

For: State and County Offices

**Implementing the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)**

**Assistance With Collection, Harvest, Storage, and Transportation (CHST) of Eligible Material**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 BCAP CHST**

**A Background**

BCAP was authorized by Section 9011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The purpose of the program is to:

- support the establishment and production of eligible crops for the conversion to bioenergy
- assist agricultural and forest land owner and operators and persons with the right to collect eligible material with the collection, harvest, storage, and transportation of eligible material for use in biomass conversion facilities.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> President Obama issued a Presidential Decree to aggressively accelerate the investment in and production of biofuels. The Decree included a directive that Secretary Vilsack take steps to **issue guidance and provide support for collection, harvest, storage, and transportation assistance of eligible materials for use in biomass conversion facilities.**

A Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for BCAP's CHST payments program was published in the Federal Register on June 11, 2009, and is posted at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ener&topic=bcap>.

<b>Disposal Date</b>  June 1, 2010	<b>Distribution</b>  State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, State Forestry Agencies, State NRCS Offices, and State RD Renewable Energy Coordinators
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## **Notice BCAP-1**

### **1 BCAP CHST (Continued)**

#### **B Purpose**

This notice announces the following:

- published NOFA
- upcoming implementation of CHST of Eligible Material
- scheduled teleconference calls with State Offices will be announced by the National Office in the near future about implementing BCAP's CHST and to address questions at that scheduled time
- subsequent BCAP notices will be issued to address policy, procedure, and automated processes to support implementing BCAP's CHST.