

CACHUMA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

920 E. Stowell Rd. Santa Maria, CA 93534

IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATION

Grower:	Grower Name	Job No.:	IWM-XXX
Crop:	Strawberries	Date:	7/30/2014
Locations:	Field 1 , Field 2 , Field 3	County:	County
Evaluators:	Evaluator Name		
Contact	Contact Name		
Location:	Location		

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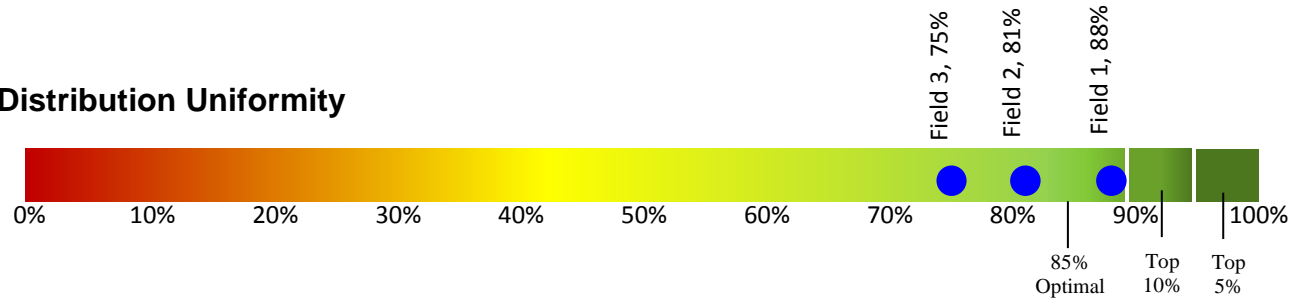
IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATION SUMMARY

Landowner: **Grower Name**
 Sites Tested: **Field 1 , Field 2 , Field 3**
 Crop: **Strawberries**

Evaluation Description

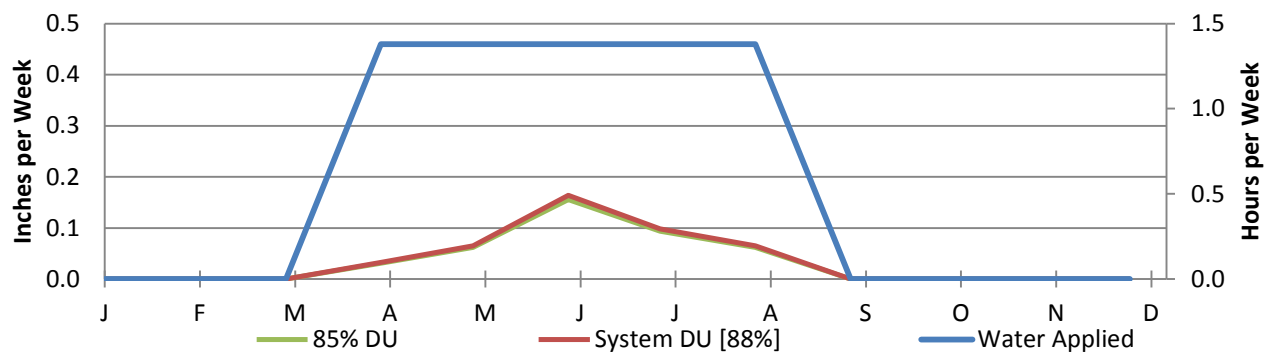
This Irrigation System Evaluation is intended to evaluate the irrigation system for uniform water application and provide suggestions for improving irrigation efficiency.

Distribution Uniformity



Distribution uniformity is a percentage that is used to evaluate the efficiency of an irrigation system and compare to other systems. Industry standard for drip irrigation systems is 85%. The DU for all of the sites tested are shown on the chart.

Annual Water Demand



Annual water demand is based off of specific recommendations for your site. The graph above compares recommended water application for an industry standard 85% DU system, the average recommended water application for the existing systems, and the average water application rates based on the current scheduling.

Potential Cost Savings



Potential cost savings are based on the annual amount of money that can be saved by upgrading the system to improve water use efficiency or adjusting scheduling to meet demands with less water. The savings is shown for each site tested and is based on the cost of the potential water saved.



SUMMARY OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATION

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ANNUAL COST SAVINGS

Test Location	Test Number	Distribution Uniformity for Tested Area	Estimated Impacted Acres	Estimated potential Cost Savings / year
Field 1	IWM-XXX	88	2.00	\$10
Field 2	IWM-XXX	81	2.00	\$30
Field 3	IWM-XXX	75	2.00	\$20
Totals			6.00	\$60

POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS

The table above represents potential cost saving if the irrigation system and scheduling are improved per site

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Potential improvements that could be implemented on the system are listed below. Site specific recommendations

SYSTEM OBSERVATIONS

Field 1

Strawberries

IWM-XXX

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SYSTEM OBSERVATIONS

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Strawberries

IWM-XXX

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Strawberries

IWM-XXX

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Sprinkler Irrigation Flow Catch Worksheet

