

**PRECISION LEVELING VERIFICATION STUDY  
RICE PRODUCTION  
WATER USE and PRACTICES SURVEY  
for 2006-2009**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this survey is to investigate how laser leveling and other water conservation measures and management practices, as currently applied by farmers in LCRA's Lakeside Irrigation Division, influence on-farm water use. Your response to the survey is voluntary. LCRA will not release your information unless required to do so by law. Please refer to your farm records before and during the survey to make the information as accurate as possible. Several questions are marked optional. If you cannot or do not wish to answer some questions, please mark NA (not available). The survey consists of three parts: General Information, Farming Practices, and Field Characteristics. We greatly appreciate your time and effort.

**PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Please answer this survey to the best of your knowledge. At the bottom of this page and in the General Information part please provide your name, your role in the farming operation, the LCRA contract name associated with the farm(s), and place an "X" in the appropriate boxes. If you do not wish to answer the optional questions there is no need to do so.

**PART 2: FARMING PRACTICES**

These questions refer to water conservation measures and management practices. Some questions ask for a percentage; others ask you to place an "X" in the appropriate box, other questions ask you to rank alternatives on a scale (1 as most important). Your answers will enable LCRA to better understand the factors that contribute to adoption of conservation practices.

**PART 3: FIELD CHARACTERISTICS**

The questions about characteristics of farm fields are central for verification of the benefits of the program to pay for farm land improvements. Please list ALL fields planted from 2006 to 2009 (one row per field per crop season). Identify each rice field with both the LCRA field name (refer to the mapbook) and the FSA number (if available so LCRA can start using this number for tracking purposes). Please describe ALL fields planted (starting with spring 2006) in one row per field per crop season, by placing an "X" in the appropriate box on all items that are YES. Please refer to your farm records to make the information as accurate as possible. If you do not have records for some fields/years, please note that. If you have information about the planting date and/or permanent flood date please include that in the description. If you have any questions about the terminology in the survey, refer back to the glossary attached to your survey.

A mapbook of your fields is enclosed for your reference. Please keep in mind that the rice field boundaries may not be exact as we just switched to the new 2008 flyover layer. If there are any fields in your map books that are incorrectly marked and are not part of your farming operation or if you have any other questions about filling out the survey, please contact Stacy Pandey at (512) 473-3200/1-800-776-5272 or send an email to stacy.pandey@lcra.org. We appreciate your time and effort and look forward to receiving your survey.

Survey Respondent Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

LCRA Contract Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Role:   Land Owner        Tenant        Manager        Partner        Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART I:**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Role \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

What is the total area of your farm operation? \_\_\_\_\_ acres

How long have you been working in farming?

**Years farming**

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- more than 20

How many years have you been farming in Lakeside?

**Years farming**

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- more than 20

OPTIONAL:

**Age**

- less than 30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- more than 60

OPTIONAL:

**Highest level of education completed**

- 8th grade
- High School
- College
- Graduate School
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2: FARMING PRACTICES**

1. What percent of your total working time (that is, time spent on activities that provide you with means of livelihood) do you spend working on

Percentage of total working time	
Farms you own _____	_____
Farms rented for cash _____	_____
Off-farm activities (please specify) _____	_____

2. In your farming practice, who makes the management decisions (that is, decisions on farming practices such as crop variety, pesticides, water use, labor and infrastructure investments)

a) Farmed by owner	b) Rented for cash	c) Share rented
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant
<input type="checkbox"/> Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Manager
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hand	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hand	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hand
<input type="checkbox"/> Crop consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Crop consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Crop consultant
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____

3. In your farming practice, who decides when and how much water to order when land is

a) Farmed by owner	b) Rented for cash	c) Share rented
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4. Do you currently practice conservation measures like precision leveling, multiple inlets or permanent levees to reduce water use?  Yes  No

5. If yes, on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being most influential and 5 least influential), rank what people influenced you to implement the conservation measure?

a) Precision Leveling	b) Multiple Inlets	c) Permanent Levees
____ Personal experience	____ Personal experience	____ Personal experience
____ Other producers	____ Other producers	____ Other producers
____ Crop consultant	____ Crop consultant	____ Crop consultant
____ Extension agent	____ Extension agent	____ Extension agent
____ Other (please specify) _____	____ Other (please specify) _____	____ Other (please specify) _____

6. Please estimate the percentage of your farmland that has been precision leveled (that is, land that is graded to a slope less than 2%? \_\_\_\_\_

7. 1 being most important and 5 being least important, rank the reasons affecting your decision to adopt the following conservation measures?

a) Precision Leveling	b) Multiple Inlets	c) Permanent Levees
____ Increase yield	____ Increase yield	____ Increase yield
____ Land topography	____ Land topography	____ Land topography
____ Reduce labor costs	____ Reduce labor costs	____ Reduce labor costs
____ Water savings	____ Water savings	____ Water savings
____ Financial support	____ Financial support	____ Financial support
____ Guaranteed contract	____ Guaranteed contract	____ Guaranteed contract
____ Other (please specify) _____	____ Other (please specify) _____	____ Other (please specify) _____

