

Morris Citizen Jury Presentation
Preparing for climate
and extreme weather
changes at UMM



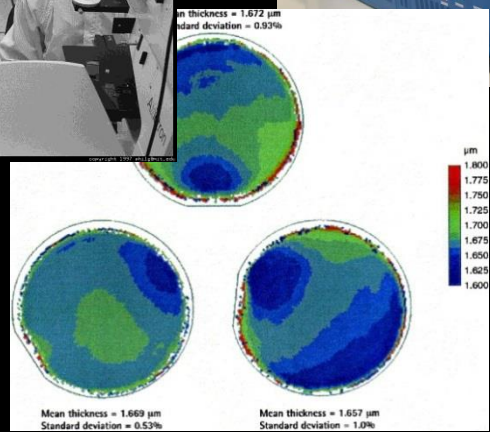
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Concern #1: Extreme weather affects our campus energy supply

Concern #2: Extreme weather affects our campus infrastructure.

Concern #3: Extreme weather affects our campus landscape.

Concern #4: Extreme weather is a by-product of a global warming

Concern #1: Extreme weather affects our campus energy supply

Minnesota does not produce its own fossil fuel.

We are dependent on other places to give us energy.

Hotter/wetter summers require us to use more energy to do cooling.

When it is really cold, our natural gas supply can be curtailed, we need to use large amounts of expensive (and dirtier) fuel oil.

Colder winters require more energy to heat the campus.

U.S. STATES

MINNESOTA

State Profile and Energy Estimates

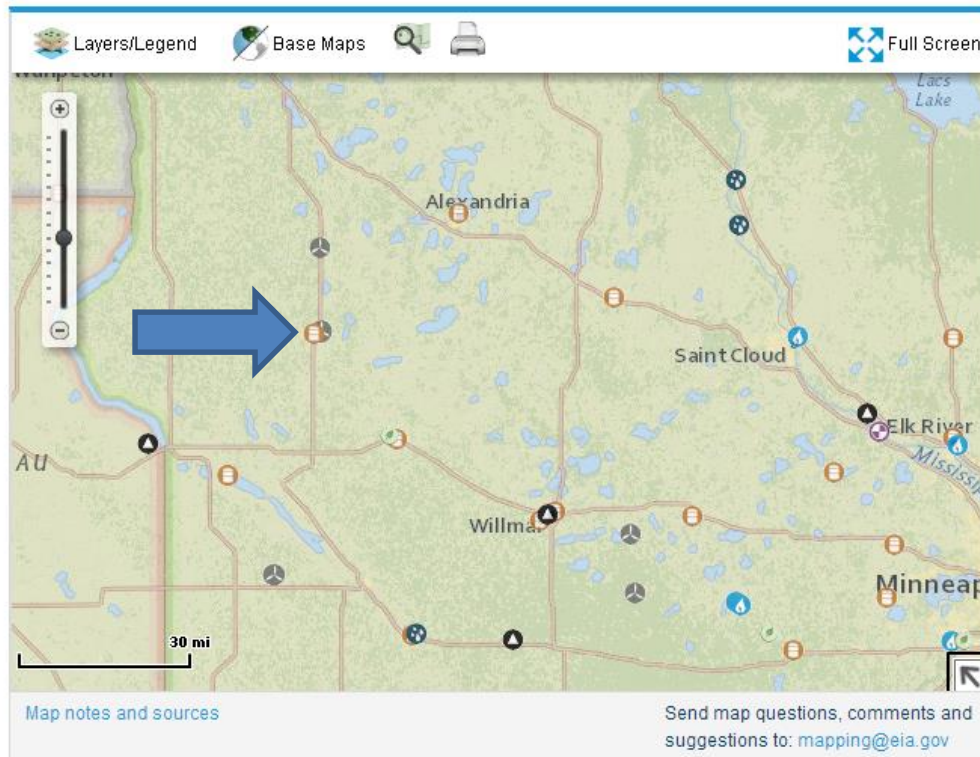
CHANGE STATE/TERRITORY ▾

OVERVIEW DATA ▾ ANALYSIS

RANKINGS COMPARE FIND ? HELP

Profile Overview

[Print State Energy Profile \(overview, data, & analysis\)](#)



