Workshop content
This workshop will address practical considerations of harvesting and utilizing woody biomass. Specifically:
1) Existing and potential markets for woody biomass,
2) Ways that biomass harvesting can create new management opportunities,
3) Realistic volume estimates for current local natural resource management approaches,
4) Potential site impacts with particular emphasis on soil and wildlife,
5) Local markets for woody biomass.

Target audience
This workshop is for natural resource professionals and others who manage woodlands and brushlands. Separate workshops targeting loggers and landowners will be offered later in 2006. Continuing education credits will be available for Certified Foresters, Forest Stewardship Plan Prepares and others.

Workshop dates and locations:
Grand Rapids, MN: Monday March 20, 2006, 8:30am – 4:00pm, Ruttger’s Sugar Lake Lodge, 37584 Otis Lane, Cohasset MN 55721, 800-450-4555
St. Cloud, MN: Tuesday March 21, 2006, 8:30am – 4:00pm, Best Western Kelly Inn, Hwy 23 and 4th Ave. South, St. Cloud, MN 56302, 320-253-0606
Rochester, MN: Friday March 24, 2006, 8:30am – 4:00pm, Heinz Center, Rochester Community and Technical College, 863 30th Avenue SE, Rochester, MN 55904, 507-536-6310

The content of the workshop is the same in three locations.
To register, tear off and mail in the registration panel.
Details: www.extension.umn.edu/woodlands/biomass/.

Instructors (may vary by location)
Session I: Impacts of biomass harvesting on soil, site productivity and wildlife
Mike Demchik, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Rick Horton, Wildlife Biologist, MN Ruffed Grouse Society

Session II: Opportunities for biomass marketing
Robert Barz, President, Palisade Supply Inc.
Gary Cerkvnik, Engineer, Virginia-Hibbing Power Plant
Wade Gordon, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Kerry Nixon, General Manager, Central Minnesota Ethanol Co-op

Session III: Site potential for biomass production
Jana Albers, Pest and Disease Management Specialist, MN DNR
Don Arnosti, President, Community Forestry Resource Center, Institute for Agriculture Trade and Policy
Susan Burks, Pest and Disease Management Specialist, MN DNR
Dean Current, Program Director, Center for Integrated Agriculture and Natural Resources Management, University of Minnesota
Mike Demchik, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Ed Hayes, Pest and Disease Management Specialist, MN DNR
Keith Jacobson, Wood Utilization and Marketing Program Leader, MN DNR
Greg Russell, RCD Forrester, MN DNR
Dean Schmidt, Coordinator, WesMin RCD
Lance Sorensen, Wood Utilization and Marketing Specialist, MN DNR

Cost
The registration fee is $20 per person, including lunch and refreshments. Most workshop expenses are funded by USDA/DOE Joint Biomass R&D Initiatives. The $20 registration fee covers materials reproduction, lunch, and refreshments.

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