



Opportunities in Community-Scale Biodiesel A Forum for Agricultural Producers

When? March 8-9, 2006 **Where?** Laramie County Community College

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Objective: Build producer awareness and knowledge of opportunities for oil seed production, biodiesel processing and co-product marketing.

Location: Laramie County Community College "Center for Conference and Institutes" 1400 E. College Drive, Cheyenne, WY, 82007 Ph: (307) 778-1291

Date: March 8-9
March 8: 9:00 registration
March 9: 8:00 breakfast

Registration: Call RMFU at 303-752-5800 or email to rmfu@rmfu.org Register by March 1 for \$100. Groups of five registering at the same time get one registration free (\$400 for 5 registrations if done together). Registrations after March 1 will be \$135.

Lodging:

- Discounted rate of \$71/night is available at the Hitching Post Inn Resort and Conference Center, 1700 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, 800-221-0125
- Days Inn, 2360 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne 307-778-8877 \$55 plus tax
- Super 8, 1900 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne 307-635-8741 \$48 plus tax

REGISTRATION FORM
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Name(s) _____ Name of Organization _____

Street _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail checks to: Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, 5655 S. Yosemite St., #400, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-3219

VISA/MATERCARD#: _____ Expires _____ Signature _____

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS
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March 8

Issues related to biodiesel production – from crops to fuel.

- Biodiesel Crops (ideal crops, their attributes, suitability for CO and WY, potential yields, economics, new breeds)
- Politics of Biodiesel (Renewable Fuels Standards, federal and local market incentives and subsidies, NBB issues, OEM issues, biodiesel market access)
- Seed Crushing (local vs. centralized, economic and technical considerations, seed cleaning issues). Markets for meal products (meal quality and characteristics; working with buyers – legal, business and economic considerations)
- Selling Biodiesel (connecting to markets – regulatory, business and economic considerations; finding blenders and distributors, on-road vs. off-road marketing)
- Forming a Co-op (using the cooperative model to create jobs and generate additional income in rural communities)

March 9

Understanding Biodiesel Production & the Market

- Shaping the Market (national production, market size, growth, trends, opportunities, market assessment); Economic Landscape
- Biodiesel Production - Technology (current state, trends, centralized vs. distributed, production methods, feedstock and product handling and logistics)
- Co-products and quality control (alcohol recovery, glycerol recovery and marketing, waste mitigation and disposal issues, meeting fuel standards)
- Biodiesel Use – biodiesel description, characteristics, performance, comparison with petro-diesel. Fuel and engine performance, emissions.
- Biodiesel market (technological and regulatory issues, incentives, tax credits, permitting, regulations, on-road vs. off-road fuel market trends, etc.)
- Next steps (local project development & financing strategies – raw material and market size assessment, technology selection, funding sources)