



**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

# Agricultural Energy Management Plan

## ***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
- 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)
- 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.

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Type/ Size	EQIP General Rate	Historically Underserved Rate
AgEMP Small, One Enterprise	\$ 1,601.98	\$ 1,922.37
AgEMP Small, Two Enterprises	\$ 2,480.76	\$ 2,976.92
AgEMP Small, Three Enterprises	\$ 2,872.23	\$ 3,446.68
AgEMP Small, Four Enterprises	\$ 3,506.29	\$ 4,207.55
AgEMP Medium, One Enterprise	\$ 1,993.44	\$ 2,392.13
AgEMP Medium Two Enterprises	\$ 3,359.55	\$ 4,031.46
AgEMP Medium, Three Enterprises	\$ 3,751.02	\$ 4,501.22
AgEMP Medium, Four Enterprises	\$ 4,385.08	\$ 5,262.10
AgEMP Large, One Enterprise	\$ 2,627.51	\$ 3,153.01
AgEMP Large, Two Enterprises	\$ 4,590.34	\$ 5,508.40
AgEMP Large, Three Enterprises	\$ 5,052.20	\$ 6,062.64
AgEMP Large, Four Enterprises	\$ 5,756.67	\$ 6,908.00

Size	Enterprise Type			
	Livestock	Irrigation System	Greenhouse	Maple
Small	< 300 ac or <300 AU	1-2 pumps	< 20,000 sq ft	ALL
Medium	301 - 2500 ac or 301 -1000 Au	3 - 6 pumps	20,0001 - 40,000 sq ft	N/A
Large	>2,500 ac or >1,000 AU	7 or more pumps	>40,001 sq ft	N/A

\*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/)