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More than 160 Projects in Iowa Included in Secretary Vilsack's Announcement Awarding \$62.5 Million in Energy Loans and Grants

Announcement Brings Iowa's Total to 373 Projects Awarded in 2009

Editor's note: The below news release, which contains detailed information about projects in Iowa, is a follow up to a release distributed earlier today by the USDA. The original news release can be found at www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/09/0464.xml

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the department is providing \$62.5 million in loans and grants for 705 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in 45 states and Puerto Rico under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), an important initiative to help rebuild and revitalize rural America.

A total of 161 of the projects are located in Iowa.

“President Obama and I are committed to helping rural businesses become more energy efficient – it’s good for the economy, good for the environment, and good for the workers and customers who depend on the goods and services these businesses provide,” Vilsack said. “While the REAP grants will continue to provide an important jump start to a clean, renewable energy future, Congress must act to pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation to create the green jobs our economy needs and get our nation on the path to being truly energy independent.”

This past year, more than 370 producers and businesses in Iowa have received \$35 million in loan guarantees and grants through Rural Development’s REAP program to help reduce their energy needs. REAP is a nationwide program, however, around 25 percent of the recipients this year were from Iowa.

A popular use of the program has been for producers who have installed new more energy-efficient grain drying systems on their farm. Other uses have included geothermal systems, wind generation, as well adding insulation, improving lighting, or pretty much anything that will improve a building’s energy efficiency.

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REAP loan guarantees and grants can be used for renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, feasibility studies and energy audits.

More information on the REAP program, which was authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill, is at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/index.html.

Funding of each recipient is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreement. The following is a complete list of REAP recipients announced today. All awards are grants unless otherwise noted. Iowa projects being announced today include:

Iowa:

- 21st Century Cooperative - \$20,000
- Aaron Mathias - \$39,312 grant, \$58,969 loan
- Alan Burkhardt - \$50,000 grant; \$75,000 loan
- Allan Arkfeld - \$39,618 grant; \$68,856 loan
- Allan Van Wyk - \$16,137
- Animal Health & Surgery, PLLC - \$5,449
- Arnold Leff - \$31,346 grant; \$31,000 loan
- B & D Meyer, Inc. - \$19,915
- Bensink Farms, Ltd. - \$13,700
- Berg Farms, Inc. - \$50,000 grant; \$50,000 loan
- Boo Ann, Inc. - \$19,697
- Brase Brothers - \$7,725
- Brett A. Walker - \$17,359
- Brett Walker - \$42,750 grant; \$85,500 loan
- Brian Boevers - \$39,312 grant; \$78,000 loan
- Brian Bradley - \$48,274 grant, \$48,274 loan
- Brian Gradert - \$15,775
- Broken Wing Farm, Inc. - \$34,359 grant; \$68,717 loan
- Brown's Shoe Fit Company - \$7,917
- Bulldog Wind Energy, LLC - \$500,000 grant; \$2,027,693 loan
- Burco Farms Partnership - \$137,500 grant; \$271,475 loan
- C. Edward Shafer - \$48,250 grant, \$96,500 loan
- Calvin Branderhorst - \$20,000
- Carstens Livestock, Inc. - \$156,425 grant; \$234,637 loan
- Casey P. Hill - \$18,799
- Chad Reed - \$20,000
- Cheese Enterprises, Inc. - \$12,819
- Chris Hinnert - \$38,460 grant, \$65,381 loan
- CJ Farms, Inc. - \$17,260
- Clifford Pfab - \$7,200
- Contented Agriculture, LLP - \$4,641
- Craig L. Ivarson - \$20,000