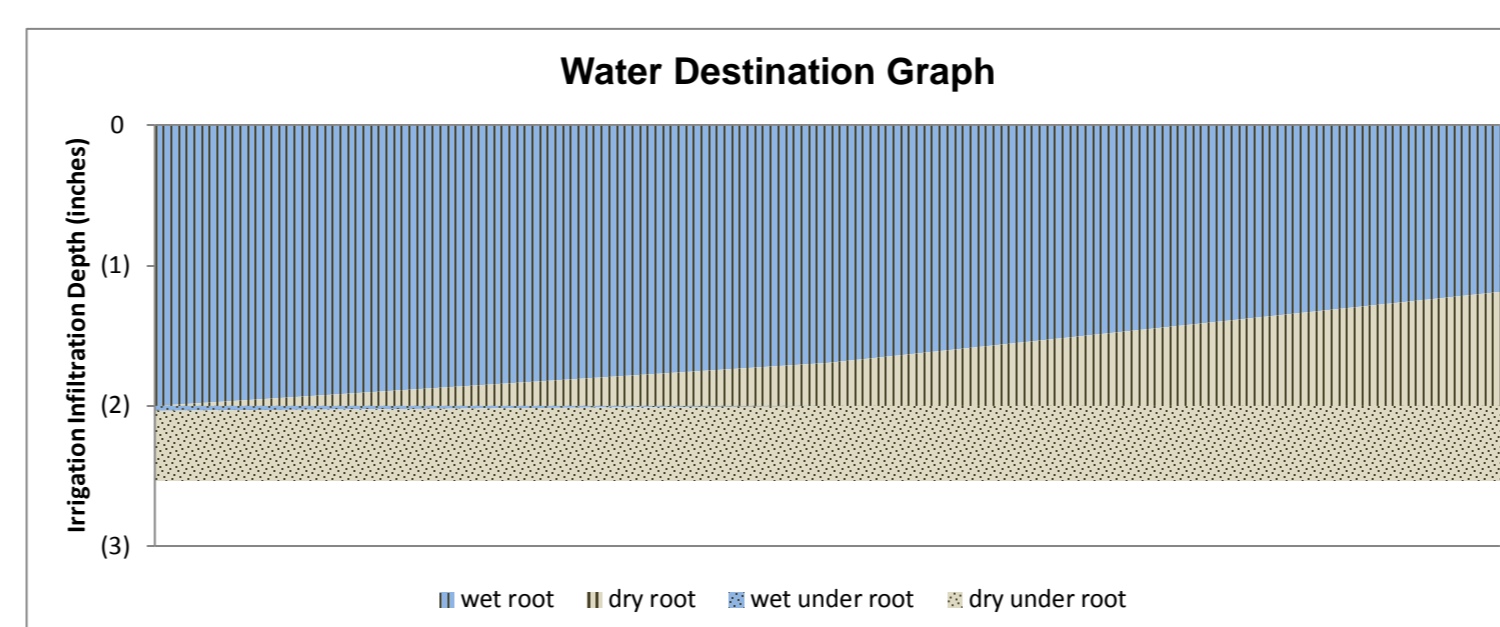
Owner: Grower Name	IWM File Number: IWM-XXX
Area: 2.0 acres	Date: 1/1/1901
Location: Field 1	Irrigation System: Sprinkler

Catch (ml)	NO 1	NO 2	NO 3	NO 4	NO 5	NO 6	NO 7	NO 8	NO 9	NO 10
NO 1	7	10	12							
NO 2										
NO 3										
NO 4										
NO 5										
NO 6										

Pressure (psi)	NO 1	NO 2	NO 3	NO 4	NO 5	NO 6	NO 7	NO 8	NO 9	NO 10
STA 1	10	8								
STA 2										
STA 3										

Inputs	Catch Duration (min)	1.00	Plant Rows per Bed	1.00
	Row Spacing (ft)	1.00	Drip Lines per Bed	1.00
	Emitter Spacing (in)	1.00	Bed Width (ft)	1.00

Outputs	Mean Catch	10 ml
	Mean Pressure	9 psi
	Net Application Rate	0.25 in/hr
	Max. Application Rate	0.31 in/hr
	Min. Application Rate	0.18 in/hr
	Distribution Uniformity (DU)	88 %
	Application Efficiency (AE)	82 %



NOTES:

CATCH WORKSHEET

The intent of the flow catch worksheet is to record and analyze flow catch testing. The flow catch method requires catch cans to be placed at random locations throughout the field to catch irrigation water. The volume of water is measured in each catch can and then the volumes are analyzed to determine important characteristics about how the system is working including irrigation application rate and distribution uniformity.

CATCHES

The catches section of the worksheet is used to record up to 60 catch can measurements from field testing. Your test for this site used 3 catch cans. The smallest volume collected was 7 ml and the largest volume collected was 12 ml.

PRESSURES

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INPUTS

Inputs include information about test that are necessary for the calculation of application rate and distribution uniformity.

