

## Re: Wind energy a boon for farmers – tenfold returns !

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> >> >*A general shortage of tradesmen here to! Trades became "uncool" with*

> >> >*the boys when they discovered computers :-(*

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> >> >*My nephew thinks that he can make tons of money by getting a*

> >> >*computer <spit>science degree. If you want to make tons of*

> >> >*money, learn how to plumb.*

> >

> >*\$40/hr isn't bad, eh?*

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> <*splutter*> [*emoticon wipe oatmeal off TTY screen*] *The union*

> *price was \$60/hr in 1978. I'm sure the union gave themselves*

> *a raise since then.*

I can change a tap washer! Expect me on the next plane!

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> >>

> >> >*I had one those male two-legged critters come in because I*

> >> >*had a pipe that was leaking. He looked at the pipe,*

> >> >*pronounced, "Lady, you have a leak." and left. Then I got*

> >> >*his bill for identifying the problem. I guess he presumed*

> >> >*that my followup would convince him to fix the leak. I*

> >> >*estimated that I get the water to stop flowing about three*

> >> >*paper rounds later. So I duct-taped it.*

> >

> >>*Put a couple of those screw tightened hose clamps over it, and it will*

> >>*last for years. A piece of bike tube, even better- stretch it as you*

> >>*wrap it around, then clamp. Dry as!*

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- > *I did better. I found a plumber who 1.was not lazy, 2. took pride*
- > *in his work, 3. had reasonable rates 4. and actually worked.*
- > *I got so fed up with wrestling with complete idiots, I had*
- > *him replace every pipe in the basement. This was after*
- > *discovering that the guy who owned this place liked mixing*
- > *brass pipe with galvanized.*

Buy a lottery ticket!

Are you sure it was the owner who mixed the pipes? It sounds like the local plumber setting himself up with built-in redundancy / "jobs for life"

- > <snip>
- >
- > >> *So why is the water not potable?*
- > >
- > >> *Just not pleasant to the taste, and leaves a lot of calcium/iron*
- > >> *deposits in the kettle etc. It would probably be better if I charged*
- > >> *the softener more often :-(*
- >
- > *My folks have that problem. I remember Mom straining the*
- > *clothes washing water through five folded bath towels (this*
- > *was before softeners).*

Not that bad. Besides, I'd rather put up with bad water than wash MORE bath towels.....(mutter....thanks for reminding me....mutter)

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- > > .. *The iron might be coming from the old*
- > > *mains, and the water supplier probably overkills with Cl*
- >
- > *Like I said strain it through sand. If the taste is additives,*
- > *then all the prestraining it got is moot.*

I'm talking soluble salts, not particles.

That'll do for this; nice talking to you.

Jim G