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- Cresco Motor Company, LLC - \$19,839
- Curtis Larson - \$119,343 grant; \$238,686 loan
- D&K Farms - \$11,924
- Dale N. Dontje - \$30,865 grant, \$30,865 loan
- Dale R. Gronau - \$35,073 grant, \$35,073 loan
- Daniel Ries - \$27,146 grant; \$27,146 loan
- Delaware County TR Farms - \$49,947 grant; \$49,947 loan
- Delzell Bros, Inc. - \$20,000
- Dennis Dunn - \$48,383 grant; \$48,384 loan
- Dennis Klink - \$31,660 grant; \$31,660 loan
- Dennis Kruger - \$35,808 grant, \$35,808 loan
- DeYoung Farms Partnership - \$50,000 grant; \$50,000 loan
- Dirksen Ag Enterprises - \$46,860 grant; \$46,860 loan
- Donald Kurtenbach - \$50,000 grant; \$100,000 loan
- Donna Smith - \$49,273 grant; \$49,273 loan
- Douglas Johnson - \$50,000; \$50,000 loan
- Dunkerton Cooperative Elevator - \$149,474 grant; \$149,474 loan
- E. B. AG, LLP - \$4,831
- Edythe Fleener - \$50,000 grant; \$50,000 loan
- Farmers Cooperative - \$126,140 grant; \$126,140 loan
- Farmers Mill, Inc. - \$49,972 grant; \$49,972 loan
- Five 'C' Farms, Inc. - \$17,695
- Gary Garst - \$15,616
- Gary J. Nelson - \$35,750 grant, \$35,750 loan
- Glen Kuntz - \$35,402 grant; \$35,402 loan
- Glidden Rural Electric Cooperative - \$3,440
- Grant Nebel - \$ 20,000
- Greg Schmitz - \$26,176 grant; \$26,276 loan
- Hackert & Noel - \$45,912 grant, \$45,912 loan
- Hamer Farms, Inc. - \$12,388
- Hamilton Wind Energy, LLC - \$311,666 grant, \$1,831,820 loan
- Harlan B. Evenson - \$20,000
- Hawkeye Sanitation, Inc. - \$49,975 grant; \$49,975 loan
- High Point, Ltd. - \$50,000 grant; \$100,000 loan
- Hilltop Pork, Inc. - \$20,000
- James A. Fettkether - \$17,295
- James A. Koenigs - \$37,679 grant, \$37,679 loan
- Jay Plagge - \$98,101 grant; \$98,101 loan

- Jean E. Biederman - \$19,989
- Jeffrey Friedlein - \$13,509
- Jeffrey Schutte - \$39,312 grant, \$58,968
- Jim J. Badje - \$12,095
- Joel Petersen - \$19,768
- John Kleitsch - \$39,312 grant, \$58,969 loan
- Joseph McKenna - \$42,207 grant; \$42,207 loan
- Justin Fastert - \$20,000
- Keith Nebel - \$20,000
- Kent E. Grabill - \$30,000 grant; \$36,000 loan
- Kevin Kleve - \$50,000 grant; \$75,000 loan
- Kevin Leistikow - \$39,312 grant; \$58,968 loan
- Kurppy, LLC - \$50,000 grant; \$100,000 loan
- Lampe Grain and Livestock, Ltd. - \$10,562
- Larry Fraise - \$20,000
- Lauren A. Cox - \$2,894
- Lennon Brandt Enterprises, Inc. - \$49,579 grant; \$49,579 loan
- LeRoy Thomsen - \$10,625
- Link Energy, LLC - \$500,000 grant; \$500,000 loan
- Louise White dba Paper Moon - \$8,653
- Lowell Garrett - \$49,212 grant; \$49,212 loan
- Lowry Small Wind - \$50,000 grant; \$75,000 loan
- Lucky Brothers Partnership - \$33,874 grant; \$33,874 loan
- Luther College Wind Energy Project, LLC - \$500,000 grant; \$1,302,385 loan
- Mark Koenigs - \$37,679 grant, \$37,679 loan
- McCall Family Farms, Inc. - \$19,999
- Mertens Farms, Inc. - \$20,000
- Meyer Grain Farms, Inc. - \$ 19,063
- Michael McClenathan - \$44,112 grant, \$44,113 loan
- Mike McCartney - \$12,276
- Millennium Agriculture - \$5,554
- Mogler Farms, LLC - \$9,103
- Nathanael Beenken - \$36,283 grant;\$36,283 loan
- Newburg Pork, Inc. - \$12,018
- Norseman Wind Energy, LLC - \$500,000 grant; \$1,831,820 loan
- Oak Creek Dental, PLC - \$18,248
- Paul K. Brown - \$61,550 grant, \$123,100 loan
- Paul Langel - \$ 19,601
- Phillips Dryer - \$16,210

