

Work Sheet to Determine Peak Flow Rate from an Agricultural Watershed

Watershed characteristics

1. Watershed size _____ ha _____ ac

2. Watershed length _____ m _____ ft

3. Elevation difference over length of watershed _____ m _____ ft

4. Average grade of watershed

Elevation difference _____ m ÷ Watershed length _____ m x 100 = _____ m

Elevation difference _____ ft ÷ Watershed length _____ ft x 100 = _____ ft
_____ %

5. Hydrologic soil group from Table 2.2 or OMAFRA Publication 29,
Drainage Guide for Ontario _____

6. Hydrologic condition from Table 2.3 _____

7. Runoff curve number from Table 2.4 _____

8. Choose the appropriate peak flow chart based on runoff curve number, i.e. Table 2.5-M to 2.11-M (2.5-I to 2.11-I). Read acreage across the top of the figure and average grade along the left side. Enter the peak flow rates for the appropriate return periods into the chart below.

Storm Return Period

2 years _____ Flow Rate (m³/s) _____ Flow Rate (ft³/s)

5 years _____ Flow Rate (m³/s) _____ Flow Rate (ft³/s)

10 years _____ Flow Rate (m³/s) _____ Flow Rate (ft³/s)

25 years _____ Flow Rate (m³/s) _____ Flow Rate (ft³/s)

Use the appropriate peak flows to design various structures as outlined in Section 4 in Publication 832.