

Disaster Relief for Damaged Farms

Programs to cover 100% of costs to replace electrical or natural gas systems

Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee impacted many New York State farms with severe storm damage. Existing aid is primarily focused on crops and soil conservation. NYSERDA, National Grid and NYSEG have programs that can assist with replacing electric and/or natural gas equipment or systems damaged from the storms.

Please apply to only one program. Your application will be automatically transferred to the most appropriate program.

NYSERDA- Agriculture Disaster Energy Efficiency Program:

Funds are available to cover the cost of damaged electric and natural gas equipment and systems containing energy efficient measures.

- Up to \$100,000 per farm
- Farm residences ineligible
- Farms must pay the System Benefits Charge on their utility bill

For applications and information: www.nyserda.ny.gov/agriculture or call 800-732-7399

National Grid – Emergency Agriculture Fund:

The goal of the program is to fill gaps in funding allocated to farms or agri-businesses through federal and state programs, insurance or other emergency sources.

- The Fund provides emergency grants of up to \$25,000 to impacted farmers and agri-businesses
- Funds may be used to offset the costs of repair & replacement of electric infrastructure; and replacement of fixed equipment necessary for the operation of the farm or agri-business including pumps, lighting, ventilation, heating, and cooling
- The applicant must have a service address within the National Grid electric franchise area and show evidence of monetary need based on a financial gap that will exist after receipt of funds from other identified sources including those from state, federal disaster aid, insurance or other emergency sources

For more information and to apply: <http://www.nationalgridus.com/> Click on Upstate NY or call 315-428-6061

NYSEG - Emergency Agriculture Assistance Program:

Designed to offset costs incurred by smaller farms and agri-businesses for repair and replacement of customer-owned natural gas and electricity infrastructure.

- Grant awards up to \$50,000
- Site/facility must be located within NYSEG service area
- For larger farms and agri-businesses, the Emergency Building Redevelopment/Revitalization Assistance Program is available up to \$200,000

<http://www.nyseg.com/YourBusiness/economicdev/buildingredevrevitapp.html>

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