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1. Introduction

TurfWeather software is designed to work with Hunter's pre-configured weather station models ET106 and TurfWeather. This software will allow you to:

- Send preconfigured programs to one or more weather stations.
- Select a mode of communication (e.g., phone modem or RF4XX) for each weather station.
- Define a data retrieval schedule for each station.
- Connect to any weather station that has been configured with TurfWeather.
- View a graphical display of a weather station's current weather conditions.
- Monitor the "health" (e.g., battery voltage, internal temperature) of each weather station on a single screen.
- View and print preformatted reports (tables and graphs) from the data retrieved from each weather station.
- Perform post-processing on retrieved data to produce special meteorological and agricultural reports (e.g., evapotranspiration, dewpoint).
- Set up a schedule to automatically print reports (Batch Reports).
- Export retrieved data to an ASCII file (fixed column width) so it can be imported into a spreadsheet or other software package for further data processing.

These tasks can be accomplished simply by clicking a few buttons and following the on-screen instructions. It requires no advanced computer experience or in-depth technical knowledge of the weather station equipment. We hope all users—novices or experts—will find TurfWeather a very easy, yet powerful, tool for managing a weather station network.

1.1 Background

Each weather station consists of a datalogger and a group of sensors. The sensors are designed to measure environmental factors such as air temperature and solar radiation. The datalogger measures, processes, and stores the sensor results. The stored results (final storage data) can be retrieved with a PC using communication software.

Dataloggers must be "told" (that is, programmed) when and how to measure the attached sensors, process these measurements, and store the information in final storage. Datalogger programming can be a formidable task for many users. However, with TurfWeather the program is already written and ready to be sent to the weather station.

2. System Requirements and Installation

The recommended minimum hardware for TurfWeather is a 300 MHz Pentium II processor with 64 megabytes of RAM and a screen resolution of at least 800x600. TurfWeather uses the features of Windows NT, 2000, and XP that maximize the reliability of unattended scheduled data collection and multitasking application programs. TurfWeather may be run successfully on Windows 95, 98, or ME if the user limits the number of screens open at any one time.

NOTE You may need an analog phone line and a phone modem, if you need to contact weather stations in remote locations. TurfWeather can detect modems installed on your computer provided they were configured in your computer's Window environment. During configuration of a new weather station you will find it convenient to select the detected modem.

NOTE Some newer computers have USB ports instead of serial ports for communication with other devices. If your computer has only a USB port, you may need a USB to serial port adapter.

To install the software, insert the TurfWeather CD into the CD ROM drive of your computer. The installation process should begin automatically. If it does not begin, access your CD ROM drive and double-click the SETUP.EXE file. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

2.1 Configuration of TCP/IP Services

TCP/IP services must be running on the computer for TurfWeather to run. Following are the procedures for enabling TCP/IP communication on a Windows 95, 98, or NT system. For Windows 2000 the same things need to be set up, but they are accessed in different ways. See the documentation and help for Windows 2000 to add a dial-up connection and associate it with TCP/IP.

NOTE Before beginning this procedure make sure that you have your Windows installation CD-ROM (or floppy disks as appropriate) handy.

As you install these options you may be prompted to insert various disks or the CDROM to complete the installation.

- 1. Click on the Start button and select Settings | Control Panel.
- 2. When the Control Panel window opens, double click on the Add/Remove Programs icon.
- 3. Select the Windows Setup tab.
- 4. Select Communications and click on the Details button.
- 5. On the Communications options screen click the box by "Dial-Up Networking" (Win 98/95) or "Phone Dialer" (NT). If already checked, click cancel and skip to step 9.
- 6. Click OK on the Communications Options screen and on the Windows Setup screen.
- 7. Provide the Windows installation software as prompted and then follow the directions.
- 8. When you are prompted to reboot the computer choose Yes.
- 9. After the computer boots, go to the Windows Control Panel and double click on the Network icon.
- In the list box on the Configuration tab (Win95/98) or Protocols tab (NT) of the Network window which comes up, see if there is an entry TCP/IP -> Dial-Up Adapter or TCP/IP protocol. If this entry exists, cancel and skip the next steps.
- 11. Click on the Add button. In the Select Network Component Type window which comes up select Protocol or TCP/IP protocol and click on the Add or OK button.
- 12. When the Select Network Protocol window comes up select Microsoft under Manufacturers:, and TCP/IP under Network Protocols:. Click OK.

3. Starting Out

3.1 Before You Begin

Before configuring a weather station in TurfWeather, it is necessary that the following tasks have been accomplished:

- You have installed TurfWeather on your computer.
- You have installed a weather station and the desired sensors are connected properly to the station. (Please refer to the Weather Station manual.)
- The battery supplying power to the station (12 Volts DC) is charged.
- Communication hardware (e.g., modem, phone line, radio, etc.) is connected properly and functioning.

3.2 Running TurfWeather

To Run the TurfWeather Software, click the desktop Icon (if selected in install) or select Programs | TurfWeather | TurfWeather, from the Windows Start menu.

3.3 Getting Help

TurfWeather has a complete on-line help system. Most screens have a Help button at the bottom right that, when pressed, will bring up help about the screen. In addition, help for any field, button, or option can be invoked by selecting it and pressing the F1 key on your computer. A Help file Table of Contents, an Index, and a Find function can be invoked by selecting Help from TurfWeather's main menu.

4. The Home Screen

The Turf Weather Home screen is the starting point for all tasks in TurfWeather.



The most common tasks (configuring a weather station, connecting, creating reports, exporting data, and viewing the network) are shown as headings that can be selected. To select a heading move your mouse over the heading until the mouse cursor changes to a pointing hand. Then click the heading. The corresponding screen for the task will be shown.

All tasks including those shown as headings can be accomplished via the main menu. The main menu is described below.

- 1. File
 - **1.1 Configure Weather Station** Configures a new weather station (see Section 5).
 - **1.2 Remove Station** Shows a dialog that allows you to delete a weather station from the network.
 - **1.3 Run On Startup** If checked, TurfWeather will be run when the Windows operating system is started.
 - 1.4 Advanced Tools
 - **1.4.1** LogTool Runs another application to view communication server logs.
 - **1.5** Exit Closes the TurfWeather software. Any scheduled data collection and scheduled batch reports will not run while TurfWeather is closed.

2. Edit

2.1 Edit Weather Station –Opens the EZSetup Wizard to edit a station that has already been configured for Turf Weather.

3. View

- **3.1** Network Opens the Weather Station Network screen (see Section 9).
- **3.2** Collection Schedule View the status of scheduled collection for all stations (see Section 10).

4. Connect

4.1 Connect – Connect to a weather station (see Section 6).

5. Reports

- **5.1** Generate Reports Manually generate reports (see Section 7.1).
- **5.2** Batch Reports Setup and Run Batch reports (see Section 7.3).

6. Export

6.1 Export Data – Export weather data to be imported into a spreadsheet or other software for further data processing (see Section 8).

- 7. Help
 - 7.1 Contents Show the help contents.
 - 7.2 Index Show the Help Index.
 - 7.3 About Show the TurfWeather About box.

5. Weather Station Configuration

5.1 Configuration Process

Configuring your weather station in TurfWeather is simple using the EZSetup Wizard. To begin configuring a weather station select the **Configure Weather Station** Heading or File | Configure Weather Station from the main menu of the Home screen.

To move forward and backward in the EZSetup wizard use the **Previous** and **Next** buttons. At any time you can click the **Cancel** button. This will cancel configuring the weather station. A **Help** button is also provided to give help for the current screen.

1. EZSETUP WIZARD INTRODUCTION. The EZSetup Wizard will guide you through the process of setting up your weather station.

EZSetup Wizard		×
Progress	Introduction	
-Introduction	The EZSetup w through the pro your weather st	vizard will guide you cess of setting up ation. Follow the
Station Information	Previous and N navigate throug Click Next to cr	ext buttons below to ph the wizard.
Communication Setup	The second s	
Send Program		
Station Clock		
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		
		1
	<u> </u>	Finish X Cancel

Progress	Select Weather Station	
Introduction	Select the Weather Station Type.	
Station Selection	Py	
Station Information		
Communication Setup		
Send Program		
Station Clock	C Turf	
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete	Click Next	to continue.

2. WEATHER STATION MODEL SELECTION.

Select the option button for your weather station model.

3. WEATHER STATION INFORMATION. This screen allows you to enter information about the weather station.

🚑 EZSetup Wizard - ET10	D6 (ET106)	×
Progress	Weather Station Information	
Introduction Station Selection	Station Name: ET106	Enter the Weather Station Information. This information will be used in creation of the reports
Station Information	Location Address:	be used in credition of the reports.
Communication Setup	Logan Utah	
Send Program		
Station Clock	Station Image: C:\Hunter\TurfWeather\Images\ET106pho	
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		Click Next to continue.
	Station Info Help	t 🕨 🧹 Finish 🗙 Cancel

A unique station name must be given to each weather station. TurfWeather will not allow you to enter the name of an existing station.

The location address of the station is optional. It is not used directly by Turf Weather but may be useful to the user.

If you would like to have a custom image or company logo appear on your TurfWeather screens and printed reports, you can select it by clicking the **Browse** button next to the **Station Image** filename. If you do not choose a custom image, then a default image is used

4. WORLD LOCATION. This screen is used to enter the latitude, longitude and elevation of the station. The entered values are used to calculate values to be used in reports (ETo, Wetbulb, etc).

Nizard - ET10	6 (ET106)	×
Progress	World Location	
Introduction	Enter the Latitude, Longitude, and Elevation of the weather station. This information will be used for special report calculations.	
Station Selection	Latitude	
-Station Information	Degrees Minutes Seconds 41 47 2	
Communication Setup		
Send Program	Degrees Minutes Seconds 111 €1 €1 West-East © West of Greenwich Meridian C East of Greenwich Meridian	
Station Clock		
Scheduled Collection	Elevation Feet Meters MAEA 1957 927	
Wizard Complete	1337.327	
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Enter the latitude, longitude, and elevation of the weather station.

5. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION. This screen is used to enter miscellaneous information for the weather station.

🚰 EZSetup Wizard - ET1	D6 (ET106)
Progress	Miscellaneous information
Introduction	CWS4 Data File: Select the CWS4 data file.
Station Selection	c:\Genesis.dat
Station Information	
Communication Setup	
Send Program	
Station Clock	
Scheduled Collection	Click Next to continue
Wizard Complete	
	7 Misc Help

Enter the CWS4 data file to be used in Hunter's Genesis software package.

6. CONNECTION TYPE. This screen is used to select the type of communication link that will be used with the weather station.

EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106)
Progress	Connection Type
Introduction	Select the mode of communication that will be used for this station.
Station Selection	Direct Connect A phone modem connection consists of a
Station Information	Phone Modem phone modem connected to the computer and IP Port a phone modem connected to the station. RF4XX
Communication Setup	
Send Program	
Station Clock	
Scheduled Collection	
Wizard Complete	
	Conn Type Help 4 Previous Next > // Finish X Cancel

Each connection type that is available for the selected weather station is shown in the list. Information about the selected connection type is shown to the right.

Select the connection type to be used.

NOTE Each Connection type available is described below.

6.1 Direct Connect– A direct connection consists of a datalogger with an RS-232 port connected to the serial port on the computer or a short haul modem. If the datalogger has only a CS I/O port, then the connection is through an appropriate interface device (e.g., SC929 9-pin cable or SC32A/SC32B Optically Isolated RS-232 Interface).

6.1.1 COM PORT SELECTION – The Comport Selection screen is used to select the COM port to be used to communicate with the datalogger. Select the correct COM port.

🚰 EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6(ET106)	X
Progress	COM Port Selection	
Introduction		
Station Selection	COM2 Select the computers COM Port where the station will be attatched.	
Station Information		
Communication Setup		
Send Program		
Station Clock		
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		
	Comport <u>H</u> elp	cel

- 6.2 Phone Modem Connection A phone modem connection consists of a phone modem connected to the computer and a phone modem connected to the datalogger.
 - 6.2.1 PHONE MODEM SETUP SELECTION. This screen is used to select the type of phone modem setup you wish to use.



If you wish to use a modem type that is defined in TurfWeather then select the first Option (**Use modem from TurfWeather List**). If the modem has been setup in Windows modem setup then select the second Option (**Use modem installed in Windows (TAPI)**). 6.2.1.1 PHONE MODEM COM PORT SELECTION. If you chose "Use modem from the TurfWeather List" then the Phone Modem COM Port Selection screen is shown.

🚰 EZSetup Wizard - ET10	16 (ET106)	×
Progress	Phone Modem COM Port Selection	
Introduction	CONT	
Station Selection	COM2 Select the computers CUM Port where the COM2 phone modern is attached.	
Station Information		
Communication Setup		
Send Program		
Station Clock		
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		
	Comport Help	

Select the COM Port associated with the phone modem.

6.2.1.2 Phone Modem Selection. The phone modem selection screen is used to select the phone modem and enter the phone number to be dialed.

🚰 EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106) X
Progress	Phone Modem Selection
Introduction	Select the Modern you wish to use from the list below. 3Com EtherLink III LAN+33.6 MODEM
Station Selection	3CUM US RUBUTICS SPURTSTER 9600 to 56K MUDEMS <default modem=""> <default (or="" 2000="" haud="" less)="" meday="" modem=""></default></default>
Station Information	ACE TECHNOLOGIES PCMCIA 14.4 Data and Fax modem ACEEX 9600 ACEEN 14.4 Data and Fax modem
Communication Setup	Edit Modem Database If you wish to create a custom modem to add to the shown list, click "Edit Modem Database".
Send Program	Enter the Phone number to be dialed.
Station Clock	Phone Number:
Scheduled Collection	🔥 Voice Modem Help
Wizard Complete	
	? Modem Help ▲ Previous Next ✓ Finish X Cancel

Choose the **phone modem** in the list that matches the phone modem you have. If the phone modem you have is not listed, you may need to add your modem to the list. This can be done by clicking the **Edit Modem Database** button.

Enter the **phone number** used to communicate with the station. You will need to enter the full dialing string (including any numbers required to reach an outside line). Commas can be inserted in the phone number to give needed delays. Each comma represents a 2-second pause.

6.2.2 TAPI Modem Selection. If you chose "Use modem installed in Windows (TAPI)", the TAPI Modem selection screen is shown. This screen is used to select the modem to be used.

🚑 EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106)	×
Progress	TAPI Modem Selection	
Introduction	The following is a list of phone modems installed in windows.	
Station Selection	Select the modern you wish to use.	
Station Information	Zoom 56K Data Fax Dualmode Modem PnP	
Communication Setup		
Send Program		
Station Clock	Click Next to continue.	
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		
	? TAPI <u>H</u> elp	el

Select the phone modem to be used to communicate with the weather station.

6.2.3 TAPI Modem Settings. This screen is used to enter phone number information needed to dial the station.

EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET 106)	1
Progress	TAPI Modem Settings	
Introduction	Use Windows Dialing Properties If windows dialing properties are <u>Country Code:</u> automatic dialing properties are automatic dialing properties are automatic dialing properties are	
Station Selection	United States=1	
Station Information	Area Code: 435	
Communication Setup		
Send Program	Enter the Phone number to be dialed. Phone Number: 555-5555,9	
Station Clock	🚵 Voice Modem Help	
Scheduled Collection	The Dial String shows the exact string that will be dialed. This includes Windows dialing properties if they are enabled.	
Wizard Complete	Dial String: T95555555,,,,,,,9	
	? TAPI Settings <u>Help</u> ✓ Finish X Cancel	

Check **Use Windows Dialing Properties** if you wish to have Windows dialing properties applied to the phone number entered. If checked then select the Country Code and enter the Area Code where you are dialing from.

Enter the **Phone Number** used to communicate with the weather station. The exact **Dial String** (including Windows dialing property info if enabled) is shown at the bottom of the screen.

- 6.3 IP Port Connection. An IP Port connection consists of a datalogger attached to a TCP/IP serial server interface device (such as an NL100) that is assigned a specific IP address.
 - 6.3.1 IP Address/Port Settings This screen is used to specify the **IP address** and **IP Port** used to communicate with the weather station.

💒 EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106)	X
Progress	IP Address/Port Settings	
Introduction	Enter the IP address of the NL100 and the port number where the station is connected.	
Station Selection	Internet IP Address:	
Station Information	192.555.5.789.6789	
Communication Setup	The address and port are entered in the format XXXXXXXXYYYY, where the Xs represent the IP network number and the Ys represent the port purpher	
Station Clock	Note: Leading 0s should not be entered (e.g., 123.45.6.789:6789; note that 45 was entered instead of 045, and 6 instead of 006).	
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		
	IP Port Help ◀ Previous Next ✓ Finish ✗ Car	cel

The address and Port should be entered in the format XXX.XXX.XXX:YYYY where X's represent the IP network number and Y's represent the port number.

NOTE Leading 0's should not be entered

6.4 RF4XX Radio Connection. An RF4XX radio connection consists of an RF4XX (RF400, RF410, RF415) connected to a serial port on the computer.

ZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106)	×
Progress	RF4XX COM Port Selection	
Introduction		
Station Selection	COM2 Select the computers CUM Port where the RF4% is attatched.	
Station Information		
Communication Setup		
Send Program		
Station Clock		
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		
	? Comport Help	9

6.4.1 RF4XX COM Port Selection. This screen is used to specify the COM Port where the RF4XX is connected.

Select the COM Port where the RF4XX is connected.

6.4.2 RF 4XX Settings. This screen is used to specify the RF4XX settings used to communicate with the station.

EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106)	×
Progress	RF4XX Settings	
Introduction		
Station Selection	Network Address: 0	Each RF4XX network must have a unique network address. Enter the address that was set on the remote RF4XX
Station Information		
Communication Setup	Radio Address:	Each BE Badio must have a unique BE
Send Program		Radio Address. Enter the address that was set on the remote RF4XX.
Station Clock		
Scheduled Collection	Note: If you are using the RF4≫ default Network and Radio Addre	to communicate with only one station, the sses will probably work.
Wizard Complete		
	? RF4XX <u>H</u> elp	us Next Cancel

NOTE

If you are using the RF4XX to communicate with only one station, the default Network and Radio Addresses will probably work.

Each RF4XX network must have a unique network address. If the network address was changed on the weather station, enter that network address in the **Network Address** field. Each RF Radio must have a unique RF radio address. If the radio address was changed on the weather station, enter the radio address in the **Radio Address** field.

7. STATION SETTINGS. This screen is used to enter settings for the weather station.

EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106)	×
Progress	Station Settings	
Introduction	Baud Rate: 9600	Enter the baud rate that will be used in communicating with the station.
Station Selection		
Station Information	PakBus Address:	A unique PakBus address is used to identify the station in the PakBus network. Enter the PakBus address that was set on the station.
Communication Setup	Security Code (Advanced):	If a security code is set on the station, it must be entered here for communication and data collection
Send Program	10	to occur. O means security will not be used.
Station Clock	Extra Response Time:	If the station requires extra time to respond then enter the extra response time.
Scheduled Collection	Max Time Online	Because some links are costly, the option is given for a connection to be closed automatically. Enter the maximum time for a connection to stay online. D
Wizard Complete		time means the connection will be kept online until the user disconnects.
	? Settings <u>H</u> elp	vious Next Finish Cancel

Enter the **Baud Rate**, **PakBus Address**, **Security Code**, **Extra Response Time**, and **Max Time Online** to be used when communicating with the weather station.

NOTE

Only those settings that apply to the selected station type are shown.

8. STATION SUMMARY. This screen displays a summary of the weather station setup.



Specifically the station summary provides information about the connection setup and the station settings. If any settings are not correct move back to the corresponding screen using the **Previous** button and make the needed changes.

