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# Welcome to the Introduction to Ground Source Heat Pumps Workshop

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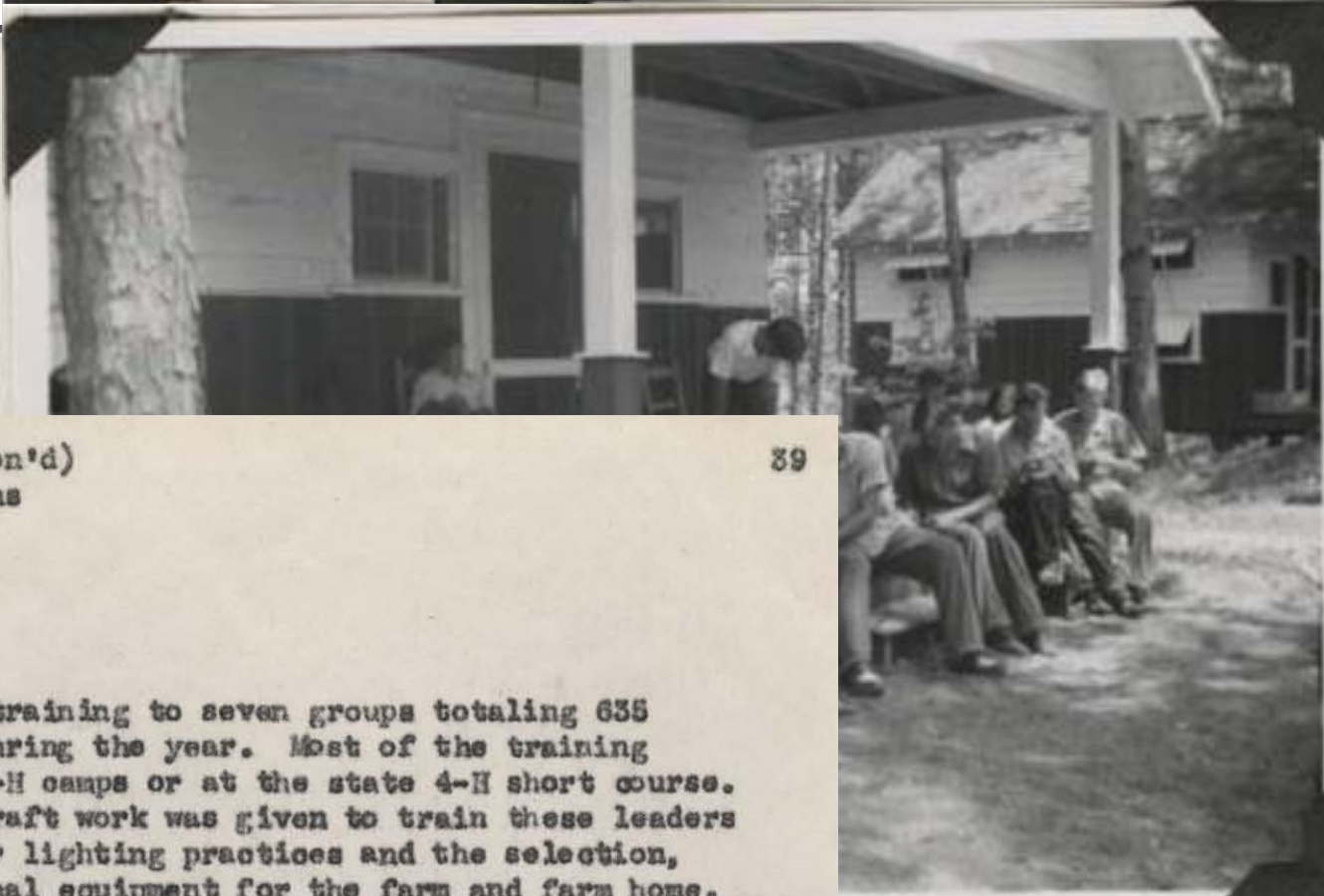
10-C Rural Electrification (Con'd)  
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b. 4-H Club Members

The specialist gave training to seven groups totaling 635 4-H club members and leaders during the year. Most of the training meetings were held at summer 4-H camps or at the state 4-H short course. Lectures, pictures, and handicraft work was given to train these leaders in planning farm wiring, proper lighting practices and the selection, care, and operation of electrical equipment for the farm and farm home. The leaders trained in this way promoted the 4-H rural electrification contest in 7 counties and thereby qualified a state winner who was awarded a free trip to the club congress in Chicago to compete for national honors.

