## **Renewable Energy Grants Up For Grabs**

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John Cooper, State Director USDA Rural Development announced today the availability of \$176.5 million in loan guarantees and \$11.4 million in grants to support investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements by agricultural producers and small businesses. Applications for grants must be completed and submitted to the appropriate USDA Rural Development state office postmarked no later than May 18. The deadline for submitting loan applications as well as for loan and grant combinations is July 2. For more information visiting USDA's web site...rurdev.usda.gov.