



**FEEDSTOCK PRODUCTION AND
MANAGEMENT
INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP (IWG)
UPDATE TO THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

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Overview of the Working Group

- *Mission:*
 - *Develop and help deploy sustainable biomass feedstock management and production systems and practices for integration into conventional agriculture, forest and rangeland management systems and for energy crops*
- *Members:*
 - *Marilyn Buford** *USDA FS*
 - *Erik Christiansen* *DOI OWF*
 - *Wade Salverson* *DOI BLM*
 - *Norm Widman** *USDA NRCS*
 - *Rob Mitchell* *USDA ARS*
 - *Mark Elless* *DOE BETO*
- *Some past accomplishments:*
 - *Bioenergy Feedstock Best Management Practices: Summary and Research Needs*
http://www.biomassboard.gov/biomass/brdi/pdfs/bioenergy_feedstocks_bmps.pdf
 - *Sustainable and Adequate Biofuels Feedstock Production: Recommendations for Federal Research and Development*
http://www.biomassboard.gov/biomass/brdi/pdfs/feedstock_production_2011.pdf
- *Current research areas:*
 - *Improve management systems efficiency and economics*
 - *Improve sustainable feedstock production systems and practices*
 - *Integrate biofuel feedstock production into landscape management options*
 - *Develop effective decision support tools*

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Focus areas for 2015

- *What are some areas that would be helpful for the TAC to focus on in 2015?*
 - *Increase public understanding that sustainably producing hundreds of millions of tons of high-quality feedstocks will require the development and widespread adoption of innovative new production and management strategies and systems that are adapted to local environmental conditions.*
 - *Increase public acceptance that biomass can be managed as a sustainable feedstock while continuing to deliver needed levels of goods (including food supplies), services, and values from the landscape*
 - *Increase public support for sustainable biomass production and management as a foundation for the Bioeconomy*