

## **Irrigation Management Incentive Program - I**

This program is intended to introduce landowner to, and provide cost assistance for, the purchase of soil moisture sensing equipment to assist in irrigation scheduling and water management. This program is designed for the protection of the groundwater by reducing overwatering and decreasing the potential for nitrogen leaching.

**Eligible Areas:** Eligible areas for the program includes the entire Little Blue NRD

**Equipment includes:** Watermark soil moisture sensors, hand-held meters, data-loggers and ET gages. The equipment will be assembled and tested at the Little Blue NRD office in Davenport.

**Requirements:** Applications will be taken on first-come basis and equipment dispensed as cost-share money allows. Priority will be given to first-year cooperators.

**Application Process:** Applications must be made on forms provided by the District and will be accepted year-around. First-year cooperators will be eligible to have the equipment installed by NRD staff or representatives to assure proper installation and training is provided.

**Cost-Share:** Equipment will be made available at a 50% discount of total costs up to \$600 for any operator located within the Little Blue NRD.

Total funding for this practice will be limited to the amount budgeted for the program annually. This practice is an incentive program and is limited to two (2) contracts per producer, farm unit and/or corporation per year.

The LBNRD reserves the right to approve applications and distribute funds to get the broadest distribution and exposure to the program.