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Three good reasons:

- **It's mandated.**
- **It's good for the environment.**
- **It will increase demand for agricultural products and create jobs in rural America.**

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The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Farm Bill, Section 9002) requires Federal agencies to:

- **purchase designated biobased products for all Items costing over $10,000 (or when quantities of functionally equivalent items purchased over the preceding fiscal year equaled $10,000 or more), and**

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The Biobased Final Rule, 7 CFR Part 2902, authorized by section 9002 of FSRIA, was published on January 11, 2005.

By January 11, 2006 Federal agencies must:

- **establish an affirmative procurement preference program, assuring that Items composed of biobased products will be purchased to the maximum extent practicable.**

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Each affirmative procurement preference program shall contain:

1. **a preference for purchasing Designated Items,**
2. **a promotion program to promote the preference program, and**
3. **provisions for the annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of the program.**

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Buying biobased products may be mandated by law, but there are additional benefits, especially for the environment…

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Biobased products are environmentally friendly. Increased use of environmentally friendly products minimizes the negative environmental effects as compared to the use of fossil energy based products.

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Since the Federal government spends more than $300 billion on goods and services each year, it can positively impact the demand for biobased products.

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Improved demand for biobased products increases domestic demand for numerous agricultural commodities that eventually become feedstock for biobased products. As an example, soy, from soy beans, is being used to produce printing ink.

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Since biobased products are beneficial substitutes for fossil energy based products, if we increase their use, we will:

1. **Reduce the volume of waste in landfills,**
2. **enjoy safer & healthier workplaces, and**
3. **decrease U.S. reliance on foreign oil & natural gas.**

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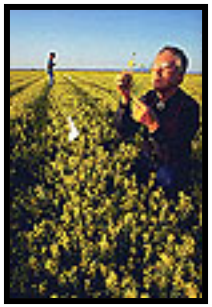
In summary, Federal purchasing of biobased products is beneficial because it increases:

1. **quality of life by reducing negative environmental impacts,**
2. **domestic demand for biobased products,**
3. **economic development in Rural America by creating new markets for agricultural products, and**
4. **production of substitutes to replace fossil energy based products with biobased solutions.**



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So far in this Biobased Products Awareness Training, we've answered the questions:

- **What Are Biobased Products?**
- **What are Designated Items?**
- **Why are Designated Biobased Items important for procurement?**
- **Why Purchase Biobased Products?**
- **What are the Benefits of Buying Biobased Products?**

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► If you would like to learn more about what other agencies are doing in using biobased products, click here for some Success Stories.

► To move to the third Topic in your Awareness Training "The Federal Role: Who is Required to Buy Biobased Products?", click the link below.

Who is Required to Buy Biobased Products?

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