APPLICATION RATE

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APPLICATION EFFICIENCY

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WATER DESTINATION GRAPH

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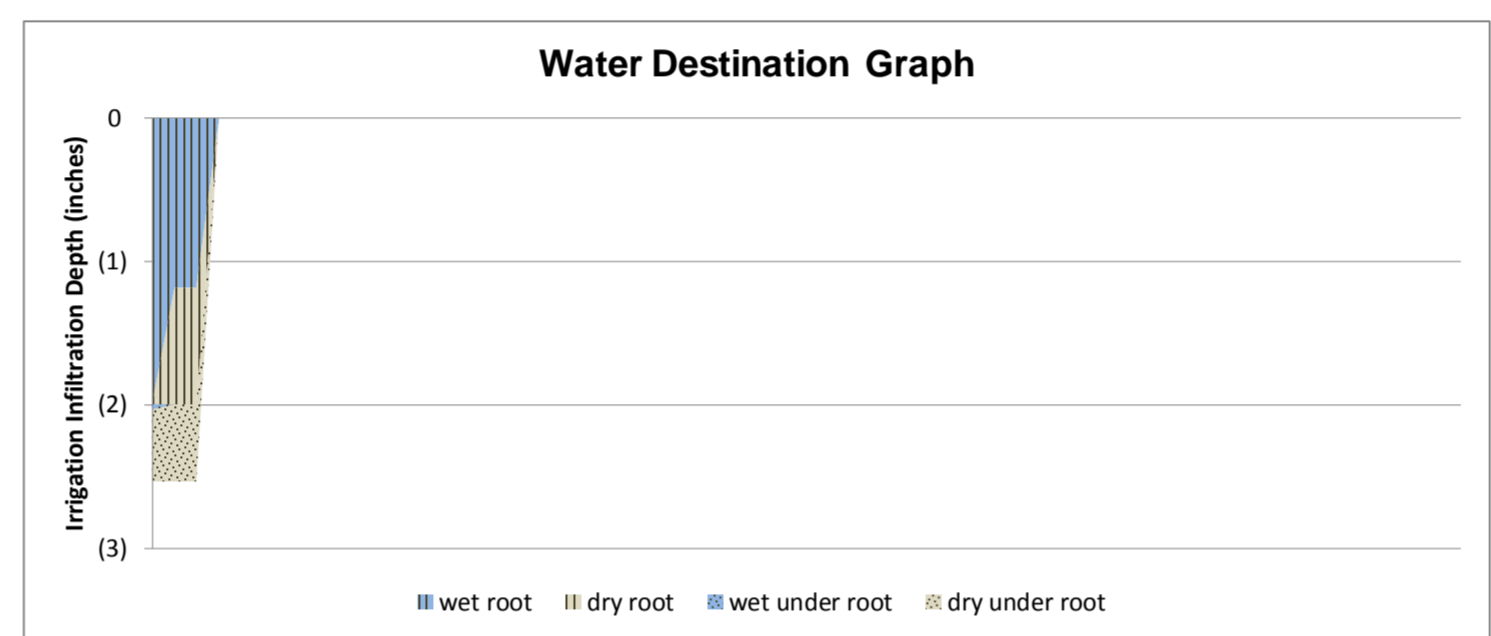
Owner:	Grower Name	IWM File Number:	IWM-XXX
Area:	2.0 acres	Date:	1/1/1901
Location:	Field 2	Irrigation System:	Sprinkler

Catch (ml)	NO 1	NO 2	NO 3	NO 4	NO 5	NO 6	NO 7	NO 8	NO 9	NO 10
NO 1	7	7	12							
NO 2										
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Pressure (psi)	NO 1	NO 2	NO 3	NO 4	NO 5	NO 6	NO 7	NO 8	NO 9	NO 10
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STA 3										

Inputs	Catch Duration (min)	1.00	Plant Rows per Bed	1.00
	Row Spacing (ft)	1.00	Drip Lines per Bed	1.00
	Emitter Spacing (in)	1.00	Bed Width (ft)	1.00

Outputs	Mean Catch..... =	9 ml
	Mean Pressure..... =	10 psi
	Net Application Rate..... =	0.22 in/hr
	Max. Application Rate..... =	0.31 in/hr
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	Distribution Uniformity (DU) =	81 %
	Application Efficiency (AE)	73 %



