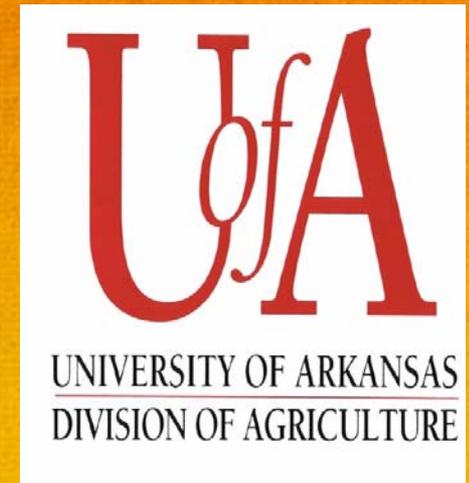


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Comments / Conclusions

- Opportunity to merge conservation program implementation with biomass policies?
 - farm bill coalitions formed will be critical
- Future Congressional efforts likely to include incentives-based approaches that are scrutinized heavily before, during, and after establishment
- Could take 2 more years to sift it all out
- Legal cases such *Massachusetts v. EPA* and *Connecticut*



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