

HOUSE WATER COMMITTEE

JANUARY 20TH, 2026

CERTIFIED IRRIGATION SYSTEM ASSESSMENT (CISA) PROGRAM



WISE Program

WATER INNOVATION SYSTEMS AND EDUCATION

The WISE program is an expansion of our legacy Water Technology Farm and PACE Farm programs, started in 2016. (10-Years!)

Focused on pilot projects and feasibility studies used to advise policy, planning, research and cost-share programs in Kansas

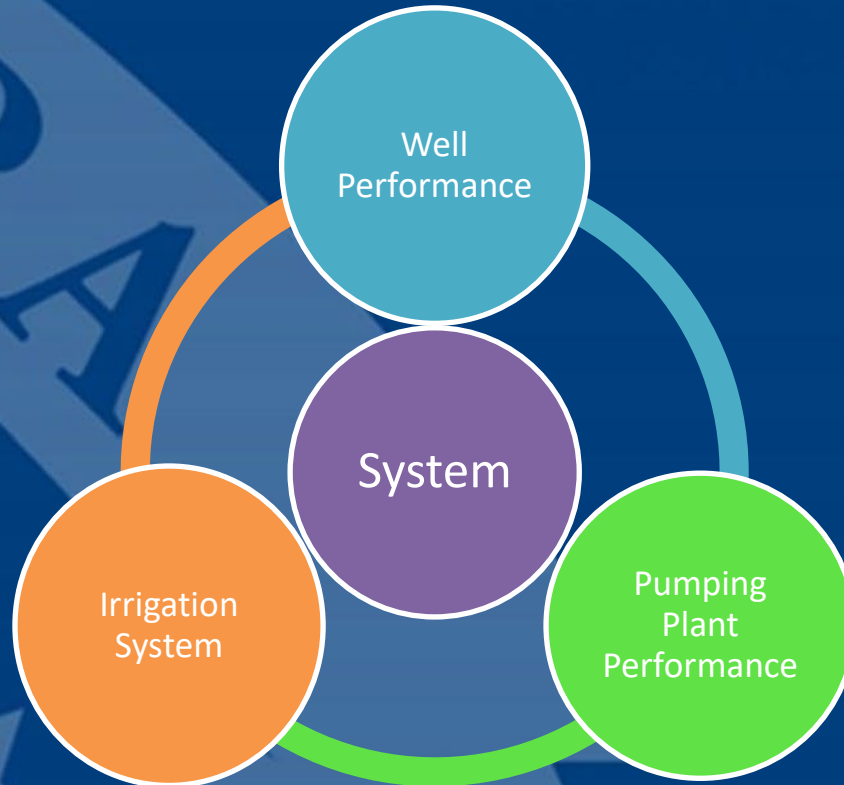
Public/private partnership program that focuses on fostering the implementation of field practices, equipment, technologies, management strategies, and education.

Goal: Result in measurable and scalable water conservation, improved water quality, overall ecological soundness, and enhanced public health – all using economically viable solutions.



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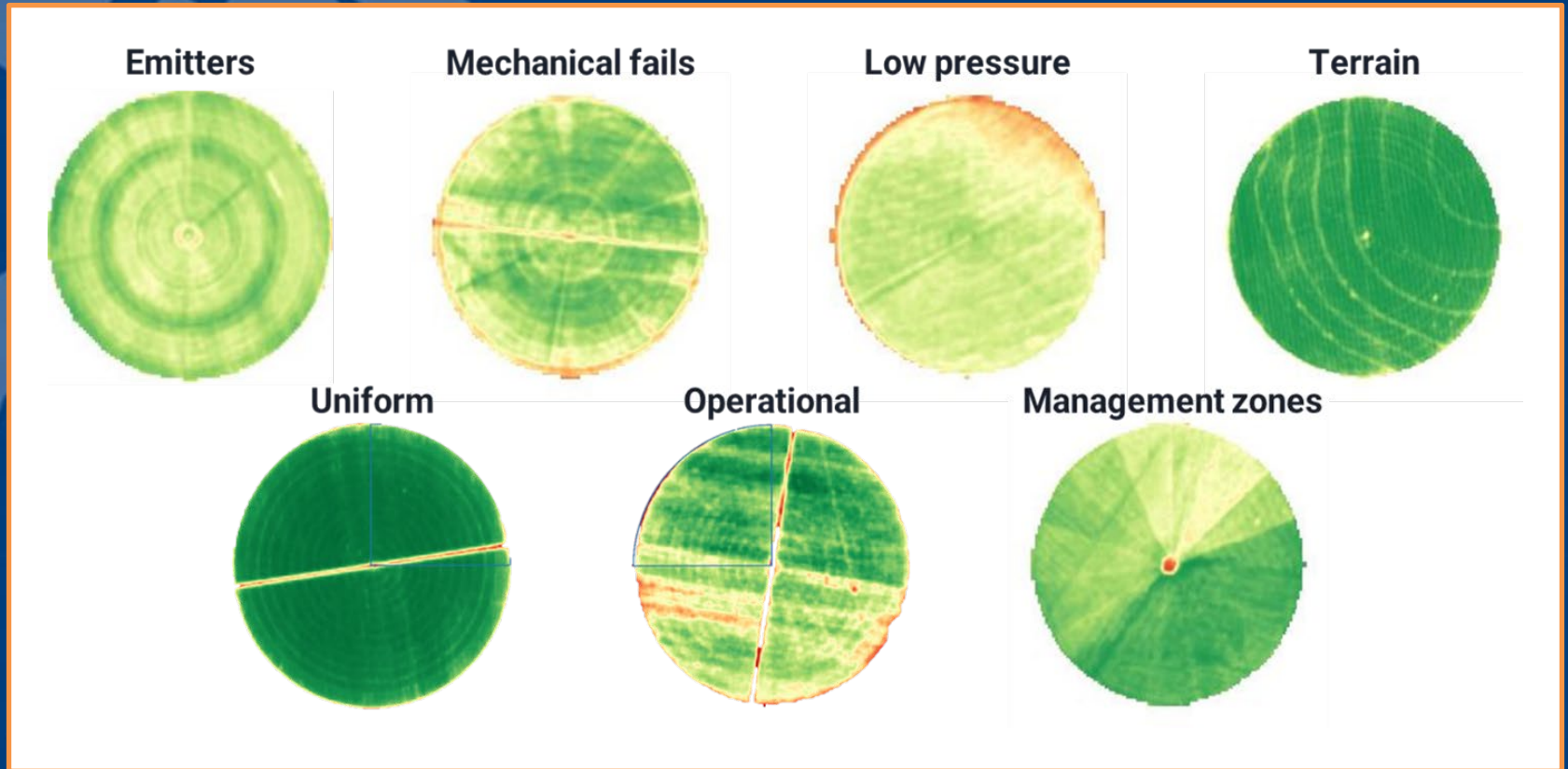
IF WE DON'T MEASURE...

