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LNNRD Board Approves 641 Acres Through New Irrigated Acre Program

The Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District (LNNRD) has approved a total of 641 acres for expanded groundwater irrigation as part of its 2025 Irrigated Acre Program.

The 2025 program was approved by the LNNRD Board in June 2025, open for applications from July 1 through August 29, 2025. It allowed for up to 500 acres of qualifying added groundwater irrigation and 500 acres of qualifying new groundwater irrigation within the district. Added irrigation acres are defined as acres that expand existing groundwater irrigation infrastructure, while new irrigated acres refer to acres that have not previously been irrigated or are part of a new development.

During the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on October 6, 2025, the LNNRD Board of Directors approved a total of 641 acres through the 2025 program. This included 141 acres of added irrigation from seven approved applications, 210 acres of new irrigation from two applications that met the LNNRD acre-ranking criteria with well variances, and 290 acres of new irrigation from two additional applications that met both the LNNRD acre-ranking and well-ranking criteria.

The LNNRD extends its sincere appreciation to all producers who worked closely with district staff throughout this process, helping ensure that the most qualified acres were approved under this program.