

# **The Bioeconomy Initiative:** *A National Strategy for the Billion Ton Vision*

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# Bioeconomy Definition

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The bioeconomy is defined as: The global industrial transition of sustainably utilizing renewable aquatic and terrestrial biomass resources in energy, intermediate, and final products for economic, environmental, social, and national security benefits.

*--From 2014 Report: Why Biobased? Opportunities in the Emerging Bioeconomy: Why BioPreferred*

# Billions Ton Studies History and Accomplishments

## Billion-Ton Study (BTS), 2005

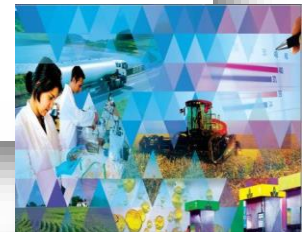
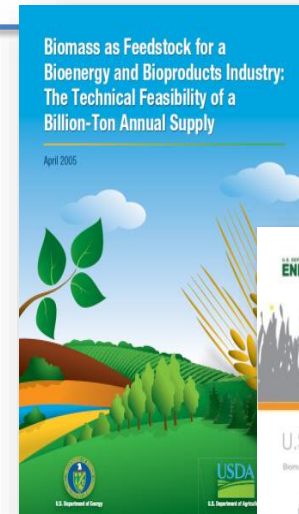
- Technical assessment of agricultural and forestry systems to supply low-valued biomass for new markets
- Identified adequate supply to displace 30% of petroleum consumption; i.e. physical availability

## Billion-Ton Update (BT2), 2011

- Quantified potential economic availability of feedstocks for 20-year projection
- Publicly released county-level supply curves for 23 candidate biomass feedstocks through Bioenergy Knowledge Discovery Framework.

## 2016 Billion-Ton Report (BT16), 2016

- Expansion of resource assessment to include additional feedstocks and delivered supply
- Two-volume approach



