

ALBERT & MARY KRUEGER



"NRCS has been great with helping us to manage our irrigated grass hay ranch through effective irrigation water management planning and installation."
-- Albert Krueger

In the fall of that same year, NRCS installed 750 feet of buried inverted siphon and the following spring, they buried approximately 5,000 feet of pipe, installed a pump, a settling pond, and four side roll sprinkler systems.

In 2005, the final ditch angling through the field was buried with the installation of 750 feet of pipe and two large structures through another EQIP contract. The disturbed area was immediately reseeded.

Their farm has been under an EQIP contract for the past five years and that time was used to fill and reseed ditches so that they could install the four side roll systems used to irrigate their land.

According to the Kruegers, production on their farm has grown since the NRCS became involved.

"We've witnessed exciting changes through the EQIP program," said Albert. "We have seen a significant increase in production due to the irrigation techniques that NRCS has afforded us."

The Kruegers have more than doubled their grass hay production from approximately one and one-half tons per acre to over three tons per acre this past year.

Albert says that over the years and through working with the NRCS, he has learned a lot about irrigation management and conservation and is excited about what the new year will bring.

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The Krueger Farm

Albert and Mary Krueger work together as part-time farmers on their 129-acre irrigated grass hay ranch near Meeker, Colorado. The Kruegers purchased their land in 1996, which they admitted was in terrible condition.

In 2002, Albert signed up for the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a cost-share incentives program that offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.