



# Chapter 2: Biomass Consumed in the Current Bioeconomy

Bioenergy 2016: 1-A: Assessing America's Biomass Potential (2016 Billion-Ton Report)

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### 2.1 Introduction

365 Million Bioenergy Equivalent Dry Tons

Consumed in the Current Bioeconomy

2016 Billion Ton Report

- 2004 estimate
  184 Million Dry Tons
- 2011 estimate
  214 Million Dry Tons
- "Bioenergy equivalent dry tons" due to the use of conversion factors
- The 2016 update includes additional crops and secondary feedstocks contributing to industrial energy generation
  - Increases from 2004 and 2011 are largely due to growth in the biofuels industry
- 2014 values of biomass energy consumption are used as much as possible
  - Wood-derived energy, MSW, and landfill gas are 2013 values from EIA's 2015 Electric Power Annual
- "Currently used resources" in reporting the billion-ton potential is reported alongside potential future supply to highlight the growth in biomass potential supply





### 2.1 Introduction

#### 365 Million Dry Tons estimated based on 4 major product categories:

**128**MM Dry Tons



#### **Transportation Fuels**

Ethanol

Gasoline

- Naphtha
- Diesel
- CNG/LNG
- Jet Fuel

**223**MM Dry Tons



#### **Heat and Power**

- Electric
- Residential
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Farm Use

**6** MM Dry Tons



**Biobased Chemicals** 

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**MM Dry Tons** 



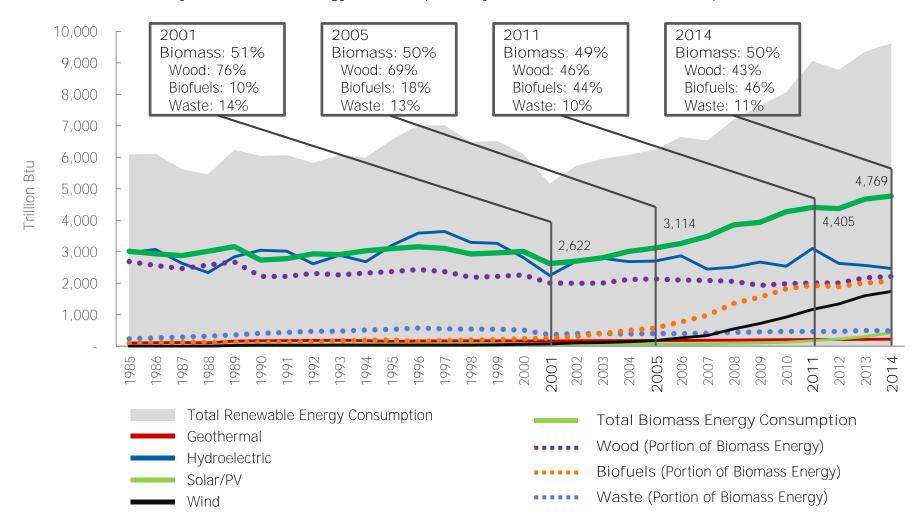
**Wood Pellets** 





### 2.2 Primary Energy Consumption

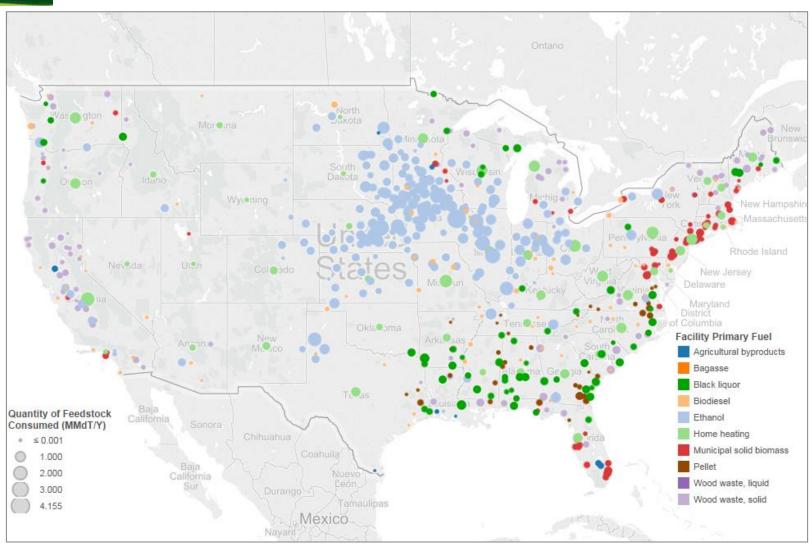
Primary Renewable Energy Consumption by Source and Total Consumption (1985–2014)