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- Pinicon Prairie Farm, Inc. - \$18,839
- Porter Farms, Inc. - \$71,668 grant; \$71,668 loan
- Progressive Agriculture, LC - \$5,552
- Randel Hiscocks - \$50,000 grant; \$50,000 loan
- Randy Sieren - \$36,813 grant; \$36,813 loan
- Reese Johnson - \$49,373 grant, \$98,118 loan
- Regancrest Holsteins, Inc. - \$36,657 grant; \$36,000 loan
- Reickenberg Farms Inc. - \$18,810
- Riceville Meats, LLC - \$19,999
- Rick H. Veters - \$9,462
- Ricky Motsick - \$49,500 grant, \$99,000 loan
- Robert J. Arkfeld, Jr. - \$96,349 grant; \$192,698 loan
- Robert Schuster - \$20,000
- Robidoux County Kennels, Inc. - \$4,042
- Rodney Smith - \$43,429 grant; \$43,429 loan
- Roger Ellefson - \$20,000
- Ron Maher - \$10,169
- Ross P. Thomann - \$26,930 grant, \$26,930 loan
- Ruehs Farms, Inc. - \$9,815
- Russell J. Yoder - \$19,000
- Russell Winterhof - \$97,000 grant; \$193,999 loan
- Ryan K. and Jennifer A. Robertson - \$20,000
- S R Bierl Farms, Inc. - \$34,975 grant; \$34,975 loan
- Smoketown Energy, LLC - \$50,000 grant; \$75,000 loan
- Smoketown Enterprises, LLC - \$50,000 grant; \$75,000 loan
- Steven Boevers - \$47,250 grant; \$94,500 loan
- Steven D. Forth - \$16,682
- Stoberl Farms, Ltd. - \$17,025
- Streamside Farms, Inc. - \$8,193
- Sycamore Creek Farms, Inc. - \$47,037 grant; \$47,037 loan
- The Dwight W. Graber Farms Corporation - \$11,607
- The Frank L. Wyatt & Sons Farms Corporation - \$17,480
- Thomas Kinney - \$6,808
- Tim Casey - \$16,412
- Tim Schulz - \$19,999
- Tina Meth Farrington - \$6,261
- Todd Cahoon - \$16,132
- Tony Millenkamp - \$ 11,107
- Tri-C Ag, LLC - \$151,000 grant; \$226,500 loan
- Tri-S Farms, Inc. - \$47,613 grant; \$47,613 loan
- United Ag Resources, Inc. - \$15,998

- United Western Coop -\$98,137 grant; \$196,274 loan
- Van Driessen Farms, Inc. - \$17,351
- Vernon David Lawyer - \$11,968
- Victor's Market, LLC - \$20,000
- Wayne L. Humfries, Ltd. - \$12,395
- Wide River Winery - \$8,808
- Wilbur Pudenz, Inc. -\$49,752 grant; \$49,752 loan
- William Adam - \$108,019 grant, \$108,019 loan
- William Vonnahme -\$49,713 grant; \$49,141 loan
- Wolverine Wind Energy, LLC -\$500,000 grant; \$2,047,381 loan
- Yegge Farms, Inc. - \$ 19,497

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices across the state to serve the 1.9 million Iowans living in rural communities. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

Further information on programs available through USDA Rural Development is available by calling (515) 284-4663, visiting any office or at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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