

Measuring storage losses

The Cotton CRC is seeking expressions of interest from managers of on-farm water storages on cotton farms who want the seepage and evaporation losses of their storages measured – at no cost.

At least 50 cotton farm water storages will be measured by consultants.

To be considered for this program, applicants must:

- Own or operate an on-farm water storage on a property which includes cotton as part of the farming system (even if cotton is not currently being grown);
- Intend to use the storage to hold water during the period September 2009–June 2011 (measurements can only be undertaken when the storage contains water);
- Be willing to have a contractor, as appointed by the project, organise to come onto the property to undertake the measurements; and,
- Be willing to authorise publications (case studies, magazine articles, and so on), as appropriate, which increase awareness of issues regarding the measurement process, the magnitude of losses, or the success of remediation strategies.

Seepage and evaporation assessment

In return, the project will pay for the cost of an initial Irrimate Seepage and Evaporation assessment, to be undertaken by a local consultant who is contracted by this project.

If you decide to implement some remediation strategy after this initial assessment, in order to reduce losses, the

project will pay for an additional assessment following remediation to assess the success of this strategy.

Expression of Interest submissions must provide details contained in the submission form which can be downloaded from the Cotton CRC website (http://www.cottoncrc.org.au/content/Industry/CRC_home.aspx).

Water availability will determine which storages can be measured during the measurement period. So some storages may not be able to be measured because of lack of water during this period, or because other storages have been assessed in a more timely fashion.

For additional information or to submit completed application forms please contact via email, fax or phone:

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