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 <u>www.northplainsgcd.org/masterirrigator</u>

Name:		
Address:		

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 encle	osed (Paya	able to North	Plains GCD)

____Mastercard ____Visa ____Discover

Card Number: _____

Exp:___/___ Billing ZIP: _____ CVC: _____

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.



Register now for the 2021 class!

March 24 Agronomics

March 31 Irrigation Scheduling

> April 7 Systems

April 14 Systems & Special Topics

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The Master IRRIGATOR



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



Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 Master Irrigator program!

March 24AgronomicsMarch 31Irrigation SchedulingApril 7SystemsApril 14Systems & Special Topics

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

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



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



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.





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 10, 2021, or until the class is full.

Program Instructors

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Master Irrigator Graduates 2019



