INSIGHT: An Interactive Web Portal for Water Information

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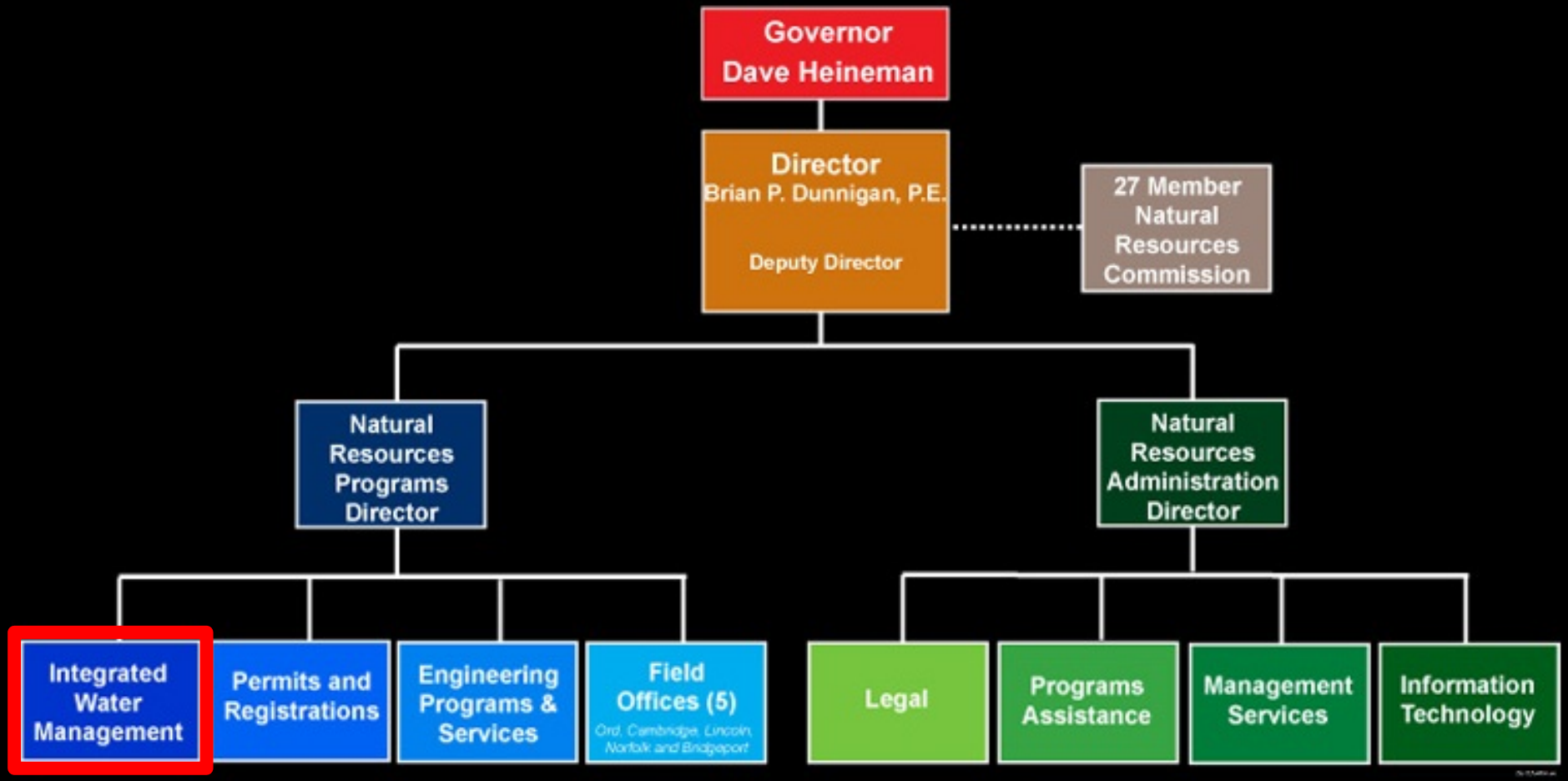

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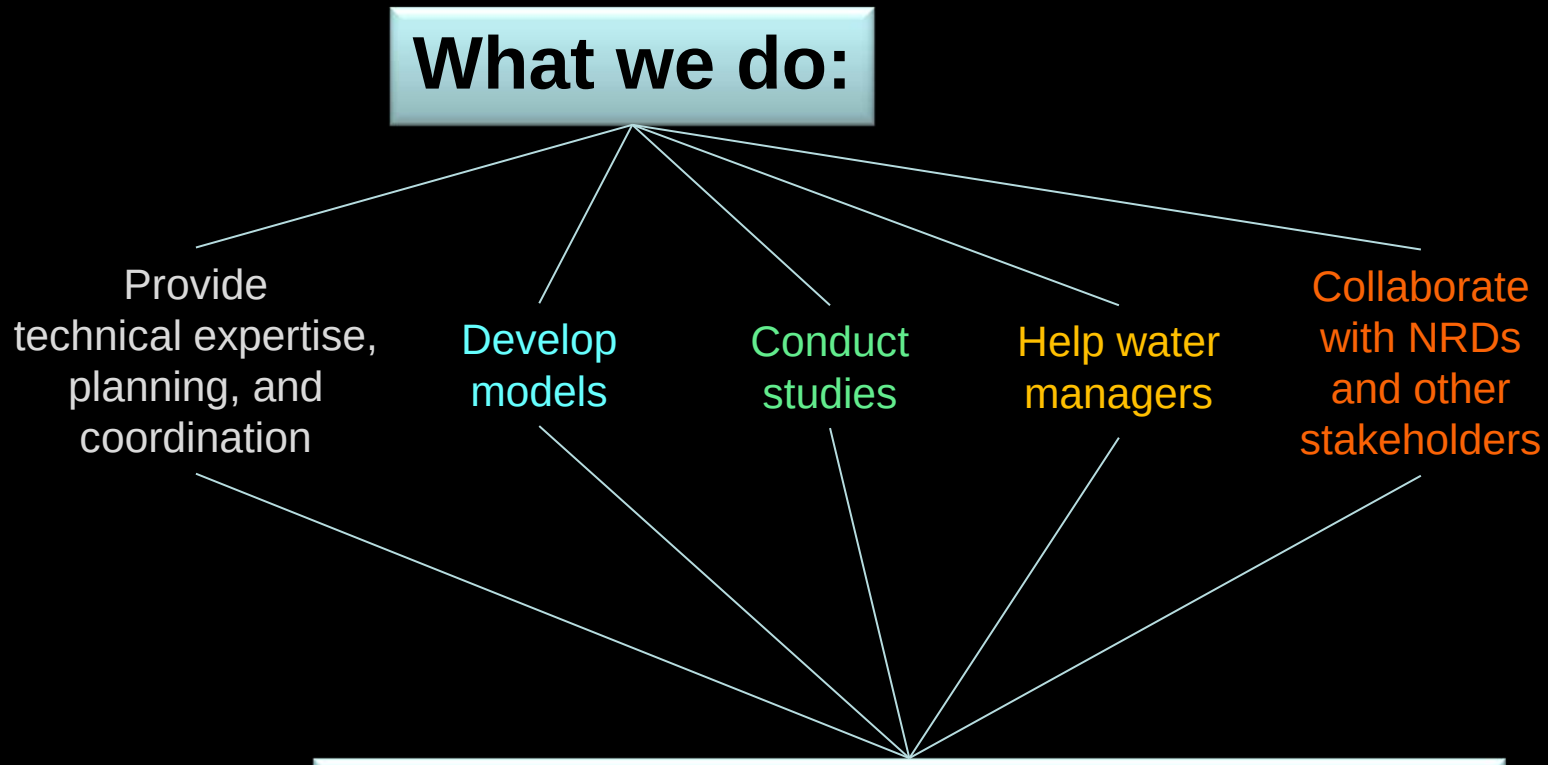


