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Highlights

- A gravimetric phenotyping approach is deployed on a maize diversity panel
- Natural variation in nocturnal transpiration (TR_N) found
- TR_N correlated with daytime canopy conductance and lower leaf construction costs
- Correlation is mediated in part by a pre-dawn, circadian increase in TR_N
- Study suggests involvement of TR_N in plant fitness and productivity

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