The most successful and worthwhile 4-H leader training activity during the year was a course on wiring given to 15 leaders from 7 counties at Holiday Lake 4-H Camp. During a four-day training period, these leaders completely and satisfactorily wired the twenty buildings at the camp. They were given instruction in both planning the wiring system and making the installation. During the training period the boys prepared their own meals and lived at the camp. Their contribution of labor saved the club department a considerable sum in wiring the camp, and at the same time, provided adequate facilities for future leader training groups at this camp.



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## AREAS OF WORK

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Household Engineering  
Farm Operating Equipment  
Rural Electrification  
Rural Architecture  
Other Initiatives



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## The Use of Explosives on the Farm

By

CHAS. E. SEITZ, Agricultural Engineer

and

J. B. COLE, Assistant Agricultural Engineer

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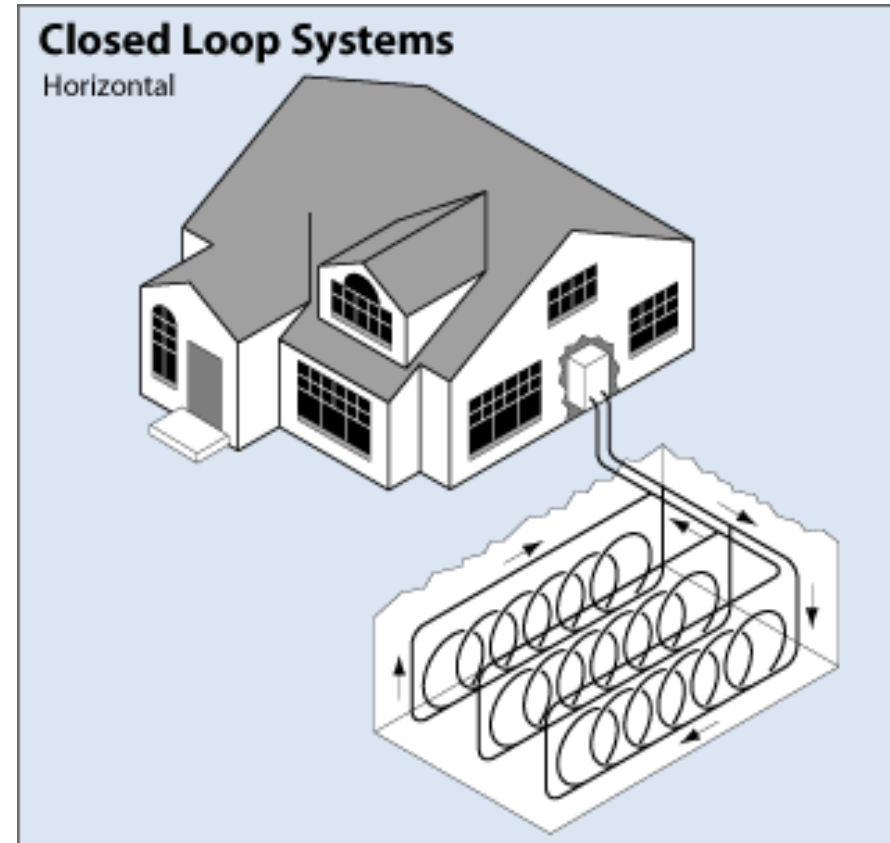
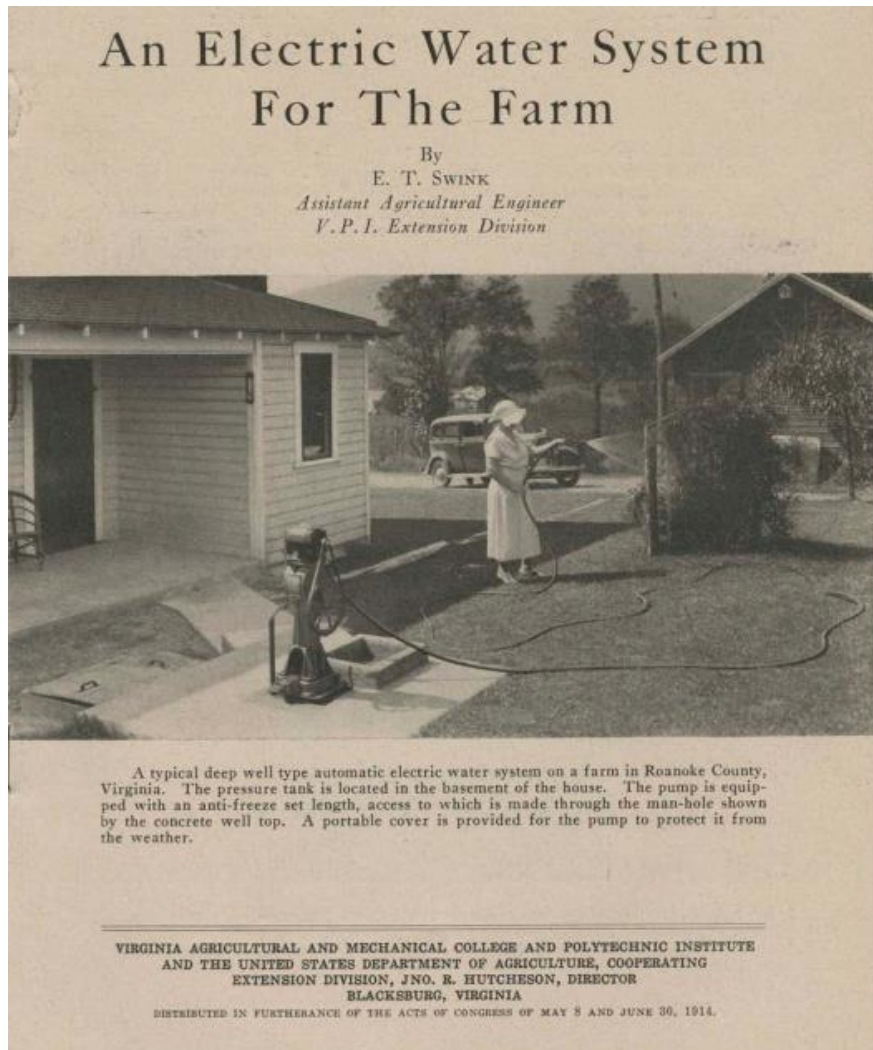
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# 1940 – 2015      75 years



