



# Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) Funding Opportunity

Fiscal Year 2019

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Maine

*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 opportunities 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 has a Financial Assistance (FA) opportunity for eligible producers to obtain an energy audit meeting NRCS requirements.

To be eligible for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (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.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

## Payment Information

The Financial Assistance (FA) payments are fixed and do not change based on the amount the entity or private firm charges you to develop a plan specific to your operation. Participants are responsible for the total fee charged by the TSP. The AgEMP payment rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 are determined by the size of the operation and the number of enterprises associated with the operation. Please contact your local NRCS Field Office for Financial Assistance Rates specific to your operation. FY 2019 FA rates are on next page.

**AgEMP 128 FY19 Financial Assistance (FA) Rates** Note: Check with your Local NRCS Field Office for a FA rate specific to your operation.

St. John Valley  
139 Market Street, Suite 106  
Fort Kent, ME 04743  
(207) 834-3311

<b>Component</b>	<b>Payment Rate General / HU*</b>
AgEMP Small, One Enterprise	\$1,607 / \$1,928
AgEMP Small, Two Enterprise	\$2,480 / \$2,976
AgEMP Small, Three Enterprise	\$2,869 / \$3,442
AgEMP Small, Four Enterprise	\$3,501 / \$4,201
AgEMP Medium, One Enterprise	\$1,995 / \$2,394
AgEMP Medium, Two Enterprise	\$3,354 / \$4,025
AgEMP Medium, Three Enterprise	\$3,742 / \$4,491
AgEMP Medium, Four Enterprise	\$4,375 / \$5,250
AgEMP Large, One Enterprise	\$2,627 / \$3,153
AgEMP Large, Two Enterprise	\$4,578 / \$5,494
AgEMP Large, Three Enterprise	\$5,037 / \$6,044
AgEMP Large, Four Enterprise	\$5,739 / \$6,887

\* *Historically Underserved*

**Application Deadline**

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis.

**Need More Information? Contact:**

**Androscoggin/Sagadahoc Counties**

254 Goddard Road  
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**Aroostook County:**

Central Aroostook  
735 Main Street, Suite #3  
Presque Isle, ME 04769  
(207) 764-4153

Southern Aroostook  
304 North Street  
Houlton, ME 04730  
(207) 532-2087

**Cumberland and York Counties**

306 U.S. Route 1, Suite A1  
Scarborough, ME 04074  
(207) 883-0159

**Franklin County**

107 Park Street  
Farmington, ME 04938  
(207) 778-4767

**Hancock County**

474 Bucksport Rd.  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
(207) 812-9711

**Kennebec and Lincoln Counties**

Central Maine Commerce Center  
21 Enterprise Drive, Suite #1  
Augusta, ME 04330  
(207) 622-7847

**Oxford County**

17 Olson Road  
South Paris, ME 04281  
(207) 743-5789

**Penobscot County**

1423 Broadway, Suite #2 Bangor,  
ME 04401  
(207) 947-6622

**Piscataquis County**

42 Engdahl Drive  
Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426  
(207) 564-2321

**Somerset County**

70 East Madison Road  
Skowhegan, ME 04976  
(207) 474-8324

**Waldo and Knox Counties**

46 Little River Drive  
Belfast, ME 04915  
(207) 338-1964

**Washington County**

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