



BCAP

USDA's Biomass Crop Assistance Program



TIP!

Early applicants will have less competition for program funds.

- Eligible Participants:** Bioenergy facilities and growers
- Eligible Blade Crops*:** 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

To Get Started...

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

* Eligible crops may vary by project area.

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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 will be implemented in two stages:

Phase 1: Matching payments for the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) of eligible materials for use in a qualified biomass conversion facility. *Available now.*

- 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 collection, harvest, storage, and transportation of qualified biomass, up to \$45 per dry ton.

Phase 2: 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. *Final rules and funding are expected in time for 2010 plantings.*

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