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OPPORTUNITY

Saskatchewan Drainage Extension Network

Collaborate.
Innovate.
Contribute.



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About Us



"Promoting Sustainable AG Water Management"

Agriculture water management is a critical business risk management tool and an important climate resiliency strategy for Saskatchewan producers. Two of Saskatchewan's most valuable resources are people and water. We can do better when it comes to developing strategic partnerships and bringing together innovators, researchers and influencers. It is time to connect the information silos when it comes to water management.

The Saskatchewan Drainage Extension Network (SK DEN) was established in April 2024, connecting landowners, agricultural organizations, industry, researchers and government to share and build knowledge on innovative and responsible water management practices in Saskatchewan in support of soil health, resilient crop production and healthy working landscapes.

Objectives of the network include:

- Fostering strategic partnerships.
- Maximizing efficiency and reliability of food production acres through drainage research.
- Innovating drainage solutions that balance economic, agronomic and environmental benefits.
- Developing an information HUB, extension program and water management demonstration sites.
- Sharing science-based information to build public trust in land and water management.

Great projects are made great through the contributions of exceptional people. The SK DEN is a private sector leadership initiative. A collaboration of industry leaders and strategic advisors.

"Forming this extension network comes at a critical time for the agricultural industry as farmers and ranchers cope with more variable weather in Saskatchewan," Water Security Agency President and CEO Shawn Jaques said. "We are pleased to begin working with this impressive group of agricultural, industry and research leaders in the coming months. "They will be an important resource to help us identify water management solutions and share information with the farming community about sustainable and resilient water management practices that will strengthen their operations and, ultimately, our provincial economy."

Our SK DEN Team & Advisors



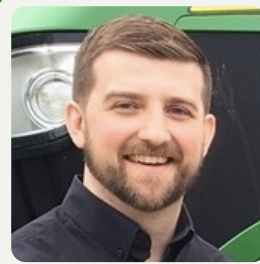
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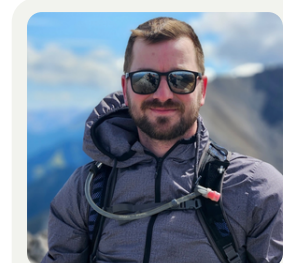
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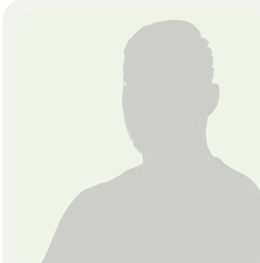
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Is this you?



Join the team!

Partnership Benefits

Access to Cutting-Edge Research & Innovation

Gain firsthand access to the latest research, technology, and best practices in agricultural water management. Collaborate with leading experts, researchers, and industry innovators to be part of advancements in drainage solutions, soil health improvements, and climate resilience strategies.

Influencing Industry Standards

Actively engage with landowners and committed stakeholders to shape development and implementation of drainage beneficial management practices. As a partner, you have the opportunity to drive change and contribute data-driven insights to influence management decisions that support stewardship and productive land use in Saskatchewan.

Networking & Growth Opportunities

Being part of SK DEN connects partners with a broad network of industry leaders, government officials, researchers, and producers. This collaboration fosters business development, knowledge exchange, and partnership opportunities to enhance and support the long-term success of the Saskatchewan agriculture sector.

Food Security & Public Trust

Saskatchewan producers and the agriculture partners that work alongside them have proven that we are leaders in innovative and sustainable practices that support healthy food production. We will continue to innovate and share the story of what we do to put food on the table locally, provincially and globally.



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What does a SK DEN Partnership look like to you?

MAIN COURSE – RESEARCH

Research Funding Areas

- ☐ Soil Health
- ☐ Field Efficiency
- ☐ AG Ecosystem / Biodiversity
- ☐ Water Quantity
- ☐ Water Quality
- ☐ Other: _____

Funding Levels

- ☐ \$5,000 – Get Feet Wet
- ☐ \$10,000 – Wade In
- ☐ \$15,000 – Dive In



APPETIZERS – WATER BMPS

BMP Funding Areas

- ☐ Surface Drainage Innovation
- ☐ Sub Surface (Tile) Drainage
- ☐ Water Use Efficiency
- ☐ Drainage Design Course
- ☐ Conservation Drainage Practices
- ☐ Irrigation Innovations
- ☐ Biodiversity Efforts

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HAPPY HOUR – CONNECTION

Education Funding Areas

- ☐ **SK DEN INFO HUB**
- ☐ Field Tour Partner
- ☐ Focus Groups / Info Exchange
- ☐ Extension Publications & Learning Resources

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SIDE ORDERS

- ☐ <\$5,000
 - ☐ In Kind
- In kind contributions – time, knowledge, technology, equipment, demonstration sites, guest speakers, tradeshow pop ups, etc.*

We welcome your ideas, all contributions make a difference!