9. SEND WEATHER STATION PROGRAM. This screen allows you to send the station's program to the station.

EZSetup Wizard - ET106 (ET106)			
Progress	Send Weather Station Program		
Introduction	You now have the option of sending the weather station program.		
Station Selection	Upon completion of the program being sent, the station settings entered will be set on the station. The connection will be kept online so that other setup tasks can be performed. (i.e., check/set clock, program send).		
Station Information			
Communication Setup	Send the weather station program?		
→Send Program	C No		
Station Clock			
Scheduled Collection	Click Next to continue.		
Wizard Complete			
	? Program Help ▲ Previous Next ✓ Finish X Car	ncel	

If you have already sent the program then you can choose **No**. Otherwise choose **Yes**.

If **Yes** is chosen and you click **Next**, the program will be sent to the weather station. After the program is sent, the location settings entered will be set on the station.

10. TABLE DEFINITIONS/SET STATION SETTINGS. If **No** was chosen when asked if you wanted to send the weather station program, this screen is shown.

EZSetup Wizard - ET10	16 (ET106)	×
Progress	Table Definitions/Set Station Settings	
Introduction	In order to successfully setup the weather station, the station's table definitions	
Station Selection	entered will be set on the station.	
Station Information	The connection will be kept online so that other setup tasks can be performed.	
Communication Setup		
►Send Program	Click Next to continue.	
Station Clock		
Scheduled Collection		
Wizard Complete		
	? Program <u>H</u> elp ▲ Previous Mext ▶ ✓ Finish ★ Cancel	el

It is still necessary to communicate with the weather station in order to retrieve table definitions (information about the program running on the station) and set the location information on the station.

Click **Next** to proceed. Communication with the station will be established, the table definitions will be updated to match those on the station, and the location information entered will be sent to the station.

NOTE The **Connection Time** is shown in the bottom left corner of the screen, after a connection is established with the station.

11. STATION CLOCK. This screen allows you to see and set the weather station clock in relation to the PC clock.

ZSetup Wizard - ET10	06 (ET106)	×	
Progress	Station Clock		
Introduction	Station Date/Time 6/8/2004 12:34:44 PM	If the Station Date/Time does not match the PC Date/Time you may wish to set the	
Station Selection	PC Date/Time	station clock.	
Station Information	6/8/2004 1:34:40 PM		
Communication Setup	Check Station Clock	To check the clock, click the "Check Station Clock" button.	
Send Program	Time Zone Offset	The Time Zone Offset will be used in setting	
-Station Clock	0 hours	the clock.	
Scheduled Collection	Set Station Clock	To set the clock click the "Set Station Clock" button. Otherwise, click Next to continue.	
Wizard Complete	Note: Because there are delays in the is set there may be some difference be	e communication link, when the clock etween the station and PC clock.	
Connection Time: 0:00:11	Clock Help	Next Finish Cancel	

All data collected has a timestamp associated with it. In order to make sure the timestamp is correct, you can set the station's clock to match that on the PC. To set the station's clock, click the **Set Station Clock** button.

If you would like to use a **Time Zone Offset** with the station, change this value, and then set the clock. Whatever value is in the Time Zone Offset field when you click the **Set Station Clock** button, will be applied to the stations clock when set.

12. SCHEDULED DATA COLLECTION. This screen allows you to setup a schedule to have data collected from the weather station automatically.

EZSetup Wizard - ET106 (ET106)			
Progress	Scheduled Data Collection		
Introduction	I Scheduled Collection Enabled	If you wish to have scheduled collection	
Station Selection		enabled for this station check the box.	
Station Information	Normal Scheduled Collection		
Communication Setup	First Time to Collect Date Time 6/ 8/2004 12:19:00 PM +	Enter the First Time to Collect. This is when the first attempt to collect data will occur. If the this time is in the past, data collection will be attempted immediately	
Send Program		when the schedule is enabled.	
Station Clock	Collection Interval 0 d 00 h 05 m 00 s 000 ms	Enter the Collection Interval. The collection interval is relative to the Base Date and Time entries. For instance, if	
 Scheduled Collection 		the Base Time is set at 12:15 and the interval is set for 1 hour, data collection will be attempted at 12:15, 1:15, etc.	
Wizard Complete		win be allempled at 12,13, 1,13, etc.	
Connection Time: 0:05:48	? Schedule <u>H</u> elp	Next Finish Cancel	

The **First Time to Collect** field determines when the first call will be made to the weather station. A call will be made immediately to the station if the date and time entered has already passed.

The **Collection Interval** is how often the weather station will be called. It can be as frequent or infrequent as you desire. However, calling the station hourly will ensure that you have up-to-date information for your reports.

13. SCHEDULED COLLECTION RETRIES. This screen allows you to setup scheduled collection retries. Retries are used to define a different schedule on which data will be collected if a scheduled collection attempt fails.

💒 EZSetup Wizard - ET10	6 (ET106)	×
Progress	Scheduled Collection Retries	
Introduction	Primary Retries Primary Betry Interval	Enter the primary retry interval and the number of retries.
Station Selection	0 d 00 h 02 m 00 s 000 ms 📩	If a scheduled data collection attempt fails, data will be collected on the primary retry interval. When a call is successful, data
Station Information	Number of Primary Retries	collection will resume on the normal schedule.
Communication Setup		
Send Program	Secondary Retries	
Station Clock	Secondary Retries Enabled	Check the box to enable secondary retries.
Scheduled Collection	Secondary Retry Interval	It enabled, once primary retries have been exhausted, Secondary Retries will be tried. If disabled, data collection attempts continue on the primary retry interval until a successful
Wizard Complete		call is made.
Connection Time: 0:06:39	? Retry <u>H</u> elp	<u>Next</u> → Finish Cancel

If scheduled data collection fails, data will be collected on the **primary retry interval**. When a call is successful, data collection will resume on the normal schedule. Enter the **Primary retry interval** and **Number of Primary Retries**.

If the primary retries are exhausted, collection will be retried on the **secondary retry interval** (if enabled) until successful. If secondary retries are not enabled, collection will revert back to the normal collection interval until successful.

When a successful call is made, collection will return to the normal scheduled collection interval, regardless of whether in primary or secondary retries.

14. WIZARD COMPLETE. This screen informs you that the weather station setup is complete.



Click **Finish** to save the station setup and close the wizard. You will be returned to the home screen.

5.2 After Configuring a Weather Station

After setting up your weather station, TurfWeather will continue automatically to collect data at the intervals specified (if enabled). If batch reports have been created (see Batch Reports section 7.3), TurfWeather will automatically create reports using the collected data.

Note, however, that TurfWeather must be running for automatic scheduled data retrieval and batch reports to be performed. If for some reason you must close TurfWeather, these tasks will resume once the software is restarted. Data will not be lost unless the software has been closed a sufficient amount of time for the weather station to begin overwriting its oldest data with new data. This can be anywhere from 10 to 30 days depending upon the station type selected. It is prudent to retrieve data at least daily to protect against loss of data.

Data collection from the stations can be verified by viewing the collection schedule. See collection schedule by choosing View | Collection Schedule from the TurfWeather menu (see Collection Schedule section 10).

6. Manually Connecting to a Weather Station

In addition to performing automatic scheduled data retrieval, you can connect to a weather station manually and perform system maintenance, monitor current weather parameters, or retrieve data. To connect to a weather station, select the **Connect** heading or Connect | Connect to Station from the main menu of the Home screen. The Connect to Station screen will be shown.

Connect to Station			
Tools			
Station Selection CRI0XPB_OnDesk E1106_out_Back Turf Turf_OnDesk	Connection Status: D	isconnected	Weather and Status Monitor Cyrrent Conditions <u>View Station Status</u>
	Maximum Connection	Time	Start Stop
Connect	 Stay connected for Stay connected until 	5 _ minutes Il disconnect	Progress 0%
Station Program		PC	
Program File:		Station	
Retrieve Pre			Pause Clock Update
	yian .	Set Station Cloc	K O hours
Connection Time: 0:00:00	:00		<u>? H</u> elp Ho <u>m</u> e

All weather stations that have been configured using TurfWeather will be listed on the left side of the screen under the Station Selection field. Select the weather station you wish to communicate with and click the **Connect** button. TurfWeather will attempt to communicate with the weather station. Once connected, the Connection Status will display Connected.

The amount of time that your computer has been connected to the weather station is indicated by the **Connection Time** field at the bottom left part of the screen. When communication is initiated manually, it will be maintained until you click the **Disconnect** button, return to the Home screen, or you close TurfWeather. Note that whenever you are connected to a weather station, the weather station uses more power, phone connections remains active (thus, phone costs may be incurred), no other station on that COM port can be contacted for data, and no other users can connect to the weather station.

6.1 Retrieving Data Manually

To manually retrieve data from a weather station, click the **Start** button in the section of the screen titled **Manual Data Collection**. You will see the progress bar fill as TurfWeather is retrieving data. The values collected will be shown. You will be notified when data collection process is complete. You can stop data retrieval at any time by clicking the **Stop** button.

6.2 Setting a Weather Station Clock

The stations clock and the PC clock times are shown on the connect screen. Whenever you click the **Set Station Clock** button, the station's clock will be set to the PC clock with the entered **Time Zone Offset**.

NOTE

It is nearly impossible to synchronize the two clocks exactly, since it takes time to transfer the clock setting to the weather station.

6.3 Maximum Connection Time

Because phone modem connections can be costly and connections to stations powered by solar panels can put a heavy load on the stations battery, the option is given for the connection to be disconnected automatically.

In the **Maximum connection Time** group box, select the **Stay connected for X minutes** option if you wish to have the connection disconnected automatically after the specified amount of time.

Otherwise, if you wish to be connected until you manually disconnect, select the **Stay connected until I disconnect** option. The connection will be kept online until you click the **Disconnect** button.

6.4 Station Program

The stations program is displayed in the Station Program Group box.

