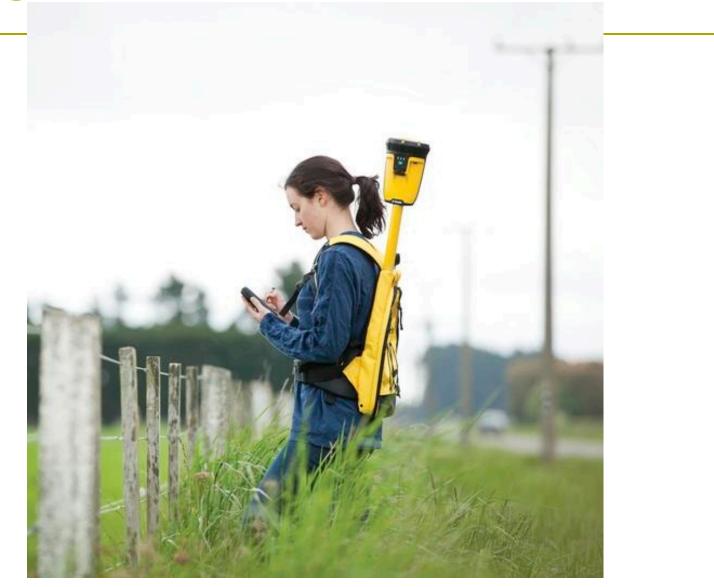
# **Cross-cutting Science and Engineering Standards Through Bioenergy**



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## Background



## Precision Agriculture

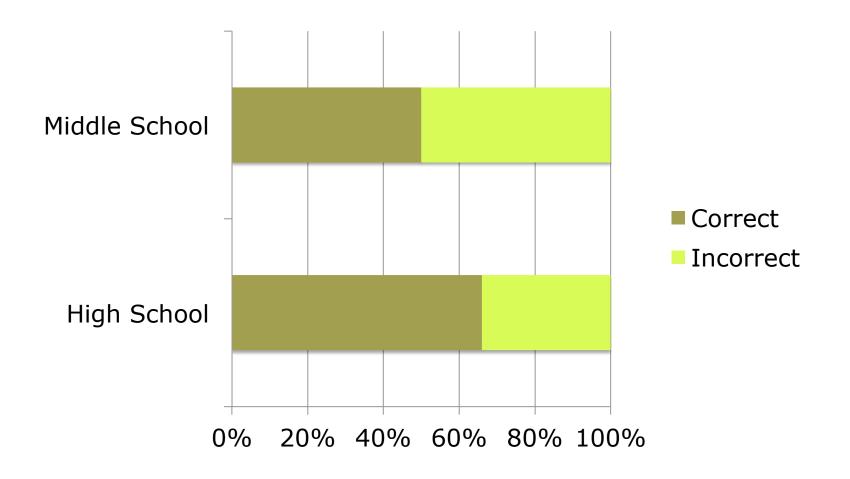


#### Procedure

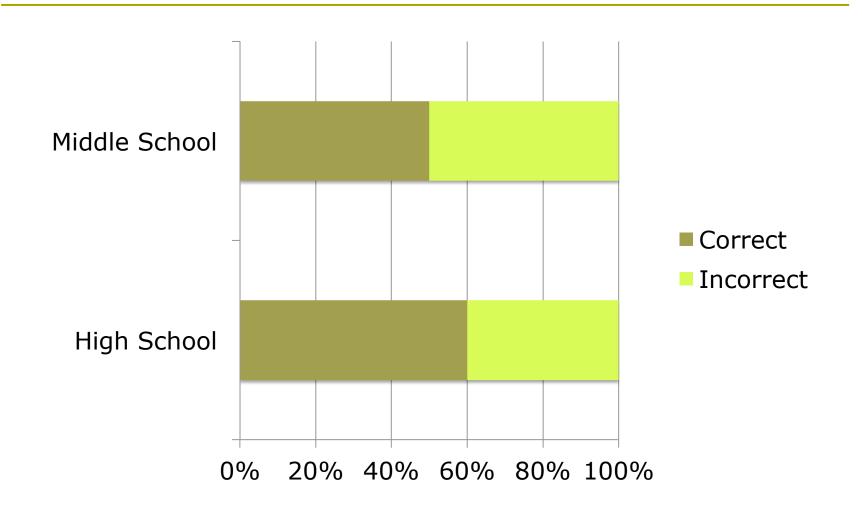
#### □ Add 1/3 cup water to your bag (60ml)

- Add 1 teaspoon (one level plastic spoon of yeast to the bag.
- Add your station's material to the bag (~ 1 level tea spoon's worth).
- As you seal the bag, be sure to remove all air.
- Bring to the front of the room and return to your seat.

