

Table 2. Summary of Groundwater Allocation and Permitting in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

	<i>Arkansas</i>	<i>Oklahoma</i>	<i>Texas</i>	<i>New Mexico</i>
GROUND WATER RULES				
Flow meter required?	For non-riparian irrigation permits only	None	May be required in water master districts	Required in some water master districts
Owner of ground water	Landowners	Landowners	Landowners	Public
Permit required for domestic use?	No	No	No	Yes
Permit required for other purposes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Quantity of water that may be withdrawn	Amount needed for beneficial use; subject to the other competing users	Two-acre feet/ acre owned unless a larger or smaller amount determined by OWRB based on groundwater basin characteristics	Unlimited except in designated conservation districts	Amount available and needed for beneficial use as determined by State Engineer