

Duane Tangen
Harlem Irrigation
Board
Farmer along Milk
River

Dear IJC Board:

I have had this farm since 1966. I raise alf. hay, wht. and have about 60 hd. cattle.

The water supply for irrigation in this area is usually short, for the last few years we have water starting about May 15th and lasts till end of Aug. During these 3 or 4 months the water supply is most of the time on the short side, we always don't get the water we need to do a good job of irrigation.

The Harlem Irrigation District uses pumps to get their water out of the Milk River. There has been times when our pumps are damaged because they suck air because the water in River is so low. It is real important to have enough water to pump to keep the pumps running good.

I strongly feel that the Milk River Basin needs to get its correct share of water from the St. Marys River. We cannot continue to let some of our share go to the Canadian irrigators. Seems like our share of water is getting less and Canada is getting more.

Sincerely, Duane Tangen