




**Automated sampler collects water** during runoff at Atkins, Arkansas (left) and in-line water flow meter for irrigation water input (right), at Dumas, Arkansas.

### Summary

Implementation of standard water quality monitoring methods on private working farms across the state has started to document the true impacts of Arkansas agriculture on surface water quality and efficiency of current cropping systems and the implemented conservation practices. As this runoff monitoring is being conducted on private property, the results are having greater impact and resonate more with the farming community than work conducted on University property. In fact, we are already seeing a sense of farmer ownership of the Discovery Farm Program to the extent that cooperating farmers are requesting runoff data from the ADF Program in order to present their results at farm meetings. In some cases, neighboring farmers are voluntarily implementing additional conservation practices to further reduce nutrient runoff after seeing the ADF results. Most importantly, the Discovery Farm Program is empowering farmers to proactively address environmental concerns. More information on the ADF Program can be found on it's website at <http://discoveryfarms.uark.edu/>. 

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