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Hoop houses help specialty farming

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Yet, hoop houses are now giving an edge to an expanding group of U.S. farmers who grow vegetables, fruits or cut flowers where cold weather is no stranger. These farmers can market fresh-picked strawberries months before and months after their area's traditional growers have anything to sell.

call high tech. The typical one is simply a PVC- or metal-structured polyethylene Quonset hut. It's no more than a unheated, plastic greenhouse that you can ventilate by hand. Even so, it protects plants from the weather – sort of like a big cold frame would," said Ted Carey, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and

Their simple nature gives hoop houses lower construction and operating costs than a nursery-grade greenhouse. Farmers commonly recover their investment within a year or two, Carey said.

"For me, the only strange thing about them is how long and how far the United States lagged behind other countries in adopting hightunnel horticulture," he said. "An American named E.M. Emmert invented the structure, calling it a field greenhouse. He came up with the idea at the University of Kentucky right after World War II."

Carey has just completed his own research to assess how the U.S. situation is finally changing. He found adoption rates differ from area to area. Overall, U.S. high tunnel use has been increasing rapidly for

OLATHE - Hoop houses (also more than a decade. Land-grant called high tunnels) can seem as university research and Extension revolutionary as throwing a big tarp programs are supporting the rise, as are innovations that growers themselves develop.

"The protection that the tunnels provide is doing more now than just allowing ... an extended growing season," he said. "It's expanding the kinds of plants farmers can grow.... It's increasing both yields and crop quality."

The survey found the U.S. Northeast is leading in terms of individual "High tunnels aren't what you'd hoop house numbers, although parts of the Midwest are gaining ground quickly. By far, tomatoes and salad ingredients are the top crops.

Apparently, however, the states with the most acreage under high tunnels are in zones where cold weather isn't a big crop risk - California, Arizona, Hawaii, Oregon and Florida. Hawaii has 50 percent of its hoop house acres in flowers. Oregon is specializing in blackberries and blueberries.

Before 1990 the great majority of U.S. adopters were in the nursery industry, he said.

"Adding to their cost savings, nurseries could truthfully say the structures are temporary – even if their own high tunnels never moved. That made a difference in their property tax assessments," Carey said.

Since 2003, K-State has hosted a High Tunnel Web site (www. hightunnels.org) with original material geared for educators as well as growers. It provides useful links and the signup for an e-mail listserv widely used by growers, researchers and allied industry personnel to ask questions and exchange information about high tunnel use.

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Web site estimates interest

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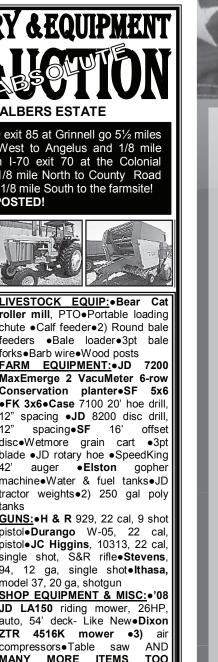
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