Section: Appendix A

Heat Content Ranges for Various Biomass Fuels (dry weight basis[a]) with English and Metric Units

Fuel type & source	English			Metric[b]			
		Higher Heating Value		Higher Heating Value		Lower Heating Value	
	Btu/lb[c]	Btu/lb	MBtu/ton	kJ/kg	MJ/kg	kJ/kg	MJ/kg
Agricultural Residues							
Corn stalks/stover (1,2,6)	7,487	7,587 - 7,967	15.2 - 15.9	*17,636 - 18,519*	*17.6 - 18.5*	16,849 - 17,690	16.8 - 18.1
Sugarcane bagasse (1,2,6)	7,031	7,450 - 8,349	14.9 - 16.7	*17,317 - 19,407*	*17.3 - 19.4*	17,713 - 17,860	17.7 - 17.9
Wheat straw (1,2,6)		*6,964 - 8,148*	13.9 - 16.3	16,188 - 18,940	16.1 - 18.9	15,082 - 17,659	15.1 - 17.7
Hulls, shells, prunings (2,3)		6,811 - 8,838	13.6 - 17.7	*15,831 - 20,543*	*15.8 - 20.5*		
Fruit pits (2-3)		8,950 - 10,000	17.9 - 20.0				
Herbaceous Crops	7,791						
Miscanthus (6)				18,100 - 19,580	18.1 - 19.6	17,818 - 18,097	17.8 - 18.1
switchgrass (1,3,6)		7,754 - 8,233	15.5 - 16.5	*18,024 - 19,137*	*18.0 - 19.1*	16,767 - 17,294	16.8 - 18.6
Other grasses (6)				18,185 - 18,570	18.2 - 18.6	16,909 - 17,348	16.9 - 17.3
Bamboo (6)				19,000 - 19,750	19.0 - 19.8		
Woody Crops	8,852						
Black locust (1,6)		8,409 - 8,582	16.8 - 17.2	*19,546 - 19,948*	*19.5 - 19.9*	18,464	18.5
Eucalyptus (1,2,6)		*8,174* - 8,432	16.3 - 16.9	19,000 - *19,599*	*19.0 - 19.6*	17,963	18.0
Hybrid poplar (1,3,6)		*8,183* - 8,491	*16.4* - 17.0	19,022 - *19,737*	*19.0 - 19.7*	17,700	17.7
Willow (2,3,6)		7,983 - 8,497	16.0 - 17.0	18,556 - 19,750	18.6 - 19.7	16,734 - 18,419	16.7 - 18.4
Forest Residues	7,082						
Hardwood wood (2,6)		8,017 - 8,920	16.0 - 17.5	*18,635 - 20,734*	*18.6 - 20.7*		
Softwood wood (1,2,3,4,5,6)		8,000 - 9,120	16.0 - 18.24	*18,595 - 21,119*	*18.6 - 21.1*	17,514 - 20,768	17.5 - 20.8
Urban Residues							
MSW (2,6)		5,644 - 8,542	11.2 - 17.0	*13,119 - 19,855*	*13.1 - 19.9*	11,990 - 18,561	12.0 - 18.6
RDF (2,6)		*6,683 - 8,563*	*13.4 - 17.1*	15,535 - 19,904	15.5 - 19.9	14,274 - 18,609	14.3 - 18.6
Newspaper (2,6)		8,477 - 9,550	17 - 19.1	*19,704 - 22,199*	19.7 - 22.2	18,389 - 20,702	18.4 - 20.7
Corrugated paper (2,6)		7,428 -7,939	14.9 - 15.9	17,265 - 18,453	17.3 - 18.5	17,012	
Waxed cartons (2)		11,727 - 11,736	23.5 - 23.5	*27,258 - 27,280*	*27.3*	25,261	

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[a] This table attempts to capture the variation in reported heat content values (on a dry weight basis) in the US and European literature based on values in the Phyllis database, the US DOE/EERE feedstock database, and selected literature sources. Table A.3 of this document provides information on heat contents of materials "as received" with varying moisture contents.

[b] Metric values include both HHV and LHV since Europeans normally report the LHV (or net calorific values) of biomass fuels.

[c] HHV assumed by GREET model given in Table A.1 of this document