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The CA land area database is updated periodically based on the feedback received from our regular sources of information. These include: official government sources, no-till associations, NGOs, national and international research institutes, and informed individuals. The information is posted in AquaStat. The latest figures (update 2013) can be seen at the FAO CA-Website at (<http://www.fao.org/ag/ca/6c.html>).

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