

# Irrigation Incentives

FOR VICTORIAN MALLEE IRRIGATORS



## Who can apply?

Irrigators in the Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) region who own land licenced for irrigation for a minimum of 10 years and meet the eligibility criteria defined in the Mallee Irrigation Incentive Program Guidelines.

### Specific eligibility criteria apply to each incentive:

A comprehensive list of these criteria can be found within the Mallee Irrigation Incentive Program Guidelines available on the Mallee CMA website: [www.malleecma.com.au](http://www.malleecma.com.au) and click on 'Grants and Incentives'.

## Incentives available

### Systems checks

A 90 per cent incentive, up to a maximum claim of \$990\*, is available for an irrigation system check to measure the efficiency of current systems and recommend improvements.

### Soil Survey

A 50 per cent incentive, up to a maximum claim of \$5,500\*, is available to undertake a soil survey, backhoe hire, purchase of aerial photography, and other costs associated with developing an irrigation drainage management plan.

### Scheduling equipment

A 50 per cent incentive up to a maximum claim of \$11,000\* for an area of improvement of up to 20ha; \$16,500\* for an area of improvement of between 20-40ha; \$22,000\* for an area of improvement of greater than 40ha is available to purchase and install approved scheduling equipment.

### Systems upgrade

*Active flood/furrow irrigation to pressurised systems ONLY.*

A 25 per cent incentive, up to a maximum claim of \$11,000\*, for an area of improvement of up to 20ha; \$22,000\* for an area of improvement of between 20 – 40ha; \$33,000\* for an area of improvement of greater than 40ha is available to improve irrigation infrastructure on-farm.

### Important to note

Applications must be submitted to Mallee CMA via our website and must include all required information. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Please consider your incentive application in the context of the overall plan for your business and consult your Business Advisor and/or Accountant for professional advice. Incentives are not transferable between properties, incentive types or landowners.

This incentive program is supported by the Mallee CMA and delivered by Agriculture Victoria, through funding from the Victorian Government.

### Important Information

- Eligibility criteria and conditions apply to all incentives.
- Applicants may submit an Expression of Interest at any time throughout the year. Only submit an Expression of Interest when ready to do the works.
- Incentives are not guaranteed to all Expression of Interest applicants.
- Expressions of Interest are assessed based on the potential of the proposed works to reduce the environmental impact of irrigation; by considering the salinity benefit and the water use efficiency gains of the proposed works.
- These incentives apply only to works not funded from any other source.

## Contacts

For a copy of the Expression of Interest form and/or Irrigation Incentive Guidelines, visit the Mallee CMA website [www.malleecma.com.au](http://www.malleecma.com.au) and click on 'Grants and Incentives'.

To discuss eligibility or to receive an Expression of Interest form by mail contact:

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\*Property limits apply and GST inclusive