Minnesota, U.S. Rankings

Consumption	
Total Energy per Capita	18
Expenditures	
Total Energy per Capita	23
Production	
Total Energy	34
Crude Oil	--
Natural Gas	--
Coal	--
Electricity	28
Prices	
Natural Gas	29
Electricity	22
Environment	
Carbon Dioxide Emissions	23

[See more rankings >](#)

QUICK FACTS

- Minnesota ranked fourth in the nation in ethanol production capacity in 2013.
- Minnesota, 21st in the nation in population in 2011, was 29th in residential per capita energy use despite its very cold winters.
- About 46% of the electricity generated in Minnesota came from coal-fired electric power plants in 2013; most of its coal supply was brought in by rail from Montana and Wyoming.
- Two nuclear power plants near Minneapolis-St. Paul, the Monticello reactor and the Prairie Island I and II reactors, accounted for 21% of Minnesota's net electricity generation in 2013.
- Minnesota ranked seventh in the nation in net electricity generation from wind energy in 2013; its net generation was 8 million megawatthours in 2013, an increase of 5.9% from 2012.

Last updated March 27, 2014.

Consumption by Source

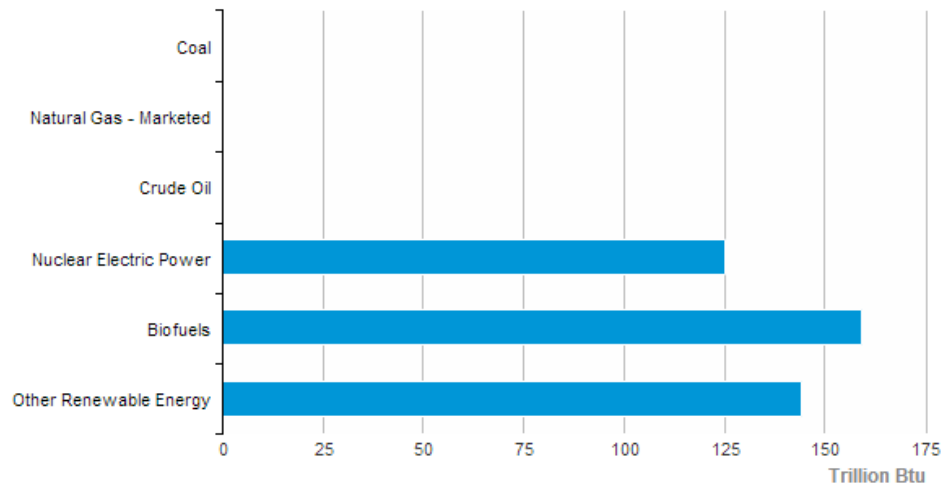
Consumption by Sector

Production

Electricity

Prices

Minnesota Energy Production Estimates, 2011



Source: Energy Information Administration, State Energy Data System

Concern #2: Extreme weather affects our campus infrastructure

The wind storms in the past year have added expenses to our campus operations. We have had to do more tree removal.

Hail storms in the past two years have damaged buildings.

Extreme rain events have damaged campus infrastructure.

\$2M hail damage



Concern #3: Extreme weather affects our campus landscape.

Long periods of drought affect our trees on campus, our campus yards, and our campus food gardens.

Increased rain volumes mean we send more water, more quickly, to the Pomme de Terre river, instead of having more frequent lower volume rains which can be used more easily by plants and trees.

88 trees





HydroClim Minnesota for Early June 2014

A monthly electronic newsletter summarizing Minnesota's climate conditions and the resulting impact on water resources. Distributed on the first Thursday of the month.

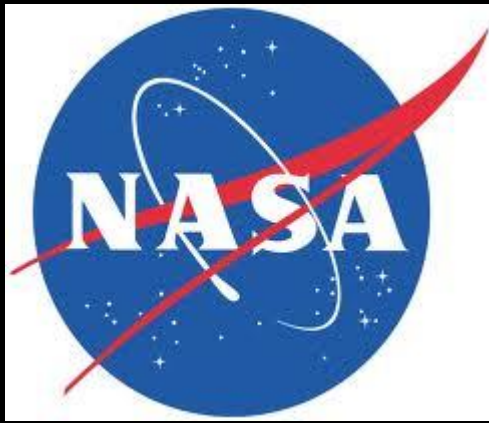
State Climatology Office - DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources, St. Paul
distributed: June 5, 2014

What happened in May 2014:

