

# DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) 2021 Project Peer Review

## 1.1.1.3 Supply Scenario Analysis

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Feedstock Technologies Program

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# Project Overview

- *Bioeconomy growth depends on biomass quantities, costs, quality, environmental effects, etc.*
- *Goal: Provide BETO and bioeconomy stakeholders with biomass feedstock quantity and cost information.*
  - *Support other BETO projects with biomass feedstock supply data (quantities, type, cost, spatial distribution, current and future potential).*
  - *Important where future supply/price is uncertain (e.g. energy crops, forestland resources)*
  - *Risk: Erroneous feedstock assumptions → Suboptimal R&D \$*

# 1 – Management

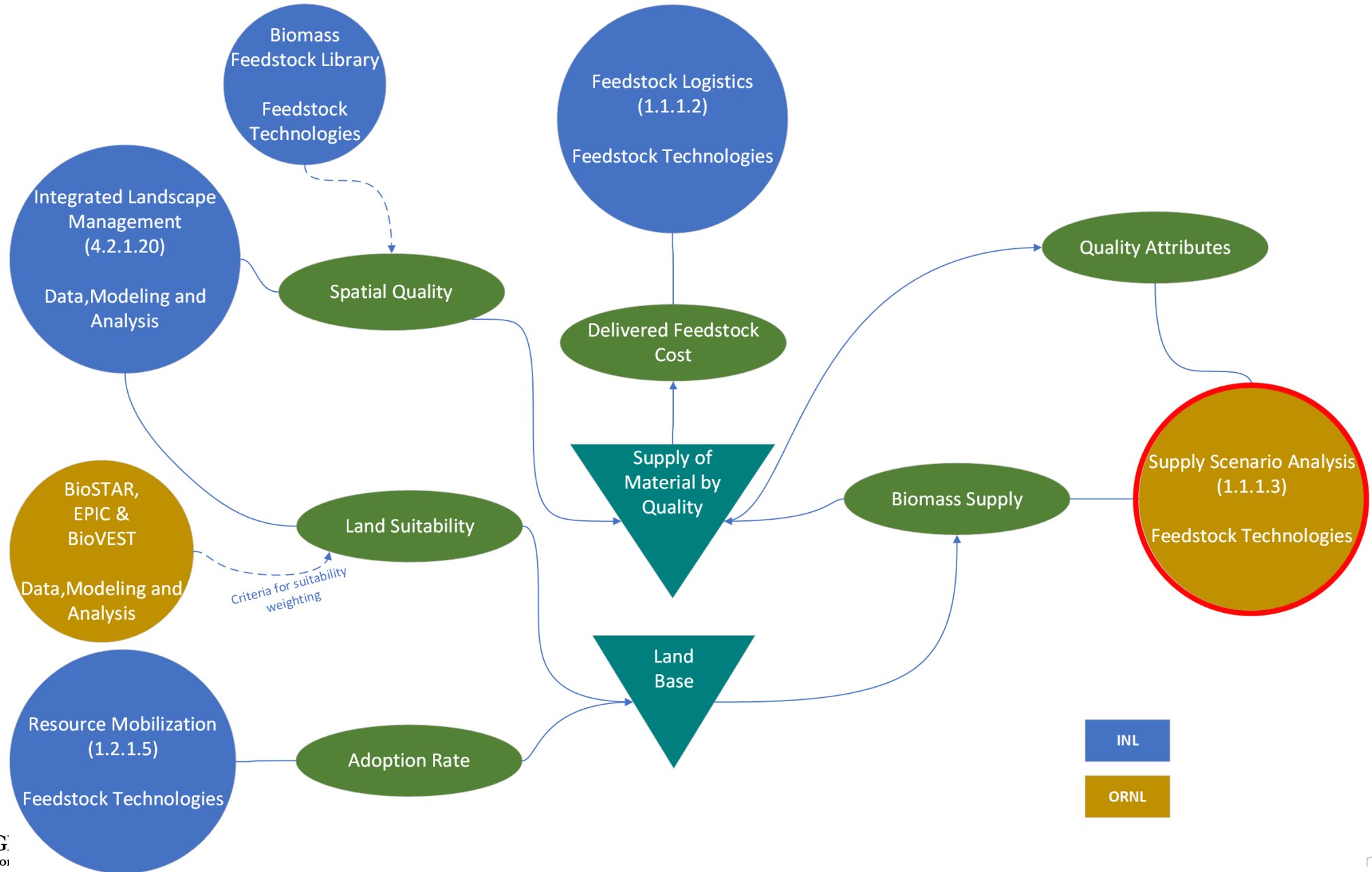
Team is aware of tasks, milestones, budget; Team develops approach and executes

- *Work plan is developed and coordinated with DOE and collaborators (INL, Software Engineering Group, University of Tennessee).*
- *Maggie Davis: supply modeling; Nicole Samu: logistics modeling; Steven Hahn, William Godoy, Addi Thakur, Donnie Earnest, Jenna Delozier: Programming*
- *Bi-weekly calls with BETO technology manager and team.*
- *Coordination with 1.1.1.2 Feedstock Supply Chain Analysis, 4.2.1.20 Integrated Landscape Management.*
- *Risks:*
  - *Erroneous resource supply/cost data can misinform other platforms; Mitigate with peer reviews.*
  - *Increased precision or resolution without increased accuracy; Mitigate with uncertainty analyses.*
  - *Over-apply HPC resources; Mitigate with cognizance and course correction*

## 2 – Approach

- 1) Maintain county-level supply modeling (e.g. Billion-ton Report).
  - *Ag residues and energy crops: Policy Analysis System, a partial equilibrium economic model.*
  - *Forestland resources: Forest Sustainable and Economic Analysis Model.*
  - *Wastes: EPA, USDA NASS, USDA ERS, USDA FS*
- 2) Future work: Build subcounty modeling.
  - *Field-level impacts (yield, operational costs, environmental effects) not captured in county-level modeling.*
  - *Collaborate with INL to quantify field agronomic, operational, and environmental suitability criteria*
  - *Build high-performance computing (HPC) stochastic capabilities to account for subcounty probability distribution of attributes*
  - *Explore HPC capability to solve at millions of fields rather than 3,100 counties.*

