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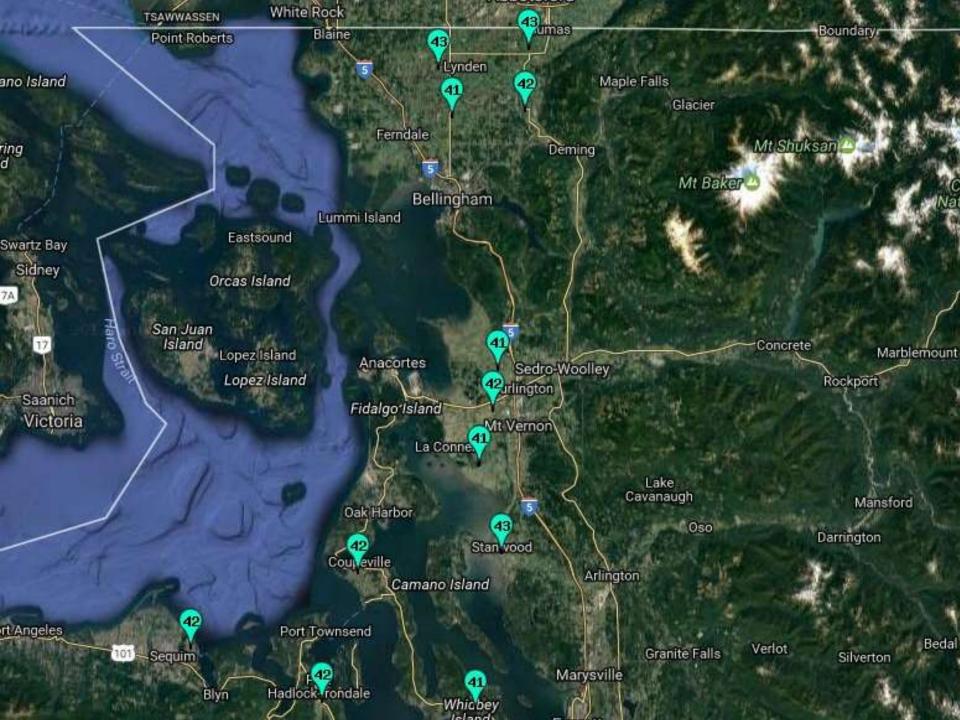
WSU WISE: Water Irrigation System Efficiencies

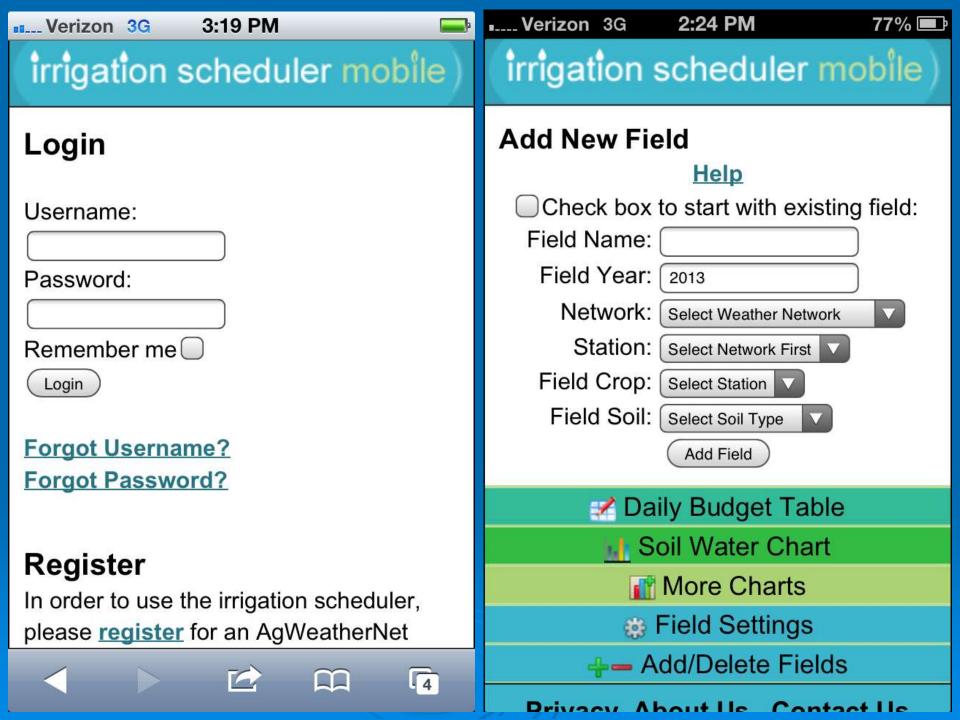
Confronting Insufficient Water by Increasing Irrigation Efficiencies

