

RANDALL RC&D

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Randall RC&D Councils goal for this project
Promote the proper use of underutilized energy resources associated with wind, sun, flowing water and energy crops

The RC&D Element met by this project is Land Management.
Randall RC&D assisted in funding 13 wind energy workshops across SD and started an Ag Energy web site.

Risk Management for Producer Wind Development



Steve Wegman, SD Wind Energy Association, was the featured speaker at the February 24, 2010 Ag Energy Workshop in the Randall RC&D area. Viewed by many as the most knowledgeable and passionate speaker on wind development in South Dakota, Steve spoke on leasing land for large wind development projects, provided the latest information on prospective transmission lines locations across SD and also demonstrated the use of an infrared thermography camera to identify energy losses in buildings.

RC&D Councils across the state hosted 12 Ag Energy and Wind Development Workshops during 2010. Many different speakers spoke about performance information for solar energy systems; geothermal heating and cooling; small wind turbines; organizing a Community Wind Project; pros and cons of Landowner Wind Associations; and the value of energy audits for your home, business and farm.

Local attorneys were also part of the panels and helped answer wind farm land lease questions from the workshop participants.

Along with the workshops, a web site was developed to carry on the education learned at workshops and to reach more people with agricultural energy information.

www.sdagenergy.org

Major funding for the workshops and website was provided by a North Central Risk Management Education Center grant (\$14,000) to Randall RC&D. The South Dakota Association of RC&D's and the 25 x '25 Alliance also contributed cash towards carrying out the workshops and the web site.

Other contributors providing support and assistance were Conservation Districts, local electric cooperatives, the South Dakota State University Wind Application Center and the SD Wind Energy Association.



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