

### Sweet Potato Sto VFD Analysis NC style

6 5hp fans=30hp , 16,000 CFM per fan at 1.25" static pressure

Project Name **XYZ Potato Shed**  
 Contact **Sweet Potato grower**  
 Contact Phone No.  
 Location **MS,AR,NC,LA,CA**  
 Farm Name **Sweet Potatoes**  
 Storage Capacity (ton) **1,650**  
 Storage Capacity (BU) **66,000**  
 Design Airflow (cfm/BU) **1.5**  
 Total Fan HP **30**  
 Fan Motor Loading (est) 95%  
 Fan Motor Efficiency 95%  
 Calculated Fan Use (kW) 22.4  
 VFD Efficiency **95%**  
 Total Measured Fan (kW) **22.4**  
 Refrigerated (Yes/No) **yes**

Blue = User Inputs

Utility Provider **Power Utility**  
 Utility Contact **Power Rep**  
 Energy Cost (\$/kWh) **\$0.100**  
 Avg Energy Consumption **128,148** kWh  
 Estimated Energy Savings **92,113** kWh  
 Percent Energy Savings **72%** (range 30-60%)  
 Energy Cost Savings **\$9,211.30** \$\$  
 Estimated Project Cost **\$6,750.00**  
 Potential Incentive **\$4,725.00** (may need to adjust formula)  
 Payback w/o incentive (yr) **0.7**  
 Payback with incentive (yr) **0.2** please contact PU

Fan output in cfm	<b>16000</b>	CFM per fan
at different air press	<b>6</b>	Number of fans
	96000	Total CFM at 1.25 static press
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	1.454545455	CFM per BU at 1.25 static press
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No VFD (Current) Ventilation System Profile						
Storage Phase	Starting Dates	Days	Fans In-Use	Fan Run Time	Calculated Usage	Typical Fan Operation
			(%)	(hr/day)	(kWh)	
Harvest / Load	8/20/2015	5	100%	10	1,119	Start fans when loading
Cure / Suberize	8/25/2015	10	100%	24	5,371	Continuous/Recirc if no OSA
Ramp to Hold Temp	9/4/2015	21	100%	24	11,280	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Fall/Winter Holding	9/25/2015	150	100%	24	80,568	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Spring Holding	2/22/2016	60	100%	18	24,170	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Unload	4/22/2016	21	100%	12	5,640	Continuous w/ OSA or Refrig
empty	5/13/2016	0	100%	0	0	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Storage Season Length		267		<b>Total =</b>	<b>128,148</b>	<b>usage w/o VFD's in kWh</b>
					<b>\$12,814.79</b>	<b>En. cost w/o VFD's in \$\$</b>

Estimated VFD Ventilation System Operation Profile						
Storage Phase	Starting Dates	Days	Fan Speed	Fan Run Time	Calculated Usage	Typical Fan Operation
			(%)	(hr/day)	(kWh)	
Harvest / Load	8/20/2015	5	70%	10	466	Start fans when loading
Cure / Suberize	8/25/2015	10	100%	24	5,654	Continuous/Recirc if no OSA
Ramp to Holding Temp	9/4/2015	21	80%	24	6,647	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Winter Holding	9/25/2015	150	50%	24	13,988	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Spring Holding	2/22/2016	60	65%	18	8,301	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Unload	4/22/2016	21	50%	12	979	Continuous w/ OSA or Refrig
empty	5/13/2016	0	0%	0	0	Run Anytime OSA Avail
Storage Season Length		267		<b>Total =</b>	<b>36,035</b>	<b>usage with VFD's in kWh/Yr</b>

<b>Estimated Yearly energy cost =</b>	<b>\$3,603.49</b>	<b>En. cost with VFD's in \$\$</b>
<b>Estimated Savings =</b>	<b>92,113</b>	<b>kWh per year savings</b>
	<b>\$9,211.30</b>	<b>Net power savings/yr in \$\$</b>
<b>10 year lifespan of the project as per DOE</b>	<b>\$92,112.96</b>	<b>10 year savings \$\$</b>
<b>Avg cost of 66,000 bu computerized system</b>	<b>\$78,000</b>	<b>total ventilation system cost</b>
	<b>-\$14,113</b>	<b>vent system net cost after</b>
	<b>118.09%</b>	<b>deduction of 10 yr/main fan VFD savings</b>

**Notes:**

Use utility billing history to help verify storage time  
 Work with grower to determine tonnage/BU by month (eg unloading reduces refrigeration need)  
 Please check with power utility on rebate and power filtration system requirements  
 For these estimates, use 50% as the lowest VFD speed  
 Savings should be based on kWh per day, however, tonnage/BU may also need to be factored in.  
 Energy savings may not be reflected on power bill until later in storage season.  
 For verification of savings, update spreadsheet using actual monthly VFD run time and kWh data and billing history

**BOOSTER FANS ARE NEEDED TO CARRY THE AIR OVER 50', FOR STORAGES OF 60'+ IN LENGTH FANS SHOULD CARRY min 75% OF THE TOTAL AIR AVAILABLE**

