

Energy Crops

Technical Information Day

Tuesday, 16 February 2010

at the Talbot Hotel Carlow and Teagasc, Oak Park



This one-day event will focus on the technical aspects of growing Miscanthus and SRC Willow. The morning workshop will examine the suitability of energy crops for the individual producer; comparative economics to other enterprises; eligibility and application process; current market and future outlook; and, end-use options.

The afternoon practical demonstration will feature a variety of harvesting and drying options from Canada, Denmark and the UK.



Morning Programme - Talbot Hotel

Cost €40

9.00 – 9.30am Registration and Tea/Coffee

Session One: Background and Policy

9.30-9.40am Opening - Professor Gerry Boyle
9.40-10.00am Energy Crop Agronomy - Lessons to Date - Barry Caslin
10.00-10.20am The Case for Energy Crops - John Finnan
10.20-10.40am The Economics of Energy Crops - Fintan Phelan
10.40-11:00am Greenhouse Gases and Energy Crops - Gary Lanigan
11.00-11.20am The Bioenergy Scheme - Mel McDonagh

Discussion

Session Two: Opportunities for Farmers

11.40-11.50 Quinns of Baltinglass
11.50-12.00 JHM Crops
12.00-12.10 Farrelly Brothers
12.10-12.20 Killogen
12.20-12.40 Natural Power Supply
12.40-12.50 Rural Generation
12.50-1.00 Discussion
1.00-2.00 Lunch

Afternoon Programme - Teagasc, Oak Park

Free of Charge

Harvesting Demonstrations

at Teagasc Crops Research Centre, Oak Park

Demonstrations include:

14.00pm Willow Harvesting - Area 1
14.30pm Miscanthus Harvesting - Area 2
15.15pm Willow Chipping - Area 3
16.00pm Willow Chip Drying - Area 4

Trade Stands

Booking

Registration and booking with Liz O'Sullivan, Teagasc, Oak Park at:

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Pre-reg/booking is essential for the morning session in the Talbot, lunch is included. The afternoon session is Free of Charge and no pre-booking is required.