- **May precipitation totals** across Minnesota ranged from less than three inches in southeastern counties, to well over five inches in many east central, central, and north central Minnesota locales. In the wetter areas, monthly rainfall totals topped the historical average by two or more inches.
[see: [May 2014 Precipitation Map](#) | [May 2014 Precipitation Departure Map](#) | [May 2014 Climate Summary Table](#)]
- The month of May ended as a **heavy rain event** dropped three-day rainfall totals of three or more inches on many Minnesota communities between May 31 and June 2.
[see: [Heavy Rains of May 31-June 2](#)]
- **Average monthly temperatures for May** in Minnesota were near historical averages in most locations. Cool temperatures during the first half of the month were offset by warm temperatures late in the month. Extremes for May ranged from a high of 93 degrees F at Georgetown (Clay County) on the 29th, to a low of 20 degrees F at Brimson (St. Louis County) on the 17th.
[see: [May 2014 Climate Summary Table](#)]

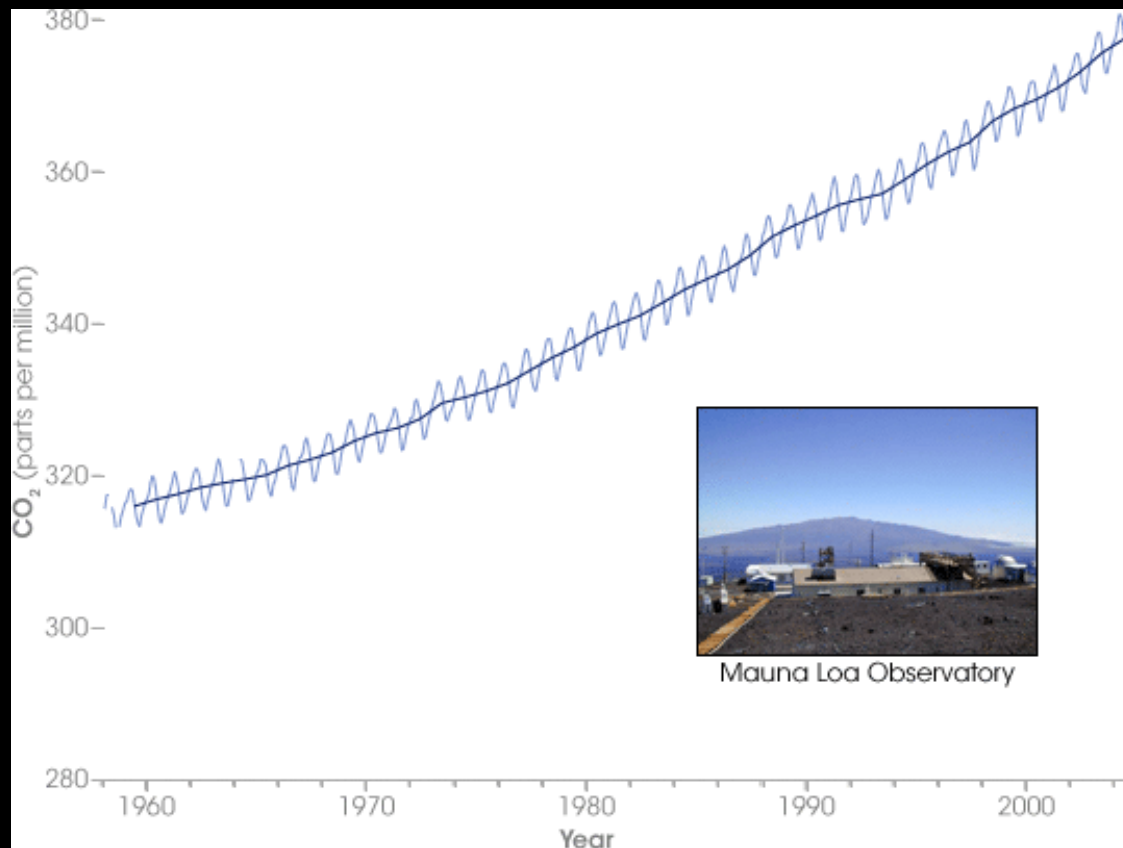
Where we stand now:

- **Precipitation totals since April 1** are far above historical averages. For large portions of Minnesota, season-to-date precipitation totals rank above the 90th percentile when compared with the historical database during the April-plus-May time period. It was Minnesota's third consecutive meteorological spring (March - May) of exceptionally high precipitation totals. In the Twin Cities, 2014 continued a rather remarkable streak of wet starts to the calendar year. The January 1-through-June 1 precipitation total (16.84 inches) in the Twin Cities was the second highest of the 144-year record. 2012 and 2013 also ranked among the five wettest all-time for that five-month period.
[see: [Season-to-date precipitation maps](#)]



Concern #4: Extreme weather is a by-product of a global warming.

