

Resource Concern: Inefficient Energy Use

Equipment and Facilities

Inefficient energy use occurs whenever facilities, equipment, or machinery operate more hours than needed to meet production goals. It may also occur when facilities, equipment, or machinery become worn out, outdated, or are poorly controlled or maintained. Inefficient use of energy increases costs and dependence on non-renewable energy sources.

As an example, this concern addresses inefficient energy use in pumping plants, on-farm processing, drying, and storage, and/or a home unprotected from winter winds.

Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations

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