



BCAP

USDA's Biomass Crop Assistance Program



Now Under Review

Updated rules and payment levels are expected in time for 2011 plantings

- Eligible Participants:** Bioenergy facilities and growers
- Eligible Blade Crops¹:** Switchgrass, high-biomass sorghum and sweet sorghum
- Biomass Uses:** Advanced biofuels, power, heat or bio-based products
- Contract Lengths:** 2 years for CHST & 5 years for energy grass establishment

Program Overview: A Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) program administered by the Farm Service Agency, BCAP (pronounced *BEE-cap*) provides monetary assistance to facilitate the transition of eligible land to energy crops. The program covers two areas:

CHST: Matching payments for the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) of eligible materials for use in a qualified biomass conversion facility.

- The biomass conversion facility must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CCC and meet all of the requirements determined by CCC.
- Dollar-for-dollar matching payments for two years for CHST of qualified biomass – up to \$45 per dry ton.²

ESTABLISHMENT: Supports the establishment and production of perennial biomass crops for conversion to bioenergy in approved project areas. Annual payments are provided to producers to cover costs while crops are being established.

- Producers may receive payment for up to 75% of seed and other planting costs.

To Get Started...

BCAP Program Information & Status
Farm Service Agency • Farm Programs Division
www.fsa.usda.gov/energy

¹Eligible crops may vary by project area.
² Subject to change; final rules and amounts to be published by USDA.

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