# What does the term 'renewable energy' mean to K12 Students?



# Why can't we just switch to electric cars when we run out of fossil fuels?



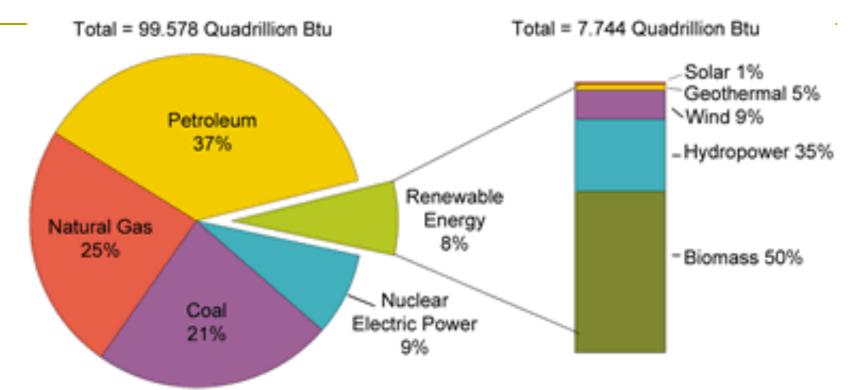
DeWaters & Powers, 2011

#### Why Renewable Energy?

- Energy independence
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission
- Stronger rural economy

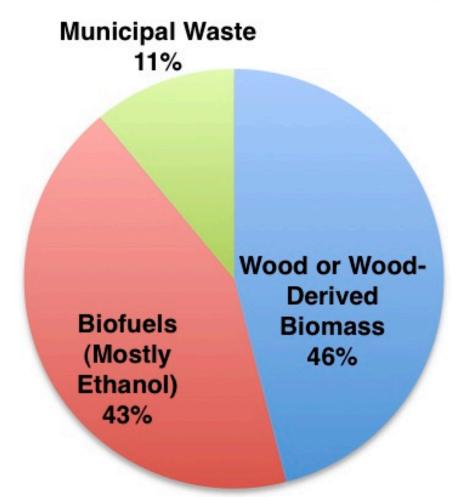


### Where does the US get its energy?

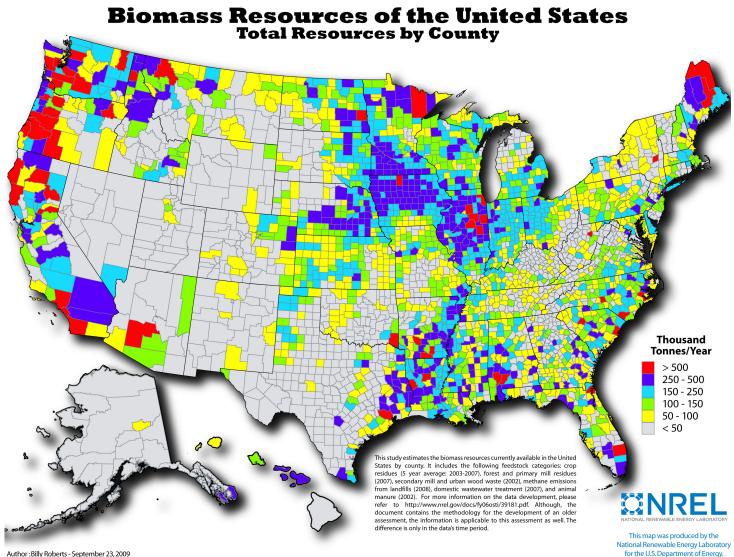


## Sources of Bioenergy?

#### Sources of Biomass Energy 2010 –



## What part of the country has the best woody biomass?



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Author: Billy Roberts - September 23, 2009