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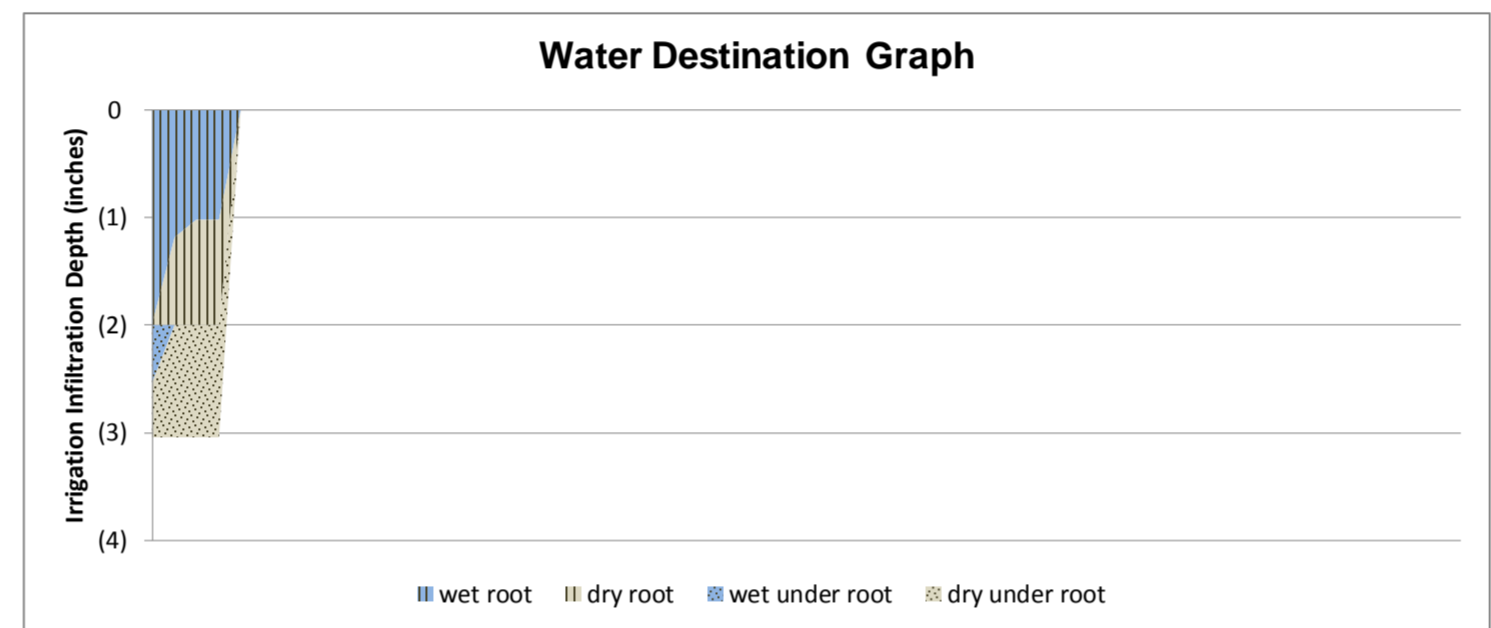
Owner:	Grower Name	IWM File Number:	IWM-XXX
Area:	2.0 acres	Date:	1/1/1901
Location:	Field 3	Irrigation System:	Sprinkler

Catch (ml)	NO 1	NO 2	NO 3	NO 4	NO 5	NO 6	NO 7	NO 8	NO 9	NO 10
NO 1	6	7	15	6						
NO 2										
NO 3										
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Inputs				
Catch Duration (min)	1.00	Plant Rows per Bed	1.00	
Row Spacing (ft)	1.00	Drip Lines per Bed	1.00	
Emitter Spacing (in)	1.00	Bed Width (ft)	1.00	

Outputs		
Mean Catch.....	=	9 ml
Mean Pressure.....	=	9 psi
Net Application Rate.....	=	0.22 in/hr
Max. Application Rate.....	=	0.38 in/hr
Min. Application Rate.....	=	0.15 in/hr
Distribution Uniformity (DU)	=	75 %
Application Efficiency (AE)	=	72 %



