

Farm

Work continued this week replacing irrigation risers and we are now waiting on additional parts that have been ordered. We were also able to work on grading and building up the dam on the upper irrigation pond (Weaver pond) this week. The water level when completely full will be two feet above last years full level which should double the water holding capacity (2.5 - 5.0 acre feet) of this pond.

Research

Meetings continued this week with those who are scheduling work at the PSF this coming year. Jason has been taking care of working out the allocation of plot areas that will meet specific requirements for individual researchers. Isolation, plot size, irrigation, crop rotation, and fertility are examples of factors that are being considered in choosing and assigning plot areas.

Comments

We plan to plant milo in 30" rows this year as a way of increasing yield potential and improving weed control. Ryan has started work on a 4-row set of 20" no-till planters that have been out of use for many years. We will now be able to be set this 4-row planter on both 30" and 38" row widths. Ryan works on this sort of equipment on their family farm as a side business and is actually donating a set of row markers that he recently purchased. They will be used with this set of planters.