

Agricultural Energy Management Plans are an opportunity for agricultural producers to identify how to become more energy efficient and reduce energy costs.



What is an Agricultural Energy Management Plan?

An Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) is an analysis of current farm infrastructure and management with recommendations to reduce energy consumption on the farm. This includes purchased fuels, electricity, and renewable energy sources used to perform farm activities. A plan can be developed for each farm enterprise: a livestock production system, a field crop system, and specialized non-livestock operations such as greenhouses, cold storage, or maple syrup production. This provides you with cost effective ways to reduce operating costs while saving energy.

What Will I Gain?

The AgEMP is tailored to the individual farm. It determines and documents current energy usage over the past annual cycle, and provides cost-effective energy conservation alternatives and recommendations for each farm enterprise. The evaluation of energy conservation activities includes energy used in the cultivation, protection, harvesting, processing and storage of agricultural crops and in the feeding, housing, and processing of farm animals and animal products, and wildlife enhancement activities.

Who Will Develop My Plan?

EnSave is certified by the USDA NRCS to provide AgEMP's and is a registered Technical Service Provider (TSP) in several states throughout the United States. Visit the Technical Service Provider Registry at <http://techreg.usda.gov/> to find out if EnSave is registered in your state.

While EnSave may be listed in a particular state to provide AgEMP's, it is up to the state to provide Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding for the AgEMP. Check with your local NRCS office to find out if they offer AgEMP's.

