

Sources of New Funding for New Crops and New Uses

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The Federal government offers a wide variety of programs to support research, development, and commercialization of products from agricultural, biobased materials. These programs promote new sources of energy, and new industrial and consumer products. They provide funding to expand the nation's capabilities to take advantage of new and exciting technologies. As a result, business opportunities are created, value is added to conventional crops and ag residues, agriculture is diversified through new crops development, and sustainable agricultural practices are expanded. Many of the products and processes developed under these programs compete with traditional counterparts, while showcasing environmental stewardship which can ultimately stimulate increased funding for research and development.