

Master Irrigator Registration Form

Return this form and payment to:
North Plains GCD, Master Irrigator
PO Box 795
Dumas, TX 79029

OR register online at
www.northplainsgcd.org/masterirrigator

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

About your operation

Location (county): _____

____ Producer ____ Other (_____)

EQIP Eligible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Currently filing production reports with

North Plains GCD? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Crops produced, in acres:

_____ Acres of Corn _____ Acres of Wheat

_____ Acres of Sorghum _____ Acres of Cotton

_____ Acres of Other (_____)

\$100 registration fee can be paid by:

____ Check enclosed (Payable to North Plains GCD)

☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover

Card Number: _____

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*Great class on irrigation practices
with leading edge technology
presented by top people in their field.
- Tommy Cartrite
Master Irrigator Graduate, 2017*

Master Irrigator is an award-winning intensive irrigation management training presented by North Plains Groundwater Conservation District. Graduates are armed with knowledge and skills that will help them maximize their return on investment while minimizing water use.



Register now for the 2019 class!

March 20 Agronomics

March 27

Irrigation Scheduling

April 3
Systems

April 10
Systems & Special Topics

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Educational programs of the North Plains GCD are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



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**Applications are now being accepted
for the 2019 Master Irrigator program!**

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Learn more and apply now at
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*We cannot stop doing better or
we lose everything.*
-Master Irrigator Graduate, 2016



*Producer panels were outstanding.
It was beneficial just to listen to
producers in the audience discuss
the things they were doing on their
individual operations.*

-Master Irrigator Graduate, 2017



What is Master Irrigator?

Master Irrigator is an award-winning irrigation management training program made up of 24 hours of intensive irrigation education conducted over four sessions, all on consecutive Wednesdays. The program is focused on increasing understanding of and proficiency with the latest irrigation management tools, technologies, and practices. Armed with this knowledge, you will be able to select tools and strategies that fit your operation that can be implemented to maximize your return on investment for every drop of water.

Access to EQIP Funding & Support

Through an agreement with USDA-NRCS, program graduates will qualify for a special EQIP cost-share fund on approved conservation practices. Perfect attendance is required to qualify for EQIP funding and to graduate from the course.

In-season technical support will be available to each cost-share recipient to ensure strategies are being optimally implemented.

Master Irrigator is financially supported by the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District in cooperation with USDA-NRCS and industry sponsors.



Founding Principles of Master Irrigator

- ✓ **Tools and practices are accessible to producers**
- ✓ **Panels of producers offer real-world experience**
- ✓ **Solutions presented are practical, not theoretical**

Topics addressed include...

- Planting drought-resistant hybrids at appropriate seeding rates
- Monitoring field conditions using rain gauges, flow meters, and soil moisture probes
- Managing irrigation with planting dates, eliminating or reducing pre-irrigation
- High-efficiency system conversion and pivot control
- Using telemetry and tools for irrigation scheduling
- Managing crop residue by using conservation tillage practices
- Adjusting nutrient application to address reduced irrigation
- Economic implications of all strategies being presented

Who can participate?

Any irrigator can apply but priority is given to producers within the boundaries of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Applications are accepted through March 8, 2019, or until the class is full.

Program Instructors

Steve Amosson, PhD
Retired, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Fred Vocasek
Servi-Tech

David Reinart
Better Harvest, Inc

Kelly Kettner
Parmer County Producer

Mike Caldwell
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Better Harvest, Inc

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John Gibson
Crop Quest

Bryce Howard
Dallam County Producer

Jerry Funck
Professional Water Management Associates

Keith Sides
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service

Graduates will enjoy a special commencement presentation from Salvador Salinas, USDA-NRCS State Conservationist!

