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The following public testimonial was provided by Linda Anspach, with DD Ranch in Terrebonne, as part of their Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant application.

“In the high desert, we are completely dependent on irrigation to produce hay and forage for livestock as well as other food crops. This adds an incredible amount of cost to production - cost of water, cost of electricity, cost of equipment and cost of labor in order to move water – seven days a week. As drought conditions deepen, we produce less product for more cost. On-farm efficiency is pivotal to our success. ... Upgrading these systems is very costly but the end result of decreased water usage, higher yield, increased soil health, decreased labor all contribute to future success of farmers and ranchers and our ability to continue to provide food to our community.”