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# Example on Deficit irrigation

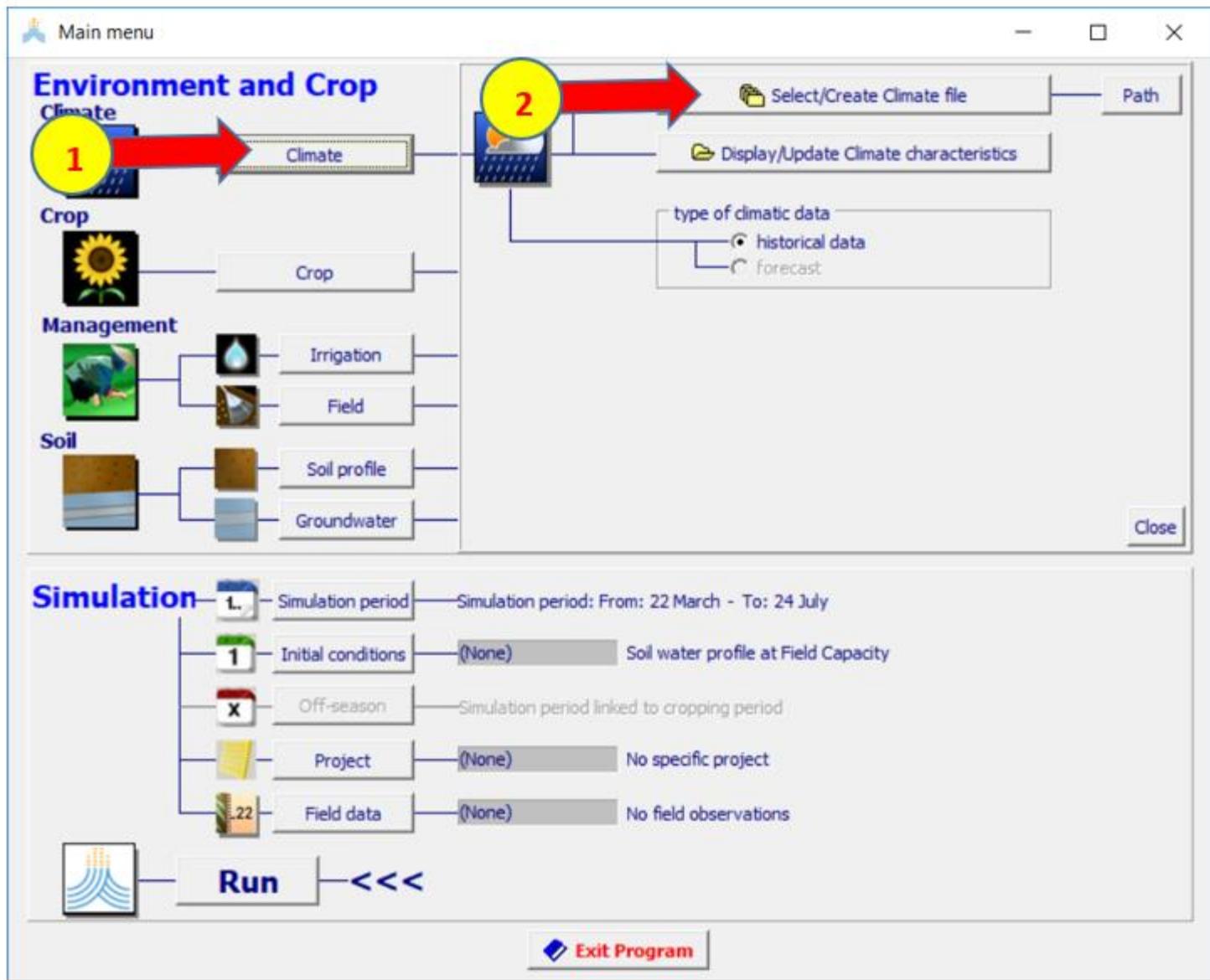
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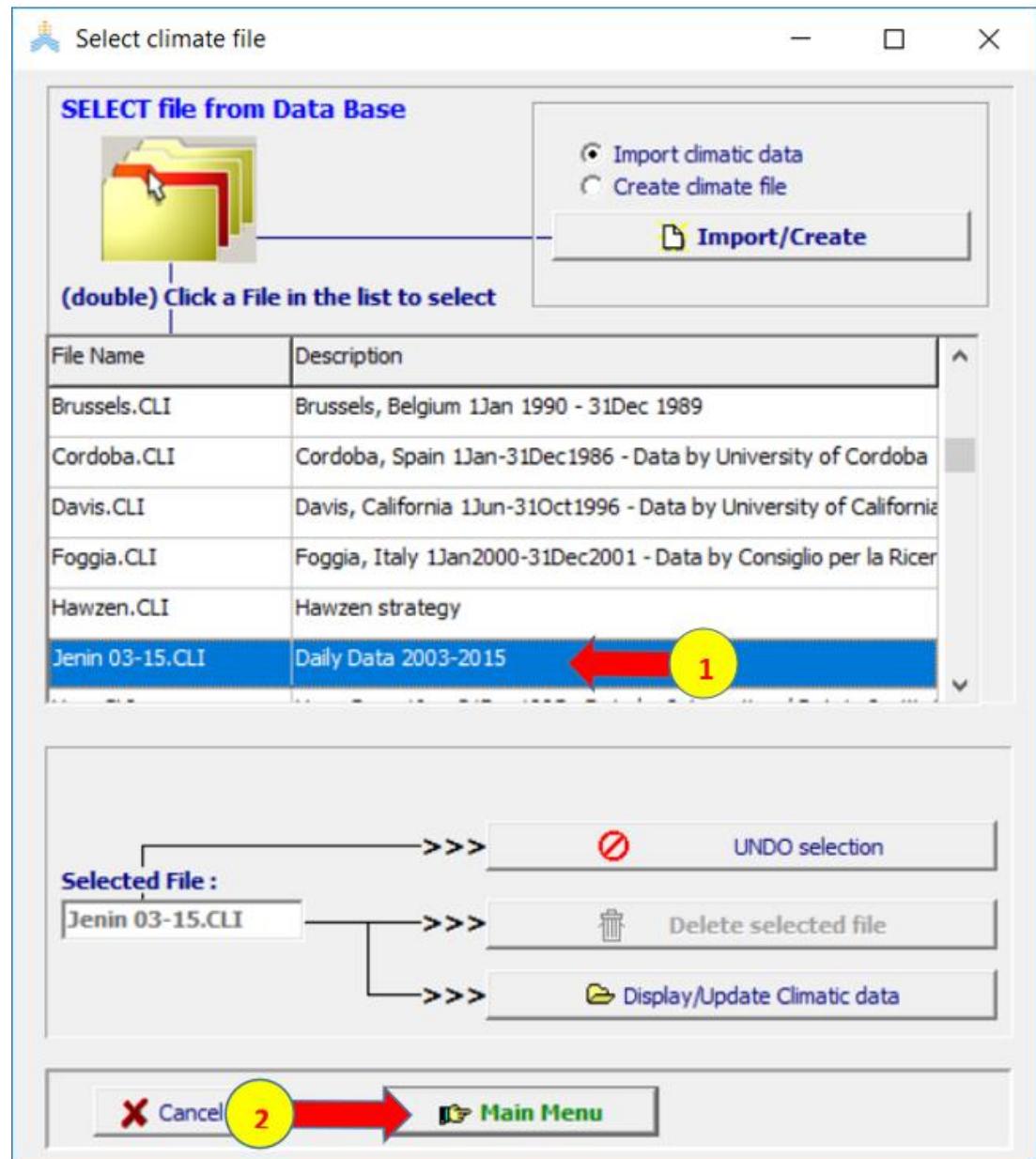
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المركز العربي لدراسات المناطق الجافه و الأراضي القاحله  
**(ACSAD)**

Example of full irrigation  
scheduling

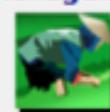




## Environment and Crop

**Climate**

Climate

**Crop****Management**

Irrigation



Field

**Soil**

Soil profile



Groundwater

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Select/Create Crop file

Path

Display/Update Crop characteristics

Start growing cycle (Day 1 after sowing)



Specify

22 March 2003

Generate — Select criterion

Close

## Simulation



1. Simulation period

Simulation period: From: 22 March 2003 - To: 24 July 2003



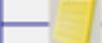
1 Initial conditions

(None) Soil water profile at Field Capacity



X Off-season

Simulation period linked to cropping period



Project

(None) No specific project



Field data

(None) No field observations



Run &lt;&lt;&lt;

Exit Program

### Select crop file

#### SELECT file from Data Base



Create Crop file

(double) Click a File in the list to select

File Name	Description
CottonGDD.CRO	Default Cotton, GDD (Cordoba, 15Apr86)
DryBean.CRO	Dry Bean: Kc(Trx) = 1.05; HI effect very strong
DryBeanGDD.CRO	Dry Bean GDD: Kc(Trx) = 1.05; HI effect very strong
JeninPotato.CRO	
Maize.CRO	Default Maize, Calendar (Davis, 1Jun96)
MaizeGDD.CRO	Default Maize, GDD (Davis, 1Jun96)

1

Selected File :

JeninPotato.CRO



UNDO selection



Delete selected file



Display/Update Crop characteristics

Cancel

2

Main Menu



Select crop file

**SELECT file from Data Base****Create Crop file****(double) Click a File in the list to select**

File Name

CottonGDD

DryBean.C

DryBeanGD

JeninPotat

Maize.CRO

MaizeGDD.

**Planting date**

Day 1 after transplanting

22

March

2003

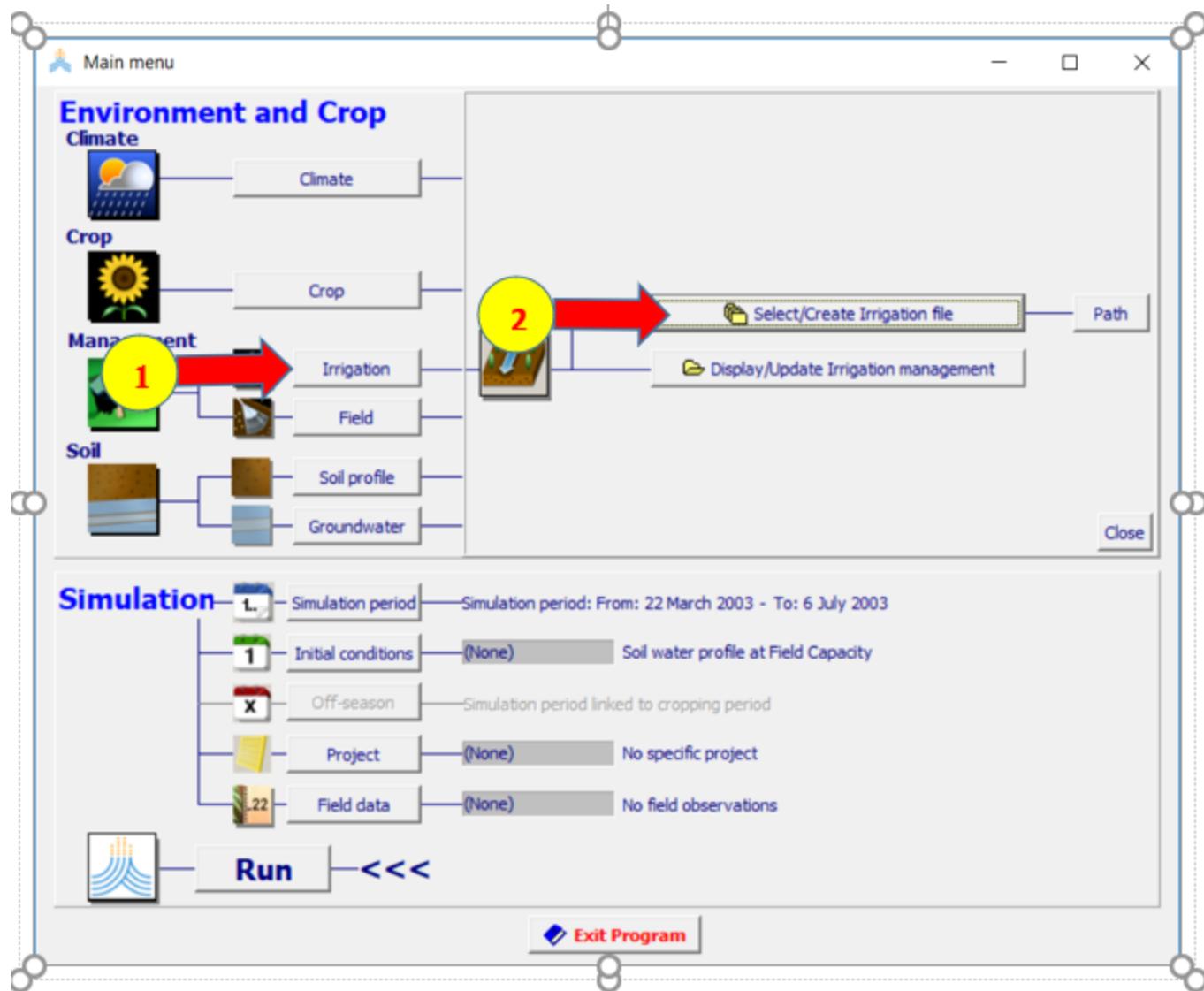
**OK****Selected File :**

JeninPotato.CRO



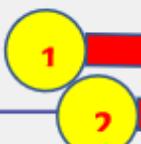
UNDO selection

**Delete selected file****Display/Update Crop characteristics** **Cancel** **Main Menu**





Select irrigation file

**SELECT file from Data Base**

- Net irrigation water requirement
- Irrigation schedule
- Generation of irrigation schedule

**Create Irrigation file****(double) Click a File in the list to select**

File Name	Description
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PotatoNIWR.IRR	Water requirements at 30%RAW
TR2a.IRR	Trial 2 field Sahli
Tr2bFix.IRR	Trial plot 2 (Garcia)
wheatSupIrr.IRR	3 Irr events 50 mm

&gt;&gt;&gt; Rainfed cropping

**Selected File :**

(None)



Delete selected file



Display/Update Irrigation management

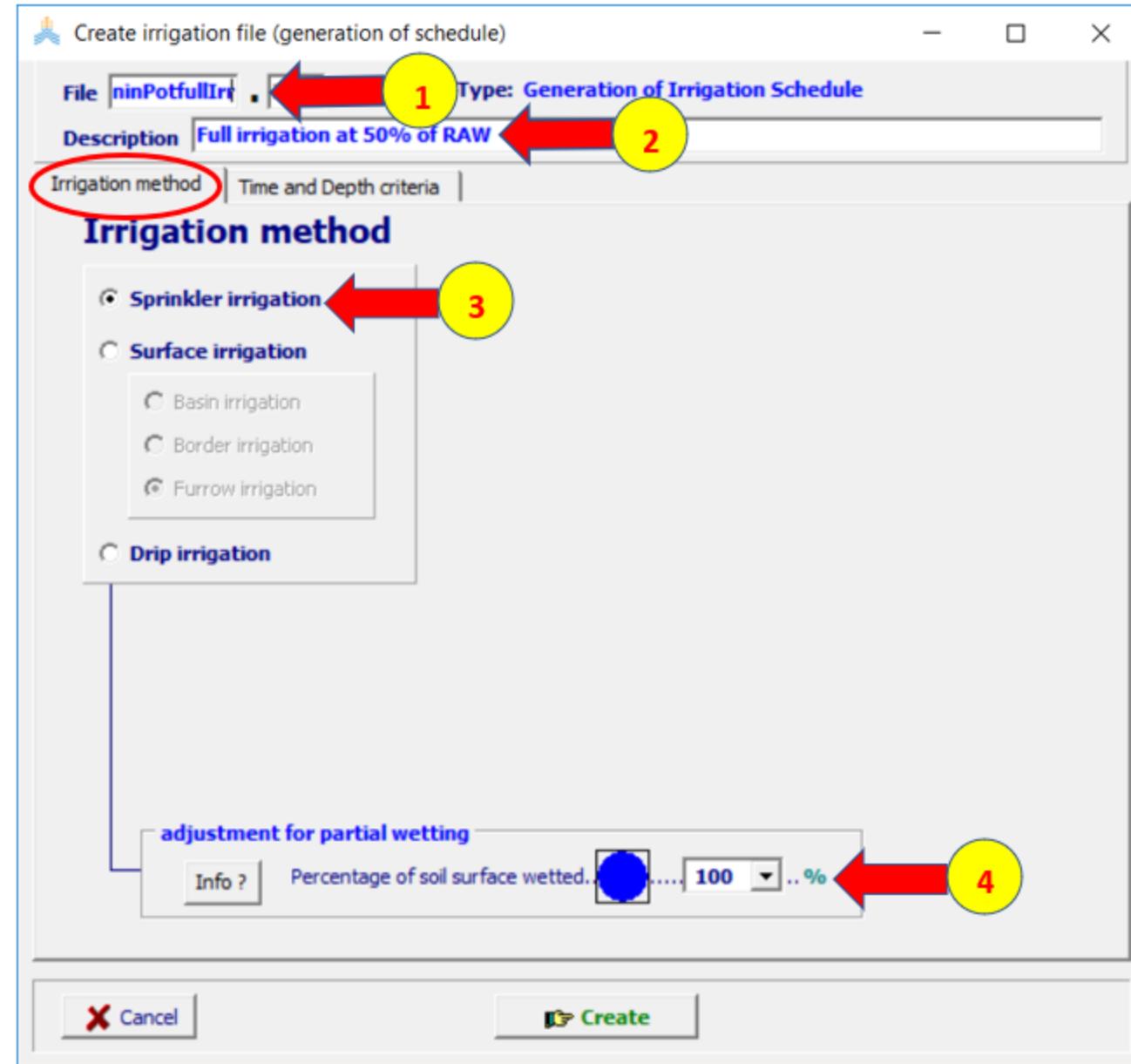


Cancel



Main Menu

(no file is selected)



Create irrigation file (generation of schedule)

Type: Generation of Irrigation Schedule

Description: Full irrigation at 50% of RAW

Irrigation method: Time and Depth criteria (circled in red)

**Time and depth criteria**

soil bunds (yellow circle 1)

Depth Criteria (yellow circle 2): Back to Field Capacity (radio button selected)

Time Criteria: Allowable depletion (% of RAW) (radio button selected)

Irrigation water quality: excellent (dropdown menu), EC<sub>w</sub>: 0.0 (input field), dS/m (unit)

assign (button)

Day No. 1 - day 1 after planting: 22 March 2003

MARCH calendar (highlighted date 22 March 2003)

valid From: Date: 22 March 2003, Day No.: 1, Depleted % RAW: 50, To FC +/- (mm): 0, dS/m: 0.0

When?: Day No. 107 - maturity: 6 July 2003

Depth?: Day No. 107 - maturity: 6 July 2003

Quality: Day No. 107 - maturity: 6 July 2003

Growing cycle: Corn icon

Canopy Cover: (empty)

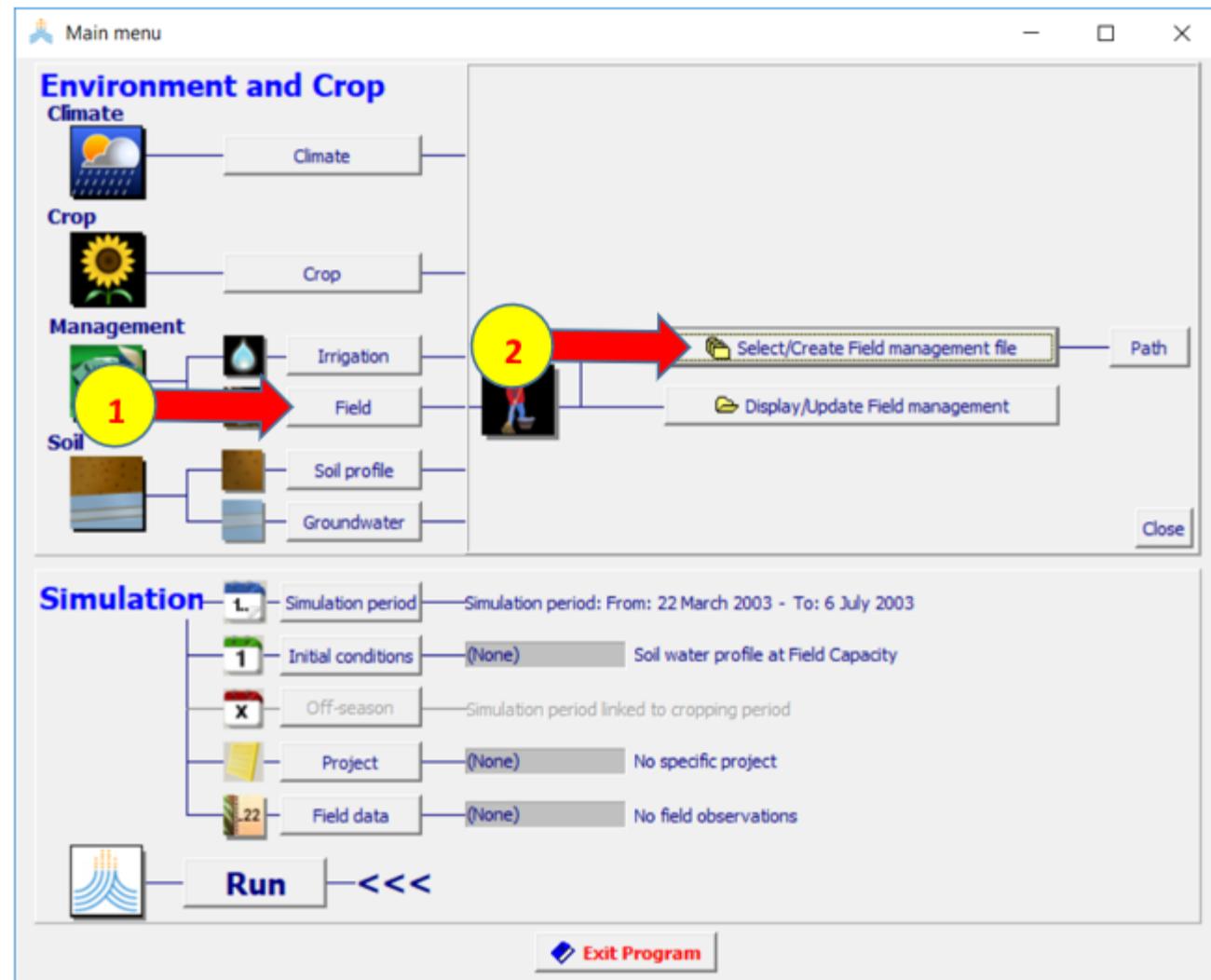
Thresholds: (empty)

Clear All Events

Cancel (button)

Create (button, yellow circle 5)

Date	Day No.	Depleted % RAW	To FC +/- (mm)	dS/m
22 March 2003	1	50	0	0.0





Select field management file

**SELECT file from Data Base**

Create Field management file

(double) Click a File in the list to select

File Name	Description
ExampleBunds.MAN	Soil bunds, 0.25 m height
ExampleMulch.MAN	100 % surface organic mulches
ExampleWeeds.MAN	presence of weeds (moderate weed management - decrease of RC)
JeninPotato.MAN	soil fertility stress, presence of weeds 
ModerateSF.MAN	moderate soil fertilty

**Selected File :**

JeninPotato.MAN



UNDO selection



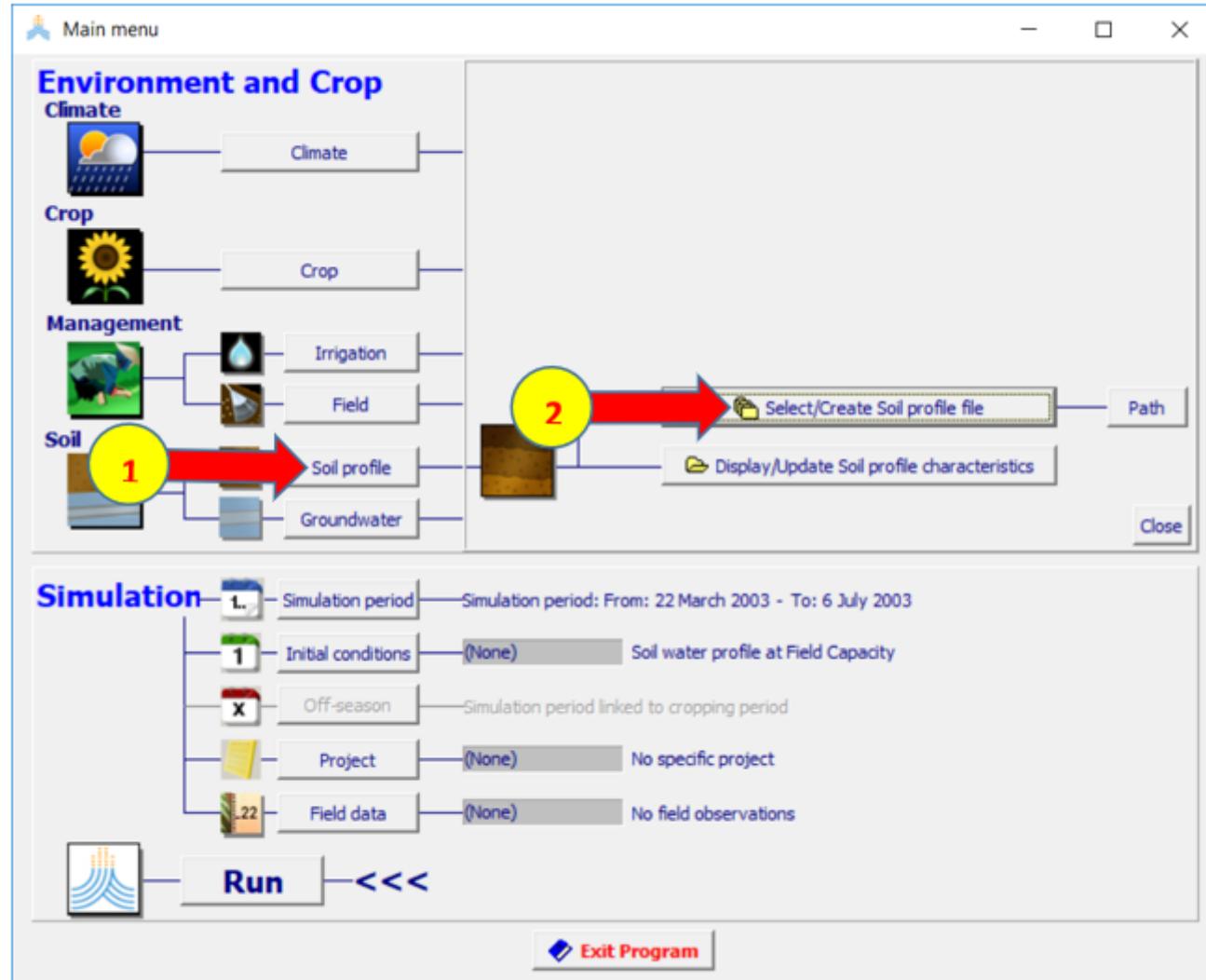
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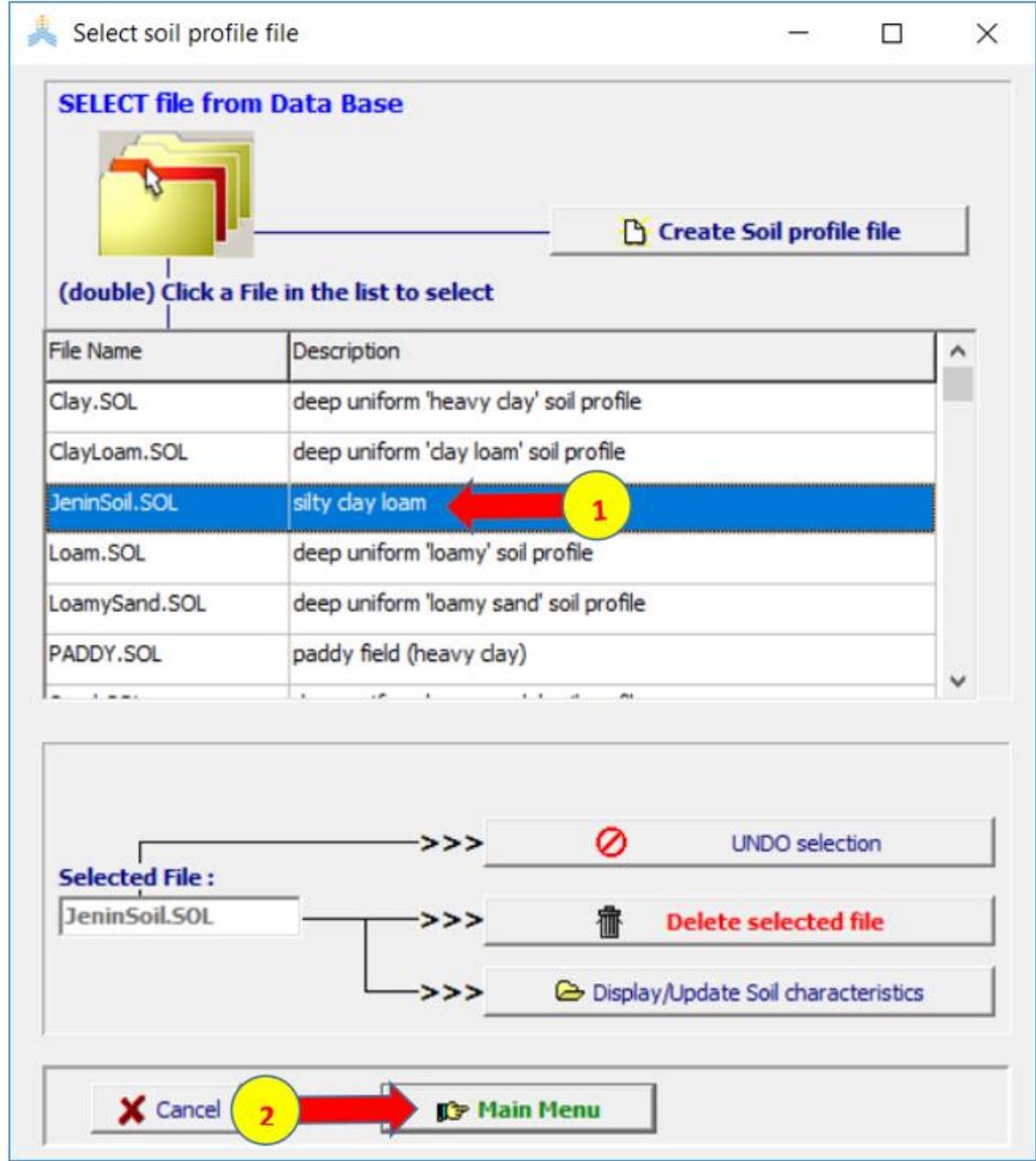


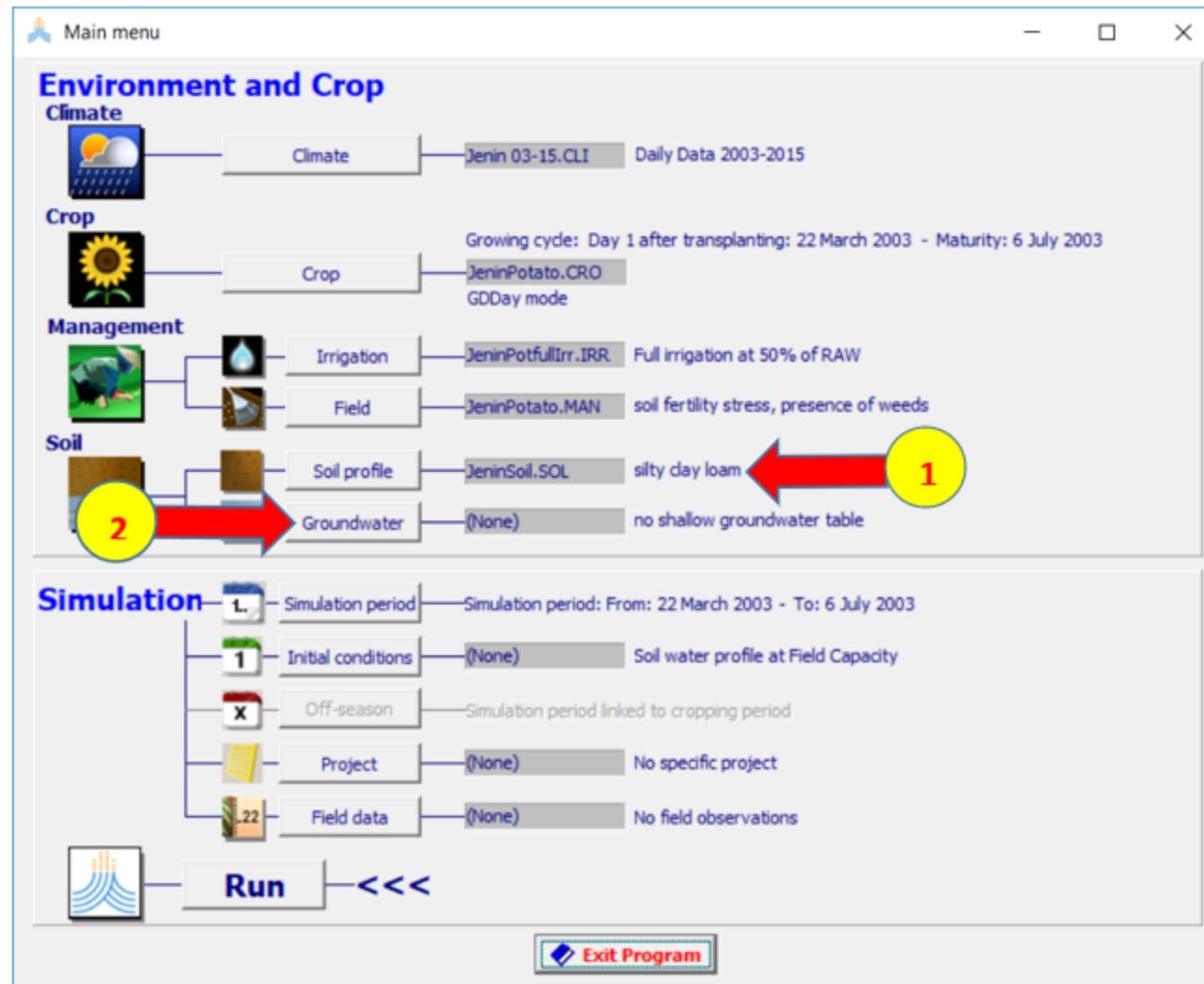
Display/Update Field management

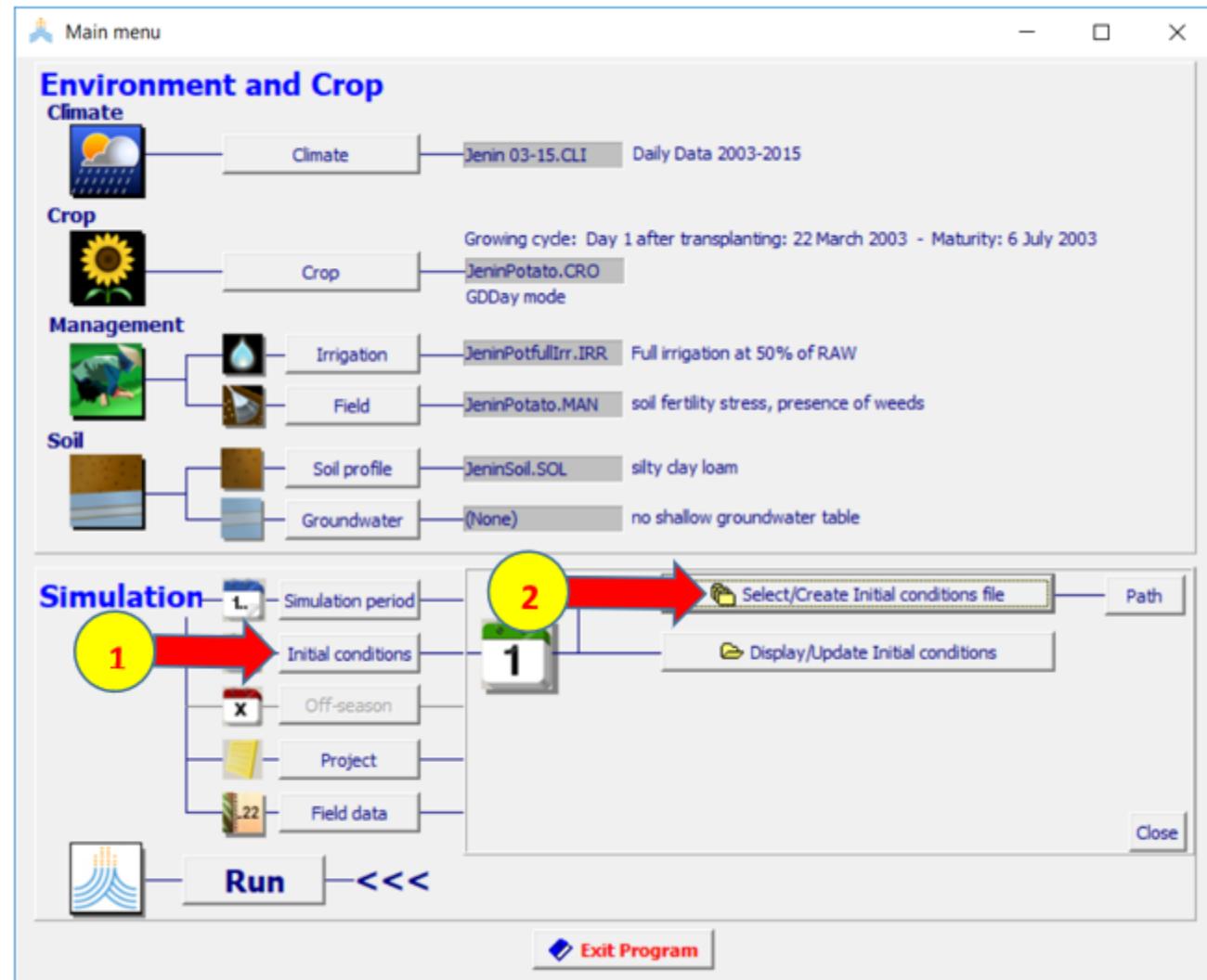
Cancel 

Main Menu











Select file with initial conditions

**SELECT file from Data Base****Create Initial conditions file****(double) Click a File in the list to select**

File Name	Description
DryWet.SW0	Dry top soil (10 vol%) and wet sub soil (30 vol%)
Example.SW0	example with soil water content at particulars depths
F2Observed.SW0	Observed soil water content (F2 - 1 February)
Jenin_FC.SW0	jenin FC TAW
WetDry.SW0	Wet top soil (30 vol%) and dry sub soil (15 vol%)
WPSandLoam.SW0	Sandy loam at wilting point

