

Indicator	Value Type/Unit/Scale	Definition	Suggested Quantitative Value Ranges	Suggested Qualitative Value Ranges												
Bioenergy carriers and biomaterials per hectare of cultivated area	tonne per ha or GJ/ha/yr	Measured in dry mass and/or energy content. Crop yields/feedstock productivity depend on the cultivation system, input levels, bioclimatic conditions, and overall land suitability.	<p>Minimum net energy yield from Fritsche et al (2012)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Land type</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2030</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>smallholder, marginal/degraded land</td> <td>>25 GJbio/ha</td> <td>>35 GJbio/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>plantation, marginal/degraded land</td> <td>>50 GJbio/ha</td> <td>>75 GJbio/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>plantation, arable land</td> <td>>100 GJbio/ha</td> <td>>150 GJbio/ha</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Land type	2020	2030	smallholder, marginal/degraded land	>25 GJbio/ha	>35 GJbio/ha	plantation, marginal/degraded land	>50 GJbio/ha	>75 GJbio/ha	plantation, arable land	>100 GJbio/ha	>150 GJbio/ha	N/A
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Direct/indirect land use change	Descriptive	Direct anthropogenic changes and descriptive documentation of how the land cover changed. Types of land use change include deforestation, afforestation, and rewilding. Indirect impacts from land use change require more substantial qualitative/quantitative data to document the impacts.	<p>ILUC factor of 3.5 t CO₂/ha/year for any bioenergy feedstock cultivation established on previously used agricultural land. 0 ILUC factor for bioenergy cultivation on land not in competition and not in conflict with biodiversity protection (Fritsche et al, 2012)</p> <p>The range of GHG Emissions from ILUC in for maize-based ethanol is 40-50 g CO₂eq/MJbiofuel, and 50-75 g CO₂eq/MJbiofuel for soybean-based biodiesel (OEKO, 2011)</p> <p>Estimated indirect land-use change emissions from biofuel, bioliquid and biomass fuel feedstock from the Recast of the Renewable Directive (European Commission, 2018):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Feedstock group</th> <th>Mean (g CO₂eq/MJ)</th> <th>Interpercentile range (g CO₂eq/MJ)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cereals and other starch-rich crops</td> <td>12</td> <td>8 to 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sugars</td> <td>13</td> <td>4 to 17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oil crops</td> <td>55</td> <td>33 to 66</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Feedstock group	Mean (g CO ₂ eq/MJ)	Interpercentile range (g CO ₂ eq/MJ)	Cereals and other starch-rich crops	12	8 to 16	Sugars	13	4 to 17	Oil crops	55	33 to 66	N/A
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Primary and secondary products	<p>Net economic value of output (€) per tdm (tonne dry mass) of input</p> <p>Second resource use as % of the</p>	<p>Covers biomass production section of the value chain, and is similar to total factor productivity. Economic value of the outputs – economic value of the inputs</p>	<p>calculated as follows: economic value of the outputs (€/GJ x GJ energy carriers + €/ton x ton materials) – economic value of the inputs (excl. the biomass) (€/GJ x GJ energy carriers + €/ton x ton materials), per dry tonne biomass input.</p>	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">-</td> <td>Fresh material (high value), which can also be used for material / food</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">-</td> <td>Residues, which can also be used/recycled for material or animal feed</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	-	Fresh material (high value), which can also be used for material / food	-	Residues, which can also be used/recycled for material or animal feed								
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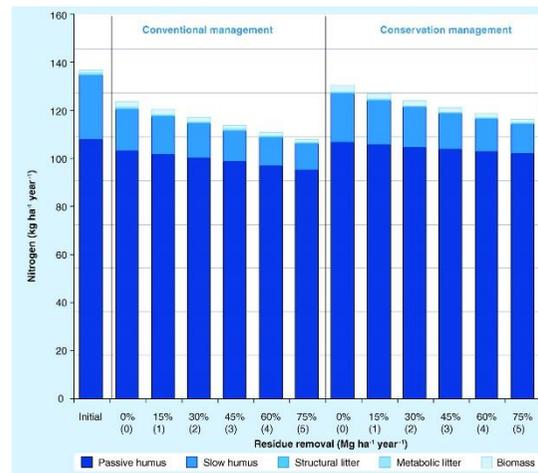
	input material (in tonne dry mass)	(excl. the biomass), per dry tonne biomass input. The use of residues is not by definition positive, so the indicator requires a descriptive part.	This value could be compared to the economic value of the heat which could be produced from burning the (dried) biomass inputs (reference = heat from natural gas ~ 10€/GJ).	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>○</td> <td>Fresh material, but difficult to use for material / food</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+</td> <td>Residues, difficult to use for material / food</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+</td> <td>Non-recyclable waste as input</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	○	Fresh material, but difficult to use for material / food	+	Residues, difficult to use for material / food	+	Non-recyclable waste as input	+	
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Cumulative energy demand Non-renewable energy requirement	GJ input/ GJ output GJ input	Full value chain energy content (heating value and/or primary energy to produce them) of all inputs in the value chain, compared to the energy content of all outputs of the value chain. Also considers the non-renewable energy inputs in the value chain, in comparison to all outputs of the value chain.	Primary energy demand around 9.5 PJ/a renewable and 0.8 PJ/a non-renewable (Cherubini & Ulgiati, 2010)	N/A								
Life cycle GHG emissions	gCO ₂ eq/MJ	Main greenhouse gases being CO ₂ , methane (CH ₄) and nitrous oxide (N ₂ O) considered over the full value chain. Carbon stock changes in the supply side (e.g. through land use change) are also considered.	137 kt CO ₂ eq for corn stover and 130 for wheat straw (Cherubini & Ulgiati, 2010) CAP (biomass production) RED (not biomaterials)	N/A								