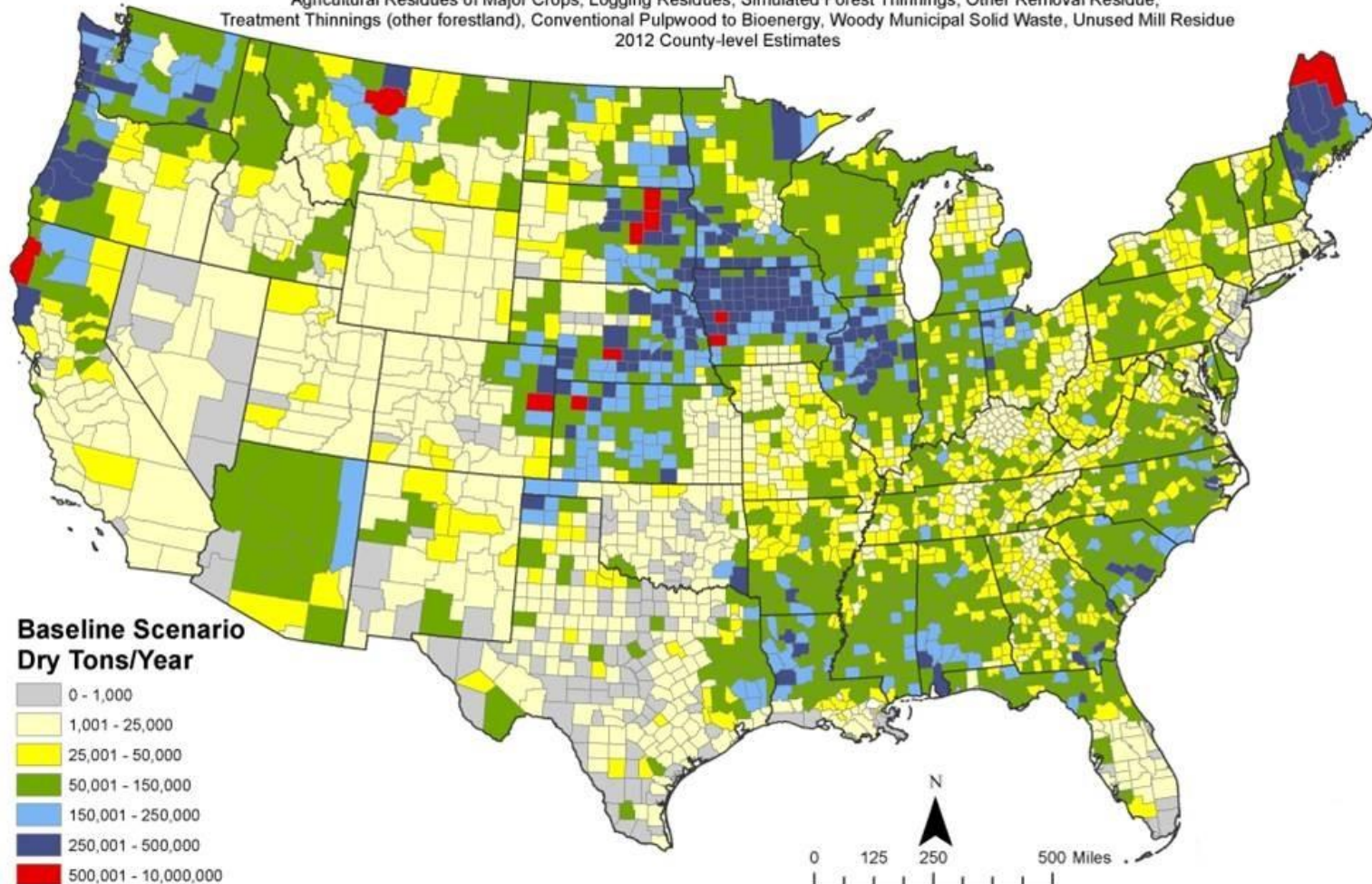
**The 2016 Billion  
Ton Report**

# Supply Curve Results

## Currently Available Biomass Resources

Includes all potential primary agricultural resources and primary and secondary forestry resources excluding Federal Lands (when available) at \$80 per dry ton or less:  
Agricultural Residues of Major Crops, Logging Residues, Simulated Forest Thinnings, Other Removal Residue,  
Treatment Thinnings (other forestland), Conventional Pulpwood to Bioenergy, Woody Municipal Solid Waste, Unused Mill Residue  
2012 County-level Estimates

2012  
Baseline  
scenario  
at \$80 per  
dry ton



Source: U.S. Department of Energy. 2011. U.S. Billion-Ton Update: Biomass Supply for a Bioenergy and Bioproducts Industry. R.D. Perlack and B.J. Stokes (Leads), ORNL/TM-2011/224. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN. 227p. Data Accessed from the Bioenergy Knowledge Discovery Framework, [www.bioenergykdf.net](http://www.bioenergykdf.net). [December 4, 2012].

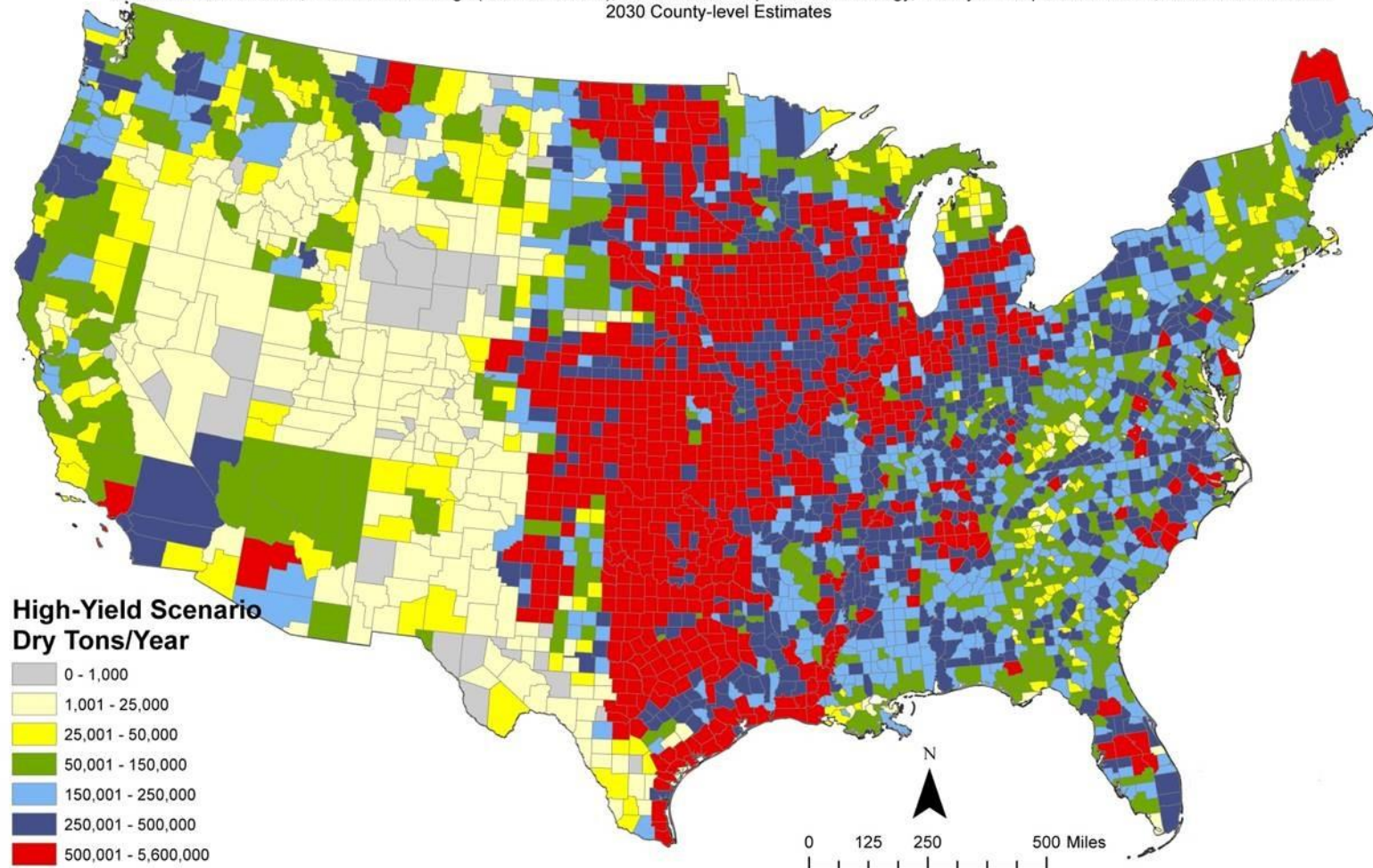
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# Supply Curve Results