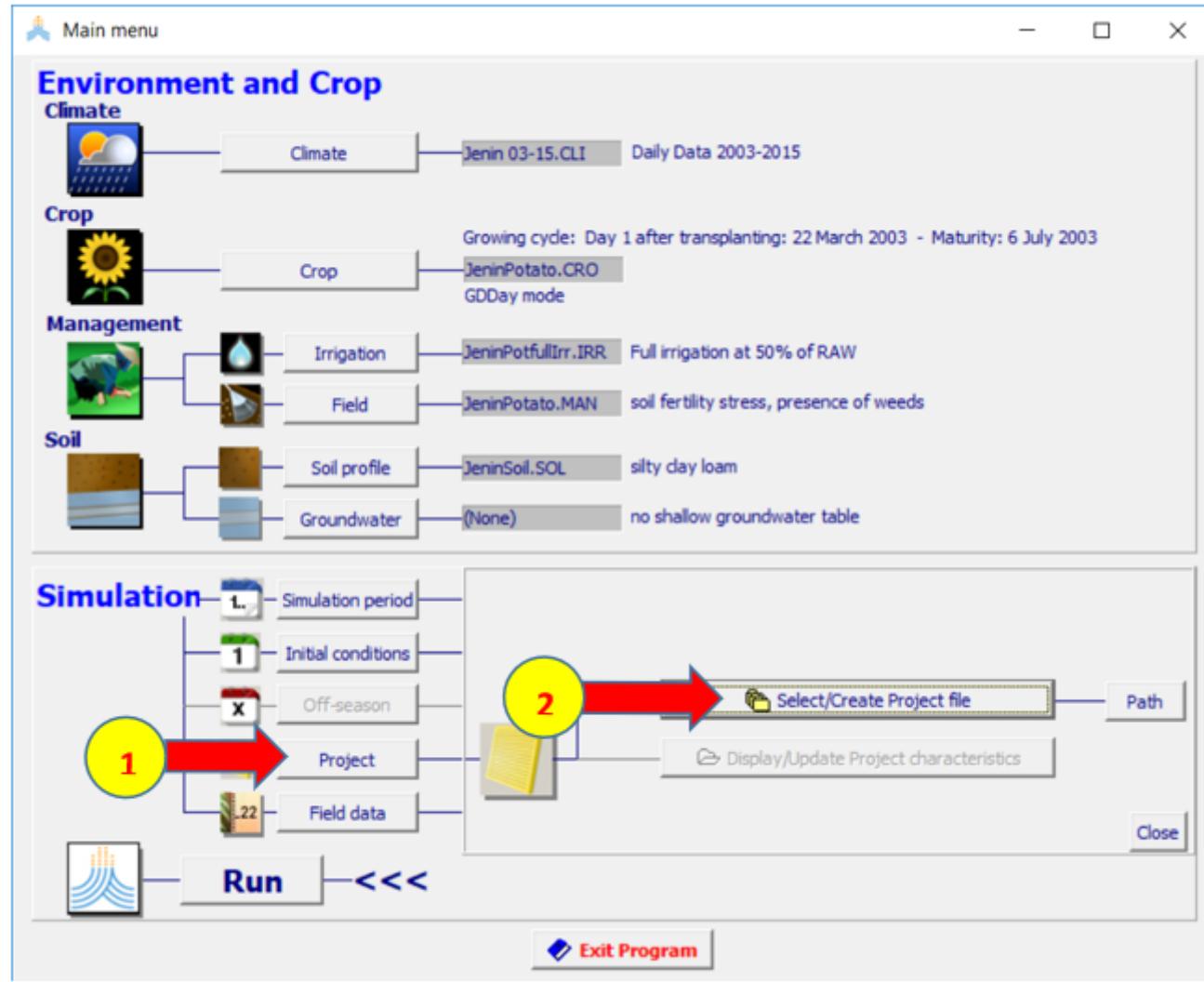
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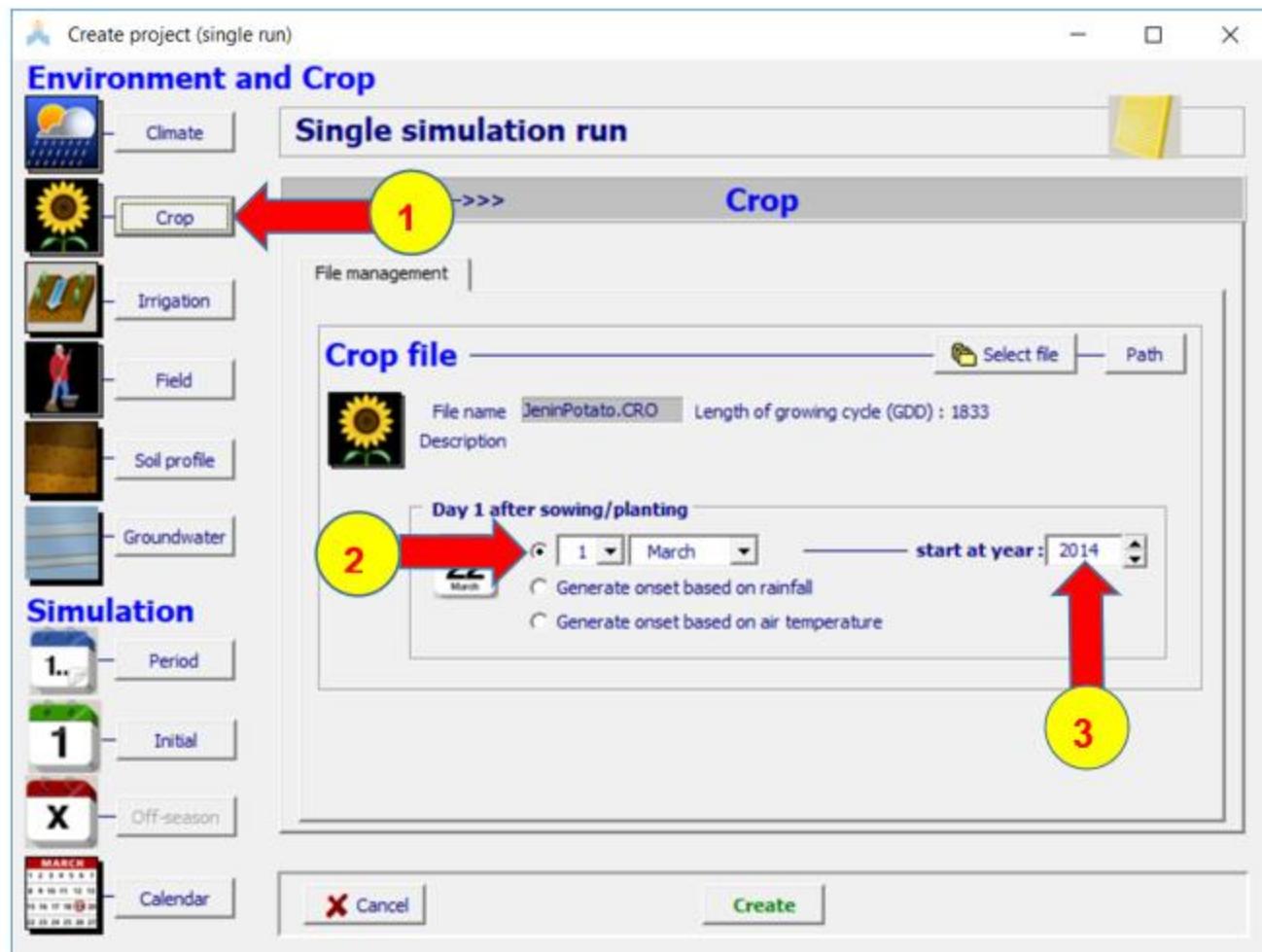
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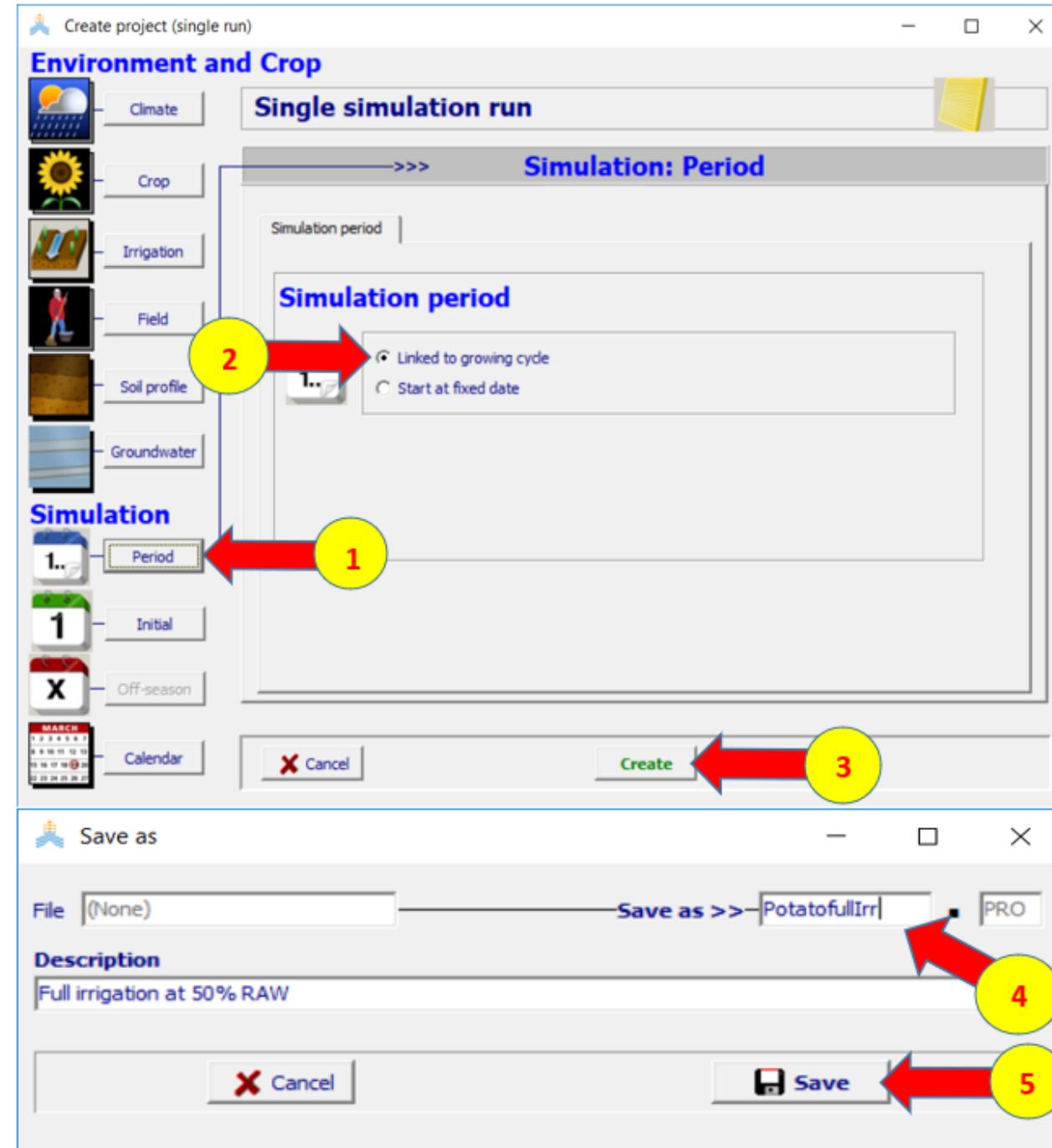
Jenin\_FC.SW0

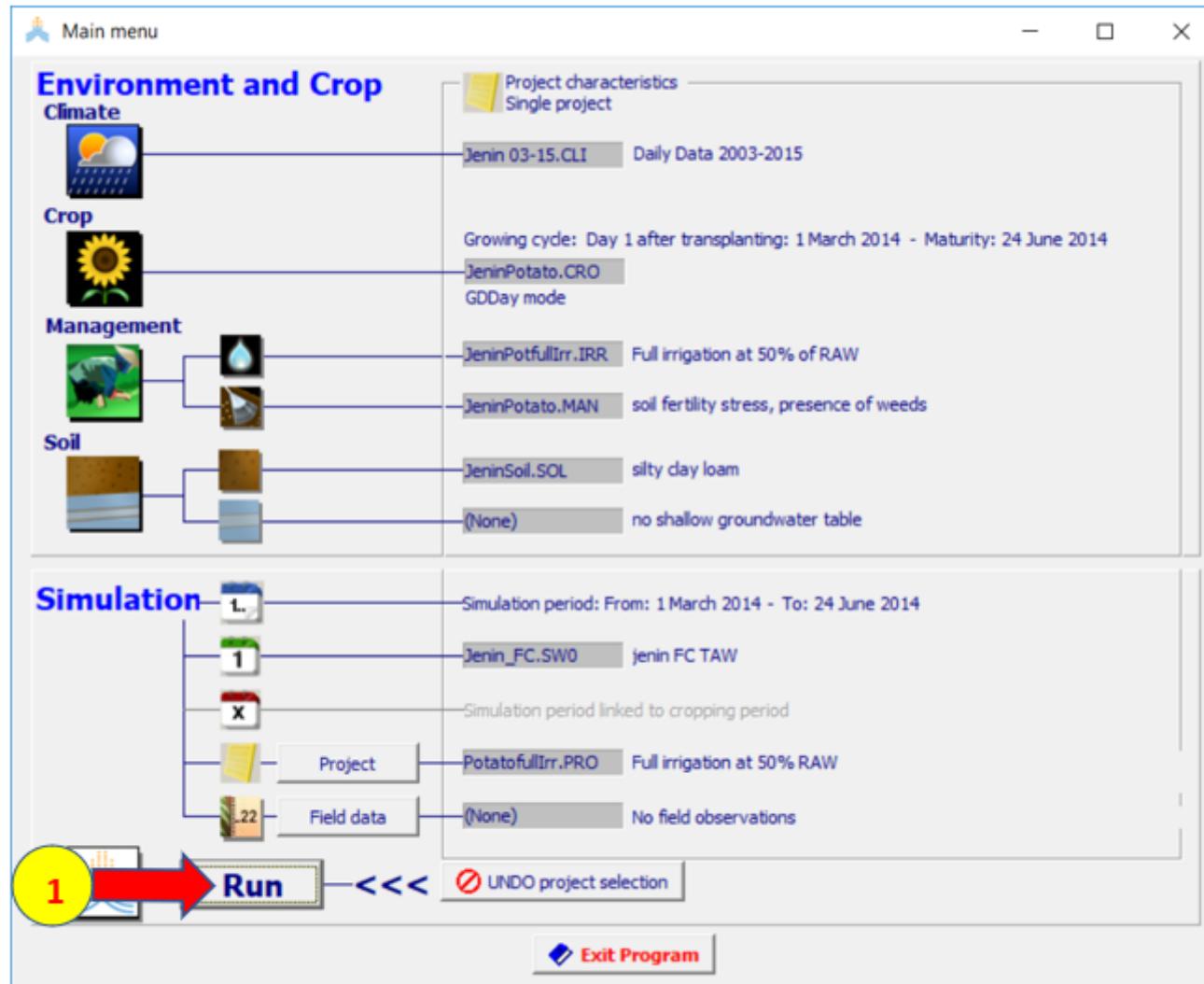
**UNDO selection****Delete selected file****Display/Update Initial conditions****Cancel****Main Menu**

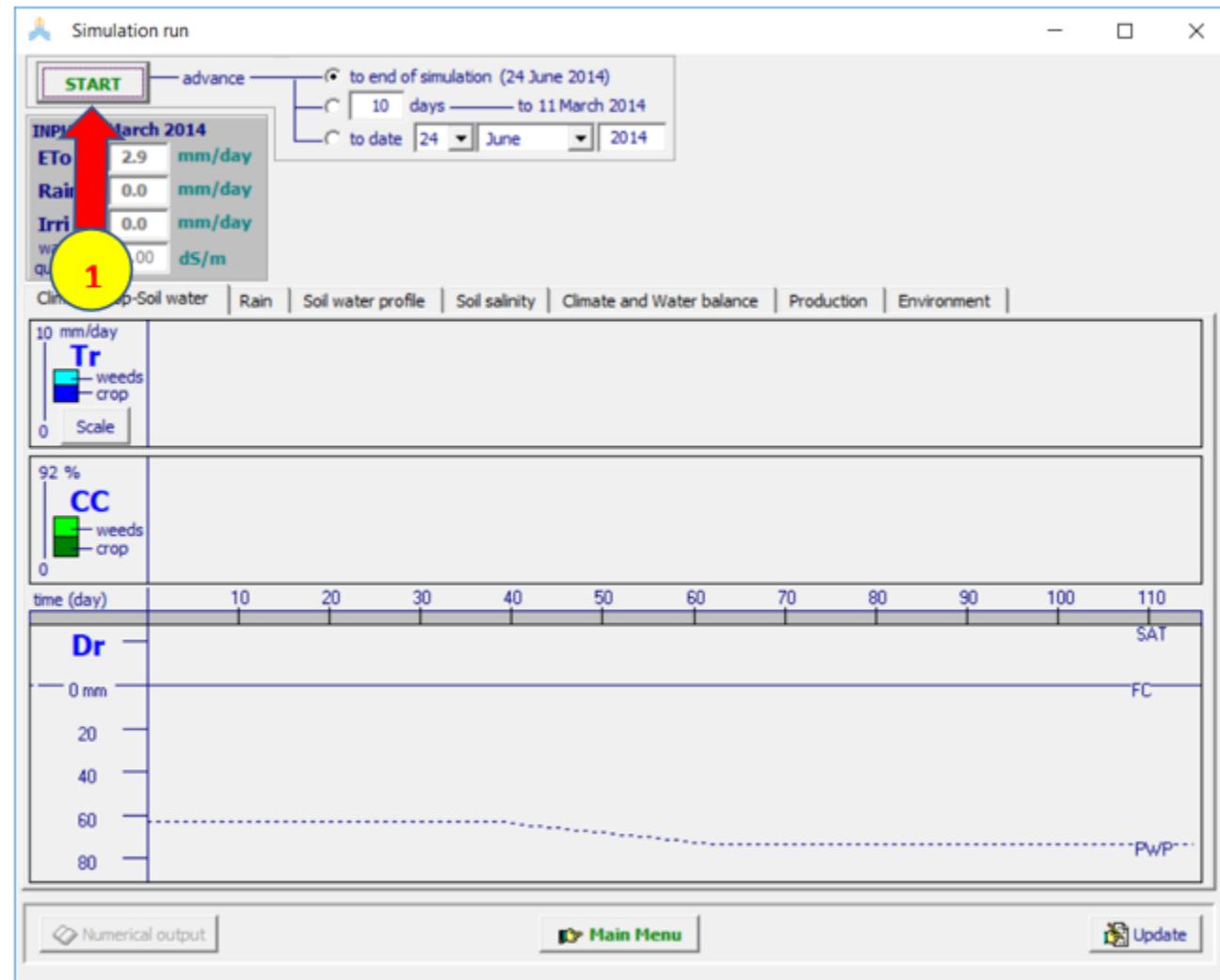
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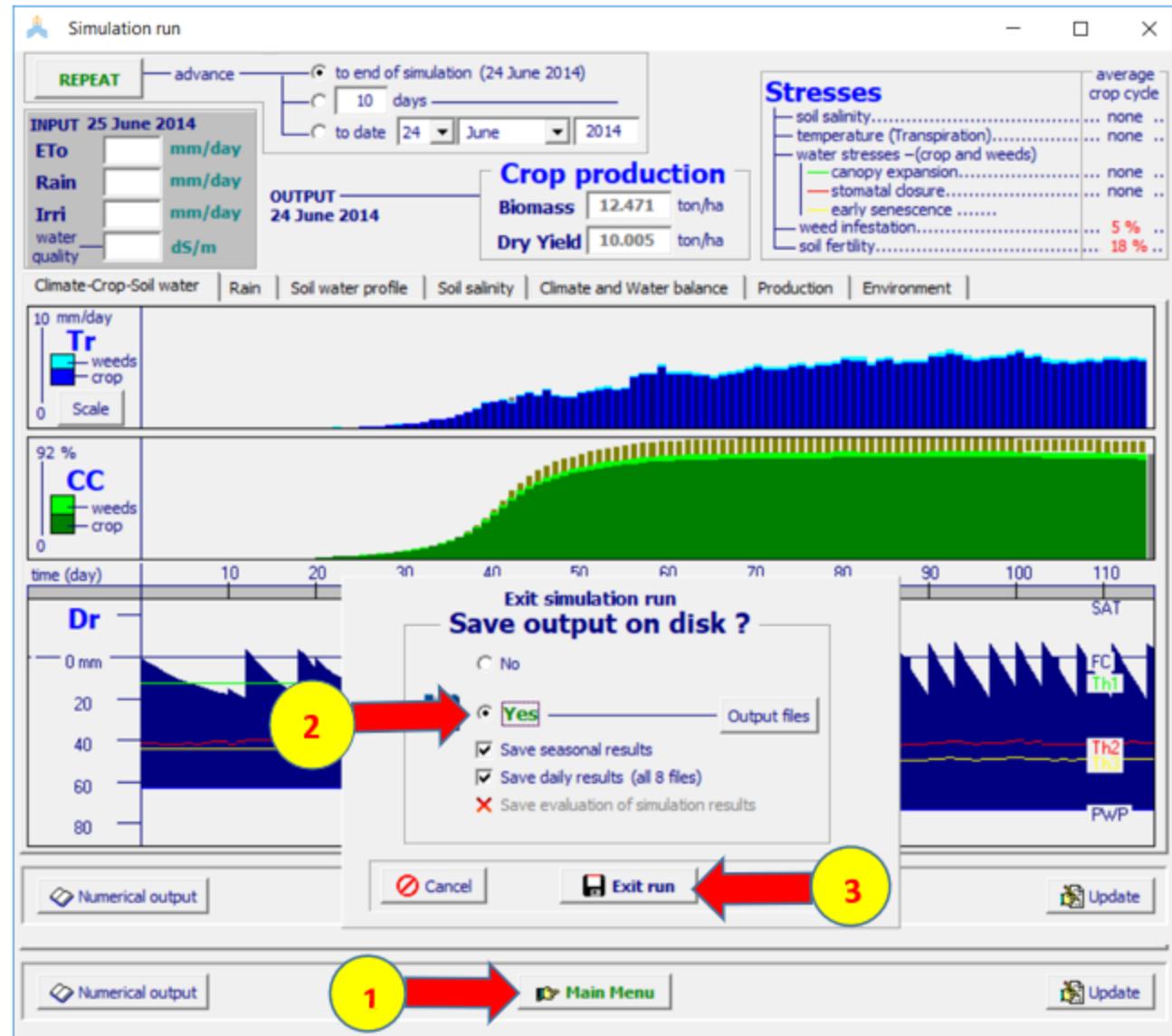


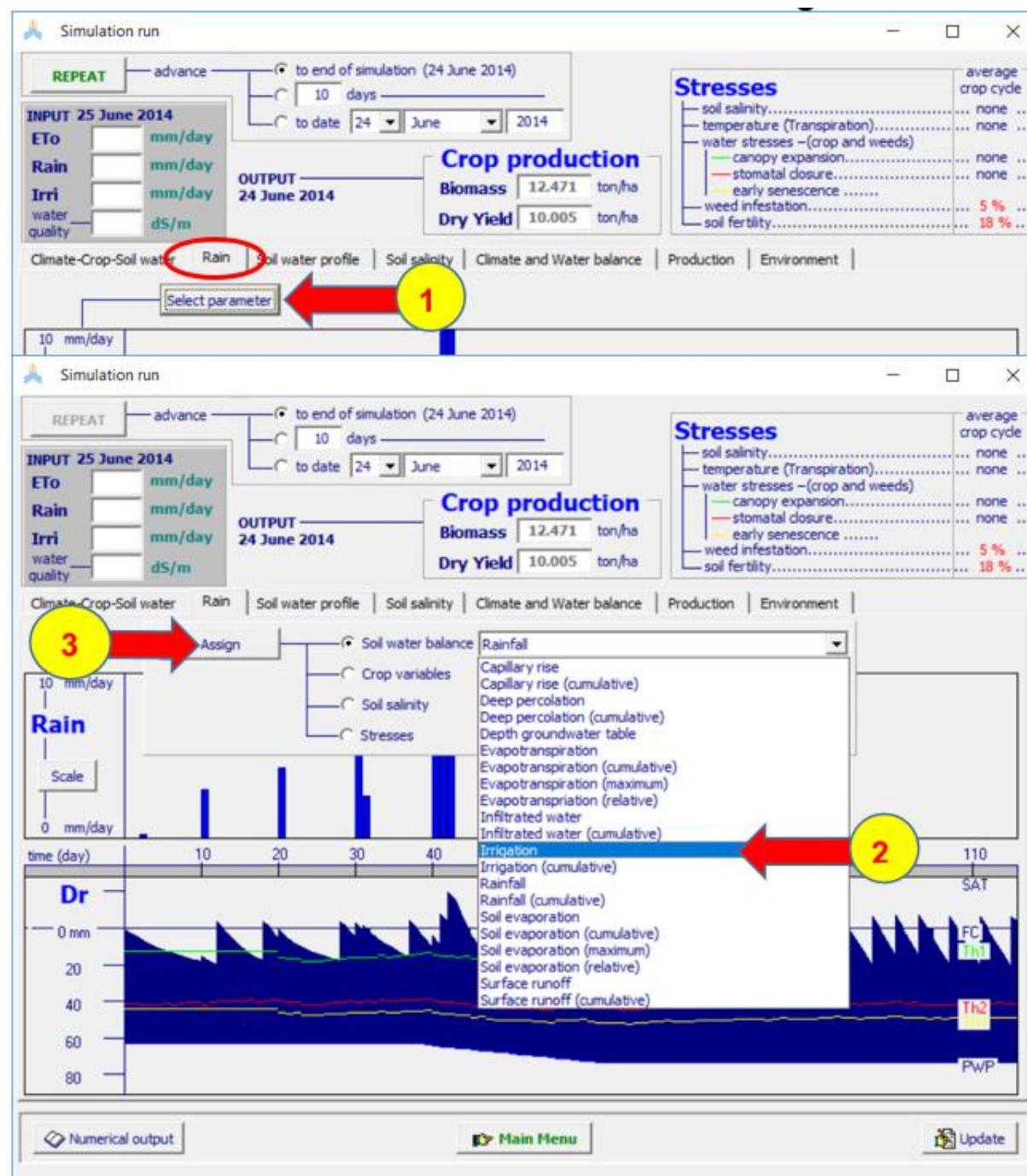


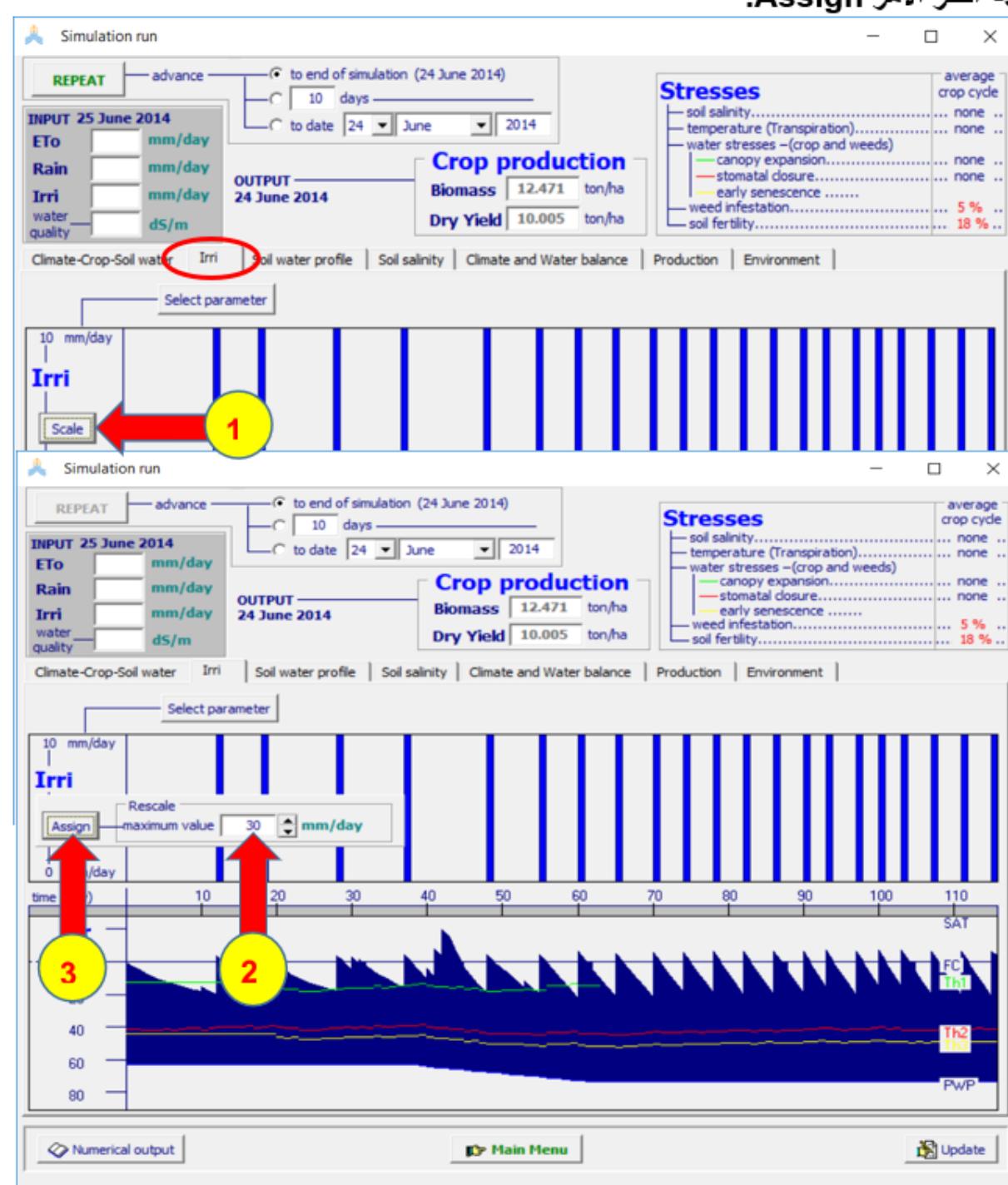












**Simulation run**

**REPEAT** advance to end of simulation (24 June 2014) | 10 days | to date 24 June 2014

**INPUT 25 June 2014**

- ET<sub>o</sub> mm/day
- Rain mm/day
- Irri mm/day
- water quality dS/m

**OUTPUT 24 June 2014**

**Crop production**

- Biomass 12.471 ton/ha
- Dry Yield 10.005 ton/ha

**Stresses**

- soil salinity..... none ..
- temperature (Transpiration)..... none ..
- water stresses -(crop and weeds)..... none ..
- canopy expansion..... none ..
- stomatal closure..... none ..
- early senescence .....
- weed infestation..... 5 % ..
- soil fertility..... 18 % ..