Overview

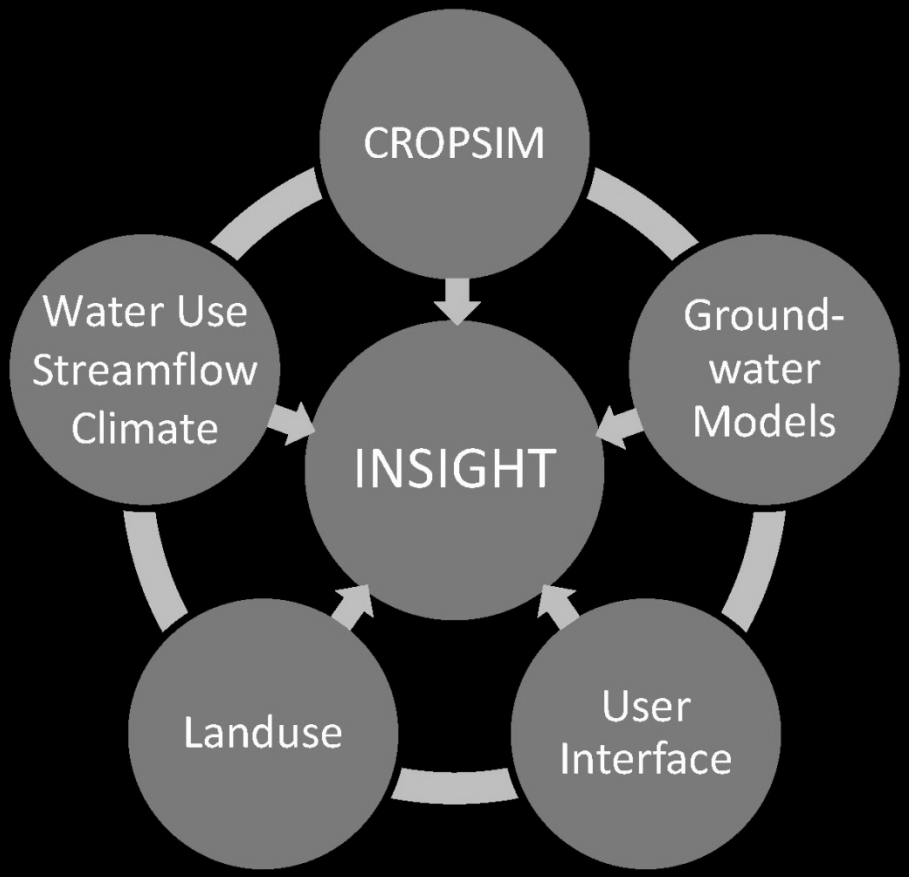
- INSIGHT
  - History: Need for easily accessible information
  - What it Entails
  - Implementation and Use in Planning and Monitoring

INSIGHT:

NEED & DEVELOPMENT

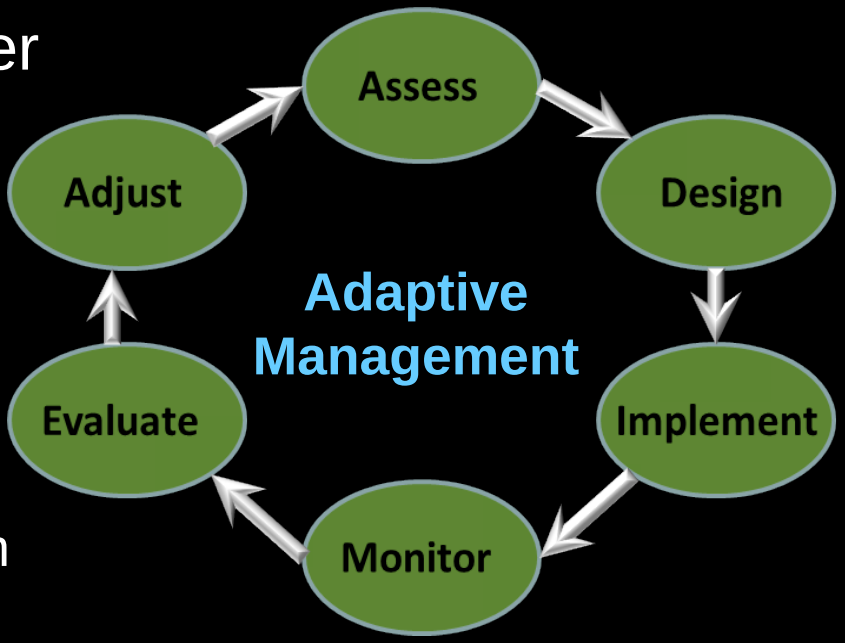
INSIGHT – *Integrated Network of Scientific Information & GeoHydrologic Tools*