...WE CAN'T MANAGE!



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A system to develop a targeted list of recommendations, based on objective findings, where cost-share dollars can be utilized to make measurable improvements.

Achieve better Water Duty while conserving water resources. Get more water into the root zone and used by the crop. More crop acres watered uniformly for the same or less amount of energy used and with less water pumped. (Return on Investment).

Develop productive feedback to landowners to help them achieve optimal irrigation water use.

Performed by trained and certified professionals; many of which are also NRCS Technical Service Providers (TSP)

CISA reports qualifies irrigated fields for Kansas ITI, HPA-RCPP, plus USDA EQIP and REAP grants.



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20,000+ irrigations systems in Kansas – 94% are center pivot (3 million acres of crop land).

Rattlesnake NRCS-CIG (2021-2023): 60+ CISA

KWO-WISE (2023-2025): 38 CISA

NRCS-HPA-RCPP / DOC-ITI (2024-2025): 132 CISA

TOTAL CISA: 230+ (to-date)

Approx. cumulative Water Duty (%): 58%-63% Effective WD
(Does not include 0.35-0.40 of loss due to ET)

We had one certified CISA evaluator at the beginning of 2025. Now there are four: **Lee Wheeler, Dan Spare, Jack Polifka and John Maxwell**. Five others are still in training and plan to certify in 2026.



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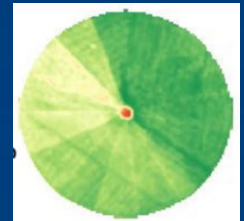
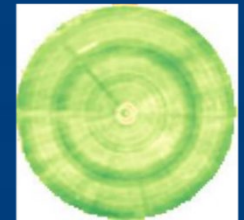
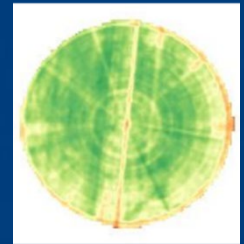
Continue to include and require the CISA on all State cost-share programs. Establish a baseline by which to focus cost-share dollars into improvements with measurable outcomes, using established and uniform protocols.

Continue to fund and develop our CISA training and certification program.

Recruit, train and certify more CISA Certified evaluators (Industry, producers, agency staff, university graduates, vocational students, etc.)

Continue to develop efficient onboarding tools and train cost-share program administrators.

Develop a pre-screen irrigation uniformity assessment protocol (satellite imagery analysis [remote sensing], Quick-Flow-Pressure test, self reporting, etc.)



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PILLARS

PILLAR I: WELL EVALUATION

Static Water Levels (SWL), Pumping Water Levels (PWL), specific capacity (GPM/Drawdown), well depth, drillers log, SWL at drilling, pump test, screen intervals, pump location.

PILLAR II: THE PUMP

Flow Rate GPM, PWL, PSI at Discharge, Energy use per hour, Overall Efficiency

PILLAR III: IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Sprinkler Package Design (i.e. WISH), test GPM and PSI, uniformity pattern comparisons

PILLAR IV: IRRIGATION WATERMANAGEMENT

Compare ET crop (irrigation + effective rainfall) to actual crop water budget, spot check water budget.



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ONBOARDING

ELEVATIONS

Measure elevation at each well/pump, base of pivot, and at the end tower.

SPRINKLER PACKAGE DESIGN

Design from irrigation supply dealer(e.g. WISH, V-Chart, Z-Chart).•

KANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY INFORMATION

WIMAS, WWC5, WIZARD, or any other useful documents. •

WELL AND PUMPING PLANT SPECIFICATIONS

Depth of well and pump intake, as well as pump assembly and design specifications.



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PSI/POSITION GRAPH

Water pressure information from past and current years from the irrigation management software (e.g. AgSense, FieldNet, AP). Desired location is the end tower.

PRESSURE GAUGE ISOLATION VALVE ATTACHMENT

At pump discharge, before/after each butterfly valve, and base of pivot or on riser.

