

Handy Water Measurement Information

One Cubic Foot Per Second (C.F.S.)

This is the rate of discharge of water one foot wide and one foot deep, flowing at the rate of one foot per second. It is equal to:

- = 50 Miner's inches - Idaho, Utah, Nevada
- = 40 Miner's inches - Montana, Oregon
- = 448.8 gallons per minute
- = 1 acre foot in 12 hours 6 minutes
- = 1.9835 acre feet in 24 hours

One Gallon Per Minute:

- = 0.00223 (Approx. 1/450) c.f. per second
- = 0.0891 (Approx. 1/11) Miner's inches - Montana
- = 0.1114 (Approx. 1/9) Miner's inches - Idaho
- = 1 acre foot in 226.3 days
- = 1 acre inch in 452.6 hours

One Miners' Inch:

- = 0.025 (1/40) cubic feet per second - Montana
- = 0.020 (1/50) cubic feet per second - Idaho
- = 11.22 (Approx. 11 ¼) gallons per minute - Montana
- = 8.976 (Approx. 9) gallons per minute - Idaho

One Acre Foot is the amount of water required to cover one acre one foot deep

- = 325,851 gallons
- = 43,560 cubic feet
- = 12 acre inches
- = 1 second foot flowing 12 hours 6 minutes

One Acre Foot Per 24 Hours Equals:

- = 0.504 cubic foot per second (C.F.S.)
- = 226.3 gallons per minute
- = 20.17 Miner's inches - Montana
- = 25.21 Miner's inches - Idaho

The following formulas may be used to compute the depth of water applied to a field:

Cu. Ft. Per sec. X hours / No. of acres = acre inches per acre, or average depth in inches

Gal. Per min. X hours / 450 X No. of acres = acre inches per acre, or average depth in inches

Montana Miner's inches X hours / acres = acre inches per acre, or average depth in inches

Idaho Miner's inches X hours / 50 X acres = acre inches per acre, or average depth in inches