

## FARM ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

### PROGRAM DETAILS

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The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) in partnership with National Grid (Utility) has developed the following program for National Grid farm customers in Rhode Island. A farm is defined as any Rhode Island location engaged in horticulture, floriculture, livestock-animal husbandry, aviculture, egg production, dairy production, apiculture, aquaculture, maple sugaring and/or viticulture for documented revenue.

The program offers free energy assessments and potential incentives for prescriptive electric, natural gas, and delivered fuel (oil and propane) energy efficiency measures.

#### Program Specifics

- a. All electric and natural gas energy efficiency measures and incentives are subject to National Grid approval.
- b. All delivered fuels energy efficiency measures and incentives shall be subject to OER approval.
- c. All OER-approved delivered fuels energy efficiency measures shall have incentives equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total installed measure price. Here, "installed measure price" is defined as the total purchase, delivery, and professional installation costs of each delivered fuel measure. Installation costs are only to be included in the incentive calculation if a relevant registered tradesperson is hired for the project.
  - a. If the measure is installed directly by the customer without third party assistance, the first two hundred dollars (\$200.00) of purchase and delivery expenses will be reimbursed by the program at one hundred percent (100%) of the cost.
  - b. If these customer-installed measure costs exceed \$200, incentives equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the remaining purchase and delivery costs (total purchase and delivery costs minus \$200) will be offered.
  - c. If the measure will be a new installation (not an upgrade) the incentive will only cover 75% of the difference in installed measure price between the more efficient product and a standard product.
- d. Upon completion of the installation of measures, the participant shall notify **Jack Christie at RISE (401.784.3700 x6148)** and provide copies of all relevant invoices that document the measure purchase, delivery, and installation costs. For quality assurance, each project will be inspected by a RISE inspector who did not complete the initial energy audit and who has received training on the farm-specific energy efficiency measures.
  - a. If the measure is installed in a satisfactory manner, approval will be given to issue the applicable incentive to the participant.
  - b. If the installation is not completed in a satisfactory manner, the participant shall be notified of any deficiency and a follow-up inspection will be performed before any incentive payment is released.
  - c. The Program will offer a maximum of two (2) follow-up inspections per installed measure.

- e. Initial inspections shall be completed within five (5) business days of project completion notification.
- f. Eligible customers will be offered a measure-by-measure inspection process for measures expected to exceed \$20,000 in installed measure price.
- g. Applicable incentive checks will be mailed to the participant's provided mailing address within five (5) business days of inspection approval.
- h. Program participants must request an initial inspection within six (6) months of the farm audit date for installed, delivered fuels energy efficiency measures to be eligible for Program incentives. A program participant may submit a written request to extend this limit for up to four (4) additional months.
- i. Program incentives for delivered fuels energy efficiency measures will not be available after source funds are terminated. At the start of the program, source funds equaled \$150,000.
  - a. Before the funds are terminated, delivered fuel measure incentives will be **distributed in the order of inspection approvals received by RISE.**
- j. On bill payment options will be offered by National Grid for approved electric and natural gas measures.
- k. Information packets describing additional farm opportunities will be mailed or delivered to program participants after the completion of energy audits or installation inspections.