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VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COLD-TYPE, ENCLOSED ANIMAL BUILDINGS

1. RIDGE VENT OPENING - 4" to 6" opening for buildings up to 40' wide, over 40' wide - 1 1/4" per 10' of width.

2. EAVE VENT OPENING - 6" minimum height, between rafters both sides of barn.

3. OPENABLE PANELS, CURTAINS, OR WINDOWS - Continuous both sides of barn 3' to 4' high, or 1/2 sidewall height.

4. RIDGE CAP - BENT METAL SPACED ABOVE ROOF OR EQUIVALENT COMMERCIAL DESIGN.

5. RIDGE CAP OPENING - 3" to 4" under cap, both sides, or equivalent opening on commercial designs.

6. WHITE PAINTED OR ALUMINUM ROOFING FOR REFLECTIVE COOLING IN SUMMER.

7. MOISTURE RESISTANT INSULATION UNDER ROOF OR AS CEILING TO PREVENT WINTER CONDENSATION AND BLOCK SUMMER RADIANT HEAT FROM ROOF.