

Section 9006 Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program

Challenges and Benefits



Challenges of 9006 for Ag Producers

- Unfamiliar technology
- Technical Report

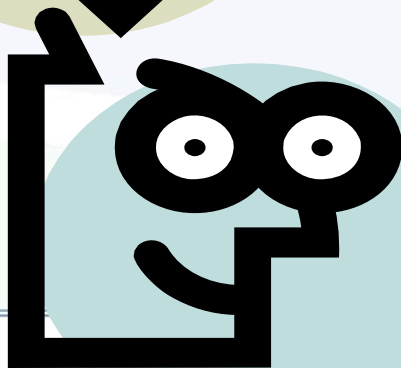
To Address this concern

- List of Technical consultants
- Vendors
- Project team
- Prowl the internet





The Story of my Energy Efficiency Project



Committed to the future of rural communities.

Challenges of 9006 for Ag Producers

- Energy Audit or Energy Assessment Resources

To Address this concern

- List of energy audit resources
- Expansion of agricultural energy audit providers
- Prowl the internet



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Challenges of 9006 for Ag Producers

- Preparation of financial information

To Address this concern

- Banker or accountant
- Other resources



Challenges of 9006 for Ag Producers

- Confidence level to write a grant
- Grant writers
- Complete application

To address this concern

- AgMrc website - search option
- Technology templates
- Application templates
- Tools on Iowa RD website