- An annual snapshot of water conditions across the state
- An educational tool for water managers and the public
- A tool to help evaluate water management options



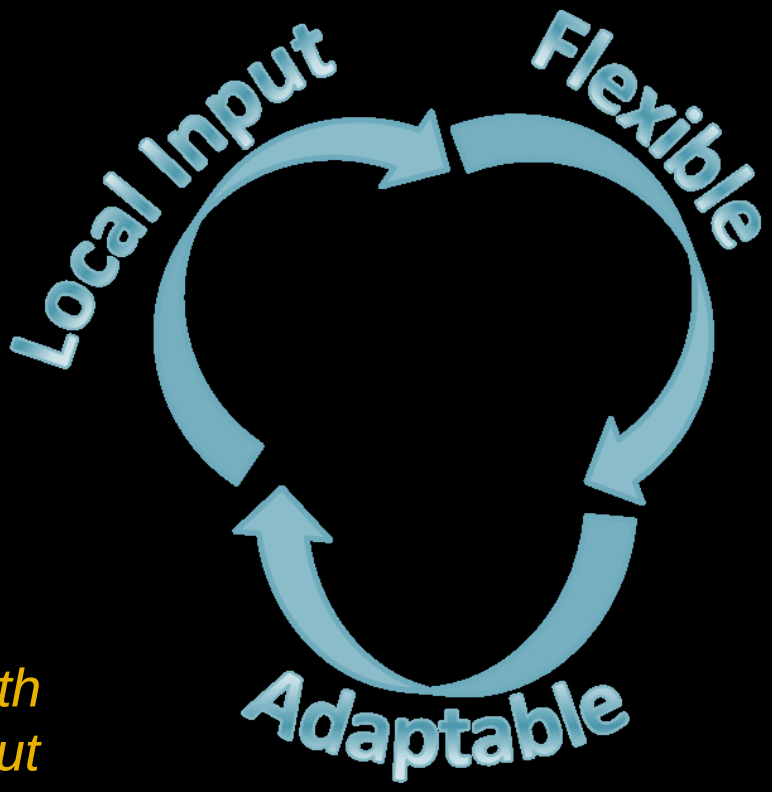
INSIGHT was Developed Through Collaboration with NRDs

- Part of the Department's goal of adaptively managing hydrologically connected water resources
  - ✓ Pro-active vs. Reactive
- Department & NRDs
  - ✓ Collaborated on:
    - Investigation of process to determine difference between Fully and Overappropriated
    - Selection of INSIGHT consultants through RFPs
    - Data sharing



INSIGHT was developed through Collaboration with the Public

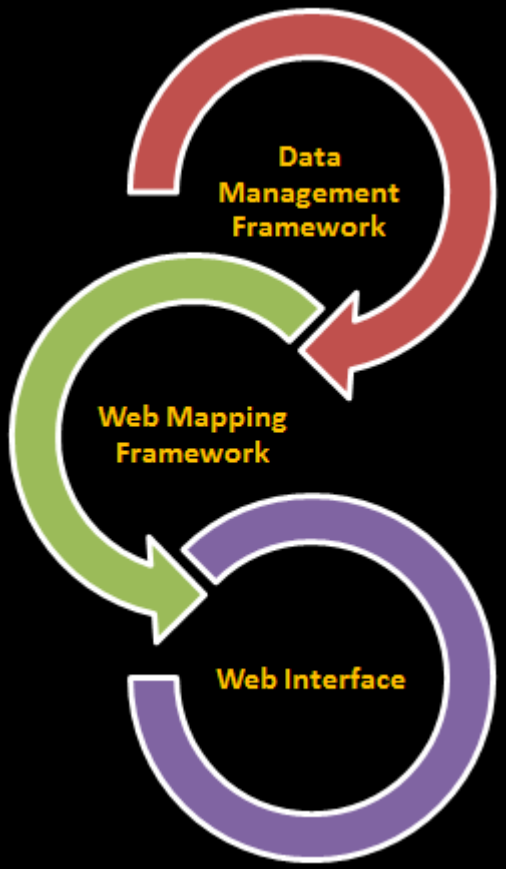
- The Department and stakeholders collaborated through:
  - ✓ Public Q&A sessions
  - ✓ Public hearings
  - ✓ Public comment period
  - ✓ Stakeholder interviews



Stakeholders were provided with various means of providing input (e.g., written/public comments)

INSIGHT was developed through Consolidation of Hydrologic Data

- Water Supplies
  - ✓ Basin water supplies
  - ✓ Groundwater depletions
  - ✓ Surface water depletions
  - ✓ Streamflow
- Water Uses/Demands
  - ✓ Meter data
  - ✓ Diversion records
  - ✓ Climate data
  - ✓ CROPSIM outputs
  - ✓ Water administration data
  - ✓ Land use data
  - ✓ And more…



INSIGHT:

WHAT IT ENTAILS

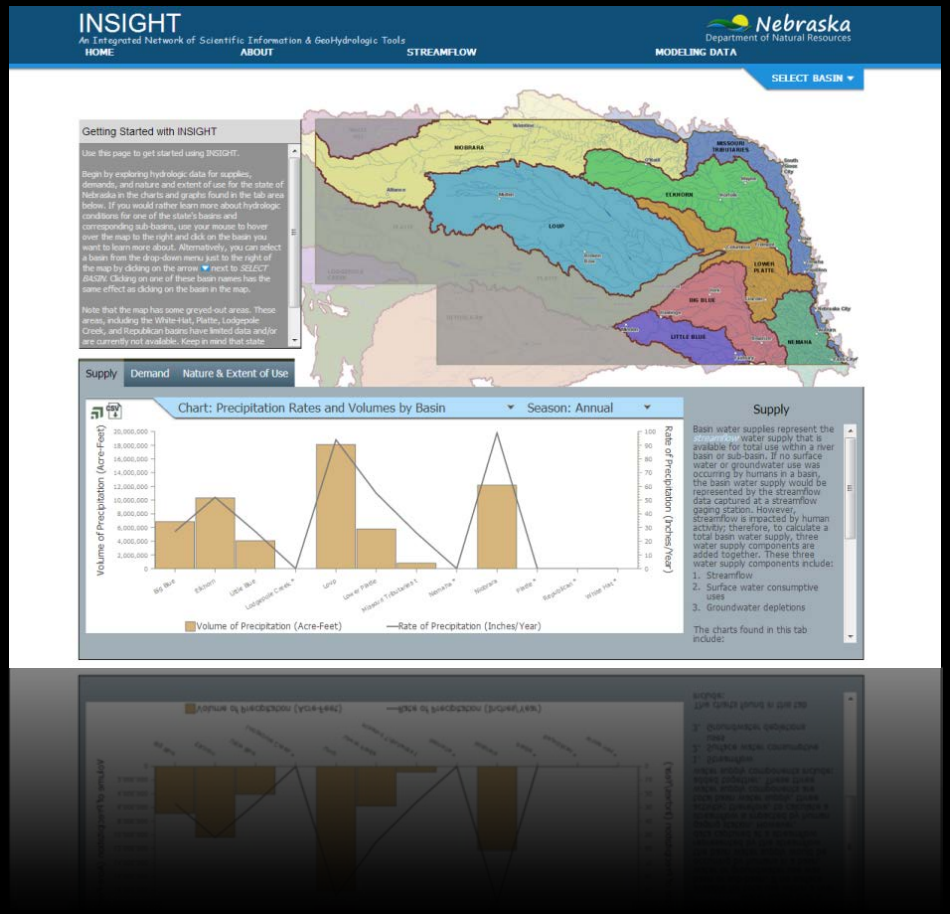
INSIGHT Provides Statewide Basin-to-Basin Comparisons

Information available:

- ✓ Supply
- ✓ Demand
- ✓ Nature & Extent of Use

Seasons available:

- ✓ Annual
- ✓ Peak
- ✓ Non-Peak



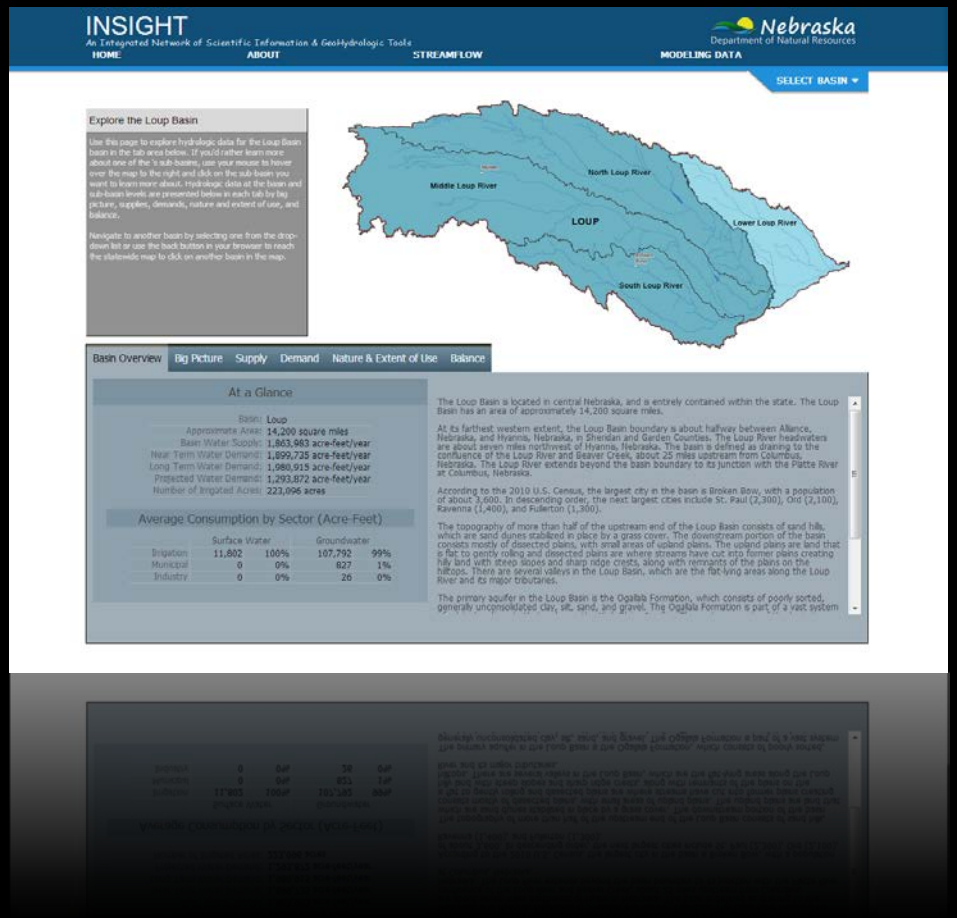
Basin & Subbasin Data
A More Detailed Picture

Information available

- ✓ Basin Overview
- ✓ Big Picture
- ✓ Supply
- ✓ Demand
- ✓ Nature & Extent of Use
- ✓ Balance

