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Soybean Farmers have Rallied for Biobased—and Appreciate Backing in New Pilot Program!

Washington, D.C., June 29, 2022. USDA has announced available funding for the Bioproduct Pilot Program, which was established through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that was signed into law last November. The pilot program, which was a priority of the American Soybean Association during drafting of the legislation, will provide \$10 million over two years to study the benefits of biobased products for construction materials and consumer products.

Dave Walton grows soybeans in Iowa and is an ASA director and chair of the association's Biofuels and Infrastructure Committee. Walton said, "The Bioproduct Pilot Program will provide a great opportunity to expand upon what we in the soy family have been doing for years—creating plant-based, sustainable construction materials and consumer goods using U.S.-grown soy. ASA was glad to work with Senator Rounds and others to support the inclusion of this language in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and we welcome this announcement from USDA."

The Bioproduct Pilot Program is administered through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and more information can be found [here](#). USDA will host a webinar for interested parties on July 14.

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The American Soybean Association (ASA) represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. ASA has 26 affiliated state associations representing 30 soybean-producing states and more than 500,000 soybean farmers.

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