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Do you wonder about what techniques you could use to reduce the amount of energy used on your farm? The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a new opportunity through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that may provide you funds to help get an energy audit at your farm's headquarters or on the landscape of your agricultural operations.

What is an AgEMP?

An Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) contains the strategy by which the producer will explore and address his/her on-farm energy problems and opportunities. The AgEMP, which is unique to the farm's headquarters and landscape, is developed to assist an owner/operator to know what techniques or equipment can be used to reduce energy use and save money.

Audit Eligibility

If you have a pre-existing energy audit and you want to request funding for implementation of the audit recommendations, you will need to submit the pre-existing audit to your local NRCS office for evaluation to determine if it meets NRCS requirements. If it does not meet NRCS requirements, NRCS will provide funding for an NRCS energy audit to eligible producers.

To be eligible for EQIP funding to develop an AgEMP through NRCS, you must meet certain minimum program requirements.

Developing an AgEMP

Agricultural Energy Management Plans will be developed by a Technical Service Provider (TSP), who is certified by NRCS and placed on an "approved list" to provide technical assistance to producers for specific conservation programs administered by USDA. You can find the names of certified TSPs at <http://techreg.usda.gov/>, or through your local NRCS office (listed on page 2).

Payment Information

The payments are fixed and do not change based on what the entity or private firm charges you. Participants are responsible for the remainder.

The AgEMP payment rates for Fiscal Year 2013 are:

Headquarters Rates:

Component	Payment Rate General / HU*
Livestock Production Systems (AU = Animal Units)	
< 70 AU	\$1,153 / \$1,384
70-300 AU	\$1,510 / \$1,812
301-2,500 AU	\$1,860 / \$2,232
> 2,500 AU	\$2,410 / \$2,892
Mixed Enterprises**	\$797 / \$956
Non-livestock Production System	
Single Enterprise	\$1,919 / \$2,303
Two Enterprises	\$2,441 / \$2,929
Three Enterprises	\$3,301 / \$3,961

* HU = Historically Underserved

** This is an additive to Livestock

Landscape Rates:

Component	Payment Rate General / HU
<i>Irrigated System</i>	
< 50 acres	\$1,925 / \$2,310
50-499 acres	\$2,558 / \$3,070
500-5,000 acres	\$3,308 / \$3,970
>5,000 acres	\$3,715 / \$4,459
<i>Non-Irrigated System</i>	
< 50 acres	\$1,245 / \$1,494
50-499 acres	\$1,580 / \$1,896
500-5,000 acres	\$1,928 / \$2,314
>5,000 acres	\$2,504 / 3,005

Application Deadline

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis.

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