



*Wood pellets are a carbon-neutral, cost stable and renewable fuel used in millions of American households today for space heating and cooking.*

## **How can I help?**

### **Generally**

- Support federal regulatory language affirming biomass as a carbon-neutral, renewable energy source
- Protect consumers' right to heat their homes using wood and wood pellet appliances that comply with emissions limits outlined in federal regulations
- Maintain and expand tax-credits for qualifying wood heat appliances

### **Specifically:**

#### ***Farm Bill***

- Include provisions in 2023 Farm Bill reauthorization that bind federal agencies and departments to recognize biomass carbon neutrality in any federal environmental or energy rulemaking
- Support the ongoing inclusion of the [Advanced Biofuels Payment Program](#) in the Farm Bill
- Support the continuation of the [Community Wood Energy Grants](#) in the Farm Bill
- Support the continuation of the [Wood Innovations Grants](#) in the Farm Bill

#### ***Renewable Energy Tax Credits***

- Raise the cap on biomass appliance installations included in the Residential Clean Energy Property Credit to \$8,000 to incentivize the installation of whole home wood pellet boiler systems
- Expand the Clean Energy Property Credit to commercial installations

#### ***Renewable Fuels Standard***

- Direct the EPA to authorize a pathway within the Renewable Fuel Standard for wood pellet producers to generate Renewable Identification Numbers



## Wood Pellet Manufacturing in Maine

The wood pellet manufacturers of Maine are proud to be an integral part of the state's impressive and vital forest products sector that employs over **31,000** Mainers and generates over **\$8.1 billion** in economic output for the state.

This robust forest products sector creates incredible value for Maine's **17.5 million** acres of forestland.

source: University of Maine

### **Operating Wood Pellet Facilities –**

- Lignetics of Maine, Strong
- Maine Wood Pellets Co., Athens
- Northeast Pellets LLC, Ashland
- Wood & Sons Co., Sanford

**Total Production Capacity                    210,600 tons\***

\* enough wood pellets to heat **52,650** homes

**Wood Residuals Purchased                    294,840 tons**

**Value of Residual Purchases                \$11.5 million**  
**(\$39.26/ton)**

**Wholesale value of pellets                    \$44.2 million**

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Biomass Magazine, analysis by Pellet Fuels Institute

### **Wood Pellet Appliance Manufacturing in Maine**

- Maine Energy Systems, Bethel