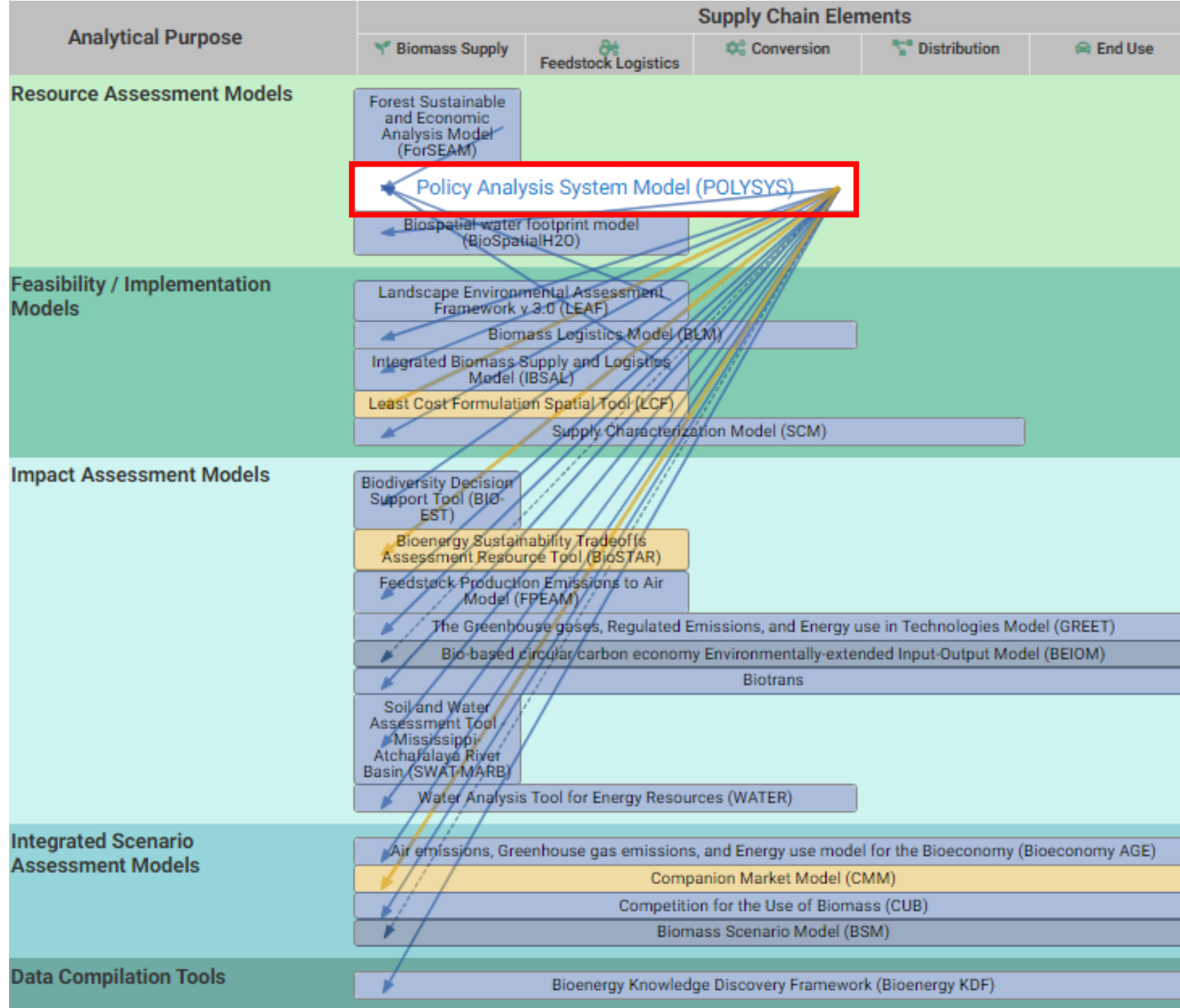
# 2 – Approach



# 3 – Impact

Feedstock data used by other projects, platforms, and stakeholders, e.g.:

- INL woody and herbaceous State of Technology Reports.
- Biomass Scenario Model and others.
- Data available at [bioenergykdf.net](http://bioenergykdf.net) since last peer review:
  - +12k views
  - +9k data downloads
  - 5 of top 10 pages on KDF



