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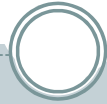
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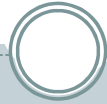
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- The National Biomass Partnership was formed to promote coordination between states, regions, and between federal and state programs and policies related to bioenergy. The Partnership is a key resource for many states providing objective and reliable information on bioenergy issues.
- The Partnership's activities are led by a steering committee with representatives from the Coalition of Northeastern Governors, The Council of Great Lakes Governors, The Southern States Energy Board, the Western Governors Association, and the Pacific Regional Biomass Partnership headed by Washington State University.

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- Today's national webinar on Food vs. Fuel was developed in response to a general request from states for current and objective information on the impact of increased ethanol production on food supply and price. The comments by the speakers are theirs and don't necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Partnership members.
- If you have comments on today's webinar or would like to suggest future programs hosted by The National Biomass Partnership contact:

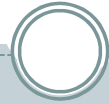
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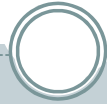
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- Presenters:
  - John Urbanchuk – LECG, LLC
    - ✦ Domestic view of energy and food prices, policies and trends
  - Mark Muller – Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
    - ✦ Global view of energy and food prices, policies and trends
  - Nathanael Greene – Natural Resources Defense Council
    - ✦ Land-use and other environmental impacts of biofuels

# John M Urbanchuk - Director, LECG, LLC



Mr. Urbanchuk is responsible for managing and providing a broad range of economic, planning, marketing, and policy analysis consulting services to firms and associations involved in industries including agriculture, renewable fuels, and consumer foods.

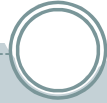
Mr. Urbanchuk has extensive experience in agriculture and the biofuels industry. He provides clients with expert economic analysis to support a wide range of agriculture and renewable fuels policy issues. Mr. Urbanchuk has testified as an expert witness before numerous congressional committees including the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Joint Economic Committee, the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, the House Committee on Small Business, and the International Trade Commission. Mr. Urbanchuk holds a BS in economics from Penn State University, an MA in economics from Temple University, and has completed all course requirements for the PhD at Temple. John is a graduate of the US Army Foreign Area Officer Program as a specialist in Eurasia.

# Mark Muller - Senior Fellow, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy



Mr. Muller has worked on a wide variety of issues, including agricultural diversification, nutrient management, agricultural transportation, regional food systems and renewable energy production. He has been involved in both regional project-based efforts and national policy development. He has had opinion pieces on agricultural policy appear in newspapers throughout the Midwest. Mr. Muller has a B.A. in physics from the State University of New York at Geneseo and a M.S. in environmental engineering from Manhattan College. Prior to joining IATP, Muller worked as an environmental engineer and high school science teacher.

# Nathanael Greene - Director of Renewable Energy Policy, Natural Resources Defense Council



Nathanael Greene received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy from Brown University and a Master of Science Degree in Energy and Resources from University of California Berkeley. He is responsible for working on energy policy and related issues including utility restructuring, energy taxes, energy efficiency, renewables, and low-income services. He has particular expertise in clean energy technologies including wind, solar and biomass energy, fuel cells, combined heat and power and energy efficiency and in regulations and policies to promote these technologies. For the last few years he has been focusing on assessing the sustainable potential for biofuels and developing policies to advance them.