



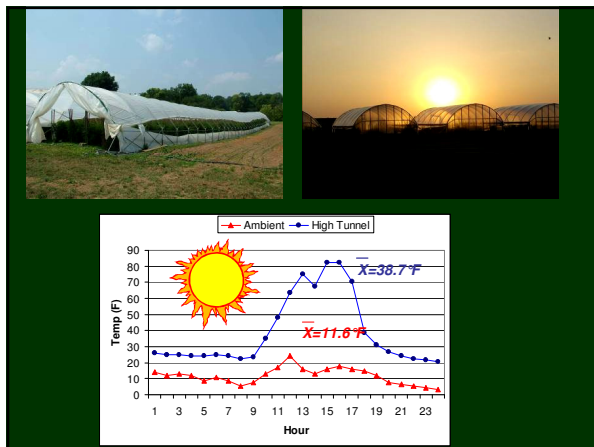
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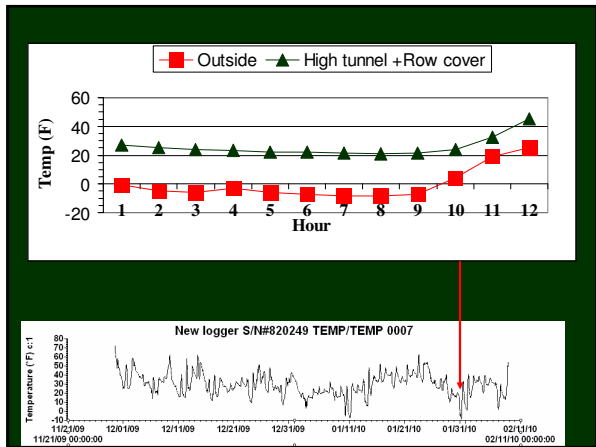
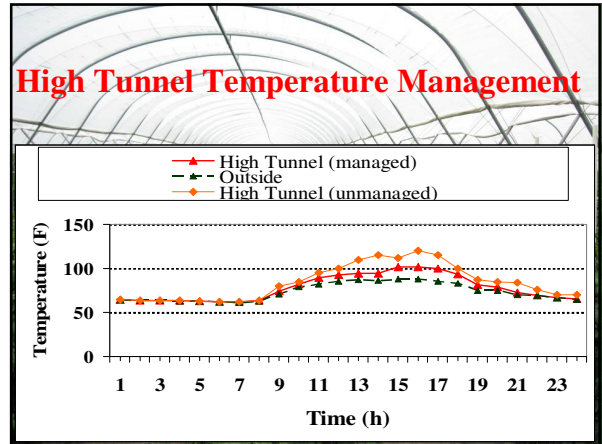
What is a High Tunnel?

High tunnels are plastic-covered, solar greenhouses which are used to lengthen the growing season and protect the crop(s) from stresses such as rain, wind, diseases, insects and wildlife.

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1. Uses solar heat. (back-up heaters optional)
2. No electricity (fans, heaters, vents, etc.)
3. Vented through sidewalls or endwalls.
4. Drip irrigated.
5. Ground culture.
6. Single layer of plastic (6-mil.)






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- Highly productive
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- Season extension
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Manufacturer	Dimensions	Cost (US \$/ft ²)
Atlas Greenhouses	30 ft. x 96 ft.	0.74
Conley Greenhouse Mfg	24 ft. x 96 ft.	0.72
FarmTek	26 ft. x 96 ft.	1.16
Harnois Greenhouses	20 ft. x 96 ft.	0.97
Haygrove Tunnels	24 ft. x 200 ft.	0.75
Stuppy Greenhouse	20 ft. x 96 ft.	0.96
Zimmerman Welding	30 ft. x 96 ft.	1.00
Average	25 ft. x 96 ft. (2400 ft ²)	0.94 (\$1.50)

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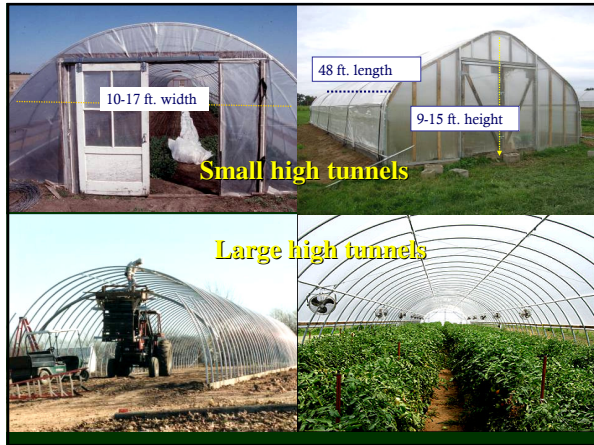
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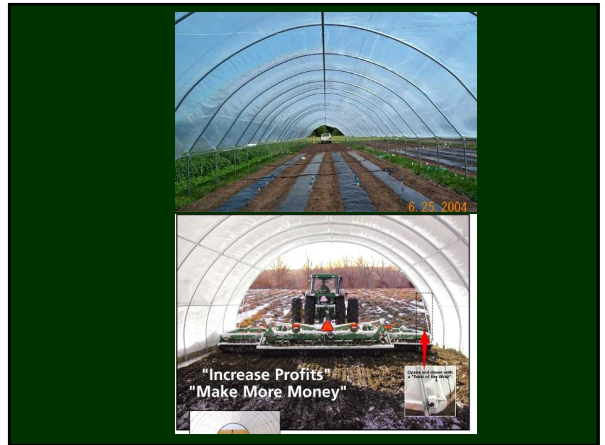
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One inch of water per week = 1800 gallons of water for a typical high tunnel structure.

