



2011 County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Investment Area Guidelines: ON-FARM ENERGY EFFICIENCY & PRODUCTION

Introduction

This document provides eligible investments and is considered to be the standards by which an investment area is to be implemented.

Funded participants shall adhere to all local, state, and federal rules and regulations.

Questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627. Applications for funds must be directed through the local County Agricultural Development Council(s).

A. Upgrades to all Applicable Farms

1. New installation of, or conversion to Energy Efficient Grain Drying Systems with suggested improvements such as:
 - a. Addition of recirculation of cooling section exhaust air
 - b. New dryers with increased column width
 - c. Implementation of dryeration
 - d. Addition of in-bin cooling
2. Milk pre-cooler
3. Automatic milker takeoffs
4. Variable speed drives for vacuum pumps
5. Heat recovery from refrigeration equipment
6. Scroll compressor
7. Timers for tractor engine block heaters
8. Energy free or low energy waterers
9. *NEMA* labeled Premium Efficiency motors
10. Low pressure irrigation systems, conversion from Sprinkler to Drip irrigation, or Variable Frequency Drives for well pumps
11. Renovation expenditures recommended by a previously completed energy audit or energy assessment
12. Installation expenses of above items when performed by a hired contractor and documented by invoices and cancelled checks

B. Energy Efficient Building Components & Renewable Energy Projects

1. *Energy Star*, CFL, Cold Cathode, T-8, LED, or High Intensity Discharge (HID) lights and lighting fixtures
2. Insulation
3. Programmable thermostats and controllers
4. High Volume Low Speed (HVLS) fans, energy efficient Low Volume High Speed Exhaust or Circulation fans (The BESS lab at the University of Illinois rates exhaust fans)
5. *Energy Star* windows, doors, skylights, roofing, or other *Energy Star* building components
6. *Cool Roof* system
7. Tankless, solar, or water heaters with a thermal efficiency of at least 90%

(B. Energy Efficient Building Components..., cont.)

8. EPA approved waste oil or biomass fired boilers, hydronic furnaces, heaters and stoves
9. Renovation expenditures recommended by a previously completed energy audit or energy assessment
10. Installation expenses of above items when performed by a hired contractor and documented by invoices and cancelled checks

C. Professional Fees and Training

1. Documented expenses not covered by other programs for the completion of an on-farm energy audit or assessment
2. Third party professional fees associated with the completion of a grant application within a 2010 or 2011 United States Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Energy, or other non Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund program related to on-farm energy efficiency or renewable energy production.

Executive Summary of completed application and verification of its submission to the appropriate program must be submitted with documented expenses.

3. Third party professional fees for environmental, technical, geological, biological, engineering, and chemical consulting associated with the development of projects in the area of On-Farm Energy Efficiency and Production
4. Registration fees for the attendance of workshops and conferences focusing on the area of On-Farm Energy Efficiency and Production

IMPORTANT: Applicants with projects requiring over \$50,000 in expenditures or projects likely to be submitted for consideration for federal programs, should consider requesting funds for a professional energy audit. Eligibility criteria for other federal programs will likely have more stringent requirements. Resumes confirming the qualifications of all third party professionals listed above and performing services for a fee must be attached with submission of the documented expenditures.

D. Biomass Energy Crop Production

1. Seed, rootstock, or other plant material used to establish a dedicated biomass energy crop
2. Limestone based on a soil test taken within the past 12 months and prior to lime application
3. Specialized equipment, structures, and other supplies not currently owned by the applicant that are essential for the production, harvesting, and or transportation of biomass energy crops (excluding trailers and wagons)
4. Hired services needed for the production, harvesting, and or transportation of biomass energy crops

IMPORTANT: Only farm level costs for projects under the supervision of Universities or other entities conducting valid research, demonstrating production techniques, or utilizing the biomass crops for energy production will be *considered*.

E. Equipment and Infrastructure for On-Farm Energy Production

1. Equipment, structures, or other supplies necessary to convert animal waste into useable energy
2. Equipment, structures, or other supplies necessary to connect an on-farm electric power generator fueled by renewable fuels to the electric power utility's distribution system
3. Equipment, structures, or other supplies necessary to retrofit existing oil or gas wells to which the farmer/applicant owns the mineral rights and can utilize the fuel within their farming operation
4. Equipment, structures, or other supplies necessary to convert biomass crops into useable energy
5. Equipment, structures, or other supplies necessary to convert grains and oilseeds into ethanol or biodiesel
6. Fuel testing services and kits needed to monitor fuel quality
7. Equipment, structures, or other supplies necessary to harness available solar, wind, geothermal, or other renewable sources of energy

IMPORTANT: Due to the array of local, state, and federal taxes, any fuels produced on the farm with assistance through this program can not be utilized as transportation fuels for highway use. Applicants are encouraged to review all manufacturers' warranties and specifications before using the fuels in any equipment.

Guidelines for all projects within the On-Farm Energy Efficiency & Production Incentives Program

PLEASE REVIEW THESE GUIDELINES CAREFULLY

- A. Eligible items will be restricted to components of buildings used solely for farming purposes.
- B. Improvements to personal residences, non farm commercial property, and any other non farm structures are not eligible.
- C. Tractors, motorized vehicles, and other equipment with internal combustion engines are excluded from this investment area.
- D. Applicants will be required to provide a detailed listing and verification of all expenditures related to this investment area. In addition to the normal documentation, the applicant may be required to provide model and serial numbers for all relevant components as well as further explanation of the energy related benefits of the investment.
- E. The local Administrative Entity in consultation with GOAP Staff can at their discretion disqualify the reimbursement of expenditures not explicitly listed above or for items determined to provide no energy savings.

County Agricultural Investment Program: On-farm Energy Efficiency & Production Investment Area Producer Report

Deadlines for Producer Reports

Producers must complete all relevant questions on the Producer Report before receiving cost-share funds through the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) for the On-farm Energy Efficiency & Production Investment Area.

This form is for the Administrator to keep on-file for each Producer receiving cost-share funds, and should aid in filling out the reports for this program.

This information will be used to help the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board evaluate the economic impact of programs on Kentucky's agricultural economy.

Administrator Information

County: _____

Application Number: _____

General Information

Producer Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Farm Serial Number (FSN): _____

Farm Size of the FSN: _____

Ever received cost-share funds? YES NO

Ever applied for cost-share funds? YES NO

Would invest without cost-share? YES NO

Years shared in the financial risk &/or business operation? _____

Hours committed on the farm? _____

Directions for completing Producer Report

1. **Select Investment Category – ex. Commercial Fruit & Sweet Sorghum**
 2. **Describe cost-share reimbursement practices – ex. Water and irrigation supplies and equipment**
 3. **Total Project cost – ex. \$4,000 – supply receipts to Administrator to determine eligible cost-share reimbursement**
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1. **Investment Area (IN BOLD):**
2. **Investment Category, select all that apply (A,B,C):**
 - **On-farm Energy Efficiency & Production Investment Area**
 - A. Upgrades to all Applicable Farms
 - B. Energy Efficient Building Components & Renewable Energy Projects
 - C. Professional Fees and Training
 - D. Biomass Energy Crop Production
 - E. Equipment and Infrastructure for On-farm Energy Production
3. **Describe cost-share reimbursement practices (water and irrigation supplies and equipment...):**

4. **Total Project Cost: _____
(Provide receipts to administrator to determine eligible cost-share reimbursement)**