For debugging purposes it may be necessary to retrieve the program from the weather station. Click the **Retrieve** button and choose the location to save the file. The program will be retrieved from the weather station. Note: Programs can only be retrieved from ET106 model stations.

6.5 Monitoring Current Conditions

Current weather conditions can be viewed after connecting to a weather station. Click the **Monitor Current Conditions** button to show the Current Condition Screen.



Air temperature, Relative Humidity (RH), Wind Direction, Wind Speed, Solar Radiation, Rain (last 24 hours), ETo (last 24 hours), and Barometric Pressure are shown. Note: some values may not be available for the specified station type.

Each measurement control can be moved by clicking and dragging the control. Each control also can be resized by dragging the bottom right corner of the control. The screen can be resized as well. Any changes made to the screen will be saved for the station you are communicating with.

The screen can be resized as well. If you click the **Reset Window** button the screen will be restored to its default state. All controls will return to their original position and size.

You can toggle between the Metric and U.S. unit systems by selecting the radio button next to the desired system in the Unit system group box.

The Connection Time is shown in the bottom left corner of the Current Conditions screen.

6.6 Monitoring Station Status

When you have a connection established with a weather station, you can view the station's status. This can be done by clicking the **View Station Status** button.

ation Status		_ 🗆 🗙
Weath	er Station Status	
E	T106_out_Back	
Battery	Program Errors	
Battery Voltage 13.07	Watch Dog Count 0.00	
Low Volt Count 0.00	Table Overruns 0.00	
Lithium Battery Voltage 3.09		
Internal Temperature	Enclosure Relative Humidity	
Logger Temp 26.72	Enclosure RH 11.12	
Connection Time: 0 00:09:22	Close	

Weather station battery information, program errors, internal datalogger temperature, and enclosure RH are shown. Some of these values may not be shown, depending upon the station type.

7. Generating Reports

7.1 Manually Generated Reports

To generate reports, select the **Reports** heading or the Reports | Generate Reports menu item from the Home screen. The Report Selection Screen will be shown to allow you to select the type of report, time range of data to use, unit system and reports to generate.

Report Selection		X
Report Selection Current Weather Stations CR10xPB_OnDesk ET106_out_Back Turf Turf_OnDesk Past Weather Stations CR205_on_desk CR205_onDesk OldBirchCreek	Report Type 2 4 Hour (selectable hours) 1 Day (midnight-to-midnight) 7 Day 1 Month Custom Day (selectable days) Time Range Start Date/Time 6/13/2004 9:00 AM 5 End Date/Time 6/14/2004 9:00 AM 5 Unit System Cubic selectable days	
	 ♥ U.S.System ♥ <u>Help</u> Edit Report Parameter 	ers Create <u>R</u> eport Home

Select a current or past weather station. Current weather stations are those currently part of the network. Past weather stations are those that have been deleted from the network.

After a station is selected, select the report type to generate. The following report types can be selected.

- 1) 24 Hour (selectable hours)
- 2) 1 Day (midnight-to-midnight)
- 3) 7 Day (selectable 7 day period)
- 4) 1 Month (selectable month)
- 5) Custom Day (selectable days)

After selecting a report type, the time range options will be shown. 24 Hour, 7 Day and Custom Day have a start and end date/time to be selected. With the 1 Day and 1 Month report the specific day or month is selected.

Select the Unit system to be used in the generated reports.

Last, select the reports you wish to generate. Any reports that cannot be generated for the specific weather station type are grayed out. If any selected reports require additional parameters that need to be set, the report settings screen will be displayed (See 7.2 Report Settings). The report settings can also be changed at any time by clicking the **Edit Report Parameters** button.

Formulas used for generating special reports are documented in the appendices.

7.2 Report Parameters

Some reports require parameters to be entered by the user. The Report parameters screen is displayed when generating reports for the first time for a station. It can be displayed again at any time by selecting a station on the Report Selection screen and then clicking the **Edit Report Parameters** button.

Each tab on the screen allows you to change settings for the specified report. Enter the settings for the reports and click **OK** to save the settings. You can cancel changes at any time by clicking the **Cancel** button.

7.2.1 Wind Rose

WIND ROSE – Select the **Number of Wind Speed Bins** and then enter the Low and High values desired for each bin. If **Automatically convert values when entered** is checked, the values entered will be converted and entered in the other unit system grid automatically. At any time you can restore the defaults for the bins by clicking the **Restore Defaults** button. This will change the low and high values to match the Beaufort wind scale boundaries.

Wind Rose The Wind R and the top/ placed in the	3 .ose displays a vis bottom of each bir e calm bin.	sible representation of wind data n. Note: Anything lower than the Number of Wind Speed Bins: 5	a. Specify the min value of th	number of bins 1e first bin is
Metric	c System (m/s)		US S	ystem (MPH)
Low Value	High Value		Low Value	High Value
0.3	1.6	 Automatically convert values when entered 	1	4
1.6	3.4	Which criticited	4	8
3.4	5.5		8	13
5.5	8		13	19
8	> 8	_	19	> 19
		Restore Defaults		
ind Rose E	vapotranspiration	Crop Water Growing Degree D	Jays Growing	Degree Days 2
ew Point W	et Bulh Chill Hou	rs Wind Chill Heat Index		

7.2.2 Reference Evapotranspiration (ETo)

REFERENCE EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (ETO) – Select the ETo Method to be used. The latitude, longitude, and elevation are also used to calculate Evapotranspiration. These can be entered/changed in the EZSetup wizard by selecting Edit | Edit Weather Station from the main menu of the Home Screen.

Evapot	ranspiration (ETo)
Evapotra which is Calculati	anspiration is the process by which water is lost due to evaporation and transpiration, loss of water via plants. The net result is water loss from a given area of the land. ion of Evapotranspiration requires the following information.
	ETo Method Standardized Reference ETo for Short Crops (~0.12 meter in height), Grass Reference Standardized Reference ETo for Tall Crops (~0.50 meter in height), Alfalfa Reference FA056 Penman-Montieth Method for Estimation of ETo
Station Ia change t the main	atitude, longitude, and elevation are used to calculate Evapotranspiration. To these settings, edit the weather station by selecting Edit Edit Weather Station from menu of the Home screen.
Station Is change t the main ind Rose	atitude, longitude, and elevation are used to calculate Evapotranspiration. To these settings, edit the weather station by selecting Edit Edit Weather Station from menu of the Home screen.

7.2.3 Crop Water Need

CROP WATER NEED – Select the **Crop Name** and enter the **Planting Date**. Next enter the **Duration (Days)** for each crop stage (initial, development, midseason, late-season). The beginning date of each stage will be automatically calculated. Next enter the **Crop Coefficient** for each stage.

calculates water need	is of the selecte	ed crop. This c	alculation uses	values of ET	o calculated
for the same period. F	For each stage	in the life cycle	, provide the le	ength of the sta	ge and the
crop coenicient (Kc) to	ne applieu (o i	L I U.			
Сгор					1
Crop	Name		Plan	nting Date	
Bana	ana	•	5/2	28/2004 🗾	
4					
			100		T
	Initial	Development	Mid-Season	Late-Season	Total Days
Duration (Days)	Initial 1	Development 1	Mid-Season 1	Late-Season 1	Total Days
Duration (Days) Stage Start Date	Initial 1 5/28/2004 •	Development 1 5/29/2004	Mid-Season 1 5/30/2004 •	Late-Season 1 5/31/2004 •	Total Days 4
Duration (Days) Stage Start Date Crop Coefficient (Kc)	Initial 1 5/28/2004 ▼ 1	Development 1 5/29/2004 1	Mid-Season 1 5/30/2004 <u> </u> 1	Late-Season 1 5/31/2004 ▼ 1	Total Days 4
Duration (Days) Stage Start Date Crop Coefficient (Kc)	Initial 1 5/28/2004 ▼ 1	Development 1 5/29/2004 1	Mid-Season 1 5/30/2004 <u>*</u> 1	Late-Season 1 5/31/2004 <u></u> 1	Total Days 4
Duration (Days) Stage Start Date Crop Coefficient (Kc)	Initial 1 5/28/2004 1	Development 1 5/29/2004 1	Mid-Season 1 5/30/2004 1	Late-Season 1 5/31/2004 - 1	Total Days 4
Duration (Days) Stage Start Date Crop Coefficient (Kc)	Initial 1 5/28/2004 1	Development 1 5/29/2004 1	Mid-Season 1 5/30/2004 1	Late-Season 1 5/31/2004 1 Growing Decr	Total Days 4

NOTE

Alternatively, you can enter the stage start dates instead of the duration. The duration of each crop stage will be automatically calculated.
7.2.4 Growing Degree Days and Growing Degree Days 2

GROWING DEGREE DAYS AND GROWING DEGREE DAYS 2 – Select the **Crop Name**. Next enter the **Lower** and **Upper Temperature Limit** for the crop. If Fahrenheit is entered, the Celsius value will be calculated automatically. If Celsius is entered, the Fahrenheit value is calculated automatically.

Crop Name Crop Name Lower Temperature Limit Lower Temperature Limit Lower Temperature Lim	DD you
Crop Name Lower Temperature Limit	
Crop Name	
Lower Temperature Limit	
Lower Temperature Limit	
35 Fahrenheit 40 Fahrenheit	
1.67 Celsius 4.44 Celsius	
ind Rose Evapotranspiration Crop Water Growing Degree Days Growing Degree Da	

7.2.5 Dew Point

DEW POINT – No settings are required for Dew Point Temperature.

