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TAWC Field Day Indigo Agriculture

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Agenda

 Indigo Overview

 Water Credits, Data, Benchmarking Ideas

 Survey Closeout



Indigo Overview



Harnessing Nature to Help Farmers Sustainably Feed the Planet

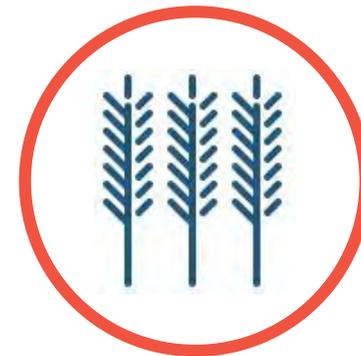
... by focusing on improving
farmer profitability



... by improving the
sustainability of
agriculture



... and by better aligning
agricultural practices
with consumer health





Founded
2014

+\$650M
Private Equity
Funding Raised

+1,000
Employees

5 crops
in production



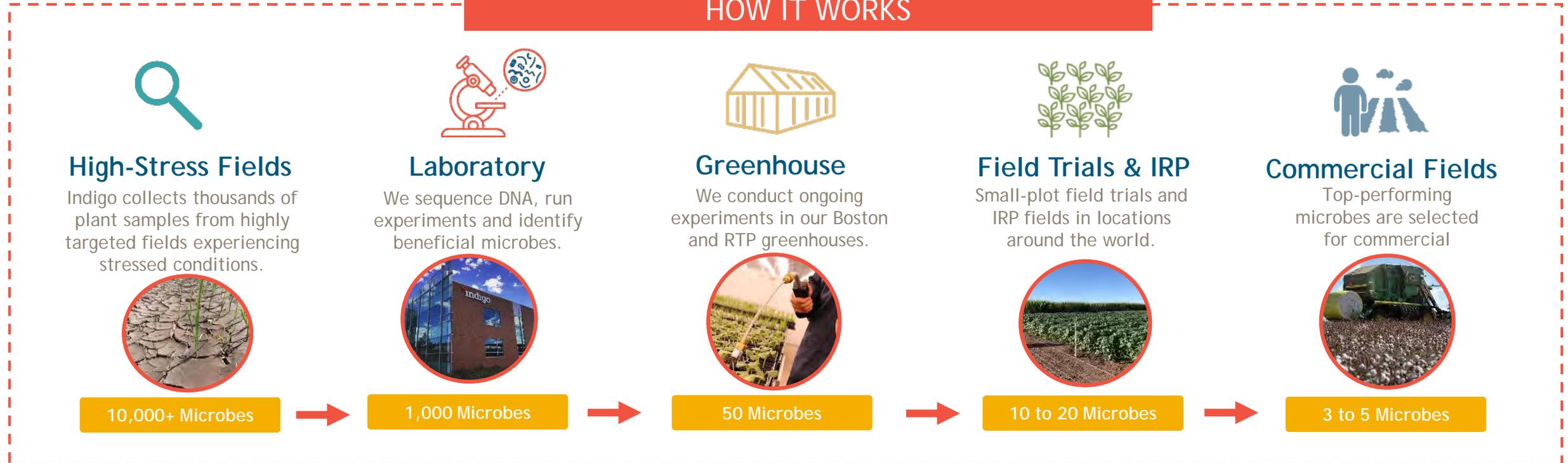
**Global
Acreage:**

2016: 70K
2017: 350K
2018: 1M
2019: 4M+

In 2016, our introductory year, we planted ~50,000 acres of commercial cotton trials and ~20,000 acres of commercial wheat trials (non-revenue generating). Data from these commercial trials (11% yield increase in cotton and 8% yield increase in wheat) gave growers confidence in our products for 2017 adoption.