ANNUAL ENERGY USE REPORTING

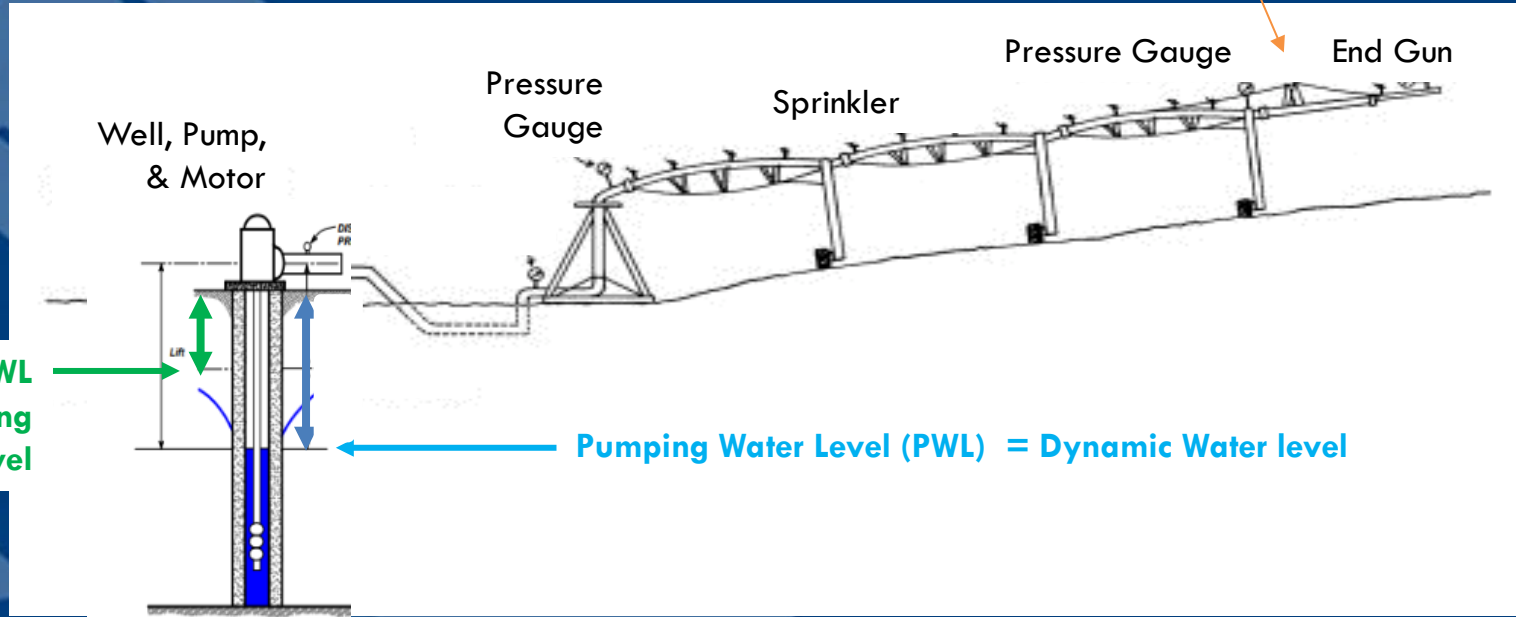
Annual energy report, water use report, diesel usage, natural gas usage, KWh total, money spent on energy total.



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$\text{Drawdown} = \text{PWL} - \text{SWL}$

Minimum Pressure = regulator setting + 5 psi



Static Water Level, SWL
= non-pumping
ground water level

Pumping Water Level (PWL) = Dynamic Water level

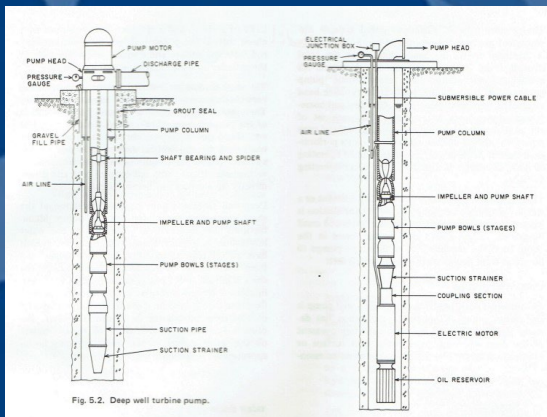


Fig. 5.2. Deep well turbine pump.



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Lee Wheeler Engineering; Cactus Hill Ag Consulting 11/2014 Version

ELECTRIC MOTOR PUMP/SYSTEM TEST FORMAT

Date: _____ Farm: _____		Motor Make: _____	VOLTS: _____
Field (s): _____		Service Factor: _____	AMPS: _____
Well ID or Location: _____		HP: _____	RPM: _____
Farm Flow Meter S/N: _____	Flow Meter GPM (Needle): _____	Timed flow meter: Units _____ Multiplier: _____ Time _____	Timed GPM: _____ Date: _____

Sprinkler System Information		Package Design:	GPM	PSI	Date:
System Make:	No. of Towers:	HP per Tower::			
Height:	Pipe Size (O.D.):	Coating:			
Nozzle Type:	Nozzle Height:	End Gun Type:	End Gun Size:		
Distance to End Tower: _____ Ft.	Speed at 100% to Travel _____ ft:	Fastest Circle:	Hr.		
20%:	50 %:	Cycle Time:			

Collins Meter/FUJI Flow Measurement Data

Pipe ID: _____ (ID=OD-2Xpipe thickness)	Collins Pitot Stops/Bar spacing: _____	Collins Multiplier ((2.55 [D x D] - 0): Multiplier (2.45 X [D x D]** For >10" Pipe ID
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Operating Data: (Ground Surface is reference point)

Static Water Level: _____ (Ft)	Pressure at Pivot: _____	Pressure at End: _____
Height of Gauge at Pivot: _____		Height of gauge at end: _____