# 4 – Progress and Outcomes

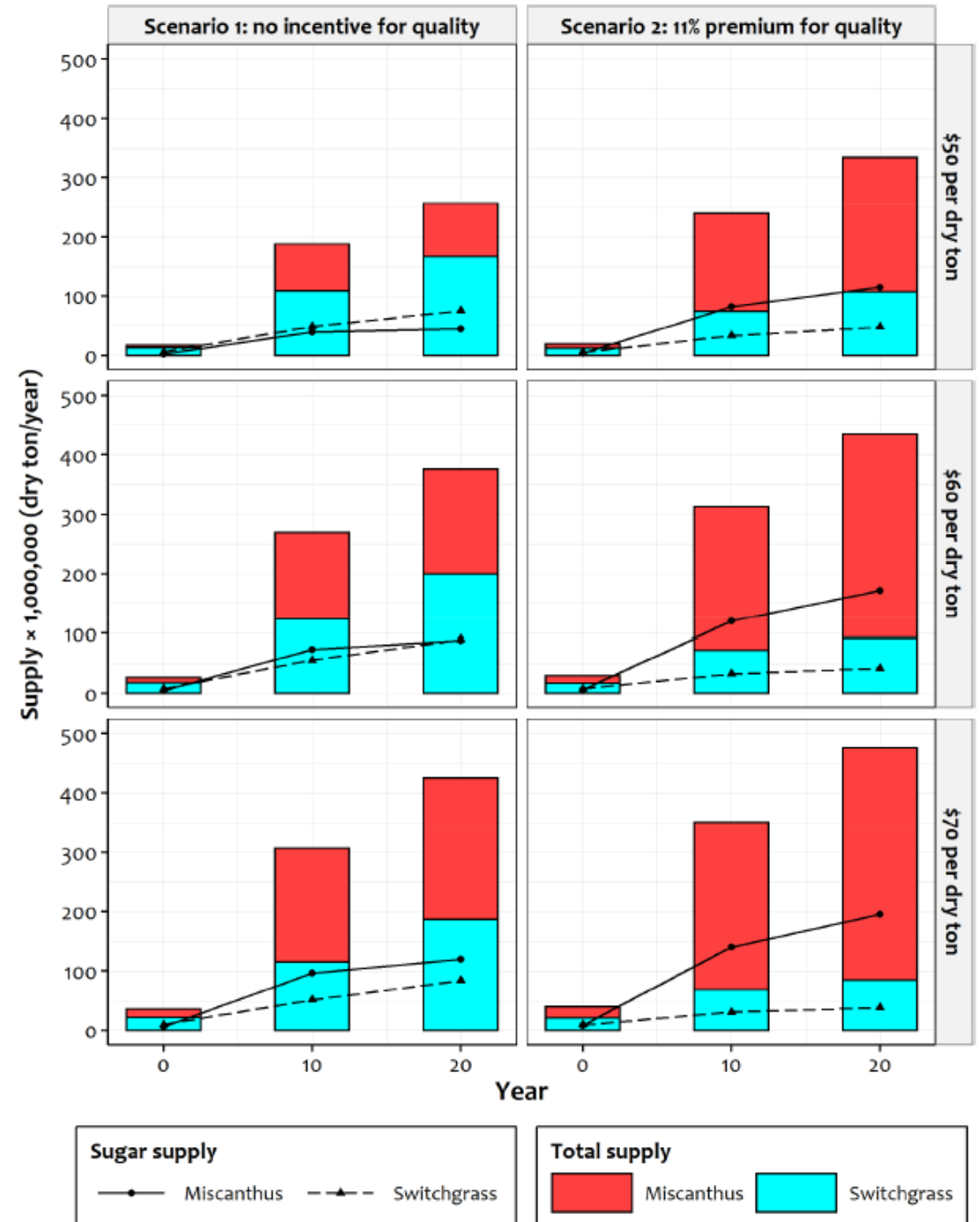
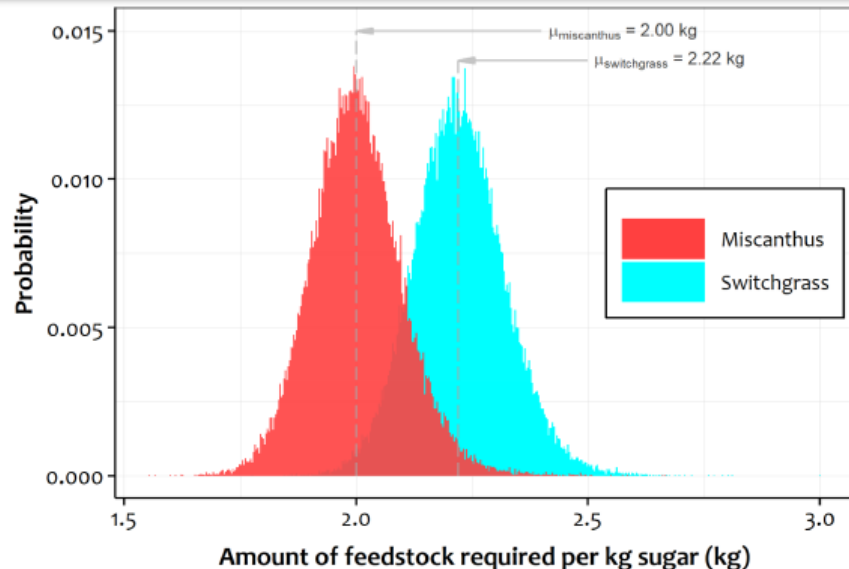
Price premiums for feedstock quality can increase supply of desirable feedstocks by ~10%.

Original Article




## Supply analysis of preferential market incentive for energy crops

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# 4 – Progress and Outcomes


Demand for aviation fuels could generate over 51 million L yr<sup>-1</sup> of JP-10, 75 million L yr<sup>-1</sup> of Jet A, and 77 million l yr<sup>-1</sup> of gasoline from eucalypts.



