



Boys-N-Berries Farm Raises Power From the Wind



Bob and Carol Nibbe live on a farm with their two boys just a few miles south of Brainerd, MN. The farm is called "Boys-N-Berries" because they raise and sell berry produce such as strawberries and raspberries.

The Nibbe's hired **WERC** to plan, purchase and install a Jacobs 31-20 on a 120-foot tower to help generate power and reduce pollution. The new wind turbine came on-line through Crow Wing Power on December 20, 2006. One of the primary functions of

the new Jacobs turbine will be to generate electricity for irrigating another 50 acres of farmland. A recently dug pond will act as the water reservoir used to irrigate crops for a sustainable farming system and improve local wildlife habitat. In this manner the Boys-N-Berries Farm is an innovative farm leading the way to becoming self-reliant, teaching sustainable gardening and providing tasty, nutritious food grown in harmony with natural resources. The boys have a sweeter future ahead.

WERC president David Winkelman had this to say. "The Boys-N-Berries Farm is a good example of how being more sustainable can be practical, fun, save money and reduce pollution. People wonder what to do to help save our environment and build a more sustainable future, they need to go out and visit Boys-N-Berries Farm to see how the future is here now, and how to do it for themselves."



View of pier foundation being set up for.



View of base of pier foundation



Concrete pouring of foundation



Pier foundation with template in place.



Gin pole shown during tip-up



Tower almost in place.