
CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA ISSUED BDO ZONE 'A' RATING FOR WOODY BIOMASS

– 'A' Rating to Supercharge New Markets for Underutilized Wood Fiber –



Aug 27, 2026 – [Choctaw County Economic Development Alliance](#), [Ecostrat](#) and the [BDO Zone Initiative](#) are pleased to announce the issue of a BDO Zone 'A' Rating for Choctaw County, Alabama. The BDO Zone is rated for 1,040,500 bone dry tons per year of low-risk woody biomass and spans a 75-mile drive radius from its central point in Butler, AL.

Choctaw County's 'A' rating denotes high prospective viability of Feedstock Supply and Infrastructure and low expectations of default risk in the Zone. The region's deeply established forest products supply chain ensures reliable feedstock availability, and underutilized forest residues represent a significant, largely uncontested opportunity. The rated anchor site is the Choctaw Industrial Park, a 140-acre Light Industrial/Forestry-zoned parcel on US Highway 10 in Butler, Alabama, within a Federal Opportunity Zone. The site offers strong on-site utilities, including electricity, natural gas, and water, positioning Choctaw as a prime location for bio-based industrial development.

Dee Ann Campbell, Executive Director of the Choctaw County Economic Development Alliance, stated, "Choctaw County has the feedstock, the forestry heritage, and the site-ready infrastructure to support serious bio-based investment. This 'A' rating reflects the strength of our region's forest products supply chain and the readiness of the Choctaw Industrial Park, and we see it as a meaningful signal to developers and investors looking for a low-risk, high-viability location in the Southeast."

Jordan Solomon, Chairman of the BDO Zone Initiative, stated, "Choctaw County's abundant, underutilized woody biomass, combined with limited regional competition for that resource and a shovel-ready industrial site in a Federal Opportunity Zone, makes for a compelling profile for any bio-based developer evaluating where to put their next project."

To see the full BDO Zone Rating for Choctaw County, AL, please click [here](#), or visit www.bdozone.org.

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About *The BDO Zone Initiative*

The Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative certifies ‘regional readiness’ for bio-manufacturing, creates global connections and ignites an influx of new energy opportunities for farmers, economic developers, and rural businesses. A BDO Zone rating is an internationally recognized, standards-based technical risk assessment of a region’s feedstock, supply chain, and infrastructure risk with respect to the development potential for new biofuel plants. BDO Zone ratings are *site location bullseyes* for bio-project development. Investment grade ratings are force-multipliers for attracting new manufacturing plants to the areas where they are most likely to succeed, drive investment and create jobs.

For more information on the BDO Zone Initiative, contact info@bdozone.org. To view all BDO Zone ratings, visit www.bdozone.org. Check out the BDO Zone [LinkedIn](#) page for news and updates.

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