

# Farm Service Agency Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)

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## **Program Purpose:**

Provides direct financial assistance to owners and operators of agricultural and non-industrial private forest land who voluntarily establish, produce, and deliver biomass feedstocks for conversion the heat, power, advanced biofuels or biobased products.

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## **Two forms of assistance:**

- **Matching payments:** for delivering eligible material to qualified biomass conversion facilities; and
- **Establishment and annual payments:** for producers who enter into contracts to produce eligible biomass crops on contract acres within designated BCAP project areas.

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- FY11 signup enrolled 49,793 acres in 9 project areas
  - Total of 880 signed contracts
  - 6 types of crops
- BCAP project areas span 188 counties in 12 states
- FSA has invested \$54.1 million in project areas
- FSA has made \$2.9 million of direct payments to material owners of herbaceous residues in crop years 2010 and 2011
- Ongoing FY12 signup targets 9,000 acres in two new and one expanded project areas

