



# Environmental Quality Incentives Program Agricultural Energy Management Plan



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## ***What Is an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEmp)?***

An analysis of a farm's foundation and management that provides recommendations on how to reduce energy use. Plans can be done for each farm activity – livestock production or field crop systems; dairy and specialized non-livestock operations such as greenhouses and cold storage. This gives you cost-effective ways to reduce operating costs while saving energy.

An AgEMP is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) personalized to ensure coverage of each farm's main energy uses (such as milk cooling, irrigation pumping, heating and cooling of livestock production facilities, and manure collection).

## ***What Will I Gain?***

The AgEMP is tailored to each individual farm. It keeps track of current energy usage over the last year and provides cost-effective energy conservation alternatives and recommendations. Having a current AgEMP allows you eligibility for financial assistance for NRCS Farmstead Energy Improvement Practices.

## ***Who Will Develop My Plan?***

A qualified professional will develop it. You may choose from an approved list of certified, registered Technical Service Providers (TSPs) who help producers with technical assistance for specific conservation programs administered by USDA. Names are available from your local NRCS service center, or from the TSP Registry (<http://techreg.usda.gov/>).

## ***What Are The Eligibility Requirements?***

To participate in EQIP, you must:

- Be an individual, entity, or joint operation
- Produce or sell an annual minimum of \$1,000 in agricultural products (applicants for EQIP forest land assistance are exempt from this requirement)
- Have control of the land for the term of the proposed contract (renting and leasing is fine, as long as you can prove you have control of the land for the duration of the contract)

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\*For information about historically underserved groups, consult your local NRCS service center, or visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB\\_Farmer/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB_Farmer/)

- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act
- Have an interest in the farming operation associated with the land being enrolled
- Be in good standing with the terms of all other active USDA contracts

**How Much Will It Cost?**

You will receive payment from NRCS when the plan is complete. Estimated payment rate is a portion of the total amount you pay for the plan – 75% for general applicants; 90% for historically underserved applicants\*. You will be responsible for paying the balance due the TSP.

**What Is The Application Deadline?**

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Type	Size	Unit	General Rate	Historically Underserved Rate
Livestock	<70 AU	NO	\$1,153.00	\$1,383.60
	70-300 AU	NO	\$1,510.41	\$1,812.49
	301 - 2500AU	NO	\$1,859.81	\$2,231.77
	>2500 AU	NO	\$2,409.81	\$2,891.78
Non-livestock	Single Enterprise	NO	\$1,919.21	\$2,303.06
	Two Enterprises	NO	\$2,440.92	\$2,929.11
	Three Enterprises	NO	\$3,301.20	\$3,961.44
Mixed Enterprises	Livestock & Non-Livestock	NO	\$797.07	\$956.48
Non-Irrigated Crop Field	<50 ac	NO	\$1,244.70	\$1,493.64
	50-499 ac	NO	\$1,580.09	\$1,896.11
	500-5,000 ac	NO	\$1,928.33	\$2,317
	>5,000 ac	NO	\$2,503.77	\$3,004.53
Irrigated Crop Field	<50 ac	NO	\$1,925.14	\$2,310.17
	50-499 ac	NO	\$2,557.96	\$3,069.55
	500-5,000 ac	NO	\$3,308.33	\$3,970.00
	> 5,000 ac	NO	\$3,715.49	\$4,458.59

**Who Can I Contact for More Information?**

Connecticut Offices		
<p><b>Danielson Field Office</b> Raymond Covino, District Conservationist (860) 779-0557, Ext. 102</p> <p><b>Hamden Field Office</b> Diane Blais, District Conservationist (203) 287-8038, Ext. 101</p>	<p><b>Norwich Field Office</b> Javier Cruz, District Conservationist (860) 887-3604, Ext. 307</p> <p><b>Torrington Field Office</b> Kathleen Johnson, District Conservationist (860) 626-8258, Ext. 200</p>	<p><b>Windsor Field Office</b> Vivian Felten, District Conservationist (860) 688-7725, Ext. 118</p> <p><b>Tolland State Office</b> Joyce Purcell, ASTC-Programs (860) 871-4028</p>

**Who Can I Contact for Additional Information on USDA’s Energy Program?**

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