## Potentially Available Biomass Resources

Includes all potential primary agricultural resources and primary and secondary forestry resources excluding Federal Lands (when available) at \$60 per dry ton or less: Perennial Grasses, Short Rotation Woody Crops, Annual Energy Crops, Agricultural Residues of Major Crops, Logging Residues, Simulated Forest Thinnings, Other Removal Residue, Treatment Thinnings (other forestland), Conventional Pulpwood to Bioenergy, Woody Municipal Solid Waste, Unused Mill Residue  
2030 County-level Estimates

2030  
Baseline  
scenario  
at \$60 per  
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Source: U.S. Department of Energy, 2011. U.S. Billion-Ton Update: Biomass Supply for a Bioenergy and Bioproducts Industry. R.D. Perlack and B.J. Stokes (Leads), ORNL/TM-2011/224. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN. 227p. Data Accessed from the Bioenergy Knowledge Discovery Framework, [www.bioenergykdf.net](http://www.bioenergykdf.net). [July 28, 2014].

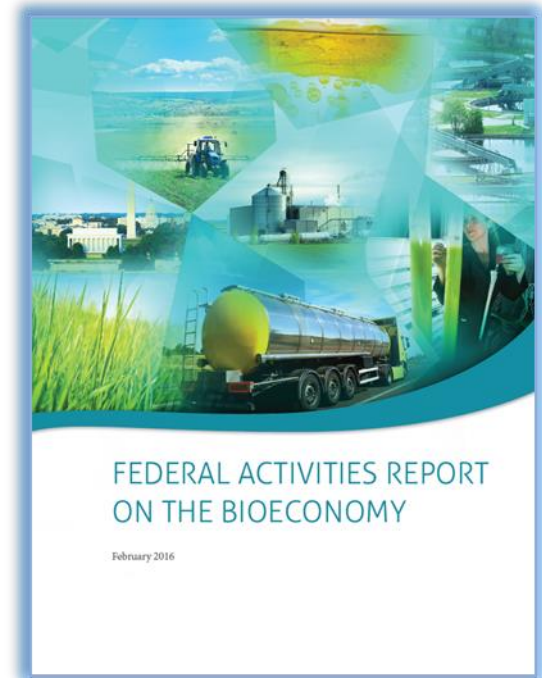
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# Biomass Research and Development Board



# Federal Activities Report on the Bioeconomy

- On February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Biomass R&D Board released the [Federal Activities Report on the Bioeconomy](#) (FARB).
- This report aims to educate the public on the wide-ranging, federally funded activities that are helping to bolster the bioeconomy.
- The FARB details a vision for a Billion Ton Bioeconomy—tripling the size of today's bioeconomy by 2030.
- Achieving this vision would provide economic, environmental, and social benefits, including a considerable reduction in GHG emissions.



