



## NORTH CAROLINA FARM ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM

### BACKGROUND

The Farm Energy Efficiency Project (FEEP) is a non-profit program operated through the North Carolina Farm Bureau and sponsored by a grant through the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. This project was created to educate farmers about energy efficiency opportunities on their farming operations, and assist them in making energy efficiency improvements to existing facilities or equipment.

### GRANT INFORMATION

One of the goals of FEEP is to assist farmers in the implementation of on-farm energy efficiency technology. In order to meet this objective, we are offering the FEEP Energy Efficiency Grant program.

Grants will be awarded up to \$10,000 per project or 75% of the project costs, whichever is lower. Any farmer or production farming operation within the 100 counties of North Carolina is eligible to apply for these grants. Projects must be able to be completed by **December 31, 2011** in order to be selected. Grants will be awarded after review of the grant applications by an advisory committee. Advisory committee recommendations will be based upon the project energy savings, cost effectiveness, and farm enterprise distribution to ensure that there is an even distribution of farm types and locations. Applicants will receive notification of the status of grant awards after a final decision is reached based upon the advisory committee's recommendations. All applicants are not guaranteed to receive a grant. Individuals that are selected to receive a grant can receive only one grant. All persons that are awarded grants will receive payment upon certification of the equipment installed. This means that the project work must be completed before release of the grant funds. Payment of the grant is conditional on the grantee's acceptance of the terms of use to be negotiated at the time of acceptance.

### GRANT TIMELINE

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until all funds are allocated. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Projects must be able to be completed by **December 31, 2011**.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application on the following pages contains three parts:

- 1) Summary: this section is an overview of your contact information, farming operation, and proposed energy efficiency project.
- 2) Grant narrative: this section may contain some of the information covered in the summary, but is expected to be in greater detail in order to completely understand the scope of your operation and proposed project.
- 3) Attach a copy of an energy audit that has been conducted by a qualified individual. Most of the information needed to complete the two sections in this application is covered in a typical energy audit.

**\*\*Please be sure that the grant amount you request does not exceed \$10,000.\*\***

#### PLEASE RETURN ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

North Carolina Farm Bureau  
C/O Lendy Johnson  
PO Box 27766  
Raleigh, NC 27611

Email: [lendy.johnson@ncfb.org](mailto:lendy.johnson@ncfb.org)  
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#### Questions?

Contact Lendy Johnson at  
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or (919) 909-4508.



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### Part I: Farm and Project Summary

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Type \_\_\_\_\_

Commodities Produced:

Proposed Energy Efficiency Equipment of Improvements:

Energy Costs (Electricity & fuel): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Energy Savings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Project Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate response:

1) Have you applied for the USDA-Rural Development grant (REAP)?  Yes  No

2) If not, do you plan to apply for the REAP grant?  Yes  No

**Part II: Grant Narrative**

I. Farm Background: Please provide us with an overview of your farming operation.

II. Proposed Energy Efficiency Improvements

A. Description of Equipment:

B. Plans for Implementation: Describe the timeline for implementation of your proposed changes.

III. Projected Energy Savings

A. Current Energy Utilization

Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_

Energy: \_\_\_\_\_ (you may use kWh, Btus, or gallons to describe)

B. Projected Energy Savings

Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_

Energy: \_\_\_\_\_ (you may use kWh, Btus, or gallons to describe)

IV. Costs of Project

A. Total: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Please attach a bid from a contractor or a detailed cost breakdown. \*\*

B. Amount of Grant Request: \_\_\_\_\_

V. Please attach a copy of the energy audit to this form and return it to the contact information listed on page 1.