



# Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP)

## What is an AgEMP?

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



## Developing an AgEMP

The AgEMPs will be developed by a Technical Service Provider (TSP), who is certified by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and placed on an “approved list” to provide technical assistance to producers for specific conservation programs administered by USDA. Your local NRCS office can provide you with the name(s) of the certified TSPs or the list may be found at <http://techreg.usda.gov/CustLocateTSP.aspx>.

## Payment Information

The FY14 EQIP payment rates for AgEMPs are as follows:

	<70 AU	70-300 AU	301-2500 AU	>2,500 AU
Livestock Only	\$1212.82	\$1586.80	\$1950.26	\$2524.31
Livestock +1 non-livestock enterprise	\$2043.88	\$2417.85	\$2781.31	\$3355.36
Livestock +2 non-livestock enterprise	\$2874.93	\$3248.91	\$3612.36	\$4186.41
Livestock +3 non-livestock enterprise	\$3705.98	\$4079.95	\$4443.41	\$5017.47

## Energy Audit Eligibility

To be eligible for EQIP funding to develop an AgEMP, you must meet certain minimum program requirements. The requirements are:

- An agricultural producer (individual, legal entity, or joint operation) engaged in livestock or agricultural production, including forestry or an owner;
- Agricultural and nonindustrial private forest land and other land on which agricultural products, livestock, or forest-related products are produced and resource concerns may be addressed;
- Must be privately owned or publically owned and under the applicant’s control for the contract period and part of participant’s operating unit;
- Must be able to provide proof of control of the land for the proposed contract period;
- Written concurrence from the landowner or owners that specifically grant the applicant permission to install, operate, and maintain the practice(s) for the lifespan.

Anyone receiving a Headquarters Energy Audit through the USDA-Rural Development’s Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Energy Audit Program or USDA Risk Management Agency’s funded Energy Audits are not eligible to receive funds for a Headquarters AgEMP on the same area.

## Historically Underserved Producers

	<70 AU	70-300 AU	301-2500 AU	>2,500 AU
Livestock Only	\$1455.39	\$1904.16	\$2340.31	\$3029.17
Livestock +1 non-livestock enterprise	\$2452.65	\$2901.42	\$3337.57	\$4026.43
Livestock +2 non-livestock enterprise	\$3449.92	\$3898.69	\$4334.83	\$5023.70
Livestock +3 non-livestock enterprise	\$4447.18	\$4895.95	\$5332.10	\$6020.96

## For More Information

Please contact your [local NRCS office](#) (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov>) for more information specific to your county or visit our South Dakota NRCS Energy Webpage at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/sd/energy/>