

List of Evaporation Data for Florida

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Potential Evapotranspiration (ET) is a computed value of water loss from the landscape and is normally related to a reference crop like grass. Pan Evaporation is a common measurement method using a standard metal pan with water (a type of actual measurement that tends to be high). Lake evaporation is normally an estimated value based on water balance computations and is expected to be closer to the long-term average evaporation from a natural waterbody (and varies by location). The list of references for these data is included immediately below the table.

| Author | Potential ET (in/yr) | Pan Evaporation (in/yr) | Lake Evaporation (in/yr) | Comments |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| NOAA NWS33 (1982) | NA | 63 | 48 | 1956-1970 data, Pan Evap. Based on coefficient 0.76. |
| Visher and Hughes (1969) | NA | NA | 48 | As quoted by Abtew (2003) |
| Abtew (2004) | 48 | NA | See comment | Orlando area. Noted that PET and wetland ET are about the same in the Everglades region. |
| Knowles (1996) (PEF011) | 53.2 | 62.6 | 53.2 | 1965-1994 data, Noted PET and lake evaporation about same; Rainbow Springs watershed in Levy County |
| Waylen and Zorn (1998) | NA | NA | 47.2 | No reference provided for data. |

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| IFAS Bulletin 205 (1984) (PEF024) | 50 in Jacksonville, 54 in Tampa | NA | NA | Based on Penman Equation, for short well watered grass |
| Fernald and Purdum (1998) | 41 Gainesville, 45 Tampa | 62 Gainesville 65 Tampa | NA | Generalized maps provided in Atlas. |
| Sacks et al. (1994) | NA | 67.6 | 59.4 | 1990 only, Authors reported high values due to drought. Site is east of Gainesville. |
| Swannear et al. (2000) (INT433) | NA | Incomplete data not totaled | 57 and 56 for the two years studied | Polk County, 2 year study 8/96 through 8/98 |
| Bacchus (2006) (INT363) | 44 to 51 | NA | 63 | This report was from mining pits near Miami (Figure 2, INT363, p. 8). Although other areas of FL are discussed, ET values are not provided for these other regions. |

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