

Practice: 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation

Scenario: #2 - Specialty Crop Microirrigation System

Scenario Description:

An irrigation system for vegetables or other specialty crops typically of small acreage (2 acre). Water delivery to the plants by surface lines and/or subsurface applicators. Spacing of the plants will vary, w/ lateral lines spaced 24". Area in question is being converted from other means of less efficient irrigation. Payment includes on-ground mainline and drip tape, fittings, and apurtenances. Surface placed drip tape will not meet the 441 practice life and will normally need replacement every year. After first installation, drip tape will be replaced as operation and maintenance as required for proper operation of the system. Pump & supply line is not included in this payment and may be offered through associated practices 533 Pumping plant and 430 Irrigation Pipeline, or existing pump & supply lines will be used. Cost represents typical situations for conventional, organic, and transitioning to organic producers.

Before Situation:

A production field has an inefficient surface flood irrigation system causing irrigation water loss that impacts water quality and water quantity.

After Situation:

A surface placed microirrigation system is utilized to provide highly efficient irrigation to an field. Water applications are reduced and runoff eliminated. Offsite water quality is improved, and on site water use is reduced.

Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plant productivity and health, Water Quality Degradation - Excessive sediment in surface waters, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilities.

Associated Practices: 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline

Scenario Feature Measure: Acres in System

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 2

Scenario Cost: \$3,521.56

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$1,760.78

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$22.31	16	\$356.96
Materials						
Micro Irrigation, screen filter, < 3"	2524	Micro Irrigation, small manual flush screen or disc filter, <3 inch nominal size. Includes materials only.	Each	\$144.82	2	\$289.64
Micro Irrigation, surface drip tape	2522	Tape is installed above ground for surface drip irrigation on annual crops, includes installation, and connections to the supply and flushing laterals. Tape is a minimum of 10 mil thick and has emitters built in.	Foot	\$0.06	47916	\$2,874.96

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Scenario: #4 - Seasonal High Tunnel Microirrigation System

Scenario Description:

An irrigation system for vegetables or other specialty crops, irrigating inside of a high-tunnel poly-house typically 2,178 sq ft in size. Water delivery to the plants by surface lines and/or subsurface applicators. Spacing of the plants will vary, w/ delivery lines spaced 60". Area in question is being converted from other means of less efficient irrigation. Payment includes on-ground mainline and drip tape, fittings, and apurtenances. Pump & supply line is not included in this payment and may be offered through associated practices 533 Pumping plant and 430 Irrigation Pipeline, or existing pump & supply lines will be used. Cost represents typical situations for conventional, organic, and transitioning to organic producers.

Before Situation:

A high tunnel has an inefficient overhead sprinkler irrigation system causing irrigation water loss that impacts water quality and water quantity.

After Situation:

A microirrigation system is utilized to provide highly efficient irrigation to crops grown in a high tunnel. Water applications are reduced and runoff eliminated. Offsite water quality is improved, and on site water use is reduced.

Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plant productivity and health, Water Quality Degradation - Excessive sediment in surface waters, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilities.

Associated Practices: 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline

Scenario Feature Measure: Each High Tunnel

Scenario Unit: Each

Scenario Typical Size: 1

Scenario Cost: \$328.82

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$328.82

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$22.31	4	\$89.24
Materials						
Micro Irrigation, drip irrigation system, small scale	2170	An above ground, small scale, micro-irrigation system. Includes miniature emitters, tubes, or applicators placed along a water delivery line. Includes materials and shipping only.	Square Foot	\$0.11	2178	\$239.58