

# Water development for irrigation in northwestern Kansas

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Aquifers in consolidated rocks are the only local source of water for the people living in many parts of the state. Although not usable for human water supplies, these aquifers can't be ignored. Saltwater intrusion from underlying Permian bedrock limits the use of ground water in the Smoky Hill River valley in eastern Saline and western Dickinson counties.

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Ground water contributes to streamflow in many of the streams in eastern Kansas.

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The Dakota actually covers a large area of the continent. This is the depth at which all of the pores are filled with water--in other words, the upper limit of the saturated zone. Mississippian 40,000,000 Repeated layers of limestone, shale, and sandstone indicate that seas rose and fell.

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When the ice melted and the glaciers receded, this material was left behind, especially in low-lying areas.

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Where the water table is below the ground, as is usual, its depth can be measured in a well. Ordovician 67,000,000 Seas covered parts of Kansas during much of period.

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