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Ken Christley discovered an entirely new occupation as sophisticated computers started taking over large irrigation systems. That is the job of making water managers out of irrigation specialists so large golf courses and parks can maximize the capabilities of the personal computer for irrigation. Christley says the water manager is the key person in future irrigation system management, especially in areas with severe water shortages.

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