

BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BCAP



BCAP PURPOSE

BCAP is intended to assist agricultural and forest land owners and operators with the:

1. establishment and production of eligible crops including woody biomass in selected project areas for conversion to bioenergy,



BCAP PURPOSE (continued)

and with the:

2. collection, harvest, storage, and transportation of eligible material for use in a biomass conversion facility.

(CHST) Matching Payment Program



BRIEF BCAP HISTORY

BCAP was authorized by the Food, Conservation,
and Energy Act of 2008
(AKA: the 2008 Farm Bill)



BCAP HISTORY ... continued

On May 5, 2009, President Obama issued a Presidential Decree to aggressively accelerate the investment in and production of biofuels.

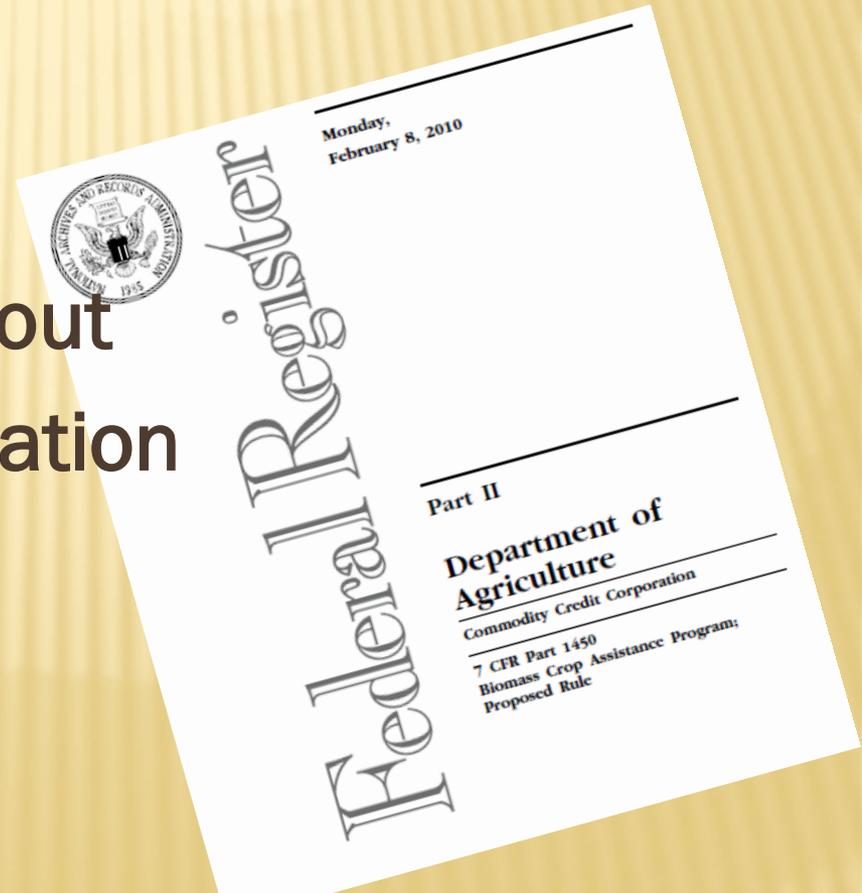


BCAP HISTORY ... continued

Proposed rules were issued in the Federal Register on February 8, 2010.

Over 23,000 *comments* were received.

Final Rules are expected out this fall, when implementation can begin.



BCAP SUMMARY

- ❖ BCAP encourages producers on agricultural and forest land to produce biomass for the purpose of conversion to bioenergy
 - ❖ by making matching payments for collection, harvest, storage, and transportation.
 - ❖ By paying up to 75% cost share and makes annual payments for establishing non-woody and woody perennial biomass crops for bioenergy
- ❖ BCAP estimated total payments: \$2.6 billion
- ❖ The Final Rules are expected out sometime this Fall

BCAP SUMMARY

- ❖ Benefits of the program include:
 - Reduction of the use of fossil fuels and a more carbon neutral energy source,
 - Creation of jobs in rural America, and
 - Development of the infrastructure to support renewable energy.
- ❖ BCAP has the potential to have a significant impact on Hawaii agriculture and on Hawaii's dependence on outside sources for its energy

BCAP CONCLUSION

The proposed BCAP rules contain considerable details not cover in this brief overview.

As a reminder, the final rule may be different from the proposed rule when it is published

Anyone who is interested in BCAP to view the proposed rules at:

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BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) provides financial assistance to producers or entities that deliver eligible biomass material to designated biomass conversion facilities for use as heat, power, biobased products or biofuels.

In the News More

- USDA Announces IT Modernization of Farm Service Agency to Improve Delivery of Service to Producers Throughout the Country (Mar 29, 2010) (En Español)**
- USDA Schedules First Meeting of Dairy Industry Advisory Committee for April 13-15 (Mar 26, 2010) (En Español)**
- Cold Storage Facilities Now Eligible for USDA Facility Loan Program (Mar 17, 2010) (En Español)**
- USDA to Propose Expanding Poultry Loan Guidance to Include Pork Operations (Mar 11, 2010) (En Español)**
- USDA to Issue Partial 2009-Crop Counter-Cyclical Payments for Upland Cotton and Peanuts; No Final 2008-Crop Counter-Cyclical Payments for Rice (Mar 05, 2010) (En Español)**
- USDA Announces Commodity Credit Corporation Lending Rates for March 2010 (Mar 01, 2010)**
- USDA Signs MOU with Pheasants Forever To Enhance Conservation Efforts (Feb 27, 2010)**
- USDA Announces Additional 300,000 Acres for Wildlife Habitat Expansion and Intent to Conduct General**

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March 2010

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BCAP

“Providing incentives for energy-efficiency and clean energy are the right thing to do for our future – because the nation that leads the clean energy Economy will be the nation that leads the global economy. And America must be that nation.” **President Obama**



“USDA is working to expand energy opportunities by producing alternative forms of energy and fuel, and to ensure that we are doing the research necessary to allow agriculture to transition away from its rather significant dependence on fossil fuels.”

Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture

