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### **Agricultural Water Conservation**

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#### **Abstract Text:**

This symposium will address a variety of issues at the center of agricultural water conservation. It will begin by providing an overview of water use in the U.S. and will conclude by identifying new research and outreach opportunities for agricultural water conservation. Selected speakers will discuss issues concerning the agronomic, cropping system, irrigation, and water delivery approaches for agricultural water conservation. Additionally, the symposium will address agricultural water conservation impacts on in-stream flows, review producer responses to water conservation initiatives, and identify economic incentives for agricultural water conservation. During the course of the afternoon, economic and policy opportunities / challenges surrounding agricultural water conservation will be addressed. Throughout the symposium, speakers will provide opinions concerning the current and future role of Cooperative Extension and University research in ag water conservation and discuss strategies for implementing conservation activities through potential funding, partnering, and leveraging opportunities.