### 2.2 Spatial Distribution of Biomass Consumption

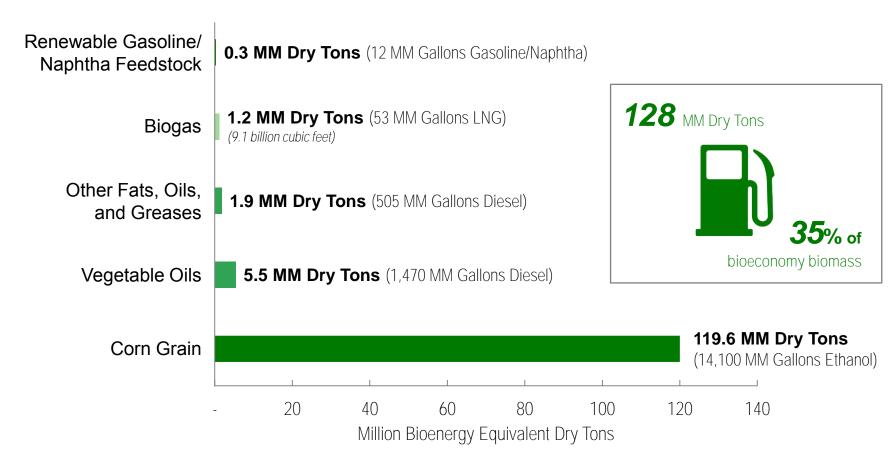






### 2.3 Transportation Fuels

Biomass Consumed for Fuel Production in the Current Bioeconomy



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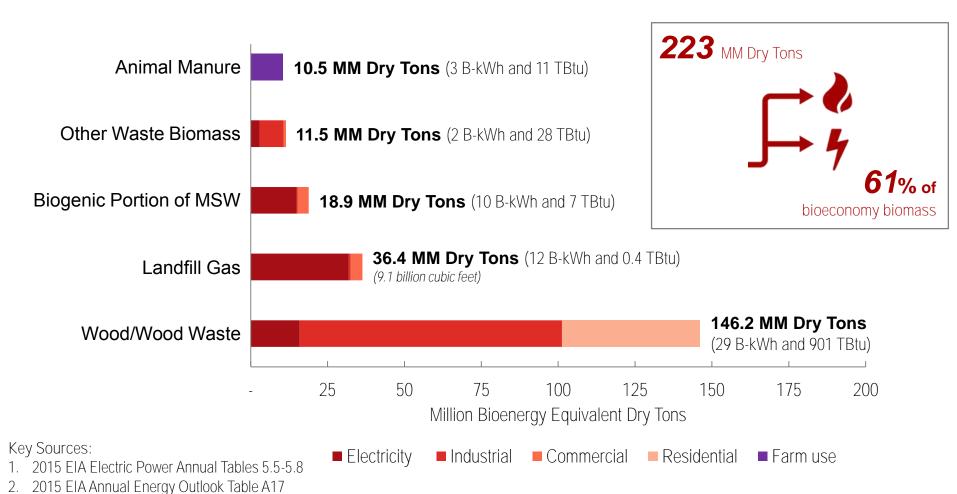
- RFS2 Reported Production Volumes 2014
- 2. USDA Feed Grains Database 2015
- 3. EIA Monthly Biodiesel Production Report