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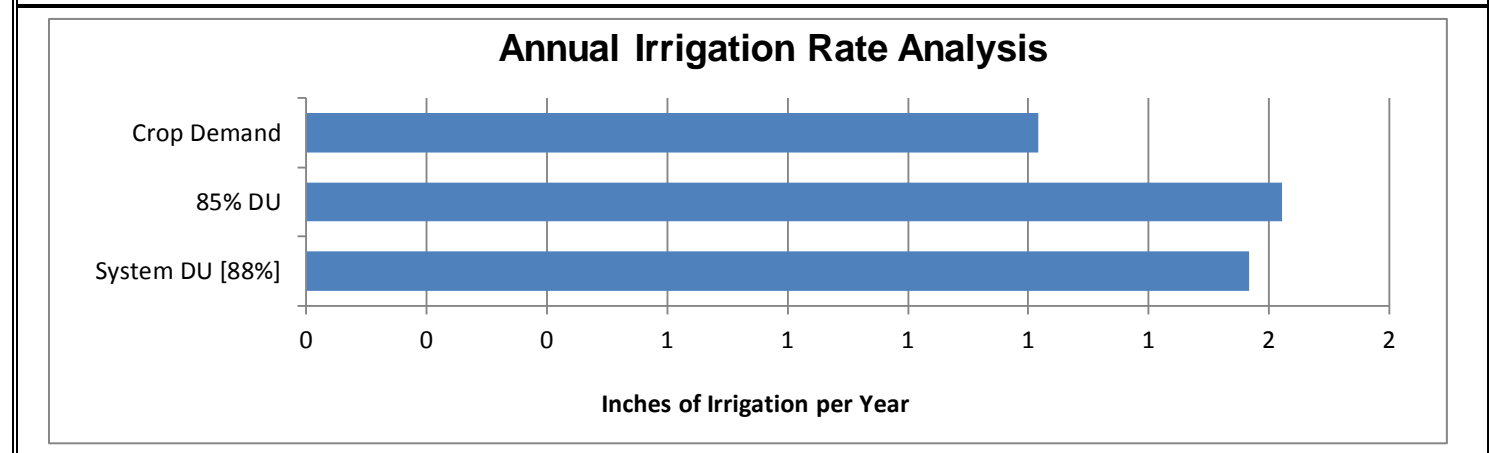
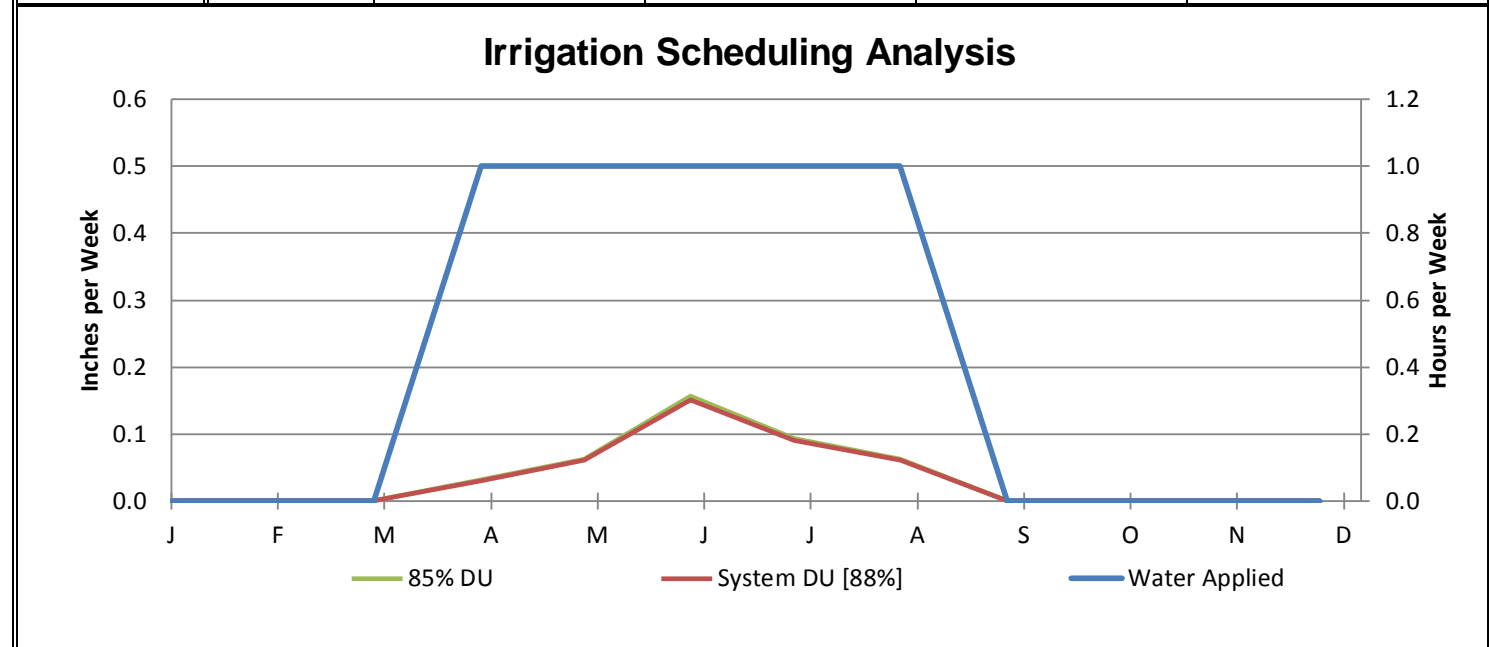
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Irrigation Scheduling

Owner: Grower Name	IWM File Number: IWM-XXX
Area: 2.00 acres	Date: 1/1/1901
Location: Field 1	Irrigation System: Sprinkler

INPUTS:	Crop Type	Strawberries	Application Rate (in/hr)	0.25
	Root Depth (in)	2	System Efficiency (%)	88
	MAD (%)	50		
	Soil Type	Sandy Loam	System ECw (mmhos/cm)	0.9
	Soil WHC (in/in)	0.15	Crop ECe (mmhos/cm)	1.5

