



NORTH CAROLINA FARM ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

RENEWABLE ENERGY 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.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

Grants will be awarded up to \$20,000 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 production, 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 two 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.
 - a) Provide brand names of renewable energy equipment to be installed.
 - b) Explain specifics regarding the amount of energy that will be produced and how it will be utilized.
 - c) Timeline from installation to production.

** Include bids from contractors or a cost breakdown sheet for proposed energy equipment to be installed. Please be sure that the grant amount that you request does not exceed \$20,000.

PLEASE RETURN ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

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

Email: 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 Renewable Energy Projects:

Amount of Energy Produced: \$ _____

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 Renewable Energy Efficiency Projects:

A. Description of Equipment (Please include specific brand names):

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

C. How will energy that is produced be utilized? Be as specific as possible.

D. Projected Energy Production

Dollars: _____

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

III. Costs of Project

A. Total: _____

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

B. Amount of Grant Request: _____