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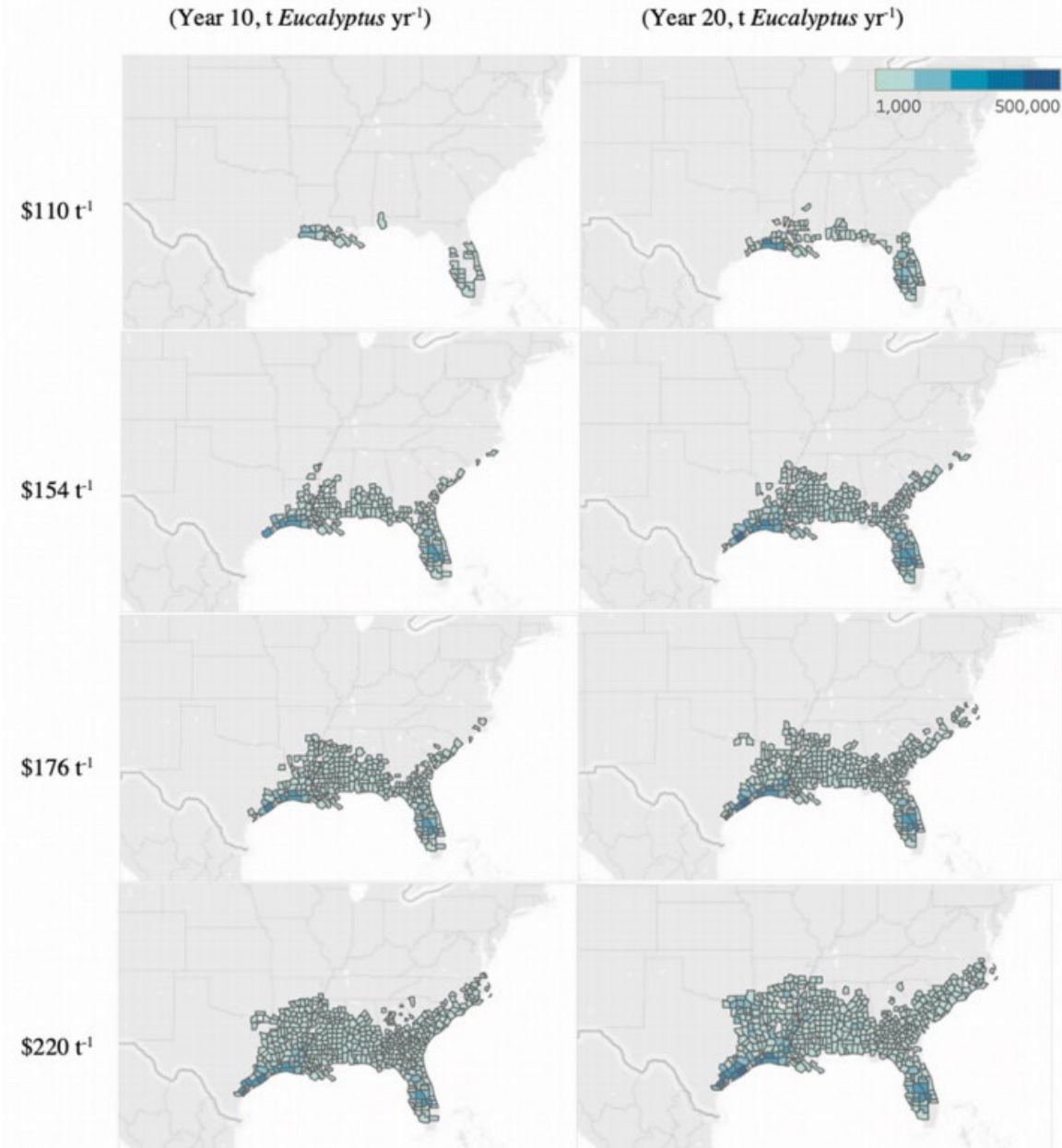
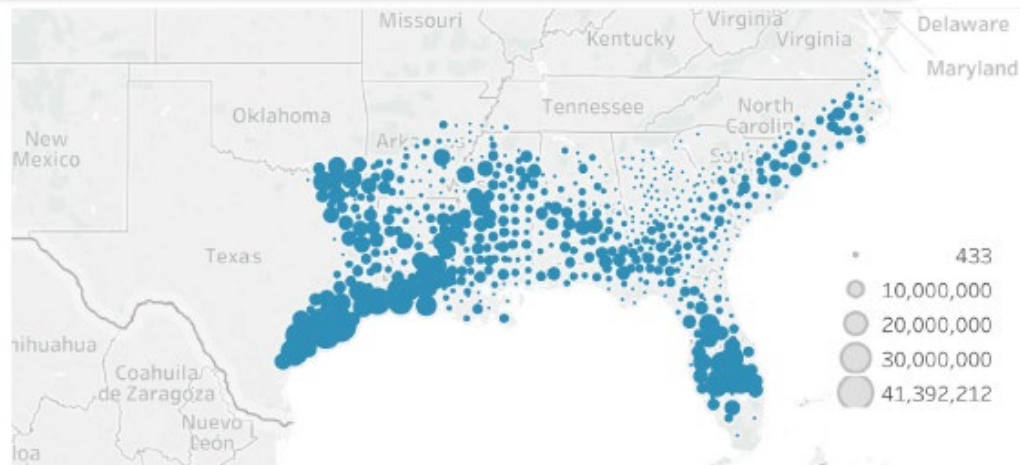


Modeled economic potential for *Eucalyptus* spp. production for jet fuel additives in the United States

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# 4 – Progress and Outcomes

A 90% reduction in facility capacity needed to reduce feedstock costs by ~\$10-\$20/tonne for biopower.



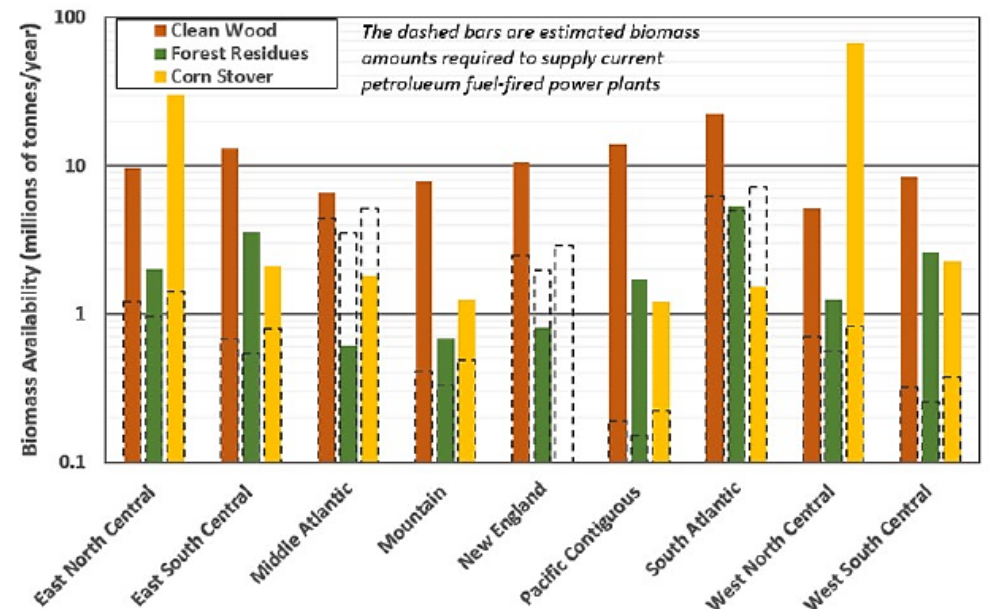
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## Biopower:

