

**Practice: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement**

**Scenario: #1 - Ventilation, Exhaust**

**Scenario Description:**

Replacement of a conventional exhaust fan with high volume, low speed, efficient exhaust fan. Fans being installed should be models previously tested by BESS Lab or the Air Movement and Control Association and be in top 20 percentile of fans tested. Practice certification will be through receipts and pictures from the applicant. Typical scenario is replacement of old fan with 54" fan.

**Before Situation:**

Inefficient ventilation in an agricultural building.

**After Situation:**

High-efficiency ventilation system which reduces energy use. The new ventilation equipment will provide suitable air quality and reduce overall power requirements (kW) compared to the existing ventilation system as evidenced in an energy audit. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Each

**Scenario Unit:** Each

**Scenario Typical Size:** 1

**Scenario Cost:** \$1,096.13

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$1,096.13

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	3	\$80.85
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1188	54 inch high efficiency exhaust fan, controls, wiring, and associated appurtenances. Materials only.	Each	\$1,015.28	1	\$1,015.28

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**Scenario: #2 - Ventilation, HAF**

**Scenario Description:**

A system of fans are installed to create a horizontal air circulation pattern; the new system promotes efficient heat and moisture distribution. In a typical 10,000 square foot greenhouse, 10 HAF fans are needed. Fan performance meets Energy Audit efficiency criteria as tested by AMCA or BESS Labs.

**Before Situation:**

Inefficient air circulation system in a greenhouse.

**After Situation:**

High-efficiency air circulation system which reduces energy use. The new equipment will provide suitable air quality and reduce overall power requirements (kW) compared to the existing system as evidenced in an energy audit. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Each

**Scenario Unit:** Each

**Scenario Typical Size:** 1

**Scenario Cost:** \$199.45

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$199.45

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<i>Labor</i>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	2	\$53.90
<i>Materials</i>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1189	High efficiency Horizontal Air Flow (HAF) fan, controls, wiring, and associated appurtenances. Materials only.	Each	\$145.55	1	\$145.55

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**Scenario: #3 - Plate Cooler**

**Scenario Description:**

The installation of all stainless steel dual pass plate cooler, type 316 stainless steel. Practice certification will be through receipts and pictures from the applicant.

**Before Situation:**

Inefficient milk cooling (minimal pre-cooling of milk before entering the bulk tank).

**After Situation:**

High-efficiency milk cooling system which reduces energy use. The new milk cooling equipment will pre-cool the milk and reduce overall power requirements (kW) compared to the existing milk cooling system (where most of the cooling was accomplished in the bulk tank) as evidenced in an energy audit. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Each Plate Cooler

**Scenario Unit:** Each

**Scenario Typical Size:** 1

**Scenario Cost:** \$6,534.57

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$6,534.57

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	8	\$215.60
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1178	Stainless Steel, dual pass plate cooler with 750 - 999 gallon/hour capacity. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$6,318.97	1	\$6,318.97

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**Scenario: #4 - Scroll Compressor**

**Scenario Description:**

Install a new scroll compressor, associated controls, wiring, and materials to retrofit an existing refrigeration system. A new condenser is not included in this typical scenario. Typical scenario includes a new 5 horsepower scroll compressor.

**Before Situation:**

Inefficient reciprocating compressor as a key component of the refrigeration system used to cool milk. The compressor is a critical part of a milk cooling system, affecting milk quality, system reliability, and system efficiency.

**After Situation:**

A more efficient scroll compressor, which will reduce energy use, is evidenced by the energy audit. A comparably sized scroll compressor provides refrigeration capacity at a higher efficiency than a reciprocating compressor. Newer scroll compressor systems typically reduce electricity use by 15 to 25 percent compared to reciprocating compressors. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Nameplate Power

**Scenario Unit:** Horsepower

**Scenario Typical Size:** 5

**Scenario Cost:** \$2,703.04

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$540.61

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	4	\$107.80
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1183	Scroll compressor, 5 Horsepower, controls, wiring, and appurtenances. Materials only.	Each	\$2,595.24	1	\$2,595.24

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**Scenario: #5 - Variable Speed Drive, greater than 5 HP**

**Scenario Description:**

The typical scenario consists of a variable speed drive (VSD) and appurtances, such as hook-ups, control panels, wiring, control blocks, filters, switches, pads, etc. attached to an electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production. The motor size, on which the VSD is added, is larger than 5 HP.

**Before Situation:**

The system is inefficient when a motor operates at constant speed to satisfy a load which varies as to flow rate and/or pressure requirements.

