## 2019 WATER TECH FINDINGS FLICKNER AND GOERING FARMS

- GOAL IS TO IMPROVE WATER DUTY : BUSHELS/ACRE PER INCH OF IRRIGATION
- AND NOT REDUCE YIELDS, MAYBE EVEN INCREASE THEM
- AND IMPROVE INPUT EFFICIENCY OF FERTILIZERS ETC.

- 29 INCHES OF RAIN CREATED COMPACTION AND LOTS OF RUNOFF
- CROP NEEDS 25
- IRRIGATION WAS 5-7 INCHES BOTH FIELDS

#### AN AERIAL VIEW OF WATER DUTY 2019

• PAWNEE ROCK AREA 20" RAIN

8.9" IRRIGATION	235 B/A	26.4 WATER DUTY
• 13.7"	205 B/A	14.9
• 9.1"	230 B/A	25.2
NORTH OF GREENSI	BURG	
• 13.2"	240 B/A	18.2
MACKSVILLE AREA		
• 12"	232 B/A	19.3
• 15"	230 B/A	15.3
• 15"	198 B/A	13.2

# ZOOMING IN WATER DUTY

- RAINFALL BUHLER-MOUNDRIDGE 27-29"
- FLICKNER MDI PIVOT 6.3" IRRIGATION 190 B/A 30.1 WATER DUTY
- CORNER PIVOT 10" 226 B/A 22.6
- GOERING HOME 6.8/5.8/5.4" 245 PLOTS 36/42/45

### HOW TO GROW MORE WITH LESS

- IMPROVE USE OF RAINFALL TO MEET CROP ET
  - ACCURATE REAL TIME RAIN SENSORS
  - MODIFY IRRIGATIONS WHEN RAIN OCCURS DURING IRRIGATION IE SPLITS TO RE-ESTABLISH LAG
  - IMPROVE SURFACE STORAGE AND INFILTRATION
  - MONITOR DEEP MOISTURE BEFORE PLANTING

# APPLY THE IRRIGATION EVENLY

- MAKE SURE DESIGN FLOW AND PRESSURES ARE PROVIDED
- LOW PRESSURE OPERATION OCCURS ON ABOUT 30% OF PIVOTS IN KANSAS
- MONITOR END TOWER PRESSURE WITH TECHNOLOGY LIKE AGSENSE, FIELDNET
- HAVE A COPY OF SPRINKLER PACKAGE CHART. DETAILS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# MAKE SYSTEM PERFORM BETTER

- FLICKNER HAD PUMP IMPELLER ADJUSTMENT AND VFD CONFIGURATION ADJUSTMENTS
- TO IMPROVE PRESSURES AT END TOWER AND INCREASE EFFICIENCY
- AND REDUCE ENERGY KWDEMAND TO KEEP BPU COSTS DOWN BILLING KW<= 30

- GOERING HAD 2018 LOW PRESSURE PROBLEMS
- ADJUSTED IMPELLERS TO MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT AND PRODUCE MORE PRESSURE
- REDUCED TOTAL PACKAGE FLOW RATE TO 675 FROM 750 BY 3 SPAN TREATMENTS



- INSTALLED SENSORS LIKE AQUASPY, SERVITECH, TRELLIS..ETC
- PLANT MONITOR SENSORS LIKE PYTECH
- NON-INVASIVE SENSORS LIKE AUTONOMOUS PIVOT

## MONITOR LOCAL WEATHER USE CROP WATER USE MODEL KANSCHED

- GMD WEATHER STATIONS
- ON FIELD WEATHER STATION LIKE FARMERS EDGE

- CALCULATE CROP ET FROM ET GRASS OR ET ALFALFA
- NEED STAGE OF GROWTH, SOIL TYPE, INPUT IRRIGATIONS AND RAINFALL



# TAKE AERIAL PICTURES

- TO LOOK FOR PATTERNS IN GROWTH AND LEARN FROM DIFFERENCES
- CERES AND TERRAVION ARE GOOD EXAMPLES

# WHAT IS SUFFICIENT SYSTEM CAPACITY, GPM/ACRE

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OR MORE?
- FIELDS WITH MINIMAL GPM/ACRE = BETTER WATER DUTY ???
- 4-5 MIGHT BE ENOUGH IF DECENT SOIL TYPE
- FLICKNER MDI 450 GPM/113 ACRES = 4.0 AND A WINDSHIELD WIPER 18 HR FC
- GOERING HOME 750/675/600 ON 3 TREATMENT SPANS
  - WELL IS SHARED BY 80 ACRE SDI ACROSS THE ROAD
  - JULY IRRIGATION CYCLE WAS 57 HOURS CORN (118 ACRE) 45 HOURS SDI
  - EVERY 102 HOURS JUST OVER 4 DAYS CYCLE REPEATED ALWAYS ON
  - 0.79" ON CORN THEN 0.62" ON SDI
  - EFFECTIVE PIVOT FULL CIRCLE = 445 GPM ALWAYS ON

#### FLICKNER FARMS / DAVES BIG PIVOT / CORN



MONTHLY PLANT STATUS FlicknerFarms DAVE'S BIG PIVOT Corn MONTHLY PLANT STATUS Season 2019 HIGH STRESS MILD STRESS **HIGH WATER** LOW STRESS AVAILABILITY 20 20 14 13 13 12 6 5 NO STRESS 5 3 3 1 0 0 Jun Jul Aug Jul Jun Aug NE(R) SE(R) DAVE'S BIG PIVOT Corn(R) DAVE'S BIG PIVOT Corn(R) PRE-VT DATE: 07/07/2019 MAP DATE: 07/24/2019, YIELD POTENTIAL: 185 bu/ac MONTHLY STRESS DAYS MONTHLY IRRIGATION LOCATION VS. REGIONAL **DAYS OF OPERATION** Plot name: DAVE'S BIG PIVOT Corn 8 271 9.7 2.5 2 <sup>1.5</sup> 1.3 1.5 4.5 0.5 1.2 0.3 Jul Jul Jun Aug Jun Aug DAVE'S BIG PIVOT Corn(R)

■ NE(R) ■ SE(R) ■ Region

2019 SUMMARY

#### 12/5/2019

Ray Flickner (105677) - AgSense

Ray Flickner (105677) Version: 48, FieldCommander (AC, Enhanced, Verizon)



12/5/2019

Home system (83297) - AgSense

Home system (83297) Version: 65, FieldCommander (AC, Pro, Verizon)



