



# Natural Resource Conservation Service

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**About NRCS** – *“The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is a federal agency that works hand-in-hand with the people of Rhode Island to improve and protect their soil, water and other natural resources. For decades, private landowners have voluntarily worked with NRCS specialists to prevent erosion, improve water quality and promote sustainable agriculture.”*

## NRCS ENERGY PROGRAMS

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program** – is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers and forest land owners who want to improve and protect the condition of soil, water, air, plants and animals. Through EQIP, Conservation Activity Plans identify conservation practices needed to address specific natural resource needs.
- **Agricultural Energy Management Plan** (AgEMP) is a Conservation Activity Plan personalized to ensure coverage of each farm’s main energy uses. An AgEMP is an analysis of a farm’s foundation and management that provides recommendations on how to reduce energy use.
- **NRCS Sources of Additional Information:**

### **USDA-NRCS – Farm Energy Efficiency**

Information about energy efficiency and conservation practices.

### **USDA-NRCS Conservation Energy Estimators**

**NRCS Energy Estimator Tools** – designed to increase energy awareness in agriculture and to help farmers and ranchers identify where they may reduce their energy costs.

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