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Water + Energy Progress Awards highlight innovators in Kansas

Eleven Kansas farmers and ranchers recognized for saving water and energy in agriculture.

Hutchinson, KS— Water + Energy Progress identifies successful innovations in energy efficiency and water conservation on Kansas farms and ranches. The 2014 awards recognize producers across the state for implementing innovations that save water and energy including: patch burn grazing, subsurface drip irrigation, cover crops and no-till, intensive rotational grazing, solar powered water pumps and fencing, small-scale wind, and local foods. Water + Energy Progress highlights homegrown solutions for water conservation and energy efficiency from the farmers and ranchers of Kansas.

2014 Water + Energy Progress Award Winners include:

- Lucinda Stuenkel, Palmer
- Michael Hermann, Kinsley
- Mark Eitel, Dighton
- McCarty Dairy, Rexford
- Jane Koger, Matfield Green
- Darin Williams, Waverly
- John Bradley, Lawrence
- Karen and John Pendleton, Lawrence
- Bill Sproul, Sedan
- Shannon Creek Cattle & Quarter Horse Company, Olsburg
- Living Acres Network, Gove county

Each award winner will be interviewed for case studies featuring their water and energy saving practices. Each case study will be available at www.WaterAndEnergyProgress.org.

Water + Energy Progress Awards are determined by a steering committee made up of water, energy, agriculture and natural resource leaders from across Kansas. Water + Energy Progress is a program directed by the Climate and Energy Project (CEP), a regional nonprofit focusing on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

In October of 2012, CEP convened a steering committee to collaboratively identify standards for the awards which include: saves water, saves energy, presents affordable solutions that are replicable, scalable, and regionally appropriate, saves money, preserves or enhances soil health and water quality, and incorporates renewable energy. The standards also take into account impacts on wildlife and habitat, as well as leadership and collaboration by the producer. Governor Brownback presented the 2013 awards to nine producers who are featured on www.WaterAndEnergyProgress.org.

About The Climate + Energy Project
The Climate + Energy Project (CEP) is a non-partisan 501c(3) organization working to reduce emissions through greater energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. Located in America’s Heartland, CEP collaborates with diverse partners across the nation to find practical solutions for a clean energy future that provides jobs, prosperity and energy security.

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