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Almond Irrigation BPM Project

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Hort Innovation Project Outline

Determine best practice for Almond irrigation with primary focus on dripper efficiency, filters and maintenance schedule co-ordination.

Develop Almond grower irrigation best practice management guide and associated tools/resources.

Increase the capacity of Australian Almond growers to adopt best practice irrigation management.

Equip Almond growers with a resource that can be used to train best practice irrigation management on farm.



On-Farm Irrigation Audit

50 almond blocks (30 sites initially, review methodology, further 20 sites).

Measure pressure and flow of at least 9 drippers across a valve unit, evaluate pressure variation, flow variation and coefficient of uniformity (flow).

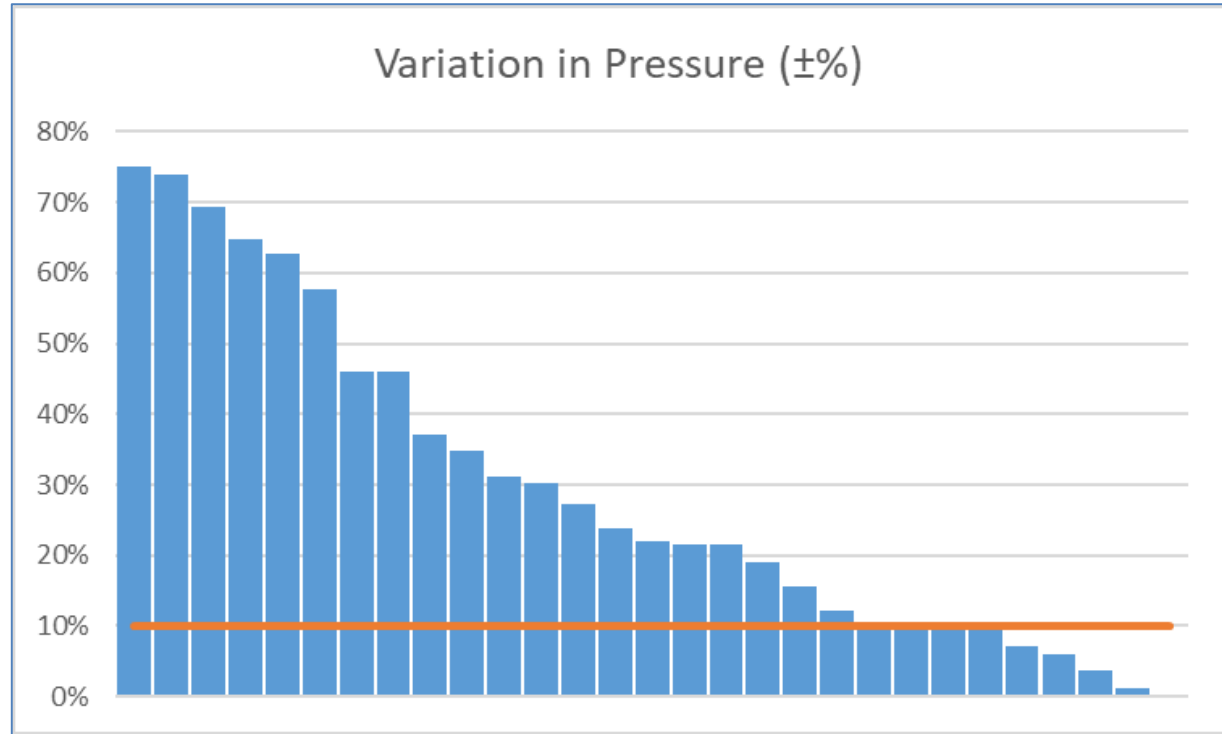
Questionnaire exploring irrigation system design, installation, filtration, maintenance and other issues.

