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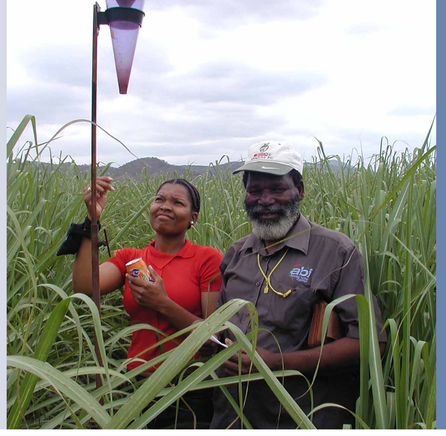

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Globally 1553 million ha of land is cultivated and presently about 288 million ha (18.5%) is under irrigation. **The irrigated land** produces about 40% of the world food production and provides employment to 60% of the world population.

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