

## REAP NOTES and COMMENTS

1. Definition – the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) is a competitive grant opportunity from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
2. Purpose – to provide funding to eligible applicants to assist them in reducing energy consumption and costs
3. Who is qualified to apply? – agricultural producers such as poultry growers, catfish growers, dairy farms and any other producer of agricultural products are eligible to apply. The program is also open to qualified small businesses in rural communities (less than 50,000 people). A small business is determined by their NAICS number, and their annual revenue or number of employees.
4. What is the maximum grant amount? – The maximum grant amount is limited to 50% of the total project costs with a cap of \$500,000 for each grant.
5. What can the funds be used for? – Any piece of equipment or system upgrade that produces energy savings. This includes lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, process equipment, etc.
6. How long do I have to complete a project? – After receiving the grant, installation must be completed within two years.