

Where To Find BioPreferred™ Products

USDA maintains an electronic catalog of qualifying biobased products. It can be found at:

www.usda.gov/biopreferred

Other Web sites offering information on qualifying and non-qualifying biobased products include:

- U.S. General Services Administration GSA Advantage®:
www.gsaadvantage.gov
- Department of Defense—DoD Electronic Mall (EMALL):
www.dod.mil/dbt/cse_email.html
- The United Soybean Board:
www.soybiobased.org
- The National Corn Growers Association:
lepton.marz.com/ncga/comm_dev_center/index_PG.asp

For non-Federal Web sites, no representations, guarantees, or warranties as to the accuracy or completeness of the presented information are made and USDA does not endorse any products or services at these sites.

Impacting Laws and Regulations

- Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Section 9002 (May 13, 2002)
- Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 205 and 943 (January 4, 2005)
- Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement (January 11, 2005)
- Federal Acquisition Regulations

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BioPreferred™ — Making a Difference With Biobased Products

The products you purchase have an impact on your day-to-day operations, but the impact goes beyond the local level. The choices we make in our procurement can have an impact on our country's energy security, economy, and environment.

BioPreferred™ makes it easy for you to make a difference by identifying biobased products for your purchase.

BioPreferred™ is a preference program that serves to increase the procurement and use of biobased products by Federal agencies. Under Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA or the 2002 Farm Bill), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been tasked with leading the BioPreferred™ Program and is proud to be one of the leaders in implementing this important program.

What Are BioPreferred™ Biobased Products?

As determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, biobased products are commercial or industrial products (other than food or feed) composed wholly or in significant part of biological products including renewable domestic agricultural materials (plant, animal, and marine materials) or forestry materials.

USDA has been tasked with designating items, or generic groupings of biobased products, that require procurement preference by Federal agencies. Aside from designating items, USDA specifies minimum biobased content and provides information on technical, health, and environmental characteristics of products that fall under a designated item.

BioPreferred™ Items

Over the next several years, USDA will continue to designate items (or generic groupings of products) for procurement preference. Thus far, USDA has identified over 9,000 biobased products commercially available across 170 items.

Examples of designated or potential

BioPreferred™ items include:

- Bedding, bed linens and towels
- Pest control
- Cutlery
- Automotive care products
- Carpets
- Hydraulic fluids (mobile equipment)
- Food cleaners
- Exterior paints and coatings
- Water tank coatings
- Animal care products
- Janitorial cleaners
- Fertilizers
- Composite panels
- Lip care products

A complete list and detailed description of each BioPreferred™ designated item, and items for future designation, can be found at the USDA

BioPreferred™ Web page:

<http://www.usda.gov/biopreferred>

Why Choose Biobased Products?

By participating in BioPreferred™, you can help:

• Increase our energy security and independence

Replacing fossil energy-based products with biobased products can help reduce our Nation's dependence on oil and natural gas.

• Spur economic development

Federal purchases of biobased products can increase demand for existing agricultural and forestry products and help create new manufacturing activity and job formation.

• Improve our environment, inside and out

Biobased products promote the use of renewable resources and help us better manage our carbon cycle. Many biobased products are environmentally friendly and biodegradable, and can help create safer, healthier workplaces.

• Meet the requirements of the 2002 Farm Bill

Under the 2002 Farm Bill, all Federal agencies are required to establish procurement preference programs for BioPreferred™ designated items. BioPreferred™ program guidelines require that qualifying biobased products be purchased when they:

1. Are reasonably available
2. Meet performance standards, and
3. Are reasonably priced

