

# Water Conservation And Profitability Award

The Water Conservation and Profitability Award recognizes a Texas or Oklahoma cotton producer who successfully utilized and managed a profitable conservation water strategy during the 2015 growing season, using a subsurface drip irrigation system (SDI) and meeting other criteria as detailed in the guidelines. This award is sponsored by Eco-Drip and *Cotton Farming* magazine. Eco-Drip is a full service subsurface drip irrigation company specializing in design, installation and support of SDI solutions for irrigation and fertigation for more than 30 years. Eco-Drip and *Cotton Farming* invite you to submit your entry for the Water Conservation and Profitability Award today!

## AWARD GUIDELINES

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. A cotton producer whose operation is located in the state of Texas or Oklahoma.
2. A total of at least 50 cotton acres watered by subsurface drip irrigation.

### Award Criteria: The producer will provide the following:

1. Number of SDI cotton acres, years of experience with SDI, average GPM/acre on drip-irrigated acres and overall average yield on all SDI irrigated acres (pounds of lint produced per inch of water – irrigation and rainfall).
2. A synopsis of the overall conservation water management strategy implemented in 2015 on his/her cotton operation.
3. The type of tillage system used on the farm.
4. A synopsis of how the pre-water was handled.
5. A synopsis of how in-season water was handled.
6. Records on when water was applied and when rainfall was received. Please include water amounts in these records.

### Award Winner Selection Process:

1. Eco-Drip team members will make at least two on-farm visits during the season to view how the conservation water management strategy is being implemented and offer advice/support if needed.
2. All entries will be judged by Eco-Drip and Extension specialists from Texas and Oklahoma, based on the merits of the award criteria submitted by the entrant. Eco-Drip will use local weather stations, flow meters and electricity records to verify the winner.
3. Special attention will be given to the pounds of lint produced per inch of water (irrigation and rainfall).

### Award Presentation:

1. The Water Conservation and Profitability Award will be presented by Eco-Drip during the Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting at the 2016 TCGA Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Lubbock, Texas.
2. The Award Winner will receive an engraved plaque commemorating his/her achievement, a custom embroidered jacket and a one-night hotel stay for the 2016 TCGA event.
3. The Award Winner will be featured in the March 2016 issue of *Cotton Farming* magazine and on the *Cotton Farming* website – [cottonfarming.com](http://cottonfarming.com).

*After reviewing the above guidelines, [CLICK HERE](#) to download the Water Conservation and Profitability Award Application Form. Please fill out the Application Form and follow the directions for submitting your entry into the program.*

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2015**



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# Water Conservation And Profitability Award Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cotton farming operation is located in:

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Typical number of subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) cotton acres:

\_\_\_\_\_

Years of experience with subsurface drip irrigation: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of tillage system used for SDI cotton acres: \_\_\_\_\_

After completing the Registration Form, scan/email it to Carroll Smith at [csmith@onegrower.com](mailto:csmith@onegrower.com) or mail it to Carroll Smith, *Cotton Farming* magazine, 7201 Eastern Ave., Germantown, TN 38138 by May 15, 2015.

The Water Conservation and Profitability Award Data Collection tool to help you keep up with in-season information will be available on the *Cotton Farming* website on March 15. For your operation to be considered for the Water Conservation & Profitability Award, a re-cap of this data will be due by December 31, 2015.



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