

## “DEVELOPMENT OF A SWAT-BASED SOIL PRODUCTIVITY INDEX”

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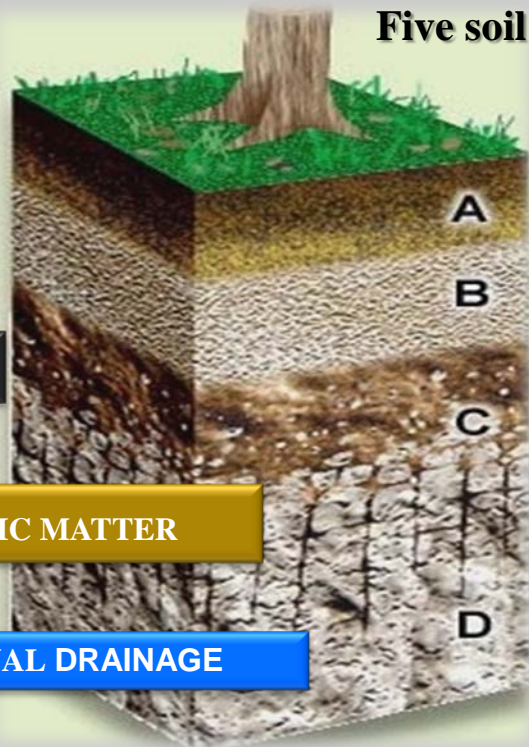
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## OBJECTIVE:

To develop and map a SWAT-based Soil Productivity Index (SPI) for the State of Veracruz, México.  
The grain yield of *Zea mays* was used as dependent variable.

Five soil characteristics were considered.



DEPTH

TEXTURE

ORGANIC MATTER

INTERNAL DRAINAGE

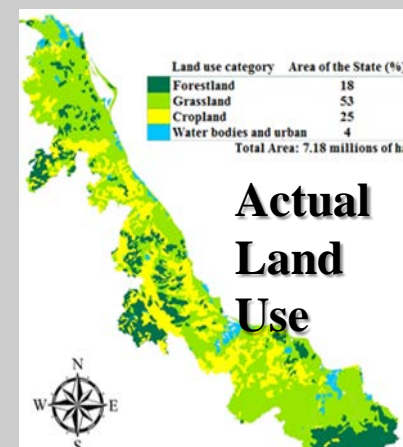
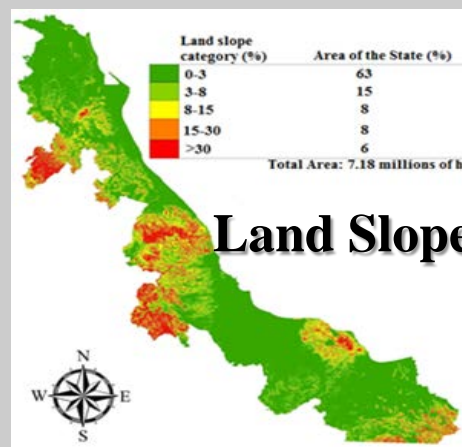
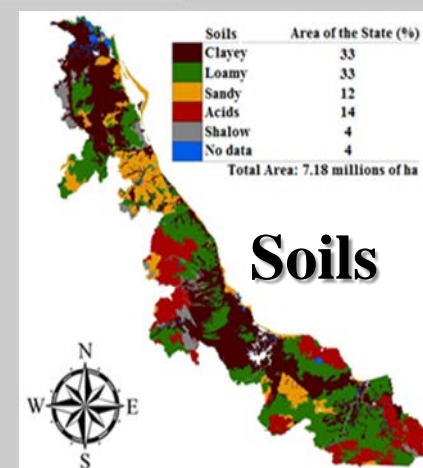
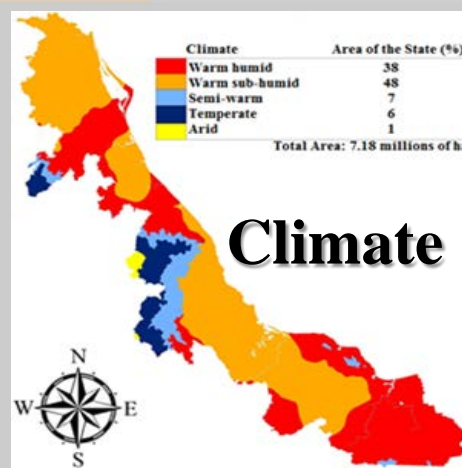
LAND SLOPE







**Localization of the state of Veracruz, México**



## Simulation of *Zea mays* grow and biomass production

The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) model was used  
The entire area of the state of Veracruz was considered as the basin.

### Maps used:

Digital elevation model (DEM) with 90x90m pixel size.