Report Para	meters					_
Dew Po	int Temperature					
Dew Poir Dew poir For air te	nt is the temperature nt temperature is ca mperatures of 0 dep	e at which the a Iculated from th gree Celsius or	ir becomes sat le measureme below, the dev	turated and de nts of air temp w point is calle	w begins to forr erature and RH. d frost point.	n. . Note:
	(No parar	neters are re	quired to cal	culate Dewp	oint)	
Dew Point	Wet Bulb Chill Ho	urs Wind Chil	Heat Index			
	Evapotranspiration	Crop Water	Growing Degree	ee Days Grow	ing Degree Day	s 2
Wind Rose	L'apouranopiration		And the second se			
Wind Rose	<u></u>					

7.2.6 Wet Bulb

WET BULB – Elevation is used to calculate Wetbulb. Elevation can be entered/changed in the EZSetup wizard by selecting Edit | Edit Weather Station from the main menu of the Home Screen.



7.2.7 Chill Hours

CHILL HOURS – Enter the Reference (Base) Temperature in either Fahrenheit or Celsius. The other field value will be calculated automatically.

Chill Ho	urs					
This indi base) tei	cates the n mperature.	umber of hours t The reference t	hat the tem emperature	perature stayed be e is provided by the	elow a certain refere e user.	nce (
		Refere	ence (Base)	Temperature		
		55		Fahrenheit		
		1.67		Celsius		
		_				
Dem Point	Wet Bulb	Chill Hours Wi	ind Chill H	leat Index		

7.2.8 Wind Chill



WIND CHILL - No settings are required for wind chill

7.2.9 Heat Index

HEAT INDEX - No settings are required for Heat Index.

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Heat In	dex					
The com it really is conditior	bination of high air s. Heat index is an 1s it serves as a wa	temperature ar indicator of dis rning of fatigue	nd high relative comfort under , sun stroke, ai	e humidity makes these conditions nd heat stroke.	: one feel hotter . Under extreme	rthan ∋
Heatind 80 °F - 11	ex is reported for re 0 °F (27 °C - 47 °C).	lati∨e humidity	range of 40%	- 100% and air te	mperature ran <u>c</u>	je of
	(No paran	neters are re	quired to cal	lculate Heat In	dex)	
ew Point	Wet Bulb Chill He	wind Chil	Heat Index			2
ind Hose			ulowing Deg		ig Deglee Days	<u>د</u>
				✓ OK	X Cancel	7 Help

7.3 Batch Reports

Batch Reports allow you to define reports to be saved and generated at a later time. They can be set up to run on a schedule (automatic) or on demand (manually by the user).

To Open the Batch Reports screen choose the Reports \mid Batch Reports menu item from the menu on the Home screen.

Batch Report	s Schedule				_ 🗆 ×
Eile <u>H</u> elp					
Batch Name	Station	Report Type	Output Type	Last Report Time	Next Report Time
Batch1	ET106_out_Back	24 Hour	JPG	6/8/2004 4:30:00 PM	6/9/2004 9:00:00 AM
			1		1
		?	Help New	Edit F	Run Delete

7.3.1 New Batch

To create a new Batch Report click the **New** button on the **Batch Reports Schedule** screen. The Batch Report Selection screen is displayed.

Current Weather Stations CR10XPB OnDesk ET106 out. Back Turf Turf Turf_OnDesk Output As: Print □ .bmp ▼ .jpg	24 Hour (selectable hours) 1 Day (midnight-to-midnight) 7 Day 1 Month Custom Day (selectable days) Generation Time Generate On Demand Generate According To Schedule Time To Generate Report 10:08 AM Date of First Report 6/15/2004 Unit System Metric System Gustom System Gustom System	 I All Station Status Reports Battey Voltage Enclosure RH All Standard Weather Reports Temperature Solar Radiation Relative Humidity Rainfall Wind Speed Wind Rose Barometric Pressure All Special Reports ETo and Water Needs Growing Degree Days (GDD 2) Dew Point Wet Bulb Temperature Wind Chill Factor Heat Index
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This screen is much like the screen shown when manually generating a report except you have additional fields to enter.

Batch Reports can be created only for current weather stations (that is, you cannot create Batch Reports for historical data of deleted weather stations).

Select the Output types desired. You can choose any combination of **Print**, **.bmp**, **.jpg**, but you must choose at least one option.

Select the Report Type. This is much like on the manual report, but if you choose the Custom Day option, you will be prompted for the number of days you want in the report.

Select whether you want to generate on Demand (user initiated creation) or according to Schedule (automatically generated). Batches setup as scheduled are generated one time for every **duration** specified at the **Time to Generate Report** specified. See each report duration below:

- 1) 24 Hour Generated one time per day at the **Time to Generate Report** specified.
- 2) 1 Day Generated one time per day at the **Time to Generate Report** specified.
- 7 Day Generated one time per 7-day period starting at the Time to Generate Report specified. The first report will be generated on the Date of First Report.
- 4) 1 Month Generated one time per month. The report is generated at an offset from the beginning of the month specified in the **Time To** Generate Report and Date of First Report fields. For example if you specify 9:00 as the time to generate the report and Jan 4 as the date of the first report, the report will be generated on the 4th day of every month at 9:00 AM.
- 5) Custom Day Generated one time per specified number of day period starting at the **Time to Generate Report** specified. The first report will be generated on the Date of First Report.

To have reports run on demand, select the Generate on Demand option. The report can be run at any time by clicking the **Run** button on the **Batch Reports Schedule Screen** (see Section 7.3.3).

Next Select the Unit System and Reports you wish to have generated.

After all desired settings have been selected, click the **Create Batch** button. You will then be prompted for a name for the batch. The batch name must be unique among all batches that have been created.

NOTE As with creating manual reports, the **Report Settings** screen is shown if special settings for the station have not been entered and need to be (see 7.2 Report Settings).

7.3.2 Edit Batch

To Edit a batch that has already been created, select it in the list and click the **Edit** button. The batch will be loaded in the **Report Selection** screen. Edit the selections and click the **Save Batch** button. The changes will be saved.

7.3.3 Run Batch	
	All batches including those set up as scheduled, can be run on demand. Select the batch you wish to run and click the Run button. The batch will be generated.
NOTE	Running a scheduled batch will not affect its schedule. If you wish to edit the schedule of a batch, edit the batch and change its generation time.
7.3.4 Delete Batc	h
	To delete a batch select it in the list and click the Delete button. The batch will be deleted.
NOTE	This action cannot be undone.

8. Exporting Data to a File

Data retrieved from a weather station can be exported to a file for further data processing. From the Home screen select **Data Export** or Export | Export Data from the Main Menu.

Export Data	
Datatables Selection	
Current Weather Stations	_
CR10XPB_OnDesk	
ETTU6_OUT_Back	Select a Data Table
Turf OnDesk	hour
	minute
Past V (asther Chatiana	
Past Weather Stations	_
CR205_On_desk	
CB205onDesk	
OldBirchCreek	
-Euport Options	
Export Options	
Starting at	Ending at
4/26/2004 💌	6/14/2004
	_
Output Directory	
C:\Hunter\TurfWeather\Export	Browse
	7 Help Start Export Home

Highlight the desired weather station name from the list of **Current and Past Weather Stations**. The names of the data tables for the selected weather station will be displayed.

Select the desired table to be exported in the **Select a Data Table** list. Next select the range of data to be exported using the **Starting at** and **Ending at** fields.

By default, exported data will be saved in the *<working directory*>\Export folder with a name of *<station name*>.dat (where the *working directory* is the directory specified in the install and *station name* is the name of the weather station. A different directory can be selected by clicking the **Browse** button.

Click the Start Export button to begin exporting the data.

Data is exported in an ASCII comma-separated format with field names. It can be imported into a spreadsheet or other software for further data processing.

9. Viewing All Stations in the Network

To view all the stations that are currently configured in TurfWeather, select the **Weather Station Network** heading or View | Network menu item from the main menu of the Home screen.



The Weather Station Network screen shows all weather stations currently in the network. Station information is displayed for the station that is currently selected.

To Remove the selected station from the network, click the **Remove Station** button.

NOTE This cannot be undone. The station will become a past weather station. Reports can still be generated for the station and data can be exported, but no new data can be collected from the station.

To Edit the selected station, click the **Edit Station** button. The EZSetup Wizard as described in section 5.1 is displayed.

NOTE The progress headings on the left side of the EZ Setup Wizard can be clicked to jump to the corresponding screens.

10. Collection Schedule

To view the current status of scheduled collection for stations, select View | Collection Schedule from the main menu of the Home screen.

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The Collection Schedule screen shows the current status of all stations currently configured in TurfWeather. An exclamation icon is shown by all stations that TurfWeather is currently having trouble communicating with. The columns shown are described as follows:

Avg Err % - Average communication error rate
Coll State – Current collection State
Comm Status – Current communication status
Line State – Current line state
Vals Last Coll – Values collected during data collection
Vals to Coll – Values to collect for data collection
Last Collect Attempt – Last time data collection was attempted
Last Data Collection – Last time data collection succeeded
Next Data Coll – Next time scheduled data collection will occur
Total Attempts – Total number of attempts to communicate
Total Failures – Total number of communication retries

A Graph is shown for each station to help show historical communication information about the station. A maximum of 72 bars are shown. Each bar represents 15 minutes. The communication failure percentage determines the height of the bar. It is calculated as: (Failures + Retries) / Attempts. The color of each bar is determined by the following rules:

Green: No Retries, No Failures

Blue: Retries, No Failures

Red: Failures

Gray: No Attempts

Scheduled collection can be paused for all stations in the network by checking the **Pause Scheduled Data Collection for all Stations** checkbox.

Appendix A. Evapotranspiration, Vapor Pressure Deficit, and Crop Water Needs

A.1 Evapotranspiration

This appendix explains the process of evapotranspiration (ET) and the methods TurfWeather uses to calculate hourly ET values. It also explains the calculations for vapor pressure deficit of the air and crop irrigation based on ET.

Evapotranspiration is the process of water loss in vapor form from a unit surface of land both directly (evaporation) and from leaf surfaces (transpiration).

The energy required for vaporization comes mainly from the solar radiation and the ambient air temperature. Higher values of solar radiation and ambient air temperature increase ET. As the air near the soil surface saturates with water vapor, the rate of water loss due to evaporation decreases. Therefore, with increasing humidity ET decreases. The wind displaces saturated air with relatively drier air. Thus, at higher wind speeds ET increases. Other factors, such as soil composition, irrigation frequency, rain, and crop type also play important roles that affect the process.

