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Scientists Study Ogallala Water Supply Shrinkage
EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - America's High Plains are far from dry, sitting on an underground water stock nearly equal to lakes Huron and Erie combined.

Despite its vast holdings, the Ogallala Aquifer is losing water, and scientists are looking for ways to halt that shrinkage and secure the future of the region's vital agricultural output.

The system includes parts of South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

A \$1.2 million, four-year National Science Foundation grant to Michigan State University aims to help plan for improved management of the aquifer.

Researchers will review decades of data and examine the interactions among the region's landscape, atmosphere and socio-economic systems.

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