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Research Benefits

A University of Minnesota official says burdens placed on agricultural research could damage the state and national economy.

Deputy Vice President William Hueg says many people are two and more generations away from the farm and they have lost sight of how and where food and fiber comes from.

As the numbers of individual farms and farm operators become less, the results of research will be put into use faster. This reduction in research undertaken and acceleration in use of research output may have serious consequences in the near future.

Hueg says agricultural products are the major sales of the United States to world markets. If we are to continue to meet this world demand, food and fiber production must be undergirded by strong and continued research.

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Wind Energy

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What about wind as an energy source? It may fill a need in rural areas to supplement energy available to houses. Rural electric companies may look to wind as a supplementary source, since they already have the utility lines in which they can deliver the power. A consistent, turbulent free wind of at least 10 miles per hour is needed. The faster the wind blows, the better it is for generating electricity.

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