



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

### PERMIT FOR FARM USE OF GROUNDWATER AND/OR SURFACE WATER

Permit Number: A24-065-0387

Original Issue Date: May 31, 2024

Permit Holder's Name  
& Address:



OCHLOCKONEE BASIN  
GRADY COUNTY  
UPPER OCHLOCKONEE RIVER WATERSHED

In accordance with the original application dated October 7, 2016, and the statements and supporting data therein or attached thereto or submitted in support thereof (all of which are filed with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and are hereby made a part of this Permit), this Permit is effective from the date of Permit issuance. This Permit is subject to revocation if water use has not commenced within two years of the date of Permit issuance per the Georgia Water Stewardship Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-5-31 et seq. and O.C.G.A. § 12-5-105 et seq.), both as amended. Permitted use may be suspended for the following:

- Non-compliance with any of the provisions of the Groundwater Use Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-5-90 et seq.) and/or Georgia Water Quality Control Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-5-20 et seq.), both as amended, or any of the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto;
- Misrepresentation made with the above-mentioned application or statements and supporting data therein or attached thereto;
- Non-compliance with any condition of the Letter of Concurrence(s) thereto;
- Non-compliance with any condition contained within the General Conditions for Water Use and/or Compliance Conditions for Water Use Under This Permit.

In accordance with the Provisions of the Groundwater Use Act, (O.C.G.A. § 12-5-90 et seq.) as amended, and the Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Use, Chapter 391-3-2, and in accordance with the Provisions of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act, (O.C.G.A. § 12-5-20 et seq.) as amended, and the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6, and using the tier agricultural conservation management practices associated with the Georgia Regional Water Development and Conservation Plans, promulgated pursuant thereto, this Permit is issued to withdraw, obtain, or utilize groundwater and/or surface water as follows:



*Jeffrey W. Cown*

Director  
Environmental Protection Division

### **General Conditions for Water Use:**

**General Provisions:** The provisions of the Groundwater Use Act and/or Georgia Water Quality Control Act, both as amended, or any of the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto will apply.

**Use Limitations:** The use of groundwater and/or surface water is limited to the quantity and purpose herein specified.

**Water Source Limitations:** This Permit covers only the specific water sources and locations listed in the Permit.

**Transferability:** The Georgia EPD may transfer or assign this Permit to subsequent owners of the lands, which are the subject of this Permit, only after receiving complete Permit Transfer Application Forms from the subsequent owners. The Permit will not be transferred except with the approval of the Georgia EPD.

**Changes in Use:** Any modification in the terms, use, or capacity conditions contained in the unexpired Permit or in the lands, which are the subject of such Permit, shall require the Permit Holder to submit a written application for review and approval by the Director consistent with the requirements of this part. If Georgia EPD concurs with your application, the Director will issue a revised Permit. Pending issuance of the revised Permit, you are committed to the conditions set forth in your current Permit. The Georgia EPD has the authority to modify any groundwater and/or surface water withdrawal Permit at any time.

### **Compliance Conditions for Water Use Under This Permit:**

**Water Metering:** All withdrawals requiring a Farm Water Use Permit shall be metered and metering will be administered by the Georgia EPD, as required by the Groundwater Use Act and/or Georgia Water Quality Control Act, both as amended. All water measuring devices installed are properties of the State of Georgia. Willfully injuring, altering, removing, resetting, adjusting, manipulating, obstructing, or in any manner interfering with or tampering with any water measuring device for the purpose or with the intent to produce an incorrect, inaccurate, or misleading measurement, or to cause, procure or direct any other person to do so, shall be unlawful. Once a water measuring device has been installed and approved by the Division, any modification in the location or placement of the device shall require the Permit Holder to submit a written request or proposal for review and approval by the Director. Any malfunctioning measuring device should be reported to the Division office or Division personnel after discovery.

**Irrigation Efficiency Requirements:** The Flint River Drought Protection Act (O.C.G.A 12-5-546.1) requires that active Permit Holders in the affected areas of the Flint River Basin and/or in Subarea 4 must complete and keep the irrigation system efficiency certification for their own records. However, if requested by Georgia EPD, you must submit the certification that your system meets the required irrigation efficiency. Center Pivot, lateral (linear) move, drip, and micro irrigation systems must exhibit at least 80% efficiency. Solid-set irrigation sprinklers and mobile (traveler/big gun) irrigation systems are required to exhibit at least 60% efficiency. Irrigation Efficiency Compliance Schedule is as follows:

- Permits issued after 2005 shall achieve minimum irrigation system efficiency by January 1, 2016.
- Permits issued from 1991 to 2005 shall achieve minimum irrigation system efficiency by January 1, 2018.
- Permits issued before 1991 shall achieve minimum irrigation system efficiency by January 1, 2020.

**Expiration Date:** This Permit has no expiration date.

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**Specific Groundwater Sources and Pumping Rates:** The groundwater withdrawal(s) listed below are for location(s) as specified on the Letter of Concurrence or as measured during a subsequent site inspection. A map G-12064, in Attachment A, indicating the location of the withdrawal(s) is attached herein and is made a part of this Permit. Maximum pumping rate(s) for each well can not exceed the quantities listed in the table below.

Well ID	Depth (Ft)	Casing Diameter (In)	Pump Capacity (GPM)	Aquifer
G-12064_G1	540	10	750	Floridan-Miocene

Table 1: Permitted Groundwater Withdrawal(s)

**Usage:** Water withdrawn from the above water source(s) shall be used for the purpose of annual irrigation on the 70 acres for which this permit is issued and/or other farm uses including livestock watering, pond refill, nursery/greenhouses, commercial fish production, or farm preparation of fruits and vegetables.

**Other Special Conditions:** There is no other special condition for this permit.

