

Farm Energy Outreach

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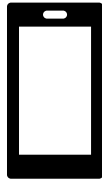
Outreach Strategy



Network at
farmers
markets



Present at
farm energy
workshops



Build a strong
social media
presence



Produce a
farm energy
video



Develop a
common
application

Farmers Markets & Workshops

- ✓ Visited 10 markets in 7 towns across 4 counties
- ✓ Markets represent 102 farms
- ✓ Materials left with 55 farmers
- ✓ Presented to 2 Farm Energy Workshops & Sweet Corn Conference



Facebook Page


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- ✓ Share interviews and photos from participating farmers/farms
- ✓ Showcase information related to farm energy management
- ✓ Update followers on events, deadlines, resources, etc.

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Examples of Posts



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Check out this image from Earth Care Farm in Charlestown, RI! These solar panels provide 100% of the rather substantial energy needs for the farm. Earth Care Farm was a recipient of the \$20,000 grant from the Rhode Island Farm Energy Program back in Spring 2017.



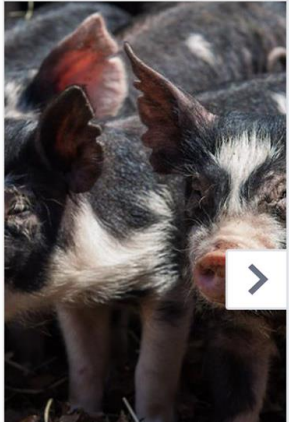
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Happy Veteran's Day! Taking a moment to share a little about a past recipient of the grants offered to RI farmers for energy projects.

Pat's Pastured in East Greenwich has made a tremendous effort since 2016 to increase their energy efficiency. They have completed multiple energy projects over the years and they are an excellent example of the success of this program. In 2017 they received \$20,000 to install a 9.28 kW solar photovoltaic system that will offset power used by the livestock operation. Fortunately, they have only just begun their energy efficiency journey and will continue down this path in the upcoming years. For more information on Pat's Pastured, check out their website linked here!
<https://www.patspastured.com>



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- ✓ Geared toward next generation of farmers
- ✓ Photo/video-oriented
- ✓ Directs followers to facebook page and additional resources



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RI Farm Energy Resources

Welcome to the Rhode Island Farm Energy Resources Page! Information about energy programs, interviews from farmers, photos, & much more is showcased. www.energy.ri.gov

Followed by uri_closet, chriscorin15_, and maddylamarre

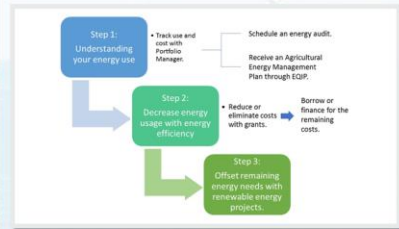


Examples of Additional Resources

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs for Farms

There are several programs and resources that can help farmers manage energy use and save money. Several of the programs may be combined to maximize incentives and lower costs. Please note that this is not a comprehensive listing of programs and program details are subject to change – be sure to consult each program's official website for current and complete information on program details, eligibility requirements, and application process.

Where do I start?



Energy management can be broken down into three main steps. These steps should be continually repeated to identify further ways to reduce energy use and save money.

First, understand your energy use and cost by tracking energy bills, such as through EPA's no-cost Portfolio Manager tool. A no-cost, no-obligation energy assessment can also

Energy Efficiency Resources for Farmers

Farmers

There are resources to help you manage energy use & save money!



STEP 1: TRACK ENERGY USE

EPA Portfolio Manager

STEP 2: REDUCE USE WITH EFFICIENCY

Farm Energy Efficiency Program incentives
 USDA REAP grant & loan
 RI AgEP grant
 EQIP energy plan & reimbursement
 C-PACE financing

STEP 3: OFFSET USE WITH RENEWABLES

REF grant or REG tariff
 FEDERAL tax credit
 USDA REAP grant & loan
 RI AgEP grant
 C-PACE financing

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Overview of Financial Resources for Energy Efficiency on Farms

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Program	Type	Description	Eligibility	Energy Audit	Amount	Try combining with...
FEEP Farm Energy Efficiency Program	Incentive and/or Reimbursement	Participants receive a free energy audit and financial incentives for recommended energy-saving measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Grid customer Direct ownership or approval from landlord 	Free for participants, required to receive incentives	Up to 75% total cost of recommended installed energy-efficient upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP EQIP RIAgEP C-PACE
EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Reimbursement	Participants receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control or own eligible land Comply with income limitation provisions Comply with highly erodible and wetland conservation requirements 	Audit and Agricultural Energy Management Plan required; some reimbursement for participants	Reimbursement for upgrades identified in the Agricultural Energy Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEEP REAP RIAgEP C-PACE
RIAgEP RI Agricultural Energy Program	Grant	Participants are selected through competitive application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized farming operation Ability to enter into legally binding agreement with State 	Complete or initiated audit required; FEEP audit is sufficient	Up to \$20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEEP REAP EQIP C-PACE
REAP - grant Rural Energy for America Program	Grant	Participants are selected through a competitive application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 50% of gross income from agriculture OR small businesses in eligible rural areas (municipal population less than 50,000) 	Audit is required; FEEP audit is sufficient	\$1,500 - \$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEEP RIAgEP EQIP C-PACE
REAP - loan Rural Energy for America Program	Loan	Participants are selected through a competitive application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See eligibility requirements for REAP - grant 	Audit is required; FEEP audit is sufficient	Loan financing for up to 75% of total project costs (\$5,000 - \$25 million)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEEP RIAgEP EQIP C-PACE
C-PACE Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy	Loan	Loan tied to property assessment that can be transferable with ownership and is structured to be cash-flow positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a commercial meter Located in a participating municipality 	Audit is strongly recommended	Loan financing for up to 100% of total project costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEEP REAP RIAgEP EQIP

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Farm Energy Audits

