



Innovative New Uses for Soy

USDA's BioPreferred Program Designates New Product Categories

BioPreferredSM

With the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA)

BioPreferredSM program's Round 6 finalization, more than 600 additional biobased products will be offered for preferred purchasing consideration by all federal government agencies and contractors.

Soy plays a huge role in the Round 6 finalization, with USDA most recently designating 221 soy-based products out of 653 products in 26 different product categories. The United Soybean Board and the soybean checkoff help promote new industrial products for soy.

"There are perhaps more soy-based products in the BioPreferred program inventory than those produced from any other feed stock," says Ron Buckhalt, USDA BioPreferred program manager "Soy and some of the other oil seed crops, are so versatile and can be used to supplement many products made from petrochemicals."

The BioPreferred program serves as a preferred procurement program for federal agencies as well as an upcoming voluntary labeling program for the broad-scale marketing of biobased products.

The final rule was published in the Federal Register in October and becomes effective this month. Federal agencies have one year from the effective date to begin purchasing these products, when costs are comparable. The Round 6 designation includes many products that may bring benefits to government agencies.

"With Round 6, we see many products that have direct federal applications that will mostly be used in operations and maintenance, such as lubricants and industrial cleaners," says Buckhalt. "Round 6 has more real-world applications for federal buyers than some earlier rounds."

A complete list and detailed description of each BioPreferred program designated item, and items for future designation, can be found at www.biopreferred.gov or at [www.twitter.com/BioPreferred](https://twitter.com/BioPreferred). To learn more about soy-based products, visit www.soynewuses.org.

USB is made up of 68 farmer-directors who oversee the investments of the soybean checkoff on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers. Checkoff funds are invested in the areas of animal utilization, human utilization, industrial utilization, industry relations, market access and supply. As stipulated in the Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the soybean checkoff.