

About the Conference

Target Audience – Foresters, landowners, logging contractors, general forestry community.

Objective – Two years ago when interest in biomass as an energy feedstock was just ramping up, we hosted a similar conference that was very successful in informing people about the potential and challenges ahead for biomass energy. A lot has happened in the past two years and much change appears to be just around the corner. We've seen oil prices exceed \$140 per barrel then fall to under \$50 per barrel in less than six months. A Federal mandate to significantly increase electricity produced from renewable sources seems highly likely to pass in 2009 and already we have several wood-fired electricity announcements here in Georgia. Where is all of this activity leading our industry and what economic and political factors are driving it?

Georgia has plentiful forest biomass and a competitive wood supply system – how will the addition of these new markets affect our forest economy for landowners, logging contractors, wood users, and others? What is the state of development for making liquid fuels from biomass such as pine trees? What is the future for the wood pellet business if the US also adopts the carbon reduction targets that have supported the export of wood pellets to Europe? How does wood compare to fossil fuels for electricity generation? How do landowners incorporate biomass harvests into their existing regimes that are producing higher value sawtimber and pulpwood without reducing site nutrition and site quality? How should our timber harvesting systems be modified to produce biomass feedstocks and how do the feedstock requirements of electric utilities, wood pellet plants, and liquid fuel producers differ?

These are some of the topics that will be addressed during this conference by many of the people directly involved with these changes that are taking place in our state. Join us and stay abreast of these significant changes taking place in our forest industry.

**Directions to
Georgia Forestry Association
551 North Frontage Road
Forsyth, GA**

Take Exit #188 (Hwy 42) off I-75.

From the south turn left at the end of the exit ramp, pass the Shell Station and take an immediate right on the cut through road to Frontage Road, then left again and the entrance is immediately on your right.

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Forest Bioenergy Conference

February 19, 2009

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Schedule

- 8:00 Sign-In and Coffee
- 8:30 Overview – What is Driving Woody Biomass Interest? – Dale Greene, UGA
- 9:15 State of the Industry – Liquid Fuels – Ron Barmore, Range Fuels
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 State of the Industry – Wood Pellets – Steve Meyers, FRAM Fuels
- 11:15 State of the Industry – Electricity – Ronnie Walston, Georgia Power
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Available Woody Biomass Supply – Nathan McClure, Georgia Forestry Commission
- 1:45 Woody Biomass Harvesting Systems – Shawn Baker, UGA
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 Biomass Feedstock Characteristics – Ross Harding, Herty Foundation
- 3:45 Considerations When Harvesting Woody Biomass – Dan Lamontagne, Plum Creek
- 4:30 Adjourn

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by the Society of American Foresters. Category 1-CF: 6.0 hours.”**

**“This program meets the standard of the Georgia “Master Timber Harvester” Program.
Business Management: 6.0 hours.”**

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(Sorry - Attendance is limited to the first 70 registrants)

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Payment: \$150.00 Per Attendee **Due Before February 5, 2009**
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