

Water Quantity Enhancement Activity – WQT08 – Decrease irrigation water quantity or conversion to non-irrigated crop production

Louisiana Criteria

A baseline estimate of the average annual water usage (for the past 5 years) must be completed. Conservationists planning this practice must utilize their Area Engineer(s) in developing this baseline. As described under Criteria in the Enhancement Activity Sheet, producers must clearly define their plan, with the assistance of a conservationist, to reduce irrigation by 25%. Practices such as planting LSU or SU recommended varieties that are more drought-tolerant, planting alternative crops that require less or no irrigation, or the installation of conservation measures to reduce irrigation demands (conservation tillage, cover crops, etc.) must be identified in the producer's plan. Assistance from an NRCS agronomist is highly recommended.