Soils (scale 1:250,000)

Actual land use

Surface drainage

90 sub-basins and 6,204 HRU's were created.

### Data base used

Five land slope categories (0-3, 3-8, 8-15, 15-30 and >30%),

46 types of soils (described from 829 soil profile data set).

Climate data from 95 weather stations

*Zea mays* Physiological parameters

*Zea mays* management



## Database Inputs Soils

**Example: Typical soil profile of the Acrisol humico**

Horizon	Depth (mm)	Clay (%)	Silt (%)	Sand (%)	pH	O.C. (%)	albedo	K (mmhr <sup>-1</sup> )	AWC	BD (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )
A	157	28	27	45	4.80	3.55	0.05	3.7	0.12	1.37
B1	202	39	24	37	4.75	1.58	0.11	2.0	0.12	1.30
B2t	856	44	22	34	4.79	0.66	0.18	1.7	0.12	1.28

O.C.: Organic carbon, K: Saturated hydraulic conductivity, AWC: Available Water Capacity, BD: Bulk density.

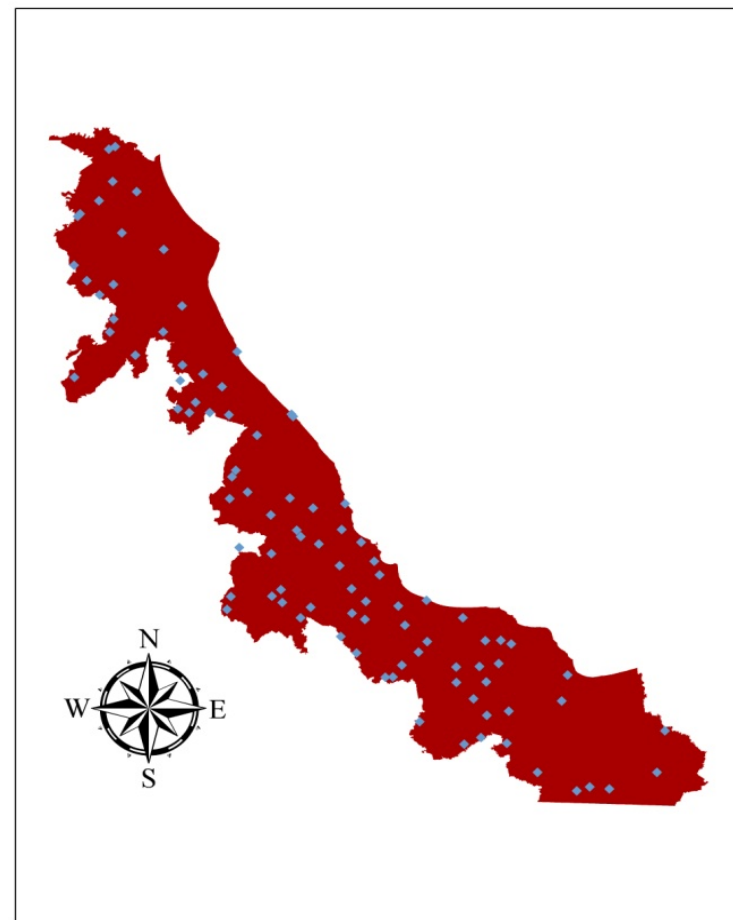
***Zea mays* main physiological parameters fed to SWAT.**