Climate-Crop-Soil water | Irri | Soil water profile | Soil salinity | Climate and Water balance | Production | Environment |

Select parameter

30 mm/day

**Irrigation Events**

Event	Day	Date	Net application (mm)	ECw (dS/m)
1	13	13 March 2014	22.9	0.00
2	19	19 March 2014	20.7	0.00
3	29	29 March 2014	20.7	0.00
4	38	7 April 2014	19.8	0.00
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**Climate**

**Soil water balance (crop and weeds)**

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**Numerical output** | **Main Menu** | **Update**

# Deficit Irrigation

Full Irrigation		Deficit Irr				
DAP	Irri (mm)	0.8Irr	0.7Irr	0.6Irr	0.5Irr	0.4Irr
13	23	18	16	14	12	9
19	21	17	15	13	11	8
29	21	17	15	13	11	8
38	20	16	14	12	10	8
49	22	18	15	13	11	9
56	23	18	16	14	12	9
61	28	22	20	17	14	11
66	26	21	18	16	13	10
71	27	22	19	16	14	11
75	23	18	16	14	12	9
79	24	19	17	14	12	10
83	26	21	18	16	13	10
87	26	21	18	16	13	10
91	25	20	18	15	13	10
94	22	18	15	13	11	9
98	26	21	18	16	13	10
101	21	17	15	13	11	8
104	21	17	15	13	11	8
108	25	20	18	15	13	10
112	27	22	19	16	14	11

Deficit irrigation schedules are derived from the generated full irrigation schedule by keeping the time of irrigation and decreasing irrigation depth

Create irrigation file (irrigation schedule)

Type: Irrigation Schedule

Description: 80 % of Full Irrigation

Irrigation method: Irrigation events

Irrigation water quality: excellent

EC<sub>w</sub>: 0.0 dS/m

Add 1 events

Event	Date	Day No.	Net application (mm)	dS/m
1	13 March 2014	13	18	0.0
2	19 March 2014	19	17	0.0
3	29 March 2014	29	17	0.0
4	7 April 2014	38	16	0.0
5	18 April 2014	49	18	0.0
6	25 April 2014	56	18	0.0
7	30 April 2014	61	22	0.0
8	5 May 2014	66	21	0.0

MARCH  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13  
14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27

Growing cycle  
Canopy Cover  
Plot events

Day No. 1 - day 1 after planting: 1 March 2014

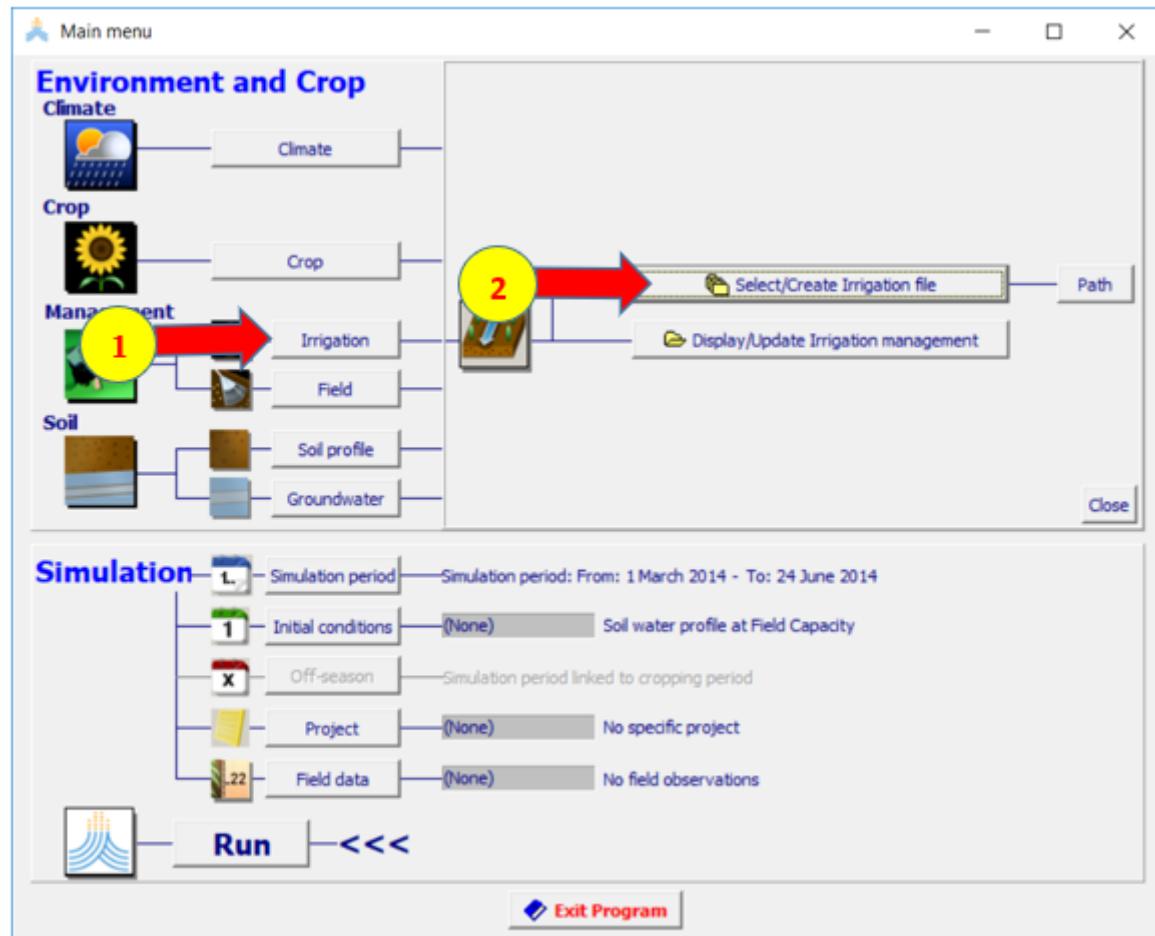
When? Depth? Quality

Day No. 116 - maturity: 24 June 2014

Clear All Events

Cancel Create

DAP	Irrigation depth					
	Full Irri	0.8Irr	0.7Irr	0.6Irr	0.5Irr	0.4Irr
13	23	18	16	14	12	9
19	21	17	15	13	11	8
29	21	17	15	13	11	8
38	20	16	14	12	10	8
49	22	18	15	13	11	9
56	23	18	16	14	12	9
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112	27	22	19	16	14	11
116	27	22	19	16	14	11
<b>Sum</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>199</b>





### Select irrigation file



#### SELECT file from Data Base



1

- Net irrigation water requirement
- Irrigation schedule
- Generation of irrigation schedule

2

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>>> Rainfed cropping

Selected File :

(None)

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Delete selected file

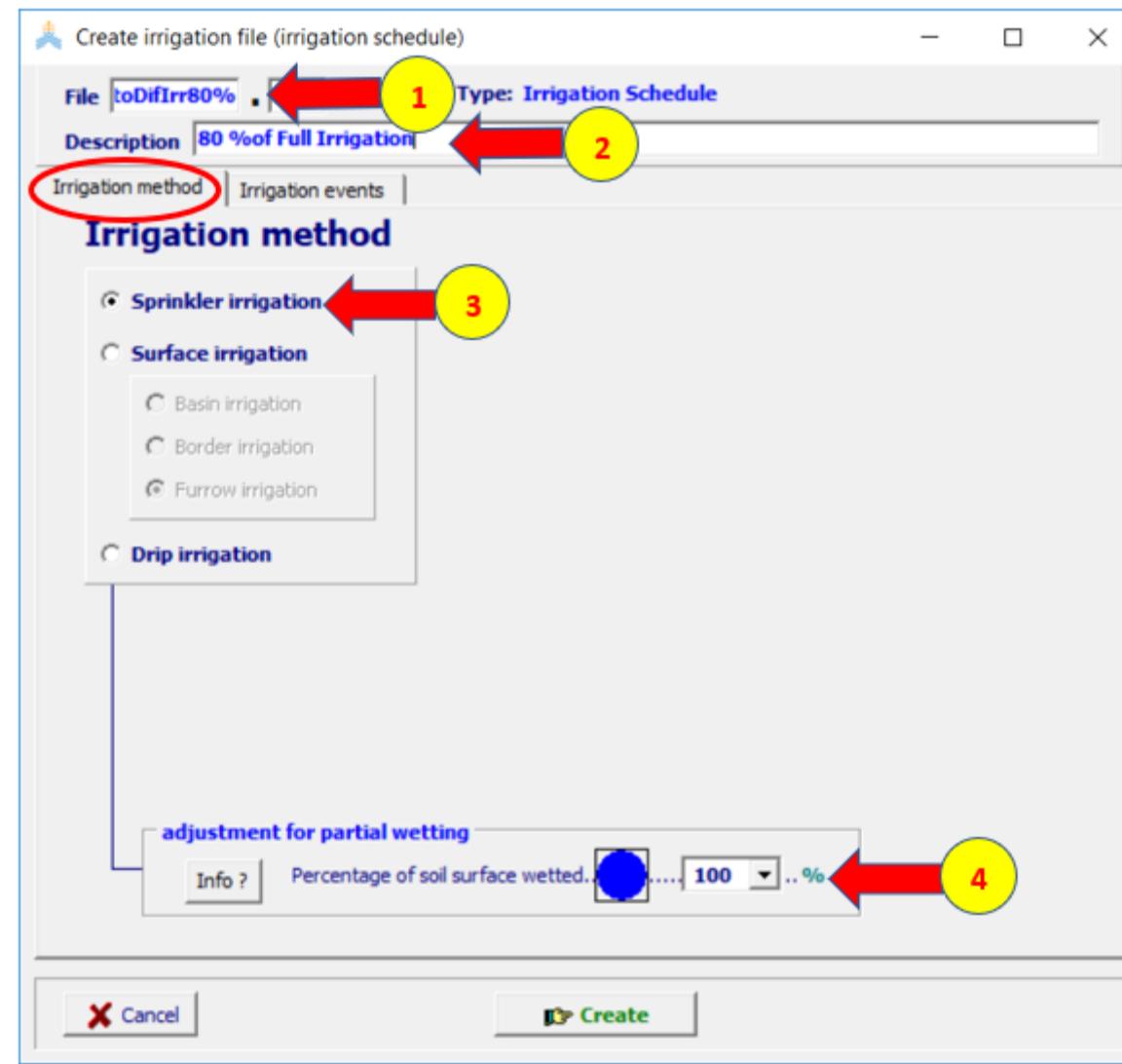
>>>

Display/Update Irrigation management

X Cancel

Main Menu

(no file is selected)



Create irrigation file (irrigation schedule)

Type: Irrigation Schedule

Description: 80 % of Full Irrigation

Irrigation method: Irrigation events (circled in red)

**Irrigation events**

Add 1 events

Day No. 1 - day 1 after planting: 1 March 2014

MARCH  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13  
14 15 16 17 18 19  
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27  
28 29 30 31

Growing cycle  
Canopy Cover  
Plot events

Day No. 116 - maturity: 24 June 2014

When? Depth? Quality

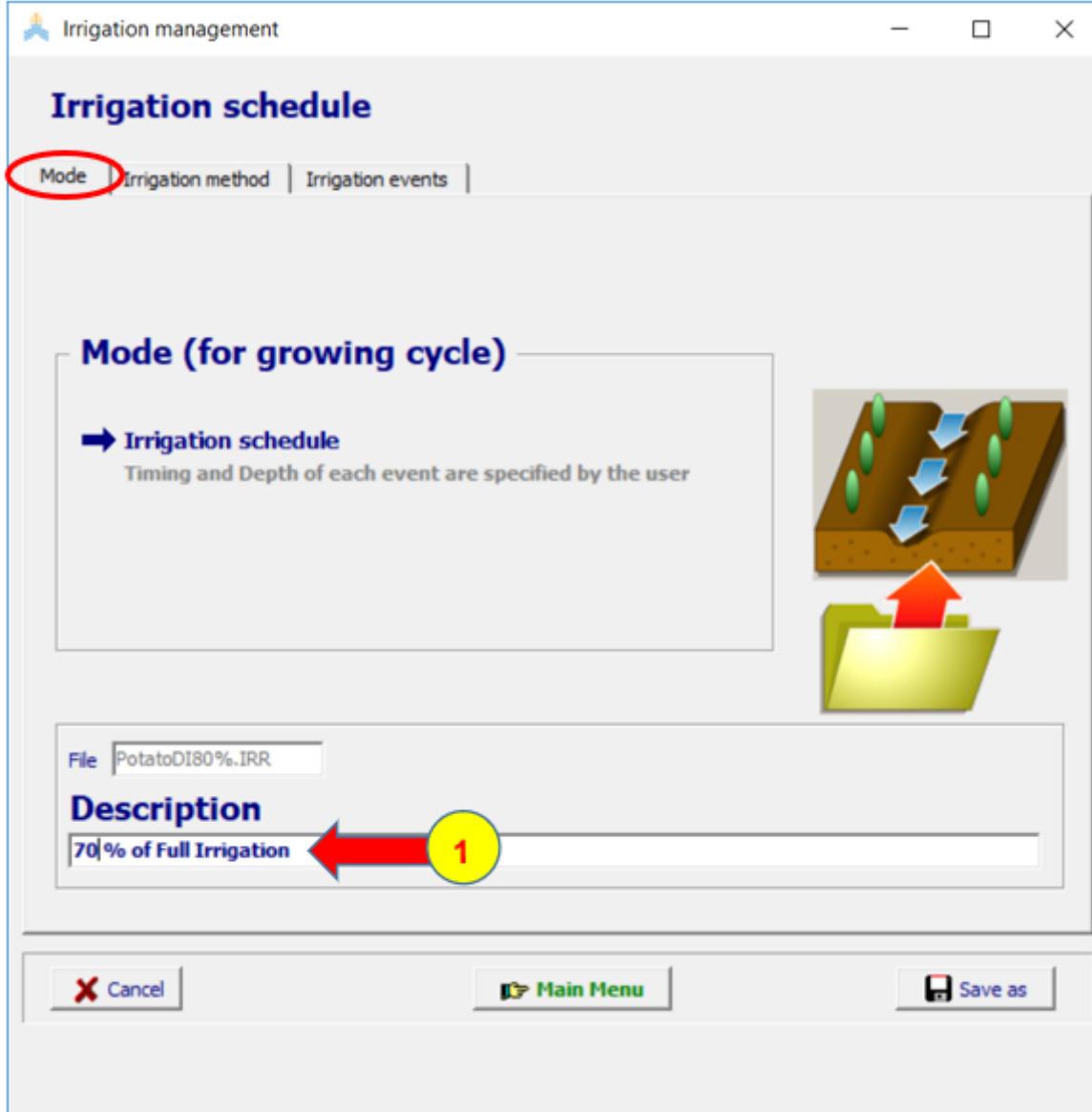
EC<sub>w</sub> 0.0 dS/m Excellent assign

1 2

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Clear All Events

Cancel Create (highlighted with a yellow circle and red arrow)



Irrigation management

## Irrigation schedule

Mode | Irrigation method | **Irrigation events**

### Irrigation events

Add | 1 events

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Day No. 116 - maturity: 24 June 2014

Clear All Events

1

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Main Menu

Save as

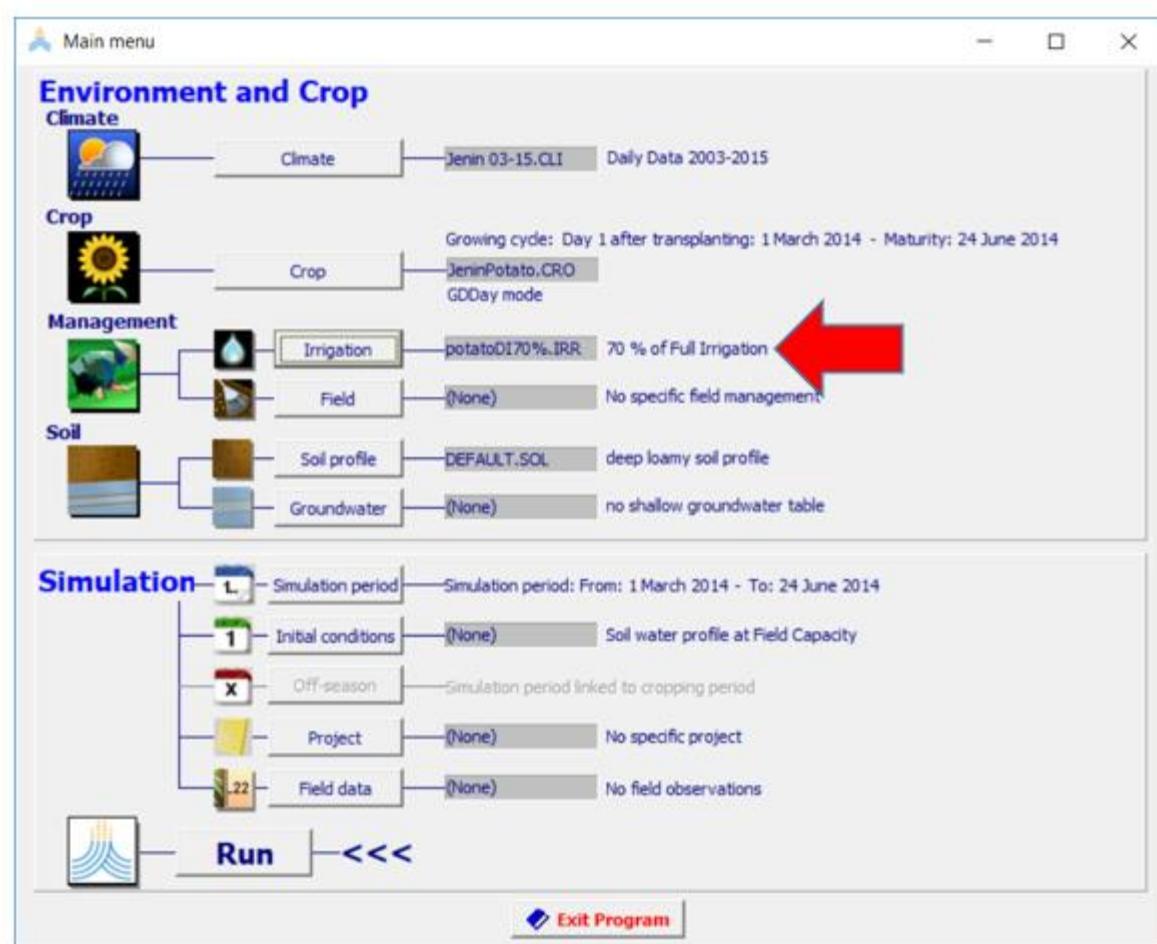
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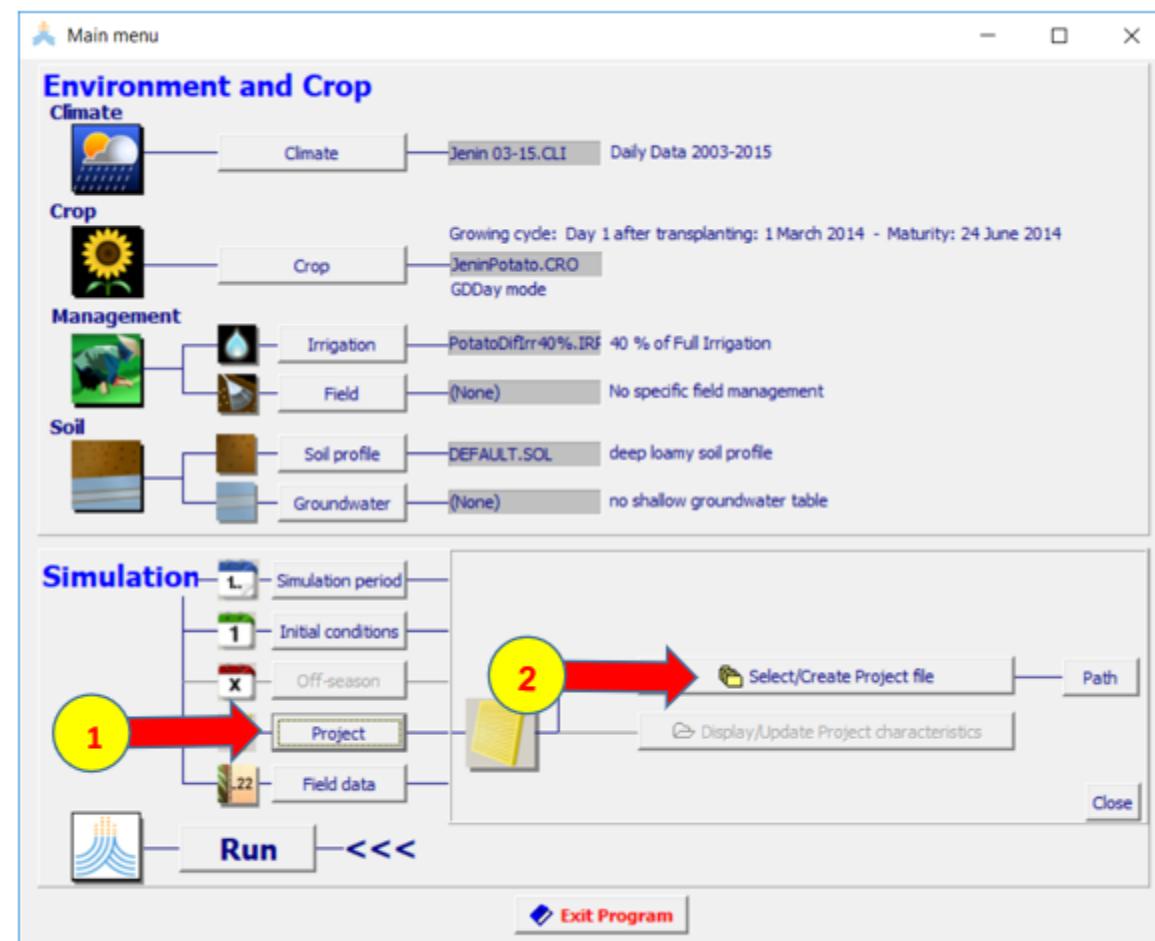
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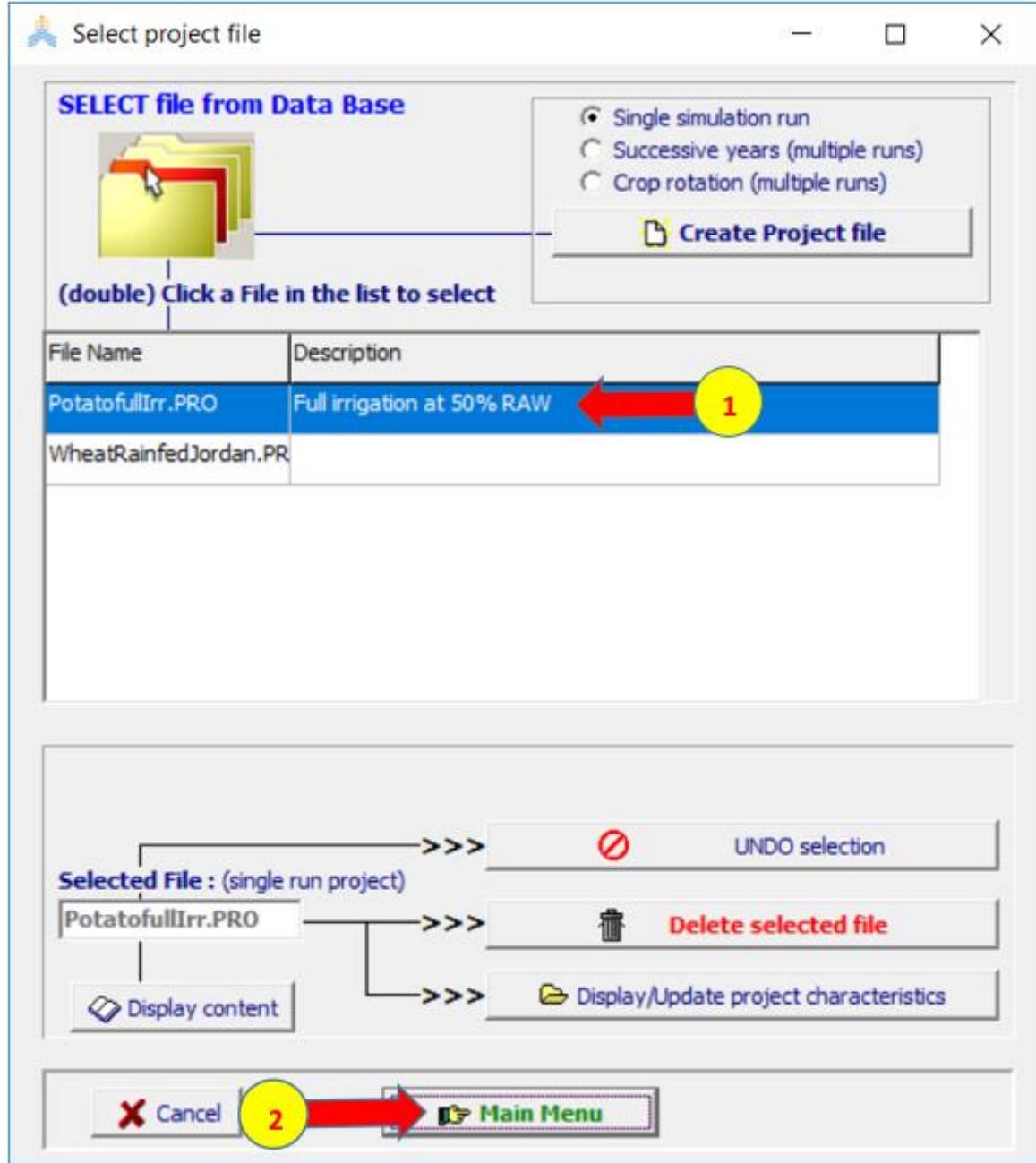
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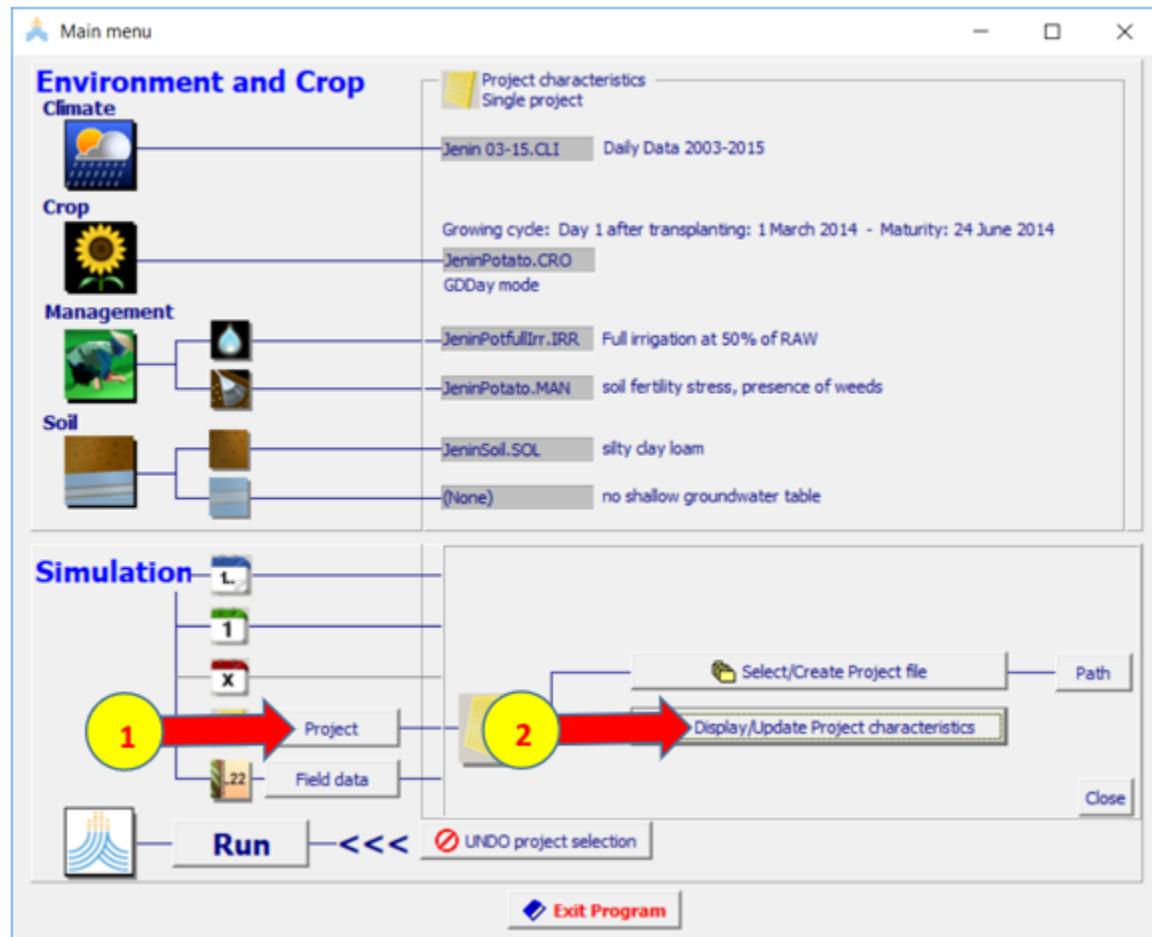
Description  
70 % of Full Irrigation