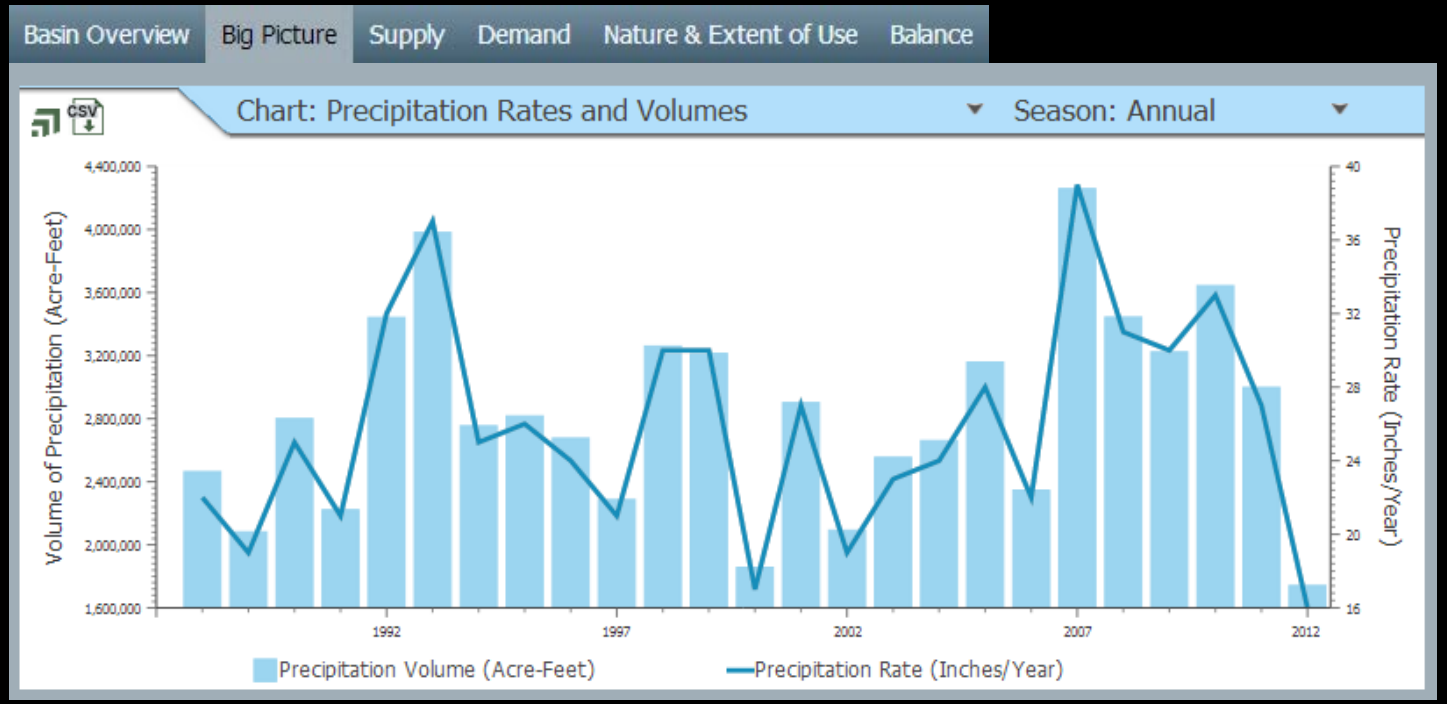
Seasons available

- ✓ Annual
- ✓ Non-Peak
- ✓ Peak



Basin/Subbasin Data: Big Picture

Precipitation Rates and Volumes by Basin



