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PAR METER

PHOTOSYNTHETICALLY ACTIVE RADIATION METER

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PHOTOSYNTHETICALLY ACTIVE RADIATION

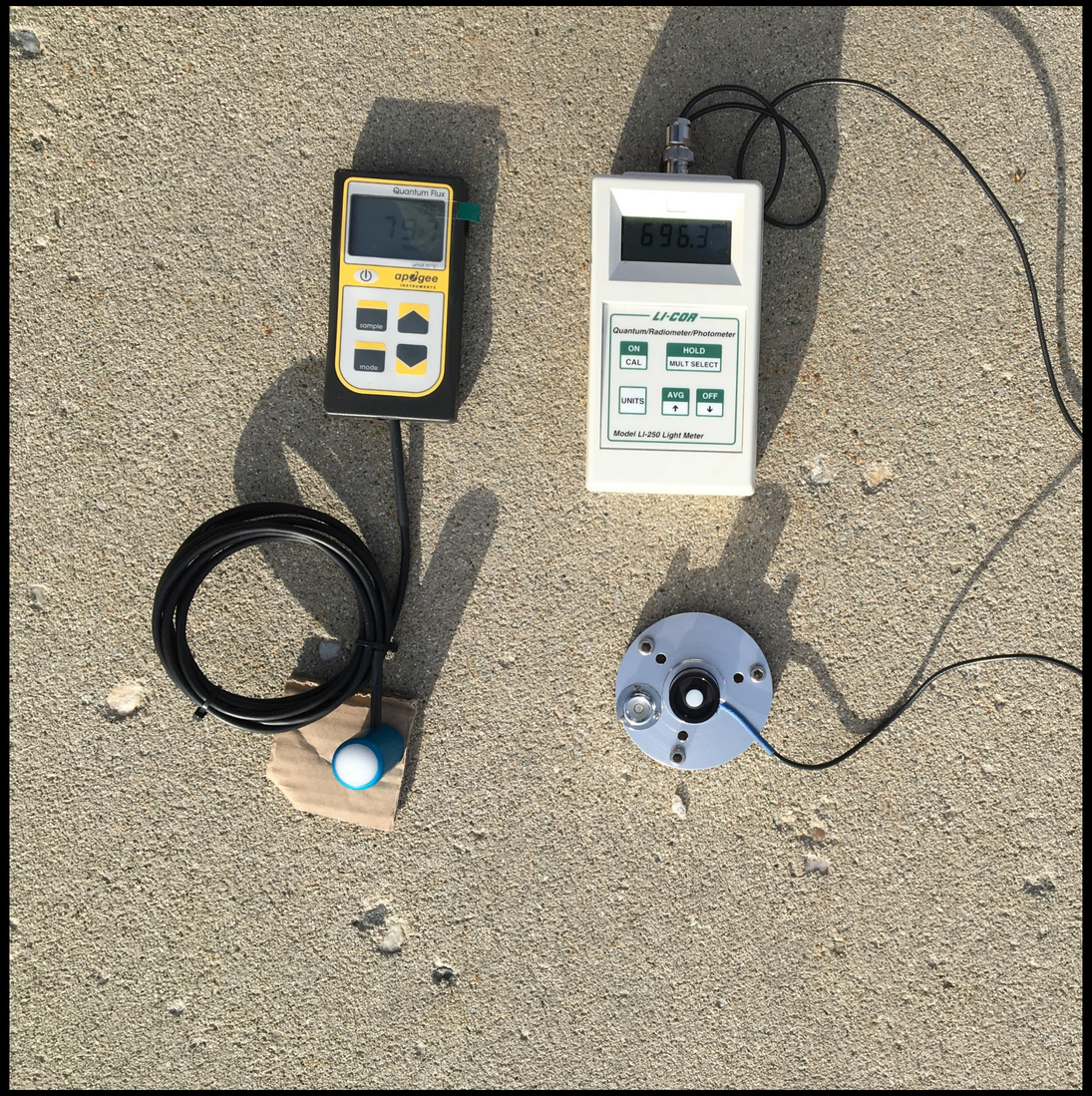
- *Light with a wavelength between 400 to 700 nanometers (nm)*
- *Increasing energy in the PAR range increases plant photosynthesis*

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Optimal light intensity maximizes photosynthesis and plant growth.
- For growers using additional lighting, it can help determine requirements so there are not any wasted expenses keeping the light on.
- Growers may also be interested in measuring light intensity through greenhouse plastics.

PAR METERS

- LI-COR Quantum Photometer
  - LI-250 Light Meter
- Apogee Quantum Meter
  - MQ-500



MEASUREMENTS

	Apogee $\mu mol\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	**LI-COR** $\mu mol\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$
Desk top	8	8.99
10 cm from Fluorescent Bulb	122	121.05
Outside Sunlight	797	696.3
Outside Sunlight	765	671.6
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Outside Sunlight	984	784.5

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