

# Conservation Fact Sheet: On Farm Energy Initiative *Introduction*

## About NRCS

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Delaware works to protect and conserve natural resources on private lands.

## FY 2013 Application Timelines:

NRCS has established application deadlines where eligible applications for FY 2013 will be ranked and evaluated for funding.

First submission deadline - 12/21

Second submission deadline - 1/18

Third submission deadline - 2/15



## For More Info, Contact NRCS:

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## Purpose

Through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), producers have an opportunity to receive financial assistance to address on-farm energy conservation by implementing energy-saving conservation practices and for developing energy conservation plans.

The EQIP On-Farm Energy Initiative enables the producer to identify ways to conserve energy on the farm through an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) conservation activity plan (CAP), an on-farm energy audit; and by providing financial and technical assistance to help the producer implement various measures and practices recommended for energy conservation.

## Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants include individuals, legal entities, Indian Tribes, or joint operations engaged in agricultural production. Producers who grow agricultural commodities on eligible land and have resource concerns which may be addressed by energy conservation may participate in EQIP's On-Farm Energy Initiative.

For a producer to be eligible to receive financial assistance under the "Farmstead Energy Improvement" practice standard, they must have an AgEMP-HQ or an on-farm energy audit in accordance with the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (no more than 5 years old).

Several practices offered under the "Farmstead Energy Improvement" standard include the following:

- a. Attic Insulation
- b. Heating-Radiant Tube
- c. Ventilation Fans

Several practices offered through the Initiative that do not require an audit or AgEMP include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Combustion System Improvement
- b. Conservation Crop Rotation
- c. Cover Crop
- d. Irrigation Water Management
- e. Pumping Plant
- f. Residue Tillage