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# Maine Greenhouse & Covered Agriculture Program

## Topic:

Enterprise Budget Template Tool for Whole Farm  
Planning and Accounting, Interseason Goal Setting  
and Large Purchases, and Calculating Carbon  
Emissions

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- An evolving tool for farm budget planning specifically designed for greenhouse and high tunnel producers, and farmers looking to plan for large purchases; current versions include integrated carbon emissions accounting



The Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society and collaborating agricultural economist Dr. Aaron Hoshide have developed a free Microsoft Excel-based spreadsheet tool for farmers.

The tool is particularly designed for greenhouse and high tunnel producers and is useful for:

- building realistic annual and long term farm budgets
- planning infrastructure expenditures or add ons to your existing structure
- planning for large purchases
- setting yeild goals and tracking progress
- production planning, interseason cropping and rotations
- tracking depreciation on infrastructure
- understanding labor costs vs equity
- measuring carbon emissions, and metrics for economic and environmental sustainability
- ...and much more!

In addition to production financials, it integrates pages for infrastructure, energy, heating and fuel into useful metrics for sustainability. It is available to download for free! Your feedback and user experience is valuable [Link to the Farm and Greenhouse Infrastructure, Crop Planning Tool here.](#)



**Additional Resources:**

The [Maine Greenhouse and Covered Agriculture Infrastructure Program](#) is a project of the Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society. For more information on appropriate technology for Maine farms our 2020 fact sheet program please visit the project page.

For general information on solar greenhouse technologies see [National Center for Appropriate Technology “Solar Greenhouses” Fact Sheet](#). For info specific to Maine see the [UMAINE Cooperative Extension Season Extension Bulletin](#) on the topic.

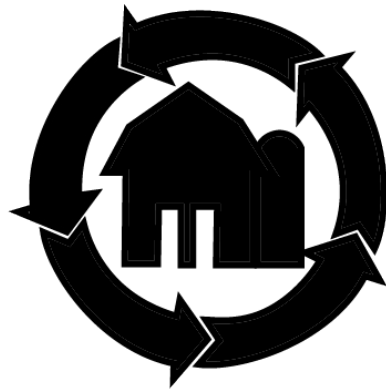
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