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FARM SERVICE AGENCY

BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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BCAP Project Area Payments

Crop Type	Establishment Payments Per Acre	Annual Payments Per Acre	Contract Length
Woody Perennial	Not more than 50% of costs (not to exceed \$500/acre or \$750/acre if underserved)	Average soil rental rate	Up to 15 years
Herbaceous Annual	N/A	Average soil rental rate	Up to 5 years
Herbaceous Perennial	Not more than 50% of costs (not to exceed \$500/acre or \$750/acre if underserved)	Average soil rental rate	Up to 5 years

What's a Project Area?

A geographic area designated by FSA, where eligible cellulosic crops (non-food) can be grown, harvested, and sold to biomass conversion facilities for heat, power, biobased products or advanced biofuels.

Who can receive payments?

Landowner/operators with approved FSA contracts in project areas.

What's an Eligible Crop?

Any renewable energy crop, excluding:

- Crop eligible for payments under Title I, "Commodity Programs" of the 2014 Farm Bill (e.g. corn, soybeans, or sugar); and
- A plant that is, or potentially is, invasive or noxious (including any species or variety).



BCAP Matching Payments

Targeted Categories of Eligible Materials	Eligible Lands + Forest Stewardship, Conservation or Equivalent Plans	Rate of the BCAP Matching Payment (\$1 for each \$1)
Public Forestry Residues*	National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands	Not to exceed \$20 per dry ton
Private Forestry Residues*	Any non-federal lands	Not to exceed \$20 per dry ton
Agricultural Residues	Any non-federal lands	Not to exceed \$20 per dry ton

** Forestry residues must be by-product of preventative treatment for reduction of hazardous fuels or reduction or containment of disease and insect infestations and would not be otherwise used for higher-value products.*

Who can be an eligible material owner?

A person or entity (e.g. landowner or operator) having the right to collect/harvest eligible material and who has risk of loss in the materials delivered to a qualified biomass conversion facility, under an approved BCAP contract.

What is eligible material?

Eligible material is renewable biomass but excludes material that is a whole grain from any crop that is eligible to receive payments under Title I, "Commodity Programs" of the 2014 Farm Bill, animal waste and by-products of animal waste including fats, oils, grease & manure, food & yard waste, algae and bagasse.

What are the payment limits?

There are no payment limits; however, an eligible material owner may only receive payments for a period of two years.