We evaluate thousands of microbes each year to find the ones that work best for a particular region and crop

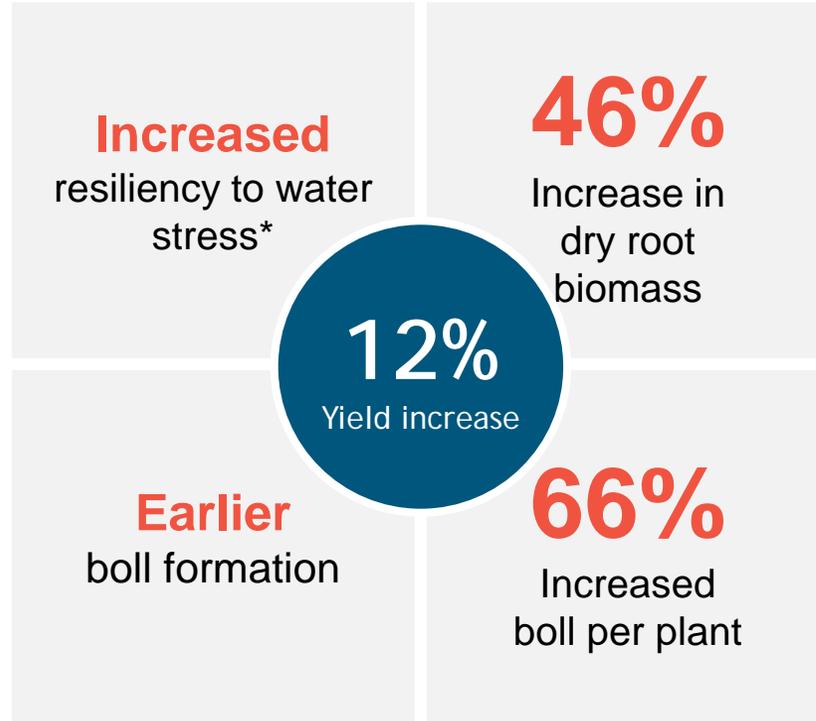
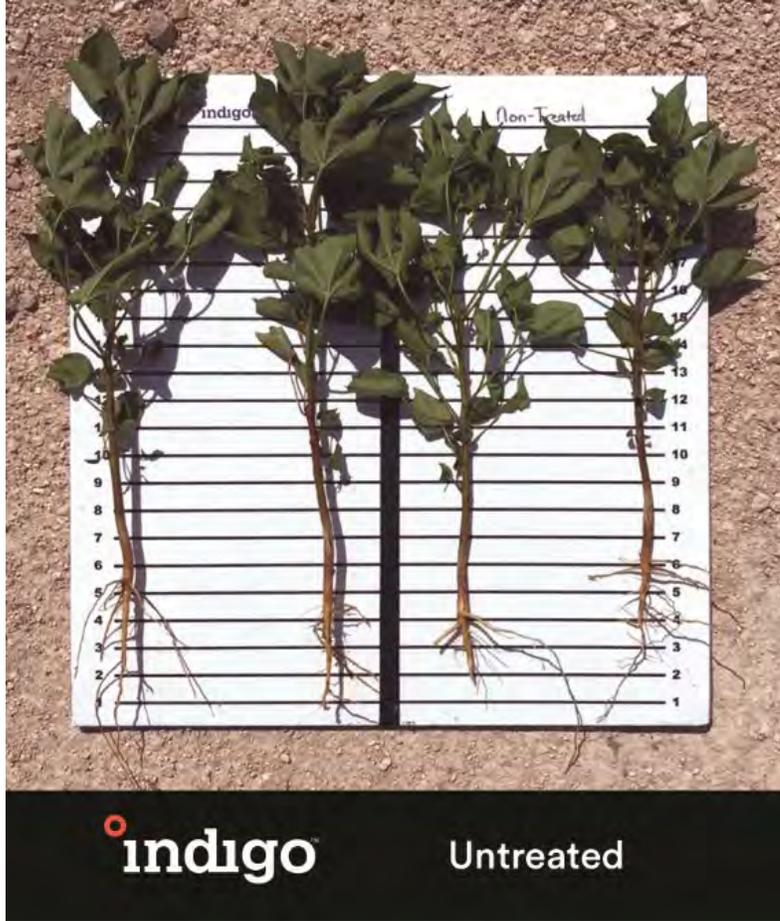
HOW IT WORKS



