

## Conference looks at feasibility of owning wind generators

Wind energy development in Story and Wright County is generating electricity – and an interest in wind energy. Iowans – rural and urban land-owners, livestock producers, agri-business professionals, utility company employees, media representatives, city, county, and school officials, school students, and contractors – want facts about wind as a source of energy and about wind turbines as an investment. They were the people that attended the Wind Energy Conferences sponsored by Wright County Extension and Story County Extension at the end of 2007.

The conferences, coordinated by Kapil Arora, ISU Extension agricultural engineer, and Dave Andrews and Leroy Jensen, county extension education directors, brought state authorities on wind energy to Nevada and Eagle Grove to packed conference rooms.



Conference speakers included staff from the Iowa Energy Center, Iowa State University Extension, local and regional utility representatives, USDA, Iowa DNR, Clarion-Goldfield School and Nevada School. Participants interacted through discussion with a panel made up of wind turbine early adopters and utility company representatives.



Attendees said the conference gave them what they came for – information to help them make good investment decisions, better understand applications of wind energy in their personal operations, and understand local opportunities in the wind energy industry.

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“These programs are very important for us to stay abreast of the energy supplies of today and the future.”

— Nevada Conference participant

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