

## **BACKGROUNDER**

### **Canada-Saskatchewan Irrigation and Diversification Centre (CSIDC)**

CSIDC was officially formed in 1998, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canada (represented by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada), the Province of Saskatchewan and Industry (represented by the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association (SIPA) and the Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation (ICDC).

The Centre investigates and demonstrates crops, technologies, and best management practices that assist producers in sustaining land and water resources. Through applied research and demonstration, CSIDC responds to farmer and industry needs to improve the sustainability and profitability of irrigated agriculture.

A major priority of the Centre is to provide irrigated crop production options for rural clients. The benefits of higher value crops include greater economic returns, opportunities to add value, and increased sustainability of the rural economy.