



EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

SMALL FARM IRRIGATION RATE APPLICATION

Name(s): _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parcel Number: _____

After inspection, I would like my Certificate of Compliance to be: Emailed Mailed

Type of Crop or Livestock (Specify Commodity or livestock type)	Square Feet or Acreage of Plants, Trees or Pasture (specify)	Producing a Marketable Crop or Product? (yes or no)

Refer to Application Instructions for detailed clarification. Please retain a copy of your application for your records. You may utilize the guidelines worksheet to help determine the actual square footage or acreage planted.

Please check this box if a Renewal? Date of expiration? _____

Do you currently possess a Certified Producer Certificate? Yes No

Do you currently possess a Nursery License issued by CDFA? Yes No

I certify that the information provided is true and correct, that I will maintain the crop/livestock to produce a marketable product and I understand and agree that the payment submitted with this application is nonrefundable.

Signature

Office Use Only: Issuing Date: _____ Application Fee Received: _____

*Revised 07/29/2025



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REQUIREMENTS (Per EID adopted Administrative Regulation 9024):

- **MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE OF ONE ACRE**
- **MINIMUM ½ ACRE PLANTED AGRICULTURAL CROPS AND/OR QUALIFYING LIVESTOCK AS A MARKETABLE.** *For parcels with 5 acres or more planted in agricultural crops or 10 acres or more of irrigated pasture: AMI Applications must be submitted to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID)
- **MAINTENANCE OF THE CROP TO PRODUCE A MARKETABLE PRODUCT**

SMALL FARM IRRIGATION RATE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **TYPE OF CROP OR LIVESTOCK:** List each commodity or livestock type on separate lines.
2. **Size of Crop:** List either the square footage or acreage of each of the planted crop varieties. Livestock requires the number of animals and the square footage or acreage of the irrigated pasture. Note: All livestock operations must follow all County zoning ordinances.
3. **PRODUCING A CROP:** If the crop has been producing in the past or will be producing this coming harvest season, then state "Yes". Production of Christmas trees means that they are mature enough to be harvested. Livestock means that they are raised for breeding and sale, produce a marketable product from the animals (oil, leather, fiber, etc.) or raised to produce a food product.

APPLICATION FEE:

Starting 7/1/2025, the application fee is \$200.00 for all applicants.

Application(s) and fees must be submitted in person

Submit application and application fee to the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures located at 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA

95667 **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Applicant submits completed application and fee to the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture.
2. A site visit is scheduled to verify the data submitted on the application and to ensure that El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID) criteria for their Small Farms Irrigation Rate is met.
3. If the criteria are met, a Certificate of Compliance will be mailed to the applicant and EID. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that EID has received and accepted the Certificate of Compliance.
4. An expiration date is noted on the Certificate of Compliance. For renewal purposes, a new application and fee will need to be submitted. Please retain a copy of your original (or last) application for reference.

Questions?

- Application or application process questions: Call the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture at (530) 621-5520
All other questions should be directed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) at (530) 622-4513.

WORKSHEET FOR MEASURING 1/2 ACRE OF PLANTED AGRICULTURAL CROPS

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ASSESSOR PARCEL NO.: _____

PROPERTY LOCATION: _____

INSPECTOR NAME: _____

INSPECTION DATE: _____

VERIFIED: 1-Year _____ 3-Year _____ Did Not Meet Criteria _____

Planted Crop	Minimum† # of plants per 1/2 acre	Maximum† Spacing per plant	Number of plants	Multiply by: Actual Sq. Ft/Tree	= Total ft ²	Divided by 43,560 equals Acreage
SAMPLE CALCULATION		250	50	125	6250	0.14
Apples - Standard	46	480				
Pears - Standard	60	360				
Peaches, Nectarines, Cherries, Plums,	75	290				
Walnuts, Chestnuts,	55	400				
Grapes - Standard	200	110				
Blueberries - Standard	400	55				
Raspberries - Standard	1,000	20				
Christmas Trees	500	40				
Garden Area	21,780					
Citrus	46	480				
Almonds, Figs,	49	450				
Olives - Standard	55	400				
Other						
TOTAL						

DISCLAIMER: The purpose of this worksheet is to serve as a guideline in determining the approximate acreage of agricultural crops planted. The above crops and planting square footage are samples only and in no way constitute suggestions or recommendations by El Dorado County Department of Agriculture or El Dorado Irrigation District.

Total acreage will be calculated based on your actual planted acreage, not worksheet acreage.

Acreage Calculation: [Maximum Allowable Feet² of planting X # of plants] ÷ 43,560 = Total Acre(s)

1 acre = 43,560 sq. ft. 1/2 acre = 21,780 sq. ft. Total is based on combination of all crops, not the size of the parcel.

*The plant numbers listed above are the minimum and some crops may require additional plants in order to meet the minimum 1/2 acre planting requirements.

† The square footage numbers in the maximum allowable square feet column cannot be exceeded.

WORKSHEET FOR QUALIFYING LIVESTOCK AS A MARKETABLE PRODUCT

APPLICANT NAME: _____ ASSESSOR PARCEL No.: _____

PROPERTY LOCATION: _____

INSPECTOR NAME: _____ INSPECTION DATE: _____

VERIFIED: *1-Year* _____ *Did Not Meet Criteria* _____

LIVESTOCK TYPE and NUMBER (list #s and acres below)	<u>Carrying capacity</u> # of animals per acre if pasture is irrigated
<i>Cow/Calf pair</i>	1
Steer	2
Sheep	5
Goats	6
Alpacas	7
<i>Llamas</i>	2
Pigs	4
TOTALS	

NOTES: Animals must be maintained to meet El Dorado County Code of Ordinances and any applicable State or Federal laws. Best management practices should be used to prevent soil erosion off the property. The purpose of this worksheet is to serve as a guideline in determining the grazing capacity of the pasture. Individual site conditions may reduce the ability of the land to support the listed numbers of animals. Supplemental feed may be necessary.

Livestock, as it pertains to the Small Farm water rate, refers to the primary business of raising livestock. The livestock must produce a marketable product (oil, leather, fiber, etc.) or be raised to produce a food product.

**Irrigated Pasture will be measured for all animal applications
 Note: Garden and livestock applications are renewed annually