Performance Audit

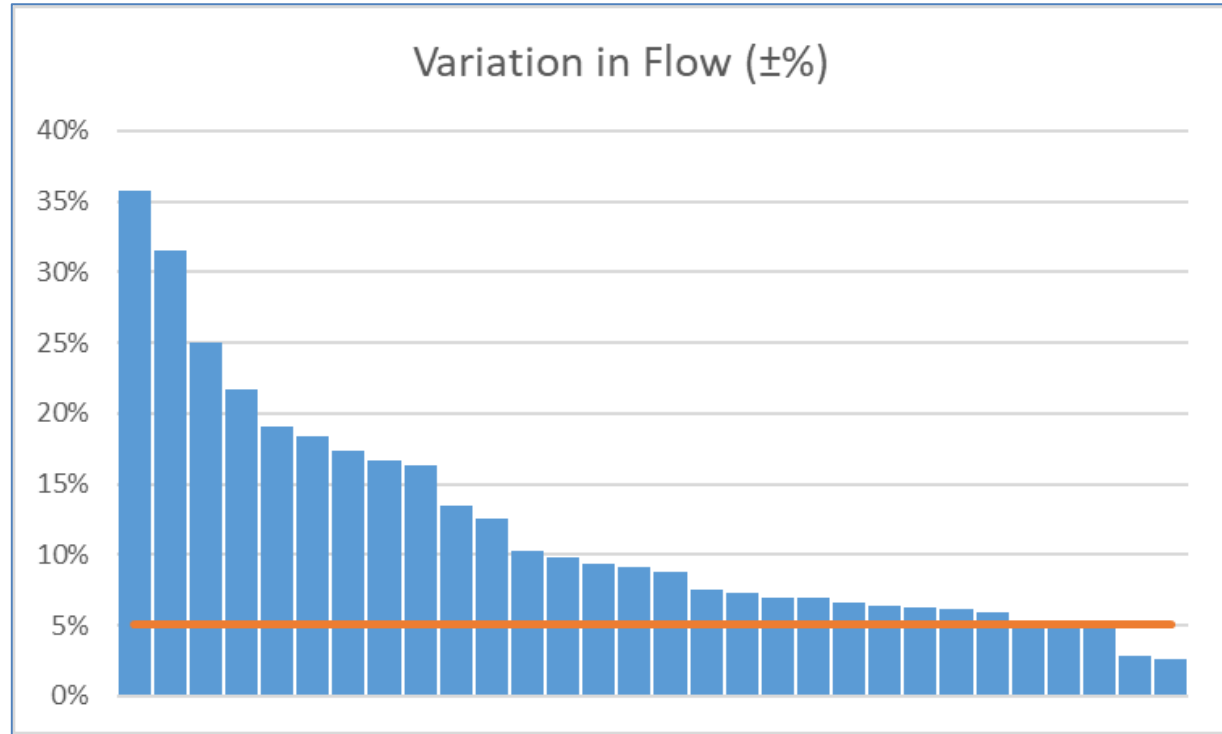
The initial 30 irrigation system evaluations have been completed.

- 1 x Northern Adelaide Plains
- 15 x Riverland (includes 7 x Lyndsay Point)
- 10 x Sunraysia
- 4 x Riverina