Indigo cotton demonstrates greater biomass, earlier boll formation and improved resiliency to water stress

Wall, TX

Lowake, TX





Indigo Water Solutions

Situation #1

Consumers are demanding more sustainably sourced and/or grown products



Consumer Demand Trends

SUSTAINABLY
GROWN

38%

...of global consumers would pay premiums for sustainable products¹

TRACEABLE
TO FARM

10%

...globally, consumers are willing to pay as much as 10% more for traceability²

CLIMATE
POSITIVE

55%

...of consumers are willing to pay for climate-friendly products³

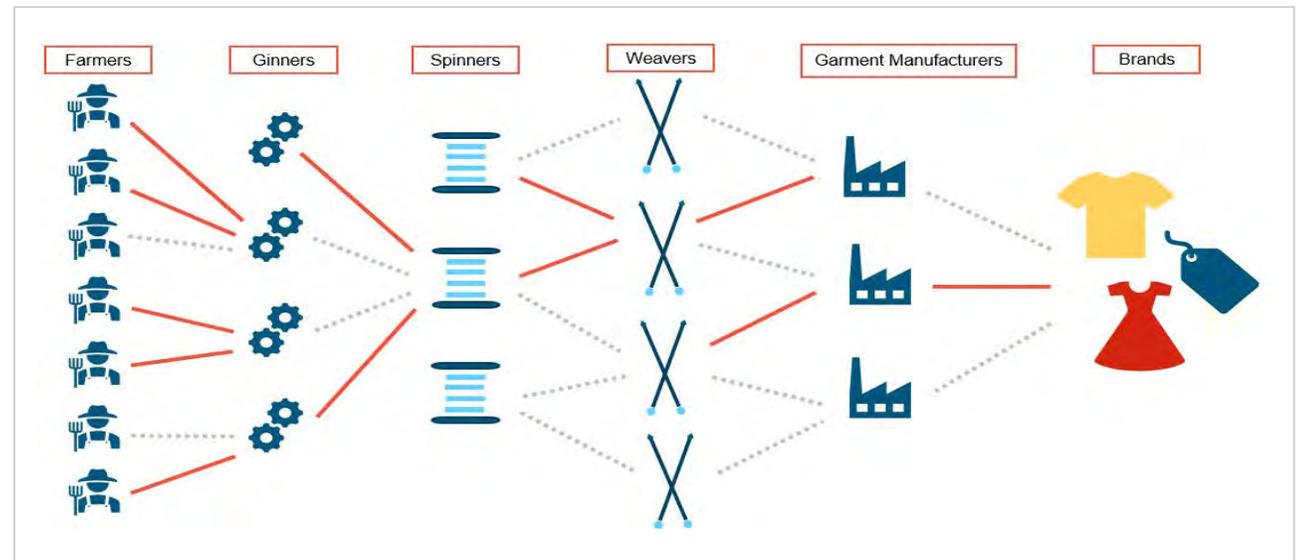
Situation #2

Water is the #1 goal of fashion brands yet they are not engaging with farmers



Apparel Brand Goals

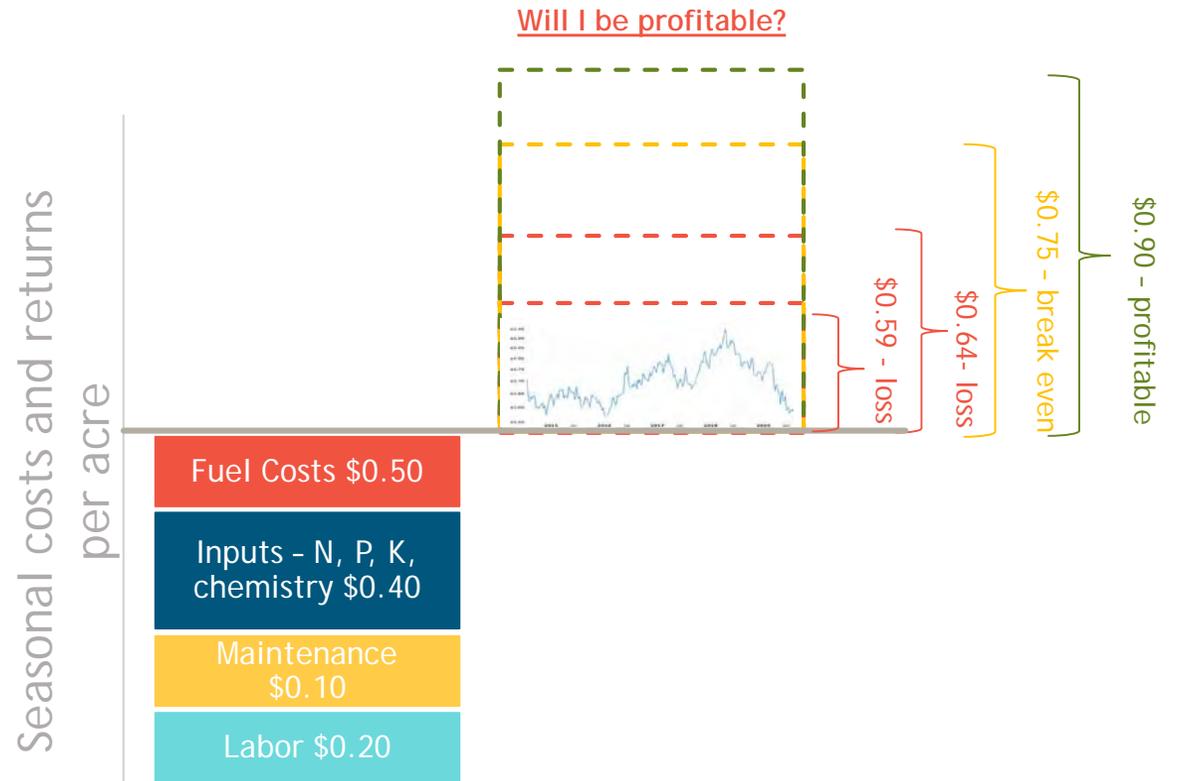