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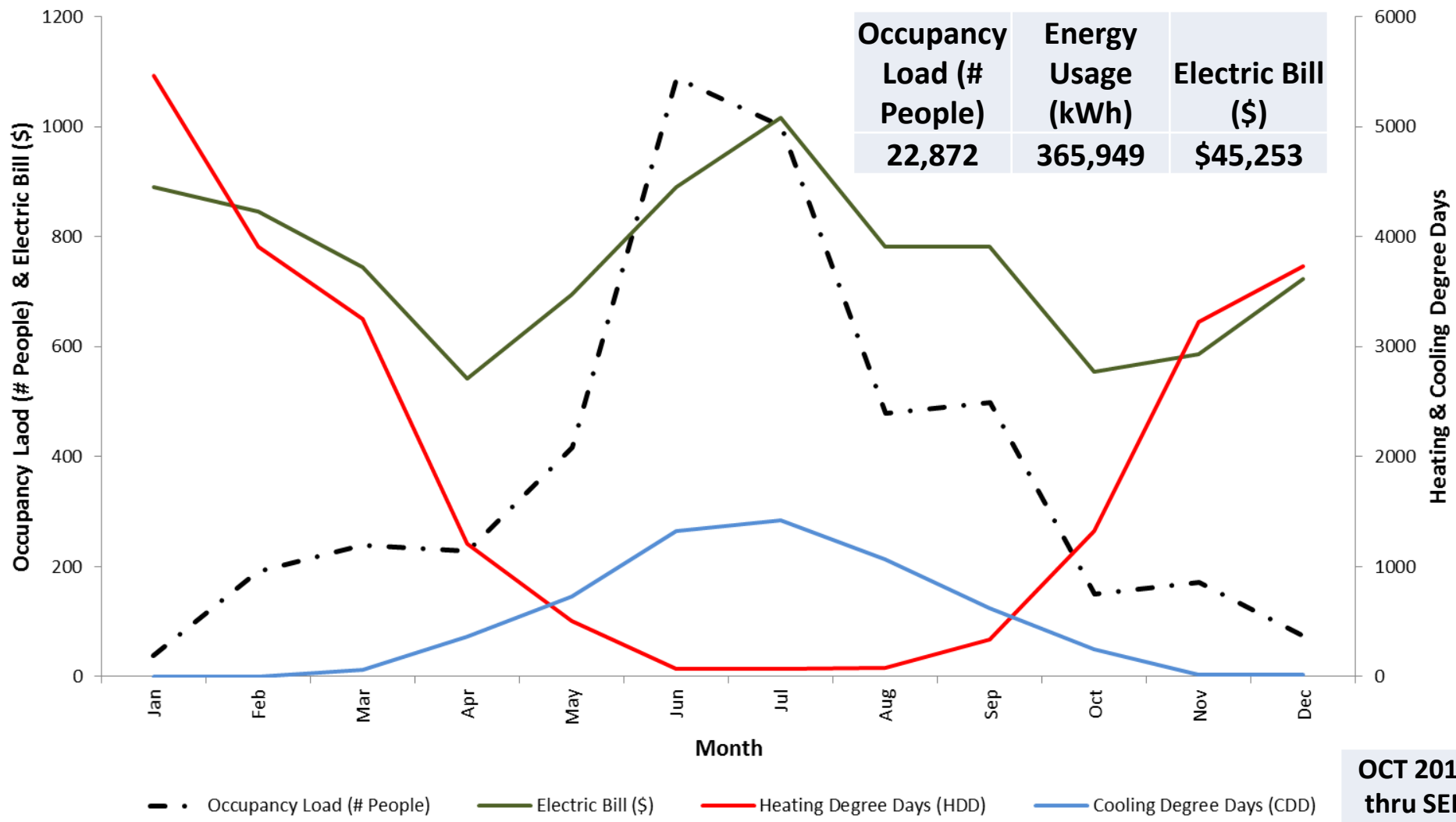
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# Draft – kWh energy usage 4H Center

