



NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION FARM ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT (FEEP)

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Grant Programs

Purpose: The FEEP project began in the Fall of 2008 to educate farmers about energy efficiency opportunities on their farming operations, and providing them with cost effective options for making energy efficiency improvements.

Description: Our project has two main components: the energy assessment program and the energy implementation cost-share program. The energy implementation cost-share program provides grants to assist in the implementation of on-farm energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy projects that contribute to an operation's energy efficiency. This work may also be used to leverage USDA-Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) funding. Farmers may also be assisted with the marketing of any credits derived from the implementation of energy efficiency or renewable energy projects. Examples of projects that qualify for energy efficiency grants are installation of curing controls in tobacco barns, converting curtain walls to solid sidewalls in livestock operations, updating grain dryers, etc. Renewable energy project grants will be awarded to farmers that install renewable energy sources such as wind power, solar panels, or methane production on their farming operation. The total grant funding available is \$800,000.

FEEP Energy Efficiency Grant program:

- Grants will be awarded up to \$10,000 per project or 75% of the total project costs whichever is lower.
- Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received.
- Grants will be awarded after review of the grant applications by an advisory committee.
- Committee recommendations will be based upon the project
 - Energy savings
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Farm enterprise distribution

FEEP Renewable Energy Grant program:

- Grants will be awarded up to \$20,000 per project or 75% of the total project costs whichever is lower.
- Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received.
- Grants will be awarded after review of the grant applications by an advisory committee.
- Committee recommendations will be based upon the project
 - Energy production
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Farm enterprise distribution

Who is eligible: Any farmer or production farming operation within the 100 counties of North Carolina.

Timetable: Projects must be able to be completed by **December 31, 2011** to be eligible.

For more information: Additional information and project applications can be found on the NC Farm Energy Efficiency website, www.ncfarmenergy.org. Other questions may be directed to Lendy Johnson at lendy.johnson@ncfb.org or 919-782-1705 ext. 8209 or 919-909-4508.

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