Sustainable harvest level

% of net annual growth harvested

Harvest of trees, wood resources and the removal of wood harvest residues (including stumps), but also the removal of agricultural residues such as straw and stubbles and pruning residues from permanent crops. Long-term harvest levels should remain lower than net growth and forests are allowed to expand their carbon storage.

Mean soil nitrogen balance with different rates of residue harvest and management systems (Gregg & Izaurralde, 2014)



Proportional impact (%) of initial soil organic content on harvest rates (Zhao et al, 2015). Harvest rates of 25 – 50% can be sustained when considering SOC content as a limiting factor for residue harvest. Agricultural lands with low initial SOC content have a higher sustainable limits with more than 25% of crop residue sustainably harvestable. Croplands with high initial SOC content have low sustainable limits and required high residue input to maintain SOC:

Initial SOC Content (t ha ⁻¹) \ Harvest Rate Regimes (%)	9-23	23-29	26-36	36-48	48-116
0-25	30%	45%	45%	55%	65%
25-50	10%	20%	20%	20%	20%
50-75	20%	20%	20%	20%	15%
75-100	40%	15%	15%	5%	0%

Residue harvest thresholds with respect to tolerable soil loss (Gregg & Izaurralde, 2014):

Crop Rotation	Slope (%)	Residue Harvest Rate (%)					
		0	15	30	45	60	75
Corn-soy	0.1	B	B	B	B	B	B
Cotton-peanut	1	A	A	A	B	B	B
Corn-soy	5	B	C	C	C	C	C
Winter Wheat - Sunflower	10	A	A	B	B	B	B
Spring Wheat - Canola	10	A	A	A	A	B	B

A: Erosion less than tolerable soil loss; B: Erosion within tolerable soil loss range; C: Erosion exceeds tolerable soil loss.