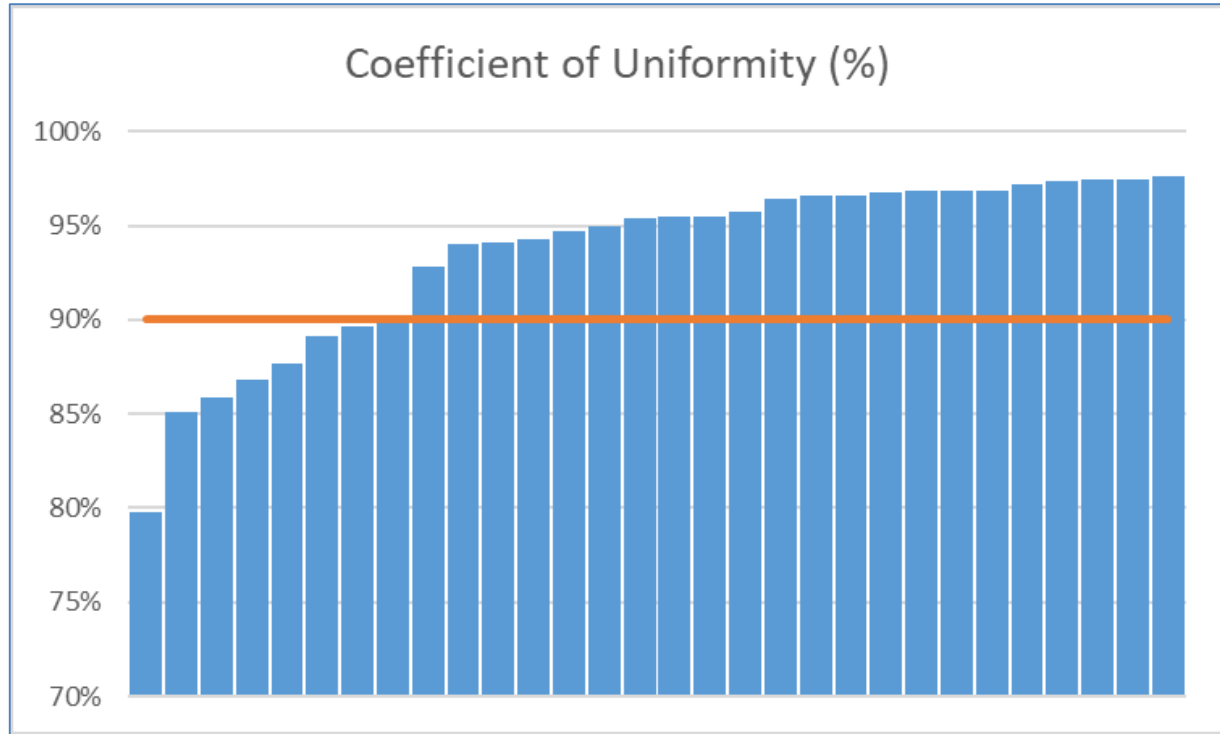
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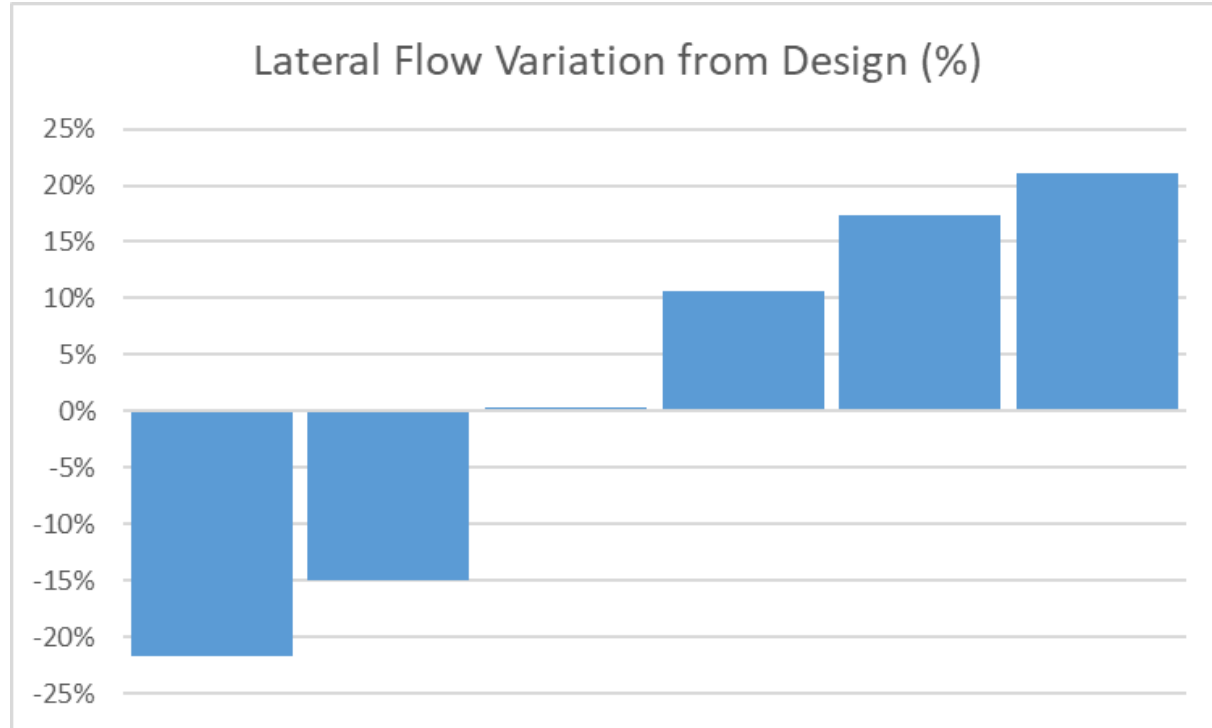
