



United States Department of Agriculture

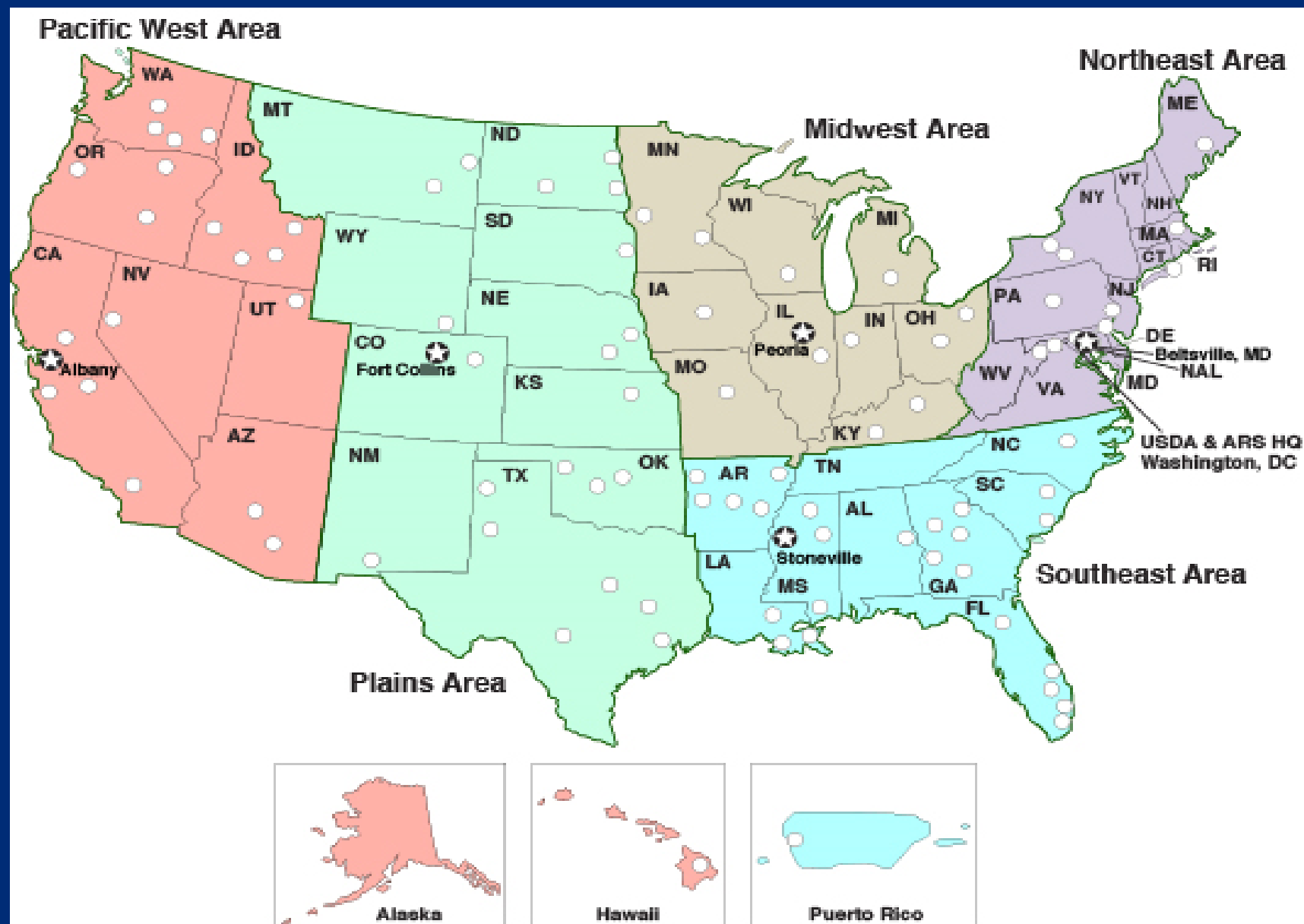
USDA-ARS Hydraulic Engineering Research Unit Stillwater, OK



Innovations in Hydraulic Engineering since *1940*.



United States Department of Agriculture





United States Department of Agriculture



WHEAT, PEANUT, AND OTHER CROP SCIENCES UNIT



HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING RESEARCH UNIT



United States Department of Agriculture

Hydraulic Engineering Research Unit Staff

Dr. Sherry Hunt, *Research Leader*

Vacant, Research Civil Engineer

Kem Kadavy, *Agricultural Engineer*

Ron Tejral, *Agricultural Engineer*

Bob Sappington, *Engineering Technician*

Tyler Selvey, *Engineering Technician*

Dr. Abdelfatah Ali, *ORISE Post-doc*



United States Department of Agriculture

Spartanburg, South Carolina Outdoor Hydraulic Laboratory



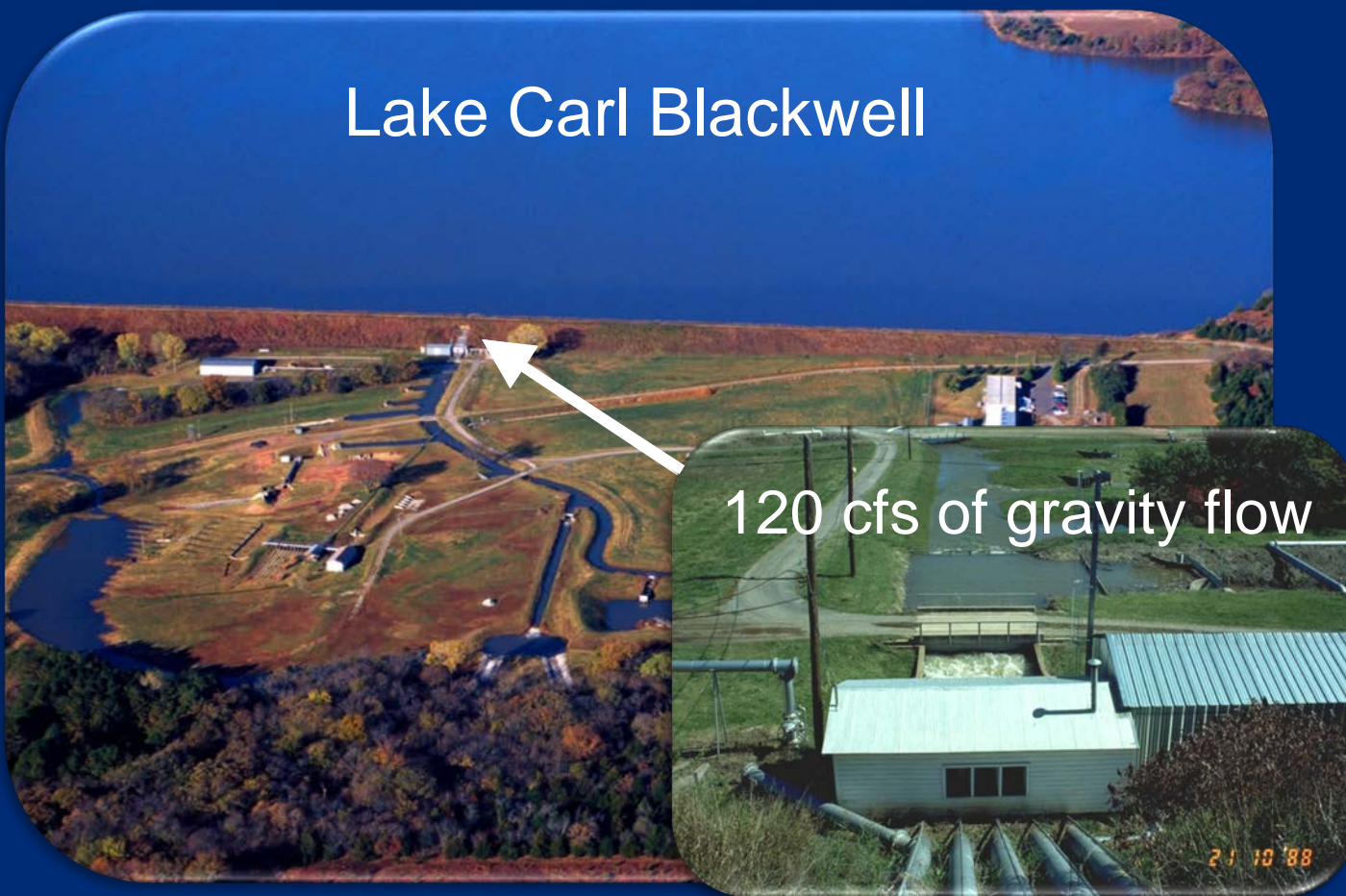
MISSION: Determine the hydraulic characteristics of vegetations used for waterway lining.



United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Research Service
HERU
Hydraulic Engineering Research Unit

Lake Carl Blackwell



120 cfs of gravity flow

21 10 '88



United States Department of Agriculture



MISSION: Determine the hydraulic characteristics of vegetations used for waterway lining.



United States Department of Agriculture

✓ SCS TP-61 Handbook of
Channel Design

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

HANDBOOK OF CHANNEL
DESIGN FOR SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION

Prepared By
Stillwater Outdoor Hydraulic Laboratory
Stillwater, Oklahoma ↗

In cooperation with the
Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station

SCS-TP-61
Washington, D. C.
March 1947
Revised June 1954
Converted to metric system August 1966



United States Department of Agriculture



- ✓ SCS TP-61 Handbook of Channel Design
- ✓ ARS AH-667 Stability Design of Grass-Lined Open Channels





United States Department of Agriculture



- ✓ SCS TP-61 Handbook of Channel Design
- ✓ ARS AH-667 Stability Design of Grass-Lined Open Channels
- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 650, EFH Ch 7 Grassed Waterways.
- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 654, SRD Ch 8 Threshold Channel Des.
- ✓ NRCS EFT v 1.1.2
Waterway Development Tool
v 2.0.0.3 released
- ✓ NRCS-ARS – SITES Model
v 2005.1.3
- ✓ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
SITES SSEA



- ✓ ASABE EP464.1 Grassed Waterway for Runoff Control
- ✓ ASABE EP492.1 Diversions
- ✓ NRCS Conservation Practice Standards
 - 412 Grassed Waterway
 - 468 Lined Waterway or Outlet
 - 600 Terrace
 - 378 Pond
 - 402 Dams

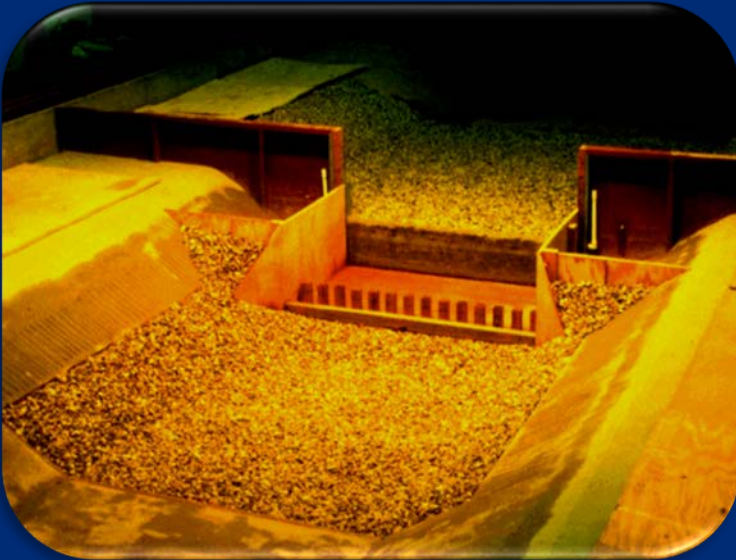
- ✓ SCS TP-61 Handbook of Channel Design
- ✓ ARS AH-667 Stability Design of Grass-Lined Open Channels
- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 650, EFH Ch 7 Grassed Waterways.
- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 654, SRD Ch 8 Threshold Channel Des.
- ✓ NRCS EFT v 1.1.2 Waterway Development Tool v 2.0.0.3 released
- ✓ NRCS-ARS – SITES Model v 2005.1.3
- ✓ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers SITES SSEA
- ✓ NRCS-ARS – WINDAM Breach Model (Beta Test Version)



MISSION: Develop criteria for the analysis and design of conservation structures and channels for the conveyance, storage, and measurement of runoff waters.



United States Department of Agriculture



MISSION: Expanded to include Hydraulic Structures.



United States Department of Agriculture

- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 654,
SRD TS Part 14
Stone Sizing Criteria

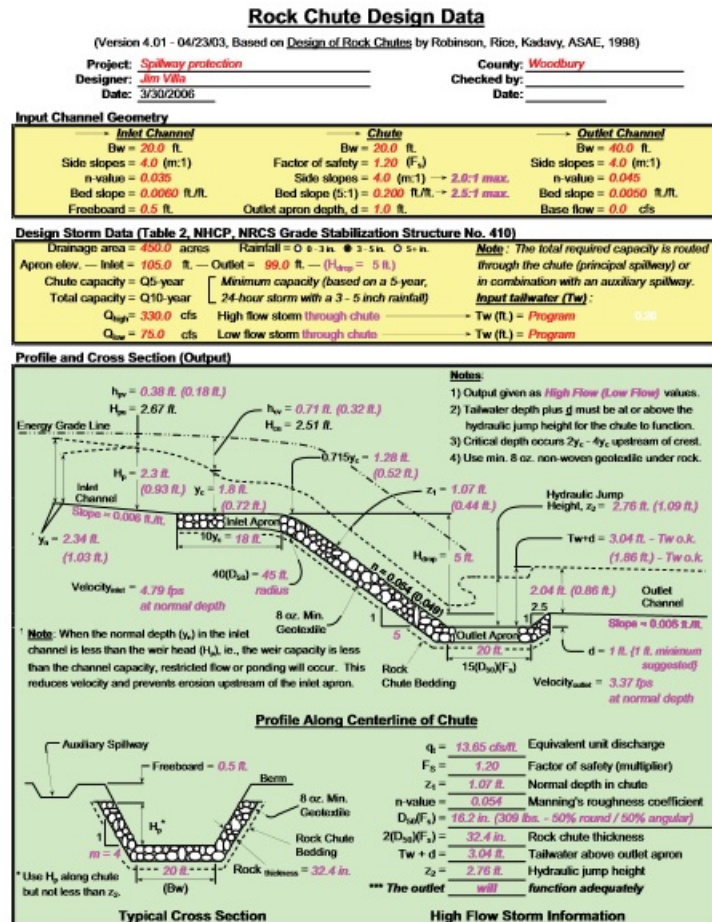


MISSION: Expanded to include Hydraulic Structures.



United States Department of Agriculture

Figure TS14C-7 Rock chute spreadsheet



(210-VI-NEH, August 2007)

TS14C-9

- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 654, SRD TS Part 14 Stone Sizing Criteria
- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 654, SRD TS Part 14 Grade Stabilization Tech.
- ✓ Supplemental Technology to TR-59 Hydraulic Design of Rip-Rap Gradient Control Structures

MISSION: Expanded to include Hydraulic Structures.



United States Department of Agriculture



- ✓ NRCS Conservation Practice Standards
410 Grade Stabilization Structure

- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 654, SRD TS Part 14
Stone Sizing Criteria
- ✓ NRCS NEH, Part 654, SRD TS Part 14
Grade Stabilization Tech.
- ✓ Supplemental Technology to TR-59 Hydraulic Design of Rip-Rap Gradient Control Structures
- ✓ ARS Specific Model Study – NRCS Riffle Pool Rock Chute
Application Sugar Creek, OK
- ✓ NRCS-ARS – WINDAM Breach Model
(Beta Test Version)

