



Agricultural Research magazine's Science Update (October 2009) features Irrigation Scheduling Technology

USDA-ARS' monthly magazine, Agricultural Research, has a regular feature called Science Update and the October 2009 issue updated information on the commercialization of irrigation scheduling technology. The Update entitled Plant Now Text Message Thirst describes research conducted by Dr. James Mahan at the ARS-USDA Cropping Systems Research Laboratory in Lubbock TX. Commercialization of Dr. Mahan's research by a local company is going forward under the name of Smart-Crop. Initial phases of commercialization were supported by funding from Ogallala Aquifer Program. The Science Update can be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/oct09/sci1009.pdf>.



Smart-Crop (just to the left of the man's head) being tested at Colby Kansas for scheduling irrigation of sunflowers.