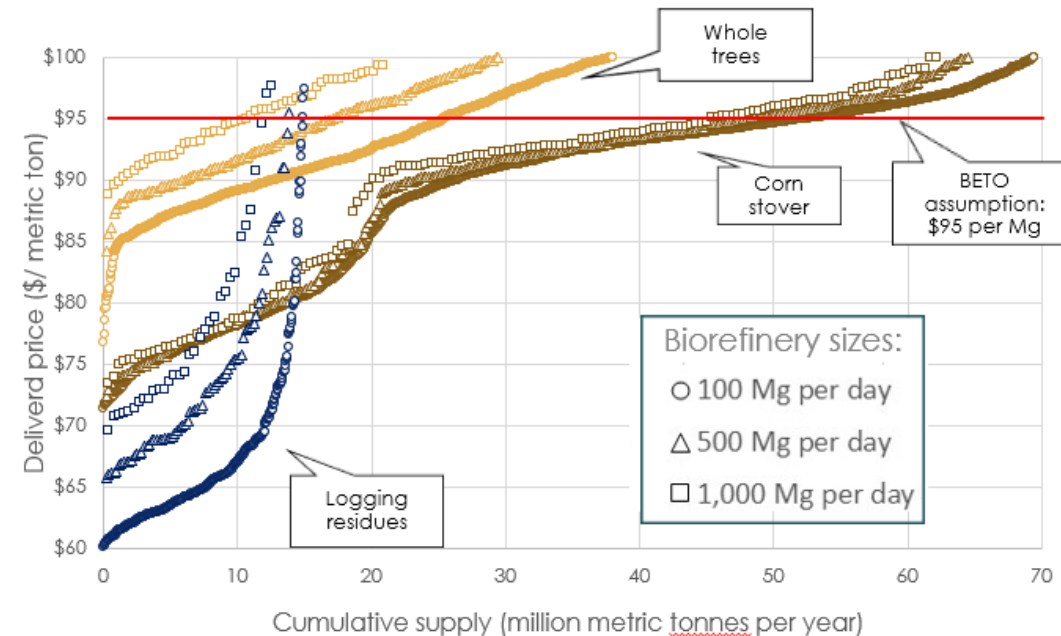
The Impact of Deploying Biofuels to Replace Petroleum Liquids in Stationary Power Applications

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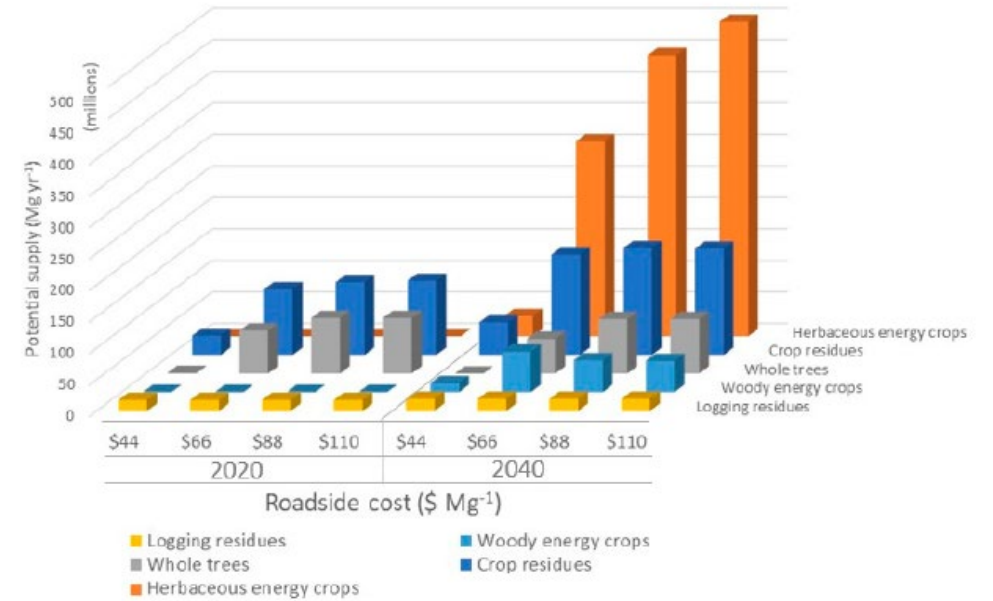



Biomass Availability for U.S. Census Divisions, along with Required Amounts for Each Respective Region's Petroleum Fuel-Fired Power Plants (dashed bars).



# 4 – Progress and Outcomes

~700 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> can be sequestered annually at scenario-average costs ranging from \$42 to \$92 per tonne CO<sub>2</sub> based on energy crops and agricultural residues.





