

# Section 9006 Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program

## Challenges and Benefits



# Challenges of 9006 for Ag Producers

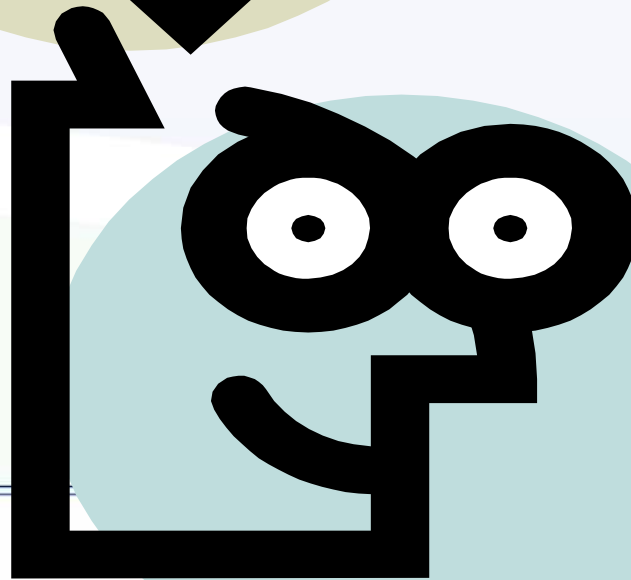
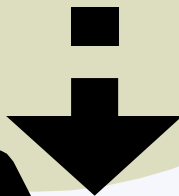
- Unfamiliar technology
- Technical Report

## To Address this concern

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



# The Story of my Energy Efficiency Project



# 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



# 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



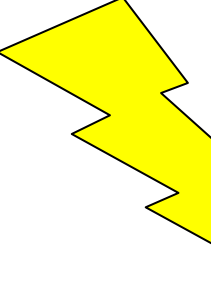
# Challenges of 9006 for Ag Producers

- **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?







**Agricultural  
Producers**

**Energy Efficiency  
Improvements**

**USDA  
Rural Development  
Grant Application**

**Free Money**



# 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  
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may be the key  
to making the energy  
plan affordable.



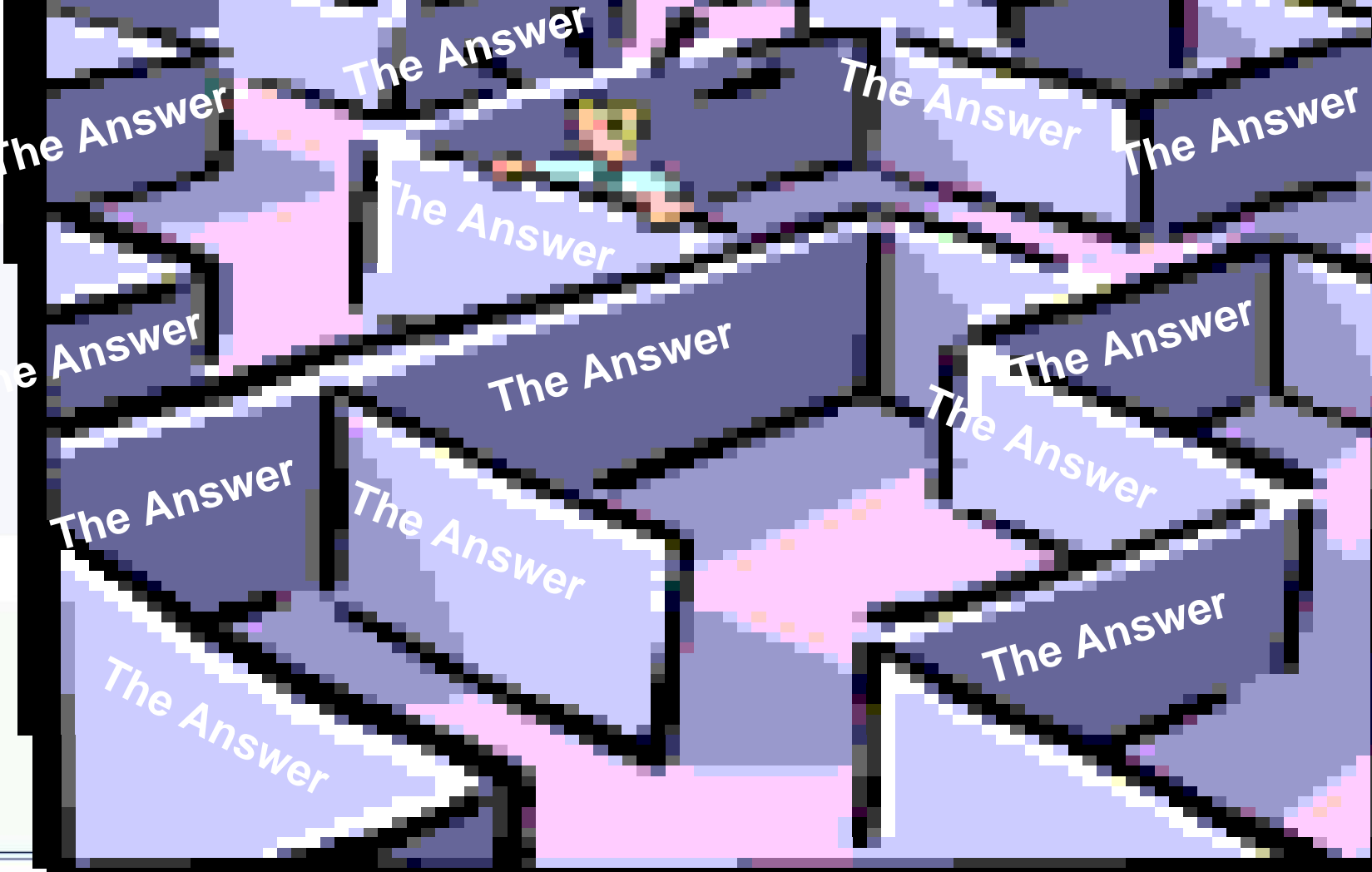
# Positive triple whammy financially –

- ✓ **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.**





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Committed to the future of rural communities.

# QUESTIONS?