

**NORTH CAROLINA  
BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
FAQ's**

- Q) Can a biomass owner (logger, landowner, wood supplier) sign up and commit his deliveries before a qualified biomass conversion facility (BCF) is signed up in NC?**
- A) No.**
- Q) How does a biomass facility become qualified?**
- A) By completing Agreement and BCAP-1 form. See BCAP Fillable Agreement on the FSA BCAP website.  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ener&topic=bcap>**
- Q) Why hasn't any facility in NC signed up as a BCAP qualified biomass conversion facility?**
- A) KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation has signed up and been approved.**
- Q) Where do biomass owners sign up for BCAP?**
- A) FSA County Offices. Private Lands – County Office with administrative authority over the private lands. Public Lands – County Office nearest the qualified BCF which has received an allocation of funds.**
- Q) Can paper mills who buy biomass for boiler fuel sign up as qualified facilities?**
- A) Yes.**
- Q) What type of document must a biomass owner present to FSA to get tonnage signed up?**
- A) An Eligible Material Owner (EMO) must submit an application using form AD-245, Request for Cost-Share. EMO shall provide estimates of total tons of eligible material expected to be sold based on amounts obtained from contracts, agreements, and or letters of intent from the BCF; type or types of eligible material expected to be sold; name of BCF; expected per ton price; date or dates the eligible material is expected to be delivered to the BCF.**
- Q) How is the delivered price determined in the future if you don't know what the biomass facility will be actually paying?**
- A) Estimate market price of \$30 per dry ton.**
- Q) Can a landowner come to FSA and sign up their future deliveries even if they have not yet sold their timber?**
- A) Yes.**

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- Q) Can the logger share in BCAP if he is under contract with a landowner and he is actually the one who does the harvesting and deliveries?**  
**A) EMO's are eligible to share in cost-share payments.**
- Q) Why can't the qualified biomass receiving facilities get the subsidy payments?**  
**A) Payments go to the EMO.**
- Q) How much money is available and how long does it last?**  
**A) \$25 million dollars has been provided for FY-2009.**
- Q) Is there a limit on what a biomass owner can claim (tons and money)?**  
**A) EMO's will be paid at the rate of \$1 for each \$1 dry ton paid by the qualified BCF, limited to a maximum of \$45 per dry ton and limited to a 2-year payment duration.**
- Q) Will BCAP upset the normal market pricing for forest products and did this happen with subsidized agricultural crops?**  
**A) ????**
- Q) How do you determine bone dry weight or will a conversion factor be used since most facilities buy on green weight?**  
**A) If the qualified BCF is unable to estimate the amount of eligible material in dry tons, the FSA State Office will contact the Conservation and Environmental Programs Division (CEPD) to assist in making an estimate.**