



2014 Farm Bill Summary

ENERGY PROGRAMS

The 2014 Farm Bill reauthorizes and funds several renewable energy and energy efficiency programs. It also includes, for the first time, mandatory funding and a permanent baseline.

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

The program provides grants and loan guarantees for a variety of renewable energy and energy efficiency systems, including wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal energy. The new bill prohibits REAP from funding renewable infrastructure projects, such as blender pumps. It will not continue to fund feasibility studies for energy projects.

Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)

The program's purpose is to encourage farmers to plant dedicated energy crops with the help of establishment payments and payments for the collection, harvest, storage and transportation of the crop. The main change in the bill is the reduction in cost-sharing of establishment payments from 75 percent to 50 percent.

Biorefinery Assistance Program

The program is intended to spur the development of advanced biorefineries to produce advanced biofuels. The program was expanded to include renewable chemical and biobased product manufacturing.

Biobased Markets (Bio-preferred) Program

The program is intended to increase the consumption and purchase of biobased products. The bill adds a reporting requirement for quantities and types of biobased products for federal agencies .

Farm Bill Energy Programs Funding Levels (in millions)

Program Name	Mandatory Funding	Discretionary Funding
Biobased Markets Programs	\$15	\$10
Biorefinery Assistance Program	\$200	\$375
Repowering Assistance Program	\$12	\$50
Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels	\$75	\$100
Biodiesel Fuel Education Program	\$5	\$5
Rural Energy for America Program	\$250	\$100
Biomass Research & Development	\$12	\$100
Biomass Crop Assistance Program	\$125	0
Community Wood Energy Program	0	\$25
Total:	\$694	\$765