

How to start your agricultural service



Before you begin

We are here to help you identify whether your business is eligible for an agricultural rate plan. To expedite the process, please gather all the information listed here and then contact PG&E's Agricultural Customer Service Line at **877-311-3276**.

If you have questions, please give us a call at the number above or visit pge.com/ag.

Did you know?

Increase in energy demand as a result of adding equipment such as pumps, welders, lights, etc. or any changes made to your panel may require an application through PG&E.

Notify us of any increase in your energy demand immediately by contacting PG&E Building and Renovations Customer Service Line at **877-743-7782** or at yourprojects.pge.com.

Let's start with this

Will electricity be used for any of the following: growing crops, raising livestock, pumping water for irrigation of crops or other agricultural uses which involve production for sale?

- If yes, continue with **How to prepare**
- If no, agricultural rates do not apply

If agricultural rates do not apply, you can get more information about possible rates and pricing by visiting pge.com/bizrates.

Note: Only legal businesses can qualify for agricultural rates.

How to prepare

Make sure your equipment has passed inspection

PG&E cannot set meters until electric panels are inspected and approved by your local jurisdiction.

Verify that 70 percent or more of your annual energy demand is for agricultural use only

To qualify for agriculture rates, 70 percent or more of the annual energy use on the meter must be for agricultural end uses, such as growing crops, pumping water for irrigation of crops and other uses that involve production for sale. This does not include processing.

Examples of agricultural energy usage breakouts:

Farm: 70% growing crops; 30% residential usage

Greenhouse: 75% growing safflower plants; 25% processing into safflower oil

Ranch: 80% raising horses; 20% boarding or breeding horses



□ Be prepared to provide the total connected energy load to the meter

How to find total connected energy load:

Total the hp and/or kW from each of the items connected to the meter.

OR

Check the face of the SmartMeter™ for kW information when all equipment is running at full power.

Note: Hp and/or kW information should be on the nameplate or label for each piece of equipment.

Connected load is required to be captured in kW. If you have your connected load in hp, the call center representative will be able to assist you with converting hp to kW.

□ Select your agricultural rate

All rates feature **Time-of-Use peak hours between 5–8 p.m. every day.**

Small agricultural rates (less than 35kW):

AG-A1 Less than 1,300 annual operating hours

AG-A2 Greater than 1,300 annual operation hours

Note: When compared to each other, AG-A1 has lower demand charges than AG-A2, but has higher energy charges.

Medium and large agricultural rates (greater than 35kW):

AG-B Less than 1,500 annual operating hours

AG-C Greater than 1,500 annual operation hours

Note: When compared to each other, AG-B has lower demand charges than AG-C, but has higher energy charges.

Flexible agricultural rate options:

Small (FA), medium (FB), and large (FC) usage allows to designate 2 days with off-peak prices.

**AG-FA/
FB/FC** **Option 1:** Off-peak days are Wednesday and Thursday

Option 2: Off-peak days are Saturday and Sunday

Option 3: Off-peak days are Monday and Friday

Ag Flex rates are optimal for customers who can restrict usage to 2 days of the week. Modestly higher Peak prices for all other days.

Additional information

Be prepared to provide the following:

- Legal business name
- Contact's name
- Contact phone number
- SSN (sole proprietor only) or IRS tax ID
- Business start date
- Total annual hours of operation
- Connected energy load in Watts or kW (kilowatt) or HP (horsepower)

Additional documentation such as business or state license will be required to be considered for an agriculture rate request. Check with your state or local jurisdiction for various forms of approved documentation for your business.

Submit all permits to:

FAX: 209-476-7699

Address: PG&E, Attn: Billing Operations
P.O. Box 8329, Stockton, CA 95208

Include the following:

- Name on account
- Account number
- Case number (provided by PG&E's agricultural representative)
- Contact name
- Contact phone number

To start your agricultural electric service, call 1-877-311-3276.

To change your current rate plan, visit pge.com/youraccount.