One USDA, Seven Mission Areas

- Farm & Foreign Agricultural Services
- Food, Nutrition & Consumer Services
- Food Safety
- Marketing & Regulatory Programs
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Rural Development Offices

- Rural Development
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- Rural Housing Service
- Rural Utilities Service
Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)
Energy Programs

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Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

- Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans & Grants
- Energy Audit Grants & Renewable Energy Development Grants
- Advanced Biofuel Payment Program
- Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program
The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
Who is Eligible?

Agricultural Producers
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Rural Small Businesses
Kinds of Assistance

Grants and loans are available for installation of renewable energy systems such as solar arrays.
How Do I Earn Income From Solar?

Selling Power to the Grid
Contact Information

Assistance under USDA Rural Development programs is available to all agricultural producers, and small business applicants in areas designated as “rural.” Under law, the definition of “rural area” is different for each program. For the Business & Cooperatives Program rural is defined as a population of 50,000 and under.

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