

# Equipment Talk

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With pumping season beginning, some maintenance of the irrigation system should be undertaken now. Farmers should check the irrigation units to be sure they are in good condition. Begin with a visual walk around the unit, checking for leaks. Be sure the unit is clear of any debris. Next, check all fluid levels and add fluids if

needed. Check hoses and belts to be sure everything is in working order. Then grease and service the PTO. Be sure oil level shutdown is working properly, and that the battery is charged to facilitate starting. Look at the murphy box to make sure the contacts are good. Then check the fuel tank and lines to assure no debris is clogging the lines. Last but not least, shut the unit down periodically to inspect it and service as needed. Hopefully, following these guidelines will keep the water pumping as needed and the crops thriving. Just like the old adage: “An ounce of prevention beats a pound of cure.” Δ



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