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Oilseeds for Fuel, Feed and the Future Workshop to be Held October 30-31st in Polson-Pablo area

Montana farmers interested in learning more about how to produce and use biodiesel or how to raise oilseed crops can learn more about these topics at an upcoming oilseeds and biodiesel workshop.

The Oilseeds for the Future workshop will take place on October 30th starting at 8:00 am at the KwaTakNuk Best Western Motel in Polson, MT. The second day of the workshop will be held at the Salish Kootenai College in nearby Pablo. On-site registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The cost for the workshop is \$30 per participant for the two-day workshop, \$20 to attend one day.

Pre-registration is encouraged. The deadline to pre-register is October 26th. For more information on, or to register for, this event, contact NCAT at 1-800-275-6228 or e-mail jodyk@ncat.org.

People who attend this workshop will learn more about:

- Oilseed crops that can be used for a range of products (such as lubricants, culinary oils or biodiesel)
- On-farm production and/or personal use of biodiesel and its co-products
- Farmer experiences raising and crushing oilseeds and making biodiesel
- Permitting and taxation issues for biodiesel production
- Business models for biodiesel production

Speakers include Dr. Jon Van Gerpen of the National Biodiesel Education Program at the University of Idaho along with Montana scientists, farmers and businesses experienced in oilseed and biodiesel production and processing. The workshop will also have two bonus sessions – one on making methanol (a key ingredient for biodiesel production) from wood waste. At the close of the regular workshop, there will be an optional session on woody biomass energy uses.

The workshops' sponsors include the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), MSU-Extension and Salish Kootenai College Extension, Mission Mountain Market, Department of Environmental Quality, Montana Department of Agriculture, National Biodiesel Education Program, Alternative Energy Resources Organization, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Grain Growers Association and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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