8. Have you ever adopted a conservation measure but are not currently practicing it?

Yes  No

9. 1 being most important and 5 being least important, rank the reasons affecting your decision to abandon or never adopt the following conservation measures?

a) Precision Leveling	b) Multiple Inlets	c) Permanent Levees
____ Return period of investment	____ Return period of investment	____ Return period of investment
____ Low participation by peers	____ Low participation by peers	____ Low participation by peers
____ Investment costs	____ Investment costs	____ Investment costs
____ Other (please specify) _____	____ Other (please specify) _____	____ Other (please specify) _____

10. Please rank on a scale of 1 to 6 (1 being most influential and 6 least influential), which of these sources have you received most of your farming knowledge?

**Sources**

- \_\_\_\_ Own practice/experience
- \_\_\_\_ Parents/relatives
- \_\_\_\_ Other farmers
- \_\_\_\_ Extension services
- \_\_\_\_ School
- \_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. On your fields, do you collect rainfall or other weather data?  Yes  No

12. If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Would you be willing to provide data reports from your farm rain gauges?  Yes  No

14. Are there any other things that you can tell us about your farming practice that would influence your water use?

**Other comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the fields you farmed from 2006 to 2009 and place a check in the appropriate box to describe each field

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**PART 3: FIELD CHARACTERISTICS**

Please list the fields you farmed from 2006 to 2009 and place a check in the appropriate box to describe each field

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<b>CONTOUR LEVEE</b>	Unmodified slopes; levees are usually serpentine and irregularly spaced
<b>CROP CONSULTANT</b>	Whether or not management decisions (such as amount of water applied to a field, application of herbicides, pest control, rice variety etc) about rice production are influenced by an independent crop consultant
<b>CONVENTIONAL RICE VARIETY</b>	A rice variety such as Cocodrie or Cypress or Presidio which has an average growing season
<b>EXTENSION AGENT</b>	Government sponsored agent who disseminate agricultural technical information by talking to farmers, sponsoring demonstration s, field days and meetings
<b>FAILED 2ND CROP</b>	Whether harvest of the rice field was completed or the rice field was abandoned
<b>FARM GAUGE</b>	Sensors installed on fields to transmit rainfall or other weather data to the farmer
<b>FARMED BY OWNER</b>	When the person who farms the land is the landowner
<b>FIELD HAND</b>	Paid labor used on the field to produce the rice crop
<b>FLUSH</b>	Number times irrigation water is applied to the field prior to holding a permanent flood
<b>FUNDING</b>	Whether or not a farmer received cost-sharing or incentive payments for installing/using conservation practices on this field
<b>HYBRID RICE VARIETY</b>	A hybrid rice variety such as rice tech varieties
<b>LEVEE DENSITY</b>	Number of levees used in the field as part of the irrigation system to cascade water from one level to the next will be used to determine levee density (number of levees divided by the size of the field)
<b>MANAGEMENT DECISIONS</b>	Decisions on farming practices such as crop variety, pesticides, water use, labor and infrastructure investments
<b>MANAGER</b>	Also called operator; paid worker who makes management decisions regarding rice production
<b>MULTIPLE INLETS</b>	Presence of unmetered multiple inlets on a field; multiple-inlet distribution is the practice of releasing water at multiple points along the side of a field utilizing a field lateral and multiple control structures instead of feeding all water through the highest cut of a rice field and cascading it down through each lower cut.
<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	Ownership stake: does the farmer own, rent, or only work the field
<b>PERIMETER PERMANENT LEVEE</b>	A field that contains permanent levees surrounding the field that are not plowed between growing seasons
<b>PERMANENT FLOOD DATE</b>	When floodwaters are maintained over the entire rice field throughout much of the growing season
<b>PERMANENT LEVEE</b>	Type of system used to apply water to a field; where the field contains permanent levees (e.g. in bench grading) that are not plowed between growing seasons
<b>PLANTING DATE</b>	Date the field was planted
<b>PRECISION LEVEL</b>	Whether or not a field was graded using laser-guided excavation equipment to a uniform slope equal to or less than 2 percent (conforming to minimum NRCS standards)
<b>RENTED FOR CASH</b>	When the person who farms the land is the not the landowner and he/she pays cash to rent the field
<b>SEED RICE VARIETY</b>	Rice that is grown for the purpose of seed production
<b>SHARE RENTED</b>	When the person who farms the land is the not the landowner, the landlord share the crop production from this field
<b>STRAIGHT LEVEE</b>	Fields with 0.1 percent grade, where levees are usually straight or have a slight bending
<b>WELL</b>	Whether or not wells were used to supplement water to irrigate a field
<b>YEAR</b>	Year when a field was in production (crop year)
<b>ZERO GRADE</b>	All slopes are removed; the fields are devoid of internal levees