

A Landowner's Manual Managing Agricultural Irrigation Drainage Water:

A guide for developing Integrated On-Farm Drainage Management systems

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This drainage management manual is dedicated to the memory of Frank Menezes, who passed away in 2001.

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