

# Irrigators Meeting Scheduled For Jan. 21 In Lamar

**SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

The Southwest Chapter of Missouri Irrigators Association will host its 2010 Irrigators Conference starting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 in the Finley Room at the Barton County University of Missouri Extension Center, 801 E. 12th in Lamar.

“Although we have had adequate rainfall the last two seasons, the amount of water used by agriculture continues to draw attention from urban areas and environmental groups,” said Jay Chism, an agronomy specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

Using sub-surface irrigation in row crop production – which can reduce water usage con-

cerns – will be one of the discussion topics at the irrigators conference.

“In dry portions of the U.S., drip systems are being used to get the most of available water resources,” said Ed Browning, a natural resource engineer with University of Missouri Extension.

Other planned topics include area watertable levels, and how cap and trade may impact local agriculture.

An organizational meeting will follow the program and will adjourn by 2:30 p.m.

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