

Side-by-side Comparisons of Farm Bill Energy Titles As Passed by House and Senate Agriculture Committees

Five Year Funding Levels Under Congressional Agriculture Committee Farm Bills

Section name	Senate		House	
	Mandatory	Discretionary	Mandatory	Discretionary
Biobased Markets Program	\$ 15	\$ 10	\$ 0	\$ 10
House: Biorefinery Assistance				
Senate: Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance	\$ 216	\$ 750	\$ 0	\$ 375
Repowering Assistance Program	Repealed	Repealed	\$ 0	\$ 50
Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 250
Biodiesel Fuel Education Program	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 10
Rural Energy for America Program	\$ 341	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 225
Biomass Research and Development	\$ 130	\$ 150	\$ 0	\$ 100
Feedstock Flexibility Program for Bioenergy Producers	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Biomass Crop Assistance Program	\$ 193	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 375
Community Wood Energy Program	\$ 0	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 10
Total Funding	\$ 900	\$ 1,190	\$ 0	\$ 1,405
Total Funding per year	\$ 180	\$ 238	\$ 0	\$ 281
Comparison to 2008 Farm Bill, per year	-31%	-14%	-100%	1%
<i>All amounts in millions of dollars</i>				
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Legislative Changes to Farm Bill Energy Title

Energy Title Section	2013 Senate Title IX Farm Bill	2013 House Title IX Farm Bill
§ 9001 - Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of Forest Product added. Definition of Renewable Chemical added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of Biobased Products expanded. Definition of Forest Product added. Definition of Renewable Energy System added.
§ 9002 – Biobased Markets Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$3 million annually in mandatory funding for FY 2014-2018. \$2 million annually in discretionary funding for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates mandatory funding. Provides \$2 million annually discretionary funding, for FY 2014-2018.

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	FY 2014-2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands procurement preferences for targeted biobased product categories designated by the USDA. • Reduces reporting requirements for biobased products. • Requires USDA to report on quantities and types of biobased products purchased by agencies, along with auditing and compliance activities. • Focuses on products with innovative approaches. • Allows outreach, education and promotion activities for biobased markets program 	
§ 9003 Senate title: Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance House title: Biorefinery Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides mandatory funding of \$100 million for FY 2014 and \$58 million for FY 2015-2016. • Discretionary funding at \$150 million annually FY 2013-2018. • Expands program eligibility to renewable chemicals and biobased products. • Expands grants to commercial scale plants. • Adds definition of biobased product manufacturing. • No more than \$25 million of mandatory funding per year may be used to fund biobased product manufacturing loan guarantees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates mandatory funding. • Provides \$75 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018. • Removed cost-sharing grants for the development and construction of demonstration-scale biorefineries.
§ 9004 – Repowering Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program authority not extended, allowed to expire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates mandatory funding. • Provides \$10 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018.
§ 9005 – Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9004. • Provides \$20 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates mandatory funding. • Provides \$50 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018.
§ 9006 – Biodiesel Fuel Education Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9005. • Provides \$1 million annually in mandatory funding for FY 2014-2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides \$2 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018. 	
§ 9007 - REAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9006. • Provides mandatory funding of \$68.2 million annually, FY 2014-2018. • Provides \$20 million in discretionary funding per year. • Repeals Feasibility Studies. • Allows Rural Development Councils to qualify for energy audit and technical assistance grants. • Eliminates 2-meter rule for small renewable systems on farmsteads. • Repeals stand-alone feasibility study grants. • Simplifies application requirements with a tiered application process, based on project costs (\$80,000 and under, \$80,000-200,000, and \$200,000 and over). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates mandatory funding. • Provides \$45 million annually discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018. • Repeals Feasibility Studies. • Simplifies application requirements with a tiered application process, based on project costs (\$80,000 and under, \$80,000-200,000, and \$200,000 and over).
§ 9008 – Biomass Research and Development Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9007. • Provides \$26 million annually in mandatory funding for FY 2014-2018. • \$30 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates mandatory funding. • \$20 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018.
§ 9009 – Rural Energy Self-Sufficiency Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in bill, allowed to expire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in bill, allowed to expire.
§ 9010 – Feedstock Flexibility Program for Bioenergy Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9008. • Reauthorizes program through 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9009. • Reauthorizes program through 2018.

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§ 9011 – Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9009. • Provides \$38.6 million annually in mandatory funding FY 2014-2018. No discretionary funding. • Specifies that eligible materials must be harvested consistent with a conservation or forest stewardship plan, and that these plans be included in the contract. • Clarifies that commodity and other subsidized crops are not eligible materials. • Reduces cost-sharing for establishment payments from 75% to 50% (or \$500 per acre, \$750/acre for socially disadvantaged farmers). Conservation reserve program or agricultural conservation easement program lands are explicitly excluded. • Maintains the matching payments (CHST) program, with payment limit reduced from \$45 per ton over two years to \$20 per dry ton over four years. • Require 10-50% of mandatory funding to be used for matching payments (CHST). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9010 • Eliminates mandatory funding (“such sums as are necessary”). • Provides \$75 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018. • Eliminates the matching payments program for collection, harvest, transport and storage (CHST). • Allows funding for existing project areas.
§ 9012 – Forest Biomass for Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explicitly repeals program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program authority not extended, allowed to expire.
§ 9013 – Community Wood Energy Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9011. • Provides \$5 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018. • Definition of Biomass Consumer Cooperative added. • Adds grants up to \$50,000 for biomass consumer cooperatives for the purpose of establishing or expanding biomass consumer cooperatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered as § 9011. • Provides \$2 million annually in discretionary funding for FY 2014-2018.
Biofuels Infrastructure and Renewable Fertilizer Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both repealed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both repealed