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**INTRO**

Measuring how efficiently water is used in agriculture, particularly in water-scarce countries, is going high-tech with the help of a new tool developed by the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization.

# The new WaPOR open-access database has gone live today during an event at the Organization’s headquarters in Rome.

# According to the food agency, worldwide water utilization – the majority of which is used by agriculture – has outpaced the rate of population growth for most of the last century and an increasing area of water supply is either at or beyond the limit of sustainable use.

# To tell us a bit more about how this tool will help is Jippe Hoogeveen, a Senior Land and Water Officer with FAO.

# QUESTIONS

# Can you first explain what this tool does? What kind of information does it provide?

# Are experts not currently exposed to this type of information to help them monitor water use?

# Could you give me an example of how this tool has assisted farmers or experts?