## **PROJECT AIRCRAFT**



Cloud Top Airplane Releases Dry Ice



**Burn-In-Place Flares for Hail Suppression** 



Wingtip Generator for Rain Increase & Hail Suppression / 42 Grams

# ADVANTAGES FOR BEING IN THE PROGRAM



## **Hail Suppression**

Helps Protect Crops, Property & Wildlife Has a range of 27% to 35% Reduction in Hail



## Helps Use Ogallala Aquifer Wisely

The irrigation water used for each crop saved from hail is considered beneficial use and not a waste of water



## Benefit to Cost Ratio as high as 37:1

For EVERY DOLLAR spent for Weather Modification
There is a potential for 37 dollars to be placed
back in the community



# Turning Your \$ into more \$\$\$ for Western Kansas

# Our Program Has the Capability to Turn \$90,000 into \$900,000 on the Low End

-Benefit to Cost Ratio of 10:1

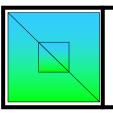
-Proven in the 2008 KS Water Office Evaluation

# and into \$3,330,000 at the High End

-Benefit to Cost Ratio of 37:1

-Proven in the 1994 KS Water Office Evaluation

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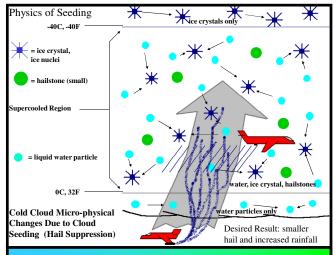
A COMMUNITY
BASED PROGRAM
WORKING TO
PROTECT CROPS & PROPERTY
BY DECREASING THE
SEVERITY OF HAILSTORMS



#### **LAKIN RADAR**

Located at the Kearny County Airport (620)-355-6914 Email: hailman.pld.com

### **HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS**



### **HOW CLOUD SEEDING WORKS**

Cloud seeding is a tool to help mitigate hail damage & protect crop yields, homes & other property, thus reducing the economic harm from disastrous storm damage. Since hail is itself ice that is produced only by vigorously developing thunderstorms, it is certain that such clouds are cold enough to be responsive to modern cloud seeding techniques. Hail develops when excess sub-freezing liquid water develops within strong updrafts. However, if the excess might be induced to freeze into large numbers of small particles, through cloud seeding, rather than much smaller numbers of large particles, the ice that does precipitate may melt during its travel through the warm air below the cloud, or if it doesn't it will reach the ground as much smaller, less damaging, ice.

## IT ONLY COSTS A COUNTY

6.2 cents per cropland acre and

2.2 cents per acre of grassland

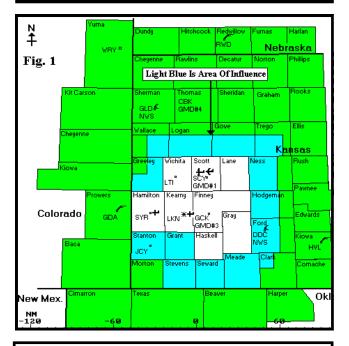


ONE bushel of corn:
Your County can help protect a circle of 120 acres from hail

# **OBJECTIVES**

- Seed Clouds while Crops are being planted, grown & harvested
- Decrease the occurrence of crop damaging hail by seeding thunderstorms
- Optimize areal rainfall by seeding selected clouds in the absence of severe weather
- Demonstrate the feasibility & effectiveness of an operational seeding program
- Produce weekly newsletters during the operational season

#### **CURRENT TARGET AREA**



Western Kansas
Is the
2nd Most Hail Prone Area
In the
United States

Western Kansas
Weather Modification Program
has been in existence for 37 years

For the last 21 years there has been NO INCREASE in funding