

CHAPTER TWO: WATER

SETTLING ON A FARM

How Good Is the Water?

Look closely at the property's water system. A plentiful, healthful water supply is the most critical element of a successful farm.

Water Assessment Form

CONDITION OF SOURCE	Source	EXCELLENT	OK	NEEDS SOME WORK	NEEDS MAJOR WORK	NOT APPLICABLE
	Rain (cistern)					
	Lake or stream (surface water)					
	Spring					
	Well					
	Rural water district					
OWNERSHIP	Source	WATER RIGHTS ATTACHED TO LAND	WATER RIGHTS SEPARATE FROM LAND	IF WATER RIGHTS ARE SEPARATE, CAN ADEQUATE RIGHTS BE OBTAINED?		NOT APPLICABLE
	Rain (cistern)					
	Lake or stream (surface water)					
	Spring					
	Well					
	Rural water district					
QUALITY (TEST RESULTS)	Source	EXCELLENT	OK	QUESTIONABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
	Rain (cistern)					
	Lake or stream (surface water)					
	Spring					
	Well					
	Rural water district					
GALLONS PER MINUTE	Source	GALLONS PER MINUTE		CAN THIS BE SUSTAINED FOR 24 HOURS?		NOT APPLICABLE
	Rain (cistern)					
	Lake or stream (surface water)					
	Spring					
	Well					
	Rural water district					
RELIABILITY	Source	EXCELLENT	OK	QUESTIONABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
	Rain (cistern)					
	Lake or stream (surface water)					
	Spring					
	Well					
	Rural water district					

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