



# News Release

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## **ARECA PRESENTS BIOFUELS WORKSHOPS: IMPACTS AND MARKETS – WHERE TO FROM HERE?**

**ALBERTA, May 13, 2008** – The Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA) is working with several local producer-led organizations to deliver workshops designed to demystify the burgeoning biofuels industry.

Four separate workshops will be held in various locations on June 16-20, 2008. Each one-day workshop will include presentations by people already involved in the production of biofuels as well as government and industry representatives.

“There is a great deal of conflicting information about biofuels and the impact of that industry on agriculture and producers,” said Dee Ann Benard, Executive Director of ARECA. “As a key source of unbiased information for farmers and ranchers in this province, we wanted to present an opportunity for people to gain a better understanding of what getting involved might mean for their operations, in terms of both risks and benefits.”

Workshops being held include:

**June 16, 2008**

**Grimshaw AB**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Speakers: Chuck Penner, Harry Welling, Ken Herlinveaux and Judy Bowcott, Morley Kjargaard and Rex Newkirk.

**June 18, 2008**

**St. Paul AB**

8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Speakers: Kurt Klein, Chuck Penner, Harry Welling, Morley Kjargaard and Rex Newkirk.

**June 19, 2008**

**Coronation AB**

8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Speakers: Kurt Klein, Chuck Penner, Bert Faber, Morley Kjargaard and Rex Newkirk.

**June 20, 2008**

**Barrhead AB**

8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Speakers: Kurt Klein, Chuck Penner, Harry Welling, Morley Kjargaard and Rex Newkirk

Registrations are now being accepted at a cost of \$25 per person (including lunch). Complete program and location information is available online at [www.areca.ab.ca](http://www.areca.ab.ca). Producers interested in attending can either contact ARECA member associations through the phone numbers provided on the website or register online.

ARECA is presenting these workshops in partnership with a number of its member associations including Battle River Research Group; Chinook Applied Research Association; Lakeland Forage Association; Lakeland Applied Research Association; Gateway Research Association; North Peace Applied Research Association; Peace Agriculture Research & Demonstration Association; West Central Forage Association; and Peace Country Beef & Forage Association.

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## **BACKGROUNDER**

ARECA'S biofuels workshops include the following speakers/topics:

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**Chuck Penner, Informa Economics Inc.**, *Biofuels: Opportunities and Risks for the Livestock and Feed Industries*

**Harald H. Welling, Managing Director, Kalwa Biogenics Inc.** *Renewable energy, primarily wood-biomass energy and its sensible use.*

**Dr. Rex Newkirk, Director of Biofuels and Feed, Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI)**, *Nutritional aspects of dried distillers grains (DDG) and canola meal in feed rations, and the production of biodiesel on a farm scale.*

**Dr. Kurt Klein, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Lethbridge**, *Opportunities and issues presented by the biofuels frenzy, and the pros and cons for producers*

**Morley Kjargaard, Team Leader for the BioEnergy Commercialization Team, Alberta Agriculture and Food**, *The Government of Alberta's Nine-Point Bioenergy Plan and its impact on producers*

**Dr. Bert Faber, Senior Staff Environmental Advisor, Husky Lloydminster Upgrader**, *the new ethanol plant in Saskatchewan. It has a capacity of 130 million litres of ethanol per year, and over 134,000 tonnes per year of DDGS, a non-animal based, high-grade protein cattle feed supplement*

**Ken Herlinveaux and Judy Bowcott, Producers**, *Experiences producing bio-diesel on a farm scale. They will be discussing issues such as cost of production, yield of oil from different oil seeds, different mixtures of canola oil and petroleum diesel for cool temperature operation, and using straight canola oil as fuel. They will also touch on using meal from canola crushing in feed rations.*