



Natural Resources Conservation Service

# Agricultural Energy Management Plan

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

An AgEmp is an analysis of a farm's energy 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 energy efficiency improvements through NRCS.

### ***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?***

Eligible applicants must:

- *Be agricultural producer (person, legal entity, or joint operation who has an interest in the agricultural operation, or who is engaged in agricultural production or forestry management).*
- *Control or own eligible land.*
- *Comply with adjusted gross income (AGI) for less than \$900,000. Note: Federally recognized Native American Indian Tribes or Alaska Native corporations are exempt from the AGI payment limitations.*
- *Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements.*
- *Develop an NRCS EQIP plan of operations that addresses at least one natural resource concern.*

*Additional program requirements may apply.*

***After I receive a completed AgEMP, what am I eligible for through EQIP assistance?***

Eligible producers who receive an AgEMP can apply for EQIP assistance for the purchase and installation of improvements for:

Lighting  
Plate Coolers  
Ventilation and Fans  
Irrigation Pumps  
Grain Dryers

Greenhouse Improvements  
Maple Syrup Evaporators  
Heating and Refrigeration Units  
Insulation and Building Envelope Sealing  
Motor Controls and Variable Speed Drives

***What is the application deadline?***

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year.

***Who can I contact for more information?***

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