



Carryover – The Basics

Carryover limits - Access to carryover is based on water entitlements. The maximum carryover from one irrigation season to the next irrigation season is:

- Class C general security – 50 percent of water entitlements
- Class A and B high security – no access to carryover

The maximum volume of annual allocation and carryover (excluding annual transfer purchases) able to be received is:

- Class C general security - 110 percent of water entitlements
- Class A and B high security - 100 percent of water entitlements

Murray Irrigation applies the same carryover rules to water entitlements holders as the NSW Office of Water applies to the company's bulk water access licence.

The carryover rules are in the Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources (2003).

The same carryover rules and allocation limits apply whether water entitlements are held or not (zero water entitlements means limits are all zero).

Water efficiency allocations – In some years Murray Irrigation also makes efficiency allocations. Efficiency allocations are currently made as a percentage of permanent (Class C) delivery entitlements.

Efficiency allocations are in addition to the water allocation account limit of 110 percent.

Additional points

- Carryover is where unused water (megalitres) in a customer's water allocation account can be carried over from one irrigation season to the next.
- Carryover is automatic up to relevant account limits (i.e. you do not need to apply to carryover water).
- No loss factor applies to water carried over.
- Carryover is a "risk" management tool as it provides individuals with access to increased volumes earlier in the irrigation season.
- Customer's water allocation accounts (available from the *Water ordering* system of our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au) show the carryover and allocation volumes separately.
- The carryover volume is not reduced as the volume available increases - once the allocation account reaches its limit (110 percent for Class C) no additional water is allocated to the allocation account (i.e. allocation is forfeited).
- Carryover is not "lost" from water allocation accounts when there is a dam spill.
- There is no carryover on delivery entitlements.
- Different carryover rules apply between valleys in NSW and also between States.

Disclaimer: Murray Irrigation has taken all care to ensure the information contained in this fact sheet is correct; however changes in circumstances after the production of this fact sheet including policy changes made by government may impact on the accuracy of this information. The reader should seek further information for individual circumstances.