Given the diversity of crops, their heights, ability to absorb solar radiation, foliage resistance to wind, and variability in wind speeds at various altitudes some standards have to be predefined as a basis for comparisons of ET under variable climatic conditions.

For the purpose of standardization the following definition has been adopted^[1] for a reference crop surface.

'A hypothetical reference crop with an assumed crop height of 0.12 meters, fixed surface resistance of 70 S/m and an albedo of 0.23'.

This hypothetical reference crop surface closely resembles an adequately watered, extensive surface of green grass of uniform height, completely shading the ground.

The (bulk) surface resistance, rs, consists of resistance to vapor flow through the soil surface and crop leaves. The latter is called stomatal resistance. Stomata are small openings on leaves through which the vapor is lost. For the reference crop the value of rs is fixed at 70 S/m.

Albedo is a crop's ability to reflect the incident radiation. Also known as canopy reflection coefficient, its value for the reference crop is 0.23 (unitless number). Reference crop surface albedo = (radiation energy reflected by reference crop surface) / (solar radiation incident on the reference crop surface) = 0.23.

Over the years the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has published several documents related to evapotranspiration and other

agriculture related issues. We allow the option of switching between three ETo methods:

- 1. Standardized Reference ETo for Short Crops (~0.12 meter in height), Grass Reference
- 2. Standardized Reference ETo for Tall Crops (~0.50 meter in height), Alfalfa Reference
- 3. FAO56 Penman-Montieth Method for Estimation of ETo

The only difference between these methods are the values used for C_n , and C_d in the ET_o equation. These values are described in section 7 below.

The ET_o equation is as follows:

$$ET_{o} = \frac{0.408 \Delta (R_{n} - G) + \gamma (C_{n}/(T + 273)) u_{2}(e_{s} - e_{a})}{\Delta + \gamma (1 + C_{d}u_{2})}$$
(1)

where, $ET_o =$ reference evapotranspiration (mm/day);

- Δ = slope of the vapor pressure versus temperature curve (kPa/°C)
- R_n = net radiation at the crop surface (MJ/m²/hour)
- G = soil heat flux density (MJ/m²/hour)
- γ = psychrometric constant (kPa/°C)
- T = air temperature at 2 m height (°C)
- $u_2 = avg$ wind speed at 2 m height (m/s)
- e_s = saturation vapor pressure (kPa)
- $e_a = actual vapor pressure (kPa)$

 $e_s - e_a =$ saturation vapor pressure deficit (kPa)

calculating ET₀:

Because the main climatic factors which determine ET values (solar radiation, temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed) vary throughout the day, Turf weather uses hourly average data values rather than their daily averages in calculating ET_0

Equations used to calculate the value of each variable in equation (1), related quantities, their units, etc., are presented below.

NOTE Please refer to Table 1 at the end of this Appendix for listings of all quantities and their symbols and units used in the ET_o calculations)

1. Calculations for $\Delta^{[2, 3]}$ (slope of the vapor pressure curve).

$$\Delta = \frac{4098[0.6108 e^{(17.27T)/(T+237.3)}]}{(T+237.3)^2}$$
(2)

T is temperature in °C.

2. Calculations for R_n (net radiation at the crop surface).

The net radiation, R_n , is the algebraic sum of radiation at the crop's surface, with the sign convention that the incoming radiation is positive and the outgoing radiation is negative. The incoming radiation is higher in energy (i.e., shorter in wavelength) than the outgoing radiation (which is longer in wavelength). The net radiation at the crop's reference surface is:

$$R_n = R_{ns} - R_{nl}$$

where:

 $R_{ns} =$ Shortwave Radiation = 0.77Rs R_{nl} = Longwave Radiation

In the daytime incoming net radiation > outgoing net radiation, $R_{ns} > R_{nl}$, therefore R_n is positive.

In the nighttime incoming net radiation < outgoing net radiation, R_{ns} < R_{nl} , therefore R_n is negative.

The overall value of R_n is positive over a 24-hour period.

2a. Calculations for R_{nl} (long wave radiation at the crop surface).

The amount of energy radiated back into the atmosphere is proportional to the fourth power of the absolute temperature of a radiating surface (Rnl αT^4). This is known as Stefan-Boltzmann's law, in context with black body radiation. The proportionality constant for this relation is known as Stefan-Boltzmann constant, σ .

The value of the Stefan-Boltzmann constant is:

 $\sigma = \frac{4.903 \text{ x } 10^{-9} \text{ MJ m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4} \text{ day}^{-1} = 4.903 \text{ x } 10^{-9} \text{ x } 10^{6}}{(1 \text{ day x } 24 \text{ hours} / \text{ day x } 3600 \text{ sec } / \text{ hours})}$ $= 5.675 \text{ x } 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

However, the radiation emitted into the atmosphere gets absorbed by clouds, vapors, dust and gases like CO2. Thus the magnitude of Rnl would be less than that predicted by the Stefan-Boltzmann law. Therefore, in calculating Rnl, the Stefan-Boltzmann law has to be corrected by considering factors such as humidity and clouds and assuming that concentrations of other absorbers remain constant. The following equation is used to calculate the long wave R_{nl} .

$$R_{nl} = \sigma T_{hr}^{4} (0.34 - 0.14 (e_{a})^{1/2}) (1.35 (R_{S} / R_{SO}) - 0.35)$$
(3)

where, R_{nl} = net outgoing longwave radiation (MJ m⁻² hour ⁻¹) σ = 2.043 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ (MJ m⁻² K⁻⁴ hour ⁻¹)

 $e_a = actual vapor pressure (kPa)$

 R_{s} = measured solar radiation (MJ m⁻² hour ⁻¹)

 R_{SO} = calculated value of clear-sky solar radiation (MJ m⁻² hour⁻¹)

 R_S/R_{SO} = relative value of short wave radiation, 0.2 < R_S/R_{SO} <= 0.8 (no units)

 T_{hr} = hourly average temperature in Kelvin

2b. Calculation of the Radiation Ratio (Rs/Rso)

Rs = measured value of solar radiation (MJ/m²/hour)Rso = clear sky solar radiation; i.e., solar radiation with no cloud cover $(MJ/m^2/hour)$

The general equation used to calculate the solar radiation is:

 $Rs = (a_s + b_s (n/N))R_a$

where

(4)

 $a_s = constant = 0.25$ $b_s = constant = 0.50$ n = actual sunshine hours on a given day N = expected sunshine hours on a given day R_a= extraterrestrial radiation

If the day is entirely clear then n = N and $Rs = (a_s + b_s)R_a = (0.25 + 0.50)Ra \sim 0.75Ra = Rso.$

If the day is entirely cloudy, then n = 0 and $Rs = (a_s)R_a \sim 0.25$ Ra. Therefore the ratio, Rs/Rso on a completely cloudy day would be: Rs/Rso ~ 0.25 Ra/0.75 Ra ~ 0.33 about 0.3.

Therefore, 0.3 < Rs/Rso < 1.0 define limits of the ratio.

In the nighttime

Rs = 0 at nighttime. However, Rs/Rso should not be taken to be 0 or 0.3, since the sky may be cloud free. For the nighttime the radiation ratio 2 to 3 hours before sunset is used. To identify this radiation ratio 2 to 3 hours before sunset, the following algorithm is used:

When the solar time angle (ω) , satisfies the following condition, the radiation ratio is saved and used throughout the night:

$$(\omega_{\rm s} - 0.79) \le \omega \le (\omega_{\rm s} - 0.52)$$

where ω_s is the sunset hour angle (in radians). ω_s is calculated as follows:

$$\omega_{\rm s} = \pi/2 - \arctan[\tan(\phi)\tan(\delta) / X^{0.5}]$$
(5)

where $X = 1 - [\tan(\phi)]^2 [\tan(\delta)]^2$ and X = 0.00001 if $X \le 0$

2c. Calculations for R_{SO} (clear sky radiation).

Measured values of solar radiation, R_S , are actually extraterrestrial radiation (Ra) reaching the earth corrected by daily conditions; i.e., whether a particular day is clear or overcast. The following equation shows this relation:

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{S}} = (\mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{S}} + \mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{S}} (\mathrm{n/N})) \mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{a}}$$
(6)

Where n = number of hours of actual sunshine (hours)

N =maximum possible number of hours of expected sunshine (hours)

For a completely overcast day n = 0; therefore,

 $R_S = a_S Ra$, the constant $a_S =$ fraction of extraterrestrial radiation reaching the earth on a overcast day.

For an entirely clear day n = N

 $R_S = (a_S + b_S)Ra =$ clear sky radiation , $a_S + b_S =$ fraction of extraterrestrial radiation reaching the earth on a clear day. Thus,

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{S}} = (\mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{S}} + \mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{S}})\mathbf{R}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{SO}} \tag{7}$$

When calibrated values of as and bs are not available,

$$R_{SO} = (0.75 + 2 \times 10^{-5} z) Ra$$
 (8)

Where: z= station elevation in meters

2d. Calculations for R_a (extraterrestrial radiation).