Specific Capacity: _____ GPM /D.D. _____ Ft
(D.D. = PWS-200)
 Start Pumping W L: _____ (Ft)
 Pumping WL: _____ (Ft) after _____ Hrs End Gun: ON OFF

Corner System: Extended Tucked

Collins Meter Velocities: 1) _____	2) _____	3) _____	4) _____	Avg: _____	ft/sec
FUJI Gallons: _____	Time: _____	Collins Flow: AVG Ft. Sec X Multiplier = _____			

Flow Rate (Velocity X Multiplier) = _____ GPM

TOTAL DYNAMIC HEAD (T.D.H.): Final Pressure @ Gauge _____ psi X 2.31 = _____ Ft. Pressure Head

T.D.H = _____ Ft. Pressure Head + Final Pumping Water Level _____ ft + Height of Pressure Gauge _____ Ft. + Column Pipe Loss (5ft/100ft of pump setting) _____ ft + Minor Losses (conveyance, bends etc) _____ Ft = _____ Ft. T.D.H.

Water Horsepower W.H.P. = (T. D. H. _____ Ft X System Flow _____ GPM)/3960 = _____ W. H. P.

3 Phase Line Amperages : _____ at _____ Volts

Power Meter Kh : _____ Meter # : _____ Company: _____ Meter Reading: _____ kWh

Time to Complete 10 Revolutions: _____ SEC Timer Setting % _____ Meter Max KW: _____
 End Gun Booster: ON OFF

Meter Motor Horsepower M.H.P. = (10 Rev X _____ Kh X 4.82) / _____ Sec. = _____ M. H. P. (Use Tower Meter)

Equation Motor Horsepower M.H.P. = Avg. Amps X Avg. Volts X $\sqrt{3}$ X P.F. (0.85)/746 = _____ Eq. M. H. P.

Adjust M.H.P. for system and Booster Pump to get Pump Motor only MHP = _____

System K.W.D. = _____	Pump K.W.D. = _____
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65-70% Excellent; 60-65% Good; 55-60% OK; 50-55% Fair; <50% Poor

PUMPING PLANT EFFICIENCY = WHP / MHP (pump only) X 100 _____



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WATER WELL RECORD Form WWC-5

Division of Water Resources App. No. [] Well ID []

Original Record Correction Change in Well Use

1 LOCATION OF WATER WELL: County: [] Fracture: [] Section Number: [] Township Number: [] Range Number: []

2 WELL OWNER: Last Name: [] First: [] Street or Rural Address where well is located (if unknown, distance and direction from nearest town or intersection): If at owner's address, check here:

3 LOCATE WELL WITH "X" IN SECTION BOX: N [] W [] E [] S []

4 DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL: 214 ft. Depth(s) Groundwater Encountered: 1) [] ft. 2) [] ft. 3) [] ft. or 4) Dry Well

5 Latitude: [] Longitude: [] Horizontal Datum: WGS 84 NAD 83 NAD 27

6 Elevation: [] ft. Ground Level TOC

7 WELL WATER TO BE USED AS: 1. Domestic: Household Lawn & Garden Livestock Irrigation Feedlot Industrial

8 TYPE OF CASING USED: Steel PVC Other

9 GROUT MATERIAL: Neat cement Cement grout Bentonite Other

10 FROM TO LITHOLOGIC LOG:

FROM	TO	LITHOLOGIC LOG	FROM	TO	LITHO. LOG (cont.) or PLUGGING INTERVALS
0	2	Top soil	152	155	Cemented sand streaks
2	10	Brown clay	155	165	Green gray clay
10	52	Soft sandy clay	165	180	Gravel- fine to small clean
52	62	Soft cemented sand	180	184	Tan clay
62	85	Sand & gravel- small med clean coarse loose	184	214	Sand & gravel- med clean coarse w/ broken rock (ironated)
85	89	Green gray tinted clay			
89	110	Tan clay			
110	152	Green gray tan clay			

11 CONTRACTOR'S OR LANDOWNER'S CERTIFICATION: This water well was constructed, reconstructed, or plugged under my jurisdiction and was completed on (no-day-year) 4-6-18, and this record is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Kansas Water Well Contractor No. 132 is Water Well Record was (no-day-year) 4-6-18 under the business name of [] Signature []

Mail 1 white copy along with a fee of \$5.00 for each constructed well to: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, OWTS Section, 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1867. Mail one to Water Well Owner and retain one for your records. Telephone 785-296-5524. Visit us at www.kdheks.gov/bwaterwellrec.htm KSA 82a-1212 Revised 7/10/2015

WISH-30256 PRECIPITATION CHART FEBRUARY 03, 2000

DEALER - WOOPSTER CONSTRUCTION & IRRIGATION IRRIGATOR - MARSHALL RHEA

TOTAL LENGTH PIPE = 1304.37 SYSTEM PRESSURE = 25 PSI MOTOR SIZE (HP) = 3/4
 GPM UNDER PIPE = 550.04 TOTAL GPM = 550.04 LOADED MOTOR RPM = 1750
 ACRES UNDER PIPE = 122.72 CENTER GEAR BOX RATIO = 40
 RANGE OF ENDGUN = .00 WHEEL GEAR BOX RATIO = 50
 GPM OF ENDGUN = .00 TIRE SIZE = 11 X 24.5
 ACRES UNDER ENDGUN = .00 LAST TOWER SPEED (FPM) = 9.45

