

Spring 2003 to Spring 2004 avg decline for district ~ 1 ft  
 Missing a zero on 119,00 — slide in power point  
 est. 2003 + 2004 will leave NE 70-75,000 AF in the  
 hole for compliance

GW Management Rules implemented July 1, 1998

Well Spacing 1320 feet

Replacement within 100 feet, but can move farther away, but  
 must only irrigate same land or at least same # of acres

Waivers available for unused, inactive, seldom used or wells under 250  
 gpm

Not going mail report card again, until updates are required

No new uses after November 2003

320,000 acres cap on irrigated acres

Currently certified 311,000 acres

All other uses must be certified by Oct. 2004

3218 wells

63,000 alluvial irrig acres  
 311,000 total irrig. acres  
 44,298 SW acres

UR	40%	309,479 AF	1998-2002 Avg
MR	29%	290,191 Acres	"
LR	25%		
Tot	6%		



Questions &  
Answers

Concern -

one man needs to go over 15" by 4-5", not 3"  
"average" as listed in plan A, because of double cropping  
in

Answer - allocated to certified acres, so you  
can use your allocation on any or all of  
your irrigated acres

July 13 is next board meeting, so some time in  
August a hearing will be held + second week  
in Sept. it will take effect.

- Therefore an allocation will be in place for 2005

For municipalities - Look at population & area of town  
and apply a depth which translates  
to ~ 300 gal. per day per capita

Q - how can you cut back 10% from a pivot?

Set aside acres must have demonstrable recent use  
to be a valid set aside

Will set aside acres keep history of use? <sup>Answer:</sup> Yes.

Q - Are there any controls on oil field water flood  
wells.

A - Not if they are salt water, deep Dakota wells

Capel - if a farmer declines 3" from District, can  
you go ahead and pump 15" from well?

A - Board will need to discuss this issue.

Can I transfer use from Upland to Alluvial?

A - would not want to allow that. only want  
to allow transfers out of alluvial zone.

298,000 AF  $\div$  311,000 Acres

## PLAN A

1. 10% reduction in certified irrigated acres.  
Acres identified for reduction may change from year to year but must have a history of use.  
11" of allocation in lieu of 10% reduction.
2. 15" base allocation.  
3 year allocation beginning in the 2005 crop year.  
Limit reserve to 6 inches.  
No more than 3" overuse in any year.  
Not allowed to use reserve in "water short year"
3. New wells since July 1998 - 2" less than base.
4. WATER SHORT YEAR - Additional reduction of 10% in alluvium, 5% for upland wells. Short term incentive program to fund compensation for these additional reductions. Primary funding shall be other than district funds.
5. Incentive program to temporarily or permanently retire irrigated acres.
6. Significant penalties for overuse, especially in "water short years"

