

Mississippi Water Conservation Management Project Flood Irrigation

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 irrigation 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 annual irrigation records be submitted prior to payment.

Intermediate IWM (\$9.86ac - \$11.83*ac): may be accomplished by implementing:

- Side/Multiple Inlets
- Pump Timer (No “On” override allowed) (\$275.72ac - \$330.86*ac)
- Rice Markers

Advanced IWM (\$12.01ac - \$14.41*ac): must implement side/multiple inlets (graded fields only) and one of following:

- Remote Pump Automation (\$5,706.36ac - \$6,847.63*ac)
- Water Level Sensor
- Water level sensor recorder (\$1,184.16 - \$1,420.99*)
- 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

320 acres Intermediate IWM - \$9.86 x 320 acres = \$3,155.20 x 2 years = \$6,310.40

Side inlets = \$0

8” flowmeter = \$1,120.16

Total = \$7,430.56