In a recent survey of 20 major brands **85%** have **sustainability** goals >> **75%** which relate to **water** savings



- Brands mainly focus on water savings during the manufacturing phase, yet more could be done by engaging and cost sharing with farmers
- Brands find it increasingly difficult to connect with farmers to meet their goals and offset their footprint

Situation #3

Growers margins are squeezed so tightly that irrigation optimization decisions are challenging



Every season is a balancing act for a grower's livelihood. Currently the burden of farm water sustainability falls solely on farmers.

Now - thinking about #1, #2, & #3



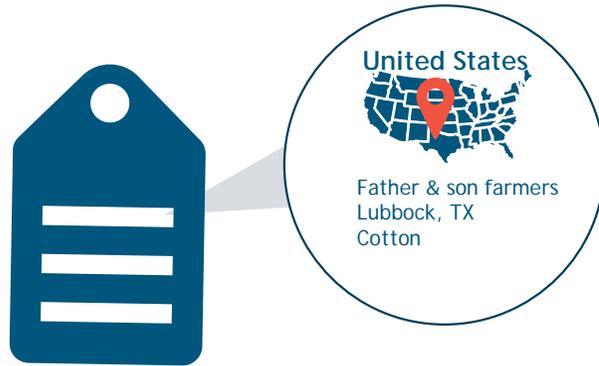
How do we solve them?

