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Switchgrass Field “Evening”

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Cattaraugus County

10784 Cagwin Road (approximate field location)

Delevan, NY 14042

Switchgrass is one of the current “buzz words” for bio-energy production. People are asking:

- Can we grow it in Western New York?
- Is there a market for it?
- How can it be used for Bio-energy
- Are there non Bio-energy uses for it?

During this field meeting we will answer these question and others.

Kirk Williams planted 16 acres of switchgrass 3 years ago on the Herb Herman Farm south of Delevan, NY. This year he planted 23 more acres. We will look at the established fields that were harvested mid-August and this year’s seedings. Kirk will share his experience establishing, harvesting, and marketing switchgrass in WNY.



Dean A. Sprague, Extension Resource Educator will discuss many aspects of growing switchgrass locally. He will present ongoing research in pest management for switchgrass and other warm season grasses and talk about uses of switchgrass from grazing to energy. This evening’s workshop should be enlightening for anyone interested in growing switchgrass or just curious about it. There is no cost or preregistration for the workshop. If you have questions you can call Dean Sprague at 716-699-2377, ext 123 or e-mail das57@cornell.edu

Directions to the Fields: From the center of Delevan go East on Church Street (County Rte. 21) 0.1 miles and turn right (south) on Delevan Ave (County Rte. 21). Travel 1.4 miles and Cagwin Road “Y’s” off to the right. the fields are about ¼ mile south on Cagwin Road.

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