

EDUCATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Note: Please share this with a school in your community: The Dudley Smith Initiative is offering grants of up to \$1,500 to middle school and high school teachers who wish to conduct innovative projects that create knowledge about agriculture and its impact on the community.

Deadline: 2012 Projects proposals due July 15, 2012
Award announced August 15, 2012

Education grant application forms are available on line at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dsi/education.cfm>

Submit Proposals to:

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University of Illinois Extension
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Background and Vision:

The *agriculture and community system* is complex and dynamic, making it a challenge to comprehend the impact of changing technologies, production practices, economics drivers, and public policies. This grant opportunity utilizes the resources of the Dudley Smith Farm and examples from the research being done under the Dudley Smith Initiative as a way to engage students and teachers in activities that will help them better understand these complexities. Information about the Dudley Smith Initiative and ongoing research at the Dudley Smith Farm can be found on the internet at:

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Energy Crops Field Day



Friday, September 9, 2011

U of I Extension / Dudley Smith Initiative

Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, and Jersey Counties

1 mile south of Brighton, IL

Rt. 267/111

- Program starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Field Tours until 2:00 p.m.

Free and open to the
general public



The University of Illinois Extension - Unit 18 with offices in Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin and Jersey Counties will host the “Energy Crops Field Day and Plot Tour” at the Scheeter Farm a mile south of Brighton on Rt 267 / 111 on Friday, September 9, 2011. This program is in cooperation and sponsorship with U of I / Dudley Smith Initiatives and Omni Ventures, Inc.

Our focus for the day will be on tropical maize as a dual purposed crop (harvestable grain and stover) and fuel feedstock material for the Midwest. This project began at the U of I / Dudley Smith farm near Pana and at the Champaign-Urbana campus and has expanded to the farms of farmer cooperators in the west-central region of Illinois. The 2011 field day will also include many developments related to ongoing regional research on a variety of biomass energy crops, their potential value to society and benefits to our environment.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Schetter Farm near Brighton. At 10:00 a.m., Gary Letterly, U of I Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator, will provide updates and program introductions. Our special guests include area farmers landowners and cooperators, current and prospective biomass producers, aggregators and end-users, and University of Illinois researchers and Extension educators.

We look forward to your participation!

A lunch will be available around the noontime. For more information call: 217/287-7246 or go on line to “ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/> ” and browse the “news release” or calendar sections.

Sincerely, **Gary Letterly**

Gary Letterly
Energy and Environmental Stewardship
University of Illinois Extension
Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin and Jersey Counties



- 9:30 a.m. Registration at Scheeter Farm one mile south of Brighton on Rt 267/11
- 10:00 Overview / Introductions / Program schedule / Tours - Gary Letterly, U of I Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator
- 10:10 Speakers:
Mike Vincent, Tropical Maize Researcher, U of I—Crop Sciences
Randy Fisher, Superintendent of Generation, Prairie Power Inc., Pearl, Illinois
Duane Friend, U of I Extension, “Biochar” information and related projects
Andy Vanlooche, U of I - Atmospheric Science Department
- Noon Lunch / then tours continue until 2:00 p.m.

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If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in any program, please contact University of Illinois Extension Christian County at 217/287-7246.



Submit this form for more information on educational programs related to energy and environmental stewardship with University of Illinois Extension.

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Mail the completed form to:

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