



Steps to Participate in the USDA BCAP Project for Willow Biomass Crops in Central and Northern New York

Financial incentives are being offered by the USDA Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) to landowners who contract with ReEnergy Holdings to grow willow biomass crops in approved counties in Northern New York State.

1	Contact your county USDA FSA office to start the process. At that time, ask USDA FSA staff to pull up maps and make an initial assessment of the land that you are interested in enrolling into the program.	As Soon As Possible
2a	If your land area is greater than 50 acres, skip to step 3. If your land area is less than 50 acres, proceed to step 2b.	>50 acres? <50 acres?
2b	Ask local USDA FSA staff if other landowners in the area have expressed interest in participating in the program. If so, request contact information or inform FSA of your interest. Contact other landowners to assemble 50 acres that are relatively close so that equipment like a forage chopper can be driven between sites without loading it onto a truck.	
3	Review the Willow Supply Agreement from ReEnergy that will ensure the purchase of all willow biomass produced from the enrolled acreage for the next three harvest cycles. A copy of the agreement will be available at your local FSA office or you can e-mail bcap@reenergyholdings.com or call (518) 810-0200	Review Agreement
4	With at least 50 acres assembled and initial approval from the local USDA FSA staff, contact ReEnergy Holdings at mail bcap@reenergyholdings.com or call (518) 810-0200 to make arrangements to sign a supply agreement.	
5	Sign supply agreement with ReEnergy Holdings.	Sign Agreement
6	Return to local USDA FSA office to enroll land in the BCAP project. You will need the signed supply agreement with ReEnergy Holdings to complete this process.	September 25 th
7a	Talk with USDA FSA staff to decide if you are going to plant willow in the spring of 2016 or 2017 and complete enrollment process according to schedule.	Planting Schedule
7b	If planting in spring of 2016 go to step 8. If planting in 2017 go to step 11.	
8	If planting in the spring of 2016, develop and begin to implement a plan for site preparation right away so planting can occur as soon as possible in spring 2016.	
9	Contact Double A Willow to order planting material for the spring of 2016.	Prior to the end of September, 2015
10	Arrange for planter rental/services to begin in the spring of 2016 by contacting Double A Willow or Celtic Energy Farms (see below).	Prior to the end of December, 2015
11	If planting in spring 2017, contact Double A Willow for planting material in September 2016 and arrange for planter rental/services with Double A Willow or Celtic Energy Farms by December 2016.	

The deadline for enrollment is September 25, 2015

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