



Climate Solutions' *Harvesting Clean Energy* (HCE) program is dedicated to growing clean-energy resources. Together with our rural partners, we cultivate common ground with a simple shared goal: to foster rural economic development through clean-energy production.

Developing clean-energy resources helps us increase our energy independence, bolster our family farms and rural economies and provide solutions to important environmental challenges.



The *Harvesting Clean Energy* Network

The Network brings together leaders from agricultural groups, rural development organizations, utilities, private businesses, research facilities and clean-energy advocates in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, who share a common vision for strong farm economies and a healthy environment. Benefits to joining the HCE network include:

- Meeting people and organizations that are working on renewable energy resources and rural economic development;
- Becoming a key voice in expanding clean-energy resources and rural economic development through federal and state policies; and
- Finding information and resources that directly help farmers, ranchers and rural communities develop their own clean-energy resources.

For more information on becoming part of the HCE Network, contact Harvesting Clean Energy Program Manager, Pat Gibbon: pat@climatesolutions.org or 206.443.9570 x 34.

The *Harvesting Clean Energy* Conference

The Harvesting Clean Energy Conference is the Northwest's premiere gathering to advance rural economic development through clean-energy production. Clean energy offers practical, profitable opportunities for our farmers, ranchers, rural utilities and towns, tribes and the region's economy. Over the past ten years, this event has connected thousands of individuals and organizations who share the rural clean-energy vision. The conference moves around the region, giving Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho each a chance to showcase their successes in rural clean-energy development.



"The message at Climate Solutions' *Harvesting Clean Energy* conferences is that people can take action – we're all part of the solution. People walk away inspired to do something, and get the tools to do it."

—Peggy Beltrone, Cascade County Commissioner, Great Falls, MT



Rural Clean-Energy Policy

Our HCE network brings together regional leaders and stakeholders who advocate for strong, effective national and state policies for farm-based clean energy programs. With more action at the federal level now and in the future, HCE has begun a concerted effort to systematically work federal issues. Our meetings and grassroots alerts focus on the Rural Energy for America Program, funding in the Farm Bill, tax credits for renewable energy development and federal climate policy.

The *Harvesting Clean Energy* Website



Our website (www.harvestcleanenergy.org) covers subjects that are vital to the agriculture and renewable energy communities. Topics include solar, wind and other renewable energy resources, rural clean-energy jobs, energy efficiency in farm operation, and funding for rural clean-energy projects. Find lists of resources and profiles of successful individuals and projects under each topic.

The *Harvesting Clean Energy Report* on Line On Agriculture Radio

Every Friday, farmers and ranchers in Washington, Oregon and Idaho can tune in to hear experts on the Northwest Ag Information Network discussing a wide variety of renewable energy and energy efficiency topics with host Greg Martin. You can listen to past programs on line at www.harvestcleanenergy.org.



"Harvesting Clean Energy is a great source for farmers and ranchers to learn more about what is going on outside their immediate world – it brings the science of clean, renewable energy to a level that can benefit rural communities."

—Bill Warren, farmer, Dayton, WA



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