



How can I help?

Generally

- Support federal regulatory language affirming biomass as a carbon-neutral, renewable energy source. (Note: where is this language currently contained? I'd like to identify that/those places here.)
- Protect consumers' right to heat their homes using wood and wood pellet appliances that comply with emissions limits already outlined in federal regulations. (Note: cite an example of where consumer choice is being limited with anti-combustion legislation?)
- Maintain and expand tax-credits for qualifying wood heat appliances.

Specifically:

Farm Bill

- 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

Wood innovation grants

Tax Credits

- Raise the cap on biomass stove 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 Oregon

The wood pellet manufacturers of Oregon are proud to be an integral part of the state's impressive and vital forest products sector that employs over **71,000** Oregonians and generates over **\$18 billion** in economic output for the state.

This robust forest products sector creates incredible value for Oregon's 30 million acres of forestland.

source: Oregon Forest Resources Institute

Operating Wood Pellet Facilities –

- Blue Mountain Lumber Products, Pendleton
- Forest Energy Oregon, Columbia City
- Frank Pellets, Mill City
- Lignetics of Oregon, Brownsville
- Lignetics of Oregon, Cascade Locks
- Traeger, Molalla (BBQ)
- Traeger, Sweet Home (BBQ)

Total Production Capacity 207,500 tons*

* enough wood pellets to heat 51,875 homes

Wood Residuals Purchased 290,500 tons

Value of Residual Purchases \$11.4 million
(\$39.26/ton)

Wholesale value of pellets \$43.5 million

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