

NB_210_10_1, Distribution of New ANSI /ASABE Performing On-Farm Energy Audits Standard**National Bulletin:** 210-10-1**Date:** October 6,
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Energy Audits Standard

Purpose. To distribute the new ANSI/ASABE S612 Performing On-farm Energy Audits Standard.

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Background. The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) have approved a standard for performing on-farm energy audits in North America.

The standard supports energy audits of typical North American farming operations. It establishes procedures for performing on-farm audits to determine and document current energy usage, and to provide an estimation of energy savings from alternatives in the cultivation, protection, harvesting, processing, and storage of agricultural commodities and in the feeding, housing, and processing of farm animals and animal products. The standard is provided to guide qualified auditors in the reporting of data and the preparation of specific recommendations for energy reduction and conservation with estimates of energy savings.

This document is intended to support energy audits of all types of farming operations (which includes ranching) typically found in North America.

Attached are the ANSI/ASABE S612 On-farm Energy Audits Standard (Attachment A) and ASABE News Release (Attachment B).

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[Attachment A - ANSI/ASABE S612 On-Farm Energy Audits Standard](#)
[Attachment B - ASABE News Release](#)