## Energy Use Profile Holiday Lake 4H Center - 2014

Monthly Energy Costs Compared to Degree Days & Occupancy Rates

\*Electric Only\*



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**2014-2015**

# **AGRICULTURAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE**



***Program for Southside and Southwest Virginia***

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# General Agenda

- Start 9:30AM
  - John Ignosh, Extension & Overview of the Ag Energy Efficiency Initiative program
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  - David Faulkner, Natural Resource Economist, USDA NRCS
  - Dr. Guney Olgun, Research Assistant Professor, Geotechnical Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Virginia Tech
  - Danna Revis, Office of Environmental Health Services, VDH
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  - Project experiences:
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# On-Farm Energy Efficiency Program

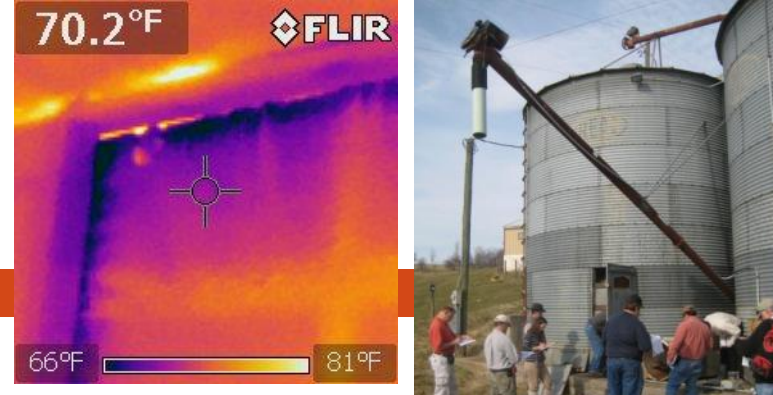
## A Pilot Program for Southside and Southwest Virginia

Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Revitalization Commission

- In 2007, farmers spent:
  - ▣ \$156M in fuel , \$52M in electricity and other utilities, \$208M in total
- A 10% increase in energy efficiency would have produced nearly \$21 million additional income to Virginia farms in 2007

### *How can we find those opportunities?*

- Provides research-based information related to best management practices concerning energy via Virginia Cooperative Extension workshops, factsheets, webinars, etc.
- Train energy assessors, energy use BMPs, thermography tools, fuel purchasing, etc.
- Secure grant funding from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission (2010-2012)



### 2010 - 2012 Impacts

- 58 energy audits completed
- 19 counties throughout Southside and Southwest Virginia
- Completed energy audit reports have identified farm specific energy conservation measures to save:
  - 1,258,776 (kWh) in electrical usage;
  - 603,315 (gallons) propane fuel;
  - 19,336 (gallons) fuel oil;
  - 63,298 Million BTUs;
  - 4,315 (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e) greenhouse gas emission reductions;
  - \$1,178,917 energy savings
  - Approximately 76% of the recommended energy conservation measures have a payback period shorter than five years.



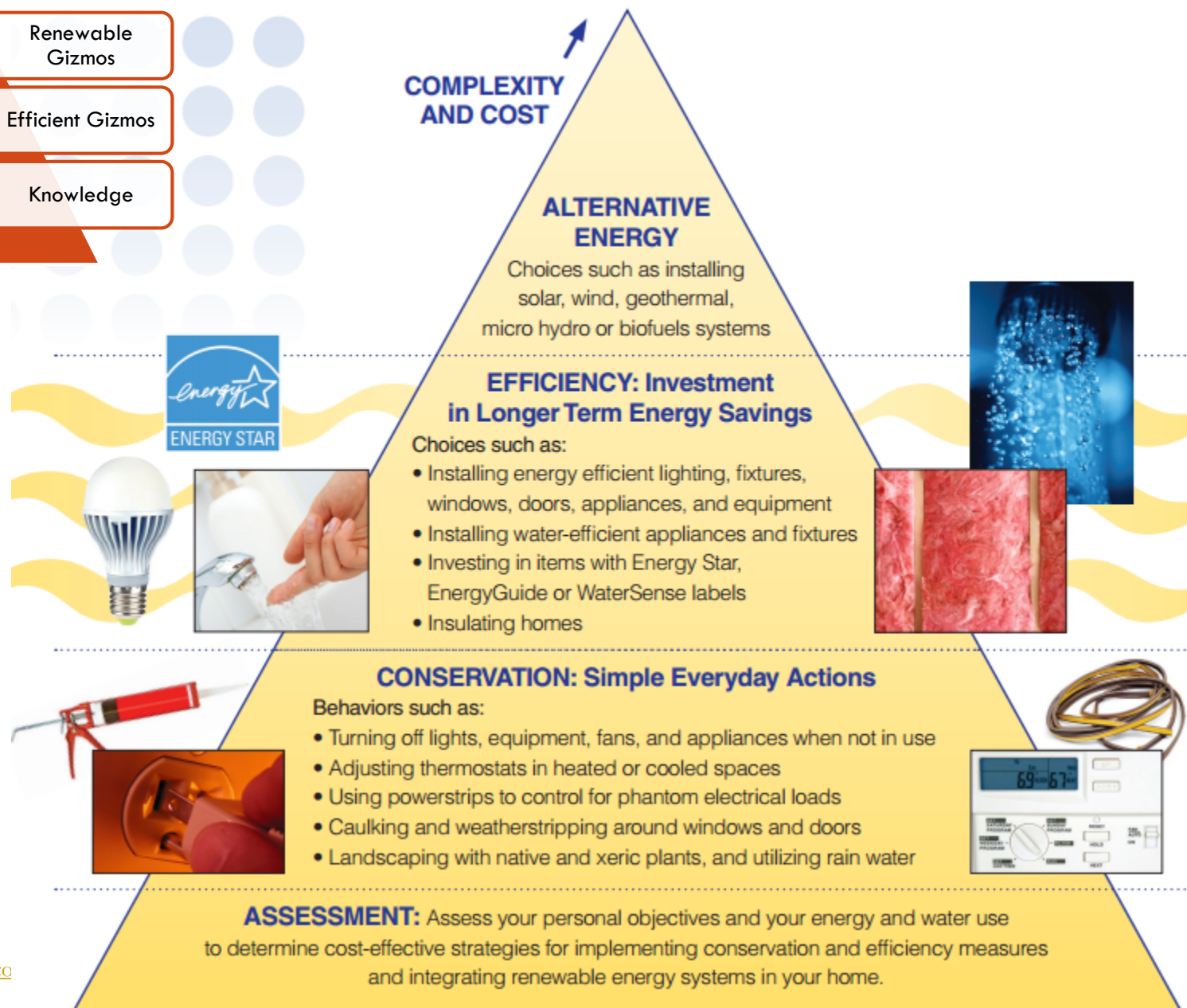
# ***2014-2015 Agricultural Energy Efficiency Initiative:***

