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| Repeat this step: $A E=4$. |  |
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| Repeat this step: EF = 5 (ignore BC because it creates a circuit). |  |
| - There are 6 vertices, and we now have 5 edges now. So we can stop. <br> - The minimum spanning tree is shown in red, and the minimum length of cabling required to connect the isolated farms is 18 km . <br> Notes: <br> In this case, we have a unique minimum spanning tree. <br> If the length of $B C$ was 4 km , then the minimum spanning tree would still have length 18 km but would not be unique as any two of the edges $A E, C D$, and $B C$ could have been chosen. The ones used simply depends on the order that the edges were written in the intial list. |  |

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