OUTPUT:	Leaching Requirement.....		0.14						
	Maximum Irrigation Duration.....		0.6 Hours						
	Month	85% DU (in/day) (in/wk)		System DU [88%] (in/day) (in/wk)		Hours / Day	Days / Week	Water Applied (in/day) (in/wk)	
	Jan								
	Feb								
	Mar								
	Apr	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	1.0	2.0	0.25	0.50
	May	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.06	1.0	2.0	0.25	0.50
	Jun	0.02	0.16	0.02	0.15	1.0	2.0	0.25	0.50
	Jul	0.01	0.09	0.01	0.09	1.0	2.0	0.25	0.50
	Aug	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.06	1.0	2.0	0.25	0.50
	Sep								
	Oct								
	Nov								
	Dec								



NOTES:

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INPUTS
 Inputs for the scheduling sheet are used to adjust recommendations for site specific factors. Different regions generally have different water use demands for turf based on local climate factors. Root depth, MAD, soil type, and soil WHC are all used to determine how much water the soil around the roots can hold and how frequently irrigations are required. MAD stands for maximum allowable depletion and represents the minimum percentage of water desired in the soil before irrigation water is applied. Soil WHC stands for the water holding capacity of a specific soil type. The greater the water holding capacity the more water can be stored in a specific volume of soil. ECw values are used to evaluate the salts in the system and the tolerance of the turf to salt. This is used to evaluate the need for extra irrigation time to leach the salts through the root area.

OUTPUT
 The outputs section provides guidelines for irrigation as well as an analysis of the recommended versus existing irrigation schedule. The leaching requirement represents the percentage of extra water needed to flush salts through the root zone. The maximum irrigation duration represents the maximum time the irrigation system can be used before the average application rate leads to water infiltrating below the root zone. The scheduling sheet compares recommended irrigation volumes for a system with an industry standard 75% distribution uniformity, and the distribution uniformity of the existing system with the actual irrigation scheduling used in the system. These values are represented graphically in the chart below.

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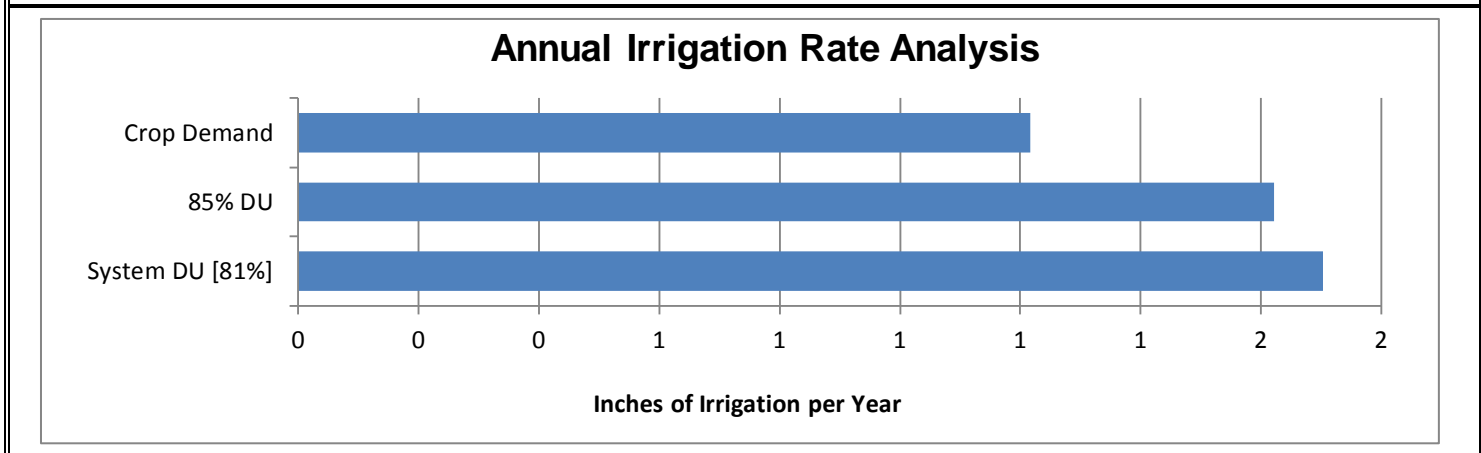
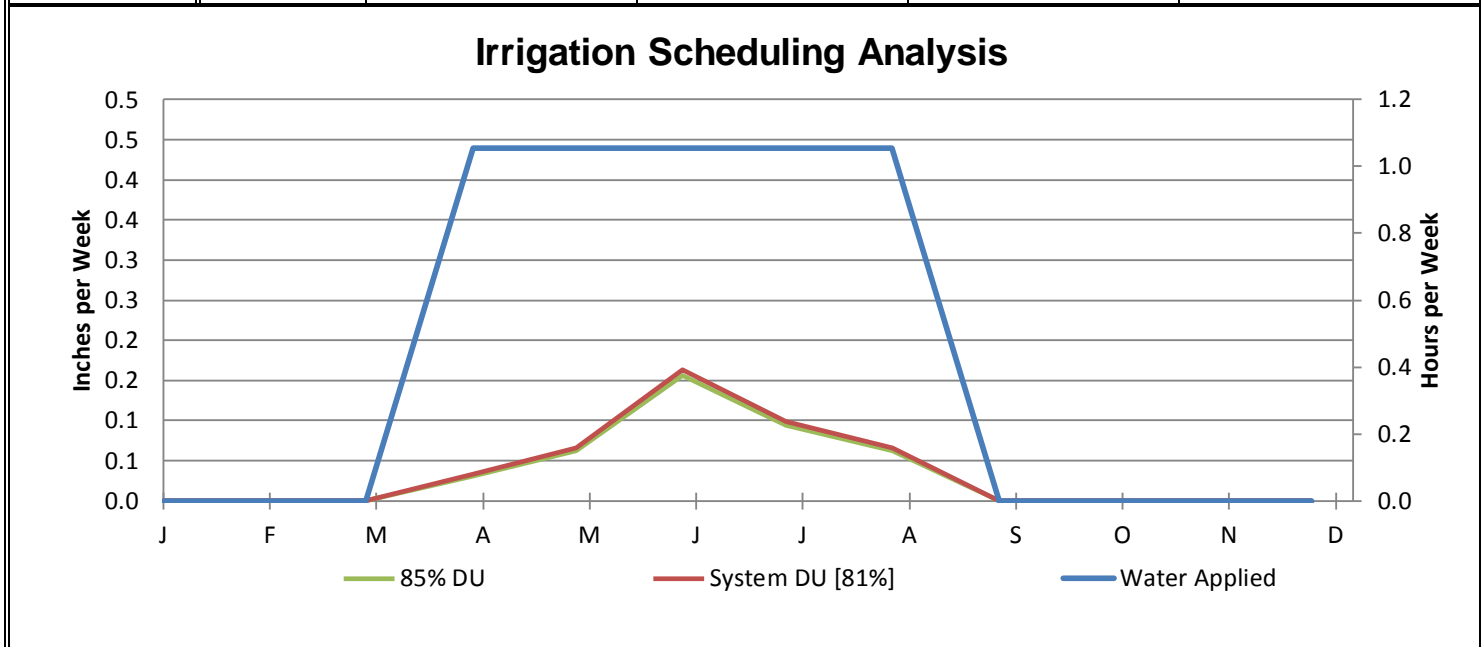
ANNUAL IRRIGATION RATE ANALYSIS
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Irrigation Scheduling

