## **Primary Design Components:**

**Competing Systems:** 

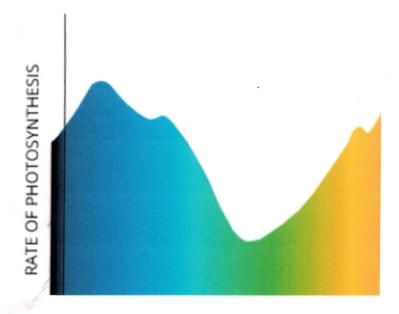
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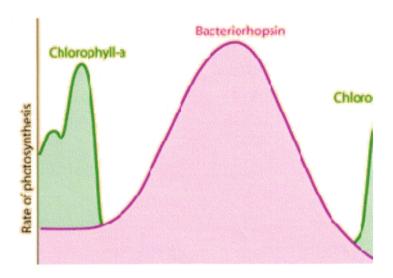
http://www.growtainers.com/

### **Lighting Comparisons:**

http://www.compareledgrowlights.com/conclusion/

# 1. Alternate Lighting (separate frequencies as opposed to combined)





#### Do different light spectrums do different work in plants?

Not only do plants focus on specific light spectrums for photosynthesis but different light spectrums are used for different types of growth in plants. There are millions of photosynthetic receptors in a leaf of a green plant. Each receptor includes specialized pigments that absorb specific frequencies during photosynthesis. By measuring the amount of oxygen produced under various light spectrums we can measure the amount of photosynthetic activity under each light spectrum. This has produced a very detailed map of which light spectrum is related to which type of plant growth.

Based on a common set of statements from more than a dozen sources which support light frequencies best for photosynthetic activity, we recommend 450nm and 690nm, (light blue) and (orange/red)

Multiple light bars housing sufficient quantities of the specific colors necessary to thoroughly cover vegetation as it rotates is recommended.

Because different plants require and thrive at different light frequencies, it makes the most sense financially to create Specialized LED "Light Sticks" that can be interchanged and replaced based on the type of crop one will grow. Maximizing plant yield is a function of several contributing elements which include lighting type/frequency.

We propose to build and implement the same sized and output "sticks" using individual colors which will fit in the same socket/footprint. In addition, the combination of strategically placed "Light Sticks" in conjunction with parabolic reflectors can distribute the light over a number of moving plant containers with relatively equal distribution sharply recuing the total number of LED lights to accomplish the same thing while also reducing the total amount of watts per pound of crop yield.

Currently, the leaders in Cargo Container Greenhouses use stationary racking with lights at each level of racking which serves to reduce the total vertical height of growing area (defeating the purpose of 3 dimensional growing environments)

Potential cost reduction using proposed "Light Stick" approach can be as much as 50% of conventional mid range lighting.

### 2. Stationary racking vs. rotary/vertical carousel)

#### Sample racking structure

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffm8bCFY\_8w

http://www.zenhydro.com/hydro-flow-commercial-grade-chrome-storage-rack-6-shelves-w-backstop-casters.html?utm\_source=google\_shopping&gclid=CJDL1tf1rtICFVgvgQoddJUBng

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Standard SS racking has significant limitations as it is used in conjunction with standardized Grow Light fixtures suspended overhead of Grow Pans/Containers. With the combined elements of temperature control, minimum spacing for healthy crop production and cultivation, standard racking is both expensive and lacks the kind of versatility that needs to be present in this particular setting where high school students and elderly can work with the materials without a great deal of effort or risk.

Additionally, the standard steel racking is expensive and cumbersome. Most models have limited adjustment options relative to spacing. Lighting and water provision related to fixed racking becomes expensive and complicated creating repair and maintenance issues as the system is used year over year.

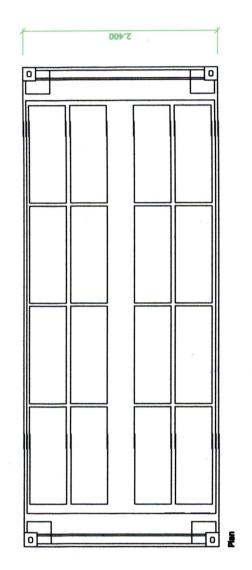
A vertical carousel such as the accompanying diagram shows can have the ability to quickly and easily add or subtract grow pans and change spacing based on mature plant height requirements unhindered by any overhead lighting or water provisioning components.

