

Energy Crops Technical Training Days: Growing opportunities for British farmers

10 March 2010
Penrith, Cumbria

2 February 2010
Morpeth
Northumberland

4 February 2010
Wetherby
West Yorkshire

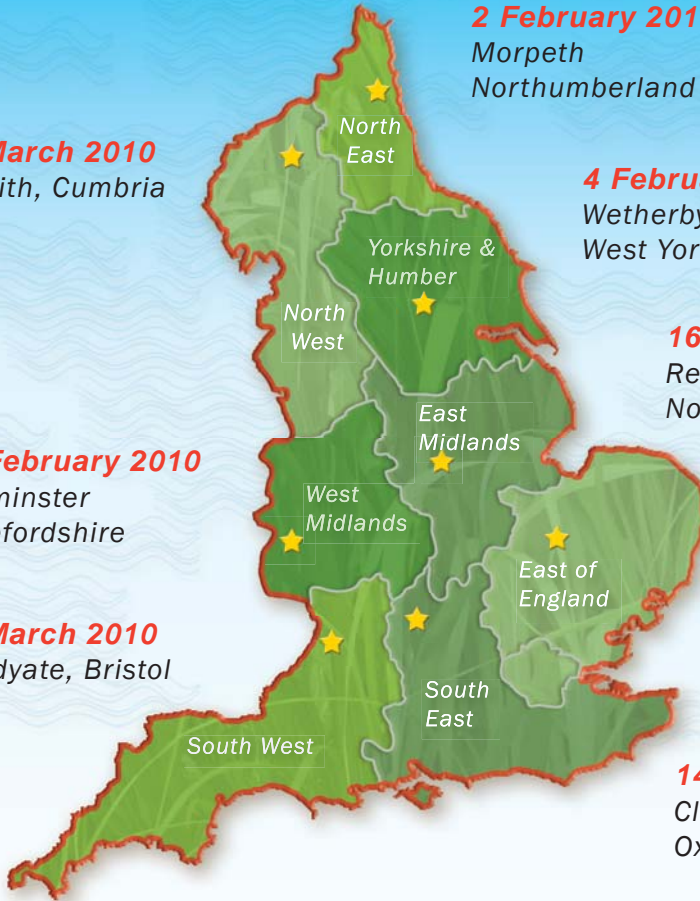
16 February 2010
Retford
Nottinghamshire

18 February 2010
Leominster
Herefordshire

24 March 2010
Mepal
Cambridgeshire

23 March 2010
Rhodyate, Bristol

14 April 2010
Clanfield
Oxfordshire



Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/EnergyCrops> for a full programme and details of locations

NNFCC (the UK's Centre for renewable fuels, energy and materials) has been commissioned by DECC to hold a series of regional, independent, technical training days for farmers and landowners interested in growing energy crops.

Interested in Energy Crops and how they could fit into your farming business?

*These **free events** will focus on the technical aspects of growing the energy crops Miscanthus and SRC Willow and will also cover the Energy Crops Scheme, which provides grants towards the costs of planting and establishment.*

There is one event per region from January to April 2010. These one day events will run from 0930 – 1600hrs. The morning will include a series of presentations on;

Agronomy – would energy crops suit your land and farming system?

Economics – how would the economics compare to other enterprises?

Energy Crops Scheme – eligibility and application process

Market situation – current and future situation, growing confidence

End-uses – what are the options to use on farm, or to sell elsewhere?

There will be a 'meet the buyer' exhibition over lunch, as well as an opportunity for one-to-one clinics to run through the economics and how they would look on your farm. The afternoon will include a site visit to an existing grower's farm and an opportunity to discuss the crop and their experience first-hand.

A full programme for each event will be announced shortly.

Who should attend?

The events are aimed at farmers and land managers interested in knowing how energy crops could fit within their existing farming system, and what value they could add to their current business.

Why should you attend?

- Demand for biomass for heat and power is increasing
- Energy Crops give a better return than arable crops on Grade 2 / 3 land
- They have a more stable farm-gate price than arable crops
- They can be less intensively managed with low inputs

To Register:

These events are free to attend but you must register in order to secure your place.

To register for any of these events please visit <http://tinyurl.com/EnergyCrops> or call Tim Evans on 01904 435182 or e-mail t.evans@nnfcc.co.uk.