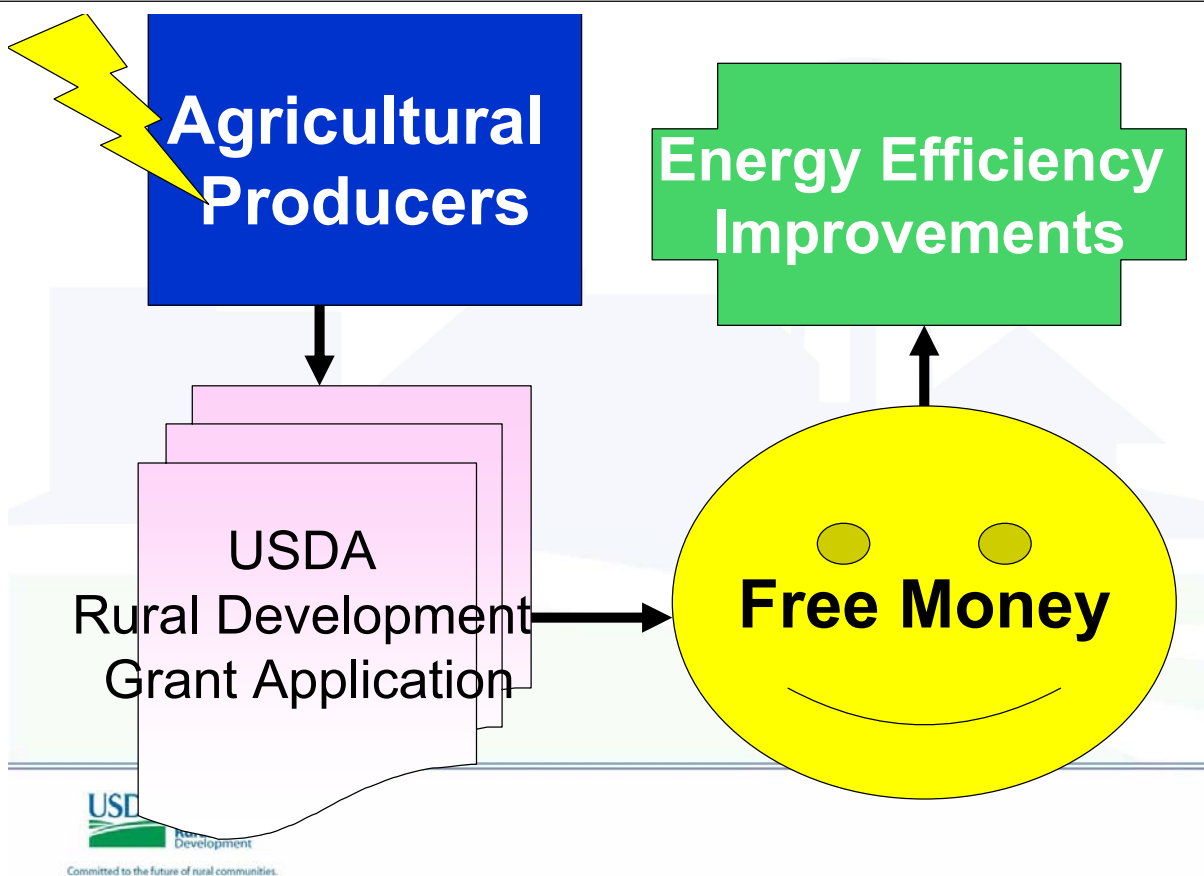
Challenges of 9006 for Ag Producers

- Application preparation costs
(application preparation, technical report, energy audit, and ?)
- Is the grant amount worth the time and money invested in making application?



**What role does Section 9006
play in getting potential
applicants
over the economic hurdle
to invest in renewable energy or
energy efficiency?**





HOT TOPIC!

With increasing propane, natural gas, gasoline, diesel fuel, and electricity prices - applicants are on the hunt to reduce costs and increase their bottom line.

Having the availability of a 25% grant or a 50% guaranteed loan to offset a portion of the costs may be the additional nudge needed to implement a plan.



Having a 25% grant or 50% guaranteed loan

may be the key to making the energy plan affordable.



Positive triple whammy financially –

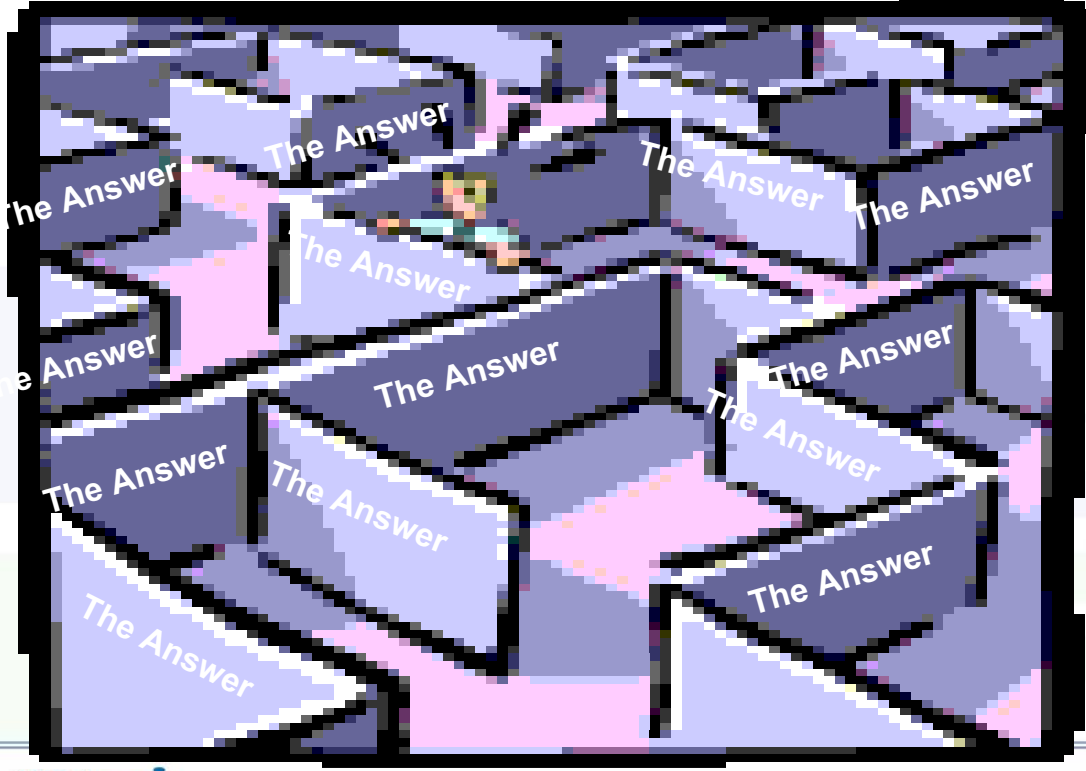
- ✓ **Equity**
- ✓ **Less financing costs**
- ✓ **Less operational costs**



Section 9006 – A Financial Incentive for Self-Sufficiency

- ❖ **Increases the bottom line.**
- ❖ **Increases farm productivity while reducing costs.**
- ❖ **Savings and increased reliability.**
- ❖ **Contributing to a larger effort.**





QUESTIONS?