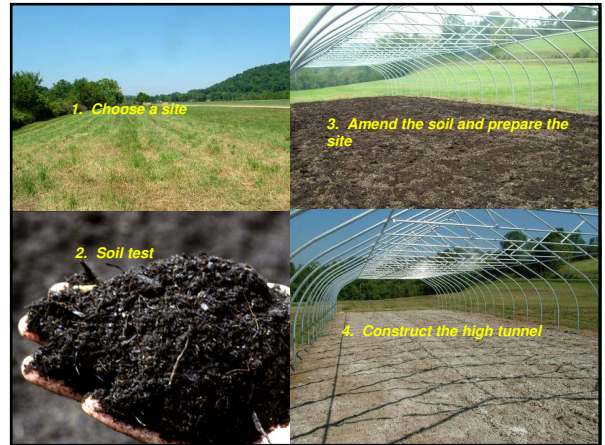


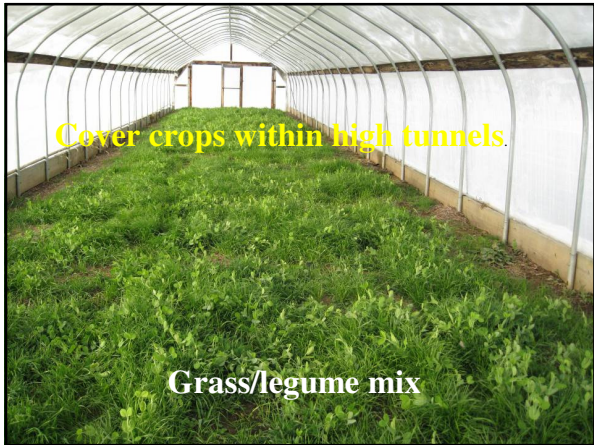


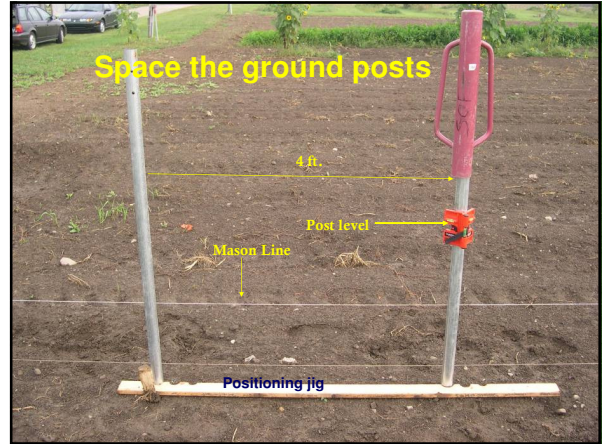
Free-standing, Single-Bay High Tunnels

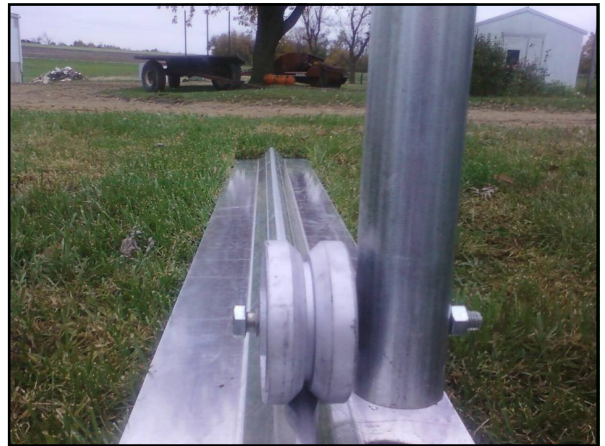


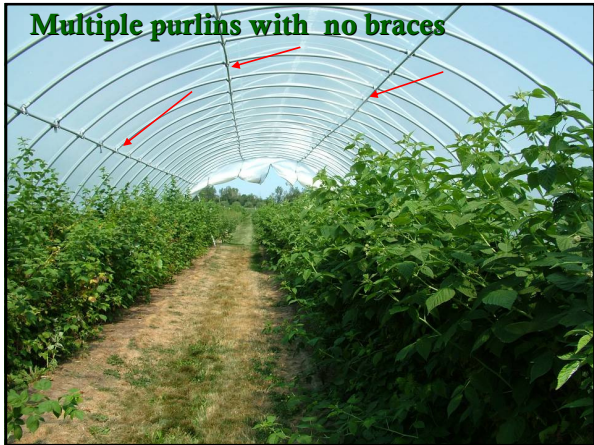
High Tunnel Design Components:














Increasing the height of the high tunnel by 3 feet will increase usable bed space for crops and provide a higher sidewall for air movement.

Marginal returns > Marginal costs





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