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Common name	SWT (cb)	Soil type	Irrigation system or measurement equipment	Soil moisture sensor depth (inches)	Location, season
Corn for grain	50	—	—	—	Utah <sup>5</sup>
Cucumber	15–30	Fine sand and sandy clay	Drip	8	Piikkio, Finland; spring–summer
Lettuce, romaine	<6.5	Sandy loam	Subsurface drip	12	Maricopa, AZ; fall–winter
Lettuce, leaf	6–7	Sandy loam	Subsurface drip	12	Maricopa, AZ; fall–winter
Lettuce	<10	Red earth	Drip	12	NSW, Australia
Lettuce	20	Clay loam, sandy loam	Sprinkler, drip	6	Las Cruces, NM; summer–fall
Lettuce, romaine	30 <sup>1</sup>	Clay loam	Surface	12	—
Lettuce, crisphead and romaine	50	Sandy loam	Sprinkler	6	Salinas, CA; spring–summer
Radish	35	Silt loam	Drip	8	Luancheng, Hebei Province, China; summer–fall
Radish	20	Sandy clay loam	Control basin and furrow	7	Bangalore, India; winter
Rice	16	Sandy loam	Flood	6–8	Punjab, India; summer–fall
Spinach	9	Sandy loam	Drip	—	Maricopa, AZ
Squash, summer	25 <sup>1</sup>	Loamy sand and sand	Lysimeter	—	Tifton, GA; spring, summer, and fall
Sweet potato	25, then 100 <sup>2</sup>	Loamy sand and sand	Lysimeters in rain shelter	9	Tifton, GA; summer
Sweet potato	25–40	Silt loam	Drip	8	Ontario, OR; summer
Tomato	10	Fine sand	Drip	6	Gainesville, FL; spring
Tomato	20	Sand	Drip	6	Coruche, Portugal; spring–summer
Tomato	12–35 <sup>3</sup>	Clay	Drip	4–8 <sup>4</sup>	Federal District, Brazil; fall–winter
Tomato	50	Silt loam	Drip	8	Yougledian, Tongzhou, Beijing, China; summer
Watermelon	7–12.6	Sandy loam	Drip	12	Maricopa, AZ; spring–summer

<sup>1</sup>Twenty-five cb or 30 cb was the wettest irrigation criterion tested.

<sup>2</sup>SWT of 25 cb during plant development, then 100 cb during root enlargement.

<sup>3</sup>Thirty-five, 12, and 15 cb during vegetative, fruit development, and maturation growth stages, respectively.

<sup>4</sup>Tensiometer depth was 4" during the vegetative growth stage, 6" in the beginning of the fruit development stage, and 8" from thereon until the irrigations were stopped.

<sup>5</sup>Taylor, S.A., D.D. Evans, and W.D. Kemper. 1961. *Evaluating Soil Water*. Utah Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 426.

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