

Propane eligible for Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it's now accepting applications for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). REAP provides grants of up to \$250,000 and loan guarantees of up to \$25 million to farmers and certain rural businesses that make energy efficiency upgrades to their operation. Eligible projects include the installation of propane-fueled equipment like grain dryers, tankless water heaters, and space heating systems.

Ray Rainwater, who farms 2,000 acres of corn and soybeans near Rochelle, Ill., used REAP's help to secure a grant to purchase a more efficient propane-fueled grain dryer. Rainwater replaced his 34-year-old grain dryer and went from being able to dry 650 bushels of corn per hour to drying 1,000 bushels per hour.



Farmers and rural businesses interested in applying for REAP should call their local USDA Rural Development office. Templates are available to help with completion of the application process, which asks for detailed information about the projects and the farmer or small business operation. To learn more about REAP, visit www.rurdev.usda.gov.

Farmers interested in the program also should consider the Propane Education & Research Council's (PERC) Propane FEED (Farm Equipment Efficiency Demonstration) program. Propane FEED is a demonstration program that provides a financial incentive to farmers who buy new propane equipment and agree to work with PERC to share their experience with fellow farmers. Eligible equipment includes propane-fueled irrigation engines, lawn mowers, and tankless water heaters. For more information about this opportunity, including details about incentive levels, visit www.agpropane.com/demonstration.

To learn more about propane technology for the farm and a list of equipment manufacturers, visit www.agpropane.com.

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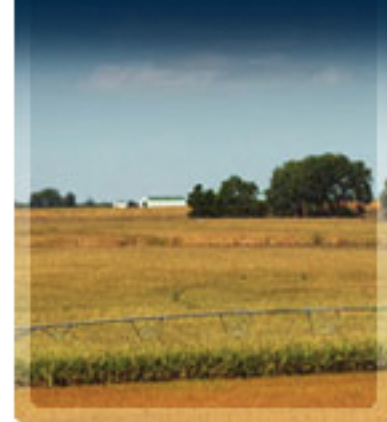
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Upcoming events:

Propane-fueled F-250 Truck Tour
September 9-23
Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, and Ohio

Husker Harvest Days
September 15-17
Grand Island, Nebraska



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