Colorado State University's new Center for Agricultural Energy (CAE) is now accepting applications for reduced-cost irrigation efficiency audits for agricultural producers in northeastern Colorado.

Each audit will assess the efficiency of up to three pivot sprinkler pumps per site. USDA grant funds are being used to lower the cost of these audits from \$1,000 to \$250 per producer.

An audit will include the following: determination of flow rate, static water level, pumping level and energy use; estimated costs of recommended upgrade(s); estimated savings from upgrade(s); payback periods of upgrade(s); and a written report to the producer.

Audits will be scheduled with the applicant and will begin Aug. 1. Applicants will be contacted about their application status within two weeks of submission.

Applications can be found and submitted online at http://www.ext.colostate.edu/cae/audits.html or can be requested by contacting Cary Weiner at 970-491-3784. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis even after Aug. 1.

The mission of the CAE is to improve the financial positions of agricultural producers and rural Colorado communities while providing solutions to 21st century energy problems. Fifteen affiliated staff and faculty are conducting agricultural energy audits, outreach and research to this end. More information about the CAE can be found at www.cae.colostate.edu.

CSU offering reduced-cost irrigation efficiency audits

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