## **Objectives**

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- ❑ > 60 agricultural operations including aquaculture, tobacco, dairy, poultry, swine, greenhouse, lumber/sawmill, and on-farm food value-added agribusinesses will improve farm energy efficiency and/or have an opportunity to explore renewable energy
- ❑ > 300 agricultural entrepreneurs will increase their understanding of energy efficient operations.

## ENERGY ACTION PYRAMID



[http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Con\\_PyramidRev1.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Con_PyramidRev1.pdf)

# ***2014-2015 Agricultural Energy Efficiency Initiative:***

## **Program Activities**

### **Agricultural Energy Efficiency Project Website**

- ▣ Energy Benchmarking
- ▣ Farm Energy 101 Modules

### **Agricultural Energy Efficiency Project Workshop Series**

- ▣ Agricultural Production Systems (Greenhouses, Tobacco, Dairy, etc.)
- ▣ Emergency Backup Power Generation Systems
- ▣ Renewable Energy Technologies & Applications (solar, RETScreen, small wind, biomass, etc.)
- ▣ Forest Product Industries (Lean Manufacturing, etc.)

### **Validation of Energy Savings**

- ▣ Monitor performance of some of the recommended retrofits



## **2014-2015 Agricultural Energy Efficiency Initiative: Energy Audits, Feasibility Studies, and Retrofit/Renewable Implementation**

\$5,000 per program participant funds will be used toward:

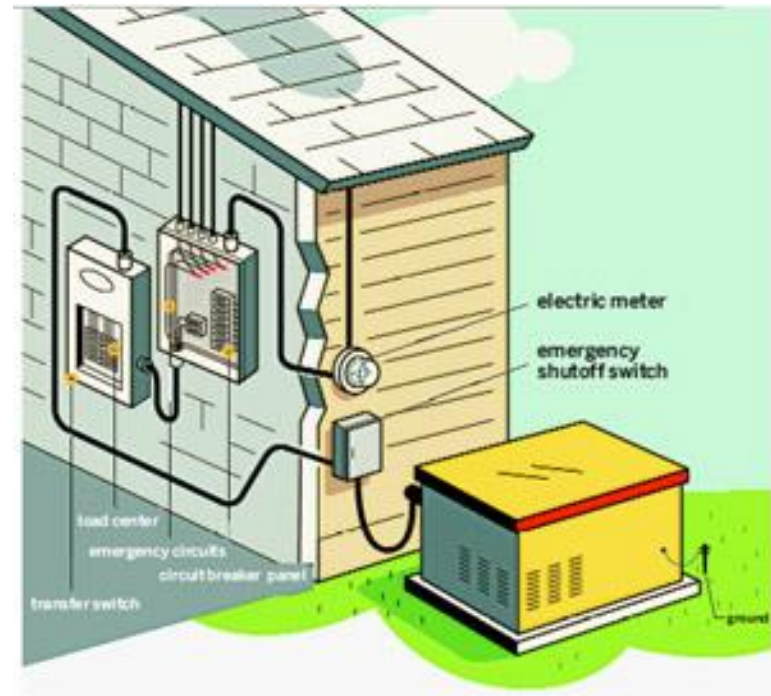
- ▣ the energy audit process
  - ▣ development of a renewable energy feasibility study
  - ▣ and/or implementation
- ▣ **Energy Audits** - ASABE S612 Farm Energy Audit Criteria (Completed by an NRCS Technical Service Provider), or ASHRAE Level II Energy Audit (completed by a Professional Engineer or Certified Energy Manager), as appropriate for entity type.
- ▣ **Renewable Energy Feasibility Studies** - Producers who completed the energy audit process and, based on the owner's management goals, have **implemented all relevant energy efficiency retrofit opportunities having a simple payback period of less than 5 years**, may then use the cost-share program to partially fund a renewable feasibility study. The feasibility study must **satisfy the criteria for the USDA Rural Development REAP program**, and where appropriate, include a screening model output from **RETScreen Clean Energy Project Analysis Software**.
- ▣ **Implementation Cost-Share Program** - Energy-cost saving opportunities identified in the audit report are eligible for a cost-share from funds remaining in the participant's \$5,000 allocation.
- ▣ **NOTE:** Cost-share percentage increases (from 25% to 50%) with participation in educational programming (either workshops, mailed fact sheets, and later "Farm Energy 101 Modules" online content)

