

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District



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What is required of you prior to Certifying Groundwater Irrigated Acres?

TO BEGIN THE PROCESS:

Groundwater Irrigated Acre Certification must be completed by the Landowner or their Power of Attorney.

The following is a list of information needed to certify Groundwater Irrigated Acres:

- A) Landowner Information: Should be completed by the landowner of the irrigated acres.
- B) Legal Representative/Power of Attorney. If someone other than the landowner signing for the Landowner, a copy of the Legal Representation must be included with this form.
- C) Contact Person: Only need this if the contact person is someone other than the landowner. If the landowner is an absentee landowner they may want to list the operator that is responsible for the majority of the duties on the acres.
- D) Field Legal Description: County, Field Name for your own information and legal description.
A Certification form is required for each irrigated legal. If irrigation crosses over to another section, township or range, this information is also required.
- E) Number of acres irrigated by groundwater. This will be determined by the documentation the landowner provides. Proper documentation required to certify groundwater irrigated acres is a form 578 from the FSA or County Assessor Tax records.
The following dates should be followed

*Documentation for groundwater irrigation use acres outside of the 10/50 line for Lower Platte River Basin (previously the un-designated Northern Antelope & Holt Counties) will be based on years between 2008-2012 and will receive 100% irrigated acre certification. (Acceptable Documentation: FSA FORM 578 or County Assessors Acres designated as irrigated. Must include aerial photo verifying location of irrigated acres for that year.)

*Documentation for groundwater irrigation use acres for Lower Platte River Basin 10/50 Area is based on years between 2004-2008 will receive 100% irrigated acre certification. (Acceptable Documentation: FSA FORM 578 or County Assessors Acres designated as irrigated. Must include aerial photo verifying location of irrigated acres for that year.)

*Documentation for groundwater irrigation use acres for Lower Niobrara River Basin 10/50 Area designation is based on years between 2003-2007 will receive 100% irrigated acre certification. (Acceptable Documentation: FSA FORM 578 or County Assessors Acres designated as irrigated. Must include aerial photo verifying location of irrigated acres for that year.)

*Historical groundwater irrigation use acres to be documented that have not been groundwater irrigated during the timeframes stated above for each appropriate Basin/Area will be certified at 95%. Must include aerial photo verifying location of irrigated acres for that year. (Example: last time that the 130 acres was groundwater irrigated (based off documentation) in any of the basins 10/50 area was 2000; cooperators can only certify 123.5 acres. $130 \text{ acres} \times 95\% = 123.5 \text{ acres}$)

To determine the Documentation needed please see the Map by [clicking here](#).

- F) Groundwater well information for this legal and if there is a flowmeter.
- G) Water Delivery System.

H) Once you have gathered all your information call the Upper Elkhorn NRD office at 402-336-3867 and make an appointment to complete the certification process.