KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY | BAE Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering

BAE E-News
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BIOMASS TO ENERGY WEBINARS:
There is much interest in developing ways to harvest, collect, and transport biomass for use as energy. Once this material is collected, a number of ways to utilize it for energy exist. A webinar series has been put together to explain some of the ways biomass can be utilized for energy.

The second installment of this web series will be **Friday, May 25, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CDT. "Thermochemical Conversion to Biomass to Fuel,"** will be presented by Dr. Robert Brown - Iowa State University- Bioeconomy Institute. Dr. Brown has published two textbooks on conversion of biomass to fuel. His expertise in conversion helped to form the Bioeconomy Institute at Iowa State University. He will discuss the opportunities and challenges of biomass conversion.

A third presentation has been added to our web series on Biomass to Energy. The topic for this presentation will be on Torrifaction. This presentation will be **Friday, June 29, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CDT.** More details will be available later this month.

If you missed the first installment of our web series on Friday, April 27, titled **"Biomass for Commercial Heating"** – AESI – Wichita KS, it can be viewed on the eXtension website. The following link is to the page with the video: http://learn.extension.org/events/510.

How To Connect**:**
Start connecting 5 minutes prior to the start time. You need a computer with Internet access and speakers. At the meeting time, copy and paste this URL into your browser to enter the meeting: **https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/agenergy/**.

At that URL you will find a login page. "Enter as a Guest" with your name, and business or institution and click "Enter Room." **The audio portion of the meeting will be come through your computer speakers.** Any time before the meeting you can visit the following URL to confirm your ability to connect: **http://www.extension.iastate.edu/testconnect/**.

WILDFLOWER WALK AT KONZA PRAIRIE ON JUNE 3:
On Sunday, June 3, the general public has an opportunity to visit areas not normally open to the public and walk a trail rich with wildflowers. Trained docents will be available to enable easy identification of the wildflowers. This event is a fundraiser for the Konza Environmental Education Program – donations of $10 per person and $2 per child. Please call 785-587-0441 before May 31 to make reservations. This event is put on by The Friends of Konza Prairie.

IT SECURITY TRAINING FOR 2012:
K-State faculty, staff, and student employees, State of Kansas policy requires that **all state employees receive annual training in IT security**. The 2012 version is now available and **must be completed by all employees, including student employees, by July 31, 2012**. This year's training builds on the foundation of last year's introduction to basic IT security topics. It contains a single module, has no narration, and should only take 20-30 minutes to complete.

To take the training, go to http://secureit.k-state.edu/secureit, login with your eID and password, and click on part 1 of "2012 Secure IT @ K-State Training." If you do not have green checkmarks next to all four parts of the 2011 training, that means you didn't complete last year's training and you must finish it first.

Once you complete the online security training, your personnel record in HRIS will be updated in a couple days to indicate you have met the state requirement. It will be listed as course "Secure IT Refresher FY12" with course code WIT007 under your "training summary" in "learning and development" in HRIS.

For questions about your training record, please contact Human Resources Training at training@ksu.edu or 785-532-6277. For questions about the content of the training, please contact Information Security and Compliance at security@ksu.edu or 785-532-2540.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"Live and work but do not forget to play, to have fun in life and really enjoy it."

--Eileen Caddy

LOOKING AHEAD:
May 21 – Summer 2012 classes begin

May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday
May 28-June 1 – ESSI
July 29-August 1 – ASABE Annual International Meeting - Dallas, Texas
August 20 – Fall 2012 Semester begins
September 28 – State of the University Address, 3:30 p.m., Alumni Center Ballroom

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Please submit your news and travel information to Barb Moore bjmoore2@ksu.edu