Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Master Irrigator program!

March 25                  Agronomics
April 1             Irrigation Scheduling
April 8                                   Systems
April 15   Systems & Special Topics

Learn more and apply now at www.northplainsgcd.org/masterirrigator

Great program that really puts complicated terms and practices into simple and easy to understand concepts of farming.
– Jose Gonzales  
Master Irrigator Graduate 2019

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

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.

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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.

The training should continue for future growers. We as farmers have no choice but to improve efficiency and take care of our soils and water.
– Master Irrigator Graduate 2019

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: ___________________________
Exp:___/___ Billing ZIP: _______ CVC: _____
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 Funding & Support
Thanks to grants from the Texas Water Development Board, Master Irrigator graduates may qualify for cost share funds 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 TWDB and industry sponsors.

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Retired, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
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Bryce Howard
Dallam County Producer
Jerry Funck
Professional Water Management Associates

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 13, 2020, or until the class is full.