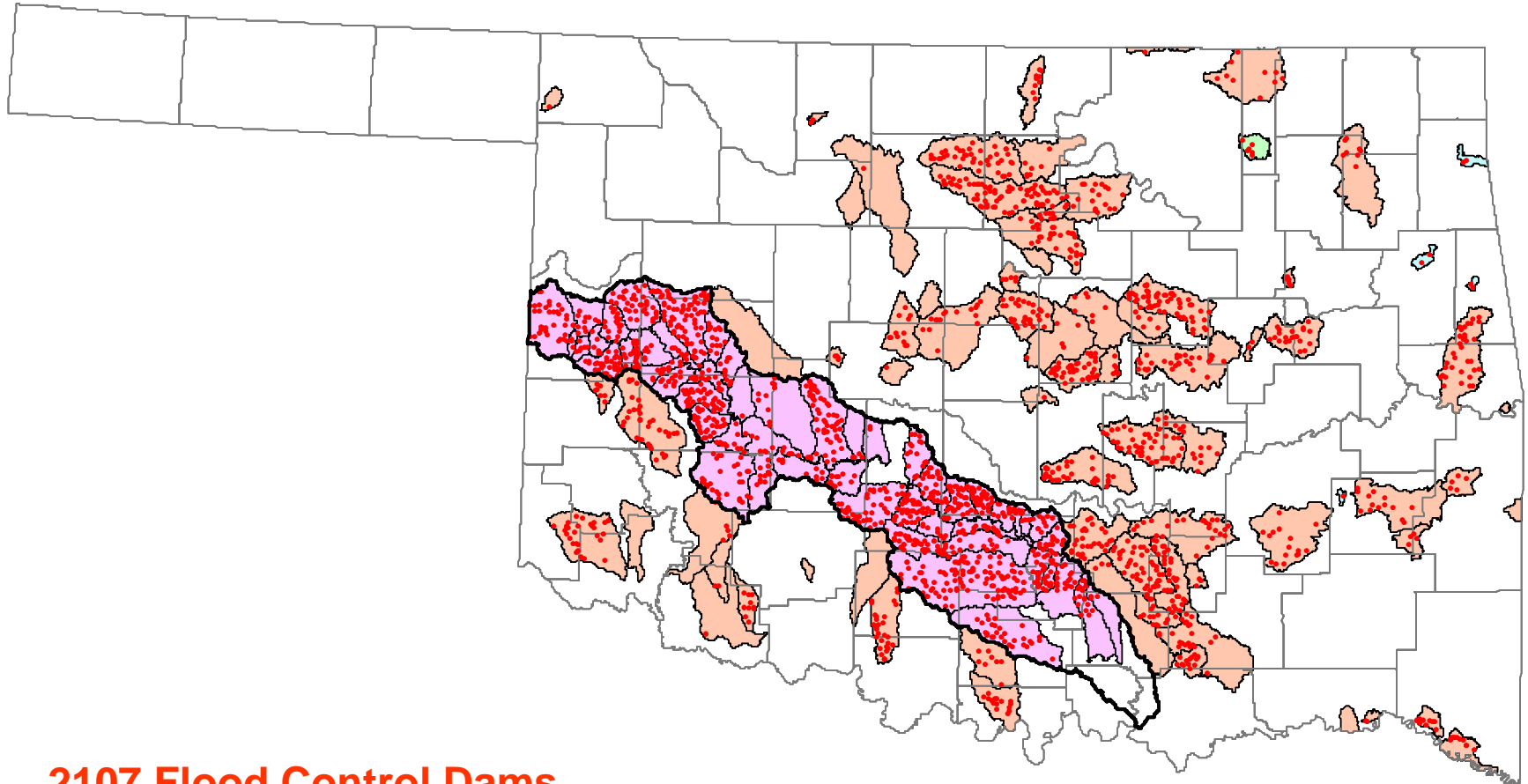
MISSION: Expanded to include Hydraulic Structures.



Flooding across the Midwest



United States Department of Agriculture



2107 Flood Control Dams

USDA Small Watershed Program



United States Department of Agriculture

Auxiliary Spillway

✓ TR-03 Hood
Inlets for culvert
spillways



Earth Embankment

Inlet



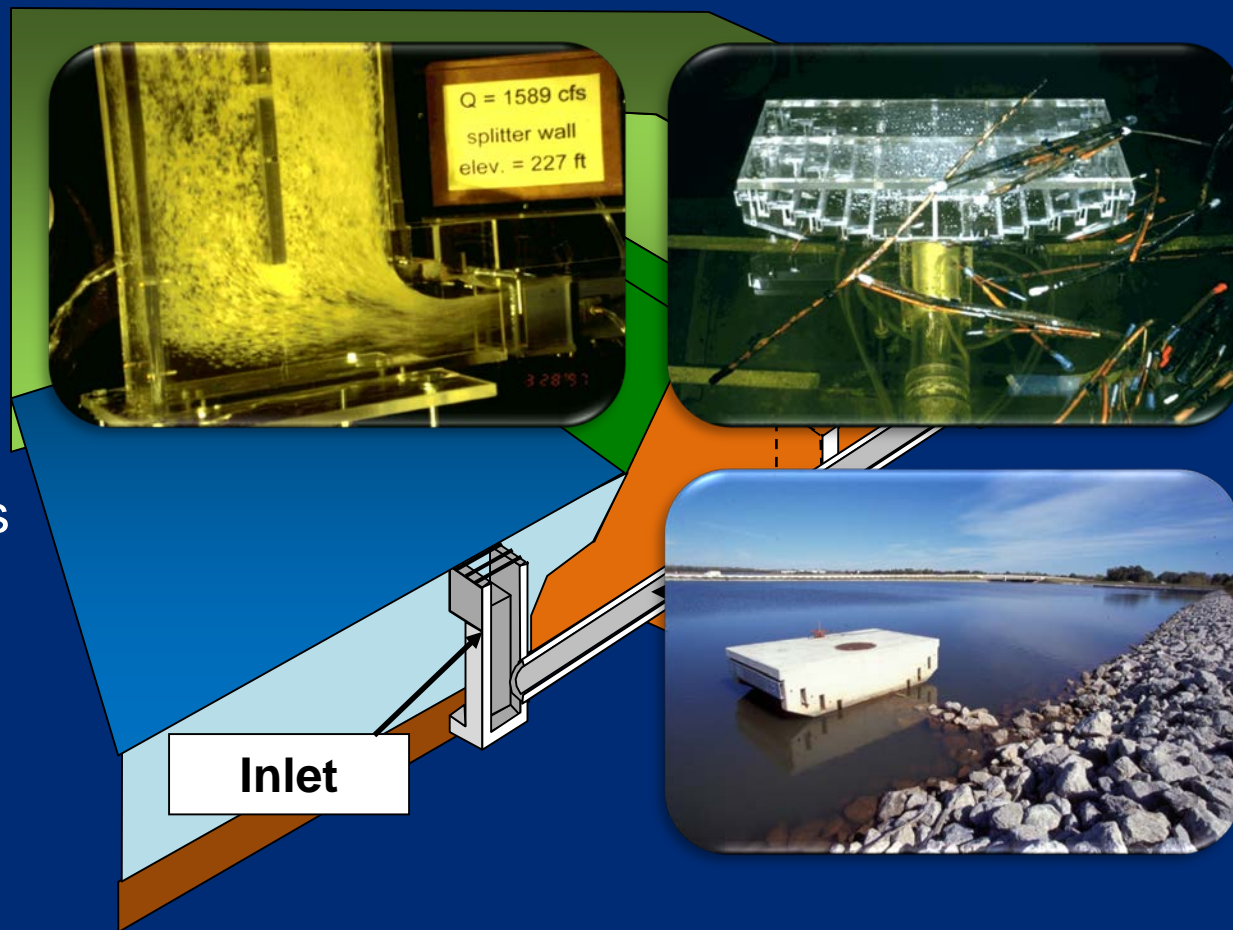
USDA Small Watershed Program



United States Department of Agriculture

✓ TR-70 Hydraulic proportioning of two-way covered baffle inlet riser.

✓ TR-29 Hydraulics of two-way covered risers.



USDA Small Watershed Program



United States Department of Agriculture



- ✓ Design Note 6
Riprap-lined plunge
pool for cantilever
outlet.
- ✓ ARS AH-76 Scour at
cantilevered pipe outlets.