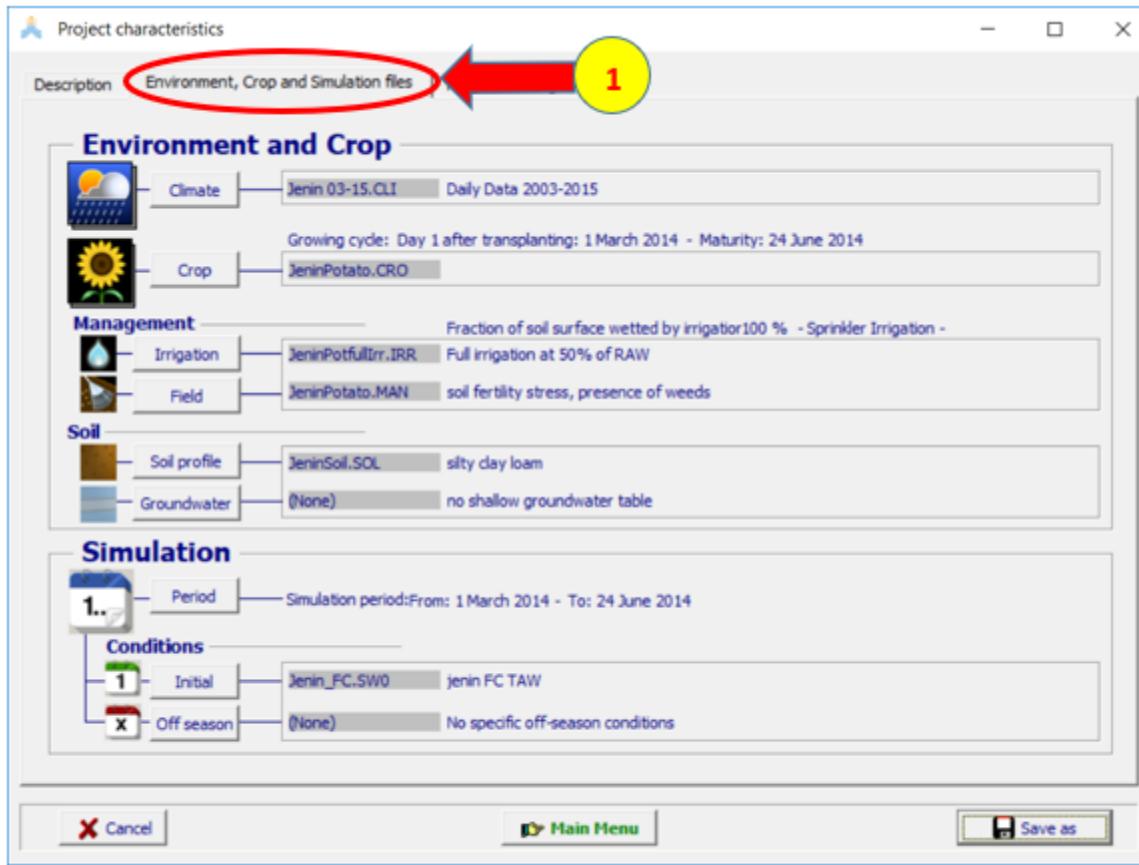
Cancel Save

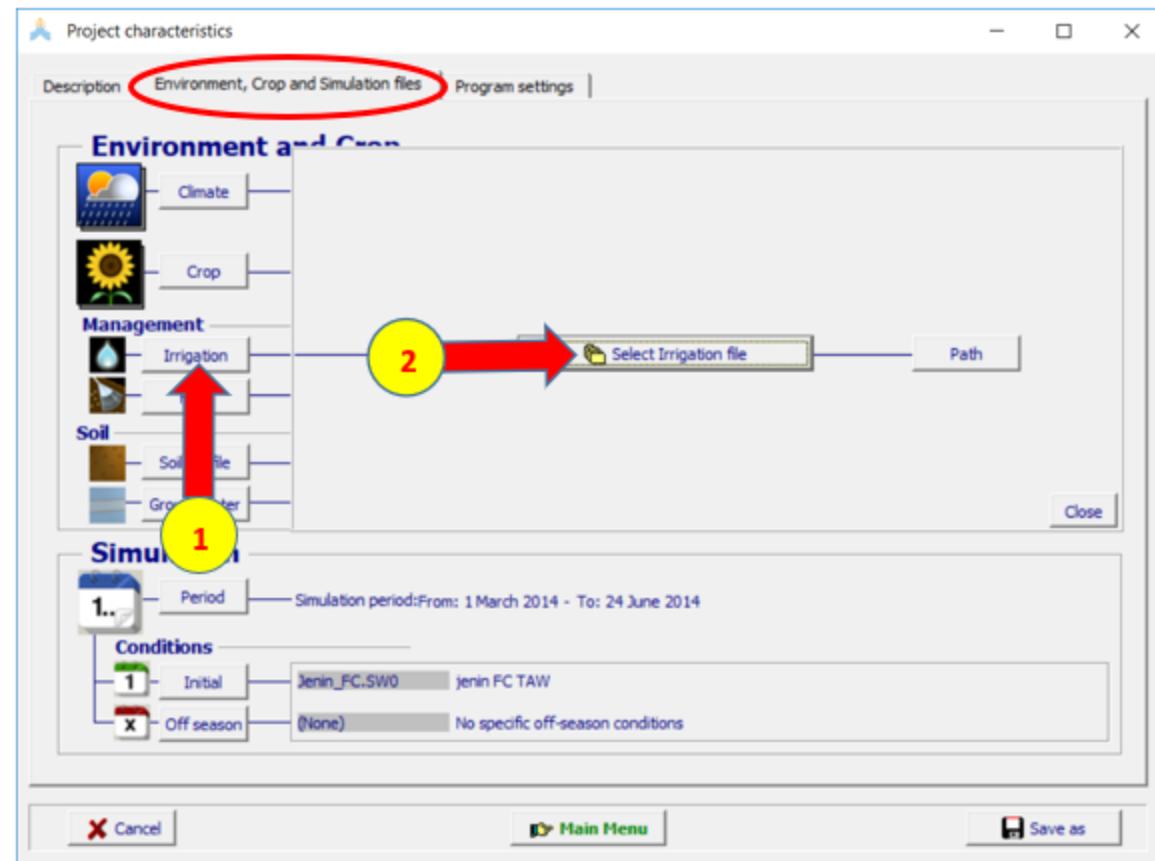


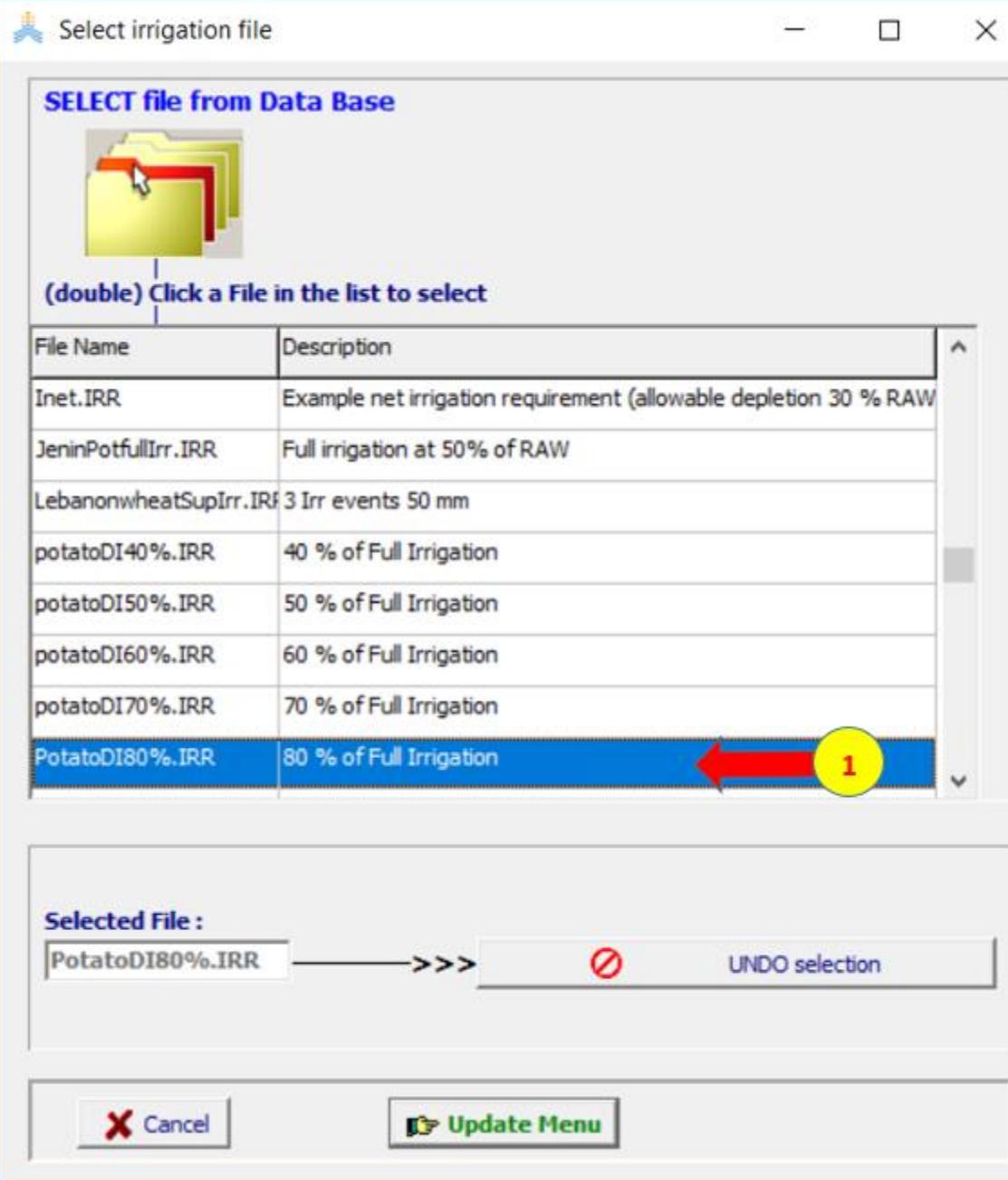


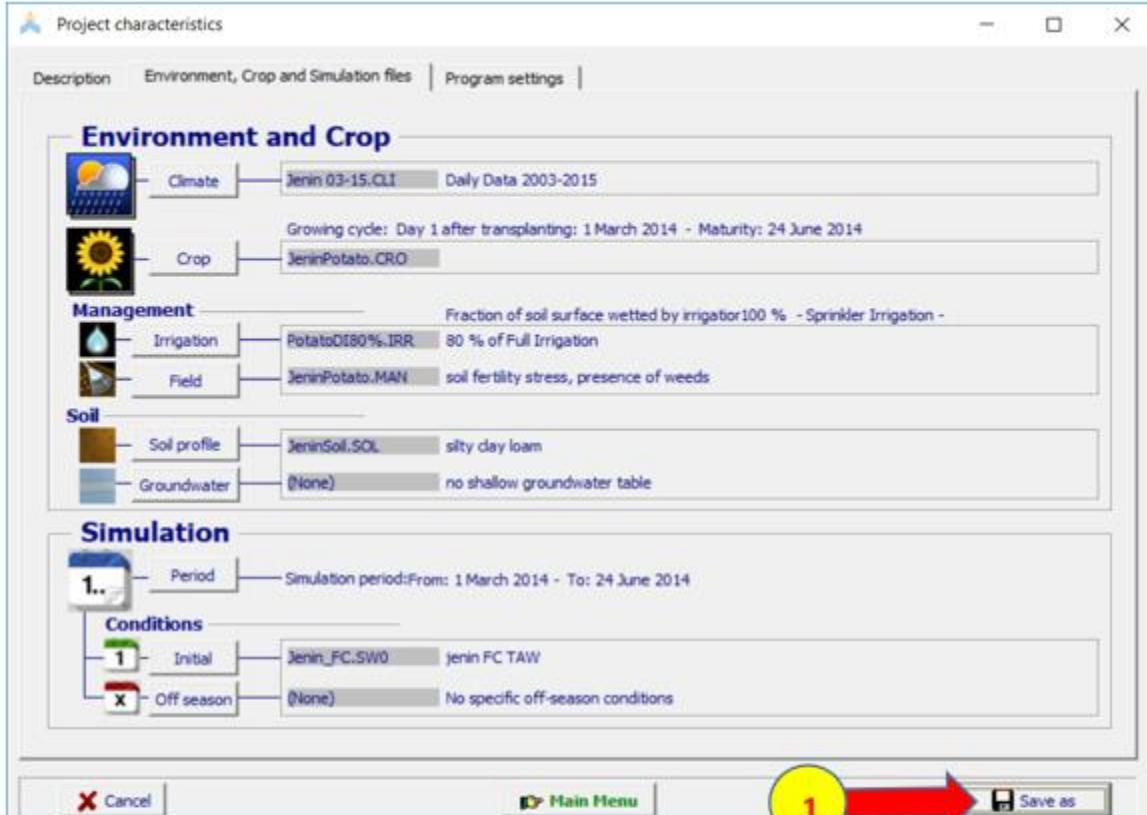










Project characteristics

Description   Environment, Crop and Simulation files | Program settings |

### Environment and Crop

Climate: Jenin 03-15.CLI Daily Data 2003-2015  
Crop: JeninPotato.CRO  
Growing cycle: Day 1 after transplanting: 1 March 2014 - Maturity: 24 June 2014

### Management

Irrigation: PotatoDifIrr80%.IRR 80 % of Full Irrigation  
Field: JeninPotato.MAN soil fertility stress, presence of weeds

### Soil

Soil profile: JeninSoil.SOL silty clay loam  
Groundwater: (None) no shallow groundwater table

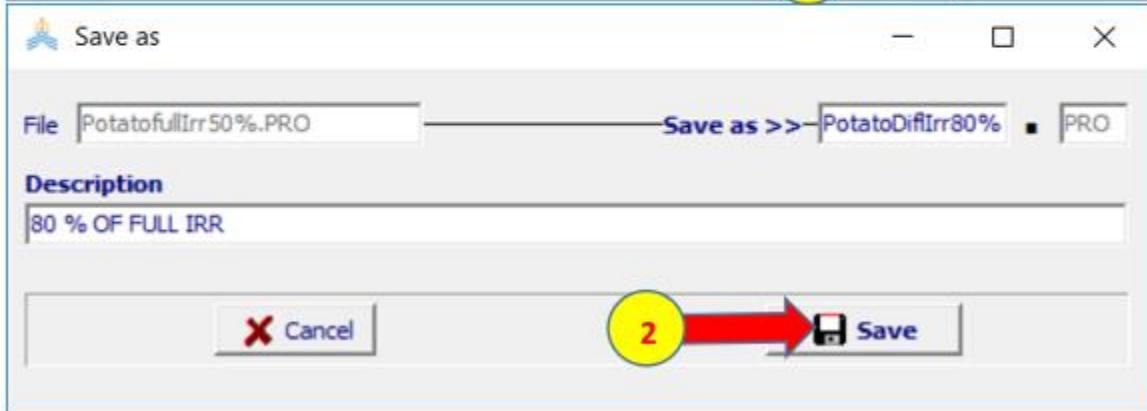
### Simulation

1. Period: Simulation period: From: 1 March 2014 - To: 24 June 2014

Conditions

- Initial: Jenin\_FC.SW0 jenin FC TAW
- Off season: (None) No specific off-season conditions



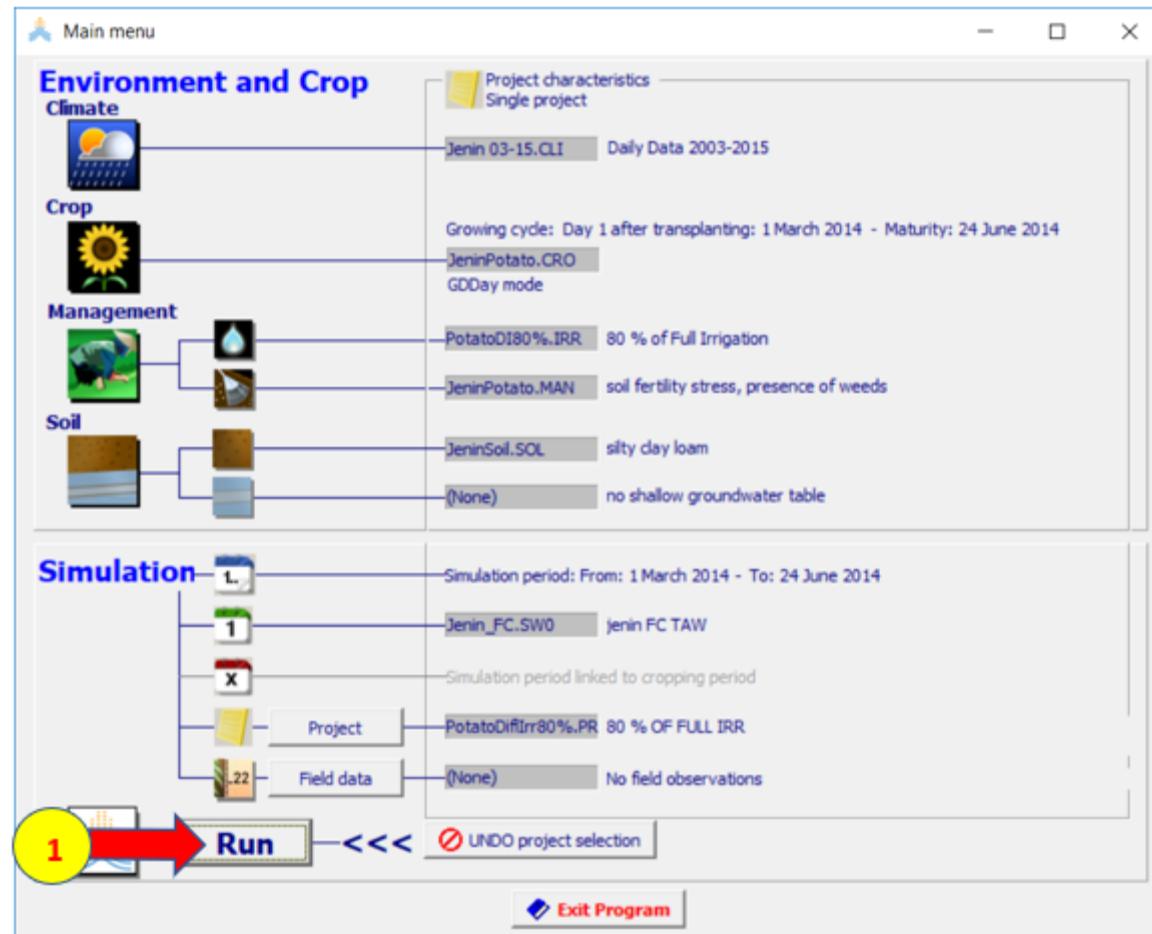


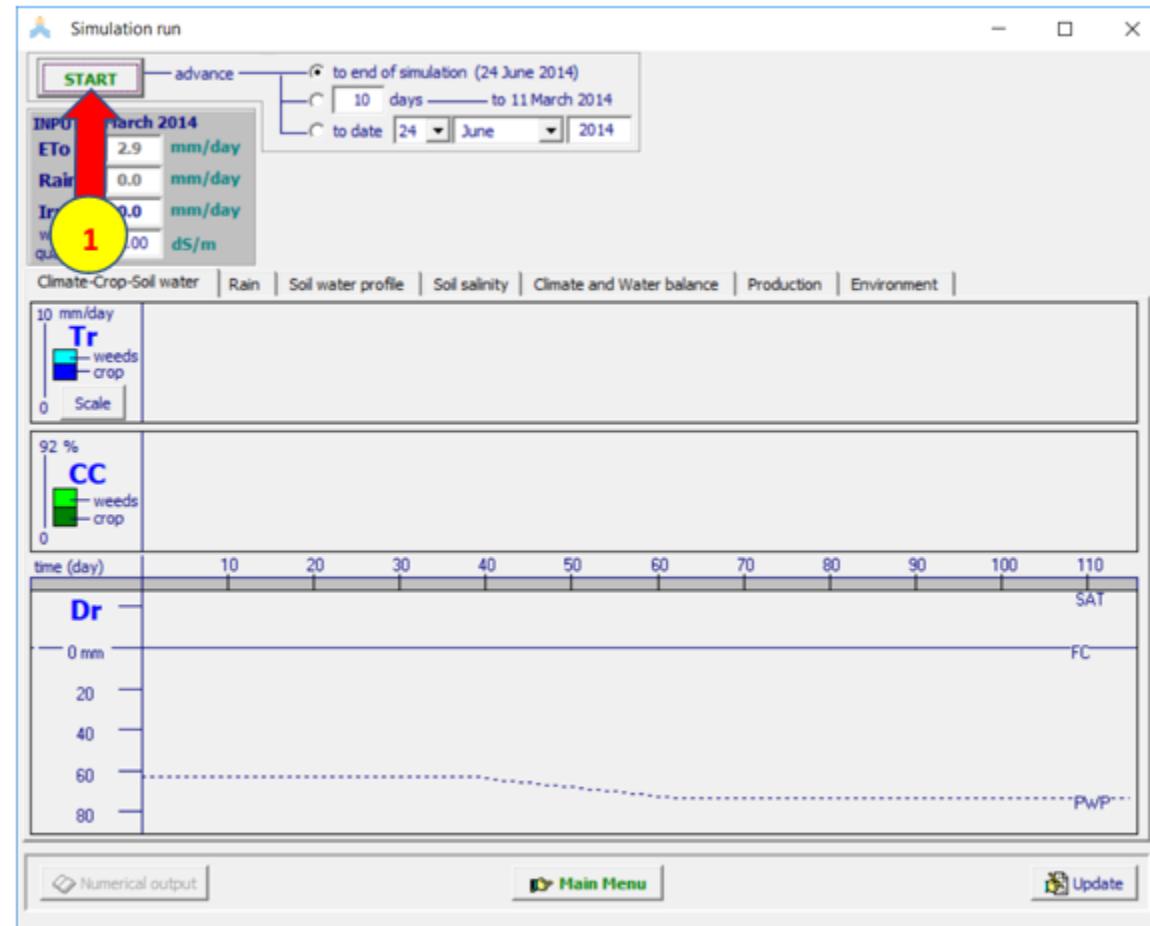
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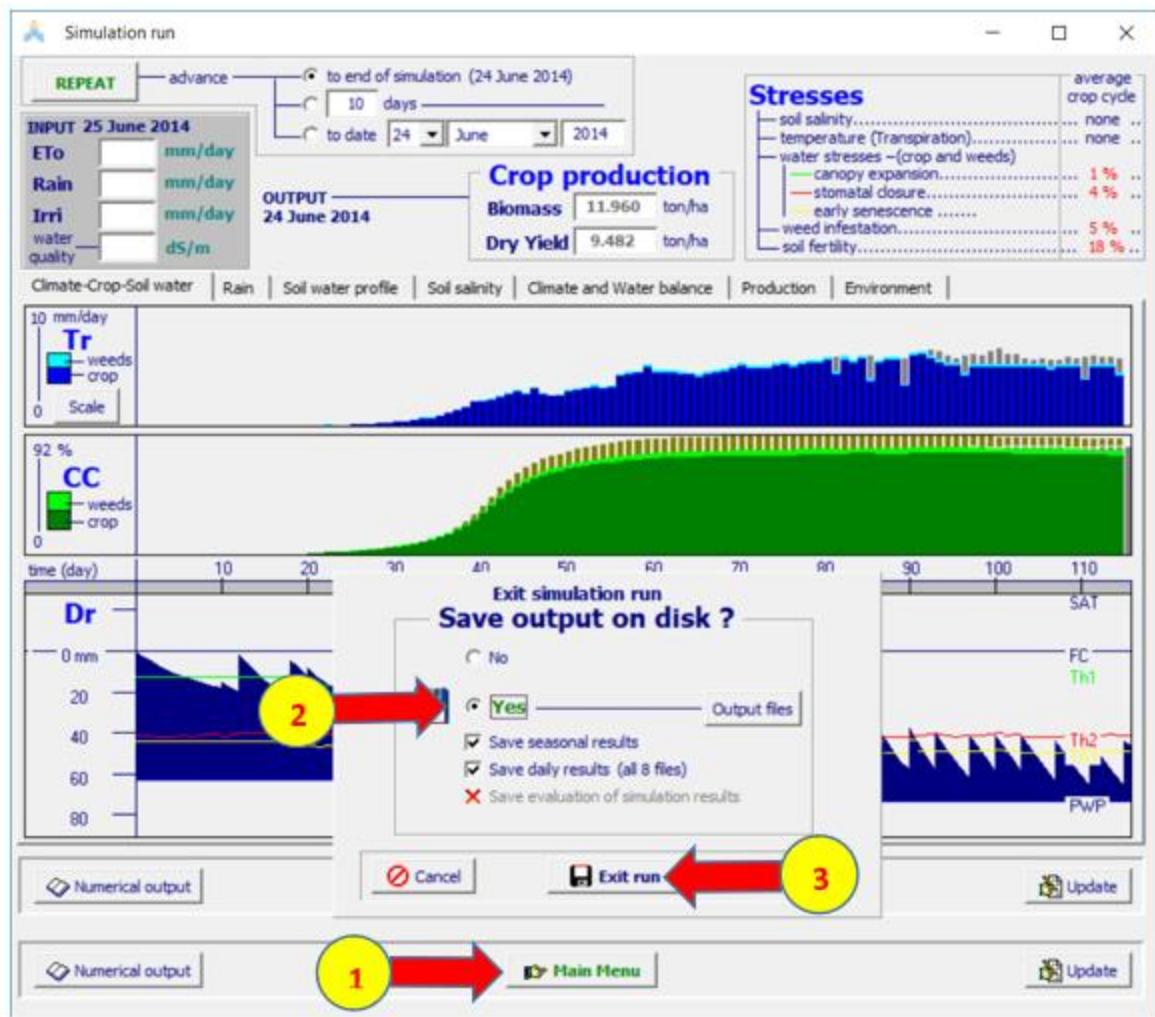
File: PotatofullIrr 50%.PRO Save as > PotatoDifIrr80% PRO

Description:  
80 % OF FULL IRR









يتم إنشاء بقية مشاريع الري الناقص بنفس الطريقة التي تم بها إنشاء المشروع  
:PotatoDiflrr80%.PRO

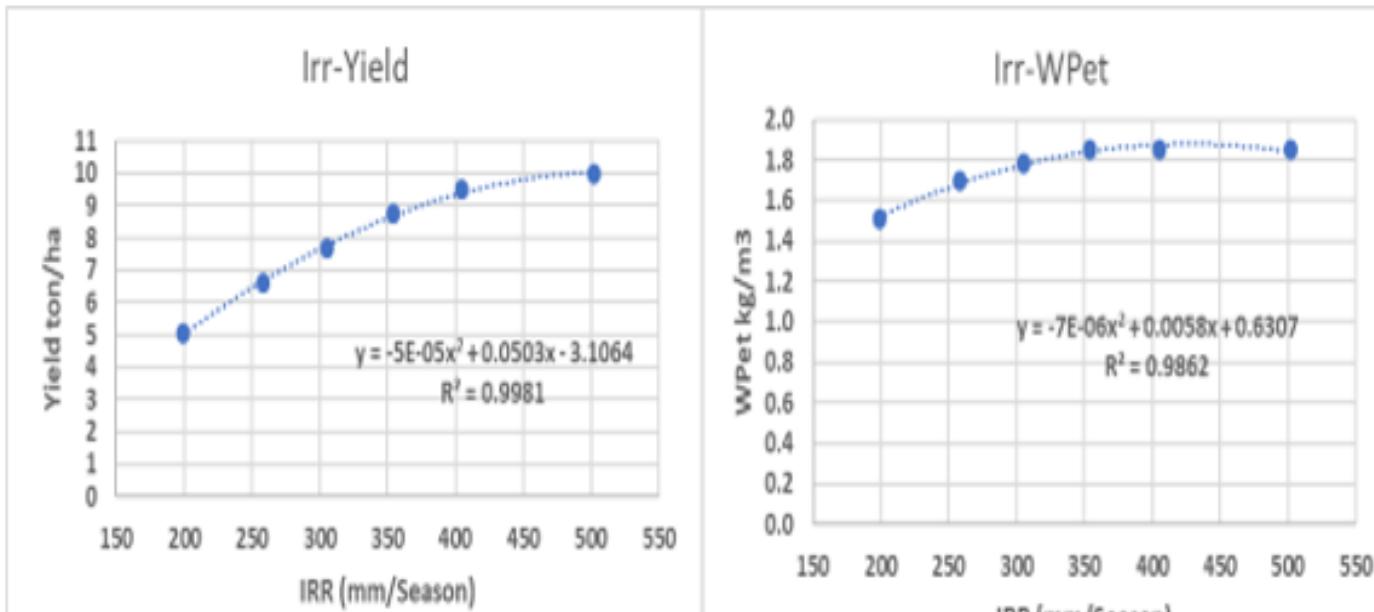
- استبدال ملف الري (PotatoDI80%.IRR) في المشروع  
بالملف (PotatoDI70%.IRR) (PotatoDiflrr80%.PRO)  
وتعديل الوصف  
إلى (70 % OF FULL IRR) وحفظ المشروع باسم  
وتشغيله وحفظ النتائج.
- استبدال ملف الري (PotatoDI70%.IRR) في المشروع  
بالملف (PotatoDI60%.IRR) (PotatoDiflrr70%.PRO)  
وتعديل الوصف  
إلى (60 % OF FULL IRR) وحفظ المشروع باسم  
وتشغيله وحفظ النتائج.
- استبدال ملف الري (PotatoDI60%.IRR) في المشروع  
بالملف (PotatoDI50%.IRR) (PotatoDiflrr60%.PRO)  
وتعديل الوصف  
إلى (50 % OF FULL IRR) وحفظ المشروع باسم  
وتشغيله وحفظ النتائج.
- استبدال ملف الري (PotatoDI50%.IRR) في المشروع  
بالملف (PotatoDI40%.IRR) (PotatoDiflrr50%.PRO)  
وتعديل الوصف  
إلى (40 % OF FULL IRR) وحفظ المشروع باسم  
وتشغيله وحفظ النتائج.

يمكن الحصول على نتائج المحاكاة لمشاريع الري الناقص من الملفات:

PotatoDiflrr80%Run.OUT  
PotatoDiflrr70%Run.OUT  
PotatoDiflrr60%Run.OUT  
PotatoDiflrr50%Run.OUT  
PotatoDiflrr40%Run.OUT

# Impact of deficit irrigation on potato crop

treatment	Irrigation depth	% of water saved	Yield T/Ha	Reduction in yield %	Wpet kg/m3
<b>Full IRR</b>	<b>502</b>		<b>10.01</b>		<b>1.85</b>
Dif Irr 80%	405	20	9.48	5	1.85
Dif Irr 70%	354	30	8.74	13	1.85
Dif Irr 60%	305	40	7.68	23	1.78
Dif Irr 50%	258	50	6.59	34	1.7
Dif Irr 40%	199	60	5.07	49	1.51



Rainfed crop

## المعلومات:

### البيانات المناخية:

موجودة في الملف العام للمناخ **TalAmara.CLI** وفي الملفات التي تحتوي البيانات المناخية اليومية (**TalAmara.TNX**) (**TalAmara.ETO**) (**TalAmara.PLU**).  
البيانات المناخية للهطول المطري يومية تغطي عشر سنوات من 2004 حتى 2013 ومتوسط الهطول المطري السنوي **596** مم/عام

Year	observed
2004	689
2005	633
2006	488
2007	532
2008	338
2009	815
2010	479
2011	659
2012	846
2013	478
Avg	<b>596</b>

### خصائص المحصول:

ملف محصول القمح **LebanonWheatGDD.CRO** الذي يعتمد تقويم حرارة النمو (GDD)، تاريخ الزراعة هو 1 كانون الاول/Dec.

### خصائص التربة:

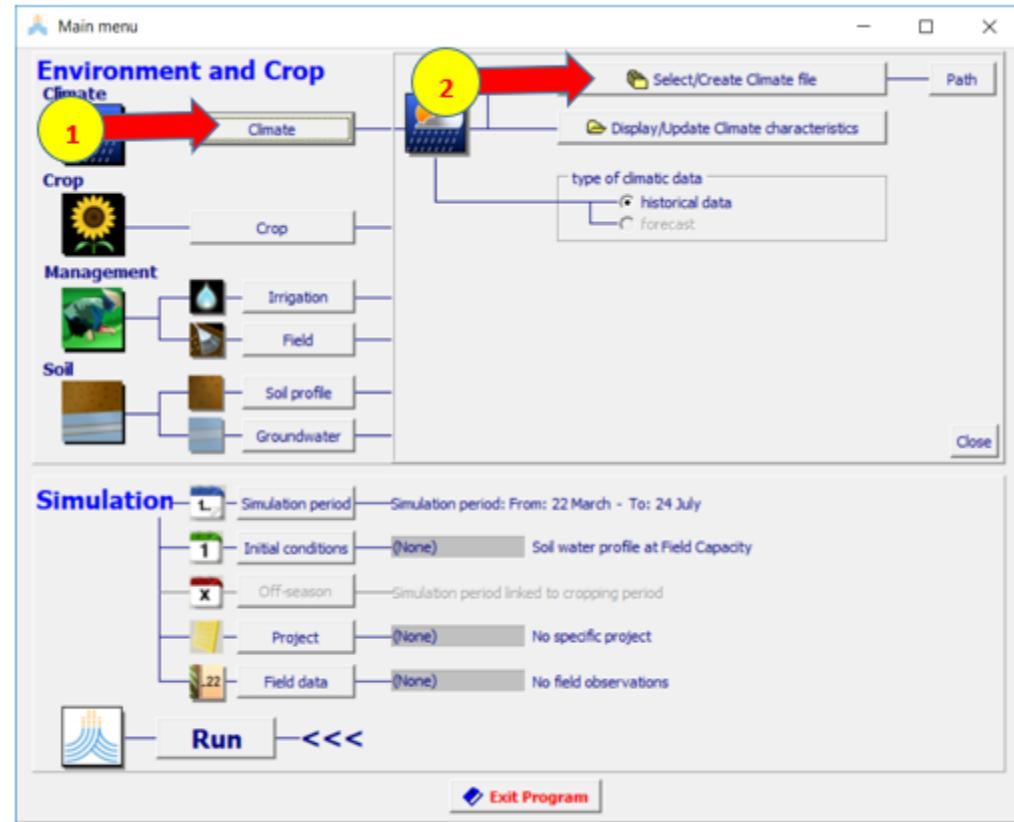
ملف التربة **Lebanon.SOL** لتربة تل عماره المؤلفة من طبقة واحدة قوامها clay loam وسماكتها 1.5 م.

### شروط إدارة الحقل:

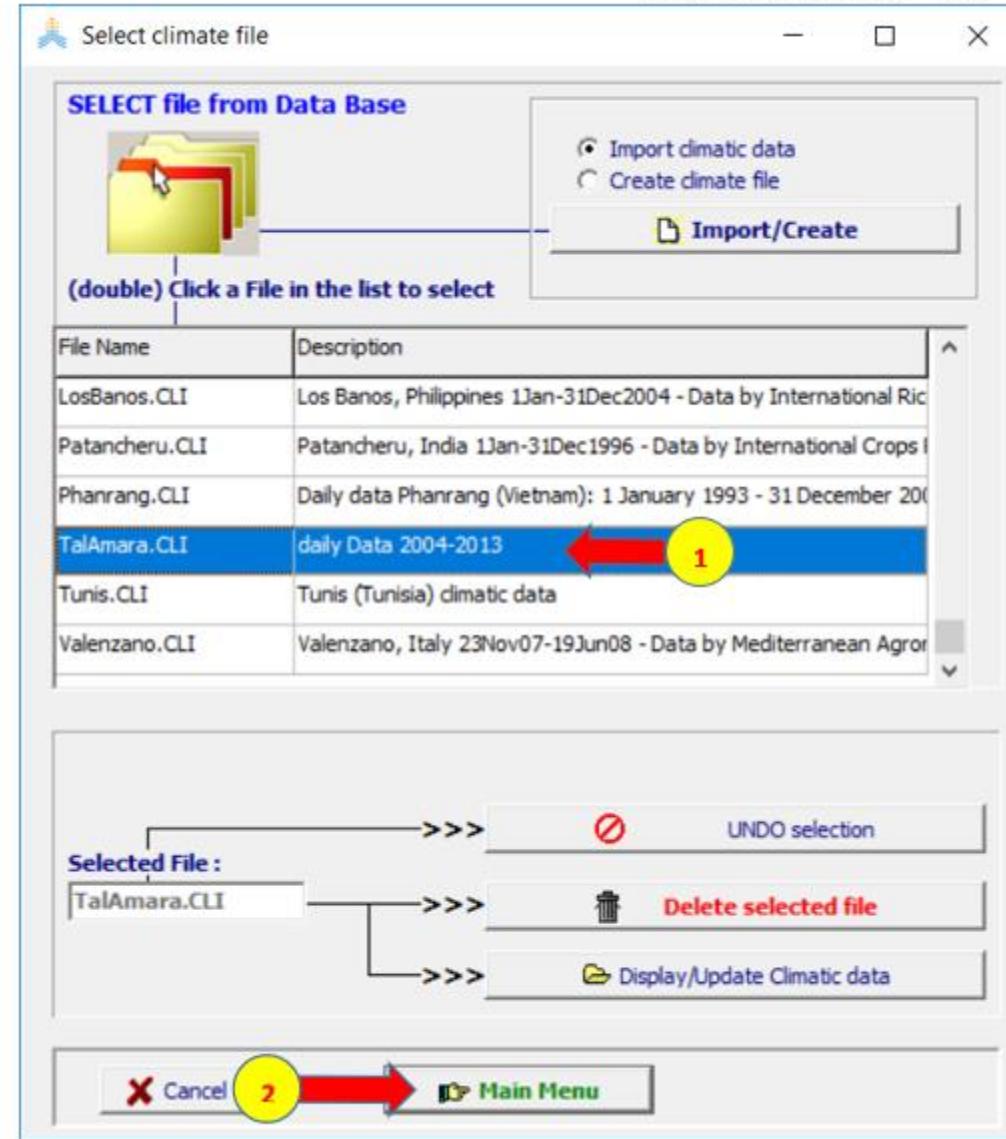
ملف إدارة الحقل **Wheat\_Lebanon.MAN** حيث خصوبية التربة مثالية Optimal ومحارحة الأعشاب الضارة مثالية (الغطاء النسبي للأعشاب الضارة 0%).