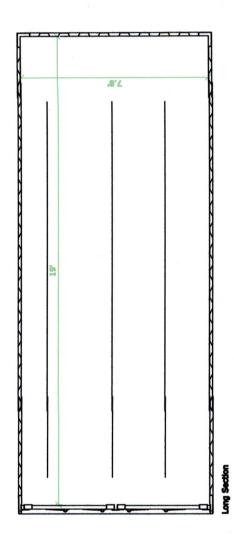
The single most expensive electro-mechanical component will be the 12VDC Leeson Gear Motor averaging less than \$200 per unit for 8 units per 20' container which will drive the continuous rotation passing the individual grow pans passed the individual "Light Sticks" as well as the fill ports of the water provisioning system (activated by floats and analog sensors

#### 3. Water/nutrient structure

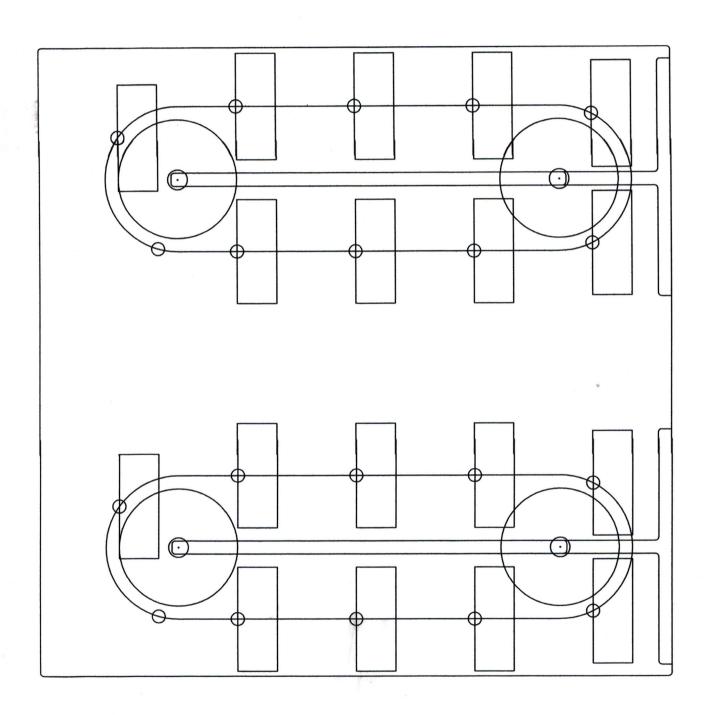
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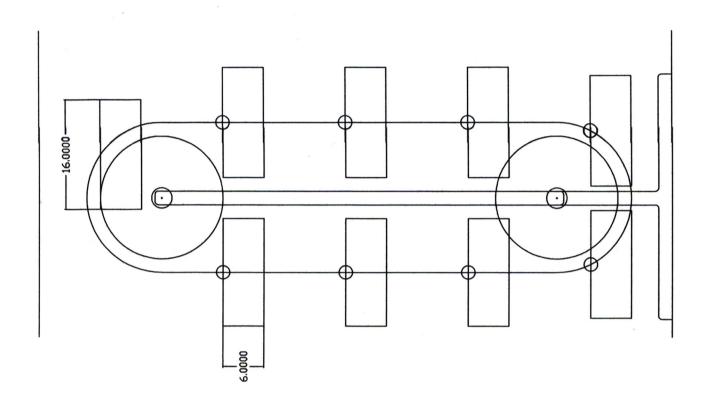
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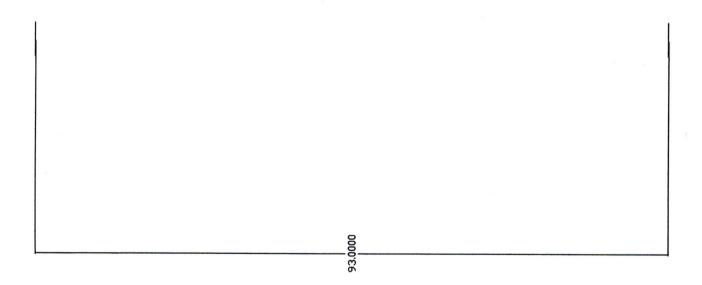


