

Simple Solutions for Poultry Processing

Reducing Water Use with Prime Equipment Group Water Recirculation and Re-Use Systems



WATER CONSERVATION

Water is an obvious necessity in poultry processing facilities for many reasons, but there are effective ways to reduce the amount of fresh water used in your facility.

- Water usage in the industry
- Developing a water conservation plan
- Analyze opportunities and waste
- Technology available for screening & reuse
- Sample water reuse systems (200-700 GPM)
- Implementing your water program





WATER USAGE IN POULTRY INDUSTRY

- Water usage figures in the U.S. poultry industry range from 3.0 - 10.0 gallons per bird (GPB)
- Water costs in the U.S. poultry industry vary greatly and range from \$2.00 - \$15.00 (per 1,000 gallons) depending on location and availability

9.1B birds/year x

7 GPB = 63.7B gallons/year

\$286,650,000/year (@ \$4.50 per 1,000 gal)

9.1B birds/year x

6 GPB = 54.6B gallons/year

\$245,700,000/year (@ \$4.50 per 1,000 gal)

Saving 1.0 gallon per bird saves the industry approx.

\$40.95M



WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

- Step 1: Evaluate current process operations to determine areas of potential savings
- Step 2: Implement a plan to address the opportunities to reduce water consumption without added technology
- Step 3: Identify high volume water users in operations that could potentially be reuse options
- Step 4: Implement a plan to address reuse opportunities <u>with additional technology</u> for screening and/or treatment



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAVINGS

How can we save water right now?

- Check for leaks in pumps, pipes, valves, fittings, hoses
- Downsize spray jet opening sizes for less volume
- Check equipment valves during breaks to reduce waste
- Install simple devices such as:
 - Water savers on goosenecks
 - Flow/pressure regulators (actuators)
 - Pipe plugs (restrictors) to reduce volume





OPPORTUNITIES FOR WATER REUSE

Common water sources or collection points:

- Scalder Make-up
- Chiller Overflow
- Inside/Outside Bird Washer (IOBW)
- Brush Scrubbers
- Vacuum Pump Systems or Seal Water
- Paw Picker Scalder
- Drip Pan Rinse
- Feather/Offal Trough Rinse
- Inspection Stations







POTENTIAL REUSE POINTS

Common reuse points or re-distribution points:

- Evisceration Equipment (Ventor, Opener, Cropper)
- Bird Scrubbers
- Whole Bird Chiller
- Whole Bird Scalder
- Final Rinse Cabinet
- Offal Screen Spray Bars
- Trench and Drip Pan Rinse
- Conveyor Belt Washers
- Picking and Live Dock Washdown





ECONOMICAL INVESTMENTS

Many simple technologies available to remove particles and improve water quality prior to reuse.

- Screen particles of varying sizes from used water
- Provide a fast payback with low upfront capital cost

Example payback:

Save 200 GPM x \$4.50/k gal = \$864.00 savings per day

\$216,000.00 savings per year

(based on 2 shifts @ 8 operating hrs/shift, 250 operating days/yr)





WATER REUSE PROCESS FLOW

Water Collection Source



- See below for possible sources:
- Inside/Outside Bird Washer (IOBW)
- Rinse Cabinets
- Bird Scrubber
- Hock Scrubber
- Chiller Overflow
- Paw Picker
 Scalder
- Whole Bird
 Scalder

Primary Rotary Screening

- Removes majority of visible particles from process water
- Wedgewire design; varying opening sizes
- Water falls through screen to tank
- Screened particles travel through screen to offal

Secondary Vertical Screening



- Wedgewire design; varying opening sizes
- Screened water pumps through one (1) vertical screen
- Screened particles attach to vertical screen and are rinsed during break
- Vertical screens may be rotated during cleaning by way of 3way valve

Distribution Tank

- Collection tank for screened water prior to re-distribution
- Supplied with up to six (6) outlets for reuse points
- Water is typically pumped to reuse points via centrifugal pump(s)
- Additional means for disinfection (chlorine, ultraviolet, etc) typically installed on individual lines prior to reuse (if necessary)

Pump to Reuse Point(s)

- See below for possible reuse points:
- Bird Scrubber
- Hock Scrubber
- Ventor
- Opener
- Cropper
- Neck & Shoulder
 Skinner
- Vacuum Transport
- Vacuum Pump
 Seal Water
- Paw Picker
 Scalder
- Final Inspection
- Drip Pan Rinse

Vertical (2nd stage) screens and distribution tank use are dependent upon each application.





