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## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (REAP) 13 Northeast Missouri Recipients receive a total of \$3,287,520**

In an award presentation ceremony on August 30, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced multiple award's totaling \$3,287,520 in guaranteed loan's and grant's to 13 recipients in Northeast Missouri. Funds provided from the REAP program are provided to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and/or to make energy-efficiency improvements.

Of the funding received in the Northeast Missouri area, projects included renewable energy for a wind turbine, a geothermal heating/cooling system, and 2 solar projects. Multiple energy efficiency projects were funded to help with cost savings on grain bin drying systems in the agriculture industry that will aid 8 beneficiaries in the area. A new venture is also being funded for one of Missouri's first Anaerobic Manure Digester's.



Local producer Dan Pehle receives certificate from USDA Rural Development State Director Janie Dunning.

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of providing affordable energy alternatives and helping to use energy more efficiently,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make these project’s a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects.”

Local ag-producer, Dan Pehle, was recognized on August 30, 2010 for participating in the REAP program. He was presented with a Certification of Recognition for his efforts in making energy efficient improvements to the grain drying and storage system. By choosing to conserve energy and enhance their operations, they will reduce energy costs and have greater efficiency.

Anyone seeking more information about the Rural Energy for America Program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Kirksville Area Office at 2410 South Franklin, Kirksville, MO 63501 or by calling (660) 665-3274 ext 4.

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