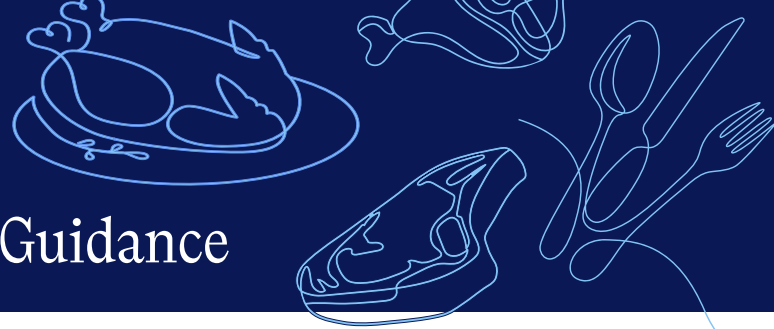




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# 2026 Energy Metric & Guidance



## Instructions

- Select *Yes*, *No*, or *Not Reporting* for each metric.
- In the reporting portal, the question mark (?) after each metric provides interpretation guidance, best practices, and applicable resources.

## Energy

### 1. Is an energy management program in place to increase energy efficiency?

#### Best Practices:

- Written program for energy efficiency.
- Tracking energy use/consumption and intensity.
- An intentional goal to increase in energy efficiency over time.

#### Resources:

- ISO 50001: [Energy Management](#)
- ENERGY STAR Build an [energy management program](#)
- ENERGY STAR [Energy Performance Indicators for plants](#)

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### 2. Is a program in place to increase renewable energy use?

#### Best Practices:

- The company/facility has a plan to increase renewable energy usage.
- The company/facility is measuring and regularly analyzing renewable energy use.
- The company/facility has a renewable energy target by Date.
- The company/facility has completed one or more energy efficiency or conservation projects. Keeping a description of the energy management program including the type of project/program, country, quantity of energy saved, type of energy, scope, and lifetime of the initiative is a good best practice.


#### Resources:

- GRI 302: [Energy](#) (2016)
- Meat, Poultry & Dairy [SASB Standard](#)
- UN [SDG 13 – Climate Action](#)

#### Additional Resources:

- Meat Institute's [Environmental Page](#)
- Meat Institute's [Sustainability Committee](#)
- Meat Institute's [Environmental Awards](#) – Apply Annually between January 1 – 31
- US Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB) [Packer Processor Toolkit](#)
- EPA's [Green Chill Resources & Reports](#) - Any applicability to meat industry (those with retail counters)
- US Department of Energy [Better Building Challenge](#)

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