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ENERGY ESTIMATOR FOR IRRIGATION ON WEB

State Irrigation Engineer Brent Draper is encouraging NRCS employees and partners to promote the use of a new Energy Estimator for Irrigation available on the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/energytools>. The new tool can help producers manage their irrigation water resources more efficiently.



It allows producers to estimate the energy cost of pumping water for irrigation. Options allow them to select the type of system, power source, followed by well lift, pressure and price-per-unit of energy and select whether they use a flow meter, irrigation scheduling or a maintenance program.

They must also select a crop from a list of commonly irrigated crops.

The new tool joins other recently-developed energy estimator tools---one for nitrogen fertilizers and one for conservation tillage methods, also available on the USDA or NRCS Web sites.

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