

# Energy Audit & Incentives Now Available For Farmers

## Apply Now!

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 incentives programs
- assist with finding energy funding sources to “leverage” additional funds. Most funders require an energy audit.
- 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
  - \$250 incentive per cord wood

The MFEP will give higher priority to farmers with less access to other audit and incentives programs, especially those on municipal power, and those not eligible for USDA-Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and/or MA Renewable Energy Trust (MRET) funding.

The goal of the Audit and Incentives Program is to encourage farmers to implement at least 50% of the recommended measures, including those recommended by public utility programs. See reverse for examples of farm incentives.

**For complete information and to apply go to**  
<http://www.berkshirerpcd.org/mfep/energy.php>

The Massachusetts Farm Energy Program is a statewide 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 Berkshire-Pioneer Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. and Patriot Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

## Interested in cutting your farm's energy bills and reducing fuel consumption?

### The **Mass Farm Energy Program** can help.

MFEP can arrange **ENERGY AUDITS** at a *discounted price* for fuels used on your farm and pay **75%** of audit costs.

MFEP can provide up to **\$7,500** in **INCENTIVES** to help farmers implement energy savings recommendations!

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

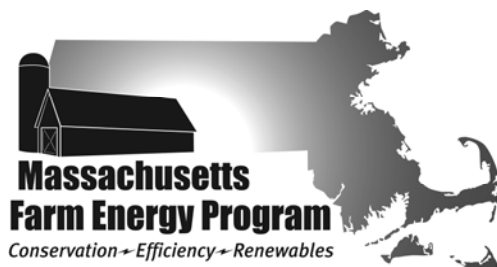
*Here are some examples of our energy efficiency projects:*

<i>Examples</i>	<b>Refrigeration</b>	<b>Greenhouse screens</b>	<b>Greenhouse heating</b>	<b>Dairy</b>	<b>Lighting</b>	<b>Maple</b>
<b>Installed measures</b>	replace fans, economizers, and controls for farm stand coolers and freezers	thermal screens	replace boiler with High Efficiency Condensing gas boiler	80-gallon re- frigeration heat recovery unit & upgraded lighting	high perform- ance lamps and occu- pancy sensors	Reverse Osmosis system
<b>MFEP in- centives</b>	\$2,346	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,984	933	\$5,000
<b>Additional funding</b>	\$8,332	\$33,538	\$2,000	municipal util- ity, no incen- tives	\$2,385	\$4,673
<b>Farmer cost</b>	\$1,224	\$88,602	\$17,500	\$4,246	\$3,502	\$4,673
<b>Energy saved/yr</b>	15,645 kWh	18,898 gallons oil	2,828 therms	9,405 kWh & 572 gallons LP	6,221 kWh	2,737 gallons oil equiv)
<b>\$ saved/yr</b>	\$2,347	\$56,694	\$3,535	\$1,557	\$1,015	\$3,941
<b>Payback (years)</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>

### **CAN WE HELP WITH YOUR FARM'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLANS?**

### **HAVE YOU INSTALLED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS & READY FOR RENEWABLE?**

Call us at 413-256-1607 or log on to [www.berkshirepioneerrcd.org/mfep/index.php](http://www.berkshirepioneerrcd.org/mfep/index.php)  
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