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183 Irrigation Wells
11 Household Wells



**Water Wells Sampled
& Tested for Nitrates
in 2026**

**476 5th-6th grade students at
the 2026 WATER JAMBOREE**



Arbor Day	Planted	Hand Planted
1125	1581	3157

**TREES FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS in 2026**



**Irrigation Systems Inspected for
Chemigation Safety 965 in 2026**



ONE RED Ag Data Bank & Grants Program

Your Land. Your Plan.

For Corn, Sorghum, Soybean, and Canola Farmers

★ This program is limited to the first 7,500 farmers! ★



Do you have at least **80 cumulative acres** in a Water Quantity or Quality Management Area?



Check Here!



Enroll in the ONE RED Ag Data Bank!
(Max of 1,000 acres per farmer operation)

ONE RED Ag Data Bank

Open in October

What you need to enroll:

- ✓ Application
- ✓ W-9/ACH
- ✓ Signed agreement



Last Season's Information:

- Location
- Yield
- Cover crop use (Y/N)
- Type of tillage
- Applied water
- Total applied nitrogen information

\$2,000 for successfully enrolling the first year!

\$1,000 for each year after!

Next Season's Information:

- *Expected yield*
- *Anticipated applied nitrogen*



You get to pick the Approved Service Provider that you work with!

Contact Tri-Basin NRD to get more information and to sign up.

ONE RED

YOUR LAND YOUR PLAN

You'll get a free nitrogen use efficiency score for every field enrolled!



You still own your data!



Get paid for what you're doing!

TBNRD Staff to Inspect Flowmeters

Tri-Basin NRD staff inspect and record readings from flowmeters in about one-third of the District's townships each year. This year, inspections will take place in Ranges 15W, 19W, and 24W, as well as 5-22 (Union Township) in Gosper County.

If you have irrigation wells in these townships and store your meters for the winter, please call the NRD at 308-995-6688 to schedule an inspection. If a meter is not at the well site when NRD staff arrive, you will receive a letter requesting access to the meter so the inspection can be completed.

All irrigation wells in the Republican Basin are metered. Water use is also reported from a limited number of metered wells in the Platte and Little Blue Basins.

2026 Irrigation Water Use Reports have been printed and are available at the NRD. To receive your reports by email or mail, call Tri-Basin NRD at 308-995-6688. Reports are **due November 19, 2026**. When reading your flowmeters, take a moment to make sure they are working properly. Keeping meters in good working order benefits landowners, operators, and irrigation system technicians.



Where flowmeters are required, producers are responsible for keeping them functional throughout the irrigation season. Regularly check whether batteries, gaskets, or bearings need to be replaced, and repair any leaks, propeller damage, or fogging in the lens. If you believe a meter is not working properly, contact the NRD to request an ultrasonic test of its accuracy. If testing shows that the meter is not working, cost-share assistance may be available. Contact your local NRCS office to sign up.



Attention Chemigators:

Please drain your main line check valve to prevent freezing and to extend the life of the check valve.

Welcome, Abigail!

Please join us in welcoming Abigail, our new Data Clerk. She lives in Loomis with her husband and three sons. She graduated from UNK with a degree in Journalism. In her free time, Abigail enjoys hunting, reading, caring for her lawn, and spending time playing with her children. We are excited to have Abigail on our team and look forward to the skills and enthusiasm she will bring to her new role.



The Farmer

Patty Abrahamson, Holdrege

What drives a Farmer to love the land
With his heart and some of his soul?
It's a blessing and a curse rolled into one
The hard work does take a toll.

The young Farmer charges into each day
A plan well-rehearsed in his mind.
When evening comes - another day done
Some plans have been left far behind.

Fickle weather can turn on a dime you see
And cancel his plans for the day.
It's a fact seasoned Farmers know all too well
Mother Nature always gets her way.

Years move along with an eye to the sky
Seasons change as he tends the soil.
Some laughter, some tears as the days fly by
He feels blessed by his chosen toil.

He knows the farm like the back of his hand
He bonded with the land from day one.
He used up his youth and the best of his back
Working from early dawn.

He finds joy every day as he gives his all
He is bound to his love for the land.
He sees the beauty of a crop growing tall
And finds pride in the toil of his hands.

Time puts a bend to his back, hands are rough,
There are lines on his face from the sun.
Hours in the weather he has pushed himself
Working 'till each season was done.

Some regrets mixed with joy for the life he has lived
He did the best he knew how.
God entrusts His land for a lifetime
Another Farmer will get his chance now.



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Calendar

October 12.....	Columbus Day – Office Closed
October 28.....	Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.*
November 11.....	Veteran’s Day – Office Closed
November 18.....	Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.*
November 26-27.....	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
December 16.....	Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.*
December 25.....	Christmas Day - Office Closed
January 1.....	New Year’s Day - Office Closed
January 18.....	Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
January 20.....	Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.*
TBD.....	South Central Water Conference
February 15.....	President’s Day – Office Closed
February 17.....	Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.*

*Times are tentative. All meetings are at TBNRD office in Holdrege unless otherwise noted.

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