

NEWS RELEASE

DATE: March 12, 2018
TO: News Media
FROM: Western Kansas Manufacturers Association, Eddie Estes, CEO
RE: **CORRECTED** - Black Hills Energy Coordinates Natural Gas
Irrigation Presentation
FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

DODGE CITY – The 3i SHOW will host “Improving Profitability with Natural Gas Irrigation and Technology” coordinated by Black Hills Energy to also include CropMetrics and VNA Corporation. Presenters will include Todd King, Black Hills Energy Key Account Representative and natural gas irrigation expert; Kylen Hunt, Chief Sales Officer with CropMetrics; and Greg Northrup, VNA President and renewable energy expert. This presentation will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 3:00 p.m. in the ‘Presentation Area’ of the Western State Bank Expo Center during the 64th Annual 3i SHOW. The 3i SHOW is being held March 22-24.

Come and learn about the benefits of natural gas irrigation, including a dual fuel kit overview and how it allows the use of an existing diesel engine on a blend of diesel and natural gas. Excellent tune up tips will be shared to help get irrigation engines running for the upcoming irrigation season. The benefits of precision irrigation management will be discussed, including how they offer a full-service Variable Rate Irrigation program that can help cut input costs and increase production, all while fostering water conservation efforts. Finally, explanation will be given on how RNG is produced from cellulosic-based crop residues and qualifies for D3 RINs if used as transportation fuel as part the Renewable Fuels Programs administered by EPA. This is the same program that allowed for the creation of the ethanol industry. Their novel process, technology and commitment to research and development provides a distinct competitive advantage both now and looking into the future, utilizing two of the most widely available agricultural residues.

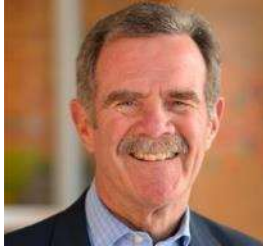
For information about this event as well as others, visit www.3ishow.com, or contact the WKMA office directly toll-free at 877-405-2883 or locally at 620-227-8082. WKMA’s office is located at 1700 E. Wyatt Earp in Dodge City, Kansas.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES



Todd King has over 30 years’ experience in the diesel and natural gas engine industry. His natural gas background and agricultural knowledge coupled with his stationary engine expertise makes him one of the best irrigation power experts in the Midwest. Todd also serves as an EMT and Chief of Wood River Fire & Rescue.



Greg Northrup has substantial experience and a successful track record in the development of energy and economic development projects. Northrup has been active in the renewable energy sector over the past eight years. Prior to that, he was a nationally recognized leader in the energy/economic development business, both nationally and internationally, in the electric and gas utilities industry.



Kylan Hunt is the Chief Sales Officer for CropMetrics. His teams focus primarily on Full-Farm Precision Irrigation Adoption and Transformational Training Programs. Kylan's background in agriculture began as a young boy working with his family in Central Nebraska. Kylan also maintains his speaking, coaching, and leadership certification with the John Maxwell Team.