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NNFCC launches one-stop shop for information on bioenergy

To coincide with Cereals 2010, the NNFCC launches a new website www.PowerPlants2020.co.uk to advise farmers on the opportunities for growing crops for energy and using farm residues in anaerobic digestion.

The PowerPlants2020 website should be the first point of call for anyone interested in using biomass to produce energy. The site provides free, up-to-date and independent advice on bioenergy, including energy crop agronomy, how to apply for grants and cost calculators. The website will also be regularly updated with new information and will soon include a list of boilers which are suitable to burn SRC willow and Miscanthus, and a list of energy crop buyers, including contract arrangements, such as minimum/maximum volumes, pricing, contract length, haulage arrangements and fuel specifications.

Lucy Hopwood, Land and Agriculture Manager for the NNFCC, says “Farmers are flocking to bioenergy following the introduction of government subsidies for small-scale producers. In response to volatile and currently low commodity prices, farmers are being forced to consider alternatives and bioenergy could be the answer.”

“Bioenergy offers longer-term solutions rather than immediate change. For those considering growing energy crops or developing anaerobic digestion there is no better place to start than PowerPlants2020.”

The NNFCC welcome user feedback on this new website, to help you get the most out of it.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The NNFCC is a not-for profit organisation helping to build supply chains for renewable materials and technologies. We support every stage of the supply chain for plant-derived medicines, from farmers to consumers, refer to www.nnfcc.co.uk
2. The NNFCC (on behalf of a large stakeholder community) also produced and manage www.biogas-info.co.uk, England's definitive resource for AD. This site is a portal to all the information you need, from how to navigate through the planning process to making the best use of biogas.
3. The Renewable Energy Scheme requires 15% of UK energy production be met by renewable sources by 2020
4. Lucy Hopwood is the NNFCC's Land and Agriculture manager and the lead on energy crops and AD.

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