

The current vigorous research program on membranes, however, could reduce costs substantially. However, these are only approximations and must be treated as such.

The stated objectives of Congress have thus been met at least in part. While costs have not been reduced to the extent necessary to provide low-cost water for agriculture, the above attained and projected costs are clearly well within the range of values of water for normal municipal and industrial uses. It is expected that desalted water for agriculture will also be possible if advanced and scientific farming techniques are employed, particularly for specialized or high value crops.