Conservation or protection of biodiversity	<p>Risk of disturbing conservation land</p> <p>Carbon stock (tonne/ha)</p>	<p>Direct effects of land use and management changes on species and habitats and ultimately on ecosystem capacity to provide services. Species diversity and carbon stock are key indicators, and conservation areas are usually protected sites and include natural and semi-natural forest land, wetland and grassland.</p>	<p>Both the farmland bird index and high nature value farming can be used for identifying land requiring conservation action (European Commission, Impact Indicator fiches, 2018):</p>											
				Farmland bird index	High Nature Value farming									
			Definition	Rate of change in the relative abundance of common bird species dependent on farmland for feeding and nesting and are not able to thrive in other habitats	Percentage of Utilised Agricultural Area farmed to generate High Nature Value, defined as having either a high proportion of semi-natural vegetation, a mosaic of low intensity agriculture and natural elements, or supporting rare species									
			Data collection	Population counts are carried out by a network of volunteer ornithologists coordinated within national schemes. Index is calculated with reference to a base year, when the index value is set at 100%. Trend values express the overall population change over a period of years	Member State authorities are responsible for conducting this assessment using methods suited to the prevailing bio-physical characteristics and farming systems									
			Unit of measurement	Index - (base year 2000 = 100)	Percentage (%) and absolute area of UAA and of HNV farmland (ha)									
			Data source(s)	Eurostat, Environment statistics, Biodiversity: http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=ENV_BIO2&lang=en#	CORINE and other land cover data, IACS/LPIS, agricultural census data, species and habitat databases, GIS, specific sampling surveys, RDP monitoring data, designations; NATURA 2000 designations found here: https://ec.europa.eu/assets/agri/cap-context-indicators/documents/c34_en.pdf									
Cultivation practises in line with biodiversity	<p>Management practices and behaviour in number of species</p> <p>(Descriptive)</p>	<p>Cultivation practices compatible with biodiversity conservation by using local crop varieties, avoiding monocultures and invasive species, promoting cover cropping, agroforestry and intercropping, low fertiliser and pesticide</p>	<p>Correlations between landscape use indicators and species richness (Billeter et al, 2007)</p>											
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			Grassland to Miscanthus	11% or 5.8 Mg C ha ⁻¹ loss	organic carbon and/or nutrient balance.
			Cropland to mixed native land	68% or 16 Mg C ha ⁻¹ gain	
Air quality	Acidification (g SO ₂ eq/MJ) Particulate matter (g PM10/MJ) NO _x	Air quality is affected by combustion installations, engines and end product characteristics. Small scale combustion of wood can have a severe impact while bigger installations will adhere to stricter emission legislation.	<p>Limited to a maximum of those of competing fossil energy (Fritsche et al, 2012)</p> <p>There are three main causes of NO_x emissions:- High temperature combustion of fuels where the temperature is hot enough (above about 1300°C/ 2370°F) to oxidise some of the nitrogen in air to NO_x gases. This includes burning hydrogen, as it burns at a very high temperature (https://clean-carbonenergy.com/nox-emissions.html).</p>		N/A
Water use efficiency	Water use efficiency (m ³ /GJ outputs)	Water use quantified for biomass production (cropping), irrigation and conversion must not exceed the average replenishment from natural flow in a watershed. Establishment of biomass cropping systems and conversion facilities must be placed outside areas with severe water stress.	<p>FAO database aquastat</p> <p>the volume of water which is applied to soils for irrigation purposes must be regulate in terms of water abstraction it causes from total surface or ground water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurostat - statistics on the structure of agricultural holdings - SAPM 2010 - Table: Irrigation - number of farms, areas and equipment by size of irrigated area and NUTS 2 regions, data: volume of water used for irrigation per year, m3 - Eurostat - environment statistics - Table annual water abstraction by source and by 29 sector (env wat abs/ data water abstraction for irrigation purposes. Information on the share of water abstraction in agriculture (for irrigation purposes) as a percentage of the total gross (freshwater) abstraction is also available 		N/A
Levelised life cycle costs	€/GJ outputs	Bioenergy carriers and biomaterials costs, including capital expenditures (investment costs, for a certain annual	Case specific		N/A

		capacity) and operating costs in terms of feedstock, machinery, maintenance and other costs.			
Technology readiness level for feedstock	Level 1 to 9 (qualitative)	Level 0: Idea/unproven concept; Level 1: basic research/no experimental proof; Level 2: technology formulation; Level 3: applied research/proof of concept; Level 4: small scale prototype; Level 5: large scale, tested prototype; Level 6: prototype with expected performance; Level 7: demonstration operational system; Level 8: first of a kind commercial system; Level 9: Full commercial application (NASA, 2007)	Main activities of thermochemical conversion to obtain renewable fuels and chemicals as related to TRLs (Beims et al, 2019)		
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			TRLs	Main activities	Main aspect to classify studies/patents
			1-3	Formulation of principles intrinsic to proposing a new chemical concept or route, by evaluating different feedstocks and verifying the process by means of small-scale experiments.	Influenced mostly by mass processing capacity
			4	Operation scale, main contribution being related to reaction scheme proposals	
			5	Experiments in bench-scale reactors, where the products are validated in the laboratory environment	
			6	Test experimental parameters obtained from bench-scale tests and kinetic models in a pilot plant	Systems prototypes testing
			7	Higher production rates have to be tested to confirm the product characteristics and properties before securing large investments with high risk	Economic issues: attracting investors for high-risk investment
			8-9	Industrial operation with high production rates, verifying the technical parameters for biofuel production	Feasibility and viability establishment

FTE along the full value chain	number of full-time jobs/tonne or GJ of end products	Employment is included in the measurement of direct jobs created, either skilled or non-skilled along the full value chain, including the manufacturing of equipment, distribution and sales, installation of conversion plants and other equipment and major research and development.	25 MWe plants are equivalent to 4000 man years or around 160 FTE, for power-only plants typically 1.27 man years/GWhe (Thornley et al, 2007)	
Contribution to rural economy	€/GJ	This indicator reveals whether value chain contributes more to regional growth and development, or if it is directed to large scale industry and international companies.	Can be supported by Rural GDP per capita which is measured by Purchasing Power Standard (European Commission, Impact Indicator fiches, 2018)	N/A