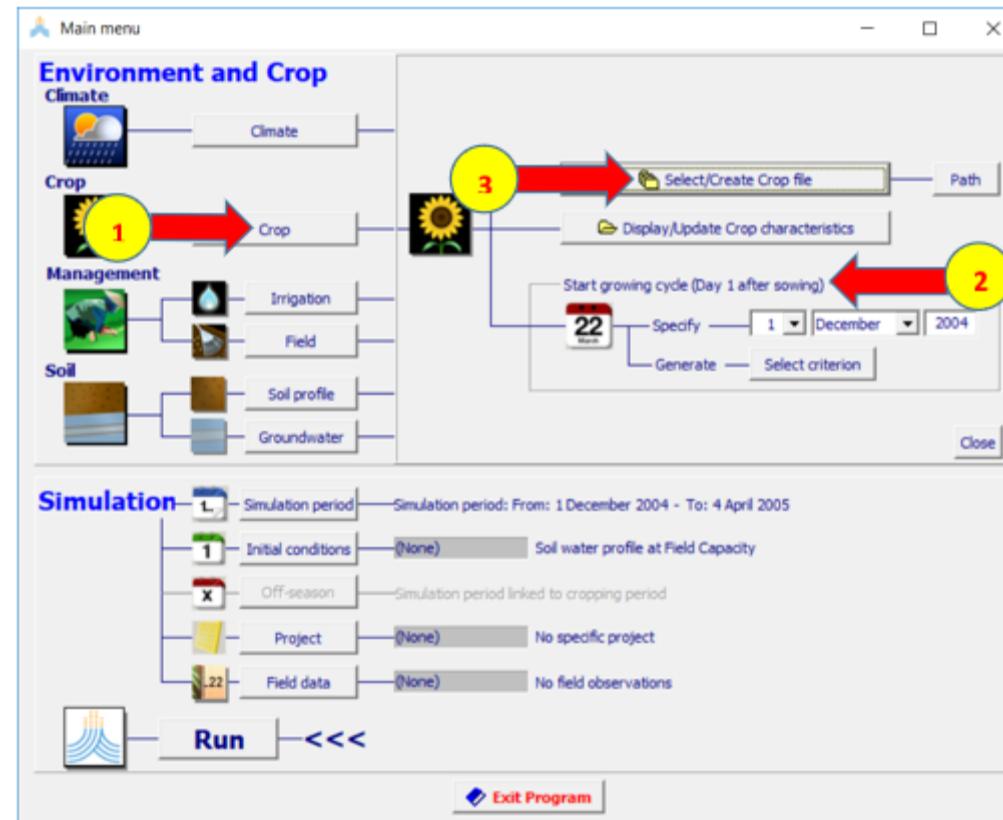
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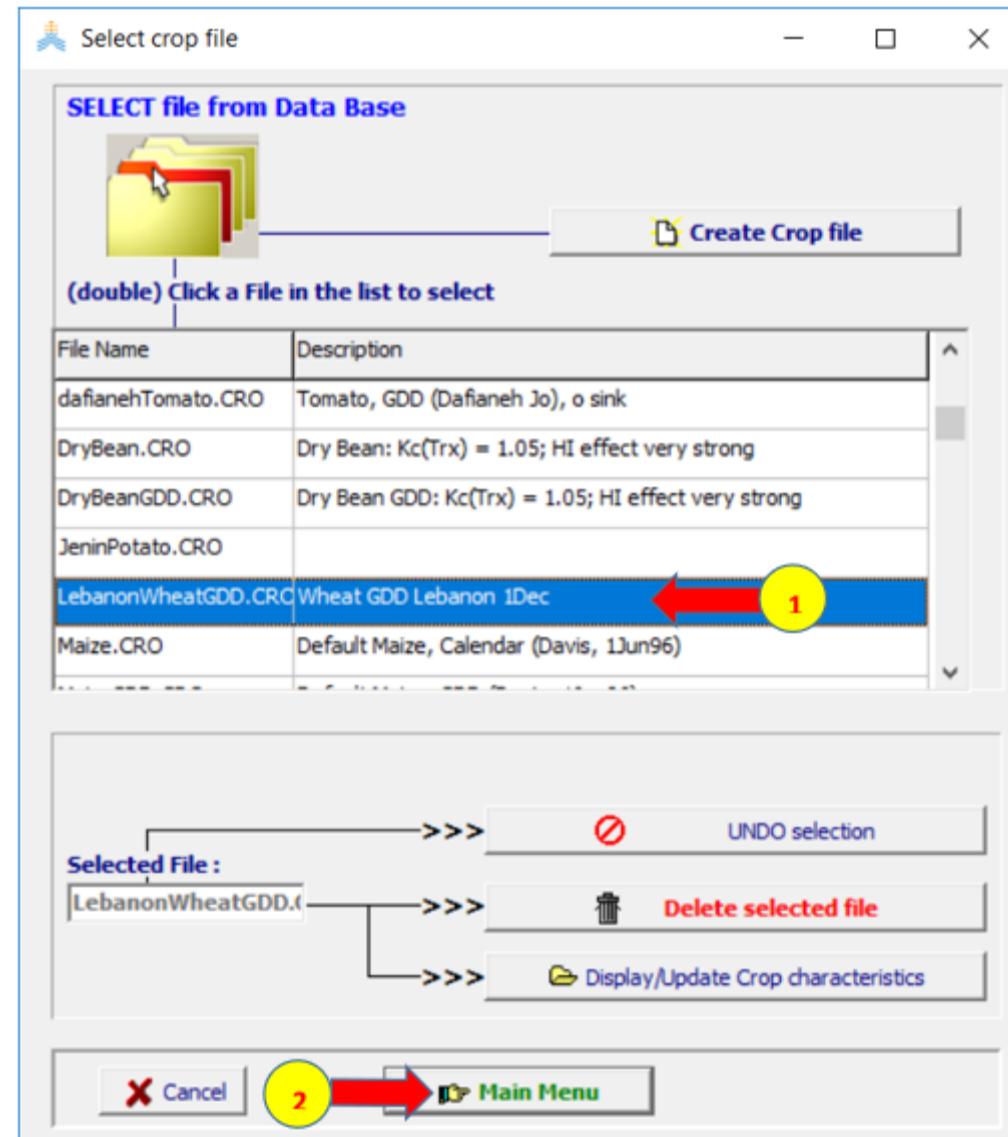
الملف **talamara\_fc.SW0** والذي تكون فيه رطوبة التربة متساوية للسعنة الحقلية FC لتربة تل عماره.

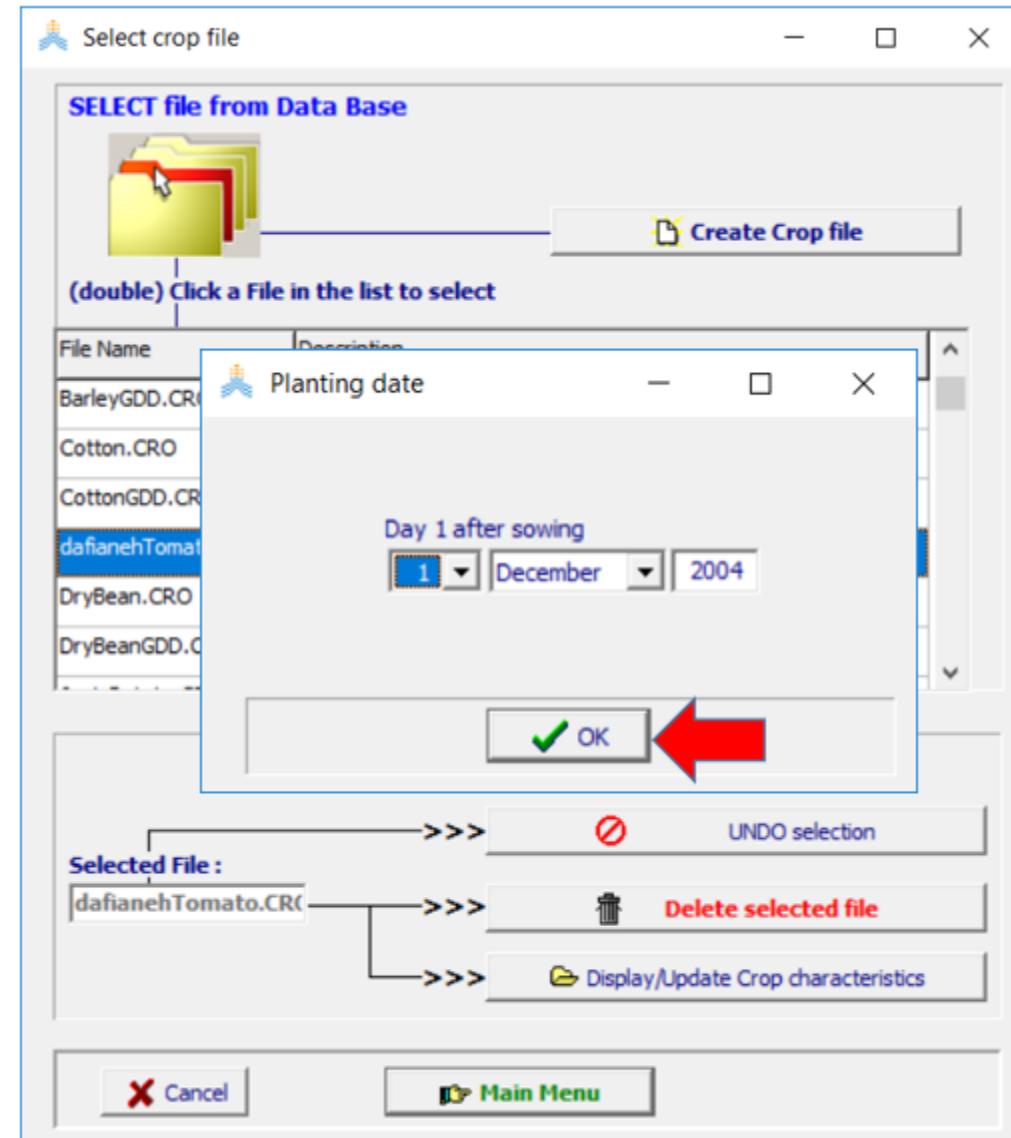


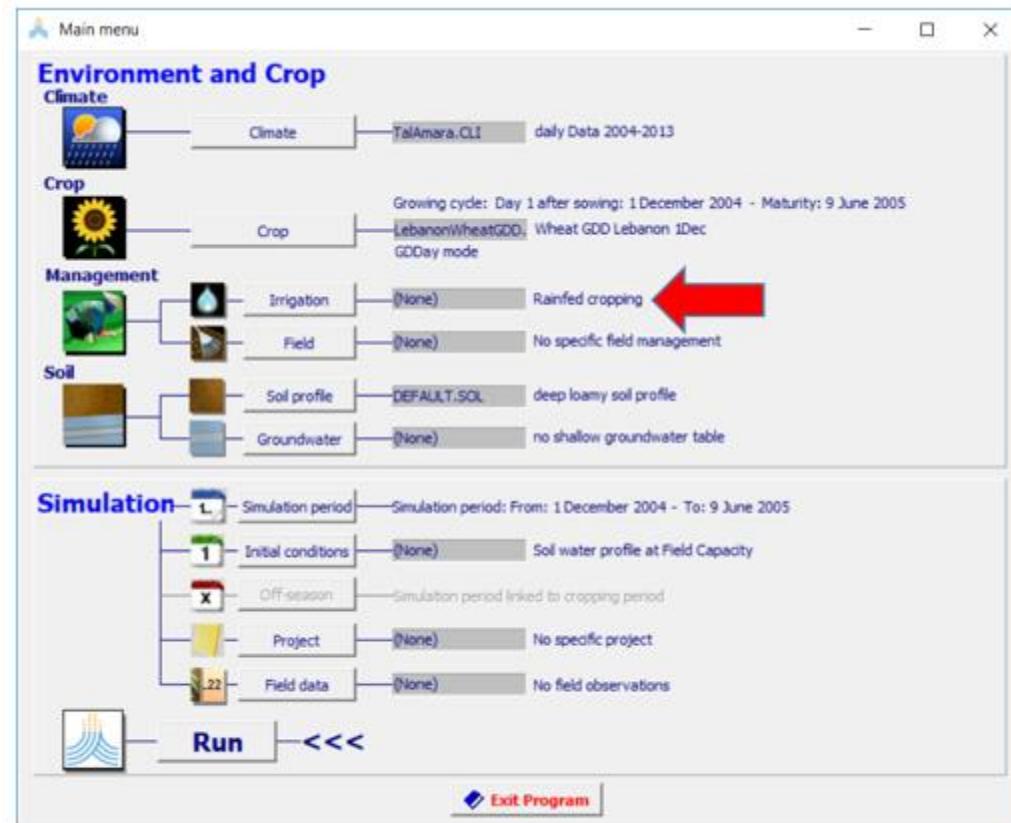
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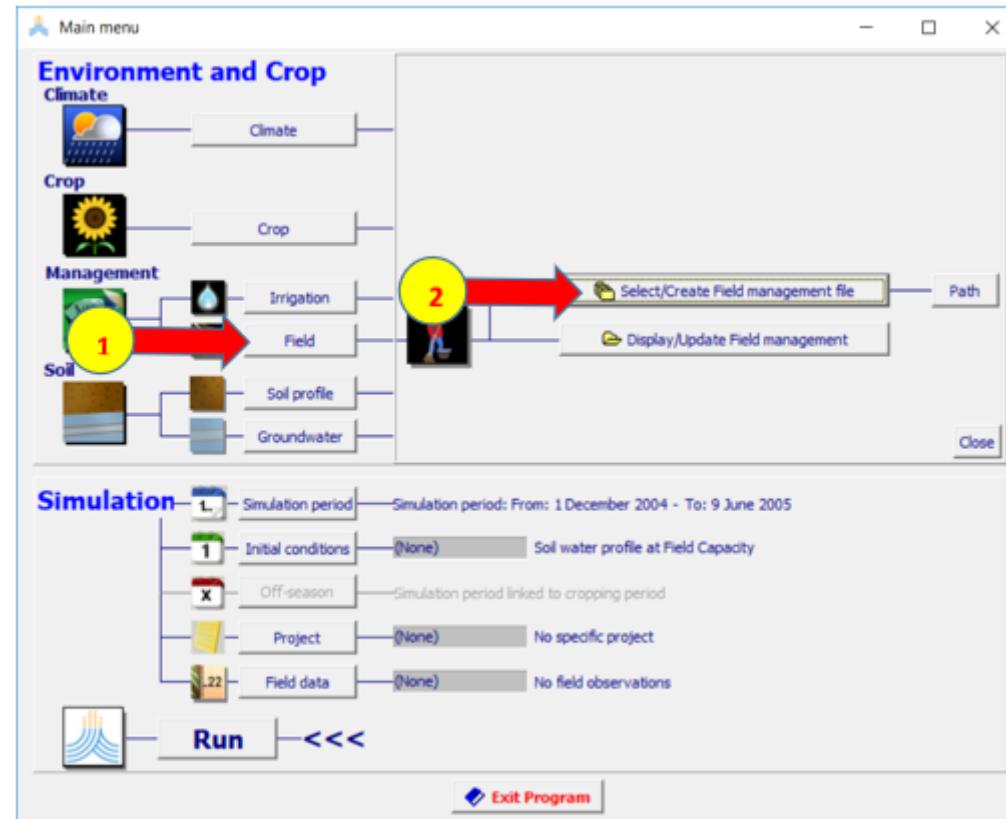


