

Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event
2005

State of Iowa DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Career Education Division
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

CONESTENT NAME _____

CONTESTANT SCHOOL _____

Computer Application
(15 minutes)

Note: No calculators are allowed for this activity.

Your farm sprayer is used for broadcast application of herbicides. There are 17 nozzles with a nozzle spacing of 20 inches. You will travel through the field at a speed of 6.5 miles per hour.

During a calibration check, you measured the output of each nozzle for 11 seconds and got the following results:

| Nozzle # | Output (oz) |
|----------|-------------|
| 1 | 9.00 |
| 2 | 8.70 |
| 3 | 9.75 |
| 4 | 10.00 |
| 5 | 8.60 |
| 6 | 7.95 |
| 7 | 9.50 |
| 8 | 9.95 |
| 9 | 9.80 |

| Nozzle # | Output (oz) |
|----------|-------------|
| 10 | 9.25 |
| 11 | 9.35 |
| 12 | 9.00 |
| 13 | 9.25 |
| 14 | 9.50 |
| 15 | 10.70 |
| 16 | 9.35 |
| 17 | 10.60 |

USEFUL FORMULAS & CONVERSIONS

$$GPA = \frac{(5,940) \times (GPM \text{ per nozzle})}{(MPH) \times (W)}$$

where GPA = gallons/acre
GPM = gallons/minute
MPH = speed in miles/hr
W = nozzle spacing in inches

$$Acres/hr = \frac{(MPH) \times (TW)}{(8.25)}$$

where MPH = speed in miles/hr
TW = total width of implement in feet

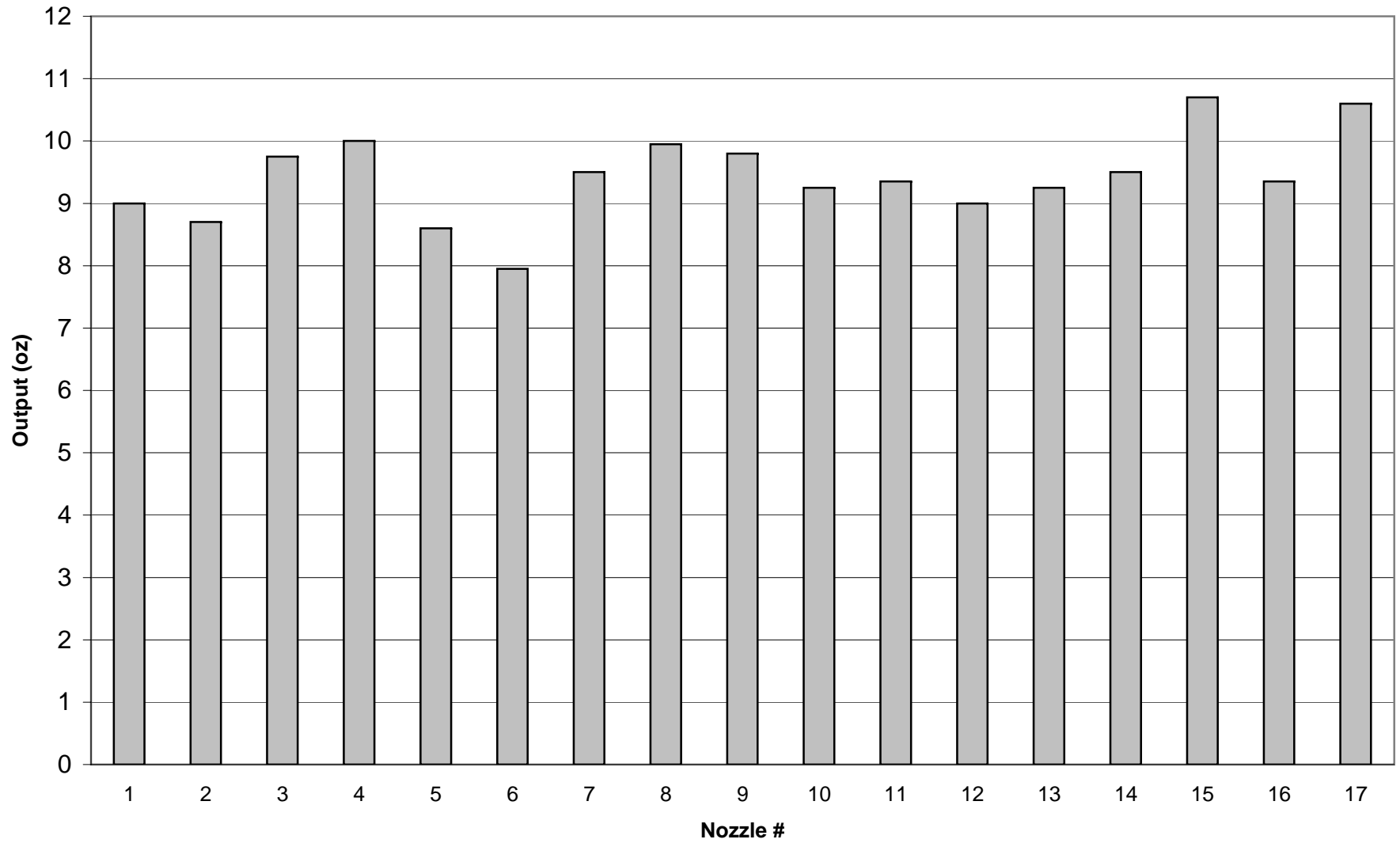
1 gallon = 128 oz
1 minute = 60 seconds

1. Enter your name, your school and the data into the Excel spreadsheet.
2. Enter appropriate formulas into the spreadsheet to calculate:
 - a. the average nozzle output,
 - b. the gallons per acre,
 - c. the acres per hour,
 - d. the number of acres in 8 hours.
3. Print out the data spreadsheet and graph.
4. Circle the nozzle #'s on the graph that have output greater than or less than 10% of the average output.
5. How many nozzles should be replaced, based on your calibration check? Answer: _____

EVALUATION SCORE SHEET

| ITEM | POINTS | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| | POSSIBLE | EARNED |
| Data entered/Print outs..... | 6 | _____ |
| Circled correct nozzles..... | 3 | _____ |
| Number GPM..... | 3 | _____ |
| Number GPA | 3 | _____ |
| Estimated Acres per hours | 3 | _____ |
| Acres - 8 hr. day | 3 | _____ |
| Number of nozzles to be replaced..... | 3 | _____ |
| TOTAL | 25 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px; display: inline-block;"></div> |

Farm Sprayer Calibration Check - Nozzle Output



Contestant Name: Enter your name here
Contestant School: Enter your school here

| Nozzle # | Output (oz) |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> ← Enter data |
| 2 | <input type="text"/> ← Enter data |
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Avg. Nozzle Output (oz) ← Enter formula to calculate
Avg. Nozzle Output +10% (oz) **0.00** ← Calculated for you based on your avg. nozzle output
Avg. Nozzle Output -10% (oz) **0.00** ← Calculated for you based on your avg. nozzle output

Time of collection (sec) ← Enter data
Speed (mph) ← Enter data
Nozzle spacing (inches) ← Enter data

Avg. GPM per nozzle (gallons/min) ← Enter formula to calculate
GPA (gallons/acre) ← Enter formula to calculate
Acres per hour ← Enter formula to calculate
Acres in 8 hrs. ← Enter formula to calculate

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