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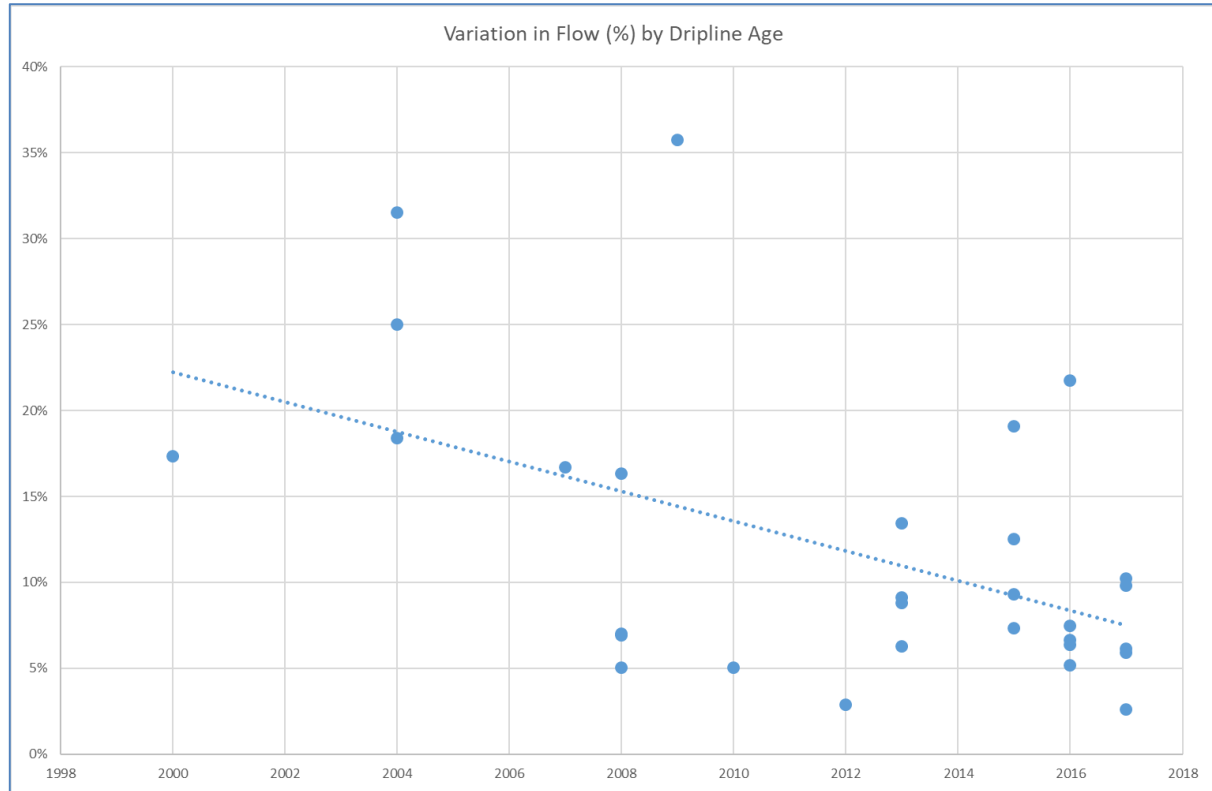
