Central MN Ag Weather Network Expansion

Through a local partnership supported by Clean Water Funding, the MN Department of Agriculture and the East Otter Tail SWCD are bringing a local source of agricultural weather information to Central MN. In 2014 four new stations have been installed bringing the total number of stations in this network up to nine. To support efficient irrigation water use decisions, daily crop evapotranspiration (ET) data is posted online at www.eotswcd.org under the irrigation tab on the East Otter Tail SWCD homepage.

In a parallel partnership with the City of Perham and the MN Department of Health, the East Otter Tail SWCD has received Clean Water Funding to improve the web interface used to obtain the ag weather data this network provides. Before the 2015 growing season, a new EOT webpage will be in place that will allow producers to input field specific data and receive text and email updates for the daily water loss that an individual field has experienced. This webpage will look similar to the illustration below.

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