# 2014-2015 Agricultural Energy Efficiency Initiative:

## Agricultural Energy Efficiency Project Workshop Series

### Emergency Backup Power Generation Systems (at least 1 workshop)

- During previous project, some participants expressed interest in emergency power systems.
- Interest also grew with outages from *El Derecho* event in June 2012
- Fair amount of confusion between role of: energy efficiency, renewables in backup power (e.g., most net-metered solar PV systems won't energize grid during outage (exceptions)), and emergency power systems.
- Plan to host workshop on Emergency Backup Power Generation Systems



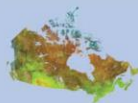
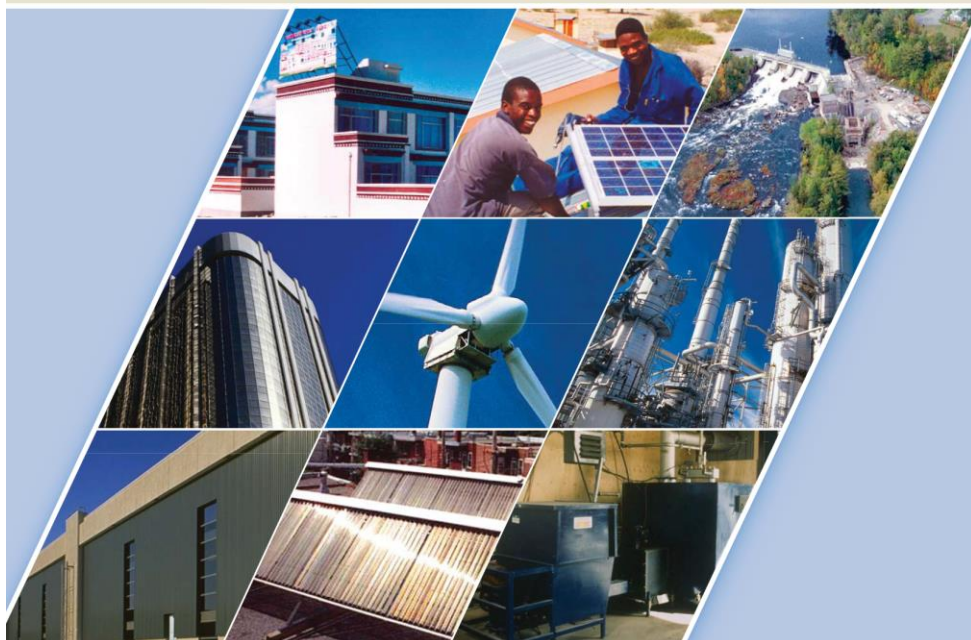
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SAH



Solar Water Heating Project Analysis

SWH



Passive Solar Heating Project Analysis

PSH



Ground-Source Heat Pump Project Analysis

GSHP

# RETScreen – GSHP Project Analysis - e-Textbook chapter

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