

RULE 5

Recording and Reporting Requirements

DETERMINING WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

EXEMPT WELL

Rule 5 does not apply

What is an exempt well?

Any well producing less than 17.5 gallons per minute.

DEFINITIONS

Contiguous acres-

(a) abutting acreage that physically touches on the sides,
(b) the corners or that is
(c) connected with an underground water pipeline.

Conservation reserve-

A well owner or operator may reserve all or a portion of their annual APR by following the reporting requirements. The initial reserve will start with 0.50 acre-feet (6") per acre.

REPORTING OPTIONS

Non-exempt wells shall follow an Allowable Production Rate (APR) of 1.50 acre-feet per contiguous acre per year or (18") per year.

One Irrigated Crop

- One irrigated crop planted and harvested in one year
- Cover crops allowed
- Second crops allowed if crop is lost due to weather

*Conservation reserve not applicable for this method.

CAFO Multiplier

- Formula based on gallons/head/day includes:
 - Beef cattle & dairy heifers (*12.5 gal)
 - Dairy cows (*55 gal)

*Indicates gallons per head per day

Alternative Data

- Data gathering devices like PivoTrac, AgSense or WagNet

Nozzle Packages

- Measuring flow rates and hours of use

Meters

- Can measure production from well systems, individual wells, sprinklers or drip systems
- Installation must meet manufacturer's specs

Production Rate

- Certifies that the production rate on contiguous acres is 0.93 gallons per minute or less
- Demonstrates the property is unable to exceed the APR

Energy Consumption

- Submit your energy consumption records

Other options

- May be considered through an application process

For more information visit www.hpwd.org or call our office at 806.762.0181.



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For detailed rule information, refer to page 14 of the HPWD rules at www.hpwd.org/rules.

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