



Biomass Power Association Statement on 2016 Sustainable Energy Factbook

Washington, DC – February 4, 2016 – Biomass Power Association President and CEO Bob Cleaves today issued the following statement on the release of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and Bloomberg New Energy Finance [Sustainable Energy in America 2016 Factbook](#). The report provides an overview of renewable energy growth in the United States for the year 2015.

“The annual Sustainable Energy in America Factbook provides an excellent overview of the state of renewable energy in the United States, and we thank BCSE and Bloomberg New Energy Finance for this annual undertaking. The year 2015 marked a dramatic increase in public and government recognition of the necessity of renewable energy, particularly wind and solar. This is great news for the overall renewable energy industry.

“The not-so-good news is that *baseload* renewable energy, like biomass, does not have access to the same level of support by policymakers. A reliable, sustainable energy infrastructure cannot rely solely on intermittent sources of energy.

“Baseload technologies like biomass are an important part of the nation's energy system. We hope to see more government support in the coming years to preserve the existing asset base as well as add to the nation's biomass fleet.”

According to the Factbook's data, of the \$445 billion that the United States has invested in renewable energy since 2007, more than half has gone to solar technologies and 21% has been awarded to wind projects. The Factbook shows that biomass, biogas and waste-to-energy combined have grown only 15% since the year 2008. By contrast, wind grew 65% just during the year 2014.

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