Owner: Grower Name	IWM File Number: IWM-XXX
Area: 2.00 acres	Date: 1/1/1901
Location: Field 2	Irrigation System: Sprinkler

INPUTS:	Region	Strawberries	Application Rate (in/hr)	0.22
	Root Depth (in)	2	System Efficiency (%)	81
	MAD (%)	50		
	Soil Type	Sandy Loam	System ECw (mmhos/cm)	0.9
	Soil WHC (in/in)	0.15	Crop ECe (mmhos/cm)	1.5

OUTPUT:	Leaching Requirement.....		0.14						
	Maximum Irrigation Duration.....		0.7 Hours						
	Month	85% DU (in/day) (in/wk)		System DU [81%] (in/day) (in/wk)		Hours / Day	Days / Week	Water Applied (in/day) (in/wk)	
	Jan								
	Feb								
	Mar								
	Apr	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	1.0	2.0	0.22	0.44
	May	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.07	1.0	2.0	0.22	0.44
	Jun	0.02	0.16	0.02	0.16	1.0	2.0	0.22	0.44
	Jul	0.01	0.09	0.01	0.10	1.0	2.0	0.22	0.44
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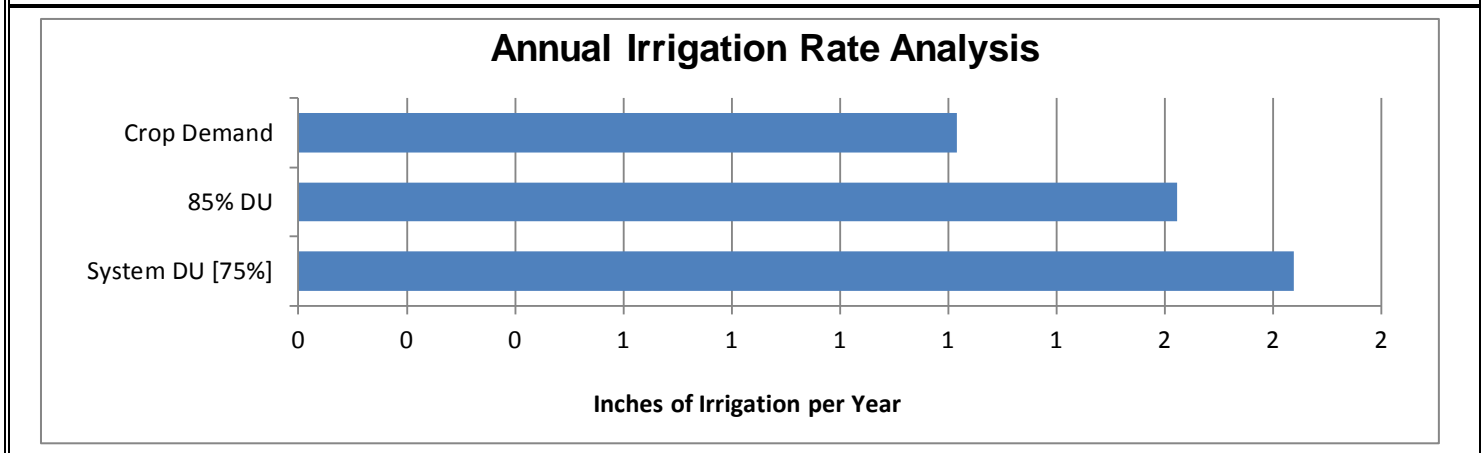
