

Irrigation Information for the 2014 Crop Year
Topeka Regional Office
May, 2014

In order to identify areas and water districts where inadequate irrigation water supply is suspected, the following information includes the areas the Topeka Regional Office (Topeka RO) has identified as having reduced water availability. Risk Management Agency (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>Irrigation District</u>	<u>Estimate Farm Delivery (Acre Inches)</u>
Mirage Flats	4.0"
Frenchman Valley and H & RW	0.5"
Frenchman-Cambridge	
Meeker – Driftwood Canal	1.5"
Cambridge Canal	2.5
Red Willow & Bartley Canals	0.0"
Bostwick in Nebraska	0.5"

NOTE: Inches of availability are estimates only and do not constitute a guaranteed delivery. These estimates are for the District's use in determining an estimate to supply water users. Estimates are based on current State administration of water and are subject to change accordingly. In water short districts the estimates would need to be adjusted if the district does not plan to deliver one inch of water each six or seven days.

The following information was received from The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District.

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (CNPPID) that stores water in Lake McConaughy has announced that they will be providing a reduced supply of 9 acre-inches to its irrigators. They will begin the season on June 9th and end on September 1st. There will be the normal 6 run or a 4 run option to deliver the 9 inch allocation. It is important to emphasize that this is a reduction from the normal 18 inch allocation and that each irrigator's water situation could be different depending on the availability of supplemental irrigation sources.

CNPPID will not be offering storage water to the Paxton-Hershey, Suburban, Keith-Lincoln, Lisco, and Platte Valley Districts from Lake McConaughy this irrigation season.

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Counties which may be affected by the above allocations are **Dawson, Franklin, Furnas, Gosper, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps, Red Willow and Webster.**

Kansas:

Northwest and Central, 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>Irrigation District</u>	<u>Est. Farm Delivery</u>
Almena	4.5"
Kansas-Bostwick	8.5"
Webster	4.0"

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Counties which may be affected by the above allocations are **Jewell, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Republic, and Rooks.**

Groundwater Management District 4:

Sheridan 6 High Priority Area. On April 17, 2013, the Chief Engineer issued his Order of Designation for the Sheridan 6 LEMA to apply less irrigation water within a five year period. Each irrigation water right within the Sheridan 6 LEMA shall be limited to a total maximum 5-year quantity of 55 inches per designated eligible acre.

The following are the affected sections in **Thomas and Sheridan Counties:**

TWP 7S-28W: Sections 19-21 and 28-33
 TWP 7S-29W: Sections 4-9 and 16-36
 TWP 7S-30W: Sections 19-36
 TWP 8S-29W: Sections 1-18
 TWP 8S-30W: Sections 1-18
 TWP 8S-31W: Sections 22-27 and 34-36.