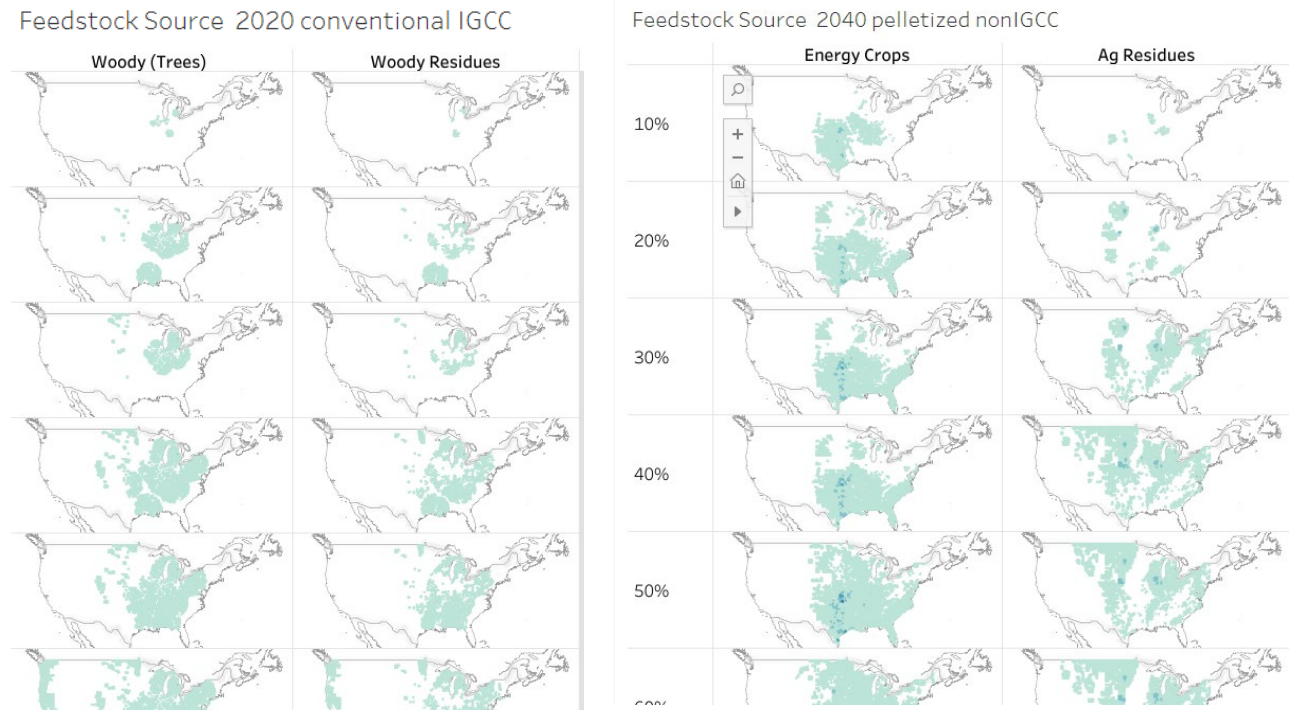

Article  
**The Economic Accessibility of CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration through Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) in the US**


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Technology Collaboration Programme

## Roles of bioenergy in energy system pathways towards a “well-below-2-degrees-Celsius (WB2)” world

# 4 – Progress and Outcomes

Increasing nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) in the U.S. by 20% can save \$743 M yr<sup>-1</sup> and reduce N loadings in freshwaters by 5.7% in a case study.


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Increased nitrogen use efficiency in crop production can provide economic and environmental benefits

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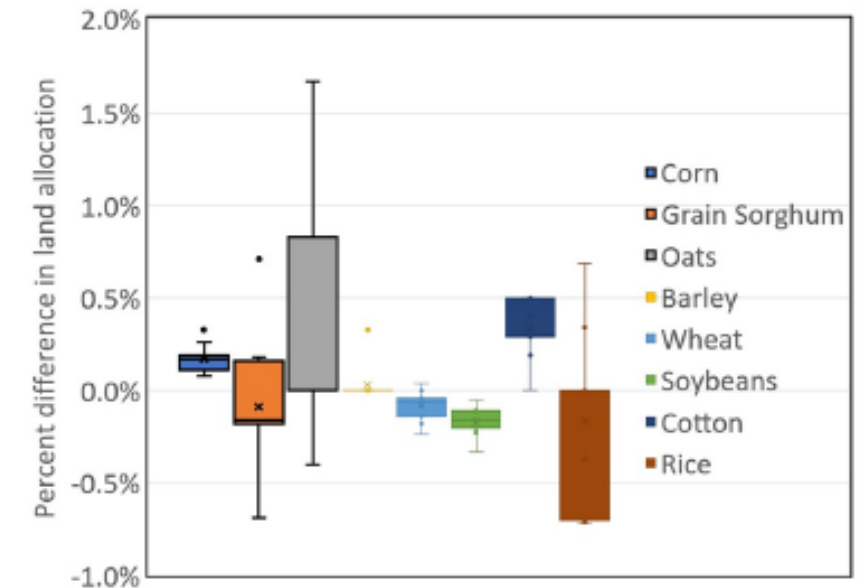
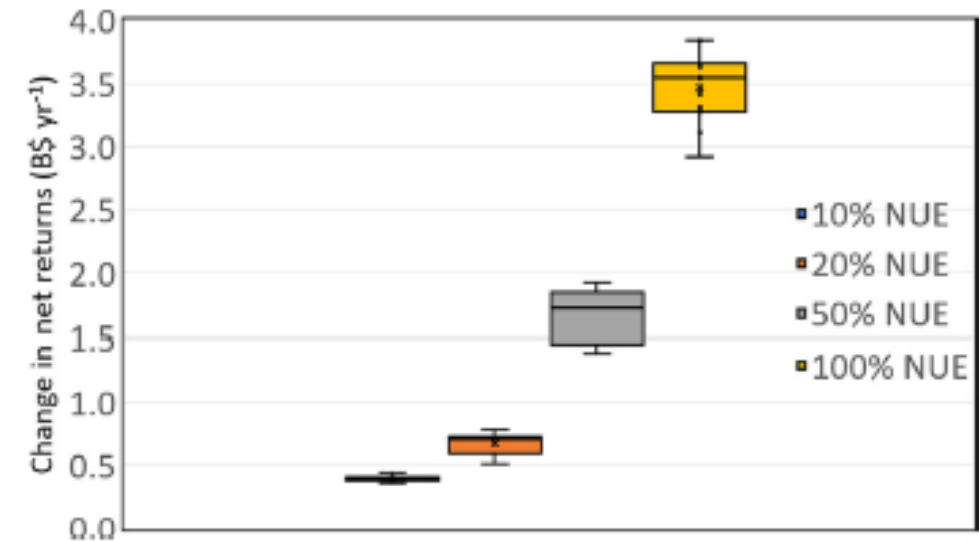


