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Maine– Rural Business & Cooperative Service

Alternative Energy

USDA Supports Maine’s Wood Pellet Manufacturing Industry

Outline Of Need:

The cost of home heating oil continues to rise and many homeowners are turning to renewable energy sources for a cost-saving and environmentally friendly approach to heating their homes.

How Rural Development Helped:

USDA Rural Development has assisted all four of Maine’s wood pellet companies, resulting in a total investment of \$905,973.88 in through the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

The Advanced Biofuel Payment Program provides payments to to ensure the expanding production of advanced biofuels by providing payments to eligible advanced biofuel producers.

producers to support and expand production of advanced biofuels refined from sources other than corn kernel starch. The Program supports and helps



Supporting Maine’s Wood Pellet Manufacturing Industry: USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager, and USDA Rural Development State Director Virginia Manuel along with representatives from all four of Maine’s wood pellet manufacturing businesses stand at the base of Corinth Wood Pellets facility during a February 2012 visit

Additional incentive payments may be made to certain producers who have increased their biofuel output over the previous year’s production.

Advanced biofuels are produced from renewable biomass crops such as cellulose, sugar and starch (other than ethanol derived from corn kernel starch), hemicelluloses, lignin, waste materials, biogas, butanol, diesel-equivalent fuel, sugarcane, and nonfood crops such as poplar trees or switchgrass.

The Results:

Through support of the four pellet manufacturing companies jobs are saved and created within the renewable energy sector, helping to ensure the supply of wood pellets to Maine homeowners and helping them to reduce the cost of heating their homes.

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Fast Facts

Program: Advanced Biofuel Payment Program

Maine’s Wood Pellet Manufacturing Companies:

Corinth Wood Pellets	Total Payments:	\$346,341.54
Geneva Wood Pellets	Total Payments:	\$44,812.72
Maine Woods Pellet Company	Total Payments:	\$514,391.93
Northeast Pellet Company	Total Payments:	\$427.69
Total Investment:		\$905,978.88

Other Interest Facts:

- USDA Rural Development is supporting all four of Maine’s wood pellet manufacturing companies

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