



ELECTRIFY AND SAVE®

# INCREASE YIELD AND DECREASE ENERGY SPEND



## SIGN UP FOR A FREE IRRIGATION ASSESSMENT:

- + WELL DRAW AND SCREENS
- + EVALUATION OF CROP, SOIL AND EQUIPMENT AFTER HARVEST
- + PERFORMANCE OF MOTOR(S)
- + PUMPING PRESSURE (FOR PIVOTS)
- + APPLICATION EFFICIENCY (ORIFICES AND NOZZLES)
- + IRRIGATION SCHEDULING

## GET UP TO 35% OR MORE OFF A NEW PUMP AND VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE\*\*

Through wholesale power supplier Tri-State, end consumers of members in our service territory have access to low or no cost irrigation assessments. The report you receive provides low and no cost measures to improve irrigation coverage along with more detailed recommendations. The report meets standards of USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) that provide financial incentives that can cover over 35% of improvement costs.

\*\*Tri-State members' end consumers can receive approximately 35% funding for installation of irrigation upgrades when using Tri-State and federal funds.

### **NRCS ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM**

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/equip-environmental-quality-incentives](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/equip-environmental-quality-incentives)

### **RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM APPLICATION** [see back for information]

[www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency-improvement-guaranteed-loans](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency-improvement-guaranteed-loans)

### **ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

If there is a gap in implementation cost after receiving Federal funding and Tri-State rebates, you may be eligible for bridge financing through the Collective Clean Energy Fund (CCEF). Contact [info@cccleanenergyfund.com](mailto:info@cccleanenergyfund.com) for more information.

### **ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES**

Your power provider may also have low cost funding to complement the incentives and allow installation of measures with no upfront cost!

### THE PROCESS

- 1** Email [onbill@tristategt.org](mailto:onbill@tristategt.org) or visit [tristate.coop/programs](http://tristate.coop/programs) to begin application
- 2** An irrigation assessor makes a 4-6 hour site visit
- 3** You receive a report in 2-3 weeks
- 4** We help you apply for federal funding
- 5** You receive your equipment. (Installation included in total project cost.)



**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE A FREE PIVOT WATCH AND 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION (\$600 VALUE)\***

\*Up to two pivot watches per member

This is an Equal Opportunity Program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law.

## HOW TO PROCEED WITH RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (REAP) FUNDING FOR YOUR PROPERTY:

1. Ensure that you are registered with SAM.gov and have received a Unique Entity Identifier (EUI). This is required for any federal application and will take at least 10 days to activate your registration.
2. Review the report from your efficiency assessor and confirm which upgrades you would like to proceed with for federal funding. If you have any questions about the recommended measures, equipment, and/or payback periods, please reach out to the assessor listed on the report to review.
3. Obtain quotes from your preferred contractors for the measures that will be included in your REAP application. **IMPORTANT:** Do not proceed with any purchases or installations until you have received notice of funding and have been given the OK to proceed from the USDA.
4. Obtain a REAP application package from your energy assessor. They will walk through the application components with you. Two important considerations:
  - a. Applications are scored per USDA scoring criteria which considers energy savings and how long the project will take to pay back. Enhance your project's competitiveness by selecting measures that increase your application's score. Work with your [Tri-State or member cooperative] to learn about the criteria and optimize your application.
  - b. If new ground will be disturbed or other environmental impact criteria is met, the proposed measures will need to be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), who has 30 days to respond. If there is potential impact to cultural resources, the review process will include consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) and may be extended by an additional 30 days. An application cannot be submitted to the USDA until this review has been completed.
5. Submit a completed application to the USDA via the email provided. You will receive a confirmation email from your state's USDA office if the email was successfully delivered. Additional paper submission options are available. The submission deadlines for 2025 are:
  - a. March 31, 2025
  - b. September 30, 2025
  - c. December 31, 2025
6. Review. The State USDA office will review your application over a 30-day period before sending it to the national office for additional consideration. During this time, they may ask for clarification on different items in your application. You can expect to receive notice of project funding between 60 and 90 days after submittal. If your project is not selected in the targeted funding round, it will be automatically entered to compete in the following funding round.