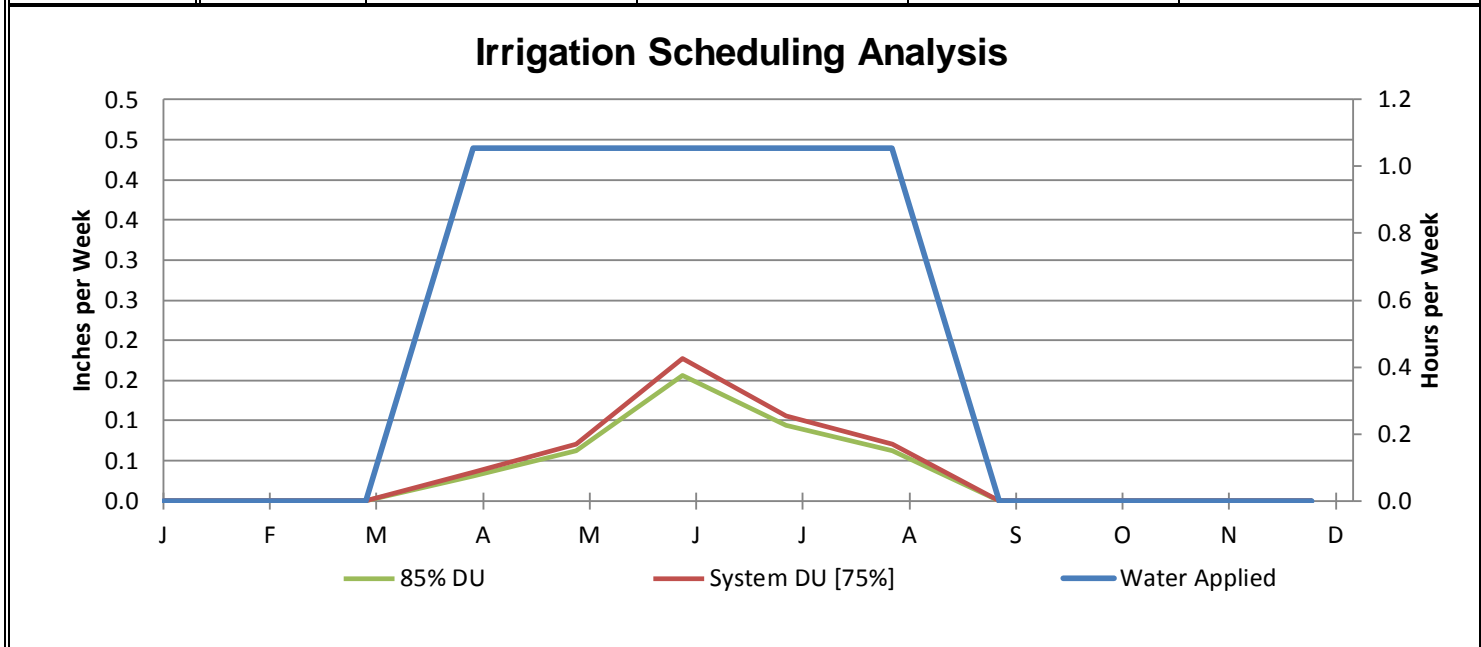
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Irrigation Scheduling

Owner: Grower Name	IWM File Number: IWM-XXX
Area: 2.00 acres	Date: 1/1/1901
Location: Field 3	Irrigation System: Sprinkler

INPUTS:	Region Strawberries	Application Rate (in/hr) 0.22	
	Root Depth (in) 2	System Efficiency (%) 75	
	MAD (%) 50		
	Soil Type Sandy Loam	System ECw (mmhos/cm) 0.9	
	Soil WHC (in/in) 0.15	Crop ECe (mmhos/cm) 1.5	

OUTPUT:	Leaching Requirement..... 0.14								
	Maximum Irrigation Duration..... 0.7 Hours								
	Month	85% DU		System DU [75%]		Hours /	Days /	Water Applied	
		(in/day)	(in/wk)	(in/day)	(in/wk)	Day	Week	(in/day)	(in/wk)
	Jan								
	Feb								
	Mar								
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System Upgrade Cost/Benefit Estimate

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