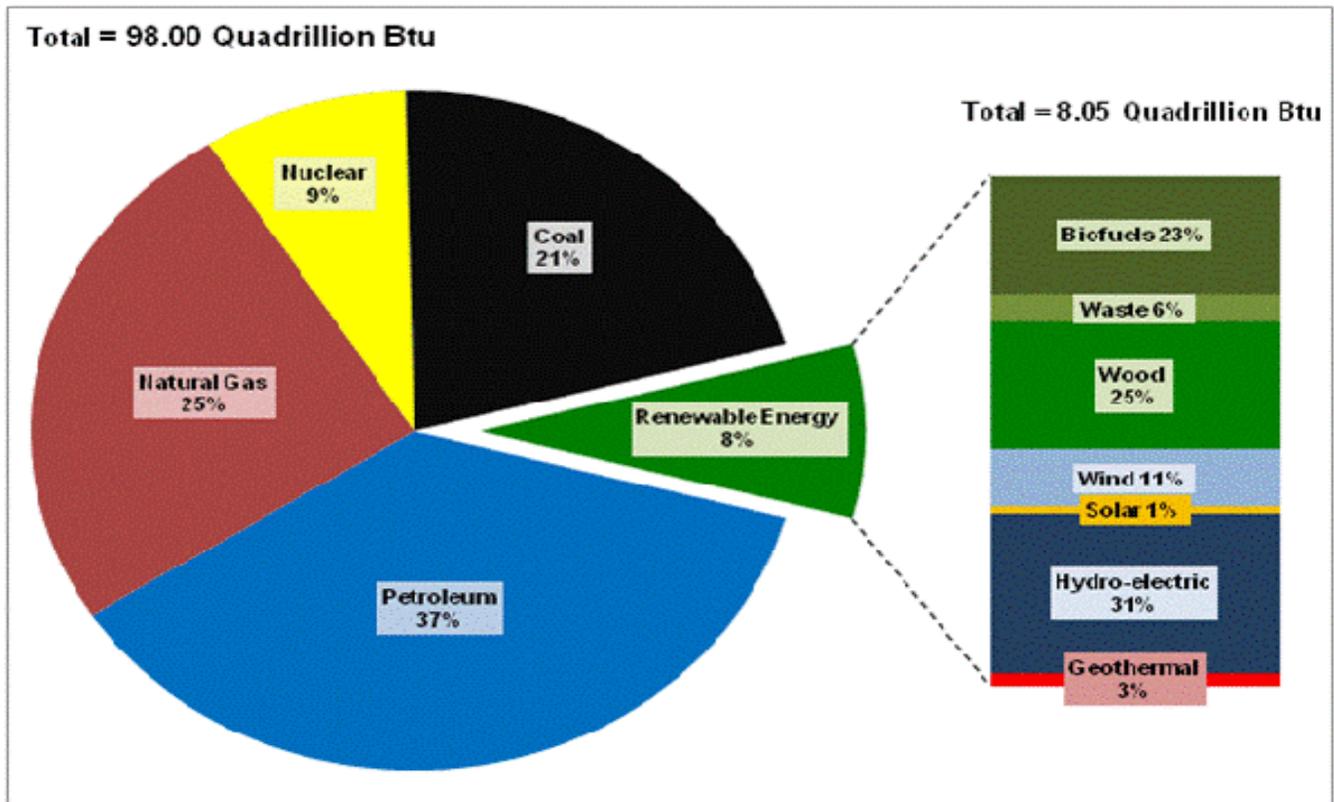


Biomass is the single largest source of renewable energy in the United States. Biomass, which includes biofuels, waste and woody materials, surpassed hydroelectric power in 2005 and by 2010 accounted for over half of all renewable energy consumption. In 2010, biomass contributed about 4.4% of the total U.S. energy consumption of 98 quadrillion Btu. Wood, wood waste, and black liquor from pulp mills is the single largest source, accounting for almost one-half of total biomass energy consumption. Wastes (which include municipal solid waste, landfill gas, sludge waste, straw, agricultural by-products, and other secondary and tertiary sources of biomass) accounts for 11% of total biomass consumption. The remaining share is alcohol fuel derived principally from corn grain.

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Summary of Biomass Energy Consumption, 2010



Source:

U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Monthly Energy Review*, July 2011, Table 1.3, *Primary Energy Consumption by Source*, and Table 10.1, *Renewable Energy Production and Consumption by Source*.

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