

# REAP Technical Assistance Program



**LOWER**  
your energy costs  
**STRENGTHEN**  
your farm operations  
**IMPROVE**  
your bottom line

**Ready to  
get started?**

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## Receive free REAP grant application assistance for energy efficiency project funding

The REAP Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) assists New York State farmers in applying to the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). This assistance is at no cost to the farm. Through RTAP, farmers will receive hands-on assistance with updates to energy audits, completing REAP grant applications to apply for project funding, and assembling required supporting documentation. Investments toward energy efficiency help ensure the long-term sustainability and viability of New York State farms and helps meet New York States' and the United States' climate goals.

### How the RTAP Can Help

RTAP provides, at no cost to farmers, preparation of an application package seeking REAP grant funding for energy efficiency improvements up to 50% of total project costs, including:

- Preparation of a technical report in accordance with 7 CFR 4280.119(d).
- Aid in filing for System Award Management and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) registrations.
- Completion of environmental reports and other documentation required for submittal of grant applications.
- Resources for obtaining an energy audit and additional incentive information.
- Energy best practices information to improve the energy efficiency of the operations.
- Translation and interpretation services available.

### How Farms Benefit

- No-cost technical assistance with REAP grants of up to 50% of the total cost of the energy efficiency project(s) with an approved USDA REAP application.
- Reduced energy costs improve the bottom line through long-term energy savings.
- Improved work safety and comfort across some operations.
- Reduced maintenance time and cost, and extended equipment life.
- Reduced carbon footprint, contributing to a cleaner and healthier community.



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## Program Guidelines

This is a first come, first served Statewide program. Assistance is available through September 30, 2026, while funds last. Applicant must:

- Be a New York State agricultural producer or rural business.
- Not have outstanding delinquent federal taxes, debt, judgment, or debarments.
- Have at least 50 percent of gross revenue or receipts coming from agricultural operations or be considered a rural small business.
- Provide a qualified energy audit that has been completed within the last two years. The audit must meet the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ANSI/ASABE S612) criteria. If you need a energy audit, [NYSERDA's Agriculture Energy Audit Program \(AEAP\)](#) can provide one at no-cost.
- Provide most recent utility and energy bills for the farm. Energy bills include electricity, propane, natural gas, heating oil, wood, or any other fuel that drives stationary equipment.

Priority will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Requesting \$20,000 or less in REAP grant funds, or
- Located in disadvantaged or distressed communities as defined by the [USDA Rural Development Innovation Center – Location of Distressed and Disadvantage Communities Map](#).

## Important Considerations

Do not incur project expenses until notification of grant application acceptance by Rural Development has been received. Check with your accountant regarding financial statement requirements.

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