

Your guide to the new Farm Bill

Energy & the Bioeconomy

Below is a quick summary of changes to USDA energy programs made under the new Farm Bill, enacted on February 7, 2014.

To get started with USDA energy programs, visit www.usda.gov/energy or visit <http://www.usda.gov/energy/maps/links.htm> to find USDA and other local resources.

	USDA Energy Programs	The New Farm Bill
Bioeconomy	BiopREFERRED	Expands USDA's biopREFERRED program to include forestry products and increase Federal procurement.
	Biorefinery Assistance	Provides new funds and expands the program to include renewable chemicals and biobased products.
	Biomass Research and Development	Emphasizes biobased products and the bioeconomy.
Advanced Energy	Repowering Assistance	Provides new funding for the program.
	Advanced Biofuel Payments	Provides new funding for the program.
Renewables & Energy Efficiency	Biomass Crop Assistance Program	Provides funds to promote planting of new crops for advanced bio-energy production.
	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)	Provides new funding for the program. Slight program changes.
	Rural Energy Savings Program	Creates a new Rural Energy Savings Program for consumer finance of energy efficiency investments.
	Biodiesel Fuel Education Program	Provides new funding.
	Feedstock Flexibility Program	Reauthorized.
	Community Wood Energy Program	Provides funds to advance research on uses of low-value forest biomass.