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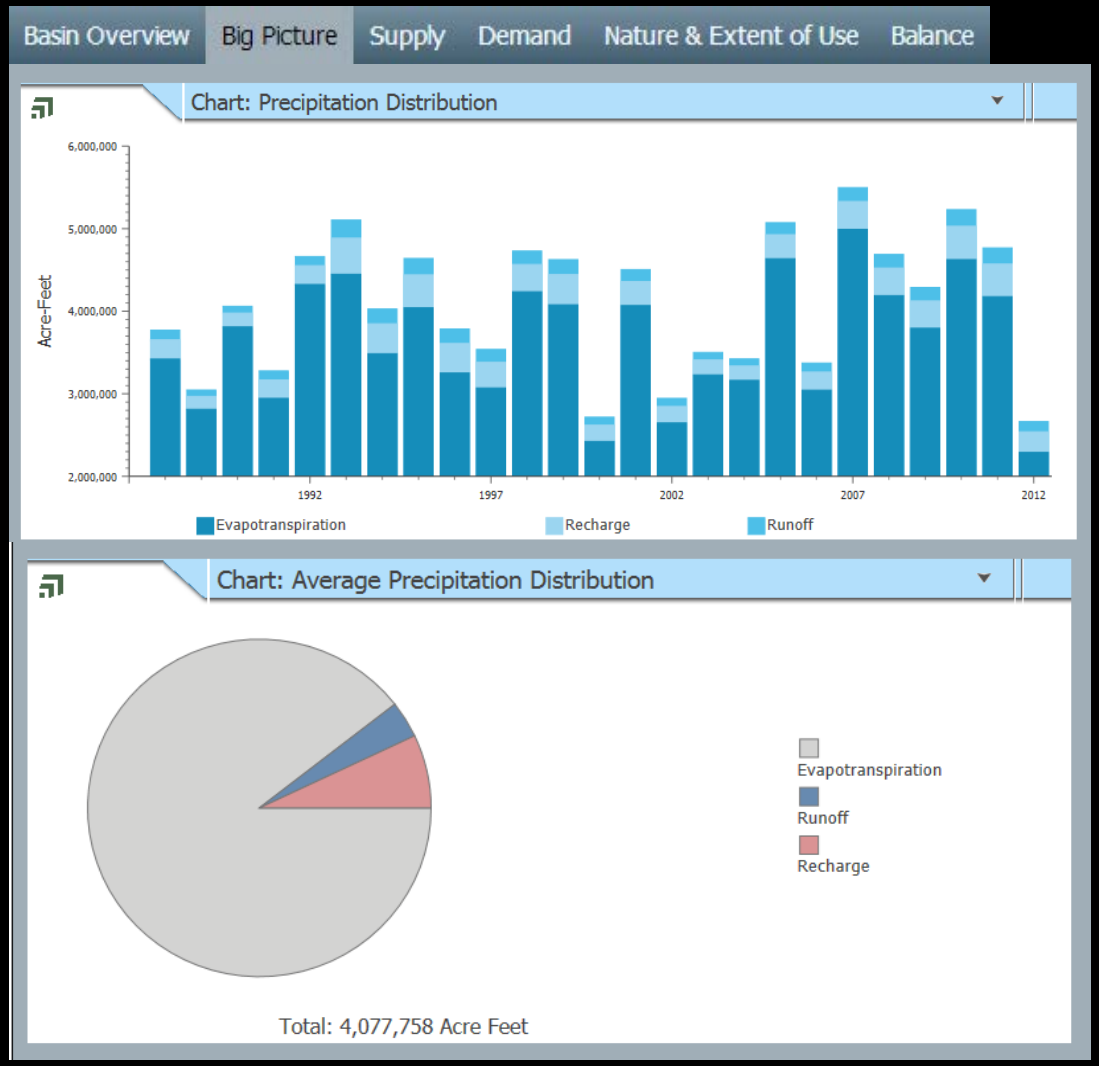
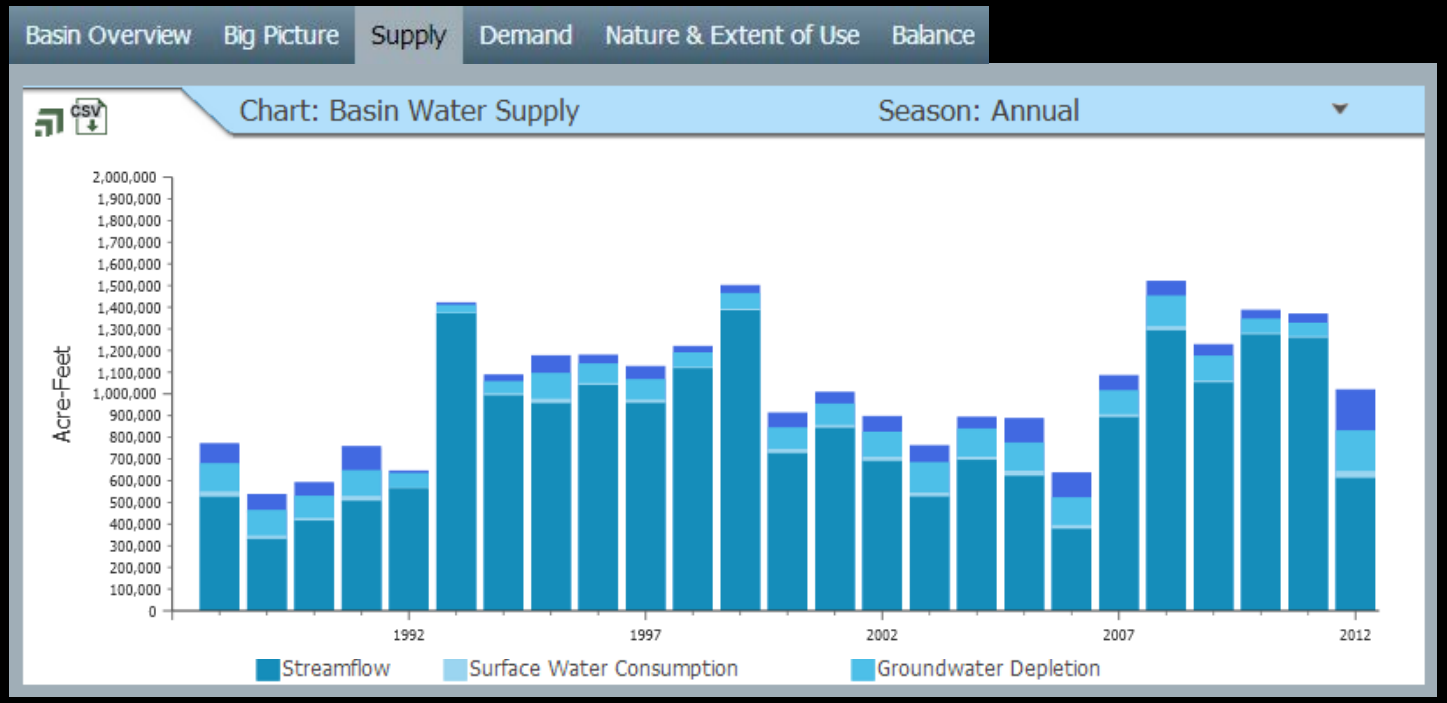


