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NCAT Announces One-Stop Shopping for Farm Energy Resources

Responding to an explosion of interest in biofuels and other energy opportunities for agriculture, the National Center for Appropriate Technology has created a handy “one-stop shopping” search tool for farms and ranches interested in funding and building renewable energy projects, reducing energy costs, and becoming more energy self-sufficient. The tool is at www.attra.ncat.org/farmenergysearchtool.

NCAT created this tool with the practical needs of agricultural producers in mind. Partnering with about a dozen leading renewable energy trade organizations and agencies, NCAT has gathered in one location up-to-date listings in all major energy-related topic areas. Using clickable maps and a few simple drop-down menus, growers can quickly find technical assistance, financial assistance, and sources of equipment in their own state for making energy saving improvements and building anaerobic digesters, biodiesel, ethanol, wind, and solar energy projects.

Energy-related businesses, agencies, and non-profit organizations serving agriculture are encouraged to submit their own listings, using the simple self-listing form available at the site.

There is no cost to use the search tool or to list a business or resource. Funding is provided by the USDA Risk Management Agency, through a project called “Building Farm Energy Self-Sufficiency.”

This is the latest energy-related tool available from NCAT's ATTRA National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service. To explore an extensive collection of tools, publications, and links, visit www.attra.ncat.org and click on “Farm Energy.”

NCAT is a national non-profit organization with headquarters in Montana and offices in Arkansas, California, Iowa, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania. For more information about NCAT, visit www.ncat.org.



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