Irrigation

Irrigation was used on 8% of Northarvest respondents' acres (Table 3), up from 6% in 1995 and comparable to 9% in 1994. Irrigation was used on 23% of Minnesota respondents' acres, up from 14% in 1995 but less than the 27% figure in 1994 and 40% in 1992 (2,6,7). MN2 had the highest percentage of irrigated acres, with 76% of respondents acres irrigated. Irrigation on only 3% of North Dakota respondents' acres was similar to the irrigated acreage in 1995. ND5 had the highest percentage of irrigated acres in North Dakota, but only 16% of respondents' acres in that district were irrigated.

Table 3. Acres irrigated in 1996 by respondents in each Northarvest district of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Northarvest District	Acres Irrigated	
	Acres	% of District Acres
Minnesota		
MN1	0 ^b	0
MN2	4,728	75.9
MN3	1,767	32.8
MN4	1,713	27.9
MN5	4,216	37.9
MN Total	12,424	22.9
North Dakota		
ND1	0	0
ND2	426	1.2
ND3	927	2.1
ND4	260	1.1
ND5	4,613	15.7
ND Total	6,226	2.8
Northarvest Total	18,650	8.3

^aRespondents' acres only.

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^bNo irrigated acres reported for this district.