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Irrigation Water Management Toolbox Version 1.1

This Irrigation Technical Note provides a link to the Colorado IWM Toolbox, which is located at the following URL: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/CO/IWM%20Toolbox>

Per National and Colorado Irrigation Water Management 449 Criteria, an irrigation water management plan shall be developed to assist the producer or decision-maker in the proper management and application of irrigation water. This tool has been developed for use with EQIP and BSPP contracts.

Download the file from the FTP site, then extract it via WinZip into an appropriate folder on a media storage device. Access the spreadsheet by running the file SO-ENG-IWMTOOLBOX(Release 1.1).xls. If problems are encountered with the download, contact Jason Peel at jason.peel@co.usda.gov and a copy of the spreadsheet will be sent out on CD.

Use of the toolbox can be summarized by the following instructions:

- Open the file SO-ENG_IWMTOOLBOX(Release 1.1).xls
- Input data from the Conservation Plan and collected background data into the yellow-shaded fields
- Click on the blue Command Button
- Proceed to the IWM Plan Sheet via Command Button or Tabs on bottom of the sheet
- Input data from the Conservation Plan into the yellow-shaded fields
- Click on the blue Command Button
- Select the Printing Options Command Button
- Use the Dialog Box to print selected sheets

Not all worksheets included with the toolbox will be needed for any given Conservation Plan. Sheets relating to specific system types may be completed following receipt of an approved engineering design. A save function has been incorporated into the spreadsheet to facilitate data retrieval. Use the Import/Export Command Button to save files in .xlm format. The entire filename should be replaced in the dialog box.