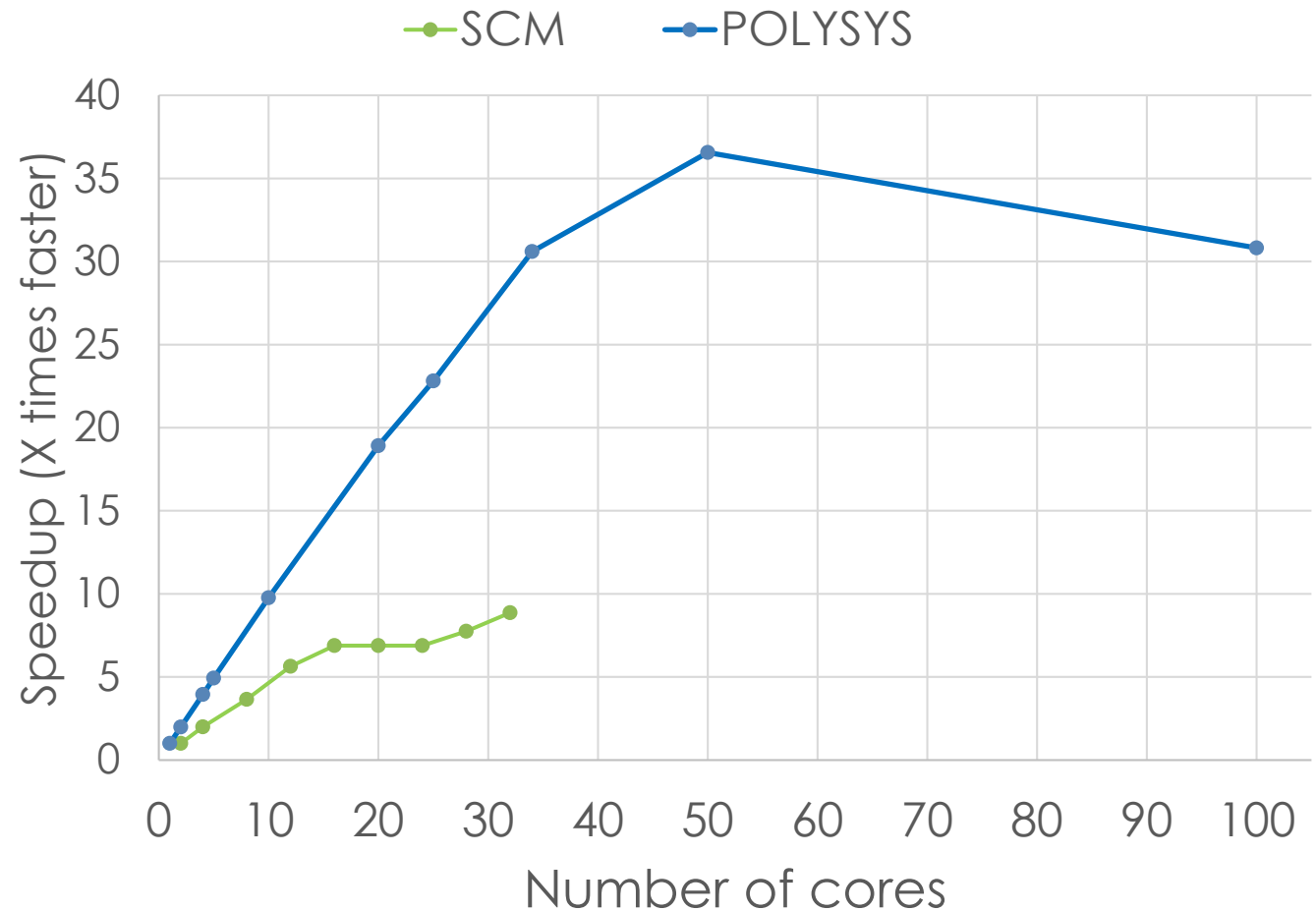
Fig. 5. Percent difference in land allocation of commodity crop in 20% NUE scenario relative to baseline for simulation years 2016–2026.

# 4 – Progress and Outcomes

## Parallelization benefits:

- Supply Characterization Model speedup 9x, reduced runtime from ~100 days to ~10 hrs.
- Policy Analysis System runtime reduced from ~10 hours to ~15 minutes (20-year stochastic simulation).
- Next: Ridge EERE computational resources, graphical processing units.

## Speedup with parallelization



# Summary

- Overview: Supply Analysis to provide robust feedstock supply information.
- Approach: Using economic and logistics simulation models and data visualization.
- Technical accomplishments: Provided data for SOTs, MYP targets, data requests for other FT and A&S projects.
- Relevance: Bioeconomy dependent upon biomass supply.
- Future work:
  - Supply analytics.
  - Coordinate with INL on Integrated Landscape Management, “nth” plan) modeling assumptions.

# Quad Chart Overview

## Timeline

- Project start date: 10/1/2020
- Project end date: 9/30/2023

	FY20	Active Project
DOE Funding	\$625k	\$1,125K

## Project Partners\*

- INL
- Agricultural Policy Analysis Center, U of Tennessee

## Barriers addressed

Ft-A. Feedstock Availability and Cost

At-C. Data Availability across the Supply Chain

## Project Goal

Provide objective feedstock supply & cost data to other projects and platforms.

## End of Project Milestone

Provide BETO and bioeconomy stakeholders with scenario-specific biomass feedstock quantity and cost information.

## Funding Mechanism

Annual Operating Plan.

