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ABOUT THE COVER

We set out to create a cover about how to build a better irrigation system. But in the end, we settled on this captivating and majestic image to stand alone on our cover. Yes, the image, photographed by Mike Klemme, features irrigation. But when we asked graphic designer Dan Beedy to superimpose an American flag over the golf flag in the photo, the image took on a completely different meaning. So we let it be. God bless America.

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