



Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) Funding Opportunity

Fiscal Year 2016

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Maine

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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 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) 2016 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 2016 FA rates are on next page.

AgEMP 128 FY16 Financial Assistance (FA) Rates

Note: Check with your Local NRCS Field Office for a FA rate specific to your operation.

Component	Payment Rate General / HU*
AgEMP Small, One Enterprise	\$1,602 / \$1,922
AgEMP Small, Two Enterprise	\$2,481 / \$2,977
AgEMP Small, Three Enterprise	\$2,872 / \$3,447
AgEMP Small, Four Enterprise	\$3,506 / \$4,208
AgEMP Medium, One Enterprise	\$1,993 / \$2,392
AgEMP Medium, Two Enterprise	\$3,360 / \$4,031
AgEMP Medium, Three Enterprise	\$3,751 / \$4,501
AgEMP Medium, Four Enterprise	\$4,385 / \$5,262
AgEMP Large, One Enterprise	\$2,627 / \$3,153
AgEMP Large, Two Enterprise	\$4,590 / \$5,508
AgEMP Large, Three Enterprise	\$5,052 / \$6,062
AgEMP Large, Four Enterprise	\$5,757 / \$6,908

* *Historically Underserved*

Application Deadline

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis.

Need More Information? Contact:

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Cumberland and York Counties

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Hancock County

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Kennebec and Lincoln Counties

Central Maine Commerce Center
21 Enterprise Drive, Suite #1
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