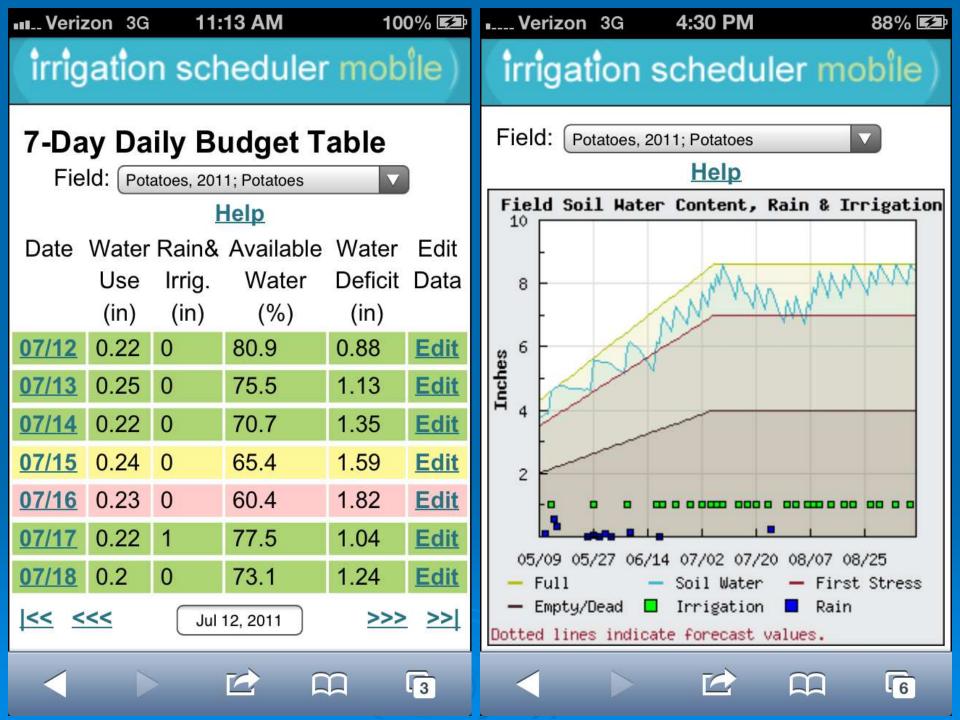
- 1. Enroll Growers in Irrigation Scheduler Mobile.
- Provide voluntary irrigation assessments and recommendations for system improvements.
- 3. Facilitate EQIP grant proposals.

irrigation scheduler mobile

- Simple soil water balance based on ET.
- Designed for use on a smart phone, but usable on any desktop web browser.
- Designed for usability #1.
- Quick & easy to set up.
- Automatically pulls ET data from selected weather stations.
- Can run on any weather network who's data can be automatically accessed.







