Agriculture Energy Investment Plan

On-Farm Energy Assessments - How to Apply

Are you a primary producer and want to reduce your energy costs? You may be eligible for a free On-Farm Energy Assessment.

Process

* Go to **www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agenergy**, read the guidelines, fill in the application form and attach your applicable energy bills.
* You will be informed about your eligibility.
* If you are eligible an assessor will contact you and arrange a date and time to conduct the assessment. Assessors may also ask for more detail to prepare for the assessment.
* An assessor will visit your property to conduct the assessment.
* You will receive a copy of the assessment including recommendations for energy improvements.

What documentation will be required for the application

* your Australian Business Number (ABN); and
* copies of energy bills for at least one quarter that best represents the average energy consumption and expenses on-farm in the 12 months prior to lodging your application; and
* information about energy use, costs and contracts; and
* details of energy meters; and
* for diesel expenses, information about usage and expenses that only relate to diesel-powered equipment used on-farm. When the application is being assessed, farmers may be contacted by Agriculture Victoria to provide further records that demonstrate usage and expenses.

To be eligible for an energy assessment farms must:

* be a business with an ABN;
* have an eligible farm located in Victoria;
* be a primary producer who is either:
* cultivating or propagating plants, fungi or their products or parts (including seeds, spores, bulbs
and similar) in any physical environment; or
* maintaining animals for the purpose of selling them or their bodily produce (including natural increase);
* manufacturing dairy produce from the raw material that they produce; or
* operating on-land aquaculture facilities.
* you have spent more than $8,000 per annum (including GST) on energy at the farm site location to be assessed, inclusive of electricity, gas, LPG and diesel (excluding energy for transport);
* be a legal entity;
* meet all industrial relations obligations as an employer in accordance with the National Employment Standards;
* agree to participate in future program evaluation activity.

Apply early so you don’t miss out.