Burning carbon is leading to more extreme weather. We don't just want to adapt to it (which we will need to do). We also want to try to avoid making it even worse.



How is UMM **responding** to these concerns?



Good Employees ...



**Use
Energy Wisely**

Tomorrow's energy is everybody's job

2007 – 2012 = **1,000,000** kWh energy reduction





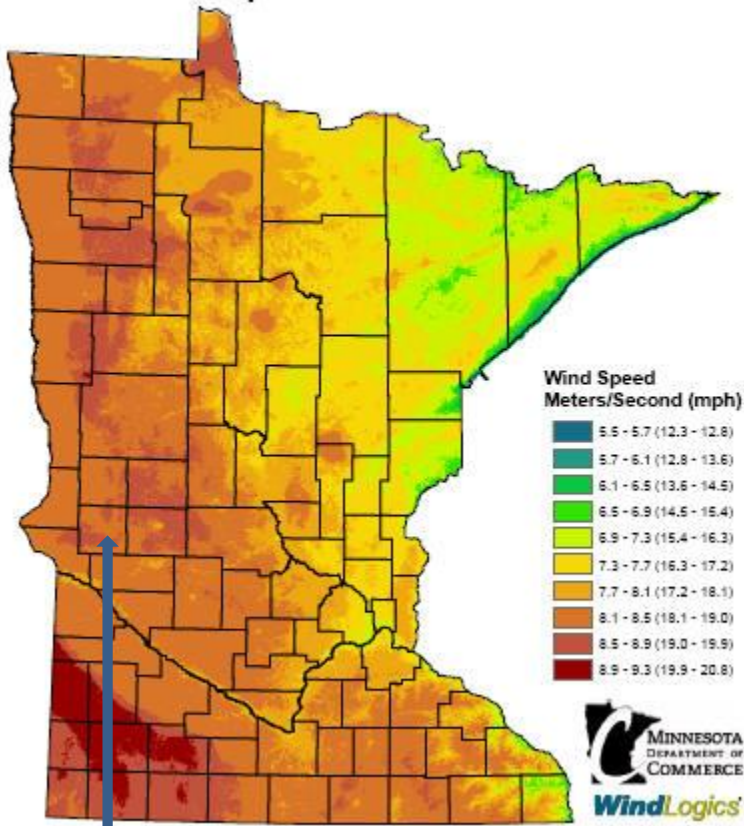


U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

LEED GOLD

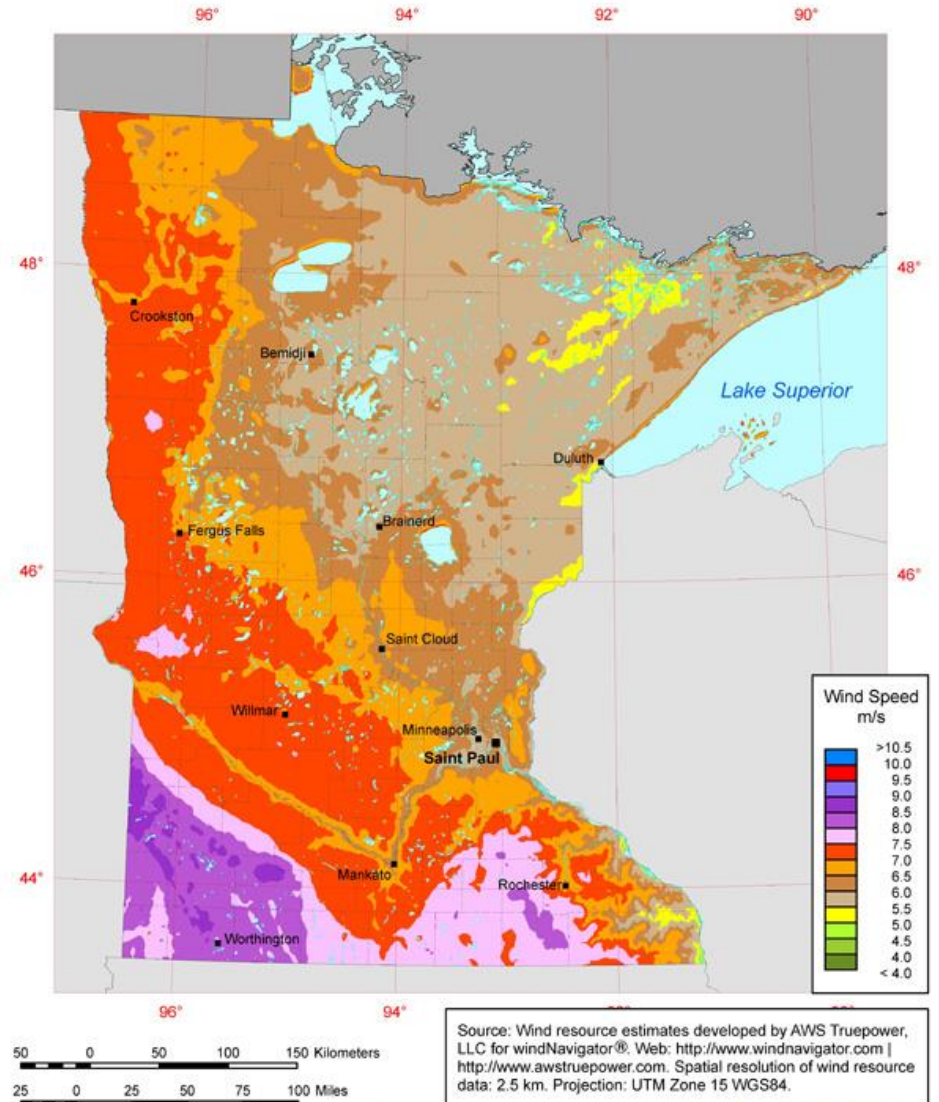
2012

Minnesota's Wind Resource by Wind Speed at 100 Meters



STEVENS CO.

Minnesota - Annual Average Wind Speed at 80 m





First

Large-scale wind turbine at a
public US university

A silhouette of a wind turbine stands against a vibrant sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow of orange and yellow. The turbine's three blades are spread out, and its tower extends vertically. In the background, a utility pole with power lines is visible on the right side.

60%

*of Morris's electricity
comes from wind*



Twin turbines produce

10.5

million

kWhrs

per year

10,500,000 MWh produced per year

8,500,000 MWh used by campus per year



2,000,000 MWh of “extra” energy produced by wind



Some estimations:

1,500 households in
Morris

1,500 X 800
kWhr/month =
1.2MkWhr/month
used in Morris

12 months/year X
1.2MkWhr/mo=
14MkWhr/year used
by Morris

Morris Campus Turbine #2

U of M Debt (repaid by UMM)