The extraterrestrial radiation, Ra, can be calculated as follows:

$$Ra = \frac{12 (60)}{\pi} G_{Sc} dr[(\omega 2 - \omega 1) \sin(\phi) \sin(\delta) + \cos(\phi) \cos(\delta) (\sin(\omega 2) - \sin(\omega 1))]$$
(9)

 G_{Sc} = Solar constant = 0.0820 MJ m $^{-1}$ =1.36 x 10 3 W/m 2 = 1.36 k W/m 2

$$d_{\rm r} = \text{inverse relative distance Earth-Sun} = 1 + 0.033 \cos \left(\left(2 \pi / 365 \right) \text{ J} \right), \text{ J is day of the year}$$
(10)

$$\delta = \text{solar declination (radians)} = 0.409 \sin \left(\left(2 \pi/365 \right) \text{J} - 1.39 \right)$$
(11)

 ϕ = latitude of the location (radians) = ($\pi/180$) x latitude in degrees

$$\omega_1$$
 = solar time angle at the beginning of period (radians) =
 $\omega - \pi t_1/24 = \omega - \pi /24$ for hourly step (12)

 ω_2 = solar time angle at the end of period (radians) = $\omega + \pi t_1/24 = \omega + \pi /24$ for hourly step, since $t_1 = 1$

 $\omega = \text{solar time angle at midpoint of the period} = (\pi/12) [(time + 0.06667(Lz - Lm) + S_c) - 12]$ (13)

time = standard (military) clock time at the midpoint of the period (hours); e.g., t = 14.5 hours between 1400 and 1500 hours.

Lz = Longitude of the center of the station's time zone (west of the Greenwich line as 0°) around the earth in clockwise direction (degrees west of Greenwich)

Lm = Longitude of the measurement site (west of the Greenwich line as 0°)

S_c = seasonal correction for the solar time (hour) = 0.1645 sin (2b) -0.1255 cos(b) -0.025 sin(b)	(14)
$b = 2\pi (J-81)/364$ where J is day of the year between 1 (January 1) and 365 or 366 (December 31)	(15)

3. Calculation of G (soil heat flux).

The equation to calculate soil heat flux changes depending upon the ET_0 method used, and whether it is night or day. The following table describes the equation to use for each method and daytime/nighttime.

Nighttime:

Standardized Short Grass	0.1Rn
Standardized Tall Grass	0.4Rn
FAO56	0.1Rn

Daytime:

Standardized Short Grass	0.5Rn
Standardized Tall Grass	0.5Rn
FAO56	0.2Rn

4. Calculation of γ (psychrometric constant).

$$\gamma = c_P P / \epsilon \lambda \tag{16}$$

where, $c_P =$ specific heat capacity at constant pressure = 1.013 x 10⁻³

 ϵ = ratio of molecular weight of water to molecular weight of dry air = 0.622

$$\lambda$$
 = latent heat of vaporization of water = 2.45 MJ/kg

P = atmospheric pressure (kPa)

Substituting values of constants, γ becomes

$$\gamma = 0.000665 \text{ P}$$
 (17)

where the atmospheric pressure is obtained from the following equation:

$$P = 101.3 \left[\frac{293 - 0.0065Z}{293} \right]^{5.26}$$
(18)

where, Z = Elevation in meters. In the above calculation the temperature is assumed to be 20°C; hence,

T (Kelvin) = T (°C) + 273 =293. Note that by taking the value of temperature to be 20 °C at all altitudes the temperature dependence of γ has been ignored.

At sea level Z= 0; therefore, P = 101.3 kPa. At a higher altitude the pressure P drops below this value, since the air is less dense. As the altitude increases, P decreases and so does γ .

TurfWeather computes the atmospheric pressure, P, based on the userentered elevation.

Note that the latent heat of vaporization of water, λ is also a function of temperature. However, its variation with temperature is small enough to be neglected. For the FAO 56 PM equation the value of λ is assumed to be constant, $\lambda = 2.45$ MJ/kg.

5. Calculation of $e^{\circ}(T_{hr})$ (saturation vapor pressure at air temperature T_{hr}).

The saturation vapor pressure is related to air temperature, T

$$e^{\circ}(T_{\rm hr}) = 0.6108 \ e^{(17.27T)/(T+237.3)}$$
 (19)

Note that the right-hand side of this equation forms a part of the numerator in equation (3) above.

6. Calculation of e_a (average hourly actual vapor pressure).

$$e_a = e^{\circ}(T_{hr}) * RH_{hr} / 100$$
 (20)

RH_{hr} is the average hourly relative humidity (%)

Finally these individual results are combined to calculate hourly values of ET_0 by using equation (2).

Denominator = $\Delta + \gamma (1 + 0.34 u_2)$

First term = $0.408 \Delta (\text{Rn-G}) / (\Delta + \gamma (1 + 0.34 u_2))$

Second term = $\gamma (37/(T_{hr} + 273)) u_2 (e^{\circ}(T_{hr})-e_a)) / (\Delta + \gamma (1 + 0.34 u_2))$

 ET_{o} (mm/hour) = First term + Second term

The 24 hourly values of ET_o calculated using equation (2) are added to derive an ET_o (mm/day) value for a day. This process is repeated 7 times for weekly reports and 30 times for a monthly report.

7. Cn, Cd constants

The value of C_n and C_d are dependent upon the ET_o method used and whether it is day or night. The following table shows the values used for each method and time of day.

Method	Day	Night
ET ₀ Short	$C_n = 37, C_d = 0.24$	$C_n = 37, C_d = 0.96$
ET _O Tall	$C_n = 66, C_d = 0.25$	$C_n = 66, C_d = 1.7$
FAO56	$C_n = 37, C_d = 0.34$	$C_n = 37, C_d = 0.34$

Additional Notes:

- 1. TurfWeather accesses hourly average values of temperature (T, °C), relative humidity (RH, fraction), wind speed (u, m/s), and total hourly solar radiation (Rs, W/m2) from the database.
- 2. Solar radiation values are stored in W/m^2 but these are multiplied by a factor of 0.0036 to convert them into MJ/m^2 /hour.
- 3. Wind speed varies with altitude. Anemometers are either 2 or 3 meters for agronomy, and 10 m above the ground level if the application is in meteorology. The ET_0 equation requires that wind speeds be specified at a standard height of 2 meters. The following equation is applied to determine wind speed at 2 m height, regardless of the anemometer position above the ground level.

$$u2 = u^* \frac{(4.87)}{D}$$
(21)

Where, u2= wind speed at standard 2 meter height

- $D = \ln (67.8 * Ht 5.42)$
 - Ht= Height is the height of anemometer above the ground level (meters)

If
$$Ht = 2$$
 meters then $u2 = u$

A.2 Vapor Pressure Deficit of the Air

The vapor pressure deficit (kPa) of the air is the difference between the value of saturated vapor pressure (maximum vapor it can accommodate at a given temperature without condensation) and the actual vapor pressure (the amount of vapor it holds at the time).

This difference is calculated by calculating the saturated vapor pressure of the air

VP deficit =
$$(e^{\circ}(T_{hr})-e_a))$$

Where,

- e°(T) saturated vapor pressure (kPa) of the air at temperature T (Ref. Equation (19) above)
- e_a actual vapor pressure (kPa) of the air (Ref. Equation (20) above)

A.3 Crop Water Needs, Crop Coefficients

A crop's life cycle consists of four stages, initial period, development stage, mid-season stage, and the late-season stage.

- The initial stage is the length of time (days) between the planting date and the date at which approximately 10% of the ground surface is covered with green vegetation.
- The development stage is the number of days between the 10% ground cover to nearly full ground cover. The full ground cover often coincides with flowering.
- The mid-season starts at full ground cover and ends when a crop shows signs of maturity, e.g. yellowing of leaves.
- The late season lasts between crop's maturity to its harvest.

During each stage a crop's water need will vary. This requires adjusting the amount of water supply to the crop.

The amount of water (in mm/day or inches per day) needed by a crop is calculated by multiplying the reference crop evaporation (ET_o) described earlier by the crop coefficient (Kc) applicable to that crop in a given stage of its growth.

$$ETc = ET_{o} \times Kc$$
(22)

These topics, along with useful data applicable to several crops can be obtained by accessing the following web site:

http://www.fao.org/docrep/X0490E/x0490e00.htm#Contents

Information available at this web site should serve only as a guide. It is the responsibility of users to provide the correct value of Kc applicable to their situation. Contacting local agricultural agencies may provide information about crops grown in that region.

Table 1. Names, symbols and units of all quantities used in calculations of hourly ET_o values.

		Symbol	Unit
Meteorological Data			
Mean hourly temperature		Та	°C
Mean hourly RH		RH	percent
Mean hourly wind speed at 2 meter height		u ₂	m/sec
Total hourly solar radiation		Rs	MJ/m ² /hour
Data Related to Station's Location			
Elevation		Z	meters
Weather station's longitude Always west of Greenwich line (with Greenwich line as 0 degrees)	(user-entered)	Lm	degrees minutes seconds
Weather station's latitude	(user-entered)	phi	degrees minutes seconds
North or south of the Equator	(user-entered)	N or S	No Units
Standard meridian (midpoint of the time zone)		Lz	degrees
Anemometer position above the ground level	(user-entered)	Ht	meters
Data Related to Time			
Day of the year		J or DOY	integer
Begin time hour (military time, hour; e.g., 1400)		tBegin	hour
End time hour (military time, hour; e.g., 1500)	tEnd	hour	
Standard (military) time at step's midpoint (e.g.;	time	hour	
Calculated Values			
Slope of the vapor pressure curve		Δ	kPa/°C
Specific heat capacity at constant pressure		C _p =0.001103	MJ/kg/°C
Ratio of mol weights of water to dry air		ε=0.622	no units

Latent heat of vaporization of water	λ=2.45	MJ/kg
Atmospheric pressure	Р	kPa
Psychrometric constant	γ	kPa/°C
Saturation vapor pressure at T	eo(T)	kPa
Actual vapor pressure	ea	kPa
Vapor pressure deficit of the air at T	eo(T)-ea	kPa
Solar constant	GSc= 0.082	MJ/m ² /min
Constant used in seasonal correction	b	radians
	sin (b) cos(b) sin(2b)	none none none
Seasonal correction	Sc	hour
Inverse relative sun-earth distance	dr	meters
Solar declination	δ	radians
Solar time angle at the beginning of period	ω_1	radians
Solar time angle at the ending of period	$\sin(\omega 1)$ ω_2	radians
Solar time angle at midpoint of period	sin(ω2) ω	radians
Length of the step (applies to hourly step only)	$t_1 = 1$	hour
Extraterrestrial radiation	Ra	MJ/m ² /hour
Clear sky radiation	R _{SO}	MJ/m ² /hour
Ratio of radiation Ratio of radiation with total cloud cover Ratio of radiation at nighttime in humid, subhumid climates Ratio of radiation at nighttime in arid, semi-arid climates Constant used in calculating Ra	$Rs/R_{SO} = 0.3$ $Rs/R_{SO} = 0.4 \text{ to } 0.6$ $Rs/R_{SO} = 0.7 \text{ to } 0.8$ $a_s = 0.75$	no units no units no units no units
Constant used in calculating Ra, (Z = elevation in meters)	$b_s * Z = 2 \times 10^{-5} * Z$	
Short wave, high energy radiation	R _{ns}	MJ/m ² /hour

