

More Windpower

Physics and Mathematics of Sustainable Energy

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1. Areas and such:
 - (a) 54 kilometers is how many meters?
 - (b) 54 square kilometers is how many square meters?
 - (c) If an square has an area of 54 square kilometers, what is the side of the square?
 - (d) 54 square kilometers is how many hectares?
 - (e) 54 square kilometers is how many acres?
2. How many square feet is COA's main campus?
3. Total electricity use in Maine is roughly 12 million MWh/year. What area of land would be needed to generate this electricity from terrestrial windpower?
 - (a) Answer in square kilometers.
 - (b) A square of what side (in km or miles) has this same area?
4. The Hog Creek Wind Project in Ada, Ohio, has a nameplate capacity of 66 MW. Over the last four years, on average, it has generated 204,000 MWh of electricity.
 - What is the wind farm's capacity factor?
 - What is the actual (not nameplate) power delivered by the wind farm?
 - The area of the wind farm is very roughly 20 km². What is the power density of the wind farm in W/m²?
 - The average Ohio home uses 873 kWh a month. About how many homes could the Hog Creek wind farm supply electricity to?
5. First Wind claims that the 34 MW of wind capacity at its Bull Hill wind installation is sufficient to power 15,000 Maine homes. Does this seem right? The average Maine home uses around 520 kWh per month.¹

¹<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20111115006743/en/Wind-Announces-Agreement-Vestas-Purchase-77-V108>, http://www.thewindpower.net/windfarm_en_16013_bull-hill.php.