**After Situation:**

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a VSD to control electric motors. After the VSD is applied, the motor speed can be adjusted to reduce power requirements and better match varied flow or pressure requirements. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Nameplate Power of the Attached Motor

**Scenario Unit:** Horsepower

**Scenario Typical Size:** 50

**Scenario Cost:** \$11,466.10

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$229.32

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	8	\$215.60
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1288	Variable speed drive for 50 Horsepower electric motor. Does not include motor. Materials only.	Horsepower	\$225.01	50	\$11,250.50

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**Scenario: #6 - Automatic Controller System**

**Scenario Description:**

The typical scenario consists of an automatic control system installed on an existing manually controlled agricultural system. Typical components may include any of the following: wiring, sensors, data logger, logic controller, communication link, software, switches, and relay.

**Before Situation:**

A manually controlled system is existing in an agricultural facility that causes the inefficient use of energy, as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

**After Situation:**

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of an automatic controller that helps regulates the energy consumption of the existing system. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Each system

**Scenario Unit:** Each

**Scenario Typical Size:** 1

**Scenario Cost:** \$1,389.78

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$1,389.78

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	8	\$215.60
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1192	Temperature and soil moisture sensors installed as part of an electronic monitoring (with or without wireless telecommunications) commonly used to control pumps and irrigation systems	Each	\$605.73	1	\$605.73
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1194	Software with built-in cellular or Wi-Fi communication commonly used to control pumps and irrigation systems	Each	\$415.23	1	\$415.23
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1193	Programmable logic controller (with or without wireless telecommunications) commonly used to control pumps and irrigation systems	Each	\$153.22	1	\$153.22

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**Scenario: #7 - Motor Upgrade, greater than 100 HP**

**Scenario Description:**

The typical scenario consists of replacing an existing electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production with a new, high efficiency motor. The motor size is larger than 100 horsepower.

**Before Situation:**

The system is inefficient with a standard efficiency motor.

**After Situation:**

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a NEMA premium efficiency motor. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Nameplate Power of Motor

**Scenario Unit:** Horsepower

**Scenario Typical Size:** 150

**Scenario Cost:** \$15,349.58

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$102.33

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	16	\$431.20
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1174	Premium NEMA approved electric motor, 100 Horsepower and all required appurtenances. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$7,376.88	0.5	\$3,688.44
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1175	Premium NEMA approved electric motor, 200 Horsepower and all required appurtenances. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$22,459.88	0.5	\$11,229.94

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**Scenario: #8 - Motor Upgrade, 10 to 100 HP**

**Scenario Description:**

The typical scenario consists of replacing an existing electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production with a new, high efficiency motor. The motor size is equal to or larger than 10 and less than or equal to 100 horsepower.

**Before Situation:**

The system is inefficient with a standard efficiency motor.

**After Situation:**

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a NEMA premium efficiency motor. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Nameplate Power of Motor

**Scenario Unit:** Horsepower

**Scenario Typical Size:** 50

**Scenario Cost:** \$6,120.95

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$122.42

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	8	\$215.60
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1173	Premium NEMA approved electric motor, 50 Horsepower and all required appurtenances. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$5,905.35	1	\$5,905.35

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**Scenario: #9 - Motor Upgrade, 1 to 10 HP**

**Scenario Description:**

The typical scenario consists of replacing an existing electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production with a new, high efficiency motor. The motor size is larger than 1 and less than 10 horsepower.

**Before Situation:**

The system is inefficient with a standard efficiency motor.

**After Situation:**

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a NEMA premium efficiency motor. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Nameplate Power of Motor

**Scenario Unit:** Horsepower

**Scenario Typical Size:** 5

**Scenario Cost:** \$847.10

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$169.42

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	4	\$107.80
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1171	Premium NEMA approved electric motor, 5 Horsepower and all required appurtenances. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$739.30	1	\$739.30

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**Scenario: #10 - Motor Upgrade, up to 1 HP**

**Scenario Description:**

The typical scenario consists of replacing an existing electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production with a new, high efficiency motor. The motor size is less than or equal to 1 horsepower.

**Before Situation:**

The system is inefficient with a standard efficiency motor.

