

Water Trading Tool Kit - Fact Sheet 9

Carryover – NSW

Carryover limits on general security entitlements differ between the NSW Murray and the Murrumbidgee irrigation systems. In both systems, no carryover is available on high security entitlements.

NSW Murray

A general security water owner in the NSW Murray is limited to carrying over 50% of the volume they hold in entitlements. The maximum volume of annual allocation and carryover held is set at 110% of entitlement.

This means that if an irrigator chooses to carryover 50% of their entitlement volume into the next season, once allocation in that next season reaches 60% (50% + 60% = 110%) then no additional water is allocated to their account, even if seasonal allocations continue to increase (i.e. additional allocation is forfeited and that carryover plus allocation cannot exceed 110%).

Murrumbidgee irrigation

The Murrumbidgee carryover rules are similar to NSW Murray, except that the maximum volume is limited to 30% of the individual's held entitlement, and the maximum combined volume of annual allocation and carryover in any one year is set at 100% of entitlement.

This means that if an irrigator chooses to carry over 30% of their entitlement volume into the next season, once allocation in that next season reaches 70% (30% + 70% = 100%) then no additional water is allocated to their account, even if seasonal allocations continue to increase (i.e. additional allocation is forfeited).

For both the NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee systems, no loss factor is debited off carryover water when carrying water over from one season to the next.