

Connecticut Farm Energy Assistance

Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development—Connecticut Farm Energy Program (CFEP) provides technical assistance to agricultural producers by increasing awareness about energy conservation and efficiency while promoting alternative and renewable forms of energy across the state. A statewide program serving as a resource and clearinghouse on information about farm energy opportunities in relation to grants, incentives, and financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. CFEP works closely with federal, state and local partners.

CFEP provides technical assistance to those who are eligible and interested in applying for the USDA Rural Development REAP Grant Program. Additionally, CFEP hosts and participates in educational workshops, tours and events statewide. CFEP projects include the Connecticut Farm Energy BMP Guide, Agricultural Anaerobic Digester Roadmap for Connecticut, and the Compost Heat Recovery Pilot Project.



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CFEP receives funding from USDA Rural Development and CT DEEP/U.S. DOE. An equal opportunity employer and provider.

Funding and Other Program Support



C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) is a financing solution from Connecticut Green Bank that makes it affordable for building owners to modernize their building, lower energy costs and increase their bottom line.

- Custom solutions for energy upgrades
- 100% financing with simple repayment structure

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A GUIDE TO CONNECTICUT'S AGRICULTURE ENERGY PROGRAMS



Lower Your Energy Bills Today!

Take advantage of these state, federal, and utility programs to jump start your energy efficiency and renewable energy projects!



Agricultural Energy Efficiency Solutions

Energize Connecticut offers a variety of energy efficiency services to businesses. Interested in no-cost on-site energy audits, incentives up to 50%, and no-interest financing for qualified customers? **Contact us early to see what works for you!**




Solutions for Electric and Natural Gas Savings

- New buildings, additions, major renovations
- New process equipment
- Incentives, rebates and instant discounts for lighting, HVAC, insulation, refrigeration, water heating and more
- Small Business Energy Advantage – Turnkey Services

Energize CT programs paid for by a charge on customer energy bills

 EnergizeCT.com

 877-947-3873


Who is Eligible?


Agriculture producers with at least 50% of gross income directly from the agricultural operations, or for-profit small businesses in eligible rural areas.

What are the Program Benefits?

Grants for up to 25% of total eligible project costs.

- Renewable grants = \$2,500 – \$500,000
- Efficiency grants = \$1,500 – \$250,000

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 774-678-7242

Agricultural Energy Management Plans

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offers an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP). This conservation activity plan is personalized to ensure coverage of each farm's main energy uses. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Who is Eligible?

- Must be an individual, entity, or joint operation that controls the right of the land for the proposed contract
- In compliance with the Food Security Act
- Interest in the farming operation
- In good standing with any active USDA contracts

What are the Program Benefits?

- The program offers a payment rate up to 75% of typical project costs, or 90% for historically underserved applicants!
- Those who have an AgEMP are eligible for financial assistance for NRCS Farmstead Energy Improvement Practices.

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