\$3,600,000

UMM Utilities

\$310,372

UMM Internal Loan

\$64,028

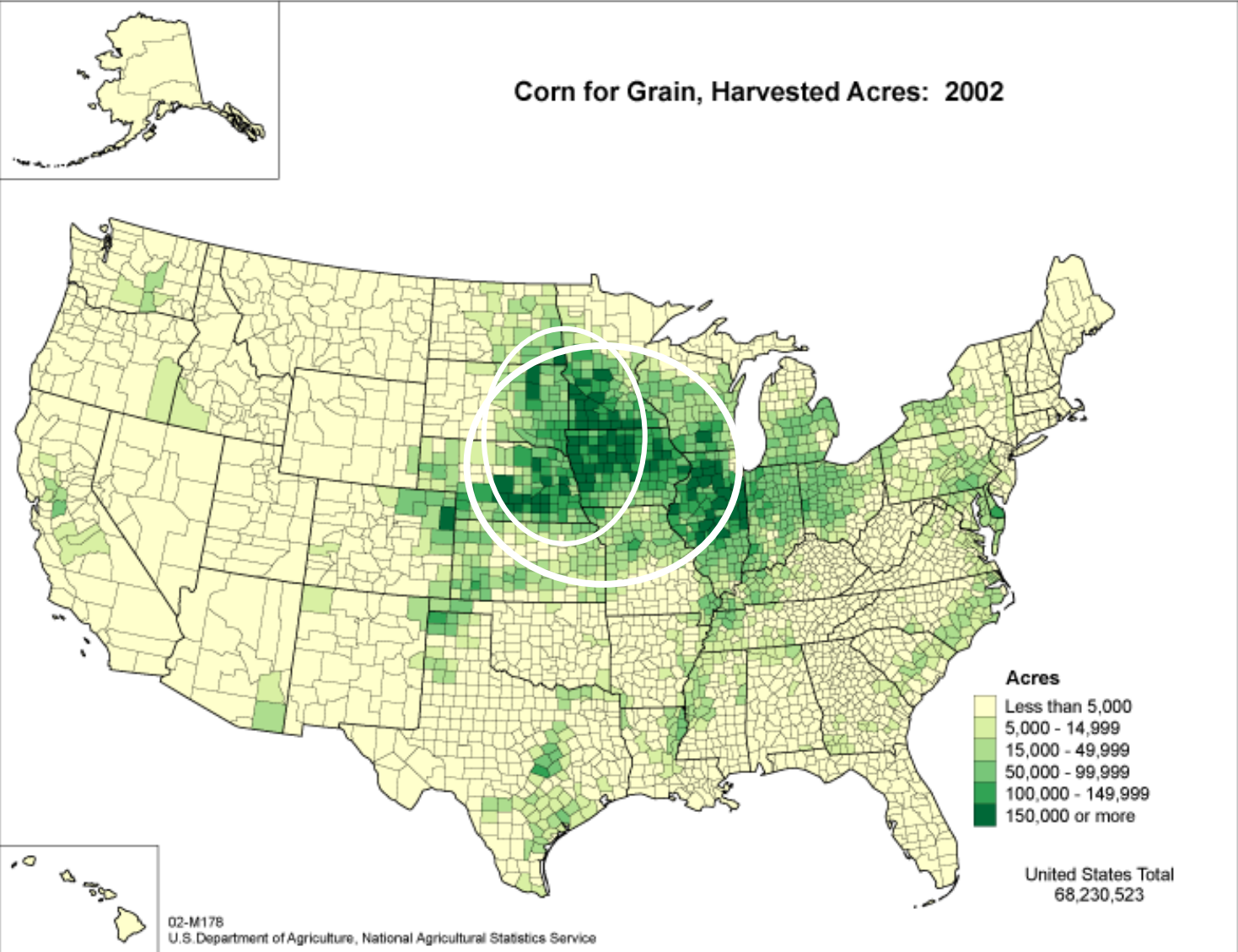
Morris Campus 2009 HEAPR

\$420,000

Total: \$4,395,000



Corn for Grain, Harvested Acres: 2002



70 percent

of Morris's heating and cooling needs





annually burns

9,000 tons

of biomass



corn cobs



Natural Gas:

Avg price: 5.704 dollars/MMcuft (40 % hedged)
\$/MMBTU 5.70 dollars

Corn Cobs:

Avg price: 87.87/dry ton (Three year contract)
\$/MMBTU 5.78 dollars

Wood Chips:

Avg price: 101.08/ton
\$/MMBTU 6.35 dollars

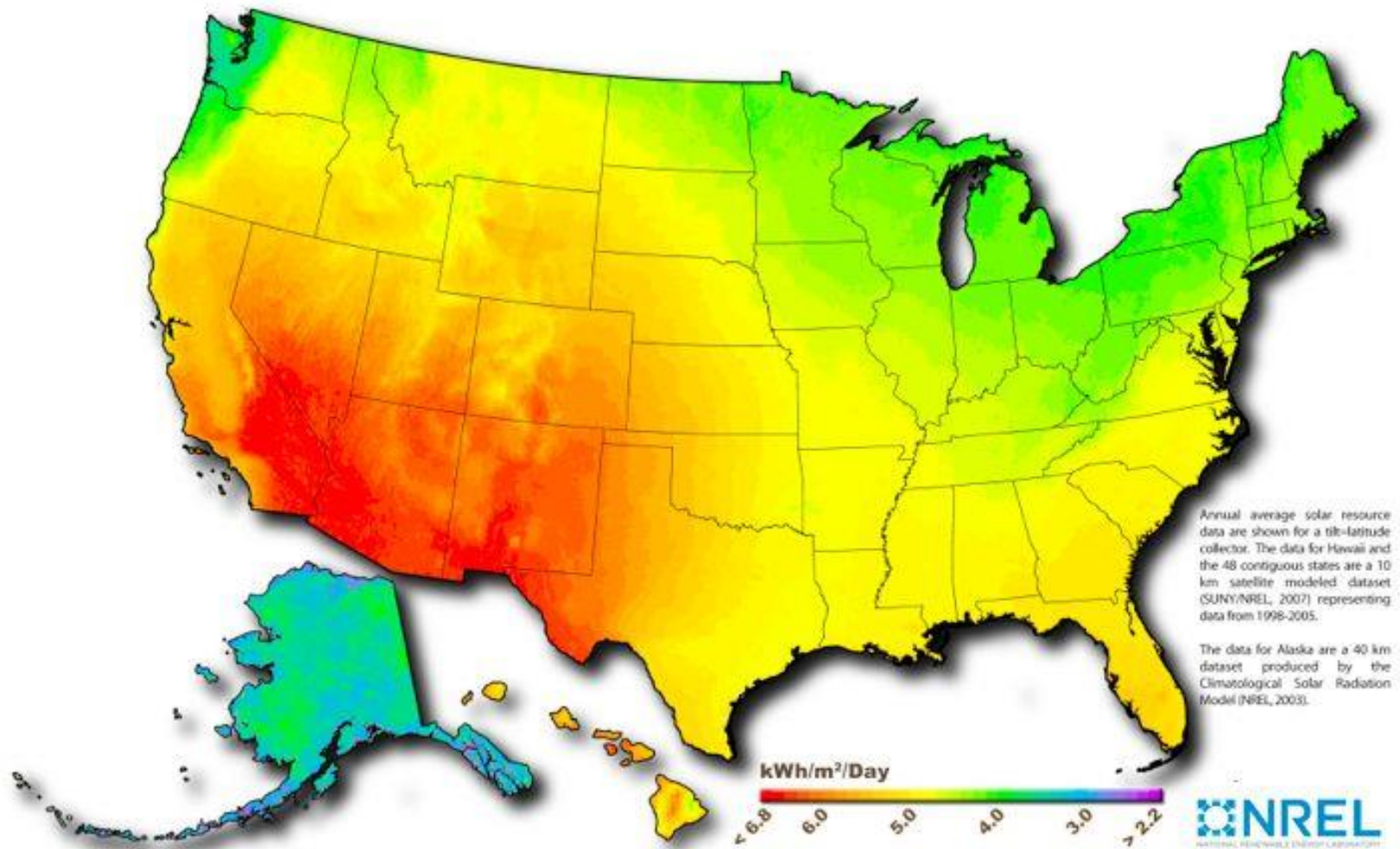
**2011/2012





By David Joles, Star Tribune

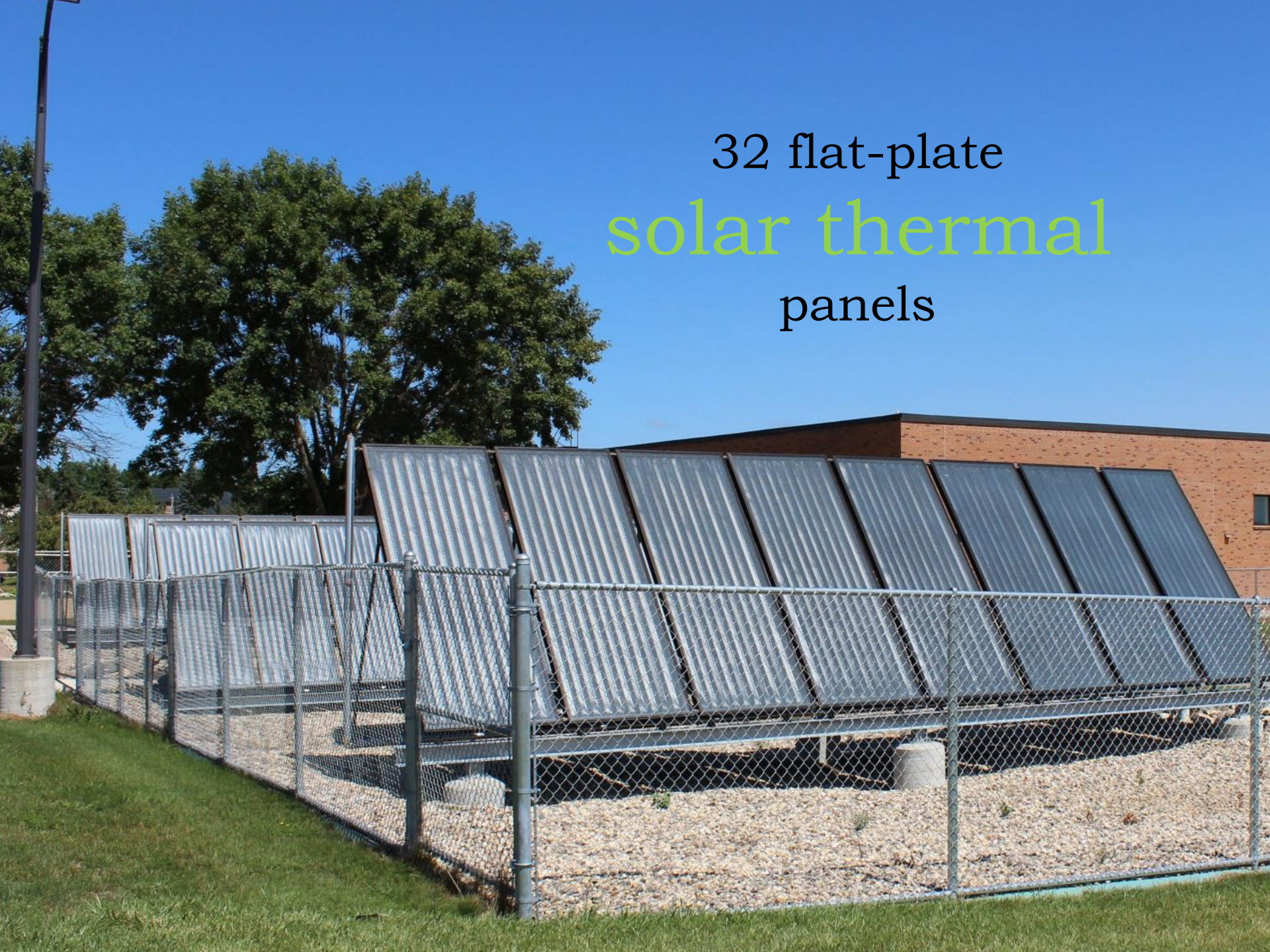
U.S. Photovoltaic Solar Resource



Author: Billy Roberts - October 20, 2008

This map was produced by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy

32 flat-plate
solar thermal
panels



An aerial view of an indoor swimming pool. The pool is filled with clear, light blue water. Several people are swimming in the pool, including a man in dark shorts, a woman in a red swimsuit, and several children. A large, green, multi-lane water slide is visible on