### 2.4 Heat and Power

Biomass Resources Consumed for Heat and Power in the 2013 Bioeconomy

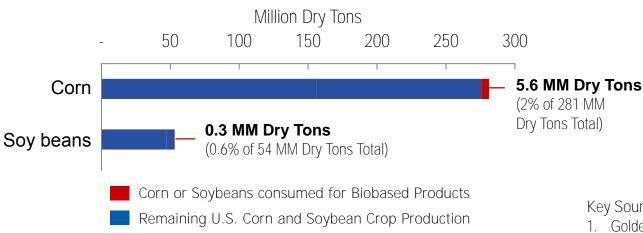


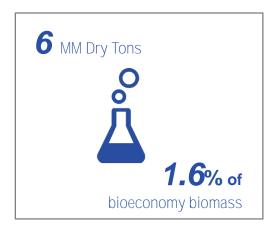




### 2.5 & 2.6 Other Energy Related Products

#### **Biobased Chemicals**





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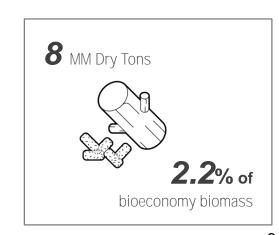
- 1. Golden, J. et. Al. 2015. USDA BioPreferred Report
- 2015 USDA Oilseed Yearbook

#### **Wood Pellets**

- 7.6 Million Dry Tons of wood pellets (2014).
- Majority of pellets exported to the UK and Europe due to regulatory and political factors.

#### Key Sources:

- United Nations Forest and Agricultural Organization
- Abt et al. 2004. U.S. Forest Service
- Goetzl 2015. US International Trade Commission







### 2.7 Emerging Sources

### **Biosolids and Wastewater**



- 1,241 U.S. Operate AD Systems
  - 48% of all wastewater flow
  - 10% of that biogas used beneficially
- 282 operational CHP systems
  - 69 water recovery facilities exporting electric power to the grid (Argonne 2015)
- Significant potential to increase biogas utilization and AD capacity
  - Wastewater treatment systems have not yet been fully quantified and included in the Billion Ton Report

#### Key Sources:

- 1. Shen et al. 2015. Argonne National Laboratory
- WEF 2014. Phase 1 US WWTP Database

### **Biomass Crop Production**



Herbaceous and woody crops grown solely for energy end uses, including:

#### Herbaceous

- Switchgrass
- Miscanthus
- Energy Cane
- Sorghum
- Perennial Grasses

#### Woody

- Hybrid Poplar
- Southern Pine
- Eucalyptus
- Willow
- 11,300 dry tons on 2,900 acres in 2012
  - Data reporting incomplete
  - 211 acres in August 2014 to 2,554 acres in November 2014

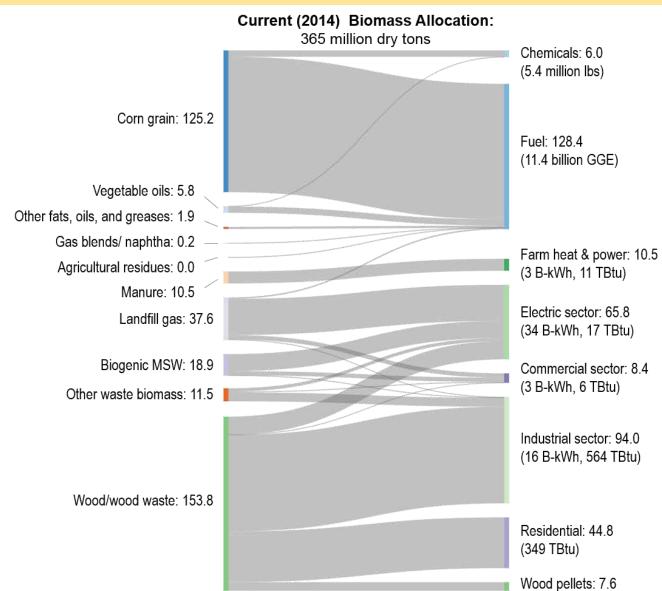
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