



# Rural Energy for America Program

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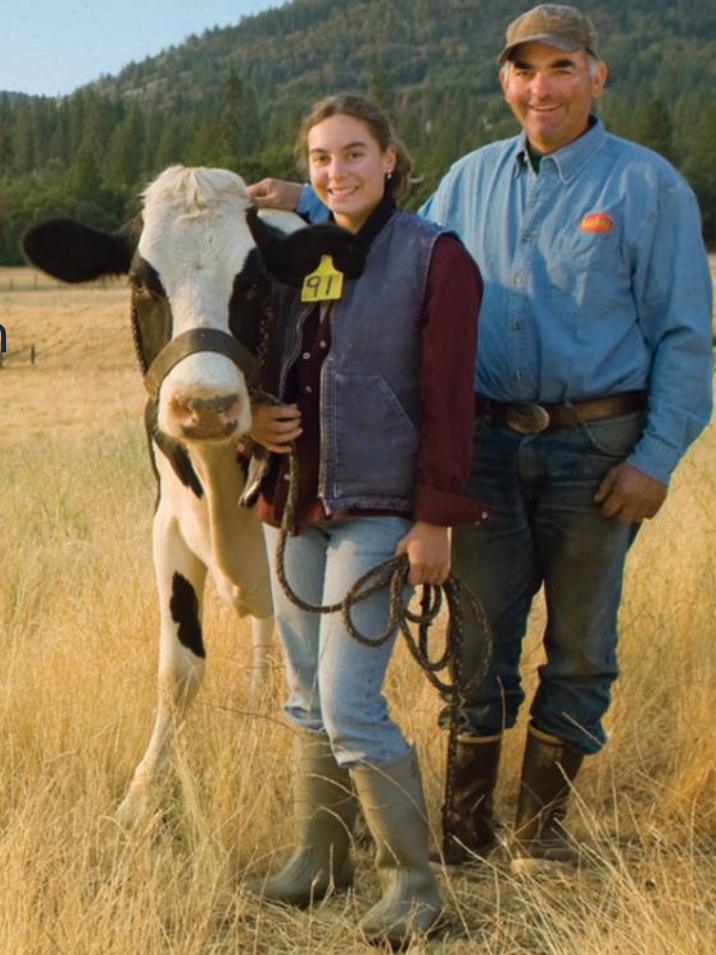
Grants and loans are available for installing renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements.



Who is Eligible?

# Agricultural Producers

A person, including non-profits, directly engaged in the production of agricultural products through labor management and operations, including the cultivating, growing, and harvesting of plants and crops (including farming); breeding, raising, feeding, or housing of livestock (including ranching); forestry products; hydroponics; nursery stock; or aquaculture, *whereby 50% or greater of their gross income is derived from the operations.*



# Rural Small Businesses

A small business that is located in a rural area or that can demonstrate the proposed project for which assistance is being applied for is located in a rural area.

- Eligible Rural Area: Any area of a State not in a city or town that has a population of more than 50,000.
- Meets size standards as defined by Small Business Administration



How may the funds be used?

# Energy Efficiency Improvements (EEI)

Projects that will allow less energy to be used on an annual basis than the original building and/or equipment being improved or replaced.



# Energy Efficiency Eligible Projects



Lighting



Heating



Cooling



Ventilation



Fans



Automated Controls



Insulation



# Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Project must be for:

- Purchase of a new RES
- Purchase of refurbished RES
- Retrofitting of an existing RES

\*If the RES project shares a meter with a residence, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that 50% or more of the energy to be generated by the RES project will be used by the agricultural operation or rural small business.





# Renewable Energy Eligible Projects



Solar



Wind



Small Hydroelectric



Anaerobic Digesters



Biomass



Geothermal



Wave/Ocean Power

# Program Details

# Loan Amounts

## Guaranteed Loan Funds Only

- Minimum Loan Request: \$5,000
- Maximum Loan Request: \$25 million
- Not to exceed 75% of eligible project costs

## Loan/Grant Combo

- Combined grant/loan shall not exceed 75% of eligible project costs



A photograph of a solar farm. In the foreground, a large solar panel is shown in a close-up, angled view. In the background, several more solar panels are mounted on metal racks in a grassy field. A large, brown metal barn is visible behind the panels. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

# Grant Amounts

- Grant amounts will not exceed 50% of total eligible project costs
- EEI Grant Requests
  - Minimum: \$1,500
  - Maximum: \$500,000
- RES Grant Requests:
  - Minimum: \$2,500
  - Maximum: \$1,000,000

# Illinois REAP Projects

EEL Lighting Project:  
Schimmer Ford Lincoln, Inc.  
Peru, IL



# Illinois REAP Projects

RES Solar Project:  
Triple H, Inc. dba  
All American Wash  
Fairbury, IL



# Illinois REAP Projects

EEl Pond Aeration System:  
Big House Investments, LLC  
Carbondale, IL





# Illinois REAP Projects

RES Solar Project:  
Tompkins State Bank  
Galesburg, IL



# Illinois REAP Projects

EI Grain Dryer Project:  
Bongard Grain, LLC  
Longview, IL



# Illinois REAP Projects

RES Solar Project:  
Wehmeyer Seed Company  
Mascoutah, IL



# Questions?

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