

## ***U.S. Renewable Heating Industry: Wood Pellets as a Growing Trend***

There are more than one million pellet stove owners in the United States, who collectively consume nearly two million tons of wood pellets annually, eliminating approximately 1.5 million tons of carbon and offsetting 180 million barrels of oil. The market base is growing rapidly, and the industry is prepared to scale accordingly and sustainably, with ample resources available through responsible forestry practices to support heating more than 10% of our nation's homes. The US wood pellet industry supports thousands of domestic jobs, including:

- Appliance manufacturers that produce high efficiency pellet stoves, fireplace inserts, boilers, and furnaces.
- Stove shops, hearth dealers, and installation & maintenance professionals who provide guidance to consumers in selecting a stove, then installing and maintaining it.
- Fuel manufacturers that produce pellets up to industry-regulated quality standards to ensure consistent, high quality fuel.
- Distributors such as WoodPellets.com that offer convenient, cost effective delivery service and flexible pickup options.
- Advisors and regulatory bodies like the Biomass Thermal Energy Council (BTEC) and the Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI), which provide guidance in government affairs and industry development.



### ***Industry Experts***

“The rise of wood heat is good news for offsetting fossil fuels, achieving energy independence, creating jobs and helping families affordably heat their homes.”

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“There’s so much focus on wind and solar technology, and far too little attention paid to forest-based resources. It’s time that policy-makers at the state and federal level pay attention to a home-heating fuel source that is literally in our own backyard.”

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