

Feedstock Subcommittee

USDA/DOE Biomass Program

Technical Advisory Committee

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Feedstock Subcommittee Recommendations

- Expedite the implementation of BCAP (Biomass Crop Assistance Program) within USDA Farm Service Agency.
- Indirect Land Use - Limited to no scientific basis for evaluation. Limit the evaluation to areas where there is a direct correlation.

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- With existing research programs, we recommend a carbon assessment and environmental assessment be a part of the program. Many projects already do this.

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- Woody biomass is limited by the lack of long-term supply contracts on federal lands. Federal government should address this.
- The Regional Feedstock Partnerships (RFP) should be used to develop information on yield, sustainability, social issues, etc. of scale-up biomass feedstock production.

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- Additional techno-economic information is needed to help in the identification and selection of appropriate systems that might be used to harvest, consolidate and convert invasive species to biofuels or biopower.

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- We recommend that DOE/USDA develop a comprehensive listing of all funding opportunities (ie, grants, loans guarantees, producer payments) and make this list available to biomass researchers, producers and technology providers.

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- We recommend that the government conduct an economic impact study on production and conversion of biomass feedstocks to local economies.