H2Flo™

Wetting and Water Conservation Agent

Product Information

H2Flo is a blend of soil surfactants which reduces the surface tension of irrigation water and allows both vertical and lateral movement of water.

H_2Flo leads the way in water conservation products with the highest concentration of active ingredients (88%) of the most advanced wetting agents available. H_2Flo allows growers and farmers to optimize the water use efficiency saving time and energy. H_2Flo can be applied as an initial humectant and also during the normal irrigation cycle where it will also aid the movement of fertilizers throughout the soil and thus balancing the EC levels.

Product characteristics

Dispersal:	Immediate
Substrate response:	Immediate
Longevity:	Up to 1 month depending on environmental factors & application rate
Packaging:	4 x 5 liter can
Product code:	0310.01.20

Recommendations for use

H_2Flo can be applied all year round, by drip, centre pivot and overhead irrigation. (If applied via a boom sprayer please consult your local ICL Specialty Fertilizers adviser or dealer). When using stock solution tanks, please fill them up and add H_2Flo afterwards!

Best performance: in light - sandy soils, preferably containing >1.5% organic matter

Application rate

Timing	Open field crops*	Covered crops, grown in	
		Soil	Substrate**
Pre planting or with the first irrigation / wetting up of growing media	2.4 litre/ha	2.4 litre/ha	0.2%
Monthly applications	1.2* litre/ha	-	0.1%
Weekly applications	0.3 litre/ha	0.3 litre/ha	

**the monthly applications can be split according to current irrigation schedule. For example, if fertilizers are applied once per week, H_2Flo might be applied at the same time, at the rate of 0.3 liter/ha!*

*** recommended concentrations refer to the stock solution tank.*

Product advantages

- Water savings; H_2Flo significantly reduces irrigation requirements, up to 25%*
- Can be used in conjunction with fertilizers
- It's quickly absorbed by all type of growing media, especially substrates
- Is effective through the substrate and not just at the surface
- Excellent horizontal and vertical spreading and penetration characteristics
- Flexible application programmes and flexible water rates

**Proven in official trial stations*

Trial case

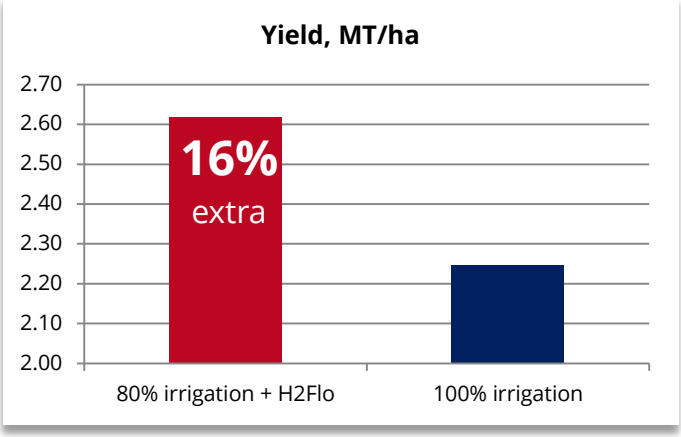
Trial set-up

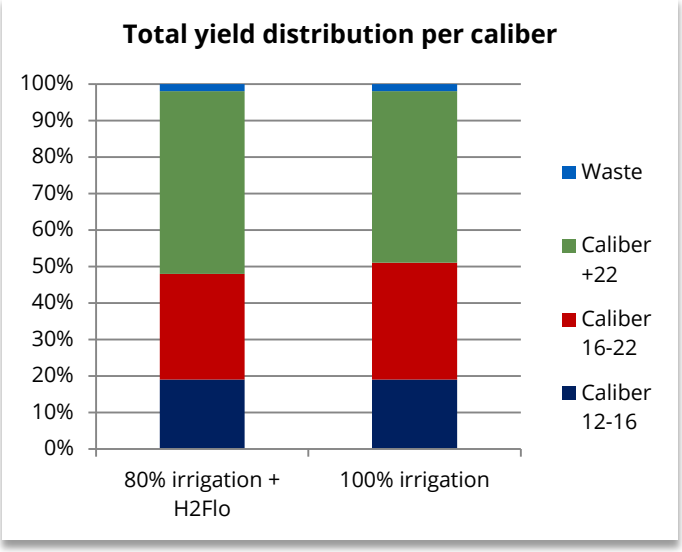
Objective:	Demonstrate that applying H_2FLO will result in a reduction in irrigation volume while maintaining or increasing yield.
Location:	Official trial station, France
Crop:	Asparagus, variety Grolim – white
Application method:	Irrigation
Soil type:	Sandy soil
Assessments:	Total Yield Commercial yield Caliber distribution

Treatments:

Grower practice	H_2Flo
The water was supplied via irrigation system without the usage of any water conservation agents. Treatment: – 100% irrigation	The addition of H2Flo in the irrigation system was done once a week, from June till October. Treatment: - 80% irrigation + H2Flo Dosage of H2Flo: 1.2 ltr/ha with first irrigation and 0.15 ltr/ha for weekly application in the period mentioned above

Results





Economic evaluation	80% irrigation + H_2Flo	100% irrigation
Marketable yield, MT/ha	2.62	2.25
Gross income, €/ha	17,270	14,792
Extra cost of ICL treatment (vs. grower practice) , €/ha	65	
Extra income/ha (vs. 100 % irrigation), €/ha	2,413	

Conclusions

- By using H2Flo, the yield increased up to 16% compared to grower practice (100% irrigation) and reduced irrigation water by 20%
- The total yield increased, especially in the 22+ caliber
- H_2Flo provided an extra income of 2,413 €/ha, compared to normal grower practice (100% irrigation), achieved only from extra yield. Reduced costs of less irrigation water, pump costs etc., are not included.

Attention

Store the product in a cool, dry and ventilated place.
As circumstances can differ and as application of products is beyond our control, ICL Specialty Fertilizers cannot be held responsible for any negative results. With this publication, all previous given recommendations expire.
Before a new rate, product or application method is used, a small-scale trial is recommended.
H_2Flo is biodegradable and is not hazardous to the environment.
Ask your local ICL Specialty Fertilizers dealer or the ICL Specialty Fertilizers representative in your country for more information or recommendations. Consult **www.icl-sf.com** for your contact in the region.

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