Indigo can bridge the gap between growers and brands to allow for increased profitability at the farm



Growers generate water credits for using less water than a benchmark, Indigo sells those credits to consumers and brands

Concept



You can generate a water credit
by improving irrigation efficiency
used on your farm

Program priorities



Voluntary

- Program is only if you want it (opt-in)



Recognition

- Program is here to reward what you are already doing, increase your profitability per acre and allow for further improvements to your operation



Privacy

- All of your data is yours. We only need it to make sure a credit is verified. Data will be kept proprietary.



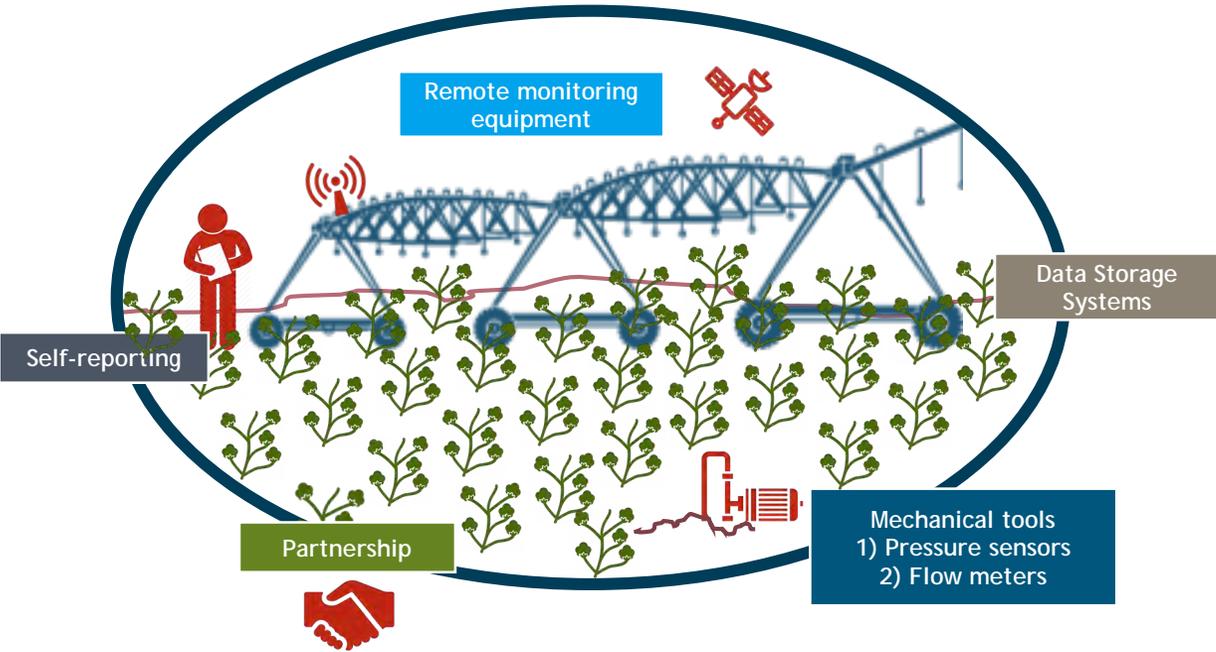
Data Collection
-Feedback Requested (Survey)

To ensure that credits can be issued - some form of data collection on the field level would be needed

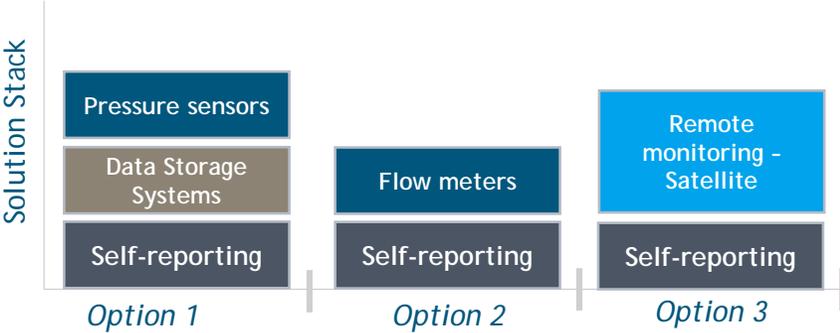
Proposed Approach

Data needs for validation of credit:

