



State of Georgia
Environmental Protection Division
AGRICULTURAL WATER PERMITTING PROGRAM



APPLICATION FOR A LETTER OF CONCURRENCE
TO INSTALL AN AGRICULTURAL WATER WITHDRAWAL SYSTEM

NOTE: We cannot process incomplete applications. Please see the information page of this application (Page 3) for assistance as needed. Please give us a call at 229-391-2400 if you have any questions, and we will be happy to assist you.

For EPD Use	AppID
Assigned Permit Number	A - -
Date Application Received	/ /

Does this project require any other permits from EPD?
If yes, which permits? _____

The water source is in _____ County.

Property Owner

Operator/Manager (if different than property owner)

Farm/Corp Name _____

Farm/Corp Name _____

Name _____
(First, MI, Last, Suffix)

Name _____
(First, MI, Last, Suffix)

Mailing Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Email _____

Email _____

APPLICATION FOR:

Type of Water Source:

- Well only (Well pumps to irrigation and/or refills pond)
- Surface Water only (Surface water pump(s) refills pond and/or pumps to irrigation)
- Well and Surface Water Pump System – (System includes both well & surface water pump)
- Other Combination - Please Specify: _____

Purpose(s) of water use (check):

- Irrigation (row crops, vegetables, sod production, orchards, plant nurseries, pastures)
- Irrigation Golf Course/Athletic Field
- Livestock/Poultry Watering
- Commercial Fish Production
- Other agricultural use (specify): _____

If Application is for water use involving an irrigation system – complete this section:

Planned Date of Irrigation System Installation ___ / ___ / ___ Name of Field _____
Irrigation system planned for this source:
Center Pivot/Linear Move _____; Traveler _____; Solid Set Sprinkler _____; Drip _____; Other _____;
Maximum number of acres to be irrigated from this source in any one year. _____ Acres. **Attach map with acres outlined.**
Will you inject chemicals or fertilizers into the irrigation water? Yes No

If the Application is for a well or a well will be part of the withdrawal system, complete this section (Estimates):

Planned Pumping Capacity _____ gal/min Planned Date of Pump/Well Installation ___ / ___ / ___
Well Depth _____ feet Depth of Well Casing _____ feet Well Casing Diameter _____ inches
Precise GPS Coordinates of planned drilling location (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds or Decimal Degrees):
Latitude _____ Longitude _____
Designated Well Name for ID on permit (ex. "Well # 1" or "Home Place Well") _____
(For multiple wells working together as a system, please make copies of this section and submit information for each well)

If the Application is for surface water or surface water will be part of the supply, complete this section:

Planned Pumping Capacity _____ gal/min Planned Date of Pump Installation ____ / ____ / ____

Surface Water Source:

____ Stream, creek, or river or canal/ditch connected to that flowing water; River/Stream Name _____

____ Shared Pond, Lake or Reservoir not entirely on your property; Pond/Reservoir Name _____

Indicate how the pond is filled (Please check all that apply)

____ Pond or reservoir lying entirely on the your property; Pond Name _____

Indicate how the pond is filled (Please check all that apply)

____ Perennial or intermittent stream

____ Rainfall Runoff

____ Springs & seeps

____ Pumped water from stream or pond

____ Sinkhole or natural pond/wetland

____ Pumped water from well

Precise GPS Coordinates of planned pump station (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds or Decimal Degrees):

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

(For multiple pumps working together as a system, please make copies of this section and submit information for each pump)

If the Application involves more than one well or pump in a water supply system, please complete this section:

Well-to-pond, stream-to-pond and other complex supply systems may be permitted under a single agricultural permit with a single set of permit conditions. However each of the interconnected wells or pumps must be described and locations listed. Permit Certificates will show the "associated" groundwater and surface water permits.

To issue correct letters of concurrence and permits, please answer the following for well-to-pond and other multiple source supplies:

A. Are there any existing **wells** pumping into the pond now? ____ How many wells? ____ Are they permitted? ____

If permitted, please provide the permit numbers. _____

B. Are there any existing **surface water pumps** on your pond now? ____ How many? ____ Are they permitted? ____

Please provide the permit numbers. _____

If you have any un-permitted wells or surface water pumps on this well-to-pond system, please fill out additional applications and send them to EPD as soon as possible. Please be sure to indicate which permits or which well-to-pond system this withdrawal will be associated with. If you feel that a diagram would help explain your system, you may draw a diagram on the back of your application.

