Colorado's Arkansas Valley Irrigation Information

To assist producers in documenting planting decisions, RMA in coordination with Colorado State University Extension, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Colorado Division 2 Office of the Water Engineer, and the Farm Service Agency is providing the following information:

- <u>Water delivery estimates and streamflow forecast (June Estimates)</u> -This information is the second release in an ongoing effort to provide producers in the Arkansas Valley with an estimate, by Canal Company, of water deliveries for the crop year. Producers may use this information along with the documentation tool to assist them in making planting decisions.
- <u>Water delivery estimates and streamflow forecast (May Estimates)</u> This information is the first release in an ongoing effort to provide producers in the Arkansas Valley with an estimate, by Canal Company, of water deliveries for the crop year. Producers may use this information along with the documentation tool to assist them in making planting decisions.
- <u>Producer Documentation Tool</u> The producer documentation tool is a suggested method for producers to document the sources and amounts of irrigation water that they normally receive and compare them to expected amounts for the current irrigation season.

Please note: Calculations in addition to those included on the producer documentation tool will be necessary for determining the actual number of acres eligible for reporting as an irrigated practice and those eligible for prevented planting.

- Instructions for Completing the Producer Documentation Tool
- <u>Producer Documentation Tool (Completed Example)</u> This is an example of the producer documentation tool with the questions completed.
- Consumptive Use by Crop
- Normal Growing Season Precipitation by Month

Information on consumptive use by crop and normal precipitation by month are useful information when completing the producer documentation tool.

Use of any of this information is voluntary. This information has been developed to assist producers in their documentation needs for crop insurance or other program purposes. It is not all-inclusive. Additional information on approved USDA or insurance provider forms will be required for insurance eligibility and payment determinations. Producers choosing not to use any of this information may work individually with their insurance provider to document their planting decisions. All producer documentation is subject to verification and approval by the insurance provider.

If you have questions, please contact: USDA / Risk Management Agency / Topeka Regional Office - Telephone (785) 266-0248