

# Hydrogel-Based Water Retention Solutions Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Product Type (Synthetic Hydrogels, Natural Hydrogels and Hybrid Hydrogels), Form, Crosslinking Type, Enhancement, Application, End User and By Geography

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## Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Hydrogel-Based Water Retention Solutions Market is accounted for \$2.2 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$4.3 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 8.7% during the forecast period. Hydrogel-based water retention solutions refer to synthetic, natural, and hybrid superabsorbent polymer products in granule, powder, and liquid forms that absorb and slowly release hundreds of times their weight in water when incorporated into agricultural soil profiles, improving soil water holding capacity, reducing irrigation frequency requirements, decreasing surface runoff losses, and buffering plant-available water supplies during intermittent drought periods across horticultural, row crop, reforestation, and landscape turf management applications in water-stressed agricultural and urban greening contexts.

### Market Dynamics:

#### Driver:

Water Scarcity Agricultural Adaptation Investment

Accelerating freshwater scarcity from climate change-driven precipitation pattern disruption, aquifer depletion, and increasing drought frequency across major agricultural production regions is compelling crop producers and horticulture operators to invest in soil water conservation technologies including hydrogels that reduce total irrigation water volume requirements by 30 to 50 percent while maintaining equivalent crop yield

and quality outcomes. Government agricultural water use efficiency incentive programs and mandatory irrigation reduction compliance requirements in regulated water districts create institutional adoption drivers beyond voluntary economic motivation.

**Restraint:****Synthetic Polymer Soil Persistence Concerns**

Growing environmental concern about synthetic polyacrylamide and polyacrylate hydrogel long-term soil persistence, microplastic degradation product accumulation, and acrylamide monomer soil leaching potential is generating regulatory scrutiny and organic certification body prohibition of synthetic polymer hydrogels in certified organic production contexts, limiting synthetic hydrogel market penetration to conventional agricultural applications and driving demand toward natural and biodegradable hydrogel alternatives that may have inferior water retention performance and higher cost.

**Opportunity:****Biodegradable Natural Polymer Innovation**

Natural polysaccharide and cellulose-based biodegradable hydrogel development achieving water retention performance approaching synthetic polymer standards at competitive cost structures represents a transformative market opportunity addressing both organic farming sector demand and conventional agricultural operator environmental sustainability requirements, enabling expanded market penetration into premium organic horticulture and sustainability-certified agricultural production contexts prohibited from synthetic hydrogel use under existing certification frameworks.

**Threat:****Precision Drip Irrigation System Competition**

Expanding investment in precision drip and subsurface irrigation infrastructure delivering controlled water application directly to plant root zones achieving equivalent or superior water use efficiency outcomes compared to hydrogel soil amendment approaches through delivery precision rather than soil retention represents a competing investment category that large-scale commercial irrigation operators may prefer over hydrogel products given drip system's superior long-term operational economics at

commercial irrigation scales.

### **Covid-19 Impact:**

COVID-19 supply chain disruptions affecting agricultural input availability combined with elevated food security awareness generated interest in water efficiency technologies reducing crop production vulnerability to supply chain disruption for conventional inputs including irrigation water. Post-pandemic climate change agricultural risk elevation, global water scarcity urgency, and sustainable agriculture investment amplification continue driving hydrogel-based water retention solution adoption across diverse agricultural production and urban greening application contexts globally.

The hybrid hydrogels segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The hybrid hydrogels segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, due to the superior combined performance profile of hybrid synthetic-natural polymer hydrogels delivering the water retention capacity of synthetic formulations with improved biodegradability and environmental safety profiles from natural polymer component integration, enabling adoption in regulated environmental contexts and sustainability-sensitive markets while maintaining the agronomic performance advantages that justify hydrogel investment over lower-cost conventional soil amendment alternatives.

The granules segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the granules segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, driven by superior handling, application uniformity, and release characteristic control achievable with granular hydrogel formulations compared to powder and liquid alternatives, combined with compatibility with standard granular fertilizer application equipment enabling convenient incorporation into existing farm input application workflows without requiring specialized equipment investment that would create additional adoption barriers for commercial crop producer program implementation.

### **Region with largest share:**

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, due to the United States and Canada experiencing severe agricultural water scarcity in Western states driving hydrogel adoption in fruit, nut, and vegetable

production, leading hydrogel product companies including BASF, Evonik, and ICL Group generating substantial North American revenue, and strong professional horticulture and golf course turf management sectors creating consistent premium hydrogel demand.

### **Region with highest CAGR:**

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, due to India and China experiencing the most severe agricultural water scarcity challenges generating urgent hydrogel adoption motivation, government water efficiency subsidy programs driving adoption among price-sensitive smallholder farmers, and rapidly growing urban greening programs across Asian cities creating large new hydrogel demand markets for landscape and reforestation water retention applications.

### **Key players in the market**

Some of the key players in Hydrogel-Based Water Retention Solutions Market include BASF SE, SNATURAL, Evonik Industries, Kyowa Hakko Bio, Archer Daniels Midland, Stockhausen GmbH, Beijing Hanfeng Evergreen, Koltun Group, GreenGrower, Agrinos AS, Soilmoisture Equipment Corp., ICL Group, Yara International, Sumitomo Chemical, Huagong Tech, Rallis India, and UPL Limited.

### **Key Developments:**

In April 2026, BASF SE launched a new biodegradable starch-polyacrylate hybrid hydrogel for certified sustainable agriculture applications achieving equivalent water retention to conventional synthetic formulations with 95 percent faster soil biodegradation rate.

In March 2026, Evonik Industries introduced a new STOCKOSORB granular hydrogel formulation with controlled nutrient release integration enabling simultaneous water retention and precision fertilizer delivery for high-value horticultural and nursery production applications.

In December 2025, ICL Group secured a major Israeli precision drip irrigation integration partnership embedding smart hydrogel soil moisture sensors within conventional drip tape systems for combined precision irrigation and water retention monitoring optimization.

#### Product Types Covered:

Synthetic Hydrogels

Natural Hydrogels

Hybrid Hydrogels

#### Forms Covered:

Granules

Powder

Liquid

#### Crosslinking Types Covered:

Chemically Crosslinked

Physically Crosslinked

#### Enhancements Covered:

Fertilizer-Infused Hydrogels

Biochar-Infused Hydrogels

Microbial/Enzyme-Infused Hydrogels

Standard Hydrogels

#### Applications Covered:

Agriculture

Horticulture

Landscaping

Forestry

End Users Covered:

Farmers

Agricultural Companies

Greenhouse Operators

Government Agencies

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

#### Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

#### South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

## **What our report offers:**

*Hydrogel-Based Water Retention Solutions Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Product Type (Synthetic...*

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants
- Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034
- Market Trends (Drivers, Constraints, Opportunities, Threats, Challenges, Investment Opportunities, and recommendations)
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- Competitive landscaping mapping the key common trends
- Company profiling with detailed strategies, financials, and recent developments
- Supply chain trends mapping the latest technological advancements

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