

INTRODUCTION

The "Small Farm Energy Primer", published in July, 1980, is a collection of reports on energy alternatives and conservation techniques to help lower the high costs of energy inputs on small farms. The reports, entitled, "Project Focus", include innovations built by northeast Nebraska farmers who participated in the Small Farm Energy Project, a special 3-year research effort based in Hartington, Nebr. The Energy Project was initiated in Cedar Co., Nebr. in the fall of 1976 and was concluded in early 1980. The aim of the "Energy Primer" is to help farmers discover and develop viable alternatives for their own farms.

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