



Mission: To strengthen and expand irrigation to build and diversify our economy

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Why Become a Member of the North Dakota Irrigation Association?

What we have done....

- Supported the increase of the number of times a producer can use the AgPace Program from one to three times.
- Entered into an agreement with NRCS to promote water and energy conservation for irrigated agriculture.
- Monitored and worked on numerous activities in the North Dakota legislative sessions to support and strengthen irrigated agriculture.
- Worked with irrigators in northeastern North Dakota to identify innovative methods of developing water supplies for irrigation.
- Assisted individuals and organizations in developing markets for irrigated crops.
- Presented proposals to SBARE to support and fund research related to soil/water compatibility and controlling high water tables and salinity.
- Prepared and published grower guides for irrigated malt barley and corn in cooperation with NDSU Extension Service.
- Participated in tours and workshops to provide support and education for irrigation.
- Initiated a successful effort in the 2009 Legislature to remove sales tax from irrigation equipment repair parts.
- Participated in monthly teleconference calls to discuss irrigation activities in the state with involved groups.
- Worked with involved entities and individuals to initiate and implement irrigation using McClusky Canal water.
- Worked with other irrigation related entities to cooperatively support irrigated agriculture.
- Worked on development of irrigation with water from the McClusky Canal.

What we are doing....

- Participate in tours, workshops, and write articles to provide irrigation support and education.
- Provide assistance to individuals and groups for the development of high-value and other irrigated crops in North Dakota.
- Identify more efficient ways of obtaining water from Lakes Oahe and Sakakawea under changing water levels.
- Work to implement the Dakota Water Resources Act for efficient irrigation development.
- Support improved irrigation practices and development programs.
- Support efforts to study water table and salinity control on irrigated land including subsurface drainage and management.
- Participate in monthly teleconference calls to discuss irrigation activities in the state with involved groups.
- Work with NRCS, Garrison Diversion, NDSU and others to promote programs for efficient irrigation.
- Identify and monitor legislation affecting irrigated agriculture.
- Attend Missouri River meetings and provide input and support to promote optimum irrigation development in North Dakota.
- Support research efforts to determine the feasibility of using energy beets for biofuels.
- Support NDSU Extension and Experiment Station in the implementation of the Soil Health Initiative.
- Support research efforts throughout the state to optimize irrigation development and production.
- Monitor and support funding sources to enhance irrigation agriculture.
- Work on developing water supplies using off-stream storage and other innovative means for irrigation.
- Monitor Clean Water Act provisions and work to achieve favorable provisions for effective water management.
- Communicate and provide irrigation education through the *ND Water* magazine, newsletters, brochures, and other means.