

# Stepping Into Hoophouse Growing...Should You Do It? (Part 2)

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# Low Tunnel

2010



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## Pro's

- One of the cheapest ways to grow under plastic or row cover

## Con's

- Only effective for low growing crops
- More difficult to access and harvest





2012













# Which one is best for you?



**Quonset / Round**



**Gothic**

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**Gothic**

**Depends**

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# Classic Caterpillar

# Gothic Caterpillar



## Basic - Getting Started Caterpillar Hoophouse

- Backyard Gardeners
- Homesteaders
- Start-up Market Farmers

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## Caterpillar Hoophouse



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## Traditional Hoophouse



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### High Side Walls



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# Hoophouse Specs

- Style (round vs peaked)
- Length (20'-100' / hoop spacing 4' or 5')
- Width (14' - 30')
- Height (8' - 15')



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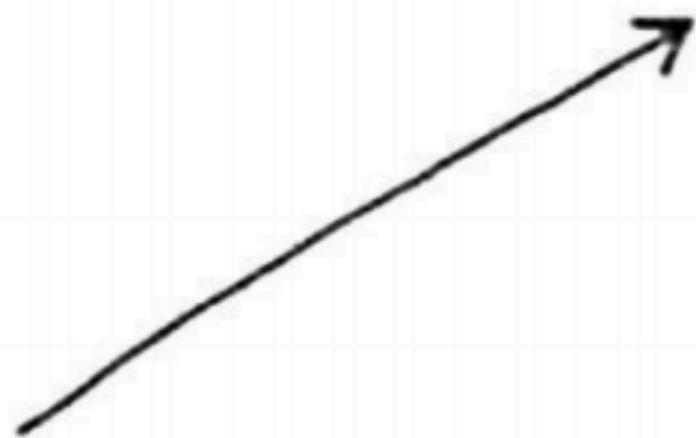
- End Wall (options) / Side wall
- Venting (push-up vs roll-up)
- Drainage
- Strength (steel gauge and bracing)





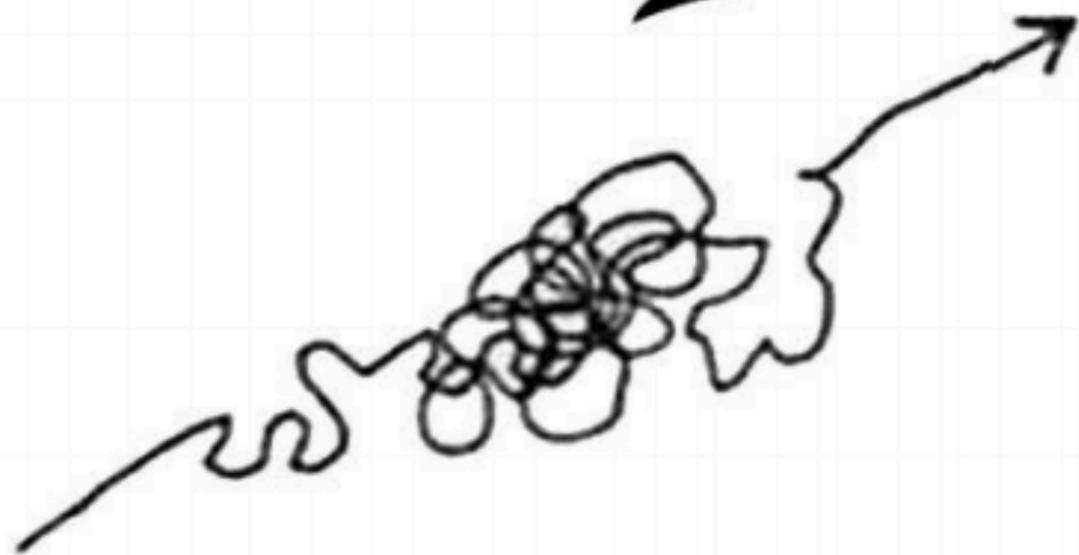
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Success



what people think  
it looks like

Success



what it really  
looks like

**Questions?**