

Table 29. Methods Used in Deciding When to Irrigate: 1998 and 1994

(Excludes abnormal and horticultural specialty farms, 1994 excludes Alaska and Hawaii)

| State | Farms | Farms reporting method used ¹ | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|--|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| | | Any method | Condition of crop | Feel of soil | Soil moisture sensing devices | Commercial scheduling service | Media reports | Scheduled by water delivery organization (no choice by water user) | Calendar schedule | Computer simulation models | Other | |
| | | Farms | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. TOTAL.....1998. | 182 101 | 179 485 | 134 410 | 74 250 | 15 379 | 6 526 | 9 338 | 18 642 | 31 564 | 1 953 | 12 640 | |
| Conterminous U.S., 1994. | 198 115 | 187 914 | 135 183 | 78 164 | 18 940 | 9 725 | 8 769 | 27 935 | 33 100 | 4 633 | 17 311 | |
| 1998 DATA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alabama..... | 365 | 376 | 298 | 166 | 41 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 40 | 3 | 29 | |
| Alaska..... | 41 | 37 | 30 | 25 | 7 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | |
| Arizona..... | 2 637 | 2 606 | 1 854 | 451 | 223 | 153 | 27 | 157 | 803 | 6 | 45 | |
| Arkansas..... | 5 103 | 5 056 | 4 748 | 1 887 | 488 | 318 | 215 | 122 | 435 | 273 | 299 | |
| California..... | 40 121 | 40 080 | 25 981 | 17 027 | 5 511 | 650 | 3 025 | 1 895 | 14 342 | 675 | 4 773 | |
| Colorado..... | 11 846 | 11 538 | 8 028 | 3 792 | 532 | 436 | 550 | 4 256 | 1 071 | 177 | 364 | |
| Connecticut..... | 121 | 117 | 96 | 81 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 11 | |
| Delaware..... | 242 | 236 | 209 | 138 | 30 | 13 | 18 | - | 14 | 1 | 2 | |
| Florida..... | 6 452 | 6 365 | 5 868 | 3 395 | 1 076 | 5 | 28 | 20 | 449 | 3 | 256 | |
| Georgia..... | 2 377 | 2 323 | 2 136 | 795 | 127 | 50 | 137 | - | 177 | 56 | 132 | |
| Hawaii..... | 848 | 780 | 631 | 445 | 30 | 5 | - | 14 | 117 | 4 | 65 | |
| Idaho..... | 12 346 | 12 341 | 9 545 | 6 381 | 514 | 493 | 326 | 2 070 | 1 657 | 24 | 437 | |
| Illinois..... | 920 | 919 | 831 | 570 | 65 | 19 | 28 | - | 54 | 5 | 76 | |
| Indiana..... | 783 | 776 | 669 | 433 | 66 | 15 | 49 | 8 | 48 | 3 | 56 | |
| Iowa..... | 313 | 308 | 281 | 156 | 34 | - | 10 | - | 21 | 3 | 15 | |
| Kansas..... | 4 703 | 4 590 | 3 282 | 1 951 | 508 | 1 359 | 335 | 55 | 581 | 39 | 450 | |
| Kentucky..... | 953 | 916 | 826 | 271 | 50 | 16 | 26 | 16 | 40 | 16 | 38 | |
| Louisiana..... | 2 004 | 1 984 | 1 910 | 646 | 68 | 21 | 75 | 8 | 81 | 9 | 109 | |
| Maine..... | 169 | 158 | 132 | 96 | 28 | - | 19 | - | 9 | - | 12 | |
| Maryland..... | 472 | 467 | 423 | 241 | 56 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 38 | 1 | 12 | |
| Massachusetts..... | 734 | 703 | 620 | 371 | 153 | 11 | 52 | 6 | 66 | 17 | 49 | |
| Michigan..... | 1 625 | 1 619 | 1 267 | 959 | 178 | 52 | 203 | 23 | 136 | 44 | 186 | |
| Minnesota..... | 1 111 | 1 101 | 918 | 703 | 155 | 56 | 105 | 4 | 63 | 5 | 98 | |
| Mississippi..... | 1 145 | 1 131 | 1 029 | 482 | 77 | 19 | 76 | 3 | 94 | 16 | 49 | |
| Missouri..... | 1 606 | 1 512 | 1 421 | 586 | 88 | 14 | 82 | 1 | 204 | 30 | 60 | |
| Montana..... | 6 956 | 6 672 | 4 588 | 2 872 | 302 | 35 | 78 | 690 | 702 | 122 | 465 | |
| Nebraska..... | 13 159 | 12 902 | 10 987 | 6 534 | 796 | 1 595 | 2 142 | 447 | 474 | 43 | 1 333 | |
| Nevada..... | 1 764 | 1 627 | 1 056 | 788 | 69 | 79 | 6 | 275 | 384 | 3 | 90 | |
| New Hampshire..... | 105 | 105 | 89 | 69 | 8 | - | 4 | - | 12 | - | 7 | |
| New Jersey..... | 624 | 605 | 544 | 377 | 79 | 4 | 30 | 15 | 42 | 1 | 57 | |
| New Mexico..... | 6 035 | 5 994 | 3 870 | 1 510 | 344 | 29 | 43 | 1 365 | 1 763 | 17 | 137 | |
| New York..... | 598 | 586 | 499 | 299 | 82 | 22 | 57 | 22 | 47 | 22 | 49 | |
