



Group 1

Obstacles and Call to Action as a result of the Sept. 22nd and 23rd Biofuels Sustainability portion of the conference.

Obstacles to a Biodiesel Plant —

1. Government Policy / Concerns about
 - Over -Regulation: Need for Government incentives
 - ⇒ Ask State for 2%-5% Fuel Tax Reduction
2. Local Farmer's Knowledge of Potential Energy Crops
 - ⇒ PSA's
 - ⇒ Public
 - How to Grow
 - Potential Return
 - Benefits to field
3. Infrastructure
 - No Crushing plant
 - Getting rid of meal
 - Market for oil
4. No capital / Money
 - Farmers are not willing to risk their money
5. No leadership
 - Farmers are independent
 - ⇒ Other market Segments
 - ⇒ i.e. Trucking/ Farming/ COOP, Grange, Private Investors
6. Need Contracts to assure price
 - ⇒ Crusher or Biodiesel Producer
7. Need Market for meal
 - ⇒ Cattle in Southern Idaho
 - ⇒ Purina in Spokane





Group 2

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Obstacles to a Biodiesel Plant

1. Cost of feed stock 14-16 cents a pound
2. Not enough rail road access
3. No legislation mandating use of Biodiesel
4. Fear for the issue with economy of scale
5. Transportation issue for shipping of meal / fumigants
6. Not enough storage facilities for oil seed
7. Inconsistent Canola Meal market
8. No investment incentives
9. Not enough assessment of mustard meal use.

Action Steps

1. Enhance the value of the meal
2. More research for mustard meal use
3. Provide investment incentives
4. Duplicate what Washington's is
lease rail cars
5. Mandate use of biodiesel
6. USDA helps with building storage facility
7. Need demonstration plant
8. Need joint research with other Universities
9. Work closely with NBB
10. Consistent supply of canola meal





Group 3

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Obstacles to a Biodiesel Plant

1. The biggest obstacle at the moment is the lack of knowledge for oil seed production, including variety test results, genotypes, the environment interaction cropping systems
2. Call conference with WSU, U of I ARS, OSU County Agents and all farmers (Tri-Cities)
 1. Review current Research
 2. ID Varieties
 3. ID Systems
 4. ID Coops
 5. Proceed with study
3. Coordinate variety trial in the trial areas
4. Then, we can talk about what to do with the oilseeds
5. Backstage
 - Local emphasis
 - On farm use
 - Potential exports and infrastructure

