

BIOENERGY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD DECEMBER 4 IN KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

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KIRKSVILLE, MO – Dr. Norm Scott, Professor of Biological and Environmental Engineering (BEE) at Cornell University, will keynote a Bioenergy Conference in Kirksville, Missouri on December 4, 2009. Full conference program and registration information are available at <http://bioenergyconference.truman.edu>.

Attendees will hear from eleven speakers addressing multiple bioenergy topics, including biomass handling and logistics, algae oil, methane digesters, energy policy, alternative oilseeds for the north central region, and on-farm oilseed processing. The conference will conclude with exhibits and demonstrations at the Truman State University Farm, including a mobile oilseed crusher exhibited by Jamie Derr of Derr Solarmass LLC, Marshall, WI and batch conversion of waste vegetable oil to biodiesel by Truman student organization Bulldog Biodiesel. An optional tour on the afternoon of December 3 will visit methane digesters at the Crystal Peak Fertilizer plant near Green City, MO.

Conference registration is \$50 and includes a resource notebook, DVD, lunch, and refreshments. Additionally, a waiver of the registration fee plus a travel scholarship of \$200 will be awarded to each of 40 applicants from the target groups of high school and college agriculture faculty and extension personnel who plan to use this information in educational or outreach activities.

Funding for the conference is provided by a Professional Development Program grant from USDA's North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE).

Scholarship application deadline is October 30, 2009 and the regular registration deadline is November 6, 2009. For more information contact Michael Seipel at mseipel@truman.edu or 660-785-4316.