

# Incentive Programs

For New York State Farms



## Energize your farm

This list of state and federal energy incentives for New York's agricultural businesses supports your transition to energy efficiency and renewable energy.

## New York State Incentive Programs

### NYSERDA

#### *NY-Sun Incentive Program*

New York State is making solar energy more accessible to homes, businesses, and communities through NY-Sun. NYSERDA's solar financial incentives are designed to reduce the installation costs associated with solar electric systems. They help make it possible for New Yorkers to choose clean energy and lower energy costs. Visit [nyserderda.ny.gov/sun](https://nyserderda.ny.gov/sun) for more information.

#### *Strategic Energy Management Program*

Strategic energy management (SEM) is a comprehensive approach to aligning energy efficiency with business practices and goals to achieve long-term benefits. Instead of managing energy saving projects one by one, SEM gives you the tools to manage energy in a coordinated and strategic way across your organization—helping your business increase profitability, create a competitive advantage, and achieve greater resiliency.

NYSERDA is offering two fully funded program options for businesses. Participants will be guided by a professional coach to develop a SEM plan that will increase profitability, help attain environmental goals, and achieve greater resiliency. Visit [nyserderda.ny.gov/sem](https://nyserderda.ny.gov/sem) for more information.

### EIC Open C-PACE

EIC Open C-PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) is operated by Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC) and provides long-term alternative financing to fund clean energy projects in commercially owned buildings. EIC offers customized low interest, long-term financing solutions for clean energy projects. Visit [eicpace.org](https://eicpace.org) for more information.

### Empire State Development

Empire State Development (ESD) promotes a vigorous and diverse state economy. It supports New York's robust agribusiness of growers, producers, and manufacturers with tax incentives; operational support programs; funds and loans that support growth; and other forms of assistance. Visit [esd.ny.gov/industries/agribusiness](https://esd.ny.gov/industries/agribusiness) for more information.

### Information about Heat Pump technology and incentives can be found here:

[nyserderda.ny.gov/putenergytowork/chc](https://nyserderda.ny.gov/putenergytowork/chc)



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## United States Department of Agriculture

### ***Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)***

This federal program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Grants available for up to 40% of eligible project costs with loan guarantees of up to 75% of total eligible project costs. For more information visit [rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy/ny](https://rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy/ny) or open the fact sheet [Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Factsheet \(usda.gov\)](#).

### ***Natural Resources Conservation Services' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS EQIP)***

NRCS works one-on-one with producers to develop a conservation plan that outlines conservation practices and activities to help solve on-farm resource issues. Producers implement practices and activities in their conservation plan that can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil, and better wildlife habitat, all while improving agricultural operations.

Financial assistance for practices may be available through EQIP. Some producers may also qualify for advance payment.

To learn more about EQIP, contact your area representative for NRCS by visiting [nrcs.usda.gov/contact/state-office-contacts/new-york-state-office](https://nrcs.usda.gov/contact/state-office-contacts/new-york-state-office).

### ***Farm Storage Facility Program***

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) provides low-interest financing so producers can build or upgrade facilities to store commodities. FSFL is an excellent financing program for on-farm storage and handling for small and mid-sized farms, and for new farmers. Loan terms vary from 3 to 12 years. The maximum loan amount for storage facilities is \$500,000. The maximum loan amount for storage and handling trucks is \$100,000. Visit [fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/price-support/facility-loans/farm-storage/index](https://fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/price-support/facility-loans/farm-storage/index) for more information.

### ***National Institute of Food and Agriculture Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program***

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program provides mandatory funds that support education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers and ranchers. To find information on NIFA funded programs for beginning farmers and ranchers, visit [nifa.usda.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/beginning-farmer-rancher-development-program](https://nifa.usda.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/beginning-farmer-rancher-development-program) for more information.

### ***Value-Added Grant Fund***

The Value-Added Producer Grant program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the goals of this program. Visit [rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants](https://rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants) for more information.



## National Grid Incentive Programs

### **Agri-Business Program**

Upgrade your equipment or plan an expansion with the help of our energy efficiency incentives and grant opportunities. Our energy efficiency program offers electric incentives for plate coolers, heat recovery units for hot water, scroll refrigeration compressors, processing equipment for select operations, ventilation fans, LEDs, and more! For more information visit [nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Agri-business-program](https://nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Agri-business-program).

### **Small Business Program**

National Grid will cover up to 60% of the recommended installation costs for LED upgrades and may offer installation discounts on select custom lighting and refrigeration energy upgrades. Customers with an average annual peak demand under 110KW are eligible. Visit [nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Small-Business](https://nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Small-Business) for more information.

### **Large Business Program**

National Grid is offering incentives for energy-efficient natural gas, water, and electrical equipment. Possible eligible projects include LED Lights, broilers, pipe insulation, controls, and more. Customers with an average annual peak over 110 KW are eligible.

### **Commercial & Industrial LED Programs**

National Grid offers several rebates and incentives for LEDs. To find out more about each program visit [nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Lighting](https://nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Lighting).

### **Commercial Heating**

Incentives are available to help cover the costs of replacing inefficient heating equipment such as heat pumps, pipe insulation, condensing water heaters, steam boilers, and more! For mor information visit [nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Heating](https://nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Heating).

### **ShovelReady: Economic Development Program**

Whether your goal is to focus your community's economic development and business recruitment efforts, develop strategies and materials for marketing your community or to redevelop buildings and brownfields in your community, National Grid's Economic Development Grant Program may be able to assist you. This program is approved by the New York State Public Service Commission and offers several renewable energy, infrastructure, and energy efficiency incentives for new or current businesses. For more information visit [shovelready.com/programs.asp](https://shovelready.com/programs.asp).



## NYSEG and RG&E Incentive Programs

### Commercial & Industrial Rebate Program

NYSEG and RG&E's Commercial and Industrial Rebate Program provides rebates to non-residential electric and natural gas customers for energy efficiency upgrades to facilities and equipment. Rebates are available for retrofits, add-ons, major renovation, and new construction projects. There are two types of rebates: Prescriptive and Custom. Visit [nyseg.com/smartenergy/businesssolutions/commercialandindustrialrebates](https://nyseg.com/smartenergy/businesssolutions/commercialandindustrialrebates) or [rge.com/smartenergy/businesssolutions/commercialandindustrial](https://rge.com/smartenergy/businesssolutions/commercialandindustrial) for more information.

### Look Upstate New York—Economic Development Program

Look Upstate New York offers a host of economic development programs to help build a strong and healthy economy in upstate New York. Through Look Upstate New York, NYSEG and RG&E offer several incentive programs to assist farmers with infrastructure development, power quality improvements, new construction, and energy efficiency upgrades. Visit [lookupstateny.com/economicdevelopmentprograms](https://lookupstateny.com/economicdevelopmentprograms) for more information on incentive programs.

### Power Quality/Reliability Program

NYSEG and RG&E will provide financial support toward electric-related infrastructure improvements on either company-owned or customer-owned equipment up to \$100,000. Some examples of electric-related infrastructure include but are not limited to electric power distribution equipment such as switchgear, transformers, breakers, power supplies, distribution panels, load centers, boxes/enclosures, conduit, ducts, bus bar, bus way, cable tray, cables, wire, connectors, and fittings. For more information visit: [lookupstateny.com/economicdevelopmentprograms/additionalprograms/power-quality-reliability-program](https://lookupstateny.com/economicdevelopmentprograms/additionalprograms/power-quality-reliability-program).

## Have Questions or Want to Learn More?

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