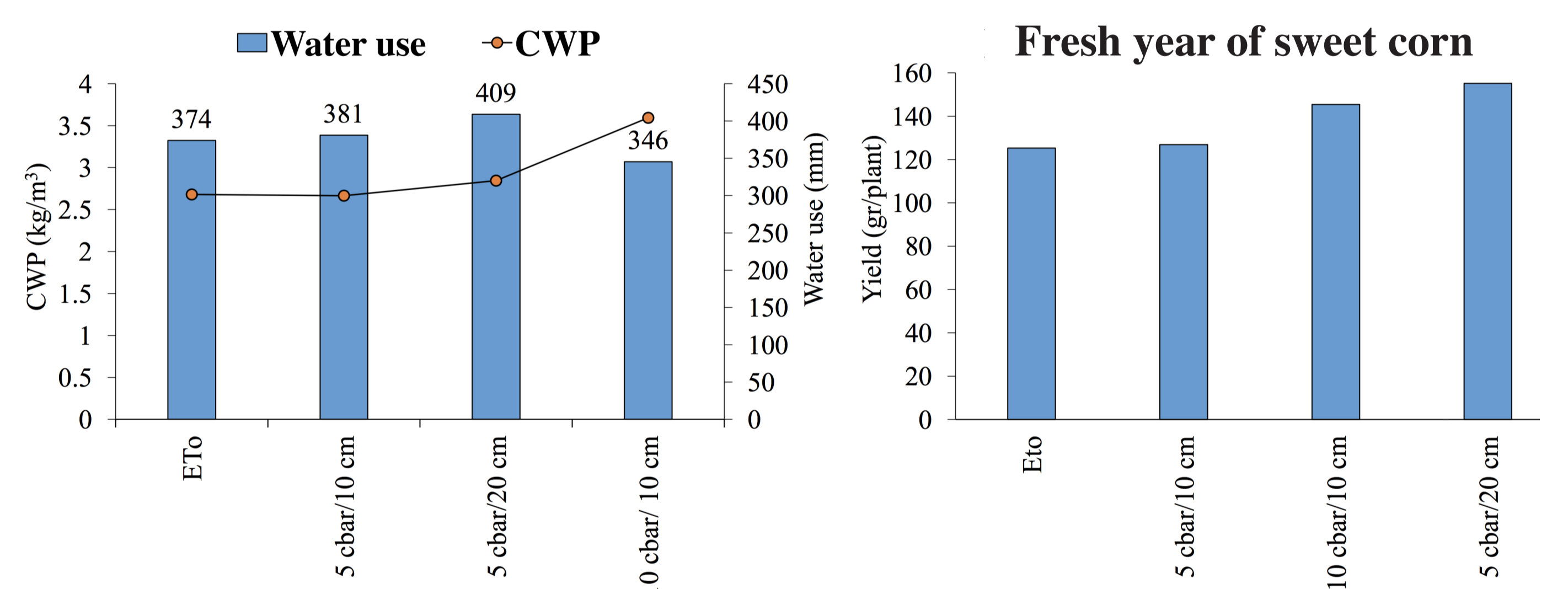
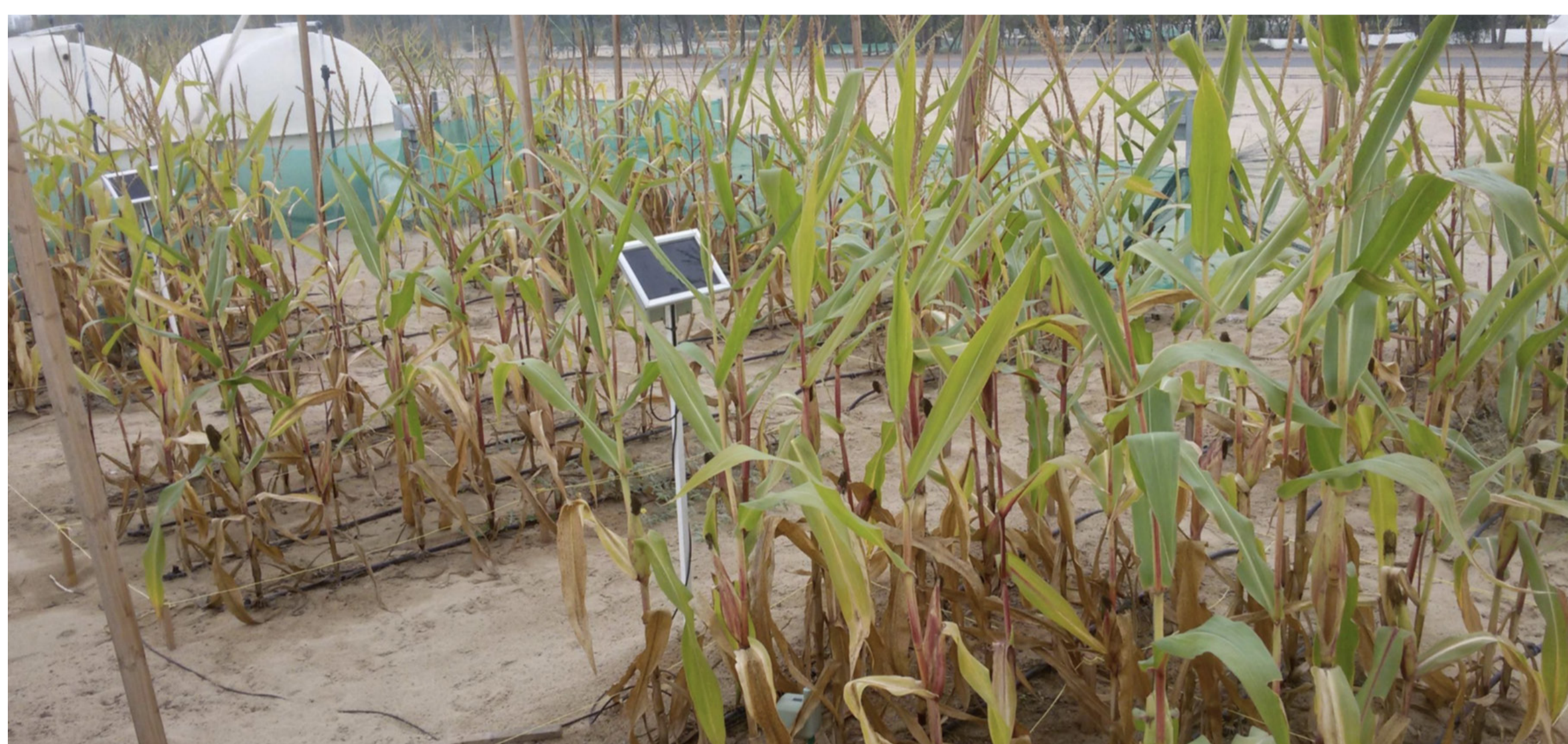
The project aims to:

- Test the IRIS system in the local conditions of UAE
- Evaluate the impact of irrigation using IRIS, ETo based method on crop productivity and water use



Partners

- International Center for Biosaline Agriculture, Dubai, UAE
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Using Canopy Spectral Reflectance in Precision Irrigation Management Under Arid Conditions

Objectives

This research aims to use canopy spectral reflectance in irrigation management under arid conditions. The specific objectives are:

To assess the variation in canopy reflectance as responses to water deficit and salinity stress

- To develop a new innovative method of irrigation scheduling using reflectance sensing based on regression models between reflectance indices, soil moisture, salinity, growth and productivity parameters.
- To determine water requirement, leaf area index, biomass production and growth stages according to water and salinity stress.
- To develop a guideline for using canopy spectral reflectance as an irrigation tool

