



# 7th Rio Grande Valley Irrigation Conference and Trade Show

Mercedes, Texas  
October 29, 2008

- 7:30 am**      **Trade Show & Registration Opens** - *Breakfast Tacos served in Trade Show area*
- 8:30 am**      **Updates and Status Reports**  
**Current Water Supply Situation - Forecast for the 2009 Season**  
*Erasmio Yarrito, Rio Grande Watermaster Team Leader, Harlingen*  
**EQIP Program**  
*Dwight Head, NRCS Engineer, Corpus Christi*
- 9:00 am**      **On-Farm Irrigation Session I**  
**Improved Irrigation Technologies - Selection, Benefits and Costs**  
*Dr. Guy Fipps, Extension Agricultural Engineer, College Station*  
**Maximizing the Efficiency of Furrow Irrigation**  
*Alan Moore, former NRCS Engineer, Manager, Cameron Drainage District, Harlingen*  
**Measuring Soil Moisture, Metering and Using ET for Crop Management**  
*Dr. Dana Porter, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Lubbock*
- 10:00 am**      **Break** - *refreshments in the Trade Show area*
- 10:30 am**      **On-Farm Irrigation Session II**  
**Agronomic Considerations in Irrigation Management**  
*Charles Stichler, Extension Agronomist (retired), Knippa*  
**Fertigation**  
*Dr. Juan Enciso, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Weslaco*  
**Recycling Irrigation Plastics**  
*Jonathan Diaz, TCEQ, Harlingen Regional Office*
- 12:00 Noon**      **Lunch** - *J.D. Salinas, County Judge, Hidalgo County*
- 1:30 pm**      **Irrigation District Forum - Experiences in Irrigation District  
Rehabilitation and Modernization**  
**Evaluation of canal lining projects**  
*Dr. Guy Fipps, Extension Agricultural Engineer, College Station*  
*Askar Karimov, Extension Associate, Biological and Agricultural Engineering*  
*Sonny Hinojosa, Manager Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 2*  
**District Panel – Telemetry, remote control and automation**  
*Harlingen Irrigation District*  
*Hidalgo Irrigation District No. 6*  
*United Irrigation District*

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