

Save Energy Resource Tool

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Dairy producers can save money and lower the carbon footprint of their operation through a new tool designed to help them identify energy loss hot spots. Robert Madeja Business Analyst with the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy says the Save Energy Resource Tool provides producers the chance to gain social and environmental benefits. At the same time they can identify areas where they can conserve energy and lower costs through management or new more efficient equipment.

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Madeja says there are several areas that their audits are flagging for energy savings in the dairy operation.

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The Center has a partnership with USDA and NRCS where they're providing funding for from 25 to 75-percent of the cost of new energy saving equipment. He says with the savings most items can be paid for in 5 years or less.

Dairy producers can get federal assistance to make some upgrades in their operation and conserve energy. Michelle Rook has details.

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