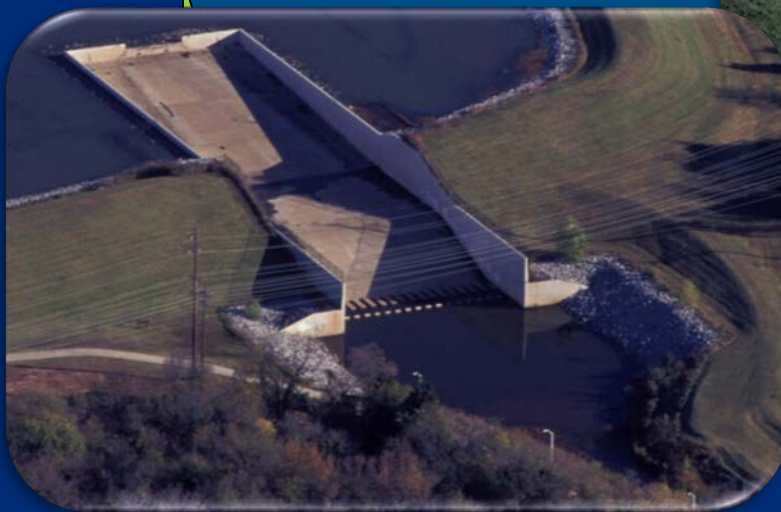
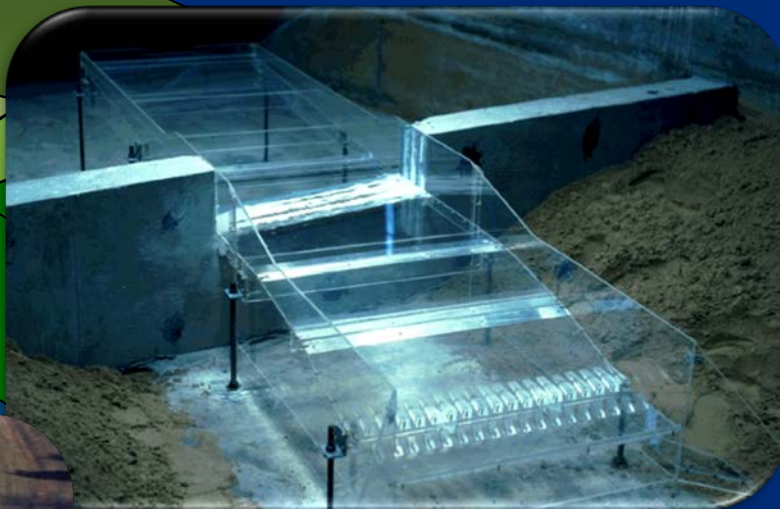
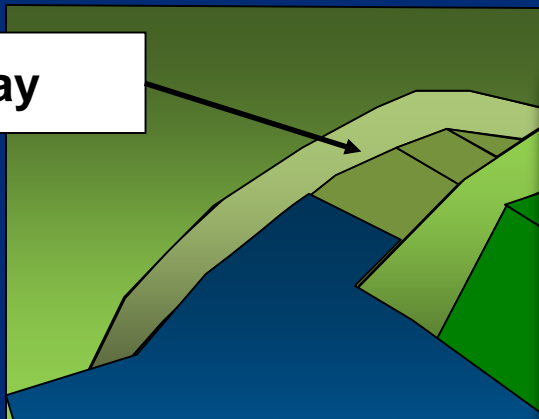
Outlet

USDA Small Watershed Program



United States Department of Agriculture

Auxiliary Spillway



✓ Site-specific Structural Spillways – Boomer Lake, Stillwater, OK.

USDA Small Watershed Program



United States Department of Agriculture

Auxiliary Spillway



USDA Small Watershed Program



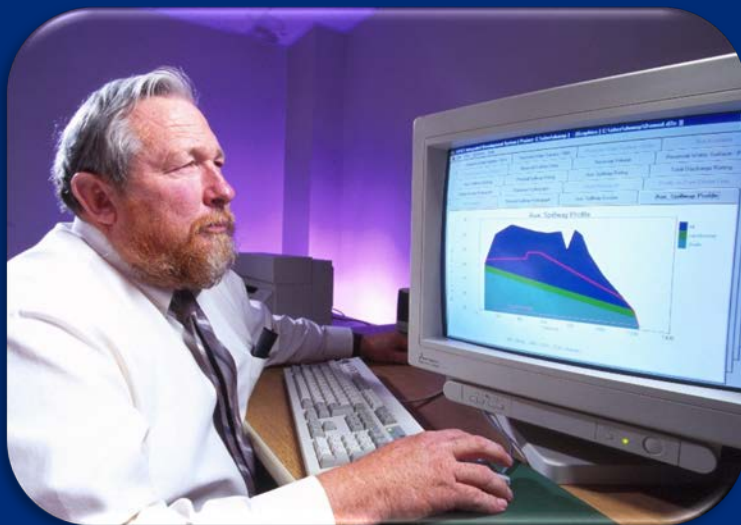
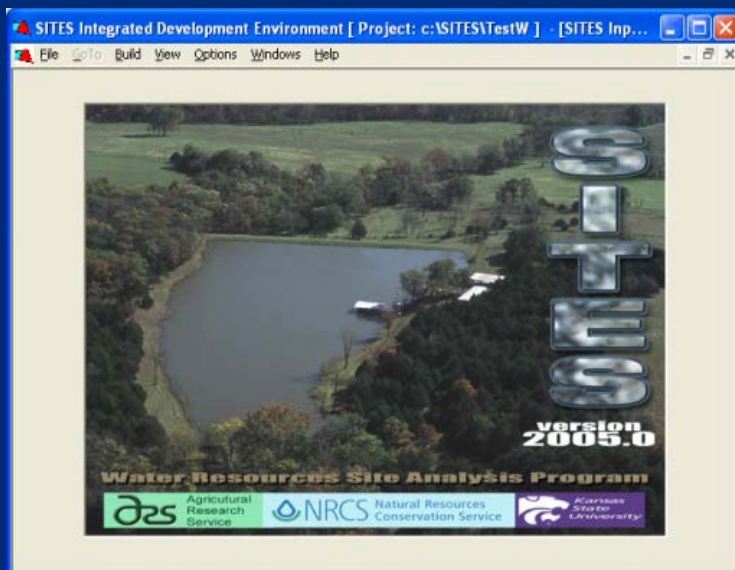
- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 50
Earth Spillway
Design
- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 51
Earth Spillway
Erosion Model



United States Department of Agriculture



- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 50
Earth Spillway
Design
- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 51
Earth Spillway
Erosion Model
- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 52
Field Procedures
Guide for the
Headcut
Erodibility Index



- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 50
Earth Spillway
Design
- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 51
Earth Spillway
Erosion Model
- ✓ NEH – Part 628 , Ch 52
Field Procedures
Guide for the
Headcut
Erodibility Index
- ✓ TR-60 Earth Dams &
Reservoirs
- ✓ NRCS-ARS – SITES Model
v 2005.1.3
- ✓ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
SITES SSEA



United States Department of Agriculture



JET Erodibility Device and Methodology

- ✓ ASTM Standard Field and Laboratory Erodibility Measurement Method
- ✓ NRCS-ARS – SITES Model v 2005.1.3
- ✓ NRCS-ARS – WINDAM Breach Model (Beta Test Version)
- ✓ ARS – Bank Stability and Toe Erosion Model (BSTEM)



United States Department of Agriculture

Users of the JET Device and Methodology

- ✓ U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- ✓ U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- ✓ Other ARS Scientists
- ✓ Academic Institutions
- ✓ Private Consultants
- ✓ International Scientific Community



JET Erodibility Device



United States Department of Agriculture



**The USDA Small Watershed Program
Historic Landmark of Agricultural Engineering
Dedicated by American Society of
Agricultural and Biological Engineers in 2011**



United States Department of Agriculture



Challenges:

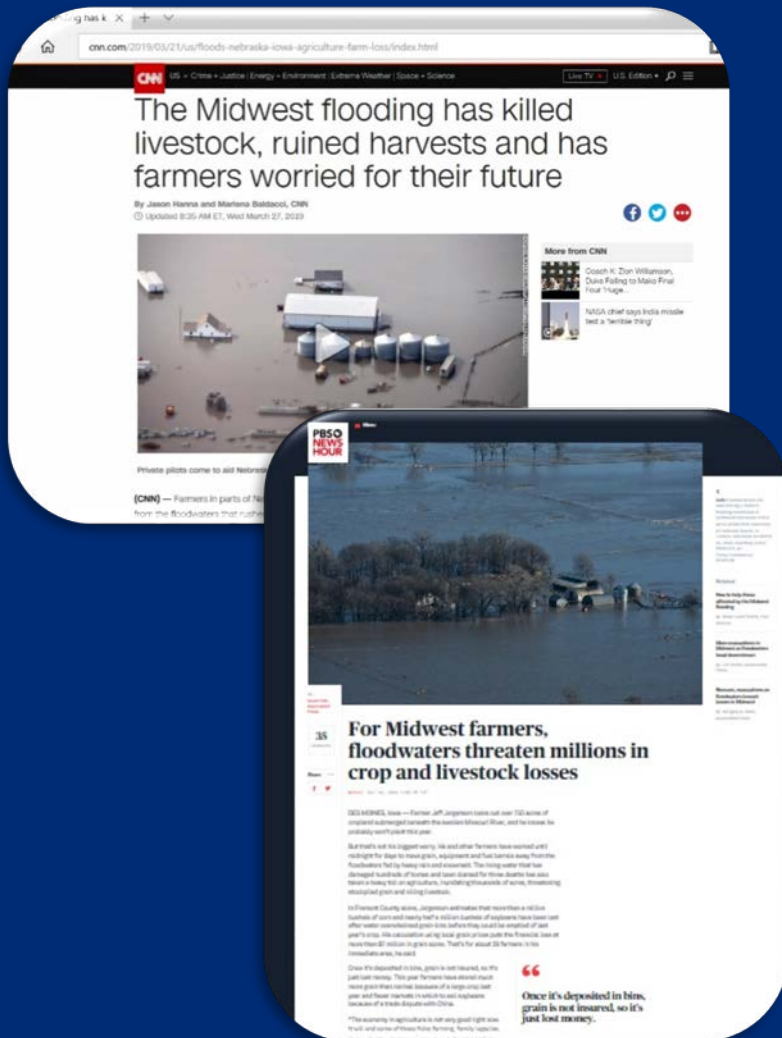
- Competition for food, fiber and water
- Urbanization
- Climate Change
- Aging infrastructure with structural deterioration and/or sedimentation





United States Department of Agriculture

Challenges: Extremes Weather Events Become More Extreme



2019 Headline News Examples

Flood Impact on Cattle –

Nebraska Cow/Calf Produce

Losses – Progressive Farmer

Midwest Flooding Threatens

Water Safety in 1 Million Wells

– CNN News

Nebraska Faces \$1.3 Billion in

Flood Losses – NPR

Flooding Breaches Dam in

Nebraska – The Weather

Channel



United States Department of Agriculture

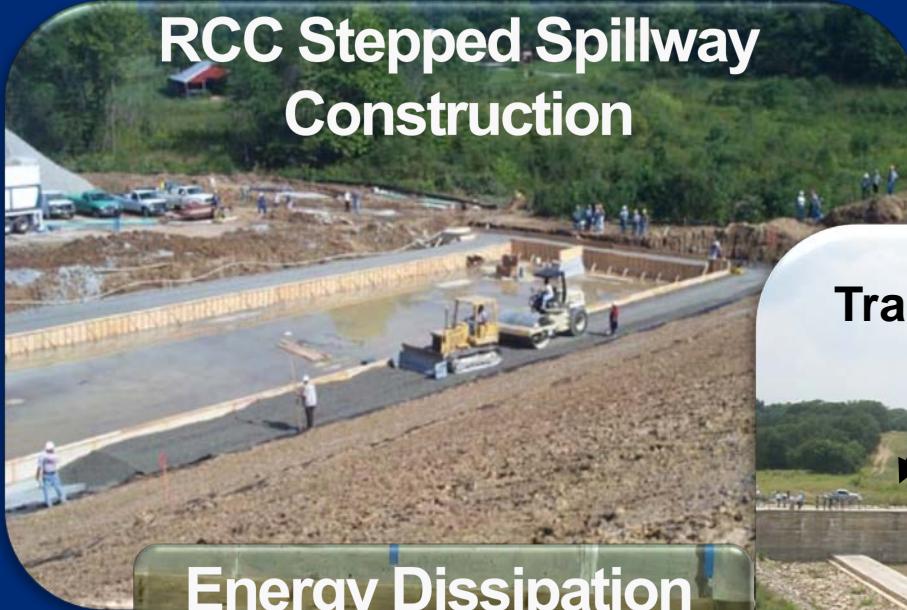


Alternative Spillway Designs and Overtopping Protection Systems

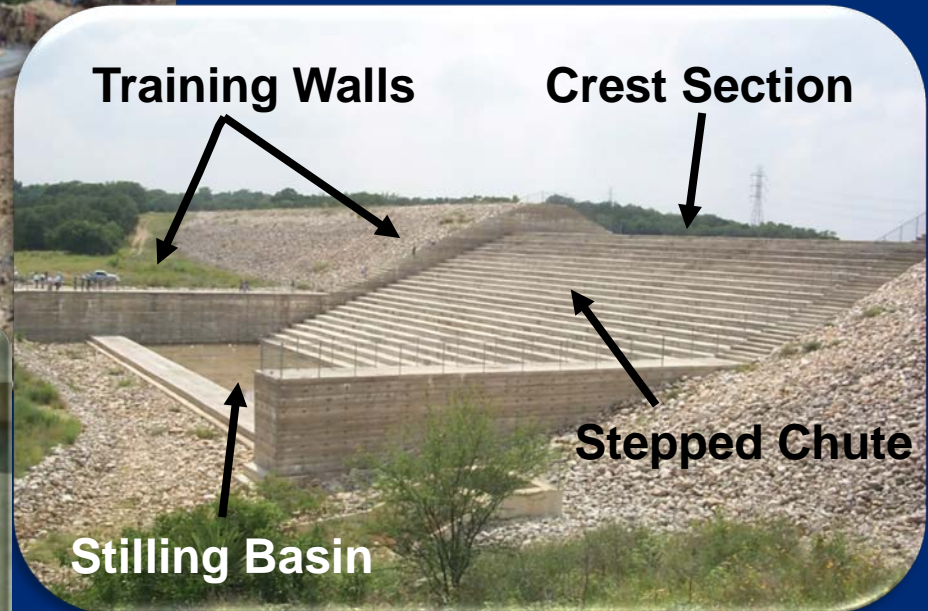
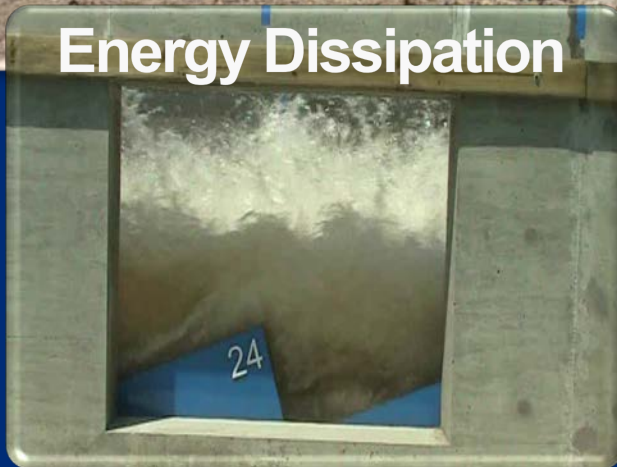


United States Department of Agriculture

RCC Stepped Spillway Construction



Energy Dissipation



Typical RCC Stepped Spillway

RCC Stepped Spillway Research



United States Department of Agriculture



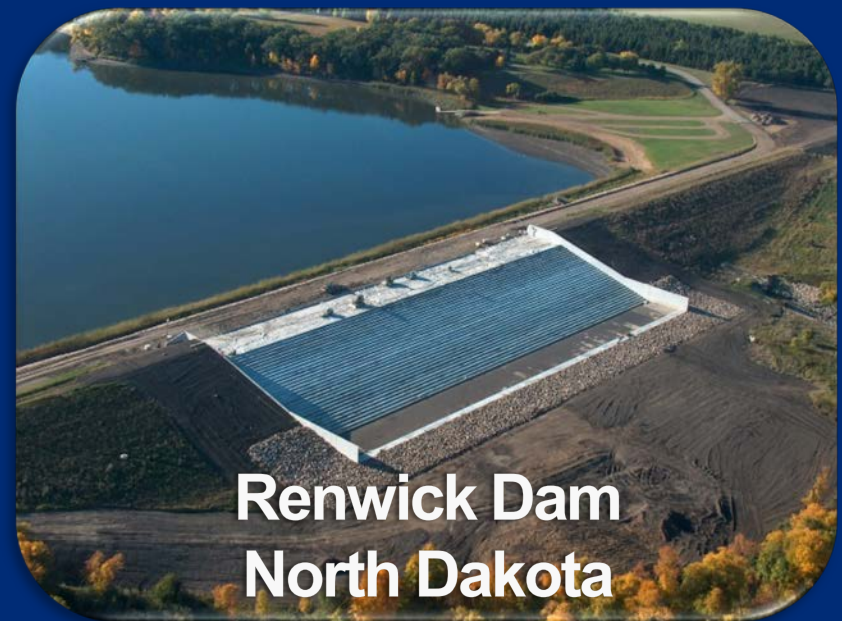
- ✓ Site-specific Stepped Chute Studies
 - ✓ Texas
 - ✓ Virginia
 - ✓ North Carolina
 - ✓ Georgia
 - ✓ North Dakota



