

Feedstocks for Bioenergy: Seminars

11th November: A look at perennial energy crops – Harpenden

12th December: Straw for energy –Norwich

InCrops Enterprise Hub and partner organisations are co-hosting a series of seminars on feedstocks for bioenergy to highlight opportunities in the sector and support supply chain development. The events are for energy producers, consultants, farmers, land owners, technology suppliers and other businesses in the supply chain. Registration is FREE.

‘A look at perennial energy crops’ - 11th November - 09:45 to 13:00 - Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, AL5 2JQ

InCrops, Anglia Farmers and Rothamsted Research host a seminar on perennial energy crops aimed at promoting opportunities in the bioenergy sector. The demand for biomass in the UK is expected to increase from the end of this year when the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme will become operational. Perennial energy crops, including willow, will be a major part of the solution to help meet the targets for renewable heat production.

At this half-day event:

- Learn about the agronomy of perennial energy crops;
- Find out about supply chain opportunities;
- Visit the research plots and the National Willow Collection hosted by Rothamsted Research;
- Network with fellow businesses and leading academic experts;
- Find out about FREE consultancy from the InCrops Enterprise Hub.

For more information visit the InCrops website at <http://www.incropsproject.co.uk/events/51>

Straw for energy - 12th December - Late afternoon - Honingham Thorpe, Norwich, NR9 5BZ

The value of straw for bioenergy production and increasing competition for agricultural residues could have an impact on soil quality and structure, requiring complex decisions as to the best use for biomass resources. InCrops and Anglia Farmers hosts the second in a series of bioenergy seminars.

At this twilight event:

- Find out about the demand for straw in bioenergy production;
- Learn about soil carbon & nutrient management and structure, with special reference to the removal of straw as an energy crop.
- Network with fellow businesses;
- Find out about FREE consultancy from the InCrops Enterprise Hub.

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Registration: to register for either or both events please contact Julia O’Rourke, InCrops Events Co-ordinator, on 01603 591 765 or email j.ourourke@uea.ac.uk. These events are free to attend, places are limited.