**After Situation:**

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a NEMA premium efficiency motor. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Nameplate Power of Motor

**Scenario Unit:** Horsepower

**Scenario Typical Size:** 1

**Scenario Cost:** \$560.71

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$560.71

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	4	\$107.80
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1169	Premium NEMA approved electric motor, 1 Horsepower and all required appurtenances. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$452.91	1	\$452.91

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**Scenario: #11 - Heating, Radiant Heater**

**Scenario Description:**

Replace "pancake" Brood Heaters in a poultry house with Radiant Tube Heaters, or similar. Replacement will require the materials and labor to remove existing heating system, re-plumb gas lines, cables and wench system to retrofit new radiant tube heaters, and miscellaneous items to complete the installation. Alternate acceptable radiant heating systems can include radiant brooders and quad radiant systems as evidenced by the energy audit. The typical scenario consists of the replacement of 28 brood heaters with 6 radiant tube heaters.

**Before Situation:**

Inefficient heat distribution equipment, such as conventional "pancake" brood heaters. The Pancake brooder, mounted at a low installation height, primarily warms the air. They provide a one-to-two foot perimeter at desired temperatures around each brooder. A large number of brooders are required to cover a significant percent of floor space. As the warmed air naturally rises it loses effectiveness for poultry on the ground.

**After Situation:**

Energy use is reduced through installation of a more efficient heater. Radiant tube heaters primarily warm objects within a direct line of sight (similar to the sun or an open fire). Air temperature is of relatively little importance for a radiant heating systems to be effective. As a result, radiant systems are typically installed 5' or more above the floor level. This height extends the distribution of the radiant heat over a larger area than is possible with pancake style heaters. A roughly 16' diameter radiant heat zone heats over twice that of a conventional pancake brooder. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure: Radiant Heating Capacity**

**Scenario Unit:** 1,000 BTU/Hour

**Scenario Typical Size:** 875

**Scenario Cost:** \$10,204.46

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$11.66

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	16	\$431.20
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1163	Radiant tube heater rated at 125,000 BTU/hour. Materials only.	Each	\$1,396.18	7	\$9,773.26

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**Scenario: #12 - Heating (Building)**

**Scenario Description:**

Replace existing low efficiency heaters with new high efficiency heaters. High-efficiency heating systems include any heating unit with efficiency rating of 80%+ for fuel oil and 90%+ for natural gas and propane. Applications may be air heating/building environment and hydronic (boiler) heating for agricultural operations, including under bench, or root zone heating. An alternative to heater replacement might be the addition of climate control system and electronic temperature controls with +/- 1 degree F differential, to reduce the annual run time.

**Before Situation:**

Buildings heated with low efficiency heaters or heaters without proper electronic climate controls

**After Situation:**

Higher efficiency heaters reduce energy consumption, energy costs, and GHG emissions. These replacement systems can be fueled by natural gas, propane, or fuel oil. Associated practices/activities: 122-AgEMP - HQ and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Rated Heat Output

**Scenario Unit:** 1,000 BTU/Hour

**Scenario Typical Size:** 750

**Scenario Cost:** \$6,851.20

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$9.13

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	16	\$431.20
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1165	Natural gas, propane, or fuel oil unit heater or boiler and venting materials. Based on input kBTU/hour. Includes materials and shipping only.	1,000 BTU/Hour	\$8.56	750	\$6,420.00

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**Scenario: #13 - Heating - Attic Heat Recovery vents**

**Scenario Description:**

Install actuated inlets or automatic latching gravity inlets that draw warmer, drier air from the attic to assist with moisture and heat control when ventilation fans are being operated in poultry houses and swine barns. Other systems to transfer heat, as detailed in ASABE S612-compliant energy audit may also be used. Based on a 40' x 500' poultry house.

**Before Situation:**

Heated buildings with attic spaces but no means to transfer heat between the heated space, attic, and ambient (outside) air when relative conditions allow for reduced energy use.

**After Situation:**

Attic vents or inlets allow dry warm air from the attic to circulated through out the building. By using pre-warmed air from the attic less energy is needed for heating 122-AgEMP - HQ and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Each inlet

**Scenario Unit:** Each

**Scenario Typical Size:** 14

**Scenario Cost:** \$2,138.50

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$152.75

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	24	\$646.80
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	2414	Poultry house attic air inlets. Includes materials only.	Each	\$106.55	14	\$1,491.70

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**Scenario: #14 - Drying, Grain Dryer**

**Scenario Description:**

A replacement continuous dryer rated for an appropriate rated bushel/per hour capacity for the operation that includes a microcomputer-based control system that adjusts the amount of time the crop remains in the dryer in order to achieve a consistent and accurate moisture content in the dried product. Alternate types of replacement dryers which reduce energy use are acceptable as evidenced by the energy audit. The typical operation requires a rated capacity of 860 bushels per hour.