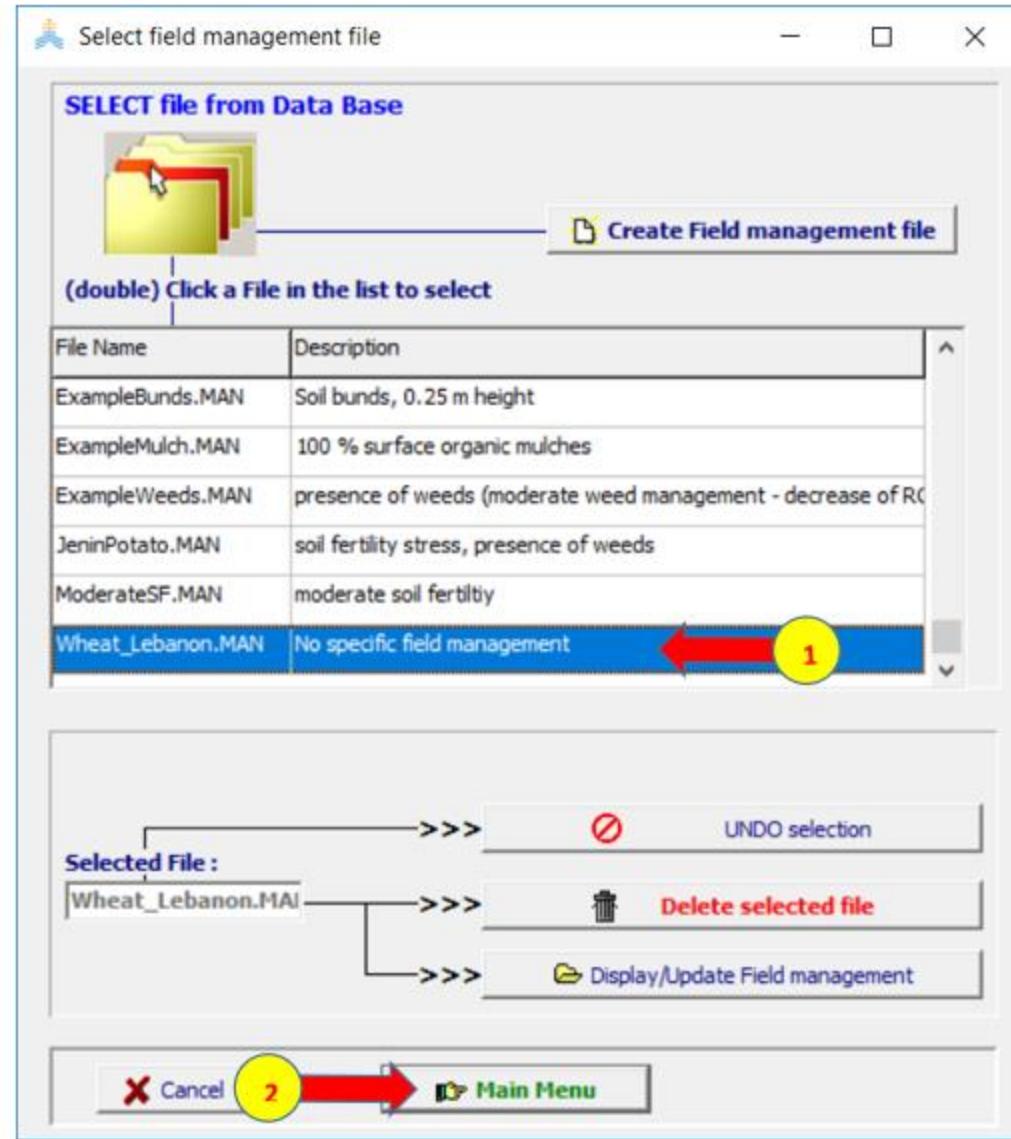


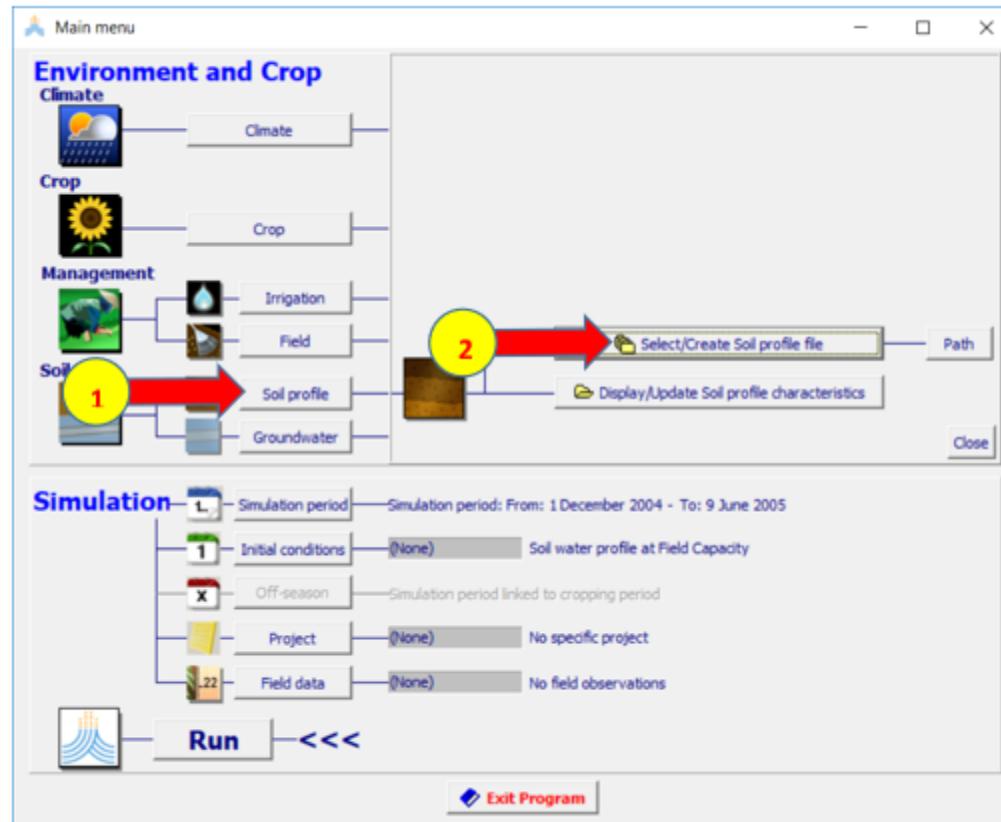


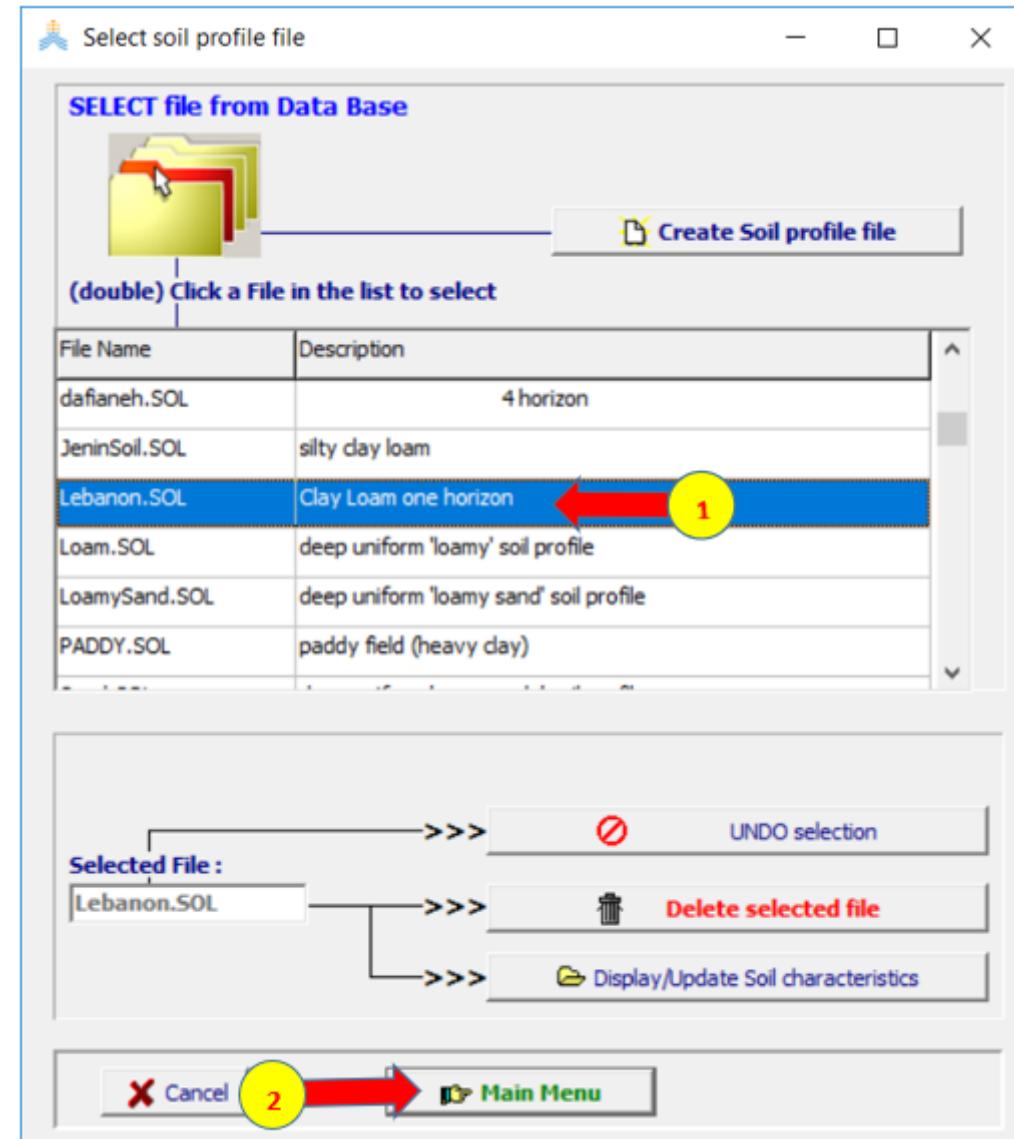


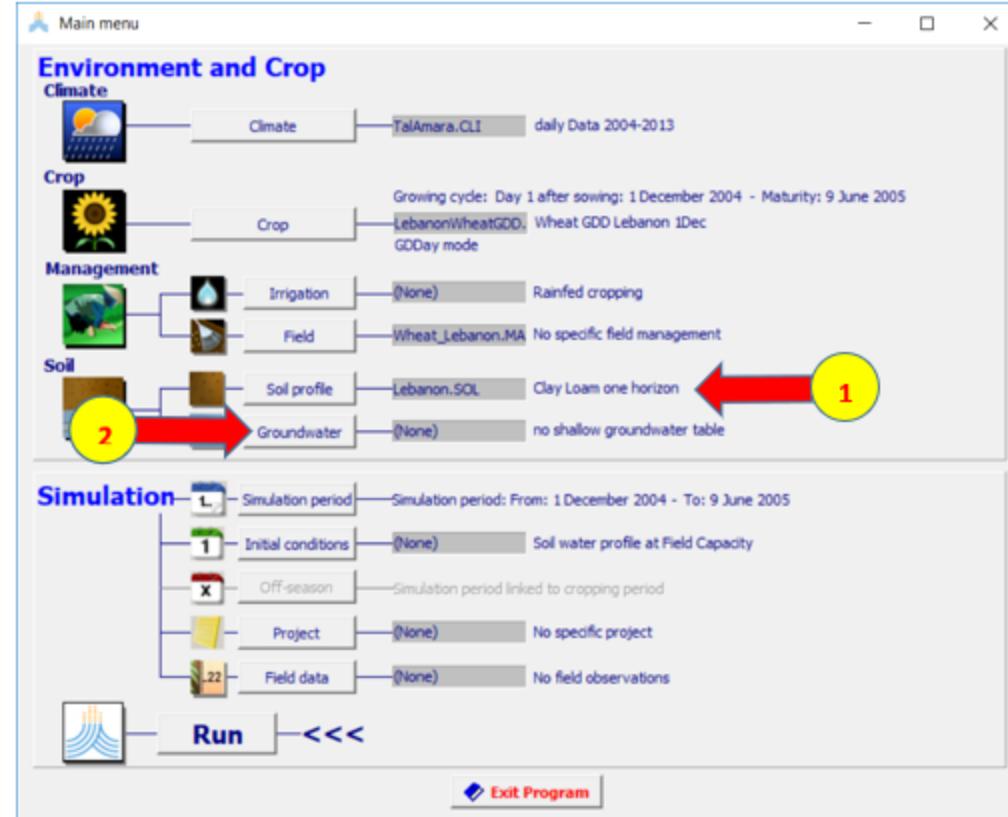


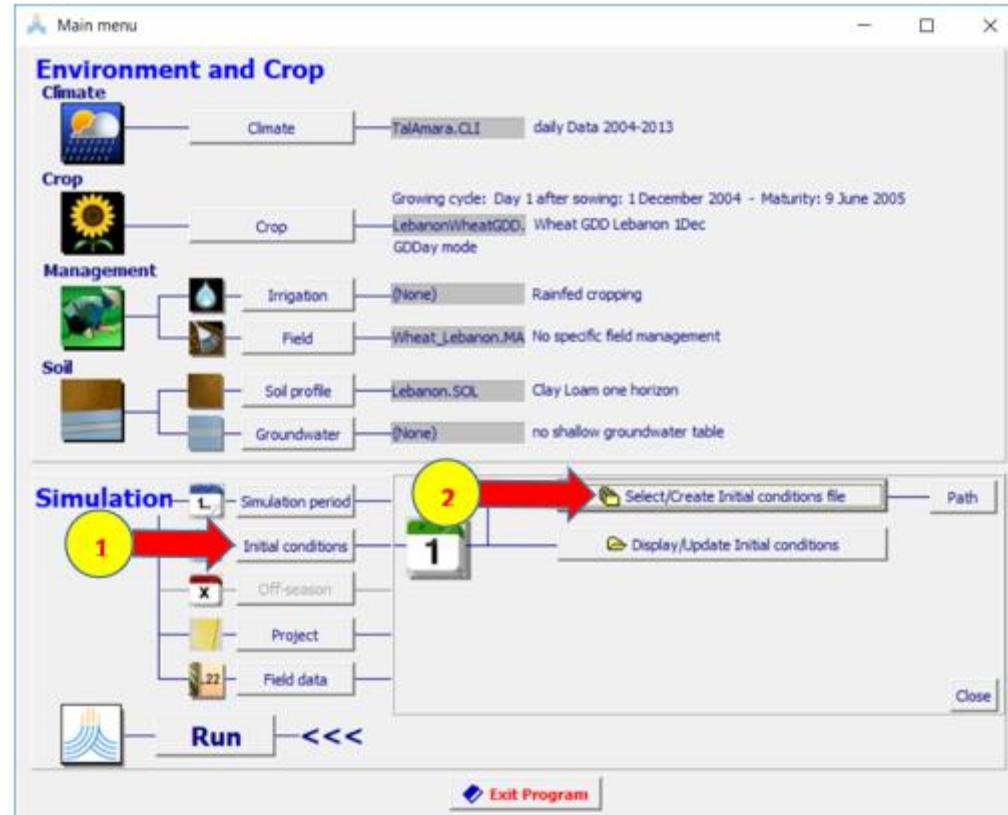


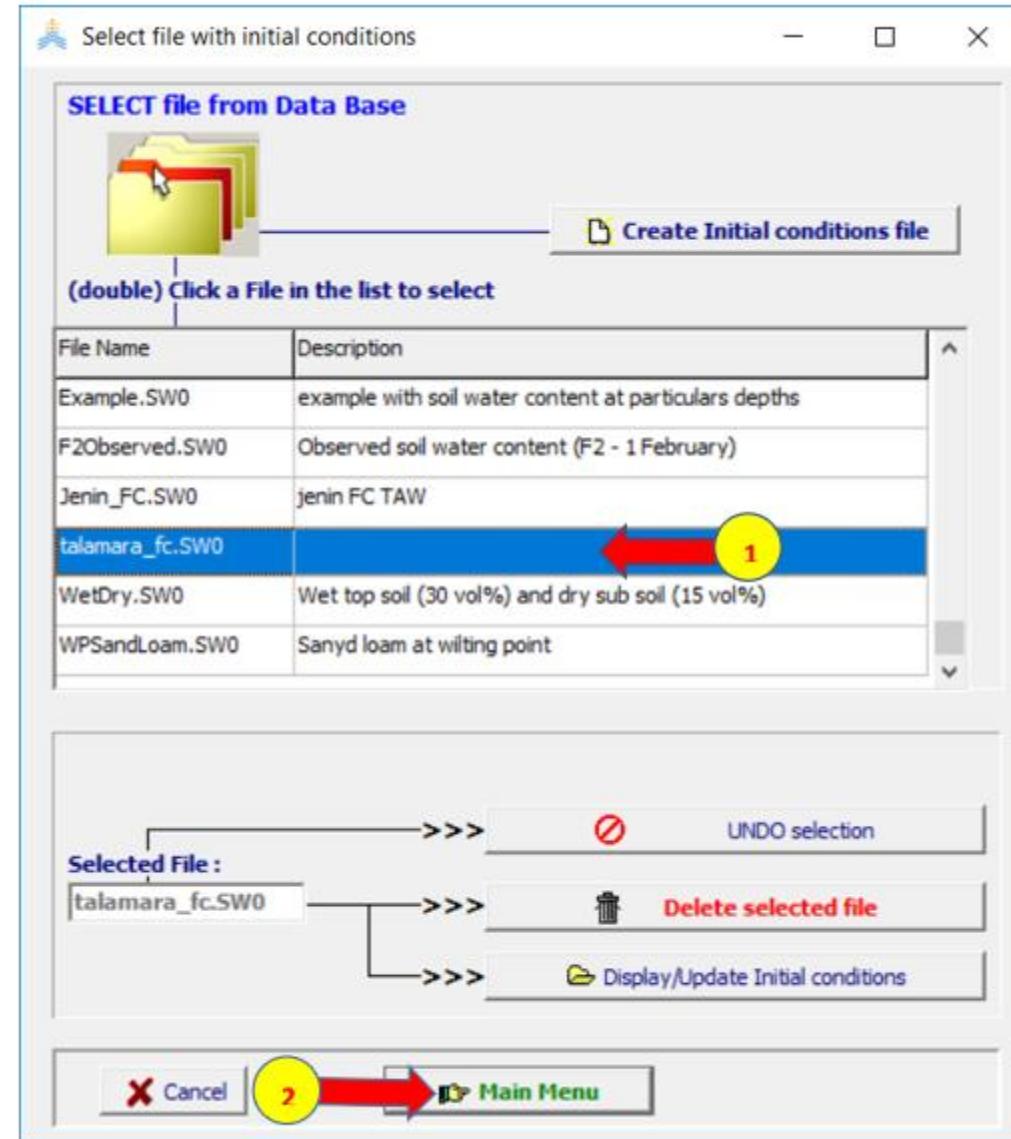


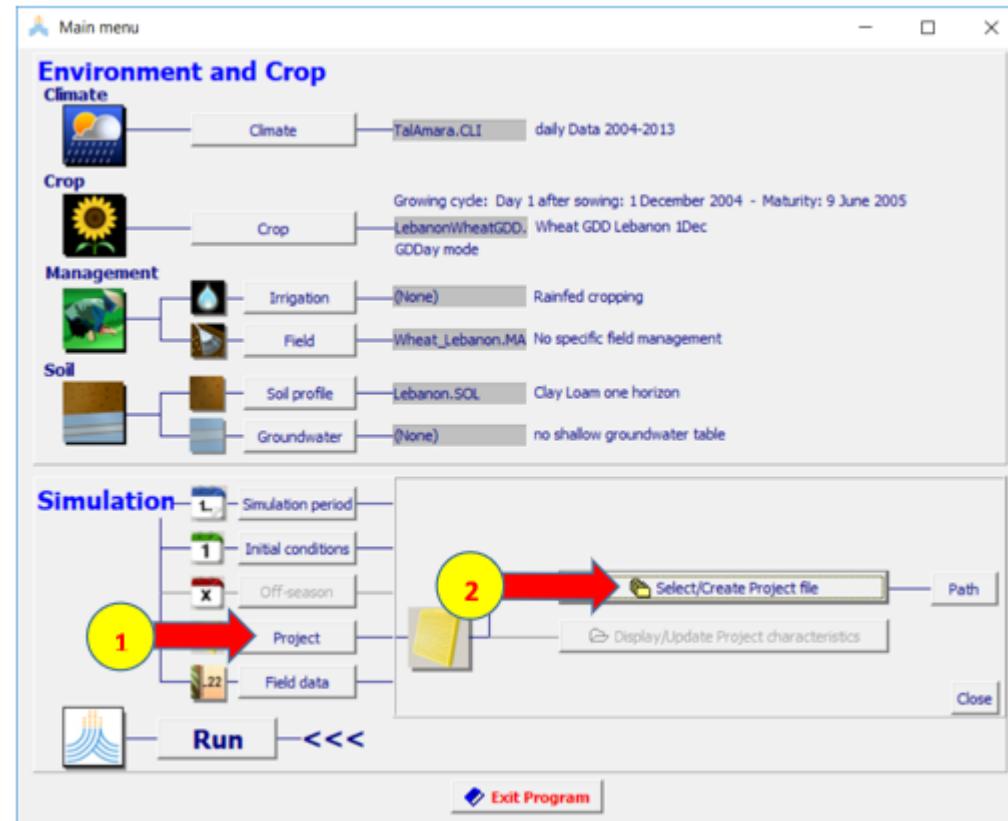


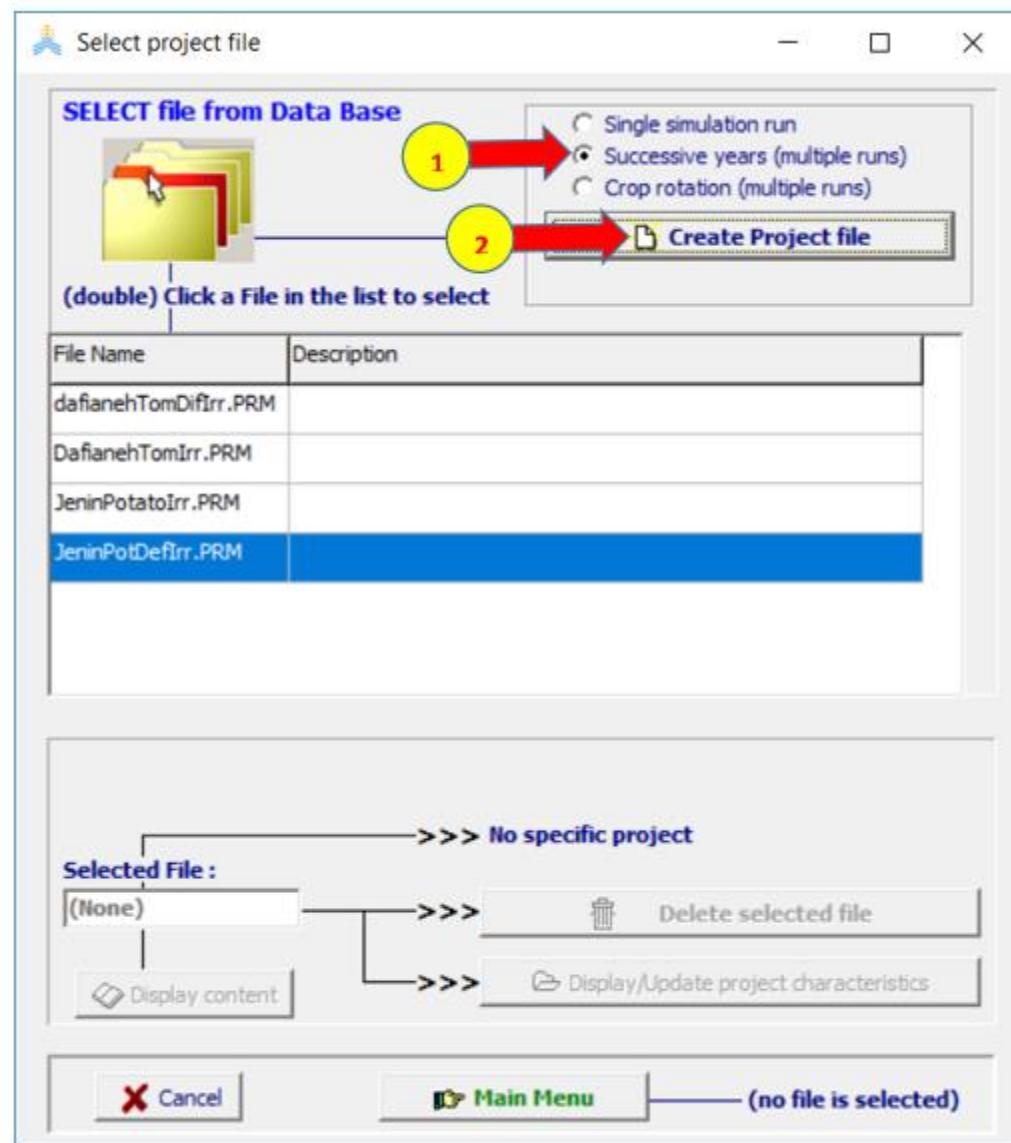


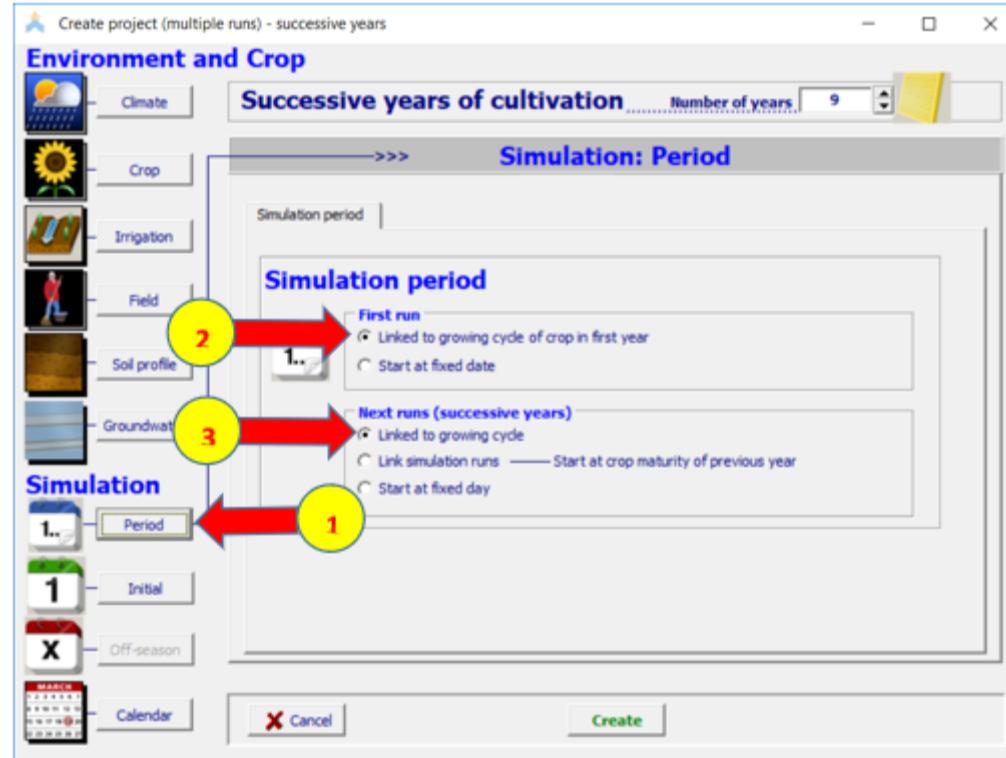




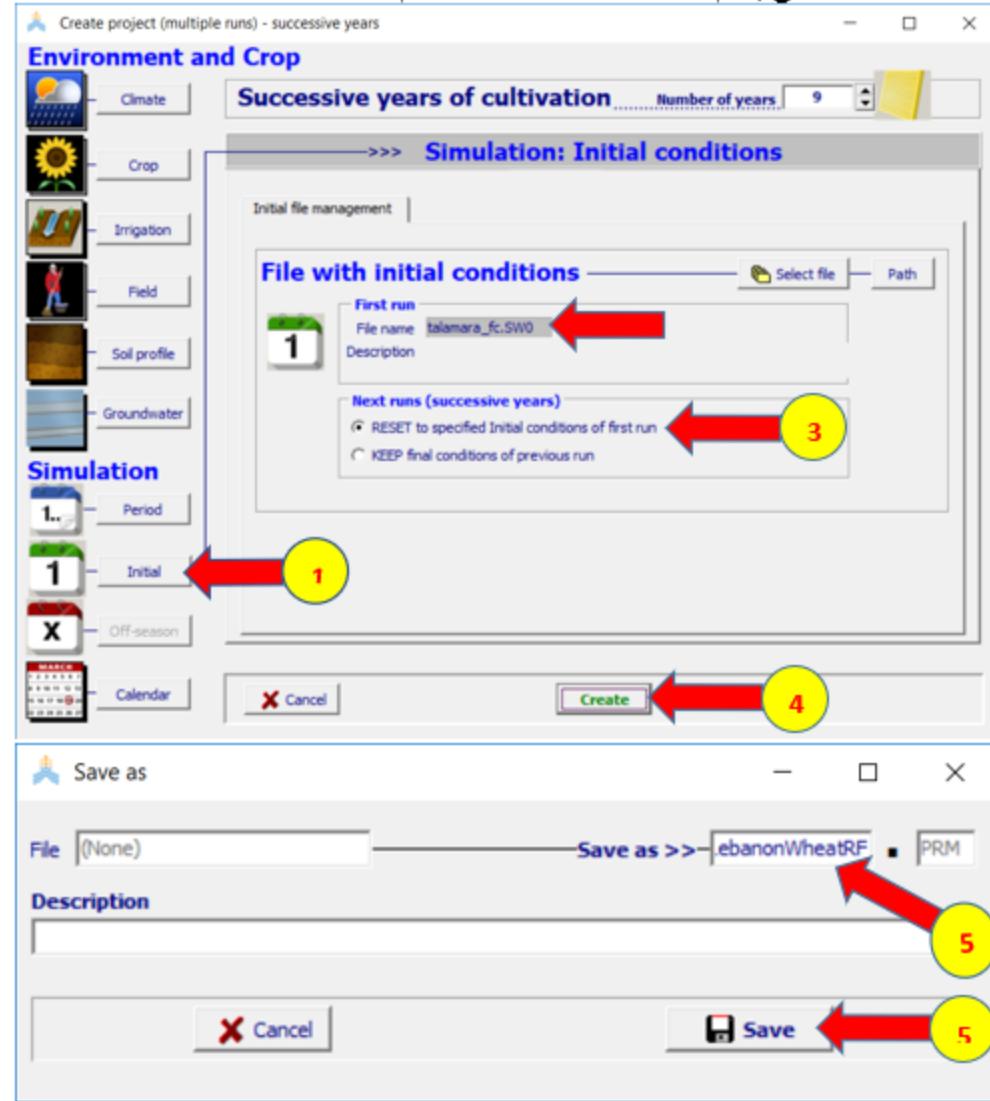


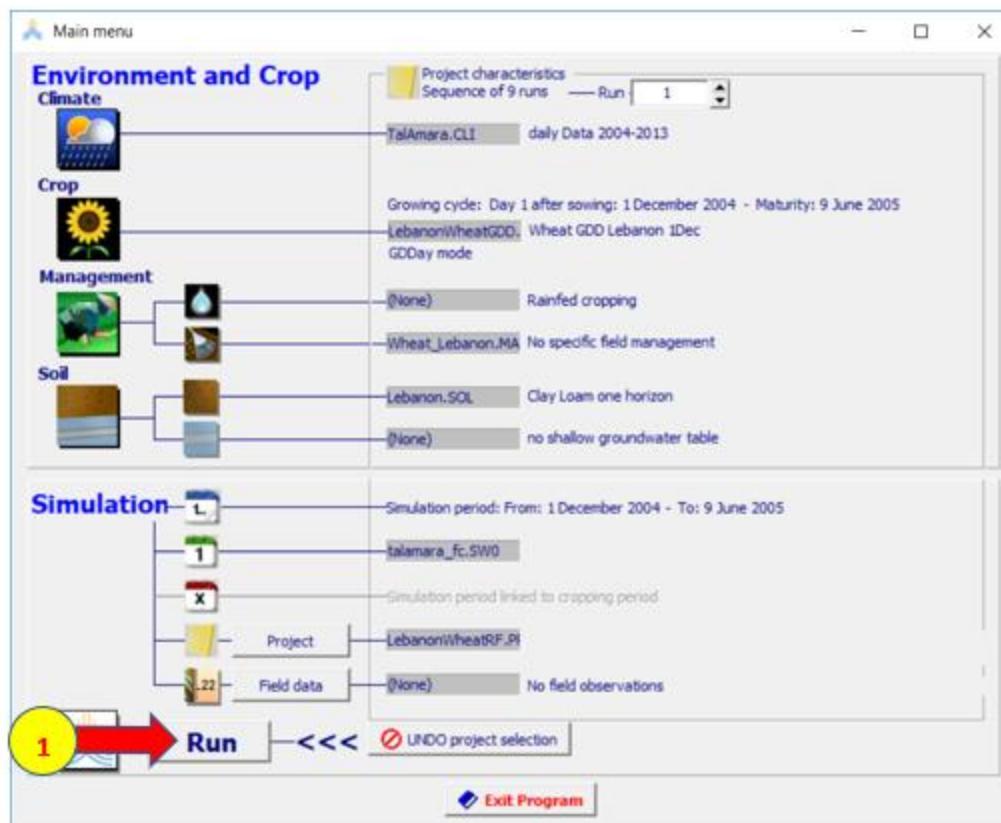


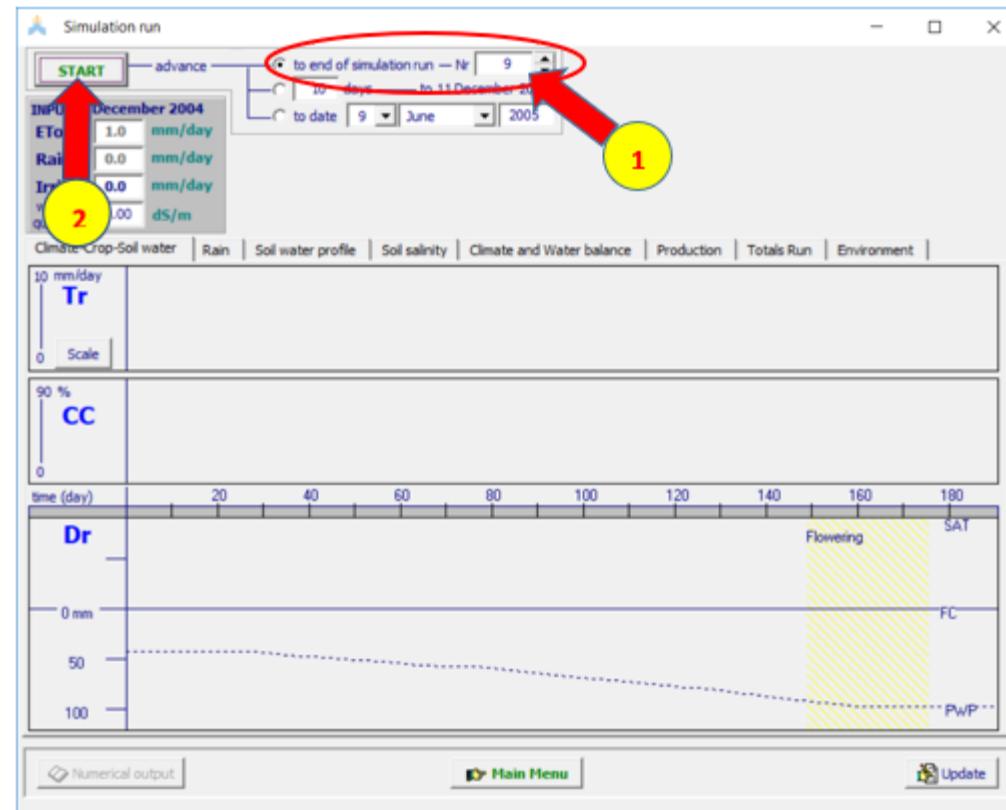


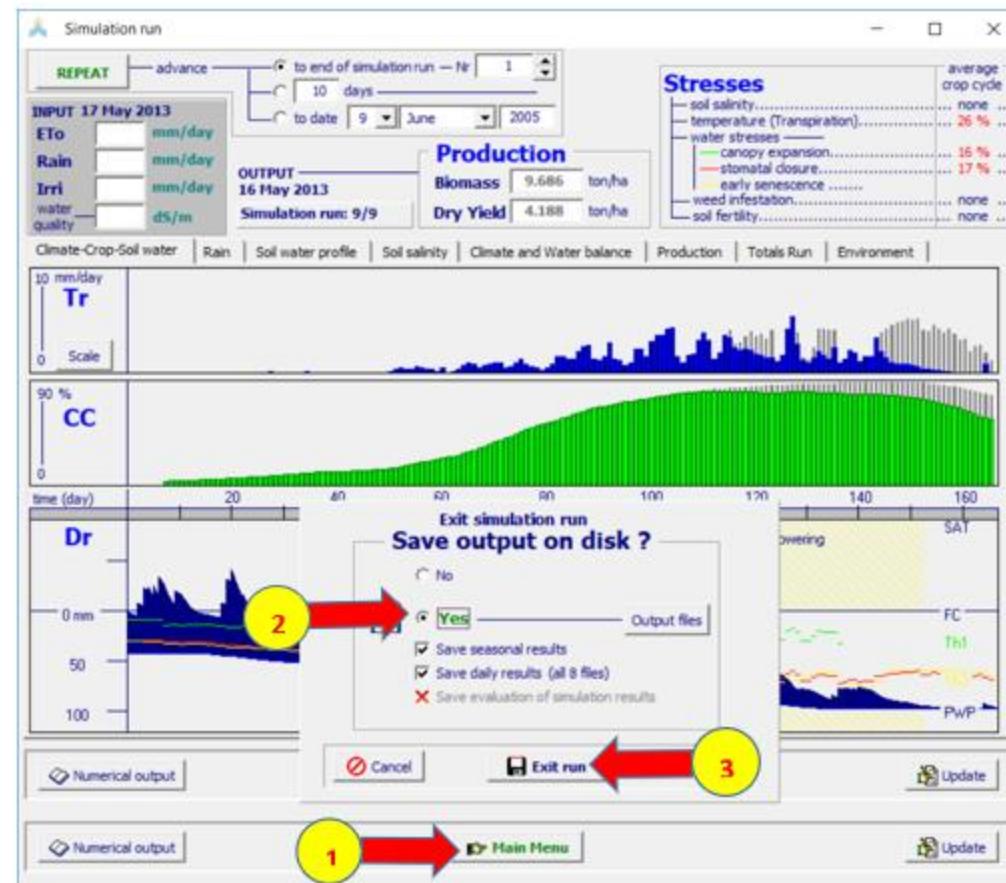


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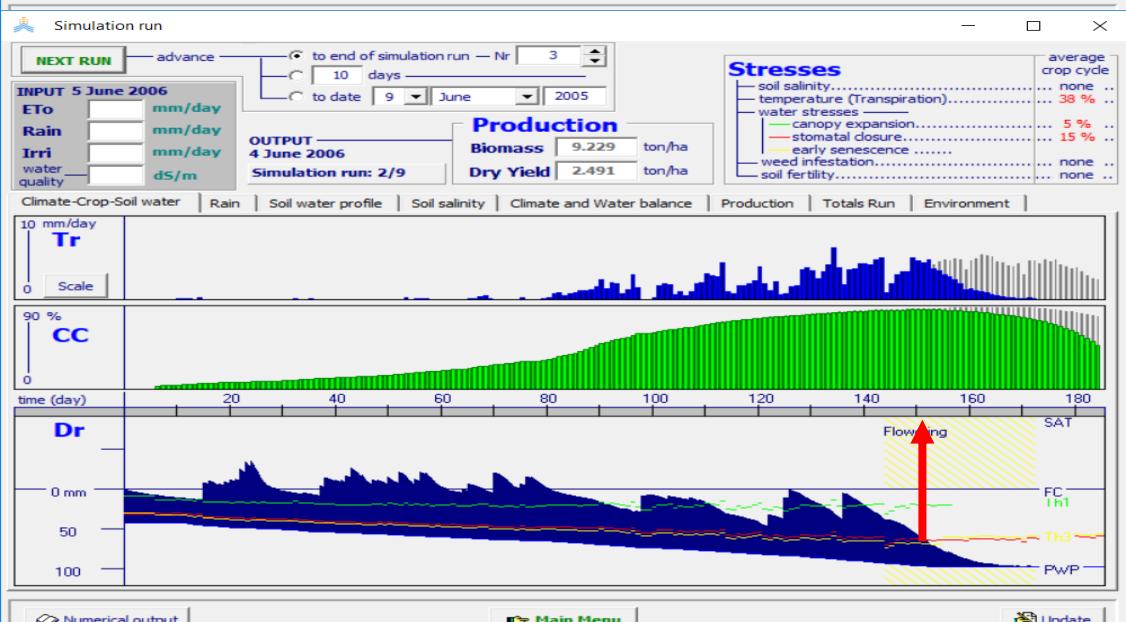
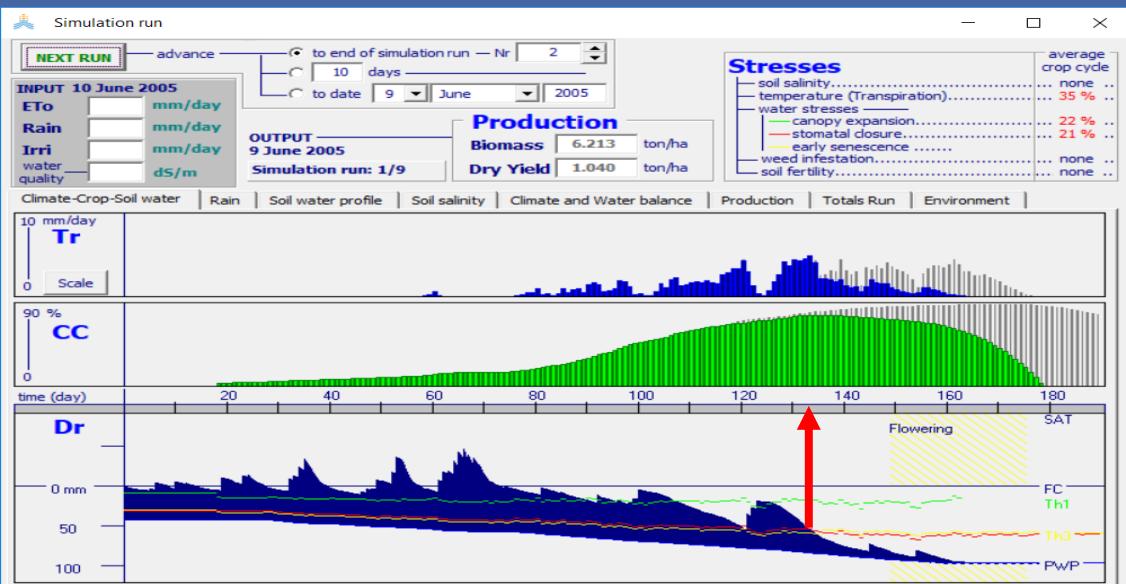




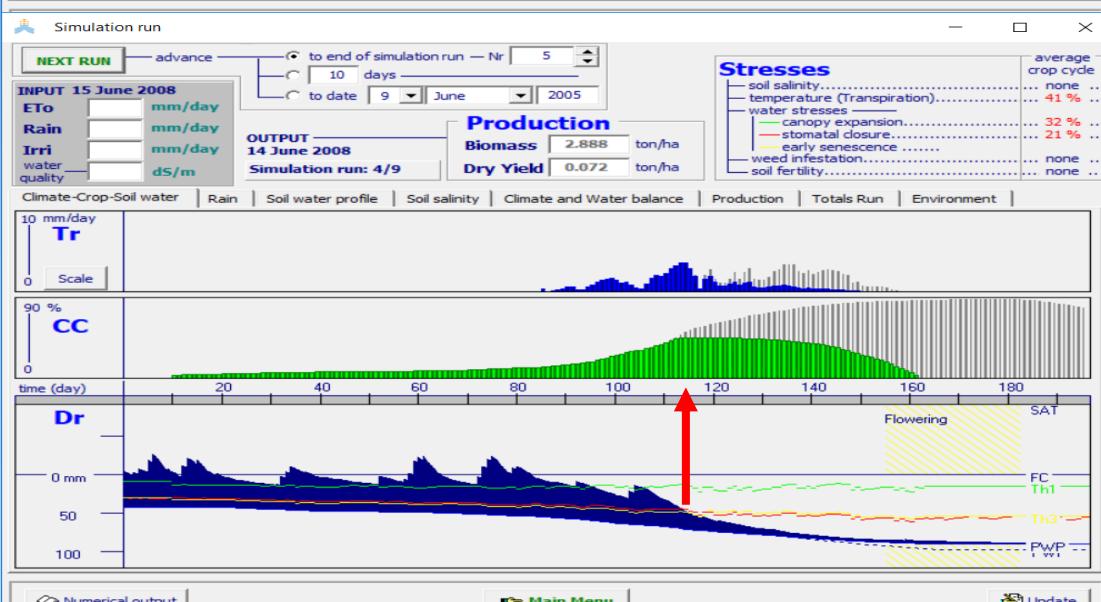
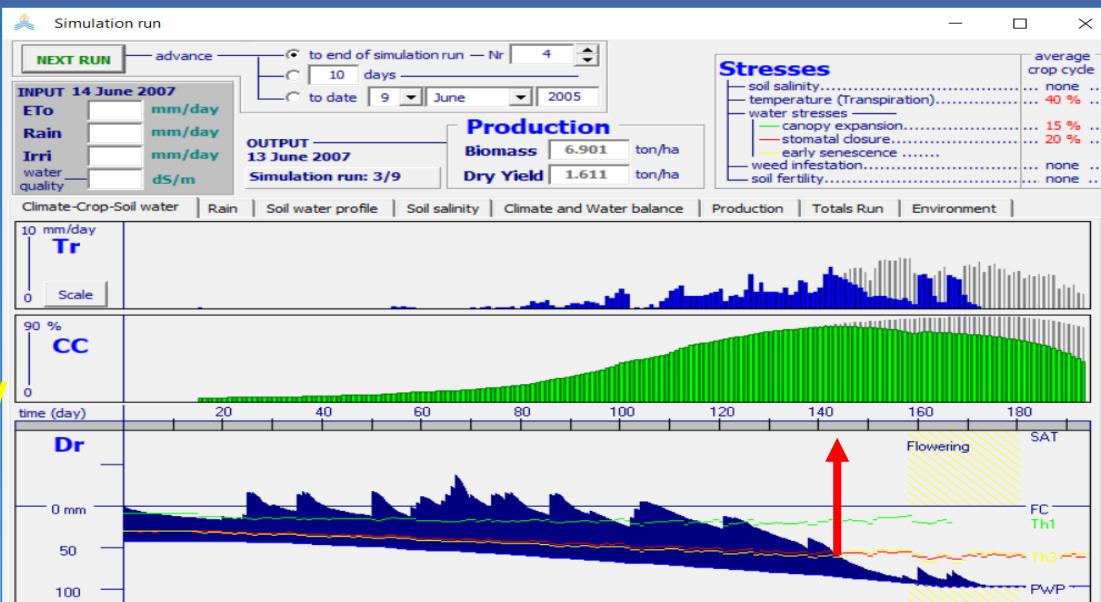


<b>Year</b>	<b>Rain mm</b>	<b>Yield ton/ha</b>	<b>WPet kg/m3</b>
2005	474	0.794	0.26
2006	444	1.801	0.56
2007	403	1.611	0.5
2008	303	0.072	0.03
2009	478	3.798	1.18
2010	521	1.291	0.53
<b>2011</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>4.569</b>	1.4
<b>2012</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>0.975</b>	0.38
2013	574	4.188	1.48
<b>Average</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>0.7</b>

# Supplementary Irrigation



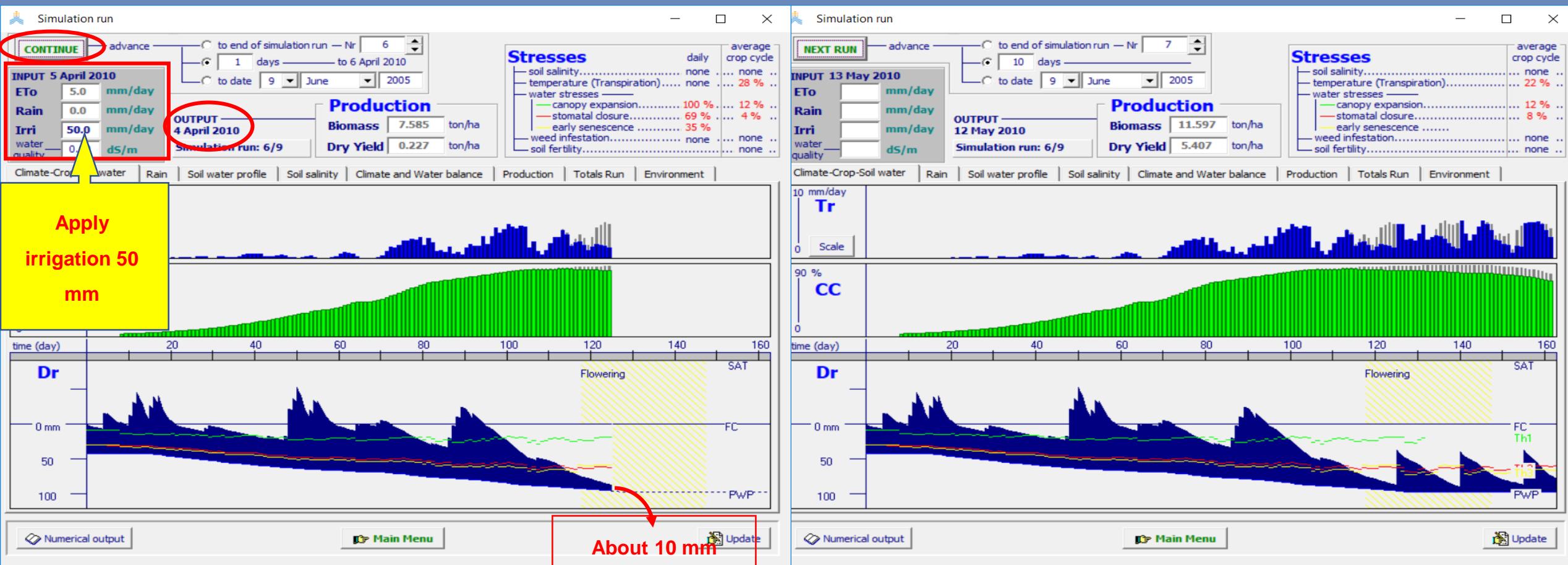
Supplementary irrigation is used to improve productivity in cases where rainfall does not fully meet water requirements

