



# Soil Moisture Monitoring (Location-Specific) Checklist

## Site Selection & Characterization

Defining the specific location(s) for soil moisture monitoring and understanding their characteristics.

### GPS Coordinates of Monitoring Site

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### Field Identifier/Name

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### Elevation (meters)

Enter a number...

### Soil Type (Dominant)

- ☐ Sandy
- ☐ Loamy
- ☐ Clay
- ☐ Silty
- ☐ Peaty
- ☐ Other

### Slope (%)

- ☐ 0-2%
- ☐ 2-5%
- ☐ 5-10%
- ☐ 10%+

### Description of Landscape Features (e.g., drainage patterns, presence of vegetation)

Write something...

### Depth to Water Table (if known, meters)

Enter a number...

### Aspect (Direction Slope Faces)

- ☐ North
- ☐ South
- ☐ East
- ☐ West

## Sensor Selection & Calibration

Choosing appropriate soil moisture sensors and ensuring their accuracy through calibration.

### Sensor Technology Selected:

- ☐ Capacitance
- ☐ Tensiometer
- ☐ Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR)
- ☐ Frequency Domain Reflectometry (FDR)
- ☐ Neutron Probe

### Manufacturer Recommended Calibration Range (kPa):

### Calibration Procedure Description:

### Calibration Value at Field Capacity (Vol % or kPa):

**Calibration Value at Wilting Point (Vol % or kPa):**

Enter a number...

**Date of Initial Calibration:**

Enter date...

**Upload Calibration Data Sheet/Report:**

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**Notes/Observations During Calibration:**

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## Installation & Deployment

Properly installing and positioning sensors in the field.

**Precise GPS Coordinates of Sensor Location**

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**Depth of Sensor Installation (cm)**

Enter a number...

**Distance from Plant Stem (cm)**

Enter a number...

**Soil Type at Installation Point**

- ☐ Sandy
- ☐ Loamy
- ☐ Clay
- ☐ Silty
- ☐ Organic
- ☐ Unknown

### Orientation of Sensor (relative to slope)

- ☐ Horizontal
- ☐ Vertical
- ☐ Angled (Specify Angle)

### Notes on Installation Conditions (e.g., rocks, obstacles)

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### Date of Sensor Installation

Enter date...

## Data Acquisition & Transmission

Setting up the system for collecting and transmitting soil moisture data.

### Sensor Sampling Frequency (minutes)

Enter a number...

### Data Transmission Protocol

- ☐ Wi-Fi
- ☐ Cellular (LTE/5G)
- ☐ LoRaWAN
- ☐ Satellite
- ☐ Wired (Ethernet)

### Data Logging Method

- ☐ On-device logging
- ☐ Cloud-based logging
- ☐ Local Server Logging

### Signal Strength (dBm) - Initial Measurement

Enter a number...

### Notes on Initial Data Acquisition Setup

Write something...

### Date of Initial Data Acquisition

Enter date...

### Time of Initial Data Acquisition

## Data Management & Analysis

Organizing, storing, and interpreting the collected soil moisture data.

### Sensor ID(s) Associated with Data

Enter a number...

### Data Import Date

Enter date...

### Average Soil Moisture (%)

Enter a number...

### Soil Temperature (°C)

Enter a number...

### Data Quality Flag

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Questionable
- ☐ Bad


### Notes/Comments on Data

Write something...

### Soil Bulk Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

Enter a number...

### Supporting Data Files (e.g., rainfall data)

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# Maintenance & Troubleshooting

Regularly maintaining equipment and addressing any issues that arise.

## Last Sensor Battery Replacement Date

Enter date...

## Sensor Power Level (%), if applicable

Enter a number...

## Sensor Communication Status

- ☐ Connected
- ☐ Disconnected
- ☐ Intermittent

## Describe any observed sensor issues (e.g., erratic readings, physical damage)

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## Data Logging Status

- ☐ Logging
- ☐ Not Logging
- ☐ Unknown

## Date of Last Sensor Calibration/Verification

Enter date...

### Notes from Maintenance/Troubleshooting (e.g., steps taken to resolve issues)

Write something...

### Sensor Physical Condition

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

## Reporting & Actionable Insights

Communicating findings and using data to inform irrigation and other agricultural practices.

### Average Soil Moisture (%):

Enter a number...

### Soil Moisture Deficit (mm):

Enter a number...

### Irrigation Trigger Status:

- ☐ Irrigation Required
- ☐ Irrigation Not Required
- ☐ Threshold Reached - Manual Review Needed

**Date of Last Irrigation Event:**

Enter date...

**Time of Last Irrigation Event:**


**Observations & Notes (e.g., weather conditions, crop appearance):**

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**Next Action Recommended:**

- ☐ Irrigate
- ☐ Monitor
- ☐ Adjust Irrigation Schedule
- ☐ Fertilize

**Supporting Imagery (Photos of soil/plants):**

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