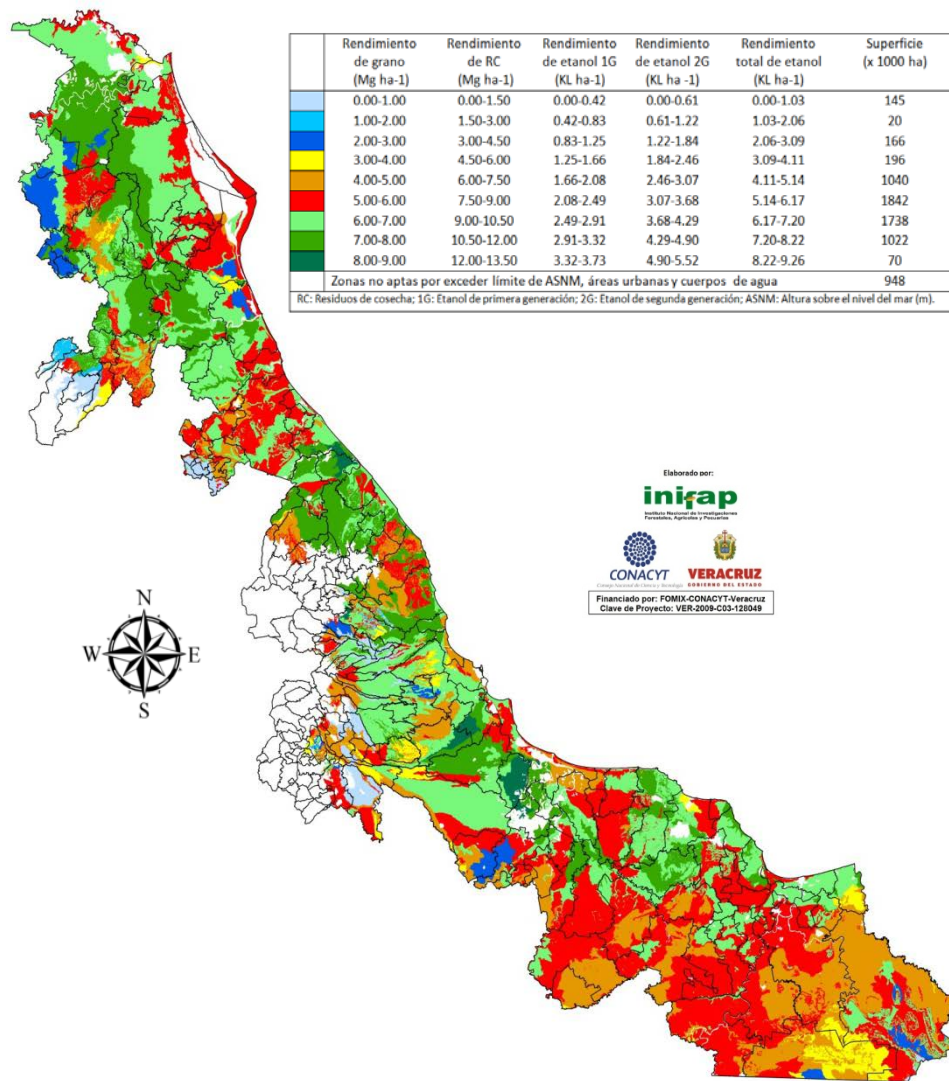
Species	RUE (Kg ha <sup>-1</sup> /Mj m <sup>-2</sup> )	2 <sup>nd</sup> point RUE	LAI	HI	Canopy Height (m)	Root depth (m)	Optimum temp. °C	Base temp. °C
<b><i>Zea mays</i></b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>



## Weather stations

- Weather data was taken from 95 weather stations.
- Each station has at least 20 years of records between 1960-2008.
- Weather statistics were worked out using the EPIC weather generator.
- Daily maximum and minimum temperature and rainfall data from 1990 to 2008 were fed to SWAT.
- Solar radiation was left to be estimated by SWAT.





**Zea Mays Grain Yield as simulated by SWAT in the State of  
Veracruz México**

## Description of the soil variables considered

Soil Variable	Categories of the soil variables		
	Low	Medium	High
Depth	Shallow: < 30 cm	Medium: 30 –70 cm	Deep: > 70 cm
Texture	Coarse	Loamy	Clayey
Organic Matter	< 1.5 %	1.5 - 3.5 %	> 3.5 %
Internal Drainage	Slow	Medium	Fast
Land Slope	> 15 %	8 – 15 %	< 8 %



**Values of each soil variable category where obtained from the «SOIL\_CODE» and «SLOPE\_CODE» fields of each HRU in the Attribute table**

Attributes of MAIZFINAL3

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**SOIL\_CODE**

**SLOPE\_CODE**

**DEPTH**

**TEXTURE**

**INTERNAL  
DRAINAGE**

**ORGANIC  
MATTER**

**SLOPE**

## SPI dependent on (Depth-Texture) overlay

Average grain yield of *Zea mays* (t ha<sup>-1</sup>) as dependent variable

Soil Variables		Soil Depth		
		< 30 cm	30 – 70 cm	> 70 cm
Soil Texture	Coarse	ND	3.83	5.73
	Loamy	0.68	ND	5.86
	Clayey	2.53	4.74	6.10

### Description of SPI dependent on (Depth-Texture)

SPI	Description of soil variables
High	Soil depth > 70 cm Any level of Texture
Medium	Soil depth 30 - 70 cm Any level of Texture
Low	Soil depth < 30 cm Any level of Texture



## SPI dependent on (Depth-Texture) – (Organic Matter) overlay

Average grain yield of *Zea mays* (t ha<sup>-1</sup>) as dependent variable

Soil Variables		Depth – Texture		
		Low	Medium	High
Organic Matter	< 1.5 %	ND	4.77	5.91
	1.5 .3.5 %	ND	4.23	5.91
	> 3.5 %	1.41	5.24	6.42

