



**Price Electric  
Cooperative**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# Safety First! Farm Rewiring Program

Wisconsin electric cooperatives have developed a uniform statewide farm rewiring program called *Safety First!*

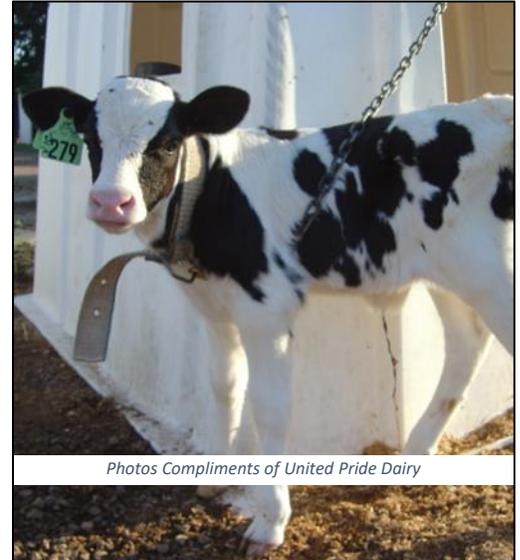
The purpose is to assist dairy farmers with the cost of rewiring projects and to promote safety. Dairy includes cows, as well sheep and goats, that are kept for milk production.

### ***Loan and Grant Details:***

- A loan/grant combination is available up to \$30,000.
- Grants are available for 33.3% or up to \$10,000 from the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association.
- Loans are available for \$20,000 from PEC.
  - Up to 5 years to repay
  - 5% interest

### ***Requirements:***

- Dairy farms only (*including cows, goats, and sheep which are kept for milk production*).
- Existing farmstead on Price Electric Cooperative (PEC) lines.
- Pre-program inspection
- Electrician's estimate
- Service agreement for length of loan
- Credit eligibility requirements



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### **For More Information, Please Contact:**

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### ***Frequently Asked Questions:***

### **How is Safety First! grant program funded?**

Wisconsin electric cooperatives contribute annually toward the grant money.

### **How will the loan be billed?**

The monthly loan payment will be included on your electric bill.

### **Will I have to sign a service agreement?**

Yes. A service agreement, indicating that you will receive energy from your electric cooperative for the duration of the loan, is required.



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### **What are the credit eligibility requirements?**

Members cannot have more than one late payment within the past 12 months.

### **Can I pay off the loan early without penalty?**

Yes.

### **What happens if I default on my loan?**

If you're delinquent on your loan (*for 2 consecutive months*), the loan will become due and payable immediately. The electric service may be subject to disconnection.

### **Are there any fees associated with this loan?**

Yes. Pre- and post-inspections, by an approved State-Certified Inspector, are required for the loan. However, PEC will pay the costs of these inspections. However, if there is a Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filing fee required, that will be your responsibility.

### **Is there a lien applied to my property?**

Yes, your property serves as collateral for the loan.

### **Can I apply for a grant and not the loan portion?**

Yes, 33.3% of the total cost of the project, up to \$10,000, is available without application for a loan. *However, the grant portion may not be enough to remedy the on-farm wiring issues. Talk to your electrician and PEC to make sure that the electrical system on-farm is upgraded for long term success of your dairy operation.*

### **What expenses are covered under the grant?**

Labor and materials needed to rewire the farm are covered. Isolation transformers, rings of life, and other systems not defined in the National Electrical Code (NEC) are not eligible expenses under this program. New construction is not eligible.

### **Will funds be available to rewire my house as well as the barn?**

Yes, if the service for the barn is serviced from the main panel in the house.

### **Will funds be available for partial rewiring projects on the farm?**

If an approved state-certified inspector recommends a partial project to meet safety standards and the electric cooperative agrees there is a need to resolve safety concerns, partial projects may be approved. Pre-and post-inspections are required for all partial projects.

### **Who will do the electrical work?**

The work must be completed by or under the direction of a licensed Master Electrician who has, preferably, completed the Farm Rewiring Certification.

### **How do I apply?**

Contact PEC and download an application from [www.PriceElectric.coop](http://www.PriceElectric.coop). PEC will schedule an appointment with an approved state-certified inspector and a representative of your cooperative to determine the extent of the project.

### **Are there any fees?**

Yes. A pre-and post-inspection by an approved state-certified inspector is required. However, PEC will pay the costs.

### **What happens next?**

You choose an approved electrician to give you a bid on the project, you provide PEC with a copy of the bid, and if the bid meets the grant requirements, the project is given preliminary approval.

### **When will I receive the grant money?**

Grant money will be given after a post-inspection when the wiring work is completed according to NEC, and all the invoices and the wiring compliance statement are given to your electric cooperative. At that time, a check will be cut to your electrician.

### **What happens after the rewiring is completed?**

Your cooperative will schedule the state-certified inspector to inspect the work, and he/she will provide written documentation that the work was completed according to NEC. You provide invoices from the electrician and the wiring compliance statement. Your cooperative sends a check request for the grant money and then reimbursement is sent to your electrician.

