

Coming Events

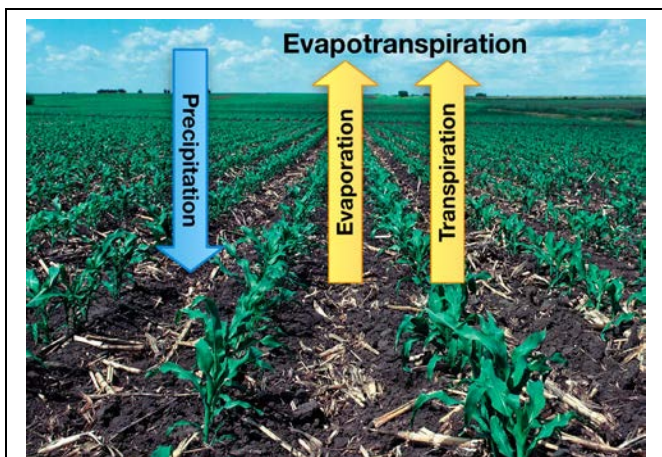
PROGRAM INFO

THE NRCS WILL BE ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS THIS SUMMER FOR THE 2015 EQIP SIGNUP.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 25TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY 2:00 PM @ CENTRAL PLATTE NRD OFFICE



Required Records for Cost Share Recipients

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide everyone Evapotranspiration Data (ET) who has received Central Platte NRD and/or Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) cost share assistance in the last three years. After installing the irrigation practices it's required you turn in your irrigation records and or printouts to NRCS. The form/s we mailed you earlier this month, if needed, are to be used to record rainfall, flow meter readings, ET, and irrigation applications in 2015 where the conservation practices were installed. This process should have started at crop emergence, and will end at physical maturity. **If a capacitance moisture probe is being used, please submit all printouts from your webpage, rainfall recorded, and flow meter readings at the end of each month during the irrigation season. All other forms of irrigation records are due into your NRCS office at the end of the irrigation season.** We do not want anyone to have to repay cost share monies received due to their failure to provide this irrigation information. If NRCS does not receive this information in the fall, we will have to notify the Central Platte NRD/NRCS. We appreciate your interest in water conservation and look forward to having this information completed and returned as requested above.

Across the NRD

The 2015 Crop Year Is Underway

There are some changes this year, in regards to where the newsletters will be posted online. In 2004 we created a webpage called the CPIrrigator for the producers required to keep irrigation records due to the cost share they received for irrigation practices. The web page provided our producers a wide variety of information pertaining to irrigation, as well as access to archived newsletters. They found a flow meter calculator to help determine acre-inches applied, a completed Engineering 80 example, as well as additional blank Engineering 80's. Well this information is still available, but it has been moved to the **Central Platte NRD's webpage**, the address for this web page is www.cpnr.org/.

Stage of Growth

The cooler temperatures and rains have moved some planting dates back and slowed crop growth thus far this spring. In fact, some fields sustained substantial damage from frost, flooding, and hail which has left producers with a decision to replant or stay the course and see what happens. Producers are currently trying to finishing up planting their soybeans, and starting to cultivate and side-dress the corn crop. The corn crop is currently at the 3-4 leaf growth stage. The soybeans are in the cotyledon growth stage.

Irrigation

Thus far, this spring has provided adequate moisture so the use of center pivots have not been need.

Rainfall

Rainfall records for Grand Island are as follows, on May 4th .50 inches, May 6th .48 inches, May 9th .30 inches, May 14th .70 inches, May 20th .20 inches, and on May 28th .20 inches of moisture received. As in the past years, rainfall amounts and growth stages will be taken from the Grand Island area. I have a centrally located field within the NRD I will scout and use to provide a generalized agronomy report.

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The following information is provided for Corn emergence dates listed:

Corn emergence during: May 5th to May 15th

Water used in the last 2 weeks .23 inches

Projected daily water use .03 inches

Corn emergence during: May 16th to May 26th

Water used in the last 2 weeks .14 inches

Projected daily water use .02 inches

The following information is provided for Soybean emergence dates listed:

Soybean emergence during: May 16th to May 26th

Water used in the last 2 weeks .16 inches

Projected daily water use .03 inches

Soybean emergence during: May 27th to June 6th

Water used in the last 2 weeks .00 inches

Projected daily water use .00 inches

The following information is provided for Irrigated Grass emergence during: April 15th

Water used in the last 2 weeks 1.58 inches

Projected daily water use .16 inches

Additional ET Information Sites:

KRVN radio broadcasts

KRVN.COM

UNL CropWatch <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/>

Central Platte NRD Webpage: www.cpnrd.org/