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#### **Government Biofuels Plan**

The National Biofuels Action Plan (NBAP) was released this week by USDA and the Energy Department. NBAP outlines how federal agencies will collaborate to speed up development of a sustainable biofuels industry that primarily uses feedstocks that are outside the food supply, according to a USDA release. Click on

[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7\\_0\\_A/7\\_0\\_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2008/10/0258.xml](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2008/10/0258.xml) for more about NBAP.

Meanwhile, the Energy Department announced an agreement with POET, LLC to construct and operate a commercial scale biorefinery in Iowa to produce ethanol from corn cobs, fiber, and stover. It is only the second major cellulosic biorefinery construction award.

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**Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank (FARAD)** is shutting down due to lack of funding. FARAD is used by veterinarians and producers to ensure that drug residues and other contaminants do not end up in meat. The program is run by USDA-CSREES in partnership with North Carolina State University, the University of Florida and the University of California-Davis. To operate, the program needs long-term funding of \$2.5 million per year. Although FARAD was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, it was not included in USDA's budget, and Congress has not provided appropriations for the program. NCBA and TCFA will continue to press for funding for FARAD.