## Is bioenergy practical?



#### Thermal Conversion

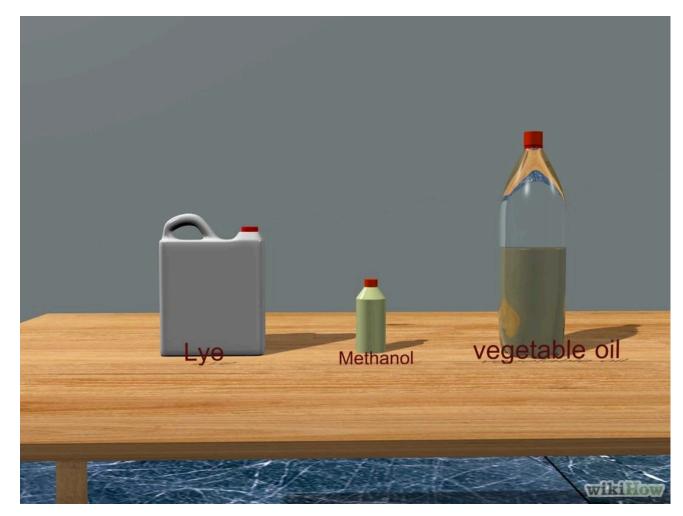


#### Mechanical Conversion



#### Chemical Conversions

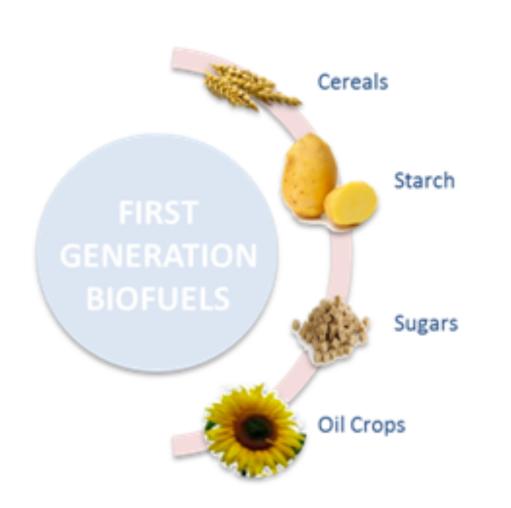
#### WikiHow: Making Pop Bottle Diesel



## What are Biological Conversion?

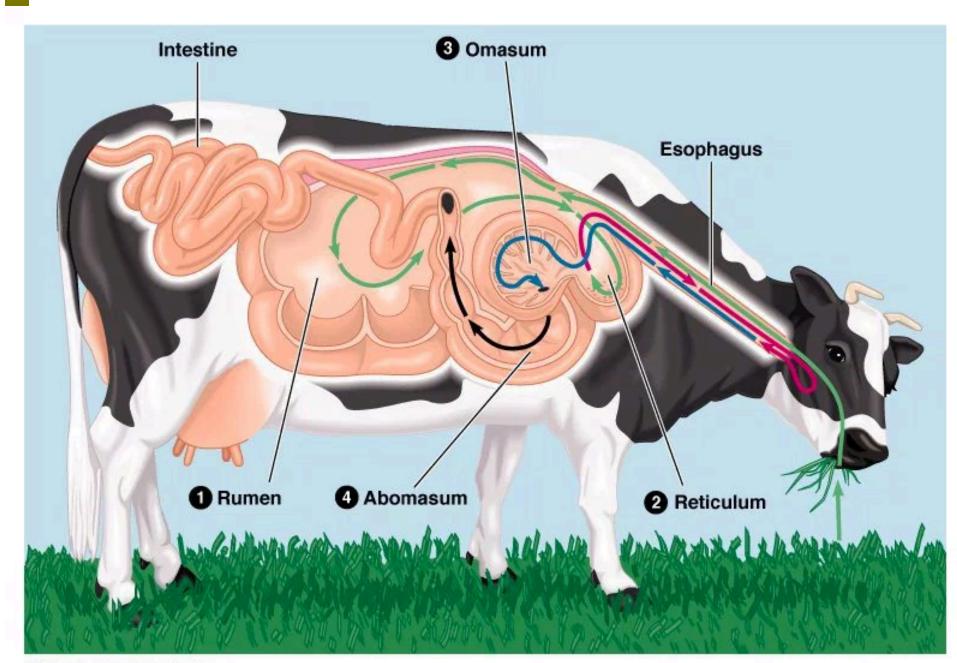


#### First Generation biofuels



#### Second Generation Biofuels





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#### Third Generation Biofuels



