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PREFACE

The goal of the Canada – British Columbia Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program is to achieve sustainability in British Columbia’s agriculture industry. The Irrigation System Assessment Guide is one of the supplementary documents to the EFP program prepared to assist farmers and ranchers to improve their farm operations with respect to water management, and implement beneficial irrigation management practices.

The Irrigation System Assessment Guide assists British Columbia’s farmers and ranchers to optimize water use, thereby improving water management during times of drought, long-term climate change, and competing uses of the water resource. Examples are provided for all applicable irrigation assessments throughout this publication, and blank worksheets are also appended for self-evaluation.

The Irrigation System Assessment Guide encourages long-term commitment to a sustainable, environmentally-sound and economically-viable B.C.’s agriculture industry.

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The primary purpose of this Irrigation System Assessment Guide is to provide producers with a simple methodology to assess the irrigation system performance on their farm.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of these materials, additional materials may be required to complete more advanced assessments. Advice of appropriate professionals and experts may assist in completing assessments that are not covered in this Guide.

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