



**-Lindberg Family Farms**

Richard Lindberg, Owner and Operator of Lindberg Family Farms, is a 4th Generation farmer on the Western side of Republic County near Courtland, Kansas. Lindberg Family Farms was nominated for the Key Banker Award highlighting water conservation by instilling autonomous pivots into their operation.

Lindberg Family Farms has been irrigating for over 60 years starting with siphon tubes. In the late nineties they converted from siphon tubes to gated irrigation pipe and eventually to pivots. Lindberg Family Farms had 2 existing pivots retrofitted to variable rate precision pivots in 2024 and 2 new pivots installed in 2025. These pivots allowed for their farm to be more precise when irrigating by conserving water in areas of the field that had sufficient moisture.



Gated pipes have an efficiency factor of around 50%-60% whereas center pivots have an efficiency factor of 85%-90% when irrigating. With years of short water supply with gated pipe, water allotment would run out much sooner compared to autonomous pivots. With the new retrofitted center pivots, it would be difficult to go through the allotted amount of water, even if they still have it available at the end of irrigating season.



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