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New ASABE Standard: Performing On-farm Energy Audits

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN — The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has 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. Energy audits exclude the farm residence, except where it is not practical to see can be ordered by contacting ASABE headquarters directly at:

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A copy of the document members and those with site-license privileges to the ASABE online Technical Library, at www.asabe.org , can obtain an electronic copy of the standard in about 2 weeks.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 225 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by State, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at ASABE, (269) 932-7031, cedarq@asabe.org. A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE Web site at

<http://www.asabe.org/standards/proposed.html> .

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members from more than 100 countries. For further information about the Society, or for an electronic copy of this news release, contact Dolores Landeck at ASABE, (269) 932-7039, landeck@asabe.org.