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**DuPont Danisco joint venture & Genera Energy Host Tours of Biorefinery, Biomass Innovation Park & Switchgrass Field for Biomass Education Event in Knoxville**

**VONORE, Tenn.** -- More than 120 crop producers, landowners and USDA representatives will visit DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol's (DDCE) and Genera Energy's demonstration-scale facility in Vonore, Tenn., on November 17, as part of the Farm Foundation's "Renewable Energy Biomass Education Field Days."

"Tennessee and the U.S. Southeast Region are key to America's renewable energy supply, because they represent significant opportunity for farmers to grow dedicated energy crops, such as switchgrass, with potential for high return per acre," said Kyle Althoff, DDCE's Director of Feedstock Development, who will be a speaker at the event. "We anticipate that such feedstocks will account for up to 75 percent of the feedstock market for the U.S. cellulosic ethanol industry."

The three-day event, hosted by Farm Foundation in collaboration with USDA, starts on November 16, and involves a series of tours, presentations, and workshops focused on topics ranging from biomass production, harvesting and handling to marketing and renewable fuels business trends. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville, with field trips to nearby sites (more information at [www.farmfoundation.org](http://www.farmfoundation.org)).

At the fully operational biorefinery in Vonore, which was built through collaboration between DDCE and Genera Energy, event participants will see DDCE's fully integrated biochemical production system for cost-efficiently converting non-food renewable biomass to fuel-grade ethanol.

Participants will also tour a local switchgrass farm and meet with a switchgrass farmer. More than 5,100 acres of switchgrass are being grown by farmers within a 50-mile radius of the biorefinery. The switchgrass farms are part of a Tennessee-funded initiative to jumpstart a bioenergy economy in the state.



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On property adjacent to the biorefinery, Genera Energy is constructing a 22-acre Biomass Innovation Park, a world-class facility for the harvesting, storing and processing of switchgrass. Event participants will tour the construction site and hear presentations on switchgrass growth from University of Tennessee and Genera officials.

“We’re pleased to host the Farm Foundation’s Renewable Energy Biomass Education Field Days, and excited to show participants all the great things we’re doing in Tennessee to grow a bioenergy economy,” said Genera Energy President and CEO, Dr. Kelly Tiller, who will also be an event speaker.

DDCE plans to build a commercial biorefinery in the U.S. Midwest for converting corn stover to fuel, which will go into operation in 2013, followed by a commercial biorefinery for switchgrass-to-fuel conversion in Tennessee.

#### **About DDCE**

DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol LLC (DDCE), headquartered in Itasca, IL, delivers comprehensive, integrated technology, engineering and service solutions for production of motor fuel from renewable biomass. Built on a legacy of innovation, business leadership and strategic collaborations, DDCE is positioned as a key player to achieving global goals for energy security, economic development and deployment of a reliable, sustainable, transportation fuel supply. [www.ddce.com](http://www.ddce.com)

#### **About Genera Energy**

Genera Energy LLC is a for-profit limited liability company wholly owned by the University of Tennessee Research Foundation. Genera provides a vehicle to leverage state and federal funding with private research and development investments, strategic partnerships and collaborations to further research, economic development, and clean energy objectives. Genera focuses on developing integrated biomass supply chain solutions and strategic partnerships to support the bioenergy industry. Genera’s portfolio of public-private clean energy projects includes biomass, biofuels and energy crops. [www.generaenergy.net](http://www.generaenergy.net)

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