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#### (Neb.)-Sioux County Woman Receives Grant For Wind Turbine



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(Harrison)-A Sioux County woman was one of 77 recipients of grant funding in Nebraska through the USDA. They were selected to receive \$1,557,923 in loans and grants, which will be used to install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements that will promote energy conservation.

Maxine Moul, Nebraska State Director, USDA Rural Development, said through these projects, energy consumption will be reduced, thereby making more dollars available to be kept within rural Nebraska there by assisting the state's rural economy.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack noted that funding announcements for rural water projects are another reminder of the importance of USDA programs for rural America. A comprehensive new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would further expand the rural economy. He said that's just one reason why Congress must get a comprehensive Food, Farm and Jobs Bill done as soon as possible.

Karen Perkins was selected to receive \$13,000 to install a 10 Kw wind turbine.

The funding was made available through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). This program provides opportunities for farmers and rural small business owners to install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements, as well explore the feasibility of implementing renewable energy projects. Additional information on the Rural Energy for America Program may be found at [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/NEBusinessPrograms\\_Rural\\_Energy\\_for\\_America\\_Program.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/NEBusinessPrograms_Rural_Energy_for_America_Program.htm).

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