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Crop physiology 461 (APS 461)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	15.00
Programmes	BScAgric Applied Plant and Soil Sciences
Prerequisites	GKD 250 and BOT 356
Contact time	2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

An overview of photosynthesis and respiration, with the aim of examining the physiological basis of yield in cropping systems. This includes an assessment of parameters for determining plant growth, factors governing yield, partitioning of photoassimilates within plants and opportunities for increasing yield. Crop growth and yield will be put into context of a changing global climate. Evaluation of the manner in which plants respond to various abiotic stresses and how plants sense changing environments. The various roles of plant growth regulators in plants and the importance of these compounds in agriculture.

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