

University of Missouri Farm Energy Module



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Fact Sheets

- Top Money-Saving Practices on Missouri Dairy Farms
- Top Money-Saving Practices on Missouri Poultry Farms
- Energy Conservation and Efficiency in Farm Shops
- Energy Efficiency and Farm Water Systems

Information Obtained:

- MAESTRO Project (Missouri Agricultural and Energy Savings Team – A Revolutionary Opportunity.
- MAESTRO: Grant program focused Missouri's livestock producers.
- Provided cost-share assistance to implement energy efficient practices recommended in energy management plans.
- Energy savings captured utilized in fact sheets.

In each fact sheet:

- Energy audit process review.
- Is energy audit necessary?
 - Recently added equipment to farm?
 - New technological or industrial advancements that improve efficiency?
 - Has farming operation grown or expanded to include new property?
 - Opportunity to apply for financial assistance?
- Overall energy savings.

Top Money-Saving Practices on Missouri Dairy Farms

- Dairy operations use substantial amount of energy to move and cool milk.
- Potential for substantial energy savings.
- Lighting retrofits.
- Water heating.
- Milk cooling.
- Milk harvest.



Top Money-Saving Practices on Missouri Poultry Farms

- Closely-monitored environments: Large consumers of propane and electricity.
- Potential for large energy savings.
- Lighting.
- Radiant brood heaters.
- Insulation.



Energy Conservation and Efficiency in Farm Shops

- Energy losses resemble those in homes but often overlooked.
- Low-cost energy savings.
 - Seal air leaks, turn heat down/off, turn off lights.
- Medium-cost energy savings.
 - Replace doors and windows, lighting.
- High-cost energy savings.
 - Replace heating system, add insulation.

Energy Efficiency and Farm Water Systems

- Return can be fairly short for some energysaving investments for water systems.
- General guidelines.
- Pump houses.
- Livestock watering systems.
- Solar water systems.
- Water heaters.





Thank you!

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