

# [National cranberry cooperative essay sample](https://assignbuster.com/national-cranberry-cooperative-essay-sample/)

Problems with NCC   
• Overtime costs   
• Truck waiting   
• Wet harvesting becoming more common than dry harvesting   
• Even more overtime and truck waiting problems in the future

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Process flow chart

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Bottleneck and overtime hours   
• On peak days can expect 18, 879 bbls   
• Wet berries → 0. 7\*18, 879 = 13, 215 bbls/day   
• Wet berry process time → total bbls/dryer capacity → 13, 215 bbls/600 bbls/hr = 22 hours   
• Dry berries process time → 5, 664 bbls/600 bbls/hr = 9. 44 hours • Buying an extra dryer for $60, 000 increases dryer capacity from 600 to 800 bbls/hr   
• New wet berries process time → 13, 215/800 = 16. 5 hours   
• New dry berries process time → 5, 664/400 = 14. 2 hours   
• Reduces bottleneck by 22-16. 5 = 5. 5 hours   
• Saves 5. 5 hours of overtime on peak days

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What if we added another dryer?   
• Dryer processing capacity increases to 1000 bbls/day   
• Wet berries process time → 13, 215/1000 = 13. 2 hours   
• Dry berries process time → 13. 2 hours + (5, 664-13. 2\*200)/1200 = 15. 9 hours

• The dry berry processing time becomes new bottleneck   
• Limits benefit of second dryer 16. 2-15. 9 = 0. 3 hours reduction in process time   
• Need to increase separator capacity to realize full 3 hour reduction in process time from a 2nd dryer

• Second dryer not worth the investment

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How does alleviating dryer bottleneck impact truck waiting   
times?   
• Inventory builds up in bins at a rate of 18, 879 bbls\*0. 7/12 hours – 600 bbls/hour = 501 bbls/hour   
• When last truck arrives at 7pm   
• There is 501 bbls/hr\*12 hours = 6, 012 barrels of inventory must be processed   
• Bins can only hold 3, 200 bbls   
• 6, 012-3, 200 = 2, 812 bbls must remain in trucks   
• 2, 812 bbls/75 bbls/truck = 38 trucks sit idle

• By adding extra dryer they can process 800 bbls/hr   
• Inventory build up is reduced to 18, 879\*0. 7/12 – 800 = 301 bbls/hr • 301\*12 hrs = 3, 612bbls of inventory remaining   
• Bins hold 3, 200   
• 3, 612-3, 200 = 412 bbls remaining in trucks   
• Only 412/75 = 6 trucks remaining idle compared to 38

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Increasing max no. of wet bins should alleviate remaining idle time   
• One bin holds 250 bbls   
• Adding 2 bins increases holding capacity by 500 bbls which is more than enough to hold remaining 415 bbls of inventory build up calculated in previous slide

• Truck idle time at the dumper completely eliminated   
• By buying one extra dryer and converting two dry bins to wet bins

• Dryer reduces bulk of overtime cost ( approximately 25% reduction) • Remaining overtime cost can be eliminated by scheduling

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Questions?

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