- Field level verification of irrigation amount
- Field level verification of timing



These are some of the data collection tools we are thinking through



Questions that we have for you

- Do you use a flow meter?
- Do you have a telemetric package on your pivot?
- How many pumps have a flow meter? What model?
- What would stop you from adopting a program like this?
 - Costs?
 - Monitored water?
- What are your recommendation for data collection?
- How would you want data collected?



Benchmarking

-Feedback Requested (Survey)

We want to define a benchmark that meets grower's requirements first



Grower perspective

- Want to **minimize cost** of measurement
- Will require “**proof**” of **profitability uplift** when it comes to water use efficiency
- Like to see **comparisons** to other farmers in local area
- Would like for the **capacity** of their well(s) to be considered
- Desire a **fair** and **comprehensive** process
- Require **privacy of data** -- data collection will be used solely for validating of savings and kept proprietary

If you have any additions here - please capture on the survey handout

Here are a few more considerations we have outlined as part of this benchmarking process

Goal

- Incentivize growers to reach maximum water use efficiency

Considerations

Segment groups into peer groups based on:

- Soil texture
- Crop type
- Weather (rainfall, heat units) across each stage of crop growth

Show growers that water savings can create yield uplift

Ensure benchmarking process is done in collaboration with at least one or more of the following: Texas Tech, TAWC, Texas A&M AgriLife, and USDA

We have looked into three benchmarking options and we believe that **optimal** is the best as yield is taken into consideration

Grower Actuals Historically



Benchmark set as average of last 5 years of irrigation

Requires field-level irrigation data for last 3-5 years to inform benchmark

Grower Actuals from Current Season



Benchmark set as average of current season

Requires current field level irrigation data to inform benchmark

Our Focus

Optimal Benchmark



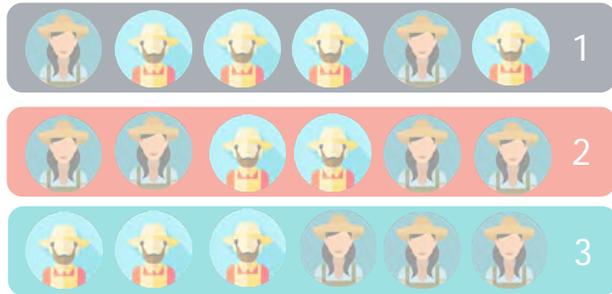
Benchmark set each season above optimal level

Requires watering requirement curves developed by research centers of excellence in regions of crop growth

Rainfall and irrigation amounts are taken into consideration across all three options

This is how we are envisioning the optimal benchmarking process

- 1 Develop grower segments based on soil texture, crop type, weather



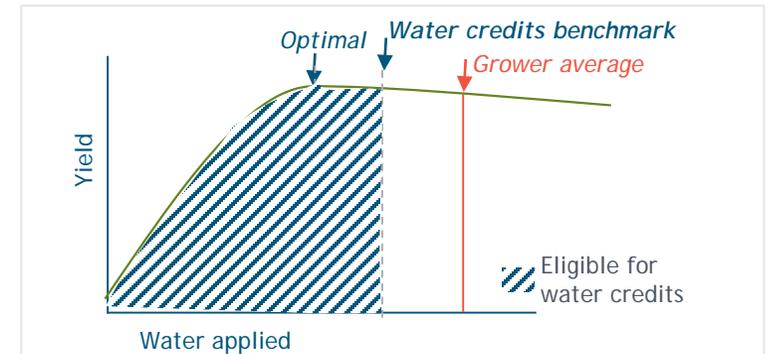
- Irrigation requirements vary by soil texture, crop type, and weather
- Segment growers by these factors, and not be constrained by geography or region

