



WHAT IS AN ENERGY AUDIT?

An energy audit is a detailed look at the equipment using energy at a property and how much energy is being consumed by each annually.



WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE AN ENERGY AUDIT?



Energy audits help determine where improvements should be made for the best return on investment at your operation. Energy audits can help you find potential incentives (rebates, USDA grants, etc.) that may be available for the various types of improvements. At the end of the day, audits assist in finding ways to save energy and money, improving your bottom line.

IS AN ENERGY AUDIT RIGHT FOR ME?

Many people find great value in an energy audit. If you are not sure, please call your local electric cooperative to discuss the specifics to your operation. Cooperative staff will help determine if an energy audit is right for you and will help you meet your energy consumption goals.



HOW MUCH WILL AN ENERGY AUDIT COST?

A USDA grant will pay 75% of audit cost. These costs vary depending on the type of facility, size, etc. The average total cost of an energy audit ranges between \$2,000-\$6,000. You will be responsible for 25% of the total audit costs. This cost share model provides opportunity for greater scope and potential savings in the energy audit process.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM INTERESTED?



Your electric cooperative can help provide you with historical electric energy use data for the last 2-3 years. You will also need to collect additional energy consumption information such as LP or natural gas. An energy advisor will need to walk around your site and discuss your operations, equipment run times, etc. This site visit will take approximately between 1.5 to 3 hours depending on site.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY RESULTS REPORT?

Reports are completed within 30 days of the site visit, unless we are missing information that is vital to the completion of the report. We will keep you informed all along the way and reach out to you should additional information be needed to complete your energy audit.

