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Windmills are measured in wheel diameter. An "8 foot windmill" is 8 foot when measured across the blades.

To help judge sizes, I have put together some photos of various windmill projects.

Introduced in 1925 for the "Gentleman Farmer," or town and city use for shallow wells and light winds. However, the manufacturers found it cost about the same to make six foot windmills as the eight foot windmills so the cost of the six foot mill and eight foot mill are about the same price.

The six foot windmill also turns at a much higher speed than the larger mills and users tended to overload the small mill so the six foot windmill was not that successful.

We occasionally find good tails and wheels for the six foot windmill and add new motors and linkage. We also provide new six foot windmills.

By far, the most popular windmill is the eight foot diameter windmill. About 90 percent of the windmills found in the field today are the standard eight foot windmill.

This "workhorse" of the windmill family can be found all over the world pumping water, or spinning just for fun.

Its success comes from its unbelievable life expectancy of 50 years or more using a great design to turn in low winds and its ability to regulate the wheel speed in high winds.

If you want a landmark windmill, the big 12 foot windmill will make a statement. With a larger blade area and a tail vane that is over 6 foot, the twelve foot windmill can be seen from a long distance.

The "Big 12" is also a substantial water pumper. It flows a large volume of water or pumps from a deep well.

Here is Kevin and Rocky with the fourteen.

Kevin and the crew with a sixteen

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