

**SPRINKLER IRRIGATION PLANNING  
WORKSHEET  
(BASED ON SOILS)**

Owner/Operator \_\_\_\_\_ Field Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job Description \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assisted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Soil—Data for limiting soil**

Soil Series	Percent of Area (%)	Cumulative AWC					Depth to restrictive layer <sup>1</sup>	Intake fam., grp. max. rate
		1 ft (in)	2 ft (in)	3 ft (in)	4 ft (in)	5 ft (in)		

<sup>1</sup> Actual observed depth in the field

**Maximum time between irrigations for any method/system based on peak crop ET**

Crop	Management root zone (ft)	Total AWC* (in)	MAD** percent (in)	Maximum net replacement		Peak daily crop ET (in/d)	Max. irr. frequency (days)
				(in/d)	(days)		

\*-AWC-Available Water Content in Soil Profile to plant root depth

\*\*-MAD- Moisture Allowable Deficit (normally 30-50%)

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#### Minimum system flow requirement for irrigation System

System Description	Depth of irrigation application					Minimum system flow requirement total flow	
	Net (F <sub>n</sub> ) (in)	Efficiency (%)	Gross (F <sub>n</sub> ) (in)	Peak daily crop ET (in/d)	Max. irrig. requency (days)	(gpm)	(ft <sup>3</sup> /s)

Minimum dependable flow available to system \_\_\_\_\_ GPM, ft<sup>3</sup>/s, inches, etc.  
 Total irrigated area \_\_\_\_\_ acres. Total operating hours per day \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Weighted monthly crop evapotranspiration

The following process is used where more than one crop is grown under the same irrigation system; i.e., several fields, farm group, district.

Crop	Acres (ac)	Monthly crop evapotranspiration - ET <sub>c</sub>							
		Depth <sup>1</sup> (in)	Volume <sup>2</sup> (ac-in)	Depth <sup>1</sup> (in)	Volume <sup>2</sup> (ac-in)	Depth <sup>1</sup> (in)	Volume <sup>2</sup> (ac-in)	Depth <sup>1</sup> (in)	Volume <sup>2</sup> (ac-in)
<b>Total</b>									
Weighted average crop ET <sup>3</sup>									

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#### Computed peak daily crop evapotranspiration<sup>4</sup>

Net irrigation Depth applied (fn) (in)	Highest weighted monthly average crop ET (in)	Peak period average daily crop ET (in)

<sup>1</sup> Calculated monthly crop ET, inches.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated volume of water needed monthly crop ET = ac x ET<sub>c</sub> = \_\_\_\_\_ acre-inches.

<sup>3</sup> Calculated weighted monthly crop ET = Total Volume/Total Area = \_\_\_\_\_ inches.

<sup>4</sup> Determined from table 2-55, Part 623, Chapter 2, Irrigation Water Requirements, or from formula:

$$ET_d = 0.034 ET_m 1.09 F_n - 0.09$$

Where: ET<sub>d</sub> = average daily peak crop ET

ET<sub>m</sub> = average crop ET for peak month

F<sub>n</sub> = net depth of water application per irrigation