# Vision and Goal of the Billion Ton Bioeconomy

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**The vision** for the Billion Ton Bioeconomy is to sustainably reach the full potential of biomass-derived products as a way of expanding our nation's economy. In doing so, the bioeconomy will provide multiple economic, environmental, and social benefits to the Nation.

**The goal** of the Billion Ton Bioeconomy is to develop and provide innovative ways to remove barriers to expanding the sustainable use of Nation's abundant biomass resources for biofuels, bioproducts, and biopower, while maximizing economic, social, and environmental outcomes.



# A BILLION DRY TONS OF SUSTAINABLE BIOMASS

HAS THE POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE

**1.1 MILLION Direct Jobs**  
and keeps about  
**\$250 BILLION**  
in the U.S.  
(direct contribution  
and inflation adjusted)

**85 BILLION\***  
kWh of electricity  
to power  
**6 MILLION**  
households. Plus  
**1050 TRILLION BTUs**  
of thermal energy.

**50 BILLION**  
gallons of biofuels  
displacing almost  
**25%**  
of all transportation  
fuels.

**50 BILLION POUNDS**  
of biobased  
chemicals and bio-  
products, replacing  
a significant portion  
of the chemical  
market.

**400 MILLION TONS**  
of CO<sub>2</sub>e  
reductions  
every year.



## STEPS TO BUILDING THE BIOECONOMY

- 1 Accelerate research & technology development
- 2 Develop production, conversion and distribution infrastructure
- 3 Deploy technology
- 4 Create markets and delivery systems

### Projections based on:

- 2016 Billion Ton Study Report (Forthcoming)
- EIA 2015 AEO
- 2015 USDA Long-Term Forecast
- Various data sources

\* Includes 27 billion kWh and 90 TBtu from livestock anaerobic digestion

# Overview of Agency Activities



FEEDSTOCK SUPPLY



BIOMASS CONVERSION



BIOENERGY DISTRIBUTION

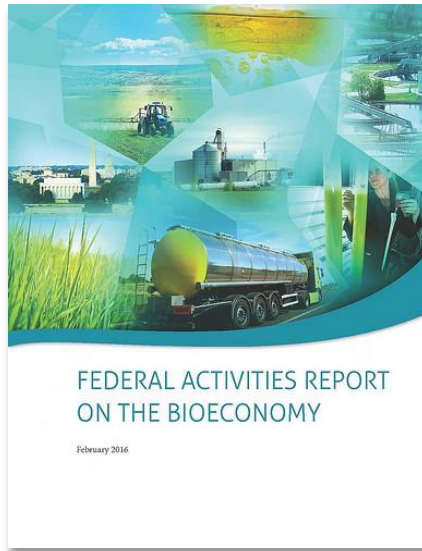


BIOENERGY END USE

Agency	Feedstock Supply	Biomass Conversion	Bioenergy Distribution	Bioenergy End Use
DOE	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●
USDA	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●
DOT	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●
EPA	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●
DOI	● ● ●	● ● ●		
NSF	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●	● ●	
DoD		● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ●

- Use an integrated systems approach
- Provide the science and the technology
- Public and private collaboration to overcome barriers and accelerate deployment
- Develop a workforce for the future bioeconomy
- Understand and inform policy