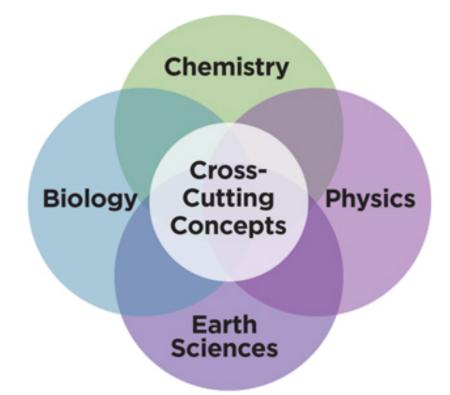
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#### Green Crude





# K12 Bioenergy: What is a Crosscutting Concept?



Rather than siloing, the NGSS include cross-cutting concepts so students can understand how various science disciplines overlap and interact.

#### Which Materials Do Yeast Digest?

- Cornmeal
- Corn starch
- Wood
- Sugar
- Sugar substitutes

What does this mean?

Linking the Yeast Experiment to Bioenergy

□ Is yeast plant, animal, or fungi?

Middle School?
Sugar + Yeast →
Alcohol + Carbon Dioxide

■ High School? ■  $C_6H_{12}O_6$  + Zymase → 2  $C_2H_5OH$  + 2  $CO_2$ 

## Introducing Bioenergy

**First Generation Biofuels** Fermentation

Second Generation Biofuel Cellulosic Ethanol

Third Generation Biofuels

Algae

Advanced Bioenergy Microbial Fuel Cell

**Bio-products** 

**Biodegradable plastics** 

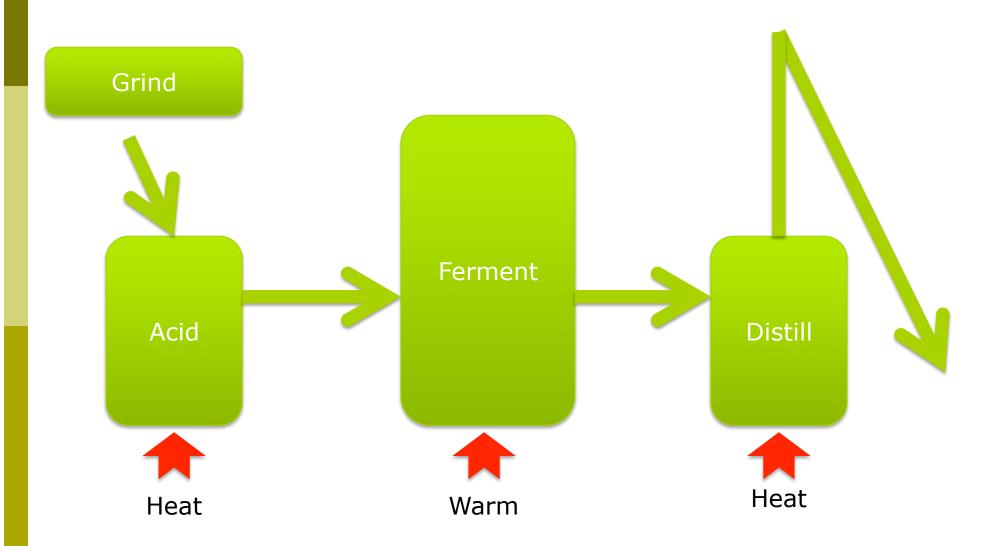


#### Biological Engineering

Is learning fermentation appropriate for K12?

- What factors are required for yeast growth?
- What steps might need to be done to create a recipe for making ethanol?

#### Ethanol Plant



### Where Might Bioenergy Fit?



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