| No.                                 | Parameter | Description   | Default Value | Used Value | Source     |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| 1. Irrigated grain corn scenario    |           |   |               |            |            |  |  |
| 1                                   | BLAI      | Max leaf area index (m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )<br>Fraction of the plant growing season corresponding | 6             | 5.85       | Measured * |  |  |
| 2                                   | FRGRW1    | to the first point on the optimal leaf area development<br>curve  | 0.15          | 0.17       | [1]        |  |  |
| 3                                   | DLAI      | Fraction of the plant growing season when leaf area begins to decline                                       | 0.7           | 0.85       | [1]        |  |  |
| 4                                   | RDMX      | Maximum rooting depth   | 2.0           | 1.8        | [1]        |  |  |
|                                     |           | 2. Irrigated winter wheat scena   | rio           |            |            |  |  |
| 1                                   | BIO_E     | Biomass/energy ratio $[(kg ha^{-1})/(MJ m^{-2})]$   | 30            | 35         | [2]        |  |  |
| 2                                   | HVSTI     | Harvest index $[(kg ha^{-1})/(kg ha^{-1})]$   | 0.4           | 0.45       | [2]        |  |  |
| 3                                   | BLAI      | Max leaf area index $(m^2/m^2)$   | 4             | 6          | Measured   |  |  |
| 3. Irrigated cotton scenario        |           |   |               |            |            |  |  |
| 1                                   | BIO E     | Biomass/energy ratio $[(kg ha^{-1})/(MJ m^{-2})]$   | 15            | 17         | [3]        |  |  |
| 2                                   | HVSTI     | Harvest index $[(kg ha^{-1})/(kg ha^{-1})]$   | 0.4           | 0.5        | [4]        |  |  |
| 3                                   | BLAI      | Max leaf area index $(m^2/m^2)$   | 4             | 3.38       | Measured   |  |  |
|                                     |           | Fraction of the plant growing season corresponding  |               |            |            |  |  |
| 4                                   | FRGRW1    | to the 1st point on the optimal leaf area development   | 0.15          | 0.18       | [5]        |  |  |
| -                                   |           | curve   |               |            | [-]        |  |  |
|                                     |           | Fraction of the plant growing season when leaf area   |               |            |            |  |  |
| 5                                   | DLAI      | begins to decline   | 0.95          | 0.71       | [5]        |  |  |
| 6                                   | RDMX      | Maximum rooting denth   | 25            | 2.0        | [6]        |  |  |
|                                     |           |   |               |            |            |  |  |
| 1                                   | HVSTI     | Harvest index $[(kg ha^{-1})/(kg ha^{-1})]$   | , 0.31        | 0.28       | [5]        |  |  |
| 2                                   | BLAI      | Max leaf area index $(m^2/m^2)$   | 3             | 5.0        | [5]        |  |  |
| 2                                   | DLAI      | Fraction of the plant growing season corresponding  | 5             | 5.0        | [0]        |  |  |
| 3                                   | FRCRWD    | to the 2nd point on the optimal leaf area development   | 0.5           | 0.73       | [5]        |  |  |
| 3                                   | FRGR##2   | curve   | 0.5           | 0.73       | [3]        |  |  |
| 4                                   | DIAI      | Fraction of the plant growing season when leaf area   | 0.6           | 0.89       | [5]        |  |  |
|                                     | DEM       | begins to decline   | 0.0           | 0.09       | [9]        |  |  |
|                                     |           | 5. Irrigated sunflower scenari  | 0             |            |            |  |  |
| 1                                   | BIO_E     | Biomass/energy ratio [(kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )/(MJ m <sup>-2</sup> )]   | 46            | 35         | [7]        |  |  |
| 2                                   | BLAI      | Max leaf area index (m²/m²)   | 3             | 5.5        | Measured   |  |  |
|                                     |           | Fraction of the plant growing season corresponding  |               |            |            |  |  |
| 3                                   | FRGRW2    | to the second point on the optimal leaf area  | 0.5           | 0.70       | [5]        |  |  |
|                                     |           | development curve   |               |            |            |  |  |
| 4                                   |           | Fraction of the plant growing season when leaf area   | 0.62          | 0.80       | [5]        |  |  |
| 4                                   | DLAI      | begins to decline   | 0.02          | 0.80       | [0]        |  |  |
| 5                                   | RDMX      | Maximum rooting depth   | 2.0           | 2.2        | [6]        |  |  |
| 6. Irrigated grain sorghum scenario |           |   |               |            |            |  |  |
| 1                                   | HVSTI     | Harvest index [(kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )/(kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )]   | 0.45          | 0.50       | [5]        |  |  |
| 2                                   | BLAI      | Max leaf area index (m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )   | 3             | 3.5        | Measured   |  |  |
|                                     |           | Fraction of the plant growing season corresponding  |               |            |            |  |  |
| 3                                   | FRGRW1    | to the first point on the optimal leaf area development   | 0.15          | 0.20       | [5]        |  |  |
|                                     |           | curve   |               |            |            |  |  |

Table S1. Default and used values of crop parameters in Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) for long-term simulations.

| 4                                  | DLAI   | Fraction of the plant growing season when leaf area | 0.64 | 0.70 | [5]      |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--------|---|------|------|----------|--|--|--|
|                                    |        | begins to decline                                   |      |      |          |  |  |  |
| 5                                  | RDMX   | Maximum rooting depth                               | 2.0  | 1.5  | [6]      |  |  |  |
| 7. Dryland winter wheat scenario   |        |   |      |      |          |  |  |  |
| 1                                  | BLAI   |   | 4.0  | 5.0  | Measured |  |  |  |
| 8. Dryland cotton scenario         |        |   |      |      |          |  |  |  |
| 1                                  | BLAI   |   | 4.0  | 1.12 | Measured |  |  |  |
| 2                                  | FRGRW1 |   | 0.15 | 0.14 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 3                                  | FRGRW2 |   | 0.5  | 0.33 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 4                                  | DLAI   |   | 0.95 | 0.43 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 5                                  | RDMX   |   | 2.5  | 2.0  | [6]      |  |  |  |
| 9. Dryland soybean scenario        |        |   |      |      |          |  |  |  |
| 1                                  | BLAI   |   | 3    | 1.95 | Measured |  |  |  |
| 2                                  | DLAI   |   | 0.6  | 0.7  | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 10. Dryland sunflower scenario     |        |   |      |      |          |  |  |  |
| 1                                  | BIO_E  |   | 46   | 30   | [7]      |  |  |  |
| 2                                  | HVSTI  |   | 0.3  | 0.22 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 3                                  | BLAI   |   | 3    | 2    | Measured |  |  |  |
| 4                                  | FRGRW2 |   | 0.5  | 0.70 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 5                                  | DLAI   |   | 0.62 | 0.80 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 6                                  | RDMX   |   | 2.0  | 2.2  | [6]      |  |  |  |
| 11. Dryland grain sorghum scenario |        |   |      |      |          |  |  |  |
| 1                                  | BLAI   |   | 3    | 2.62 | Measured |  |  |  |
| 2                                  | FRGRW1 |   | 0.15 | 0.17 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 3                                  | FRGRW2 |   | 0.5  | 0.42 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 4                                  | DLAI   |   | 0.64 | 0.62 | [8]      |  |  |  |
| 5                                  | RDMX   |   | 2.0  | 1.5  | [6]      |  |  |  |

\* Field measured maximum leaf area index.

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