Application maps and Withdrawal locations:

All applications must include specific location information for ALL proposed wells and pumps. Applications missing this information will be returned for corrections. You may use GPS coordinates, as indicated above, or use one of the high-resolution maps described on the attached sheet. **Application maps** showing approved drilling or pump station locations will accompany Letters of Concurrence and final permit maps will be issued indicating the specific location of the permitted withdrawal.

Submitting Your Application

Please submit the completed application form along with any associated maps to: **GA EPD Agricultural Permitting Unit, 531 Main Street, Suite D, Tifton, GA 31794-4898.** You may also bring your application to our office in Tifton. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **FAXED applications will no longer be accepted.** If your application is approved, you will be issued a Letter of Concurrence to Install an Agricultural Withdrawal System, which will be valid for a period of **one** year. After the well or pumping system is installed, please follow the instructions in the Letter of Concurrence to obtain a permit for agricultural water use. Call us at **(229) 391-2400** if you have questions or need assistance.

Signature

I hereby certify that the information in this application is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, if issued, the permit may be revoked for falsification of information given in this application.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Name (Typed or Printed) _____

Instructions for providing maps or location information for your application:

Talk with **EPD (Tifton Office)**, your NRCS representative or UGA extension agent, well driller, irrigation supplier or other professional to determine appropriate locations for your proposed water source. Then, for the location you plan to install pumps or drill a well, please attach a map or specific details to locate your planned withdrawal to your application. On the same map or an additional map, mark the outline of the acres you intend to irrigate. Here are some options to prepare maps or information to send:

- a. If you have a GPS unit, go to the site, record the latitude and longitude. **Be sure to record all digits shown to get within a hundred feet or so.** Enter this information in the latitude/longitude sections on your application. You can also call or email us with this information.
- b. Some online maps, like GoogleMaps have the option of viewing and printing hybrid maps – maps with roads over top of an aerial or satellite image. For Google Maps, <http://maps.google.com> type in your street address or city to zoom in, and then select hybrid in the upper right corner. Locate your withdrawal point, print the map, **clearly marking the paper copy**, and mail it to us with your application. **Be sure that it includes enough landmarks to figure out where in the county that it is located, or also attach a separate countywide map showing approximate location.**
- c. USGS topographic, NRCS, or FSA maps show streams, ponds, and fields. Copy a section that includes your withdrawal location. **Mark your location** and mail it in with your application. **Be sure that it includes enough landmarks to figure out where in the county that it is located, or also attach a separate countywide map showing approximate location.**

What follow-up can I expect from this application?

EPD's Agricultural Permitting Unit, located in Tifton, Georgia, will send you a **confirmation letter** that your application is complete or request missing information. **We cannot process incomplete applications. PLEASE call us if you have any questions about how to complete the application, and we will be happy to assist you.** When the application is complete, your application information is entered into our records and the location is mapped into a geographic information system (GIS). Applications are then given a thorough **geologic and/or hydrologic evaluations** based upon your request.

Evaluations are performed in order of date received. The evaluations seek to protect existing users to the extent provided in Georgia law, and they determine potential impact on natural resources. The evaluations are performed in light of any current water restrictions that may be authorized by the General Assembly, the DNR Board, or other appropriate agencies. If your request is in conflict with any current restrictions, you will be notified and your options explained. In some cases, your request may be too close to another user or may seek access to waters that are already at capacity use. We will inform you of these issues and explain your options.

If no problems are found during the evaluation, we will issue a **Letter of Concurrence**. This is your permission to proceed with financing, design, and installation of the water source. It is at this time that you can hire a well driller, who can drill, develop, and test your well, and or install a surface water pump. You may also proceed with installation of irrigation systems. There is a one-year period for you to complete your installation and return the required forms to EPD.

One of the conditions of your Letter of Concurrence will be that you notify EPD by the expiration date of the Letter of Concurrence if you do not install the withdrawal sources you requested.

Your Georgia licensed water well contractor must complete the *Well Completion Data Form and Log*. YOU must then forward ALL NECESSARY paperwork, including the Flow Meter Approval Form, the Well Completion Form & Log, and additional Irrigation Conservation Plans and/or Low Flow Protection Plans as requested by EPD in your Letter of Concurrence.

Once forms are received, reviewed, and approved by EPD, we will recommend that your Permit to Withdraw Water for Agricultural purposes be issued by the Director of EPD. For groundwater and/or surface water agricultural water use withdrawals, you cannot use more than 100,000 gallons of water per day (on a monthly average) until the permit is issued.