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EnSave Announces Ten New Data Collector Trainings

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In partnership with the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, EnSave has secured ten additional data collector trainings to take place in 2011 and 2012. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Innovation Grant program awarded the competitive grant in order to support the organization's conservation objectives.

Taking place in Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, South Dakota, California, and Michigan, the trainings will enable local personnel to assist with delivery of agricultural energy management plans. Each training is a three-day event with a mix of classroom instruction and data collection demonstration on local farms.

"Data collectors are a critical part of EnSave's energy management plans," says Corey Conant, Training Manager. "These people visit farms to verify energy use data and collect additional data, which enables our engineers to make recommendations for energy efficiency."

EnSave has trained over 200 people as data collectors, and this new grant will allow greater coverage over dairy-intensive areas of the U.S. The project also supports the goals of the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy's Farm Energy Efficiency project, of which EnSave is team leader. Farm Energy Efficiency aims to conduct energy management plans and save energy among U.S. dairy farms, and the training will help support delivery of energy management plans and achieve greater implementation of energy efficiency technologies among dairies.

About EnSave:

EnSave supports the American agricultural sector with innovative energy efficiency and resource conservation programs. EnSave provides agricultural producers and food processors with cost effective ways to reduce operating costs while saving energy while conserving our nation's resources. EnSave's clients include state and federal energy and environmental agencies, investor-owned utilities, and rural electric cooperatives. EnSave implements its programs by developing relationships with equipment manufacturers, local equipment dealers, and the local agricultural community. Ultimately, these programs promote economic investment in the rural economy and improve the quality of America's land, air, and water.

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