PRECIPITATION BASED		TIMER BASED	
PRECIPITATION INCHES	% TIMER SETTING	TIME HOURS	% TIMER SETTING
.14	100.00	13.95	100.00
.20	69.09	20.19	90.60
.25	55.27	25.24	80.90
.30	46.06	30.29	70.00
.40	34.55	50.48	60.00
.50	27.64	60.58	50.00
.60	23.03	70.67	45.00
.70	19.74	80.87	40.00
.75	18.42	75.72	39.00
.80	17.27	80.77	25.00
.90	15.38	90.87	20.00
1.00	13.82	100.96	20.00
1.25	11.05	126.20	15.00
1.50	9.21	151.44	10.00
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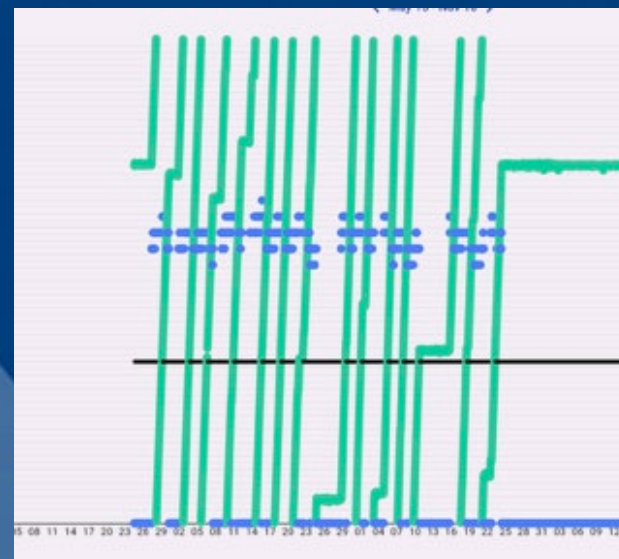
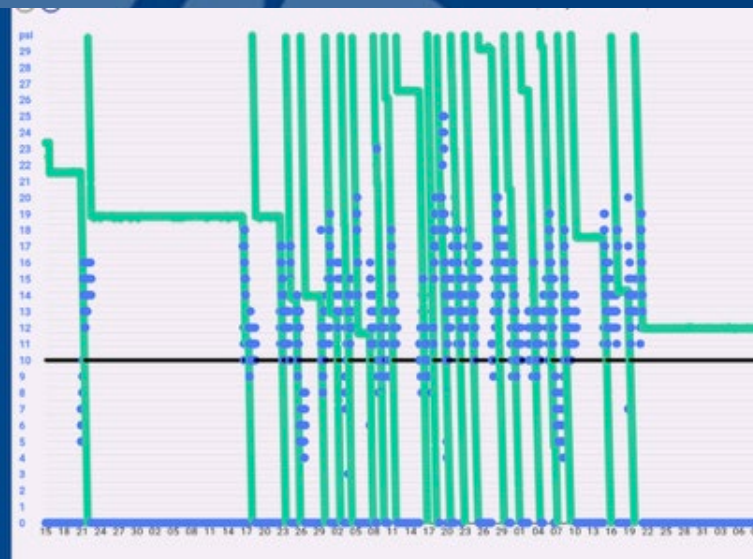
TESTING

Pump Well Pivot Evaluation		Electrical Conversion IF Electricity were Available		Stay with Diesel New Pump
KWQ WISE				
*April 2024				
Diesel Engine Well is 1300 West of Pivot	Twin R55 Nelson No Booster Egs OFF	New Pumps, Motors		
Flow Rate timed McCrometer	693	Modify orifices for new flow rate 700 gpm With No End Guns		
Needle reading McCrometer	700			
Pressure at pump	41	Flow Rate	700	700
Pressure at pivot base	39	Press at end tower	20	20
Press on top of pivot	33	HF pivot friction loss psi	7.43	7.43
Nozzling Package Design GPM	800	Psi loss to highest pt in field	1.73	1.73
PSI on top of pivot	45	Measured HF to pivot base	2	2
Pressure REG setting	15			
Sprinkler Type	R-3000 Org pad	Required Press at Pump	36.36	36.36
In highest elevation of field -psi	23.84	Required Press at Pivot on Top	29.16	29.16
Required Pressure Minimum	15			
Pressure at End Boom bottom drop	26	Design Total Dynamic Head, TDH	149.21	149.21
Static Water Level	31	Includes 5 future GW decline		
Pumping Water Level	53	Water HP	26.38	26.38
Well's Specific Capacity		Pumping Water Level Future	58	58
gpm/ft of DD	31.50			
Total Dynamic Head	154.71	Mainline to Pivot Hydraulics Pipe ID	7.8	
Water HP	27.07	Length ft	1300	Use NPPPC 14 WHP/g
Adjusted WHP for GenSet/HydT&L	29.57	HF friction loss psi	5.00	1.88 gal/hr ft
Diesel Fuel Consumption gal/hr	2.60	Cost per Diesel gallon		\$3.25
Gearhead Ratio	4 to 3	Energy Use Comparison		
PUMP shaft RPM	1500	AS IS gallons Diesel	3,488	2,502 Gallons
Engine RPM	2000	Energy Cost AS IS	\$11,334	Hot Dry
Engine Tach Reading	NA	OP Hours at Design Flow Rate	1,328	
GENSET T and L Hydraulic	GenSet	New Pump Water HP	26.38	\$8,131
Volts		Brake HP 82% pump efficiency	32.17	
amps		Motor Size	40	
Pfactor		Pump KWDemand	27.27	
Estimated Motor HP		Total kWhours	36,209	
Estimated Water HP equivalent	2.50	Cost of kWh	\$0.13	
WHP/gal/hr Diesel	11.37	Total Electrical Annual Cost	\$4,707	
Fair		Savings in Energy Cost	\$6,627	\$3,204
NPPPC standard	14.50			
% of NPPPC standard	78%	Total BTU As Is	483,682,996	483,682,996
Permit number		Total BTU Future	123,581,793	349,472,641
Alloted Acres	320	Savings in BTU per year	360,101,203	134,210,355
Maximum Flow rate	690	% Energy Savings	74.45%	27.75%
Alloted AF	171			
Actual acres irrigated	128	Eligible REAP Improvement Costs		
Well Depth WWCS	97			
SWL at Well Drilling		New Pump Assembly.	\$10,000	\$10,000
		Just installed all new column pipe and line shaft		
Operating Hours Calculations	shares with SW	New Motor, Electrical Work,VFD	\$30,000	
Max inches applied per acre	16.03	New Sprinkler Package Orifices only	\$400	\$400
OP Hours in a drier year	1,341			
		Total COSTS	\$40,400	\$10,400
Elevation at Pivot	1886			
Elevation at Well	1890	Payback Years	6.10	3.25
Elevation at Highest pt in field	1890			
Lowest	1877	Possible NRCS EQUIP IRA Climate Smart 2025	\$39,000	29,000
		Net Cost	\$1,400	-\$18,600
		Payback Net after EQUIP	0.21	

