

Farm

Work continued this week on renovating and repairing lights in the shop and storage areas. Repairs were made to major tillage equipment and their related hydraulic system componets. This work also included the replacement of all discs on the JD 630 harrow.

Work began this week on replacing defective irrigation risors using parts from PSF inventory. A purchase order has been submtted for additional parts that should allow for repair of all known problem risors. We hope to complete the majority of this work before the start of the 2008 growing season.

Research

Thanks to all who were able to submit their land request forms for the upcoming crop year. This week we were able to talk and meet with Dr. All and Dean and discuss their upcoming work here at the PSF. In addition to being able to plan land assignments this information is also helping us to prioritize repair work that is being made to the inground irrigation system. The PSF goal is for all research areas to be located in close proximity to working irrigation risor outlets.

Comments

The big lake reached full pool on Friday (3-7-8). The upper pond is actually above last years full pool level due to changes in the way water overflow is being controlled for this holding area. The lower pond is still several feet below capacity but is coming back. We have made grading improvements in an effort to divert as much excess rain runoff as possible to this pond.