

STATE OF OREGON  
COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS  
CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT

THIS CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO

BIRKEMEIER FARMS INC.  
22186 S HAINES RD  
CANBY OR 97013

confirms the right to the use of water perfected under the terms of Permit G-16544. The amount of water used to which this right is entitled is limited to the amount used beneficially, and shall not exceed the amount specified, or its equivalent in the case of rotation, measured at the point of diversion from the source. The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-17158

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 1 (CLAC 65581) IN WILLAMETTE RIVER BASIN

PURPOSE or USE: NURSERY USES ON 33.3 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 0.12 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: YEAR ROUND

DATE OF PRIORITY: DECEMBER 31, 2008

The well is located as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
3 S	1 E	WM	26	NE NW	2410 FEET NORTH AND 2650 FEET WEST FROM SE CORNER, DLC 43

The amount of water used for NURSERY OPERATIONS is limited to a maximum of 5.0 acre feet per acre and a diversion of 0.15 cubic foot per second per acre. For the irrigation of **containerized nursery plants**, the amount of water diverted is limited to ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 5.0 acre feet per acre per year. For the irrigation of **in ground nursery plants** the amount of water diverted is limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 2.5 acre feet per acre per year. The use of water for NURSERY OPERATIONS may be made at anytime of the year, during he period of allowed use specified above, that the use is beneficial. For the irrigation of **any other crop**, the amount of water diverted is limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 2.5 acre feet per acre during the irrigation season of each year.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484 and ORS 536.075. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 183.484, ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080, you may petition for judicial review and petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied. In addition, under ORS 537.260 any person with an application, permit or water right certificate subsequent in priority may jointly or severally contest the issuance of the certificate within three months after issuance of the certificate.

A description of the place of use is as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
3 S	1 E	WM	23	SE SW	2.0
3 S	1 E	WM	23	SW SE	1.3
3 S	1 E	WM	26	NW NE	8.4
3 S	1 E	WM	26	SW NE	1.0
3 S	1 E	WM	26	NE NW	15.8
3 S	1 E	WM	26	SE NW	4.8

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. The water user shall maintain, in good working order, a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director at each point of appropriation.
- B. The water user shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month, and shall submit a report which includes the recorded water use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the water user to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the right.
- C. The water user shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where any meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the water user to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

Use of water from the well(s) on this right is approved based upon information provided in the application, such as proposed well construction or pertinent well reports. Use of water from subsequently deepened well(s) is not authorized under this permit unless the water user demonstrates, using packer tests or other suitable methods, that the hydraulic heads of the water-bearing zones in the deepened interval are sufficiently similar to those in the authorized interval to prevent loss of artesian pressure from one zone to another.

- (1) Use of water from the well, as allowed herein, shall be controlled or shut off if the well displays:
  - (a) An average water level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
  - (b) A total water level decline of fifteen or more feet; or
  - (c) A hydraulic interference decline of fifteen or more feet in any neighboring well providing water for senior exempt uses or wells covered by prior rights.
- (2) The water user shall be responsible for complying with each of the following requirements for measuring water levels in the well.
  - (a) Use of water from a new well shall not begin until an initial static water level in the well has been measured and submitted to the Department.
  - (b) In addition to the measurement required in subsection (a) of this section, a water level measurement shall be made each year during the period March 1 through March 31.
  - (c) All water level measurements shall be made by a qualified individual. Qualified individuals are certified water rights examiners, registered geologists, registered professional engineers, licensed land surveyors, licensed water well constructor, licensed pump installer, or the water user.

- (d) Any qualified individual measuring a well shall use standard methods of procedure and equipment designed for the purpose of well measurement. The equipment used shall be well suited to the conditions of construction at the well. A list of standard methods of procedure and suitable equipment shall be available from the Department.
- (e) The water user shall submit a record of the measurement to the Department on a form available from the Department. The record of measurement shall include both measurements and calculations, shall include a certification as to their accuracy signed by the individual making the measurements, and shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days from the date of measurement. The Department shall determine when any of the declines cited in section (1) are evidenced by the well measurement required in section (2).

The water user shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this right may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the right.

If substantial interference with a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this right, then use of water from the well(s) shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interferences.

The well(s) shall be maintained in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine the water level elevation in the well at all times.

The use may be restricted if the quality of downstream waters decreases to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.

The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years.

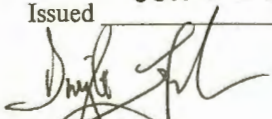
This right is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.

By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

The right to the use of the water for the above purpose is restricted to beneficial use on the place of use described.

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