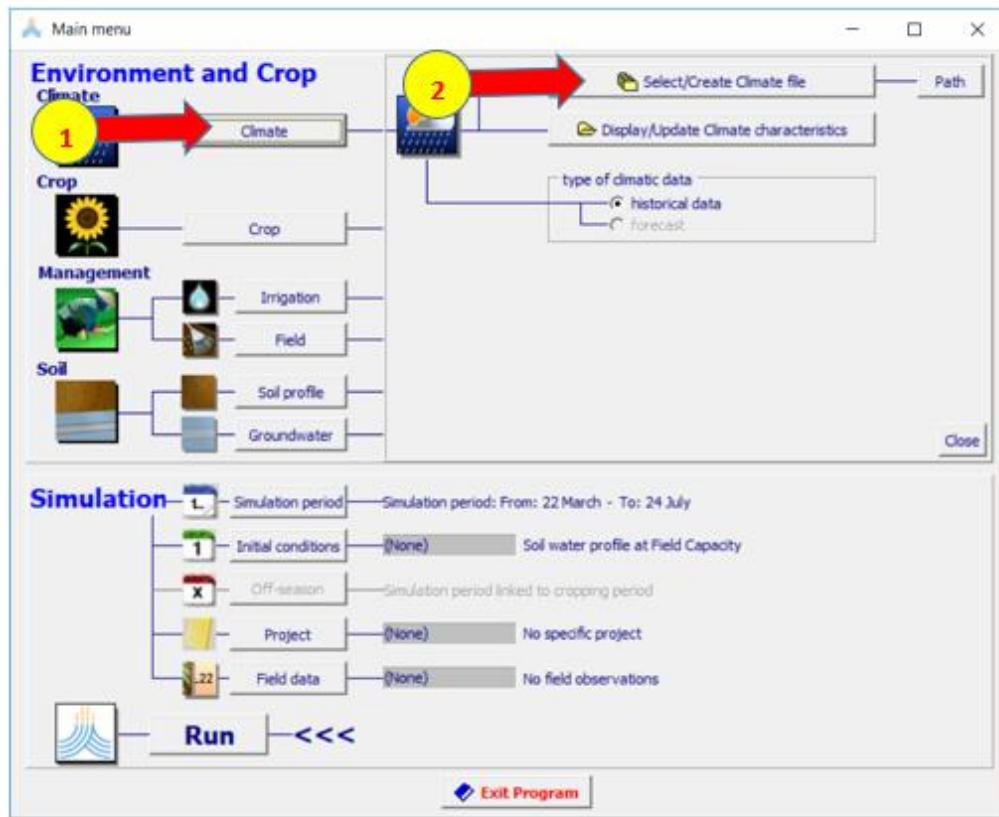


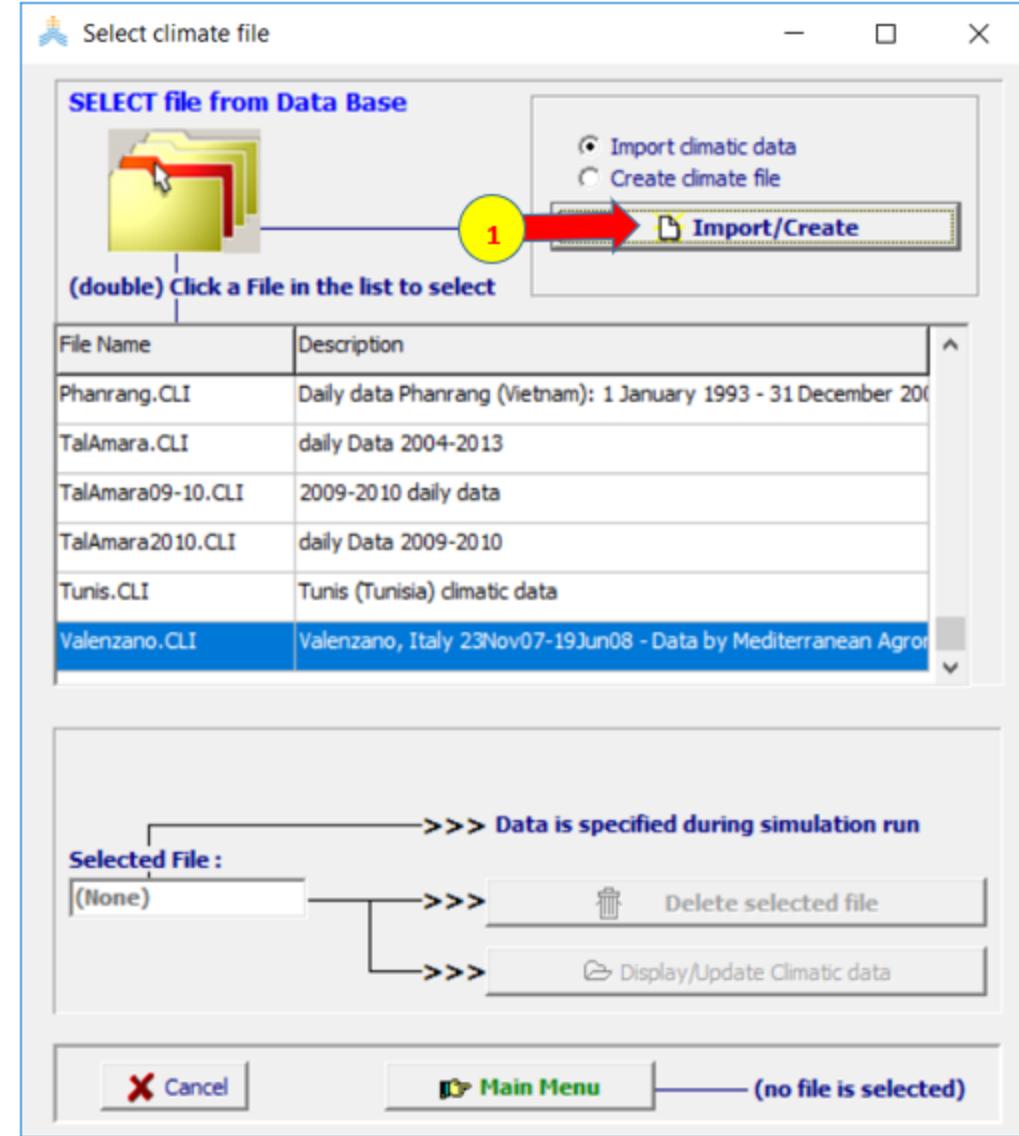
# Irrigation Scheduling in AquaCrop

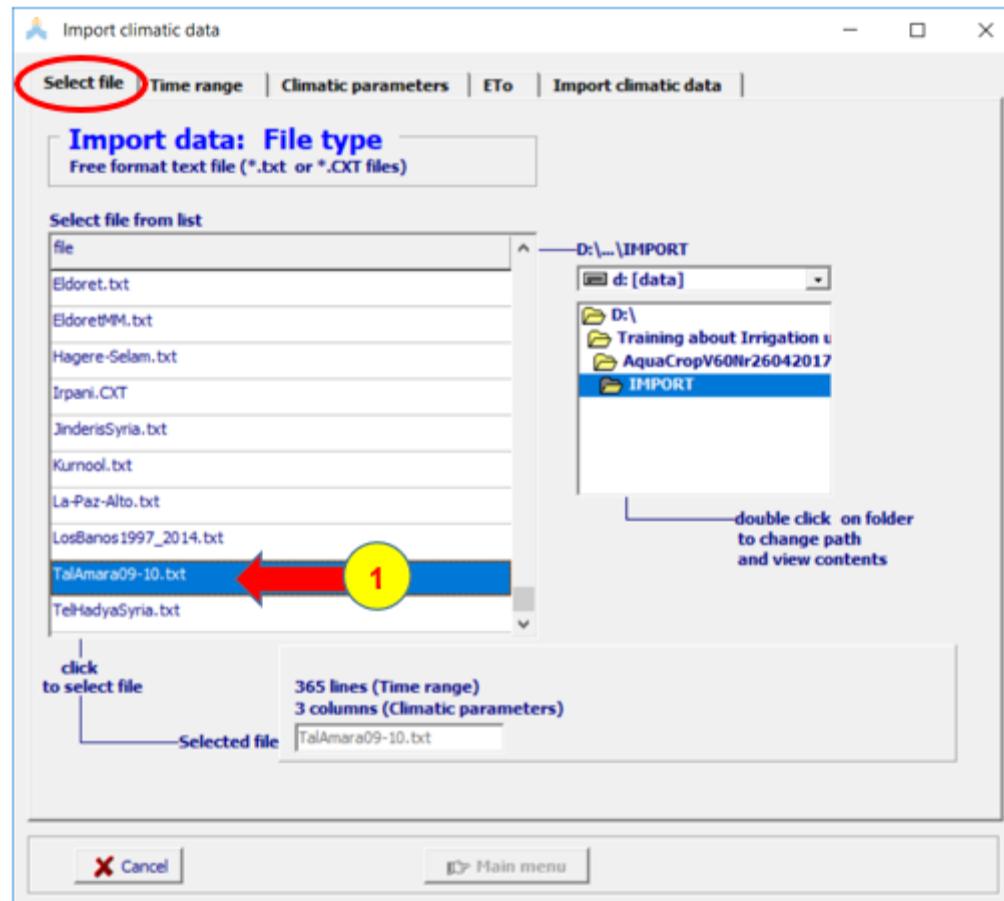
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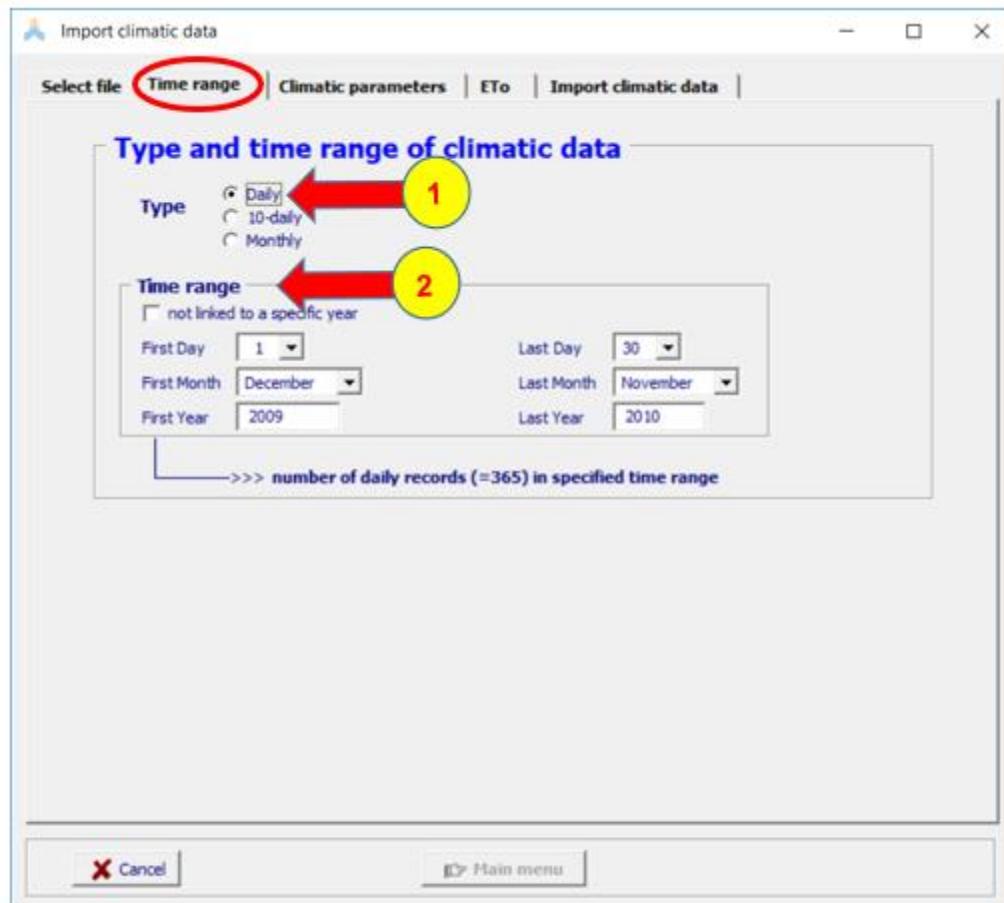
by Real Time Simulation: tracking soil moisture in the root zone so that 50 mm irrigation water is added when soil moisture is equal to 10 mm above the wilting point.

