

# Ag Energy Work Group

Harvesting Clean Energy V Conference

Great Falls, MT

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- Project began Spring 2004
- Grassroots agricultural leaders working together to help define agriculture's role in America's energy security and independence.
- Project sponsor: Energy Future Coalition -  
<http://www.energyfuturecoalition.org/>

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- Objective: build consensus on a common vision for agriculture's role in energy production.

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- Phase I – Determine:
  - What role can ag play in producing energy?
  - How big a contribution?
  - What will it take to become a major producer?
  - How can a broad ag energy alliance be established?

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- After six months of study, Phase I completed with "25 X '25 " Report (August 2004)
- [www.agenergy.info](http://www.agenergy.info) (Blueprint for Action)

# Areas of Focus

- Gather and disseminate information
  - Articles, web site, speakers bureau, trade shows
- Provide a forum to further explore areas of common interest
  - Enabling public policy, partnerships, opportunities, barriers, concerns, tech issues
- Improve awareness among decision makers
  - Federal, state government, legislators, stakeholders, financial institutions

# 25 X '25

- Vision: By 2025, 25 percent of America's total energy comes from agriculture, ag lands or related enterprises.

# Ag Energy Summit

- Austin Marriott at the Capitol, Austin, TX
- February 21 – 22, 2005
- Registration, hotel, program agenda at [www.agenergy.info](http://www.agenergy.info)
- Hurry!

# Phase II

- Work groups formed to work on key issue areas.
- Another summit - summer 2005
- Work group reports combined in action plan for path forward.
- Phase III – implement action plan

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