**Before Situation:**

Wet crop is loaded in the top of a horizontal, continuous dryer. Dried crop is augured from the bottom of the dryer. The heated air from the unit's burners passes from the burner plenum through the grain. An on-farm energy audit has identified inefficient manual control of the dryer where the operator controls the plenum temperature and the discharge auger speed to achieve the desired final moisture content. Moisture content is based on measurement of grain leaving the dryer. The plenum temperature setting depends on the moisture content of crop with a typical value of 220 F. The burner cycles on and off, automatically, as necessary to maintain the plenum temperature selected by the operator.

**After Situation:**

Energy use is reduced through installation of a more efficient continuous dryer that uses a microcomputer-based controller to reduce overdrying and total time of operation. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Rated capacity of the dryer

**Scenario Unit:** Bushel per Hour

**Scenario Typical Size:** 860

**Scenario Cost:** \$77,924.08

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$90.61

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	16	\$431.20
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1159	Grain dryer, 16 foot Axial with rated capacity of 600 bushels/hour. Materials only.	Bushels per Hour	\$82.01	172	\$14,105.72
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1161	Grain dryer, 24 foot Centrifugal with rated capacity of 860 bushels/hr. Materials only.	Bushels per Hour	\$93.95	172	\$16,159.40
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1162	Grain dryer, 28 foot Axial with rated capacity of 990 bushels/hr. Materials only.	Bushels per Hour	\$91.87	172	\$15,801.64
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1158	Grain dryer, 12 foot Axial with rated capacity of 460 bushels/hour. Materials only.	Bushels per Hour	\$94.99	172	\$16,338.28
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	1160	Grain dryer, 20 foot Centrifugal with rated capacity of 785 bushels/hour. Materials only.	Bushels per Hour	\$87.72	172	\$15,087.84

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**Scenario: #15 - Air Cooling, Evaporative Cooling System**

**Scenario Description:**

A typical scenario is the addition of evaporative cooling to existing ventilation fans on poultry houses. The increased cooling from the evaporative cooling units will result in reduced cooling equipment operation and increased animal health.

**Before Situation:**

Cooling fans run very often and animal health suffers.

**After Situation:**

A more effective and efficient cooling system can be created through addition of an evaporative cooling system. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, 672-Building Envelope Improvement, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612. Typical house size is 24000 sq. feet. Scenario based on evaporation unit running 65 ft down both walls and 5.5 ft tall = 715 sf

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Square Feet of Cooling Surface

**Scenario Unit:** Square Foot

**Scenario Typical Size:** 715

**Scenario Cost:** \$15,560.35

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$21.76

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$20.63	5	\$103.15
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$26.95	5	\$134.75
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	2400	Energy efficient cooling systems installed in ventilated livestock confinement or greenhouses for temperature control. Complete system with cooling pads, aluminum distribution and end panels, 1/3 HP submersible sump pump and plumbing kit. Greater than 9	Square Foot	\$21.43	715	\$15,322.45

**Practice: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement**

**Scenario: #16 - Air Cooling, Baffle Curtain**

**Scenario Description:**

Installation of vertically-hanging curtains in the truss space (typically on the sides of the trusses) which effectively reduces the cross section for air flow during tunnel ventilation. Reducing the cross section for air flow reduces the needed tunnel fan capacity while achieving the minimum air speed. Curtains do not require any insulation value but must be durable in the broiler house environment. Curtains are typically installed 30 to 50 ft apart. Payment covers curtain material, fabrication, hanging accessories, and installation labor.

**Before Situation:**

A broiler house has open-truss construction. Nothing blocks the longitudinal air flow through the truss space during tunnel ventilation. The house requires a large total capacity of tunnel exhaust fans to achieve required minimum air speed during tunnel ventilation.

**After Situation:**

The broiler house has lower warm-season operational energy inputs and costs. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Each Baffle Curtain

**Scenario Unit:** Each

**Scenario Typical Size:** 1

**Scenario Cost:** \$432.34

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$432.34

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Labor</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$20.63	8	\$165.04
<b>Materials</b>						
sites/NRCS_STcost/Lists/List_C omponentPracticeList	2427	Seven layer insulated curtain with an R-value of 3 for a livestock building. Typical curtain size is 4' x 270'. The curtain's two outer layers are vinyl and polyethylene and the five inner layers are composed of insulating materials with air trapping fi	Square Foot	\$1.98	135	\$267.30