WATER SCREENING & REUSE

LFS-Series Water Filtration & Reuse Systems

The LFS-Series water filtration systems allow you to safely and efficiently recycle used process water in other areas of the plant.

We work together with our customers in implementing valuable and achievable per-bird water conservation goals, while significantly reducing water consumption costs.



Model:	LFS-112	LFS-116	LFS-125
Capacity:	200 GPM	300 GPM	750 GPM

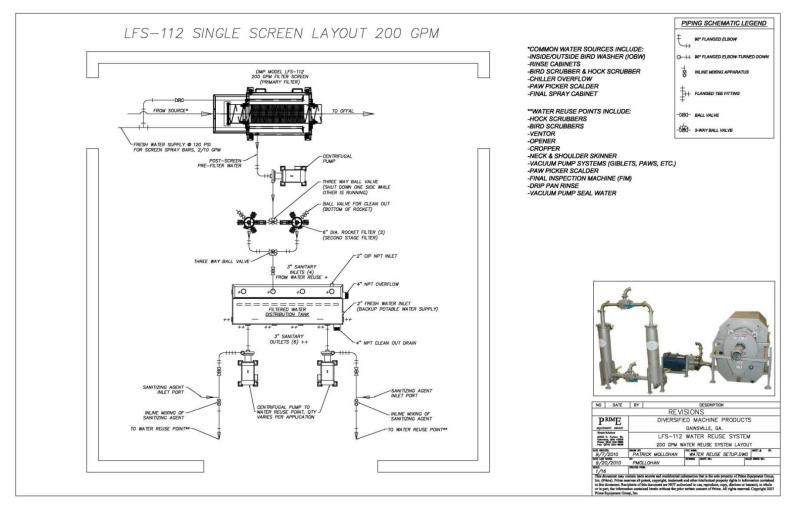








PROCESS WATER REUSE - 200 GPM

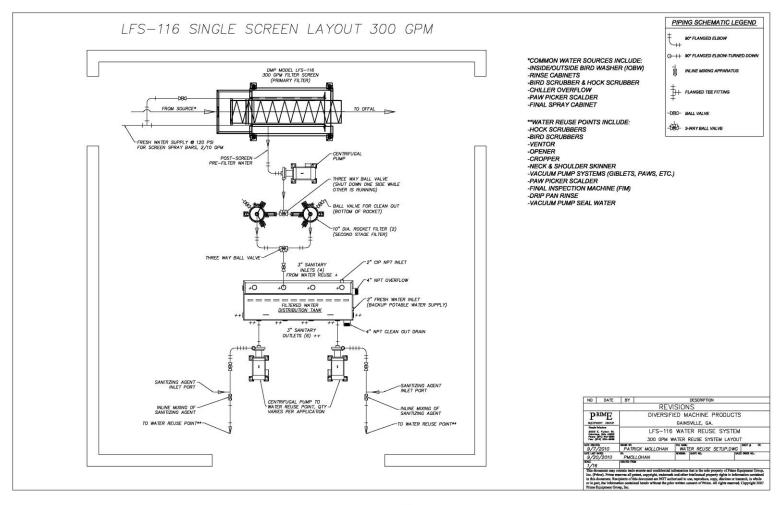








PROCESS WATER REUSE – 300 GPM

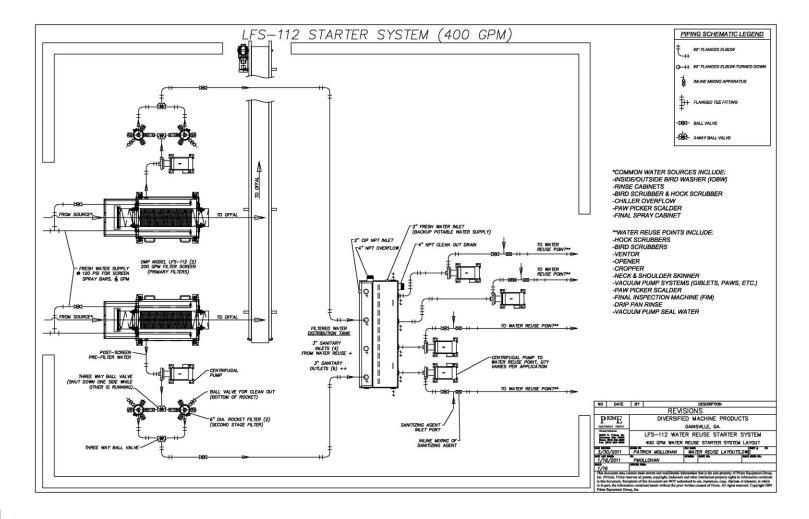








PROCESS WATER REUSE – 400 GPM

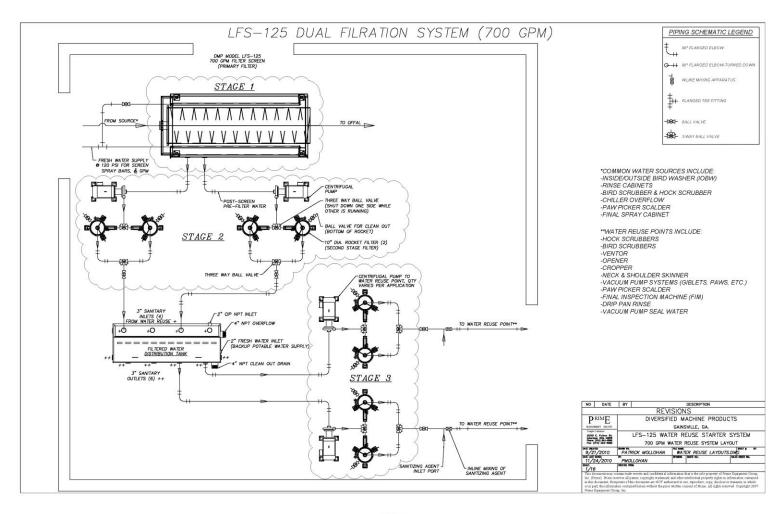








PROCESS WATER REUSE - 750 GPM

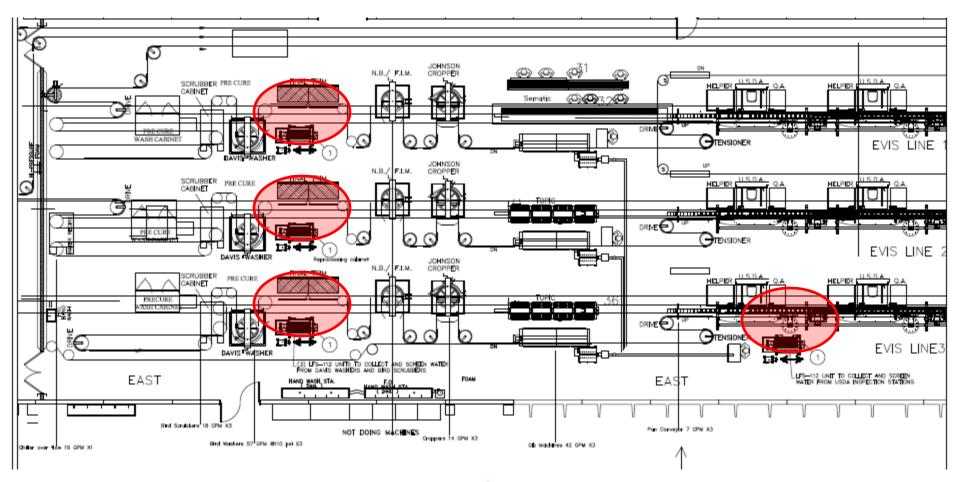








LAYOUT EXAMPLE



Saving 500 GPM or \$540,000.00 annually





IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM

Where should we start?

- Appoint a Water Specialist to manage the programs objectives and drive improvements
- Audit the plant, then review and implement a savings program with specific and measurable goals (GPB)
- Get started with basic water saving opportunities and focus on incremental improvements
- Target processes in the plant using higher volumes of water where reuse equipment may be a valid option







BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING

Lower Operating Costs:

- Water cost savings, BTU savings, treatment costs
- Screening reduces amount of material leaving plant in water stream

Environmental Improvements:

- Environmental stewardship and public perception
- Marketing advantages with quantifiable reductions





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