

Salinity Scale:

| EC level | Item | Description |
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| 10 | Rain Water | Excellent quality. Safe for humans and all plants and animals |
| 0 - 800 | Tap Water | Drinking water suitable for humans and animals |
| 0 - 370 | Stone Fruit, grapes | Cannot be grown when salinity exceeds 370 μS/cm |
| 0 - 2300 | Pears, apples, tomatoes | Cannot be grown when salinity exceeds2300 μS/cm |
| 0 - 3000 | Macroinvertebrates | Reduction in diversity when salinity is over 3000 μS/cm |
| 0 - 4000 | Laying hens | Eggs are prone to cracking when salinity exceeds 4000 $\mu\text{S/cm}$ |
| 0 - 5000 | Wheat | Cannot be grown when salinity exceeds 5000 μS/cm |
| 0 - 6000 | Pigs and poultry | Water above 6000 μS/cm is unsuitable for these animals |
| 0 - 7800 | Dairy cattle and horses | Water above 7800 $\mu\text{S/cm}$ is unsuitable for dairy cattle/horses |
| 2500 - 10000 | Drinking water | Not suitable for people. Only drink in emergencies. |
| 10000 + | Farming | Irrigation farming not possible. Only salt-tolerant pastures will survive in areas of dryland farming. |
| 0 - 15600 | Adult fish and frogs | Water above 15600 $\mu\text{S/cm}$ is unsuitable for adult fish / frogs |
| 55000 | Ocean water | Water can be used for making concrete or flushing toilets as long as they are able to resist corrosion. |