Stefan-Boltzmann constant	SIGMA = 2.043×10^{-10}	MJ/m ² /K ⁴ /hour
SIGMA*(absolute temp) ⁴		MJ/m ² /hour
Long wave, low energy radiation	R _{nl}	MJ/m ² /hour
Net radiation (short wave-long wave radiation)	R _n	MJ/m ² /hour
Soil heat flux (if Rs>0 then 0.1*Rn, else 0.5*Rn)	G	MJ/m ² /hour
Net radiation - soil heat flux	(Rn-G)	MJ/m ² /hour
Denominator (Denom) in the equation for calculating ET_{o}	$Denom = \Delta + \gamma (1+0.34 u_2)$	
First term in the equation for calculating ET_o	First term = $0.408 * \Delta * (Rn-G) / Denom$	
Second term in the equation for calculating ET_{o}	Second term =($\gamma * (37/(T+273)) * u2* (eo-ea)) / Denom$	

Hourly ET_o value

 ET_{o} (mm/hour) = first term + second term

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B.1 Growing Degree Days

This section explains the concept of growing degree-days (GDD) and methods used in TurfWeather to calculate its hourly values.

Growing degree-days (GDD) is a measure of temperature condition that is favorable to plant growth. A range of temperatures is defined by entering lower and upper temperature limits. Temperatures lying within these limits are assumed to be conducive for growth of a given plant. *The lower and upper limits of temperatures favorable to plant growth vary from plant-to-plant and are provided by the user.* Generally, temperatures above 50°F (10°C) are considered favorable for plant growth.

B.1.1 Method

- 1. An hourly average temperature value, Ta, is compared to the upper and lower temperature limit.
- 2. If Ta > upper temperature limit, then Ta is set equal to upper temperature limit, and

If Ta < lower temperature limit, then Ta is set equal to lower temperature limit.

- 3. If upper temperature limit >Ta > lower temperature limit, then GDD = Ta- lower temperature limit is calculated for every hour.
- 4. The 24 hourly GDD values are summed.

The GDD value calculated per day is added to the previous day's GDD value. This process is continued and a cumulative GDD value is reported. When the cumulative GDD value reaches a threshold for a given plant value, *as judged by a user*, then it is assumed that it has grown to an extent where it must be trimmed.

Appendix C. Dew Point and Wet Bulb Temperatures

C.1 Dew Point

Dew point is the temperature at which air saturates, upon cooling, without change in its water content.

C.1.1 Method

1. The value of saturation vapor pressure, e_s (kPa), is calculated using the polynomial in Ta, the air temperature¹

 $e_s = (a0 + Ta^*(a1 + Ta^*(a2 + Ta^*(a3 + Ta^*(a4 + Ta^*(a5 + a6^*Ta))))))^*0.1;(1)$

where Ta is the mean hourly temperature and the polynomial coefficients are:

a0=6.107799961; a1=4.436518521E-1; a2=1.428945805E-2; a3=2.650648471E-4; a4=3.031240396E-6; a5=2.034080948E-8; a6=6.136820929E-11;

The quantity e_s is in mbars. Since 1000 mbars = 100 kPA, 1 mbar = 0.1 kPa. Thus, multiplying the polynomial result by 0.1 converts e_s from mbar into kPa.

- 2. The vapor pressure, e_a (kPa), is calculated from $e_a = RH * e_o/100$, where RH is a measured value of relative humidity (%).
- 3. The dewpoint, Td (Celsius), is calculated using the equation²

$$T_{d} = C_{3} * \ln(e_{a}/C_{1}) / (C_{2} - \ln(e_{a}/C_{1}))$$
(2)

where $C_1 = 0.61078$, $C_2 = 17.558$, and $C_3 = 241.88$

C.2 Wet Bulb Temperature

Evaporation requires energy. The required energy is supplied by the surrounding. The surrounding cools due to loss of energy. For this reason, lower temperature can be noticed if a wet cloth is wrapped around mercury bulb and water is allowed to evaporate by blowing air on the cloth. This 'wet bulb temperature' is compared to the 'dry bulb temperature' (mercury bulb without wet cloth) in the same surrounding. The wet bulb temperature (Tw) is always lower than the dry bulb temperature (Ta).

Wet bulb temperature is the lowest temperature that can be obtained by evaporating water into surrounding air at constant pressure.

C.2.1 Method

Wet-bulb is derived using an iterative process. The wet-bulb temperature lies somewhere between the dry-bulb temperature(air temperature) and the dew point temperature.

- 1. To begin the upper bound temperature is the actual air temperature. The lower bound is the dewpoint temperature.
- 2. Calculate the dewpoint temperature, Td. Express Td in Kelvin.

$$\Gamma d (Kelvin) = T d (Celsius) + 273.15$$
(3)

3. Calculate the standard vapor pressure, P (kPa), using equation

$$\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{P}_{o} - \mathbf{P}_{o} (1 - (1 - z/44307.69231)^{5.25328})) * 0.1$$
(4)

Where: $P_o = 1013.25$ mBar = atmospheric pressure at the sea level. z = station elevation

Note: it is multiplied by 0.1 to convert it from mbars to kPa

4. Calculate the saturation vapor pressure, es (mBar), at air temperature, Ta (Kelvin)

$$es = EXP(C_{15}-C_1*Ta-C_2/Ta)$$
(5)

where C1 = 0.0091379024, C2 = 6106.396, and C15 = 26.66082.

4. Calculate the vapor pressure, ed (mBar), at dewpoint, Td (Kelvin)

$$ea = EXP(C_{15}-C_1*Td-C_2/Td)$$
(6)

- where C1 = 0.0091379024C2 = 6106.396C15 = 26.66082.
- 5. Estimate a wetbulb temperature guess. The guess is halfway between the upper and lower bound.

Wetbulb =
$$(upper + lower)/2$$

6. Using the wetbulb guess, calculate vapour pressure. This is calculated using the following equation:

$$Vpg = es - (C_1 (1 + C_2 * wetbulb)*P*(Ta - wetbulb)$$
(7)

Where:
$$C_1 = 0.000660$$

 $C_2 = 0.00115$

7. If |Vpg - ea| < 0.01 then the current wetbulb is used. Otherwise go back to step 4.

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Appendix D. Wind Chill

D.1 Wind Chill

Wind chill is a degree of 'coldness' experienced by exposed human skin due to increasing wind speeds at a given ambient temperature. Wind chill temperature drops with increasing wind speeds at a constant air temperature or with decreasing air temperatures at a constant wind speed. The wind chill effect is more pronounced when the wind speed increases and air temperature drops. Since the degree of coldness varies from person-to-person, the wind chill may have different meaning to different individuals in the same environment.

Wind chill temperatures are meaningful at wind speeds exceeding 3 mph (~1.3 m/sec) and temperatures plummeting below 50° F (10° C). For wind speeds below 3 mph the reported wind chill temperature is equal to the ambient air temperature.

D.1.1 Method

The wind chill equivalent temperature (°F) can be obtained by using the following equation^[1]:

Wind Chill (°F) = $35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75 (V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T (V^{0.16})$

where, T = Air Temperature in °F and V = Wind Speed in mph.

TurfWeather calculates wind chill from the raw data of average values of temperatures and wind speeds. Users need not enter any parameters to calculate the wind chill.

D.2 References

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Appendix E. Chill Hours

E.1 Chill Hours

Chill hours represent the number of hours the temperature stayed at or below a certain base (or reference) temperature provided by the user.

E.1.1 Method

- 1. The hourly average temperature value, Ta, is compared to the base temperature.
- 2. If Ta <= BaseTemp, then the number of chill hours = 1, and If Ta > BaseTemp, then the number of chill hours = 0
- 3. A value of either 1 (if the hourly average temperature stayed at or below the base temperature) or 0 (if the hourly average temperature stayed above the base temperature) is assigned to each hour of the day.
- 4. These values are summed at the end of each 24-hour period. The total value represents the number of chill hours; i.e., the number of hours the temperature remained at or below the base temperature.

F.1 Heat Index

Heat index is the perceived temperature as influenced by relative humidity. For example, an air temperature of 90° F would feel like 132° F if the RH was 100%.

The equation is only useful if air temperature > 80°F (27°C) and relative humidity > 40%. TurfWeather will set the heat index temperature equal to the current air temperature if air temperature is < 80°F (27°C) or relative humidity < 40% or the heat index < current air temperature.

F.1.1 Method

Heat index equivalent temperature (°F) can be obtained by using the following equation^[1].

$$\begin{split} HI &= -42.379 + 2.04901523T + 10.1433127R - 0.22475541TR - 6.83783x10^{-3}T^2 - 5.481717x10^{-2}R^2 + 1.22874x10^{-3}T^2R + 8.5282x10^{-4}TR^2 - 1.99x10^{-6}T^2R^2 \end{split}$$

where, HI = heat index in $^{\circ}$ F, T = air temperature in $^{\circ}$ F, and R = relative humidity in percent (e.g., 30).

TurfWeather calculates heat index from raw data of average values of temperature and relative humidity. Users need not enter any parameters to calculate heat index.

F.2 References

- The equation used in this calculation is from the National Weather Service; a good explanation may be found at http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bmx/tables/hindex.html
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