

Please Join us for an INTERACTIVE

# BIOMASS FIELD DAY!

Switchgrass-“Sit Back and Watch the Grass Grow”

Giving New Meaning to an Old Phrase



**Saturday October 19th 2013**

**1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Rain or Shine!**

**FREE to the Farming Community!**

**Eggimann Farms, 716687 West Back Line,  
Holland Centre  
(20 min. south of Owen Sound)**

**GPS Co-ordinates:**

**44°22'18" N, 80°47'44" W**

For questions on the day of the event please call:  
(519) 794-0313 (Farm) or (519) 379-5495 (Cell)



Sponsored by: Ontario Biomass Producers Co-operative,  
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and the Ontario Forage Council

## Hear from the Experts & Supporters of the Biomass Industry!!

**Bill Deen**, Associate Prof., Dept. of Plant Agriculture, U of G

**Don Nott**, Switch Energy Corp.

**Urs Eggimann**, Eggimann Farms

**Ian McDonald**, Applied Research Coordinator, Field Crops Unit, OMAF

**Ray Robertson**, Manager, Ontario Forage Council

**Jo-Anne Harbinson**, Manager of Water Resources and Stewardship Services

### Don't Miss this Occasion to Learn More About this Exciting Opportunity!!

#### Agenda

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| 1-1:30pm  | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Meet the major players in the biomass industry!  |
| 1:30-2:30 | <b>Guided tour of Switchgrass Fields</b><br>See 3 different types of switchgrass: Cave-in-Rock, Tecumseh II, Sunburst. As well as a small sample of Big Bluestem                 |
| 2:30-2:45 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 2:45-3pm  | <b>Research Update on Product Development and Market Potential</b><br>Don Nott will explain research on new product development, as well as market potential for those products. |
| 3-3:30pm  | <b>Biomass Expert Panel</b><br>Your opportunity to ask questions and get expert answers on this exciting new opportunity!  |
| 3:30-4pm  | <b>Networking &amp; Refreshments</b><br>Chat with the experts one on one about how biomass production could become a part of your operation!                                     |

### Why Switchgrass?

- Grows on marginal land
- Minimal labour
- Rejuvenates “tired soil”
- Improves water quality
- Drought tolerant
- Withstands heavy rains and frost
- Provides a steady stream of income

### The Tour

Please join us for a tour of a biomass farm. The switchgrass plots have different establishment histories and visitors will benefit from practical experience gained during the past 4+ years. During and following the tour, there will be lots of opportunity to ask questions and have one-on-one discussions with biomass experts. Learn more about current research, on-farm experiences/producer perspective, and market potential.

**Please pre-register by October 17th**

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