



PROTECTING IRRIGATOR RIGHTS

IAM'S TOP LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

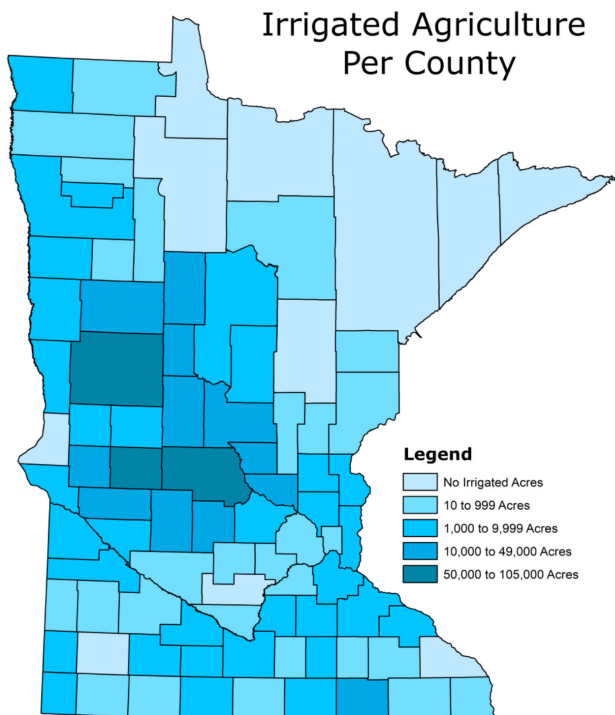
1. Pending Legislation: HF1680: This bill expands the DNR's authority to revoke appropriation permits through broad and vague language. HF1873: This bill expands DNR's enforcement authority to issue greater fines, which include civil penalties to water appropriation permit holders.

2. Agricultural Economic Impact: Agricultural production and processing industries generate more than \$112 billion annually in total economic impact and support more than 431,000 jobs. A robust study is needed before enacting pending legislation to determine economic and industry impact.

3. Regulatory Challenges: Irrigators across the state are repeatedly subject to inefficient and costly permit processes, experience roadblocks when transferring appropriation permits through land sales and encounter well interference investigations with incomplete data considerations.



Supporting new science-based research on irrigation management and providing advocacy at the state and local level for the right of farmers to irrigate.



755,756 total permitted irrigated acres in Minnesota

WHO WE ARE:

- We are farmers, irrigators, suppliers, educators as well as many others
- Established in 1975, IAM is the only statewide association solely concerned with irrigated agriculture and dedicated to the management of Minnesota's land and water resources
- Our organization is supported by voluntary members dues and contributions

MEMBERSHIP

- Provides access to local and regional meetings
- Includes seminars and presentations educating irrigators, industry representatives and community members about the importance of irrigation to agriculture and new technologies.

Each year, members organize a trip to the Capitol in St. Paul to advocate for irrigation rights.

Membership dollars help fund new research and provide education on emerging techniques.



IAM GOALS

- 1. Educate and promote the benefits of irrigation
- 2. Encourage water conservation and energy efficiency
- 3. Advocate for farmers right to irrigate

IAM LOCAL ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP 2020 - 2023
Bonanza Valley	99
Central Minnesota	141
Dairyland	29
East Central	70
Pomme de Terre and West Central	87
Southeast	107
Southern	35
Upper Mississippi	47
Industry	59
Total	676
Members' Acres	403,000
Permitted 2020	755,776

IAM Membership is open to anyone involved with supporting irrigation. To become a member, you can sign up on the IAM website: mnirrigators.org



Table by Association is based on number of individuals that have been a IAM member at least once in the period 2020–2023.

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