

Irrigation & Load Control Newsletter

Net Zero Rate Increase

The last two summer irrigation seasons offered some different challenges from other years. The moisture was welcomed at times while frustrating at other times. We are happy to report Custer's financial position remains stable despite the low irrigation usage the past two years. Rates are being adjusted as a net zero rate increase. Horsepower charges are increasing while energy rates are decreasing. In addition, a temporary energy rate reduction will be administered for 2020. A separate line item will be on the Fall usage statement showing a Production Credit Adjustment (PCA) credit. This rate applies to all energy consumption during the 2020 season.

2020 Irrigation Rates

	Horsepower Rate		Energy Rate	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Full control	\$37.50	\$38.00	\$.0522	\$.04983
3-day control	\$44.50	\$45.00	\$.0649	\$.06284
2-day control	\$46.50	\$47.00	\$.0799	\$.07767
1-day control	\$49.50	\$50.00	\$.0933	\$.09092
No control	\$55.00	\$56.00	\$.1855	\$.17377
	PCA Credit		(\$0.00375)	



EXAMPLE

Example: 100 horsepower motor on Full Control Rate

Spring Statement:
Horsepower 100 X \$38.00 = **\$3,800**

Fall Statement:
800 hours X 100 kW = 80,000 kWh
Energy 80,000 X .04983 = \$3986.40
PCA Credit 80,000 X (0.00375) = (\$300.00)
Total Balance \$3686.40

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

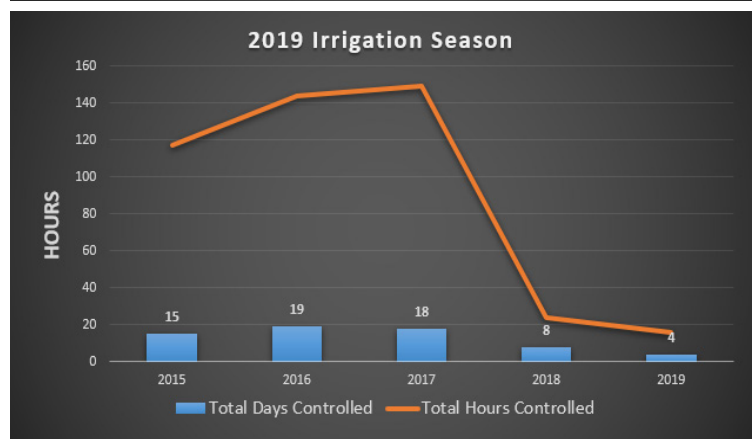
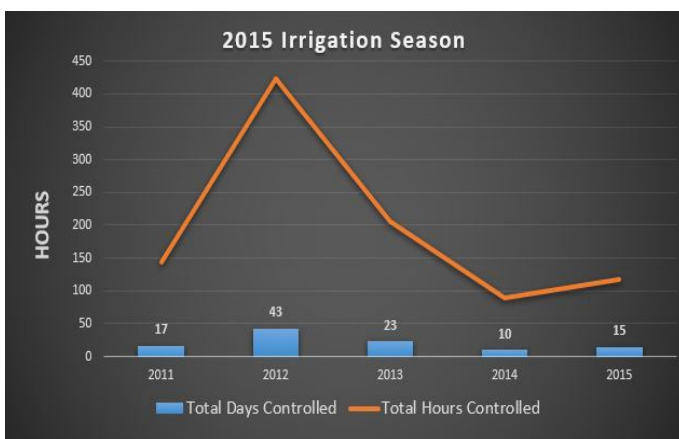
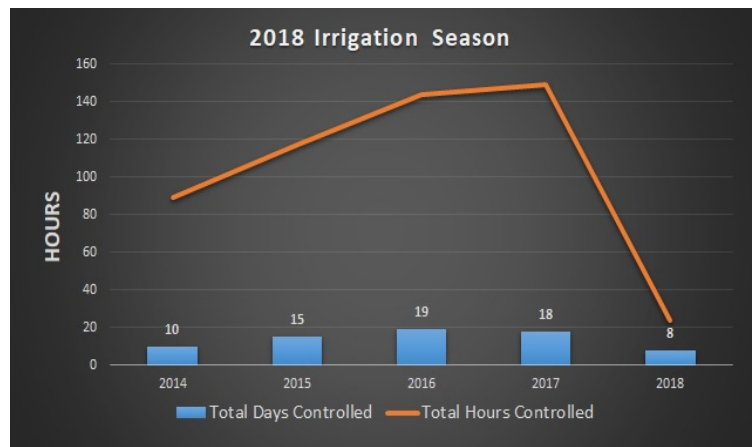
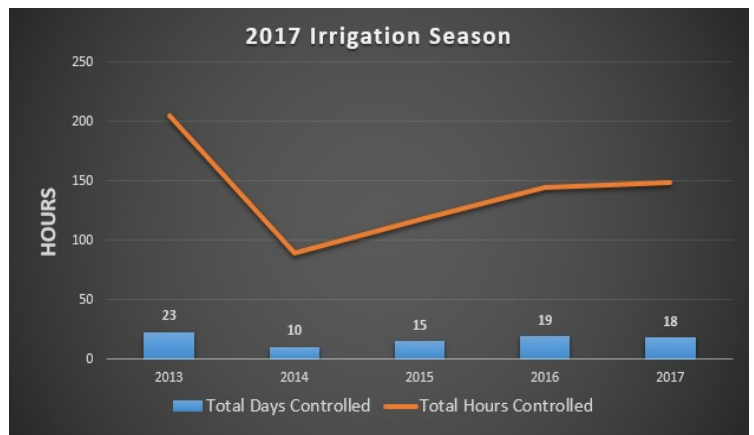
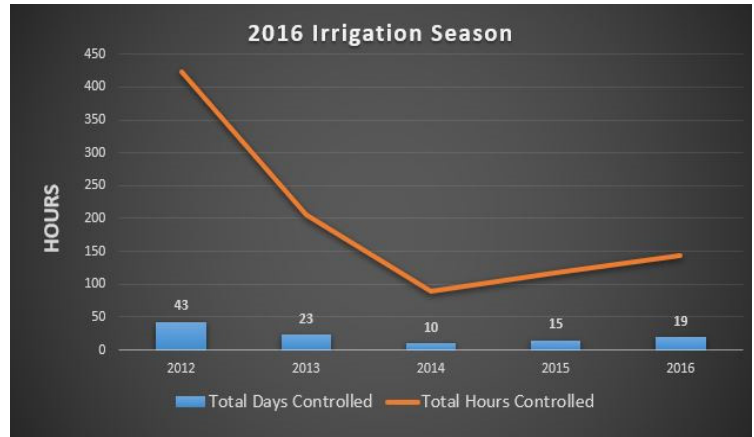
I am five years into the Irrigation and Load Control Newsletter. I have been looking back at some previous issues, graphs, and events that have happened in the past five years. It has been some interesting years, so I thought I'd share some it.

