Rhode Island Farm Energy Program (RIFEP) is a program that is supported in collaboration with Rhode Island Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (RC&D) and the USDA Rural Development.

- **RIFEP** aims to provide information as it pertains to energy and agriculture in Rhode Island through the RIFEP website, email updates, publications, workshops and events it hosts and participates in.
- **RIFEP** serves as a resource of information on energy in relation to grant opportunities, loans, audits, educational opportunities and events for AG producers & AG based small business located in Rhode Island.
- **RIEP** provides technical assistance in the form of grant writing to eligible RI Ag producers & Ag based small business in applying for USDA – Rural Development REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) Grants. REAP Grants which are part of the Farm Bill, provide assistance to those who are eligible with Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy projects.

**About**
The Rhode Island Farm Energy Program was started in October 2010 as a partnership between the USDA Rural Development and the Rhode Island Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. as a pilot program that provided Ag Producers and Ag Based Small Business in Rhode Island with Grant Writing Assistance to apply for USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants. RI Farm Energy program also serves as a resource on energy as it relates to agriculture in Rhode Island. RI Farm Energy can now provide technical assistance in the form of grant writing to those eligible AG producers and AG based small business located in all towns in Rhode Island in applying for USDA Rural Development REAP Grants.

**Grants, Loans & Incentives for RI Farms**
The Rhode Island Farm Energy Program provides technical assistance in the form of grant writing to eligible Ag producers & Ag based small business that are located in Rhode Island in applying for USDA – Rural Development REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) Grants. REAP Grants which are part of the Farm Bill, provide assistance to those who are eligible with Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy projects. In addition to the grant writing assistance with REAP, Rhode Island Farm Energy can direct the Rhode Island Farm to additional sources of funding and incentives.

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