

Forest Nursery Irrigation Water Standards

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Water property	Units	Low	Usable range	
			Good	High
Acidity	pH	4.5	5.5	7.2
Electrical conductivity (EC)	mmho/cm	0.05	0.15	0.40
	μ mho/cm	50	150	400
Sodium Absorption Ratio (SAR)*	$\frac{\text{Na}}{\sqrt{\text{Ca} + \text{Mg}/2}}$	0.1	1.0	2.0
Water classification	EC and SAR	C1S1	C1S1	C2S1
NO ₃	ppm	0.01	1.0	10
SO ₄	ppm	0.1	1.0	12
B	ppm	0.03	0.1	0.8
Ca	ppm	1	20	80
	meq/L	0.05	1	4
Mg	ppm	0.12	5	12
	meq/L	0.01	0.4	1
K	ppm	0.4	4	10
	meq/L	0.01	0.1	0.25
Na	ppm	0	10	25
	meq/L	0	0.45	1
CO ₃	meq/L	0	0.06	0.2
HCO ₃	meq/L	0	1.0	2.6
	ppm	0	60	160
Residual Na ₂ CO ₃ * (HCO ₃ +CO ₃)-(Ca+Mg)		0	0.7	1.25

* Na, Ca, Mg, HCO₃, and CO₃ all expressed in meq/L.