

Switchgrass Establishment & Maintenance Practices for Biomass Production Field-Day

September 3, 2009

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1291 Rawson Lane, Platteville, Wisconsin

Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is in the second year of a project to determine the best management practices for maximizing switchgrass yields in Southwest Wisconsin. The field day will provide a tour of demonstration plots planted in 2008 at the Jim and Terry Schaefer farm. NRCS and Southwest Badger staff will provide an overview of the project and discuss the various field trials being conducted. Researchers from UW Madison will provide information on weed pressure resulting from the various herbicide treatments and how that corresponds to yield. Fertility trials implemented in 2009 will be viewed and discussed. A side-by-side comparison of pure switchgrass plantings and a nine species prairie mix will be observed. A representative of Alliant Energy will discuss their plans to perform a test burn of switchgrass at the Cassville plant this fall. Time permitting; a second farm within four miles of the field-day site will be toured.



Directions:

From Platteville: Take highway 81 west for approximately 2 miles and turn right (north) on County D for 1.5 miles and turn right (east) onto Rawson Lane

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