



OTT Application Notes / Success Stories

Monitoring of Soil Fertility in the Agricultural Area of Seedorf, in the Canton Uri Switzerland

OTT Station with LogoSens, OTT Parsivel and other Sensors

Solar-supplied monitoring station with data transmission via mobile GSM, (in the future GPRS)



Background

In agriculture and forestry soil fertility is a decisive factor for the economic use of fields and forests.

Various factors, considered as a whole are the indicators which characterize the soil fertility.

Important parameters are e.g.:

Intensity of precipitation, air temperature, air humidity, soil humidity, suction power and soil temperature in various depths.

Task

The Evironmental Protection Office of the Canton Uri commissioned the installation of a monitoring test-site in the agricultural area of Seedorf under the leadership of OTT Hydrometrie AG to examine the benefit of monitoring and transmitting important parameters

Tasks of the station:

- Monitoring of intensity of precipitation, air temperature, air humidity, soil humidity, suction power and soil temperature in various depths
- Data transmission of measured values
- Alarm in case of exceeded limit values

Monitoring Solution

- Solar-supplied station equipped with the OTT LogoSens data logger system
- Precipitation measurement with OTT Parsivel (optical laser method).

Unlike conventional tipping bucket gauges the OTT Parsivel is a maintenance-free device.



- Measuring of suction power in var. depths
- Measuring of soil humidity in var. depths
- Measuring of soil temperature in var. depths



- Data transmission via GSM / SMS. Automatic data transmission once a day
- Up-to-date internet publication of data

Summary / Look-Out

The station proved to work successful.

Advantages of the station:

- Always available data as basis for decisions
- Active alarm management with little servicing requirement
- Automatic data monitoring and continuous transmission
- Internet publication of data and graphics for a broad public
- Absolute topicality of measured date thanks to recent transmission technology

Owner of the test-site: OTT HYDROMETRIE AG, Mellingen

Conception and execution: OTT HYDROMETRIE AG, Mellingen

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Technology

OTT LogoSens2, Multichannel Data logger and Stationmanager with alarm management **OTT Parsivel**; Precipitation Gauge

- 2 Trime-Sondes
- 6 Tensiometer
- 1 Air temperature and humidity sensor