

A new webinar series offered by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension helps producers make irrigation scheduling decisions based on data from soil water monitoring equipment.

Irrigation scheduling can conserve water and money, but many producers do not feel comfortable making scheduling decisions based on data from soil water monitoring equipment.

When Steve Melvin, extension educator in Frontier County, found this out, he decided to develop a webinar series that would walk producers through the step-by-step process of making irrigation scheduling decisions based on soil water monitoring data.

“The idea is I will just go through and show my decision-making process based on the data and a chart system I am using, something we’ve developed over the past few years,” said Melvin. “The videos show how to use (the charts), but more importantly how to look at data and make soil monitoring-based irrigation decisions based on it.”

Melvin posted his first video the first week of July and will continue to post weekly videos until irrigation season ends around early September.

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