

BCAP Eligible Materials List as of December 21, 2010

The eligible material list below provides guidance on types of renewable biomass that may qualify for BCAP matching payments. An eligible material on this list does not indicate qualification for matching payment; qualification for matching payment is based generally on “how” and “when” the material is collected or harvested. This list is not intended to be comprehensive. Other energy crops not listed as ineligible may be eligible materials. Please consult your local FSA office for details.

In order to qualify for a matching payment, an eligible material must be collected or harvested directly from the land, in accordance with an approved conservation, forest stewardship or equivalent plan, before transport and delivery to the biomass conversion facility, its campus, or affiliated facilities.

Eligible materials do not qualify for matching payment if they are “collected or harvested” after transport and delivery to a biomass conversion facility, its campus, or affiliated facilities, by separating from a higher value material in order to be used for heat, power, bio-based products or advanced biofuels.

Eligible materials do not qualify for matching payments if they are determined by FSA to have an existing market in that distinct region. Woody eligible materials collected or harvested directly from the land are eligible for matching payment only if they are collected or harvested (1) as byproducts of preventative treatments that are removed to reduce hazardous fuels; (2) reduce or contain disease or insect infestations; or to (3) restore ecosystem health.

Ineligible Materials include the following:

Algae, food waste, yard waste, and animal waste and byproducts (including fats, oils greases and manures.) Also, commodities eligible for payment under Title I of the 2008 Farm Bill: barley, corn, grain sorghum, oats, rice or wheat; honey; mohair; certain oilseeds such as canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower seed, soybeans, sesame seed, and sunflower seeds; peanuts, pulse crops such as small chickpeas, lentils and dry peas; dairy products; wool; and cotton boll fiber.

Conditions Where Eligible Materials Will Qualify for Matching Payments

Eligible Material	Qualifies for Matching Payment?		
	<u>If collected or harvested directly from the land before transport and delivery to the biomass conversion facility</u>	<u>If collected or harvested by separation from a higher-value product collected or harvested directly from the land</u>	
		before transport and delivery to the biomass conversion facility	after transport and delivery to the biomass conversion facility
Forest thinnings.....	Y*	Y*	N

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Post-disaster debris	Y*	Y*	N
Hardwood chips.....	Y*	Y*	N
Softwood chips.....	Y*	Y*	N
Cutoffs.....	Y*	Y*	N
Bark.....	Y*	Y*	N
Trees and shrubs without timber, lumber or wood pulp value	Y*	Y*	N
Trees and shrubs with timber, lumber or wood pulp value	Y* non-Federal land (N Federal land)	N	N
Forbs such as sunflower and clover	Y*	Y*	N
Legumes	Y*	Y*	N
Non yard waste grasses.....	Y*	Y*	N
Non yard waste vines	Y*	Y*	N
Mosses	Y*	Y*	N
Crop residues, including Title I crop residues	Y*	Y*	N
Corn cobs.....	Y*	Y*	N
Corn stover	Y*	Y*	N
Sugarcane bagasse.....	Y*	Y*	N
Rice hulls.....	Y*	Y*	N

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Nut hulls	Y*	Y*	N
Rice straw	Y*	Y*	N
Wheat straw.....	Y*	Y*	N
Switch Grass.....	Y*	Y*	N
Orchard waste and vineyard waste	Y*	Y*	N
Excluded from eligibility:			
	Title I crops		
	Algae		
	Animal waste and byproducts (including fats, oils, greases, and manure)		
	Food waste		
	Yard waste		

"Yes" means material has been collected or harvested directly from the land in compliance with an approved conservation plan, forest stewardship plan, or equivalent plan and that woody biomass from outside of contract acres are byproducts of preventative treatments that are removed to reduce hazardous fuels, to reduce or contain disease or insect infestation, or to restore ecosystem health.

* "Yes" becomes "no" if CCC rules that, within that distinct local market, the woody biomass is being diverted from higher-value (existing) markets.