| North Carolina..... | 2 218 | 2 180 | 2 046 | 576 | 145 | 3 | 106 | - | 32 | 4 | 118 | |
| North Dakota..... | 484 | 475 | 368 | 288 | 42 | 32 | 43 | 31 | 70 | 15 | 53 | |
| Ohio..... | 346 | 339 | 319 | 206 | 38 | 5 | 23 | - | 23 | - | 31 | |
| Oklahoma..... | 1 416 | 1 365 | 1 194 | 468 | 94 | 90 | 41 | 28 | 120 | 7 | 137 | |
| Oregon..... | 10 012 | 9 949 | 6 832 | 4 292 | 574 | 220 | 254 | 1 179 | 1 814 | 9 | 485 | |
| Pennsylvania..... | 666 | 655 | 605 | 320 | 51 | 6 | 20 | 2 | 32 | 4 | 27 | |
| Rhode Island..... | 28 | 26 | 24 | 18 | 6 | - | 3 | - | 6 | - | 3 | |
| South Carolina..... | 529 | 511 | 463 | 219 | 50 | 9 | 8 | - | 31 | 1 | 12 | |
| South Dakota..... | 981 | 963 | 748 | 468 | 160 | 20 | 13 | 36 | 77 | 3 | 77 | |
| Tennessee..... | 275 | 271 | 232 | 94 | 13 | 8 | 14 | - | 22 | 6 | 9 | |
| Texas..... | 12 019 | 11 635 | 9 592 | 3 758 | 1 104 | 257 | 254 | 405 | 1 669 | 175 | 852 | |
| Utah..... | 9 427 | 9 336 | 5 489 | 2 401 | 309 | 126 | 117 | 4 329 | 1 205 | 11 | 525 | |
| Vermont..... | 55 | 53 | 41 | 38 | 6 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | |
| Virginia..... | 1 088 | 1 084 | 1 001 | 407 | 84 | 6 | 76 | - | 37 | 5 | 15 | |
| Washington..... | 8 742 | 8 658 | 6 425 | 4 016 | 690 | 168 | 469 | 325 | 1 637 | 73 | 133 | |
| West Virginia..... | 50 | 49 | 42 | 26 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | - | 2 | |
| Wisconsin..... | 1 025 | 1 024 | 904 | 729 | 109 | 34 | 61 | 2 | 82 | 17 | 75 | |
| Wyoming..... | 4 442 | 4 382 | 3 419 | 1 449 | 117 | 61 | 66 | 825 | 730 | 5 | 321 | |
| Water resources areas: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WRA 01 New England..... | 1 184 | 1 134 | 981 | 655 | 199 | 11 | 80 | 6 | 94 | 17 | 83 | |
| WRA 02 Mid-Atlantic..... | 2 674 | 2 628 | 2 358 | 1 408 | 306 | 43 | 130 | 30 | 169 | 22 | 133 | |
| WRA 03 South Atlantic-Gulf..... | 12 686 | 12 477 | 11 484 | 5 448 | 1 457 | 72 | 381 | 24 | 764 | 66 | 560 | |
| WRA 04 Great Lakes..... | 2 374 | 2 367 | 1 922 | 1 406 | 259 | 77 | 272 | 32 | 175 | 53 | 235 | |
| WRA 05 Ohio..... | 1 898 | 1 842 | 1 630 | 752 | 137 | 43 | 46 | 28 | 97 | 28 | 124 | |
| WRA 06 Tennessee..... | 289 | 285 | 247 | 85 | 18 | 8 | 12 | - | 30 | 1 | 2 | |
| WRA 07 Upper Mississippi..... | 3 131 | 3 087 | 2 716 | 1 909 | 309 | 72 | 173 | 6 | 264 | 24 | 239 | |
| WRA 08 Lower Mississippi..... | 8 182 | 8 090 | 7 600 | 2 928 | 616 | 298 | 343 | 98 | 551 | 246 | 439 | |
| WRA 09 Souris-Red-Rainy..... | 337 | 329 | 249 | 226 | 60 | 43 | 34 | 8 | 39 | 7 | 40 | |
| WRA 10 Missouri..... | 28 755 | 27 838 | 22 127 | 12 650 | 1 630 | 2 286 | 2 649 | 2 380 | 2 293 | 89 | 2 402 | |
| WRA 11 Arkansas White-Red..... | 11 883 | 11 594 | 8 704 | 3 960 | 959 | 1 459 | 513 | 2 408 | 1 176 | 178 | 693 | |
| WRA 12 Texas-Gulf..... | 8 980 | 8 679 | 7 488 | 2 806 | 830 | 77 | 221 | 190 | 913 | 129 | 716 | |
| WRA 13 Rio Grande..... | 6 447 | 6 418 | 4 053 | 2 107 | 494 | 132 | 191 | 1 295 | 2 216 | 163 | 159 | |
| WRA 14 Upper Colorado..... | 6 455 | 6 345 | 4 642 | 1 942 | 83 | 23 | 56 | 2 218 | 754 | 11 | 272 | |
| WRA 15 Lower Colorado..... | 3 427 | 3 364 | 2 259 | 467 | 231 | 153 | 27 | 441 | 890 | 6 | 78 | |
| WRA 16 Great Basin..... | 9 474 | 9 352 | 5 275 | 2 550 | 333 | 185 | 123 | 4 162 | 1 514 | 6 | 493 | |
| WRA 17 Pacific Northwest..... | 32 353 | 32 210 | 23 542 | 14 987 | 1 897 | 874 | 1 054 | 3 403 | 5 134 | 226 | 1 079 | |
| WRA 18 California..... | 40 683 | 40 629 | 26 472 | 17 494 | 5 524 | 665 | 3 033 | 1 899 | 14 370 | 677 | 4 828 | |
| WRA 19 Alaska..... | 41 | 37 | 30 | 25 | 7 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | |
| WRA 20 Hawaii..... | 848 | 780 | 631 | 445 | 30 | 5 | - | 14 | 117 | 4 | 65 | |

¹ Respondents could choose more than one.