

The first term of the right hand member of Equation 26 represents heat lost as sensible heat in the effluent air. In many drying operations this becomes excessive. Each pound of air supplied should remove the maximum amount of moisture. This is best accomplished by bringing the air into contact with the stock with sufficient intimacy so that the air leaving

In order to conserve heat and to control the wet-bulb temperature at which the drying takes place, recirculation is used. The process is shown on Fig. 9. The outside air at A is mixed with recirculated air until the moisture level is raised to the desired point. The mixture is represented at point M, the heaters heat the mixture to the desired dry-bulb temperature t_m at point S. The moisture is picked up from S to L. Point L is the condition at which air is exhausted.