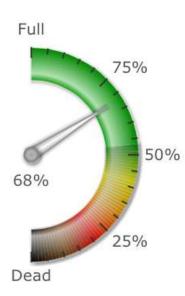
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Soil Water Dashboard

Field:

N Pod Pasture, 2014; Grass (Pasture)





This Morning's 0.9 in. Soil Water or Deficit: 5.4 hrs Today's 0.00 Irrigation: hrs I Irrigated Today: hrs

Save

Green is good. Crops increasingly stressed below green.



Dashboard



Daily Budget Table

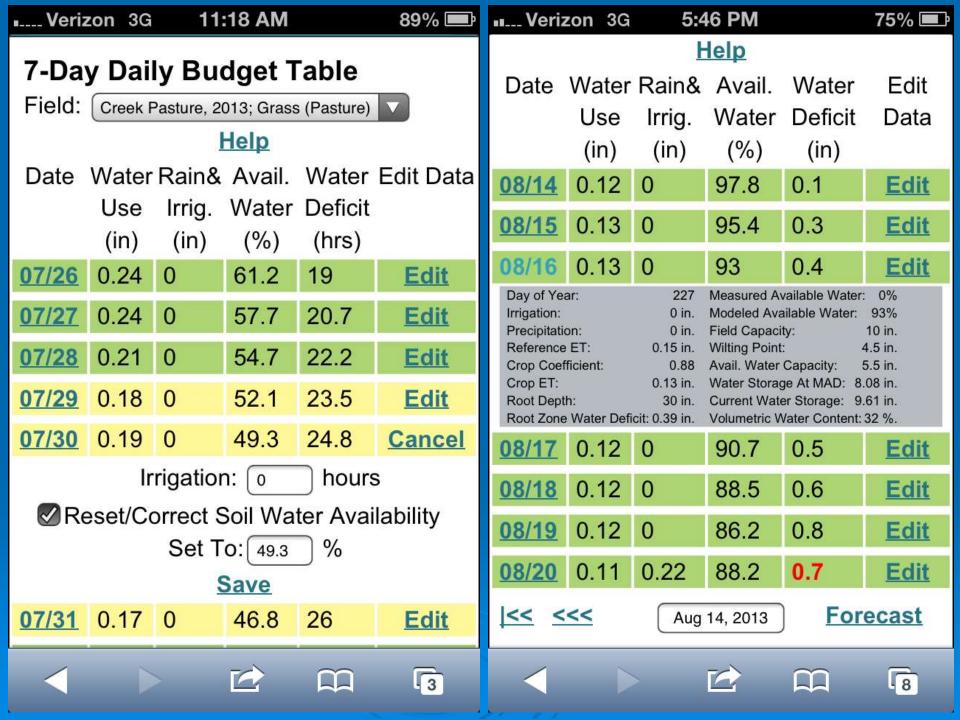


Soil Water Chart



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Specific help link on every screen

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7-Day Daily Budget Table Help

Use this table to view the calculated daily crop water use, percent available soil water, and soil water deficit. From this table you can enter irrigation events and/or soil moisture measurements using the "Edit" link. If the percent available water is within the range for maximum production the line will be green. As it gets close to the First Water Stress line (Management Allowable Deficit; MAD) it turns yellow. If the soil water content is depleted below the MAD or First Water Stress point it will turn red.

Water Use (in/day) - This is the daily







Additional Features

- Copy settings from an existing field for quick setup or reset for new year.
- > One-week ETc forecast
 - NWS max & min forecast & Hargreaves eqtn.
- Can use hrs of irrigation run time instead of inches of applied water.
 - Integrated calculators to help calc app. rate.
- Correction for dry, un-irrigated inter-rows (adjustment to water holding capacity)

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Additional Features

- > Option for notifications via email or text.
- Download all data to a .csv from full-page.
- Can set up a schedule if you irrigate on a regular basis.