John McClure WISE		Electric Motors	Improving Pump to new efficiency status
Pump/Well/System Testing			
April 1 2024			
! Well on West side			
	R55 Nelson EG No Booster ON SW 21-24-12		Reducing pressure to just what is needed for Current sprinkler package
Flow Rate timed McCrometer	521	Flow Rate	521
Needle reading McCrometer	520	Press at end tower	18
Pressure after Butterfly at Pump	NA	HF pivot friction loss psi	4.75
Pressure at pump	37	Psi loss to highest pt in field	0.00
Pressure at pivot base	38	Measured PSI loss to pivot base (adjusted to design flow rate)	-1
Press on top of pivot	32	Required Press at Pump	26.95
Nozzling Package Design GPM	550 ??	Required Press at Pivot on Top	22.7
PSI on top of pivot	19 ??		
Pressure REG setting	6 psi		
Estimated Pressure at End Tower	On Top	Design Total Dynamic Head, TDH	130.37
In highest elevation of field -psi	27.25	Includes 5 future GW decline	
Required Pressure Minimum	12	Water HP	18.11
		Pumping Water Level Future	61
Static Water Level	35		
Pumping Water Level	55	Mainline to Pivot Hydraulics Pipe ID	7.8
Well's Specific Capacity		Length ft	1400
gpm/ft of DD	26.05	Hf friction loss psi	3.23
Total Dynamic Head	146.47	Cost per kWh	\$0.13
Water HP	19.27	Energy Use Comparison	
		AS IS kWh	28,704
Nameplate HP	40	Energy Cost AS IS	\$3,674
Rated Amps/Volts	50/460	OP Hours at Design Flow Rate	969
Tested Amps	40.5,41,40.3	New Pump Water HP	18.11
Tested Volts	491	Brake HP 82% pump efficiency	22.08
Electric Meter #	162225530	Motor Size	25
Kh	21.6	Pump KWDemand	18.72
Time to complete 10 rev - sec	29.3		
Meter MHP	35.53	Total kWhours	18,131
Meter Multiplier	1.00	Cost of kWh	\$0.13
Equation MHP	39.73	Total Electrical Annual Cost	\$2,321
Overall PUMP Plant Efficiency	51.21%	Savings in Energy Cost	\$1,353
NPPPC standard	65%		
% of NPPPC standard	79%		
Pump KWDemand	28.07		
Efficiency Overall	OK		
Permit number	22611	Combined BTU As Is	97,967,435



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FINDINGS AND SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

Water Duty should be the primary objective.
Obtain similar yields with less irrigation water

Water Duty = Yield/Irrigation inch applied.

After Harvest calculate Water Duty on similar crops
to learn and discover Opportunities.

Low pressure operation is too common,
Possibly greater than half the pivots tested!

Use butterfly valves at pump discharge to reduce
well's flow rate usually due to air pumping. This
robs needed pressure from pivot package.

Flow meter piping has been made too small
supposedly for better operation of flow meter. This
also robs needed pressure from Pivot Package.



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Column pipe size too small on submersible pumps causing 5-10 psi of excess friction loss

Install end tower GPS/PSI monitoring equipment (Ag Sense, FieldNet, AP, Field Wise).

Upgrade pumping plant for sufficient pressure and/or better energy efficiency.

Pressure regulators are essential and must be working properly. Many pivots tested have worn out regulator springs. When worn out more pressure comes thru to orifice. Often leads to low PSI. Replace or Add regulators if there are none.

Un-Balanced Pumping Water Levels on multiple well systems. Change RPM if IC engine, add VFD if electrical, upgrade pumping plant.



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Pipelines have excessive friction loss from well to pivot, especially on multiple pivot/well systems. May be caused by insufficient air relief (add CAV, Continuous Acting Air Release). Pipe size, constrictions, partial collapse, fittings compromised (find main culprit and upgrade).

Pipeline may be low pressure (20 psi rating) from flood irrigation days. This caused low pressure operation if 20 psi maximum operation is too low for pivot design pressure.

Air pumping cascading water due to pumping water level (PWL) is below top of well screen, exceeded sustainable GPM from well.

Reduce GPM of well by re-orificing package. If multiple wells, balance PWLs



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No well drillers log from KGS (WWC5), nor pump repair measurement of well depth, static water level, SWL, and pump intake depth. Plan to measure when pump pulled for repair.

No Access to measure water levels. This occurs in about one-quarter of the CISA tests.