We have seen a

- Snowstorm on April 30, 2018
- Heat off and rain on July 26, 2017
- Rain continuing through 2019

On this page you'll see graphs showing controlled hours, days, and pattern changes over the years. The graphs on the next page show the last ten and twenty years. Now all the changes are not solely based off weather patterns. There have been philosophy changes in the last twenty years in regard to when and how control should happen. There continues to be changes going forward.

NPPD initiated two different control thresholds in 2018. NPPD starts the year at a higher demand threshold allowing more run time. We could be controlled if demand meets the higher threshold. If we don't get controlled, then NPPD will lower the threshold at a certain point during the season making controllable days happen. Again, NPPD initiated this plan in 2018 so they have not had a hot dry season to test out the new philosophy. Time will tell how well the effects of the changes will work for everyone.



Load Control Messaging

Text Messages

Free notification via text message. If you aren't already signed up, contact our Customer Service Department 888-749-2453. Consent form must be completed.

Website

Viewable through a home computer or mobile device. Search custerpower.com and click "LOAD CONTROL"

Radio

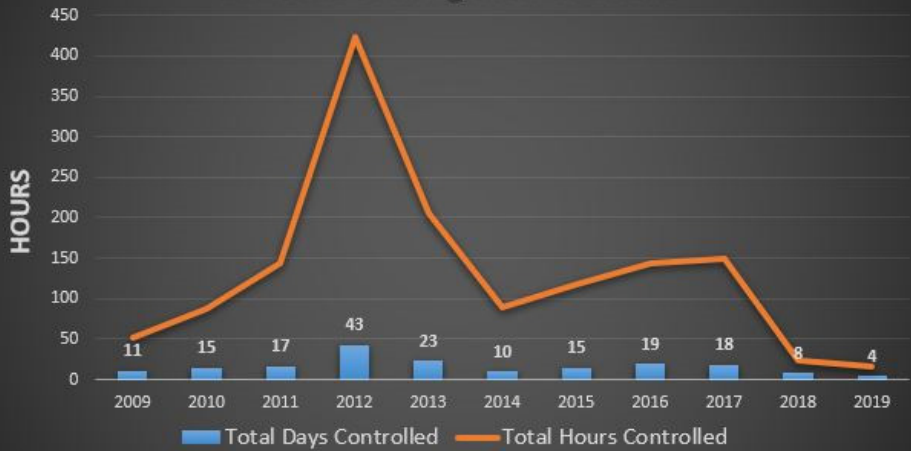
KRVN 880-AM announcements are made daily at 8:29 a.m. Any changes to the 8:29 message will be announced every half hour throughout the day.

Please have the following information before contacting Custer PPD:

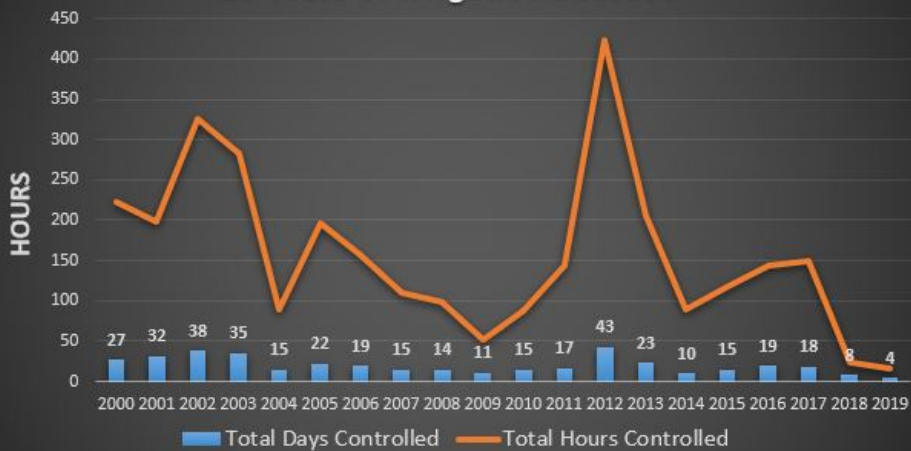
- Meter Number
- Account Number
- LCR Number

This helps us locate your account quickly and accurately. It also helps us dispatch service personnel to the correct location.

10 Years of Irrigation Seasons



20 Years of Irrigation Seasons



On The Horizon

Summer of 2020 we are starting to roll out a new meter system. Custer employees will be replacing all meters and load control devices over the next 2-2 1/2 years. Much of the equipment looks the same but operates differently. The summer of 2020 will be a pilot period testing and fully understanding the new technology operations. We anticipate less interferences during load control season. More information will be shared after the technology has been thoroughly tested and utilized.

Mark Your Calendar

April 1st

May 1st

June 15th

October 15th

November 15th

Deadline for irrigation rate change requests

Horsepower charges arrive in mail

Horsepower Charges Due

Irrigation Energy charges arrive in mail

Irrigation Energy Charges Due



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Friendly Reminders

We strive to keep our linemen and meter technicians healthy and safe. Please help us by contacting our office

308-872-2451

or

888-749-2453

if chemicals are sprayed on your fields that might present a health hazard. Flagging the field entrance will also help alert anyone who may attempt to enter the field.

Sunday load control continues to be a possibility. The maximum control for a Sunday is 6 hours within our normal control window from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. There is a maximum of 72 control hours each week with any Sunday control included in the maximum.

The 4th of July is also a possible control day up to 6 hours which will also be included in the 72 hours maximum control.

Tampering with or bypassing of load management controls or associated equipment will not be tolerated; your service will be removed from the load control program and billed at the No Control rate for the entire irrigation season regardless of when found.