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Water Technology Farms Report Now Available
Data from the 2019 growing season on the KWO website

Technology and management tools keep evolving to help crop producers make every drop of water count on their fields. Water Technology Farms were developed five years ago as part of the *Long-Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas*. They began as three-year pilot public-private partnerships to demonstrate the latest in crop irrigation technology and water conservation research on the field scale.

“I’m pleased to see the continued interest in Water Technology Farms across the state,” said Kansas Water Office Director Earl Lewis. “It is promising to see outcomes from these farms show that water use reductions, coupled with irrigation technology adoption and water management improvements are leading to positive effects on the aquifer as well as the producer’s bottom line.”

Water Technology Farms have proven valuable in helping to expand the conversation and education of producers as well as decision makers on equipment and technology utilized in agricultural water conservation efforts.

“It was our first year in the program and the vision with our farm is to conserve water and optimize our efficiency as much as possible,” said Ryan Goering, R&E Goering Water Technology Farm producer located in McPherson County. “Not only do we farm in an area with a depleting water supply but the quality of the water is an issue as well. We hope to learn best practices on our farm to help other farmers see what tools can best benefit them in this region.”

The 2019 Growing Season Report shares information about each of the Kansas Water Office Water Technology Farms operational in 2019 including the crop or crops grown, technology utilized to manage water application, as well as harvest data and sponsors of each location. To hear from more producers and to see the complete 2019 Growing Season Report, visit www.kwo.ks.gov

Water Technology Farms would not be possible without the support of key public-private partnerships. More than 100 companies and organizations support this effort and sponsors for each farm are on the Water Technology Farm pages on the KWO website. There is a total of 17 participating Water Technology Farms for the 2020 growing season.

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