Install airline or other water level measurement access before scheduled pump repair. Do it with pump still in well. Pump companies should be encouraged to ALWAYS install water level measurement Access during pump repair.

Consider well video survey if no WWC5, while pump is out of well, essentially recreating the WWC5.



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Excess Energy costs due to pumping plant efficiencies significantly less than Nebraska Pumping Plant Performance Criteria (NPPPC). Replace or repair pump assembly for “new” efficiency.

Electric submersible motor pumping plants (3500 rpm) are less efficient than vertical turbine (1750 rpm) with VHS motor. Could be 7-15% more energy cost. Preference should be to not use submersible unless efficiencies are similar or capital cost is significantly higher to stay with 1750 rpm vertical turbine; mostly due to column pipe, shafting and bearing not re-usable.

Electric motors sometimes have Imbalanced amps.
Check electric connections, Grid transformers problems, or Open Delta (just 2 transformers).



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Natural Gas engines sometimes have engine manifold pressure too high; greater than 3.5 oz/sq.in. *Adjust “pancake” regulator to 2.5 – 3.5 oz/sq.in.*

Aquifer Resiliency Needs Attention to preserve performance of well (GPM/FT. of drawdown) and sustainable GPM by avoiding over-pumping of well capacity, especially during Start Up-filling the irrigation system.

Make sure sprinkler package flow rate does not exceed safe sustainable yield of well. Re-orifice package if regulators still good.

Add VFD and program it for automatic SLOW gentle start Up.



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Use an automatic Nelson type Pressure Regulating Valve (PRV), with a Flow Control Paddle to reduce filling GPM.

Use a butterfly valve for non-VFD electric start-up or manually reduce IC engine speed until pivot is filled and pressured up. Then open fully for long term operation.

Encourage pump vendor to install water level measurement access if “pulling” a pump for repairs.

Energy costs can be reduced:

Upgrade pump to new efficiency

Use VFD + pressure transducer

Convert to electric from IC; especially if diesel.



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Irrigation Water Management (IWM):

Improve Water Duty (yield/inch irrigation)

Use Root Zone Water Balance

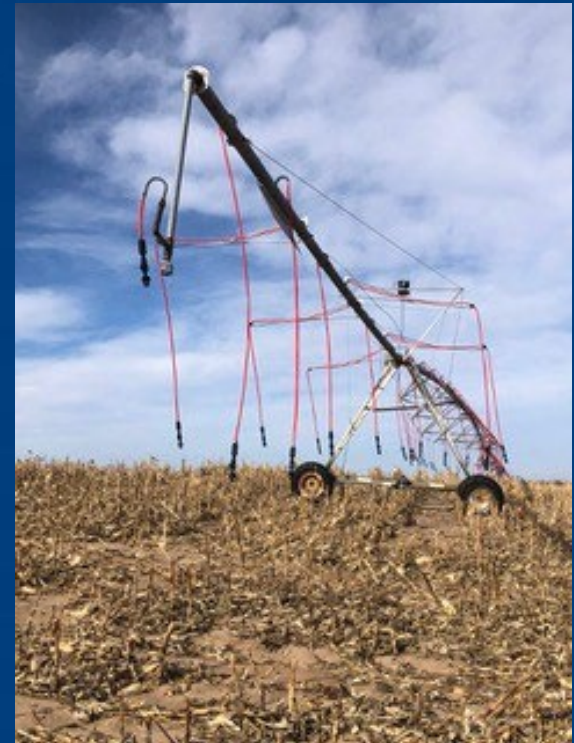
Accurate rain gauge with telemetry at pivot point.

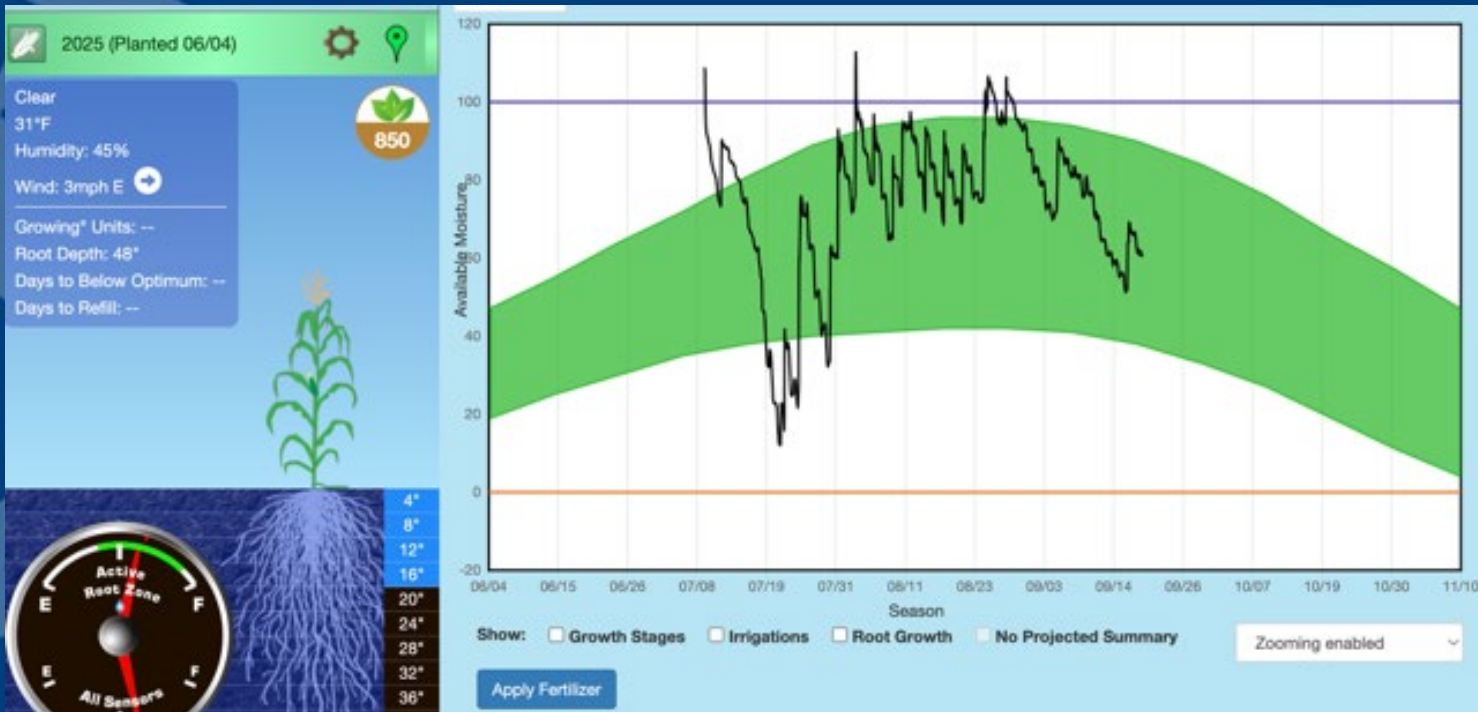
Measure PSI/GPM for real-time irrigation depths for water balance.

