

Ag Biomass Day 2015 - 95 Stone Road W., Guelph, ON, March 27, 2015

8:30 - 9:00	Coffee and Registration		
9:00 - 9:05	Welcome and Introduction	James Fisher, OBPC; Jim Todd, OMAFRA	
9:05 - 10:35	Grower Experiences & Innovations		
	OBPC Switchgrass Research Project	Eggimann Farms: Urs Eggimann Nott Farms: Don Nott Fidale Farms: James Fisher	30
	Miscanthus Rhizome Harvest and Planting	All Weather Farms: David Smith	10
	Ag Biomass and Soil Health	Bill Deen, University of Guelph	20
	Switchgrass Seed Breeding Program	Roger Samson, REAP-Canada	25
	Introduction of Poster Exhibition	Bronwynne Wilton, University of Guelph	5
10:35 - 10:50	Morning Break / Poster Exhibition		
10:50 - 11:05	Biomass Crops Advance Payment Program	Don LeDrew, Agricultural Credit Corporation	
11:05 - 12:00	Animal Bedding		
	Livestock Uses	Jake DeBruyn, OMAFRA	20
	Feed Uses	Marlene Paibomesai, OMFARA	20
	Bedding Testimonials	Nico Slik, large livestock operation using switchgrass, St. Marys	5
		Marc deJong, user of miscanthus for poultry operation	5
		Rudy Zubler, organic dairy farmer using switchgrass, Ridgetown	5
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch & Poster Exhibition		
1:00 - 3:45	Biomass Markets		
	Switchgrass for Mushroom Substrate	Bill Stevens, Mushrooms Canada	20
	Anerobic Digestion - Biogas	Chris Ferguson, Carbon Control Systems Inc.	15
	Mulching	Mahendra Thimmanagari, OMAFRA	15
	Q&A with Biomass Producers	OBPC Board & Advisors	25
2:15 - 2:30	Afternoon Break / Poster Exhibition		
	Biomass Market Opportunities:		
	Cellulosic Ethanol	Rachel Murdy, IGPC Ethanol	15
	Combustion	Terrence Sauve OMAFRA	15
	Combined Heat and Power	TBA	15
	Bioplastics / Car Parts	BDDC	15
	Densification, Advanced Biomass Fuel	Animesh Dutta, University of Guelph	15
3:45 - 3:55	OBPC Biomass Growth Strategy	Urs Eggimann, OBPC	
3:55 - 4:00	Closing Remarks	Jim Todd, OMAFRA; Urs Eggimann, OBPC	

After the completion of the official program we will have an **Informal Networking Session** with refreshments. Everyone is encouraged to participate.