

Irrigation system

- Irrigation systems and open channels usually only partially filled with concrete;
- High water losses due to evaporation during the hot dry summer months and by the percolation of water due to the outdated irrigation technology;
- Used only 21 percent of the water in Central Asia efficiently, the remaining 79 percent lost (World Bank, 2011).
- Outdated irrigation systems also brings strong economic losses;

Irrigation system and channels



Irrigation ditch



Inefficient water use (I)



Inefficient water use (II)















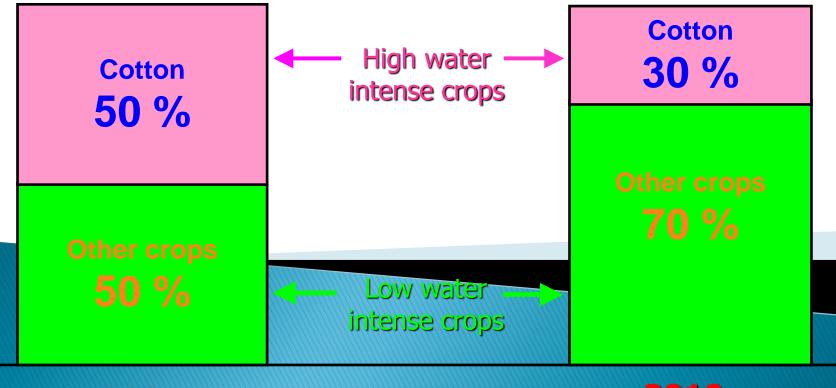






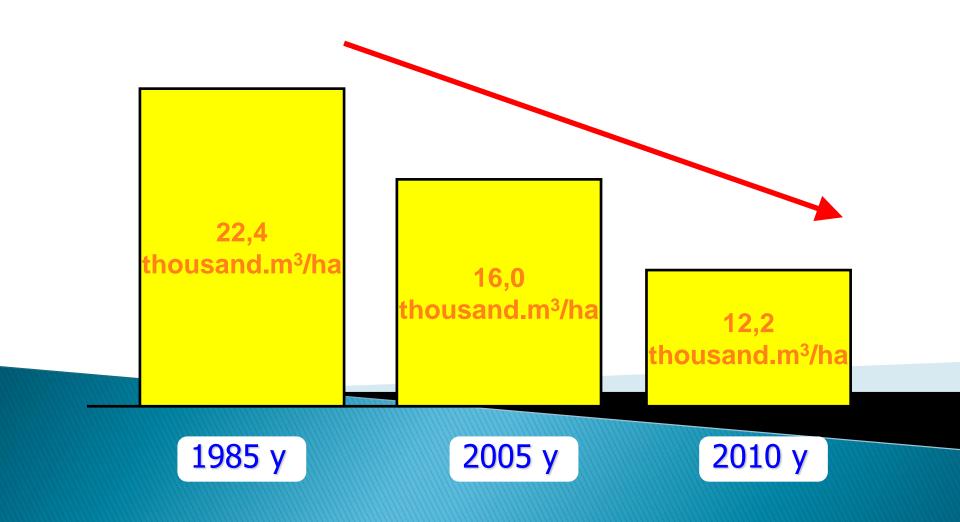
Agriculture toward water saving policy

Share cotton fields in total irrigated area

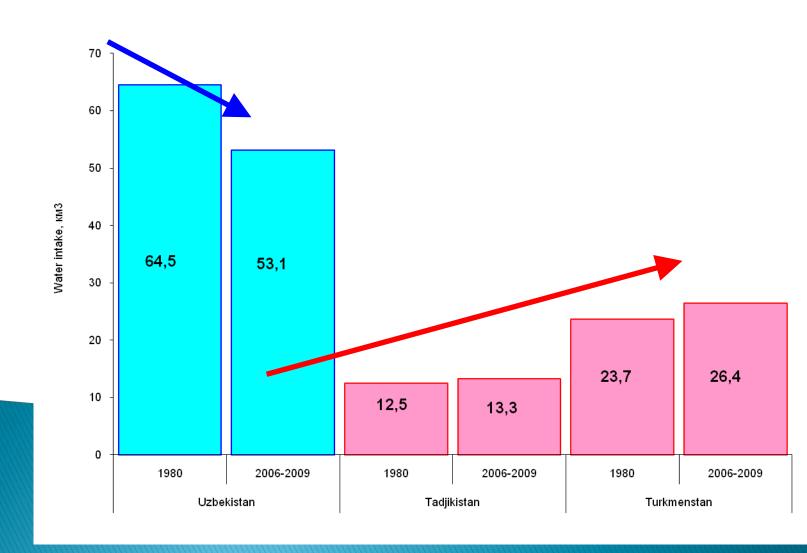


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Water consumption trend per 1 ha in Uzbekistan



Water use changes in Aral sea basin



Maintenance of concrete channels



Irrigation through polyethylene sheets into the cotton







Carrots growing between the rows of cotton



Thank you!