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NRCS UTAH ANNOUNCES AGRICULTURAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN INITIATIVE

Lisa Coverdale, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, announces the Agricultural Energy Management Plan Initiative to assist agricultural producers with transitioning their operations to become more energy efficient. A total of \$60,000 is available in Utah to support this initiative. Funding will assist with on-farm energy audit evaluations and development of an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP). NRCS will reimburse participants a set rate upon completion of an AgEMP conducted by a Certified Technical Service Provider according to NRCS standards and specifications.



Applicants and the land to be enrolled must meet EQIP eligibility and all AgEMP Initiative requirements. Applicants may apply for the AgEMP Initiative funding through **June 18, 2010**. To apply for financial assistance or obtain additional information, please contact your local USDA Service

Center. For general information on this new initiative, contact NRCS Staffer Lynn Larsen, who has been appointed Energy Initiative Coordinator. He can be reached on his cell at (435) 979-3368 or by email at lynn.larsen@ut.usda.gov.

The following web based AgLearn courses are available for NRCS employees interested in receiving training on incorporating energy considerations into conservation planning: 1) Why Do We Care About Energy? NRCS-NEDC-000256, 2) Energy Basics, NRCS-NEDC-000255, and 3) Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy, NRCS-NEDC-000253.

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