

Mississippi Water Conservation Management Project

Aquaculture

General Information

- Eligible producers may submit one program application per Farm Tract.
- Other than normal EQIP payment limitations, there is no limit on the number of Farm Tract applications submitted per producer.
- Irrigation Water Management (IWM) payments are capped at 320 acres per Farm Tract, and \$10,000 - \$12,000*(HU) per year. Up to a two year contract, soil moisture sensors are included in this amount.
- Approved contracts for Intermediate and Advanced IWM will be paid per acre for the 2015/2016 seasons.
- Only new materials purchased after signing of contract will be eligible for reimbursement upon certification of purchase.
- All applications will be ranked and highest ranking applications will be funded.
- Talk to your local NRCS office about specific program requirements

449 – Irrigation Water Management (IWM)

This is a CORE practice that is required for each contract. There are two levels of IWM (Intermediate and Advanced), which have different requirements and payments. Both Intermediate and Advanced IWM require that water use records be submitted prior to payment.

Intermediate IWM (\$9.86/ac - \$11.83*/ac): must include 6/3 applied manually.

Advanced IWM (\$12.01/ac - \$14.41*/ac): must include 6/3 applied by automation.

- Remote Pump Automation (\$5,706.36/ac - \$6,847.63*/ac)
- Water Level Sensor Telemetry (\$1,492.34 - \$1,790.81*)

Supporting Practices

Flowmeter (\$140.02 - \$168.03* per inch – e.g. 10” flowmeter = \$1,400.20)

- If well is not currently equipped, flowmeter becomes a required practice

Example Contract

100 acres Advanced IWM (five ponds) - \$12.01 x 100 acres = \$1,201.00 x 2 years = \$2,402.00

10” flowmeter = \$1,400.20

Pump Automation = \$5,706.36

Five Water level sensors \$1,492.34 x 5 sensors = \$7,461.70

Total = \$16,970.26

