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COVER PHOTO — This view of east-central Washington shows many circular field patterns that have become common in many parts of the western United States. The irrigation circles are from 2,400 to 3,600 feet across. The method uses a large rain bird type sprinkler with a fire hose nozzle. The photo was taken by Mark Hurd Aerial Surveys for the U. S. Geological Survey's Western Mapping Center.

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