The irrigation systems have been transferred to the water user associations (WUA) by
the Government in order to ensure sustainability and increase efficiency in the systems and rate have
reached to 96% in Turkey. The farmers are the determiners here. The views, senses, attitudes and
expectations of the farmers have been loomed large and this has a direct effect on the systems. Yet,
because of the various reasons the expected benefits from the transfers have not been fulfilled as it was
supposed to be. At this research to reveal the reasons of these is aimed. In this case, face to face
questionnaire studies with farmers have been done to determine views to the WUA, senses, attitudes and
expectations at the fields of 22 WUAs in the GAP project in Harran plain. The farmers generally believe that the
investment and management decisions are not effective, efficient, sufficient and coherent; they aren’t
accepted, paid attention and informed adequately, unable to benefit from the services equally. This
study is a first kind in the GAP region; the results are having direct effect on farmers’ relationship to WUAs.