

# Rural & Agricultural Energy Audit Program

REDUCE   
operating costs

IMPROVE   
energy efficiency

**Energy is critical to the operations of Oregon's agricultural producers and rural small businesses – from powering irrigation and dryers to buildings and cold storage. The energy to run operations is often a major expense, so improving equipment and operational efficiency can lead to significant monthly utility savings.**

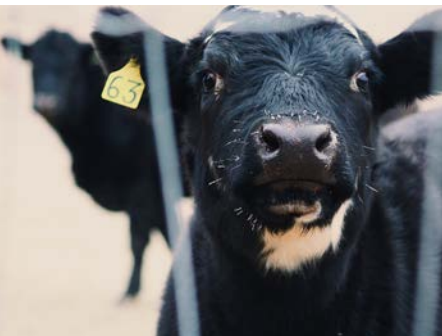
An energy audit can help identify potential areas of improvement and prioritize energy projects based on cost, savings, and payback period. But the cost of the energy audit – between \$4,000 and \$20,000 – can be a barrier.

The Oregon Department of Energy has \$100,000 available through a USDA Renewable Energy Development Assistance grant to help fund energy audits for Oregon farms and ranches and rural small businesses. ODOE will use the grant funding to pay for 75 percent of the cost of the energy audit, payable to the auditor conducting the audit. The agricultural producer or rural business will pay for the remaining 25 percent.

ASSISTANCE  
available 



Whether you're looking to save energy but don't know where to start or you already have ideas about potential projects for your farm or rural business, you may want to consider an energy audit to better understand your overall energy use and identify equipment or projects that will be most cost-effective for you. An audit is also often the first step required for federal, local, or utility energy grants or other types of funding.



Interested participants are encouraged to contact ODOE and provide some basic information. The agency will follow up and work with applicants to determine if the energy audit program is a good fit, and will help schedule participants for an audit with an experienced energy auditor based on the auditor's expertise, geographic area, and availability.

More information – including how to sign up for program updates and responses to Frequently Asked Questions about the program – is available on ODOE's website.



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