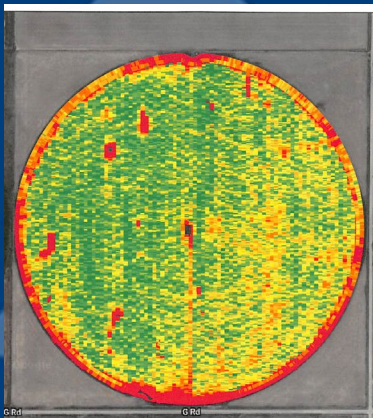
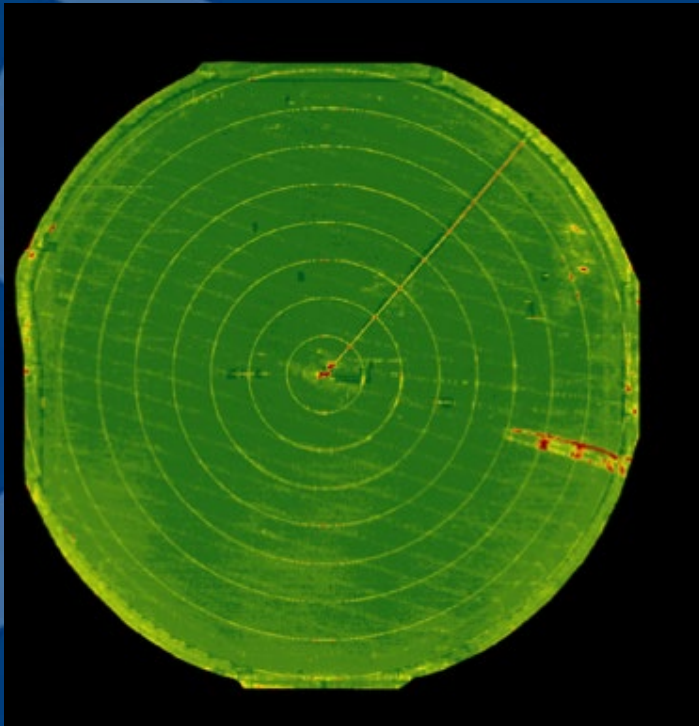
Improve application uniformity.

Improve surface and root-zone infiltration.

Wider wetted footprint (Boom-back systems)







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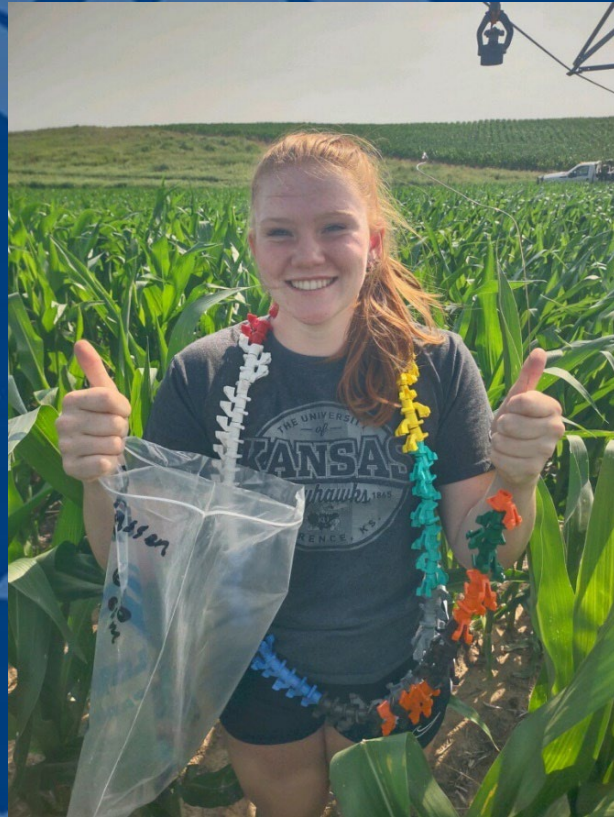
We use less water when each drop does more!

More economic return for every drop of water used! Win-Win!



KEEP BUILDING THE FUTURE OF KANSAS

TOGETHER!



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