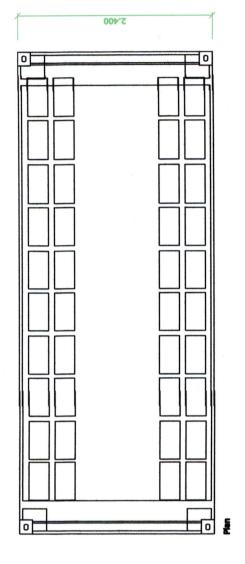


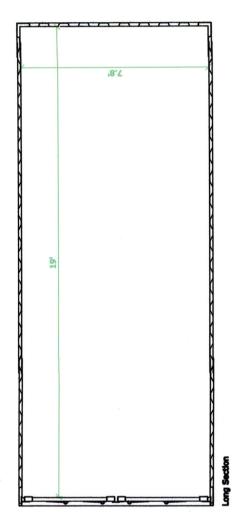
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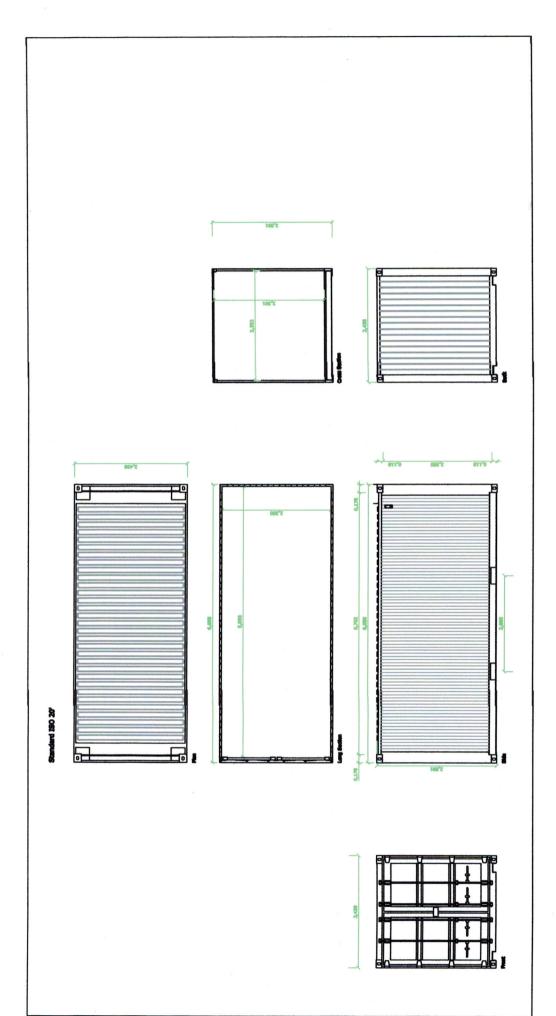