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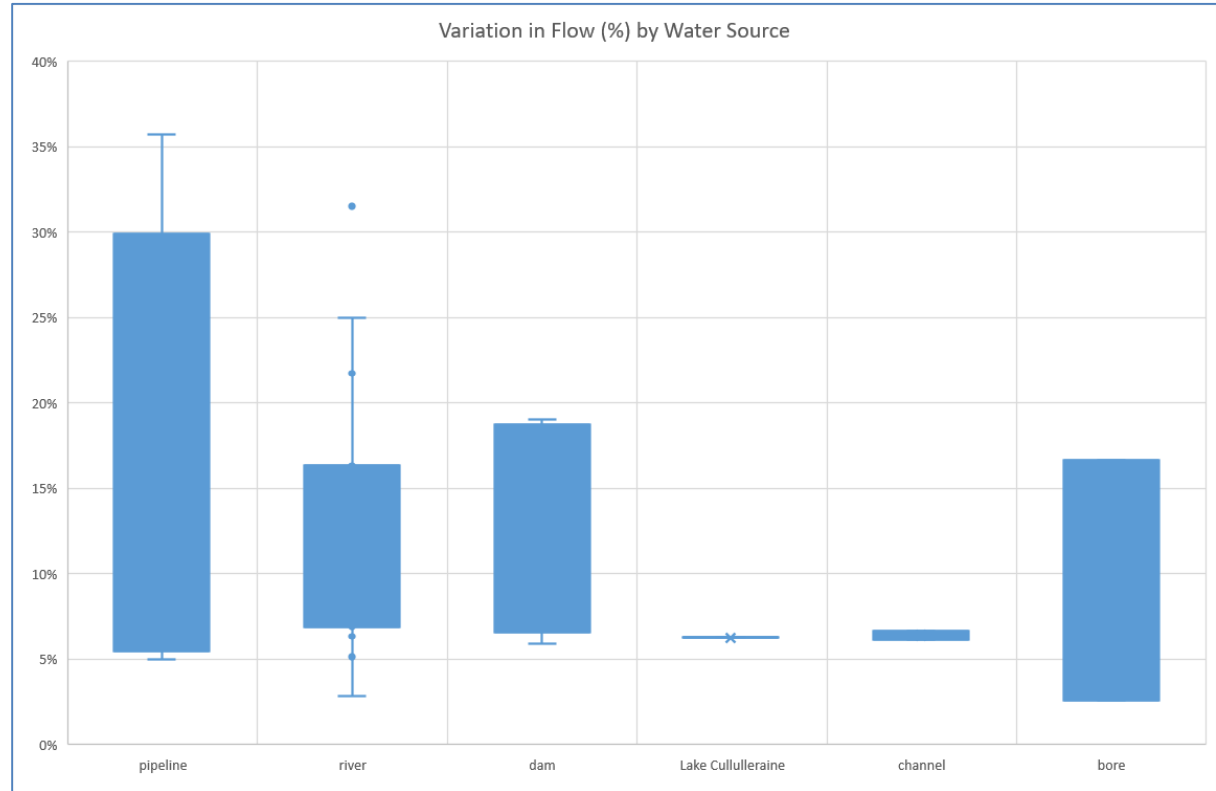
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