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### **ASABE PUBLISHES NEW STANDARD FOR DESIGN OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION SYSTEMS FOR PLANTS**

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has published a new standard ANSI/ASABE S644, Design of Electromagnetic Radiation Systems for Plants.

The new standard is one of three developed by ASABE in response to the rapid developments in LED technology and the increased use of LED devices in plant growth applications.

The new standard establishes appropriate performance criteria for designs of electromagnetic radiation systems intended for horticultural applications. This standard requires a minimum set of criteria and recommends optional, advanced criteria. This standard also provides methodologies to compare the anticipated plant responses and energy performance among alternative devices and installed systems when applied to diverse horticultural operations.

Two other standards precede this standard:

- Quantities and Units of Electromagnetic Radiation for Plants (Photosynthetic Organisms) (ANSI/ASABE S640 JUL2017); and
- Recommended Methods for Measurements and Testing of LED Products for Plant Growth and Development (ANSI/ASABE S642 SEP2018).

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ASABE members with standards access and those with site-license privileges can access the full-text via electronic download on the ASABE online Technical Library at [elibrary.asabe.org/](http://elibrary.asabe.org/). Others

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