Precipitation Distribution

Average Precipitation Distribution

Basin/Subbasin Data: Supply

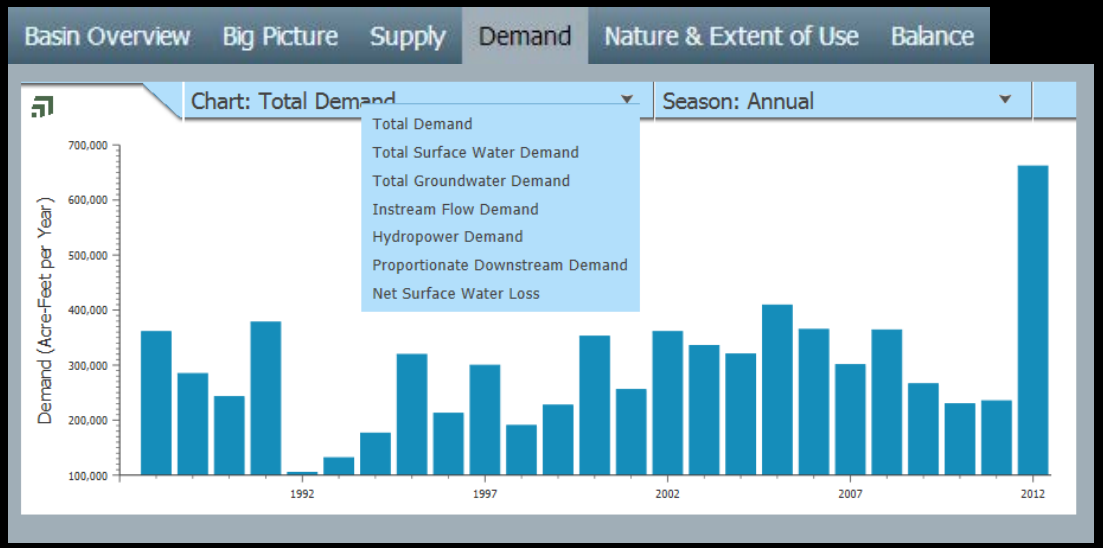
Basin Water Supply



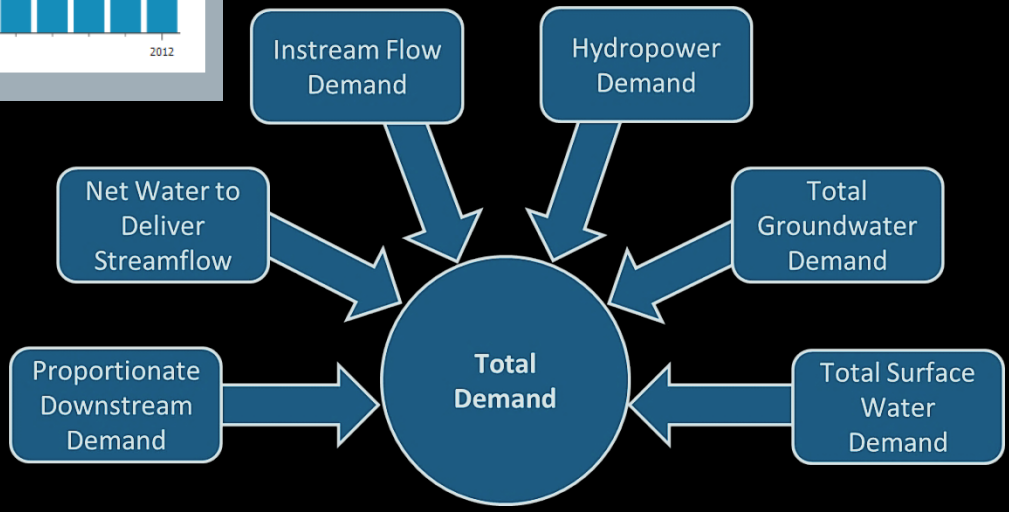
BWS = Streamflow + Surface Water Consumption + Groundwater Depletion + Required Inflow

Basin/Subbasin Data: Demand

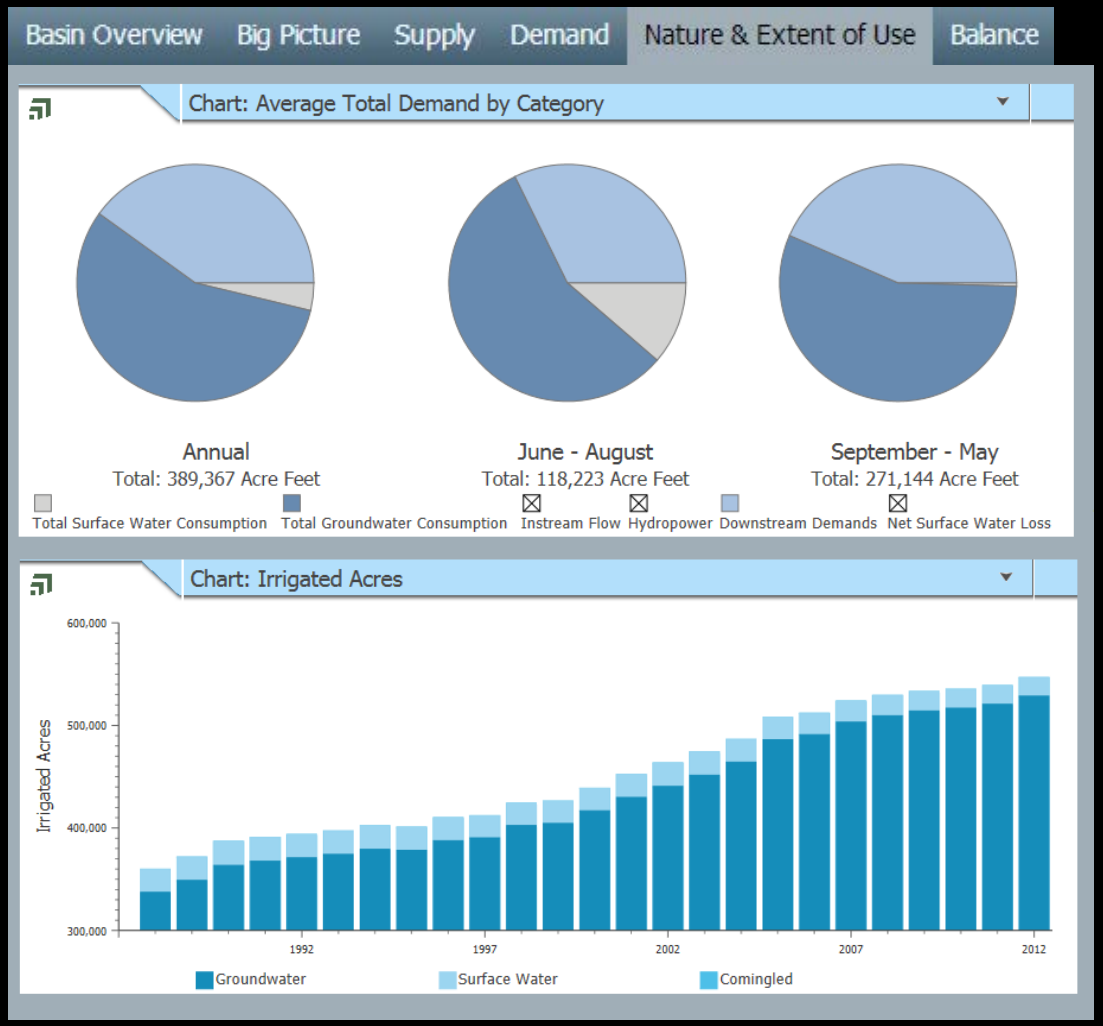
Total Demand



Includes six categories of water use



Basin/Subbasin Data: Nature & Extent of Use



Average Long-Term Total Demand by Category

Irrigated Acres by Source

Basin/Subbasin Data: Balance of Water Supply and Demand

Balance of annual water supply and demand under three scenarios:

