



Implementation of High-Efficiency Agricultural Irrigation Water Management Systems

RFP Questions and Answers

Q: A farm is interested in irrigating a hay field to increase yields. Micro-drip irrigation does not make sense on pasture or hay fields, considering the heavy traffic associated with both grazing and baling hay. Would a Water-Reel big gun type of sprinkler (compliant with NRCS Sprinkler Standard Code 442, see attached picture and standard) be eligible for funding through the High Efficiency irrigation grant?

A: No. As per the RFP Section 2.1, only previously irrigated land is eligible for this opportunity.

Q: Would a greenhouse operation that currently hand-waters be considered an eligible project?

A: Yes, if the greenhouse is a commercial operation it would be considered eligible. Hand-watering would be considered an irrigation system under the “previously irrigated” requirement and calculating the amount of water used to hand water would be required to complete the Irrigation Planning Worksheet.

Q: If we are working with a producer that grows multiple crops that are all part of the irrigation system, do we need to do a separate irrigation worksheet for each crop?

A: Yes, to accurately report the water saving benefits of the project, the worksheet should be completed for each crop. If more than one worksheet is needed, they must be scanned and uploaded to Grants Gateway as one document.

Q: Would a project be eligible for funding if we apply to install a buried pipeline and frost-free hydrants for a permanent system? They would also be applying for timers, and fertilizer injection equipment.

A: Yes, if the new system reduces water use, it would be considered eligible.