- 2 Understand optimal watering amounts over the course of a season



- Each grower segment has an optimal watering curve
- We can work with research and industry partners to define optimal water needs by segment
- We can back-test optimal water needs on IRP acres

- 3 Set water credit benchmark based on optimal water requirements



- We can set a benchmark slightly above the optimal amount, representing a fair water use efficiency amount
- Growers would be rewarded for the gap between their water use efficiency and the benchmark

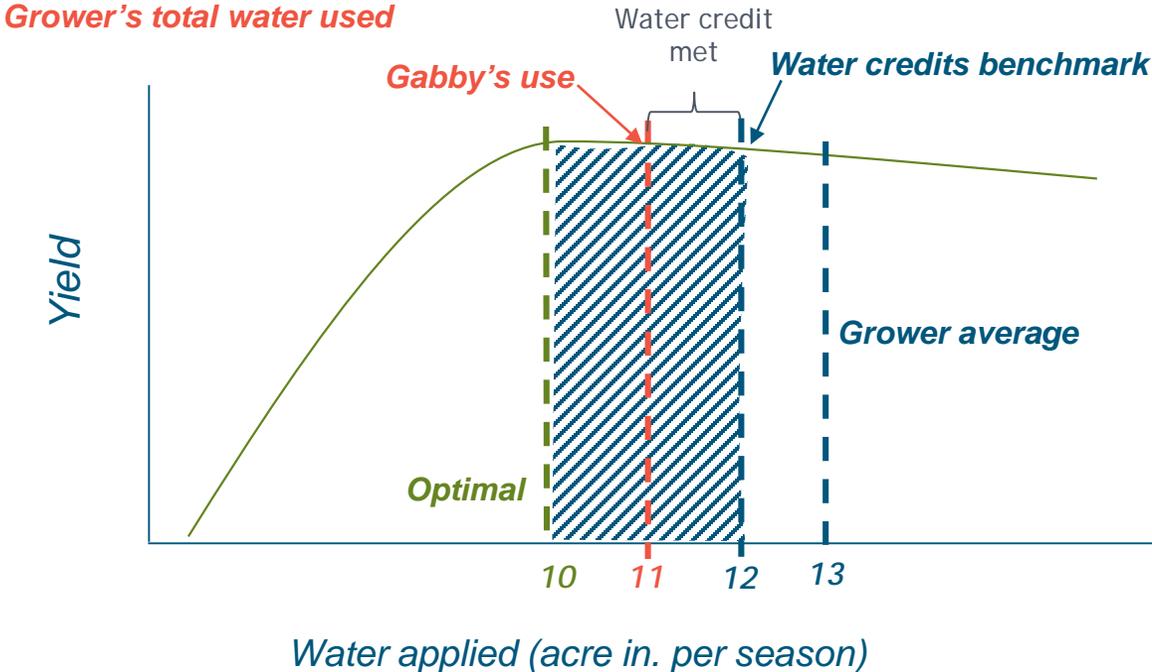
Here's a quick example grower in West Texas to see how water credits would be generated



Grower Gaby

- Soil texture: sandy loam
- Climate region: semi arid
- Crop: cotton

Used 11 acre inches on her cotton crop this year



Water Savings	1 acre inch (27,154 gal)
# water credits (1,000 gal each)	27 credits

We at Indigo would greatly appreciate your feedback to help us rollout this program with YOU in mind

- 1) If you could, please fill in the survey that has been distributed and return it to the TAWC registration desk at the end of the day
- 2) Indigo will be sticking around so if you have any questions - please come see us 1:1 after the last presentation

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THANK YOU!



Questions