

TABLE 2. RUNOFF CLASS BASED ON FIELD SLOPE AND PERMEABILITY CLASS

Runoff Class Based on Field Slope and Permeability Class¹								
Slope %	Very Rapid >20	Rapid 20-6	Moderately Rapid 6-2	Moderate 2-0.6	Moderately Slow 0.6-0.2	Slow 0.2-0.06	Very Slow 0.06-0.0015	Impermeable <0.0015
	(in/hr)	(in/hr)	(in/hr)	(in/hr)	(in/hr)	(in/hr)	(in/hr)	(in/hr)
Level or Concave	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	VH
>0 to 1	N	N	N	N	L	M	H	VH
1 to <5	N	N	VL	L	M	H	VH	VH
5-<10	VL	VL	L	M	H	VH	VH	VH
10-<20	VL	VL	L	M	H	VH	VH	VH
>20	L	L	M	H	VH	VH	VH	VH

Note: Adapted from the National Soil Survey Handbook.

¹Based on the most restrictive horizon above 20 inches. If the most restrictive horizon is between 20 and 40 inches. The runoff estimate should be reduced by one class (e.g., medium to low). If the most restrictive layer in the soil is below 40 inches, use the lower class that occurs above 40 inches.

Runoff Classes: N-negligible, VL-very low, L-low, M-medium, H-high, VH-very high

Special Rule 1 - A soil horizon that has a seasonal water table is assumed to have very slow permeability.

Special Rule 2 - Runoff is rated as "negligible" (N) if the soil is in a depression, regardless of the permeability.

Assumptions:	1. Bare soil surface.
	2. Low water retention due to ground surface irregularities.
	3. Steady ponded infiltration rate.
	4. Bulk density of upper 10" is within normal range for the soil.