



# Energy Audits & Incentives Now Available For Farmers

***The MFEP seeks applications from farmers across Massachusetts interested in participating in this program.***

**The Mass Farm Energy Program (MFEP) has funding available to help farmers pay for energy audits and renewable energy assessments, and to implement the recommendations of the audits. MFEP will pay 75% of the cost of an audit, assessment, or consultation with the farmer responsible for the remaining 25%. MFEP will also pay incentives of up to \$7,500, based on energy savings, to implement the recommendations.**



## **The MFEP will**

- refer farmers to existing audit and incentive programs
- assist with locating other energy funding sources to “leverage” additional funds
- provide “targeted” energy audits and/or renewable energy assessments by MFEP contractors
- provide financial incentives for implementation of audit recommendations, based on energy savings of:
  - \$0.15 incentive per kWh electricity**
  - \$2.50 incentive per therm natural gas**
  - \$2.75 incentive per gallon propane**
  - \$3.00 incentive per gallon fuel oil**

**The MFEP seeks applications from farmers across Massachusetts interested in participating in the program. Higher priority will be given to farmers with less access to other audits and incentives programs, especially those on municipal power, and those not eligible for USDA-Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and/or MA Technology Collaborative (MTC) funding.**

**The goal of the Audits and Incentives Program is to encourage farmers to implement at least 50% of the recommended measures, including those recommended by public utility programs.**

**Go to <http://www.berkshirepioneerrcd.org/mfep/energy.php>  
for complete information and to apply.**

*The Massachusetts Farm Energy Program is a two-year statewide pilot program that receives funding and technical support from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. The program is administered by the Berkshire-Pioneer Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. and the Patriot Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.*

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## **MFEP Energy Efficiency Groups (EEGs)**

**MFEP will assign farmers to a category defined by their level of access to existing programs:**

**EEG 1:** Eligible for neither public utility electric nor gas energy efficiency programs – municipal utility customers

**EEG 2:** Eligible for either electric or gas energy efficiency programs

**EEG 3:** Eligible for both electric and gas energy efficiency programs

## **MFEP Energy Efficiency Audits**

<i>Energy Efficiency Group</i>	<i>Audit/Assessment Cost</i>	<i>MFEP Cost at 75%</i>	<i>Farmer Cost at 25%</i>
<b>EEG 1</b>	<b>\$1,000-2000</b>	<b>\$750-1,500</b>	<b>\$250-500</b>
<b>EEG 2</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>EEG 3</b>	<b>\$400-700</b>	<b>\$300-525</b>	<b>\$100-175</b>

**Note:** Consultations can be provided in lieu of an audit, likely at the EEG rate

## **MFEP Energy Efficiency Incentives**

**For EEG 1:**

- Projects either individually or in aggregate must have a simple payback of 8 years or less. Simple payback should be less than the system lifetime.
- Maximum total incentive per farm is \$7,500.
- Incentive cannot be greater than the total measure cost, including incentives from other programs.

**For EEG 2:**

- Same as EEG 1, except maximum electric incentive per farm is \$2,500; maximum non-electric incentive per farm is \$5,000; maximum total incentive per farm is \$5,000.

**For EEG 3:**

- Same as EEG 1, except maximum total incentive per farm is \$1,500.

## **MFEP Renewable Energy Groups (REGs)**

**MFEP will assign farmers to a category defined by their level of access to existing programs:**

**REG 1:** Eligible for neither MTC (rebates and competitive grants) nor USDA-REAP

**REG 2:** Eligible for USDA-REAP and/or eligible for MTC competitive grants

**REG 3:** Eligible for MTC rebates but not eligible for USDA-REAP (*No MFEP incentives*)

**REG 4:** Eligible for both MTC rebates and USDA-REAP (*No MFEP incentives*)

## **MFEP Renewable Energy Assessments**

<i>Renewable Energy Group</i>	<i>Audit/Assessment Cost</i>	<i>MFEP Cost at 75%</i>	<i>Farmer Cost at 25%</i>
<b>REG 1 assessment</b>	<b>\$1000-5000</b>	<b>\$750-3750</b>	<b>\$250-1250</b>
<b>REG 2 consultation</b>	<b>\$400-700</b>	<b>\$300-525</b>	<b>\$100-175</b>

**MFEP will pay 75% of the cost of an assessment or consultation for applicants or projects not eligible for MTC rebates, i.e., REG 1 and REG 2 applicants.**

## **MFEP Renewable Energy Incentives**

**For REG 1:**

- Projects either individually or in aggregate must have a simple payback within ten years of the projected lifetime of the renewable energy equipment.
- Maximum total incentive per farm is \$5,000.
- Incentive cannot be greater than the total measure cost, including incentives from other programs.

**For REG 2:**

- Same as REG 1, except maximum total incentive per farm is \$2,500.

**MFEP will pay incentives for applicants or projects not eligible for MTC rebates (REG 1 applicants) or MTC competitive grant applications that are not funded (REG 2 applicants).**