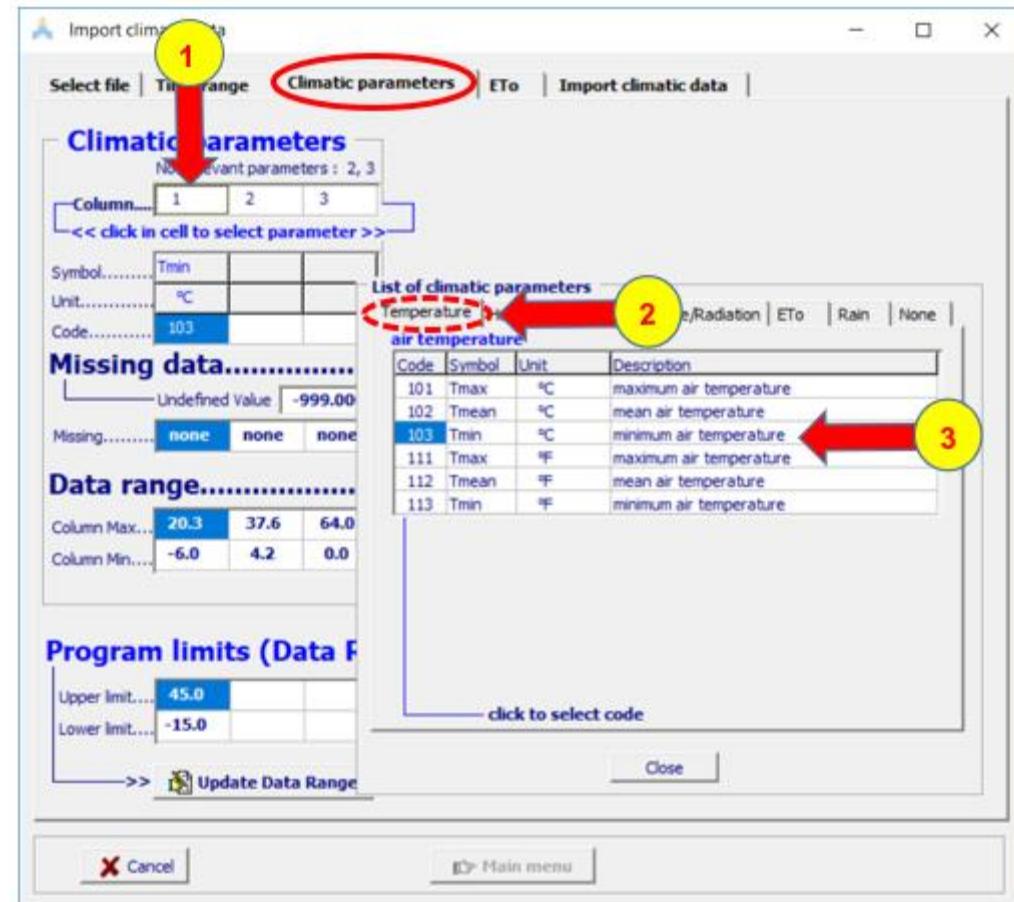


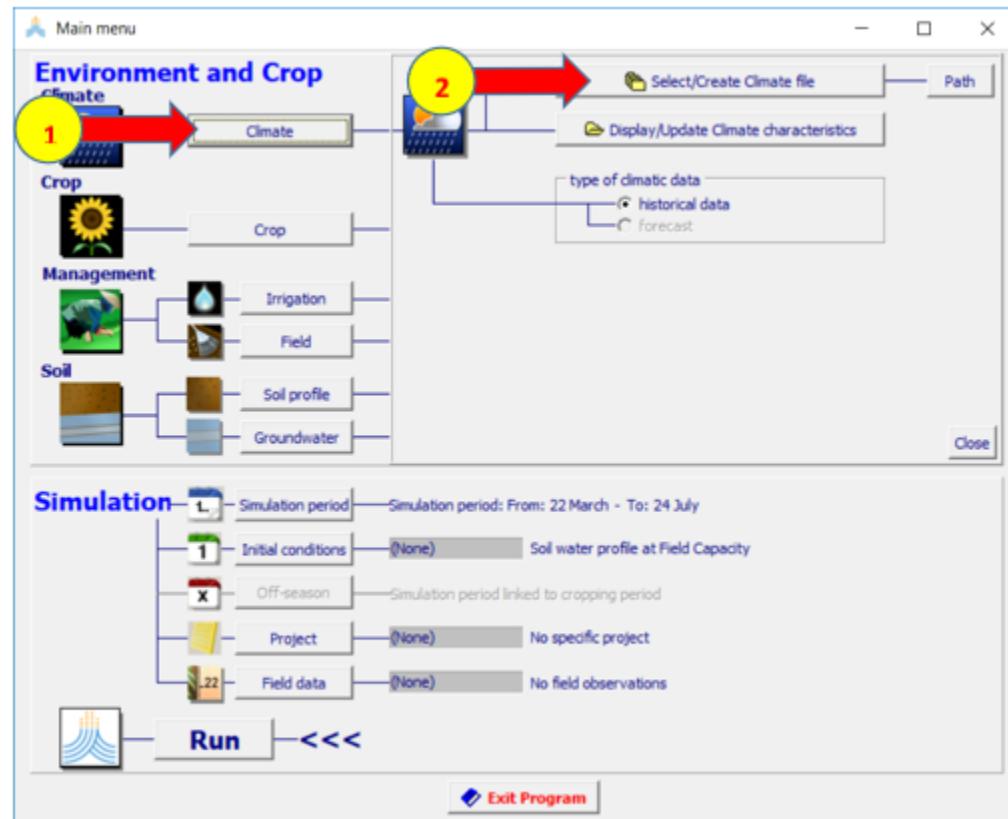


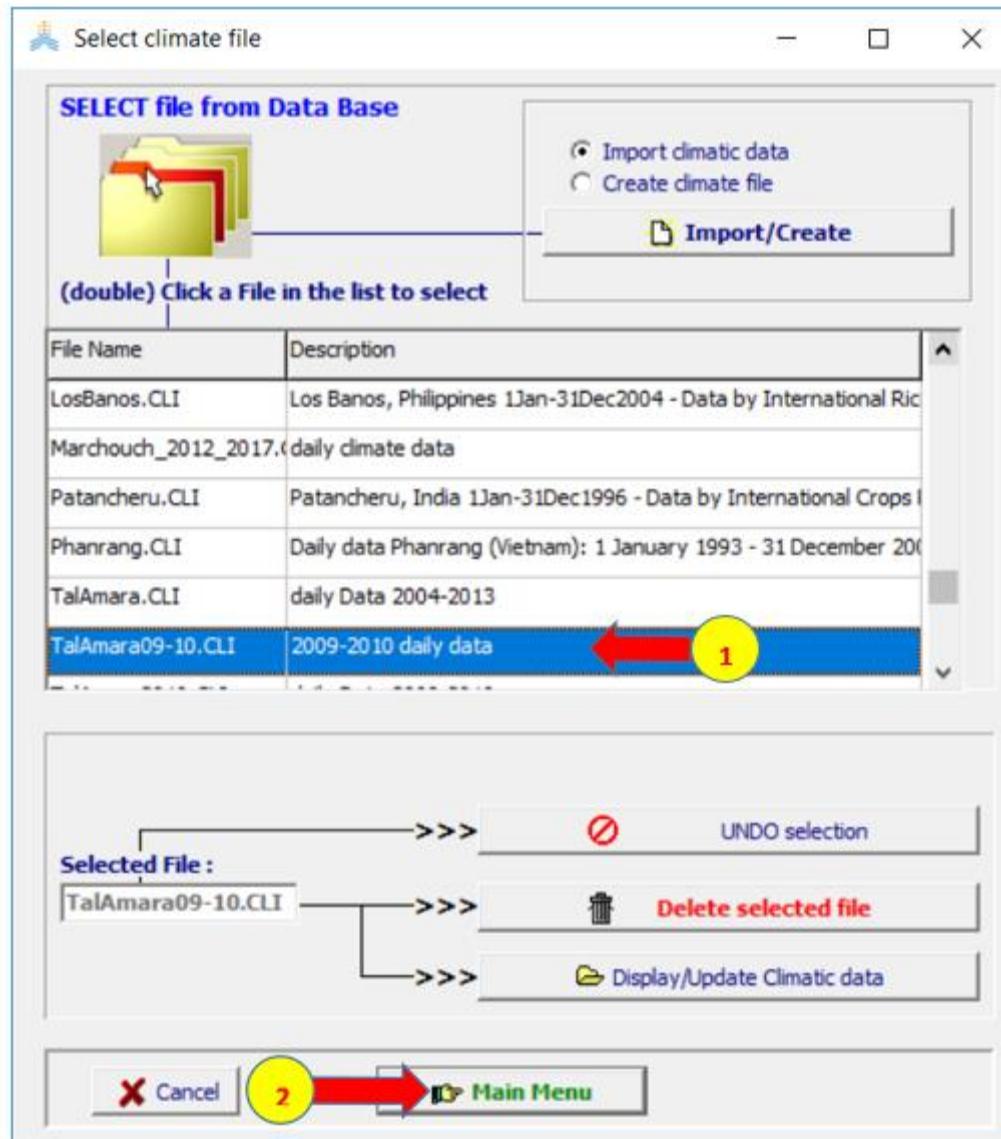


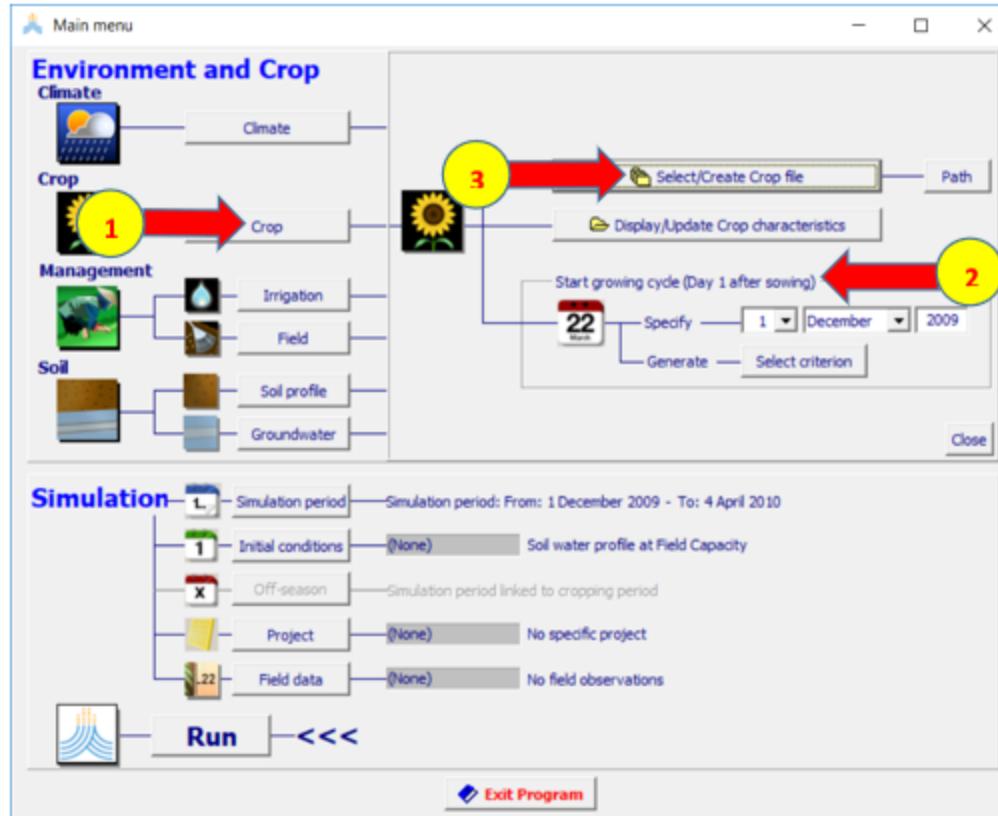


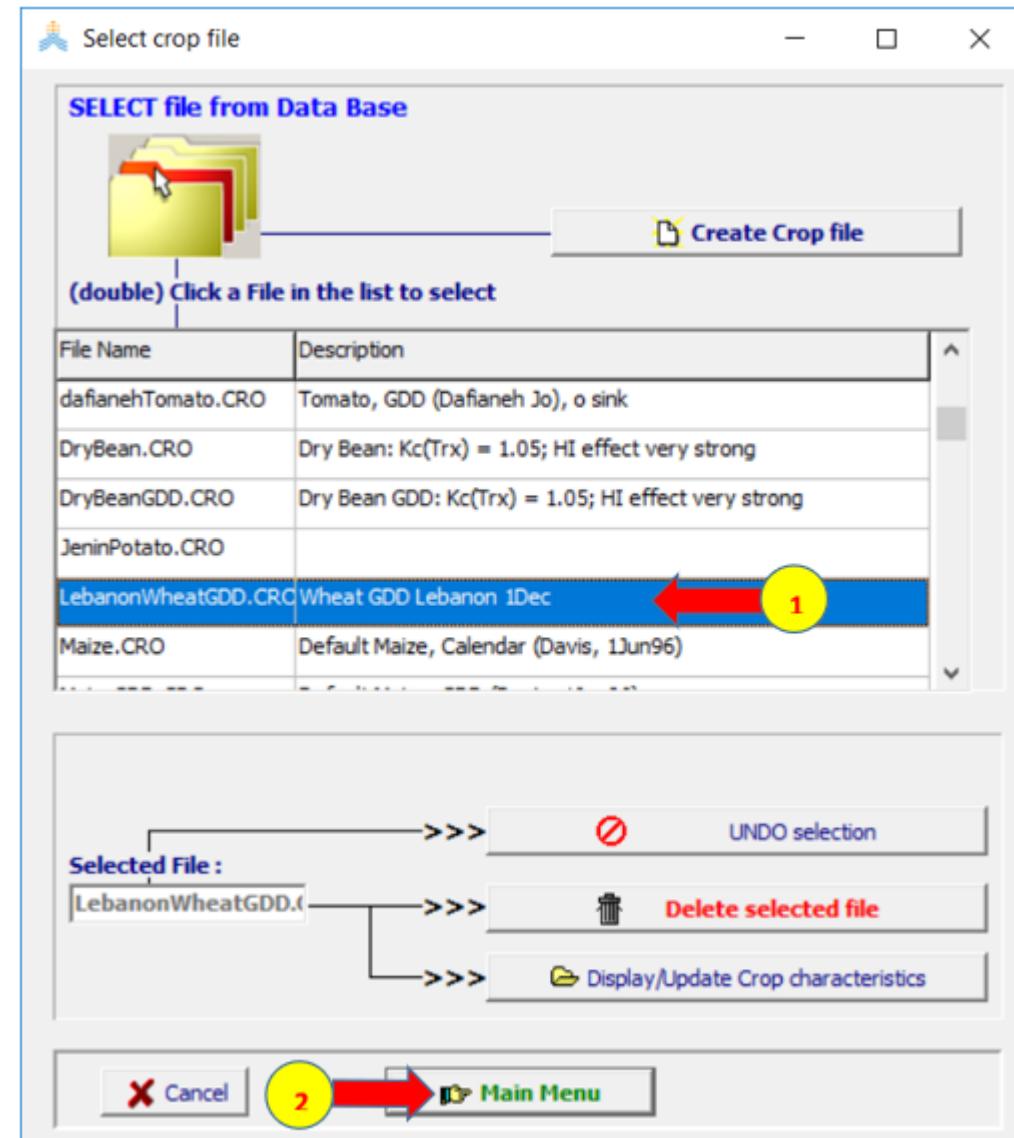


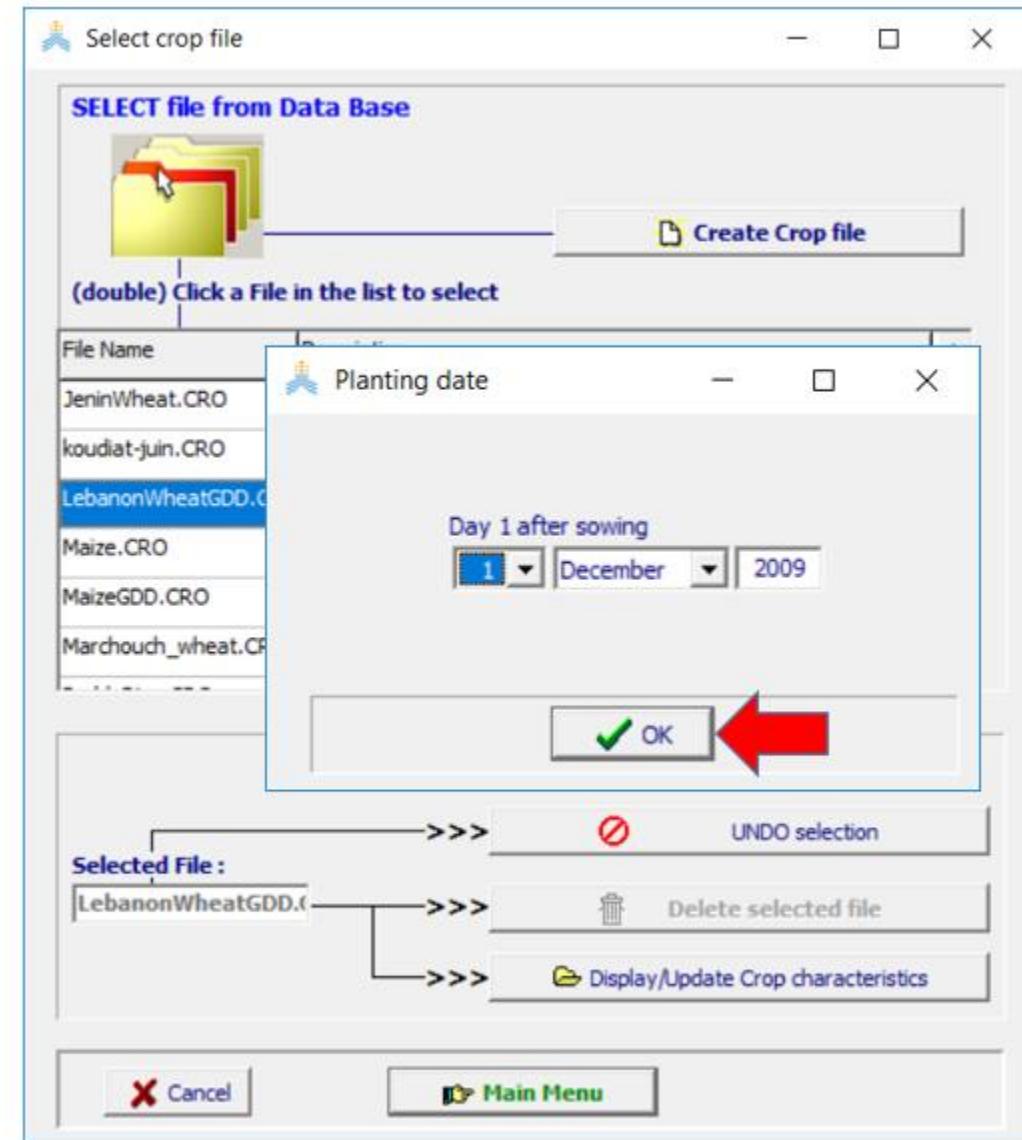


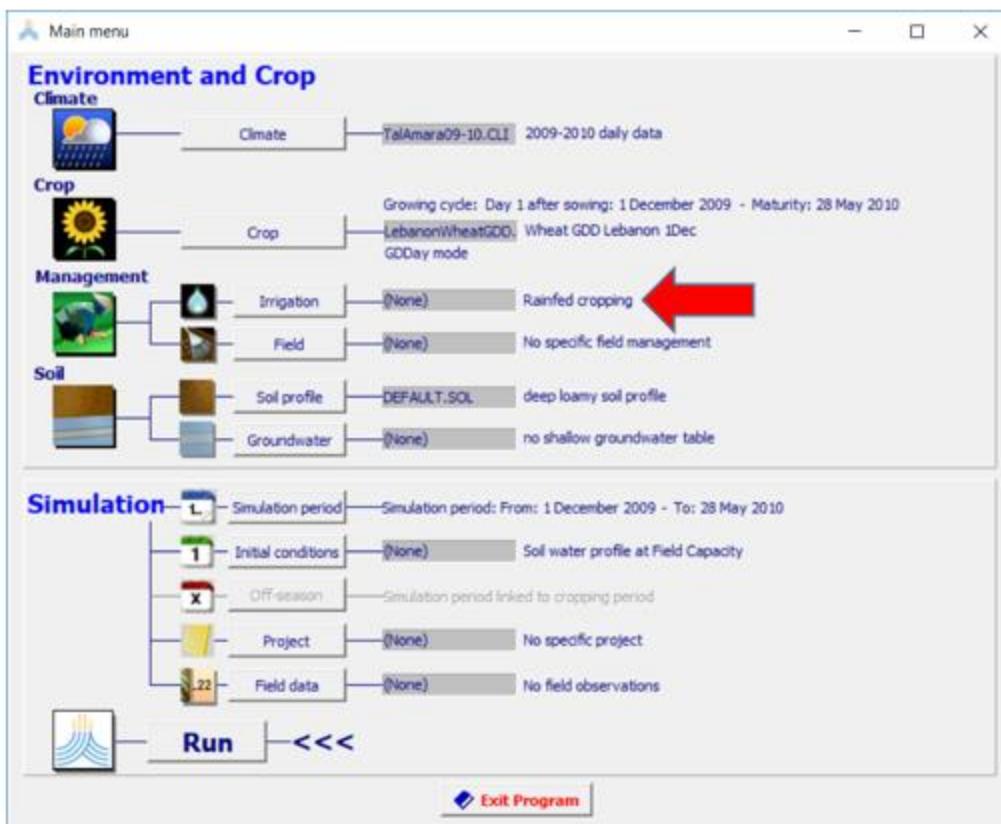


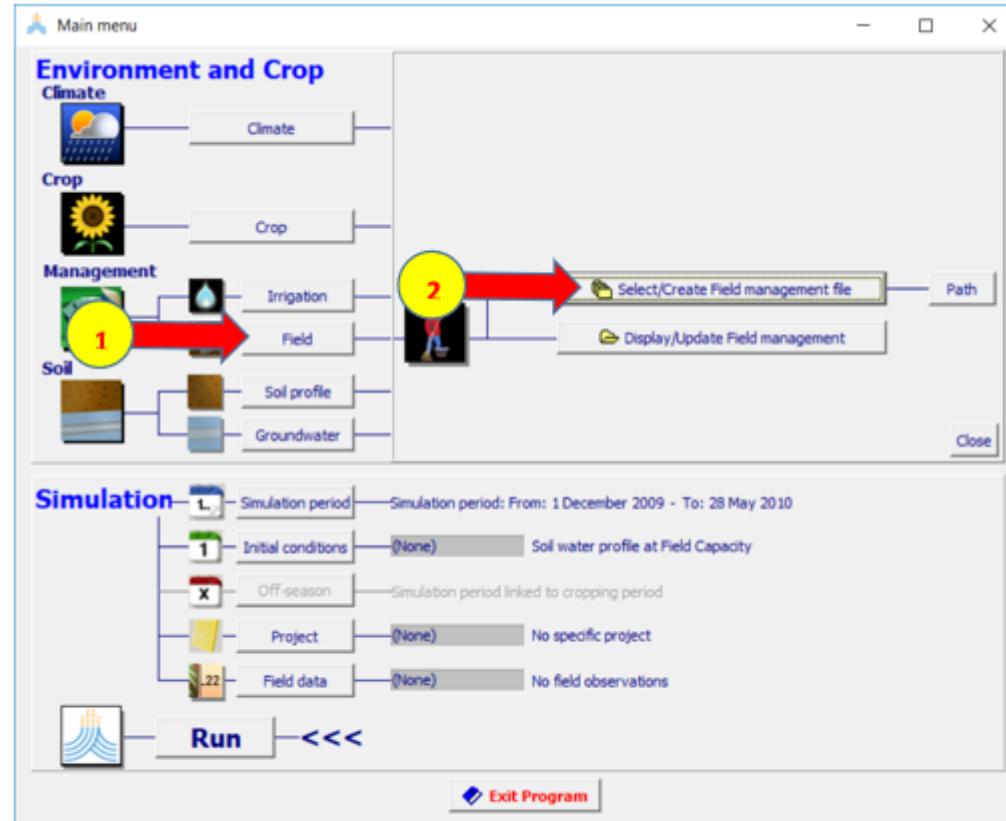


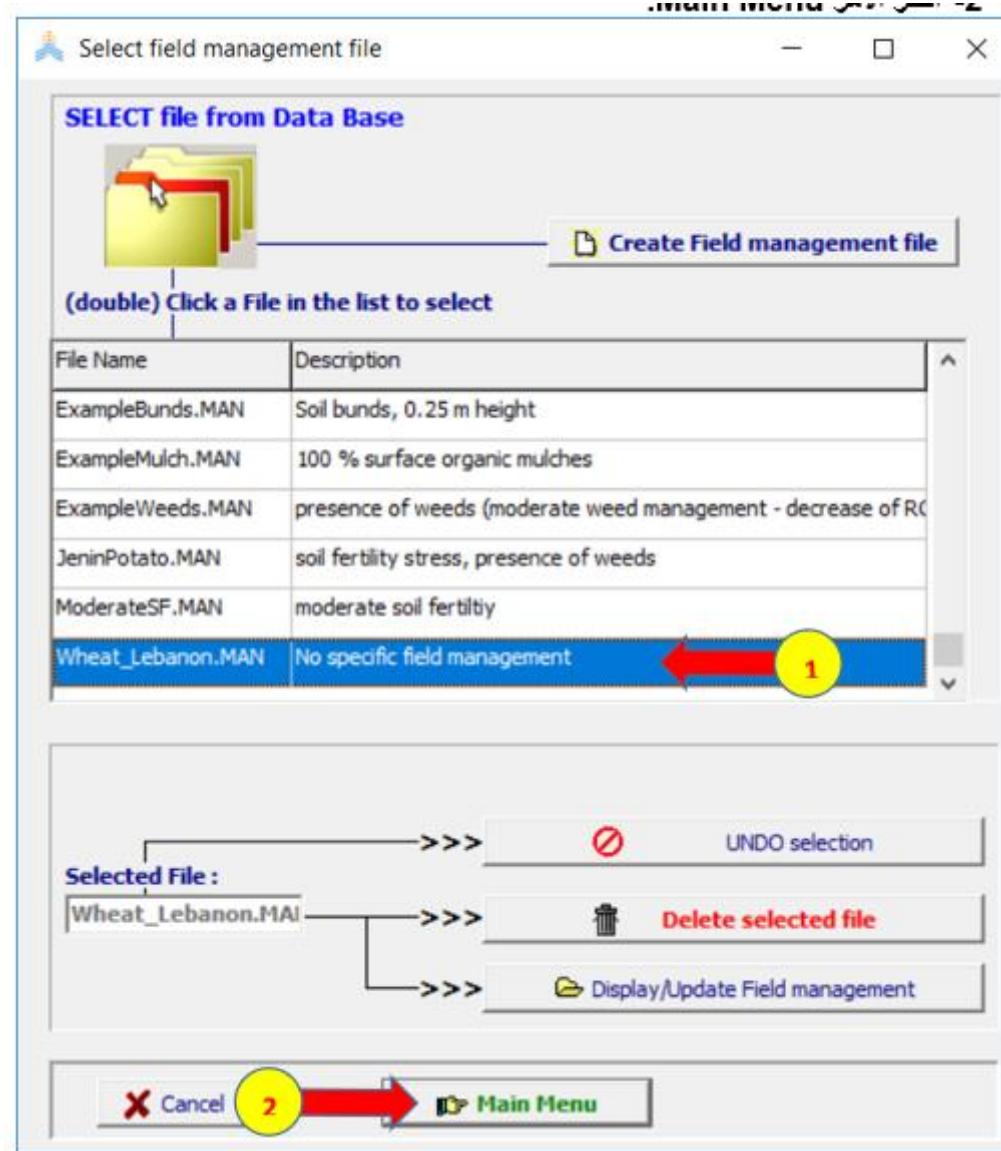


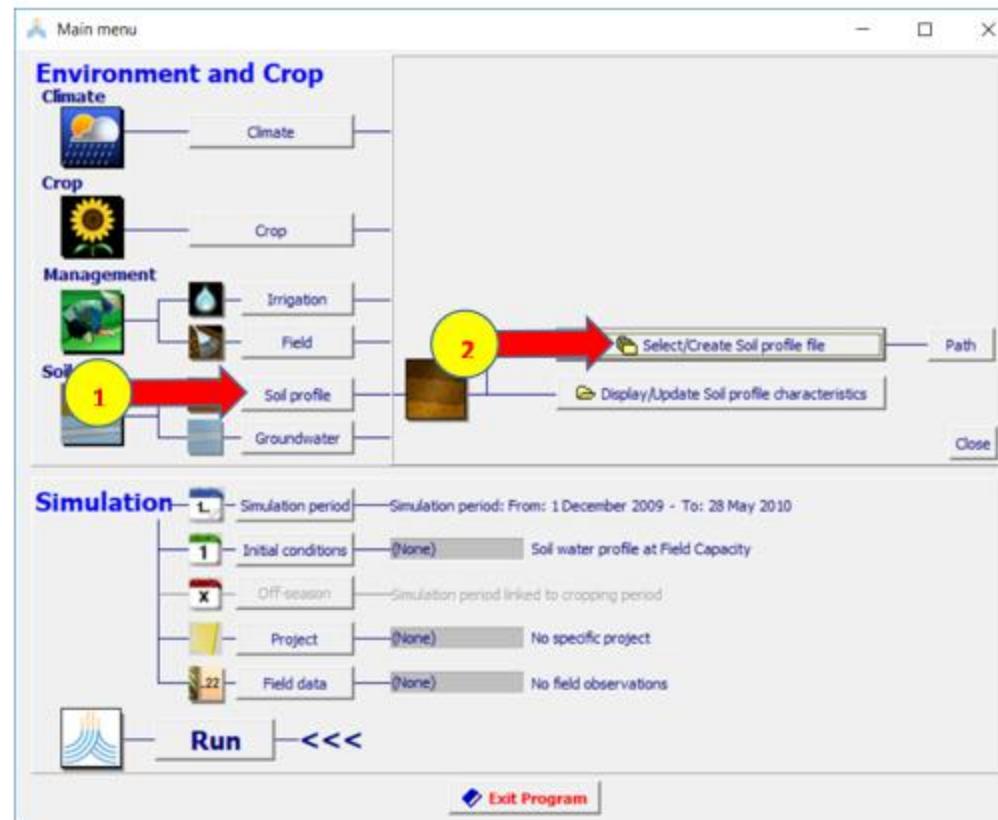


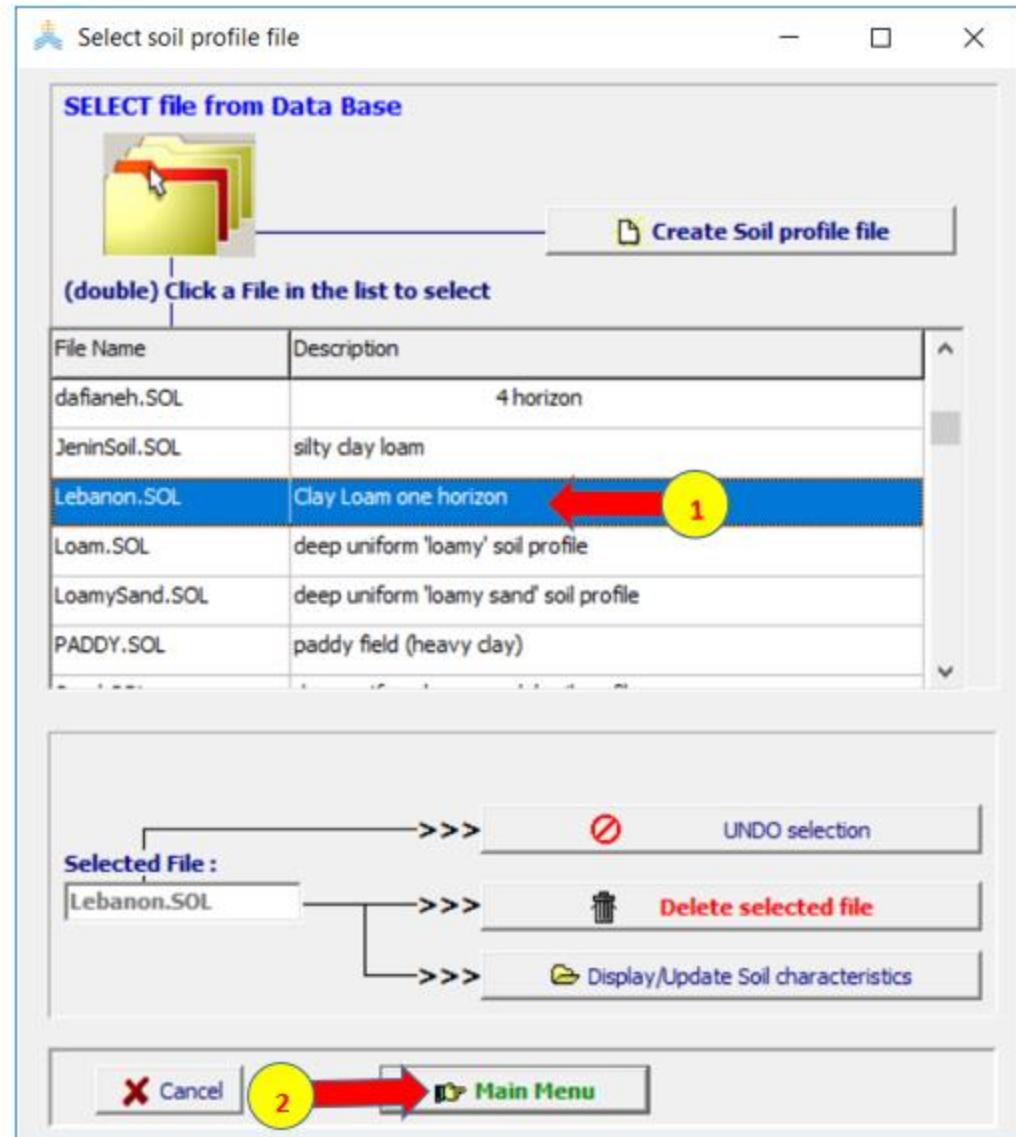


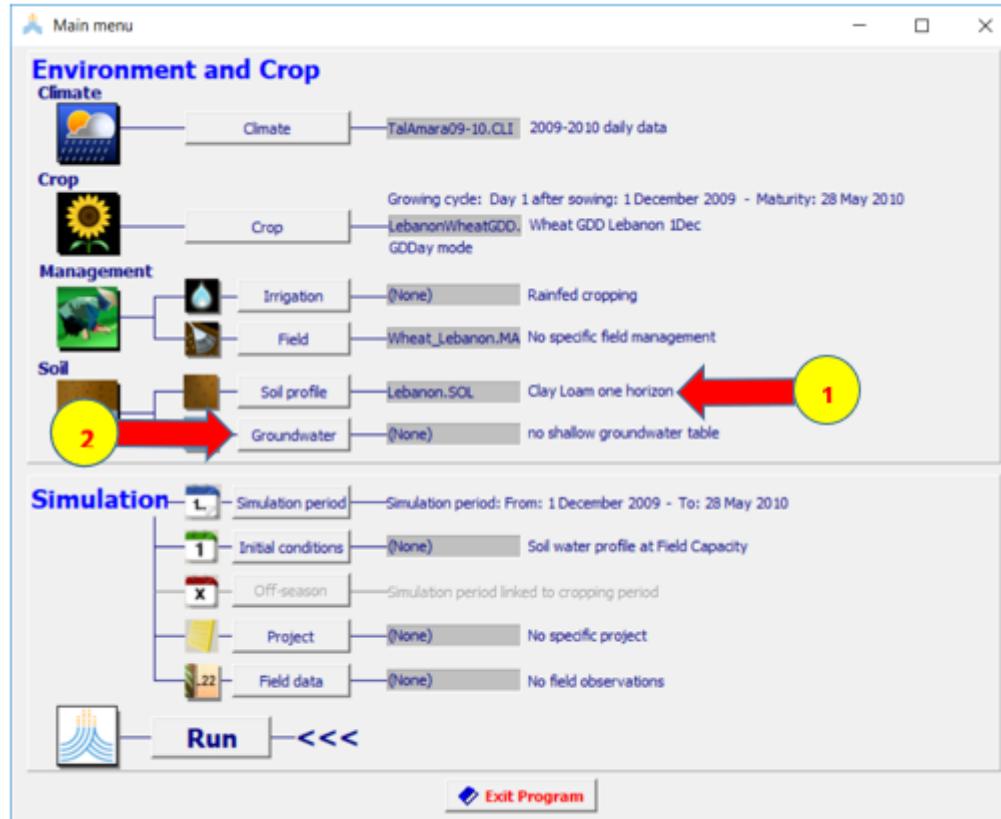


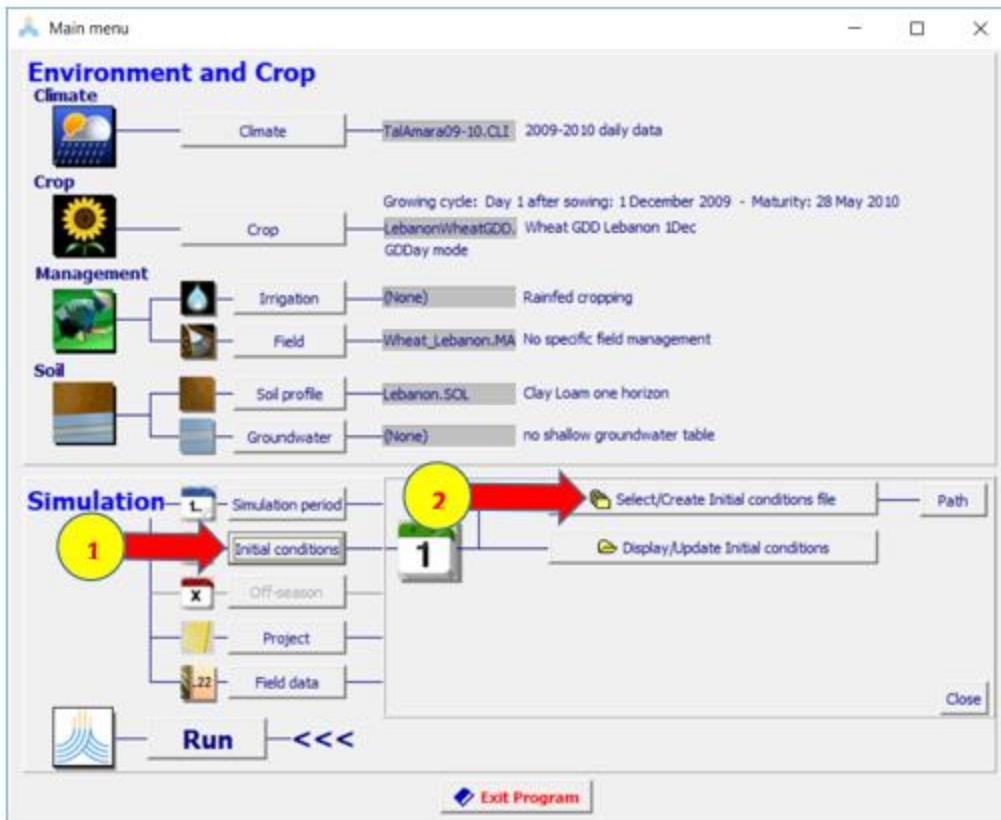


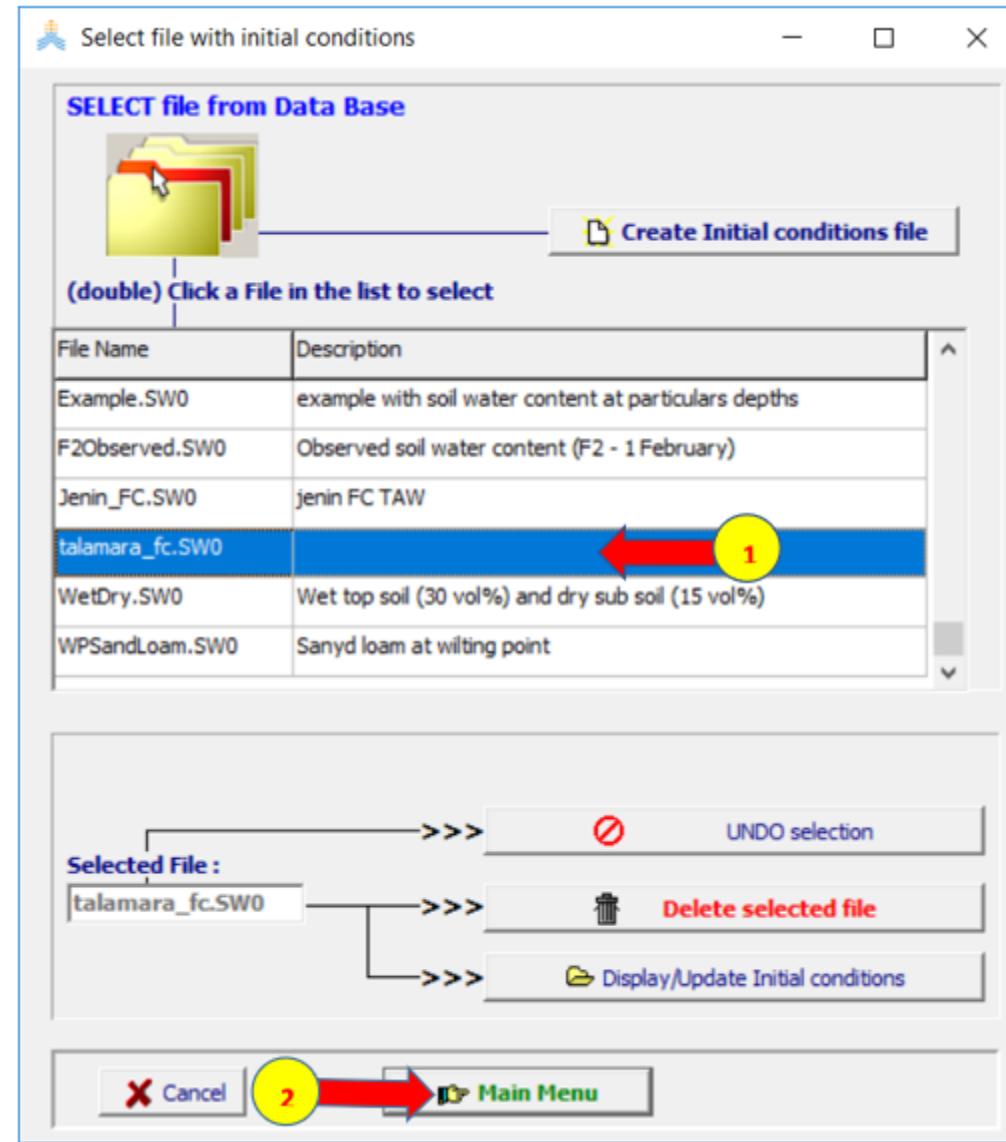


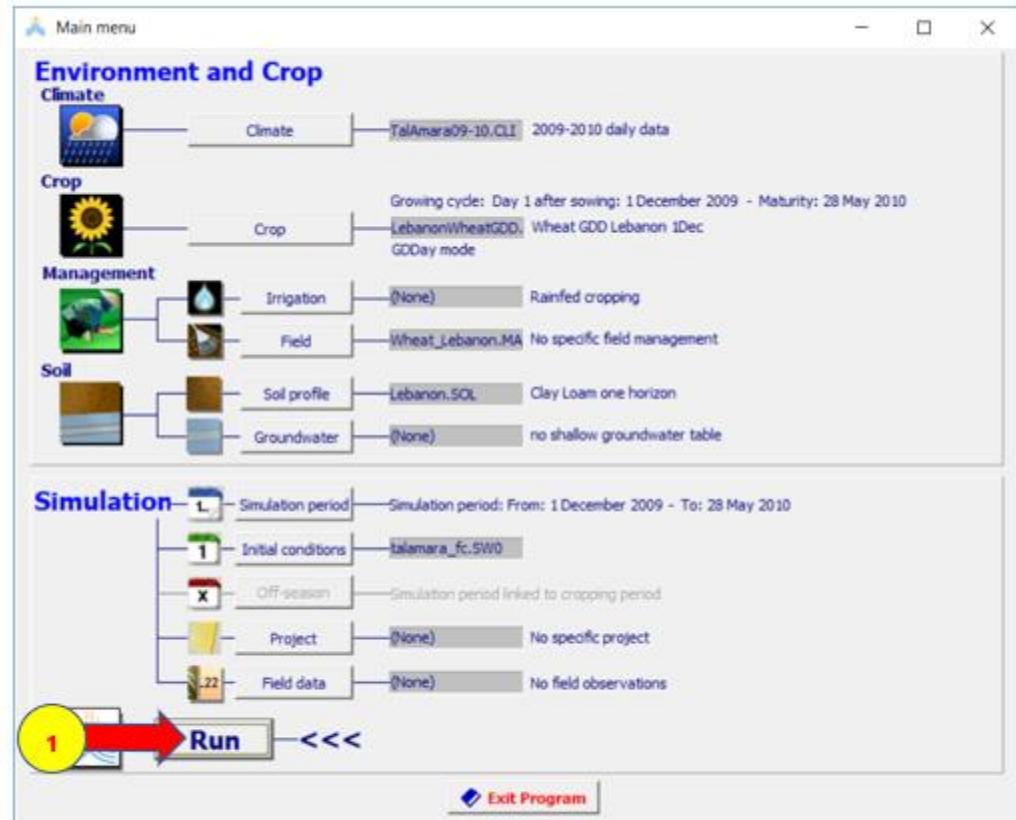




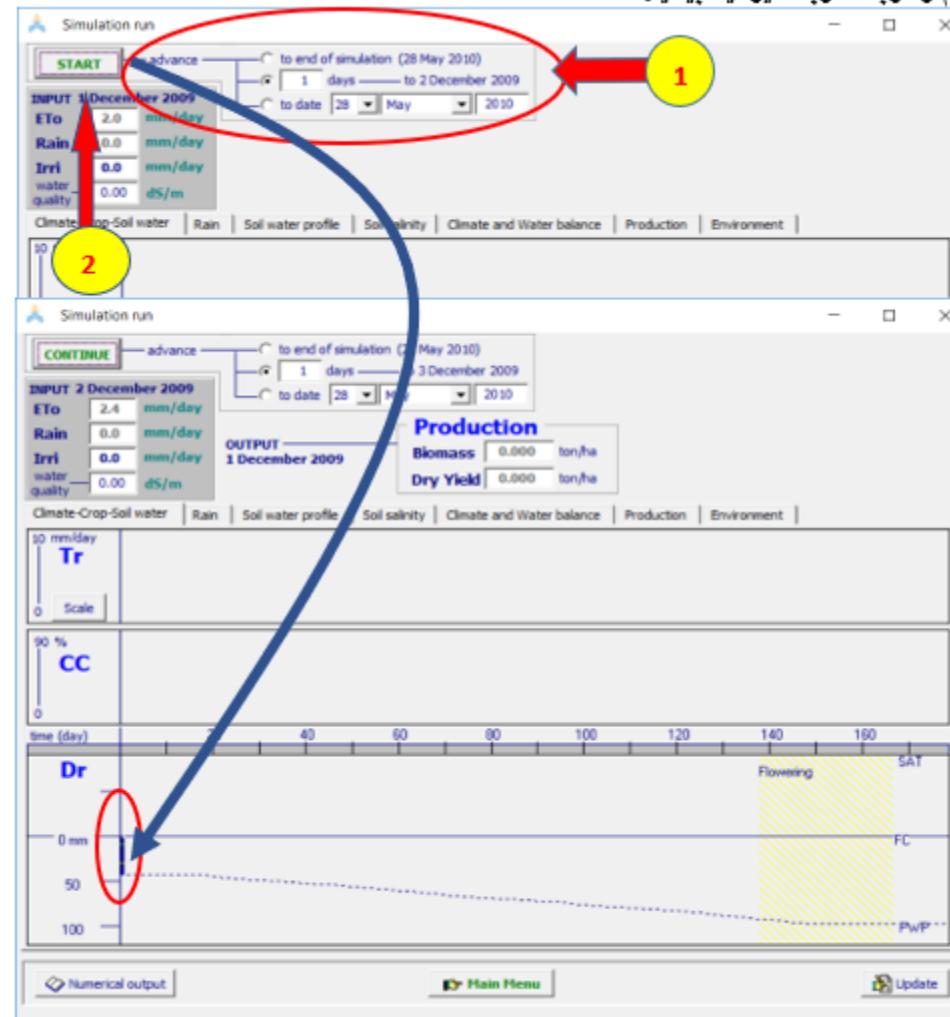








قیم رطوبه التربه الیومیہ بیانیا۔

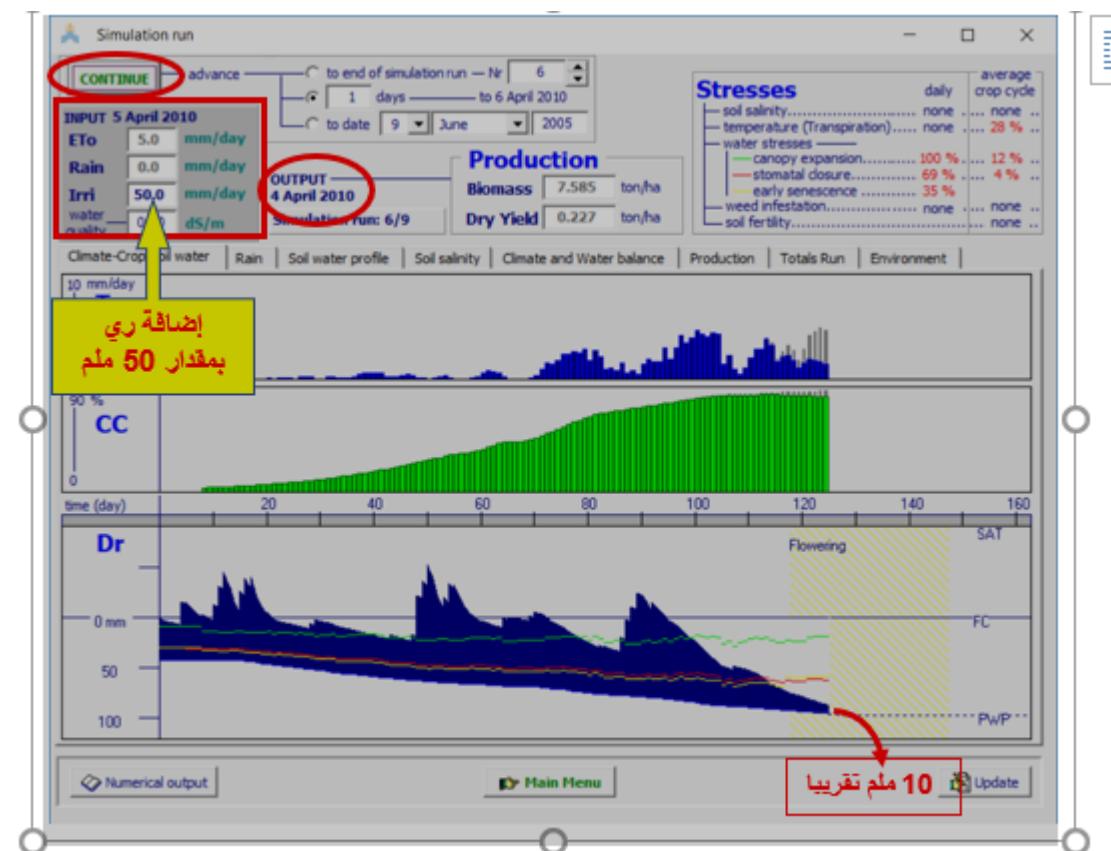


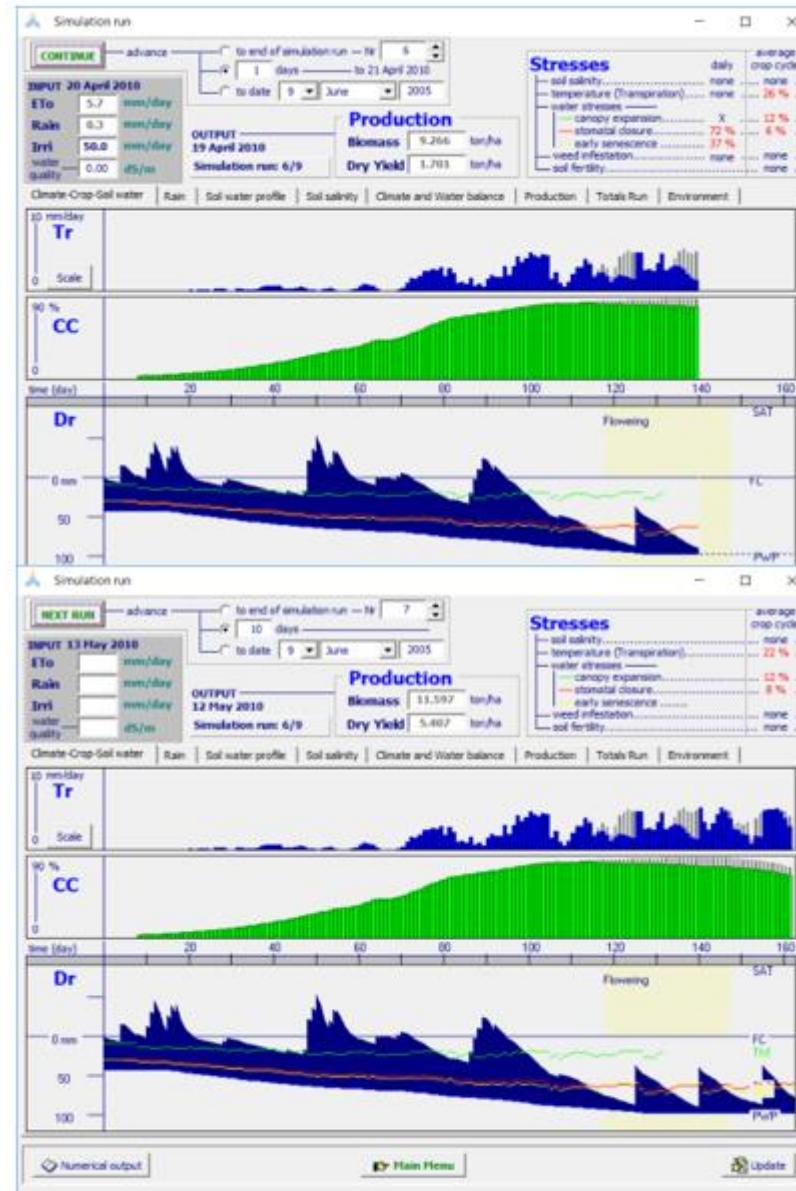
## 11- تتبع رطوبة التربة فوق حد الذبول في منطقة الجذور:

يمكن تتبع رطوبة التربة بيانيا من خلال لوحة Dr.

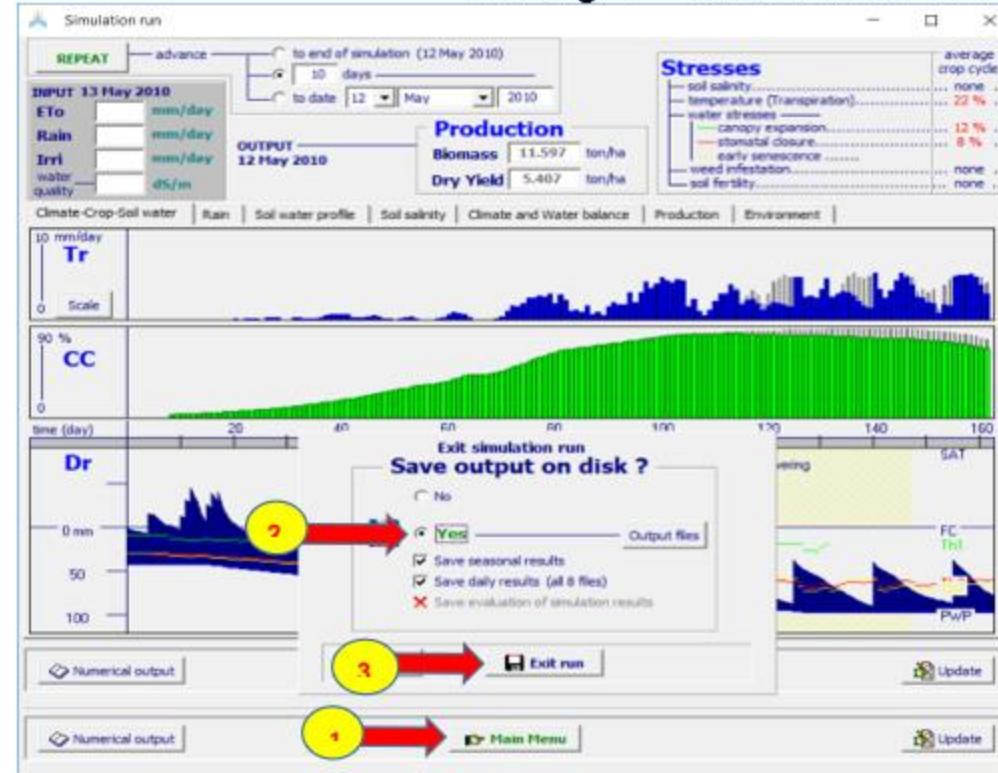
مثلا، في الشكل أدناه قيمة رطوبة منطقة الجذور تساوي حوالي 40 ملم فوق حد الذبول في نهاية اليوم الأول للمحاكاة 1 Dec 2009.

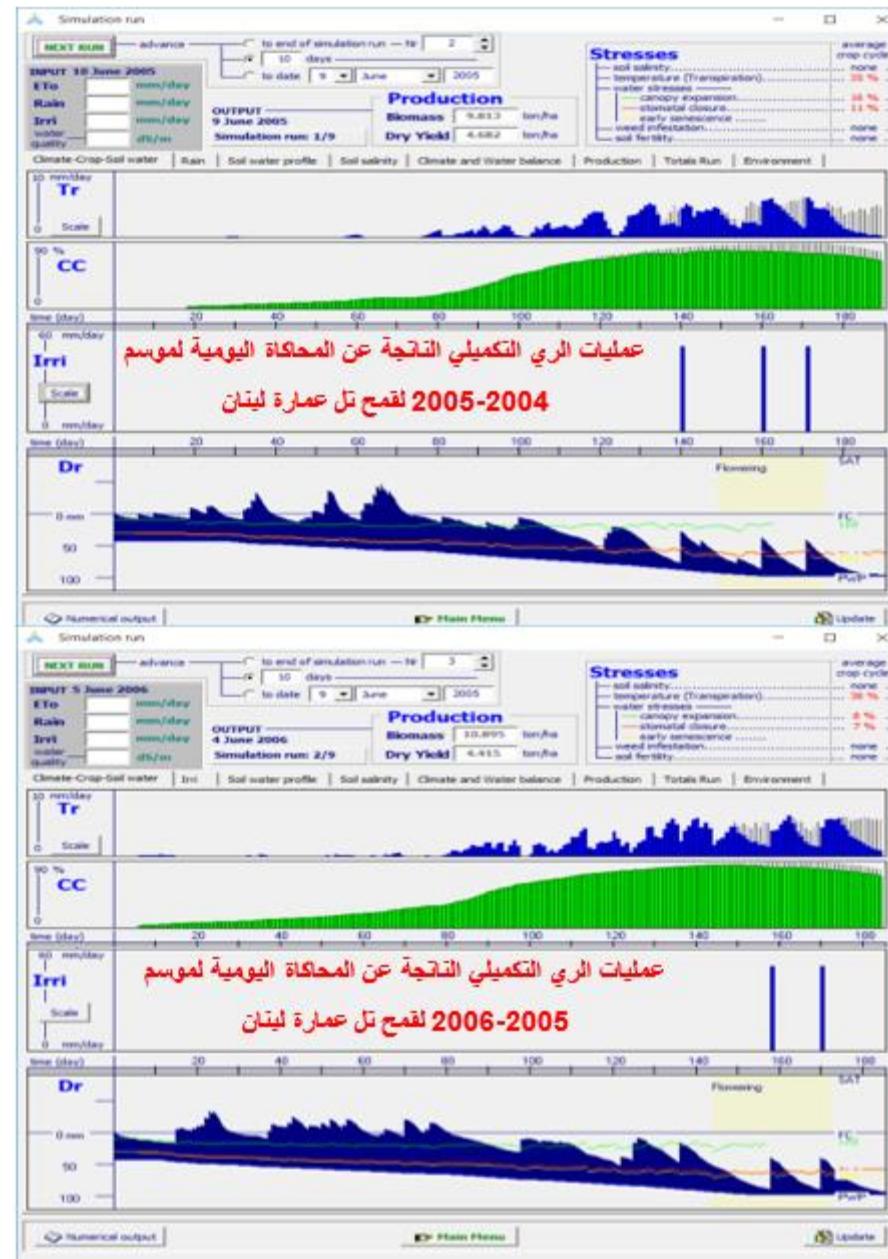






٣- اختر الامر لحفظ نتائج المحاكاة Exit run





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الري الكامل والري المطري(الزراعة البعلية)**

Year	Rain fed		Full Irr (80 % RAW)			Sup Irr		
	Yield	WPet	Irri	Yield	WPet	Irri	Yield	WPet
	ton/ha	kg/m3	mm	ton/ha	kg/m3	mm	ton/ha	kg/m3
2005	0.794	0.26	348	6.2	1.12	150	4.682	1.03
2006	1.801	0.56	308	5.791	1.15	100	4.415	1.07
2007	1.611	0.5	304	5.839	1.07	150	4.744	1.03
2008	0.072	0.03	485	6.079	0.96	200	3.405	0.77
2009	3.798	1.18	212	6.068	1.4	100	5.413	1.36
2010	1.291	0.53	261	6.383	1.48	150	5.407	1.46
2011	4.569	1.4	161	6.414	1.54	50	5.463	1.49
2012	0.975	0.38	299	5.674	1.17	150	4.41	1.1
2013	4.188	1.48	207	6.458	1.57	100	5.851	1.59
Average	2.12	0.70	287	6.10	1.27	128	4.87	1.21

من الجدول السابق يتبيّن أن تطبيق الري التكميلي عند وصول رطوبة التربة إلى 10 ملم تقريباً فوق حد الذبول حق أرتفاعاً بالإنتاجية 229% مقارنة بالزراعة البعلية، كما حق إنتاجية تعادل 80% من الإنتاجية لحالة الري الكامل باستخدام 44% من كمية المياه اللازمة للري الكامل.