

Massachusetts Farm Energy Program

November 2016



No Time Like November!

The Massachusetts Farm Energy Program has funds to help farms cover audits, energy efficiency projects, and select renewable energy projects. Contact us for more information, or to get started now! The colder months are the perfect time to assess your energy use and determine which grants are best for your farm.

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or

Visit our website: www.massfarmenergy.com and submit a [Request Form](#)



Fruit and cider press during [Franklin County Cider Days](#) at Clarkdale Fruit Farm in Deerfield

News & Events

Send Us Your Photos!

Would you like to see your farm featured in our newsletter? Send us your pictures, especially of any projects you've done or actions you've taken to increase energy efficiency, and you could see them here! Pictures can be sent to megan.denardo@cetonline.org. Show other farmers across Massachusetts what you're doing to save energy, and help inspire others to do the same!

CISA Events

CISA is hosting a plethora of exciting events and workshops in November and December, including a Pork Fabrication Class and workshop on Pasture Quality! For the full list and more details, [visit their events page](#).

Grant Information & Deadlines

Rural Energy For America Program (REAP)

The next REAP deadline for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency grants and loan guarantees is **March 31, 2017**. For more information on applying, [click here](#). Winter months can provide ample opportunity to gather the necessary information for this grant, and it's never too early to begin!

REAP Application Assistance

Need help with your REAP application? The [Massachusetts Farm Energy Program](#) is able to help farms prepare their REAP applications at no cost. But don't wait until the deadline approaches; REAP applications can be submitted any time, so [contact us now!](#)

Spotlight on: Flat Rock Farm



Highland cattle bull drinking from an energy efficient waterer at Flat Rock Farm in Chesterfield. Photo by Ben Coe.

Just last month, [Flat Rock Farm](#) in Chesterfield worked with Eversource and the Massachusetts Farm Energy Program to upgrade the outdoor watering system for their cattle. Both Eversource and MFEP helped fund the install of an energy efficient waterer (pictured above), which ensures clean drinking water for the cattle throughout the winter and saves 5,164 kWh of electricity and over \$800 per year.

In addition, Flat Rock has inspired two neighboring farms to install energy efficient waterers for their animals. These three projects together will save over 36,000 kWh of electricity and \$5,700 per year!

If your farm has a project in mind, is in need of an energy audit, or would like help identifying potential funding sources or writing applications, call the Massachusetts Farm Energy Program at 413-727-3090. You could even see your own smiling face in a future newsletter!



Jonathan Parrott with his cattle at Flat Rock Farm in Chesterfield. Photo by Ben Coe.

Take Steps Today to Save Energy and Money! Here's how:

1. Learn about what's most applicable to your operation. Check out our [Best Management Practices](#) online.
2. Have an energy audit to determine the best, most cost-effective measures for your farm. An energy audit helps determine potential savings and worthwhile investments.
3. Install recommended efficient, cost effective measures. Begin with low and no-cost measures, and don't forget annual maintenance.
4. Get funding. Before you install measures, be sure to get information about grants and financial incentives available to help with cost effective improvements, including renewable energy.
5. Enjoy your savings!

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