Google "Irrigation Scheduler Mobile"

Or wherever you get your mobile phone apps.

weather.wsu.edu/ism













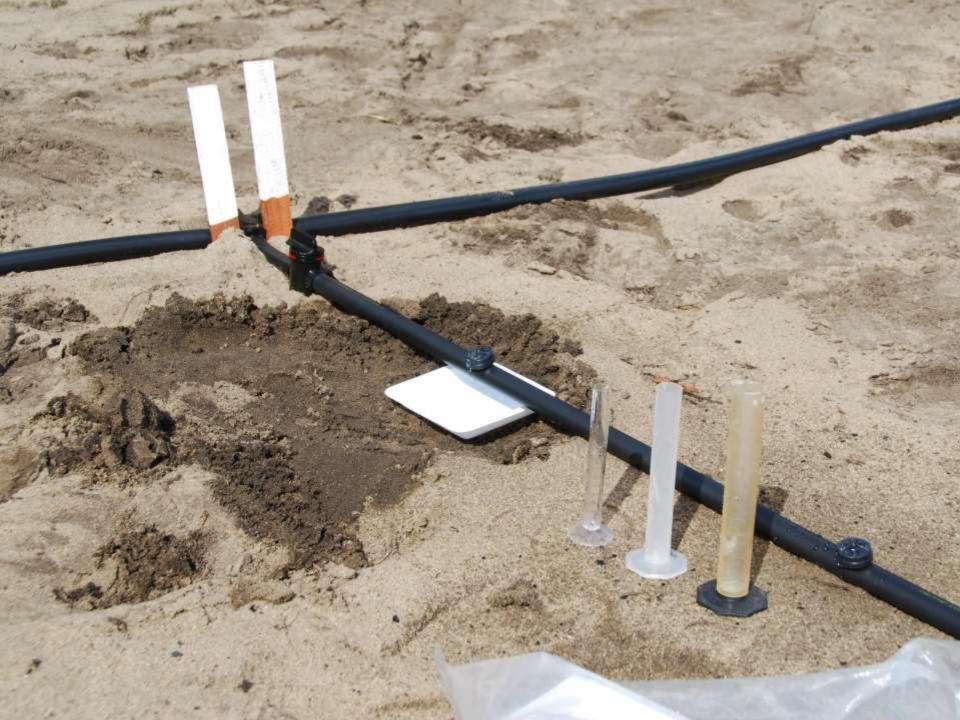












Objective 3: Encourage Farmers to Switch to Energy Conserving Forms of Irriagtion

Table 2. Comparison of typical annual energy costs for the big-gun and boom systems in Skagit and Whatcom Counties.

	Electric		Diesel	
	Big-gun	Boom	Big-gun	Boom
Energy Cost per Season	\$ 2,585	\$ 723	\$ 13,014	\$ 3,396
Cost per acre-in	\$ 2.59	\$ 1.02	\$ 13.01	\$ 4.81
Reqd Motor Size (hp)	43	16	43	16

http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/FS003E/FS003E.pdf



USDA - NRCS - EQIP

- United States Department of Agriculture
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Money (\$\$\$) and technical assistance to help you save water, save energy, or limit our impact to the environment.

Examples

- > Put in an irrigation pond, or seal on line one.
- > Put a VFD on your pump.
- Solar pumping plant or tank to keep livestock out of waterways.
- > Put in a more efficient irrigation system.
- Retrofit or renovate an irrigation system
- Irrigation automation
- > Put in a flow meter
- Do irrigation water management (soil moisture sensors)

EQIP

- > Must have control of the land.
- Be an agricultural producer.
- ➤ Have an adjusted gross income of < \$900k
 - Except Indian Tribal applicants
- > For an irrigation-related practice you must have irrigated 2 of the last 5 years.
- Don't start, or buy anything until you get approval!

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 2021 E. College Way, Suite 214
 Mount Vernon, WA 98273
 (360) 428-7684
- Everson Service Center
 914 Citadel Drive
 Everson, WA 98247
 (360) 318-8121
- Lake Stevens Service Center
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 Lake Stevens, WA 98258
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It's worth your time!















Questions?

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