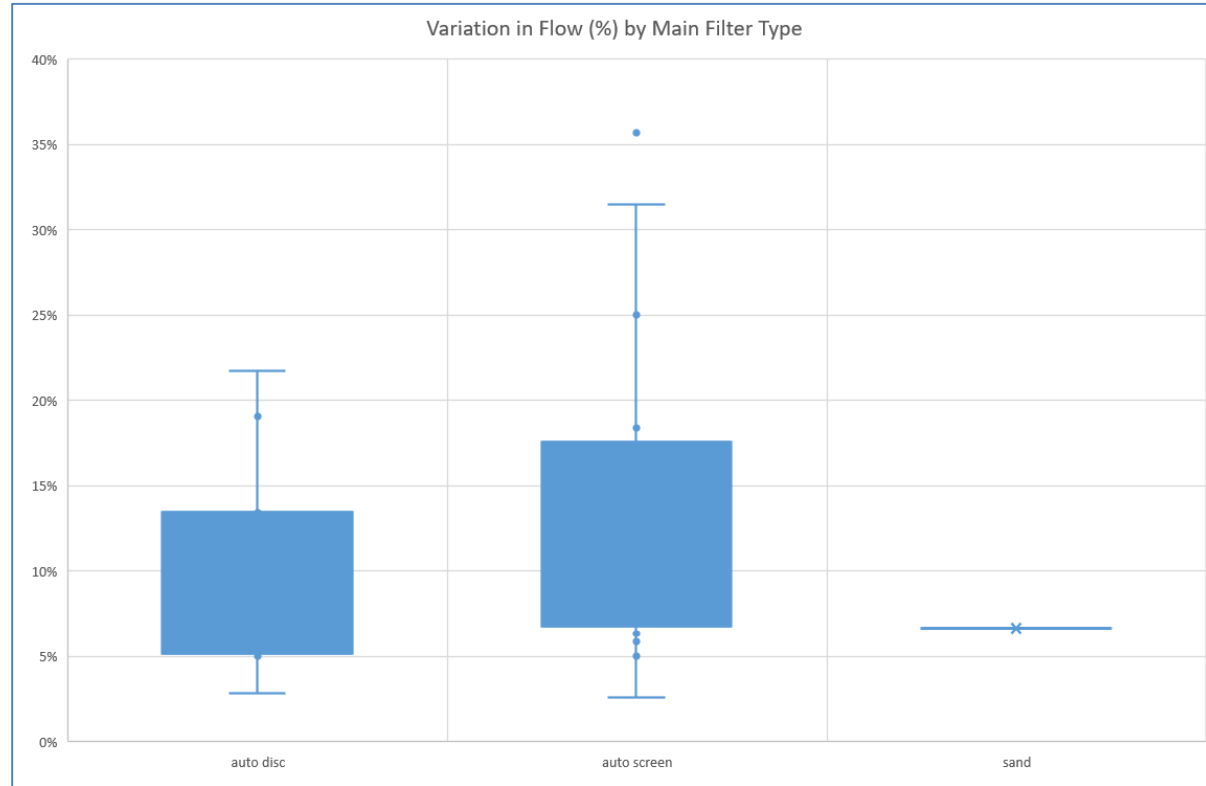
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