



The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy

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The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy was created by dairy producers in 2008 to help producers become more efficient. One of the efforts currently underway is to find ways to make dairy farms more energy efficient. Laura Mandell says there are a number of programs and funding available from several government agencies designed to help producers reduce energy use.



AUDIO: Mandell talks about the Center's work
4:35 mp3



George Harper with Dairy Farmers of America is General Manager of DFA Energy; they have been working with member-farms since 2009 to identify energy saving opportunities on the farm. They have contracted with a firm to do energy audits, "We look at everything from the lights to the motors including what's in the milking parlor and the water heater." He says once the improvements are implemented, savings can range from 10 to 35 percent per year.



AUDIO: Harper talks about DFA's effort 2:05 mp3



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