

# IRRIGATION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Benefits for Every Resident

## WHY IRRIGATION MATTERS

Lake Diefenbaker was designed for 500,000 irrigated acres. With 158,000 acres developed as of 2024, Saskatchewan has proven the model and is ready to scale.

Every 1,000 irrigated acres creates approximately 12 full-time jobs in Saskatchewan.



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# \$826

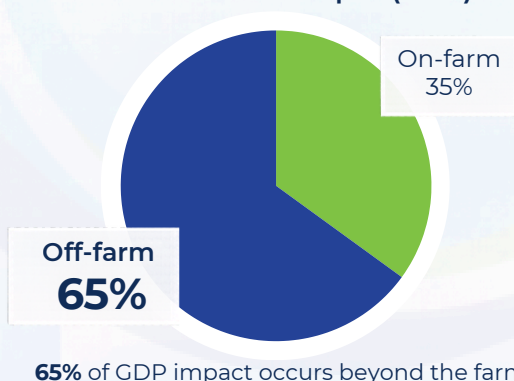
The income that each irrigated acre adds to pockets of Saskatchewan Residents each year.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM IRRIGATION AROUND LAKE DIEFENBAKER

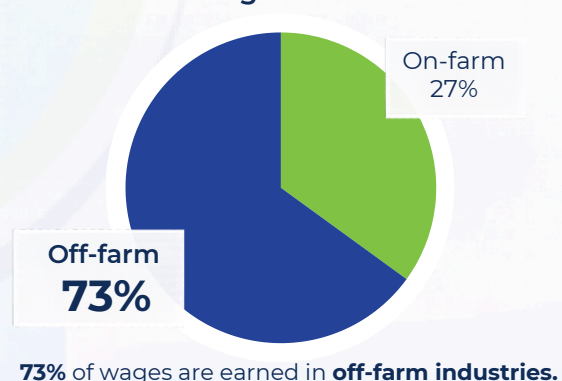
- Adds nearly \$200 million annually to Saskatchewan's GDP
- Creates over 1,800 jobs each year
- Each acre contributes about \$1,250 in GDP to the economy

## Irrigation Benefits Beyond the Farm

Where Economic Output (GDP) Goes



Where Wages Are Earned



65% of **GDP** and 73% of **labour income** generated by irrigation, support the broader economy.

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# IRRIGATION STRENGTHENS RURAL COMMUNITIES

## +246%

### Population Growth

Outlook, SK since 1951

1951

Approx. 750 people

2025

Approx. 2600 people

Irrigation-driven  
growth

Irrigation supports long-term **population growth** and economic stability in rural communities.



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## RETURNS TO GOVERNMENT

Irrigation developed from Lake Diefenbaker in 2024 will generate 33 million in revenue for Saskatchewan and 67 million federally.\*



\$1 → \$3 (Saskatchewan)



\$1 → \$9 (Canada)

*\*Based on a 50-year lifespan and a 4% discount rate.*

## IMPACT ON FARMERS

### 01

- Adds about \$203 per acre in net income

### 02

- Enables high-value crops like potatoes, carrots and other veggies

### 03

- Provides drought protection and builds climate resilience



### Value Added Industry

- Supports over 500 food processing jobs annually
- Drives growth in processing, logistics, and supply chains