RCC Stepped Spillway Research



United States Department of Agriculture



RCC Stepped Spillway Research



United States Department of Agriculture

Impact of Site-specific Stepped Chute Studies:



Texas

✓NRCS



Oklahoma

✓Private Engineering



Kentucky

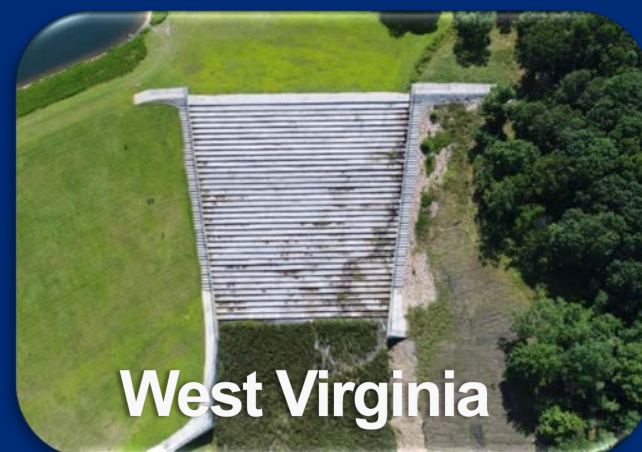
✓Forest Service



Texas



New Mexico



West Virginia

RCC Stepped Spillway Research



United States Department of Agriculture



- ✓ NRCS NEH Chapter in development
- ✓ U.S. Corps of Engineers – EM 1110-2-1603 Hydraulic Design of Spillways (*in press*)



Generalized RCC Stepped Spillway Research



United States Department of Agriculture

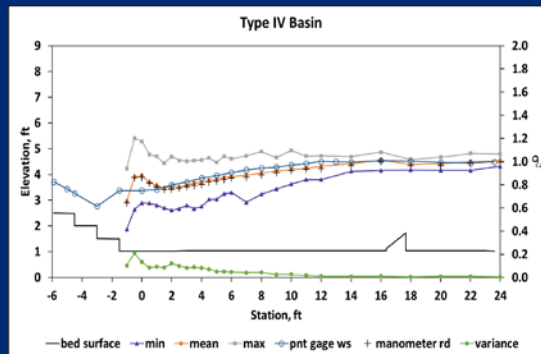
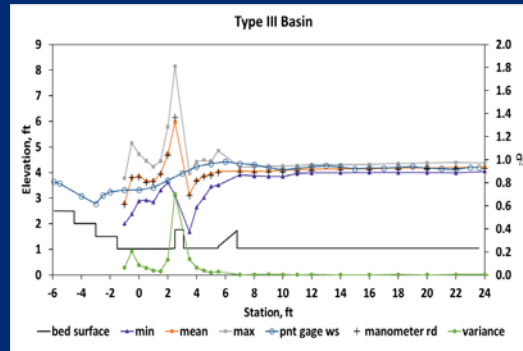
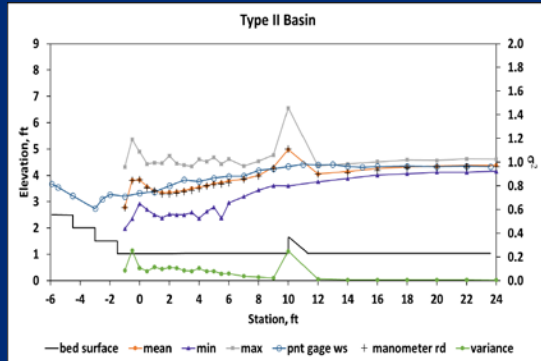


- ✓ NRCS NEH Chapter in development
- ✓ U.S. Corps of Engineers – EM 1110-2-1603 Hydraulic Design of Spillways (*in press*)
- ✓ U.S. Corps of Engineers – EM 1110-2-1602 Hydraulic Design of Reservoir Outlet Works (*updating*)

Generalized RCC Stepped Spillway Research



United States Department of Agriculture



- ✓ NRCS NEH Chapter in development
- ✓ U.S. Corps of Engineers – EM 1110-2-1603 Hydraulic Design of Spillways (*in press*)
- ✓ U.S. Corps of Engineers – EM 1110-2-1602 Hydraulic Design of Reservoir Outlet Works (*updating*)

