



Rural Business-Cooperative Services • Rural Energy for America Program

A Nursery in Harmony with It's Environment

Harmony Nursery and Daylily Farms is a small business in rural Nebraska that wished to make a move to clean renewable energy while saving money on their daily operating expenses. In April of 2017 the farm near Bradshaw, Nebraska hosted the Rural Development Earth Day event. It was a celebration of 'Building Rural Infrastructure.' Harmony Nursery was chosen for this event because of their participation in the Rural Energy for America Program.

Harmony Nursery installed a 25kW solar array to power their business. The array is projected to produce 42,992kWh of electricity per year, completely offsetting the current energy usage of the business. The project received a \$17,794 Rural Energy for America Program grant that was leveraged with \$53,384 from the Cornerstone Bank of York.

Harmony Nursery felt fortunate to be part of USDA's (Rural Development) Rural Energy for America Program. The grant award helped them to make the move to clean renewable energy and put more of their resources toward growing their rural business. They appreciated the opportunity to be a progressive business owner as they plan for their future.



Harmony Nursery and Daylily Farm's Solar Array
Picture courtesy of Erin Dickey-Polk County News.

Obligation Amount: \$17,794 REAP

Date of Obligation: 6/26/2016

Congressional District: Congressman Smith, District 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse

Partners: Cornerstone Bank of York

Demographics: York County's population is 13,665, with a median household income of \$50,922.

Impact: The project is expected to produce 42,992kWh of electricity per year, a value of \$4,485.76 saved for the business each year.
