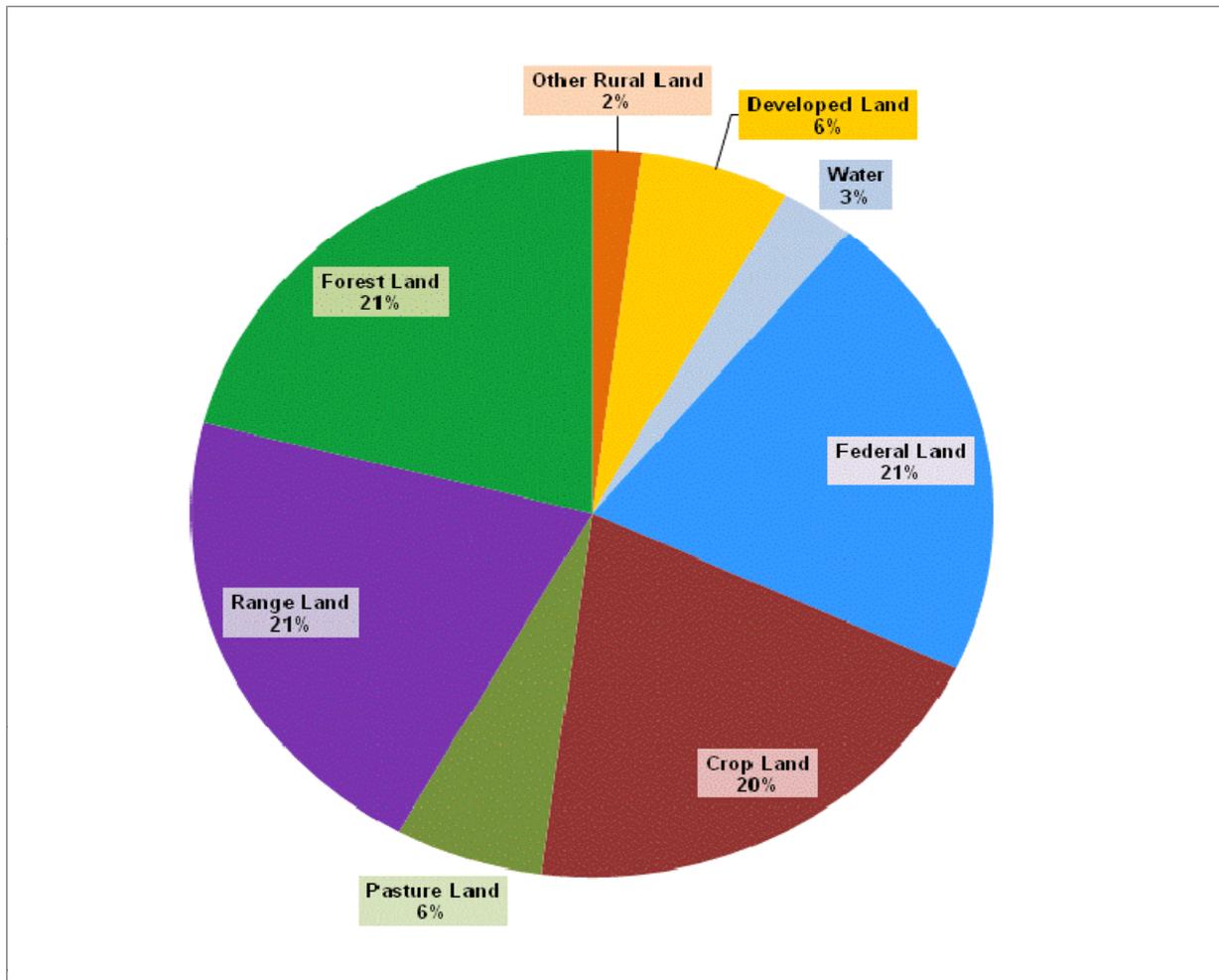


In 2007, the United States had a total surface area of 1,938 million acres. Based on the 2007 Natural Resources Inventory, 20% is classified as crop land and 21% was classified as forest land which shows that nearly half of the land area in the U.S. is well suited for either biomass crops or biomass residuals. Pasture land and Range land is for the most part, too dry to provide large quantities of biomass material. Developed land is a potential source for post-consumer biomass residuals like those found in municipal solid waste landfills.

Major Uses of Land in the United States, 2007



**Source:**

U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2009. *Summary Report: 2007 National Resources Inventory*, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, DC, and Center for Survey Statistics and Methodology, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. 123 pages.  
[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1041379.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1041379.pdf)

**Note:**

Cropland includes CRP Land, which is reported separately in the source document.  
CRP = Conservation Reserve Program