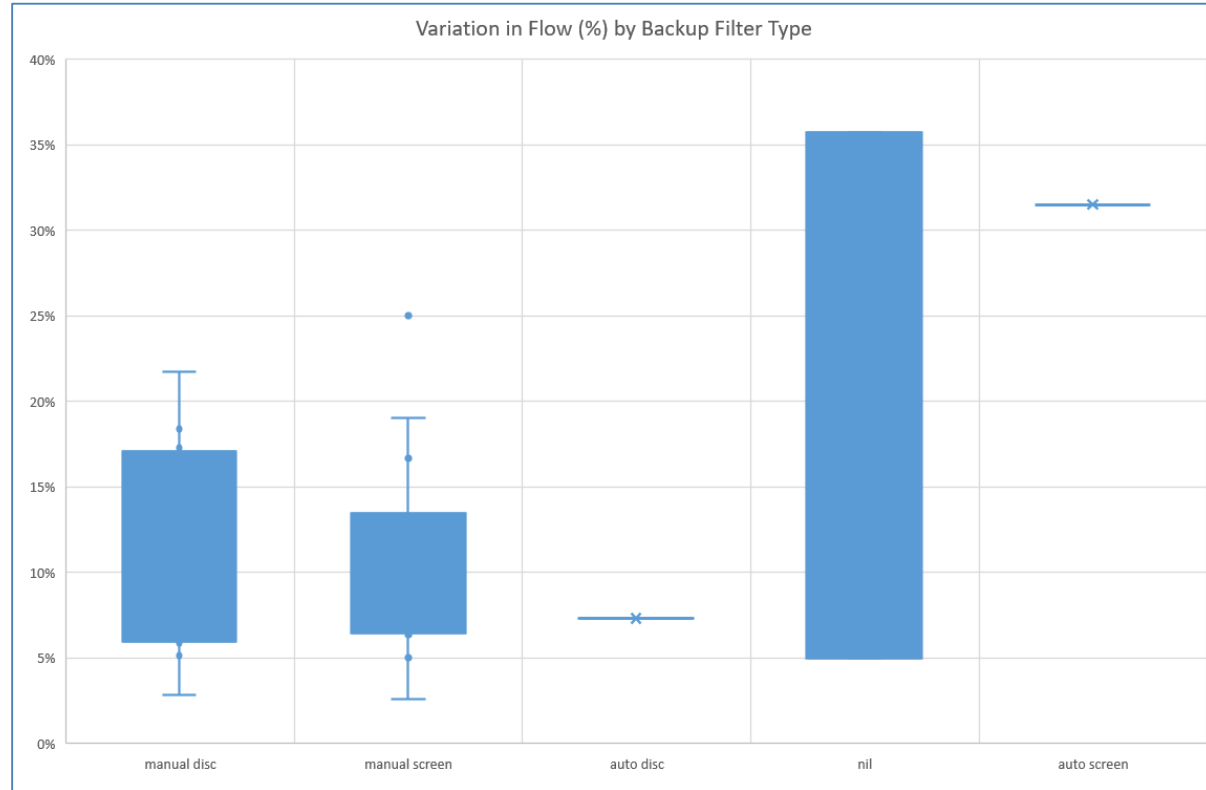
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**Irrigation
Performance
Checker**

