

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR FARM BY SAVING ENERGY

1. Contact your local utility.

Many utilities offer incentives to help you save money on your utility bill. Here are some questions to ask:

- How can you help me use less energy on my farm and save money on my bill?
- How can you help me waste less energy at home and save money on my bill?
- What rebates and incentives are available for my farm and home? For example, programmable thermostat, energy efficient doors and windows, LED lighting, water heater, others.
- Do you offer an energy audit for my farm or home?



You may be eligible for rebates from your utility, state, and federal sources — at no additional cost — for upgrading appliances, insulation, and more.

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2. Weatherize and upgrade inefficient equipment.

- Weatherize and make building improvements that protect against cold in winter and heat in summer. Apply the same energy-saving habits used in your home to your farm such as insulation, weatherstripping, programmable thermostat, and LED lighting.
- Perform equipment maintenance on a regular schedule, service heating and cooling systems, farm vehicles, ventilation, irrigation, and crop-drying equipment.
- Upgrade inefficient models of plate coolers, grain dryers, ventilation fans, irrigation and other pumps, Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) to high-use motors.

3. Consider renewable energy systems for self-reliance.

There are ways to reduce your reliance on others and achieve greater energy independence:

Battery storage • Biofuels • Geothermal • Hydropower • Solar power generation • Wind power generation

The Clean Energy Resource Teams can help you move forward with clean energy projects that make sense for you: z.umn.edu/REGM



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