Overhead Irrigation Basics

Acreage of irrigated farmland in northern Indiana has increased significantly in recent years as farmers find they can reduce lack of moisture as a limiting crop production factor. Having irrigation can also increase a farmer's opportunities for raising higher value specialty crops. But understanding both the best type of irrigation system for a site and the costs of installing and operating such a system can be a real challenge. Purdue and Michigan State Extension offered a one-day workshop on ***Overhead Irrigation Basics*** for area farmers, irrigation dealers and agency personnel. Fifty-two people (from as far away as Ohio) learned about irrigation water source requirements and related regulations, irrigation system equipment options for efficient water application, and the economic principles to help evaluate if there would be financial benefits for purchasing, installing and operating an overhead irrigation system.

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