

#MEETtheTEAM

"I've worked with USDA RD for 5 years. I would have to say my favorite program is the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) because it gives me the opportunity to interact with ag producers and rural small businesses throughout the entire state and provide a meaningful impact on their operation.

For example, I recently helped an ag producer located in Kankakee County with a grain dryer replacement that will provide energy savings and help reduce the utility costs for their grain farming operation. One of the most rewarding things about RD is the people I get to work with both internally and externally.

The people we get to work with every day make me feel at home.

It gives me a great sense of pride to work for an agency that focuses on strengthening small, rural communities like the one I grew up in."



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