Near-Term

Long-Term

Projected Long-Term

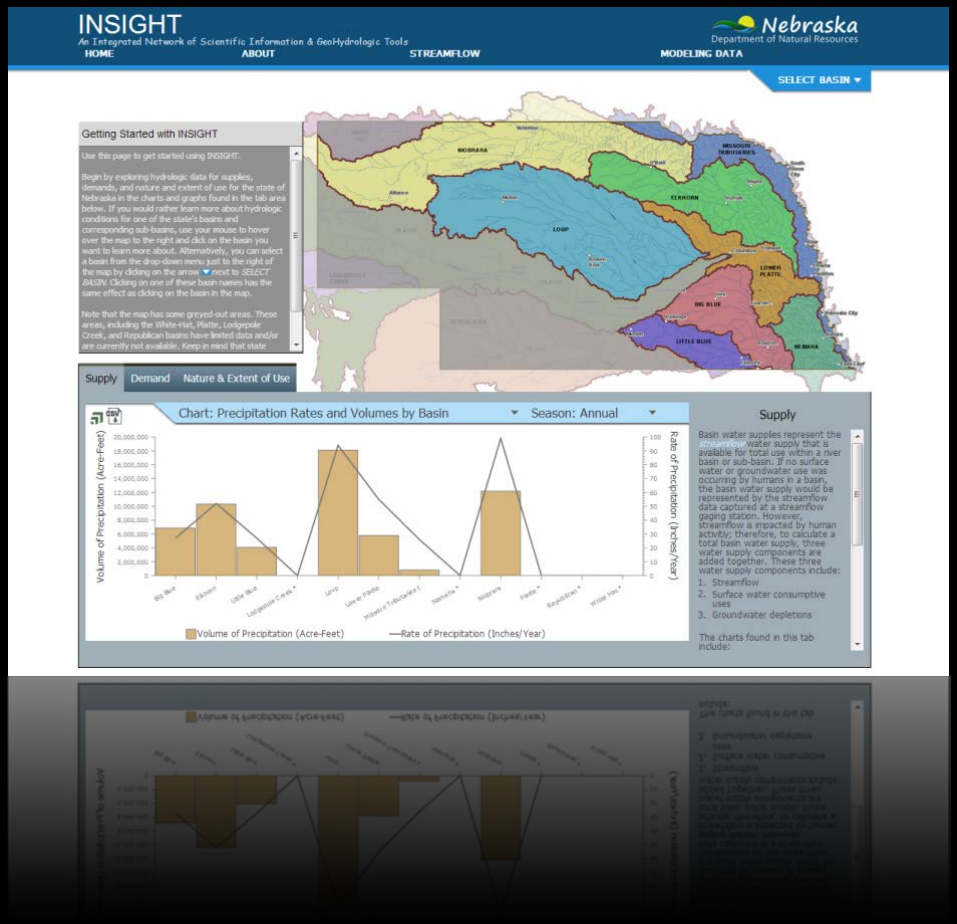
Balance =
Basin Water Supply – Total Demand

INSIGHT:

IMPLEMENTATION AND USE IN PLANNING AND MONITORING

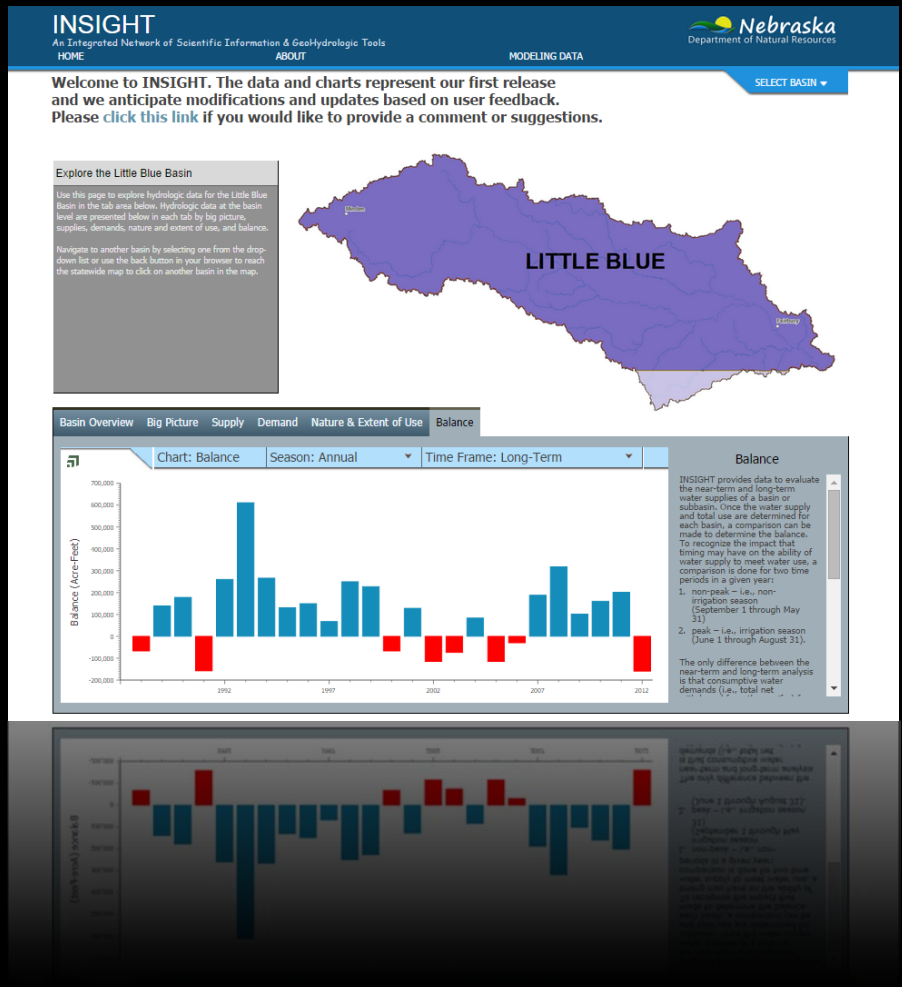
Benefits of INSIGHT

- Offers an easily accessible compilation of information about water resources across the state



Benefits of INSIGHT

- Allows users to weigh decisions based on the current and projected balance between supply and demand



INSIGHT and Water Management

- INSIGHT can help water managers:
  - ✓Understand current and future demands
  - ✓Evaluate the effectiveness of water management strategies
  - ✓Assess critical areas of water shortage
  - ✓Identify potential problems before they occur
  - ✓Make proactive water management decisions

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