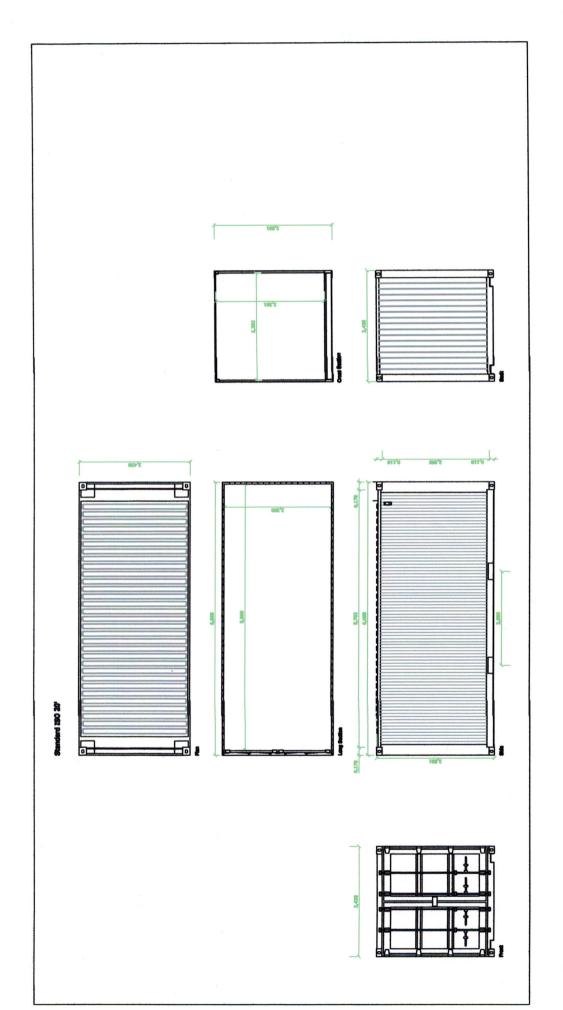


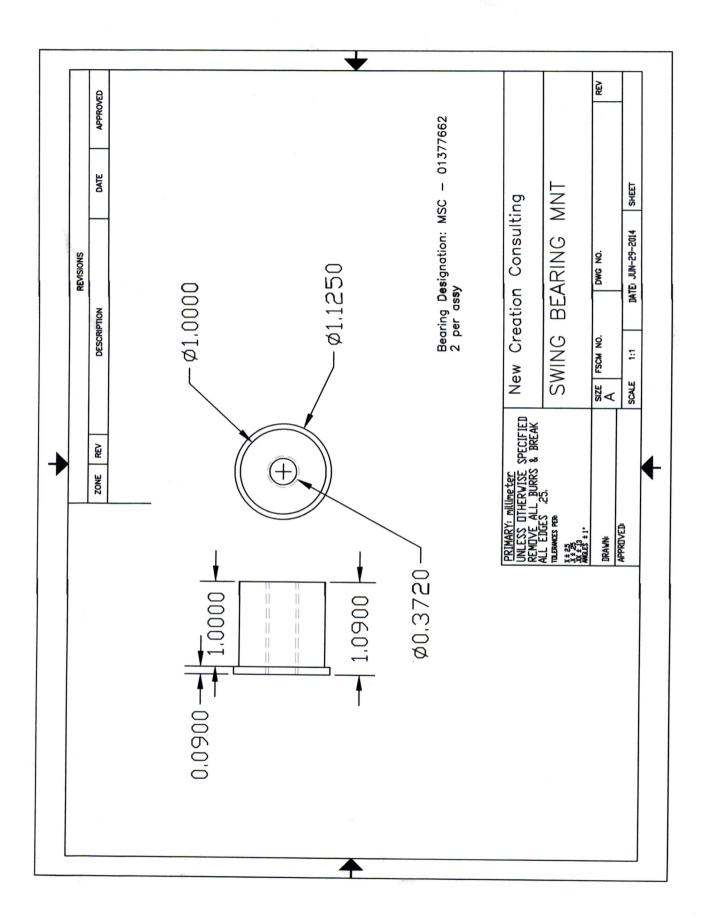


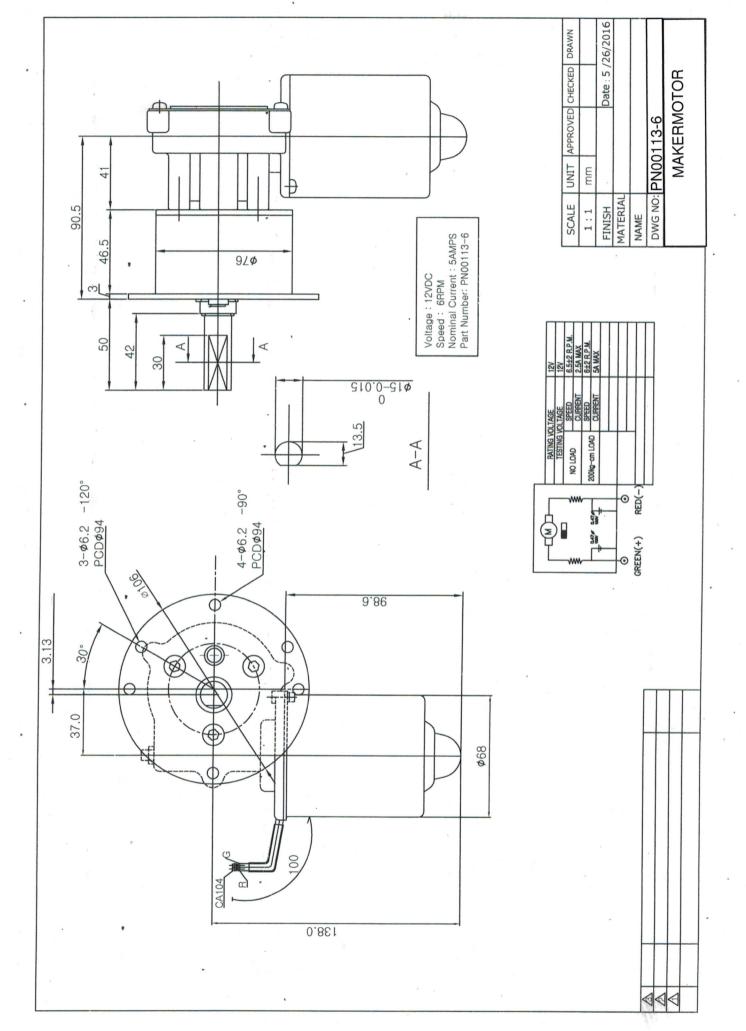


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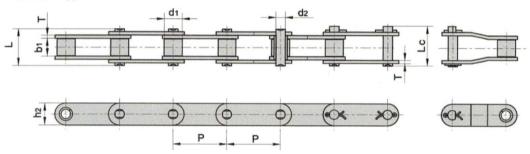




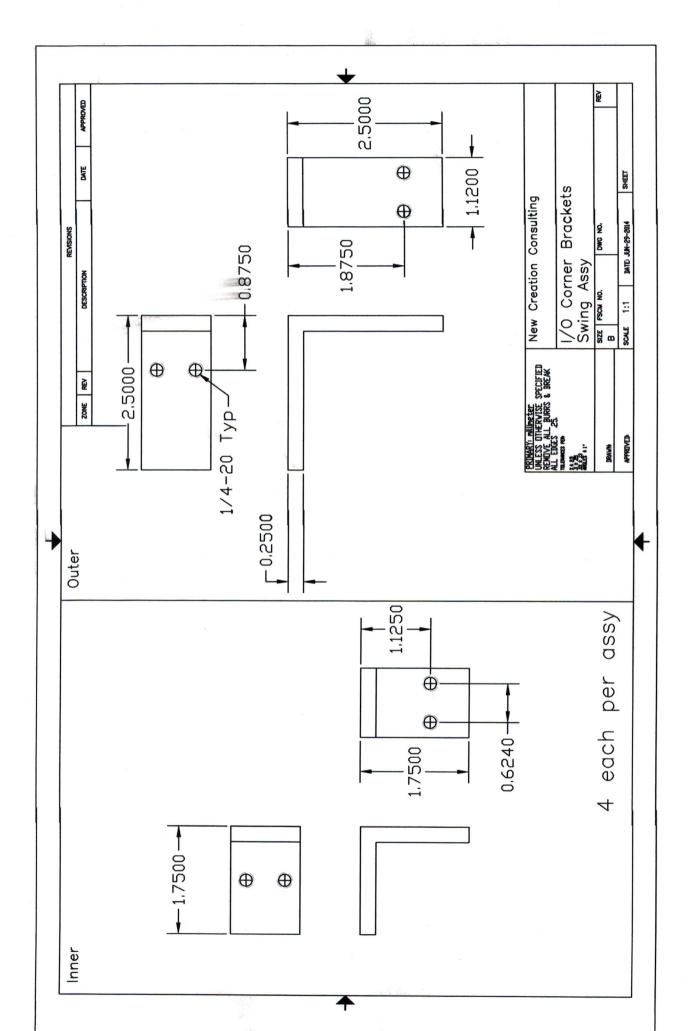


# **Drive Chain**

## Small Roller Type



ANSI Chain No.	Pitch P	Roller Diameter d1 max	Width Between Inner Plates b1 min	Pin Diameter d2 max	Pin Length		Inner Plate Depth	Plate Thickness	Average Tensile Strength	Weight Per Foot
					L max	Lc max	h2 max	T max	lb	lb
C2080H	2.000	0.625	0.620	0.312	1.425	1.551	0.945	0.157	15737	1.702
C2082H	2.000	1.125	0.620	0.312	1.425	1.551	0.945	0.157	15737	2.399
C2100	2.500	0.750	0.744	0.375	1.591	1.760	1.181	0.157	23067	2.017
C2102	2.500	1.562	0.744	0.375	1.591	1.760	1.181	0.157	23067	3.236
C2100H	2.500	0.750	0.744	(0.375)	1.717	1.846	1.181	0.189	25270	2.385
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