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Area Farmers Need to Check Irrigation Water for Nitrates

According to Tri-Basin NRD's rules, farmers in Phase 2 and Phase 3 areas of the Groundwater Quality Management Area (GQMA) are required to collect and test samples from all irrigation wells for nitrate levels. Test results from samples taken during this irrigation season will be needed to complete 2010 Nitrogen Management Reports for Tri-Basin NRD.

Farmers can stop in their local NRCS office or the Tri-Basin NRD office at 1723 North Burlington in Holdrege to pick up water bottles for sampling. Water samples may be taken to Ward Laboratories in Kearney or to the Tri-Basin NRD office for transport to Ward Laboratories. A map of Phase 2 and Phase 3 areas of the GQMA is available at Tri-Basin NRD's website, www.tribasinnr.org. For more information, contact the Tri-Basin NRD office at 1-877-995-6688.