

# 2008 Farm Bill ENERGY TITLE compared to Existing Law

## Select Provisions



Program	Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008	Authorizing Act/Current Law
<b>Biomass Crop Assistance Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary authorized to support establishment and production of eligible crops for energy (including non-industrial private forest land) in selected areas including assistance to landowners to harvest, store, and transport eligible material to conversion facilities.</li> <li>• Annual payments may also be made to support collection, harvest, storage and transportation costs</li> <li>• Funding provided as necessary (mandatory spending) FY2008-12</li> </ul>	Amends Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 New Provision
<b>Forest Biomass for Energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Service is authorized to develop a competitive research and development program to promote use of forest biomass for energy</li> <li>• Priorities for project selection include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology development for use of low value biomass, particularly derived from forest health treatments</li> <li>• Integration of forest biomass in biorefineries</li> <li>• Development of new transportation fuels</li> <li>• Improve growth and yield of trees for renewable energy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Eligible entities include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Service</li> <li>• Other federal agencies</li> <li>• State and local governments</li> <li>• Indian tribes</li> <li>• Land grant colleges</li> <li>• Private entities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Funding for program                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$15 million annually is authorized for fiscal years 2009 through 2012</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amends Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 New Provision
<b>Biofuels Infrastructure Study</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Energy, and Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency will enter into agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to prepare an analysis of current findings relative to biofuels including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current and projected production</li> <li>• Current &amp; future feedstocks</li> <li>• Water resource needs</li> <li>• Shipping &amp; storage needs (including adequacy of rural roads)</li> <li>• Modes of transportation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amends Food Security Act of 1985 New Provision
<b>Biodiesel Fuel Education Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available to nonprofit organizations or institutions of higher education that                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ have demonstrated knowledge of biodiesel fuel production, use, or distribution</li> <li>○ have demonstrated the ability to conduct educational and technical support programs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amends Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 Competitive grants to eligible entities to educate governmental and private entities that operate vehicle fleets, other interested entities, and the public about the benefits of biodiesel fuel use. Provides mandatory funding of \$1 million annually for FY 2003-07.

<b>Rural Energy For America Program</b>	<p>Merges the energy audit and renewable energy assistance program into REAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance</li> <li>○ financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems</li> <li>● Eligible entities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a unit of State, tribal, or local government</li> <li>○ a land-grant college or university or other institution of higher education</li> <li>○ a rural electric cooperative or public power entity</li> </ul> </li> <li>● \$250 million is provided for FY 2009-12</li> </ul>	<p>Amends Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Section 9006 provides grants and loan guarantees for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency projects for farmers and ranchers and rural small businesses</p>
<b>Community Wood Energy Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establishes program to provide grants of up to \$50,000 to state and local governments (or designees) to develop community wood energy plans; and competitive grants to State and local governments to acquire or upgrade community wood energy systems.</li> <li>▪ Primarily services public facilities owned or operated by State or local governments, including schools, town halls, libraries, and other public buildings; and</li> <li>▪ Uses woody biomass as the primary fuel.</li> <li>▪ Authorizes \$5 million per year FY2009-12</li> </ul>	<p>Amends Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 New Provision</p>