

Irrigation Information for the 2012 Crop Year

Topeka Regional Office

In order to identify areas and water districts where inadequate irrigation water supply is suspected, the following information includes the areas the Topeka RO has identified as having reduced water availability. RMA has not confirmed any water reduction was due to an insurable cause of loss within the insurance period or made any determinations but is providing information it has gathered for Approved Insurance Provider's reference:

Nebraska:

Southwest and Central, Nebraska:

The following information was received from the Bureau of Reclamation in McCook, Nebraska. The irrigation districts with estimated water allocations are shown below.

<u>Irr District</u>	<u>Est. Farm Delivery (Ac. Inches as of 01/12/2012)</u>
Mirage Flats	7.0"
Frenchman Valley and H & RW	1.0"
Frenchman-Cambridge	
Meeker, Bartley &	
Cambridge	8.0"
Red Willow Canal	0.0"

Counties which may be affected by the above allocations are **Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock and Red Willow.**

Kansas:

Northwest, Kansas:

The following information was received from the Bureau of Reclamation in McCook, Nebraska. The irrigation districts with estimated water allocations are shown below.

<u>Irr District</u>	<u>Est. Farm Delivery</u>
Almena	8.0"

Counties which may be affected by the above allocations are **Phillips and Norton.**

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Drought Emergency Term Permit Impact (Ground Water Irrigators):

Producers that received a Drought Emergency Term Permit in 2011 may have a reduced allocation in 2012. For additional information regarding the affect this may have on irrigated coverage refer to published Frequently Asked Questions dated February 15, 2012:

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/help/faq/irrigatedcropland.html>

Producers that received a Drought Emergency Term Permit in 2011 and elect to enroll in a 5-year flex allocation beginning in crop year 2012 may receive a reduced allocation from their historical annual allocation. For additional information regarding the affect this may have on irrigated coverage refer to published Frequently Asked Questions dated May 14, 2012:

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/help/faq/ksirrigated.html>

Counties which may be Affected can be found at: <http://www.ksda.gov/news/id/429>

Colorado:

Arkansas Basin (Southeast Colorado)

The estimated 2012 irrigation water supply from Division 2, Colorado Division of Water Resources indicates that the irrigation canals in the Arkansas Basin are short of an average delivery. The 2012 irrigation estimates based on May 1 indicators can be found at:

http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ks_rso/irrigation/2012mayirrigationestimate.pdf

The counties which may be affected by potential irrigation water shortages at this time in the Arkansas Basin are:

Bent, Crowley, Otero, Pueblo, and Prowers.

All Other Areas of Colorado:

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service Snow Survey and Water Supply News Release dated May 3, 2012, snowpack levels in all basins are far below normal. Statewide snowpack levels are at 19% of average and 14% of last year. The May 1 news release states that stored water may alleviate conditions early; however, water users should be aware of the potential for late season shortages. The following website provides the latest Colorado Snow Survey and Water News Release:

http://www.co.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/fcst/state/current/monthly/data/news_selection.html