the right side of the pool. The pool deck is made of light-colored tiles with dark blue square accents. A lifeguard stand is visible in the center of the pool. The overall scene is bright and active.

annually offsets

270 MMBtu

of natural gas use



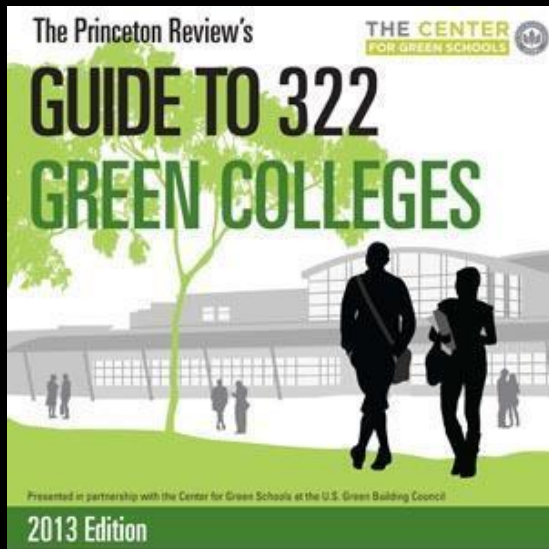




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ENERGY IS RENEWABLE
AND SUSTAINABLE





POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES

#1: Become a renewable energy destination

#2: Use extreme precipitation events to our advantage

#3: Model construction practices that use less energy and can deal with hail/water events.