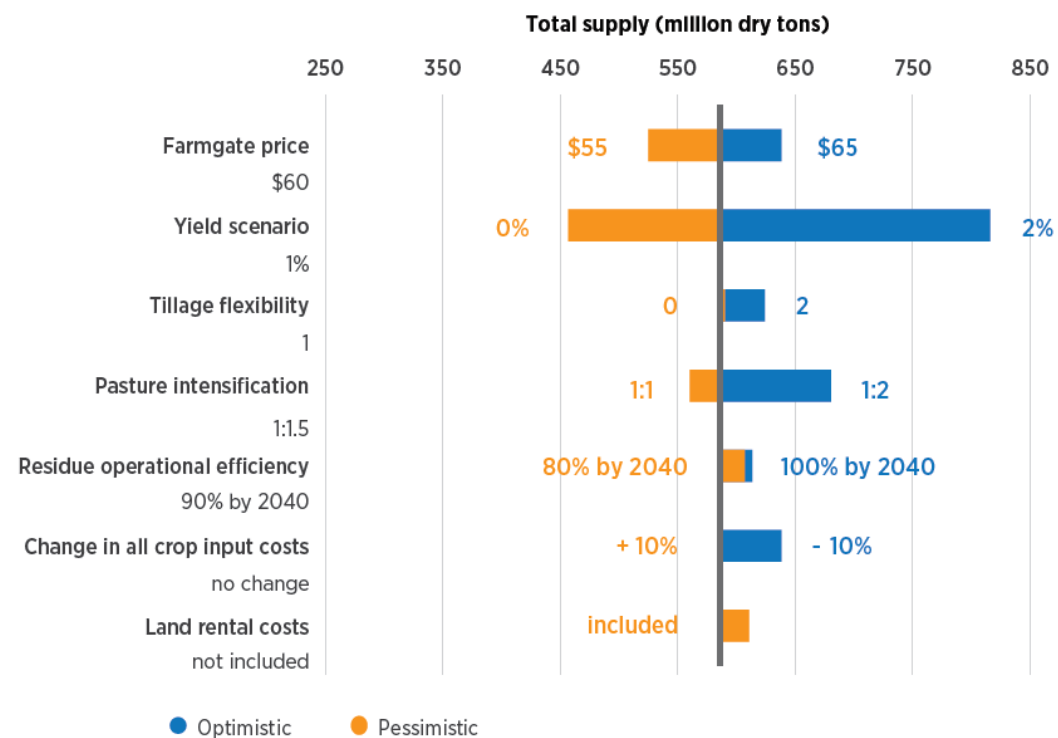
# Additional Slides

# Responses to Previous Reviewers' Comments

- “...I am always suspect of the assumptions behind the conclusions reached in the study about the price of the commodities in question...”

- We acknowledge that prices are impossible to predict because they will vary with future macroeconomic conditions and technical innovations.
- Our methods and results are peer reviewed but we recognize variability with our sensitivity analyses and hope our ongoing work in stochastic simulations will elucidate impacts of uncertainties.

Sensitivity to key variables, base-case (1%), 2040



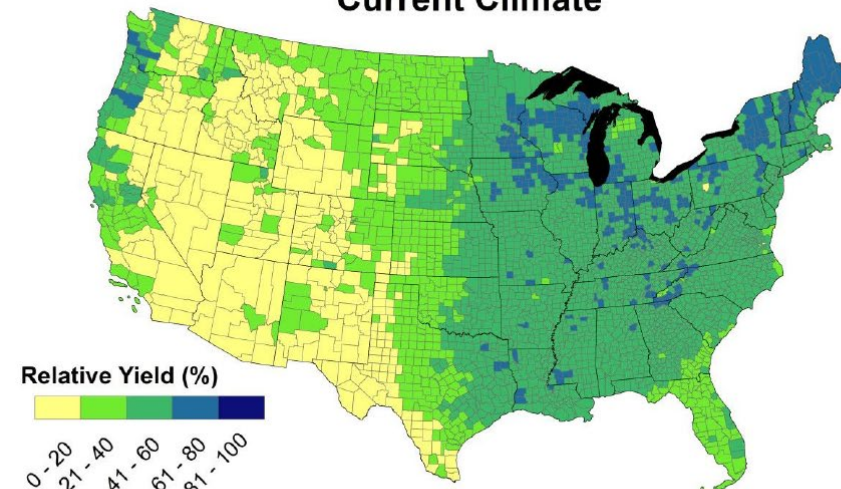


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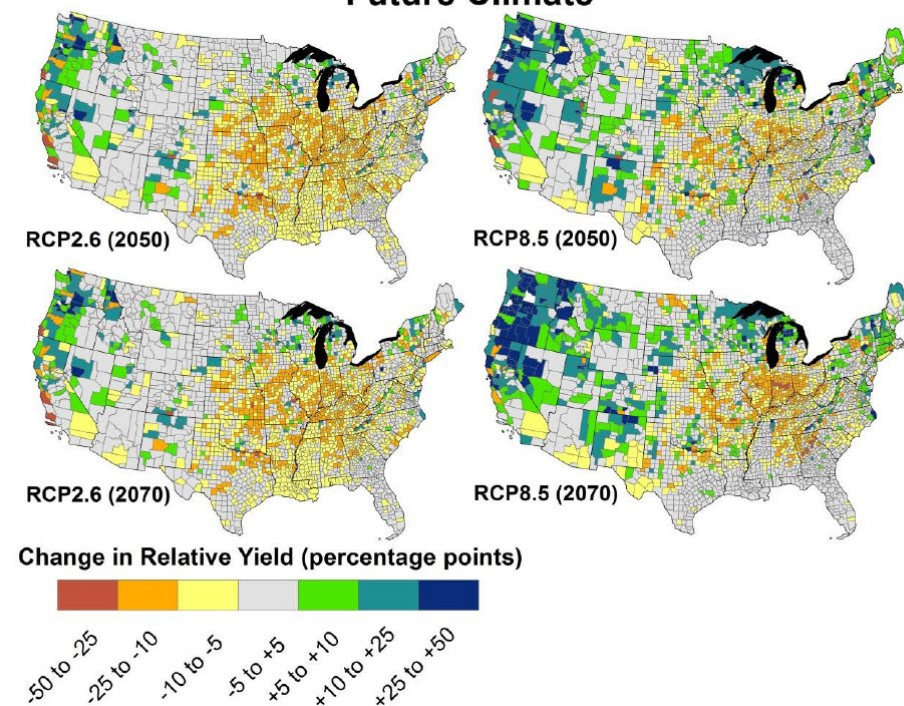
- “...Some factors to consider including in future work might be municipal readiness (i.e., road access)... as well as gradual impact of climate change...”
  - We have included road infrastructure in our delivered feedstock analysis and agree that local attributes should be considered where site-specific simulations are needed.
  - We agree that climate change will affect future yields. The climate change analysis in the Billion-ton Report suggests that geographic distributions of energy crops are likely to migrate north and west.

Relative yields of Miscanthus

Current Climate



Future Climate



# Responses to Previous Reviewers' Comments

## Go/No-Go Reviews:

- FY19: Proof of principle of quantification of switchgrass from agricultural lands in the continental U.S. based on 50-m raster analysis.
  - Downscaling corroborates national potential of integrated landscape management: Of 30 million acres allocated within 602 million acres of agricultural land for switchgrass production, 23%, 65%, and 92%, of the switchgrass-producing acres are allocated to lands with NCCPI values less than 0.2, 0.4, and 0.6, respectively.
- FY20: Ensure that feedstock supply assumptions in 1.1.1.3 are harmonized with other FSL projects.
  - Operational assumptions were harmonized with INL project 1.1.1.2 and have been submitted for publication.

# Publications, Patents, Presentations, Awards, and Commercialization

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