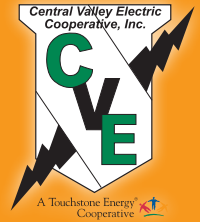




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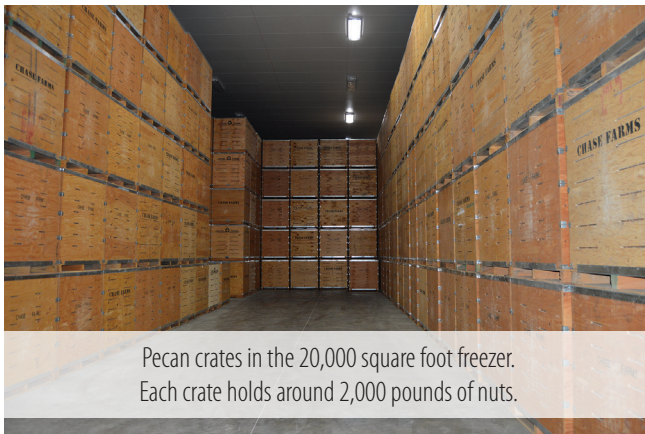
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Chase Farms Pecan Plant

The United States is the world's largest pecan-producing country, and in 2019, New Mexico lead the nation in pecan production. Central Valley Electric Cooperative member Chase Farms is no stranger when it comes to the production of pecans. They are currently in the process of building a large pecan plant east of Artesia. The 6,800 horsepower (HP) facility should be operational by October 1, just in time for pecan harvest

According to Bill Kuykendall, Farm Manager, Chase Farms has 5,000 acres of pecans in the Pecos Valley and 11,000-12,000 acres in three other states. After the pecans are harvested, and brought to the facility, they are cleaned and then put into wooden crates and stored in large freezers at below zero degree temperatures for seven days. This is a preventative measure to eradicate the existence of any pecan weevils. After the seven day freeze, the pecans are shipped out for processing.



Pecan crates in the 20,000 square foot freezer. Each crate holds around 2,000 pounds of nuts.

Chase Farms employees around 70 full-time employees in the Pecos Valley and numerous other seasonal workers during the harvest season which is roughly October through December. Pecans will be shipped out of this new facility through August of next year, so there is only a few months

for equipment maintenance before the next pecan harvest starts.



Chase Farms owned the property on Haldeman Road, east of Artesia, prior to the start of construction of the pecan facility. They chose to build on that site because it was served by Central Valley Electric Cooperative. Because of this, Chase Farms is eligible for rebates on the energy efficient LED lights and the variable frequency drives (VFD) being installed. For more information on CVE rebates give us a call at 575-746-3571.



Construction on one of the pecan receiving areas.



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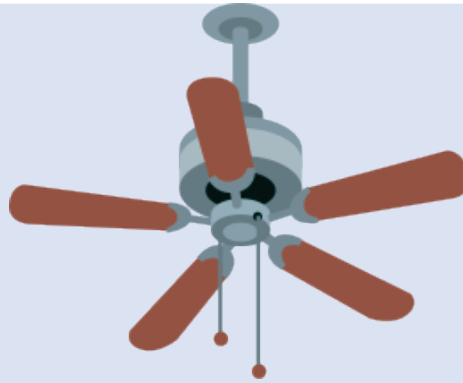
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Tips For Making the Most of Your Ceiling Fan

If you're like most Americans, you have at least one ceiling fan in your home. Ceiling fans help our indoor life feel more comfortable, and if used properly, can help lower energy costs.

By turning on the fan, you can turn up the savings!

- **FLIP THE SWITCH:** Most ceiling fans have a switch near the blades. In warm months flip the switch so the blades operate in a counter clockwise direction, effectively producing a "wind chill" effect. Fans make the air near them feel cooler than it actually is. In winter, move the switch so the fan blades rotate clockwise, creating a gentle updraft. This pushes warm air down from the ceiling into occupied areas of the room. Regardless of the season, try operating the fan on its lowest setting.
- **ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT:** In the summer, when using a fan in conjunction with an air conditioner, or instead of one, you



can turn your thermostat up three to five degrees without any reduction in comfort. This saves money since a fan is less costly to run than an air conditioner. In the winter, lower your thermostat's set point by the same amount. Ceiling fans push the warm

air from the ceiling back down toward the living space, which means the furnace won't turn on as frequently.

- **CHOOSE THE RIGHT SIZE:** Make sure your ceiling fan is the right size for the room. A fan that is 36-44 inches in diameter is for rooms up to 225 square feet. A fan that is 52 inches or more should be used in larger spaces.
- **TURN IT OFF:** When the room is unoccupied turn the fan OFF. Fans are intended to cool people - not rooms.

If you need to upgrade your heating and cooling equipment contact CVE for rebate information. We offer rebates on qualified air source and ground source heat pumps.

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