## Description of SPI dependent on Depth –Texture - Organic Matter

SPI	Description of soil variables
High	Soil depth > 70 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content
Medium	Soil depth 30 - 70 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content
Low	Soil depth < 30 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content

## SPI dependent on (Depth-Texture–Organic Matter) – (Drainage) overlay

Average grain yield of *Zea mays* (t ha<sup>-1</sup>) as dependent variable

Soil Variables		Depth – Texture – Organic matter		
		Low	Medium	High
Internal Drainage	Slow	ND	5.63	6.39
	Medium	ND	4.36	5.70
	Fast	1.41	4.45	5.75

## Description of SPI dependent on Depth - Texture - Organic Matter – Drainage

SPI	Description of soil variables
High	Soil depth > 70 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content Any Internal drainage
Medium	Soil depth 30 - 70 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content Any Internal drainage
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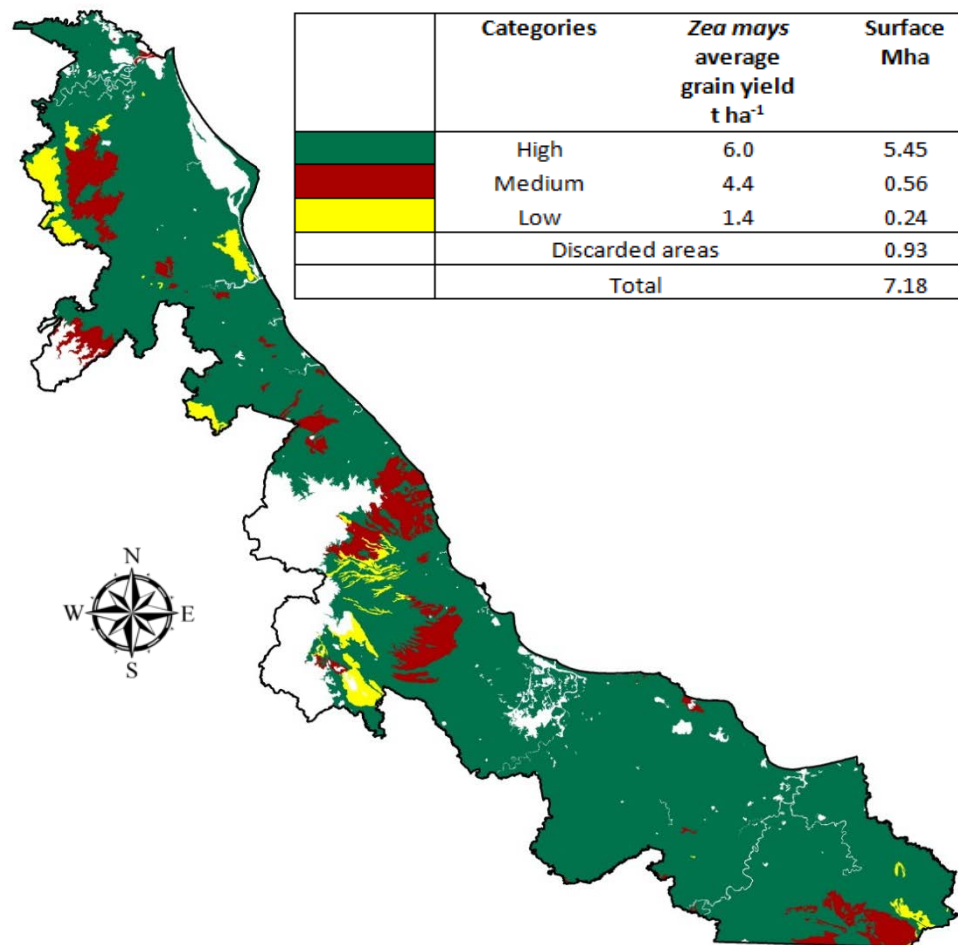
## SPI dependent on (Depth-Texture–Organic Matter–Drainage) - Land slope overlay

Average grain yield of *Zea mays* (t ha<sup>-1</sup>) as dependent variable

Soil Variables		Depth – Texture – Organic matter - Drainage		
		Low	Medium	High
Land Slope	0 -8 %	1.50	4.40	5.84
	8 – 15 %	1.34	4.43	5.96
	> 15 %	1.33	4.36	6.21

## Description of SPI dependent on Depth - Texture - Organic Matter – Drainage – Slope

SPI	Description of soil variables
High	Soil depth > 70 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content Any Internal drainage Any Land slope
Medium	Soil depth 30 - 70 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content Any Internal drainage Any Land slope
Low	Soil depth < 30 cm Any level of Texture Any organic matter content Any Internal Drainage Any Land slope



## CONCLUSIONS

**The SPI developed mostly depended on soil depth, followed by organic matter content and internal drainage**

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