

Farm

The irrigation system was used this week for watering plots on all areas of the farm. In the e section we had a 20' section of 6" underground pipe that failed and had to be replaced and we also had a leaking riser in the c section had to be dug up and replaced.

Mowing continued most of the week on areas of the farm where most needed. We were also to do more grading work where needed around plot areas.

Research

Donald and crew were able to plant another plot in area c100b this week for Dr. Brummer. Greg was able to harvest a few of the areas where they are conducting research as part of Dr. Hancock's program. Jason Prothro and Dr. Knapp were able to plant a large sunflower plot in area c53 on Friday. The farm had received .25" of rain the night before but this had only served to make the soil conditions even better for planting their rows that had been prepared and laid out in advance with the strip-till plow.

Comments

The water in the big pond fell below the level at which it flows through the overflow pipe. This measurement is a way that we hope to be able to estimate what sort of water reserves we will have for the upcoming year as this is the main source of water for the farm.

The irrigation well is still in the paperwork process and we have been in contact with all involved to let them know that this is a high priority item for the PSF.