# Bioeconomy Initiative Reports Plan



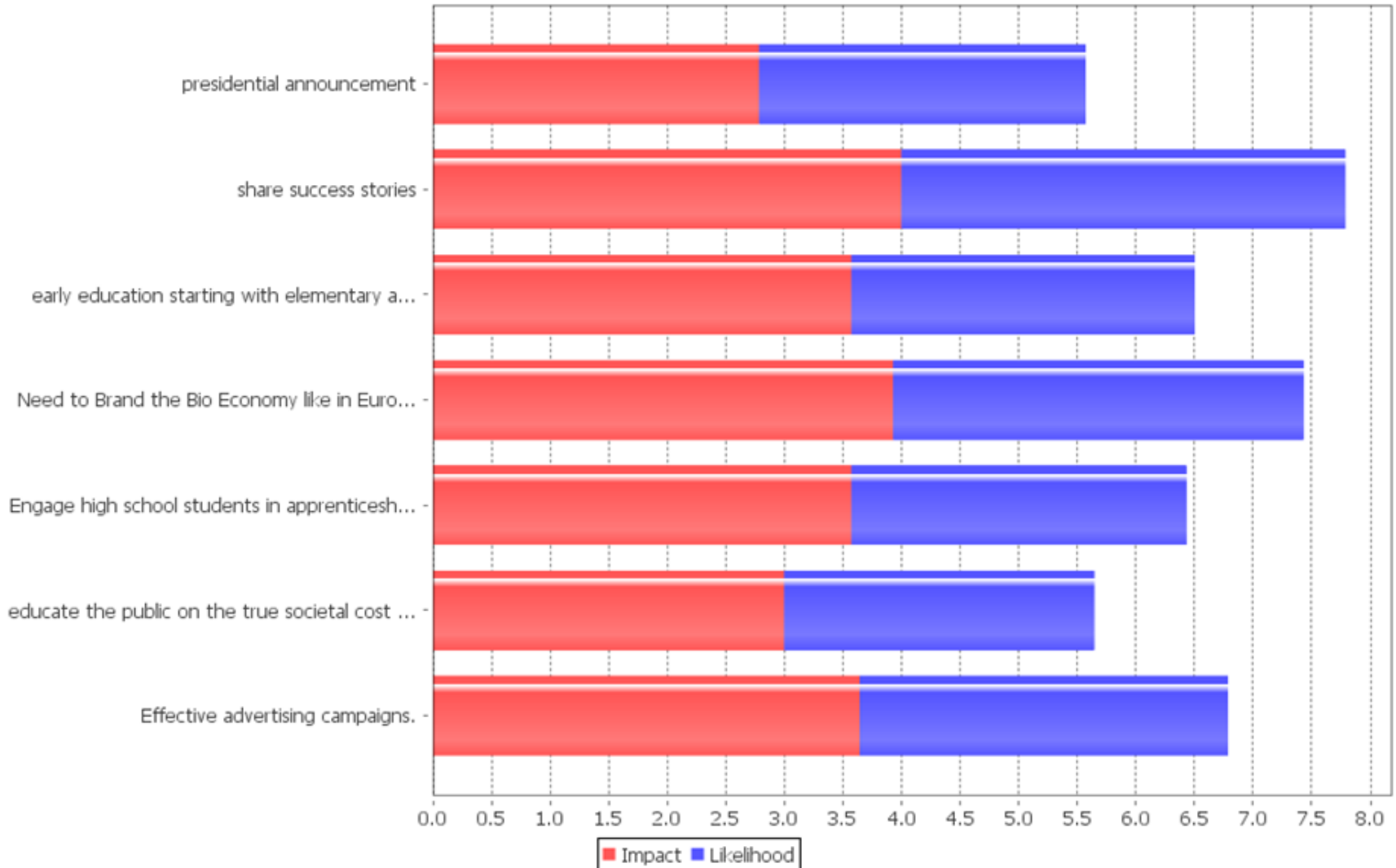
The Bioeconomy  
Initiative:  
*Challenges and  
Opportunities for a  
Billion Ton Vision*  
Target Release Date  
Aug, 2016

The Bioeconomy  
Initiative: Action  
Plan  
Target Release date:  
Dec., 2016

- Three reports in the series: FARB – released in February, 2016
- Stakeholder engagement
  - Over 400 participants involved in 5 sessions.
    - 4 in-person Listening Sessions were held in conjunction with major bioenergy industry events.
    - 1 public webinar held on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- This report will be the second part of a staggered release of the Initiative.
- An ‘Action Plan’ will follow that will result from collaborative meetings of the Federal Agencies involved

# How can we best engage the interested public in the process of developing a Billion Ton Bioeconomy?

## Public Engagement



# Challenges and Opportunities

- Challenge Areas (as identified by Stakeholders)
- Ongoing Interagency Areas of Importance and Growth for the Initiative
  - Food Energy Water Nexus
- Next Steps/Path Forward
  - How to move from the Strategy Report to an Action/Implementation Plan
  - Additional Stakeholder Involvement
    - State and Economic Development Agencies
    - 3-5 meetings in different regions of the country
  - Call for partners from industry/research community to ‘Join the Initiative’



# ATIP Foundation Workshops – Regional Forums

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- These workshops, organized by the ATIP Foundation, will focus on regional issues and their specific bioeconomy-related industries by partnering with the states rather than conferences geared to a specific industry. These workshops will take place in the late July through October timeframe.
- The feedback gathered from these formal workshops will be used to solidify and support the Action Plan that is planned for release in December of 2016.

# Path Forward

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- **A transition priority for the next Administration**

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