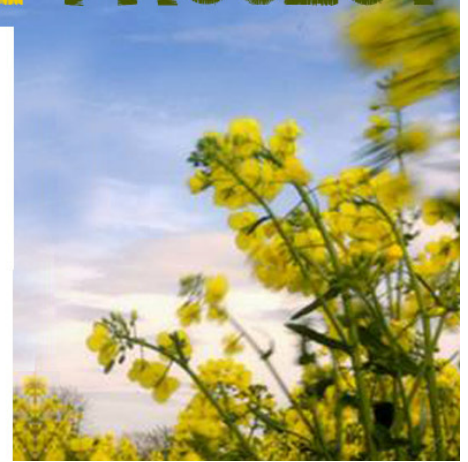


COMMUNITY BIODIESEL PROJECT

Community-Minded Enterprises of Spokane, WA, with funding support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has partnered with Alternative Crop Technologies to develop a small-scale biodiesel industry in the Inland Northwest. The goal of the 2009 pilot project is to grow camelina on land that is not currently in food or hay production and use the oil and byproducts of this crop for local energy and nutritional purposes.



Why Grow Oilseed Crops?

- Camelina is a hardy plant which releases a very high oil yield when crushed. It can be grown in the Inland Northwest with minimal effort on managed soil.
- Camelina's crushed meal can be an effective soil amendment and should soon be federally approved for livestock usage.
- Develops local industry for biofuel, decreasing our dependence on foreign oil.
- Provides effective, low-cost weed control.

How Would Landowners Benefit from Participation?

Pilot Project growers will receive:

- Free first year's supply of camelina seed.
- Technical assistance for organizing planting, harvesting, storage and transportation resources.
- Business planning assistance.
- Facilitation in developing local cooperatives for oilseed crop production and biodiesel processing.
- Possible supplemental income from selling the seed.
- Experience growing an important new crop that should generate much future interest nationally.
- A benefit for some landowners is that growing camelina allows undeveloped land to be reclassified as agricultural use for property tax savings.



What are the Grower's Responsibilities for Participating in this Program?

- Agree to grow camelina for one or preferably two harvests.
- Allow project members and technical consultants to access property.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will this program compete with food and hay crops?

No, the goal of this Community-Minded Energy program is to use land not currently in food production, or as a rotation crop.

What happens to the seed once harvested?

After drying and possibly cleaning the harvested seed, it would be transported to a crushing plant in Deer Park, WA. The oil production from crushing would then be converted into biodiesel for local usage.

What are the market conditions for camelina?

This research project is best suited for volunteer growers who do not need an immediate and guaranteed amount of profit on the camelina crop sales.

Currently, the FDA is considering approval of camelina meal as feed for livestock.

What is the timeline for this pilot project?

- Till the soil, fall 2008 or spring 2009
- Sow the seed in March or April 2009
- Harvest in August 2009



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