Generalized RCC Stepped Spillway Research



United States Department of Agriculture



Overtopping

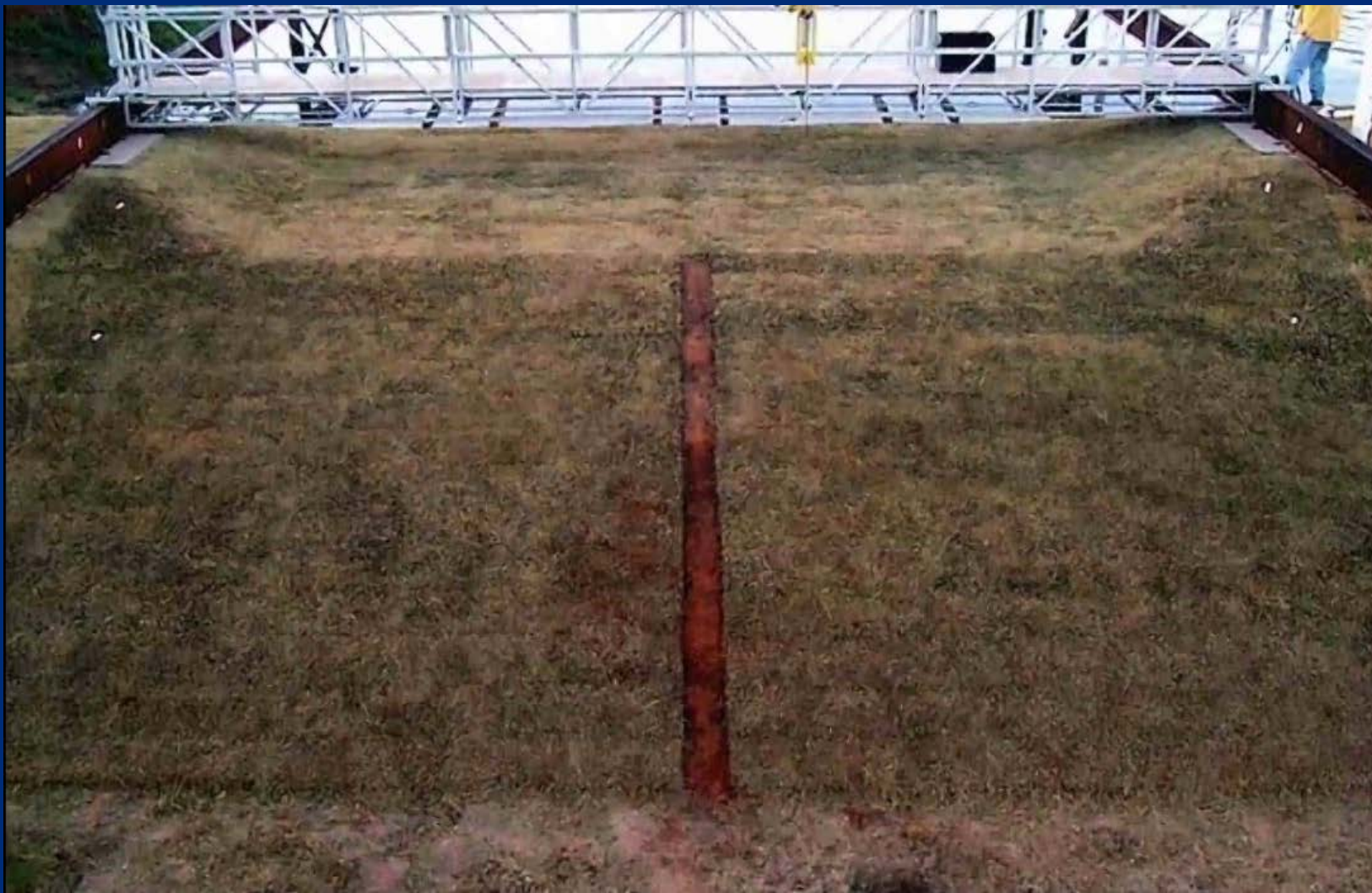


Internal Erosion

Embankment Breach Research



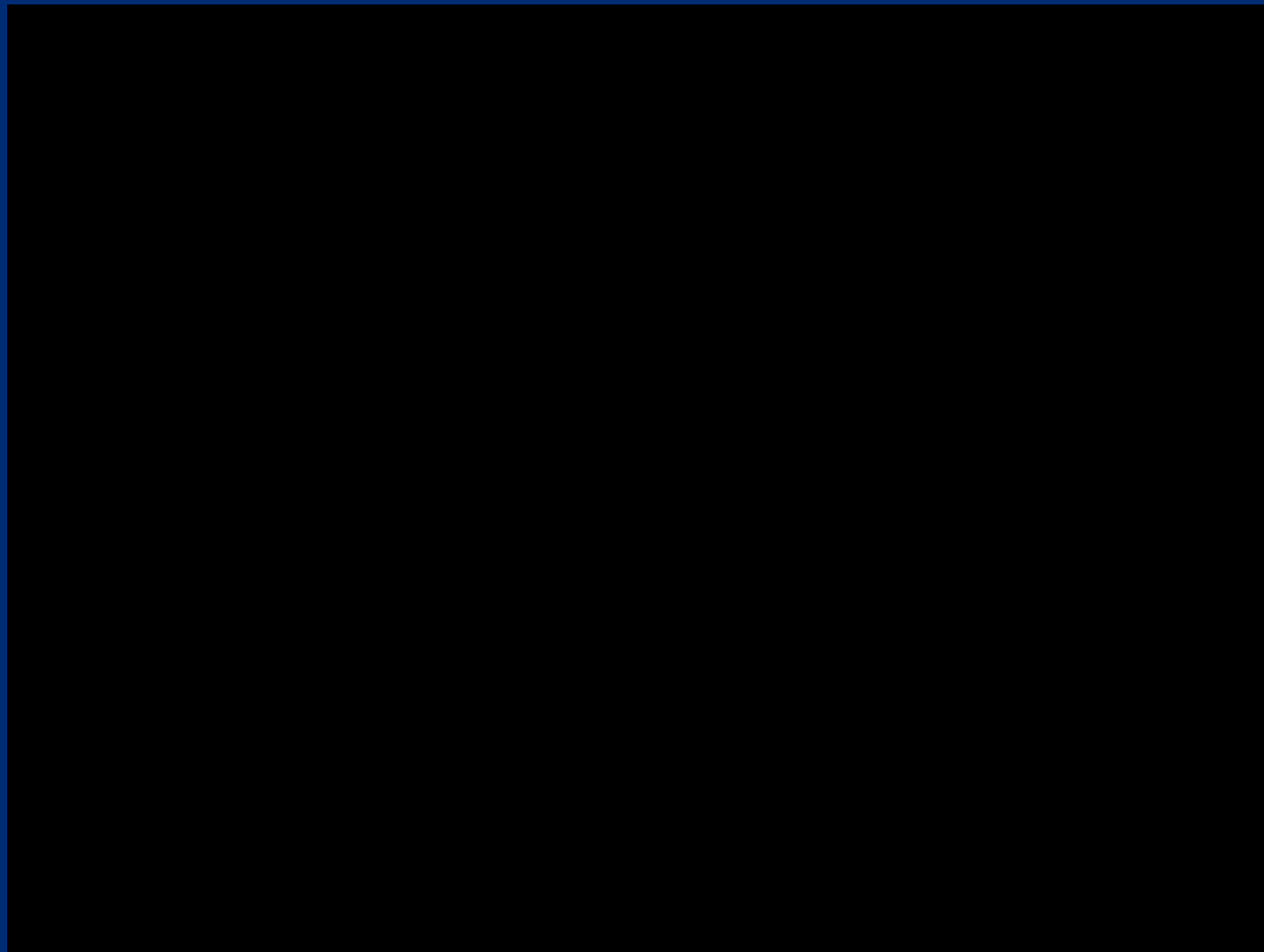
United States Department of Agriculture



Embankment Breach Research



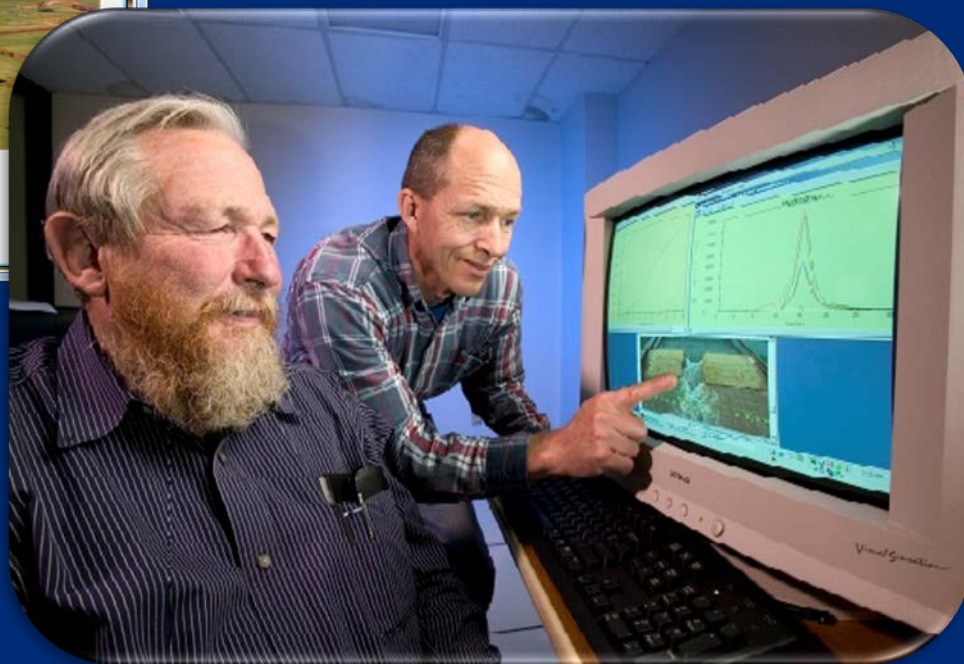
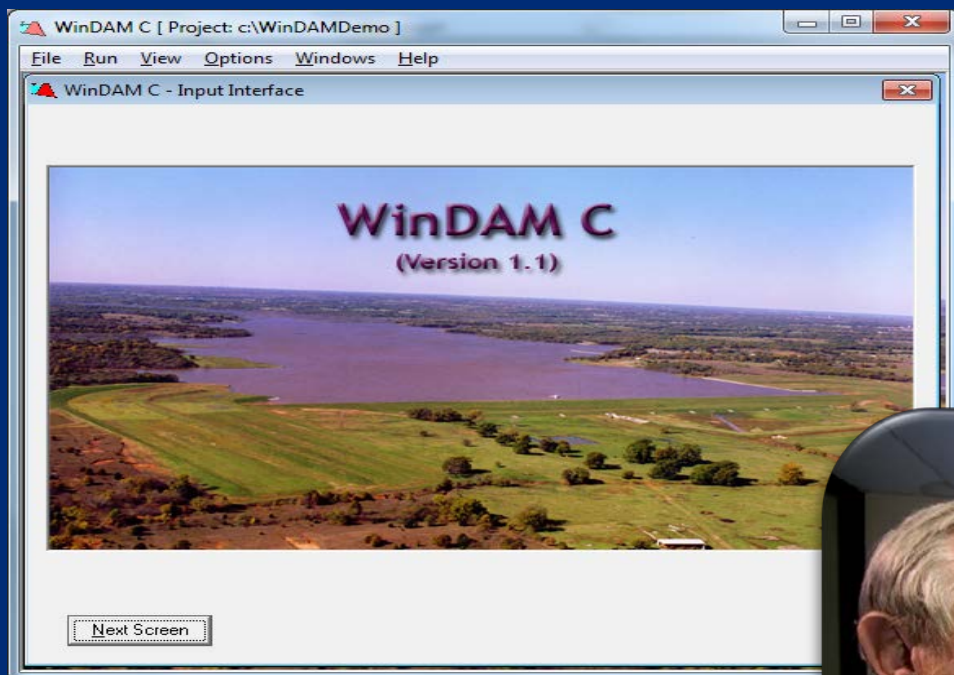
United States Department of Agriculture



