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EIA collects and publishes data using more than 50 surveys on the petroleum, electricity, natural gas, nuclear, renewables and energy consumption markets

Proposals to collect data from the public and businesses in the U.S. must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

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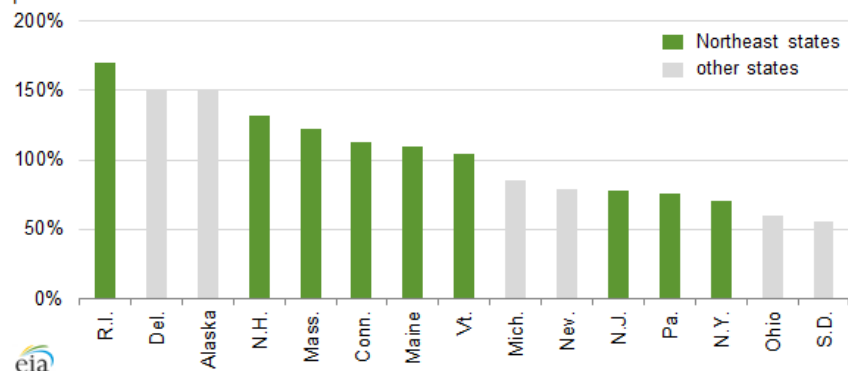
Why is this survey important?

- Pellets are a growing source for biomass consumption in the U.S. and abroad
- Biomass, in the form of densified wood pellets, may well surpass the use of petroleum for home heating by 2020 (AEO 2014).
- Wood pellets and firewood comprise 70 percent of residential renewable energy use for heating in the U.S. and is growing at a faster rate than other fuels.
- Today In Energy articles from March 17 and May 22, 2014:

MARCH 17, 2014

Increase in wood as main source of household heating most notable in the Northeast

States with highest percentage increase in homes using wood as main heating source (2005-12)
percent

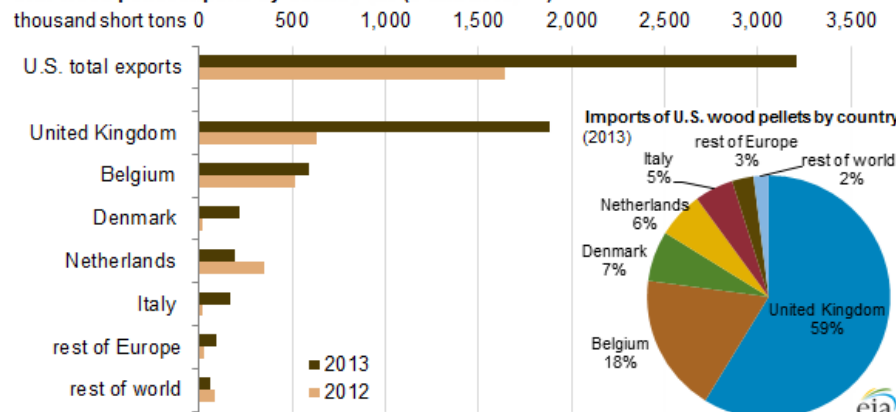


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 and 2012 American Community Survey
Note: Northeast states represent the Northeast Census region

MAY 22, 2014

U.S. wood pellet exports double in 2013 in response to growing European demand

U.S. wood pellet exports by destination (2012 and 2013)



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, based on U.S. International Trade Commission data

- EIA also publishes estimates for thermal biomass use in the Short Term Energy Outlook and Winter Fuels Outlook reports.

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Survey as currently constructed includes the following:

1) Basic facility information

- commercial operation date, annual production capacity

2) Production

- feedstock type, volume and cost
- production volumes and characteristics

3) Sales

- volumes, price and characteristics

4) Exports, if applicable

- volumes, price and characteristics

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- Federal Register Notice: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-31/pdf/2014-30708.pdf>
- Proposed Survey Forms: http://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_63c/proposed/
- Comments are due by March 2, 2015 and should be directed to Rebecca Peterson at EIA-63C@eia.gov. The postal mailing address is:

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To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, email is recommended. Questions about the form and the clearance process may also be directed to Ms. Peterson at EIA-63C@eia.gov.