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Growing the Bioeconomy: Solutions for Sustainability

December 1 and 2, 2009

University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center

December 1 and 2, be part of a bioeconomy conference on the University of Minnesota campus. Agricultural producers, landowners, community and business leaders, citizens and students interested in economic development and biorenewables are encouraged to attend and identify ways they can participate in agriculturally-based and forest-based solutions to the global climate change and energy supply issues facing Minnesota.

Cost is \$50 per day, \$85 for both days. Hosted by University of Minnesota Extension and the University of Minnesota Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment.

Details and registration at extension.umn.edu/biorenewables.

December 1, you'll be part of a virtual conference hosted by 12 Midwest universities. You'll get a big picture overview of the issues through broadcast viewing and a live panel discussion.

Speakers include:

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack
- U.S. Secretary of Energy Dr. Steven Chu
- Renowned biochar and climate change expert Dr. James E. Lovelock

December 2 is all about Minnesota. We'll focus on local success stories, getting your questions answered, and giving you information you can put to use right away. Topics include:

- Biorenewable feedstocks
- Conversion technologies
- Anaerobic digestion
- Biomass utilization