Embankment Breach Research



United States Department of Agriculture



Embankment Breach Research



United States Department of Agriculture



Embankment Breach Research



United States Department of Agriculture



Embankment Breach Research



United States Department of Agriculture



Embankment Breach Research

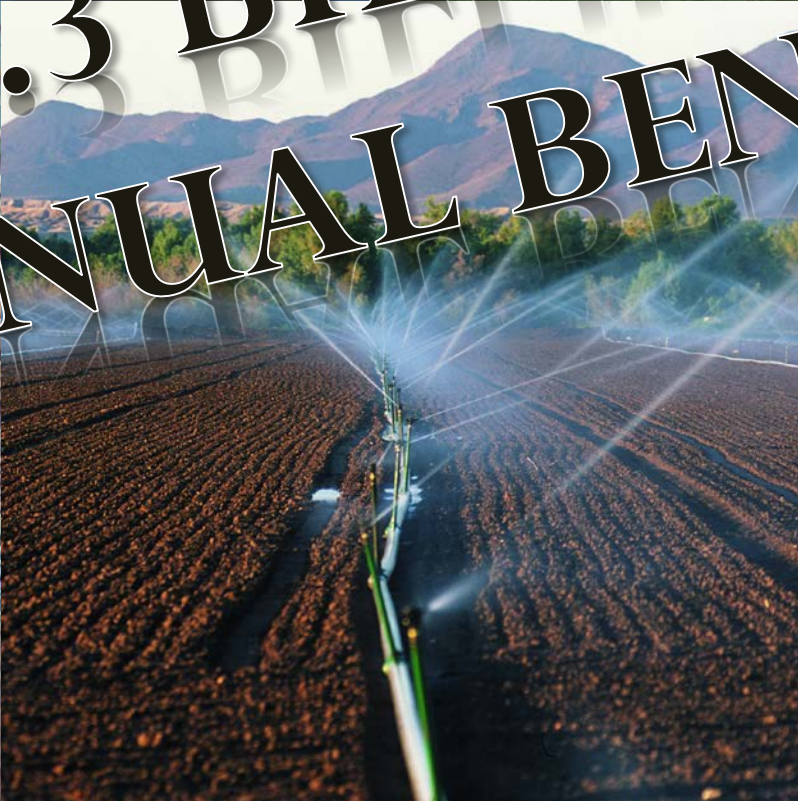


United States Department of Agriculture

Impact

- Prioritization of Rehabilitation
- Improvement of Flood Warning Systems
- Development of Emergency Action Plans
- Zoning Regulations

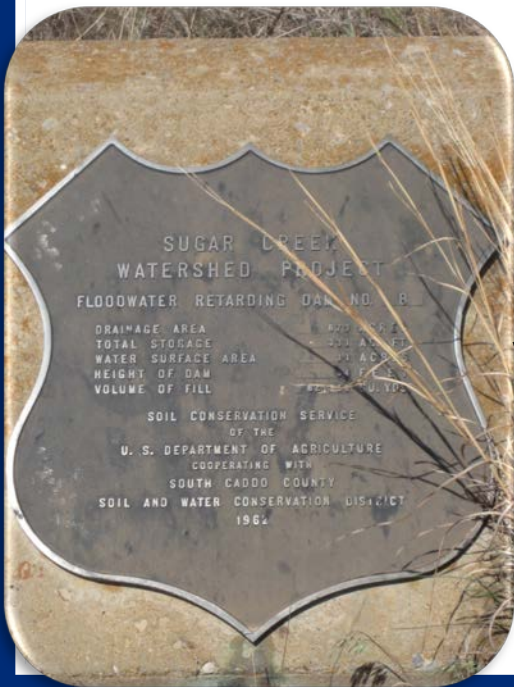
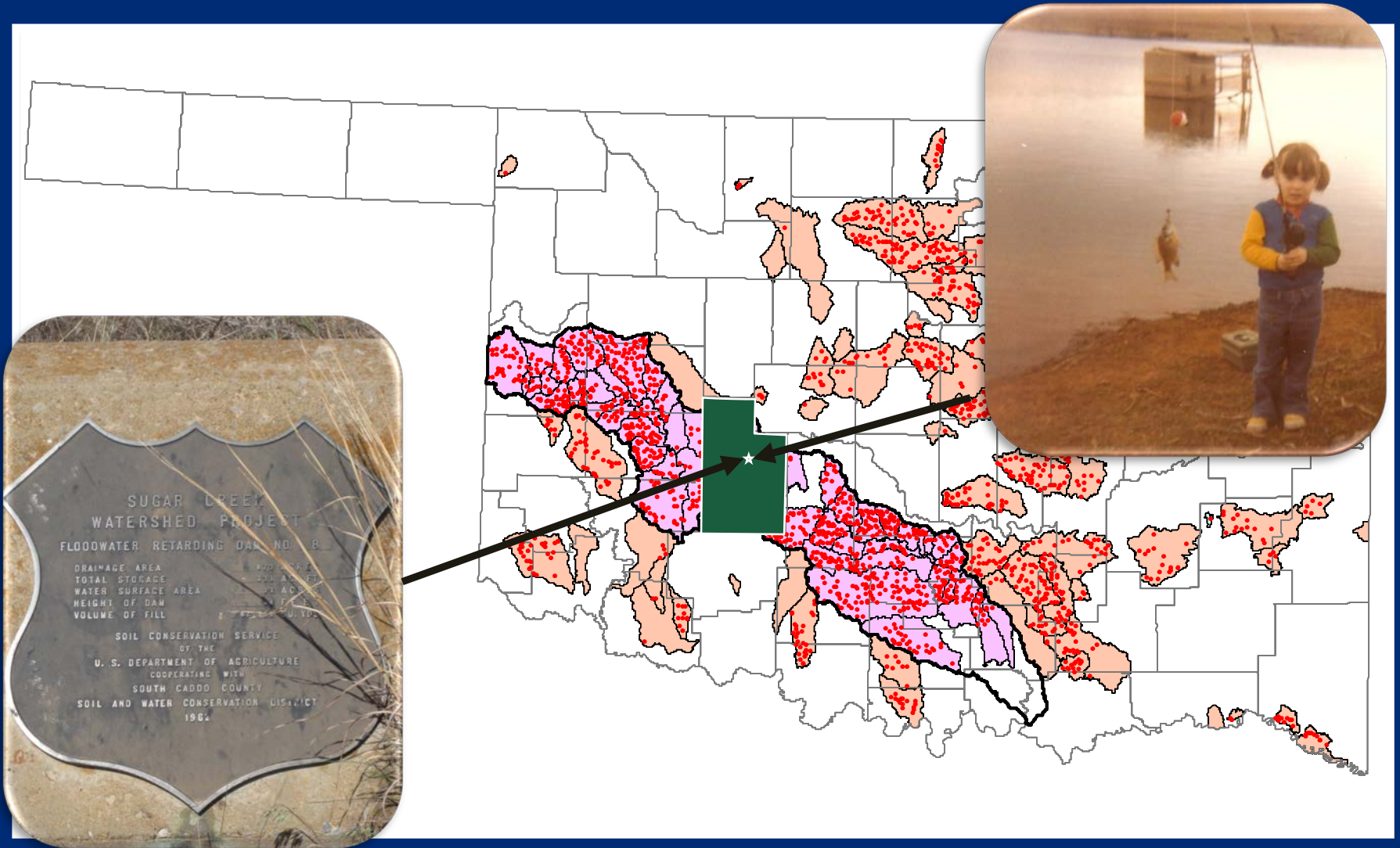




\$2.3 BILLION
IN ANNUAL BENEFITS



United States Department of Agriculture



USDA Small Watershed Program



United States Department of Agriculture

Continuing the benefits



for generations to come.



United States Department of Agriculture



***Leading America towards a better future
through agricultural research and information.***

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.