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John,

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As for your questions regarding hoop houses. These are not engineered structures. We have been in business since 1979 and have never had a nursery grower need engineering on these frames. We have never been asked for a building permit in any province.

As you know hoop houses are designed only for seasonal crop cover to overwinter the nursery plants, shrubs, and trees.

Hoop houses are temporary in nature because posts are pounded into the ground without concrete. They are unheated crop cover. They are left uncovered for the plants to grow and harden in the natural environment and covered only during the winter months to provide protection for young plants. The White Nursery Film that is used to cover the crops is a single layer without UV protection so it is not a long lasting sustainable cover and has to be removed once it has fulfilled its useful purpose. Again this cover is not structural in nature and only a temporary protection for the plants.

Construction of hoop houses is a long-standing standard practice and is implemented throughout Southern Ontario and the majority of North America for farming. In the last few years we have sold 6,000 of these frames to farmers like you. Hoop houses are an integral part of farming in Canada.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us.

Regards,

Leigh Coulter  
President