

WATER CONSERVATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Kansas Bankers Association

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the Kansas water resource by giving recognition to those farmers and ranchers who have taken measures to improve the beneficial use of an existing water supply and/or reduce water consumption on their farms or ranches.

SPONSOR: Kansas Bankers Association

COOPERATING GROUPS:

- State Conservation Commission
- Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension
- USDA, Farm Services Agency
- USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Kansas Department of Agriculture
- County Conservation Districts
- Local Irrigation District (in counties that have one)
- Groundwater Management District

PROCEDURE: Recognition of individual or individuals in a partnership or corporation

1. Nominations for recognition of individuals will be made to the County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Nominations may be made by any person, on appropriate nomination blanks and shall be in the hands of the Committee by November 1.

2. The selection of individuals to receive awards will be made by the following committee:

- County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources (Chairperson of group)
- USDA, FSA, County Executive Director
- Chairperson of County Extension Executive Board
- USDA, NRCS, District Conservationist
- Chairperson, Board of Supervisors, County Conservation District
- County Key Banker (ex officio without vote)
- Chairperson of Irrigation District Board (in counties that have one)
- Groundwater Management District Executive Director

3. The basis of selection of individual awardees may be determined considering the following points:

- a. Adoption of improved irrigation management techniques, such as irrigation scheduling, system improvement, and remote monitoring and/or control.
- b. Adoption of cropping systems to match irrigation system capacities.
- c. Adoption of appropriate tillage systems to reduce soil water evaporation and improve soil water storage from precipitation.
- d. Evidence of field tests for the evaluation of irrigation system performance.
- e. Submission of crop water budgets that track soil water levels, irrigation applications and rainfall events and yield performance.
- f. Improvement and/or development of on-farm or ranch water supplies.

AWARDS: Individual certificate(s) of award.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: Awards will be given annually. The County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources and the County Key Banker will make plans for the presentation of the awards at a county-wide agricultural meeting or special meeting that would occur at this time.