

Utility companies and their customers are passionate about saving energy and money. Here are four programs that help rural America:

REAP

Businesses and agricultural producers can receive funding from USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

EXAMPLE: A \$200,000 HVAC upgrade or grain dryer project could get \$50,000. [Click here](#) for more information on REAP or call your local USDA office.

AgEMP

Farmers can receive EQIP funds from NRCS by getting a farm energy audit (AgEMP).

EXAMPLE: \$10,000 for barn lighting. \$50,000 for a grain dryer. [Click here](#) for more information visit on AgEMP or call your NRCS field office.

Utility Incentives

Many utilities offer incentives in the form of rebates or custom incentives for energy efficiency upgrades.

EXAMPLE: Rebates for new lighting or custom incentives for energy efficient retrofits. Ask your utility provider if they have incentives for energy efficiency or renewable energy.

REAP for RECs

The USDA REAP program has \$100,000 grants for rural electric cooperatives to use for energy audits and renewable energy development.

[Click here](#) or call us at 605.695.8582 for more information.

Who is Michaels Energy?

Since 1984, Michaels Energy has provided energy audits for over 2200 facilities including farming operations, ethanol producers, schools, hospitals, and more. We have worked with USDA Rural Energy for America (REAP) projects since 2005. Our certified AgEMP Technical Service Provider, Matthew Hein, is a licensed Professional Engineer in IA and SD, holds a Masters degree in Engineering from South Dakota State University, and has four years of experience in agricultural energy efficiency.