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INSTRUCTIONS

-  **CHECK YOUR PERFORMANCE**
Performance of your dripper irrigation system
-  **REVIEW YOUR RESULTS**
View / compare previous irrigation checks you had performed
-  **INFORMATION**
Information and research on optimising your irrigation system

Testing Your Drip irrigation System

Watch later Share

Multiply the number of millilitres in your sample x 100 to get an hourly flow rate

DISCLAIMER: Any data submitted may be used for statistical analysis or aggregated with other data. It will not be

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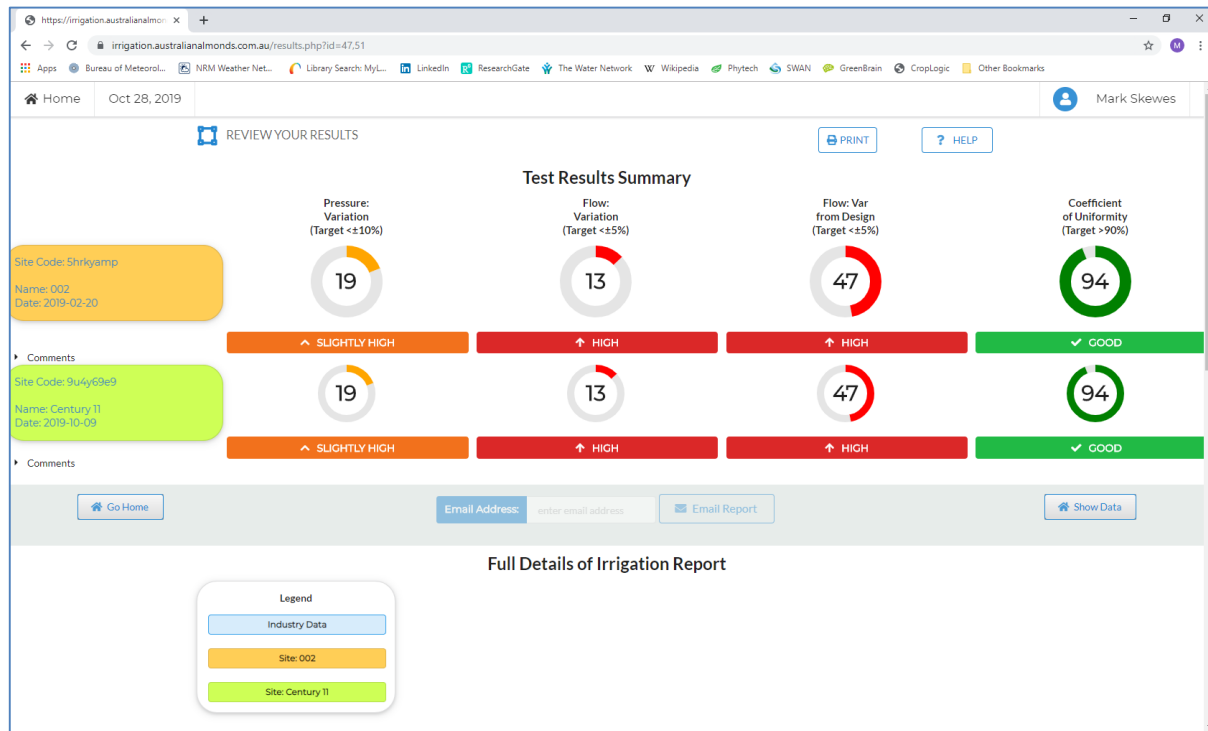
CHECK YOUR PERFORMANCE PRINT HELP

Enter details of your dripper system.

(* required)

Site Name *		Each site to have a unique name
Date *	2019-10-28	Enter date evaluation carried out
Property Name *		Owner or property name
Valve ID		Name grower uses for block tested
Emitter Make		e.g. Netafim, Toro
Emitter Model		e.g. Hydrodrip, Typhoon
Pressure Compensating? *	Please select..	Yes/No (pick from list)
Nominal / Design Emitter Flow Rate (L/h) *		As per system design
Design Emitter Pressure (kPa)		As per system design
Emitter Spacing (m)		Distance between emitters along lateral
Lateral Spacing (m)		Tree spacing divided by laterals per tree row
Laterals/tree Row		Should tally with above
System Condition		e.g. mechanical damage, leaks, blockages, crusting, slime
Horizontal Dripline Position		e.g. next to tree row, 2 m from tree row
Vertical Dripline Position		e.g. 1 m above ground, on ground, 20 cm subsurface
Water Source		e.g. river, backwater, channel, dam, bore

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://irrigation.australianalmonds.com.au/information.php>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website's header includes a navigation bar with a home icon, the date "Oct 28, 2019", and a user profile icon labeled "Mark Skewes". Below the header is a section titled "INFORMATION" with a blue information icon and a button labeled "? INSTRUCTIONS". The main content area is divided into three tabs: "Documents", "Videos", and "Links". The "Documents" tab is active, displaying a list of six items, each with a PDF icon and a "Download" button, followed by a "Link Website" button. The items are:

- Maintaining a drip irrigation system for perennial horticulture (NSW DPI)
- Drip Irrigation Owner's Manual (Toro Ag)
- Drip Irrigation System Maintenance Handbook (Netafim)
- Drip Irrigation Handbook, Understanding the Basics (Netafim)
- Sub-surface drip irrigation: System maintenance (Qld DPI&F)
- Measuring delivery of drip irrigation systems (WA DPIRD)