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# HEAT WAVES EFFECTS ON AN APPLE ORCHARD EVAPOTRANSPIRATION EVALUATED BY A WEIGHING LYSIMETER.

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# **Heat Wave:**

A 'Heat wave' is considered to be an episode of at least three consecutive days, in which at least 10% of the stations considered record maximums above the 95% percentile of their daily maximum temperature series for the months of July and August, of the period 1971-2000.







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## **CONCLUSIONS:**

- During Heat Waves, Orchard Water Requirements are sub estimated when using ETo as a reference.
- VPD couples better with Orchard Water Requirements than ETo
- Heat Waves may increase Orchard Water Requirements up to 20% or more if VPD reaches values higher to 45 (KPa\*Day).

