

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Estimating Farm Electricity Use**

Have you ever wondered just how much it costs to operate a specific piece of electric equipment on your farm? You're not alone. Most agricultural producers find it particularly difficult to estimate the kilowatt-hours used within specific on-farm operations, or make energy management and budgeting decisions concerning electricity use. This is due to three main factors that make farms unique in their energy use.

First, total farmstead electric use (including the farm home) is normally measured at only one location—the main farmstead meter. All kilowatt-hours used on the farm are measured at this point before being distributed to individual buildings and equipment. It's nearly impossible to accurately separate the monthly kilowatt-hours used within the home, from those used in other areas of the farm, without separately metering each major electrical load.

Second, weather plays a major role in farm electricity use. This is particularly true for such things as heating and cooling, crop production and irrigation, crop drying, and electric irrigation. Unlike a home, which heating and cooling follows closely with outside temperature, the operations on a farm are affected by several other weather conditions. Wet or humid conditions during the harvest season cause crop drying and aeration fans to run longer to remove crop moisture. Lack of rainfall in the summer means water pumps operate more often to irrigate crops or water livestock.

The third barrier in projecting on-farm electric use comes from the sheer number and diversity of electrical sites found on the modern farmstead. There are often many different types of electric devices and equipment that is difficult to single out how each contributes to a farm's electrical load. This is particularly true for equipment in each category: livestock waterers, waste, poultry, and dairy operations, grain drying and aeration and farmstead motors, farmstead lighting, and specialized equipment.

To obtain a copy of Farmstead Electricity Use, send \$1.00 to the National Food and Energy Council, 409 Vanduser West, Building 4, Suite 202, Columbia, MO 65202. Or call 314-875-7155.

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of members of the Harrison County Water Association, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 1994, at 8:00 p.m. at the office of the Association on U.S. 27 South in Corythians, Kentucky, for the purpose of conducting the regular business of the Association.

**HARRISON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
By: Bernard Midden, Jr., President

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