

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF UNION

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

WESTENSKOW FARMS, INCORPORATED
62276 IGO LANE
LA GRANDE, OREGON 97850

503-963-3717

to use the waters of A WELL in the HUNTER CREEK BASIN for SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 186.8 ACRES.

This permit is issued approving Application G-13227. The date of priority is DECEMBER 24, 1992. The use is limited to not more than 2.34 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, or its equivalent in case of rotation, measured at the well.

The well is located as follows:

SE 1/4 NE 1/4, SECTION 15, T 2 S, R 38 E, W.M.; 876 FEET NORTH AND 1316 FEET WEST FROM THE E 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 15.

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year. The period of allowed use is when necessary for beneficial use for irrigation.

This right is limited to any deficiency in the available supply of any prior right existing for the same land.

The use shall conform to such reasonable rotation system as may be ordered by the proper state officer.

A description of the proposed place of use under this permit is as follows:

SW 1/4 NW 1/4	25.0 ACRES
SE 1/4 NW 1/4	25.0 ACRES
SECTION 15	
NE 1/4 NE 1/4	40.0 ACRES
NW 1/4 NE 1/4	29.8 ACRES
SW 1/4 NE 1/4	33.1 ACRES
SE 1/4 NE 1/4	33.9 ACRES
SECTION 16	

TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, W.M.

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order, 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 permittee to report general water use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
- B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

The well shall be constructed 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 water level elevation in the well at all times.

The permittee shall obtain a static water-level measurement for each well during March of each year and report the measurement to the Department within thirty days. The measurement shall be made by a certified water-rights examiner, registered professional geologist, certified engineering geologist, professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board. Water levels shall be reported as depth-to-water below ground level and shall be accompanied by supporting calculations. Reports and calculations shall be provided to the Department on forms provided by the Department and shall be certified as to their accuracy by the individual making the measurements. If a well listed on this permit displays a total static water-level decline of 25 or more feet over any period of years, as compared to the reference level, then the permittee shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s). Such action shall be taken until the water level recovers to above the 25-foot decline level or until the Department determines, based on the permittee's or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or senior water rights. The reference level for water-level declines shall be the second annual measurement taken after water use begins under the terms of this permit. The permittee shall in no instance allow excessive decline to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit.

If substantial interference with a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this permit, 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.

In the event of a request for a change in point of appropriation, an additional point of appropriation or alteration of the appropriation facility associated with this authorized diversion, the quantity of water allowed herein, together with any other right, shall not exceed the capacity of the facility at the time of perfection of this right.

Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit the results of a pump test meeting the department's standards, to the Water Resources Department. The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years thereafter.

Actual construction work shall begin on or before April 24, 1996, and shall be completed on or before October 1, 1997. Complete application of the water shall be made on or before October 1, 1998.

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

This permit is for beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require 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 use of water shall be limited when it interferes with any prior surface or ground water rights.

The Director finds that the proposed use(s) of water described by this permit, as conditioned, will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

Issued this date, April 24, 1995.

/s/ MARTHA O. PAGEL

Water Resources Department
Martha O. Pagel
Director

